

IMS-GNS183

Product Highlights

- | 72-channel multi-GNSS clock module for optimum reception of GPS, Galileo, BeiDou, and GLONASS satellites from a fixed or mobile location
- | Available as one-slot or two-slot wide models* with support for formatted time string output and the Meinberg IMS-XHE^{Rb} Rubidium expansion unit
- | Ease of configuration through LANTIME Operating System (LTOS) Web Interface
- | Compliant with ITU-T G.8272 PRTC-A specifications



A High-Accuracy Clock Module for GPS Reception

The IMS-GNS183 clock module for Meinberg's IMS family of modular time servers is symbolic of Meinberg's longest tradition of GNSS-based timekeeping—a robust 72-channel clock module capable of acquiring the widely available GPS, Galileo, BeiDou, and GLONASS signals and using these to generate ultra-precise 10 MHz frequency signals, 1PPS clock signals as well as various time-of-day string formats for high-accuracy timekeeping.

The IMS-GNS183 is offered as single-slot designs with either a dedicated 9-pin RS-232 D-Sub port for the exchange of specifically formatted time strings or an XHE-SPI connector for the integration of an external Meinberg IMS-XHE^{Rb} Rubidium expansion unit for exceptional holdover performance, and also as an two slot-wide model that offers both the aforementioned RS-232 and XHE-SPI connectors.

* Models described as “two slots wide” or “two slots tall” in this data sheet only use two ‘slots’ of chassis space by virtue of their higher profile resulting from the size of the components on the printed circuit board and/or the need to accommodate more connectors. The faceplate of such high-profile modules is therefore two slots in width/height, which can prevent the use of adjacent interfaces in M500 and M1000(S) systems. Such modules do not require two physical interfaces in your IMS system.

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Basic Specifications

Receiver Type	72-channel multi-GNSS receiver
Compatible Antennas	Meinberg GNSS Multi-Band Antenna GNMANTv2

Accessories Included

- | A Meinberg GNMANTv2 Antenna for outdoor installation, a mounting kit containing all the accessories required to mount the antenna on a pole or wall, and a 20 m (65.6 ft) Speedfoam 240HFJ coaxial cable with pre-fitted connectors as standard*.
- | A 1.5 m XHE-RB connector cable for use with an XHE^{Rb} Rubidium expansion unit (models with XHE-SPI connector only).
- | Optional: MBG S-PRO surge protector for in-line installation between the antenna and your IMS-GNS183 module.

★ Meinberg also offers customized antenna cables to accommodate your specific installation requirements. Please reach out to your Meinberg Sales Representative for more information.

Oscillator Options

The IMS-GNS183 is shipped as standard with a “OCXO SQ” type oscillator (oven-controlled crystal oscillator), which provides excellent holdover performance if your IMS system loses synchronization with its upstream references for any reason. The IMS-GNS183 may also be shipped on request with a more powerful holdover solution; the options available and their performance metrics are listed below:

Type	Short-Term Stability ($\tau = 1$ second)	Holdover Temperature Drift	Holdover Performance (1 Day) ¹	Holdover Performance (1 Year) ¹
OCXO SQ	5×10^{-10}	$\pm 1 \times 10^{-7}$ (–10 to 70 °C)	$\pm 220 \mu\text{s}$	$\pm 4.7 \text{ s}$
OCXO HQ	5×10^{-12}	$\pm 1 \times 10^{-8}$ (5 to 70 °C)	$\pm 22 \mu\text{s}$	$\pm 788 \text{ ms}$
OCXO DHQ ²	2×10^{-12}	$\pm 2 \times 10^{-10}$ (5 to 70 °C)	$\pm 4.5 \mu\text{s}$	$\pm 158 \text{ ms}$
XHE ^{Rb} Rubidium	2×10^{-11}	$\pm 6 \times 10^{-10}$ (–25 to 70 °C)	$\pm 800 \text{ ns}$	$\pm 8 \text{ ms}$

