

# **VN-110 IMU/AHRS**



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- **VN-110 User Manual:** The user manual provides a high-level overview of product specific information for each of our inertial sensors. Further detailed information regarding hardware integration and application specific use can be found in the separate documentation listed below.
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Product Description

The VectorNav Tactical Series sets a new standard for high-performance inertial navigation systems. Built on a tactical grade MEMS IMU core that is housed in a compact and ruggedized aluminum enclosure, the tactical series leverages VectorNav's industry leading navigation algorithms and extensive applications experience to deliver a new standard in inertial navigation.

### Tactical



**VN-110**



**VN-210**



**VN-310**

### Tactical Embedded



**VN-110E**



**VN-210E**



**VN-310E**

### Key Benefits:

- ▶ < 1°/hr in-run gyro bias stability
- ▶ < 2 mrad attitude performance
- ▶ VN-110, VN-210 and VN-310 features an IP-68 rated enclosure designed to meet DO-160G
- ▶ Software compatible with existing VectorNav products
- ▶ Embedded module designed for SWAP constrained applications
- ▶ Expansion port for connectivity to external sensors
- ▶ Made in the USA

## 1.2 Tactical Series Capabilities



| CAPABILITIES                | VN-110 & VN-110E<br>IMU/AHRS | VN-210 and VN-210E<br>GNSS/INS | VN-310 and VN-310E<br>Dual GNSS/INS |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| IMU<br>Measurements         | ✓                            | ✓                              | ✓                                   |
| Magnetic<br>Heading         | ✓                            | ✓                              | ✓                                   |
| Attitude Filter<br>(VPE)    | ✓                            | ✓                              | ✓                                   |
| INS Filter                  |                              | ✓                              | ✓                                   |
| GNSS-<br>Compass<br>Heading |                              |                                | ✓                                   |

## 1.3 Tactical Series Key Specifications



| NAVIGATION                          | VN-110/VN-110E       | VN-210/VN-210E   | VN-310/VN-310E      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Range (Heading/Yaw, Roll)           | ±180°                | ±180°            | ±180°               |
| Range (Pitch)                       | ±90°                 | ±90°             | ±90°                |
| Heading (Magnetic)                  | 2° RMS               | 2° RMS           | 2° RMS              |
| Heading (INS)                       | -                    | < 0.05°-0.1°, 1σ | < 0.05°-0.1°, 1σ    |
| Heading (GNSS-Compass, 1m Baseline) | -                    | -                | 0.3° RMS            |
| Pitch/Roll (Static)                 | < 0.05° RMS          | < 0.05° RMS      | < 0.05° RMS         |
| Pitch/Roll (INS)                    | -                    | < 0.015°, 1σ     | < 0.015°, 1σ        |
| Horizontal Position (typical)       | -                    | 1.0 m RMS        | 1.0 m RMS           |
| Vertical Position (typical)         | -                    | 1.5 m RMS        | 1.5 m RMS           |
| RTK Position Accuracy               | -                    | 0.01m + 1ppm CEP | 0.01m + 1ppm CEP    |
| Velocity                            | -                    | < 0.02 m/s       | < 0.02 m/s          |
| <b>PHYSICAL</b>                     |                      |                  |                     |
| Dimensions                          |                      |                  |                     |
| Tactical                            | 56 x 56 x 23 mm      | 56 x 56 x 31 mm  | 56 x 56 x 31 mm     |
| Tactical Embedded                   | 31 x 31 x 11 mm      | 31 x 31 x 11 mm  | 31 x 31 x 11 mm     |
| Weight                              |                      |                  |                     |
| Tactical                            | 125 g                | 155 g            | 160 g               |
| Tactical Embedded                   | 12 g                 | 14 g             | 15 g                |
| <b>IMU</b>                          | <b>ACCELEROMETER</b> | <b>GYROSCOPE</b> | <b>MAGNETOMETER</b> |
| Range                               | ±15 g                | ±490 °/s         | ±2.5 Gauss          |
| In-Run Bias Stability               | < 10 µg              | < 1 °/hr         | -                   |
| Noise Density                       | 0.04 mg / √Hz        | 5 °/hr/√Hz       | 140 µGauss/√Hz      |
| Bandwidth                           | 240 Hz               | 240 Hz           | 200 Hz              |

## 1.4 Factory Calibration

MEMS inertial sensors are subject to several common sources of error: bias, scale factor, misalignments, temperature dependencies, and gyro g-sensitivity. All VN-110 sensors undergo a rigorous calibration process at the VectorNav factory to minimize these error sources. Compensation parameters calculated during these calibrations are stored on each individual sensor and digitally applied to the real-time measurements. Unlike the industrial series, the tactical series is only made available with the full thermal calibration option.

- ▶ Thermal Calibration – this option extends the calibration process over multiple temperatures to ensure performance specifications are met over the full operating temperature range of -40 °C to +85 °C.

## 1.5 Measurement Output Options

Outputs from the VN-110 include:

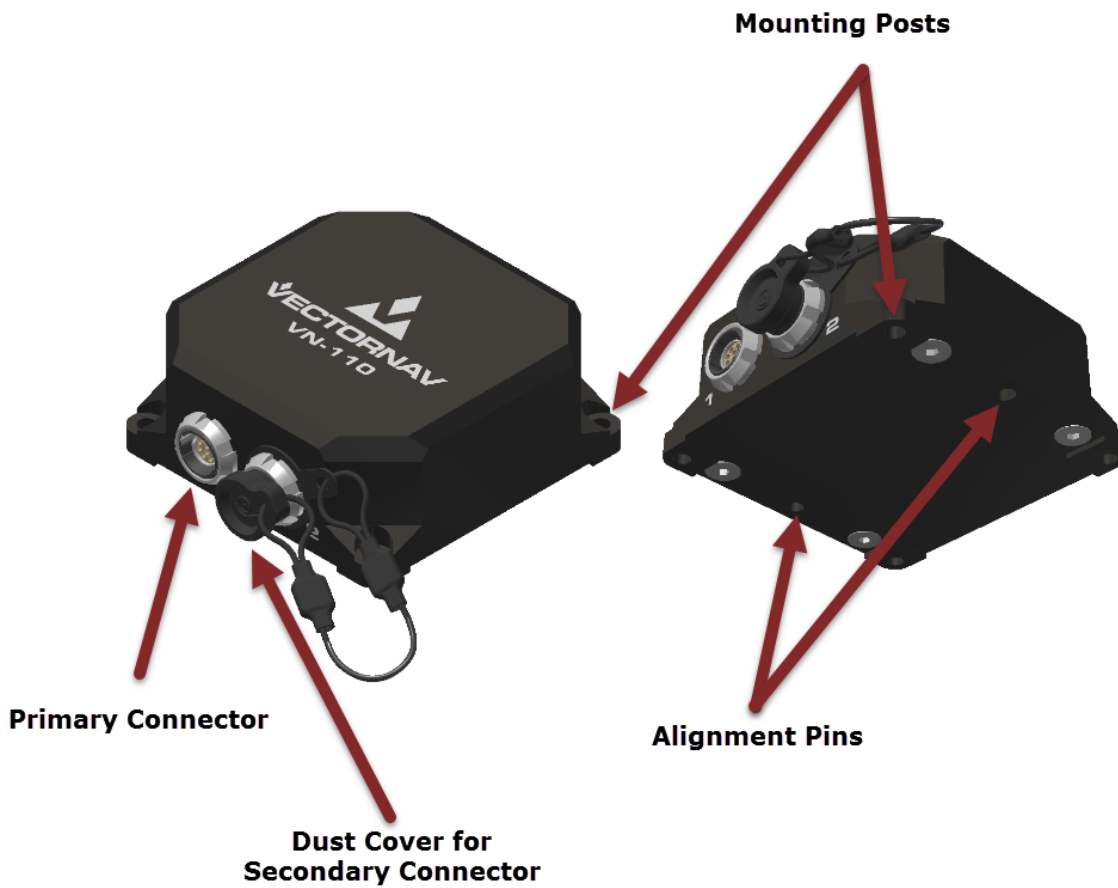
- ▶ Attitude Estimates:
  - Yaw, Pitch, Roll
  - Quaternions
  - Rotation Matrix
- ▶ Angular Rate Measurements:
  - Bias compensated angular rates
  - Calibrated gyro measurements
- ▶ Acceleration Measurements:
  - Calibrated acceleration measurements
  - Gravity vector
- ▶ Magnetic Measurements

## 1.6 VN-110 Product Codes

| Item Code    | Sensor Packaging                    | Product Type |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| VN-110       | VN-110 Sensor Module                | IMU          |
| VN-110 -DEV  | VN-110 Development Kit              | IMU          |
| VN-CMG-10120 | Main Port Pigtail Cable – 10ft      | Cable        |
| VN-CAG-10120 | Auxiliary Port Pigtail Cable – 10ft | Cable        |
| VN-CMG-20120 | Main Port DB-15 – 10ft              | Cable        |
| VN-CAG-20120 | Auxiliary Port DB-15 – 10ft         | Cable        |

## 2 MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### 2.1 VN-110 Overview



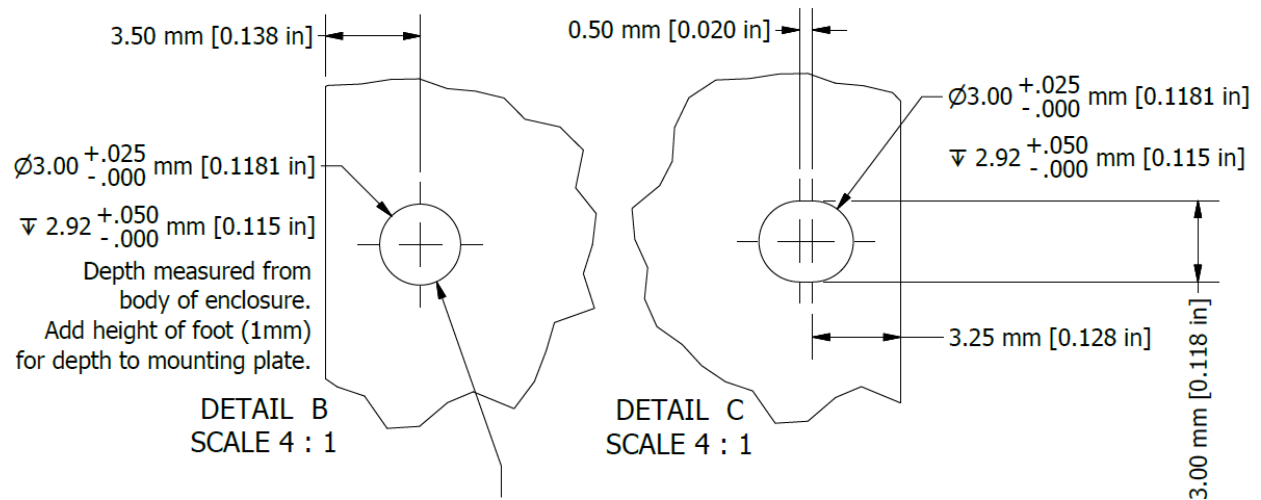
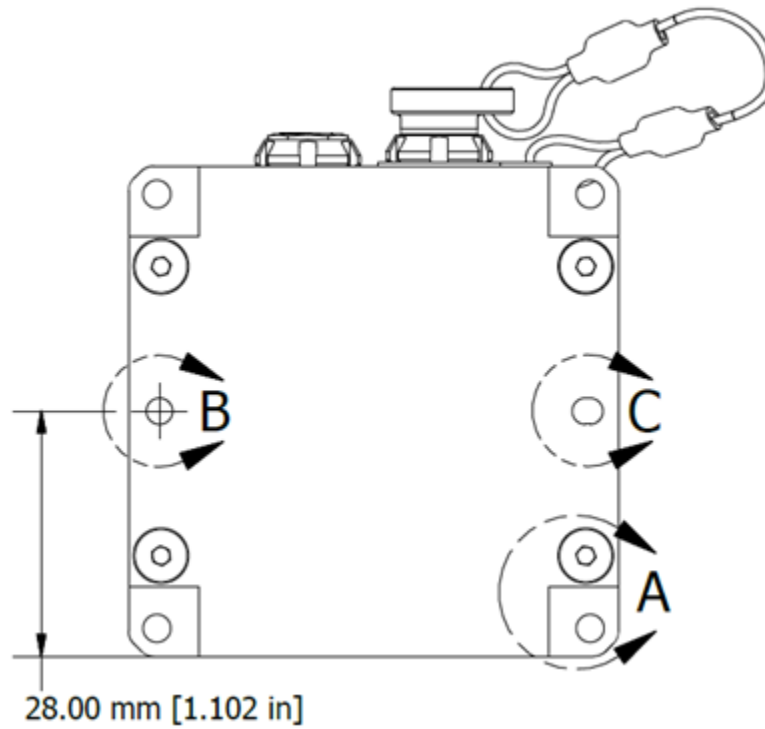
## 2.2 VN-110 Mechanical Specifications

| Parameter                         | Conditions    | Value                                                       | Unit  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Material Housing                  |               | Aluminum<br>Alloy 6061-T6, DIN 3.3211                       |       |
| Surface Treatment                 |               | MIL-A-8625, Type II, Class 2                                |       |
| Weight                            |               | 100 ± 5                                                     | grams |
| Volume                            |               |                                                             | ccm   |
| Dust & Humidity<br>Classification |               | IP68                                                        |       |
| Interface Connector               |               | Fischer Ultimate                                            |       |
| Part Number                       |               | UR02W07F010PBK3E2AB                                         |       |
| Number of pins                    |               | 10                                                          |       |
| Contact type                      |               | Circular Push-Pull<br>Receptacle                            |       |
| Fixation Bolts                    |               |                                                             |       |
| Type                              |               | M3 x 0.5 x 6-8mm<br>or 4-40 x 1/4<br>Socket Head Cap Screws |       |
| Recommended Torque                | Steel base    | 2.5                                                         | Nm    |
|                                   | Aluminum base | 2.0                                                         | Nm    |

## 2.3 VN-110 Connectors

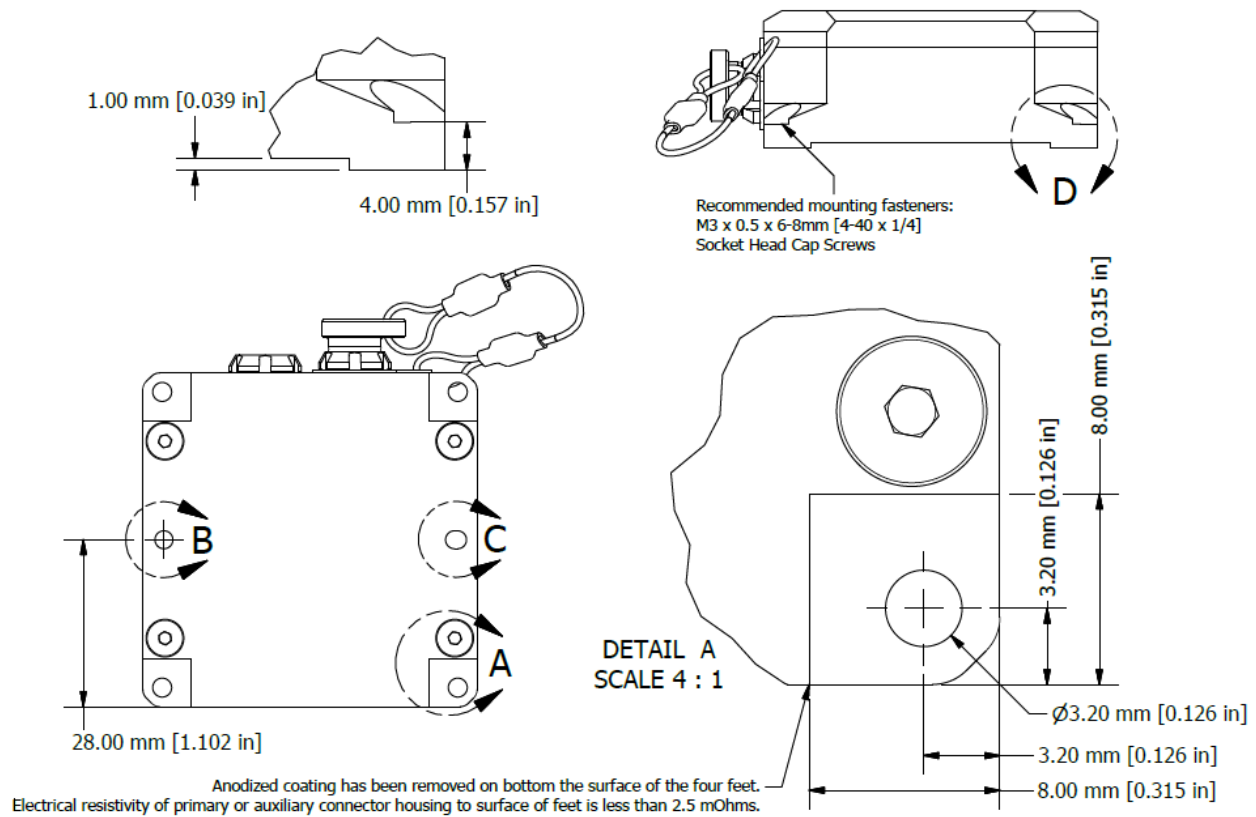
| Connector      | Manufacture | Part Number         | Mating Part Number  |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Primary        | Fischer     | UR02W07F010PBK3E2AB | UP01L07M010SBK3Z2ZB |
| Secondary      | Fischer     | UR02W07F010PBK1E2AB | UP01L07M010SBK1Z2ZB |
| Secondary Plug | Fischer     | UCR07P1A1A095       | N/A                 |

## 2.4 VN-110 Alignment Holes



Alignment hole designed for 3mm dowel pin.  
Hole on primary connector side is circular. (Detail B)  
Hole on expansion connector side is oval shape. (Detail C)  
Recommended Dowel Pin:  
McMaster-Carr P/N: 93600A108

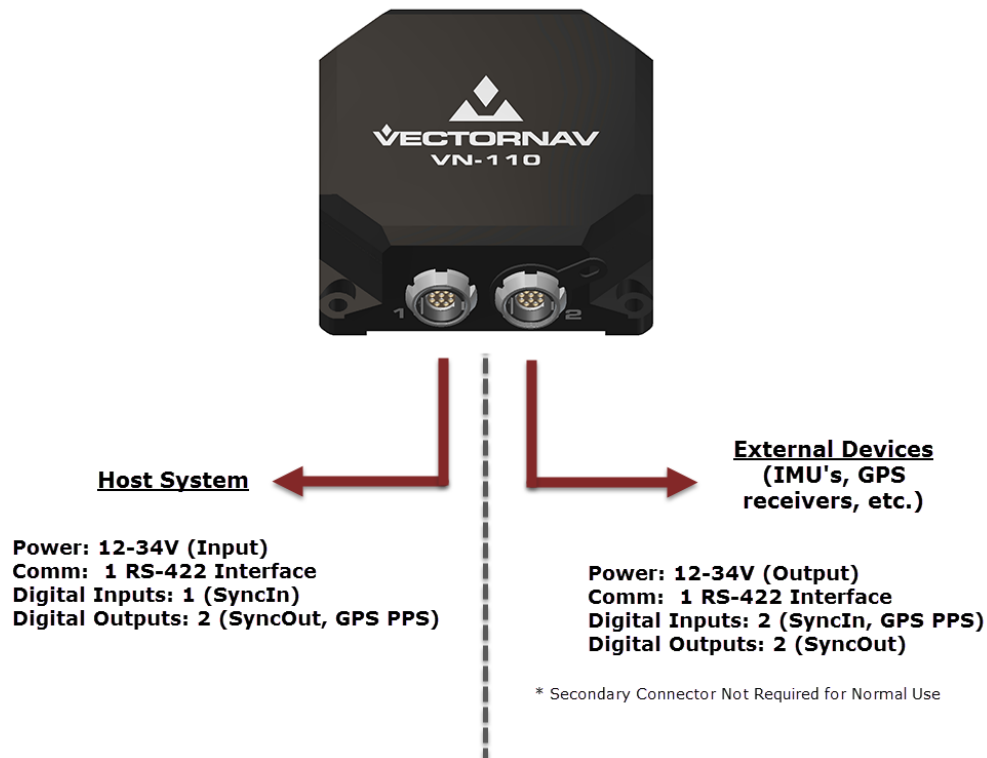
## 2.5 VN-110 Mounting



## 3 ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### 3.1 VN-110 Overview

The VN-110 utilizes two separate 10-pin push-pull style connectors to provide electrical connections to both the host system and to other auxiliary equipment.



The primary connector (Connector 1), provides the main connection to the host system. The secondary connector (Connector 2), provides a separate connection to support other auxiliary equipment such as external IMU sensors, external GPS receivers, or other VectorNav navigation modules.



For most use cases the secondary connector will not be required. If the connector is not used the provided rubber seal must be used to cover the unused connector receptacle.

This is required to maintain the IP-68/69 sealing rating during operation.

## 3.2 VN-110 Connectors Specifications

The VN-110 utilizes the Fischer UltiMate series connectors, which provide an extremely rugged, compact, lightweight sealed connection in severe environmental conditions. The Fischer Ultimate series connectors also provide high shock and vibration resistance as well as high corrosion resistance for marine applications.



