

# IPS Protocol Description

The IPS communication protocol is developed for use in personal and automotive GPS and GLONASS trackers which transfer data to a satellite monitoring server using the TCP or the UDP protocol.

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## TCP Data Transfer

The TCP connection must be maintained throughout the entire data transfer process. If the device disconnects immediately after sending the message, the server does not have time to send a response to the device, and traffic consumption increases.

While using one TCP connection, you should transfer data from one device. Otherwise, the system registers only the data of the device whose ID is the first in the incoming data list.

To save traffic, you can use the UDP protocol. However, it does not guarantee that the messages will be delivered.

## General Structure of TCP Messages

All data is received in text format as a packet which looks as follows:

```
#PT#msgCRC\r\n
```

Field	Description
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#	Start byte
PT	Packet type (see the <i>Packet types</i> table)
#	Delimiter
Msg	Text of the message
CRC	CRC16 checksum
\r\n	End of the packet (0x0D0A in HEX)

## Packet Types

Type	Description	Sender
L	Login packet	Device
AL	Answer to the login packet	Server
SD	Short data packet	Device
ASD	Answer to the short data packet	Server
D	Extended data packet	Device
AD	Answer to the extended data packet	Server
B	Black box packet	Device
AB	Answer to the black box packet	Server
P	Ping packet	Device
AP	Answer to the ping packet	Server
US	Firmware packet	Server
UC	Configuration packet	Server
M	Message to/from the driver	Server/Device
AM	Answer to the message from the driver	Server
QI	Query snapshot command	Server
I	Snapshot packet	Device
AI	Answer to the snapshot packet	Server
QT	Query DDD file command	Server

IT	DDD file information packet	Device
AIT	Answer to the DDD file information packet	Server
T	DDD file block packet	Device
AT	Answer to the DDD file block packet	Server

## Login Packet

The packet is used for the device authorization on the server. Every TCP connection starts with sending this packet from the device to the server. Other data should be transferred only after the server confirms the successful authorization of the device.

The login package looks as follows:

```
#L#Protocol_version;IMEI;Password;CRC16\r\n
```

Field	Description
L	Packet type: login packet.
Protocol_version	Current protocol version. In this case, 2.0.
;	Delimiter.
IMEI	IMEI, ID or serial number of the controller.
Password	Password to access the device. If there is none, NA is transmitted.
CRC16	Checksum. See the <i>Checksum</i> section.

### Server Response to the L Packet

Type	Code	Meaning	Example
AL	1	Unit successfully authorized.	#AL#1\r\n

0	Connection rejected. Possible reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorrect protocol version. The current one is 2.0;</li> <li>• The unit is not created on the server; □ Incorrect packet structure.</li> </ul>	#AL#0\r\n
01	Password verification error.	#AL#01\r\n
10	Checksum verification error.	#AL#10\r\n

## Short Data Packet

The packet contains only navigation data and looks as follows:

```
#SD#Date;Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats;CRC16\r\n
```

Field	Description
SD	Packet type: short data packet.
Date	Date in the DDMMYY format, UTC±00:00. If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Time	Time in the HHMMSS format, UTC±00:00. If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Lat1;Lat2	Latitude. If there is no data, NA;NA is transmitted. See Annex.
Lon1;Lon2	Longitude. If there is no data, NA;NA is transmitted. See Annex.
Speed	Speed value, integer (km/h). If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Course	Direction of movement, integer (from 0 to 359 degrees). If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Alt	Altitude, integer (metres). If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Sats	Number of satellites, integer. If there is no data, NA is transmitted.

CRC16	Checksum. See the <i>Checksum</i> section.
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If the *Date* and *Time* fields contain NA, the message is registered with the current server time.

