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and TEC Monitor (GISTM)  
Receiver**

**User Manual**

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## Before Contacting Customer Support

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1. Log the following data to a file on your computer for 15 minutes:

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RXSTATUSB once
RAWEPHEMB onchanged
RANGECMPB ontime 1
BESTPOSB ontime 1
RXCONFIGA once
VERSIONA once
```

2. Send the file containing the log to NovAtel Customer Support at <ftp://novatel.com/incoming> or through [support@novatel.com](mailto:support@novatel.com).
3. You can also issue a FRESET command to the receiver to clear any unknown settings.



The FRESET command erases all user settings. Before you issue the FRESET command, record the receiver's settings so that you can reconfigure the receiver.

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## FCC Notices

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

GPStation-6 has been tested and found to comply with the radiated and conducted emission limits for a Class B digital device. The Class B limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

The equipment listed generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Re-orient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help



To maintain compliance with the limits of a Class B digital device, you must use properly shielded interface cables (such as Belden #9539 or equivalent) when using the serial data ports, and double-shielded cables (such as Belden #9945 or equivalent) when using the I/O strobe port.

## Industry Canada

GPStation-6 Class B digital apparatus comply with Canadian ICES-003.


GPStation-6 appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

## CE Marking

The GPStation-6 carries the CE mark.

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# WEEE

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## Lightning Protection Installation and Grounding Procedure

### What is the hazard?

A lightning strike into the ground causes an increase in the earth's potential which results in a high voltage potential between the centre conductor and shield of the coaxial cable. This high voltage develops because the voltage surge induced onto the centre conductor lags in time behind the voltage surge induced onto the shield.

### Hazard Impact

A lightning strike causes the ground potential in the area to rise to dangerous levels resulting in harm to personnel or destruction of electronic equipment in an unprotected environment. It also conducts a portion of the strike energy down the inner conductor of the coax cable to the connected equipment.



Only qualified personnel, electricians as mandated by the governing body in the country of installation, may install lightning protection devices.

### Actions to Mitigate Lightning Hazards

1. Do not install antennas or antenna coaxial cables outside the building during a lightning storm.
2. It is not possible to avoid over-voltages caused by lightning, but a lightning protection device may be used to shunt a large portion of the transient energy to the building ground reducing the over-voltage condition as quickly as possible.
3. Primary lightning protection must be provided by the operator/customer according to local building codes as part of the extra-building installation.

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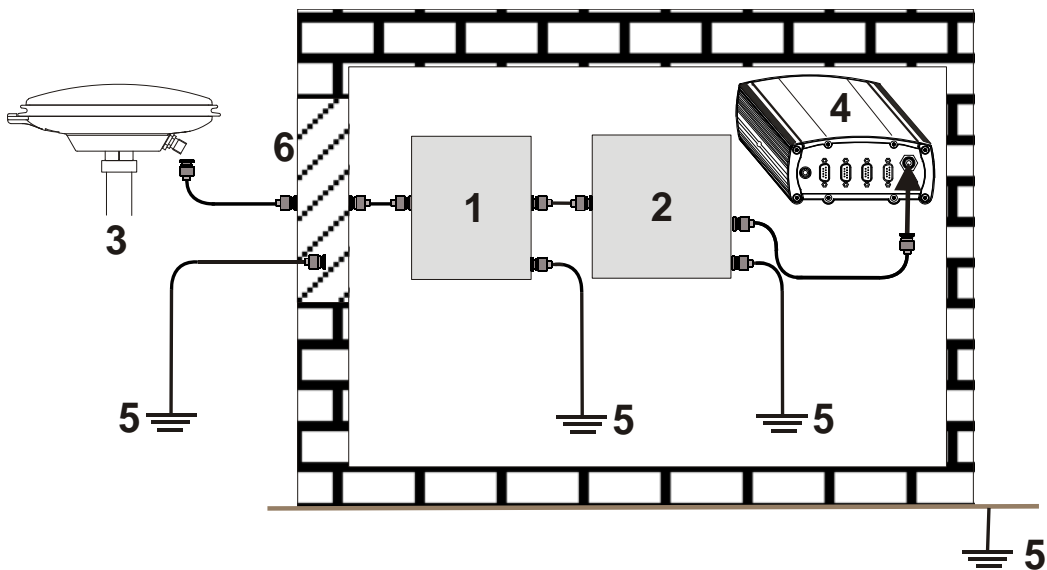
1. See [www.novatel.com](http://www.novatel.com) | *Products / WEEE and RoHS* for more information.

4. To ensure compliance with clause 7 "Connection to Cable Distribution Systems" of EN 60950-1, Safety for Information Technology Equipment, a secondary lightning protection device must be used for in-building equipment installations with external antennas. The following device has been approved by NovAtel Inc.:

Polyphaser - Surge Arrestor DGXZ+24NFNF-A

If this device is not chosen as the primary lightning protection device, the device chosen must meet the following requirements:

- UL listed, or equivalent, in country of installation (for example, TUV, VDE and so on) for lightning surge protection
  - The primary device must be capable of limiting an incoming surge to 10kV
5. The shield of the coaxial cable entering the building should be connected at a grounding plate at the building's entrance. The lightning protection devices should have their chassis grounded to the same ground near to the building's entrance.
6. The primary and secondary lightning protections should be as close to the building's entrance as possible. Where feasible they should be mounted onto the grounding plate itself. See also Figure 1 on Page 16.



**Figure 1: Primary and Secondary Lightning Protection**

Ref #	Description	Ref #	Description
1	Primary lightning protection device	4	GNSS Receiver
2	Secondary lightning protection device	5	To ground
3	External antenna	6	Grounding plate or grounding point at the building's entrance



Acceptable choices for Earth Grounds, for central buildings, are:

- Grounded interior metal cold water pipe within five feet (1.5 m) of the point where it enters the building
- Grounded metallic service raceway
- Grounded electrical service equipment enclosure
- Eight-foot grounding rod driven into the ground (only if bonded to the central building ground by #6, or heavier, bonding wire)

These installation instructions are the minimum requirements for receiver and antenna installations. Where applicable, follow the electrical codes for the country of installation. Examples of country codes include:

- |          |                                        |
|----------|----------------------------------------|
| • USA    | National Electrical Code (NFPA 70)     |
| • Canada | Canadian Electrical Code (CSA C22)     |
| • UK     | British Standards Institute (BSI 7671) |

# Introduction

NovAtel's GPStation-6 technology combines a rugged enclosure with an ultra-low phase noise OCXO and advanced OEM628 receiver, providing a modernized GNSS Ionospheric Scintillation and TEC Monitor (GISTM) receiver. The GPStation-6 provides advanced ionospheric monitoring capabilities, using a future-proof platform, supporting an array of ionospheric monitoring and space weather applications with the GNSS signals of today and tomorrow.



**Figure 2: GPStation-6 Enclosure**

With the 120-channel multi-constellation multi-frequency OEM628 measurement engine at its core, the GPStation-6 takes advantage of NovAtel's industry-leading signal tracking and positioning performance to deliver the channel capacity and signal tracking capabilities to support all current and planned GNSS signals for the foreseeable future. The OEM628 receiver software has been updated to provide advanced GISTM algorithms for ionospheric scintillation monitoring (ISM) and total electron content (TEC) measurements for all tracked signals. Depending on the GPStation-6 model purchased, ISM and TEC measurements are output for a combination of the following GNSS constellations and signal types:

**GPS** L1-C/A, L2-P(Y), L2C, L5; **GLONASS** L1, L2; **Galileo** E1, E5a, E5b, AltBOC; SBAS L1, L5; **COMPASS**; **QZSS**

With the ability to upgrade the GPStation-6 firmware in the field, additional signal support can be purchased as new signals become available.

As a result of this specialized integration of advanced hardware and software, the GPStation-6 provides a unique platform to support local monitoring of ionospheric effects on GNSS. The receiver outputs raw (or detrended) observation data once every second, which includes 50 Hz phase and amplitude measurements and 1 Hz TEC measurements. The receiver also outputs extended summary messages every 60 seconds that include additional information and calculations for each tracked signal, including SV azimuth / elevation angle,  $C/N_0$ , lock time, code-minus-carrier, calculations of different amplitude scintillation ( $S_4$ ), phase scintillation ( $\sigma_\phi$ ) and TEC statistics.

The wealth of data generated by the GPStation-6 GISTM receiver can be used to enable an array of applications. For example:

- Raw high-rate data can be used to develop real-time local ionospheric monitoring applications, where the primary goal may be to detect and report random ionosphere-induced disturbances in support of signal integrity.
- Summary data can be used for near real-time applications to generate a local “map” of the ionosphere, where the primary may be to providing ionospheric corrections (TEC delay, scintillation) for local GNSS users.

- A combination of raw and summary data may be used to study the diurnal and seasonal trends of the ionosphere at a location of interest, in support of scientific research and long-term data collection.

The GPStation-6 also includes a SW utility package to support control of receiver operations and data post-processing. Custom data extraction utilities for processing the GPStation-6 GISTM logs are included, and example C++ source code (.cpp files) is supplied to aid in users developing their own extraction or processing code. Detailed descriptions of all of these various SW Utilities are included on page 27.

## System Components

The GPStation-6 GISTM system consists of the following components:

- **GPStation-6 receiver.** The enclosure houses a OEM628 GNSS receiver and an oven-controlled crystal oscillator (OCXO)
- **CD-ROM.** Real-time data collection, status monitoring, receiver configuration and post-processing SW utilities.

## GISTM Receiver Heritage and the GSV4004B

Built on nearly 20 years of technological heritage and a collaborative partnership between NovAtel Inc. and GPS Silicon Valley, the GPStation-6 is the next offering in a long line of GISTM receivers. The GPStation-6 is a direct upgrade and product replacement for the GSV4004B GISTM receiver, a product sold and supported by GPS Silicon Valley since 2004 (no longer commercially available). A business partnership with GPS Silicon Valley continues via GPStation-6 consulting support.

The GPStation-6 combines the field-proven enclosure design of the GSV4004B platform with NovAtel Inc.'s future-proof OEM628 GNSS receiver. This combination of advanced technologies allows NovAtel to bring to market a performance-proven, next-generation GISTM receiver.

The GPStation-6 was designed to provide maximum backward compatibility for existing GSV4004B customers. The enclosure communication interface and supporting software utilities will be familiar to existing customers, and legacy logs and commands have been carried forward as possible. Due to fundamental changes between the OEM4 receiver used in the GSV4004B and the OEM628 receiver used in the GPStation-6, certain legacy commands have been replaced with their OEM628 equivalents. The new commands and logs are defined in Chapter 4, Commands and Chapter 5, Logs of this User Manual. Due to the required changes, special care should be taken when migrating existing GSV4004B scripts and processing software.

## What's New from the GPStation-6

- GPS L2C/L5, SBAS L5, GLONASS L1/L2, Galileo E1/E5a/E5b/AltBOC, COMPASS, QZSS support
- USB 2.0
- Higher speed RS232 communications (up to 921,600 bps)
- RS422 (factory configurable only)
- New GPStation-6 commands and logs

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## Prerequisites

Chapter 1, Installation and Chapter 2, Operation of this document provide information concerning the installation requirements and considerations for the GPStation-6 receiver and supporting utilities. In order to operate the GPStation-6 SW Utility toolkit, a Windows system is required. It should be noted that the GPStation-6 receiver itself has no reliance on any operating system and that interface and data processing software can be developed on a suitable processing platform.

This chapter contains instructions and tips to setup your NovAtel GPStation-6 receiver and create a GNSS Ionospheric Scintillation and TEC Monitor (GISTM) receiver system.

## 1.1 Required Equipment

### 1.1.1 *Included Equipment*

The GPStation-6 package includes the following equipment for receiver operation:

- Null modem serial cable (x1)
- Straight through serial cable (x1)
- I/O strobe cable (x1)
- USB cable (x1)
- Power cable (x1)



Refer to “Cables” on page 79 for details of each cable.

### 1.1.2 *Additional Equipment*

In order for the receiver to operate, the following additional equipment is required:

- An interface for power, communications and other signals
- An antenna
- A quality coaxial cable (and interconnect adapter cable as necessary)
- Data communications equipment capable of serial and/or USB communications
- A power supply



When the GPStation-6 receiver is installed in a permanent location, such as in a building, it should be protected by a lightning protection device according to local building codes (refer to “Lightning Protection Installation and Grounding Procedure” on page 15 for details). Also refer to the “Warranty” on page 11.

### 1.1.3 *Selecting an Antenna*

The GPStation-6 receiver is offered in a variety of dual-frequency (L1/L2, L1/L5) or triple-frequency (L1/L2/L5) configurations. Frequency support is controlled by firmware model, allowing for any purchased model of the GPStation-6 receiver to be updated to triple-frequency in the field.

If the installation only requires L1/L2 signals, then a dual-frequency antenna may be selected. A triple-frequency (L1/L2/L5) antenna is recommended for most GPStation-6 installations, given that L5 signals are already available and expanding (GEO, GPS, Galileo). The following NovAtel antennas may be considered:

Dual-frequency: GPS-702-GG (Pinwheel™), ANT-C2GA-TW-N (Choke Ring)	Triple-frequency: GPS-703-GGG (Pinwheel™), GNSS-750 (Choke Ring)
L1/L2, L1/L5	L1/L2/L5

Further information is available on the complete portfolio of antenna offerings by visiting the NovAtel web site ([www.novatel.com](http://www.novatel.com)). Please contact your NovAtel dealer for pricing and purchasing information.

## 1.1.4 Choosing a Coaxial Cable for the Antenna

An appropriate coaxial cable is one matching the impedance of the antenna and receiver being used (50 ohms) and whose line loss does not exceed 10.0 dB. If the limit is exceeded, excessive signal degradation occurs and the receiver may not be able to meet its performance specifications. NovAtel offers a variety of coaxial cables to meet your interconnection requirements, including:

- 5, 15, or 30 m RF cables with TNC male connectors on both ends (NovAtel part numbers C006, C016 and C032 respectively)

Contact your local NovAtel dealer for advise about your specific configuration. Should your application require a cable longer than 30 m, refer to the NovAtel application note APN-003 RF Equipment Selection and Installation at our web site <http://www.novatel.com/support/knowledge-and-learning/published-papers-and-documents/application-notes> or contact NovAtel Customer Service directly.

High-quality coaxial cables should be used because a mismatch in impedance, possible with lower quality cable, produces reflections in the cable that increase signal loss. Though it is possible to use other high-quality RF cables, the performance specifications of the GPStation-6 receivers are warranted only when used with NovAtel-supplied accessories.

## 1.1.5 Power Supply Requirements

This section contains information on the requirements for the input power to the receiver. Refer to “Technical Specifications” on page 75 for more power supply specifications.



If the supplied voltage drops below the minimum specification, the receiver suspends operation. If the supplied voltage is above the maximum specification, the receiver may sustain permanent damage and the Warranty becomes void (refer to the “Warranty” on page 11 for details).

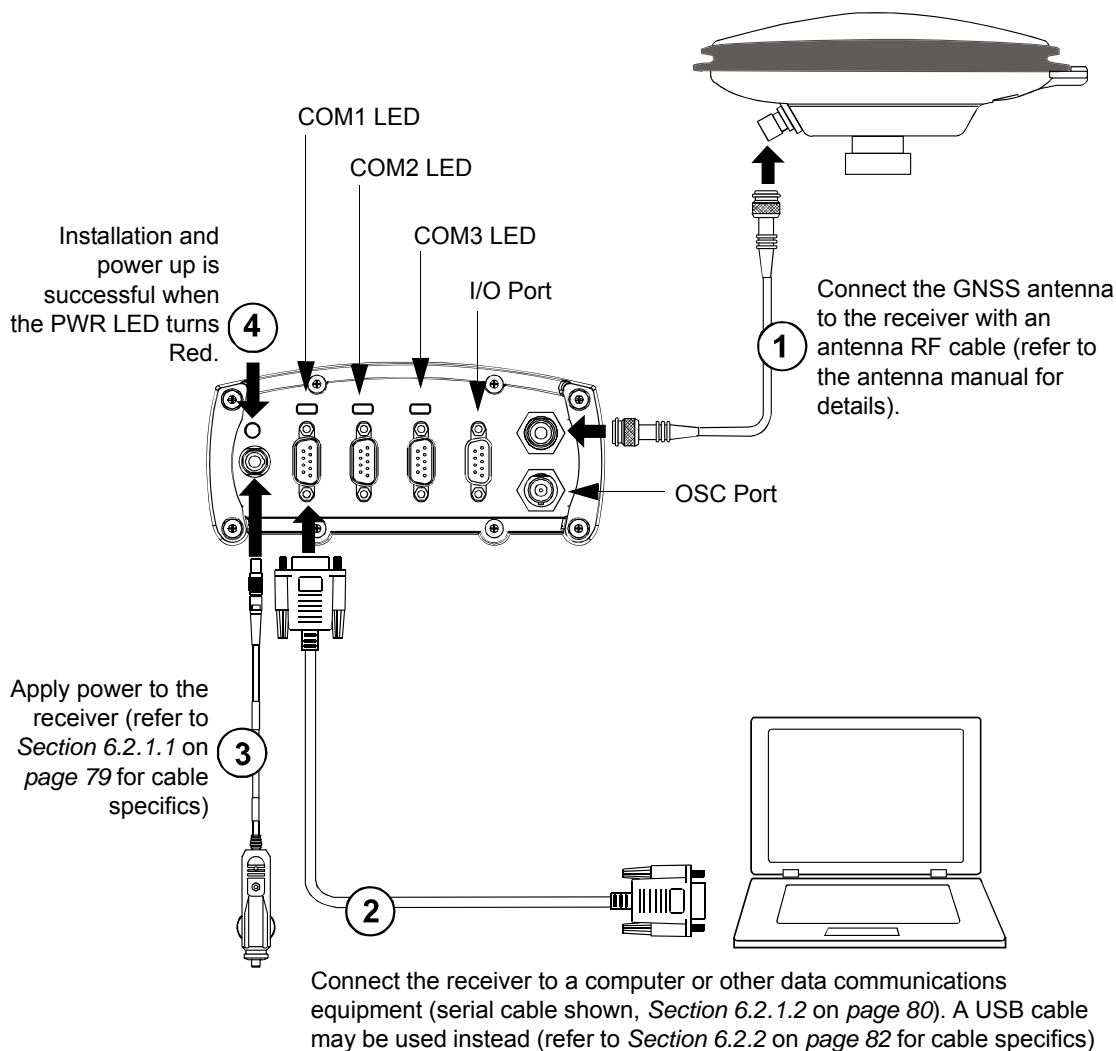
The receiver is designed to prevent internal damage when subjected to a reverse polarity power connection. It also provides protection from short over voltage events. Use appropriate fuses or current limiting as a safety precaution on all power lines used. Use a sufficient gauge of wire to ensure the voltage at the connector is within the requirements.

