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# 1 Introduction

L76B module can use both BDS and GPS constellation and features accurate acquisition. The module supports autonomous BDS C/A, SBAS function (including WAAS and EGNOS) and AGPS (EASY function). It can be used in the positioning, navigation and other industries.

This document describes the software aspects of L76B. L76B supports NMEA 0183 standard commands. MTK NMEA extended packet is supported to control and configure L76B module.

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## 2 Standard NMEA Packet Protocol

L76B supports NMEA 0183 standard messages. The following table shows the structure of a NMEA 0183 standard message.

### 2.1. --RMC

RMC, recommended minimum position data (including position, velocity and time).

Example:

```
$GPRMC,085151.000,A,3150.8001,N,11711.9578,E,0.58,312.44,060514,,D*62<CR><LF>
$GNRMC,060312.000,A,3150.7828,N,11711.9292,E,0.01,311.98,070714,,D*70<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
--RMC	Message ID
UTC time	Time in format 'hhmmss.sss'
Data valid	'V'=Invalid 'A'=Valid
Latitude	Latitude in format 'ddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
N/S	'N'=North 'S'=South
Longitude	Longitude in format 'dddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
E/W	'E'=East 'W'=West
Speed	Speed over ground in knots
COG	Course over ground in degree
Date	Date in format 'ddmmyy'
Magnetic variation	Magnetic variation in degree, not being output



E/W	Magnetic variation E/W indicator, not being output
Positioning mode	'N'=No fix
	'A'=Autonomous BDS fix
	'D'=Differential BDS fix
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### NOTES

1. If the receiver is fixed by GPS only, it will print GPGGA, GPGLL, GPGSA, GPGSV, GPRMC and GPVTG. If the receiver is fixed by GPS only, and also can search QZSS satellite, it will print GPGGA, GPGLL, GPGSA, GPGSV, GPRMC and GPVTG.
2. If the receiver is fixed by BDS only, it will print BDGGA, BDGLL, BDGSA, BDGSV, BDRMC and BDVTG.
3. If the receiver is fixed by multi-BDS, it will print GNGGA, GNGLL, GPGSA,BDGSA, GPGSV, BDGSV, GNRMC and GNVTG.
4. In the state of no satellite positioning, it will print initial state of NMEA, such as GNGGA, GNGLL, GPGSA,BDGSA, GPGSV, BDGSV, GNRMC and GNVTG .

## 2.2. --VTG

VTG, track made good and ground speed.

Example:

```
$GPVTG,0.0,T,,M,0.0,N,0.1,K,A*0C<CR><LF>
```

```
$GNVTG,194.15,T,,M,0.02,N,0.04,K,A*2D<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
GPVTG	Message ID
COG (T)	Course over ground (true) in degree
T	Fixed field, true
COG (M)	Course over ground (magnetic), not being output

M	Fixed field, magnetic
Speed	Speed over ground in knots
N	Fixed field, knots
Speed	Speed over ground in km/h
K	Fixed field, km/h
Positioning mode	'N'=No fix 'A'=Autonomous BDS fix 'D'=Differential BDS fix
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 2.3. --GGA

GGA, global positioning system fix data, is the essential fix data which provides 3D location and accuracy data.

Example:

```
$GPGGA,015540.000,3150.68378,N,11711.93139,E,1,17,0.6,0051.6,M,0.0,M,*,*58<CR><LF>
$GNGGA,060312.000,3150.7828,N,11711.9292,E,2,10,1.14,52.2,M,0.0,M,0000,0000*72<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
GPGGA	Message ID
UTC time	Time in format 'hhmmss.sss'
Latitude	Latitude in format 'ddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
N/S	'N'=North 'S'=South
Longitude	Longitude in format 'dddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
E/W	'E'=East 'W'=West

Fix status	'0'=Invalid '1'=BDS fix '2'=DGPS fix
Number of SV	Number of satellites being used (0~12)
HDOP	Horizontal Dilution Of Precision
Altitude	Altitude in meters according to WGS84 ellipsoid
M	Fixed field, meter
GeoID separation	Height of GeoID (mean sea level) above WGS84 ellipsoid, meter
M	Fixed field, meter
DGPS age	Age of DGPS data in seconds, empty if DGPS is not used
DGPS station ID	DGPS station ID, empty if DGPS is not used
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

## 2.4. --GSA

GSA, BDS DOP and Active Satellites, provides details on the fix, including the numbers of the satellites being used and the DOP. At most the first 12 satellite IDs are output.

Example:

```
$GPGSA,A,3,13,09,28,32,04,24,01,10,23,20,02,,1.1,0.6,0.9*20<CR><LF>
```

```
$BDGSA,A,3,88,66,81,80,67,82,,,,,,1.1,0.6,0.9*29<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
--GSA	Message ID
Mode	Auto selection of 2D or 3D fix 'M'=Manual, forced to switch 2D/3D mode 'A'=Allowed to automatically switch 2D/3D mode
Fix status	'1'=No fix '2'=2D fix

	'3'=3D fix
Satellite used 1	Satellite used on channel 1
Satellite used 2	Satellite used on channel 2
Satellite used 3	Satellite used on channel 3
Satellite used 4	Satellite used on channel 4
Satellite used 5	Satellite used on channel 5
Satellite used 6	Satellite used on channel 6
Satellite used 7	Satellite used on channel 7
Satellite used 8	Satellite used on channel 8
Satellite used 9	Satellite used on channel 9
Satellite used 10	Satellite used on channel 10
Satellite used 11	Satellite used on channel 11
Satellite used 12	Satellite used on channel 12
PDOP	Position Dilution Of Precision
HDOP	Horizontal Dilution Of Precision
VDOP	Vertical Dilution Of Precision
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

**NOTE**

If the receiver is fixed by multi-BDS, it will print two GSA sentences. One is for GPS satellite, the other is for BDS satellite. For the details, please see the Notes of Chapter 2.1 on page 8.

## 2.5. --GSV

GSV, BDS Satellites in View. One GSV sentence can only provide data for at most 4 satellites, so several sentences might be required for the full information. Since GSV includes satellites that are not used as part of the solution, GSV sentence contains more satellites than GGA does.

Example:

```
$GPGSV,3,1,12,14,64,079,36,31,57,313,43,42,45,141,40,25,41,045,42*70<CR><LF>
$GPGSV,3,2,12,32,38,300,21,22,33,185,20,29,21,108,31,193,15,172,21*44<CR><LF>
$GPGSV,3,3,12,16,08,210,16,12,06,037,38,20,04,322,23,18,02,162,25*76<CR><LF>
$BDGSV,4,1,13,07,66,349,42,09,59,220,,10,53,294,19,03,52,193,*6A<CR><LF>
$BDGSV,4,2,13,01,47,140,38,06,39,184,20,02,36,236,,04,31,119,*6C<CR><LF>
$BDGSV,4,3,13,12,18,116,29,05,18,252,,14,11,163,,08,10,166,15*6E<CR><LF>
$BDGSV,4,4,13,11,04,163,19*52<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
GPGSV	Message ID
Number of message	Number of messages, total number of GPGSV messages being output (1~3)
Sequence number	Sequence number of this entry (1~3)
Satellites in view	Total satellites in view
Satellite ID 1	Satellite ID
Elevation 1	Elevation in degree (0~90)
Azimuth 1	Azimuth in degree (0~359)
SNR 1	Signal to Noise Ration in dBHz (0~99), empty if not tracking
Satellite ID 2	Satellite ID
Elevation 2	Elevation in degree (0~90)
Azimuth 2	Azimuth in degree (0~359)
SNR 2	Signal to Noise Ration in dBHz (0~99), empty if not tracking
Satellite ID 3	Satellite ID
Elevation 3	Elevation in degree (0~90)

Azimuth 3	Azimuth in degree (0~359)
SNR 3	Signal to Noise Ration in dBHz (0~99), empty if not tracking
Satellite ID 4	Satellite ID
Elevation 4	Elevation in degree (0~90)
Azimuth 4	Azimuth in degree (0~359)
SNR 4	Signal to Noise Ration in dBHz (0~99), empty if not tracking
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

**NOTE**

If the receiver is fixed by multi-BDS, it will print one more sentence (GPGSV) for GPS satellites and one more sentence (BDGSV) for BDS satellites. For details, please see the Notes of Chapter 2.1 on page 8.

## 2.6. --GLL

GLL, geographic latitude and longitude, contains position information, time of position fix and status.

Example:

```
$GPGLL,3110.2908,N,12123.2348,E,041139.000,A,A*59<CR><LF>
$GNGLL,3150.6792,N,11711.9345,E,032946.000,A,A*4C<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
--GLL	Message ID
Latitude	Latitude in format 'ddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
N/S	'N'=North 'S'=South
Longitude	Longitude in format 'dddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)

E/W	'E'=East 'W'=West
UTC time	Time in format 'hhmmss.sss'
Data valid	'V'=Invalid 'A'=Valid
Positioning mode	'N'=No fix 'A'=Autonomous BDS fix 'D'=Differential BDS fix
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

**NOTE**

For the details, please see the Notes of Chapter 2.1 on page 8.

# 3 MTK NMEA Packet Protocol

This chapter introduces the MTK NMEA packet protocol, which is a set of extension messages of the standard NMEA packet protocol. These messages are used to control and configure L76B module. The following table shows the structure of a MTK NMEA packet.

## 3.1. Packet Type: 010 PMTK\_SYS\_MSG

This message is used to automatically output system messages by the module.

Example: \$PMTK010,001*2E<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	010
Message	System message '0'=Unknown '1'=Startup '2'=Notification for the host aiding EPO '3'=Notification for the transition to normal mode is successfully done
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message



### 3.2. Packet Type: 011 PMTK\_TXT\_MSG

This message is used to automatically output system messages by the module.

Example:

```
$PMTK011,MTKGPS*08<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	011
Message	MTKGPS
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.3. Packet Type: 001 PMTK\_ACK

Acknowledgement of PMTK command. In order to inform the sender whether the receiver has received the packet, an acknowledge packet PMTK\_ACK should return after the receiver receives a packet.

Some commands will cause the module to restart or change the baud rate. There is no PMTK\_ACK for those commands as listed below.

```
PMTK_CMD_HOT_START
PMTK_CMD_WARM_START
PMTK_CMD_COLD_START
PMTK_CMD_FULL_COLD_START
PMTK_SET_NMEA_BAUDRATE
```

Example:

```
$PMTK001,869,3*37<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'

PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	001
Command	The packet type that the acknowledge responds
Flag	'0'=Invalid packet '1'=Unsupported packet type '2'=Valid packet, but action failed '3'=Valid packet, action succeeded
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.4. Packet Type: 101 PMTK\_CMD\_HOT\_START

This message is used to hot start the module (use all available data in the NV store). Normally hot start means the module was powered down less than 3 hours (RTC must be alive) and its ephemeris is still valid. As there is no need for downloading ephemeris, it's the fastest startup method.

Example:

```
$PMTK101*32<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	101
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.5. Packet Type: 102 PMTK\_CMD\_WARM\_START

This message is used to warm start the module. Warm start means the module has approximate information of time, position and coarse data on satellite positions. But it needs to download ephemeris until it can get a fix. Using this message will force the BDS warm restarted without using the ephemeris data in NV.

Example:

```
$PMTK102*31<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	102
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.6. Packet Type: 103 PMTK\_CMD\_COLD\_START

This message is used to cold start the module. Using this message will force the BDS cold restarted without using any prior location information, including time, position, almanacs and ephemeris data.

Example:

```
$PMTK103*30<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	103
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum

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<CR><LF>                      Each of message

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### 3.7. Packet Type: 104 PMTK\_CMD\_FULL\_COLD\_START

This message is essentially a cold restart, but additionally clear system and user configurations at re-start. That is, reset the module to the factory status. Full cold start means the module has no information on last location. It needs to search the full time and frequency space, and also all possible satellite numbers before it can get a fix.

Example:

```
$PMTK104*37<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	104
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.8. Packet Type: 161 PMTK\_CMD\_STANDBY\_MODE

This message is used to enter standby mode for power saving.