### 3.2.1 Connector Environmental & Mechanical Specifications

The specifications listed below are for both the primary and secondary connectors.

| Characteristic                                 | Performance & Standard                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sealing performance Mated &amp; unmated</b> | IP68/69 2m submersion for 24h; IEC 60529                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sealing performance soft caps</b>           | IP68, 2m submersion for 24h; IP69; IEC 60529                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Operating Temperature Range</b>             | -55C to +135C; IEC 60512-6-11 i+j; IEC 60068-2-14-Nb                                                                                                         |
| <b>Corrosion Resistance</b>                    | Salt mist, 1000 hours, 5% salt solution, 35C; IEC 60068-2-11 Test Ka; MIL-STD-202 Method 101; EIA-364-26                                                     |
| <b>Endurance</b>                               | 10,000 mating cycles IEC 60512-5-9a; EIA-364-09                                                                                                              |
| <b>Vibration, random</b>                       | 10 to 2000 Hz, 1.5mm or 15g, 12 sweep cycles per axis, 20 minutes per 10-2000-10 Hz sweep cycle, no discontinuity > 1 us; MIL-STD-202 Method 204 Condition B |
| <b>Shock</b>                                   | 300g amplitude, half sine pulse of 3ms, no discontinuity > 1 us, MIL-STD-202 Method 213; EIA-364-27                                                          |

| Characteristic          | Performance          | Standard                    |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Shell Resistance        | > 5 mΩ               | IEC 60512-2-6-2f            |
| Insulation Resistance   | > 10 <sup>10</sup> Ω | IEC 60512-3-1-3a            |
| Shielding Effectiveness | > 55 dB              | up to 1 GHz, IEC 60512-23-3 |

### 3.2.2 Connector Keying

To ensure that the correct plug gets inserted into the proper receptacle, both the primary and secondary connectors have a different key pattern. The table below shows the key pattern used for each of the connectors.

| Connector | Key Code | Key Pattern                                                                       | Visual Code                                                                         |
|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Primary   | 3        |  |  |
| Secondary | 1        |  |  |

**Connector Keying  
Visual Code Indicator**

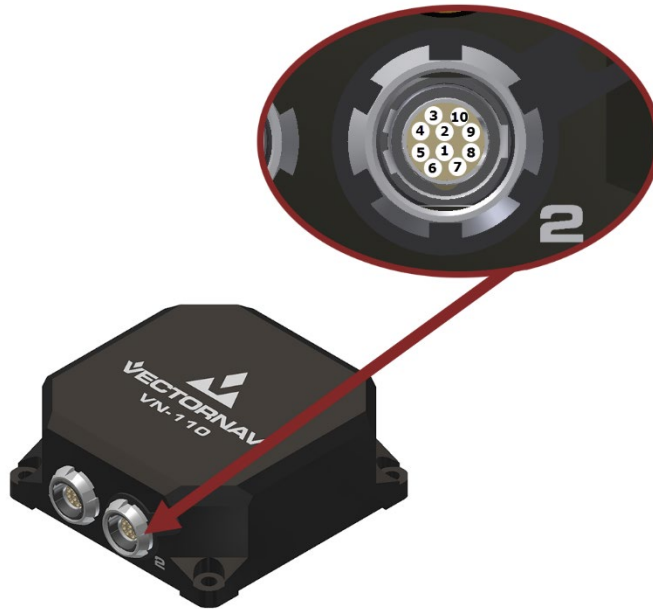


### 3.3 VN-110 Primary Connector Pinout



| Pin | Pin Name | Type   | Description                                                                               |
|-----|----------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | SYNC_IN  | Input  | Time synchronization input signal.                                                        |
| 2   | GPS_PPS  | Output | GPS time pulse. One pulse per second, synchronized on rising edge. Pulse width is 100 ms. |
| 3   | SYNC_OUT | Output | Time synchronization output signal.                                                       |
| 4   | RX1+     | Input  | Serial RS-422 non-inverted input. (Input to sensor)                                       |
| 5   | RX1-     | Input  | Serial RS-422 inverted input. (Input to sensor)                                           |
| 6   | TX1-     | Output | Serial RS-422 inverted output. (Output from sensor)                                       |
| 7   | TX1+     | Output | Serial RS-422 non-inverted output. (Output from sensor)                                   |
| 8   | SIG_GND  | Input  | Ground reference for communication and digital input/output signals.                      |
| 9   | VIN+     | Supply | 12V - 34V power input.                                                                    |
| 10  | VIN-     | Supply | Power ground. (0 V)                                                                       |

### 3.4 VN-110 Secondary Connector Pinout



| Pin | Pin Name  | Type   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----|-----------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | RESV      | Output | Reserved for future use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2   | RESV      | Output | Reserved for future use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3   | RESV      | Output | Reserved for future use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4   | RX2+      | Input  | Serial RS-422 non-inverted input. (Input to sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5   | RX2-      | Input  | Serial RS-422 inverted input. (Input to sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6   | TX2-      | Output | Serial RS-422 inverted output. (Output from sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7   | TX2+      | Output | Serial RS-422 non-inverted output. (Output from sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8   | SIG_GND_2 | Input  | Ground reference for communication and digital input/output signals.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9   | V+_Out    | Supply | 12V - 34V power output. Power is passed through from primary connector to power external devices. Overvoltage, undervoltage, and reverse voltage protection is performed on output power prior to pass-through to protect external devices from input power faults. |
| 10  | V-_Out    | Supply | Power ground. (0 V)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## 3.5 VN-110 Robust Power Supply

The power supply on the VN-110 was designed to meet the requirements of MIL-STD-1275E. This standard defines the operating voltage limits and transient voltage characteristics for electronic circuits on military ground vehicle platforms.

| Parameter                  | Condition                    | Min       | Nominal | Max  | Unit |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|------|------|
| Input Voltage Range        |                              | 12.0      |         | 34.0 | V    |
| Typical Power Consumption  |                              |           | 1.9     | 2.4  | W    |
| Current Consumption        | $V_{IN}=12V$<br>$V_{IN}=24V$ | 150<br>78 |         |      | mA   |
| Voltage Spike Protection   | Energy = 15 mJ               |           |         | 250  | V    |
| Voltage Surge Protection   | T=0.5s                       |           |         | 100  | V    |
| Reverse Voltage Protection |                              | -100      |         |      | V    |

### 3.5.1 MIL-STD-1275D Requirements

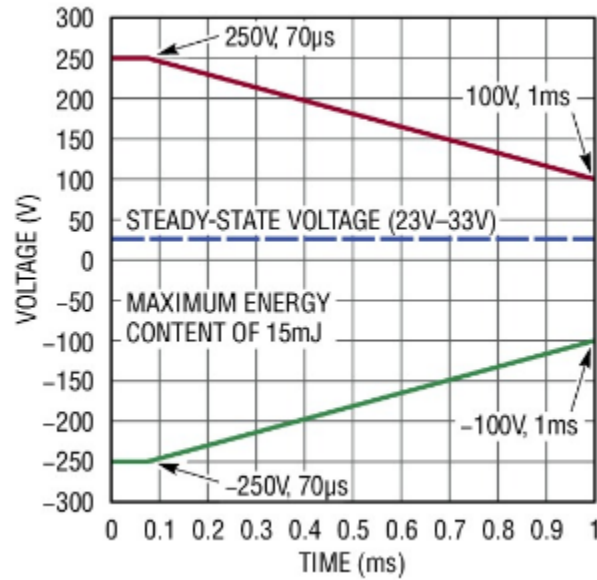
MIL-STD-1275D defines a variety of supply variances, from steady-state operation to starting disturbances, spikes, surges, and ripple, and lays down requirements for each of these conditions in three separate “modes of operation”:

- Starting mode: starting and cranking conditions.
- Normal mode: nominal, fault-free battery supply.
- Generator-only: a disconnected battery leaves the generator directly powering the electronics.

| Specification | Normal Operating Mode                           | Generator-Only Mode                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Steady State  | $25V < V_{IN} < 30V$                            | $23V < V_{IN} < 33V$                              |
| Spikes        | 250V, Max.<br>Energy = 15 mJ                    | 250V, Max.<br>Energy = 15 mJ                      |
| Surges        | 40V Max.,<br>~500ms<br>$R_{source} = 20m\Omega$ | 100V Max.,<br>~500ms<br>$R_{source} = 500m\Omega$ |
| Ripple        | +/- 2V                                          | +/- 7V                                            |

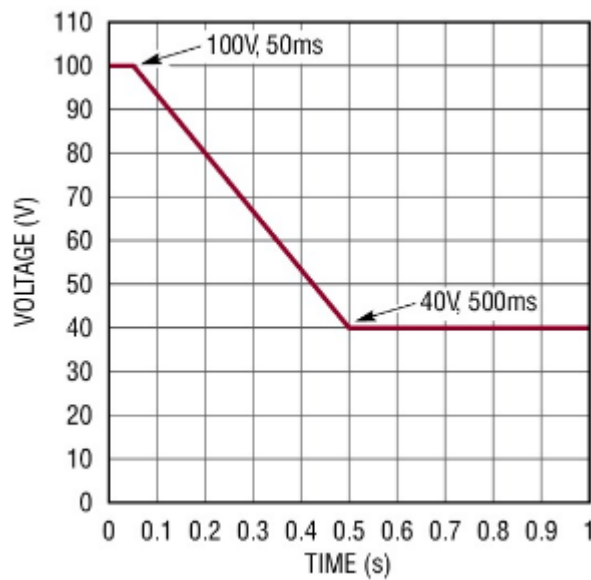
#### Spikes

The VN-110 is designed to handle positive and negative voltage spikes up to 250V with a maximum energy content of 15mJ. It is also designed to maintain normal operation both during and after the spike event, without requiring the unit to shut down power to the internal systems to protect the internal devices from the power spike. This feature ensures that the host system will maintain navigation capabilities both during and after the power fault event. Positive spikes are handled by a power MOSFET and input capacitors, while the negative spike is handled by a diode.



## Surges

Surges are transients lasting longer than 1ms. Surges can happen when the vehicle power is switched from the primary battery system to backup generators, or in automotive applications when the battery is abruptly disconnected while being charged by the alternator. The recommended test in MIL-STD-1275D specifies that five 100V pulses of 50ms duration should be applied at the system input with a 1s repeat time. The envelope of the surge condition is shown in the figure below.



The VN-110 power supply handles the surges using large power MOSFETs to perform dissipate the excess power, maintaining the system voltage at a safe level to ensure continued operation of the navigation module during and after the power spike event.



While the VN-110 is internally protected from power spikes up to 100V, any voltage exceeding the maximum operating voltage of 34V, will be internally dissipated as heat by the power MOSFETs in order to keep the system voltage from exceeding the maximum allowable voltage

of 34V. Operating the VN-110 at voltages above 34V will result in significantly increased power consumption, due to the power MOSFET protection circuitry.

## 3.6 VN-110 Isolated RS-422

The VN-110 utilizes full galvanic isolated full-duplex RS422 transceivers on both the primary and secondary connections. This feature helps to guard against large ground-to-ground differentials and common-mode transients. The galvanic isolation also helps to protect against the formation of potential dangerous ground loops between the navigation module and the host system. This is very important for cases where the power is provided from a different system than the host system communicating with the device. The galvanic isolation provides complete electrical separation between the power and data/communication interfaces, enabling the device to operate in situations where there is a significant ground potential difference between various systems.

### 3.6.1 RS-422 Driver Specifications

#### RS-422 DRIVER SPECIFICATIONS

| Parameter                                                                                     | Condition           | Min  | Nominal | Max | Unit |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------|---------|-----|------|
| Differential Driver Output Voltage                                                            | R = $\infty \Omega$ | 4.0  |         | 5.0 | V    |
|                                                                                               | R = 100 $\Omega$    | 2.9  |         | 3.1 |      |
| Difference in Magnitude of Driver Differential Output Voltage for Complementary Output States |                     |      |         | 0.2 | V    |
| Driver Common Mode Output Voltage                                                             |                     |      |         | 3   | V    |
| Difference in Magnitude of Driver Common Mode Output Voltage for Complementary Output States  |                     |      |         | 0.2 | V    |
| Maximum Driver Short-Circuit Current                                                          |                     | -250 |         | 250 | mA   |

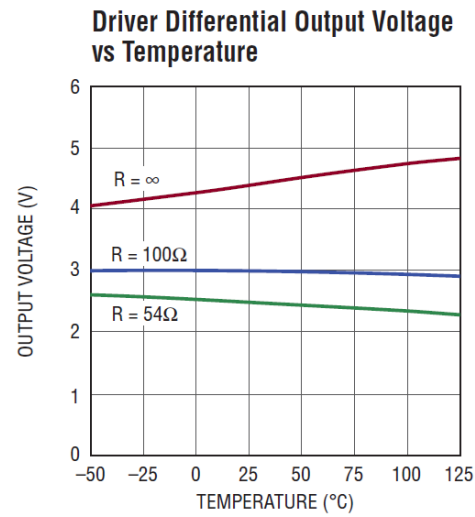
### 3.6.2 RS-422 Receiver Specifications

| Parameter                                                     | Condition   | Min  | Nominal | Max | Unit       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------|---------|-----|------------|
| Receiver Input Resistance                                     |             | 96   | 125     |     | k $\Omega$ |
| Receiver Termination Resistance Enabled                       | *See note 1 | 108  | 120     | 156 | $\Omega$   |
| Receiver Input Current (Rx- to Rx+)                           | Vin=12V     |      |         | 125 | $\mu$ A    |
|                                                               | Vin=-7V     | -100 |         |     | $\mu$ A    |
| Receiver Differential Input Threshold Voltage (RX- minus RX+) |             | -0.2 |         | 0.2 | V          |
| Receiver Input Failsafe Hysteresis                            |             |      | 25      |     | mV         |
| Receiver Input Failsafe Threshold                             |             | -0.2 | -0.05   | 0   | V          |



Note 1:

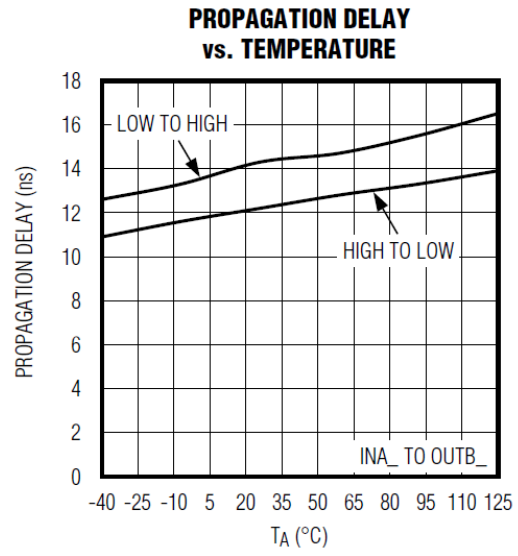
The stock configuration for the VN-110 does **not** provide a termination resistor between pins RX- and RX+. If this feature is required it can be supplied as a custom build option. Please contact us for more information.



### 3.7 VN-110 Isolated Digital Logic

The VN-110 also provides full galvanic isolation between the power and the digital input and outputs such as the SYNC\_IN, SYNC\_OUT, and GPS\_PPS. This isolation is provided by means of an internal power transformer and a digital isolator circuit. This isolation circuit provides short-circuit protection on the SYNC\_OUT and GPS\_PPS output, as well as provides up to 200V<sub>RMS</sub> of working isolation voltage between the digital I/O interface ground and the power ground. This isolation provides enhanced robustness in a wide range of operating environments as well as significantly reducing the change of false triggering events when utilizing the synchronization signals.

| Parameter                 | Condition                                 | Min  | Nominal | Max | Unit             |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------|---------|-----|------------------|
| Isolation Voltage         | 60 seconds                                | 600  |         |     | V <sub>RMS</sub> |
| Working Isolation Voltage | Power ground relative to Signal ground    |      |         | 200 | V <sub>RMS</sub> |
| ESD Protection            | SYNC_IN, SYNC_OUT, GPS_PPS                |      | +/- 2.5 |     | kV               |
|                           | RS-422 Interface                          |      | +/- 15  |     | kV               |
| Input Logic-High Voltage  | SYNC_IN to SIG_GND                        | 2.31 |         |     | V                |
| Input Logic-Low Voltage   | SYNC_IN to SIG_GND                        |      |         | 0.8 | V                |
| Output Logic-High Voltage | SYNC_OUT to SIG_GND<br>GPS_PPS to SIG_GND | 2.9  |         |     | V                |
| Output Logic-Low Voltage  | SYNC_OUT to SIG_GND<br>GPS_PPS to SIG_GND |      |         | 0.8 | V                |
| Input Capacitance         | SYNC_IN                                   |      | 2       |     | pF               |
| Minimum Pulse Width       | SYNC_IN<br>SYNC_OUT<br>GPS_PPS            | 20   |         |     | ns               |
| Propagation Delay         | SYNC_IN<br>SYNC_OUT<br>GPS_PPS            |      | 20      | 30  | ns               |
| Pulse-Width Distortion    | SYNC_IN<br>SYNC_OUT<br>GPS_PPS            |      |         | 7   | ns               |
| Rise Time                 | SYNC_IN<br>SYNC_OUT<br>GPS_PPS            |      |         | 5   | ns               |
| Fall Time                 | SYNC_IN<br>SYNC_OUT<br>GPS_PPS            |      | 3       | 6   | ns               |



## 3.8 VN-110 Cable Options

VectorNav provides multiple pre-assembled cable options for the VN-110. The cable assemblies are designed in a modular fashion to provide convenient access to all signals, and to provide the customer with the largest amount of flexibility during the testing and product evaluation stage. For production use it is recommended that a single cable assembly be used to reduce the number of connections and to provide a higher level of dust/water ingress protection.

### 3.8.1 Cable Ordering Guide

| VN | -   | Cable Type                | -  | Termination Type                        | Cable Length                                                  |
|----|-----|---------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | CMG | Primary Connector Cable   | 10 | Pigtail (Flying Wire) cable termination | XXX<br>Cable length given in inches<br>5ft = 60<br>10ft = 120 |
|    | CAG | Auxillary Connector Cable | 20 | DB-15 cable termination                 |                                                               |

**Example:**

VN-CMG-10120

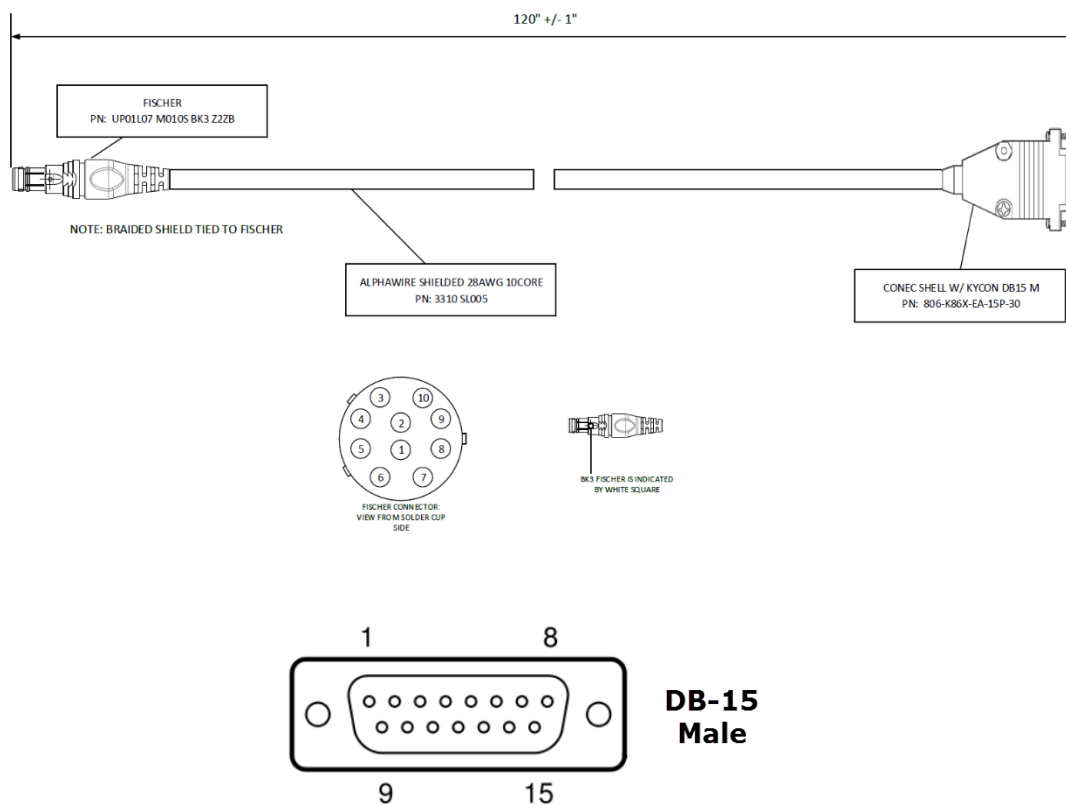
**Cable Type:** Primary Connector Cable

**Termination Type:** Pigtail (Flying Wire)

**Length:** 120 inches (10 ft)

### 3.8.2 Cable Assembly (VN-CMG-20120) – Primary Connector DB-15

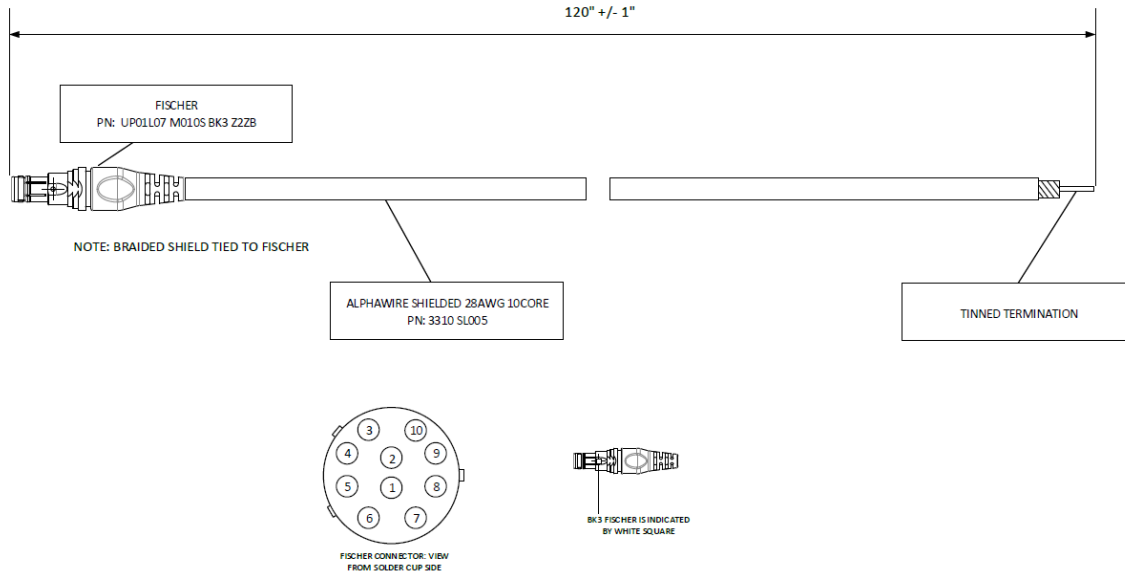
This cable assembly provides access to all 10 pins on the Fischer connector via an easy to access DB-15 male connector for the Primary Connector Port (Fischer Key 3). The connections in the DB-15 maintain the same pin mapping as in the Fischer connector as is shown below.



| Pin | Pin Name | Type   | Wire Color | Description                                                                               |
|-----|----------|--------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | SYNC_IN  | Input  | White      | Time synchronization input signal.                                                        |
| 2   | GPS_PPS  | Output | Blue       | GPS time pulse. One pulse per second, synchronized on rising edge. Pulse width is 100 ms. |
| 3   | SYNC_OUT | Output | Blk/Wht    | Time synchronization output signal.                                                       |
| 4   | RX1+     | Input  | Red/Blk    | Serial RS-422 non-inverted input. (Input to sensor)                                       |
| 5   | RX1-     | Input  | Grn/Blk    | Serial RS-422 inverted input. (input to sensor)                                           |
| 6   | TX1-     | Output | Org/Blk    | Serial RS-422 inverted output. (Input to sensor)                                          |
| 7   | TX1+     | Output | Org        | Serial RS-422 non-inverted output. (input to sensor)                                      |
| 8   | SIG_GND  | Input  | Grn        | Ground reference for communication and digital input/output signals.                      |
| 9   | VIN+     | Supply | Red        | 12V - 34V power input.                                                                    |
| 10  | VIN-     | Supply | Blk        | Power ground. (0 V)                                                                       |

### 3.8.3 Cable Assembly (VN-CMG-10120) – Primary Connector Pigtail

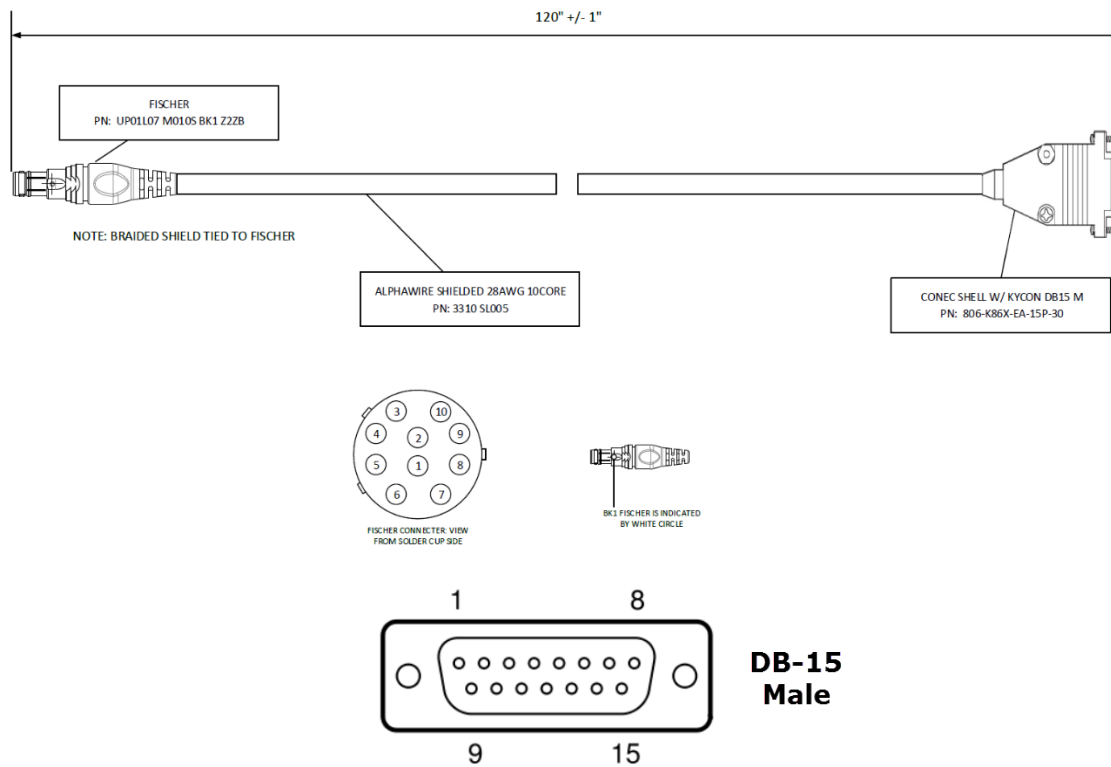
This cable assembly provides access to all 10 pins on the Fischer connector via a bare pigtail (flying wire) cable termination for the Primary Connector Port (Fischer Key 3). The cable wires along with the wire colors are shown in the table below.



