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### **VBOX Sport Serial Data Stream**

### **Default message format**

\$VBSPT\$nnnniiii,stttaaaaoooovvhheeezzxxyybbmmmmffffddcc

The \$VBSPT\$ and commas are in ASCII, the rest is in binary.

The four bytes of the nnnn field indicate the presence of standard channels in the data stream

The four bytes of the iiii field indicate the presence of extended channels in the data stream.

### Standard channels examples:

- 1. If only 'sats' and 'speed' are present the corresponding bit masks 0x00000001 and 0x00000010 would equate to the nnnn field equaling 0x00000011.
- 2. If 'sats', 'time', 'latitude', 'longitude', 'speed', 'heading', 'height', 'vertical velocity', 'lat.acc.' and 'long.acc.' are present then the nnnn field would equal 0x000003FF.

### **Extended channels examples:**

- 1. If only 'battery time to empty' is present the iiii field would equal 0x00000001.
- 2. If 'battery time to empty', 'media capacity', 'media free space' and 'HDOP' are all present the iiii field would equal 0x00000071.

#### Note

Some bit flags are not used, while others are not available in production units.

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#### **Default channels**

Bluetooth

At the time of writing the default channels are:

Standard channels 0x000003FF:

Satellites, time, latitude, longitude, speed, heading, height, vertical speed, longitudinal acceleration and lateral acceleration.

Extended channels 0x00000071:

Battery time to empty, media capacity, media free space, HDOP.

USB

At the time of writing the default channels are:

Standard channels 0x000000FF:

Satellites, time, latitude, longitude, speed, heading, height, vertical speed.

Extended channels 0x00000000:

None.

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#### Fields list

Note that for clarity the fields are colour coded.

The meta-data fields are shown as this colour.

The standard channel fields are this colour.

The extended channel fields are this colour.

Any unsupported channel is this colour.

Code in default message format above	Bytes	Description	Bit mask
\$VBPBi\$	8	Header \$VBSPT\$	
nnnn	4	Standard Channel Flags 0x000003FF	
iiii	4	Extended Channel Flags 0x00000071	
,	1	Comma	
s	1	Satellites Bits 0-6 are number of satellites used Bit 7 is set if the VBOX SPORT is using DGPS	0x0000001
ttt	3	Time Number of 10ms ticks since midnight UTC	0x00000002
aaaa	4	Latitude (minutes * 100,000) Positive value for North, negative for South	0x0000004
0000	4	Longitude (minutes * 100,000) Positive value for West, negative for East	0x0000008
vv	2	Speed Speed in knots * 100	0x0000010
hh	2	Heading Degrees from true north * 100	0x00000020
eee	3	Height Altitude in metres WGS84 * 100 True signed 24 bit number	0x00000040

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zz	2	Vertical Speed Vertical speed in m/s	0x00000080
хх	2	Longitudinal acceleration (from GPS) In G * 100	0x00000100
уу	2	Lateral acceleration (from GPS) In G * 100	0x00000200
	4	Brake distance	0x00000400
	4	<b>Distance</b> In m * 128000	0x00000800
	4	Internal analogue 1	0x00001000
	4	Internal analogue 2	0x00002000
	4	Internal analogue 3	0x00004000
	4	Internal analogue 4	0x00008000
	1	Glonass sats	0x00010000
	1	GPS sats	0x00020000
	2	Yaw 0 value	0x00040000
	2	Yaw 0 LatAcc	0x00080000

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	2	Yaw 0 Status	0x00100000
	2	Yaw 1 value	0x00200000
	2	Yaw 1 LatAcc	0x00400000
	2	Yaw 1 Status	0x00800000
	4	Velocity quality	0x01000000
	4	Temperature In degrees C * 100	0x02000000
	2	Buffer size	0x04000000
	3	Media Free Space (0xEF7FF - ((percent_free / 100) * 0xEF7FF))	0x08000000
	4	Event time 1	0x10000000
	2	Event time 2	0x20000000
	2	Internal voltage	0x40000000
	2	Battery voltage In mV	0x80000000
bb	2	Battery time to empty In minutes. TTE field from gas gauge. A value of 0xFFFF is shown if the battery is not discharging.	0x0000001

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	2	Battery time to full In minutes. TTF field from gas gauge. A value of 0xFFFF is shown if the battery is not charging	0x00000002
	2	Battery charge when full In mAh. FCC field from gas gauge.	0x0000004
	2	Battery current charge As a percentage of charge when full. RM field from gas gauge.	0x00000008
mmmm	4	Media capacity In kB.	0x0000010
ffff	4	Media free space In kB.	0x00000020
dd	2	HDOP Value * 100	0x00000040
Сс	2	Checksum CRC of message, see Note 1*	

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#### \*Note 1

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CRC Calculation example:
s[n] is a string containing the message
Polynomial:= 4129 (0x1021)
CRC:=0;
For Loop:=1 to Length(s) do
begin
Temp:=s[Loop];
CRC:= CRC xor (integer(Temp) * 256);
CRC:= CRC mod 65536;
for i:=7 downto 0 do
begin
if ((CRC and 32768)=32768) then
begin
CRC:= CRC *2;
CRC:= CRC xor Polynomial;
end
else
begin
CRC:= CRC *2;
end;
CRC:=CRC mod 65536;
end;
end;
result:=CRC;
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### **Troubleshooting**

I am only receiving a message containing "\$VBSPT" from the VBOX Sport.

Please interpret the data as binary to resolve this issue. "\$VBSPT" is a header and is in ASCII whilst the rest of the data is binary. Please see the section entitled: 'Default message format' at the top of this document for further information.