Quick Start for EVK-7 / EVK-8



1. Overview



2. Setup

- On <u>www.u-blox.com/evk-search</u>, select the EVK from the list. Download and install the u-center software and download documentation as needed. See installation notes on the back of this card.
- 2. Connect the unit to a PC. Options:
 - USB: Connect via USB port (**G**). The USB driver installs automatically when the device is connected to a PC; internet connection required.
 - UART: Connect via RS232 (F). Set switch (B) to I2C.
 - SPI / I2C compliant DDC: Connect the pins (C). Set switch (B) to either SPI or I2C.
 NOTE: Press RST (E) after setting switch (B).
- 3. Provide power to the device at all times, either via USB on the back (**G**) or the V5 IN pin (**D**) on the front.
- Connect the GNSS antenna to the evaluation unit (A) and place the antenna in a location with an unobstructed view of the sky. For best performance, use an active antenna or external LNA (when connecting to a GNSS simulator).
- 5. Start the u-center GNSS evaluation software and select the corresponding COM port and baud rate.



3. Kit includes

- EVK-7 or EVK-8 unit
- USB cable
- GPS / GLONASS antenna with a 3 m cable

4. Installation

Notes for downloading the EVK-7 / 8 software package and running the installation:

- An Internet connection is required
- Supported Windows operating systems: Windows 7 onwards (x86 and x64 versions)
- Download the u-center evaluation software
- Run the u-center installer executable file and follow the installer instructions
- When the installation is complete, you will find a u-center menu under the Windows Start button,

All Programs > u-blox

5. Interfaces

The EVK-7 and EVK-8 kits can be used to evaluate all interfaces available on u-blox 7 / u-blox-8 chips and supported modules. The evaluation unit provides a USB connector for communication and powering the device, as well as a UART connector for connecting to the COM port of your PC.

SPI and the I²C-compliant DDC interfaces are designed to enable communications with a host CPU.

6. u-center

The u-center GNSS evaluation software provides a powerful tool for evaluation, performance analysis and configuration of u-blox positioning products.

7. More information

NOTE: Refer to recommendations in the EVK user guide when using the EVK-7 / 8 with a GNSS simulator.

For more information about the EVK-7 and EVK-8 kits, contact your nearest u-blox support:

www.u-blox.com/contact-technical-support