| Pin | Pin Name | Type   | Wire Color | Description                                                                               |
|-----|----------|--------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | SYNC_IN  | Input  | White      | Time synchronization input signal.                                                        |
| 2   | GPS_PPS  | Output | Blue       | GPS time pulse. One pulse per second, synchronized on rising edge. Pulse width is 100 ms. |
| 3   | SYNC_OUT | Output | Blk/Wht    | Time synchronization output signal.                                                       |
| 4   | RX1+     | Input  | Red/Blk    | Serial RS-422 non-inverted input. (Input to sensor)                                       |
| 5   | RX1-     | Input  | Grn/Blk    | Serial RS-422 inverted input. (input to sensor)                                           |
| 6   | TX1-     | Output | Org/Blk    | Serial RS-422 inverted output. (Input to sensor)                                          |
| 7   | TX1+     | Output | Org        | Serial RS-422 non-inverted output. (input to sensor)                                      |
| 8   | SIG_GND  | Input  | Grn        | Ground reference for communication and digital input/output signals.                      |
| 9   | VIN+     | Supply | Red        | 12V - 34V power input.                                                                    |
| 10  | VIN-     | Supply | Blk        | Power ground. (0 V)                                                                       |

### 3.8.4 Cable Assembly (VN-CAG-20120) – Secondary Connector DB-15

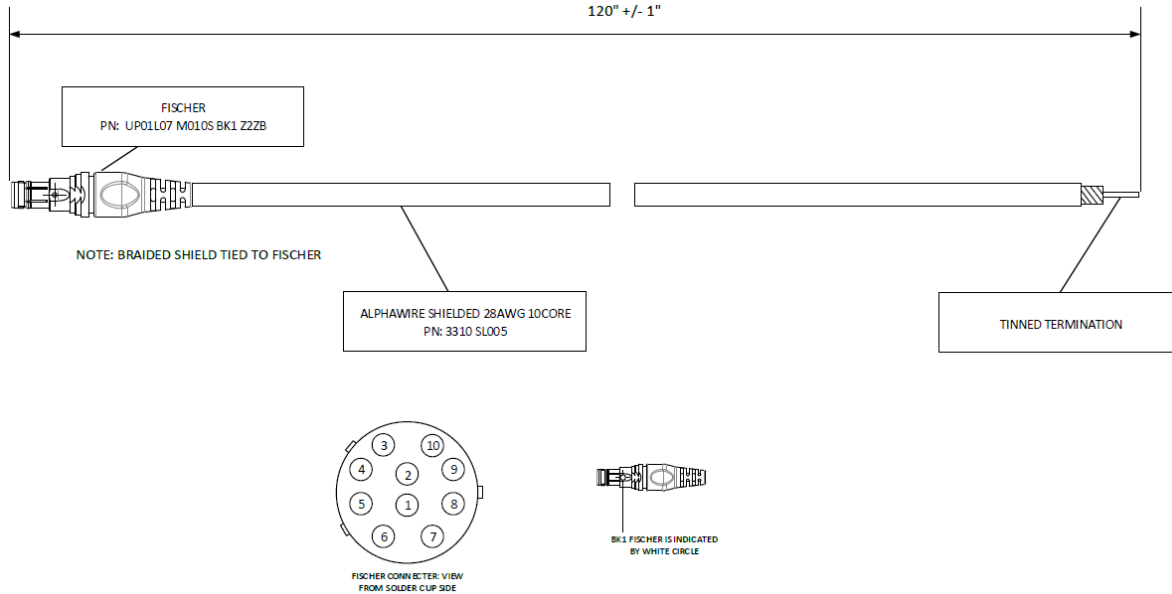
This cable assembly provides access to all 10 pins on the Fischer connector via an easy to access DB-15 male connector for the Secondary Connector Port (Fischer Key 1). The connections in the DB-15 maintain the same pin mapping as in the Fischer connector as is shown below.



| Pin | Pin Name | Type   | Wire Color | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----|----------|--------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | SYNC_IN  | Input  | White      | External IMU sample synchronization pulse.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2   | RESV     | Output | Blue       | Reserved for future use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3   | SYNC_OUT | Output | Blk/Wht    | Time synchronization output signal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4   | RX1+     | Input  | Red/Blk    | Serial RS-422 non-inverted input. (Input to sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5   | RX1-     | Input  | Grn/Blk    | Serial RS-422 inverted input. (input to sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6   | TX1-     | Output | Org/Blk    | Serial RS-422 inverted output. (Output to sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7   | TX1+     | Output | Org        | Serial RS-422 non-inverted output. (Output to sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8   | SIG_GND  | Input  | Grn        | Ground reference for communication and digital input/output signals.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9   | VIN+     | Supply | Red        | 12V - 34V power output. Power is passed through from primary connector to power external devices. Overvoltage, undervoltage, and reverse voltage protection is performed on output power prior to pass-through to protect external devices from input power faults. |
| 10  | VIN-     | Supply | Blk        | Power ground. (0 V)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### 3.8.5 Cable Assembly (VN-CAG-10120) – Secondary Connector Pigtail

This cable assembly provides access to all 10 pins on the Fischer connector via a bare pigtail (flying wire) cable termination for the Secondary Connector Port (Fischer Key 3). The cable wires along with the wire colors are shown in the table below.



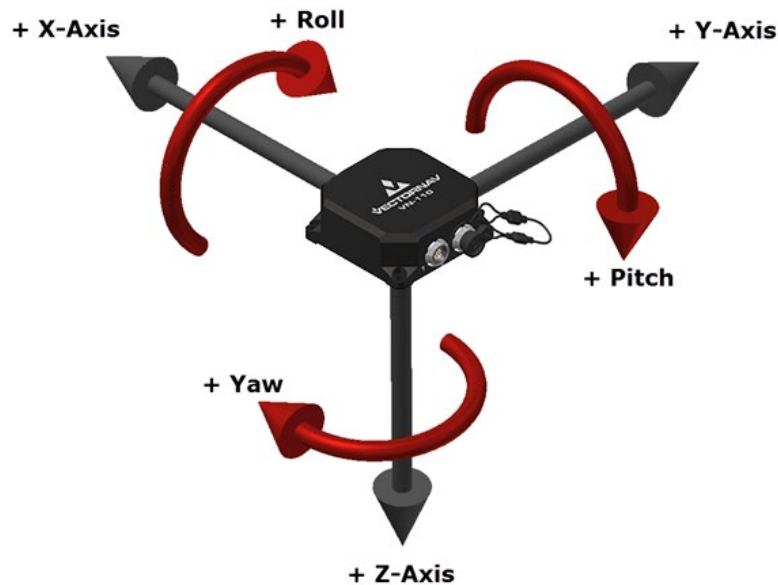
| Pin | Pin Name | Type   | Wire Color | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----|----------|--------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | SYNC_IN  | Input  | White      | External IMU sample synchronization pulse.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2   | RESV     | Output | Blue       | Reserved for future use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3   | SYNC_OUT | Output | Blk/Wht    | Time synchronization output signal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4   | RX1+     | Input  | Red/Blk    | Serial RS-422 non-inverted input. (Input to sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5   | RX1-     | Input  | Grn/Blk    | Serial RS-422 inverted input. (input to sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6   | TX1-     | Output | Org/Blk    | Serial RS-422 inverted output. (Output to sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7   | TX1+     | Output | Org        | Serial RS-422 non-inverted output. (Output to sensor)                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8   | SIG_GND  | Input  | Grn        | Ground reference for communication and digital input/output signals.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9   | VIN+     | Supply | Red        | 12V - 34V power output. Power is passed through from primary connector to power external devices. Overvoltage, undervoltage, and reverse voltage protection is performed on output power prior to pass-through to protect external devices from input power faults. |
| 10  | VIN-     | Supply | Blk        | Power ground. (0 V)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## 4 SENSOR COORDINATE SYSTEM

### 4.1 Sensor Coordinate Frame

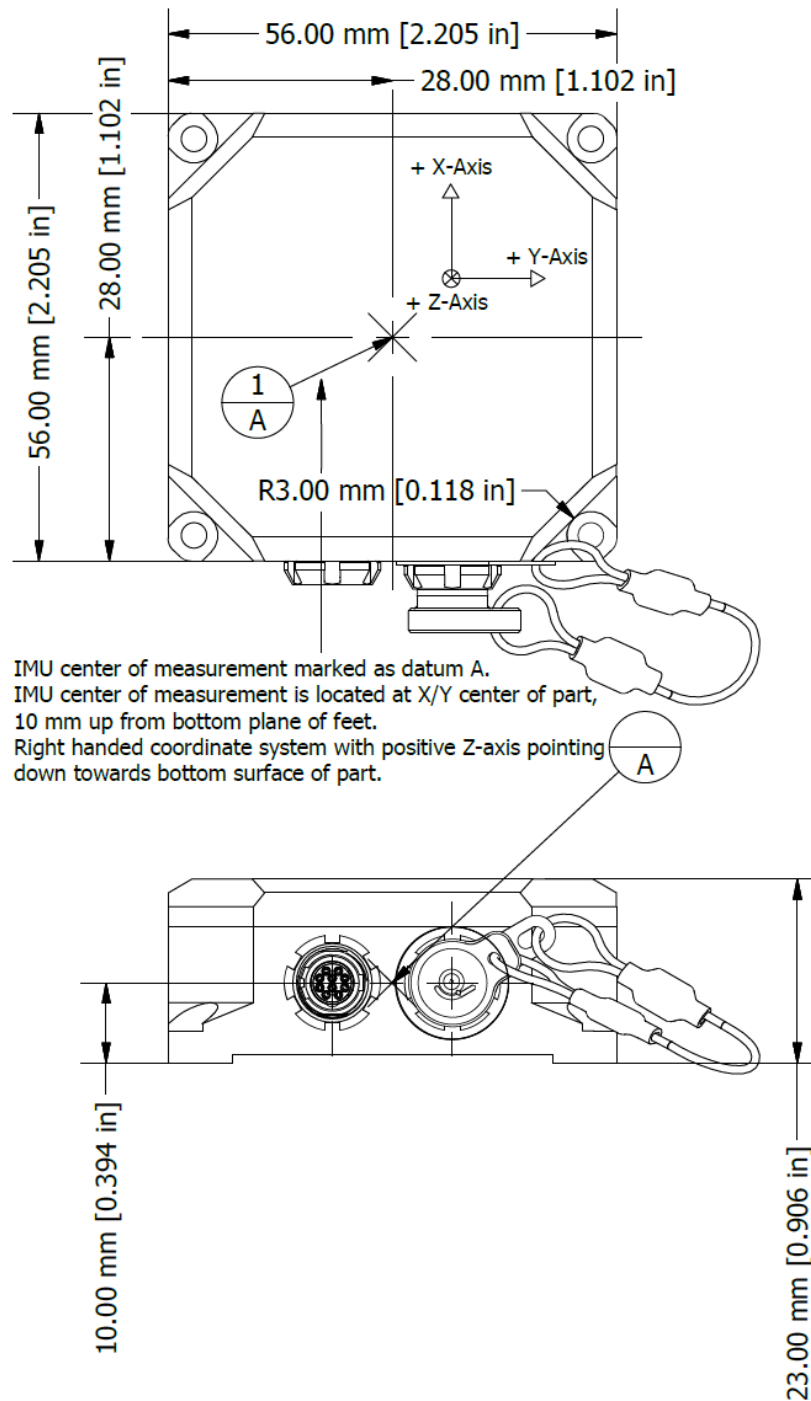
The VN-110 uses a right-handed coordinate system. A positive yaw angle is defined as a positive right-handed rotation around the Z-axis. A positive pitch angle is defined as a positive right-handed rotation around the Y-axis. A positive roll angle is defined as a positive right-handed rotation around the X-axis. The axes direction with respect to the VN-110 module is shown in figure below.

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## 4.2 IMU Center of Measurement

All inertial measurement sensors in the VN-110 are internally referenced to a point at the geometric center of the X-Y plane and 10mm up from the bottom feet (-10mm in Z-axis).



## 4.3 North-East-Down Frame

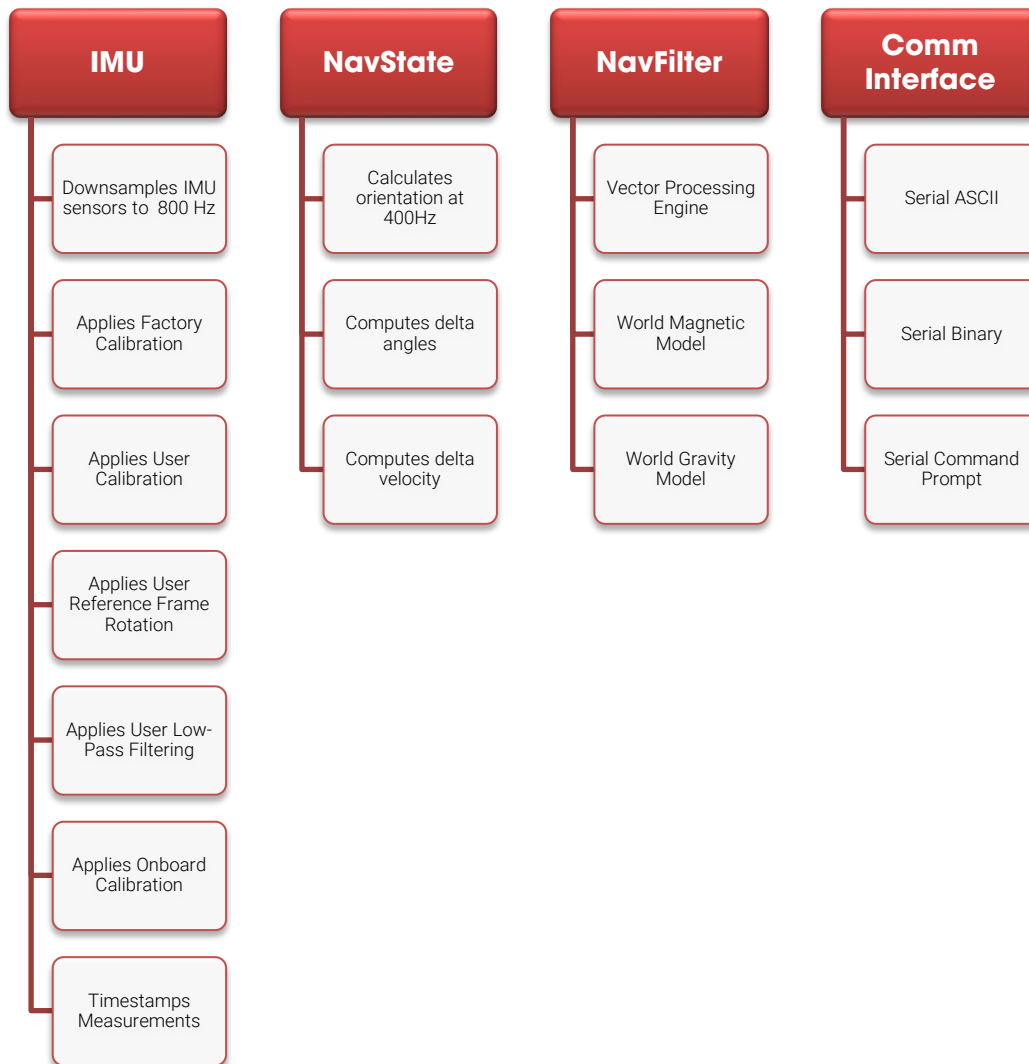
The VN-110 velocity estimates can be output in the North-East-Down (NED) coordinate frame defined as follows ( $N_x$ ,  $N_y$ ,  $N_z$ ):

- ▶ Right-handed, Cartesian, non-inertial, geodetic frame with origin located at the surface of Earth (WGS84 ellipsoid);
- ▶ Positive X-axis points towards North, tangent to WGS84 ellipsoid;
- ▶ Positive Y-axis points towards East, tangent to WGS84 ellipsoid;
- ▶ Positive Z-axis points down into the ground completing the right-handed system.

## 5 VN-110 SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE

The software architecture internal to the VN-110 includes five separate subsystems. These subsystems are the IMU, the NavState, the NavFilter, the GPS, and the Communication Interface. The high-level functions performed by these subsystems are outlined below. This chapter describes these functions performed by these subsystems in more detail and describes which of the various measurement outputs originate from each of these corresponding subsystems.

### VN-110 SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE

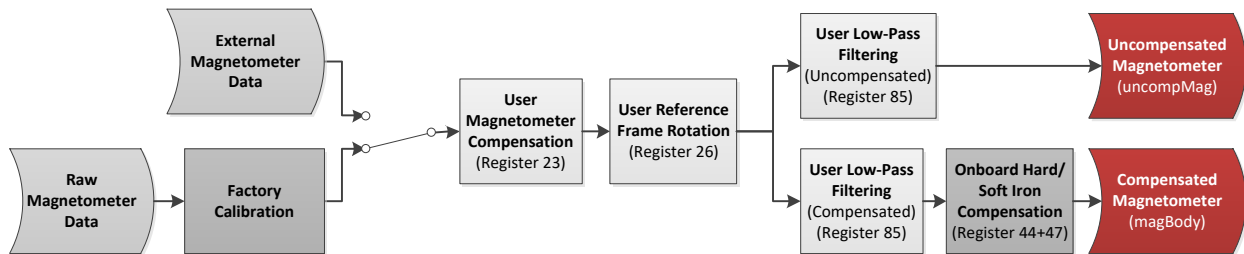


## 5.1 IMU Subsystem

The IMU subsystem runs at the highest system rate, described from this point forward as the IMU Rate (defaults to 800Hz). It is responsible for collecting the raw IMU measurements, applying a factory, user, and dynamic calibration to these measurements, and optionally filtering the individual sensor measurements for output. The coning and sculling integrals also are calculated by the IMU subsystem at the full IMU Rate. The IMU subsystem is also responsible for time stamping the IMU measurements to internal system time, and relative to both the SyncIn and the GPS PPS signal.

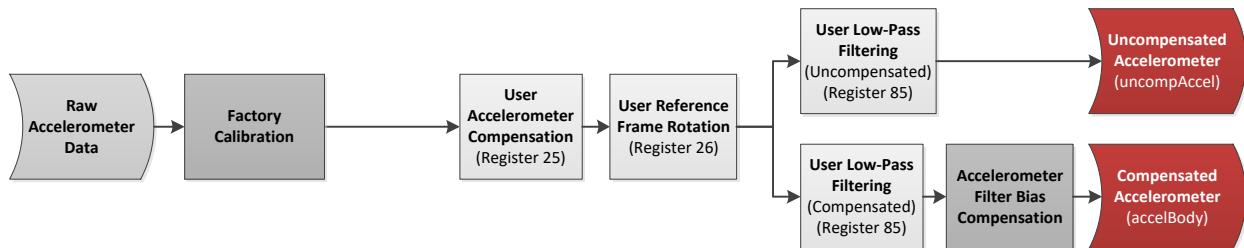
### 5.1.1 Magnetometer

#### MAGNETOMETER IMU MEASUREMENTS



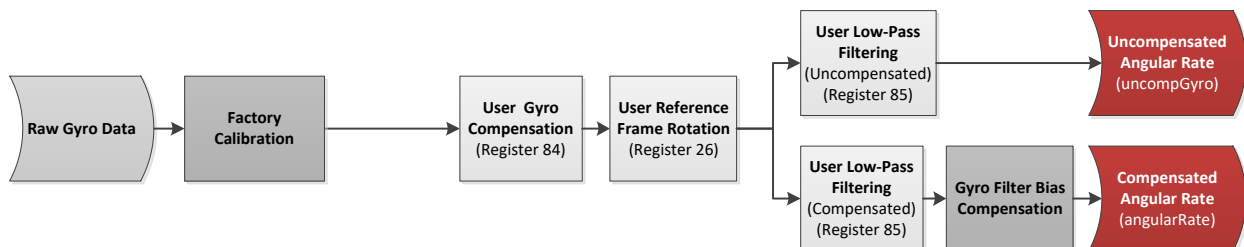
### 5.1.2 Accelerometer

#### ACCELEROMETER IMU MEASUREMENTS



### 5.1.3 Gyro

#### GYRO IMU MEASUREMENTS



### 5.1.4 Raw IMU Measurements

The raw IMU measurements are collected from the internal MEMS at the highest rate available for each individual sensor. For the gyro and accelerometer, the measurements are down-sampled to the IMU Rate.

### 5.1.5 Factory Calibration

Each VN-110 sensor is tested at the factory at multiple known angular rates, accelerations, and magnetic field strengths to determine each sensor's unique bias, scale factor, axis alignment, and temperature dependence. The calibration coefficients required to remove these unwanted errors are permanently stored in flash memory on each sensor. At the IMU Rate, these calibration coefficients are applied to the raw IMU measurements, to correct for and remove these known measurement errors. For thermally calibrated units the onboard temperature sensor is used to remove the measurement temperature dependence. The output of the factory calibration stage is referred to as the calibrated (but un-compensated) IMU measurements.

### 5.1.6 User Calibration

The VN-110 provides the user with the ability to apply a separate user calibration to remove additional bias, scale factor, and axis misalignments. The user calibration is applied after the factory calibration, and can be used to optionally fine tune the calibration for each of the individual sensors. The user calibration is optional and in most cases not required for normal operation.

### 5.1.7 User Reference Frame Rotation

The user reference frame rotation provides the user with the ability to apply a rigid body rotation to each of the sensor outputs. This can be used to transform the coordinate system of the onboard sensors into any other coordinate frame of the user's choice. Since this transformation is applied to the IMU measurements prior to their use in the onboard attitude estimation algorithms, applying a user reference frame rotation will not only change the output coordinates for the IMU measurements, it will also change the IMU body frame for all subsequent attitude estimation calculations.



A write settings and reset command must be issued after setting the Reference Frame Rotation Register before coordinate transformation will be applied.

### 5.1.8 User Low-Pass Filtering

The VN-110 also provides a means (see IMU Filtering Configuration Register in the IMU Subsystem) to apply low-pass filtering to the output compensated IMU measurements. It is important to note that the user low-pass filtering only applies to the output compensated IMU measurements. All onboard Kalman filters in the NavFilter subsystem always use the unfiltered IMU measurements after the User Reference Frame Rotation (Reference Frame Rotation Register in the IMU subsystem) has been applied. As such the onboard Kalman filtering will not be affected by the user low-pass filter settings. The user low-pass filtering can be used to down-sample the output IMU measurements to ensure that information is not lost when the IMU measurements are sampled by the user at a lower rate than the internal IMU Rate.

