



uAvionix MavLink OEM Protocol ICD

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1. Revision History

Revision	Date	Comments
1.19	2/10/2021	Updated static and dynamic exemplar message strings.
1.20	2/17/2021	Add identification message.
1.21	1/4/2023	Updated Identification and Static Message errata.
1.22	11/29/2023	Updated errata.

2. MavLink Public Specification

MAVLink documentation can be found at: <https://mavlink.io/en/>

3. Physical Interface

Communication to a uAvionix transponder is accomplished through a full duplex asynchronous serial interface. The interface should use 3.3v logic levels. The baud rate on the NAV interface is 115200bps and on the HOST interface 57600bps. Both interfaces, no parity, 1 stop bits and 8 data bits. Any multi-byte data is formatted and transmitted as little-endian.

Message ID	Description	I/O	Length	CRC Extra
66	DataStream Request	Out	6	148
246	Traffic Report	Out	38	184
203	Status	Out	1	85
202	Ownship	Out	42	7
202	Dynamic	In	42	7
202	Navigation	In	51	11
29	Scaled Pressure	In	14	115
201	Static	In	19	126
248	Identification	In	69	8

MAVLink Messages

4. Interface Priority

The two interfaces on the ping share a priority system based upon their intended purpose. This system provides prioritization and redundancy since the same information could be provided over either interface. Here is a list of required messages and timeout's for each interface:

Messages Required	Description	Timeout	Preferred/Backup Interface
MAVLink Static (ID: 201)	0.1Hz	30s	Host/NAV
MAVLink Dynamic (ID: 202)	5Hz	5s	NAV/Host

Interface Priority

When a particular message has not been received through the preferred interface for the specified timeout, the data being received from that message switches from the preferred interface to the backup interface.

5. DataStream Request Message

Message ID	66
Payload Length	6
CRC_EXTRA	148

This is a legacy MAVLink message to request telemetry position messages from Ardupilot. Prior to v3.7(arduplane) and 3.4(arducopter)

6. Traffic Report Message

Message ID	246
Payload Length	38
CRC_EXTRA	184

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	ICAO_address	uint32_t	ICAO Address
4	lat	int32_t	The reported latitude in degrees * 1E7
8	lon	int32_t	The reported longitude in degrees * 1E7
12	altitude	int32_t	Altitude in Meters * 1E3 (up is +ve) - Check ALT_TYPE for reference datum
16	heading	uint16_t	Course over ground in degrees * 10^2
18	hor_velocity	uint16_t	The horizontal velocity in (m/s * 1E2)
20	ver_velocity	int16_t	The vertical velocity in (m/s * 1E2) (positive ascending, negative descending)
22	validFlags	uint16_t	Valid data fields
24	squawk	uint16_t	Mode A Squawk code (0xFFFF = no code)
26	altitude_type	uint8_t	Altitude Type
27	callsign	char[9]	The callsign
36	emitter_type	uint8_t	Emitter Category
37	tslc	uint8_t	Time since last communication in seconds

altitudeType	
0x00: PRESSURE_ALTITUDE (AMSL, QNH)	
0x01: GEOMETRIC (GNSS, WGS84)	
emitterType	
0x00: NO_TYPE_INFO	0x0A: LIGHTER_AIR_TYPE
0x01: LIGHT_TYPE	0x0B: PARACHUTE_TYPE
0x02: SMALL_TYPE	0x0C: ULTRA_LIGHT_TYPE
0x03: LARGE_TYPE	0x0D: UNASSIGNED2_TYPE
0x04: HIGH_VORTEX_LARGE_TYPE	0x0E: UAV_TYPE
0x05: HEAVY_TYPE	0x0F: SPACE_TYPE
0x06: HIGHLY_MANUV_TYPE	0x10: UNASSIGNED3_TYPE
0x07: ROTOCRAFT_TYPE	0x11: EMERGENCY_SURFACE_TYPE
0x08: UNASSIGNED_TYPE	0x12: SERVICE_SURFACE_TYPE
0x09: GLIDER_TYPE	0x13: POINT_OBSACLE_TYPE
flags	
0x0001: LATLON_VALID	0x0020: IDENT_VALID
0x0002: ALTITUDE_VALID	0x0040: SIMULATED_REPORT
0x0004: HEADING_VALID	0x0080: VERTICAL_VELOCITY_VALID
0x0008: VELOCITY_VALID	0x0100: BARO_VALID
0x0010: CALLSIGN_VALID	0x8000: SOURCE_UAT

