

RINEX

The Receiver Independent Exchange Format

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0. REVISION HISTORY

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| 02 Feb 2006 | A few typos and obsolete paragraphs removed. |
| 08 Mar 2006 | Epochs of met data of met files version 2.11 are in GPS time only (Table A14). |
| 31 Mar 2006 | DCB header record label corrected in Table A3: SYS / DCBS APPLIED . |
| June 2006 | Filenames for mixed GNSS nav mess files. |
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| 12 Sep 2006 | GNSS navigation message files version 3.00 included (including Galileo). Table A3: Example of the kinematic event was wrong (kinematic event record). SYS / DCBS APPLIED header record simplified. Tables A5 and A7: Clarification for adjustment of "Transmission time of message". |
| 03 Oct 2006 | Table A10: Mixed GPS/GLONASS navigation message file |
| 26 Oct 2006 | Table A3: Removed obsolete antispoofing flag Tables A5/7/9: Format error in SV / EPOCH / SV CLK : Space between svn and year was missing Half-cycle ambiguity flag (re-)introduced (5.4 and Table A2). Clarification of reported GLONASS time (8.1). New header record SYS / PCVS APPLIED New Table 10: Relations between GPS , GST , and GAL weeks Recommendation to avoid storing redundant navigation messages (8.3) |
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1. THE PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY OF RINEX

The first proposal for the *Receiver Independent Exchange Format RINEX* was developed by the Astronomical Institute of the University of Berne for the easy exchange of the GPS data to be collected during the first large European GPS campaign EUREF 89, which involved more than 60 GPS receivers of 4 different manufacturers. The governing aspect during the development was the following fact:

Most geodetic processing software for GPS data use a well-defined set of observables:

- the carrier-phase measurement at one or both carriers (actually being a measurement on the beat frequency between the received carrier of the satellite signal and a receiver-generated reference frequency).
- the pseudorange (code) measurement, equivalent to the difference of the time of reception (expressed in the time frame of the receiver) and the time of transmission (expressed in the time frame of the satellite) of a distinct satellite signal.
- the observation time being the reading of the receiver clock at the instant of validity of the carrier-phase and/or the code measurements.

Usually the software assumes that the observation time is valid for both the phase **and** the code measurements, **and** for all satellites observed.

Consequently all these programs do not need most of the information that is usually stored by the receivers: They need phase, code, and time in the above mentioned definitions, and some station-related information like station name, antenna height, etc.

Up till now two major format versions have been developed and published:

- The original RINEX Version 1 presented at and accepted by the 5th International Geodetic Symposium on Satellite Positioning in Las Cruces, 1989. [Gurtner et al. 1989], [Evans 1989]
- RINEX Version 2 presented at and accepted by the Second International Symposium of Precise Positioning with the Global Positioning system in Ottawa, 1990, mainly adding the possibility to include tracking data from different satellite systems (GLONASS, SBAS). [Gurtner and Mader 1990a, 1990b], [Gurtner 1994].

Several subversions of RINEX Version 2 have been defined:

- Version 2.10: Among other minor changes allowing for sampling rates other than integer seconds and including raw signal strengths as new observables. [Gurtner 2002]
- Version 2.11: Includes the definition of a two-character observation code for L2C pseudoranges and some modifications in the GEO NAV MESS files [Gurtner and Estey 2005]
- Version 2.20: Unofficial version used for the exchange of tracking data from spaceborne receivers within the IGS LEO pilot project [Gurtner and Estey 2002]

As spin-offs of this idea of a receiver-independent GPS exchange format other RINEX-like exchange file formats have been defined, mainly used by the International GNSS Service IGS:

- Exchange format for **satellite and receiver clock offsets** determined by processing data of a GNSS tracking network [Ray and Gurtner 1999]
- Exchange format for the complete **broadcast data of space-based augmentation systems SBAS**. [Suard et al. 2004]
- IONEX: Exchange format for **ionosphere models** determined by processing data of a GNSS tracking network [Schaer et al. 1998]

- ANTEX: Exchange format for **phase center variations** of geodetic GNSS antennae [Rothacher and Schmid 2005]

The upcoming European Navigation Satellite System Galileo and the enhanced GPS with new frequencies and observation types, especially the possibility to track frequencies on different channels, ask for a more flexible and more detailed definition of the observation codes.

To improve the handling of the data files in case of “mixed” files, i.e. files containing tracking data of more than one satellite system, each one with different observation types, the record structure of the data record has been modified significantly and, following several requests, the limitation to 80 characters length has been removed.

As the changes are quite significant, they lead to a new RINEX Version 3. The new version also includes the unofficial Version 2.20 definitions for space-borne receivers.

2. GENERAL FORMAT DESCRIPTION

The RINEX version 3.00 format consists of three ASCII file types:

1. Observation data File
2. Navigation message File
3. Meteorological data File

Each file type consists of a header section and a data section. The header section contains global information for the entire file and is placed at the beginning of the file. The header section contains **header labels in columns 61-80** for each line contained in the header section. These labels are mandatory and must appear exactly as given in these descriptions and examples.

The format has been optimized for minimum space requirements independent from the number of different observation types of a specific receiver or satellite system by indicating in the header the types of observations to be stored for this receiver and the satellite systems having been observed. In computer systems allowing variable record lengths the observation records may be kept as short as possible. Trailing blanks can be removed from the records. There is no maximum record length limitation for the observation records.

Each Observation file and each Meteorological Data file basically contain the data from one site and one session. Starting with Version 2 RINEX also allows to include observation data from more than one site subsequently occupied by a roving receiver in rapid static or kinematic applications. Although Version 2 and higher allow to insert header records into the data field it is not recommended to concatenate data of more than one receiver (or antenna) into the same file, even if the data do not overlap in time.

If data from more than one receiver have to be exchanged it would not be economical to include the identical satellite messages collected by the different receivers several times. Therefore the navigation message file from one receiver may be exchanged or a composite navigation message file created containing non-redundant information from several receivers in order to make the most complete file.

The format of the data records of the RINEX Version 1 navigation message file was identical to the former NGS exchange format. RINEX version 3 navigation message files may contain navigation messages of more than one satellite system (GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, SBAS).

The actual format descriptions as well as examples are given in the Tables at the end of the paper.

3. BASIC DEFINITIONS

GPS observables include three fundamental quantities that need to be defined: Time, Phase, and Range.

3.1 Time

The time of the measurement is the receiver time of the received signals. It is identical for the phase and range measurements and is identical for all satellites observed at that epoch. For single-system data files it is by default expressed in the time system of the respective satellite system. Else the actual time can (for mixed files must) be indicated in the Start Time header record.

3.2 Pseudo-Range:

The pseudo-range (PR) is the distance from the receiver antenna to the satellite antenna including receiver and satellite clock offsets (and other biases, such as atmospheric delays):

$$\text{PR} = \text{distance} + c * (\text{receiver clock offset} - \text{satellite clock offset} + \text{other biases})$$

so that the pseudo-range reflects the actual behavior of the receiver and satellite clocks. The pseudo-range is stored in units of meters.

See also clarifications for pseudoranges in mixed GPS/GLONASS/Galileo files in chapter 8.1.

3.3 Phase

The phase is the carrier-phase measured in whole cycles. The half-cycles measured by squaring-type receivers must be converted to whole cycles and flagged by the respective observation code (see Table 5 and paragraph 5.4, GPS only).

The phase changes in the same sense as the range (negative doppler). The phase observations between epochs must be connected by including the integer number of cycles.

The observables are not corrected for external effects like atmospheric refraction, satellite clock offsets, etc.

Phase shifts between phases of the same frequency but tracked on a different carrier channel (I vs. Q, or A vs. B vs. C, Galileo, modernized GPS) are not corrected.

If the receiver or the converter software adjusts the measurements using the real-time-derived receiver clock offsets $dT(r)$, the consistency of the 3 quantities phase / pseudo-range / epoch must be maintained, i.e. the receiver clock correction should be applied to all 3 observables:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time}(\text{corr}) &= \text{Time}(r) - dT(r) \\ \text{PR}(\text{corr}) &= \text{PR}(r) - dT(r)*c \\ \text{phase}(\text{corr}) &= \text{phase}(r) - dT(r)*\text{freq} \end{aligned}$$

3.4 Doppler

The sign of the doppler shift as additional observable is defined as usual: Positive for approaching satellites.

3.5 Satellite numbers

Starting with RINEX Version 2 the former two-digit satellite numbers **nn** are preceded by a one-character system identifier **s**:

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snn
||
|+--  nn: PRN          (GPS, Galileo)
|        slot number (GLONASS)
|        PRN-100     (SBAS Geostationary)
|
|+---  s: satellite system identifier
|       G : GPS
|       R : GLONASS
|       S : SBAS payload
|       E : Galileo
|
|-----
SBAS: Satellite-Based Augmentation System
    
```

Table 1: Satellite numbers

The same satellite system identifiers are also used in all header records when appropriate.

4. THE EXCHANGE OF RINEX FILES:

We recommend using the following naming convention for RINEX files:

```

sssddd.f.yyt
|
|+---  t: file type:
|       O: Observation file
|       N: GPS navigation message file
|       M: Meteorological data file
|       G: GLONASS navigation message file
|       L: Galileo navigation message file
|       P: Mixed GNSS navigation message file
|       H: SBAS Payload navigation message file
|       B: SBAS broadcast data file
|              (separate documentation)
|       C: Clock file (separate documentation)
|       S: Summary file (used e.g., by IGS, not a standard!)
|
|+---  yy: two-digit year
|+----  f: file sequence number/character within day.
|         daily file: f = 0 (zero)
|         hourly files:
|         a = 1st hour: 00h-01h; b = 2nd hour: 01h-02h;
|         . . . x = 24th hour: 23h-24h
|
|+-----  ddd: day of the year of first record
|+-----  ssss: 4-character station name designator
    
```

Table 2: Recommended filenames: General, daily, hourly files

For 15-minutes high-rate tracking data we recommend the following extended filenames:

```

ssssdddhmm.yyO
|
| | | | |
| | | | | +- O: observation file
| | | | | +--- yy: two-digit year
| | | | | +----- mm: starting minute within the hour (00, 15, 30, 45)
| | | | | +----- h: character for the n-th hour in the day
| | | | |           a = 1st hour: 00h-01h; b = 2nd hour: 01h-02h;
| | | | |           . . .           x = 24th hour: 23h-24h.
| | | | | +----- ddd: day of the year
+----- ssss: 4-char station ID or ID for the LEO
              receiver/antenna

```

Table 3: Recommended filenames: High-rate data files

When data transmission times or storage volumes are critical we recommend compressing the files prior to storage or transmission. IGS currently uses the UNIX "compress" and "uncompress" programs. Compatible routines are available on VAX/VMS and PC/DOS systems, as well.

Proposed file name extensions for the compressed files:

| File Types | All platforms uncompressed | UNIX | VMS compressed | DOS |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-------------------|------|
| Obs Files | .yyO | .yyO.Z | .yyO_Z | .yyY |
| Obs Files (Hatanaka compressed) | .yyD | .yyD.Z | .yyD_Z | .yyE |
| GPS Nav Message Files | .yyN | .yyN.Z | .yyN_Z | .yyX |
| GLONASS Nav Message File | .yyG | .yyG.Z | .yyG_Z | .yyV |
| Galileo Nav Message File | .yyL | .yyL.Z | .yyL_Z | .yyT |
| Mixed GNSS Nav Message File | .yyP | .yyP.Z | .yyP_Z | .yyQ |
| GEO SBAS Nav Message Files | .yyH | .yyH.Z | .yyH_Z | .yyU |
| GEO SBAS Broadcast Files (sep. doc.) | .yyB | .yyB.Z | .yyB_Z | .yyA |
| Met Data Files | .yyM | .yyM.Z | .yyM_Z | .yyW |
| Clock Files (see sep.doc.) | .yyC | .yyC.Z | .yyC_Z | .yyK |

Table 4: Recommended filename extensions for compressed files

In order to additionally reduce the size of observation files Yuki Hatanaka developed a special compression scheme that takes advantage of the structure of the RINEX observation data by forming higher-order differences in time between observations of the same type and satellite. This compressed file is also an ASCII file that is subsequently compressed again using the above mentioned standard compression programs.

References for the Hatanaka compression scheme: See e.g.

- <ftp://terras.gsi.go.jp/software>
- IGSMails 1525,1686,1726,1763,1785,4967,4969,4975

The file naming and compression recommendations are strictly speaking not part of the RINEX format definition. However, they significantly facilitate the exchange of RINEX data in large user communities like IGS.

5. RINEX VERSION 3 FEATURES

The following section contains features that have been introduced for RINEX Version 3:

5.1 Observation codes

The new signal structures for GPS and Galileo make it possible to generate code and phase observations based on one or a combination of several channels: Two-channel signals are composed of I and Q components, three-channel signals of A, B, and C components. Moreover a wideband tracking of a combined E5a + E5b frequency tracking is possible. In order to keep the observation codes short but still allow for a detailed characterization of the actual signal generation the length of the codes is increased from two (Version 1 and 2) to three by adding a signal generation attribute:

The observation code **tna** consists of three parts:

- **t** : observation type: **C** = pseudorange, **L** = carrier phase, **D** = doppler, **S** = signal strength)
- **n** : band / frequency: **1, 2, ..., 8**
- **a** : attribute: tracking mode or channel, e.g., **I, Q**, etc

Examples:

- **L1C**: C/A code-derived L1 carrier phase (GPS, GLONASS)
Carrier phase on E2-L1-E1 derived from C channel (Galileo)
- **C2L**: L2C pseudorange derived from the L channel (GPS)

| System | Freq. Band | Frequency | Channel or Code | Observation Codes | | | |
|--------|------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|
| | | | | Pseudo Range | Carrier Phase | Doppler | Signal Strength |
| GPS | L1 | 1575.42 | C/A | C1C | L1C | D1C | S1C |
| | | | P | C1P | L1P | D1P | S1P |
| | | | Z-tracking and similar (AS on) | C1W | L1W | D1W | S1W |
| | | | Y | C1Y | L1Y | D1Y | S1Y |
| | | | M | C1M | L1M | D1M | S1M |
| | | | codeless | -- | L1N | D1N | S1N |
| | L2 | 1227.60 | C/A | C2C | L2C | D2C | S2C |
| | | | L1(C/A)+(P2-P1) (semi-codeless) | C2D | L2D | D2D | S2D |
| | | | L2C (M) | C2S | L2S | D2S | S2S |
| | | | L2C (L) | C2L | L2L | D2L | S2L |
| | | | L2C (M+L) ¹ | C2X | L2X | D2X | S2X |
| | | | P | C2P | L2P | D2P | S2P |
| | | | Z-tracking and similar (AS on) | C2W | L2W | D2W | S2W |
| | | | Y | C2Y | L2Y | D2Y | S2Y |
| | | | M | C2M | L2M | D2M | S2M |
| | | | codeless | -- | L2N | D2N | S2N |
| | L5 | 1176.45 | I | C5I | L5I | D5I | S5I |
| | | | Q | C5Q | L5Q | D5Q | S5Q |
| | | | I+Q | C5X | L5X | D5X | S5X |
| | GLONASS | G1 | 1602+k*9/16 | C/A | C1C | L1C | D1C |

¹ **Example:** Trimble NetRS and Septentrio PolaRx2C track L2C on the combined code M+L, therefore attribute **X** has to be used for these observables.

| | | k= -7...+12 | P | C1P | L1P | D1P | S1P |
|---------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | G2 | 1246+k*7/16 | C/A (GLONASS M) | C2C | L2C | D2C | S2C |
| | | | P | C2P | L2P | D2P | S2P |
| Galileo | E1 | 1575.42 | A PRS | C1A | L1A | D1A | S1A |
| | | | B I/NAV OS/CS/SoL | C1B | L1B | D1B | S1B |
| | | | C no data | C1C | L1C | D1C | S1C |
| | | | B+C | C1X | L1X | D1X | S1X |
| | | | A+B+C | C1Z | L1Z | D1Z | S1Z |
| | E5a | 1176.45 | I F/NAV OS | C5I | L5I | D5I | S5I |
| | | | Q no data | C5Q | L5Q | D5Q | S5Q |
| | | | I+Q | C5X | L5X | D5X | S5X |
| | E5b | 1207.140 | I I/NAV OS/CS/SoL | C7I | L7I | D7I | S7I |
| | | | Q no data | C7Q | L7Q | D7Q | S7Q |
| | | | I+Q | C7X | L7X | D7X | S7X |
| | E5 (E5a+E5b) | 1191.795 | I | C8I | L8I | D8I | S8I |
| | | | Q | C8Q | L8Q | D8Q | S8Q |
| | | | I+Q | C8X | L8X | D8X | S8X |
| | E6 | 1278.75 | A PRS | C6A | L6A | D6A | S6A |
| | | | B C/NAV CS | C6B | L6B | D6B | S6B |
| | | | C no data | C6C | L6C | D6C | S6C |
| | | | B+C | C6X | L6X | D6X | S6X |
| | | | A+B+C | C6Z | L6Z | D6Z | S6Z |
| SBAS | L1 | 1575.42 | C/A | C1C | L1C | D1C | S1C |
| | L5 | 1176.45 | I | C5I | L5I | D5I | S5I |
| | | | Q | C5Q | L5Q | D5Q | S5Q |
| | | | I+Q | C5X | L5X | D5X | S5X |

Table 5: RINEX Version 3 observation codes

For Galileo the band/frequency number **n** does not necessarily agree with the official frequency numbers: **n** = 7 for E5b, **n** = 8 for E5a+b.

Antispoofing (AS) of GPS: True codeless GPS receivers (squaring-type receivers) use the attribute **N**. Semi-codeless receivers tracking the first frequency using C/A code and the second frequency using some codeless options use attribute **D**. Z-tracking under AS or similar techniques to recover pseudorange and phase on the “P-code” band use attribute **W**. Y-code tracking receivers use attribute **Y**.

As all observations affected by “AS on” get now their own attribute (codeless, semi-codeless, Z-tracking and similar) the Antispoofing flag introduced into the observation data records of RINEX Version 2 has become obsolete.

Unknown tracking mode: In case of unknown tracking mode or channel the attribute **a** can be left blank. However, a mixture of blank and non-blank attributes within the same observation type of the same frequency band and of the same satellite system has to be avoided: **L2S** and **L2** is not allowed, **L2S** and **C2** is OK.

5.2 Satellite system-dependent list of observables

The order of the observations stored per epoch and satellite in the observation records is given by a list of observation codes in a header record. As the types of the observations actually generated by a receiver may heavily depend on the satellite system RINEX Version 3 requests system-dependent observation code list (header record type **SYS / # / OBS TYPES**).

5.3 Marker type

In order to indicate the nature of the marker a **MARKER TYPE** header record has been defined:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| GEODETIC | Earth-fixed, high-precision monumentation |
| NON_GEODETIC | Earth-fixed, low-precision monumentation |
| SPACEBORNE | Orbiting space vehicle |
| AIRBORNE | Aircraft, balloon, etc. |
| WATER_CRAFT | Mobile water craft |
| GROUND_CRAFT | Mobile terrestrial vehicle |
| FIXED_BUOY | "Fixed" on water surface |
| FLOATING_BUOY | Floating on water surface |
| FLOATING_ICE | Floating ice sheet, etc. |
| GLACIER | "Fixed" on a glacier |
| BALLISTIC | Rockets, shells, etc |
| ANIMAL | Animal carrying a receiver |
| HUMAN | Human being |

Table 6: Proposed marker type keywords

The record is required except for **GEODETIC** and **NON_GEODETIC** marker types.

Attributes other than **GEODETIC** and **NON_GEODETIC** will tell the user program that the data were collected by a moving receiver. The inclusion of a "start moving antenna" record (event flag 2) into the data body of the RINEX file is therefore not necessary. Event flags 2 and 3 are still necessary to flag alternating kinematic and static phases of a receiver visiting multiple earth-fixed monuments, however.

Users may define other project-dependent keywords

5.4 Half-wavelength observations, half-cycle ambiguities

Half-wavelength observations (collected by **codeless** squaring techniques) get their own observation codes. A special wavelength factor header line and bit 1 of the LLI flag in the observation records are not necessary anymore. If a receiver changed between squaring and full cycle tracking within the time period of a RINEX file, observation codes for both types of observations have to be inserted into the respective **SYS / # / OBS TYPES** header record.

Half-wavelength phase observations are stored in full cycles. Ambiguity resolution however has to account for half wavelengths!.

Full-cycle observations collected by receivers with possible half cycle ambiguity (e.g., during acquisition or after loss of lock) are to be flagged with Loss of Lock Indicator bit 1 set (see Table A2).

5.5 Scale factor

The *optional* **SYS / SCALE FACTOR** record allows e.g., to store phase data with 0.0001 cycles resolution if the data was multiplied by a scale factor of 10 before being stored into RINEX file. Used to increase resolution by 10, 100, etc only. It is a modification of the Version 2.20 **OBS SCALE FACTOR** record.

5.6 Information about receivers on a vehicle

For the processing of data collected by receivers on a vehicle the following additional information can be provided by special header records:

- Antenna position (position of the antenna reference point) in a body-fixed coordinate system: **ANTENNA: DELTA X/Y/Z**
- Bore-sight of antenna: The unit vector of the direction of the antenna axis towards the GNSS satellites. It corresponds to the vertical axis on earth-bound antenna: **ANTENNA: B.SIGHT XYZ**
- Antenna orientation: Zero-direction of the antenna. Used for the application of “azimuth”-dependent phase center variation models (see 6.14 below). **ANTENNA: ZERODIR XYZ**
- Current center of mass of the vehicle (for spaceborne receivers): **CENTER OF MASS: XYZ**
- Average phase center position: **ANTENNA: PHASECENTER** (see below)

All three quantities have to be given in the same body-fixed coordinate system. The attitude of the vehicle has to be provided by separate attitude files in the same body-fixed coordinate system.

5.7 Signal strengths

The generation of the RINEX signal strength indicators `sn_rnx` in the data records (1 = very weak,...,9 = very strong) are standardized in case the raw signal strength² `sn_raw` is given in **dbHz**:

$$\text{sn_rnx} = \text{MIN}(\text{MAX}(\text{INT}(\text{sn_raw}/6), 1), 9)$$

| S/N (dbHz) | S/N (RINEX) |
|------------|-------------|
| <12 | 1 |
| 12-17 | 2 |
| 18-23 | 3 |
| 24-29 | 4 |
| 30-35 | 5 |
| 36-41 | 6 |
| 42-47 | 7 |
| 48-53 | 8 |
| ≥54 | 9 |

Table 7: Standardized S/N indicators

The raw signal strengths optionally stored as **Sna** observations in the data records should be stored in dbHz if possible. The new **SIGNAL STRENGTH UNIT** header record can be used to indicate the units of these observations.

5.8 Date/time format in the PGM / RUN BY / DATE header record

The format of the generation time of the RINEX files stored in the second header record **PGM / RUN BY / DATE** is now defined to be

yyyymmdd hhmmss zone

zone: 3 – 4 character code for the time zone

² S/N is the raw S/N at the output of the correlators, without attempting to recover any correlation losses

It is recommended to use **UTC** as time zone. Set **zone** to **LCL** if local time was used with unknown local time system code.

5.9 Antenna phase center header record

An *optional* header record for antenna phase center positions **ANTENNA: PHASECENTER** is defined to allow for higher precision positioning without need of additional external antenna information. It can be useful in well-defined networks or applications. It contains the position of an *average* phase center relative to the antenna reference point for a specific frequency and satellite system. On vehicles the phase center position can be reported in the body-fixed coordinate system. See 6.14 below. Regarding the use of phase center variation corrections see 5.15.

5.10 Antenna orientation

Header records have been defined to report the orientation of the antenna zero-direction as well as the direction of its vertical axis (bore-sight) if mounted tilted on a fixed station. The header records can also be used for antennas on vehicles. See 6.14 below.

5.11 Observation data records

Apart from the new observation code definitions the most conspicuous modification of the RINEX format concerns the observation records. As the types of the observations and their order within a data record depend on the satellite system, the new format should make it easier for programs as well as human beings to read the data records. Each observation record begins with the satellite number **snn**, the epoch record starts with special character **>**. It is now also much easier to synchronize the reading program with the next epoch record in case of a corrupted data file or when streaming observation data in a RINEX-like format. The record length limitation to 80 characters of RINEX Versions 1 and 2 *has been removed*.

For the following list of observation types for the four satellite systems **G, S, E, R**

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|--|---------------------|
| G | 5 | C1P | L1P | L2C | C2C | S2C | | | | SYS / # / OBS TYPES |
| R | 2 | C1C | L1C | | | | | | | SYS / # / OBS TYPES |
| E | 2 | L1B | L5I | | | | | | | SYS / # / OBS TYPES |
| S | 2 | C1C | L1C | | | | | | | SYS / # / OBS TYPES |

Table 8: Example for a list of observation types

the epoch and observation records look as follows:

```
> 2006 03 24 13 10 54.0000000 0 7 -0.123456789210
G06 23619095.450 -53875.632 8 -41981.375 5 23619112.008 24.158
G09 20886075.667 -28688.027 9 -22354.535 6 20886082.101 38.543
G12 20611072.689 18247.789 9 14219.770 8 20611078.410 32.326
R21 21345678.576 12345.567 5
R22 22123456.789 23456.789 5
E11 65432.123 5 48861.586 7
S20 38137559.506 335849.135 9
```

Table 9: Example for observation data records

The receiver clock correction in the epoch record has been placed such that it could be preceded by an identifier to make it system-dependent in a later format revision, if necessary.

5.12 Ionosphere delay as pseudo-observables

RINEX files could also be used to make available additional information linked to the actual observations. One such element is the ionosphere delay having been determined or derived from a ionosphere model.

We add the ionosphere phase delay expressed in full cycles of the respective satellite system-dependent wavelength as pseudo-observable to the list of the RINEX observables.

- **t** : observation type: **I** = Ionosphere phase delay
- **n** : band / frequency : **1, 2, ..., 8**
- **a** : attribute: blank

The ionosphere pseudo-observable has to be included into the list of observables of the respective satellite system. Only one ionosphere observable per satellite has to be included.

The user adds the ionosphere delay to the raw phase observation of the same wavelength and converts it to other wavelengths and to pseudorange corrections in meters:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{corr_phase}(f_i) &= \text{raw_phase}(f_i) + d_ion(f_i) \\ \text{corr_prange}(f_i) &= \text{raw_prange}(f_i) - d_ion(f_i) \cdot c/f_i \\ d_ion(f_k) &= d_ion(f_i) \cdot (f_i/f_k)^2 \quad (\text{accounting for 1st order effects only}) \end{aligned}$$

$d_ion(f_i)$: Given ionospheric phase correction for frequency f_i

5.13 Channel numbers as pseudo-observables

For special applications it might be necessary to know the receiver channel numbers having been assigned by the receiver to the individual satellites. We may include this information as another pseudo-observable:

- **t** : observation type: **x** = Receiver channel number
- **n** : band / frequency : **0**
- **a** : attribute: blank

Lowest channel number allowed is 1 (re-number channels beforehand, if necessary). In case of a receiver using multiple channels for one satellite the channels could be packed with two digits each right-justified into the same data field, order corresponding to the order of the observables concerned. Format F14.3 according to (<5-nc> (2X) , <nc>I2.2 , ' .000 '), nc being the number of channels.

Restriction: Not more than 5 channels and channel numbers <100.

Examples:

```

    0910.000    for channels 9 and 10
    010203.000  for channels 1, 2, and 3
-----F14.3-----

```

5.14 Corrections of differential code biases (DCBs)

For special high-precision applications it might be useful to generate RINEX files with corrections of the differential code biases (DCBs) already applied. There are programs available to correct the observations in RINEX files for differential code biases (e.g., **cc2noncc**, J. Ray 2005). This can be reported by special header records **SYS / DCBS APPLIED** pointing to the file containing the applied corrections.

5.15 Corrections of antenna phase center variations (PCVs)

For more precise applications an elevation- or elevation and azimuth-dependent phase center variation (pcv) model for the antenna (referring to the agreed-upon ARP) should be used. For special applications it might be useful to generate RINEX files with these variations already applied. This can be reported by special header records **SYS / PCVS APPLIED** pointing to the file containing the PCV correction models.

5.16 Navigation message files

The header portion has been unified (with respect to the format definitions) for all satellite systems. The data portion contains now in the first record of each message block in addition to the satellite number also the code for the satellite system.