### 5.1.9 Timestamp Measurements

All onboard measurements captured by the IMU subsystem are time stamped relative to several internal timing events. These events include the monotonically increasing system time (time since startup), the time since the last SyncIn event, and the time since the last GPS PPS pulse. These timestamps are recorded with microsecond resolution and ~10 microsecond accuracy relative to the onboard temperature compensated crystal oscillator. The onboard oscillator has a timing accuracy of ~20ppm over the temperature range of -40C to 80C.

### 5.1.10 Coning & Sculling

The IMU subsystem is also responsible for computing and accumulating the coning and sculling integrals. These integrals track the delta angle and delta velocity accumulated from one time step to another. The

coning and sculling integrals are reset each time the delta angle and/or delta velocity are outputted (asynchronously) or polled from the delta theta and velocity register (Delta Theta and Delta Velocity Configuration Register in the IMU subsystem). Between output and polling events, the coning and sculling integration are performed by the IMU subsystem at the IMU Rate.

## 5.2 NavState Subsystem

The NavState subsystem generates a continuous reliable stream of low-latency, low-jitter state outputs at a rate fixed to the IMU sample rate. The state outputs include any output such as attitude which is not directly measureable by the IMU and hence must be estimated by the onboard Kalman filters. The NavState runs immediately after, and in sync with the IMU subsystem, at a rate divisible into the IMU Rate. This rate is referred to as the NavState Rate (default 400Hz). The NavState decouples the rate at which the state outputs are made available to the user from the rate at which they are being estimated by the onboard Kalman filters. This is very important for many applications which depend on low-latency, low-jitter attitude, position, and velocity measurements as inputs to their control loops. The NavState guarantees the output of new updated state information at a rate fixed to the IMU Rate with very low latency and output jitter. The NavState also provides the ability for the VN-110 to output estimated states at rates faster than the rate of the onboard Kalman filters, which may be affected by system load and input measurements availability.

### 5.2.1 NavState Measurements

The measurements shown below are calculated by the NavState subsystem and are made available at the NavState Rate (default 400 Hz).

| NavState Outputs                                |
|-------------------------------------------------|
| Attitude<br>(Yaw, Pitch, Roll, Quaternion, DCM) |
| Position<br>(LLA, ECEF)                         |
| Delta Angle (Available at full IMU rate)        |
| Delta Velocity (Available at full IMU rate)     |

## 5.3 NavFilter Subsystem

The NavFilter subsystem consists of the INS Kalman filter, the Vector Processing Engine (VPE), and its collection of other Kalman filters and calculations that run at a lower rates than the NavState. Most high level states such as the estimated attitude are passed from the NavFilter to the NavState, and as such are made available to the user at the NavState rate. There are a handful of outputs however that will only update at the rate of the NavFilter, some of which are listed below.

| NavFilter Outputs                            |
|----------------------------------------------|
| Attitude Uncertainty                         |
| Position & Velocity Uncertainty              |
| Gyro Filter Biases                           |
| Mag & Accel Disturbance Estimation           |
| Onboard Magnetic Hard & Soft Iron Estimation |
| World Magnetic & Gravity Model               |

### 5.3.1 Vector Processing Engine

The Vector Processing Engine (VPE) is a collection of sophisticated algorithms which provide real-time monitoring and simultaneous estimation of the attitude as well as the uncertainty of the input measurements used by the attitude estimation algorithm. By estimating its own input measurement uncertainty the VPE is capable of providing significantly improved performance when compared to traditional statically tuned Kalman Filters. The estimated measurement uncertainty is used to in real-time adaptively tune the onboard Kalman filters. This adaptive tuning eliminates the need in most cases for the user to perform any custom filter tuning for different applications.

### 5.3.2 World Magnetic Model

The world magnetic model (WMM) is a large spatial-scale representation of the Earth's magnetic field. The internal model used on the VN-110 is consistent with the current WMM2016 model which consist of a spherical-harmonic expansion of the magnetic potential of the geomagnetic field generated in the Earth's core. By default the world magnetic model on the VN-110 is enabled, and automatically uses the estimated position from the INS to directly set the reference magnetic field strength. Alternatively, the world magnetic model can be manually used to calculate the magnetic field strength for a given latitude, longitude, altitude, and date which is then subsequently used as the fixed magnetic field reference strength. Control of the world magnetic model is performed using the Reference Vector Configuration Register in the World Magnetic & Gravity Module.

### 5.3.3 World Gravity Model

The world gravity model (WGM) is a large spatial-scale representation of the Earth's gravity potential as a function of position on the globe. The internal model used on the VN-110 is consistent with the Earth Gravity Model (EGM96), which consist of a spherical-harmonic expansion of the Earth's geopotential. By default, the world gravity model on the VN-110 is enabled, and automatically is set based on the estimated INS position. Control of the world gravity model is performed using the Reference Vector Configuration Register in the World Magnetic & Gravity Module.

## 5.4 Communication Interface

The VN-110 provides two separate communication interfaces on two separate serial ports.

### 5.4.1 Serial Interface

The serial interface consists of a single RS-422 UART. The UART supports baud rates from 9600 bps up to a maximum of 921600 bps.

## 5.5 Communication Protocol

The VN-110 utilizes a simple command based communication protocol for the serial interface. An ASCII protocol is used for command and register polling, and an optional binary interface is provided for streaming high speed real-time sensor measurements.

### 5.5.1 Serial ASCII

On the serial interface a full ASCII protocol provides support for all commands, and register polling. The ASCII protocol is very similar to the widely used NMEA 0183 protocol supported by most GPS receivers, and consists of comma delimited parameters printed in human readable text. Below is an example command request and response on the VN-110 used to poll the attitude (Yaw Pitch Roll Register in the Attitude subsystem) using the ASCII protocol.

#### EXAMPLE SERIAL REQUEST

```
$VNRRG,8*4B
```

#### EXAMPLE SERIAL RESPONSE

```
$VNRRG,08,-114.314,+000.058,-001.773*5F
```

At the end of this user manual each software subsystem is documented providing a list of all the commands and registers supported by the subsystem on the VN-110. For each command and register an example ASCII response is given to demonstrate the ASCII formatting.

### 5.5.2 Serial Binary

The serial interface offers support for streaming sensor measurements from the sensor at fixed rates using user configurable binary output packets. These binary output packets provide a low-overhead means of streaming high-speed sensor measurements from the device minimizing both the required bandwidth and the necessary overhead required to parse the incoming measurements for the host system.

### 5.5.3 Serial Command Prompt

A simple command prompt is also provided on the serial interface, which provides support for advanced device configuration and diagnostics. The serial command prompt is an optional feature that is designed to provide more detailed diagnostic view of overall system performance than is possible using normal command & register structure. It is strictly intended to be used by a human operator, who can type commands to the device using a simple serial terminal, and is not designed to be used programmatically. Each software subsystem described in the software module chapters provides information on the diagnostic commands supported by the serial command prompt at the end of each subsystem section.

## 5.6 System Error Codes

In the event of an error, the VN-110 will output \$VNERR, followed by an error code. The possible error codes are listed in the table below with a description of the error.

### ERROR CODES

| Error Name             | Code | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hard Fault             | 1    | If this error occurs, then the firmware on the sensor has experienced a hard fault exception. To recover from this error the processor will force a restart, and a discontinuity will occur in the serial output. The processor will restart within 50 ms of a hard fault error. |
| Serial Buffer Overflow | 2    | The processor's serial input buffer has experienced an overflow. The processor has a 256 character input buffer.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Invalid Checksum       | 3    | The checksum for the received command was invalid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Invalid Command        | 4    | The user has requested an invalid command.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Not Enough Parameters  | 5    | The user did not supply the minimum number of required parameters for the requested command.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Too Many Parameters    | 6    | The user supplied too many parameters for the requested command.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Invalid Parameter      | 7    | The user supplied a parameter for the requested command which was invalid.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Invalid Register       | 8    | An invalid register was specified.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Unauthorized Access    | 9    | The user does not have permission to write to this register.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Watchdog Reset         | 10   | A watchdog reset has occurred. In the event of a non-recoverable error the internal watchdog will reset the processor within 50 ms of the error.                                                                                                                                 |
| Output Buffer Overflow | 11   | The output buffer has experienced an overflow. The processor has a 2048 character output buffer.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Insufficient Baud Rate | 12   | The baud rate is not high enough to support the requested asynchronous data output at the requested data rate.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Error Buffer Overflow  | 255  | An overflow event has occurred on the system error buffer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## 5.7 Checksum / CRC

The serial interface provides the option for either an 8-bit checksum or a 16-bit CRC. In the event neither the checksum nor the CRC is needed, both can be turned off by the user. Refer to the Communication Protocol Control Register for details on disabling the checksum/CRC.

### 5.7.1 Checksum Bypass

When communicating with the sensor using a serial terminal, the checksum calculation can be bypassed by replacing the hexadecimal digits in the checksum with uppercase X characters. This works for both the 8-bit and 16-bit checksum. An example command to read register 1 is shown below using the checksum bypass feature.

```
$VNRRG,1*XX
```

### 5.7.2 8-bit Checksum

The 8-bit checksum is an XOR of all bytes between, but not including, the dollar sign (\$) and asterisk (\*). All comma delimiters are included in the checksum calculation. The resultant checksum is an 8-bit number and is represented in the command as two hexadecimal characters. The C function snippet below calculates the correct checksum.

#### Example C Code

```
// Calculates the 8-bit checksum for the given byte sequence.
unsigned char calculateChecksum(unsigned char data[], unsigned int length)
{
    unsigned int i;
    unsigned char cksum = 0;

    for(i=0; i<length; i++){
        cksum ^= data[i];
    }

    return cksum;
}
```

### 5.7.3 16-bit CRC

For cases where the 8-bit checksum doesn't provide enough error detection, a full 16-bit CRC is available. The VN-110 uses the CRC16-CCITT algorithm. The resultant CRC is a 16-bit number and is represented in the command as four hexadecimal characters. The C function snippet below calculates the correct CRC.

#### Example C Code

```
// Calculates the 16-bit CRC for the given ASCII or binary message.
unsigned short calculateCRC(unsigned char data[], unsigned int length)
{
    unsigned int i;
    unsigned short crc = 0;

    for(i=0; i<length; i++){
        crc = (unsigned char)(crc >> 8) | (crc << 8);
        crc ^= data[i];
        crc ^= (unsigned char)(crc & 0xff) >> 4;
        crc ^= crc << 12;
        crc ^= (crc & 0x00ff) << 5;
    }

    return crc;
}
```

## 6 USER CONFIGURABLE BINARY OUTPUT MESSAGES

The VN-110 supports 3 separate user configurable binary output messages available on the serial interface. Each message can be configured by the user to contain any of the available output measurement types from the IMU, NavState, or NavFilter subsystems. The device can be configured to asynchronously output each message at a fixed rate based upon a divisor of the IMU internal sampling rate (IMU Rate).

### 6.1 Available Output Types

All real-time measurements either measured or estimated by the VN-110 are available using the user output messages. The different output types are organized into multiple output groups. The first group is a combination of the most common outputs from the remaining groups. The other groups are shown below.

#### BINARY OUTPUTS

| Time                                                                                                                                        | IMU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Attitude                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•TimeStartup</li><li>•TimeSyncln</li><li>•SyncInCnt</li><li>•SyncOutCnt</li><li>•TimeStatus</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Status</li><li>•UncompMag</li><li>•UncompAccel</li><li>•UncompAngularRate</li><li>•Temp</li><li>•Pres</li><li>•DeltaTheta</li><li>•DeltaVel</li><li>•Mag</li><li>•Accel</li><li>•AngularRate</li><li>•SatFlags</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Status</li><li>•YawPitchRoll</li><li>•Quaternion</li><li>•DCM</li><li>•MagNed</li><li>•AccelNed</li><li>•LinearAccelBody</li><li>•LinearAccelNed</li><li>•YprU</li></ul> |

### 6.2 Configuring the Output Types

Configuration of the 3 output messages is performed using the User Output Configuration Registers (Register 75-77). There are 3 separate configuration registers, one for each available output message. The Binary Output Register 1-3 in the System subsystem section describes in more detail the format for these registers. In each of these configuration registers the user can select which output types they want the message to include by specifying the OutputGroup and the OutputFields parameters.

#### 6.2.1 OutputGroup

The OutputGroup and OutputFields parameters consist of variable length arguments to allow conciseness where possible and expandability where necessary.

The OutputGroup parameter consists of one or more bytes which are used to identify the Binary Output Groups from which data will be selected for output (see OutputField parameter). Each 8-bit byte consists of seven group selection bits (Bit 0 through Bit 6) and an extension bit (Bit 7). The extension bit in each byte is used to indicate the presence of a following continuation byte to select additional (higher-numbered) groups. The first byte selects Groups 1-7 (with bit offsets 0-6, respectively), the second byte (if present) selects

Groups 8-14, and so on. The sequence of group selection bytes will always end with a byte whose extension bit is not set.

| Name           | Bit Offset | Description    |
|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Output Group 1 | 0          | Common Group   |
| Output Group 2 | 1          | Time Group     |
| Output Group 3 | 2          | IMU Group      |
| Output Group 5 | 4          | Attitude Group |



Output group 4, 6, & 7 are not used on the VN-110. The bits for these unused output groups must be set to zero.



Groups 8-14 are not used, however they are reserved for use in future firmware versions.

## 6.2.2 OutputFields

The OutputField parameter consists of a series of one or more 16-bit words per selected output group (see OutputGroup parameter) which are used to identify the selected output fields for that group. The first series of one or more words corresponds to the fields for the first selected group, followed by a series of word(s) for the next selected group, and so on. Each 16-bit word consists of 15 group selection bits (Bit 0 through Bit 14) and an extension bit (Bit 15). The extension bit in each word is used to indicate the presence of a following continuation word to select additional (higher-numbered) output fields for the current group. The first word corresponding to a specific group selects fields 1-15 (with bit offsets 0-14, respectively), the second word (if present) selects fields 16-30, and so on. Each sequence of field selection words corresponding to a selected output group ends with a word whose extension bit is not set, and is then followed by a sequence of words for the next selected group (if any).

Below is a list of the available output fields for each output group.

| Bit Offset | Group 1<br>Common | Group 2<br>Time | Group 3<br>IMU | Group 5<br>Attitude |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 0          | TimeStartup       | TimeStartup     | ImuStatus      | VpeStatus           |
| 1          | Reserved          |                 | UncompMag      | YawPitchRoll        |
| 2          | TimeSyncIn        |                 | UncompAccel    | Quaternion          |
| 3          | YawPitchRoll      |                 | UncompGyro     | DCM                 |
| 4          | Quaternion        | TimeSyncIn      | Temp           | MagNed              |
| 5          | AngularRate       |                 | Pres           | AccelNed            |
| 6          | Reserved          |                 | DeltaTheta     | LinearAccelBody     |
| 7          | Reserved          | SyncInCnt       | DeltaVel       | LinearAccelNed      |
| 8          | Accel             | SyncOutCnt      | Mag            | YprU                |
| 9          | Imu               | TimeStatus      | Accel          |                     |
| 10         | MagPres           |                 | Gyro           |                     |
| 11         | DeltaTheta        |                 |                |                     |
| 12         | VpeStatus         |                 |                |                     |
| 13         | SyncInCnt         |                 |                |                     |
| 14         |                   |                 |                |                     |
| 15         |                   |                 |                |                     |

### 6.2.3 Setup the Configuration Register

Once you have determined the desired outputs for your output messages, you will need to configure the User Output Message Configuration Registers (Register 75 – 77). These registers are described in detail under the Binary Output Register 1-3 in the System subsystem section, however for reference the format of the register is shown below.

| Binary Output Register 1-3 |                                                                                                                                                     |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :              | 75-77                                                                                                                                               | Access : Read / Write |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Comment :                  | These registers allow the user to construct a custom output message that contains a collection of desired estimated states and sensor measurements. |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Size (Bytes):              | 6-22                                                                                                                                                |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Example Response:          | \$VNWRG,75,2,4,1,8*XX                                                                                                                               |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Offset                     | Name                                                                                                                                                | Format                | Unit | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 0                          | AsyncMode                                                                                                                                           | uint16                | -    | Selects whether the output message should be sent out on the serial port(s) at a fixed rate.<br>0 = None. User message is not automatically sent out either serial port.<br>1 = Message is sent out serial port 1 at a fixed rate.<br>2 = Message is sent out serial port 2 at a fixed rate.<br>3 = Message is sent out both serial ports at a fixed rate. |
| 2                          | RateDivisor                                                                                                                                         | uint16                | -    | Sets the fixed rate at which the message is sent out the selected serial port(s). The number given is a divisor of the <i>ImuRate</i> which is nominally 800Hz. For example to have the sensor output at 50Hz you would set the Divisor equal to 16.                                                                                                       |
| 4+N                        | OutputGroup(N)                                                                                                                                      | uint8                 | -    | Selects which output groups are active in the message. The number of <b>OutputFields</b> in this message should equal the number of active bits in the <b>OutputGroup</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4+N+2*M                    | OutputField(1)                                                                                                                                      | uint16                | -    | Selects which output data fields are active within the selected output groups.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



In the offset column above the variable N is the number of output group bytes. If data is requested from only groups 1-7, there will be only one output group present (N=1). If data is requested from an output group of 9-14, then two output groups bytes will be present.

The number of OutputFields present must be equal to the number of output groups selected in the OutputGroup byte(s). For example if groups 1 and 3 are selected (OutputGroup = 0x05 or 0b00000101), then there must be two OutputField parameters present (M = 2).



If the number of OutputFields is inconsistent with the number of OutputGroups selected, then the unit will respond with an invalid parameter error when attempting to write to this register.

If the user attempts to turn on more data than it is possible to send out at the current baud rate, the unit will respond with a insufficient baud rate error.



To turn off the binary output it is recommended to set the AsyncMode = 0.

### 6.2.4 Example Case 1 – Selecting outputs from only the Common Group

For many applications you might be able to get by with only the output types available in the common group. For these situations the configuration of the output message is simple. Suppose only the following information shown below is desired.

| Bit Offset | Group 1 Common |
|------------|----------------|
| 0          | TimeStartup    |
| 3          | YawPitchRoll   |
| 5          | AngularRate    |

For this example we will assume that the data will be polled using serial port 2 at 50 Hz.

To configure this output message you would send the following command to the VN-110.

`$VNWRG,75,2,16,01,0029*XX`

Now let's dissect this command to see what is actually being set:

| Field        | Value | Description                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Header       | \$VN  | ASCII message header                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Command      | WRG   | Write register command                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Register ID  | 75    | Register 75 (Config register for first output message)                                                                                                                                                   |
| AsyncMode    | 2     | Message set to output on serial port 2.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| RateDivisor  | 16    | Divisor = 16. If the <i>ImuRate</i> = 800Hz then, the message output rate will be (800 / 16 = 50 Hz).                                                                                                    |
| OutputGroup  | 01    | Groups = 0x01. (Binary group 1 enabled)                                                                                                                                                                  |
| GroupField 1 | 0029  | Group 1 Field = 0x0029. In binary 0x0029 = 0b00101001. The active bits correspond to the following active output fields:<br>Bit 0 – TimeStartup<br>Bit 3 – YawPitchRoll<br>Bit 5 - AngularRate           |
| Checksum     | XX    | Payload terminator and checksum. XX instructs the VN-110 to bypass the checksum evaluation. This allows us to manually type messages in a serial terminal without needing to calculate a valid checksum. |
| End Line     | \r\n  | Carriage return and line feed. Terminates the ASCII message.                                                                                                                                             |

## 6.2.5 Example Case 2 – Outputs from multiple Output Groups without extension bits

This example case demonstrates how to select multiple output fields from more than one output group. Assume that the following bold output types are desired:

| Bit Offset | Group 1 Common | Group 3 IMU       | Group 5 Attitude |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 0          | TimeStartup    |                   |                  |
| 1          |                |                   |                  |
| 2          |                | UncompAccel       | Quaternion       |
| 3          |                | UncompAngularRate |                  |
| 4          |                |                   | MagNed           |

Also assume that you want the message to stream at 50 Hz over serial port 1.

To configure this output message you would send the following command to the VN-110.

```
$VNWRG,75,1,16,15,0001,000C,0014*XX
```

Now let's dissect this command to see what is actually being set:

| Field        | Value | Description                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Header       | \$VN  | ASCII message header                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Command      | WRG   | Write register command                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Register ID  | 75    | Register 75 (Config register for first output message)                                                                                                                                                   |
| AsyncMode    | 1     | Message sent on serial port 1.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| RateDivisor  | 16    | Divisor = 16. If the <b>ImuRate</b> = 800Hz then, the message output rate will be (800 / 16 = 50 Hz).                                                                                                    |
| OutputGroup  | 15    | Groups = 0x15. In binary 0x15 = 0x00010101.<br>The active bits correspond to the following active output groups:<br>Bit 0 – Common<br>Bit 2 – Imu<br>Bit 4 - Attitude                                    |
| GroupField 1 | 0001  | Group 1 Field = 0x0001. In binary 0x0001 = 0b00000001.<br>The active bits correspond to the following active output fields:<br>Bit 0 – TimeStartup                                                       |
| GroupField 2 | 000C  | Group 2 Field = 0x000C. In binary 0x000C = 0b00001100.<br>The active bits correspond to the following active output fields:<br>Bit 2 – UncompAccel<br>Bit 3 – UncompGyro                                 |
| GroupField 3 | 0014  | Group 3 Field = 0x0014. In binary 0x0014 = 0b00010100.<br>The active bits correspond to the following active output fields:<br>Bit 2 – Qtn<br>Bit 4 – MagNed                                             |
| Checksum     | XX    | Payload terminator and checksum. XX instructs the VN-200 to bypass the checksum evaluation. This allows us to manually type messages in a serial terminal without needing to calculate a valid checksum. |
| End Line     | \r\n  | Carriage return and line feed. Terminates the ASCII message.                                                                                                                                             |

## 6.3 Serial Output Message Format

The binary output message packets on the serial interface consist of a simple message header, payload, and a 16-bit CRC. An example packet is shown below for reference. The header is variable length depending upon the number of groups active in the message.

| Field<br>Byte Offset<br>Type | Header |        |               |   |               |   | Payload  |   |     |   | CRC |     |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|---|---------------|---|----------|---|-----|---|-----|-----|
|                              | Sync   | Groups | Group Field 1 |   | Group Field 2 |   | Payload  |   |     |   | CRC |     |
|                              | 0      | 1      | 2             | 3 | 4             | 5 | 6        | 7 | ... | N | N+1 | N+2 |
|                              | u8     | u8     | u16           |   | u16           |   | Variable |   |     |   | u16 |     |

### 6.3.1 Sync Byte

The sync byte is the first byte in the header. Its value will always be equal to 0xFA.

### 6.3.2 Groups

The Group and Group Field parameters consist of variable length arguments to allow conciseness where possible and expandability where necessary.

The Group parameter consists of one or more bytes which are used to identify the Binary Output Groups from which data will be selected for output (see OutputField parameter). Each 8-bit byte consists of seven group selection bits (Bit 0 through Bit 6) and an extension bit (Bit 7). The extension bit in each byte is used to indicate the presence of a following continuation byte to select additional (higher-numbered) groups. The first byte selects Groups 1-7 (with bit offsets 0-6, respectively), the second byte (if present) selects Groups 8-14, and so on. The sequence of group selection bytes will always end with a byte whose extension bit is not set. The various groups are shown below.

| Name           | Bit Offset | Description                      |
|----------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Binary Group 1 | 0          | General Purpose Group.           |
| Binary Group 2 | 1          | Time and Event Count Group.      |
| Binary Group 3 | 2          | Inertial Measurement Unit Group. |
| Binary Group 4 | 3          | Not used. Must be set to zero.   |
| Binary Group 5 | 4          | AHRS Group.                      |
| Binary Group 6 | 5          | Not used. Must be set to zero.   |
| Binary Group 7 | 6          | Not used. Must be set to zero.   |
| Binary Group 8 | 7          | Not used. Must be set to zero.   |



Groups 8-14 are not used, however they are reserved for use in future firmware versions.