### Server Response to the SD Packet

Type	Code	Meaning	Example
ASD	-1	Incorrect packet structure.	#ASD#-1\r\n
	0	Incorrect time.	#ASD#0\r\n
	1	Packet successfully registered.	#ASD#1\r\n
	10	Error receiving coordinates.	#ASD#10\r\n
	11	Error receiving speed, course, or altitude.	#ASD#11\r\n
	12	Error receiving the number of satellites.	#ASD#12\r\n
	13	Checksum verification error.	#ASD#13\r\n

## Extended Data Packet

The packet contains additional data structures and looks as follows:

```
#D#Date;Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats;HDOP;Inputs;
Outputs;ADC;lbutton;Params;CRC16\r\n
```

Field	Description
D	Packet type: extended data packet.
Date	Date in the DDMMYY format, UTC±00:00. If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Time	Time in the HHMMSS format, UTC±00:00. If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Lat1;Lat2	Latitude. If there is no data, NA;NA is transmitted. See Annex.

Lon1;Lon2	Longitude. If there is no data, NA;NA is transmitted. See Annex.
Speed	Speed value, integer (km/h). If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Course	Direction of movement, integer (from 0 to 359 degrees). If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Alt	Altitude, integer (metres). If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Sats	Number of satellites, integer. If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
HDOP	Horizontal Dilution of Precision. It shows the accuracy of the coordinates transmitted by the device. The smaller this value is, the more accurate the coordinates are. If there is no data, NA is transmitted.
Inputs	Digital inputs. Every bit of the number (beginning from the low-order one) corresponds to one input. Integer. If there are none, NA is transmitted.
Outputs	Digital outputs. Every bit of the number (beginning from the low-order one) corresponds to one output. Integer. If there are none, NA is transmitted.
ADC	Analogue inputs. Fractional numbers separated by commas. Numbering from 1. If there are none, an empty string is transmitted. Example: 14.77,0.02,3.6
Ibutton	Driver key code. A string of arbitrary length. If there is none, NA is transmitted.
Params	Additional parameters. Separated by commas. See <i>Additional Parameters</i> .
CRC16	Checksum. See the <i>Checksum</i> section.

If the *Date* and *Time* fields contain NA, the message is registered with the current server time.

## Additional Parameters (Params)

Each parameter has the following structure:

Name:Type:Value

Examples of additional parameters: count1:1:564, fuel:2:45.8, hw:3:V4.5, SOS:1:1

Field	Description
Name	Parameter name. In lowercase. The maximum number of characters is 38. Invalid characters: space, comma, colon, number sign, line feed and carriage return (\r\n).
Type	Parameter type: 1 — Integer / Long; 2 — Double; 3 — String (the maximum number of characters: 1344).
Value	Parameter value. Depends on the parameter type.

If the value does not correspond to the parameter type, the parameter will not be registered.

The protocol does not limit the number of the transmitted parameters.



## Fixed parameters

To transmit an **alarm message** highlighted in red, a parameter of the first (Integer) type is used. The parameter name is SOS, in uppercase. A value of 1 means the alarm is triggered.

To display a message in the **Chat with drivers** pop-up window, a parameter of the third (String) type is used. The parameter name is *text*.

To determine the **position by base stations** (LBS), it is required to register the following parameters of the first (Integer) type:

mcc	Mobile <a href="#">country code</a>
mnc	Mobile network code
lac	Local area code
cell_id	Cell identification

If you want to pass several LBS structures, you should add index numbers to the parameter names. Examples: mcc1=12, mnc1=12, lac1=12, cell\_id1=12, mcc2=13, mnc2=13, lac2=13, cell\_id2=13.

## Server Response to the D Packet

Type	Code	Meaning	Example
AD	-1	Incorrect packet structure.	#AD#-1\r\n
	0	Incorrect time.	#AD#0\r\n
	1	Packet successfully registered.	#AD#1\r\n
	10	Error receiving coordinates.	#AD#10\r\n
	11	Error receiving speed, course, or altitude.	#AD#11\r\n
	12	Error receiving the number of satellites or HDOP.	#AD#12\r\n
	13	Error receiving Inputs or Outputs.	#AD#13\r\n
	14	Error receiving ADC.	#AD#14\r\n
	15	Error receiving additional parameters.	#AD#15\r\n

	16	Checksum verification error.	#AD#16\r\n
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## Black Box Packet

The black box packet is used to transmit messages for the past period. The maximum number of messages that can be transmitted in one packet is 5000. The packet looks as follows:

```
#B#Date;Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats|Date;Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats|Date;Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats|CRC16\r\n
```

Field	Description
B	Packet type: black box packet.
Data	A set of short or extended data packets without the packet type field. The packets are separated by the vertical bar (   ).
CRC16	Checksum. See the <i>Checksum</i> section.