7. Status Message

Message ID	203
Payload Length	1
CRC_EXTRA	85

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	status	uint8_t	Self test status.

status
0x00: INITIALIZING 0x01: OK 0x02: TX_FAIL_1090ES 0x04: RX_FAIL_1090ES 0x08: TX_FAIL_UAT 0x10: RX_FAIL_UAT

8. Dynamic / Ownship Message

Message ID	202
Payload Length	42
CRC_EXTRA	7

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	utcTime	uint32_t	UTC time in since GPS epoch (in s since Jan 6, 1980). If unknown set to UINT32_MAX.
4	latitude	int32_t	Latitude WGS84 (deg * 1E7). If unknown set to INT32_MAX
8	longitude	int32_t	Longitude WGS84 (deg * 1E7). If unknown set to INT32_MAX.
12	altPres	int32_t	Barometric pressure altitude relative to a standard atmosphere of 1013.2 mBar and NOT bar corrected altitude (meters * 1E3) UP +ve. If unknown set to INT32_MAX.
16	altGNSS	int32_t	Altitude (meters * 1E3). (up +ve). WGS84 altitude. If unknown set to INT32_MAX.
20	accHoriz	uint32_t	Horizontal accuracy(HFOM) (mm). If unknown set to UINT32_MAX.
24	accVert	uint16_t	Vertical accuracy(VFOM) (cm). If unknown set to UINT16_MAX.
26	accVel	uint16_t	Velocity accuracy (m/s * 1E3). If unknown set to UINT16_MAX.
28	velVert	int16_t	GPS vertical speed (m/s * 1E2). If unknown set to INT16_MAX.
30	nsVog	int16_t	North-South velocity over ground (m/s * 1E2) North +ve. If unknown set to INT16_MAX.
32	ewVog	int16_t	East-West velocity over ground (m/s * 1E2) East +ve. If unknown set to INT16_MAX.
34	state	uint16_t	ADS-B input flags.
36	squawk	uint16_t	Mode A code (typically 1200 [0x04B0] for VFR).
38	fixType	uint8_t	GPS Fix.
39	numSats	uint8_t	Number of satellites visible. If unknown set to UINT8_MAX.
40	emStatus	uint8_t	Emergency status (table 2-78 of DO-260B).
41	control	uint8_t	ADS-B transponder dynamic input control flags.

state	
0x01: INTENT_CHANGE 0x02: AUTOPILOT_ENABLED 0x04: NICBARO_CROSSCHECKED 0x08: ON_GROUND 0x10: IDENT	
control	
0x00: STANDBY 0x01: RECEIVE ONLY 0x02: TX_ENABLE_1090 0x04: TX_ENABLE_UAT	0x08: MODE A ENABLED 0x10: MODE C ENABLED 0x20: MODE S ENABLED
fixType	
0x00: GPS_NO_FIX_0 0x01: GPS_NO_FIX_1 0x02: 2D_FIX 0x03: 3D_FIX 0x04: GPS_DGPS 0x05: GPS_RTK	

Example Packet

fe2a590000ca9574854523131f1653d945c800000000ddbb0500273201006e000f2700
00d4fe82000800b0040305000000d57

Payload Length = 42	Packet Sequence = 0x59
System ID = 0	Component = 0
Message ID = 0xCA	utcTime = 1166374037
Latitude = 371135267	Longitude = -934946477
altPres = 0	altGNSS = 375773
accHoriz = 78375	accVert = 110
accVel = 9999	velVert = 0
nsVog = -300	ewVog = 130
State = 8	Squawk = 1200
fixType = 3	numSats = 5
emStatus = 0	Control = 0x0
CKA = 0x0D	CKB = 0x57