### 1.1.5.1 GPStation-6 Enclosure

The provided power cable and the accessory power adapter for the GPStation-6 is a 12 V power adapter with a built-in slow-blow fuse for use with a standard 12 VDC power outlet.

If a different power supply is desired, the input range required is +11 to +18 VDC. The type of connector required to mate with the receiver’s power connector is a 4-pin LEMO socket connector labeled PWR. The supply should be capable of 12 W.

## 1.2 Installation Overview



**Figure 3: Typical Receiver Installation**

### 1.2.1 Mounting the Antenna

When installing an antenna:

- Mount the antenna on a secure, stable structure capable of safe operation in the specific environment
- Choose an antenna location with a clear view of the sky so that each satellite above the horizon can be tracked without obstruction
- For optimal performance, select a low multi-path environment

## 1.2.2 Connecting the Antenna to the Receiver

Connect the antenna to the receiver using high-quality coaxial cable (refer to “Choosing a Coaxial Cable for the Antenna” on page 22 for details).

The GPStation-6 provides a TNC female connector which can be connected directly to the antenna using any of NovAtel’s coaxial cables.

## 1.2.3 Applying Power to the Receiver

Connect the power supply to the PWR port of the GPStation-6 receiver.

## 1.2.4 Connecting Data Communications Equipment

In order to communicate with the receiver by sending commands and obtaining logs, a connection to some form of data communications equipment is required. The default configuration for the GPStation-6 is given in the table below. Consult NovAtel Customer Service for more details on factory configuration. Refer to the Technical Specifications section of this manual, starting on page 76, for data connection details.

Receiver	COM1	COM2	COM3
GPStation-6	RS-232 / USB 2.0	RS-232	RS-232



The GPStation-6 is also available with a RS-422 hardware configuration. Contact NovAtel Sales for more details on this factory-only configuration (not field configurable).

Table 20 on Page 78 specifies the COM port pinouts.

- Clear To Send (CTS)
- Transmitted Data (TXD)
- Request To Send (RTS)
- Received Data (RXD)

The GPStation-6 enclosure is Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) so that TXD and RTS are outputs while RXD and CTS are inputs. A null modem cable is required to connect to another DTE like a terminal or a PC.

COM1 also supports USB 2.0 communications. A DB9 to USB communication cable is provided with the GPStation-6 for Customers wishing to use COM1 in USB communication mode. To install the NovAtel USB drivers, refer to *Section 1.2.4.1, USB Driver Installation on page 24*.

### 1.2.4.1 USB Driver Installation

The NovAtel Utilities CD, included with the GPStation-6, contains the Novatel USB Driver Kit used to configure your PC to communicate with the GPStation-6 over USB. The NovAtel USB Driver Kit contains the following:

ngpsr.sys	Provides a virtual serial port for each USB port of the receiver.
ngpsusb.sys	Connects the virtual serial ports to the USB stack.

ngpsser.sys	Provides a virtual serial port for each USB port of the receiver.
novatelusb.exe	Controls the Windows COM ports that are assigned to each USB port of the receiver. This utility can also be used to uninstall the drivers when a newer version is available. During installation, a shortcut appears in the Start menu under All Programs   NovAtel USB Drivers. The latest USB driver can be found at <a href="http://www.novatel.com/Support/Firmware/Software%20and%20Manuals/Product%20Updates/PC%20Utilities">www.novatel.com/Support/Firmware/Software and Manuals/Product Updates/PC Utilities</a> .



The USB drivers are certified by Microsoft's Windows Hardware Quality Lab (WHQL). Depending on your computer's Driver Signing Policy, Windows may refuse to install this driver or may display a warning. See *Section 1.2.4.2* for details.

### 1.2.4.2 Windows Driver Signing

The NovAtel USB drivers are digitally signed and officially supported on Microsoft Windows XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7. They can also be installed on Windows 2000 and Windows Server 2003, but are not WHQL certified in that application. Depending on how your computer is configured, Windows may ignore device drivers that are not digitally signed, display a warning when it detects device drivers that are not digitally signed (the default) or prevent you from installing device drivers without digital signatures.

To install NovAtel USB drivers, the computer's policy must be either Ignore or Warn.

To change the Driver Signing Policy on your computer:

1. Open System in the Control Panel.
2. Select the Hardware tab.
3. Click Driver Signing.
4. Select either Ignore or Warn in the File signature verification box.
5. Click OK to accept the new policy.
6. Click OK again to close the System Properties dialog.
7. Unplug the NovAtel receiver USB cable, plug it back in and follow the installation instructions described in either the Firmware Updates and Model Upgrades section.

## 1.3 Additional Features and Information

This section contains information on the additional features of the GPStation-6 receiver which may affect the overall design of your receiver system.

### 1.3.1 Status Indicators

The GPStation-6 enclosure has LED to indicate system status for power and communications. Refer to Table 1 for specific functionality.

**Table 1: Status Indicators (RS232)**

Indicator	Indicator Colour	Status
COM1	Green Flashing	Data is being transmitted from COM1
	Red Flashing	Data is being received on COM1
COM2	Green Flashing	Data is being transmitted from COM2
	Red Flashing	Data is being received on COM2
COM3	Green Flashing	Data is being transmitted from COM3
	Red Flashing	Data is being received on COM3
PWR	Red Solid	The receiver is powered

### 1.3.2 10 MHz Oscillator

The GPStation-6 enclosure houses its own high-performance ultra-low phase-noise Oven Controlled Crystal Oscillator (OCXO), so no external frequency reference is required for GPStation-6 receiver operation. The GPStation-6 OCXO generates a 10 MHz reference signal delivered directly to the OEM628 GNSS receiver card via internal communication lines within the enclosure.

The same 10 MHz OCXO signal is also output on the OSC port (BNC female) of the GPStation-6 enclosure and can be used as a frequency reference for other external equipment. The OSC port for the GPStation-6 enclosure is output-only; the receiver will not operate properly if a 10 MHz signal is input to this port.

### 1.3.3 Mounting Bracket

Along with the GPStation-6 enclosure, a mounting kit is provided to for mounting the receivers to a surface. To install the mounting bracket provided with the GPStation-6, refer to the instructions provided with the mounting kit. Also refer to *Section 6.3, Mounting Bracket Dimensions on page 83* for bracket dimension information.



The mounting kits are not designed for use in high-dynamics/vibration environments.

Before operating the GPStation-6 for the first time, ensure the installation instructions in Chapter 1, Installation are properly followed.

Sufficient information is provided in this User Manual to support custom development of GPStation-6 interface and processing software on platforms other than a PC, as would be required for many operational deployments. However, since each Customer deployment is unique, this Operation chapter focuses on the basic operational information required to get a new GPStation-6 customer up and running using their PC. If support is required for specific custom deployments, the Customer is encouraged to use this User Manual as a reference and to contact NovAtel Customer Support (refer to “Contact Information” on page 13).

## **2.1 Pre-Start Checklist**

Before turning on power to the GPStation-6, ensure the following conditions are met:

- The antenna is properly installed, powered and connected
- The PC is properly connected to the GPStation-6 receiver using a serial or USB cable and its communications protocol is configured to match that of the GPStation-6

Supply power to the GPStation-6 only after the above checks are made. Allow the GPStation-6 internal OCXO sufficient time to warm-up before starting normal operation. Warm-up time will vary depending on ambient temperature. It is recommended to allow for least 15 minutes of OCXO warm-up time from a cold-start condition.

## **2.2 Start-Up**

The GPStation-6’s firmware resides in non-volatile memory. After supplying power to the unit, a self-boot occurs before the GPStation-6 is ready for command input.

When the GPStation-6 is ready to communicate, the PC will display the following prompt, indicating COM1 is connected:

[COM1]

Once connected, commands can be entered as explained in *Section 2.3, Communicating with the GPStation-6*.

## **2.3 Communicating with the GPStation-6**

Communication with the receiver consists of issuing commands through the communication ports from an external serial and/or USB communications device. Using a PC or laptop, connect directly to one of the receiver’s serial ports using a null modem cable or USB port using the supplied DB9 to USB cable.

The commands and logs used by the GPStation-6, as well as the fields within them, follow specific formats. The valid commands, used to control the operation and data logging of the GPStation-6, are specified in Chapter 4, Commands. Chapter 5, Logs provides details on the data logs that can be

requested from the GPStation-6. To ensure maximum utilization of the GPStation-6, a thorough understanding of Chapters 4 through 6 is required.

## 2.4 Getting Started

Included with your receiver is a CD containing documentation and software utilities for the GPStation-6.

Documentation	Software Utilities
GPStation-6 User Manual (this document)	SLOG (Command Line)
OEM6 Firmware Reference Guide	Sample SLOG script (Command Line)
SLOG User Guide	GPStation-6 Data Parsers (Command Line)
	Sample C++ Source Code

Download the most recent versions of the NovAtel PC Utilities at:

<http://www.novatel.com/support/firmware-software-and-manuals/firmware-software-updates>.



Install the GPStation-6 version of the PC Utilities provided on the CD. Although the latest version of NovAtel Connect (including Convert4) can be downloaded from the NovAtel web site, the GPStation-6 specific utilities are only available from this CD or directly from a NovAtel Customer Support representative.

## 2.5 NovAtel Connect™

NovAtel Connect™ is a Windows-based GUI that allows for easy access to your receiver's many features without the need to use a terminal emulator or to write custom software. Connect lets you easily communicate with and configure your GPStation-6 receiver via one of the serial or USB ports using a PC running Windows XP or Windows 7.

The latest version of Connect can be downloaded from the NovAtel web site. At the time of publication, Connect does not provide any custom display windows or tools specific to the special GISTM logs and commands provided by the GPStation-6 receiver. Connect is recommended for new GPStation-6 customers as it is a useful tool confirming device connections, configuring the receiver, monitoring basic receiver functionality (i.e., signal tracking), and logging data to file for post-processing. For long-term data collection using the GPStation-6, it is recommended the user write their own interface software package or use the provided command line utility called SLOG (refer to "NovAtel SLOG Utility" on page 31 for details).

After NovAtel Connect is downloaded and installed on your local machine, launch the program and create a device connection for the GPStation-6 receiver. If you are unfamiliar with Connect, then use the provided Help file that can be accessed under the NovAtel button or by pressing F1.

After establishing a connection with your GPStation-6 receiver, Connect will automatically request standard OEM628 data logs in order to populate the default display windows. The basic functionality of your GPStation-6 receiver can be confirmed via these default display windows and additional windows that can be accessed via the Windows menu. For example:

- Use the Constellation window to confirm the expected GNSS constellations are tracked
- Use the Position window to confirm the receiver has solved for position / time
- Use the Tracking Channel Status windows to confirm the expected GNSS signals are tracked

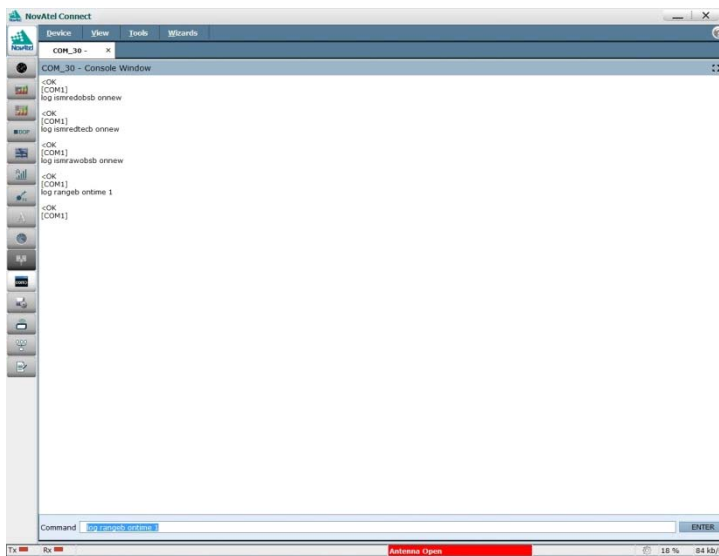
The figure below provides an example default display window view for a basic connection to a GPStation-6 device.



After the connection has been established to your GPStation-6 receiver and basic functionality is confirmed, the Console window can be used to enter configuration commands or request data logs. If desired, Connect can also be used to log specific GPStation-6 GISTM data to file for post-processing using the Save Data feature, available under the Tools menu. To ensure that only the desired data logs are saved to a file, first close all display windows except for the Console window. Then select Save Data from the Tools menu to enter the file name and location to save the data. Next request all desired logs, and Connect will automatically save them to file until the feature is disabled.

The following figure provides an example of the using the Console window to save GISTM specific

data to file, assuming the Save Data configuration is already complete.



The standard NovAtel log conversion utility Convert4 is installed along with the NovAtel Connect data package. At the time of publication Convert4 does not have support for the GPStation-6 specific logs, however data parsing utilities for GISTM logs are included with the SW Utilities CD and are described in detail in “Data Parsing Utilities” on page 32.

## 2.6 NovAtel SLOG Utility

SLOG is a Windows console application that uses a script to control GNSS receivers and equipment, and to log data in a repeatable, controlled manner. It is also used in long-term data collection/monitoring installations where stability and organized archiving are important. SLOG is provided with the GPStation-6 (as it was with the GSV4004B), in particular due to its power and flexibility for long-term data collection / monitoring applications.

SLOG was developed by NovAtel, and has been used internally for many years to support automated testing and development activities, for data collection campaigns and NovAtel monitoring stations, and has occasionally been provided to customers to facilitate their own custom SLOG scripts and long-term installations. The SLOG Scriptable Logger Users Guide is provided with SLOG.exe and the sample SLOG script (GNSSTest.slg) on the GPStation-6 SW Utilities CD.

The following steps can be followed to start collecting data using SLOG:

1. Copy the “GNSSTest.Slg” and “SLOG.exe” files from the GPStation-6 CD to a local drive. The GNSSTest.slg script can be edited in any text based program. This test script will log ISMREDOBS, ISMREDTEC, ISMRAWTEC and ISMRAWOBS logs for 24 hours.
2. Open a command prompt and navigate to the directory where the script and executable are stored.
3. Type Slog GNSSTest <PC port> <receiver name> to start collecting data.

For example: Slog GNSSTest 20 RX1

The SLOG interface in the command window supports real-time data display. By pressing the ‘L’ key when the SLOG script is running a summary display including signal tracking information will be provided in the command window.

SLOG will automatically log all raw data collected from the GPStation-6 receiver to \*.GPS file(s) for post-processing. The NovAtel data parsing utilities described in the next section can be used along with Excel, MatLab or any other data processing software (including custom software) to process and analyze the raw data as desired.

## 2.7 Data Parsing Utilities

The GPStation-6 is provided with the following command line data parsing utilities which are used to parse the GISTM logs and output CSV data in organized and human-readable format:

The input file accepted can be created using SLOG or NovAtel Connect.

The output file is a comma separated data file (\*.csv).

### 2.7.1 PARSEREDUCED.exe

The PARSEREDUCED utility is used to process the reduced GISTM data logs. It is executed from a command line window (similar to SLOG). Usage details are provided in the following screen shot:

```
Administrator: C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe

C:\Projects\Test\ParseReduced>.\ParseReduced /h

GPStation-6 Reduced Observation Post-Processing Utility
Executable - C:\PROJECTS\TEST\PARSEREDUCED.EXE - 2.0008
Modified - 2011-12-16 14:21:00
Source - PU_Utils ScintUtils ParseReduced, Lib clist#3546, UC++ 10.0

Usage: ParseReduced <PRN> <IF> <OF>
      PRN = G<X> to output specific GPS PRN X
           R<X> to output specific GLO Slot X
           S<X> to output specific SBAS PRN X
           E<X> to output specific GAL PRN X
           C<X> to output specific COMPASS PRN X
           Q<X> to output specific QZSS PRN X
           No PRN # output all PRN's for a specific SU system
      X = 0 to output only azimuth and elevation for a specific SU system
      IF = Input path and filename
      OF = output path and filename

C:\Projects\Test\ParseReduced>
```

### 2.7.2 PARSERAW.exe

The PARSERAW utility is used to process the raw GISTM data logs. It is executed from a command line window (similar to SLOG). Usage details are provided in the following screen shot

```
Administrator: C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe

C:\Projects\Test\ParseRaw>.\ParseRaw /h

GPStation-6 Raw Observation Post-Processing Utility
Executable - C:\PROJECTS\TEST\PARSERAW.EXE - 2.0006
Modified - 2011-12-15 15:45:20
Source - PU_Utils ScintUtils ParseRaw, Lib clist#3513, UC++ 10.0

Usage: ParseRaw <PRN> <IF> <OF> <ST> <ET>
      PRN = G<X> to output specific GPS PRN X
           R<X> to output specific GLO Slot X
           S<X> to output specific SBAS PRN X
           E<X> to output specific GAL PRN X
           C<X> to output specific COMPASS PRN X
           Q<X> to output specific QZSS PRN X
      PRN = 0 will just output log stats
      IF = input path and filename
      OF = output path and filename <optional if PRN = 0>
      ST = start time <optional>
      ET = end time <optional>

This utility supports files only up to 3 days length. Data sets
longer than 1 day should optimally be logged in multiple data files.

C:\Projects\Test\ParseRaw>
```

## 2.8 GISTM Data Processing

The GPStation-6 CD includes sample C++ files that can be used to support custom code development for decoding and processing the GISTM data. During initial evaluation of the product and data analysis, the parsing utilities described above create ISMR summary files in .csv format. Post-processing can then be done on the data using analysis software, such as Matlab or Microsoft Excel.

## 2.9 Additional Features for Real-time Operation

### 2.9.1 *TEC Calibration Procedure*

The GPStation-6 receiver comes with no calibration for the TEC offsets. The GPStation-6 receiver software is capable of performing a self-calibration of the TEC offsets. The ISMCALIBRATE command allows the user to schedule the GPStation-6 to calibrate for all signals enabled by the software model. Refer to the ISMCALIBRATE command, *Section 4.2.4 on page 52* for details.

### 2.9.2 *Controlling the Signal and Satellite Systems*

The GPStation-6 allows the user to control which signals from which satellite systems are output in the ISM logs. Refer to the ISMSIGNALCONTROL command, *Section 4.2.6 on page 54* for details.

**Example:** ISMSIGNALCONTROL GLOL2CA ENABLE

Allows GLONASS L2 C/A phase to be included in ISMRAWOBS, ISMDETOBS and ISMREDOBS logs.

**Example:** ISMSIGNALCONTROL GLOL2CA ENABLE ENABLE

Also allows GLONASS L2 C/A to be used to calculate TEC measurements between this and the satellite's primary signal.

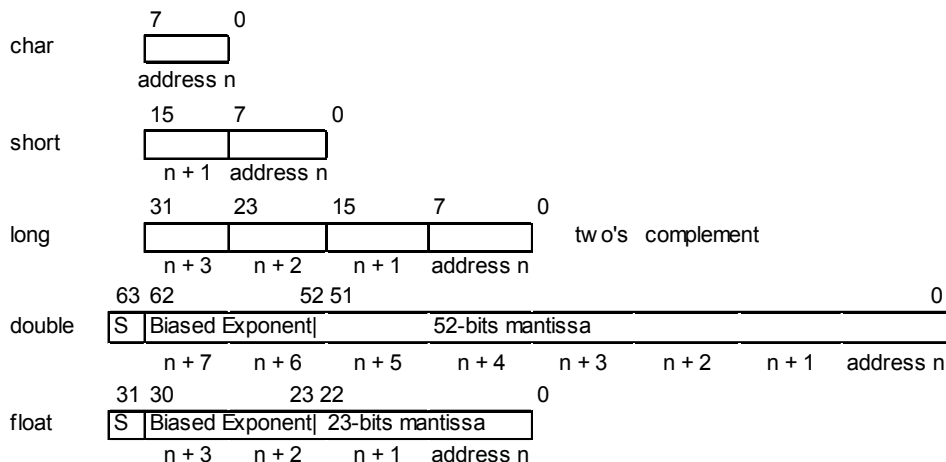
### **3.1 Message Types**

The receiver handles incoming and outgoing NovAtel data in three different message formats: Abbreviated ASCII, ASCII and Binary. This allows for a great deal of versatility in the way the OEM6 family of receivers can be used. All NovAtel commands and logs can be entered, transmitted, output or received in any of the three formats. The receiver also supports RTCA, RTCMV3, RTCM, CMR, CMRPLUS and NMEA format messaging. For more information about message logs, refer to the contents of Chapters 2 and 3 in the OEM6 Family Firmware Reference manual.

When entering an ASCII or abbreviated ASCII command to request an output log, the message type is indicated by the character appended to the end of the message name. ‘A’ indicates the message requested is ASCII and ‘B’ indicates binary. No character means the message requested is Abbreviated ASCII. When issuing binary commands, the output message type is dependent on the bit format in the message’s binary header (refer to *Binary* on *page 37*).

Table 2: Field Types

Type	Binary Size (bytes)	Description
Char	1	The <b>char</b> type is an 8-bit integer in the range -128 to +127. This integer value may be the ASCII code corresponding to the specified character. In ASCII or Abbreviated ASCII this comes out as an actual character.
UChar	1	The <b>uchar</b> type is an 8-bit unsigned integer. Values are in the range from +0 to +255. In ASCII or Abbreviated ASCII this comes out as a number.
Short	2	The short type is 16-bit integer in the range -32768 to +32767.
UShort	2	The same as Short except it is not signed. Values are in the range from +0 to +65535.
Long	4	The <b>long</b> type is 32-bit integer in the range -2147483648 to +2147483647.
ULong	4	The same as Long except it is not signed. Values are in the range from +0 to +4294967295.
Double	8	The <b>double</b> type contains 64-bits: 1 for sign, 11 for the exponent and 52 for the mantissa. Its range is $\pm 1.7E308$ with at least 15 digits of precision. This is IEEE 754.
Float	4	The <b>float</b> type contains 32-bits: 1 for the sign, 8 for the exponent and 23 for the mantissa. Its range is $\pm 3.4E38$ with at least 7 digits of precision. This is IEEE 754.
Enum	4	A 4-byte enumerated type beginning at zero (an unsigned long). In binary, the enumerated value is output. In ASCII or Abbreviated ASCII, the enumeration label is spelled out.
GPSec	4	This type has two separate formats dependant on whether you requested a binary or an ASCII format output. For binary, the output is in milliseconds and is a <b>long</b> type. For ASCII, the output is in seconds and is a <b>float</b> type.
Hex	n	Hex is a packed, fixed length (n) array of bytes in binary but in ASCII or Abbreviated ASCII is converted into 2 character hexadecimal pairs.
String	n	String is a variable length array of bytes that is null-terminated in the binary case and additional bytes of padding are added to maintain 4-byte alignment. The maximum byte length for each String field is shown in the row in the log or command tables.

**Table 3: Byte Arrangements**

*Table 3* shows the arrangement of bytes, within each field type, when used by IBM PC computers. All data sent to or from the OEM6 family of receivers, however, is read least significant bit (LSB) first, opposite to what is shown in *Table 3*. Data is then stored in the receiver LSB first. For example, in char type data, the LSB is bit 0 and the most significant bit (MSB) is bit 7. Refer to the Section Channel Tracking Example in the OEM6 Family Firmware Reference manual for a more detailed example.

## 3.2 Abbreviated ASCII

This message format is designed to make the entering and viewing of commands and logs by the user as simple as possible. The data is represented as simple ASCII characters, separated by spaces or commas, and arranged in an easy to understand format. There is also no 32-bit CRC for error

detection because it is meant for viewing by the user.

### Example Command:

```
log com1 loglist
```

### Resultant Log:

```
<LOGLIST COM1 0 69.0 FINE 0 0.000 00240000 206d 0
<      4
<      COM1 RXSTATUSEVENTA ONNEW 0.000000 0.000000 NOHOLD
<      COM2 RXSTATUSEVENTA ONNEW 0.000000 0.000000 NOHOLD
<      COM3 RXSTATUSEVENTA ONNEW 0.000000 0.000000 NOHOLD
<      COM1 LOGLIST ONCE 0.000000 0.000000 NOHOLD
```

As you can see, the array of 4 logs are offset from the left hand side and start with '<'.

## 3.2.1 Binary

Binary messages are meant strictly as a machine readable format. They are also ideal for applications where the amount of data transmitted is fairly high. Due to the inherent compactness of binary as opposed to ASCII data, messages are much smaller. The smaller message size allows a larger amount of data to be transmitted and received by the receiver's communication ports. The structure of all Binary messages follows the general conventions as noted here:

1. Basic format of:

Header	3 Sync bytes plus 25-bytes of header information. The header length is variable as fields may be appended in the future. Always check the header length.
Data	variable
CRC	4 bytes

2. The 3 Sync bytes will always be:

Byte	Hex	Decimal
First	AA	170
Second	44	68
Third	12	18

3. The CRC is a 32-bit CRC performed on all data including the header.
4. The header is in the format shown in *Table 4* on *page 38*.

**Table 4: Binary Message Header Structure**

Field #	Field Name	Field Type	Description	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset	Ignored on Input
1	Sync	Char	Hexadecimal 0xAA	1	0	N
2	Sync	Char	Hexadecimal 0x44	1	1	N
3	Sync	Char	Hexadecimal 0x12	1	2	N
4	Header Lgth	Uchar	Length of the header.	1	3	N
5	Message ID	Ushort	This is the Message ID number of the log (refer to the OEM6 Reference manual for the Message ID values of individual logs).	2	4	N
6	Message Type	Char	Bits 0-4 = Reserved Bits 5-6 = Format 00 = Binary 01 = ASCII 10 = Abbreviated ASCII, NMEA 11 = Reserved Bit 7 = Response bit (see <i>Section 3.3, page 42</i> ) 0 = Original Message 1 = Response Message	1	6	N
7	Port Address	Uchar	See <i>Table 5 on page 40</i> (decimal values $\geq 32$ may be used) (lower 8-bits only) <sup>a</sup>	1	7	N <sup>b</sup>
8	Message Length	Ushort	The length in bytes of the body of the message, not including the header nor the CRC.	2	8	N

*Continued on next page*

Field #	Field Name	Field Type	Description	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset	Ignored on Input
9	Sequence	Ushort	Used for multiple related logs. It is a number that counts down from N-1 to 0 where N is the number of related logs and 0 means it is the last one of the set. Most logs only come out one at a time in which case this number is 0.	2	10	N
10	Idle Time	Uchar	Time the processor is idle, in the last second between successive logs, with the same Message ID. Take the time (0 - 200) and divide by two to give the percentage of time (0 - 100%).	1	12	Y
11	Time Status	Enum	Indicates the quality of the GPS reference time	1 <sup>c</sup>	13	N <sup>d</sup>
12	Week	Ushort	GPS reference week number	2	14	N <sup>d</sup>
13	ms	GPSec	Milliseconds from the beginning of the GPS reference week.	4	16	N <sup>d</sup>
14	Receiver Status	Ulong	32-bits representing the status of various hardware and software components of the receiver, between successive logs, with the same Message ID (refer to the OEM6 Firmware Reference manual).	4	20	Y
15	Reserved	Ushort	Reserved for internal use	2	24	Y
16	Receiver S/W Version	Ushort	A value (0 - 65535) representing the receiver software build number.	2	26	Y

- The 8-bit size means you will only see 0xA0 to 0xBF when the top bits are dropped from a port value greater than 8-bits. For example, ASCII port USB1 will be seen as 0xA0 in the binary output.
- Recommended value is THISPORT (binary 192).
- This ENUM is not 4-bytes long but, as indicated in the table, is only 1-byte.
- These time fields are ignored if Field #11, Time Status, is invalid. In this case, the current receiver time is used. The recommended values for the three time fields are 0, 0, 0.

**Table 5: Detailed Port Identifier**

ASCII Port Name	Hex Port Value	Decimal Port Value <sup>a</sup>	Description
NO_PORTS	0	0	No ports specified
COM1_ALL	1	1	All virtual ports for COM1
COM2_ALL	2	2	All virtual ports for COM2
COM3_ALL	3	3	All virtual ports for COM3
THISPORT_ALL	6	6	All virtual ports for the current port
ALL_PORTS	8	8	All virtual ports for all ports
XCOM1_ALL	9	9	All virtual ports for XCOM1
XCOM2_ALL	10	10	All virtual ports for XCOM2
USB1_ALL	d	13	All virtual ports for USB1
USB2_ALL	e	14	All virtual ports for USB2
USB3_ALL	f	15	All virtual ports for USB3
XCOM3_ALL	11	17	All virtual XCOM3
COM1	20	32	COM1, virtual port 0
COM1_1	21	33	COM1, virtual port 1
...			
COM1_31	3f	63	COM1, virtual port 31
COM2	40	64	COM2, virtual port 0
...			
COM2_31	5f	95	COM2, virtual port 31
COM3	60	96	COM3, virtual port 0
...			
COM3_31	7f	127	COM3, virtual port 31
SPECIAL	a0	160	Unknown port, virtual port 0
...			
SPECIAL_31	bf	191	Unknown port, virtual port 31
THISPORT	c0	192	Current COM port, virtual port 0
...			
THISPORT_31	df	223	Current COM port, virtual port 31

**Table 5: Detailed Port Identifier**

ASCII Port Name	Hex Port Value	Decimal Port Value <sup>a</sup>	Description
XCOM1	1a0	416	XCOM1, virtual port 0
XCOM1_1	1a1	417	XCOM1, virtual port 1
...			
XCOM1_31	1bf	447	XCOM1, virtual port 31
XCOM2	2a0	672	XCOM2, virtual port 0
XCOM2_1	2a1	673	XCOM2, virtual port 1
...			
XCOM2_31	2bf	703	XCOM2, virtual port 31
USB1	5a0	1440	USB1, virtual port 0
USB1_1	5a1	1441	USB1, virtual port 1
...			
USB1_31	5bf	1471	USB1, virtual port 31
USB2	6a0	1696	USB2, virtual port 0
...			
USB2_31	6bf	1727	USB2, virtual port 31
USB3	7a0	1952	USB3, virtual port 0
...			
USB3_31	7bf	1983	USB port 3, virtual port 31
...			
XCOM3	9a0	2464	XCOM3, virtual port 0
...			
XCOM3_31	9bf	2495	XCOM3, virtual port 31

- a. Decimal port values 0 through 16 are only available to the UNLOGALL command and cannot be used in the UNLOG command or in the binary message header (refer to the OEM6 Firmware Reference manual).



COM1\_ALL, COM2\_ALL, COM3\_ALL, THISPORT\_ALL, ALL\_PORTS, USB1\_ALL, USB2\_ALL, USB3\_ALL, ICOM1\_ALL, ICOM2\_ALL, ICOM3\_ALL, XCOM1\_ALL, XCOM2\_ALL and XCOM3\_ALL are only valid for the UNLOGALL command.

## 3.3 Responses

By default, if you input a message you get back a response. If desired, the INTERFACEMODE command can be used to disable response messages (refer to the OEM6 Firmware Reference manual). The response will be in the exact format you entered the message (that is, binary input = binary response).

### 3.3.1 Abbreviated Response

Just the leading '<' followed by the response string, for example: <OK.

### 3.3.2 ASCII Response

Full header with the message name being identical except ending in an 'R' (for response). The body of the message consists of a 40 character string for the response string.

For example:

```
#BESTPOSR,COM1,0,67.0,FINE,1028,422060.400,00000000,a31b,0;"OK" *b867caad
```

### 3.3.3 Binary Response

Similar to an ASCII response except that it follows the binary protocols, see Table 6 on page 43.

Table 7, *Binary Message Sequence* on page 44 is an example of the sequence for requesting and then receiving BESTPOSB. The example is in hex format. When you enter a hex command, you may need to add a '\x' or '0x' before each hex pair, depending on your code.

For example:

```
0xAA0x440x120x1C0x010x000x02 and so on).
```

**Table 6: Binary Message Response Structure**

	Field #	Field Name	Field Type	Description	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
B I N A R Y  H E A D E R	1	Sync	Char	Hexadecimal 0xAA	1	0
	2	Sync	Char	Hexadecimal 0x44	1	1
	3	Sync	Char	Hexadecimal 0x12	1	2
	4	Header Length	Uchar	Length of the header.	1	3
	5	Message ID	Ushort	Message ID number	2	4
	6	Message Type	Char	Bit 7 = Response Bit 1 = Response Message	1	6
	7	Port Address	Uchar	See <i>Table 5 on page 40</i>	1	7
	8	Message Length	Ushort	The length in bytes of the body of the message (not including the CRC)	2	8
	9	Sequence	Ushort	Normally 0 not including the CRC	2	10
	10	Idle Time	Uchar	Idle time	1	12
	11	Time Status	Enum		1 <sup>a</sup>	13
	12	Week	Ushort	GPS reference week number	2	14
	13	ms	GPSec	Milliseconds into GPS reference week	4	16
	14	Receiver Status	Ulong		4	20
	15	Reserved	Ushort	Reserved for internal use	2	24
	16	Receiver S/W Version	Ushort	Receiver software build number	2	26
I D	17	Response ID	Enum		4	28
H E X	18	Response	Hex	String containing the ASCII response in hex coding to match the ID above (for example, 0x4F4B = OK)	variable	32

a. This ENUM is not 4-bytes long but as indicated in the table is only 1 byte.

**Table 7: Binary Message Sequence**

Direction	Sequence	Data
To Receiver	LOG Command Header	AA44121C 01000240 20000000 1D1D0000 29160000 00004C00 55525A80
	LOG Parameters	20000000 2A000000 02000000 00000000 0000F03F 00000000 00000000 00000000
	Checksum	2304B3F1
From Receiver	LOG Response Header	AA44121C 01008220 06000000 FFB4EE04 605A0513 00004C00 FFFF5A80
	Log Response Data	01000000 4F4B
	Checksum	DA8688EC
From Receiver	BESTPOSB Header	AA44121C 2A000220 48000000 90B49305 B0ABB912 00000000 4561BC0A
	BESTPOSB Data	00000000 10000000 1B0450B3 F28E4940 16FA6BBE 7C825CC0 0060769F 449F9040 A62A82C1 3D000000 125ACB3F CD9E983F DB664040 00303030 00000000 00000000 0B0B0000 00060003
	Checksum	42DC4C48

### 3.3.4 32-Bit CRC

The ASCII and Binary OEM6 family message formats all contain a 32-bit CRC for data verification. This allows the user to ensure the data received (or transmitted) is valid with a high level of certainty. This CRC can be generated using the following C algorithm:

```
#define CRC32_POLYNOMIAL    0xEDB88320L

/* -----
Calculate a CRC value to be used by CRC calculation functions.
----- */

unsigned long CRC32Value(int i)
{
    int j;
    unsigned long ulCRC;
    ulCRC = i;
    for ( j = 8 ; j > 0; j-- )
    {
        if ( ulCRC & 1 )
            ulCRC = ( ulCRC >> 1 ) ^ CRC32_POLYNOMIAL;
        else
            ulCRC >>= 1;
    }
    return ulCRC;
}

/* -----
Calculates the CRC-32 of a block of data all at once
----- */

unsigned long CalculateBlockCRC32(
    unsigned long ulCount,      /* Number of bytes in the data block */
    unsigned char *ucBuffer ) /* Data block */
{
    unsigned long ulTemp1;
    unsigned long ulTemp2;
    unsigned long ulCRC = 0;
    while ( ulCount-- != 0 )
    {
        ulTemp1 = ( ulCRC >> 8 ) & 0x00FFFFFFL;
        ulTemp2 = CRC32Value( ((int) ulCRC ^ *ucBuffer++ ) & 0xff );
        ulCRC = ulTemp1 ^ ulTemp2;
    }
    return( ulCRC );
}
```



The NMEA checksum is an XOR of all the bytes (including delimiters such as ',', but excluding the \* and \$) in the message output. It is therefore an 8-bit and not a 32-bit checksum.

Not all logs may be available. Every effort is made to ensure examples are correct, however, a checksum may be created for promptness in publication. In this case it will appear as '9999'.

### Example:

BESTPOSA and BESTPOSB from an OEM6 family receiver.

### ASCII:

```
#BESTPOSA,COM1,0,78.0,FINESTEERING,1427,325298.000,00000000,6145,2748;
SOL_COMPUTED,SINGLE,51.11678928753,-114.03886216575,1064.3470,-16.2708,
WGS84,2.3434,1.3043,4.7300,"",0.000,0.000,7,7,0,0,0,06,0,03*9c9a92bb
```

### BINARY:

```
0xaa,0x44,0x12,0x1c,0x2a,0x00,0x02,0x20,0x48,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x90,0xb4,0x93,
0x05,0xb0,0xab,0xb9,0x12,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x45,0x61,0xbc,0x0a,0x00,
0x00,0x00,0x00,0x10,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x1b,0x04,0x50,0xb3,0xf2,0x8e,0x49,
0x40,0x16,0xfa,0x6b,0xbe,0x7c,0x82,0x5c,0xc0,0x00,0x60,0x76,0x9f,0x44,0x9f,
0x90,0x40,0xa6,0x2a,0x82,0xc1,0x3d,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x12,0x5a,0xcb,0x3f,0xcd,
0x9e,0x98,0x3f,0xdb,0x66,0x40,0x40,0x00,0x30,0x30,0x30,0x00,0x00,0x00,
0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x0b,0x0b,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x06,0x00,0x03,
0x42,0xdc,0x4c,0x48
```

Below is a demonstration of how to generate the CRC from both ASCII and BINARY messages using the function described above.



When you pass the data into the code that follows, exclude the checksum shown in *bold italics* above.

### ASCII:

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <string.h>
void main()
{
    char *i = "BESTPOSA,COM2,0,77.5,FINESTEERING,1285,160578.000,00000020,5941,11
    64;
    SOL_COMPUTED,SINGLE,51.11640941570,-114.03830951024,1062.6963,-16.2712,
    WGS84,1.6890,1.2564,2.7826,\"\",0.000,0.000,10,10,0,0,0,0,0,0";
    unsigned long iLen = strlen(i);
    unsigned long CRC = CalculateBlockCRC32(iLen, (unsigned char*)i);
    cout << hex << CRC <<endl;
}
```

**BINARY:**

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include <string.h>
int main()
{
    unsigned char buffer[] = {0xAA, 0x44, 0x12, 0x1C, 0x2A, 0x00, 0x02, 0x20,
    0x48, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x90, 0xB4, 0x93, 0x05, 0xB0, 0xAB, 0xB9, 0x12, 0x00,
    0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x45, 0x61, 0xBC, 0x0A, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x10, 0x00,
    0x00, 0x00, 0x1B, 0x04, 0x50, 0xB3, 0xF2, 0x8E, 0x49, 0x40, 0x16, 0xFA, 0x6B,
    0xBE, 0x7C, 0x82, 0x5C, 0xC0, 0x00, 0x60, 0x76, 0x9F, 0x44, 0x9F, 0x90, 0x40,
    0xA6, 0x2A, 0x82, 0xC1, 0x3D, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x12, 0x5A, 0xCB, 0x3F, 0xCD,
    0x9E, 0x98, 0x3F, 0xDB, 0x66, 0x40, 0x40, 0x00, 0x30, 0x30, 0x30, 0x00, 0x00,
    0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x0B, 0x0B, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x06, 0x00,
    0x03};

    unsigned long crc = CalculateBlockCRC32(sizeof(buffer)buffer);

    cout << hex << crc <<endl;

    //Please note that this hex needs to be reversed due to Big Endian order where
    the most significant value in the sequence is stored first (at the lowest
    storage address). For example, the two bytes required for the hex number 4F52
    is stored as 524F.
}
```

The GPStation-6 specific commands are described further in this chapter.

For information on other available commands, refer to the *OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual* available from: <http://www.novatel.com/support/firmware-software-and-manuals/product-manuals-and-doc-updates/oem6/om-20000129.pdf>.

## 4.1 Using a Command

All NovAtel commands may be used for data input as normal or used to request data output (a unique OEM6 Family feature). GISTM specific commands, relevant to GISTM operation, may be in Abbreviated ASCII, ASCII or Binary format (refer to Messages on page 34 for details).

Consider the *lockout* command (refer to the *OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual*) with the syntax:

```
lockout prn
```

You can put this command into the receiver to de-weight an undesirable satellite in the solution, or you can use the *lockout* command as a log to see if there is a satellite PRN that has already been locked out. In ASCII, this might be:

```
log com1 lockouta once
```

Notice the ‘a’ after *lockout* to signify you are looking for ASCII output.



Ensure that all windows, other than the Console, are closed in NovAtel Connect and then use the SAVECONFIG command to save settings in NVM. Otherwise, unnecessary data logging occurs and may overload your system.

## 4.2 GISTM Specific Commands

Please refer to the *OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual* for a complete list of commands categorized by function and then detailed in alphabetical order. Available from: <http://www.novatel.com/assets/Documents/Manuals/om-20000129.pdf>.

### 4.2.1 Listing of GISTM Commands

Table 8 lists the commands relevant to GISTM operation. A detailed description of each command follows in this chapter.

**Table 8: GISTM Commands**

Command	Description
CLOCKADJUST	Enables clock adjustments
ISMBANDWIDTH	Control phase and amplitude detrending filter bandwidth
ISMCALIBRATE	Setup a TEC self-calibration
ISMSIGNALCONTROL	Control GISTM logging output
ISMTECCALIBRATION	Sets a TEC calibration value
PLLBANDWDITH	Set phase lock loop bandwidth
SETDIFFCODEBIASES	Set satellite differential code biases

Table 9 lists the GSV4004B legacy commands and their GPStation-6 equivalent commands. While some legacy commands are still fully supported in the GPStation-6, it is recommended to use the new commands to ensure access to all of the newest functionality available, including the modernized GNSS signals and systems. For this reason these commands are not described in detail in this manual.

The SINBANDWIDTH and SINTECCALIBRATION are still supported in GPStation-6, however CPOFFSET and LOOPS BANDWIDTH can no longer be used due to fundamental changes between the products.

**Table 9: Legacy GSV4004B Commands**

Legacy Command	Description	Equivalent GPStation-6 Command
SINBANDWIDTH	Control detrending filter bandwidth	ISMBANDWIDTH
SINTECCALIBRATION	Sets a TEC calibration value	ISMTECCALIBRATION
CPOFFSET	Set C/A to P code bias	SETDIFFCODEBIASES
LOOPS BANDWIDTH	Set phase lock loop bandwidth	PLLBANDWIDTH

### 4.2.2 **CLOCKADJUST Enables clock adjustments**

All oscillators have some inherent drift. By default, the receiver will steer its clock to accurately match GPS time. The GPStation-6 receiver automatically locks to the 10 MHz reference signal generated by the OCXO internal to the enclosure. Therefore, when clock adjustments are enabled the receiver will steer the OCXO towards GPS time.

Note that the act of steering the clock may increase phase noise on the measurements. Since the clock adjustments should be very small on an OCXO, the default configuration is to leave clock steering enabled.

When clock steering is disabled, the clock drift over a very long period of time could cause the receiver time offset from GPS to exceed its limits. Disabling clock steering will ensure the lowest possible phase noise on the phase scintillation measurements.

Either setting is valid and can be selected by user preference given application needs.

#### **Abbreviated ASCII Syntax:**

**Message ID: 15**

CLOCKADJUST switch

#### **Input Example:**

clockadjust disable

Field	Field Type	ASCII Value	Binary Value	Description	Binary Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	CLOCKADJUST header	-	-	This field contains the command name or the message header depending on whether the command is abbreviated ASCII, ASCII or binary, respectively	-	H	0
2	Switch	DISABLE	0	Disallow adjustment of internal clock	ENUM	4	H
		ENABLE	1	Allow adjustment of internal clock			

### 4.2.3 ISMBANDWIDTH Controls detrending filter bandwidth

This command allows the user to modify the bandwidths of the 6th-order Butterworth filters: a high-pass filter for detrending raw phase measurements and a low-pass filter for detrending raw amplitude measurements. The bandwidths may be individually varied between 0.01 to 1.0 Hz (phase) and 0 to 1.0 Hz (amplitude). A 0 Hz value for the phase filter bandwidth is not valid. If 0 Hz (default value) is input for the amplitude filter bandwidth, the amplitude detrending is accomplished using a straight 60-second average of the amplitude. This is the most desirable method when long-fade amplitude scintillation is present, since the Butterworth detrending of amplitude tends to become unstable and provides excessively large  $S_4$  values. The straight averaging method is more susceptible to multipath fading.

#### Abbreviated ASCII Syntax:

**Message ID: 1392**

ISMBANDWIDTH phase\_bandwidth amplitude\_bandwidth

#### Input Example:

```
ismbandwidth 0.01 0.0
```

Field	Field Type	ASCII Value	Binary Value	Description	Binary Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	ISMBANDWIDTH Header	-	-	This field contains the command name or the message header depending on whether the command is abbreviated ASCII, ASCII or binary, respectively	-	H	0
2	Phase bandwidth			Phase filter bandwidth (Hz)	DOUBLE	8	H
3	Amplitude bandwidth			Amplitude filter bandwidth (Hz)	DOUBLE	8	H+8

## 4.2.4 ISMCALIBRATE Setup a TEC self-calibration

This command instructs the receiver to perform a self-calibration of TEC offsets for all enabled signal combinations (see ISMSIGNALCONTROL). The calibration status and current calibrated TEC offsets can be collected from the ISMCALIBRATIONSTATUS log. The Enable parameter controls whether to start or abort a calibration.

The Start Delay parameter can be used to start calibration at a time of day when absolute ionospheric TEC is at its lowest. In addition, scintillation activity must be low for the calibration to be successful.

The Duration field controls how long the calibration is performed.

The Elevation cut-off field sets an elevation mask so that only satellites above this elevation will be used in the TEC calibration.

Due to the unpredictable nature of ionospheric activity, this command does not automatically set the TEC calibration values in the receiver once the calibration is complete. The user must log the ISMCALIBRATIONSTATUS message to examine the results of the calibration and then use the TEC offset values reported in that log as input to the ISMTECCALIBRATION command.

### Abbreviated ASCII Syntax:

Message ID: 1405

ISMCALIBRATE enable [start\_delay] [duration] [elevation\_cutoff]

### Input Example:

```
ismcalibrate enable 0 21600 65
```

Field	Field Type	ASCII Value	Binary Value	Description	Binary Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	ISMCALIBRATE Header	-	-	This field contains the command name or the message header depending on whether the command is abbreviated ASCII, ASCII or binary, respectively	-	H	0
2	Option	Disable	0	Stop a TEC self-calibration	Enum	4	H
		Enable	1	Start a TEC self-calibration			
3	Start offset	0 to 604800		Seconds to delay calibration start (Default = 0)	ULONG	4	H+4
4	Duration	1 to 604800		Calibration duration in seconds (Default = 21600)	ULONG	4	H+8
5	Elevation cutoff	-90 to 90		Elevation cutoff, in degrees, for calibration (Default = 65)	FLOAT	4	H+12

## 4.2.5 ISMTECCALIBRATION Set TEC calibration value

This command allows the user to set a TEC calibration value for each signal combination. The TEC calibration value is added onto the measured TEC value before publishing in any of the GISTM measurement logs. Valid entries for the Signal Combination field can be found in *Table 10*. Any double value can be entered for the calibration value.

Calibration values can be determined using a built in self-calibration algorithm. The user can initiate a self-calibration of TEC offsets using the ISMCALIBRATE command. Then the ISMCALIBRATION-STATUS log can be used to output the results of the calibration.

Once the user has reviewed the results from the self-calibration they can use this command to enter them into the receiver. Users performing their own TEC calibration can also use this command to enter in their calibration values. These calibrations can be saved into NVM using the SAVECONFIG command so the TEC offsets will be used by default at start-up.

### Abbreviated ASCII Syntax:

**Message ID: 1388**

ISMTECCALIBRATION signal\_combination calibration\_value

### Input Example:

```
ismteccalibration gpsl1cal5 -12.24
```

Field	Field Type	ASCII Value	Binary Value	Description	Binary Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	ISMTECCALIBRATION Header	-	-	This field contains the command name or the message header depending on whether the command is abbreviated ASCII, ASCII or binary, respectively	-	H	0
2	Signal Combination			Signal combination to use for the TEC calibration (refer to <i>Table 10, Signal Combination Code</i> )	ENUM	4	H
3	TEC Calibration Value			Calibration value	DOUBLE	8	H+4

**Table 10: Signal Combination Code**

Signal Combination (Binary)	Signal Combination (ASCII)	Description
0	GPSL1CAL2Y	GPSL1CA + GPSL2P(Y)
1	GLOL1CAL2P	GLOL1CA + GLOL2P
2	GPSL1CAL2C	GPSL1CA + GPSL2C
3	GPSL1CAL5	GPSL1CA + GPSL5
4	SBASL1CAL5	SBAS L1 + SBAS L5
5	GLOL1CAL2CA	GLOL1CA + GLOL2CA

## 4.2.6 ISMSIGNALCONTROL Controls GISTM log output

This command allows the user to control which signals from which satellite systems are used in the scintillation measurements and output in the GISTM logs.

All available signals types are enabled by default for raw scintillation measurement and TEC output.

For some applications, you may want to reduce the amount of data being output by the receiver. Use this command to customize the output by enabling or disabling specific signal types from being output in the GISTM logs.

The raw measurement output control parameter affects the ISMRAWOBS, ISMDETOBS, and ISMREDOBS logs. The TEC output control parameter affects the ISMRAWTEC and ISMREDTEC logs. If a primary signal, such as GPSL1CA is disabled for TEC output, all the associated TEC combinations are also disabled (e.g., GPSL1CA-GPSL2PY, GPSL1CA-GPSL5, and GPSL1CA-GPSL2C).

### Abbreviated ASCII Syntax:

Message ID: 1398

ISMSIGNALCONTROL signal obs\_control TEC\_control

### Input Example:

```
ismsignalcontrol glol1ca disable disable
```

Field	Field Type	ASCII Value	Binary Value	Description	Binary Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	ISMSIGNALCONTROL Header	-	-	This field contains the command name or the message header depending on whether the command is abbreviated ASCII, ASCII or binary, respectively	-	H	0
2	Signal Type			Signal type to configure (refer to <i>Table 11, Signal Type</i> )	ENUM	4	H
3	Enable observations	DISABLE	0	Do not output raw measurement for this signal type	ENUM	4	H+4
		ENABLE	1	Enable output of raw measurements for this signal type			
4	Enable TEC	DISABLE	0	Do not output TEC measurement for this signal type	ENUM	4	H+8
		ENABLE	1	Enable output of TEC measurements for this signal type			

**Table 11: Signal Type**

Signal Type (Binary)	Signal Type (ASCII)	Description
65	GPSL1CA	GPS L1 C/A code
132	GPSL2Y	GPS L2 P(Y) encrypted code
133	GPSL2C	GPS L2C code
134	GPSL2P	GPS L2 P unencrypted code
199	GPSL5	GPS L5 code
4353	GLOL1CA	GLONASS L1 C/A code
4419	GLOL2CA	GLONASS L2 C/A code
4420	GLOL2P	GLONASS L2 P code
8257	SBASL1	SBAS L1 C/A code
8386	SBASL5	SBAS L5 code

## 4.2.7 PLLBANDWIDTH Set the phase lock loop bandwidth

Depending upon the environment, it may be beneficial to change the phase lock loop (PLL) bandwidths. The default bandwidth of the GPStation-6 is 10Hz, however tracking performance in certain scintillation environments may be improved by changing this bandwidth. This command also allows the default channel aiding to be changed for secondary signal tracking loops. Issuing this command will cause all affected channels to reset lock as they re-initialize their tracking loops. There are some considerations when using this command:

- Lower bandwidths impedes the ability of the feedback loop to track step functions, resulting in more “hang-off” phase errors in the measurements. Step functions can occur in the phase when the clock frequency has small jumps or “pops” that the PLL needs to react to. The GPStation-6 uses a low noise OCXO to minimize these jumps, but in extreme cases clock frequency “pop” could cause extra losses of lock in lower bandwidth PLLs.
- Changing the bandwidth will change the overall phase noise of the ADR measurements. Generally, the higher the bandwidth, the noisier the ADR measurements, but the more robust the tracking loop.
- By default, all secondary signals except GPSSL2P(Y) are tracked independently on the GPStation-6. It is recommended that this setting not be changed for ionospheric monitoring applications.

### Abbreviated ASCII Syntax:

Message ID: 687

PLLBANDWIDTH signal\_type bandwidth [aiding]

### Input Example:

```
pllbandwidth gpssl1ca 15.0
```

Field	Field Type	ASCII Value	Binary Value	Description	Binary Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	PLLBANDWIDTH Header	-	-	This field contains the command name or the message header depending on whether the command is abbreviated ASCII, ASCII or binary, respectively	-	H	0
2	Signal type			Signal type to configure (refer to <i>Table 11, Signal Type</i> )	ENUM	4	H
3	PLL bandwidth			Phase lock loop bandwidth, units Hz	FLOAT	4	H+4
4	PLL aiding parameter			Secondary channel phase lock loop aiding parameter (Default = PLLAIDING_CURRENT) (refer to <i>Table 12, PLLAiding Parameters</i> )	ENUM	4	H+8

**Table 12: PLLAiding Parameters**

Parameter (Binary)	Parameter (ASCII)	Description
0	CURRENT	Do not change the current PLL aiding selection
1	AIDED	Enable secondary channel PLL aiding
2	INDEPENDENT	Disable secondary channel PLL aiding

### 4.2.8 SETDIFFCODEBIASES Sets satellite differential code biases

The GPStation-6 measures TEC by differencing pseudo range measurements between frequencies. The code phase between different signals can have a bias as broadcast by the satellites. These biases typically vary by satellite and can change over time as satellites age or new satellites are introduced to replace older ones. This bias will cause a bias in the TEC output values.

Use this command to enter the magnitude of these biases per PRN, in nanoseconds. These values are then used in the TEC calculations to remove the bias.

The biases are calculated by the International GNSS Service (IGS). Calculation details, analysis, and results are available at <http://aiuws.unibe.ch/spec/dcb.php>. The most recent 30 day average bias values can be downloaded from <http://aiuws.unibe.ch/ionosphere/p1c1.dcb>.

#### Abbreviated ASCII Syntax:

Message ID: 687

SETDIFFCODEBIASES bias\_type biases

#### Input Example:

```
setdiffcodebiases gps_c1p1 -0.542 -0.069 -0.597 1.030 -1.289
0.089 -1.878 -0.686 0.044 -1.982 0.528 1.285 1.405 0.029
1.696 -0.838 1.237 -0.514 -2.094 -1.482 -0.543 0.473 0.629
-0.343 0.337 0.911 -0.498 -0.440 1.783 1.808 1.542 -1.031
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
```

Field	Field Type	ASCII Value	Binary Value	Description	Binary Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	SETDIFFCODEBIASES Header	-	-	This field contains the command name or the message header depending on whether the command is abbreviated ASCII, ASCII or binary, respectively.	-	H	0
2	Code Pair	GPS_C1P1	0	Selects the code phase pair	ENUM	4	H
		GPS_C2P2	1				
3	Biases			Pseudo range code phase biases	Fixed Float Array[40]	160	H+4

For information on other available logs, refer to the *OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual* available from: <http://www.novatel.com/assets/Documents/Manuals/om-20000129.pdf>.

## 5.1 Log Types

The receiver is capable of generating three type of logs: synchronous, asynchronous, and polled. The data for synchronous logs is generated on a regular schedule. In order to output the most current data as soon as it is available, Asynchronous data is generated at irregular intervals. The data in polled logs is generated on demand. The following table outlines the log types and the valid triggers to use:

**Table 13: Log Type Triggers**

Type	Recommended Trigger	Illegal Trigger
Synch	ONTIME	ONNEW, ONCHANGED
Asynch	ONCHANGED	-
Polled	ONCE or ONTIME <sup>a</sup>	ONNEW, ONCHANGED

a. Polled log types do not allow fractional offsets and cannot do ontime rates faster than 1Hz.

### 5.1.1 Listing of GISTM Specific Logs

Table 14 lists the GISTM specific logs new to GPStation-6. A detailed description of each log follows in this chapter.

**Table 14: GISTM Logs**

Command	Description
ISM CALIBRATION STATUS	Current status of TEC self-calibration procedure
ISM DET OBS	Detrended phase and amplitude measurements
ISM RAW OBS	Raw phase and amplitude measurements
ISM RAW TEC	1 second TEC measurements
ISM RED OBS	60 second reduced phase and amplitude measurements
ISM RED TEC	60 second reduced TEC measurements

Table 15 lists the GSV4004B legacy logs and their modernized GPStation-6 equivalents. While all legacy logs are still fully supported in the GPStation-6, it is recommended to use the new logs to ensure access to all of the newest functionality available, including the modernized GNSS signals and systems. For this reason these logs are not described in detail in this manual.

**Table 15: Legacy GSV4004B Logs**

Legacy Log	Description	Equivalent Log
DETRSIN	Detrended phase and amplitude measurements	ISMDETOBS
ISMR	60 second reduced measurements	ISMREDOBS/ ISMREDTEC
RAWSIN	Raw phase and amplitude measurements	ISMRAWOBS/ ISMRAWTEC

## 5.1.2 ISMDETOBS Detrended phase and amplitude measurements

This log contains carrier phase and amplitude data that has been passed through a detrending filter. The raw phase measurements include satellite motion, the rate of change of the ionosphere and satellite and receiver oscillator drift. Thus, observing scintillation in the measurements without detrending is not possible. A high pass Butterworth filter is used for detrending phase measurements.

There are 2 different techniques available for detrending amplitude measurements:

- Butterworth low-pass filter
- 60 second averaging filter

See the description of the ISMBANDWIDTH command for further details on the detrending filter and how to modify the bandwidth of the filters.

The receiver collects phase and amplitude measurements at a 50 Hz rate (i.e. 50 sets of measurements a second) and outputs them in this log every second. Each log contains data blocks for all the satellites being tracked. Each data block contains 50 sets of compressed data; the first set is at time specified in Time of Week (TOW), the second set at TOW+0.02 seconds, and so on. Each satellite system is output in a separate log. Each SV entry includes a base ADR and power measurement and then all following measurements are delta values from the previous ADR or power measurement.

For example the ADR value for TOW + 0.04 would be:

(First ADR) + (delta ADR @ TOW + 0.02) + (delta ADR @ TOW + 0.04).

The power factor is also a relative value but it is relative from the first power value field. If the power factor is positive, the first power value is multiplied by 2048 and divided by the (power factor + 1). If the power factor is negative the first power value is multiplied by (power factor + 1) and divided by 2048, this gives +/- 33 dB of range.

### Structure:

**Message ID: 1395**

**Log Type: Async**

**Recommended Input:** LOG ISMDETOBSB ONNEW

### ASCII example:

```
#ISMDETOBSA,USB1,0,81.5,FINESTEERING,1666,421608.000,00000020,b3aa,10283;GPS,
12,8,0,1,0,0.278304088,1333279,6faffffef,734fffffc,65100002,6d0ffff5,74600002,6
ecffff5,699ffffe0,78e0000f,75d0000a,71cffffee,66000011,6c40000d,67dffff2,73d000
08,71efffe7,789ffffa,735ffff9,6b5ffffa,
5efffff9,78000017,5fc0000e,6d500002,7af00018,fc8ffffa,73affffe,623fffff,77c00
00b,fc6ffff4,7e10000c,71b0000b,76effffc,677ffff2,7bf00010,f280001f,6ceffffa,6
a30001e,fee00023,681ffffd9,5f9ffffd,7130000f,6ecfffe0,76affff3,74b00004,76afff
fd,700fffd4,744fffff,f90fffff,67ffffe8,74dffff4
...
```

Field	Field Type	Data Description	Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	ISMDETOBS Header	Log header		H	0
2	Satellite system	Satellite system identifier (refer to <i>Table 16, Satellite System</i> )	ENUM	4	H

Field	Field Type	Data Description	Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
3	# chans	Number of hardware channels with information to follow	ULONG	4	H+4
4	SVID	Satellite vehicle ID (GPS: 1 to 32, SBAS: 120 to 138, GLONASS: slot 1 to 24)	UCHAR	1	H+8
5	Frequency	For GLONASS only. Range: -7 to +6	CHAR	1	H+9
6	Signal	Refer to <i>Table 17, Signal Mapping for Satellite Systems</i>	UCHAR	1	H+10
7	Reserved	Reserved	UCHAR	1	H+11
8	First ADR	Base ADR (cycles)	DOUBLE	8	H+12
9	First Power	Base power measurement	ULONG	4	H+20
10	Observation 1	Delta for TOW + 0.02 (refer to <i>Table 18, Power and ADR Bit Field Description</i> )	ULONG	4	H+24
11	Observation 2	Delta for TOW + 0.04 (refer to <i>Table 18, Power and ADR Bit Field Description</i> )	ULONG	4	H+28
	.....				
58	Observation 50	Delta for TOW + 0.98 (refer to <i>Table 18, Power and ADR Bit Field Description</i> )	ULONG	4	H+216
59	Next record offset = H + 8 + (chan # x 220)				
variable	xxx	32-bit CRC (ASCII and Binary only)	Hex	4	H+8+ (chan # x 220)
variable	[CR][LF]	Sentence terminator (ASCII only)	-	-	-

**Table 16: Satellite System**

Satellite System (Binary)	Satellite System (ASCII)	Description
0	GPS	GPS system
1	GLONASS	GLONASS system
2	SBAS	SBAS system, e.g WAAS, EGNOS

**Table 17: Signal Mapping for Satellite Systems**

Satellite System	Signal Type (ASCII)	Signal Type (Binary)
GPS	L1CA	1
	L2Y	4
	L2C	5
	L2P	6
	L5Q	7
GLONASS	L1CA	1
	L2CA	3
	L2P	4
SBAS	L1CA	1
	L5I	2

**Table 18: Power and ADR Bit Field Description**

Bits	Field	Description	Units	Format
31..20	Power Factor	Change in power from the first value	N/A	sign/magnitude
19..0	Delta ADR	Change in ADR from the previous value	milli-cycles	signed integer

### 5.1.3 ISMRAWOBS Raw phase and amplitude measurement

This log contains the raw unfiltered carrier phase and amplitude data. The receiver collects phase and amplitude measurements at a 50 Hz rate (i.e. 50 sets of measurements a second) and outputs them in this log every second. Each log contains data blocks for all the satellites being tracked. Each data block contains 50 sets of compressed data; the first set is at time specified in Time of Week (TOW), the second set at TOW+0.02 seconds, and so on. Each satellite system is output in a separate log.

Each SV entry includes a base ADR and power measurement and then all following measurements are delta values from the previous ADR or power measurement.

For example the ADR value for TOW + 0.04 would be:

(First ADR) + (delta ADR @ TOW + 0.02) + (delta ADR @ TOW + 0.04).

The power factor is also a relative value but it is relative from the first power value field. If the power factor is positive, the first power value is multiplied by 2048 and divided by the (power factor + 1). If the power factor is negative the first power value is multiplied by (power factor + 1) and divided by 2048, this gives +/- 33 dB of range.

**Structure:**

**Message ID: 1389**

**Log Type: Async**

**Recommended Input:** LOG ISMRAWOBSB ONNEW

**ASCII example:**

```
#ISMRAWOBSA,USB1,1,83.5,FINESTEERING,1666,424004.000,00000020,36d0,10283;GLON
ASS,16,17,4,1,0,8799727.933294836,864769,f0f134c1,e0e134c6,ff3134b4,ff5134b4,
e7713494,f3c13499,fc6134c2,f3613499,
fca134c3,f85134a8,f3f134d5,ee4134b7,fed134ca,ec9134b0,f9e134b7,ed4134b0,7f513
4a6,ead13498,7d613498,fc6134b5,f4f1348f,fdd1349c,ed9134af,78f1349b,fad134ae,f
58134a9,ee313490,ff6134a2,f7713498,fec13494
,f07134a0,f221349f,7b813486,f82134a8,fc01348b,f95134b8,ef4134b2,f99134c8,7701
34ad,fa0134b2,ee213495,fcf134b8,fdf134ad,f341349d,e89134a6,f8b134a8,ea513481,
f83134a6,ed913489
```

Field	Field Type	Data Description	Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	ISMRAWOBS Header	Log header		H	0
2	Satellite system	Satellite system identifier (refer to <i>Table 16, Satellite System</i> )	ENUM	4	H
3	# chans	Number of hardware channels with information to follow	ULONG	4	H+4
4	SVID	Satellite vehicle ID (GPS: 1 to 32, SBAS: 120 to 138. GLONASS: slot 1 to 24)	UCHAR	1	H+8
5	Frequency	For GLONASS only. Range: -7 to +6	CHAR	1	H+9
6	Signal	Satellite signal type (refer to <i>Table 17, Signal Mapping for Satellite Systems</i> )	UCHAR	1	H+10
7	Reserved	Reserved	UCHAR	1	H+11
8	First ADR	Base ADR	DOUBLE	8	H+12
9	First Power	Base power measurement	ULONG	4	H+20
10	Observation 1	Delta for TOW + 0.02 (refer to <i>Table 18, Power and ADR Bit Field Description</i> )	ULONG	4	H+24
11	Observation 2	Delta for TOW + 0.04 (refer to <i>Table 18, Power and ADR Bit Field Description</i> )	ULONG	4	H+28
	.....				
58	Observation 50	Delta for TOW + 0.98 (refer to <i>Table 18, Power and ADR Bit Field Description</i> )	ULONG	4	H+216
59	Next record offset = H + 8 + (chan # x 220)				
variable	xxx	32-bit CRC (ASCII and Binary only)	Hex	4	H+8+(chan # x 220)
variable	[CR][LF]	Sentence terminator (ASCII only)	-	-	-

## 5.1.4 ISMRAWTEC Raw TEC measurements

This log outputs 1 second total electron content (TEC) measurements for all valid frequency combinations. TEC is a measure of the number of electrons along the path from the satellite and is reported in TEC Units ( $1 \text{ TECU} = 10^{16} \text{ electrons/m}^2$ ). The number is proportional to the ionospheric delay between frequencies. The general TEC equation for signal combinations with L1 as the primary frequency is:

$$TEC_x = \text{Coef}(\gamma_x) [PR_{Lx} - PR_{L1}]$$

where:

$$\text{Coef}(\gamma) = \frac{K_{\text{meter/TEC}}}{(1-\gamma)} \text{TECU/meter}$$

where:

$\gamma = (f_{L1}/f_x)^2$ , where  $f_{L1}$  is the L1 frequency and  $f_x$  is the frequency of the secondary signal

$PR_{Lx}$  is the secondary signal pseudo range in metres

$PR_{L1}$  is the primary signal pseudo range in metres

$K_{\text{meter/TEC}} = (1/0.163) \text{TECU/metre at L1}$

There are biases in the TEC measurements that are automatically removed by the receiver if properly calibrated:

- Satellite code phase bias. See SETDIFFCODEBIASES command.
- Receiver RF bias. See ISMCALIBRATE and ISMTECCALIBRATION commands.

$\Delta\text{TEC}$  is based upon carrier phase measurements differences between frequencies. For an ionospheric delay measured in L1 carrier cycles, the total electron content becomes:

$$\Delta\text{TEC} = (1.1723 \Delta\text{PR}_{L1,\text{carrier}}) \text{TECU}$$

over the 1-second interval, where

$$\Delta\text{PR}_{L1,\text{carrier}} = 1.54573 (\Delta\text{ADR}_{L1} - \Delta\text{ADR}_{LX}) \text{cycles}$$

**Structure:**

**Message ID: 1390**

**Log Type: Async**

**Recommended Input:** LOG ISMRAWTECB ONNEW

**ASCII example:**

```
#ISMRAWTECA,USB1,0,82.5,FINESTEERING,1666,425841.000,00000020,a1ef,10283;
18,9,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,38.493114471,0.007926244,
18,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,6.637878895,0.015745759,
19,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,36.521724701,0.008677047,
21,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,8.050815582,-0.011746574,
22,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,22.012269974,0.005037198,
16,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,47.712604523,0.050444040,
26,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,24.817647934,0.006916158,
6,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,6.755585670,-0.000776932,
3,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,13.312349319,0.000238499,
```

...

Field	Field Type	Data Description	Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	ISMRAWTEC Header	Log header		H	0
2	# chans	Number of hardware channels with information to follow	ULONG	4	H
3	SVID	Satellite vehicle ID (GPS: 1 to 32, SBAS: 120 to 138. For GLONASS: slot 1 to 24)	UCHAR	1	H+4
4	Frequency	For GLONASS only. Range: -7 to +6	CHAR	1	H+5
5	Satellite System	Satellite system identifier (refer to <i>Table 16, Satellite System</i> )	UCHAR	1	H+6
6	Primary Signal	Signal type of primary signal in combination (refer to <i>Table 17, Signal Mapping for Satellite Systems</i> )	UCHAR	1	H+7
7	Secondary Signal	Signal type of secondary signal in combination (refer to <i>Table 17, Signal Mapping for Satellite Systems</i> )	UCHAR	1	H+8
8	Reserved		UCHAR	1	H+9
9	Reserved		UCHAR	1	H+10
10	Reserved		UCHAR	1	H+11
11	TEC	Primary TEC at TOW (TECU)	FLOAT	4	H+12
12	Delta TEC	Primary signal delta TEC at TOW (TECU)	FLOAT	4	H+16
13	Next record offset = H+4 + (chan # x 16)				
variable	xxxx	32-bit CRC (ASCII and Binary only)	Hex	4	H+4+(# chans x 16)
variable	[CR][LF]	Sentence terminator (ASCII only)	-	-	-

### 5.1.5 *ISMREDOBS Reduced phase and amplitude measurements*

This log outputs the 60 second reduced and detrended phase and amplitude measurements. The following data is included in this log to aid in ionospheric scintillation monitoring:

1. **Phase.** The raw phase measurements are first detrended with a 6th-order Butterworth high-pass filter (with a user specified cutoff frequency). Then, for every minute on the minute, the statistics of the residuals (of the previous 3,000 detrended phase measurements) are computed over periods of 1 second, 3 seconds, 10 seconds, 30 seconds and 60 seconds. Thus for every 60 seconds, 5 values (1-sec, 3-sec, 10-sec, 30-sec and 60 second phase sigmas) are logged along with the time tag (in week number and time of week).
2. **Amplitude.** The raw amplitude measurements are detrended (by normalization), either with a 6th-order Butterworth low-pass filter output (with a user specified cutoff frequency), or with the measurement average over the 60-second interval (if the user specified cutoff frequency is 0). The latter method is the default method if no cutoff frequency is specified. Then, the total  $S_4$ , which includes  $S_4$  due to the effects of ambient noise (and multipath), is computed over the same 60 second interval as the phase parameters. The receiver also computes the correction to the total  $S_4$ , which is the effect of ambient noise, based upon the average of the raw 1 Hz  $C/N_0$  values over the same 60 second intervals.
3. **Code/Carrier Divergence.** The receiver also collects raw code/carrier divergence (difference between code and carrier measurement) every second. The average and standard deviation of the code/carrier divergence are then computed every minute on the minute. These values are indicative of multipath (and noise) activity and can be used to distinguish between  $S_4$  due to multipath (and noise) and  $S_4$  due to scintillation, since there is no code/carrier divergence due to scintillation.
4. **Lock Time.** The lock time indicates how long the receiver has been locked to the carrier phase on the signal. Since the phase detrending high-pass filter has to be reinitialized whenever lock is lost, all phase parameters (sigmas) should be discarded for any lock time less than 180-240 seconds (for a 0.1 Hz bandwidth) to allow the detrending filter to settle. For other bandwidths, this time may vary inverse proportionally to the bandwidth. For the  $S_4$  parameters, it suffices to only discard data for any lock time value less than 60 seconds.  $S_4$  may also be valid for Lock Time less than 60 seconds since the power measurements are non coherent measurements that do not require phase lock. However, on rare occasions, total signal lock could have been lost, so the use of  $S_4$  for lock time less than 60 seconds should be used with caution. However, in those cases, the code/carrier divergence measurements could be used to discard the data.

**Structure:**

**Message ID: 1393**

**Log Type:Aysnc**

**Recommended Input:** LOG ISMREDOBSB ONNEW

## ASCII example:

```
#ISMREDOBSA,USB1,0,81.5,FINESTEERING,1666,427860.000,00000020,fcee,10283;27,
9,0,0,1,101.798,19.606,45.9,2706.980,7.826680660,0.044332456,0.065357298,0.05
0490826,0.605885,1.052804,1.332497,1.341329,1.341106,
18,0,0,1,70.769,74.623,51.8,6935.710,0.526755095,0.063336819,0.027212607,0.02
5670499,0.603473,1.051849,1.333854,1.342483,1.342260,
19,0,0,1,308.785,29.901,46.1,4267.460,8.926915169,0.097247794,0.064283803,0.0
49415980,0.606543,1.052361,1.332236,1.340793,1.340570,
14,0,0,1,194.180,19.440,42.5,1997.580,7.524831772,0.053565901,0.106134832,0.0
75353585,0.609627,1.052703,1.333876,1.342554,1.342330,
21,0,0,1,130.606,51.924,50.2,6936.620,0.515299559,0.016452787,0.033724409,0.0
30960422,0.605722,1.053075,1.338819,1.347473,1.347248,
...
```

Field	Field Type	Data Description	Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	ISMREDOBS Header	Log header		H	0
2	# chans	Number of hardware channels with information to follow	ULONG	4	H
3	SVID	Satellite vehicle ID (GPS: 1 to 32, SBAS: 120 to 138. GLONASS: slot 1 to 24)	UCHAR	1	H+4
4	Frequency	For GLONASS only. Range: -7 to +6	CHAR	1	H+5
5	Satellite System	Satellite system identifier (refer to <i>Table 16, Satellite System</i> )	UCHAR	1	H+6
6	Signal Type	Signal type of primary signal in combination (refer to <i>Table 17, Signal Mapping for Satellite Systems</i> )	UCHAR	1	H+7
7	Azimuth	Satellite vehicle azimuth (degrees)	FLOAT	4	H+8
8	Elevation	Satellite vehicle elevation (degrees)	FLOAT	4	H+12
9	C/No	Satellite vehicle carrier to noise density ratio $C/No = 10[\log_{10}(S/No)]$ (dB-Hz)	FLOAT	4	H+16
10	Locktime	# of seconds of continuous locktime	FLOAT	4	H+20
11	Average CMC	Average of code/carrier divergence (m)	FLOAT	4	H+24
12	CMC Std Dev	Sigma of code/carrier divergence (m)	FLOAT	4	H+28
13	Total $S_4$	Total $S_4$	FLOAT	4	H+32
14	Corr. $S_4$	Correction to total $S_4$	FLOAT	4	H+36
15	1-second phase sigma	1-second phase sigma (radians)	FLOAT	4	H+40
16	3-second phase sigma	3-second phase sigma (radians)	FLOAT	4	H+44
17	10-second phase sigma	10-second phase sigma (radians)	FLOAT	4	H+48

Field	Field Type	Data Description	Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
18	30-second phase sigma	30-second phase sigma (radians)	FLOAT	4	H+52
19	60-second phase sigma	60-second phase sigma (radians)	FLOAT	4	H+56
20	Next record offset = H+4+ (chan # x 56)				
variable	xxxx	32-bit CRC (ASCII and Binary only)	Hex	4	H+4+ (chan # x 56)
variable	[CR][LF]	Sentence terminator (ASCII only)	-	-	-

### 5.1.6 ISMREDTEC Reduced TEC measurements

This log outputs the 60 second reduced total electron content (TEC) measurements. Each log contains TEC and delta TEC measurements at 15 second intervals, for a total of 4 measurements over a one minute span. Please see the description of the ISMRAWTEC log for the definition of the TEC and delta TEC measurements.

**Structure:**

**Message ID: 1394**

**Log Type: Aynsc**

**Recommended Input:** LOG ISMREDTECB ONNEW

**ASCII example:**