### Server Response to the B Packet

Type	Value	Meaning	Example
AB	Number	Number of packets successfully registered.	#AB#3\r\n
	Empty string	Checksum verification error.	#AB#\r\n

## Ping Packet

The packet is used to maintain an active TCP connection with the server and to verify the availability of the channel. The packet looks as follows:

```
#P#\r\n
```

## Server Response to the P Packet

Type	Meaning	Example
AP	Positive server response.	#AP#\r\n

## Commands

### Upload Firmware Command

The command is used to transfer the firmware data from the server to the controller. The packet looks as follows:

```
#US#Sz;CRC16\r\nBIN
```

Field	Description
US	Packet type: firmware packet.
Sz	Size of the binary data of the firmware (bytes).
CRC16	Checksum. See the <i>Checksum</i> section.
BIN	Firmware in binary format.

### Upload Configuration Command

The command is used to transfer the configuration file from the server to the controller. The packet looks as follows:

```
#UC#Sz;CRC16\r\nBIN
```

Field	Description
UC	Packet type: configuration packet.
Sz	Size of the configuration file (bytes).

CRC16	Checksum. See the <i>Checksum</i> section.
BIN	Contents of the configuration file.

## Send Message to Driver Command

The command is used to exchange text messages between the server and the driver. The packet format is the same for the server and for the controller:

```
#M#Msg;CRC16\r\n
```

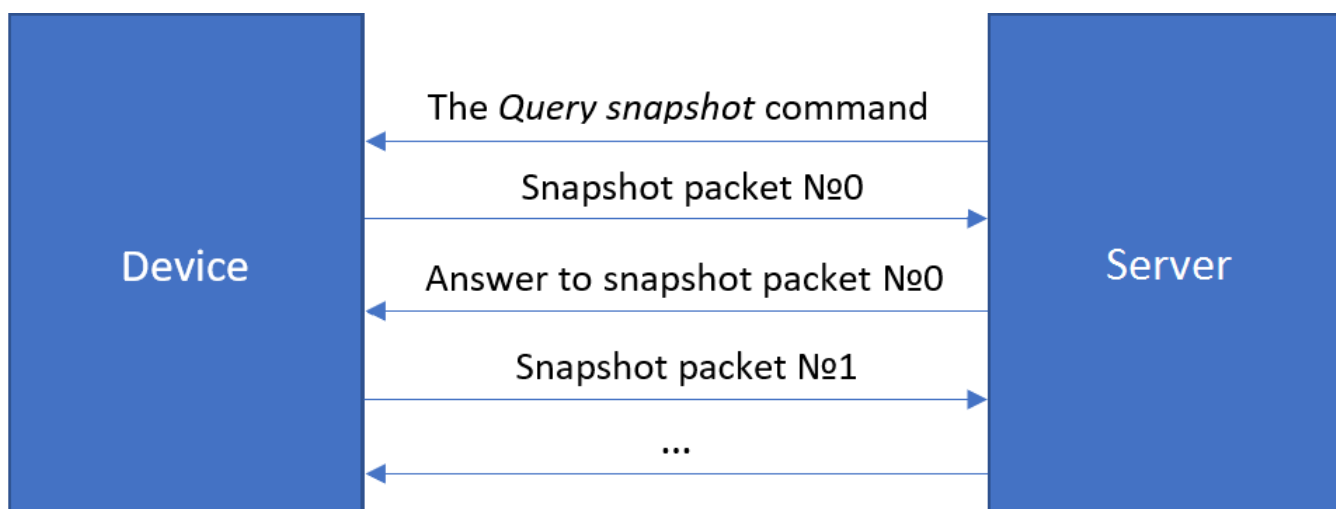
Field	Description
M	Packet type: message to/from the driver.
Msg	Text of the message.
CRC16	Checksum. See the <i>Checksum</i> section.