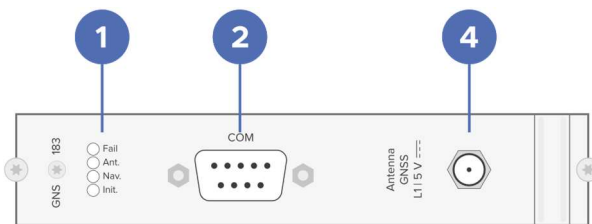
¹ The provided values were measured under an ambient temperature of approximately 20 °C (68 °F) without exposure to any acceleration forces such as vibration. Mechanical shocks and vibrations can adversely affect oscillator performance. Full holdover performance requires the system to have been synchronized for 24 hours previously.

² IMS-GNS183 modules with OCXO DHQ oscillators are only available in two-slot wide models due to the size of the oscillator.

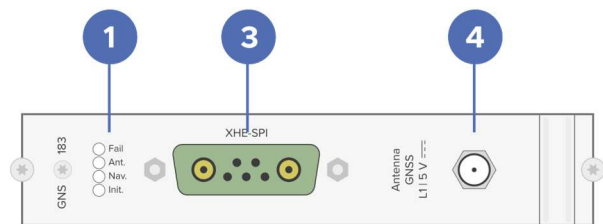
Connectors and Variants

The IMS-GNS183 models featuring a COM port allow the clock to output time strings and also to receive time strings for synchronization with an external time string source.

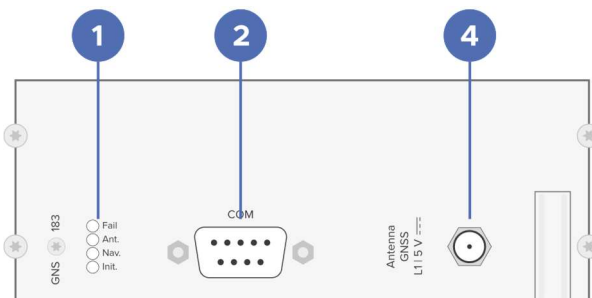
The models featuring an IMS-XHE^{Rb} port allow the clock to be synchronized via an external Meinberg IMS-XHE^{Rb} Rubidium clock for high accuracy in holdover conditions.



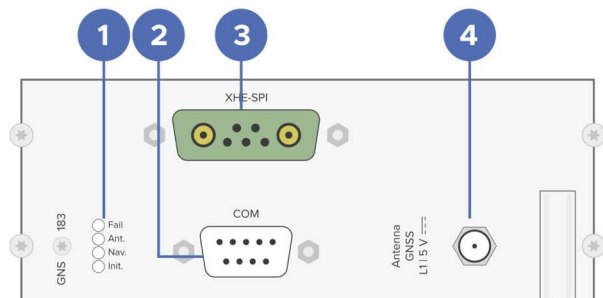
One-slot COM Port Model



One-slot IMS-XHE^{Rb} Connector Model



Two-slot COM Port Model (OCXO DHQ)



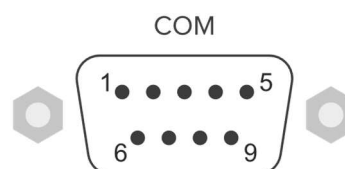
Two-slot IMS-XHE^{Rb} Connector and COM Model

1 LED Status Indicators

“Fail” LED System Status	“Ant.” LED Reference Signal Status	“Nav.” LED Geolocation Status	“Init.” LED Initialization Status
Indicates that the clock is running in free-run mode off the onboard oscillator	Indicates whether the antenna is correctly connected and functional and whether a signal has been received	Indicates whether the IMS-GNS183 module has been able to complete geolocation by locating at least four satellites	Indicates initialization by the on-board firmware and the host operating system and the warm-up state of the onboard oscillator