9. Navigation Data Message

Message ID	202
Payload Length	51
CRC_EXTRA	11

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	utcTime_s	uint32_t	UTC time since GPS epoch (in s since Jan 6, 1980). If unknown set to UINT32_MAX.
4	latitude	int32_t	Latitude WGS84 (deg * 1E7). If unknown set to INT32_MAX
8	longitude	int32_t	Longitude WGS84 (deg * 1E7). If unknown set to INT32_MAX.
12	altHAE_mm	int32_t	Altitude (meters * 1E3) UP +ve. Height above WGS-84 ellipsoid. If unknown set to INT32_MAX. Saturates at INT32_MAX-1.
16	altPres_mm	int32_t	Barometric pressure altitude (meters 1E3) UP +ve. If unknown set to INT32_MAX. Saturates at INT32_MAX-1.
20	horizontalPL_mm	uint32_t	Horizontal Protection Level (mm). If unknown set to UINT32_MAX. Saturates at UINT32_MAX-1. May report HPLsbas or HPLfd (see state bit 0x01).
24	verticalPL_mm	uint32_t	Vertical Protection Level (cm). If unknown set to UINT32_MAX. Saturates at UINT32_MAX-1. May report VPLsbas or VPLfd.
28	horizontalFOM_mm	uint32_t	Horizontal Figure of Merit, 95% (HFOM) (mm). If unknown set to UINT32_MAX. Saturates at UINT32_MAX-1.
32	verticalFOM_cm	uint16_t	Vertical Figure of Merit, 95% (VFOM) (cm). If unknown set to UINT16_MAX. Saturates at UINT16_MAX-1.
34	horizontalVelocityFOM_mmps	uint16_t	Horizontal Velocity Figure of Merit, 95% (HVFOM) (m/s * 1E3). If unknown set to UINT16_MAX. Saturates at UINT16_MAX-1.
36	verticalVelocityFOM_mmps	uint16_t	Vertical Velocity Figure of Merit, 95% (HVFOM) (m/s * 1E3). If unknown set to UINT16_MAX. Saturates at UINT16_MAX-1.
38	verticalVelocity_cmps	int16_t	GNSS vertical speed (m/s * 1E2). If unknown set to INT16_MAX. Saturates at INT16_MAX-1. (positive ascending, negative descending)
40	northVelocity_dmps	int16_t	North-South velocity over ground (m/s * 1E1) North +ve. If unknown set to INT16_MAX. Saturates at INT16_MAX-1.
42	eastVelocity_dmps	int16_t	East-West velocity over ground (m/s * 1E1) East +ve. If unknown set to INT16_MAX. Saturates at INT16_MAX-1.
44	utcTimeFractional_cs	uint8_t	Time (ms * 1E1) since UTC time mark. If unknown set to UINT8_MAX.
45	fixType	uint8_t	GNSS fix type, see table below.

46	navState	uint8_t	Navigation state, see table below.
47	satsUsed	uint8_t	Number of satellites in solution. Includes GNSS and GEO satellites. If unknown set to UINT8_MAX. Saturates at UINT8_MAX-1.
48	fwVersionMajor	uint8_t	Major FW version
49	fwVersionMinor	uint8_t	Minor FW version
50	fwVersionBuild	uint8_t	Build FW version

fixType		
0x00: No Fix, Unknown		
0x01: No Fix, Last Known Good		
0x02: 2D Fix		
0x03: 3D Fix		
0x04: DGPS/SBAS		
0x05: RTK		
navState		
0x01: HPLfd active but not limited		
0x02: Fault, integrity failure (DO-229D 2.1.2.2.2)		
0x04: Horizontal Reference Direction Magnetic North		