```
G06 1999 09 02 17 51 44 -.839701388031D-03 -.165982783074D-10 .000000000000D+00
```

Header records with system-dependent contents also contain the system identifier. They are repeated for each system, if applicable.

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------------|
| GPSA | .1676D-07 | .2235D-07 | .1192D-06 | .1192D-06 | IONOSPHERIC CORR |
| GPSB | .1208D+06 | .1310D+06 | -.1310D+06 | -.1966D+06 | IONOSPHERIC CORR |
| GAL | .1234D+05 | .2345D+04 | -.3456D+03 | | IONOSPHERIC CORR |

6. ADDITIONAL HINTS AND TIPS

6.1 Versions

Programs developed to read RINEX files have to verify the version number. Files of newer versions may look different even if they do not use any of the newer features

6.2 Leading blanks in CHARACTER fields

We propose that routines to read files automatically delete leading blanks in any CHARACTER input field. Routines creating RINEX files should also left-justify all variables in the CHARACTER fields.

6.3 Variable-length records

ASCII files usually have variable record lengths, so we recommend to first read each observation record into a blank string long enough to accommodate the largest possible observation record³ and decode the data afterwards. In variable length records, empty data fields at the end of a record may be missing, especially in the case of the optional receiver clock offset.

6.4 Blank fields

In view of future modifications we recommend to carefully skip any fields currently defined to be blank (format fields nX), because they may be assigned to new contents in future versions.

6.5 Order of the header records, order of data records

As the record descriptors in columns 61-80 are mandatory, the programs reading a RINEX Version 3 header are able to decode the header records with formats according to the record descriptor, provided the records have been first read into an internal buffer.

We therefore propose to allow free ordering of the header records, with the following exceptions:

- The **RINEX VERSION / TYPE** record must be the first record in a file

³ Defined by the satellite system with the largest number of possible observables plus any “pseudo-observables” like S/N, ionosphere, etc. The length limitation to 80 characters of RINEX Versions 1 and 2 has been removed.

- The **SYS / # / OBS TYPES** record(s) should precede any **SYS / DCBS APPLIED** and **SYS / SCALE FACTOR** records.
- The **# OF SATELLITES** record (if present) should be immediately followed by the corresponding number of **PRN / # OF OBS** records. (These records may be handy for documentary purposes. However, since they may only be created after having read the whole raw data file we define them to be optional.
- The **END OF HEADER** of course is the last header in the record

6.6 Missing items, duration of the validity of values

Items that are not known at the file creation time can be set to zero or blank or the respective record may be completely omitted. Consequently items of missing header records will be set to zero or blank by the program reading RINEX files. Trailing blanks may be truncated from the record.

Each value remains valid until changed by an additional header record.

6.7 Unknown / Undefined observation types and header records

It is a good practice for a program reading RINEX files to make sure that it properly deals with unknown observation types, header records or event flags by skipping them and/or reporting them to the user. The program should also check the RINEX version number in the header record and take proper action if it cannot deal with it.

6.8 Event flag records

The "number of satellites" also corresponds to the number of records of the same epoch following the **EP-OCH** record.. Therefore it may be used to skip the appropriate number of data records if certain event flags are not to be evaluated in detail.

6.9 Receiver clock offset

A receiver-derived clock offset can optionally be reported in the RINEX observation files. In order to remove uncertainties if the data (epoch, pseudorange, phase) have been previously corrected or not by the reported clock offset, RINEX Versions 2.10 onwards requests a clarifying header record: **RCV CLOCK OFFS APPL**. It would then be possible to reconstruct the original observations, if necessary.

6.10 Two-digit years

RINEX version 2 stores the years of data records with two digits only. The header of observation files contains a **TIME OF FIRST OBS** record with the full four-digit year, the GPS nav messages contain the GPS week numbers. From these two data items the unambiguous year can easily be reconstructed.

A hundred-year ambiguity occurs in the met data and GLONASS and GEO nav messages: Instead of introducing a new **TIME OF FIRST OBS** header line it is safe to stipulate that any two-digit years in RINEX Version 1 and Version 2.xx files are understood to represent

| | |
|--------|-----------|
| 80-99: | 1980-1999 |
| 00-79: | 2000-2079 |

Full 4-digit year fields are/will be defined in the RINEX version 3 files.

6.11 Fit interval (GPS navigation message file)

Bit 17 in word 10 of subframe 2 is a "fit interval" flag which indicates the curve-fit interval used by the GPS Control Segment in determining the ephemeris parameters, as follows (see ICD-GPS-200, 20.3.3.4.3.1):

0 = 4 hours
1 = greater than 4 hours.

Together with the IODC values and Table 20-XII the actual fit interval can be determined. The second value in the last record of each message shall contain the fit interval in hours determined using IODC, fit flag, and Table 20-XII, according to the Interface Document ICD-GPS-200.

6.12 Satellite health (GPS navigation message file)

The health of the signal components (bits 18 to 22 of word three in subframe one) are included from version 2.10 on into the health value reported in the second field of the sixth nav mess records.

A program reading RINEX files could easily decide if bit 17 only or all bits (17-22) have been written:

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| RINEX Value: 0 | Health OK |
| RINEX Value: 1 | Health not OK (bits 18-22 not stored) |
| RINEX Value: >32 | Health not OK (bits 18-22 stored) |

6.13 Transmission time of message (GPS navigation message file)

The transmission time of message can be shortly before midnight Saturday/Sunday, the ToE and ToC of the message already in the next week.

As the reported week in the RINEX nav message (**BROADCAST ORBIT - 5** record) goes with ToE (this is different from the GPS week in the original satellite message!), the transmission time of message should be reduced by 604800 (i.e., will become negative) to also refer to the same week.

6.14 Antenna references, phase centers

We distinguish between

- The *marker*, i.e. the geodetic reference monument, on which an antenna is mounted directly with forced centering or on a tripod.
- The *antenna reference point* (ARP), i.e., a well-defined point on the antenna, e.g., the center of the bottom surface of the preamplifier. The antenna height is measured from the marker to the ARP and reported in the **ANTENNA: DELTA H/E/N** header record. Small horizontal eccentricities of the ARP w/r to the marker can be reported in the same record. On vehicles the position of the ARP is reported in the body-fixed coordinate system in an **ANTENNA: DELTA X/Y/Z** header record.
- The *average phase center*: A frequency- and minimum elevation-dependent position of the average phase center above the antenna reference point. It's position is important to know in mixed-antennae networks. It can be given in an absolute sense or relative to a reference antenna. Optional header record: **ANTENNA: PHASECENTER**. For fixed stations the components are in north/east/up direction, on vehicles the position is reported in the body-fixed system X,Y,Z.

For more precise applications an elevation- or elevation and azimuth-dependent phase center variation (pcv) model for the antenna (referring to the agreed-upon ARP) should be used. For special applications it might be useful to generate RINEX files with these variations already been applied.

This can be reported by special header records **SYS / PCVS APPLIED** pointing to the file containing the pcv correction models.

- The *orientation* of the antenna: The “zero direction” is usually oriented towards north on fixed stations. Deviations from the north direction can be reported with the azimuth of the zero-direction in an **ANTENNA: ZERODIR AZI** header record. On vehicles the zero-direction is reported as a unit vector in the body-fixed coordinate system in an **ANTENNA: ZERODIR XYZ** header record. The zero direction of a tilted antenna on a fixed station can be reported as unit vector in the left-handed north/east/up local coordinate system in an **ANTENNA: ZERODIR XYZ** header record.
- The *bore-sight direction* of an antenna on a vehicle: The “vertical” symmetry axis of the antenna pointing towards the GNSS satellites. It can be reported as unit vector in the body-fixed coordinated system in the **ANTENNA: B.SIGHT XYZ** record. A tilted antenna on a fixed station could be reported as unit vector in the left-handed north/east/up local coordinate system in the same header record.

To be able to interpret the various positions correctly it is important that the **MARKER TYPE** record is included in the RINEX header.

7. RINEX UNDER ANTISPOOFING (AS)

Some receivers generate code (pseudorange) delay differences between the first and second frequency using cross-correlation techniques when AS is on and may recover the phase observations on L2 in full cycles. Using the C/A code delay on L1 and the observed difference it is possible to generate a code delay observation for the second frequency. Other receivers recover P code observations by breaking down the Y code into P and W code.

Most of these observations may suffer from an increased noise level. In order to enable the post-processing programs to take special actions, such AS-infected observations have been flagged in RINEX Version 2 using bit number 2 of the Loss of Lock Indicators (i.e. their current values are increased by 4). In Version 3 there are special attributes for the observation type to more precisely characterize the observable (codeless, semi-codeless, Z-tracking or similar techniques when AS on, L2C, P-code when AS off, Y-code tracking), making the AS flag obsolete.

8. DEALING WITH DIFFERENT SATELLITE SYSTEMS

8.1 Time system identifier

GPS time runs, apart from small differences ($\ll 1$ microsecond), parallel to UTC. It is a continuous time scale, i.e. it does not insert any leap seconds. GPS time is usually expressed in GPS weeks and GPS seconds past 00:00:00 (midnight) Saturday/Sunday. GPS time started with week zero at 00:00:00 UT (midnight) on January 6, 1980. Between 1980 and 2006 14 leap seconds have been introduced to UTC.

The GPS week is transmitted by the satellites as a 10 bit number. It has a roll-over after week 1023. The first roll-over happened on August 22, 1999, 00:00:00 GPS time.

In order to avoid ambiguities the GPS week reported in the RINEX navigation message files is a continuous number without roll-over, i.e. ...1023, 1024, 1025, ...

We use **GPS** as time system identifier for the reported GPS time.

GLONASS is basically running on UTC (or, more precisely, GLONASS system time linked to UTC(SU)), i.e. the time tags are given in UTC and not GPS time. It is not a continuous time, i.e. it introduces the same leap seconds as UTC. The reported GLONASS time has the same hours as UTC and not UTC+3 h as the original GLONASS System Time!

We use **GLO** as time system identifier for the reported GLONASS time.

Galileo runs on Galileo System Time (GST), which is, apart from small differences (tens of nanoseconds), nearly identical to GPS time:

- The Galileo second starts at midnight Saturday/Sunday at the same second as the GPS second.
- The GST week as transmitted by the satellites is a 12 bit value with a roll-over after week 4095. The GST week started at zero at the first roll-over of the broadcast GPS week after 1023, i.e. at Sun, 22-Aug-1999 00:00:00 GPS time