Example:

```
$PMTK161,0*28<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	161
Type	'0'=Stop mode

*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.9. Packet Type: 183 PMTK\_LOCUS\_QUERY\_STATUS

This message is used to query LOCUS logging status.

Example:

```
$PMTK183*38<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	183
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

Return:

Example:

```
$PMTKLOG,456,0,11,31,2,0,0,0,3769,46*48<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	LOG
Serial#	Logging serial number: 0~65535
Type	Logging type-0: Overlap, 1: Fullstop
Mode	Logging mode-0x08: Interval logger

Content	Logging contents of configuration
Interval	Logging interval setting (valid when interval mode is selected)
Distance	Logging distance setting (valid when distance mode is selected)
Speed	Logging speed setting (valid when speed mode is selected)
Status	Logging status-1: Stop logging, 0: Logging
Number	Logging number of data record
Percent	Logging life used percentage (0%~100%)
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.10. Packet Type: 184 PMTK\_LOCUS\_ERASE\_FLASH

This message is used to erase logger flash.

Example:  
\$PMTK184,1\*22<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	184
Type	'1'=Erase all logger internal flash data
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.11. Packet Type: 185 PMTK\_LOCUS\_STOP\_LOGGER

This message is used to stop or start logging data.

Example:

```
$PMTK185,1*23<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	185
Status	'0'=Start logging '1'=Stop logging
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.12. Packet Type: 622 PMTK\_Q\_LOCUS\_DATA

This message is used to dump locus flash data.

Example:

```
$PMTK622,1*29<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	622
Type	'1'=dump partial in used flash data
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.13. Packet Type: 220 PMTK\_SET\_POS\_FIX

This message is used to set position fix interval.

Example:

```
$PMTK220,1000*1F<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	220
Interval	Position fix interval [msec]. Must be greater than 200.
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.14. Packet Type: 223 PMTK\_SET\_AL\_DEE\_CFG

This message is used to config DEE.

Example:

```
$PMTK223,1,30,180000,60000*3C<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	223
SV	Range: 1~4 (Default value: 1)
SNR	Range: 25~30 (Default value: 30)
Extension threshold	Range: 40000~180000 (Default value: 180000)
Extension gap	Range: 0~3600000 (Default value: 60000)



*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.15. Packet Type: 225 PMTK\_SET\_PERIODIC\_MODE

This message is used to enter periodic mode for power saving.

Example:

```
$PMTK225,8*23<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	225
Type	'0'=Back to normal mode '1'=Periodic Backup mode '2'=Periodic Standby mode '4'=Perpetual Backup mode '8'=AlwaysLocate Standby mode '9'=AlwaysLocate Backup mode
run time	'0': Disable >='1000': Enable (Range: 1000~518400000)
Sleep time	(Range: 1000~518400000)
Second run time	'0': Disable >='1000': Enable (Range: 1000~518400000)
Second sleep time	(Range: 1000~518400000)
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

**NOTE**

The unit of run time or sleep time is msec. The second run time should be larger than first run time when the first run time is non-zero value.

### 3.16. Packet Type: 251 PMTK\_SET\_NMEA\_BAUDRATE

This message is used to set NMEA port baud rate. Using PMTK251 command to setup baud rate setting, the setting will be back to default value in the condition: Full cold start command is issued.

Example:

```
$PMTK251,115200*1F<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	251
Baud rate	Baud rate setting 9600 - default setting 4800 9600 14400 19200 38400 57600 115200
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.17. Packet Type: 286 PMTK\_SET\_AIC\_ENABLED

This message is used to enable or disable AIC function. It is suggested to set cold start command first and then PMTK command.

Example:

\$PMTK286,0\*22<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	286
Enable	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.18. Packet Type: 300 PMTK\_API\_SET\_FIX\_CTL

This message is used to control the rate of position fixing activity.

Example:

\$PMTK300,1000,0,0,0,0\*1C<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	300
Fix interval	Position fix interval [msec]. Must be greater than 100.
Reserved	0
Reserved	0
Reserved	0
Reserved	0
*	End character of data field

Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.19. Packet Type: 301 PMTK\_API\_SET\_DGPS\_MODE

This message is used to configure the source mode of DGPS correction data.

Example: \$PMTK301,2*2E<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	301
Mode	DGPS data source mode. '0'=No DGPS source '2'=WAAS
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.20. Packet Type: 313 PMTK\_API\_SET\_SBAS\_ENABLED

This message is used to enable or disable to search a SBAS satellite. SBAS (Satellite Based Augmentation Systems) is a system that supports wide-area or regional augmentation through geostationary satellite broadcast messages. The geostationary satellite broadcast BDS integrity and correction data with the assistance of multiple ground stations which are located at accurately-surveyed points.

Example:

```
$PMTK313,1*2E<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	313
Enable	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.21. Packet Type: 314 PMTK\_API\_SET\_NMEA\_OUTPUT

This message is used to set NMEA sentence output frequencies. There are totally 19 data fields that present output frequencies for the 19 supported NMEA sentences individually.

Supported Frequency Setting:

- 0 - Disabled or not supported sentence
- 1 - Output once every one position fix
- 2 - Output once every two position fixes
- 3 - Output once every three position fixes
- 4 - Output once every four position fixes
- 5 - Output once every five position fixes

Example:

The module only output RMC once every one position fix.

```
$PMTK314,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0*29<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	314

0 GLL	GLL interval - Geographic Position - Latitude longitude
1 RMC	RMC interval - Recommended Minimum Specific BDS Sentence
2 VTG	VTG interval - Course Over Ground and Ground Speed
3 GGA	GGA interval - GPS Fix Data
4 GSA	GSA interval - BDS DOPS and Active Satellites
5 GSV	GSV interval - BDS Satellites in View
6 Reserved	Always 0
7 Reserved	Always 0
8 Reserved	Always 0
9 Reserved	Always 0
10 Reserved	Always 0
11 Reserved	Always 0
12 Reserved	Always 0
13 Reserved	Always 0
14 Reserved	Always 0
15 Reserved	Always 0
16 Reserved	Always 0
17 ZDA	ZDA interval - Time and Date
18 Reserved	Always 0
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

To restore the system default setting, use below message:

Example:

```
$PMTK314,-1*04<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	314
Restore	Always -1
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.22. Packet Type: 352 PMTK\_API\_SET\_STOP\_QZSS

Since QZSS is regional positioning service. This command is used to enable or disable QZSS function. Default is enable QZSS function.

Example:

```
$PMTK352,0*2A<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	352
QZSS_Enable	'0'=Enable '1'=Disable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum

### 3.23. Packet Type: 353 PMTK\_API\_SET\_BDS\_SEARCH\_MODE

This command is used to configure the receiver to start searching of which satellite system.

Example:

```
$PMTK353,GPS_Enable,GLONASS_Enable,GALILEO_Enable,GALILEO_FULL_Enable,BEIDOU_Enable
```

```
$PMTK353,1,0,0,0,1*2B<CR><LF>: Search GPS and BDS satellites, default setting
```

```
$PMTK353,1,0,0,0,0*2A<CR><LF>: Search GPS satellites only
```

```
$PMTK353,0,1,0,0,0*2A<CR><LF>: Search GLONASS satellites only
```

```
$PMTK353,0,0,1,0,0*2A<CR><LF>: Search GALILEO satellites only
```

```
$PMTK353,0,0,0,1,0*2A<CR><LF>: Search GALILEO_FULL satellites only
```

```
$PMTK353,0,0,0,0,1*2A<CR><LF>: Search BDS satellites only
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	353
GPS_Enable	'0'=Disable '1' or non-ZERO=search GPS satellites
GLONASS_Enable	'0'=Disable '1' or non-ZERO=search GLONASS satellites
GALILEO_Enable	'0'=Disable '1' or non-ZERO=search GALILEO satellites
GALILEO_FULL_Enable	'0'=Disable '1' or non-ZERO=search GALILEO_FULL satellites
BeiDou_Enable	'0'=Disable '1' or non-ZERO=search BDS satellites
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum

**NOTE**

The default setting of L76B: Search GPS and BDS satellites



### 3.24. Packet Type: 386 PMTK\_API\_SET\_STATIC\_NAV\_THD

This message is used to set the speed threshold for static navigation. If the actual speed is below the threshold, output position will keep the same and output speed will be zero. If threshold value is set to 0, this function is disabled.