2 RS-232 COM Serial Time String I/O

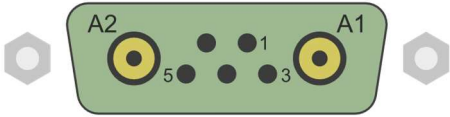
Pin	Function
1	PPS Input
2	RS-232 RxD (Receive)
3	RS-232 TxD (Transmit)
5	GND (Ground)



Connector Type	D-Sub 9-pin, male
Supported Time Strings (Output)	Meinberg Standard (<i>Default</i>), Meinberg Capture, Meinberg GPS, SAT, NMEA RMC, NMEA GGA, NMEA ZDA, NMEA RMC GGA (<i>RMC followed by GGA</i>), NMEA GGA ZDA (<i>GGA followed by ZDA</i>), Uni Erlangen, Computime, Sysplex 1, SPA, RACAL, ION, ION Blanked, IRIG-J-1, 6021, Freelance
Supported Time Strings (Input)	Meinberg Standard, NMEA RMC, NMEA ZDA, Uni Erlangen
Baud Rates	19200 (<i>Default</i>), 9600, 4800, 2400, 1200, 600, 300
Framing Options	7N2, 7E1, 7E2, 8N1 (<i>Default</i>), 8N2, 8E1, 7O1, 7O2, 8O1, 8E2
Supported Cable Type	Standard RS-232 (female) for time string output Modified RS-232 cable (female) with PPS signal on Pin 5 for synchronization with external time string + PPS signal

3 XHE-SPI Connector

Pin	Function
A1	PPS In
A2	PPS Out
1	SCL_Out (SPI Clock)
2	CS (Chip Select)
3	MOSI (Master Out, Slave In)
4	MISO (Master In, Slave Out)
5	Ground (GND)



Connector Type	XHE-SPI, female (for connection of external Meinberg IMS-XHE ^{Rb} Rubidium expansion unit)
Supported Cable Type	XHE-RB cable (included with compatible models)

4 GNSS Antenna Input

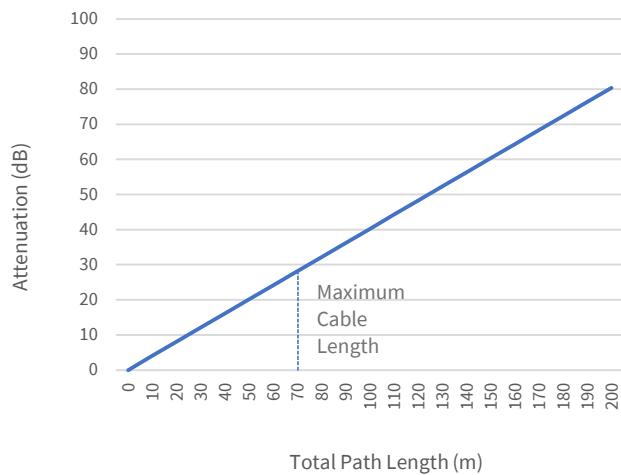
Connector Type	Subminiature Type A (SMA) connector for coaxial cable
Input Impedance	50 Ω
Power Supply	5 V, 100 mA to antenna via antenna cable
Supported Cable Length	Speedfoam 240HFJ (max. length 70 m)