In order to remove possible misunderstandings and ambiguities the Galileo week reported in the RINEX navigation message files is a continuous number without roll-over, i.e., ...4095,4096,4097,... and *it is aligned to the GPS week*.

We use **GAL** as time system identifier for this reported Galileo time.

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| GPS broadcast | 0 ... 1023 | 0 ... 1023 | 0 ... 1023 | 0 ... 1023 | 0 ... 1023 | 0 ... |
| GPS RINEX | 0 ... 1023 | 1024 ... 2047 | 2048 ... 3071 | 3072 ... 4095 | 4096 ... 5119 | 5120 ... |
| GST | | 0 ... 1023 | 1024 ... 2047 | 2048 ... 3071 | 3072 ... 4095 | 0 ... |
| GAL | | 1024 ... 2047 | 2048 ... 3071 | 3072 ... 4095 | 4096 ... 5119 | 5120 ... |

Table 10: Relations between GPS, GST, and GAL weeks

The header records **TIME OF FIRST OBS** and (if present) **TIME OF LAST OBS** in pure GPS, GLONASS or Galileo observation files **can**, in mixed GPS/GLONASS/Galileo observation files **must** contain the time system identifier defining the system that all time tags in the file are referring to:

- **GPS** to identify GPS time,
- **GLO** to identify the GLONASS UTC time system
- **GAL** to identify Galileo time.

Pure GPS observation files default to **GPS**, pure GLONASS files default to **GLO**, pure Galileo files default to **GAL**.

Apart from the small errors in the realizations of the different time systems, the relations between the systems are:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GLO} &= \text{UTC} = \text{GPS} - \Delta t_{\text{LS}} \\ \text{GPS} &= \text{GAL} = \text{UTC} + \Delta t_{\text{LS}} \end{aligned}$$

Δt_{LS} : Delta time between GPS and UTC due to leap seconds, as transmitted by the GPS satellites in the almanac (2005: $\Delta t_{\text{LS}} = 13$, 2006: $\Delta t_{\text{LS}} = 14$).

In order to have the current number of leap seconds available we recommend to include Δt_{LS} by a **LEAP SECOND** line into the RINEX file headers.

If there are known non-integer biases between "GPS receiver clock", "GLONASS receiver clock" or "Galileo receiver clock" in the same receiver, they should be applied in the process of RINEX conversion. In this case the respective code and phase observations have to be corrected, too ($c * \text{bias}$ if expressed in meters).

Unknown such biases will have to be solved for during the post processing

The small differences (modulo 1 second) between Galileo system time, GLONASS system time, UTC(SU), UTC(USNO) and GPS system time have to be dealt with during the post-processing and not before the RINEX conversion. It may also be necessary to solve for remaining differences during the post-processing.

8.2 Pseudorange definition

The pseudorange (code) measurement is defined to be equivalent to the difference of the time of reception (expressed in the time frame of the receiver) and the time of transmission (expressed in the time frame of the satellite) of a distinct satellite signal.

In a mixed-mode GPS/GLONASS/Galileo receiver referring all pseudorange observations to one receiver clock only,

- the raw GLONASS pseudoranges will show the current number of leap seconds between GPS/GAL time and GLONASS time if the receiver clock is running in the GPS or GAL time frame
- the raw GPS and Galileo pseudoranges will show the negative number of leap seconds between GPS/GAL time and GLONASS time if the receiver clock is running in the GLONASS time frame

In order to avoid misunderstandings and to keep the code observations within the format fields, the pseudoranges must be corrected in this case as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PR(GPS)} &:= \text{PR(GPS)} + c * \Delta t_{\text{LS}} && \text{if generated with a receiver clock running in the GLONASS time frame} \\ \text{PR(GAL)} &:= \text{PR(GAL)} + c * \Delta t_{\text{LS}} && \text{if generated with a receiver clock running in the GLONASS time frame} \\ \text{PR(GLO)} &:= \text{PR(GLO)} - c * \Delta t_{\text{LS}} && \text{if generated with a receiver clock running in the GPS or GAL time frame} \end{aligned}$$

to remove the contributions of the leap seconds from the pseudoranges.

Δt_{LS} is the actual number of leap seconds between GPS/GAL and GLO time, as broadcast in the GPS almanac and distributed in Circular T of BIPM.

8.3 RINEX navigation message files

The header section of the RINEX version 3.00 navigation message files have been slightly changed compared to the previous version 2. The format of the header section is identical for all satellite systems, i.e., GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, SBAS.

The data portion of the navigation message files contain records with floating point numbers. The format is identical for all satellite systems, the number of records per message and the contents, however, are satellite system-dependent. The format of the version 3 data records has been changed slightly, the satellite codes now contain also the satellite system identifier.

It is possible to generate mixed navigation message files, i.e. files containing navigation messages of more than one satellite system. Header records with system-dependent contents have to be repeated for each satellite system, if applicable. Using the satellite system identifier of the satellite code the reading program can determine the number of data records to be read for each message block.

The time tags of the navigation messages (e.g., time of ephemeris, time of clock) are given in the respective satellite time systems!

It is recommended to avoid storing redundant navigation messages (e.g., the same message upload broadcast at different times) into the RINEX file.

8.3.1 RINEX navigation message files for GLONASS

The header section and the first data record (epoch, satellite clock information) are equal to the GPS navigation file. The following three records contain the satellite position, velocity and acceleration, the clock and frequency biases as well as auxiliary information as health, satellite frequency (channel), age of the information.

The corrections of the satellite time to UTC are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GPS:} & \quad T_{\text{utc}} = T_{\text{sv}} - a_{f0} - a_{f1} * (T_{\text{sv}} - T_{\text{oc}}) - \dots - A_0 - \dots - \Delta t_{\text{LS}} \\ \text{GLONASS:} & \quad T_{\text{utc}} = T_{\text{sv}} + \text{TauN} - \text{GammaN} * (T_{\text{sv}} - T_{\text{b}}) + \text{TauC} \end{aligned}$$

In order to use the same sign conventions for the GLONASS corrections as in the GPS navigation files, the broadcast GLONASS values are stored as

$$-\text{TauN}, +\text{GammaN}, -\text{TauC}.$$

The time tags in the GLONASS navigation files are given in UTC (i.e. **not** Moscow time or GPS time).

File naming convention: See above.

8.3.2 RINEX navigation message files for Galileo

The Galileo Open Service allows access to two navigation message types: F/NAV (Freely Accessible Navigation) and I/NAV (Integrity Navigation). The contents of the two messages differs in various items, however, in general it is very similar to the contents of the GPS navigation, e.g. the orbit parameterization is the same. The data blocks of the Galileo RINEX navigation messages are identical to a large extent.

There are items in the navigation message that depend on the origin of the message (F/NAV or I/NAV): The SV clock parameters actually define the satellite clock for the dual-frequency ionosphere-free linear combination. F/NAV reports the clock parameters valid for the E5a-E1 combination, the I/NAV reports the parameters for the E5b-E1 combination. The second parameter in the **Broadcast Orbit 5** record (bits 8 and 9) indicate the frequency pair the stored clock corrections are valid for.

Some parameters contain the information stored bitwise. The interpretation is as follows:

- Convert the floating point number read from the RINEX file into the nearest integer
- Extract the values of the requested bits from the integer

Example:

$0.1700000000000D+02 \rightarrow 17 = 2^4 + 2^0 \rightarrow$ Bits 4 and 0 are set, all others are zero

As mentioned above, the GAL week in the RINEX navigation message files is a continuous number, it has been aligned to the GPS week by the program creating the RINEX file.

8.3.3 RINEX navigation message files for GEO satellites

As the GEO broadcast orbit format differs from the GPS message a special GEO navigation message file format has been defined which is nearly identical with the GLONASS navigation message file format.

The header section contains information about the generating program, comments, and the difference between the GEO system time and UTC.

The first data record contains the epoch and satellite clock information, the following records contain the satellite position, velocity and acceleration and auxiliary information such as health, age of the data, etc.

The time tags in the GEO navigation files are given in the GPS time frame, i.e. **not** UTC.

The corrections of the satellite time to UTC are as follows:

$$\text{GEO:} \quad \text{Tutc} = \text{Tsv} - \text{aGf0} - \text{aGf1} * (\text{Tsv} - \text{Toe}) - \text{W0} - \Delta\text{t}_{\text{LS}}$$

W0 being the correction to transform the GEO system time to UTC. Toe, aGf0, aGf1 see below in the format definition tables.

The *Transmission Time of Message* (**PRN / EPOCH / SV CLK** header record) is expressed in GPS seconds of the week. It marks the beginning of the message transmission. It has to refer to the same GPS week as the *Epoch of Ephemerides*. It has to be adjusted by - or + 604800 seconds, if necessary (which would make it lower than zero or larger than 604800, respectively). It is a redefinition of the Version 2.10 *Message frame time*.

Health shall be defined as follows:

- bits 0 to 3 equal to *health* in Message Type 17 (MT17)
- bit 4 is set to 1 if MT17 health is unavailable
- bit 5 is set to 1 if the URA index is equal to 15

8.4 RINEX observation files for GEO satellites

A separate satellite system identifier has been defined for the Satellite-Based Augmentation System (SBAS) payloads: **S**, to be used in the **RINEX VERSION / TYPE** header line and in the satellite identifier **snn**, **nn** being the GEO PRN number minus 100.

e.g.: PRN = 120 \Rightarrow **snn = S20**

In mixed dual frequency GPS satellite / single frequency GEO payload observation files the fields for the second frequency observations of SBAS satellites remain blank, are set to zero values or (if last in the record) can be truncated.

The time system identifier of GEO satellites generating GPS signals defaults to GPS time.

In the SBAS message definitions bit 3 of the health is currently marked as *reserved*. In case of bit 4 set to 1, it is recommended to set bits 0,1,2,3 to 1, too.

User Range Accuracy (URA):

The same convention for converting the URA index to meters is used as with GPS. Set URA = 32767 meters if URA index = 15.

Issue Of Data Navigation (IODN)

The IODN is defined as the 8 first bits after the message type 9, called *IODN* in RTCA DO229, Annex A and Annex B and called *spare* in Annex C.

The **CORR TO SYSTEM TIME** header record has been replaced by the more general record **D-UTC A0,A1,T,W,S,U** in Version 2.11.

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APPENDIX: RINEX FORMAT DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES

A 1 GNSS Observation Data File - Header Section Description

| TABLE A1 GNSS OBSERVATION DATA FILE - HEADER SECTION DESCRIPTION | | |
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| HEADER LABEL (Columns 61-80) | DESCRIPTION | FORMAT |
| RINEX VERSION / TYPE | - Format version : 3.00 - File type: O for Observation Data - Satellite System: G : GPS R : GLONASS E : Galileo S : SBAS payload M : Mixed | F9.2,11X, A1,19X, A1,19X |
| PGM / RUN BY / DATE | - Name of program creating current file - Name of agency creating current file - Date and time of file creation Format: <code>yyyymmdd hhmss zone</code> zone: 3-4 char. code for time zone. UTC recommended! LCL if local time with unknown local time system code | A20, A20, A20 |
