

Product Name	Description	Version
HAWK A3e	Dual-frequency multi-constellation GNSS receiver with e-compass	0.2



1 Introduction

HAWK A3e is dual-frequency GNSS receiver designed for Pixhawk(PX4)-based platform UAV. The receiver is capable of concurrently tracking all global civil navigation systems, including GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO, BEIDOU, QZSS and NAVIC.

The built-in lightweight helical antenna not only enhances GNSS positioning stability, but also increases the flight time of the drone. The fast Time-To-First-Fix, GNSS convergence, superior sensitivity, low power consumption make it a better choice for Pixhawk(PX4)-based platform UAV.

2 Features

- Support GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO, BEIDOU, QZSS and NAVIC
- Capable of SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN) and QZSS SLAS
- Support 135-channel GNSS
- Fast TTFF at low signal level
- Free hybrid ephemeris prediction to achieve faster cold start
- Default 5Hz, up to 10 Hz update rate*
- Build-in gold capacitor to reserve system data for rapid satellite acquisition
- Three LED indicator for Power, PPS and Data transmit
- Integrated with iSentek IST8310 (3-axis magnetometer) e-compass chip

*Note: SBAS support 5Hz only.

3 Application

- Unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) positioning and navigation

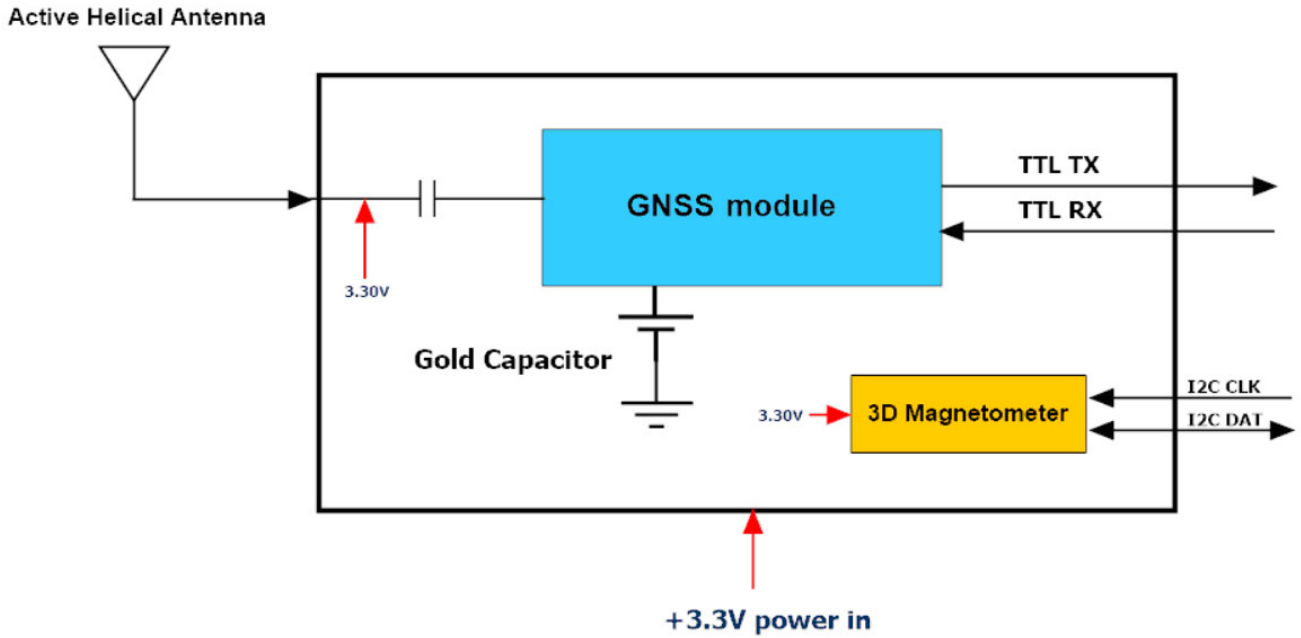


Fig 3-1 System block diagram

4 Warning

- When removing the HAWK A3e cable connector, please be sure to turn off the flight control power on the airborne side first, and unplug the lithium battery (main power) plug. After confirming that the power is off, please wait 20 seconds before unplugging the Hawk cable connector.
- When the aircraft is in the "live" state, please do not unplug the HAWK product cable at will, otherwise it will easily cause electrical abnormalities or product damage.

5 Pin assignment and LED description



No	Name	Description
LED 1	TX LED	Green, GNSS data transmit indicator
LED 2	Power LED	Red, Power indicator
LED 3	PPS LED	Blue, PPS indicator

Pin No	Name	Type	Description
1	VCC	P	DC supply voltage 3.3V ~ 5.0V input
2	GNSS_RX	I/O	Receive Data Input
3	GNSS_TX	I/O	Transmit Data Output
4	GNSS_PPS	O	GNSS pulse per second, 100ms pulse width
5	NC		NC
6	NC		NC
7	I2C_CLK	I/O	Magnetometer's I2C serial clock
8	I2C_DAT	I/O	Magnetometer's I2C serial data
9	GND	P	Ground

5.1 Cable pin assignment



NO	Pin No	Name	Type	Description
1	Red	VCC	I	Red, DC supply voltage 3.3V ~ 5.0V input
2	Green	GNSS_RX	I	Green, Receive Data Input
3	Yellow	GNSS_TX	O	Yellow, Transmit Data Output
4	White	I2C_CLK	I/O	White, Magnetometer's I2C serial clock
5	Blue	I2C_DAT	I/O	Blue, Magnetometer's I2C serial data
6	Black	GND	P	Black, Ground

6 GNSS receiver

Frequency	GPS/QZSS: L1 C/A GLONASS: L1OF GALILEO: E1 BEIDOU: B1I IRNSS (NAVIC): L5	
Channels	Support 135 channels	
Update rate	5Hz default, up to 10Hz	
Acquisition Time	Hot start (Open Sky)	1s (typical)
	Cold Start (Open Sky)	28s (typical) without AGPS
PPS	100ms pulse width	
Datum	WGS-84 (default)	
Max. Altitude	< 18,000 m	
Max. Velocity	< 500 m/s	
Protocol Support	UBX	230400 bps, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bits (default) 5Hz:UBX-NAV-PVT,UBX-NAV-DOP 1Hz: UBX-NAV-TIMEGPS

7 DC & Temperature characteristics

7.1 DC Electrical characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Input voltage	V _{CC}	3.3	3.3	5.0	V
Input current ⁽¹⁾	I _{CC}		42		mA
High Level Input Voltage	V _{IH}	0.7*V _{CC}		V _{CC}	V
Low Level Input Voltage	V _{IL}	0		0.2*V _{CC}	V
High Level Output Voltage	V _{OH}	V _{CC} -0.4			V
Low Level Output Voltage	V _{OL}			0.4	V
High Level Output Current	I _{OH}		4		mA
Low Level Output Current	I _{OL}		4		mA

Note 1: Measured when position fix (1Hz) is available, the function of self-generated ephemeris prediction is inactive.

7.2 Temperature characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Operating Temperature	T _{opr}	-10		60	°C
Storage Temperature	T _{stg}	-10	25	60	°C

8 Mechanical specification



9 Ordering information

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10 Suggesting mounting area



11 Packing information: Receiver + Helix antenna +Connector



Document change list

Revision 0.1

- Preliminary release on January 08, 2024.

Revision 0.2 (September 06, 2024)

- Added e-compass chip model name in section 2.