Antenna
GNSS
L1 | 5 V ===

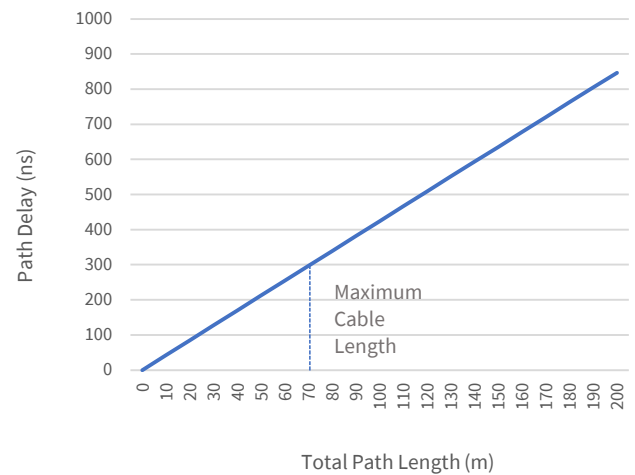


Coaxial Cable Options: Signal Transmission Performance

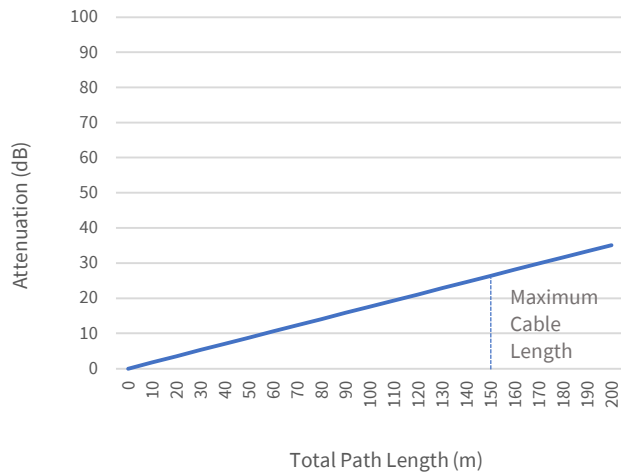
Signal Attenuation: Belden H155 Cable at 1575 MHz*



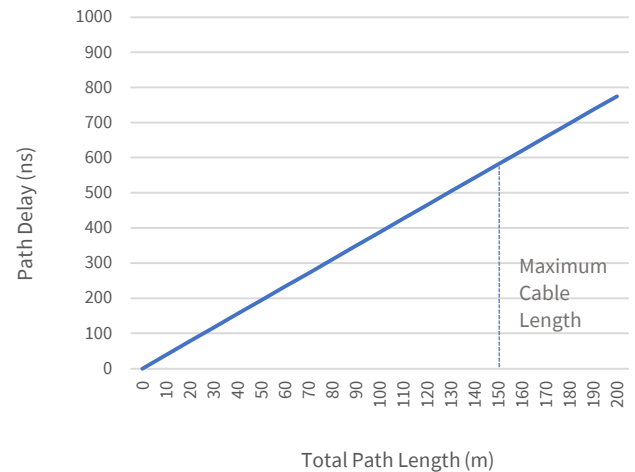
Signal Path Delay: Belden H155 Cable at 1575 MHz*



Signal Attenuation: H2010 Ultraflex Cable at 1575 MHz*



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* Test conditions: Propagation time and signal attenuation measured on 50 m of Belden H155 and 150 m of H2010 Ultraflex coaxial cable. Graph calculated based on the known assumptions that (a) if cable specifications and frequency are constant, path attenuation has a linear relationship to path length and (b) if cable specifications are constant, path delay has a linear relationship to path length.

1575 MHz was selected as the representative frequency due to its use as the widely used GPS L1 and Galileo E1 bands. When using lower-frequency bands such as GPS E5a, signal attenuation will be accordingly lower, allowing for longer cables.