| * COMMENT | Comment line(s) | A60 |
| MARKER NAME | Name of antenna marker | A60 |
| * MARKER NUMBER | Number of antenna marker | A20 |
| MARKER TYPE | Type of the marker: GEODETIC : Earth-fixed, high-precision monumentation NON_GEODETIC : Earth-fixed, low-precision monumentation NON_PHYSICAL : Generated from network processing SPACEBORNE : Orbiting space vehicle AIRBORNE : Aircraft, balloon, etc. WATER_CRAFT : Mobile water craft GROUND_CRAFT : Mobile terrestrial vehicle FIXED_BUOY : "Fixed" on water surface FLOATING_BUOY : Floating on water surface FLOATING_ICE : Floating ice sheet, etc. GLACIER : "Fixed" on a glacier BALLISTIC : Rockets, shells, etc ANIMAL : Animal carrying a receiver HUMAN : Human being Record required except for GEODETIC and NON_GEODETIC marker types. Users may define other project-dependent keywords. | A20,40X |
| OBSERVER / AGENCY | Name of observer / agency | A20,A40 |
| REC # / TYPE / VERS | Receiver number, type, and version (Version: e.g. Internal Software Version) | 3A20 |
| ANT # / TYPE | Antenna number and type | 2A20 |
| APPROX POSITION XYZ | Geocentric approximate marker position (Units: Meters, System: ITRS recommended) | 3F14.4 |

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| | Optional for moving platforms | | |
| ANTENNA: DELTA H/E/N | - Antenna height: Height of the antenna reference point (ARP) above the marker - Horizontal eccentricity of ARP relative to the marker (east/north) All units in meters | F14.4, 2F14.4 | |
| * ANTENNA: DELTA X/Y/Z | Position of antenna reference point for antenna on vehicle (m): XYZ vector in body-fixed coord. system | 3F14.4 | * |
| * ANTENNA: PHASECENTER | Average phase center position w/r to antenna reference point (m) - Satellite system (G/R/E/S) - Observation code - North/East/Up (fixed station) or X/Y/Z in body-fixed system (vehicle) | A1, 1X,A3, F9.4, 2F14.4 | * |
| * ANTENNA: B.SIGHT XYZ | Direction of the "vertical" antenna axis towards the GNSS satellites. Antenna on vehicle: Unit vector in body-fixed coord. system Tilted antenna on fixed station: Unit vector in N/E/Up left-handed system | 3F14.4 | * |
| * ANTENNA: ZERODIR AZI | Azimuth of the zero-direction of a fixed antenna (degrees, from north) | F14.4 | * |
| * ANTENNA: ZERODIR XYZ | Zero-direction of antenna Antenna on vehicle: Unit vector in body-fixed coord. system Tilted antenna on fixed station: Unit vector in N/E/Up left-handed system | 3F14.4 | * |
| * CENTER OF MASS: XYZ | Current center of mass (X,Y,Z, meters) of vehicle in body-fixed coordinate system. Same system as used for attitude. | 3F14.4 | * |
| SYS / # / OBS TYPES | - Satellite system code (G/R/E/S) - Number of different observation types for the specified satellite system - Observation descriptors: - Type - Band - Attribute Use continuation line(s) for more than 13 observation descriptors. In mixed files: Repeat for each satellite system. These records should precede any SYS / SCALE FACTOR records (see below). The following observation descriptors are defined in RINEX Version 3.00: Type: C = Code / Pseudorange L = Phase D = Doppler S = Raw signal strength I = Ionosphere phase delay X = Receiver channel numbers Band: 1 = L1 (GPS,SBAS) G1 (GLO) E2-L1-E1 (GAL) 2 = L2 (GPS) G2 (GLO) 5 = L5 (GPS,SBAS) | A1, 2X,I3, 13(1X,A3) 6X, 13(1X,A3) | |

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| | <p>E5a (GAL) 6 = E6 (GAL) 7 = E5b (GAL) 8 = E5a+b (GAL) 0 for type X (all)</p> <p>Attribute: P = P code-based (GPS,GLO) C = C code-based (SBAS,GPS,GLO) Y = Y code-based (GPS) M = M code-based (GPS) N = codeless (GPS) A = A channel (GAL) B = B channel (GAL) C = C channel (GAL) I = I channel (GPS,GAL) Q = Q channel (GPS,GAL) S = M channel (L2C GPS) L = L channel (L2C GPS) X = B+C channels (GAL) I+Q channels (GPS,GAL) M+L channels (GPS) W = based on Z-tracking (GPS) (see text) Z = A+B+C channels (GAL) blank : for types I and X (all) or unknown tracking mode</p> <p>All characters in uppercase only!</p> <p>Units : Phase : full cycles Pseudorange : meters Doppler : Hz SNR etc : receiver-dependent Ionosphere : full cycles Channel # : See text</p> <p>Sign definition: See text.</p> <p>The sequence of the observations in the observation records has to correspond to the sequence of the types in this record of the respective satellite system.</p> <p>The attribute can be left blank if not known. See text!</p> | |
| * SIGNAL STRENGTH UNIT | - Unit of the signal strength observables Snn (if present) | A20,40X * |
| | DBHZ : S/N given in dbHz ... | |
| * INTERVAL | Observation interval in seconds | F10.3 * |
| TIME OF FIRST OBS | - Time of first observation record (4-digit-year, month,day,hour,min,sec) - Time system: GPS (=GPS time system) GLO (=UTC time system) GAL (=Galileo System Time) Compulsory in mixed GNSS files Defaults: GPS for pure GPS files GLO for pure GLONASS files GAL for pure Galileo files | 5I6,F13.7, 5X,A3 |
| * TIME OF LAST OBS | - Time of last observation record (4-digit-year, month,day,hour,min,sec) - Time system: Same value as in TIME OF FIRST OBS record | 5I6,F13.7, 5X,A3 * |
| * RCV CLOCK OFFS APPL | Epoch, code, and phase are corrected by applying the realtime-derived receiver | I6 * |

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| | clock offset: 1=yes, 0=no; default: 0=no Record required if clock offsets are reported in the EPOCH/SAT records | | |
| * SYS / DCBS APPLIED | - Satellite system (G/R/E/S) - Program name used to apply differential code bias corrections - Source of corrections (URL) Repeat for each satellite system. No corrections applied: Blank fields or record not present. | A1, 1X,A17, 1X,A40 | * |
| * SYS / PCVS APPLIED | - Satellite system (G/R/E/S) - Program name used to apply phase center variation corrections - Source of corrections (URL) Repeat for each satellite system. No corrections applied: Blank fields or record not present. | A1, 1X,A17, 1X,A40 | * |
| * SYS / SCALE FACTOR | - Satellite system (G/R/E/S) - Factor to divide stored observations with before use (1,10,100,1000) - Number of observation types involved. 0 or blank: All observation types - List of observation types Use continuation line(s) for more than 12 observation types. Repeat record if different factors are applied to different observation types. A value of 1 is assumed if record is missing. | A1, 1X,I4, 2X,I2, 12(1X,A3) 10X, 12(1X,A3) | * |
| * LEAP SECONDS | Number of leap seconds since 6-Jan-1980 as transmitted by the GPS almanac. Recommended for mixed GLONASS files | I6 | * |
| * # OF SATELLITES | Number of satellites, for which observations are stored in the file | I6 | * |
| * PRN / # OF OBS | Satellite numbers, number of observations for each observation type indicated in the SYS / # / OBS TYPES record. If more than 9 observation types: Use continuation line(s) This record is (these records are) repeated for each satellite present in the data file | 3X, A1,I2.2, 9I6 6X,9I6 | * |
| END OF HEADER | Last record in the header section. | 60X | |

Records marked with * are optional

A 2 GNSS Observation Data File - Data Record Description

| TABLE A2 GNSS OBSERVATION DATA FILE - DATA RECORD DESCRIPTION | |
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| DESCRIPTION | FORMAT |

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| <p>EPOCH record</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Record identifier : > - Epoch : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - year (4 digits) - month,day,hour,min (two digits) - sec - Epoch flag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0: OK 1: power failure between previous and current epoch >1: Special event - Number of satellites observed in current epoch (reserved) - Receiver clock offset (seconds, optional) | <p>A1, 1X,I4, 4(1X,I2.2), F11.7, 2X,I1, I3, 6X, F15.12,</p> |
| <p>Epoch flag = 0 or 1: OBSERVATION records follow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Satellite number - Observation repeat within record for each observation - LLI type (same sequence as given in the - Signal strength respective SYS / # / OBS TYPES record) <p>This record is repeated for each satellite having been observed in the current epoch. The record length is given by the number of observation types for this satellite.</p> <p>Observations: Definition see text. Missing observations are written as 0.0 or blanks</p> <p>Phase values overflowing the fixed format F14.3 have to be clipped into the valid interval (e.g add or subtract 10**9), set LLI indicator.</p> <p>Loss of lock indicator (LLI). 0 or blank: OK or not known Bit 0 set : Lost lock between previous and current observation: Cycle slip possible. For phase observations only. Bit 1 set : Half-cycle ambiguity/slip possible. Software not capable of handling half cycles should skip this observation. Valid for the current epoch only.</p> <p>Signal strength projected into interval 1-9: 1: minimum possible signal strength 5: average S/N ratio 9: maximum possible signal strength 0 or blank: not known, don't care Standardization for S/N values given in dBHz: See text.</p> | <p>A1,I2.2, m(F14.3, I1, I1)</p> |
| <p>Epoch flag 2-5: EVENT: <i>Special records</i> may follow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Epoch flag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2: start moving antenna 3: new site occupation (end of kinem. data) (at least MARKER NAME record follows) 4: header information follows 5: external event (epoch is significant, same time frame as observation time tags) - "Number of satellites" contains number of special records to follow. 0 if no special records follow. Maximum number of records: 999 <p>For events without significant epoch the epoch fields in the EPOCH RECORD can be left blank</p> | <p>[2X,I1] [I3]</p> |

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| Epoch flag = 6: EVENT: Cycle slip records follow                                     |
|                                                                                       |
| - Epoch flag                                                                           | [2X,I1] |
|   6: cycle slip records follow to optionally report                                  |
|     detected and repaired cycle slips (same format as                               |
|     OBSERVATIONS records;                                                         |
|     - slip instead of observation;                                                  |
|     - LLI and signal strength blank or zero)                                       |
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A 3 GNSS Observation Data File - Example

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|                                     TABLE A3                                     |
|                                     GNSS OBSERVATION DATA FILE - EXAMPLE         |
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----|----1|0---|----2|0---|----3|0---|----4|0---|----5|0---|----6|0---|----7|0---|----8|0-

      3.00          OBSERVATION DATA      M          RINEX VERSION / TYPE
G = GPS R = GLONASS E = GALILEO S = GEO M = MIXED COMMENT
XXRINEXO V9.9      AIUB                    20060324 144333 UTC PGM / RUN BY / DATE
EXAMPLE OF A MIXED RINEX FILE VERSIOIN 3.00 COMMENT
The file contains L1 pseudorange and phase data of the COMMENT
geostationary AOR-E satellite (PRN 120 = S20) COMMENT
A 9080 MARKER NAME
9080.1.34 MARKER NUMBER
BILL SMITH ABC INSTITUTE OBSERVER / AGENCY
X1234A123 GEODETIC 1.3.1 REC # / TYPE / VERS
G1234 ROVER ANT # / TYPE
      4375274.      587466.      4589095. APPROX POSITION XYZ
          .9030          .0000          .0000 ANTENNA: DELTA H/E/N
      0 RCV CLOCK OFFS APPL
G 5 C1C L1W L2W C1W S2W SYS / # / OBS TYPES
R 2 C1C L1C SYS / # / OBS TYPES
E 2 L1B L5I SYS / # / OBS TYPES
S 2 C1C L1C SYS / # / OBS TYPES
      18.000 INTERVAL
G APPL_DCB xyz.uvw.abc//pub/dcb_gps.dat SYS / DCBS APPLIED
DBHZ SIGNAL STRENGTH UNIT
      2006 03 24 13 10 36.0000000 GPS TIME OF FIRST OBS
END OF HEADER

> 2006 03 24 13 10 36.0000000 0 5 -0.123456789012