Example:

```
$PMTK386,0.4*39<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	386
Speed_threshold	0~2m/s
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.25. Packet Type: 400 PMTK\_API\_Q\_FIX\_CTL

This message is used to query the rate of position fixing activity.

Refer to PMTK\_API\_SET\_FIX\_CTL for setting the rate.

Refer to PMTK\_DT\_FIX\_CTL for the result of the query.

Example:

```
$PMTK400*36<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	400

*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.26. Packet Type: 401 PMTK\_API\_Q\_DGPS\_MODE

This message is used to query the setting of DGPS mode.

Refer to PMTK\_API\_SET\_DGPS\_MODE for setting the DGPS mode.

Refer to PMTK\_DT\_DGPS\_MODE for the result of the query.

Example:

```
$PMTK401*37<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	401
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.27. Packet Type: 413 PMTK\_API\_Q\_SBAS\_ENABLED

This message is used to query the setting of SBAS.

Refer to PMTK\_API\_SET\_SBAS\_ENABLE for SBAS setting.

Refer to PMTK\_DT\_SBAS\_ENABLED for the result of the query.

Example:  
\$PMTK413\*34<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	413
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.28. Packet Type: 414 PMTK\_API\_Q\_NMEA\_OUTPUT

This message is used to query the current NMEA sentence output frequencies.

Refer to PMTK\_API\_SET\_NMEA\_OUTPUT for the frequencies setting.

Refer to PMTK\_DT\_NMEA\_OUTPUT for the result of the query.

Example:  
\$PMTK414\*33<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	414
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.29. Packet Type: 605 PMTK\_Q\_RELEASE

This message is used to query the firmware release information.

Refer to PMTK\_DT\_RELEASE for the result of the query.

Example:

```
$PMTK605*31<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	605
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.30. Packet Type: 500 PMTK\_DT\_FIX\_CTL

This message is the response to PMTK\_API\_Q\_FIX\_CTL.

Example:

```
$PMTK500,1000,0,0,0,0*1A<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	500
Fix interval	Position fix interval [msec]. Greater than 100.
Reserved	Always 0
Reserved	Always 0

Reserved	Always 0
Reserved	Always 0
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.31. Packet Type: 501 PMTK\_DT\_DGPS\_MODE

This message is the response to PMTK\_API\_Q\_DGPS\_MODE.

Example:

```
$PMTK501,1*2B<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	501
Mode	DGPS data source mode. '0'=No DGPS source '2'=WAAS
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.32. Packet Type: 513 PMTK\_DT\_SBAS\_ENABLED

This message is the response to PMTK\_API\_Q\_SBAS\_ENABLED.

Example:

```
$PMTK513,1*28<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	513
Enable	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.33. Packet Type: 514 PMTK\_DT\_NMEA\_OUTPUT

This message is the response to PMTK\_API\_Q\_NMEA\_OUTPUT.

Example:

```
$PMTK514,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0*2E<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	514
0 GLL	GLL interval - Geographic Position - Latitude longitude
1 RMC	RMC interval - Recommended Minimum Specific BDS Sentence
2 VTG	VTG interval - Course Over Ground and Ground Speed

3 GGA	GGA interval - GPS Fix Data
4 GSA	GSA interval - BDS DOPS and Active Satellites
5 GSV	GSV interval - BDS Satellites in View
6 Reserved	
7 Reserved	
8 Reserved	
9 Reserved	
10 Reserved	
11 Reserved	
12 Reserved	
13 Reserved	
14 Reserved	
15 Reserved	
16 Reserved	
17 ZDA	ZDA interval - Time and Date
18 Reserved	Always 0
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

### 3.34. Packet Type: 705 PMTK\_DT\_RELEASE

This message is the response to PMTK\_Q\_RELEASE.