Example Packet

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fe33210100ca88ec68481e31e6179dbb64cbc2180300ffffff7f693f0300f34b00001c
b80000bd042b22cc080800fdfffeff50030105010004b607
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Payload Length = 0x33	Packet Sequence = 0x21
System ID = 0x01	Component = 0x00
Message ID = 0xCA	utcTime = 1214835848
latitude = 400961822	longitude = -882590819
altHae_mm = 202946	altPres_mm = 0x7FFFFFFF
horizontalPL_mm = 212841	verticalPL_cm = 19443
horizontalFOM_mm = 47132	verticalFOM_cm = 1213
horizontalVelocityFOM_mmmps = 8747	verticalVelocityFOM_mmmps = 2252
verticalVelocity_cmmps = 8	northVelocity_dmmps = -3
eastVelocity_dmmps = -2	utcTimeFractional_cs = 80
fixType = 0x03	navState = 0x01
satsUsed = 5	fwVersionMajor = 0x01
fwVersionMinor = 0x00	fwVersionBuild = 0x04
CKA = 0xB6	CKB = 0x07

10. Scaled Pressure Message

Message ID	29
Payload Length	14
CRC_EXTRA	115

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	time_boot_ms	uint32_t	Timestamp (milliseconds since system boot)
4	press_abs	float	Barometric pressure, mbar
8	press_diff	float	Differential pressure, mbar
12	temperature	uint16_t	Temperature measurement (0.01 degrees celsius)

Example Packet

fe0e9001001d840300001f9f614400000000650d5be9

Payload Length = 14	Packet Sequence = 0x90
System ID = 1	Component = 0
Message ID = 0x1D	time_boot_ms = 0x84030000
press_abs = 0x1f9f6144	press_diff = 0x00000000
temperature = 0x6509	CRC = 0x5BE9

11. Static Message

Message ID	201
Payload Length	19
CRC_EXTRA	126

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	ICAO	uint8_t[3]	Vehicle address (24 bits). Byte[2] = msByte
3	integrity	uint8_t	¹ System Integrity and Design Assurance.
4	stallSpeed	uint16_t	Aircraft stall speed in cm/s.
6	Callsign/Flt Plan	char[8]	Vehicle identifier (8 characters, valid characters are A-Z, 0-9, " " only).
14	capability	uint8_t	¹ Max Aircraft Speed and ADS-B in capability
15	emitter	uint8_t	Transmitting vehicle type.
16	alwEncode	uint8_t	Aircraft length and width encoding (table 2-35 of DO-282B). Upper Bound
17	gpsLatOffs	uint8_t	GPS antenna lateral offset (table 2-36 of DO-282B).
18	gpsLonOffs	uint8_t	GPS antenna longitudinal offset from nose [if non-zero, take position (in meters) divide by 2 and add one with max 60m] (table 2-37 DO-282B).

1 – These fields may not appear in earlier message definitions and used the unused byte in the preceding field. Not supported by all uAvionix products.

integrity	
0x00: SDA = 0 0x01: SDA = 1 0x02: SDA = 2 0x03: SDA = 3 0x00: SIL = 0 0x04: SIL = 1 0x08: SIL = 2 0x0C: SIL = 3	0x10: CSID Flag – Used to inform UAT devices to alternate Callsign/Flight Plan ID. 0x20: Force use of GNSS Altitude Data
capability	
0x00: Max Aircraft Speed Not Available 0x01: S ≤ 75 kts 0x02: 75 < S ≤ 150 kts 0x03: 150 < S ≤ 300 kts 0x04: 300 < S ≤ 600 kts 0x05: 600 < S ≤ 1200 kts 0x06: S > 1200 kts	0x00: No ADS-B in Capability 0x10: 1090MHz ADS-B in Capability 0x20: 978MHz ADS-B in Capability 0x40: Callsign/Flt Plan Field is Flight Plan (1), otherwise Callsign (0)
alwEncode	
0x00: NO_DATA 0x01: AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L15M_W23M 0x02: AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L25M_W28P5M 0x03: SIZE_L25_W34M 0x04: SIZE_L35_W33M 0x05: SIZE_L35_W38M 0x06: SIZE_L45_W39P5M 0x07: SIZE_L45_W45M	0x08: SIZE_L55_W45M 0x09: SIZE_L55_W52M 0x0A: SIZE_L65_W59P5M 0x0B: SIZE_L65_W67M 0x0C: SIZE_L75_W72P5M 0x0D: SIZE_L75_W80M 0x0E: SIZE_L85_W80M 0x0F: SIZE_L85_W90M
gpsLatOffs	
0x00: GPS_LAT_OFFSET_NO_DATA 0x01: GPS_LAT_OFFSET_LEFT_2M 0x02: GPS_LAT_OFFSET_LEFT_4M 0x03: GPS_LAT_OFFSET_LEFT_6M	0x04: GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_0M 0x05: GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_2M 0x06: GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_4M 0x07: GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_6M
gpsLonOffs	
0: GPS_LON_OFFSET_NO_DATA 1: GPS_LON_OFFSET_APPLIED_BY_SENSOR	