## Server Response to the M Packet

Type	Code	Meaning	Example
AM	1	Message received.	#AM#1\r\n
	0	Error receiving messages.	#AM#0\r\n
	01	Checksum verification error.	#AM#01\r\n

## Query Snapshot Command

The command is sent from the server to the controller to request a photograph.



The packet looks as follows:

```
#Ql#\r\n
```

Field	Description
Ql	Packet type: the <i>Query snapshot</i> command.

## Snapshot Packet

The packet is used to transfer the image data to the server. The image is divided into blocks of bytes, each of which is sent to the server as a separate packet. The recommended block size is up to 50 KB. If the server cannot receive any image block, it disconnects. In this case, it is recommended to reduce the size of the blocks.

The packet looks as follows:

```
#l#Sz;Ind;Count;Date;Time;Name;CRC16\r\nBIN
```

Field	Description
l	Packet type: snapshot packet.
Sz	Size of the binary data of the packet (for example, 51200 bytes).
Ind	Index number of the transmitted block (numbering from zero).
Count	Number of the last block (numbering from 0).

Date	Date in the DDMMYY format, UTC±00:00.
Time	Time in the HHMMSS format, UTC±00:00.
Name	Name of the transmitted image.
CRC16	Checksum. See the <i>Checksum</i> section.
BIN	Binary image block of the Sz size.

### Server Response to the I Packet

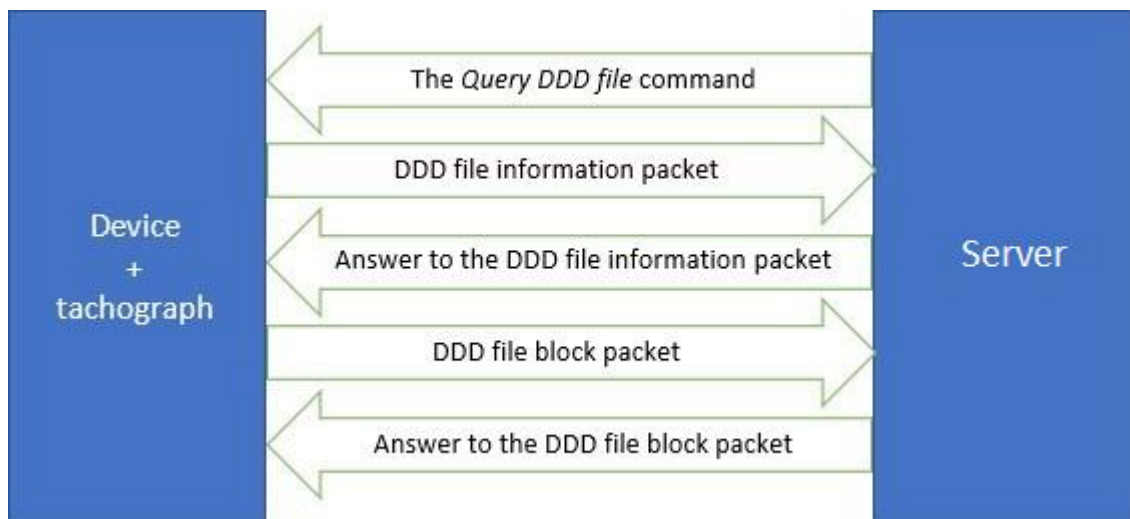
Type	Block number	Code	Meaning	Example
AI	Ind	1	Packet received.	#AI#Ind;1\r\n
AI	Ind	0	Error receiving packet.	#AI#Ind;0\r\n
AI	Ind	01	Checksum verification error.	#AI#Ind;01\r\n
AI	NA	0	Incorrect packet structure.	#AI#NA;0\r\n
AI	None	1	Image fully received and saved in server.	#AI#1\r\n

**Ind.** The index number of the transmitted image block. Integer.

When the image is fully received and saved in the server, the server response contains only one parameter: code (#AI#1\r\n).