Example:

```
$PMTK705,AXN_3.60_3333_14051918,0001,Quectel-L76B*72<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	705
Release string	Firmware release name and version 3318: Mcore_x.x 3329: AXN_x.x 3339: AXN_x.x 3333: AXN_x.x
Build ID	Build ID set in CoreBuilder for firmware version control
Product model	Product Model set in CoreBuilder for product identification
SDK version (Optional)	Showing SDK version if the firmware is used for SDK
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message



### 3.35. Packet Type: 869 PMTK\_EASY\_ENABLE

This message is used to enable or disable EASY function, and it also can be used to query if EASY is enabled or disabled.

Example:

```
$PMTK869,1,1*35<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet type	869
CmdType	'0'=Query '1'=Set '2'=Result for Query operation
Enabled	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

# 4 Appendix A Reference

**Table 1: Related Documents**

SN	Document Name	Remark
[1]	Quectel_L76_Series_Hardware_Design	L76 series Hardware Design
[2]	Quectel_L76B_EVB_User_Guide	L76B EVB User Guide
[3]	Quectel_L76B_Reference_Design	L76B Reference Design

**Table 2: Terms and Abbreviations**

Abbreviation	Description
BDS	BeiDou Navigation Satellite System
GPS	Global Positioning System
GLONASS	Global Navigation Satellite System (The Russian GNSS)
GALILEO	GALILEO Global Navigation Satellite System( built by the European Union and European Space Agency )
NMEA	National Marine Electronics Association
PMTK	Private protocol of MTK
GGA	NMEA: Global Positioning System Fix Data
RMC	NMEA: Recommended Minimum Position Data
GSA	NMEA: BDS DOP and Active Satellites
GSV	NMEA: BDS Satellites in View
GLL	NMEA: Geographic Position - Latitude/Longitude
VTG	NMEA: Track Made Good and Ground Speed

SBAS	Satellite-Based Augmentation System
AGPS	Assisted Global Positioning System
DGPS	Differential Global Positioning System
EASY	Embedded Assist System
AIC	Active Interference Cancellation
PDOP	Position Dilution Of Precision
VDOP	Vertical Dilution Of Precision
HDOP	Horizontal Dilution Of Precision
WAAS	Wide Area Augmentation System
PPS	Pulse Per Second
UTC	Universal Time Coordinated

**Table 3: Structure of NMEA Message**

Field	Length (Bytes)	Description
\$	1	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
Talker ID	1~2	Talker IDs can be 'GP' and 'GN' when the message ID is RMC,GGA, VTG or GLL, and Talker IDs can be 'GP' and 'BD' when the message ID is GSV or GSA, Otherwise, Talker ID is always 'GP'.
NMEA message ID	3	NMEA message ID
Data Field	Variable, depend on the NMEA message type	Data fields, delimited by comma ','
*	1	End character of data field
Checksum	2	A hexadecimal number calculated by exclusive OR of all characters between '\$' and '*'
<CR><LF>	2	Each NMEA message ends with 'CR' and 'LF'

**NOTE**

The default output message of L76B has the following six sentences: RMC, VTG, GGA, GSA, GSV and GLL.

**Table 4: Structure of MTK NMEA Packet**

Filed	Length (Bytes)	Description	
\$	1	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'	
Talker ID	1	'P' for proprietary message	
NMEA data type	3	Always 'MTK' to indicate MTK proprietary message	
Data Filed	Packet type	3	Packet type, from '000' to '999'
	Packet data	Variable, depend on the packet type	Data fields, delimited by comma ','
*	1	End character of data field	
Checksum	2	A hexadecimal number calculated by exclusive OR of all characters between '\$' and '**'	
<CR><LF>	2	Each NMEA message ends with 'CR' and 'LF'	

# 5 Default Configurations

Table 5: Default Configurations

Item	Default
NMEA port baud rate	9600bps
Datum	WGS84
Rate of position fixing	1HZ
DGPS mode	SBAS
SBAS enable	Enable
NMEA output messages	GGA,RMC, GSA, GSV,VTG and GLL
AIC	On
EASY	On



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