2-31: Compute: (meters/2 + 1)

Example Packet

fe132f0000c93412a025000050494e4732303230001201040111fa

Payload Length = 19	Packet Sequence = 0x2F
System ID = 0	Component = 0
Message ID = 0xC9	ICAO = A01234
integrity = 0x25	stallSpeed = 0
Callsign = "PING2020"	Capability = 0
emitter = 0x12	alwEncode = 0x01
gpsLatOffs = 0x04	gpsLonOffs = 0x01
CKA = 0x11	CKB = 0xFA

12. Identification Message

Message ID	248
Payload Length	69
CRC_EXTRA	8

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	message_type	uint16_t	Message Type
2	target_network	uint8_t	Network ID
3	target_system	uint8_t	System ID
4	target_component	uint8_t	Component ID
5	primaryMajorVersion	uint8_t	Primary Image Major Version
6	primaryMinorVersion	uint8_t	Primary Image Minor Version
7	primaryBuildVersion	uint8_t	Primary Image Build Version
8	primaryFwId	uint8_t	Primary Image FW Identifier
9	primaryHwId	uint8_t	Primary HW identifier
10	primarySerialNumber	uint64_t	Primary Serial Number
18	primaryCRC	uint32_t	Primary CRC
22	primaryFwPartNumber	uint8_t[15]	Primary FW Part Number (ASCII)
37	secondaryMajorVersion	uint8_t	Secondary Image Major Version
38	secondaryMinorVersion	uint8_t	Secondary Image Minor Version
39	secondaryBuildVersion	uint8_t	Secondary Image Build Version
40	secondaryFwId	uint8_t	Secondary Image FW Identifier
41	secondaryHwId	uint8_t	Secondary HW identifier
42	secondarySerialNumber	uint64_t	Secondary Serial Number
50	secondaryCRC	uint32_t	Secondary CRC
54	secondaryFwPartNumber	uint8_t[15]	Secondary FW Part Number (ASCII)