### 6.3.3 Group Fields

The Group Field parameter consists of a series of one or more 16-bit words per selected output group which are used to identify the selected output fields for that group. The first series of one or more words corresponds to the fields for the first selected group, followed by a series of word(s) for the next selected group, and so on. Each 16-bit word consists of 15 group selection bits (Bit 0 through Bit 14) and an extension bit (Bit 15). The extension bit in each word is used to indicate the presence of a following continuation word to select additional (higher-numbered) output fields for the current group. The first word corresponding to a specific group selects fields 1-15 (with bit offsets 0-14, respectively), the second word (if present) selects fields 16-30, and so on. Each sequence of field selection words corresponding to a selected output group

ends with a word whose extension bit is not set, and is then followed by a sequence of words for the next selected group (if any).

The group fields represent which output types have been selected in the active binary groups. The number of group fields in the header will depend upon how many groups are active in the message. The number of group fields present in the header will always be equal to the number of active bits in the group byte. When parsing the binary packet you can count the number of active bits present in the group byte, and then you can assume that this number of group fields will be present in the header. For example if only binary group 1 is selected (Group Byte = 0x01), then only one Group field will be present in the header, thus the header will be 4 bytes in length. If both binary group 1 and 3 are active (Group Byte = 0x05), then two Group field elements will be present in the header (4 bytes), thus the header in this case will be 6 bytes in length.

### **6.3.4 Payload**

The payload will consist of the output data selected based upon the bits selected in the group byte and the group field bytes. All output data in the payload section consist of the active outputs selected for binary group 1, followed by the active outputs selected for binary group 2, and so forth. No padding bytes are used between output fields.

### **6.3.5 CRC**

The CRC consists of a 16-bit CRC of the packet. The CRC is calculated over the packet starting just after the sync byte in the header (not including the sync byte) and ending at the end of the payload. More information about the CRC algorithm and example code for how to perform the calculation is shown in the Checksum/CRC section of the Software Architecture chapter. The CRC is selected such that if you compute the 16-bit CRC starting with the group byte and include the CRC itself, a valid packet will result in 0x0000 computed by the running CRC calculation over the entire packet. This provides a simple way of detecting packet corruption by simply checking to see if the CRC calculation of the entire packet (not including the sync byte) results in zero.

### **6.3.6 Payload Length**

When parsing the packet you will need to know the length of the payload (in bytes) in order to know where the packet ends in the data stream. In order to reduce the overhead of the packet header length, the length of the payload is not included in the header. Instead it should be derived based upon determining the type of data present in the packet. All output data types are fixed length, thus the total length of the payload can be determined based upon inspection of the group byte and the group field bytes. In most applications you will likely only use a few binary output types, thus hard coding the payload length in your parser is the easiest approach. If you want to develop a more generic parser that can handle all available data output types supported by the VN-110, the easiest approach is to use a table lookup. Below is a table with the payload size (in bytes) for all available output types.

## BINARY OUTPUT PAYLOAD LENGTH IN BYTES

|          | Group<br>1 | Group<br>2 | Group<br>3 | Group<br>5 |
|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Field 1  | 8          | 8          | 2          | 2          |
| Field 2  | 8          | 8          | 12         | 12         |
| Field 3  | 8          | 8          | 12         | 16         |
| Field 4  | 12         | 2          | 12         | 36         |
| Field 5  | 16         | 8          | 4          | 12         |
| Field 6  | 12         | 8          | 4          | 12         |
| Field 7  | 24         | 8          | 16         | 12         |
| Field 8  | 12         | 4          | 12         | 12         |
| Field 9  | 12         | 4          | 12         | 12         |
| Field 10 | 24         | 1          | 12         |            |
| Field 11 | 20         |            | 12         |            |
| Field 12 | 28         |            |            |            |
| Field 13 | 2          |            |            |            |
| Field 14 | 4          |            |            |            |
| Field 15 | 8          |            |            |            |
| Field 16 |            |            |            |            |

### 6.3.7 Example Cases

To help you better understand how the binary protocol works, the next two sections provide an overview of how the binary output packets are formed for two separate example cases.

#### Example Case 1

For example 1 we will assume that only binary group 1 is active, and only the yaw, pitch, and roll output is active within this binary group. In this case the header will have the following form.

| Header           |      |       |                | Payload                        |    |    |                                  |    |    |                                    |    |    |    |    |    | CRC    |
|------------------|------|-------|----------------|--------------------------------|----|----|----------------------------------|----|----|------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Field            | Sync | Group | Group 1 Fields | YawPitchRoll                   |    |    |                                  |    |    |                                    |    |    |    |    |    | CRC    |
| Byte Offset      | 0    | 1     | 2 3            | 4                              | 5  | 6  | 7                                | 8  | 9  | 10                                 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 17  |
| Byte Value (Hex) | FA   | 01    | 08 00          | 93                             | 50 | 2E | 42                               | 83 | 3E | F1                                 | 3F | 48 | B5 | 04 | BB | 92 88  |
| Type             | u8   | u8    | u16            | float                          |    |    | float                            |    |    | float                              |    |    |    |    |    | u16    |
| Value            | 0xFA | 1     | 8              | 0x422E5093<br>+43.578686 (Yaw) |    |    | 0x3FF13E83<br>+1.8847202 (Pitch) |    |    | 0xBB04B548<br>-2.0249654e-3 (Roll) |    |    |    |    |    | 0x9288 |

#### Example Case 2

For the second example case we will assume that both binary group 1 and 3 are active. In binary group 1, the Ypr output is selected, and in binary group 3, the Temp output is selected.

| Header           |      |       |                |                |  |  |
|------------------|------|-------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| Field            | Sync | Group | Group 1 Fields | Group 3 Fields |  |  |
| Byte Offset      | 0    | 1     | 2 3            | 4 5            |  |  |
| Byte Value (Hex) | FA   | 05    | 08 00          | 10 00          |  |  |
| Type             | u8   | u8    | u16            | u16            |  |  |
| Value            | 0xFA | 0x05  | 0x08           | 0x01           |  |  |

| Payload          |                                |    |    |                                  |    |    |                                    |    |    |                                 |    |    |      |    |     | CRC      |
|------------------|--------------------------------|----|----|----------------------------------|----|----|------------------------------------|----|----|---------------------------------|----|----|------|----|-----|----------|
| Field            | YawPitchRoll                   |    |    |                                  |    |    |                                    |    |    |                                 |    |    | Temp |    | CRC |          |
| Byte Offset      | 6                              | 7  | 8  | 9                                | 10 | 11 | 12                                 | 13 | 14 | 15                              | 16 | 17 | 18   | 19 | 20  | 21 22 23 |
| Byte Value (Hex) | A4                             | 15 | 02 | 42                               | 4D | DF | EB                                 | 3F | F6 | 1A                              | 36 | BE | BF   | 2D | A4  | 41 AF 1A |
| Type             | float                          |    |    | float                            |    |    | float                              |    |    | float                           |    |    |      |    |     | u16      |
| Value            | 0x420215A4<br>+32.521133 (Yaw) |    |    | 0X3FEBDF4D<br>+1.8427521 (Pitch) |    |    | 0XBE361AF6<br>-1.7783722e-1 (Roll) |    |    | 0X41A42DBF<br>+20.522337 (Temp) |    |    |      |    |     | 0XA83A   |

## 6.4 Binary Group 1 – Common Outputs

Binary group 1 contains a wide assortment of commonly used data required for most applications. All of the outputs found in group 1 are also present in the other groups. In this sense, group 1 is a subset of commonly used outputs from the other groups. This simplifies the configuration of binary output messages for applications that only require access to the commonly used data found in group 1. For these applications you can hard code the group field to 1, and not worry about implemented support for the other binary groups. Using group 1 for commonly used outputs also has the advantage of reducing the overall packet size, since the packet length is dependent upon the number of binary groups active.

### BINARY GROUP 1

| Name        | Bit Offset | Description                                                                |
|-------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TimeStartup | 0          | Time since startup.                                                        |
| Reserved    | 1          | Reserved. Not used on this product.                                        |
| TimeSyncIn  | 2          | Time since last SyncIn trigger.                                            |
| Ypr         | 3          | Estimated attitude as yaw pitch and roll angles.                           |
| Qtn         | 4          | Estimated attitude as a quaternion.                                        |
| AngularRate | 5          | Compensated angular rate.                                                  |
| Reserved    | 6          | Reserved. Not used on this product.                                        |
| Reserved    | 7          | Reserved. Not used on this product.                                        |
| Accel       | 8          | Estimated acceleration (compensated). (Body)                               |
| Imu         | 9          | Calibrated uncompensated gyro and accelerometer measurements.              |
| MagPres     | 10         | Calibrated magnetic (compensated), temperature, and pressure measurements. |
| DeltaTheta  | 11         | Delta time, theta, and velocity.                                           |
| AhrsStatus  | 12         | VPE status.                                                                |
| SyncInCnt   | 13         | SyncIn count.                                                              |
| Reserved    | 14         | Reserved. Not used on this product.                                        |
| Resv        | 15         | Reserved for future use. Should be set to zero.                            |

### 6.4.1 Time Startup

The system time since startup measured in nano seconds. The time since startup is based upon the internal TXCO oscillator for the MCU. The accuracy of the internal TXCO is +/- 20ppm (-40C to 85C). This field is equivalent to the TimeStartup field in group 2.

|             |      | TimeStartup |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------|------|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Byte Offset | Type | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|             |      | uint64      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

### 6.4.2 TimeSyncIn

The time since the last SyncIn trigger event expressed in nano seconds. This field is equivalent to the TimeSyncIn field in group 2.

|             |      | TimeSyncIn |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------|------|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Byte Offset | Type | 0          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|             |      | uint64     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

### 6.4.3 YawPitchRoll

The estimated attitude Yaw, Pitch, and Roll angles measured in degrees. The attitude is given as a 3,2,1 Euler angle sequence describing the body frame with respect to the local North East Down (NED) frame. This field is equivalent to the YawPitchRoll field in group 5.

|             |  | YawPitchRoll |   |   |   |       |   |   |   |       |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|--------------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|----|----|
|             |  | yaw          |   |   |   | pitch |   |   |   | roll  |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0            | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4     | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8     | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float        |   |   |   | float |   |   |   | float |   |    |    |

| Name  | Range    |
|-------|----------|
| Yaw   | +/- 180° |
| Pitch | +/- 90°  |
| Roll  | +/-180°  |

### 6.4.4 Quaternion

The estimated attitude quaternion. The last term is the scalar value. The attitude is given as the body frame with respect to the local North East Down (NED) frame. This field is equivalent to the Quaternion field in group 5.

|             |  | Quaternion |   |   |   |        |   |   |   |        |   |    |    |        |    |    |    |
|-------------|--|------------|---|---|---|--------|---|---|---|--------|---|----|----|--------|----|----|----|
|             |  | qtn[0]     |   |   |   | qtn[1] |   |   |   | qtn[2] |   |    |    | qtn[3] |    |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4      | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8      | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12     | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Type        |  | float      |   |   |   | float  |   |   |   | float  |   |    |    | float  |    |    |    |

### 6.4.5 AngularRate

The estimated angular rate measured in rad/s. The angular rates are compensated by the onboard filter bias estimates. The angular rate is expressed in the body frame. This field is equivalent to the AngularRate field in group 3.

|             |  | AngularRate |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|
|             |  | rate[0]     |   |   |   | rate[1]     |   |   |   | rate[2]     |   |    |    |
|             |  | Body X-Axis |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    |

### 6.4.6 Accel

The estimated acceleration in the body frame, given in m/s^2. This acceleration includes gravity. This field is equivalent to the Accel field in group 3.

|             |  | Accel       |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|
|             |  | accel[0]    |   |   |   | accel[1]    |   |   |   | accel[2]    |   |    |    |
|             |  | Body X-Axis |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    |

### 6.4.7 Imu

The uncompensated IMU acceleration and angular rate measurements. The acceleration is given in  $m/s^2$ , and the angular rate is given in  $rad/s$ . These measurements correspond to the calibrated angular rate and acceleration measurements straight from the IMU. The measurements have not been corrected for bias offset by the onboard Kalman filter. These are equivalent to the UncompAccel and UncompGyro fields in group 3.

| Byte<br>Offset<br>Type |  | Imu         |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |             |    |    |    |             |    |    |    |             |    |    |    |
|------------------------|--|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|-------------|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|----|-------------|----|----|----|
|                        |  | accel[0]    |   |   |   | accel[1]    |   |   |   | accel[2]    |   |    |    | rate[0]     |    |    |    | rate[1]     |    |    |    | rate[2]     |    |    |    |
|                        |  | Body X-Axis |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    | Body X-Axis |    |    |    | Body Y-Axis |    |    |    | Body Z-Axis |    |    |    |
|                        |  | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12          | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16          | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20          | 21 | 22 | 23 |
|                        |  | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    | float       |    |    |    | float       |    |    |    | float       |    |    |    |

### 6.4.8 MagPres

The compensated magnetic, temperature, and pressure measurements from the IMU. The magnetic measurement is given in Gauss, and has been corrected for hard/soft iron corrections (if enabled). The temperature measurement is given in Celsius. The pressure measurement is given in kPa. This field is equivalent to the Mag, Temp, and Pres fields in group 3.

|             |  | MagPres     |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |          |    |    |    |       |    |    |    |
|-------------|--|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|----------|----|----|----|-------|----|----|----|
|             |  | mag[0]      |   |   |   | mag[1]      |   |   |   | mag[2]      |   |    |    | temp     |    |    |    | pres  |    |    |    |
|             |  | Body X-Axis |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    | IMU Temp |    |    |    |       |    |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12       | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16    | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Type        |  | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    | float    |    |    |    | float |    |    |    |



The IP-68 enclosure on the tactical series forms an airtight (hermetic) seal isolating the internal sensors from the external environment. The pressure sensor is internal to this seal, and as such will not measure the outside environment atmospheric pressure. It will instead read the pressure inside the sealed enclosure. The purpose of this sensor is to provide a means of ensuring the seal integrity over the lifetime of the product. Based on the Ideal Gas Law the ratio of pressure divided by temperature should remain constant over both time and environmental temperature. When this is no longer the case, it can be assumed that the seal integrity has been compromised.

### 6.4.9 DeltaThetaVel

The delta time, angle, and velocity measurements. The delta time (dtime) is the time interval that the delta angle and velocities are integrated over. The delta theta (dtheta) is the delta rotation angles incurred due to rotation, by the local body reference frame, since the last time the values were outputted by the device. The delta velocity (dvel) is the delta velocity incurred due to motion, by the local body reference frame, since the last time the values were outputted by the device. The frame of reference of these delta measurements are determined by the IntegrationFrame field in the Delta Theta and Delta Velocity Configuration Register (Register 82). These delta angles and delta velocities are calculated based upon the onboard coning and sculling integration performed onboard the sensor at the full IMU rate (default 800Hz). The integration for both the delta angles and velocities are reset each time either of the values are either polled or sent out due to a scheduled asynchronous ASCII or binary output. Delta Theta and Delta Velocity values correctly capture the nonlinearities involved in measuring motion from a rotating strapdown platform (as opposed to the older mechanically inertial navigation systems), thus providing you with the ability to integrate velocity and angular rate at much lower speeds (say for example 10 Hz, reducing bandwidth and computational complexity), while

still maintaining the same numeric precision as if you had performed the integration at the full IMU measurement rate of 800Hz. This field is equivalent to the DeltaTheta and DeltaVel fields in group 3 with the inclusion of the additional delta time parameter.

| DeltaThetaVel |       |   |   |           |       |   |   |           |       |   |    |           |       |    |    |    |
|---------------|-------|---|---|-----------|-------|---|---|-----------|-------|---|----|-----------|-------|----|----|----|
| dtime         |       |   |   | dtheta[0] |       |   |   | dtheta[1] |       |   |    | dtheta[2] |       |    |    |    |
|               |       |   |   | X-Axis    |       |   |   | Y-Axis    |       |   |    | Z-Axis    |       |    |    |    |
| sec           |       |   |   | deg       |       |   |   | deg       |       |   |    | deg       |       |    |    |    |
| Byte Offset   | 0     | 1 | 2 | 3         | 4     | 5 | 6 | 7         | 8     | 9 | 10 | 11        | 12    | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Type          | float |   |   |           | float |   |   |           | float |   |    |           | float |    |    |    |

| DeltaThetaVel (continued) |       |    |    |         |       |    |    |         |       |    |    |    |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|-------|----|----|---------|-------|----|----|---------|-------|----|----|----|--|--|--|
| dvel[0]                   |       |    |    | dvel[1] |       |    |    | dvel[2] |       |    |    |    |  |  |  |
| X-Axis                    |       |    |    | Y-Axis  |       |    |    | Z-Axis  |       |    |    |    |  |  |  |
| m/s                       |       |    |    | m/s     |       |    |    | m/s     |       |    |    |    |  |  |  |
| Byte Offset               | 16    | 17 | 18 | 19      | 20    | 21 | 22 | 23      | 24    | 25 | 26 | 27 |  |  |  |
| Type                      | float |    |    |         | float |    |    |         | float |    |    |    |  |  |  |

#### 6.4.10 VpeStatus

The VPE status bitfield. This field is equivalent to the VpeStatus field in group 5. See Group 5 – VPE for more information on the individual bits in this field.

| VpeStatus   |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Byte Offset | 0 1 |
| Type        | u16 |

#### 6.4.11 SyncInCnt

The number of SyncIn trigger events that have occurred. This field is equivalent to the SyncInCnt field in group 2.

| SyncInCnt   |     |   |   |   |
|-------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Byte Offset | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Type        | u32 |   |   |   |

## 6.5 Binary Group 2 – Time Outputs

Binary group 2 provides all timing and event counter related outputs.

### BINARY GROUP 2

| Name        | Bit Offset | Description                                     |
|-------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| TimeStartup | 0          | Time since startup.                             |
| Reserved    | 1          | Reserved. Not used on this product.             |
| Reserved    | 2          | Reserved. Not used on this product.             |
| Reserved    | 3          | Reserved. Not used on this product.             |
| TimeSyncIn  | 4          | Time since last SyncIn trigger.                 |
| Reserved    | 5          | Reserved. Not used on this product.             |
| Reserved    | 6          | Reserved. Not used on this product.             |
| SyncInCnt   | 7          | SyncIn trigger count.                           |
| SyncOutCnt  | 8          | SyncOut trigger count.                          |
| TimeStatus  | 9          | Time valid status flags.                        |
| Resv        | 10-15      | Reserved for future use. Should be set to zero. |

#### 6.5.1 TimeStartup

The system time since startup measured in nano seconds. The time since startup is based upon the internal TXCO oscillator for the MCU. The accuracy of the internal TXCO is +/- 20ppm (-40C to 85C).

|             |  | TimeStartup |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------|--|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Byte Offset |  | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Type        |  | uint64      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

#### 6.5.2 TimeSyncIn

The time since the last SyncIn event trigger expressed in nano seconds.

|             |  | TimeSyncIn |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------|--|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Byte Offset |  | 0          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Type        |  | uint64     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

#### 6.5.3 SyncInCnt

The number of SyncIn trigger events that have occurred.

| SyncInCnt   |     |   |   |   |
|-------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Byte Offset | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Type        | u32 |   |   |   |

#### 6.5.4 SyncOutCnt

The number of SyncOut trigger events that have occurred.

| SyncOutCnt  |     |   |   |   |
|-------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Byte Offset | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Type        | u32 |   |   |   |

## 6.6 Binary Group 3 – IMU Outputs

Binary group 3 provides all outputs which are dependent upon the measurements collected from the onboard IMU, or an external IMU (if enabled).

### BINARY GROUP 3

| Name        | Bit Offset | Description                                     |
|-------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| ImuStatus   | 0          | Reserved for future use.                        |
| UncompMag   | 1          | Uncompensated magnetic measurement.             |
| UncompAccel | 2          | Uncompensated acceleration measurement.         |
| UncompGyro  | 3          | Uncompensated angular rate measurement.         |
| Temp        | 4          | Temperature measurement.                        |
| Pres        | 5          | Pressure measurement.                           |
| DeltaTheta  | 6          | Delta theta angles.                             |
| DeltaV      | 7          | Delta velocity.                                 |
| Mag         | 8          | Compensated magnetic measurement.               |
| Accel       | 9          | Compensated acceleration measurement.           |
| AngularRate | 10         | Compensated angular rate measurement.           |
| Resv        | 11-15      | Reserved for future use. Should be set to zero. |

#### 6.6.1 ImuStatus

Status is reserved for future use. Not currently used in the current code, as such will always report 0.

|             |           |   |
|-------------|-----------|---|
| Byte Offset | ImuStatus |   |
|             | 0         | 1 |
|             | u16       |   |

#### 6.6.2 UncompMag

The IMU magnetic field measured in units of Gauss, given in the body frame. This measurement is compensated by the static calibration (individual factory calibration stored in flash), and the user compensation, however it is not compensated by the onboard Hard/Soft Iron estimator.

|             |             |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
|-------------|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|
| Byte Offset | UncompMag   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
|             | mag[0]      |   |   |   | mag[1]      |   |   |   | mag[2]      |   |    |    |
|             | Body X-Axis |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    |
|             | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    |

### 6.6.3 UncompAccel

The IMU acceleration measured in units of  $\text{m/s}^2$ , given in the body frame. This measurement is compensated by the static calibration (individual factory calibration stored in flash), however it is not compensated by any dynamic calibration such as bias compensation from the onboard INS Kalman filter.

| Byte Offset<br>Type |  | UncompAccel |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
|---------------------|--|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|
|                     |  | accel[0]    |   |   |   | accel[1]    |   |   |   | accel[2]    |   |    |    |
|                     |  | Body X-Axis |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    |
|                     |  | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|                     |  | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    |

### 6.6.4 UncompGyro

The IMU angular rate measured in units of  $\text{rad/s}$ , given in the body frame. This measurement is compensated by the static calibration (individual factory calibration stored in flash), however it is not compensated by any dynamic calibration such as the bias compensation from the onboard AHRS/INS Kalman filters.

| Byte Offset<br>Type |  | UncompGyro  |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
|---------------------|--|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|
|                     |  | gyro[0]     |   |   |   | gyro[1]     |   |   |   | gyro[2]     |   |    |    |
|                     |  | Body X-Axis |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    |
|                     |  | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|                     |  | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    |

### 6.6.5 Temp

The IMU temperature measured in units of Celsius.

|             |       |   |   |   |
|-------------|-------|---|---|---|
|             | Temp  |   |   |   |
| Byte Offset | 0     | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Type        | float |   |   |   |

### 6.6.6 Pres

The IMU pressure measured in kilopascals. This is an absolute pressure measurement. Typical pressure at sea level would be around 100 kPa.

|             |       |   |   |   |
|-------------|-------|---|---|---|
|             | Pres  |   |   |   |
| Byte Offset | 0     | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Type        | float |   |   |   |

### 6.6.7 DeltaTheta

The delta time (dtime) is the time interval that the delta angle and velocities are integrated over. The delta theta (dtheta) is the delta rotation angles incurred due to rotation, by the local body reference frame, since the last time the values were outputted by the device. The delta velocity (dvel) is the delta velocity incurred due to motion, by the local body reference frame, since the last time the values were outputted by the device. The frame of reference of these delta measurements are determined by the IntegrationFrame field in the Delta Theta and Delta Velocity Configuration Register (Register 82). These delta angles and delta velocities are calculated based upon the onboard coning and sculling integration performed onboard the sensor at the full IMU rate (default 800Hz). The integration for both the delta angles and velocities are reset each time either of the values are either polled or sent out due to a scheduled asynchronous ASCII or binary output.