IMS System Bus Connector Specifications

Connector Type

96-pin IEC 60603-2 (DIN 41612) connector
IMS clock pin layout standard

Pin No.	Row A	Row B	Row C
1	V _{cc} in (+5V)	V _{cc} in (+5V)	V _{cc} in (+5V)
2	V _{cc} in (+12V)	V _{cc} in (+12V)	V _{cc} in (+12V)
3	V _{DD} in (TCXO/OCXO)	V _{DD} in (TCXO/OCXO)	V _{DD} in (TCXO/OCXO)
4	Reserved (FreqAdjust Out)	PPS IMS Out	Prog. Pulse 3 Out
5	Fixed Frequency Out	GND	10 MHz IMS In
6	PPS IMS In	Custom	PPS Out
7	DCLS Time Code IMS In	GND	PPS 2 In
8	External Clock In / PPS Rubidium In	Not connected	PPM Out
9	10 MHz Sine Out	Not connected	PPS Rubidium Out
10	100 kHz TTL out	Custom	Prog. Pulse 0 Out
11	1 MHz TTL out	Custom	Prog. Pulse 1 Out
12	10 MHz TTL out	Not connected	Prog. Pulse 2 Out
13	DCLS Time Code Out	Not connected	Not connected
14	AM Time Code Out	GND	COM4 RxD In
15	COM2 RxD In	Not connected	Custom
16	COM2 TxD Out	Not connected	Custom
17	COM3 RxD In	Not connected	DCF77 Mark Out
18	COM3 TxD Out	Not connected	Reserved
19	GND	Not connected	Timesync Out
20	GND	GND	Custom
21	GND	Not connected	Freq. Synth TTL Out
22	GND	GND	Freq. Synth OD Out
23	GND	Not connected	Freq. Synth Sine Out
24	GND	Not connected	COM1 TxD Out
25	GND	Slot ID 0	COM4 TxD Out
26	GND	Slot ID 1	COM0 TxD Out
27	GND	Slot ID 2	CAP1 In
28	GND	Slot ID 3	CAP0 In
29	GND	+USB	COM1 RxD In
30	GND	-USB	COM0 RxD In
31	GND	GND	GND
32	GND	GND	GND

IMS System Compatibility

Compatible Base Chassis Types	All IMS LANTIME systems (M500 ¹ , M1000(S) ² , M2000S, M3000(S), M4000)
Compatible Slots	CLK (Clock)
LTOS Requirements	Requires LTOS Version 7.08.003 for full feature support

- ¹ While the IMS-GNS183 is fully compatible with the LANTIME M500, please note that two slot-wide modules featuring a DHQ oscillator and/or both a COM output and IMS-XHE^{Rb} connector will occupy the space otherwise used for the MRI slot; as such, it will not be possible to insert another module into this MRI slot.
- ² While the IMS-GNS183 is fully compatible with the standard LANTIME M1000 and M1000S systems, please note that two slot-tall modules featuring a DHQ oscillator and/or both a COM output and IMS-XHE^{Rb} connector will occupy the space otherwise used for the IO2 slot; as such, it will not be possible to insert another module into this slot. In M1000 models with clock redundancy, the use of a two slot-tall IMS-GNS183 will make it impossible to install a redundant clock module.

Miscellaneous Technical Information

Card Type	Eurocard format
Power Consumption (Maximum)	3.85 W (OCXO SQ oscillator, other oscillators may draw higher current)
Current Draw (Maximum)	0.77 A (OCXO SQ oscillator, other oscillators may draw higher current)
Operating Voltage	5 V
Operating Temperature	0 °C to 55 °C (32 °F to 131 °F)
Relative Humidity	Max. 85 % at 30 °C (86 °F), non-condensing
Surge Immunity	IEC 61000-4-5 Level 4 (test voltage: 4000 V; max. peak current given 2 Ω load: 2000 A)
Other Surge Protection	Integrated surge protector to protect connected antenna from voltage surges

Miscellaneous Support & Compliance Information

Technical Support	Free lifetime support via telephone and email, including firmware updates
Warranty	Three-year warranty, extendable upon request
Firmware Updates	Firmware is field-upgradeable; updates can be installed directly from the unit or via a remote network connection. Software updates are provided free of charge for the lifetime of your Meinberg product.
RoHS Compliance	The product is fully RoHS-compliant.
WEEE Status	The purchase of this product is considered to be a “B2B” transaction (non-household product) for the purposes of the European Union Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive; the product falls under Category 6, “Small IT and Telecommunications Equipment”. For disposal, it must be returned to the manufacturer to ensure WEEE compliance. Any transportation expenses for returning this product (at end-of-life) must be covered by the end user, while Meinberg will cover the costs for the waste disposal itself.