G06 23629347.915 .300 8 -.353 4 23629347.158 24.158
G09 20891534.648 -.120 9 -.358 6 20891545.292 38.123
G12 20607600.189 -.430 9 .394 5 20607600.848 35.234
E11 .324 8 .178 7
S20 38137559.506 335849.135 9
> 2006 03 24 13 10 54.0000000 0 7 -0.123456789210
G06 23619095.450 -53875.632 8 -41981.375 4 23619095.008 25.234
G09 20886075.667 -28688.027 9 -22354.535 7 20886076.101 42.231
G12 20611072.689 18247.789 9 14219.770 6 20611072.410 36.765
R21 21345678.576 12345.567 5
R22 22123456.789 23456.789 5
E11 65432.123 5 48861.586 7
S20 38137559.506 335849.135 9
> 2006 03 24 13 11 12.0000000 2 2
*** FROM NOW ON KINEMATIC DATA! *** COMMENT
TWO COMMENT LINES FOLLOW DIRECTLY THE EVENT RECORD COMMENT
> 2006 3 24 13 11 12.0000000 0 4 -0.123456789876
G06 21110991.756 16119.980 7 12560.510 4 21110991.441 25.543
G09 23588424.398 -215050.557 6 -167571.734 6 23588424.570 41.824
G12 20869878.790 -113803.187 8 -88677.926 6 20869878.938 36.961
G16 20621643.727 73797.462 7 57505.177 2 20621644.276 15.368
> 3 4
A 9081 MARKER NAME
9081.1.34 MARKER NUMBER
          .9050          .0000          .0000 ANTENNA: DELTA H/E/N
    
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--> THIS IS THE START OF A NEW SITE <-- COMMENT
> 2006 03 24 13 12 6.0000000 0 4 -0.123456987654
G06 21112589.384 24515.877 6 19102.763 4 21112589.187 25.478
G09 23578228.338 -268624.234 7 -209317.284 6 23578228.398 41.725
G12 20625218.088 92581.207 7 72141.846 5 20625218.795 35.143
G16 20864539.693 -141858.836 8 -110539.435 2 20864539.943 16.345
> 2006 03 24 13 13 1.2345678 5 0
> 4 2
AN EVENT FLAG 5 WITH A SIGNIFICANT EPOCH COMMENT
AND AN EVENT FLAG 4 TO ESCAPE FOR THE TWO COMMENT LINES COMMENT
> 2006 03 24 13 14 12.0000000 0 4 -0.123456012345
G06 21124965.133 0.30213 -0.62614 21124965.275 27.528
G09 23507272.372 -212616.150 7 -165674.789 7 23507272.421 42.124
G12 20828010.354 -333820.093 6 -260119.395 6 20828010.129 37.002
G16 20650944.902 227775.130 7 177487.651 3 20650944.363 18.040
> 4 1
*** LOST LOCK ON G 06 COMMENT
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> 4 1
END OF FILE COMMENT
-----|---1|0---|---2|0---|---3|0---|---4|0---|---5|0---|---6|0---|---7|0---|---8|0-

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A 4 GNSS Navigation Message File - Header Section Description

| TABLE A4 GNSS NAVIGATION MESSAGE FILE - HEADER SECTION DESCRIPTION | | |
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| HEADER LABEL (Columns 61-80) | DESCRIPTION | FORMAT |
| RINEX VERSION / TYPE | - Format version : 3.00 - File type ('N' for navigation data) - Satellite System: G : GPS R : GLONASS E : Galileo S : SBAS Payload M : Mixed | F9.2,11X, A1,19X, A1,19X |
| PGM / RUN BY / DATE | - Name of program creating current file - Name of agency creating current file - Date and time of file creation Format: <code>yyyymmdd hhmmss zone</code> zone: 3-4 char. code for time zone. 'UTC' recommended! 'LCL' if local time with unknown local time system code | A20, A20, A20 |
| * COMMENT | Comment line(s) | A60 |
| * IONOSPHERIC CORR | Ionospheric correction parameters - Correction type GAL = Galileo ai0 - ai2 GPSA = GPS alpha0 - alpha3 GPSB = GPS beta0 - beta3 - Parameters GPS: alpha0-alpha3 or beta0-beta3 GAL: ai0, ai1, ai2, zero | A4,1X, 4D12.4 |
| * TIME SYSTEM CORR | Corrections to transform the system time to UTC or other time systems - Correction type GAUT = GAL to UTC a0, a1 GPAT = GPS to UTC a0, a1 SBUT = SBAS to UTC a0, a1 GLUT = GLO to UTC a0=TauC, a1=zero GPGA = GPS to GAL a0=A0G, a1=A1G GLGP = GLO to GPS a0=TauGPS, a1=zero | A4,1X, |

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|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| | - a0,a1 Coefficients of 1-deg polynomial (a0 sec, a1 sec/sec) CORR(s) = a0 + a1*DELTAT | D17.10, D16.9, | |
| | - T Reference time for polynomial (Seconds into GPS/GAL week) | I7, | |
| | - W Reference week number (GPS/GAL week, continuous number) T and W zero for GLONASS. | I5, | |
| | - S EGNOS , WAAS , or MSAS ... (left-justified) Derived from MT17 service provider. If not known: Use Snnn with nn = PRN-100 of satellite broadcasting the MT12 | 1X,A5,1X | |
| | - U UTC Identifier (0 if unknown) 1=UTC(NIST), 2=UTC(USNO), 3=UTC(SU), 4=UTC(BIPM), 5=UTC(Europe Lab), 6=UTC(CRL), >6 = not assigned yet S and U for SBAS only. | I2,1X | |
| * LEAP SECONDS | Number of leap seconds since 6-Jan-1980 as transmitted by the GPS almanac. | I6 | * |
| END OF HEADER | Last record in the header section. | 60X | |

Records marked with * are optional

A 5 GNSS Navigation Message File – GPS Data Record Description

| TABLE A5 GNSS NAVIGATION MESSAGE FILE - GPS DATA RECORD DESCRIPTION | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| OBS. RECORD | DESCRIPTION | FORMAT |
| SV / EPOCH / SV CLK | - Satellite system (G), sat number (PRN) - Epoch: Toc - Time of Clock (GPS) - year (4 digits) - month,day,hour,minute,second - SV clock bias (seconds) - SV clock drift (sec/sec) - SV clock drift rate (sec/sec2) | A1,I2.2, 1X,I4, 5(1X,I2.2), 3D19.12 *) |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 1 | - IODE Issue of Data, Ephemeris (meters) - Crs (radians/sec) - Delta n (radians) - M0 (radians) | 4X,4D19.12 ***) |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 2 | - Cuc (radians) - e Eccentricity - Cus (radians) - sqrt(A) (sqrt(m)) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 3 | - Toe Time of Ephemeris (sec of GPS week) - Cic (radians) - OMEGA0 (radians) - Cis (radians) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 4 | - i0 (radians) - Crc (meters) - omega (radians) - OMEGA DOT (radians/sec) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 5 | - IDOT (radians/sec) - Codes on L2 channel - GPS Week # (to go with TOE) Continuous number, not mod(1024)! - L2 P data flag | 4X,4D19.12 |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 6 | - SV accuracy (meters) | 4X,4D19.12 |

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| | - SV health (bits 17-22 w 3 sf 1) | |
| | - TGD (seconds) | |
| | - IODC Issue of Data, Clock | |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 7 | - Transmission time of message **) (sec of GPS week, derived e.g. from Z-count in Hand Over Word (HOW)) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| | - Fit interval (hours) (see ICD-GPS-200, 20.3.4.4) Zero if not known | |
| | - spare | |
| | - spare | |

*) In order to account for the various compilers, E,e,D, and d are allowed letters between the fraction and exponent of all floating point numbers in the navigation message files. Zero-padded two-digit exponents are required, however.

***) Adjust the *Transmission time of message* by + or - 604800 to refer to the reported week in **BROADCAST ORBIT - 5**, if necessary. Set value to 0.9999E9 if not known.

A 6 GPS Navigation Message File – Example

| TABLE A6 | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| GPS NAVIGATION MESSAGE FILE - EXAMPLE | | | | |
| 3.00 | N: GNSS NAV DATA | G: GPS | RINEX VERSION / TYPE | |
| XXRINEXN V3 | AIUB | 19990903 152236 UTC | PGM / RUN BY / DATE | |
| EXAMPLE OF VERSION 3.00 FORMAT | | | COMMENT | |
| GPSA | .1676D-07 | .2235D-07 | .1192D-06 | .1192D-06 |
| GPSB | .1208D+06 | .1310D+06 | -.1310D+06 | -.1966D+06 |
| GPWT | .1331791282D-06 | .107469589D-12 | 552960 | 1025 |
| 13 | | | | LEAP SECONDS |
| | | | | END OF HEADER |
| G06 | 1999 09 02 17 51 44 | -.839701388031D-03 | -.165982783074D-10 | .000000000000D+00 |
| | .910000000000D+02 | .934062500000D+02 | .116040547840D-08 | .162092304801D+00 |
| | .484101474285D-05 | .626740418375D-02 | .652112066746D-05 | .515365489006D+04 |
| | .409904000000D+06 | -.242143869400D-07 | .329237003460D+00 | -.596046447754D-07 |
| | .111541663136D+01 | .326593750000D+03 | .206958726335D+01 | -.638312302555D-08 |
| | .307155651409D-09 | .000000000000D+00 | .102500000000D+04 | .000000000000D+00 |
| | .000000000000D+00 | .000000000000D+00 | .000000000000D+00 | .910000000000D+02 |
| | .406800000000D+06 | .000000000000D+00 | | |
| G13 | 1999 09 02 19 00 00 | .490025617182D-03 | .204636307899D-11 | .000000000000D+00 |
| | .133000000000D+03 | -.963125000000D+02 | .146970407622D-08 | .292961152146D+01 |
| | -.498816370964D-05 | .200239347760D-02 | .928156077862D-05 | .515328476143D+04 |
| | .414000000000D+06 | -.279396772385D-07 | .243031939942D+01 | -.558793544769D-07 |
| | .110192796930D+01 | .271187500000D+03 | -.232757915425D+01 | -.619632953057D-08 |
| | -.785747015231D-11 | .000000000000D+00 | .102500000000D+04 | .000000000000D+00 |
| | .000000000000D+00 | .000000000000D+00 | .000000000000D+00 | .389000000000D+03 |
| | .410400000000D+06 | .000000000000D+00 | | |

A 7 GNSS Navigation Message File – GALILEO Data Record Description

| TABLE A7 | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| GNSS NAVIGATION MESSAGE FILE - GALILEO DATA RECORD DESCRIPTION | | |
| OBS. RECORD | DESCRIPTION | FORMAT |
| SV / EPOCH / SV CLK | - Satellite system (E), satellite number | A1,I2.2, |
| | - Epoch: Toc - Time of Clock | GAL |
| | - year (4 digits) | 1X,I4, |
| | - month,day,hour,minute,second | 5(1X,I2.2), |

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| | - SV clock bias (seconds) af0 | 3D19.12 |
| | - SV clock drift (sec/sec) af1 | |
| | - SV clock drift rate (sec/sec ²) af2 | *) |
| | (see <i>Br.Orbit-5</i> , data source, bits 8+9) | |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 1 | - IODnav Issue of Data of the nav batch | 4X,4D19.12 |
| | - Crs (meters) | |
| | - Delta n (radians/sec) | ***) |
| | - M0 (radians) | |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 2 | - Cuc (radians) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| | - e Eccentricity | |
| | - Cus (radians) | |
| | - sqrt(a) (sqrt(m)) | |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 3 | - Toe Time of Ephemeris (sec of GAL week) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| | - Cic (radians) | |
| | - OMEGA0 (radians) | |
| | - Cis (radians) | |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 4 | - i0 (radians) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| | - Crs (meters) | |
| | - omega (radians) | |
| | - OMEGA DOT (radians/sec) | |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 5 | - IDOT (radians/sec) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| | - Data sources (FLOAT --> INTEGER) | |
| | Bit 0 set: I/NAV E1-B | |
| | Bit 1 set: F/NAV E5a-I | |
| | Bit 2 set: I/NAV E5b-I | |
| | Bit 8 set: af0-af2, Toc are for E5a,E1 | |
| | Bit 9 set: af0-af2, Toc are for E5b,E1 | |
| | - GAL Week # (to go with Toe) | ****) |
| | - spare | |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 6 | - SISA Signal in space accuracy (meters) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| | - SV health (FLOAT converted to INTEGER) | |
| | Bit 0: E1B DVS | |
| | Bits 1-2: E1B HS | |
| | Bit 3: E5a DVS | |
| | Bits 4-5: E5a HS | |
| | Bit 6: E5b DVS | |
| | Bits 7-8: E5b HS | |
| | - BGD E5a/E1 (seconds) | |
| | - BGD E5b/E1 (seconds) | |
| BROADCAST ORBIT - 7 | - Transmission time of message (**) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| | (sec of GAL week, derived from WN and TOW of page type 1) | |
| | - spare | |
| | - spare | |
| | - spare | |

*) In order to account for the various compilers, E,e,D, and d are allowed letters between the fraction and exponent of all floating point numbers in the navigation message files. Zero-padded two-digit exponents are required, however.

) Adjust the *Transmission time of message* by + or - 604800 to refer to the reported week in **BROADCAST ORBIT - 5, if necessary. Set value to 0.9999E9 if not known.

***) Angles and their derivatives transmitted in units of semi-circles and semi-circles/sec have to be converted to radians by the RINEX generator.

****) The GAL week number is a continuous number, aligned to (and hence identical to) the continuous GPS week number used in the RINEX navigation message files. The broadcast 12-bit Galileo System Time week has a roll-over after 4095. It started at zero at the first GPS roll-over (continuous GPS week 1024). Hence GAL week = GST week + 1024 + n*4096 (n: number of GST roll-overs).

A 8 GALILEO Navigation Message File – Example