### Query DDD File Command

The command is sent from the server to the device to request a tachograph file.



The packet looks as follows:

```
#QT#DriverID\r\n
```

Field	Description
QT	Packet type: the <i>Query DDD file</i> command.
DriverID	Driver identification.

### DDD File Information Packet

The packet contains information about the tachograph file transmitted to the server. All fields are required. This information is necessary to save the file correctly and bind it to the appropriate driver in the server. The saved file is named as follows: *driverid\_yyyymmdd\_hhmmss.ddd*. You should transfer this packet before transmitting the DDD file.

The packet looks as follows:

```
#IT#Date;Time;DriverID;Code;Count;CRC16\r\n
```

Field	Description
IT	Packet type: DDD file information packet.
Date	Date in the DDMMYY format, UTC±00:00.

Time	Time in the HHMMSS format, UTC±00:00.
DriverID	Driver identification.
Code	Error code. If there are no errors, an empty string is transmitted.
Count	Total amount of the DDD file blocks.
CRC16	Checksum. See the <i>Checksum</i> section.

### Server Response to the IT Packet

Type	Code	Meaning	Example
AIT	1	Packet received.	#AIT#1\r\n
	0	Error receiving packet.	#AIT#0\r\n
	01	Checksum verification error.	#AIT#01\r\n

### DDD File Block Packet

The packet is used to transfer DDD file data blocks and looks as follows:

```
#T#Code;Sz;Ind;CRC16\r\nBIN
```

Field	Description
T	Packet type: DDD file block packet.
Code	Error code. If there are no errors, an empty string is transmitted.
Sz	Size of the binary data of the packet (bytes).
Ind	Index number of the transmitted block (numbering from zero).
CRC16	Checksum. See the <i>Checksum</i> section.
BIN	Binary file block of the Sz size.



### Server Response to the T Packet

Type	Block number	Code	Meaning	Example
AT	Ind	1	Packet received.	#AT#Ind;1\r\n
	Ind	0	Error receiving packet.	#AT#Ind;0\r\n
	Ind	01	Checksum verification error.	#AT#Ind;01\r\n
	None	1	DDD file fully received and saved in the server.	#AT#1\r\n

**Ind.** The index number of the transmitted DDD file block. Integer.

When the image is fully received and saved in the server, the server response contains only one parameter: code (#AT#1\r\n).

All DDD file block packets should be transmitted using the same TCP connection as the DDD file information packet.

### Send Custom Message Command

The command is used to send custom messages to the device. It allows to implement additional features necessary for the controller.

In response to the command, you can send a *Message to/from the driver* packet. If you need to transfer the position data and other parameters, you can transmit an extended data packet.

The custom command sent to the device looks as follows:

Msg\r\n

Field	Description
Msg	Text of the message.



## UDP Data Transfer

The UDP protocol is used only to transfer data from the controller to the server. It is not possible to send commands from the server to the device using this protocol.

### General Structure of UDP Messages

A UDP packet has the same structure as a TCP packet with the only difference that the prefix *Protocol\_version;IMEI* is added at the beginning. The packet transferred using UDP looks as follows:

```
Protocol_version;IMEI#PT#MsgCRC\r\n
```

Field	Description
Protocol_version	Current protocol version. 2.0 is used now.
;	Delimiter.
IMEI	IMEI of the device.
#	Start byte.
PT	Packet type. See the <i>Packet types</i> table.
#	Delimiter.
Msg	Text of the message.
CRC	CRC16 checksum.
\r\n	End of the packet (0x0D0A in HEX).

The SD packet structure (UDP transfer):

```
2.0;IMEI#SD#Date;Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats;CRC16\r\n
```

### Data Compression

To save traffic, it is appropriate to use data compression while transferring packets which contain a large amount of data. The [DEFLATE](#) algorithm of the

cross-platform [«zlib»](#) library is used for compression. Both TCP and UDP transport protocols are supported. The container should consist of only one packet in text format.