```
#ISMREDTECA,USB1,0,84.0,FINESTEERING,1666,429480.000,00000020,c159,10283;18,
9,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,90.579,26.759,4318.900,39.7,12.727622986,-
0.036517017,13.418455124,-0.002712072,14.268491745,-
0.207451344,14.547099113,-0.033018101,
18,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,75.572,62.832,8536.300,44.8,2.103402615,0.012430400,2.120460
272,0.071657941,2.012428761,-0.106827006,2.237020493,0.045161925,
19,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,297.287,35.959,5880.400,45.2,23.756959915,0.033341203,23.600
599289,0.028503742,22.912609100,-0.156302705,22.301378250,0.005075458,
14,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,195.549,31.927,3610.900,39.3,16.052797318,-
0.114494205,15.993096352,-0.023176139,15.609300613,-
0.212158322,15.450096130,-0.066596538,
21,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,135.703,39.378,8537.300,40.0,8.488627434,0.024110690,8.46588
4209,0.115596518,8.030915260,-0.080930516,7.703978539,0.083380610,
22,0,0,1,4,0,0,0,266.255,70.840,8525.300,46.8,5.051339149,0.031253934,6.26811
4090,0.042785808,7.564490795,-0.155712500,9.159376144,0.015237894,
```

Field	Field Type	Data Description	Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	ISMREDTEC Header	Log header		H	0
2	# chans	Number of hardware channels with information to follow		4	H
3	SVID	Satellite vehicle ID (GPS: 1 to 32, SBAS: 120 to 138. GLONASS: slot 1 to 24)	UCHAR	1	H+4
4	Frequency	For GLONASS only. Range: -7 to +6	CHAR	1	H+5
5	Satellite system	Satellite system identifier (refer to <i>Table 16, Satellite System</i> )	UCHAR	1	H+6
6	Primary signal	Primary signal type in TEC measurement (refer to <i>Table 17, Signal Mapping for Satellite Systems</i> )	UCHAR	1	H+7
7	Secondary signal	Secondary signal type in TEC measurement (refer to <i>Table 17, Signal Mapping for Satellite Systems</i> )	UCHAR	1	H+8
8	Reserved		UCHAR	1	H+9
9	Reserved		UCHAR	1	H+10

Field	Field Type	Data Description	Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
10	Reserved		UCHAR	1	H+11
11	Azimuth	Azimuth of satellite (degrees)	FLOAT	4	H+12
12	Elevation	Satellite elevation (degrees)	FLOAT	4	H+16
13	Secondary locktime	Lock time of the secondary signal (seconds)	FLOAT	4	H+20
14	Secondary CNo	Carrier to noise density ratio of the secondary signal C/No = 10[log <sub>10</sub> (S/No)] (dB-Hz)	FLOAT	4	H+24
15	TEC15	pseudo range TEC measurement at 15 second epoch (TOW - 60 to TOW - 45 sec)	FLOAT	4	H+28
16	DeltaTEC15	Delta TEC measurement from TOW - 60 to TOW - 45 seconds (TECU)	FLOAT	4	H+32
17	TEC30	pseudo range TEC measurement at 30 second epoch (TOW - 30 sec)	FLOAT	4	H+36
18	DeltaTEC30	Delta TEC measurement from TOW - 45 to TOW - 30 seconds (TECU)	FLOAT	4	H+40
19	TEC45	pseudo range TEC measurement at 45 second epoch (TOW - 15 sec)	FLOAT	4	H+44
20	DeltaTEC45	Delta TEC measurement from TOW - 30 to TOW - 15 seconds (TECU)	FLOAT	4	H+48
21	TECTOW	pseudo range TEC measurement at 60 second epoch (TOW)	FLOAT	4	H+52
22	Delta-TECTOW	Delta TEC measurement from TOW - 15 to TOW (TECU)	FLOAT	4	H+56
23	Next record offset = H+4+ (chan # x 56)				
variable	xxxx	32-bit CRC (ASCII and Binary only)	Hex	4	H+ 4+ (# chans x 56)
variable	[CR][LF]	Sentence terminator (ASCII only)	-	-	-

### 5.1.7 ISMCALIBRATIONSTATUS TEC self-calibration status

This log shows the status of a TEC self-calibration (see ISMCALIBRATE command) procedure used to determine TEC bias caused by receiver RF delay. Once the calibration is complete the TEC calibration values reported in this log can be used with the ISMTECCALIBRATION command to set the TEC offsets used in the receiver calculations. If this log is output ONNEW it will stop being produced once the calibration duration set using the ISMCALIBRATE command has passed. It can also be logged ONCE at the end of calibration to report the final computed values.

The following information is included in this log:

- Duration that the calibration has been running at the time the log is output
- Number of measurement samples that have been included in the current TEC calibration value. Each PRN with the reported signal combination that is above the elevation cut-off specified with the ISMCALIBRATE command counts as 1 once a minute.
- The current TEC calibration value in units of TECU
- The standard deviation of the current TEC calibration value

**Structure:**

**Message ID: 1406**

**Log Type: Aynsc**

**Recommended Input:** LOG ISMCALIBRATIONSTATUSA ONNEW

**ASCII example:**