| TABLE A8 GALILEO NAVIGATION MESSAGE FILE - EXAMPLE | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 3.00 | N: GNSS NAV DATA | E: GALILEO | RINEX VERSION / TYPE |
| XXRINEXN V3 | AIUB | 20060902 192236 UTC | PGM / RUN BY / DATE |
| EXAMPLE OF VERSION 3.00 FORMAT | | | COMMENT |
| To be supplied later | | | |

A 9 GNSS Navigation Message File – GLONASS Data Record Description

| TABLE A9 GNSS NAVIGATION MESSAGE FILE - GLONASS DATA RECORD DESCRIPTION | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| OBS. RECORD | DESCRIPTION | FORMAT |
| <i>SV / EPOCH / SV CLK</i> | - Satellite system (R), satellite number (slot number in sat. constellation) - Epoch: Toc - Time of Clock (UTC) - year (4 digits) - month,day,hour,minute,second - SV clock bias (sec) (-TauN) - SV relative frequency bias (+GammaN) - Message frame time (tk+nd*86400) in seconds of the UTC week | A1,I2.2, 1X,I4, 5(1X,I2.2), 3D19.12 *) |
| <i>BROADCAST ORBIT - 1</i> | - Satellite position X (km) - velocity X dot (km/sec) - X acceleration (km/sec2) - health (0=OK) (Bn) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| <i>BROADCAST ORBIT - 2</i> | - Satellite position Y (km) - velocity Y dot (km/sec) - Y acceleration (km/sec2) - frequency number(-7...+12) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| <i>BROADCAST ORBIT - 3</i> | - Satellite position Z (km) - velocity Z dot (km/sec) - Z acceleration (km/sec2) - Age of oper. information (days) (E) | 4X,4D19.12 |

*) In order to account for the various compilers, E,e,D, and d are allowed letters between the fraction and exponent of all floating point numbers in the navigation message files. Zero-padded two-digit exponents are required, however.

A 10 GNSS Navigation Message File – Example: Mixed GPS / GLONASS

| TABLE A10 GNSS NAVIGATION MESSAGE FILE - EXAMPLE MIXED GPS/GLONASS | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 3.00 | N: GNSS NAV DATA | M: MIXED | RINEX VERSION / TYPE |
| XXRINEXN V3 | AIUB | 20061002 000123 UTC | PGM / RUN BY / DATE |
| EXAMPLE OF VERSION 3.00 FORMAT | | | COMMENT |
| GPSA | 0.1025E-07 | 0.7451E-08 -0.5960E-07 -0.5960E-07 | IONOSPHERIC CORR |

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GPSB 0.8806E+05 0.0000E+00 -0.1966E+06 -0.6554E+05 IONOSPHERIC CORR
GPUT 0.2793967723E-08 0.000000000E+00 147456 1395 TIME SYSTEM CORR
GLUT 0.7823109626E-06 0.000000000E+00 0 1395 TIME SYSTEM CORR
14 LEAP SECONDS
END OF HEADER
G01 2006 10 01 00 00 00 0.798045657575E-04 0.227373675443E-11 0.00000000000E+00
0.560000000000E+02 -0.787500000000E+01 0.375658504827E-08 0.265129935612E+01
-0.411644577980E-06 0.640150101390E-02 0.381097197533E-05 0.515371852875E+04
0.000000000000E+00 0.782310962677E-07 0.188667086536E+00 -0.391155481338E-07
0.989010441512E+00 0.320093750000E+03 -0.178449589759E+01 -0.775925177541E-08
0.828605943335E-10 0.000000000000E+00 0.139500000000E+04 0.000000000000E+00
0.200000000000E+01 0.000000000000E+00 -0.325962901115E-08 0.560000000000E+02
-0.600000000000E+02 0.400000000000E+01
G02 2006 10 01 00 00 00 0.402340665460E-04 0.386535248253E-11 0.000000000000E+00
0.135000000000E+03 0.467500000000E+02 0.478269921862E-08 -0.238713891022E+01
0.250712037086E-05 0.876975362189E-02 0.819191336632E-05 0.515372778320E+04
0.000000000000E+00 -0.260770320892E-07 -0.195156738598E+01 0.128522515297E-06
0.948630520258E+00 0.214312500000E+03 0.215165003775E+01 -0.794140221985E-08
-0.437875382124E-09 0.000000000000E+00 0.139500000000E+04 0.000000000000E+00
0.200000000000E+01 0.000000000000E+00 -0.172294676304E-07 0.391000000000E+03
-0.600000000000E+02 0.400000000000E+01
R01 2006 10 01 00 15 00 -0.137668102980E-04 -0.454747350886E-11 0.900000000000E+02
0.157594921875E+05 -0.145566368103E+01 0.000000000000E+00 0.000000000000E+00
-0.813711474609E+04 0.205006790161E+01 0.931322574615E-09 0.700000000000E+01
0.183413398438E+05 0.215388488770E+01 -0.186264514923E-08 0.100000000000E+01
R02 2006 10 01 00 15 00 -0.506537035108E-04 0.181898940355E-11 0.300000000000E+02
0.155536342773E+05 -0.419384956360E+00 0.000000000000E+00 0.000000000000E+00
-0.199011298828E+05 0.324192047119E+00 -0.931322574615E-09 0.100000000000E+01
0.355333544922E+04 0.352666091919E+01 -0.186264514923E-08 0.100000000000E+01
----|---1|0---|---2|0---|---3|0---|---4|0---|---5|0---|---6|0---|---7|0---|---8|
    
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A 11 GNSS Navigation Message File – SBAS Data Record Description

| TABLE A11 GNSS NAVIGATION MESSAGE FILE - SBAS DATA RECORD DESCRIPTION | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| OBS. RECORD | DESCRIPTION | FORMAT |
| <i>SV / EPOCH / SV CLK</i> | - Satellite system (S), satellite number (slot number in sat. constellation) - Epoch: Toc - Time of Clock (UTC) - year (4 digits) - month, day, hour, minute, second - SV clock bias (sec) (aGf0) - SV relative frequency bias (aGf1) - Transmission time of message (start of the message) in GPS seconds of the week | A1,I2.2, 1X,I4, 5(1X,I2.2), 3D19.12, *) |
| <i>BROADCAST ORBIT - 1</i> | - Satellite position X (km) - velocity X dot (km/sec) - X acceleration (km/sec2) - health (0=OK) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| <i>BROADCAST ORBIT - 2</i> | - Satellite position Y (km) - velocity Y dot (km/sec) - Y acceleration (km/sec2) - Accuracy code (URA, meters) | 4X,4D19.12 |
| <i>BROADCAST ORBIT - 3</i> | - Satellite position Z (km) - velocity Z dot (km/sec) - Z acceleration (km/sec2) - IODN (Issue of Data Navigation, DO229, 8 first bits after Message Type if MT9) | 4X,4D19.12 |

*) In order to account for the various compilers, E,e,D, and d are allowed letters between the fraction and exponent of all floating point numbers in the navigation message files. Zero-padded two-digit exponents are required, however.

A 12 SBAS Navigation Message File - Example

| TABLE A12 | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| SBAS NAVIGATION MESSAGE FILE - EXAMPLE | | | |
| 3.00 | N: GNSS NAV DATA | S: SBAS | RINEX VERSION / TYPE |
| SBAS2RINEX 3.0 | CNES | 20031018 140100 | PGM / RUN BY / DATE |
| EXAMPLE OF VERSION 3.00 FORMAT | | | COMMENT |
| SBUT | -.1331791282D-06 | -.107469589D-12 552960 1025 EGNOS | 5 TIME SYSTEM CORR |
| 13 | | | LEAP SECONDS |
| This file contains navigation message data from a SBAS | | | COMMENT |
| (geostationary) satellite, here AOR-W (PRN 122 = # S22) | | | COMMENT |
| | | | END OF HEADER |
| S22 | 2003 10 18 0 1 4- | 1.005828380585D-07 6.366462912410D-12 | 5.184420000000D+05 |
| | 2.482832392000D+04- | 3.593750000000D-04-1.375000000000D-07 | 0.000000000000D+00 |
| | -3.408920872000D+04- | 1.480625000000D-03-5.000000000000D-08 | 4.000000000000D+00 |
| | -1.650560000000D+01 | 8.360000000000D-04 6.250000000000D-08 | 2.300000000000D+01 |
| S22 | 2003 10 18 0 5 20- | 9.872019290924D-08 5.456968210638D-12 | 5.186940000000D+05 |
| | 2.48282744000D+04- | 3.962500000000D-04-1.375000000000D-07 | 0.000000000000D+00 |
| | -3.408958936000D+04- | 1.492500000000D-03-5.000000000000D-08 | 4.000000000000D+00 |
| | -1.628960000000D+01 | 8.520000000000D-04 6.250000000000D-08 | 2.400000000000D+01 |
| S22 | 2003 10 18 0 9 36- | 9.732320904732D-08 4.547473508865D-12 | 5.189510000000D+05 |
| | 2.482812152000D+04- | 4.325000000000D-04-1.375000000000D-07 | 0.000000000000D+00 |
| | -3.408997304000D+04- | 1.505000000000D-03-5.000000000000D-08 | 4.000000000000D+00 |
| | -1.606960000000D+01 | 8.800000000000D-04 6.250000000000D-08 | 2.500000000000D+01 |
| S22 | 2003 10 18 0 13 52- | 9.592622518539D-08 4.547473508865D-12 | 5.192110000000D+05 |
| | 2.482800632000D+04- | 4.681250000000D-04-1.375000000000D-07 | 0.000000000000D+00 |
| | -3.409035992000D+04- | 1.518125000000D-03-3.750000000000D-08 | 4.000000000000D+00 |
| | -1.584240000000D+01 | 8.960000000000D-04 6.250000000000D-08 | 2.600000000000D+01 |

A 13 Meteorological Data File - Header Section Description

| TABLE A13 | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| METEOROLOGICAL DATA FILE - HEADER SECTION DESCRIPTION | | |
| HEADER LABEL (Columns 61-80) | DESCRIPTION | FORMAT |
| RINEX VERSION / TYPE | - Format version : 2.11 - File type: M for Meteorological Data | F9.2,11X, A1,39X |
| PGM / RUN BY / DATE | - Name of program creating current file - Name of agency creating current file - Date of file creation | A20, A20, A20 |
| * COMMENT | Comment line(s) | A60 * |
| MARKER NAME | Station Name (preferably identical to MARKER NAME in the associated Observation File) | A60 |
| * MARKER NUMBER | Station Number (preferably identical to MARKER NUMBER in the associated Observation File) | A20 * |
| # / TYPES OF OBSERV | - Number of different observation types stored in the file - Observation types The following meteorological observation types are defined in RINEX Version 2: PR : Pressure (mbar) | I6, 9(4X,A2) |

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | <p>TD : Dry temperature (deg Celsius) HR : Relative humidity (percent) ZW : Wet zenith path delay (mm) (for WVR data) ZD : Dry component of zen.path delay (mm) ZT : Total zenith path delay (mm) WD : Wind azimuth (deg) from where the wind blows WS : Wind speed (m/s) RI : "Rain increment" (1/10 mm): Rain accumulation since last measurement HI : Hail indicator non-zero: Hail detected since last measurement</p> <p>The sequence of the types in this record must correspond to the sequence of the measurements in the data records</p> <p>If more than 9 observation types are being used, use continuation lines with format (6X,9(4X,A2))</p> | |
| SENSOR MOD/TYPER/ACC | <p>Description of the met sensor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Model (manufacturer) - Type - Accuracy (same units as obs values) - Observation type <p>Record is repeated for each observation type found in # / TYPES OF OBSERV record</p> | <p>A20, A20,6X, F7.1,4X, A2,1X</p> |
| SENSOR POS XYZ/H | <p>Approximate position of the met sensor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geocentric coordinates X,Y,Z (ITRF - Ellipsoidal height H or WGS-84) - Observation type <p>Set X,Y,Z to zero if not known. Make sure H refers to ITRF or WGS-84! Record required for barometer, recommended for other sensors.</p> | <p>3F14.4, 1F14.4, 1X,A2,1X</p> |
| END OF HEADER | Last record in the header section. | 60X |

Records marked with * are optional

A 14 Meteorological Data File - Data Record Description

| <p style="text-align: center;">TABLE A14 METEOROLOGICAL DATA FILE - DATA RECORD DESCRIPTION</p> | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OBS. RECORD | DESCRIPTION | FORMAT |
| EPOCH / MET | <p>- Epoch in GPS time (not local time!) year (2 digits, padded with 0 if necessary) month,day,hour,min,sec</p> <p>The 2-digit years are understood to represent 80-99: 1980-1999 and 00-79: 2000-2079</p> <p>- Met data in the same sequence as given in the header</p> <p>More than 8 met data types: Use continuation lines</p> | <p>1X,I2.2, 5(1X,I2),</p> <p>mF7.1</p> <p>4X,10F7.1,3X</p> |

A 15 Meteorological Data File - Example

| TABLE A15 | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------|--|
| METEOROLOGICAL DATA FILE - EXAMPLE | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.11 | METEOROLOGICAL DATA | | | | RINEX VERSION / TYPE | | | | |
| XXRINEXM V9.9 | AIUB | 1996-04-02 00:10:12 | | | PGM / RUN BY / DATE | | | | |
| EXAMPLE OF A MET DATA FILE | | | | | | | | | |
| COMMENT | | | | | | | | | |
| A 9080 | MARKER NAME | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | PR | TD | HR | # / TYPES OF OBSERV | | | | | |
| PAROSCIENTIFIC | 740-16B | | | 0.2 | PR | SENSOR MOD/TYPE/ACC | | | |
| HAENNI | | | | 0.1 | TD | SENSOR MOD/TYPE/ACC | | | |
| ROTRONIC | I-240W | | | 5.0 | HR | SENSOR MOD/TYPE/ACC | | | |
| 0.0 | 0.0 | | | 0.0 | 1234.5678 | PR | SENSOR POS XYZ/H | | |
| END OF HEADER | | | | | | | | | |
| 96 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 987.1 | 10.6 | 89.5 | |
| 96 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 987.2 | 10.9 | 90.0 | |
| 96 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 987.1 | 11.6 | 89.0 | |