### Compressed Packet Container Structure

Size (bytes)	1	2	
Field	Head	Len	Data

Head — 0xFF.

Len. The *Data* field length (little-endian, 16-bit integer).

Data. The compressed binary data block of the specified size.

Transmitted as it is.

You can transfer the compressed and regular packets of the IPS protocol simultaneously. The packets sent from the server are always regular (not compressed) because of their small size.

When implementing the library, the identifiers `Z_DEFAULT_COMPRESSION`, `Z_DEFLATED`, `Z_DEFAULT_STRATEGY` affect the result, but the message is valid in any case.

### Compressed L Packet Example

HEX:

```
FF1B00780153F65136D233B0CECC4DCDB4F673B476B4343602002FF404E6
```

Text:

```
#L#2.0;imei;NA;A932
```

### Compressed D Packet Example

HEX:

FF76007801258CCB0AC24010043F26D77599DE9931ECF4C9D7351EF2050145024625F8FF9818EA540  
DD5CDB9290A41215CAB57BABA65AB652FEC28A55564B35A8517CA828AB02532FE86242BEC0E1C1F  
AF4020DD3EC33C4C5142330CBE1C79FA6E9BC6F33DDFA7346E8AD8B9A7FEDAAF1DED78D21FEF752  
2F7

Text:

231012;153959;5354.49260;N;02731.44990;E;0;0;300;7;1.1;0;0;1,0,0,0;NA;ign:1:1,dparam:2:3.14159  
265,tparam:3:lorem,iparam:1:-55,SOS:1:1;4BC3

## Checksum

The CRC16 checksum should be added to the message as a hexadecimal number in ASCII characters. The byte order is big-endian.

Example: 0xFC45 => 0x46433435

### Checksum Calculation

Packet type	Explanation
SD	<p>Message example:</p> <p>#SD#Date;Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats; CRC16\r\n</p> <p>The checksum is calculated for the following part of the packet: Date;Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats;</p>
B	<p>Message example:</p> <p>#B#Date;Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats Date; Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats CRC16\r\n</p> <p>The checksum is calculated for the following part of the packet: Date;Time;Lat1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats Date;Time;L at1;Lat2;Lon1;Lon2;Speed;Course;Alt;Sats </p>
I US UC T	<p>Message example:</p> <p>#I#51200;0;1;070512;124010;sample.jpg;CRC16\r\nBIN</p> <p>The checksum is calculated for the <i>BIN</i> field only.</p>
L SD	<p>The checksum is calculated for the part of the packet between the</p>