Example Packet

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fe45000100f8444900010001030438213c002d0004513633c0cff7b45541562d3130303230323
92d303037fffffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff00000000000000000000000000000000bc73
```

Payload Length = 0x45	Packet Sequence = 0x00
System ID = 0x01	Component = 0x00
Message ID = 0xF8	message_type=0x4944
target_network= 0x00	target_system= 0x01
target_component= 0x00	primaryMajorVersion= 0x01
primaryMinorVersion= 0x03	primaryBuildVersion= 0x04
primaryFwId=0x38	primaryHwId=0x21
primarySerialNumber=0x33365104002D003C	primaryCRC=0xB4F7CFC0
primaryFwPartNumber="UAV-1002029-007"	secondaryMajorVersion=0xFF
secondaryMinorVersion=0xFF	secondaryBuildVersion=0xFF
secondaryFwId=0xFF	secondaryHwId=0xFF
secondarySerialNumber=0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF	secondaryCRC=0xFFFFFFFF
secondaryFwPartNumber=""	CRC=0x73BC

13. MAVLink Protocol Frame Format

Each message will be formatted into a frame for transmission across the physical interface. Each frame must be transmitted in its entirety with the start of the frame being inferred by the beginning of any transfer initiated after the end of a previous frame. The end of a Frame will be delineated with an idle condition on the interface.

The uAvionix transponder is 'stateless' MAVLink packets do not have to be coordinated.

Ping OEM Frame 8 - 263 bytes:

STX	LEN	SEQ	SYS	COMP	MSGID	PAYLOAD	CKA	CKB
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Byte Index	Content	Value	Description
0	Packet Start Flag	0xFE	Indicates the start of a new packet
1	Payload Length	0 - 255	Indicates the length of the payload
2	Packet Sequence	0 - 255	Send sequence. Allows to detect packet loss
3	System ID	0 - 255	ID of the Sending system. Allows to differentiate different PINGs on the same network
4	Component	0 - 255	ID of the Sending Component.
5	Message ID	0 - 255	ID of the Message - the 'id' defines what the payload "means" and how it should be correctly decoded.
6 to (n+6)	Data	0 - 255 Bytes	Message Data
(n+7) to (n+8)	Checksum (low Byte, high Byte)	ITU X.25/SAE AS-4 hash, excluding packet start flag, so bytes 1..(n+6) Note: The checksum also includes CRC_EXTRA	

14. CRC Source Code Example

CRC Code:

Code to validate the packet CRC.

```
#define X25_INIT_CRC 0xffff
#define X25_VALIDATE_CRC 0xf0b8

/**
 * @brief Accumulate the X.25 CRC by adding one char at a time.
 *
 * The checksum function adds the hash of one char at a time to the
 * 16 bit checksum (uint16_t).
 *
 * @param data - New char to hash
 * @param crcAccum - Already accumulated checksum
 */
void crc_accumulate(uint8_t data, uint16_t *crcAccum)
{
    // Accumulate one byte of data into the CRC
    uint8_t tmp;

    tmp = data ^ (uint8_t)(*crcAccum&0xff);
    tmp ^= (tmp<<4);
    *crcAccum = (*crcAccum>>8) ^ (tmp<<8) ^ (tmp<<3) ^ (tmp>>4);
}

#endif

/**
 * @brief Initialize the buffer for the X.25 CRC
 *
 * @param crcAccum - 16 bit X.25 CRC
 */
void crc_init(uint16_t *crcAccum)
{
    *crcAccum = X25_INIT_CRC;
}

/**
 * @brief Calculates the X.25 checksum on a byte buffer
 *
 * @param pBuffer - buffer containing the byte array to hash
 * @param length - length of the byte array
 * @return the checksum over the buffer bytes
 */
uint16_t crc_calculate(const uint8_t *pBuffer, uint16_t length)
{
    uint16_t crcTmp;
    crc_init(&crcTmp);
    while (length--) crc_accumulate(*pBuffer++, &crcTmp);
    return crcTmp;
}

/**
 * @brief Accumulate the X.25 CRC by adding an array of bytes
 *
 * The checksum function adds the hash of one char at a time to the
 * 16 bit checksum (uint16_t).
 *
 * @param data - New bytes to hash
 * @param crcAccum - Already accumulated checksum
 */
void crc_accumulate_buffer(uint16_t *crcAccum, const char *pBuffer, uint16_t length)
{
    const uint8_t *p = (const uint8_t *)pBuffer;
    while (length--) crc_accumulate(*p++, crcAccum);
}

// @param 2 (&msg + 1) to start CRC at LEN not STX.
// @param 3 Must add 5 to the payload message length to perform checksum across LEN, SEQ, SYS, COMP, MSGID and PAYLOAD.
crc_accumulate_buffer(&msg->checksum, &msg + 1, msg->len + 5);
// Note CRC_EXTRA is defined for each individual packet in the document.
crc_accumulate(CRC_EXTRA, &msg->checksum);
ck_a(msg) = (uint8_t)(msg->checksum & 0xFF);
ck_b(msg) = (uint8_t)(msg->checksum >> 8);
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