Delta Theta and Delta Velocity values correctly capture the nonlinearities involved in measuring motion from a rotating strapdown platform (as opposed to the older mechanically inertial navigation systems), thus providing you with the ability to integrate velocity and angular rate at much lower speeds (say for example 10 Hz, reducing bandwidth and computational complexity), while still maintaining the same numeric precision as if you had performed the integration at the full IMU measurement rate of 800Hz. Time is given in seconds. Delta angles are given in degrees.

|             |  | DeltaTheta |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |           |   |    |    |           |    |    |    |
|-------------|--|------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|-----------|---|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|
| Fields      |  | dtime      |   |   |   | dtheta[0] |   |   |   | dtheta[1] |   |    |    | dtheta[2] |    |    |    |
|             |  |            |   |   |   | X-Axis    |   |   |   | Y-Axis    |   |    |    | Z-Axis    |    |    |    |
|             |  | sec        |   |   |   | deg       |   |   |   | deg       |   |    |    | deg       |    |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8         | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12        | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Type        |  | float      |   |   |   | float     |   |   |   | float     |   |    |    | float     |    |    |    |

### 6.6.8 DeltaV

The delta velocity (dvel) is the delta velocity incurred due to motion, since the last time the values were output by the device. The delta velocities are calculated based upon the onboard conning and sculling integration performed onboard the sensor at the IMU sampling rate (nominally 800Hz). The integration for the delta velocities are reset each time the values are either polled or sent out due to a scheduled asynchronous ASCII or binary output. Delta velocity is given in meters per second.

|             |  | DeltaVel |   |   |   |         |   |   |   |         |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|----------|---|---|---|---------|---|---|---|---------|---|----|----|
| Fields      |  | dvel[0]  |   |   |   | dvel[1] |   |   |   | dvel[2] |   |    |    |
|             |  | X-Axis   |   |   |   | Y-Axis  |   |   |   | Z-Axis  |   |    |    |
|             |  | m/s      |   |   |   | m/s     |   |   |   | m/s     |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4       | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8       | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float    |   |   |   | float   |   |   |   | float   |   |    |    |

### 6.6.9 Mag

The IMU compensated magnetic field measured units of Gauss, and given in the body frame. This measurement is compensated by the static calibration (individual factory calibration stored in flash), the user compensation, and the dynamic calibration from the onboard Hard/Soft Iron estimator.

|             |  | Mag         |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|
| Fields      |  | mag[0]      |   |   |   | mag[1]      |   |   |   | mag[2]      |   |    |    |
|             |  | Body X-Axis |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    |
|             |  |             |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    |

### 6.6.10 Accel

The compensated acceleration measured in units of m/s<sup>2</sup>, and given in the body frame. This measurement is compensated by the static calibration (individual factory calibration stored in flash), the user compensation, and the dynamic bias compensation from the onboard INS Kalman filter.

|             |  | Accel       |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|
| Fields      |  | accel[0]    |   |   |   | accel[1]    |   |   |   | accel[2]    |   |    |    |
|             |  | Body X-Axis |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    |
|             |  |             |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    |

### 6.6.11 AngularRate

The compensated angular rate measured in units of rad/s, and given in the body frame. This measurement is compensated by the static calibration (individual factor calibration stored in flash), the user compensation, and the dynamic bias compensation from the onboard INS Kalman filter.

|             |      | AngularRate |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
|-------------|------|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|
|             |      | gyro[0]     |   |   |   | gyro[1]     |   |   |   | gyro[2]     |   |    |    |
|             |      | Body X-Axis |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset | Type | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|             |      | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    |

## 6.7 Binary Group 5 – Attitude Outputs

Binary group 5 provides all estimated outputs which are dependent upon the estimated attitude solution. The attitude will be derived from either the AHRS or the INS, depending upon which filter is currently active and tracking. All of the fields in this group will only be valid if the AHRS/INS filter is currently enabled and tracking.

### BINARY GROUP 5

| Name            | Bit Offset | Description                                        |
|-----------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| VpeStatus       | 0          | VPE Status                                         |
| Ypr             | 1          | Yaw Pitch Roll                                     |
| Qtn             | 2          | Quaternion                                         |
| DCM             | 3          | Directional Cosine Matrix                          |
| MagNed          | 4          | Compensated magnetic (NED)                         |
| AccelNed        | 5          | Compensated acceleration (NED)                     |
| LinearAccelBody | 6          | Compensated linear acceleration (no gravity)       |
| LinearAccelNed  | 7          | Compensated linear acceleration (no gravity) (NED) |
| YprU            | 8          | Yaw Pitch Roll uncertainty                         |
| Resv            | 9-15       | Reserved for future use. Should be set to zero.    |

### 6.7.1 VpeStatus

The VPE status bitfield.

|             |      | VpeStatus |   |
|-------------|------|-----------|---|
| Byte Offset | Type | 0         | 1 |
|             |      | u16       |   |

## VPESTATUS BITFIELD

| Name                   | Bit Offset | Format | Unit | Description                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------|------------|--------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AttitudeQuality        | 0          | 2 bits | -    | Provides an indication of the quality of the attitude solution.                                                                                  |
| GyroSaturation         | 2          | 1 bit  | -    | At least one gyro axis is currently saturated.                                                                                                   |
| GyroSaturationRecovery | 3          | 1 bit  | -    | Filter is in the process of recovering from a gyro saturation event.                                                                             |
| MagDisturbance         | 4          | 2 bit  | -    | A magnetic DC disturbance has been detected.<br>0 – No magnetic disturbance<br>1 to 3 – Magnetic disturbance is present.                         |
| MagSaturation          | 6          | 1 bit  | -    | At least one magnetometer axis is currently saturated.                                                                                           |
| AccDisturbance         | 7          | 2 bit  | -    | A strong acceleration disturbance has been detected.<br>0 – No acceleration disturbance.<br>1 to 3 – Acceleration disturbance has been detected. |
| AccSaturation          | 9          | 1 bit  | -    | At least one accelerometer axis is currently saturated.                                                                                          |
| Reserved               | 10         | 1 bit  | -    | Reserved for internal use. May change state at run-time.                                                                                         |
| KnownMagDisturbance    | 11         | 1 bit  | -    | A known magnetic disturbance has been reported by the user and the magnetometer is currently tuned out.                                          |
| KnownAccelDisturbance  | 12         | 1 bit  | -    | A known acceleration disturbance has been reported by the user and the accelerometer is currently tuned out.                                     |
| Reserved               | 13         | 3 bits | -    | Reserved for future use.                                                                                                                         |

**TABLE 1 - ATTITUDEQUALITY FIELD**

| Value | Description  |
|-------|--------------|
| 0     | Excellent    |
| 1     | Good         |
| 2     | Bad          |
| 3     | Not tracking |

### 6.7.2 YawPitchRoll

The estimated attitude Yaw, Pitch, and Roll angles measured in degrees. The attitude is given as a 3,2,1 Euler angle sequence describing the body frame with respect to the local North East Down (NED) frame.

|             |  | YawPitchRoll |   |   |   |       |   |   |   |       |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|--------------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|----|----|
|             |  | yaw          |   |   |   | pitch |   |   |   | roll  |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0            | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4     | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8     | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float        |   |   |   | float |   |   |   | float |   |    |    |

| Name  | Range    |
|-------|----------|
| Yaw   | +/- 180° |
| Pitch | +/- 90°  |
| Roll  | +/-180°  |

### 6.7.3 Quaternion

The estimated attitude quaternion. The last term is the scalar value. The attitude is given as the body frame with respect to the local North East Down (NED) frame.

| Quaternion |   |   |   |        |   |   |   |        |   |    |    |        |    |    |    |
|------------|---|---|---|--------|---|---|---|--------|---|----|----|--------|----|----|----|
| qtn[0]     |   |   |   | qtn[1] |   |   |   | qtn[2] |   |    |    | qtn[3] |    |    |    |
| 0          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4      | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8      | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12     | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| float      |   |   |   | float  |   |   |   | float  |   |    |    | float  |    |    |    |

### 6.7.4 DCM

The estimated attitude directional cosine matrix given in column major order. The DCM maps vectors from the North East Down (NED) frame into the body frame.

| Dcm    |   |   |   |        |   |   |   |        |   |    |    |        |    |    |    |        |    |    |    |        |    |    |    |
|--------|---|---|---|--------|---|---|---|--------|---|----|----|--------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|
| dcm[0] |   |   |   | dcm[1] |   |   |   | dcm[2] |   |    |    | dcm[3] |    |    |    | dcm[4] |    |    |    | dcm[5] |    |    |    |
| 0      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4      | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8      | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12     | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16     | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20     | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| float  |   |   |   | float  |   |   |   | float  |   |    |    | float  |    |    |    | float  |    |    |    | float  |    |    |    |

| Dcm (continued) |    |    |    |        |    |    |    |        |    |    |    |
|-----------------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|
| dcm[6]          |    |    |    | dcm[7] |    |    |    | dcm[8] |    |    |    |
| 24              | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28     | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32     | 33 | 34 | 35 |
| float           |    |    |    | float  |    |    |    | float  |    |    |    |

### 6.7.5 MagNed

The current estimated magnetic field (Gauss), given in the North East Down (NED) frame. The current attitude solution is used to map the measurement from the measured body frame to the inertial (NED) frame. This measurement is compensated by both the static calibration (individual factory calibration stored in flash), and the dynamic calibration such as the user or onboard Hard/Soft Iron compensation registers.

| MagNed     |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |           |   |    |    |
|------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|-----------|---|----|----|
| mag[0]     |   |   |   | mag[1]    |   |   |   | mag[2]    |   |    |    |
| North Axis |   |   |   | East Axis |   |   |   | Down Axis |   |    |    |
| 0          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8         | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| float      |   |   |   | float     |   |   |   | float     |   |    |    |

### 6.7.6 AccelNed

The estimated acceleration (with gravity) reported in m/s<sup>2</sup>, given in the North East Down (NED) frame. The acceleration measurement has been bias compensated by the onboard INS filter. This measurement is attitude dependent, since the attitude is used to map the measurement from the body frame into the inertial (NED) frame. If the device is stationary and the INS filter is tracking, the measurement should be nominally equivalent to the gravity reference vector in the inertial frame (NED).

|             |  | AccelNed   |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |           |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|-----------|---|----|----|
|             |  | accel[0]   |   |   |   | accel[1]  |   |   |   | accel[2]  |   |    |    |
|             |  | North Axis |   |   |   | East Axis |   |   |   | Down Axis |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8         | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float      |   |   |   | float     |   |   |   | float     |   |    |    |

### 6.7.7 LinearAccelBody

The estimated linear acceleration (without gravity) reported in  $\text{m/s}^2$ , and given in the body frame. The acceleration measurement has been bias compensated by the onboard INS filter, and the gravity component has been removed using the current gravity reference vector model. This measurement is attitude dependent, since the attitude solution is required to map the gravity reference vector (known in the inertial NED frame), into the body frame so that it can be removed from the measurement. If the device is stationary and the onboard INS filter is tracking, the measurement nominally will read 0 in all three axes.

|             |  | LinearAccelBody |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|-----------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|-------------|---|----|----|
|             |  | accel[0]        |   |   |   | accel[1]    |   |   |   | accel[2]    |   |    |    |
|             |  | Body X-Axis     |   |   |   | Body Y-Axis |   |   |   | Body Z-Axis |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4           | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8           | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float           |   |   |   | float       |   |   |   | float       |   |    |    |

### 6.7.8 LinearAccelNed

The estimated linear acceleration (without gravity) reported in  $\text{m/s}^2$ , and given in the North East Down (NED) frame. This measurement is attitude dependent as the attitude solution is used to map the measurement from the body frame into the inertial (NED) frame. This acceleration measurement has been bias compensated by the onboard INS filter, and the gravity component has been removed using the current gravity reference vector estimate. If the device is stationary and the onboard INS filter is tracking, the measurement nominally will read 0 in all three axes.

|             |  | LinearAccelNed |   |   |   |           |   |   |   |           |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|----------------|---|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|-----------|---|----|----|
|             |  | accel[0]       |   |   |   | accel[1]  |   |   |   | accel[2]  |   |    |    |
|             |  | North Axis     |   |   |   | East Axis |   |   |   | Down Axis |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0              | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8         | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float          |   |   |   | float     |   |   |   | float     |   |    |    |

### 6.7.9 YprU

The estimated attitude (Yaw, Pitch, Roll) uncertainty (1 Sigma), reported in degrees.

|             |  | YprU  |   |   |   |       |   |   |   |       |   |    |    |
|-------------|--|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|----|----|
|             |  | yaw   |   |   |   | pitch |   |   |   | roll  |   |    |    |
| Byte Offset |  | 0     | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4     | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8     | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Type        |  | float |   |   |   | float |   |   |   | float |   |    |    |

## 7 SYSTEM MODULE

### 7.1 Commands

#### 7.1.1 Read Register Command

This command allows the user to read any of the registers on the VN-110. The only required parameter is the ID of the register to be read. The first parameter of the response will contain the same register ID followed by a variable number of parameters. The number of parameters and their formatting is specific to the requested register. Refer to the appropriate register listed in the subsystem sections for details on this formatting. If an invalid register is requested, an error code will be returned.

##### EXAMPLE READ REGISTER COMMAND

| Example Command | Message           |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| UART Command    | \$VNRRG,5*46      |
| UART Response   | \$VNRRG,5,9600*65 |

#### 7.1.2 Write Register Command

This command is used to write data values to a specified register on the VN-110 module. The ID of the register to be written to is the first parameter. This is followed by the data values specific to that register. Refer to the appropriate register listed in the subsystem sections for details on this formatting. If an invalid register is requested, an error code will be returned.

##### EXAMPLE WRITE REGISTER COMMAND

| Example Command | Message           |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| UART Command    | \$VNWRG,5,9600*60 |
| UART Response   | \$VNWRG,5,9600*60 |

#### 7.1.3 Write Settings Command

This command will write the current register settings into non-volatile memory. Once the settings are stored in non-volatile (Flash) memory, the VN-110 module can be power cycled or reset, and the register will be reloaded from non-volatile memory.

##### EXAMPLE WRITE SETTINGS COMMAND

| Example Command | Message    |
|-----------------|------------|
| UART Command    | \$VNWNV*57 |
| UART Response   | \$VNWNV*57 |



Due to limitations in the flash write speed the write settings command takes ~ 500ms to complete. Any commands that are sent to the sensor during this time will be responded to after the operation is complete.



The sensor must be stationary when issuing a Write Settings Command otherwise a Reset command must also be issued to prevent the Kalman Filter from diverging during the write settings process.

### 7.1.4 Restore Factory Settings Command

This command will restore the VN-110 module's factory default settings and will reset the module. There are no parameters for this command. The module will respond to this command before restoring the factory settings.

#### EXAMPLE RESTORE FACTORY SETTINGS COMMAND

| Example Command | Message    |
|-----------------|------------|
| UART Command    | \$VNRFS*5F |
| UART Response   | \$VNRFS*5F |

### 7.1.5 Reset Command

This command will reset the module. There are no parameters required for this command. The module will first respond to the command and will then perform a reset. Upon a reset all registers will be reloaded with the values saved in non-volatile memory. If no values are stored in non-volatile memory, the device will default to factory settings. Also upon reset the VN-110 will re-initialize its Kalman filter, thus the filter will take a few seconds to completely converge on the correct attitude and correct for gyro bias.

#### EXAMPLE RESET COMMAND

| Example Command | Message    |
|-----------------|------------|
| UART Command    | \$VNRST*4D |
| UART Response   | \$VNRST*4D |

### 7.1.6 Firmware Update Command

This command is used to enter the boot loader for performing firmware updates. Upon receiving this command on serial port 1, the VN-110 will enter into firmware reprogramming mode. The easiest method of updating firmware is to use one of the VectorNav Firmware Update Tools. If you wish however to incorporate the ability to update the firmware into your own system, the protocol and procedure for updating the firmware is outlined in the [AN013 Firmware Update Protocol](#) application note.

#### EXAMPLE FIRMWARE UPDATE COMMAND

| Example Command | Message    |
|-----------------|------------|
| UART Command    | \$VNFWU*XX |
| UART Response   | \$VNFWU*XX |

### 7.1.7 Serial Command Prompt Command

This command allows you to enter into the command prompt mode on either serial port. The command mode supports a wide range of diagnostics and configuration options that go beyond the abilities of the normal read/write configuration register interface.

#### EXAMPLE COMMAND PROMPT COMMAND

| Example Command | Message    |
|-----------------|------------|
| UART Command    | \$VNCMD*XX |
| UART Response   | \$VNCMD*XX |

### 7.1.8 Asynchronous Output Pause Command

This command allows the user to temporarily pause the asynchronous outputs on the given serial port. When paused, both the ASCII and the 3 binary asynchronous output messages will temporarily stop outputting from the device on the serial port for which this command is received. The state of the asynchronous output register and the binary output configuration registers will not be changed when the asynchronous outputs are paused. This command is useful when you want to send configuration commands to the VN-110, but do not want to deal with the additional overhead of having to parse a constant stream of asynchronous output messages while waiting for the response to your configuration commands. It is also useful when you want to type commands to the device from a serial command prompt. The below example commands demonstrate how to pause and resume asynchronous outputs.

#### EXAMPLE ASYNCHRONOUS PAUSE/RESUME COMMANDS

| Example Command      | Message      |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Pause Async Outputs  | \$VNASY,0*XX |
| Resume Async Outputs | \$VNASY,1*XX |

### 7.1.9 Binary Output Poll Command

This command allows you to poll the sensor measurements available in the binary output protocol.

#### EXAMPLE COMMAND PROMPT COMMAND

| Example Command | Message                                                                          |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| UART Command    | \$VNBOM,N*XX<br>Where N is 1-3 to select the appropriate binary output register. |
| UART Response   | Responds with requested binary packet.                                           |



To use the Binary Output Poll command you will first need to configure the desired output packet using the Binary Output Register 1-3. If you wish only to poll this output, set the rate in the Binary Output Register to 0. When you wish to poll the measurement send the command \$VNBOM,N\*XX where the N is the number of the appropriate binary output register.

## 7.2 Configuration Registers

### 7.2.1 User Tag Register

| User Tag          |      |                                                                                                                                              |      |                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :     |      | 0                                                                                                                                            |      | Access : Read / Write                                                                                                                                          |
| Comment :         |      | User assigned tag register. Any values can be assigned to this register. They will be stored to flash upon issuing a write settings command. |      |                                                                                                                                                                |
| Size (Bytes):     |      | 20                                                                                                                                           |      |                                                                                                                                                                |
| Example Response: |      | \$VNRRG,00,SENSOR_A14*52                                                                                                                     |      |                                                                                                                                                                |
| Offset            | Name | Format                                                                                                                                       | Unit | Description                                                                                                                                                    |
| 0                 | Tag  | char                                                                                                                                         | -    | User defined tag register. Up to 20 bytes or characters. If a string with more than 20 characters is given, then the string will be truncated to the first 20. |



Only printable ASCII characters are allowed for the user tag register.

Allowable characters include any character in the hexadecimal range of 0x20 to 0x7E, excluding 0x24 ('\$'), 0x2C (','), and 0x2A (\*). The use of any other character will result in an invalid parameter error code returned. This restriction is required to ensure that the value set in the user tag register remains accessible using the serial ASCII protocol.

### 7.2.2 Model Number Register

| Model Number  |              |                      |                    |                                  |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Register ID : |              | 1                    | Access : Read Only |                                  |
| Comment :     |              | Model Number         |                    |                                  |
| Size (Bytes): |              | 24                   |                    |                                  |
| Example       |              | \$VNRRG,01,VN-310*58 |                    |                                  |
| Response:     |              |                      |                    |                                  |
| Offset        | Name         | Format               | Unit               | Description                      |
| 0             | Product Name | char                 | -                  | Product name. Max 24 characters. |

### 7.2.3 Hardware Revision Register

|                   |          |                    |                    |                    |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                   |          |                    |                    |                    |
| Register ID :     |          | 2                  | Access : Read Only |                    |
| Comment :         |          | Hardware revision. |                    |                    |
| Size (Bytes):     |          | 4                  |                    |                    |
| Example Response: |          | \$VNRRG,02,1*6C    |                    |                    |
| Offset            | Name     | Format             | Unit               | Description        |
| 0                 | Revision | uint32             | -                  | Hardware revision. |

#### 7.2.4 Serial Number Register

| Serial Number |           |                          |                    |                                         |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Register ID : |           | 3                        | Access : Read Only |                                         |
| Comment :     |           | Serial Number            |                    |                                         |
| Size (Bytes): |           | 4                        |                    |                                         |
| Example       |           | \$VNRRG,03,0100011981*5D |                    |                                         |
| Response:     |           |                          |                    |                                         |
| Offset        | Name      | Format                   | Unit               | Description                             |
| 0             | SerialNum | uint32                   | -                  | Serial Number (32-bit unsigned integer) |

### 7.2.5 Firmware Version Register

| Firmware Version Register |                 |                       |                    |                                                                              |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :             |                 | 4                     | Access : Read Only |                                                                              |
| Comment :                 |                 | Firmware version.     |                    |                                                                              |
| Size (Bytes):             |                 | 4                     |                    |                                                                              |
| Example Response:         |                 | \$VNRRG,04,0.4.0.0*71 |                    |                                                                              |
| Offset                    | Name            | Format                | Unit               | Description                                                                  |
| 0                         | Major Version   | uint8                 | -                  | Major release version of firmware.                                           |
| 1                         | Minor Version   | uint8                 | -                  | Minor release version of firmware                                            |
| 2                         | Feature Version | uint8                 | -                  | Feature release version of the firmware.                                     |
| 3                         | HotFix          | uint8                 | -                  | Hot fix number. Numbers above 100 are reserved for custom firmware versions. |

## 7.2.6 Serial Baud Rate Register

| Serial Baud Rate |             |                      |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :    |             | 5                    |      | Access : Read / Write                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Comment :        |             | Serial baud rate.    |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Size (Bytes):    |             | 4                    |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Example Command: |             | \$VNWRG,05,115200*58 |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Offset           | Name        | Format               | Unit | Description                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 0                | Baud Rate   | uint32               | -    | Serial baud rate.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4                | Serial Port | uint8                | -    | Optional. The serial port to change the baud rate on.<br>If this parameter is not provided then the baud rate will be changed for the active serial port.<br>1 – Serial Port 1<br>2 – Serial Port 2 |

### BAUD RATE SETTINGS

#### Acceptable Baud Rates

9600  
19200  
38400  
57600  
115200  
128000  
230400  
460800  
921600



The serial port parameter in this register is optional. If it is not provided, the baud rate will be changed on the active serial port. The response to this register will include the serial port parameter if the optional parameter is provided. If the second parameter is not provided then the response will not include this parameter.



Upon receiving a baud rate change request, the VN-110 will send the response prior to changing the baud rate.

### 7.2.7 Async Data Output Type Register

| Asynchronous Data Output Type |             |                                |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                 |             | 6                              | Access : Read / Write |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Comment :                     |             | Asynchronous data output type. |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Size (Bytes):                 |             | 4                              |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Example Command:              |             | \$VNWRG,06,0*6C                |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Offset                        | Name        | Format                         | Unit                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 0                             | ADOR        | uint32                         | -                     | Output register.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4                             | Serial Port | uint8                          | -                     | Optional. The serial port to change the asynchronous data type on. If this parameter is not provided then the ADOR will be changed for the active serial port.<br>1 – Serial Port 1<br>2 – Serial Port 2 |

This register controls the type of data that will be asynchronously outputted by the module. With this register, the user can specify which data register will be automatically outputted when it gets updated with a new reading. The table below lists which registers can be set to asynchronously output, the value to specify which register to output, and the header of the asynchronous data packet. Asynchronous data output can be disabled by setting this register to zero. The asynchronous data output will be sent out automatically at a frequency specified by the Async Data Output Frequency Register.



The serial port parameter in this register is optional. If it is not provided, the ADOF will be changed on the active serial port. The response to this register will include the serial port parameter if the optional parameter is provided. If the second parameter is not provided, the response will not include this parameter.