D B M IT	packet type and the <i>CRC16</i> field.
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## C Code Example for CRC16 Calculation

```
static const unsigned short crc16_table[256] =
{
    0x0000,0xC0C1,0xC181,0x0140,0xC301,0x03C0,0x0280,0xC241,
    0xC601,0x06C0,0x0780,0xC741,0x0500,0xC5C1,0xC481,0x0440,
    0xCC01,0x0CC0,0x0D80,0xCD41,0x0F00,0xCFC1,0xCE81,0x0E40,
    0x0A00,0xCAC1,0xCB81,0x0B40,0xC901,0x09C0,0x0880,0xC841,
    0xD801,0x18C0,0x1980,0xD941,0x1B00,0xDBC1,0xDA81,0x1A40,
    0x1E00,0xDEC1,0xDF81,0x1F40,0xDD01,0x1DC0,0x1C80,0xDC41,
    0x1400,0xD4C1,0xD581,0x1540,0xD701,0x17C0,0x1680,0xD641,
    0xD201,0x12C0,0x1380,0xD341,0x1100,0xD1C1,0xD081,0x1040,
    0xF001,0x30C0,0x3180,0xF141,0x3300,0xF3C1,0xF281,0x3240,
    0x3600,0xF6C1,0xF781,0x3740,0xF501,0x35C0,0x3480,0xF441,
    0x3C00,0xFCC1,0xFD81,0x3D40,0xFF01,0x3FC0,0x3E80,0xFE41,
    0xFA01,0x3AC0,0x3B80,0xFB41,0x3900,0xF9C1,0xF881,0x3840,
    0x2800,0xE8C1,0xE981,0x2940,0xEB01,0x2BC0,0x2A80,0xEA41,
    0xEE01,0x2EC0,0x2F80,0xEF41,0x2D00,0xEDC1,0xEC81,0x2C40,
    0xE401,0x24C0,0x2580,0xE541,0x2700,0xE7C1,0xE681,0x2640,
    0x2200,0xE2C1,0xE381,0x2340,0xE101,0x21C0,0x2080,0xE041,
    0xA001,0x60C0,0x6180,0xA141,0x6300,0xA3C1,0xA281,0x6240,
    0x6600,0xA6C1,0xA781,0x6740,0xA501,0x65C0,0x6480,0xA441,
    0x6C00,0xACC1,0xAD81,0x6D40,0xAF01,0x6FC0,0x6E80,0xAE41,
    0xAA01,0x6AC0,0x6B80,0xAB41,0x6900,0xA9C1,0xA881,0x6840,
    0x7800,0xB8C1,0xB981,0x7940,0xBB01,0x7BC0,0x7A80,0xBA41,
    0xBE01,0x7EC0,0x7F80,0xBF41,0x7D00,0xBDC1,0xBC81,0x7C40,
    0xB401,0x74C0,0x7580,0xB541,0x7700,0xB7C1,0xB681,0x7640,
    0x7200,0xB2C1,0xB381,0x7340,0xB101,0x71C0,0x7080,0xB041,
    0x5000,0x90C1,0x9181,0x5140,0x9301,0x53C0,0x5280,0x9241,
    0x9601,0x56C0,0x5780,0x9741,0x5500,0x95C1,0x9481,0x5440,
    0x9C01,0x5CC0,0x5D80,0x9D41,0x5F00,0x9FC1,0x9E81,0x5E40,
    0x5A00,0x9AC1,0x9B81,0x5B40,0x9901,0x99C0,0x5880,0x9841,
    0x8801,0x48C0,0x4980,0x8941,0x4B00,0x8BC1,0x8A81,0x4A40,
    0x4E00,0x8EC1,0x8F81,0x4F40,0x8D01,0x4DC0,0x4C80,0x8C41,
    0x4400,0x84C1,0x8581,0x4540,0x8701,0x47C0,0x4680,0x8641,
    0x8201,0x42C0,0x4380,0x8341,0x4100,0x81C1,0x8081,0x4040
};
unsigned short crc16 (const void *data, unsigned data_size)
{
    if (!data || !data_size)    return 0;

    unsigned short crc = 0;
    unsigned char* buf = (unsigned char*)data;

    while (data_size--)
        crc = (crc >> 8) ^ crc16_table[(unsigned char)crc ^
*buf++];
}
```

```
    return crc;  
}
```



## Annex

The coordinates are compliant with the NMEA 0183 standard.

**DDMM.MM** is the format of latitude. Two digits of degrees (DD). If the degree value consists of one digit, the degree field still contains two digits. That is, the field is filled with zeros, for example, 01. The degrees are followed by two digits of integer minutes, a point, and a fractional part of minutes of variable length. The leading zeros are not omitted. N denotes north (positive) latitude, S denotes south (negative) latitude.

Example: `5544.6025;N`

55 is a degree value.

$44.6025 / 60 = 0,743375$  is a minute value.

N is north latitude (positive sign). 55

$+ 0,743375 = +55,743375$

**DDDMM.MM** is the format of longitude. Three digits of degrees (DDD). If the degree value consists of one digit, the degree field still contains three digits. That is, the field is filled with zeros, for example, 001. The degrees are followed by two digits of integer minutes, a point, and a fractional part of minutes of variable length. The leading zeros are not omitted. E denotes east (positive) longitude, W denotes west (negative) longitude.

Example: `03739.6834;E`

037 is a degree value.

39.6834 is a minute value.

E is east longitude (positive sign).

$037 + 39.6834 = +37,66139$