```
#ISMCALIBRATIONSTATUSA,USB1,0,81.0,FINESTEERING,1666,430620.000,00000020,45d2
,10283;1680,2,
GPSL1CAL2Y,28,-27.513463974,1.702342391
GLOL1CAL2P,10,7.925333500,1.621402383
```

Field	Field Type	Data Description	Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
1	ISMCALIBRATION STATUS Header	Log header		H	0
2	Calibration time	Time in calibration mode (seconds)	ULONG	4	H
3	# records	Number of records in this log	ULONG	4	H+4
4	Signal type	Signal combination type (refer to <i>Table 19, Signal Combination Type</i> )	ENUM	4	H+8
5	# samples	Number of samples collected	ULONG	4	H+12
6	TEC calibration	Current computed TEC calibration value (TECU)	FLOAT	4	H+16
7	TEC Std.Dev	Standard deviation of TEC calibration (TECU)	FLOAT	4	H+20
8 ...	Next record offset = H + 8 + (# records x 20)				
variable	xxxx	32-bit CRC (ASCII and Binary only)	Hex	4	H+8+ (# records x 20)

Field	Field Type	Data Description	Format	Binary Bytes	Binary Offset
variable	[CR][LF]	Sentence terminator (ASCII only)	-	-	-

**Table 19: Signal Combination Type**

Signal Combination Type (Binary)	Signal Combination Type (ASCII)
0	GPSL1CAL2Y
1	GLOL1CAL2P
2	GPSL1CAL2C
3	GPSL1CAL5
4	SBASL1CAL5
5	GLOL1CAL2CA

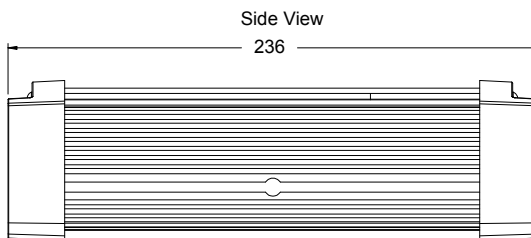
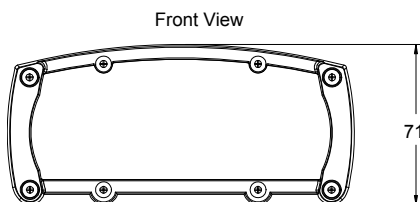
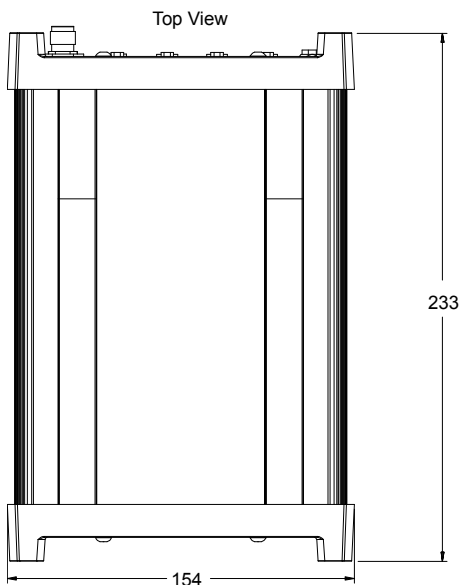
## 6.1 GPStation-6 Enclosure

### *PHYSICAL*

Size 233 x 154 x 71 mm

Weight 1.4 kg

### *DIMENSIONS*



**INPUT/OUTPUT DATA INTERFACE****COM1, COM2 AND COM3**

<b>Electrical format</b>	RS232 and RS422 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Bit rate<sup>2</sup></b>	9600 (default), 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400, 460800 and 921600 bps
<b>Signals supported</b>	RS232-TX, RX, RTS, CTS RS422-Rx+, Rx-, Tx+, Tx-

1. Factory configurable.
2. Baud rates higher than 115,200 bps are not supported by standard PC hardware. Special PC hardware is required for higher rates, including 230,400 bps.

**INPUT/OUTPUT STROBES**

<b>MKI (Mark Input)</b>	An input mark, time tags output log data to the time of the falling edge of the mark input pulse. Can be either polarity but a pulse of 100 ns is required.
<b>PV (Position Valid)</b>	Output indicates a 'good solution' or a valid GPS solution when high.
<b>ERROR</b>	Output that Indicates fatal error warning when high.
<b>PPS (Pulse Per Second)</b>	Active high or low and is programmable.

**STROBE ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

<b>Output</b>	Voltage: LVTTL levels Low: minimum 0 VDC and maximum 0.55 VDC @ 24 mA High: minimum 2.4 VDC and maximum 3.6 VDC @ 8 mA
<b>Input</b>	Voltage: LVTTL levels Low: minimum 0 VDC and maximum 0.8 VDC High: minimum 2.0 VDC and maximum 3.6 VDC

**USB**

<b>Electrical format</b>	Conforms to USB 2.0
<b>Bit rates</b>	Low (1.5 Mbps) and Full speed (12 Mbps) USB
<b>Signals supported</b>	USB D(+) and USB D (-)

<b>INPUT/OUTPUT CONNECTORS</b>	
Antenna Input	TNC female jack, 50 $\Omega$ nominal impedance  +5 VDC, 100 mA max (output from GPStation-6 to antenna/LNA)
PWR	4-pin LEMO connector Enclosure Input Voltage: +11 to +18 VDC Power Consumption: 6 W Typical
COM1	DB-9 male connector
COM2	DB-9 male connector
COM3	DB-9 male connector
I/O	DB-9 female connector
OSC <sup>1</sup>	BNC female connector
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>	
Operating Temperature	-20°C to +45°C
Storage Temperature	-45°C to +85°C
Humidity	Not to exceed 95% non-condensing

1. 10 MHz output only.

## 6.2 Port Pin-Outs

**Table 20: Serial Port Pin-Out Descriptions**

Connector Pin No.	COM1 (RS-232)	COM2 (RS-232)	COM3 (RS-232)	COM 1, 2, 3 RS-422
1	Reserved	N/C	N/C	N/C
2	RXD1	RXD2	RXD3	Rx+
3	TXD1	TXD2	TXD3	Tx+
4	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C
5	GND	GND	GND	GND
6	D (+)	N/C	N/C	N/C
7	RTS1	RTS2	N/C <sup>1</sup>	Tx-
8	CTS1	CTS2	1	Rx-
9	D (-)	N/C	N/C	N/C

1. No flow control available on COM3.

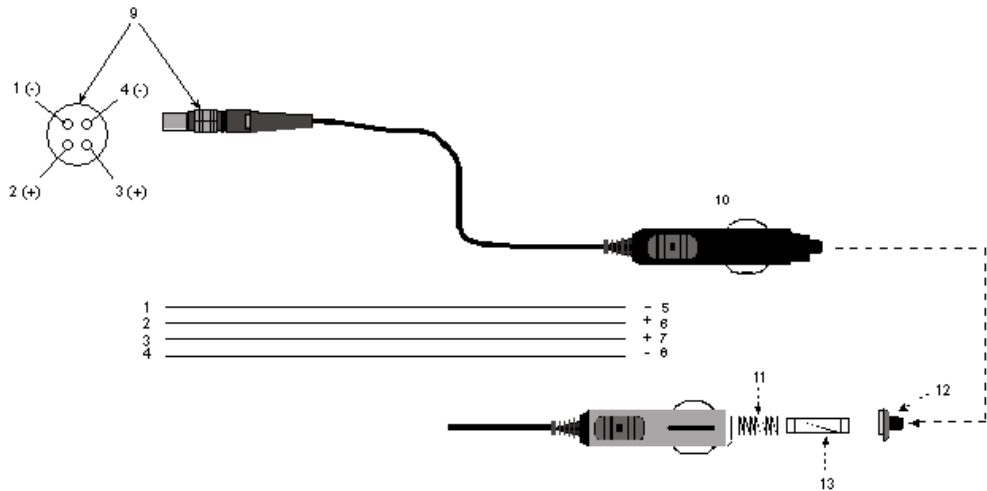
**Table 21: I/O Port Pin-Out Descriptions**

Connector Pin No.	Signal Name	Signal Descriptions
1	Reserved	
2	PPS	Pulse per second
3	Reserved	
4	MKI	Mark input
5	PV	Valid position available
6	Reserved	
7	Reserved	N/C
8	ERROR	Indicates a fatal error when high
9	GND	Digital ground

6.2.1 Cables

6.2.1.1 12V Power Adapter Cable (NovAtel part number 01017663)

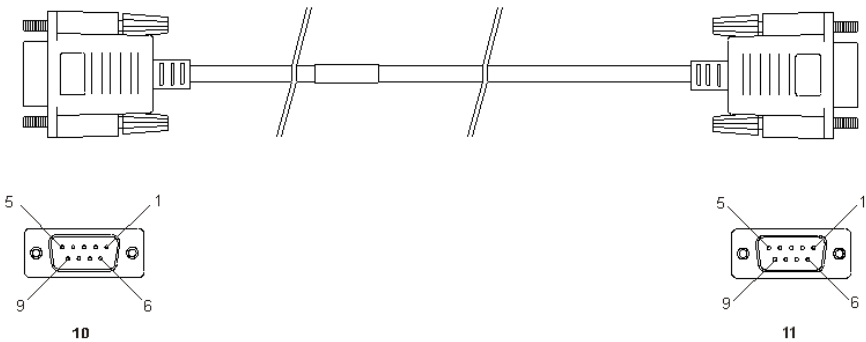
The supplied power adapter cable provides +12 VDC while operating.  
Input is provided through the standard 12V power outlet. The output from the power adapter utilizes a 4-pin LEMO connector (LEMO part number FGG.0B.304.CLAD52Z) and plugs directly into the *PWR* input located on the back panel of the enclosure.



Reference	Description	Reference	Description
1	Black	5	Ground
2	Red	6	+9 to +18 VDC
3	Orange or Green	7	+9 to +18 VDC
4	Brown or White	8	Ground
9	Connector key marking	12	Universal tip
10	12V adapter	13	6 Amp slow-blow fuse
11	Spring		

6.2.1.2 Null-Modem Cable (NovAtel part number 01017658)

This cable allows the GPStation-6 to communication with a computer. The cable is equipped with a 9-pin connector at the receiver end which can be plugged into the *COM1*, *COM2* or *COM3* port. At the computer end, a 9-pin connector is provided to accommodate a computer serial (RS232) communication port.



Wiring Table:

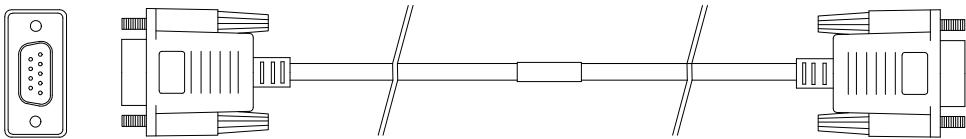
Connector		Pin Number					
To DB9 (A)	2	3	8	7	4	5	1 & 6
To DB9 (B)	3	2	7	8	1 & 6	5	4

Reference	Description
10	DB9 (Female)
11	DB9 (Female)

 Cables may contain DEHP.

6.2.1.3 Straight Through Serial Cable (NovAtel part number 01018520)

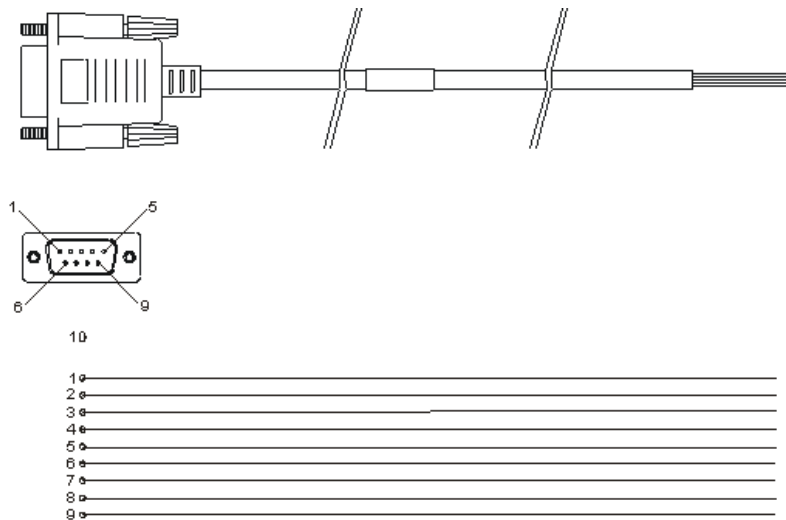
This cable can be used to connect the receiver to a modem or radio transmitter to propagate differential corrections. The cable is equipped with a female DB9 connector at the receiver end. The male DB9 connector at the other end is provided to plug into your user-supplied equipment (refer to your modem or radio transmitter user guide for more information on its connectors). The cable is approximately 2 m in length.



Reference	Description	Reference	Description
10	DB9 (male) connector	12	9-conductor cable
11	DB9 (female) connector		

6.2.1.4 I/O Strobe Port Cable (NovAtel part number 01018519)

The GPStation-6’s strobe lines can be accessed by inserting the male DB9 connector of the I/O strobe port cable into the I/O port. The other end of this cable is provided without a connector for maximum flexibility. The cable is approximately 2 m in length.



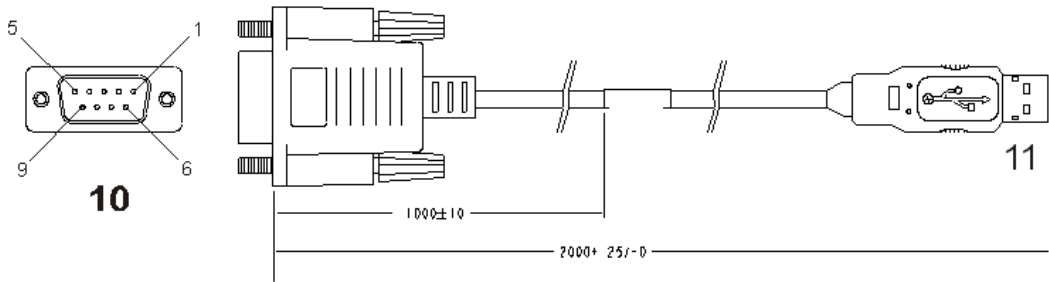
Wiring Table:

I/O Port Pin	I/O Port Signal	I/O Port Cable Wire Color	I/O Port Pin	I/O Port Signal	I/O Port Cable Wire Color
1	Reserved	Black	6	Reserved	Green
2	PPS	Brown	7	Reserved	Blue
3	Reserved	Red	8	Error	Violet
4	MKI	Orange	9	GND	White/Grey
5	PV	Yellow			

Reference	Description	Reference	Description
10	DB9 (male) connector	11	9-conductor cable

6.2.2 USB Serial Cable (NovAtel part number 01017664)

The USB cable provides a means of interfacing between the COM1 port on the GPStation-6 and another serial communications device, such as a computer. At the enclosure end, the cable has a DB9 connector that plugs into a COM port. The other end of the cable has a USB connector. This cable is RoHS compliant.

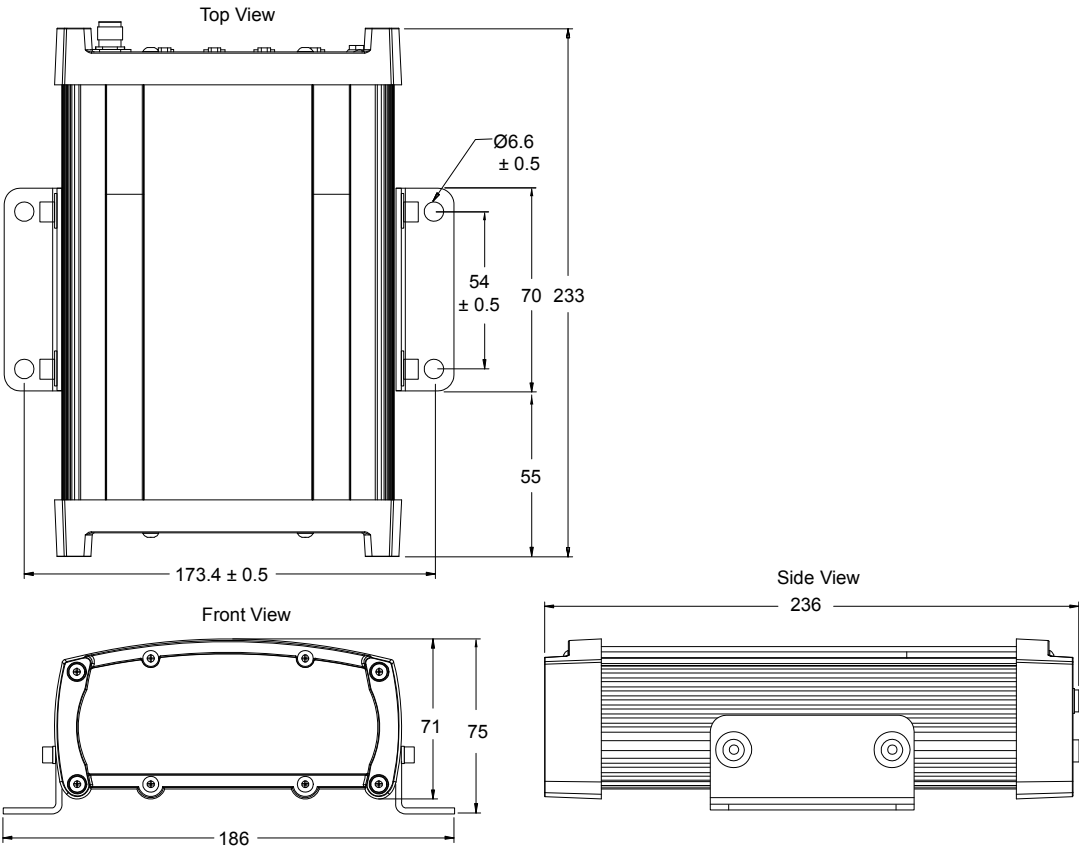


Wiring Table

DB9 Connection on Receiver	Signal	Series "A" USB Plug
Pin 5	GND	Pin 4
Pin 6	USB D+	Pin 3
Pin 9	USB D-	Pin 2

Reference	Description
10	Female DB9 connector
11	USB connector

### 6.3 Mounting Bracket Dimensions



# Troubleshooting

When your receiver appears not to be working properly, there are often simple ways to diagnose and resolve the problem. In many cases, the issue can be resolved within a few minutes, avoiding the inconvenience and loss of productivity that results from having to return your receiver for repair. This chapter is designed to assist you in troubleshooting problems and includes cross-references to sections of the manual that may provide resolution information.

If you are unsure of the symptoms or if the symptoms do not match any of those listed, use the RXSTATUS log to check the receiver status and error words. See “Examining the RXSTATUS Log” on page 85.

Try to resolve the problem using the troubleshooting guide in Table 22, then try our Knowledge Base at <http://www.novatel.com/support/>. If you are still not able to resolve the problem, contact NovAtel Customer Support.

**Table 22: Troubleshooting Based on Symptoms**

Symptom	Related Section
The receiver is not properly powered	Check and replace a faulty power cable. See <i>Section 1.1.5, Power Supply Requirements, page 22</i> ,
The receiver cannot establish communication	Check and replace faulty serial cables and ports. See “Status LED” on page 75. Refer also to the COMCONFIG log in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .
The receiver is not tracking satellites	Ensure that you have an unobstructed view of the sky from horizon to horizon. Check the RXSTATUS error states. See <i>Section , Examining the RXSTATUS Log, page 85</i> . If the receiver is in error mode, it will not track anything. Check for and replace a faulty antenna cable. refer to the <i>Time to First Fix and Satellite Acquisition</i> descriptions in the <i>Glossary of Terms</i> on our web site at <a href="http://www.novatel.com">www.novatel.com</a> through <i>Support / Knowledge and Learning</i> .
No data is being logged	Refer to the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Manual</i>
Random data is being output by the receiver, or binary data is streaming	Check the baud rate on the receiver and in the communication software. Refer to the SERIALCONFIG log and FRESET command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Manual</i> .
A command is not accepted by the receiver	Check for correct spelling and command syntax. Refer to the FRESET command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .
Differential mode is not working properly	See the COMCONFIG log in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .
There appears to be a problem with the receiver’s memory	Refer to the NVMRESTORE command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .

An environmental or memory failure. The receiver temperature is out of acceptable range or the internal thermometer is not working	See the ENVIRONMENTAL sections in the tables in <i>Technical Specifications on page 75</i> . Move the receiver to within an acceptable temperature range or increase the baud rate.
Overload and overrun problems. Either the CPU or port buffers are overloaded	Reduce the amount of logging or increase the baud rate.
The receiver is indicating that an invalid authorization code has been used	Refer to the Version log, VALIDMODELS log and the MODEL command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .
The receiver is being affected by jamming	Move the receiver away from any possible jamming sources.
The receiver's automatic gain control (AGC) is not working properly	Refer to the jamming symptom in this table.

## Examining the RXSTATUS Log

The RXSTATUS log provides detailed status information about your receiver and can be used to diagnose problems. Refer to the *OEM6 Firmware Reference Manual* for details on this log and on how to read the receiver error word and status word. *Tables 23 and 24 on pages 85 to 87* give you actions to take when your receiver has an error flag in either of these words. If you are not able to resolve the condition, contact NovAtel Customer Support.

**Table 23: Resolving a Receiver Error Word**

Bit Set	Action to Resolve
0-2	Issue a FRESET command
4	Contact Customer Support
5	Check the VERSION log. The VERSION log will indicate "Invalid authcode".
6	Issue a FRESET command
7	See <i>Section 1.1.5, Power Supply Requirements, page 22</i>
8	This is the thermometer error bit, indicating a possible hardware or environmental condition. If you cannot resolve, contact Customer Support.
9	Check temperature ranges in the ENVIRONMENTAL table sections of <i>Technical Specifications on page 75</i>
10-14	Possible hardware or environmental condition. If you cannot resolve the problem, contact Customer Support.
15	Issue a FRESET command and power cycle the unit. If the bit is still present, contact Customer Support.
16	Monitor CPU idle time. Reduce number of logs or the rate of data logging.

17	Ensure that the version log is consistent with the hardware.
20	SoftLoad is in progress.
21	You may be exceeding the receiver's velocity limit. If so, reduce velocity. This error can only be cleared by resetting the receiver.
22	Reload firmware using WinLoad or the SoftLoad commands.
31	Possible hardware failure. Contact Customer Support.

**Table 24: Resolving an Error in the Receiver Status Word**

Bit Set	Action to Resolve
0	Check the Error Word in the RXSTATUS log. See also <i>Table 23, "Resolving a Receiver Error Word,"</i> on page 85.
1	Check temperature ranges in the ENVIRONMENTAL table sections of <i>Technical Specifications</i> on page 75
2	See <i>Section 1.1.5, Power Supply Requirements</i> , page 22.
3	Refer to the <i>Time to First Fix</i> and <i>Satellite Acquisition</i> descriptions in the <i>Glossary of Terms</i> on our web site at <a href="http://www.novatel.com">www.novatel.com</a> through <i>Support / Knowledge and Learning</i> .
4	
5	
6	
7	Check the CPU idle time. Check for unnecessary logging. Check for simultaneous use of functionality, for example, API and RTK.
8	Check the serial port communication settings
15	Move the receiver away from any possible jamming sources. If still a problem contact Customer Support.
17	Move the receiver away from any possible jamming sources.
18	When the receiver has tracked GNSS satellites long enough for a valid almanac to be received, this bit will be set to 0. Also, refer to the <i>Time to First Fix</i> and <i>Satellite Acquisition</i> descriptions in the <i>Glossary of Terms</i> at <a href="http://www.novatel.com">www.novatel.com</a>   <i>Support / Knowledge and Learning</i> .
19	None. This bit only indicates if the receiver has calculated a position. Refer to the <i>Time to First Fix</i> and <i>Satellite Acquisition</i> descriptions in the <i>Glossary of Terms</i> at <a href="http://www.novatel.com">www.novatel.com</a>   <i>Support / Knowledge and Learning</i> .
20	None. This bit is a status bit indicating if the receiver's position has been manually fixed and does not represent a problem. Refer also to the FIX command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .

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Bit Set	Action to Resolve
21	None. This bit indicates if clock steering has been manually disabled. Refer also to the FRESET command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .
22	None. This bit only indicates if the clock model is valid. Refer also to the FRESET command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .
23	None. This bit indicates if the phase-lock-loop is locked when using an external oscillator. Refer also to the FRESET command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .
24	Check the CPU idle time. Check for unnecessary logging. Check for simultaneous use of functionality, for example, API and RTK.
29	None. This bit indicates if any bits in the auxiliary 3 status word are set. The auxiliary 3 word provides status information and does not contain any new information on problems. Refer also to the FRESET command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .
30	None. This bit indicates if any bits in the auxiliary 2 status word are set. The auxiliary 2 word provides status information and does not contain any new information on problems. Refer also to the FRESET command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .
31	None. This bit indicates if any bits in the auxiliary 1 status word are set. The auxiliary 1 word provides status information and does not contain any new information on problems. Refer also to the FRESET command in the <i>OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual</i> .

## Examining the AUX1 Status Word

Table 25 provides actions to take when your receiver has an error flag in the AUX1 status word. If you are not able to resolve the condition, contact NovAtel Customer Support.

**Table 25: Resolving an Error in the AUX1 Status Word**

Bit Set	Action to Resolve
0-2	(Reserved bits)
3	None. This bit indicates that Position Averaging is ON
4-6	(Reserved bits)
7	Connect the receiver via USB
8-10	Reduce the amount of logging on the USB ports
11-13	(Reserved bits)
14-17	AGC error on RF1 through RF4 respectively. To resolve, ensure antenna cable is connected and signal input level is within specification.
18	Connect the receiver via Ethernet
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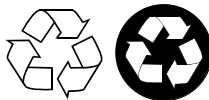
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