### ASYNCHRONOUS SOLUTION OUTPUT SETTINGS

| Setting | Asynchronous Solution Output Type                                       | Header |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 0       | Asynchronous output turned off                                          | N/A    |
| 1       | Yaw, Pitch, Roll                                                        | VNYPR  |
| 2       | Quaternion                                                              | VNQTN  |
| 8       | Quaternion, Magnetic, Acceleration and Angular Rates                    | VNQMR  |
| 9       | Directional Cosine Orientation Matrix                                   | VNDCM  |
| 10      | Magnetic Measurements                                                   | VNMAG  |
| 11      | Acceleration Measurements                                               | VNACC  |
| 12      | Angular Rate Measurements                                               | VNGYR  |
| 13      | Magnetic, Acceleration, and Angular Rate Measurements                   | VNMAR  |
| 14      | Yaw, Pitch, Roll, Magnetic, Acceleration, and Angular Rate Measurements | VNYMR  |
| 16      | Yaw, Pitch, Roll, Body True Acceleration, and Angular Rates             | VNYBA  |
| 17      | Yaw, Pitch, Roll, Inertial True Acceleration, and Angular Rates         | VNYIA  |
| 19      | IMU Measurements                                                        | VNIMU  |
| 30      | Delta theta and delta velocity                                          | VNDTV  |

7.2.8 Async Data Output Frequency Register

| Asynchronous Data Output Frequency |             |                                     |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                      |             | 7                                   |      | Access : Read / Write                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Comment :                          |             | Asynchronous data output frequency. |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Size (Bytes):                      |             | 4                                   |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Example Command:                   |             | \$VNWRG,07,40*59                    |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Offset                             | Name        | Format                              | Unit | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 0                                  | ADOF        | uint32                              | Hz   | Output frequency.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4                                  | Serial Port | uint8                               | -    | Optional. The serial port to change the asynchronous data type frequency on. If this parameter is not provided then the ADOF will be changed for the active serial port.<br>1 – Serial Port 1<br>2 – Serial Port 2 |

ADOR DATA RATES

| Acceptable<br>Data Rates<br>(Hz) |
|----------------------------------|
| 1                                |
| 2                                |
| 4                                |
| 5                                |
| 10                               |
| 20                               |
| 25                               |
| 40                               |
| 50                               |
| 100                              |
| 200                              |



The serial port parameter in this register is optional. If it is not provided, the ADOF will be changed on the active serial port. The response to this register will include the serial port parameter if the optional parameter is provided. If the second parameter is not provided, the response will not include this parameter.

## 7.2.9 Synchronization Control

| Synchronization Control |                                                                                                    |                       |      |                                             |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|---------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :           | 32                                                                                                 | Access : Read / Write |      |                                             |
| Comment :               | Contains parameters which allow the timing of the VN-110 to be synchronized with external devices. |                       |      |                                             |
| Size (Bytes):           | 20                                                                                                 |                       |      |                                             |
| Example Response:       | \$VNRRG,32,3,0,0,0,6,1,0,100000000,0*6B                                                            |                       |      |                                             |
| Offset                  | Name                                                                                               | Format                | Unit | Description                                 |
| 0                       | SyncInMode                                                                                         | uint8                 | -    | Input signal synchronization mode           |
| 1                       | SyncInEdge                                                                                         | uint8                 | -    | Input signal synchronization edge selection |
| 2                       | SyncInSkipFactor                                                                                   | uint16                | -    | Input signal trigger skip factor            |
| 4                       | RESERVED                                                                                           | uint32                | -    | Reserved for future use. Defaults to 0.     |
| 8                       | SyncOutMode                                                                                        | uint8                 | -    | Output synchronization signal mode          |
| 9                       | SyncOutPolarity                                                                                    | uint8                 | -    | Output synchronization signal polarity      |
| 10                      | SyncOutSkipFactor                                                                                  | uint16                | -    | Output synchronization signal skip factor   |
| 12                      | SyncOutPulseWidth                                                                                  | uint32                | ns   | Output synchronization signal pulse width   |
| 16                      | RESERVED                                                                                           | uint32                | -    | Reserved for future use. Defaults to 0.     |

### SyncInMode

The SyncInMode register controls the behavior of the SyncIn event. If the mode is set to COUNT then the internal clock will be used to control the IMU sampling. If SyncInMode is set to IMU then the IMU sampling loop will run on a SyncIn event. The relationship between the SyncIn event and a SyncIn trigger is defined by the SyncInEdge and SyncInSkipFactor parameters. If set to ASYNC then the VN-110 will output asynchronous serial messages upon each trigger event.

### SYNCIN MODE

| Mode   | Pin     | Value | Description                                                                                         |
|--------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| COUNT  | SYNC_IN | 3     | Count number of trigger events on SYNC_IN.                                                          |
| IMU    | SYNC_IN | 4     | Start IMU sampling on trigger of SYNC_IN.                                                           |
| ASYNC  | SYNC_IN | 5     | Output asynchronous message on trigger of SYNC_IN.                                                  |
| ASYNC3 | SYNC_IN | 6     | Output asynchronous or binary messages configured with a rate of 0 to output on trigger of SYNC_IN. |



If the user wishes to configure SyncInMode to IMU, note that the default IMU Rate is **800Hz**. If the desired sample rate is lower than 800Hz please contact VectorNav for configuration assistance.



In ASYNC3 mode messages configured with an output rate = 0 are output each time the appropriate transition edge of the SyncIn pin is captured according to the edge settings in the SyncInEdge field. Messages configured with output rate > 0 are not affected by the SyncIn pulse. This applies to the ASCII Async message set by the Async Data Output Register, the user configure binary output messages set by the Binary Output Registers, as well as the NMEA messages configured by the NMEA Output Registers.

### SyncInEdge

The SyncInEdge register controls the type of edge the signal is set to trigger on. The factory default state is to trigger on a rising edge.

#### SYNCINEDGE MODE

| Value | Description             |
|-------|-------------------------|
| 0     | Trigger on rising edge  |
| 1     | Trigger on falling edge |

### SyncInSkipFactor

The SyncInSkipFactor defines how many times trigger edges defined by SyncInEdge should occur prior to triggering a SyncIn event. The action performed on a SyncIn event is determined by the SyncIn mode. As an example if the SyncInSkipFactor was set to 4 and a 1 kHz signal was attached to the SyncIn pin, then the SyncIn event would only occur at 200 Hz.

### SyncOutMode

The SyncOutMode register controls the behavior of the SyncOut pin. If this is set to IMU then the SyncOut will start the pulse when the internal IMU sample loop starts. This mode is used to make a sensor the Master in a multi-sensor network array. If this is set to IMU\_READY mode then the pulse will start when IMU measurements become available. If this is set to INS mode then the pulse will start when attitude measurements are made available. Changes to this register take effect immediately.

#### SYNCOUTMODE

| Mode      | Value | Description                                      |
|-----------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|
| NONE      | 0     | None                                             |
| IMU_START | 1     | Trigger at start of IMU sampling                 |
| IMU_READY | 2     | Trigger when IMU measurements are available      |
| INS       | 3     | Trigger when attitude measurements are available |

### SyncOutPolarity

The SyncOutPolarity register controls the polarity of the output pulse on the SyncOut pin. Changes to this register take effect immediately.

#### SYNCOUTPOLARITY

| Value | Description    |
|-------|----------------|
| 0     | Negative Pulse |
| 1     | Positive Pulse |

### SyncOutSkipFactor

The SyncOutSkipFactor defines how many times the sync out event should be skipped before actually triggering the SyncOut pin.

### SyncOutPulseWidth

The SyncOutPulseWidth field controls the desired width of the SyncOut pulse. The default value is 100,000,000 (100 ms).

## 7.2.10 Communication Protocol Control

### Communication Protocol Control

Register ID : 30

Access : Read /  
Write

Comment : Contains parameters that controls the communication protocol used by the sensor.

Size (Bytes): 7

Example Response: \$VNRRG,30,0,0,0,0,1,0,1\*6C

| Offset | Name           | Format | Unit | Description                                                                                      |
|--------|----------------|--------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0      | SerialCount    | uint8  | -    | Provides the ability to append a counter or time to the end of the serial asynchronous messages. |
| 1      | SerialStatus   | uint8  | -    | Provides the ability to append the status to the end of the serial asynchronous messages.        |
| 2      | SPICount       | uint8  | -    | Not used on the VN-110. Must be set to 0.                                                        |
| 3      | SPIStatus      | uint8  | -    | Not used on the VN-110. Must be set to 0.                                                        |
| 4      | SerialChecksum | uint8  | -    | Choose the type of checksum used for serial communications.                                      |
| 5      | SPIChecksum    | uint8  | -    | Not used on the VN-110. Must be set to 0.                                                        |
| 6      | ErrorMode      | uint8  | -    | Choose the action taken when errors are generated.                                               |

### Serial Count

The SerialCount field provides a means of appending a time or counter to the end of all asynchronous communication messages transmitted on the serial interface. The values for each of these counters come directly from the Synchronization Status Register in the System subsystem.

With the SerialCount field set to OFF a typical serial asynchronous message would appear as the following:

\$VNYPR,+010.071,+000.278,-002.026\*60

With the SerialCount field set to one of the non-zero values the same asynchronous message would appear instead as:

\$VNYPR,+010.071,+000.278,-002.026,T1162704\*2F

When the SerialCount field is enabled the counter will always be appended to the end of the message just prior to the checksum. The counter will be preceded by the T character to distinguish it from the status field.

### SERIALCOUNT FIELD

| Mode          | Value | Description     |
|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| NONE          | 0     | OFF             |
| SYNCIN_COUNT  | 1     | SyncIn Counter  |
| SYNCIN_TIME   | 2     | SyncIn Time     |
| SYNCOUT_COUNT | 3     | SyncOut Counter |
| GPS_PPS       | 4     | Gps Pps Time    |

### SerialStatus

The SerialStatus field provides a means of tracking real-time status information pertain to the overall state of the sensor measurements and onboard filtering algorithm. As with the SerialCount, a typical serial asynchronous message would appear as the following:

\$VNYPR,+010.071,+000.278,-002.026\*60

With the SerialStatus field set to one of the non-zero values, the same asynchronous message would appear instead as:

\$VNYPR,+010.071,+000.278,-002.026,S0000\*1F

When the SerialStatus field is enabled the status will always be appended to the end of the message just prior to the checksum. If both the SerialCount and SerialStatus are enabled then the SerialStatus will be displayed first. The counter will be preceded by the S character to distinguish it from the counter field. The status consists of 4 hexadecimal characters.

### SERIALSTATUS

| Value | Description |
|-------|-------------|
| 0     | OFF         |
| 1     | VPE Status  |
| 2     | INS Status  |

### SerialChecksum

This field controls the type of checksum used for the serial communications. Normally the VN-110 uses an 8-bit checksum identical to the type used for normal GPS NMEA packets. This form of checksum however offers only a limited means of error checking. As an alternative a full 16-bit CRC (CRC16-CCITT with polynomial = 0x07) is also offered. The 2-byte CRC value is printed using 4 hexadecimal digits.

### SERIALCHECKSUM

| Value | Description    |
|-------|----------------|
| 1     | 8-Bit Checksum |
| 3     | 16-Bit CRC     |

### ErrorMode

This field controls the type of action taken by the VN-110 when an error event occurs. If the send error mode is enabled then a message similar to the one shown below will be sent on the serial bus when an error event occurs.

\$VNERR, 03\*72

Regardless of the state of the ErrorMode, the number of error events is always recorded and is made available in the SysErrors field of the Communication Protocol Status Register in the System subsystem.

### ERRORMODE

| Value | Description                             |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|
| 0     | Ignore Error                            |
| 1     | Send Error                              |
| 2     | Send Error and set ADOR register to OFF |

### Example Async Messages

The following table shows example asynchronous messages with the AsyncCount and the AsyncStatus values appended to the end.

| Example Type                                          | Message                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Async Message with AsyncCount Enabled                 | \$VNYPR,+010.071,+000.278,-002.026,T1162704*2F       |
| Async Message with AsyncStatus Enabled                | \$VNYPR,+010.071,+000.278,-002.026,S0000*1F          |
| Async Message with AsyncCount and AsyncStatus Enabled | \$VNYPR,+010.071,+000.278,-002.026,T1162704,S0000*50 |

### 7.2.11 Binary Output Register 1

| Binary Output Register 1 |                                                                                                                                                           |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :            | 75                                                                                                                                                        | Access : Read / Write |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Comment :                | This register allows the user to construct a custom binary output message that contains a collection of desired estimated states and sensor measurements. |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Size (Bytes):            | 6-22                                                                                                                                                      |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Example Response:        | \$VNWRG,75,2,4,1,8*XX                                                                                                                                     |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Offset                   | Name                                                                                                                                                      | Format                | Unit | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 0                        | AsyncMode                                                                                                                                                 | uint16                | -    | Selects whether the output message should be sent out on the serial port(s) at a fixed rate.<br>0 = None. User message is not automatically sent out either serial port.<br>1 = Message is sent out serial port 1 at a fixed rate.<br>2 = Message is sent out serial port 2 at a fixed rate.<br>3 = Message is sent out both serial ports at a fixed rate. |
| 2                        | RateDivisor                                                                                                                                               | uint16                | -    | Sets the fixed rate at which the message is sent out the selected serial port(s). The number given is a divisor of the <i>ImuRate</i> which is nominally 800Hz. For example to have the sensor output at 50Hz you would set the Divisor equal to 16.                                                                                                       |
| 4                        | OutputGroup                                                                                                                                               | uint16                | -    | Selects which output groups are active in the message. The number of <b>OutputFields</b> in this message should equal the number of active bits in the <b>OutputGroup</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4+N                      | OutputGroup(N)                                                                                                                                            | uint8                 | -    | Selects which output groups are active in the message. The number of <b>OutputFields</b> in this message should equal the number of active bits in the <b>OutputGroup</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4+N+2*M                  | OutputField(1)                                                                                                                                            | uint16                | -    | Selects which output data fields are active within the selected output groups.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



See the User Configurable Binary Output Messages section for information on the format for the Groups and Group Fields.

In the offset column above the variable N is the number of output group bytes. If data is requested from only groups 1-7, there will be only one output group present (N=1). If data is requested from an output group of 9-14, then two output groups bytes will be present.

The number of OutputFields present must be equal to the number of output groups selected in the OutputGroup byte(s). For example if groups 1 and 3 are selected (OutputGroup = 0x05 or 0b00000101), then there must be two OutputField parameters present (M = 2).



If the number of OutputFields is inconsistent with the number of OutputGroups selected, then the unit will respond with an invalid parameter error when attempting to write to this register.

If the user attempts to turn on more data than it is possible to send out at the current baud rate, the unit will respond with a insufficient baud rate error.



To turn off the binary output it is recommended to set the AsyncMode = 0.

## 7.2.12 Binary Output Register 2

| Binary Output Register 2 |                                                                                                                                                           |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :            | 76                                                                                                                                                        | Access : Read / Write |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Comment :                | This register allows the user to construct a custom binary output message that contains a collection of desired estimated states and sensor measurements. |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Size (Bytes):            | 6-22                                                                                                                                                      |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Example Response:        | \$VNWRG,76,2,4,1,8*XX                                                                                                                                     |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Offset                   | Name                                                                                                                                                      | Format                | Unit | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 0                        | AsyncMode                                                                                                                                                 | uint16                | -    | Selects whether the output message should be sent out on the serial port(s) at a fixed rate.<br>0 = None. User message is not automatically sent out either serial port.<br>1 = Message is sent out serial port 1 at a fixed rate.<br>2 = Message is sent out serial port 2 at a fixed rate.<br>3 = Message is sent out both serial ports at a fixed rate. |
| 2                        | RateDivisor                                                                                                                                               | uint16                | -    | Sets the fixed rate at which the message is sent out the selected serial port(s). The number given is a divisor of the <i>ImuRate</i> which is nominally 800Hz. For example to have the sensor output at 50Hz you would set the Divisor equal to 16.                                                                                                       |
| 4                        | OutputGroup                                                                                                                                               | uint16                | -    | Selects which output groups are active in the message. The number of <b>OutputFields</b> in this message should equal the number of active bits in the <b>OutputGroup</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4+N                      | OutputGroup(N)                                                                                                                                            | uint8                 | -    | Selects which output groups are active in the message. The number of <b>OutputFields</b> in this message should equal the number of active bits in the <b>OutputGroup</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4+N+2*M                  | OutputField(1)                                                                                                                                            | uint16                | -    | Selects which output data fields are active within the selected output groups.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



See the User Configurable Binary Output Messages section for information on the format for the Groups and Group Fields.

In the offset column above the variable N is the number of output group bytes. If data is requested from only groups 1-7, there will be only one output group present (N=1). If data is requested from an output group of 9-14, then two output groups bytes will be present.

The number of OutputFields present must be equal to the number of output groups selected in the OutputGroup byte(s). For example if groups 1 and 3 are selected (OutputGroup = 0x05 or 0b00000101), then there must be two OutputField parameters present (M = 2).



If the number of OutputFields is inconsistent with the number of OutputGroups selected, then the unit will respond with an invalid parameter error when attempting to write to this register.

If the user attempts to turn on more data than it is possible to send out at the current baud rate, the unit will respond with a insufficient baud rate error.



To turn off the binary output it is recommended to set the AsyncMode = 0.

### 7.2.13 Binary Output Register 3

| Binary Output Register 3 |                                                                                                                                                           |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :            | 77                                                                                                                                                        | Access : Read / Write |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Comment :                | This register allows the user to construct a custom binary output message that contains a collection of desired estimated states and sensor measurements. |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Size (Bytes):            | 6-22                                                                                                                                                      |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Example Response:        | \$VNWRG,77,2,4,1,8*XX                                                                                                                                     |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Offset                   | Name                                                                                                                                                      | Format                | Unit | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 0                        | AsyncMode                                                                                                                                                 | uint16                | -    | Selects whether the output message should be sent out on the serial port(s) at a fixed rate.<br>0 = None. User message is not automatically sent out either serial port.<br>1 = Message is sent out serial port 1 at a fixed rate.<br>2 = Message is sent out serial port 2 at a fixed rate.<br>3 = Message is sent out both serial ports at a fixed rate. |
| 2                        | RateDivisor                                                                                                                                               | uint16                | -    | Sets the fixed rate at which the message is sent out the selected serial port(s). The number given is a divisor of the <i>ImuRate</i> which is nominally 800Hz. For example to have the sensor output at 50Hz you would set the Divisor equal to 16.                                                                                                       |
| 4                        | OutputGroup                                                                                                                                               | uint16                | -    | Selects which output groups are active in the message. The number of <b>OutputFields</b> in this message should equal the number of active bits in the <b>OutputGroup</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4+N                      | OutputGroup(N)                                                                                                                                            | uint8                 | -    | Selects which output groups are active in the message. The number of <b>OutputFields</b> in this message should equal the number of active bits in the <b>OutputGroup</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4+N+2*M                  | OutputField(1)                                                                                                                                            | uint16                | -    | Selects which output data fields are active within the selected output groups.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



See the User Configurable Binary Output Messages section for information on the format for the Groups and Group Fields.

In the offset column above the variable N is the number of output group bytes. If data is requested from only groups 1-7, there will be only one output group present (N=1). If data is requested from an output group of 9-14, then two output groups bytes will be present.

The number of OutputFields present must be equal to the number of output groups selected in the OutputGroup byte(s). For example if groups 1 and 3 are selected (OutputGroup = 0x05 or 0b00000101), then there must be two OutputField parameters present (M = 2).



If the number of OutputFields is inconsistent with the number of OutputGroups selected, then the unit will respond with an invalid parameter error when attempting to write to this register.

If the user attempts to turn on more data than it is possible to send out at the current baud rate, the unit will respond with a insufficient baud rate error.



To turn off the binary output it is recommended to set the AsyncMode = 0.

## 7.3 Status Registers

### 7.3.1 Synchronization Status

| Synchronization Status |                                                                                           |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :          | 33                                                                                        | Access : Read / Write |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Comment :              | Contains status parameters that pertaining to the communication synchronization features. |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Size (Bytes):          | 12                                                                                        |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Example Response:      | \$VNRRG,33,2552498,0,0*6A                                                                 |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Offset                 | Name                                                                                      | Format                | Unit | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 0                      | SyncInCount                                                                               | uint32                | -    | Keeps track of the number of times that the SyncIn trigger even has occurred. This register can be used to correlate the attitude to an event on an external system such as a camera or GPS.<br>It is also possible to have the value of this register appended to each asynchronous data packet on the serial bus. This can be done by setting the AsyncStatus field in the Communication Protocol register to 1. |
| 4                      | SyncInTime                                                                                | uint32                | μs   | Keeps track of the amount of time that has elapsed since the last SyncIn trigger event. If the SyncIn pin is connected to the PPS (Pulse Per Second) line on a GPS and the AsyncStatus field in the Communication Protocol Register is set to 1, then each asynchronous measurement will be time stamped relative to the last received GPS measurement.                                                            |
| 8                      | SyncOutCount                                                                              | uint32                | -    | Keeps track of the number of times that the SyncOut trigger event has occurred. This register can be used to index subsequent measurement outputs, which is particularly useful when logging sensor data.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



Writing zero to the SyncInCount or the SyncOutCount will reset the status counter. Any other value other than zero will not have an effect. The SyncInTime is read only and cannot be reset to zero.

## 7.4 Factory Defaults

| Settings Name                  | Default Factory Value     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| User Tag                       | NULL (Empty string)       |
| Serial Baud Rate               | 115200                    |
| Async Data Output Frequency    | 40 Hz                     |
| Async Data Output Type         | INS_LLA                   |
| Synchronization Control        | 3,0,0,0,6,1,0,100000000,0 |
| Communication Protocol Control | 0,0,0,0,1,0,1             |
| Binary Output Register 1       | 0, 0, 0                   |
| Binary Output Register 2       | 0, 0, 0                   |
| Binary Output Register 3       | 0, 0, 0                   |

## 7.5 Command Prompt

The command prompt provides a fast and simple means of configuring and monitoring the status of the sensor by typing commands to the unit using the serial port.

### 7.5.1 List Available Commands

Commands for the System subsystem can be accessed by typing in 'system' at the command prompt. To view all available commands, type 'system ?'. Below is a view of a terminal window showing a list of the available commands.

```
system ?

System Module Commands:

Command:      Description:
-----
info          Device specific information such as serial number and firmware version.
comm          Information on the communication interfaces.
errors        Overview of the logged system errors.
reset         Perform a software reset on the unit.
save          Save register settings to flash memory.
restore       Restore register settings to their factory default state.
```

### 7.5.2 System Info

```
system info

----- System Info -----

Hardware:
  Product Model:  VN-310
  Serial Number:  100013003
  MCU Serial Number: 34323439044731322F002100
  Hardware Revision: 2
  Form Revision:  1

Software:
  Firmware Version: 0.3.0.0
  Revision:         691
  Build Number:     2813

-----
```

### 7.5.3 System Comm

```
system comm

----- System Communication Interfaces -----

Communication Stats:
  Serial Messages Parsed      : 29
  Spi Messages Parsed         : 0
  Max Serial RX Buffer Usage   : 0
  Max Serial TX Buffer Usage   : 4
  Max Spi RX Buffer Usage      : 0
  Max Spi TX Buffer Usage      : 0
```

```
Current Serial 1 TX Bandwidth Usage : 00.0
Current Serial 2 TX Bandwidth Usage : 49.3
```

```
Max Serial 1 TX Bandwidth Usage : 49.3
Max Serial 2 TX Bandwidth Usage : 50.5
```

```
Min Serial 1 TX Bandwidth Usage : 00.0
Min Serial 2 TX Bandwidth Usage : 48.1
```

---

## 7.5.4 System Errors

```
system errors
```

```
----- System Errors -----
Hard Fault Exceptions           : 0
Serial Input Buffer Overflow     : 0
Serial Output Buffer Overflow    : 0
Serial Insufficient Bandwidth   : 0
Invalid Checksums               : 6
Invalid Commands                : 2
Input Error - Too Few Parameters : 0
Input Error - Too Many Parameters : 0
Input Error - Invalid Parameter  : 0
Input Error - Invalid Register   : 0
Input Error - Unauthorized Access : 2
Input Error - Watchdog Reset     : 0
```

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## 7.5.5 System Reset

```
system reset
```

## 7.5.6 System Save

```
system save
```

## 8 IMU SUBSYSTEM

### 8.1 IMU Measurement Registers

#### 8.1.1 IMU Measurements

This register provides direct access to the calibrated magnetometer, accelerometer, gyro, barometric pressure, and temperature measurements available from the onboard IMU.

| IMU Measurements       |                                                                                                                    |                |                  |                                    |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Register ID :          | 54                                                                                                                 | Async Header : | IMU              | Access : Read Only                 |
| Comment :              | Provides the calibrated IMU measurements including barometric pressure.                                            |                |                  |                                    |
| Size (Bytes):          | 44                                                                                                                 |                |                  |                                    |
| Example Read Response: | \$VNRRG,54,-02.0841,+00.6045,+02.8911,+00.381,-00.154,-09.657,-00.005683,+00.000262,+00.001475,+21.6,+00099.761*5B |                |                  |                                    |
| Offset                 | Name                                                                                                               | Format         | Unit             | Description                        |
| 0                      | MagX                                                                                                               | float          | Gauss            | Uncompensated Magnetic X-axis.     |
| 4                      | MagY                                                                                                               | float          | Gauss            | Uncompensated Magnetic Y-axis.     |
| 8                      | MagZ                                                                                                               | float          | Gauss            | Uncompensated Magnetic Z-axis.     |
| 12                     | AccelX                                                                                                             | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Uncompensated Acceleration X-axis. |
| 16                     | AccelY                                                                                                             | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Uncompensated Acceleration Y-axis. |
| 20                     | AccelZ                                                                                                             | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Uncompensated Acceleration Z-axis. |
| 24                     | GyroX                                                                                                              | float          | rad/s            | Uncompensated Angular rate X-axis. |
| 28                     | GyroY                                                                                                              | float          | rad/s            | Uncompensated Angular rate Y-axis. |
| 32                     | GyroZ                                                                                                              | float          | rad/s            | Uncompensated Angular rate Z-axis. |
| 36                     | Temp                                                                                                               | float          | C                | IMU Temperature.                   |
| 40                     | Pressure                                                                                                           | float          | kPa              | Barometric pressure.               |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type Register in the System subsystem. Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNIMU header.

### 8.1.2 Delta Theta and Delta Velocity

| Delta Theta and Delta Velocity |                                                                                        |               |      |                                                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------|------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                  | 80                                                                                     | Async Header: | DTV  | Access : Read                                  |
| Comment :                      | This register contains the output values of the onboard coning and sculling algorithm. |               |      |                                                |
| Size (Bytes):                  | 28                                                                                     |               |      |                                                |
| Example Response:              | \$VNRRG,80,+0.665016,-000.119,-000.409,-000.025,+000.011,-000.084,-006.702*6A          |               |      |                                                |
| Offset                         | Name                                                                                   | Format        | Unit | Description                                    |
| 0                              | DeltaTime                                                                              | float         | sec  | Delta time for the integration interval        |
| 4                              | DeltaThetaX                                                                            | float         | deg  | Delta rotation vector component in the x-axis. |
| 8                              | DeltaThetaY                                                                            | float         | deg  | Delta rotation vector component in the y-axis. |
| 12                             | DeltaThetaZ                                                                            | float         | deg  | Delta rotation vector component in the z-axis. |
| 16                             | DeltaVelocityX                                                                         | float         | m/s  | Delta velocity vector component in the x-axis. |
| 20                             | DeltaVelocityY                                                                         | float         | m/s  | Delta velocity vector component in the y-axis. |
| 24                             | DeltaVelocityZ                                                                         | float         | m/s  | Delta velocity vector component in the z-axis. |

The Delta Theta and Delta Velocity register contains the computed outputs from the onboard coning and sculling algorithm. The coning and sculling integrations are performed at the IMU sample rate (nominally at 800Hz) and reset when the register data is output. If polling this register, the values will represent the delta time, angles, and velocity since the register was last polled. If the Delta Theta/Velocity data is selected for asynchronous output via the Async Data Output Type register (Register 6, type 30), the integrals will be reset each time the data is asynchronously output at the configured rate.

The delta time output contains the length of the time interval over which the deltas were calculated. This can be used to check the interval time or to compute nonlinear “average” rates and accelerations from the integrated values.

The delta theta is output as a principal rotation vector, defined as the product of the unit vector of the principal rotation axis and the principal rotation angle in degrees. For small rotations, a typical use case for delta angles, the principal rotation vector elements may be treated individually as rotations in degrees about the individual sensor axes (in any Euler rotation sequence) with little error.

The delta velocity output provides the integration of the acceleration in the chosen frame, taking into account the coupling effects of any simultaneous rotation experienced.

The coning and sculling algorithm can be configured to operate in multiple frames and with a variety of compensations applied. See the Delta Theta and Delta Velocity Configuration Register in the IMU subsystem for further details.



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type Register in the System subsystem. Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNDTV header.

## 8.2 IMU Configuration Registers

### 8.2.1 Magnetometer Compensation

| Magnetometer Compensation |        |                                                                       |                      |             |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Register ID :             |        | 23                                                                    | Access: Read / Write |             |
| Comment :                 |        | Allows the magnetometer to be compensated for hard/soft iron effects. |                      |             |
| Size (Bytes):             |        | 48                                                                    |                      |             |
| Example Command:          |        | \$VNRRG,23,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0*73                                 |                      |             |
| Offset                    | Name   | Format                                                                | Unit                 | Description |
| 0                         | C[0,0] | float                                                                 | -                    |             |
| 4                         | C[0,1] | float                                                                 | -                    |             |
| 8                         | C[0,2] | float                                                                 | -                    |             |
| 12                        | C[1,0] | float                                                                 | -                    |             |
| 16                        | C[1,1] | float                                                                 | -                    |             |
| 20                        | C[1,2] | float                                                                 | -                    |             |
| 24                        | C[2,0] | float                                                                 | -                    |             |
| 28                        | C[2,1] | float                                                                 | -                    |             |
| 32                        | C[2,2] | float                                                                 | -                    |             |
| 36                        | B[0]   | float                                                                 | Gauss                |             |
| 40                        | B[1]   | float                                                                 | Gauss                |             |
| 44                        | B[2]   | float                                                                 | Gauss                |             |

This register contains twelve values representing the hard and soft iron compensation parameters. The magnetic measurements are compensated for both hard and soft iron using the following model. Under normal circumstances this register can be left in its factory default state. In the event that there are disturbances in the magnetic field due to hard or soft iron effects, then these registers allow for further compensation. These registers can also be used to compensate for significant changes to the magnetometer bias, gain, and axis alignment during installation. Note that this magnetometer compensation is separate from the compensation that occurs during the calibration process at the factory. Setting this register to the default state of an identity matrix and zero offset will not eliminate the magnetometer gain, bias, and axis alignment that occur during factory calibration. These registers only need to be changed from their default values in the event that hard/soft iron compensation needs to be performed, or changes in bias, gain, and axis alignment have occurred at some point between the times the chip was calibrated at the factory and when it is used in the field.

$$\begin{Bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C00 & C01 & C02 \\ C10 & C11 & C12 \\ C20 & C21 & C22 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} MX - B0 \\ MY - B1 \\ MZ - B2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

The variables  $\{MX, MY, MZ\}$  are components of the measured magnetic field. The  $\{X, Y, Z\}$  variables are the new magnetic field measurements outputted after compensation for hard/soft iron effects. All twelve numbers are represented by single-precision floating points.

## 8.2.2 Acceleration Compensation

| Accelerometer Compensation |                                                                                                     |                       |                  |             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Register ID :              | 25                                                                                                  | Access : Read / Write |                  |             |
| Comment :                  | Allows the accelerometer to be further compensated for scale factor, misalignment, and bias errors. |                       |                  |             |
| Size (Bytes):              | 48                                                                                                  |                       |                  |             |
| Example Command:           | \$VNRRG,25,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0*75                                                               |                       |                  |             |
| Offset                     | Name                                                                                                | Format                | Unit             | Description |
| 0                          | C[0,0]                                                                                              | float                 | -                |             |
| 4                          | C[0,1]                                                                                              | float                 | -                |             |
| 8                          | C[0,2]                                                                                              | float                 | -                |             |
| 12                         | C[1,0]                                                                                              | float                 | -                |             |
| 16                         | C[1,1]                                                                                              | float                 | -                |             |
| 20                         | C[1,2]                                                                                              | float                 | -                |             |
| 24                         | C[2,0]                                                                                              | float                 | -                |             |
| 28                         | C[2,1]                                                                                              | float                 | -                |             |
| 32                         | C[2,2]                                                                                              | float                 | -                |             |
| 36                         | B[0]                                                                                                | float                 | m/s <sup>2</sup> |             |
| 40                         | B[1]                                                                                                | float                 | m/s <sup>2</sup> |             |
| 44                         | B[2]                                                                                                | float                 | m/s <sup>2</sup> |             |

This register contains twelve values representing the accelerometer compensation parameters. The accelerometer measurements are compensated for changes in bias, gain, and axis alignment that can occur during the installation of the chip on the customer's board using the following model. Under normal circumstances this register can be left in its factory default state. In the event that there are significant changes to the accelerometer bias, gain, and axis alignment during installation, then these registers allow for further compensation. Note that this accelerometer compensation is separate from the compensation that occurs during the calibration process at the factory. Setting this register to the default state of an identity matrix and zero offset will not eliminate the accelerometer gain, bias, and axis alignment that occur during factory calibration. These registers only need to be changed from their default values in the event that changes in bias, gain, and axis alignment have occurred at some point between the times the chip was calibrated at the factory and when it is used in the field.

$$\begin{Bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C00 & C01 & C02 \\ C10 & C11 & C12 \\ C20 & C21 & C22 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} AX - B0 \\ AY - B1 \\ AZ - B2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

The variables {AX,AY,AZ} are components of the measured acceleration. The {X, Y, Z} variables are the new acceleration measurements outputted after compensation for changes during sensor mounting. All twelve numbers are represented by single-precision floating points.

### 8.2.3 Gyro Compensation

| Gyro Compensation |                                                                                            |                       |       |             |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------|
| Register ID :     | 84                                                                                         | Access : Read / Write |       |             |
| Comment :         | Allows the gyro to be further compensated for scale factor, misalignment, and bias errors. |                       |       |             |
| Size (Bytes):     | 48                                                                                         |                       |       |             |
| Example Command:  | \$VNRRG,84,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0*7E                                                      |                       |       |             |
| Offset            | Name                                                                                       | Format                | Unit  | Description |
| 0                 | C[0,0]                                                                                     | float                 | -     |             |
| 4                 | C[0,1]                                                                                     | float                 | -     |             |
| 8                 | C[0,2]                                                                                     | float                 | -     |             |
| 12                | C[1,0]                                                                                     | float                 | -     |             |
| 16                | C[1,1]                                                                                     | float                 | -     |             |
| 20                | C[1,2]                                                                                     | float                 | -     |             |
| 24                | C[2,0]                                                                                     | float                 | -     |             |
| 28                | C[2,1]                                                                                     | float                 | -     |             |
| 32                | C[2,2]                                                                                     | float                 | -     |             |
| 36                | B[0]                                                                                       | float                 | rad/s |             |
| 40                | B[1]                                                                                       | float                 | rad/s |             |
| 44                | B[2]                                                                                       | float                 | rad/s |             |

This register contains twelve values representing the gyro compensation parameters. The gyro measurements are compensated for changes in bias, gain, and axis alignment that can occur during the installation of the chip on the customer's board using the following model. Under normal circumstances this register can be left in its factory default state. In the event that there are significant changes to the gyro bias, gain, and axis alignment during installation or during the life of the part; these registers allow for further compensation. Note that this gyro compensation is separate from the compensation that occurs during the calibration process at the factory. Setting this register to the default state of an identity matrix and zero offset will not eliminate the gyro gain, bias, and axis alignment that occur during factory calibration. These registers only need to be changed from their default values in the event that changes in bias, gain, and axis alignment have occurred at some point between the times the chip was calibrated at the factory and when it is used in the field.

$$\begin{Bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C00 & C01 & C02 \\ C10 & C11 & C12 \\ C20 & C21 & C22 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} GX - B0 \\ GY - B1 \\ GZ - B2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

The variables {GX, GY, GZ} are components of the measured angular rate. The {X, Y, Z} variables are the new angular rate measurements outputted after compensation for changes during sensor mounting. All twelve numbers are represented by single-precision floating points.

### 8.2.4 Reference Frame Rotation

Reference Frame Rotation

Register ID : 26

Access : Read / Write

Comment :

Allows the measurements of the VN-110 to be rotated into a different reference frame.

Size (Bytes):

36

Example Response:

\$VNRRG,26,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1\*6A

| Offset | Name   | Format | Unit | Description |
|--------|--------|--------|------|-------------|
| 0      | C[0,0] | float  | -    |             |
| 4      | C[0,1] | float  | -    |             |
| 8      | C[0,2] | float  | -    |             |
| 12     | C[1,0] | float  | -    |             |
| 16     | C[1,1] | float  | -    |             |
| 20     | C[1,2] | float  | -    |             |
| 24     | C[2,0] | float  | -    |             |
| 28     | C[2,1] | float  | -    |             |
| 32     | C[2,2] | float  | -    |             |

This register contains a transformation matrix that allows for the transformation of measured acceleration, magnetic, and angular rates from the body frame of the VN-110 to any other arbitrary frame of reference. The use of this register allows for the sensor to be placed in any arbitrary orientation with respect to the user's desired body coordinate frame. This register can also be used to correct for any orientation errors due to mounting the VN-110 on the user's vehicle or platform.

$$\begin{Bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{Bmatrix}_U = \begin{bmatrix} C00 & C01 & C02 \\ C10 & C11 & C12 \\ C20 & C21 & C22 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{Bmatrix}_B$$

The variables  $\{X, Y, Z\}_B$  are a measured parameter such as acceleration in the body reference frame with respect to the VN-110. The variables  $\{X, Y, Z\}_U$  are a measured parameter such as acceleration in the user's frame of reference. The reference frame rotation register thus needs to be loaded with the transformation matrix that will transform measurements from the body reference frame of the VN-110 to the desired user frame of reference.



The matrix C in the Reference Frame Rotation Register must be an orthonormal, right-handed matrix. The sensor will output an error if the tolerance is not within 1e-5. The sensor will also report an error if any of the parameters are greater than 1 or less than -1.

## 8.2.5 IMU Filtering Configuration

| IMU Filtering Configuration |                                                                        |                       |      |                                                                            |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :               | 85                                                                     | Access : Read / Write |      |                                                                            |
| Comment :                   | Controls the level of filtering performed on the raw IMU measurements. |                       |      |                                                                            |
| Size (Bytes):               | 15                                                                     |                       |      |                                                                            |
| Example Response:           | \$VNRRG,85,0,5,5,5,0,0,3,3,3,0*78                                      |                       |      |                                                                            |
| Offset                      | Name                                                                   | Format                | Unit | Description                                                                |
| 0                           | MagWindowSize                                                          | uint16                | -    | Number of previous measurements averaged for magnetic measurements.        |
| 2                           | AccelWindowSize                                                        | uint16                | -    | Number of previous measurements averaged for acceleration measurements.    |
| 4                           | GyroWindowSize                                                         | uint16                | -    | Number of previous measurements averaged for gyro measurements.            |
| 6                           | TempWindowSize                                                         | uint16                | -    | Number of previous measurements averaged for temperature measurements.     |
| 8                           | PresWindowSize                                                         | uint16                | -    | Number of previous measurements averaged for pressure measurements.        |
| 10                          | MagFilterMode                                                          | uint8                 | -    | Filtering mode for magnetic measurements. See table below for options.     |
| 11                          | AccelFilterMode                                                        | uint8                 | -    | Filtering mode for acceleration measurements. See table below for options. |
| 12                          | GyroFilterMode                                                         | uint8                 | -    | Filtering mode for gyro measurements. See table below for options.         |
| 13                          | TempFilterMode                                                         | uint8                 | -    | Filtering mode for temperature measurements. See table below for options.  |
| 14                          | PresFilterMode                                                         | uint8                 | -    | Filtering mode for pressure measurements. See table below for options.     |

This register allows the user to configure the FIR filtering what is applied to the IMU measurements. The filter is a uniformly-weighted moving window (boxcar) filter of configurable size. The filtering does not affect the values used by the internal filter, but only the output values.

### WindowSize

The WindowSize parameters for each sensor define the number of samples at the IMU rate (default 8Hz) which will be averaged for each output measurement.

### FilterMode

The FilterMode parameters for each sensor select which output quantities the filtering should be applied to. Filtering can be applied to either the uncompensated IMU measurements, compensated (HSI and biases compensated by onboard filters, if applicable), or both.

## IMU FILTERING MODES

| Value | Description                                                                 |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0     | No Filtering                                                                |
| 1     | Filtering performed only on raw uncompensated IMU measurements.             |
| 2     | Filtering performed only on compensated IMU measurements.                   |
| 3     | Filtering performed on both uncompensated and compensated IMU measurements. |

## 8.2.6 Delta Theta and Delta Velocity Configuration

| Delta Theta and Delta Velocity Configuration |                                                                                            |                       |      |                                              |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|----------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                                | 82                                                                                         | Access : Read / Write |      |                                              |
| Comment :                                    | This register contains configuration options for the internal coning/sculling calculations |                       |      |                                              |
| Size (Bytes):                                | 6                                                                                          |                       |      |                                              |
| Example Response:                            | \$VNRRG,82,0,0,0,0*65                                                                      |                       |      |                                              |
| Offset                                       | Name                                                                                       | Format                | Unit | Description                                  |
| 0                                            | IntegrationFrame                                                                           | uint8                 | -    | Output frame for delta velocity quantities   |
| 1                                            | GyroCompensation                                                                           | uint8                 | -    | Compensation to apply to angular rate        |
| 2                                            | AccelCompensation                                                                          | uint8                 | -    | Compensation(s) to apply to accelerations    |
| 3                                            | Reserved                                                                                   | uint8                 | -    | Reserved for future use. Should be set to 0. |
| 4                                            | Reserved                                                                                   | uint16                | -    | Reserved for future use. Should be set to 0. |

The Delta Theta and Delta Velocity Configuration register allows configuration of the onboard coning and sculling used to generate integrated motion values from the angular rate and acceleration IMU quantities. The fully-coupled coning and sculling integrals are computed at the IMU sample rate (nominal 400 Hz).

### IntegrationFrame

The IntegrationFrame register setting selects the reference frame used for coning and sculling. Note that using any frame other than the body frame will rely on the onboard Kalman filter's attitude estimate. The factory default state is to integrate in the sensor body frame.

#### INTEGRATIONFRAME

| Value | Description |
|-------|-------------|
| 0     | Body frame  |
| 1     | NED frame   |
| 2     | ECEF frame  |

### GyroCompensation

The GyroCompensation register setting selects the compensation to be applied to the angular rate measurements before integration. If bias compensation is selected, the onboard Kalman filter's real-time estimate of the gyro biases will be used to compensate the IMU measurements before integration. The factory default state is to integrate the uncompensated angular rates from the IMU.

#### GYROCOMPENSATION

| Value | Description |
|-------|-------------|
| 0     | None        |
| 1     | Bias        |

### AccelCompensation

The AccelCompensation register setting selects the compensation to be applied to the acceleration measurements before integration. If bias compensation is selected, the onboard Kalman filter's real-time estimate of the accel biases will be used to compensate the IMU measurements before integration. The factory default state is to integrate the uncompensated acceleration from the IMU.

#### ACCELCOMPENSATION

| Value | Description |
|-------|-------------|
| 0     | None        |
| 1     | Bias        |

## 8.3 Factory Defaults

| Settings Name                                | Default Factory Value   |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Magnetometer Compensation                    | 1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0 |
| Accelerometer Compensation                   | 1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0 |
| Gyro Compensation                            | 1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0 |
| Reference Frame Rotation                     | 1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1       |
| IMU Filtering Configuration                  | 0,4,4,4,0,0,3,3,0       |
| Delta Theta and Delta Velocity Configuration | 0,0,0,0,0               |

## 8.4 Command Prompt

The command prompt provides a fast and simple means of configuring and monitoring the status of the sensor by typing commands to the unit using the serial port.

### 8.4.1 List Available Commands

Commands for the System subsystem can be accessed by typing in 'imu' at the command prompt. To view all available commands, type 'imu ?'. Below is a view of a terminal window showing a list of the available commands.

```
imu ?  
  
Imu Module Commands:  
  
Command:      Description:  
-----  
info          Imu specific information such as serial number and firmware version.  
meas          Current Imu measurement, and run-time statistics.
```

### 8.4.2 IMU Info

```
imu info  
  
----- Imu Information -----  
  
Magnetometer - HSI Settings (Register 44)  
Mode : Using Onboard  
  
Magnetometer - User HSI Calibration (Register 23)  
+01.000 +00.000 +00.000 +00.000  
+00.000 +01.000 +00.000 +00.000  
+00.000 +00.000 +01.000 +00.000  
  
Magnetometer - Onboard HSI Calibration (Register 47)  
+01.000 +00.000 +00.000 -00.000  
+00.000 +01.000 +00.000 -00.000  
+00.000 +00.000 +01.000 -00.000  
  
Accelerometer - User Calibration (Register 25)  
+01.000 +00.000 +00.000 +00.000  
+00.000 +01.000 +00.000 +00.000  
+00.000 +00.000 +01.000 +00.000  
  
Sensor Self Test: (performed at startup)  
Mag   : Passed  
Accel : Passed  
Gyro  : Passed  
Pres  : Passed  
  
-----
```

### 8.4.3 IMU Meas

```
imu meas

----- Imu Measurement -----
Current Sensor Measurements:
  Mag X   : -000.866 [Gauss]
  Mag Y   : +001.016 [Gauss]
  Mag Z   : +002.365 [Gauss]
  Acel X  : +004.178 [m/s]
  Acel Y  : -000.637 [m/s]
  Acel Z  : -008.927 [m/s]
  Gyro X  : -000.417 [deg/s]
  Gyro Y  : +000.668 [deg/s]
  Gyro Z  : -001.102 [deg/s]
  Temp    : +027.94 [C]
  Temp Rate: +0.04 [C/min]
  Pres    : +101.36 [kPa]

Current Sensor Noise: (measured over last 5 seconds)
  Sensor  Units    X-Axis  Y-Axis  Z-Axis
  Mag     mGauss   +03.228 +02.934 +04.159
  Accel   mg       +01.854 +02.115 +02.872
  Gyro    deg/s    +0.0631 +0.0544 +0.0580
  Temp    C        +0.0026
  Pres    Pa       +007.36

Minimum Sensor Noise: (since startup)
  Sensor  Units    X-Axis  Y-Axis  Z-Axis
  Mag     mGauss   +02.877 +02.659 +03.673
  Accel   mg       +01.785 +01.966 +02.599
  Gyro    deg/s    +0.0587 +0.0487 +0.0537
  Temp    C        +0.0011
  Pres    Pa       +006.13

Minimum Sensor Measurement: (since startup)
  Sensor  Units    X-Axis  Y-Axis  Z-Axis
  Mag     Gauss    -00.236 +00.244 +00.577
  Accel   g        +00.414 -00.077 -00.949
  Gyro    deg/s    -002.92 -005.33 -002.03
  Temp    C        +27.83
  Pres    kPa      +101.30

Maximum Sensor Measurement: (since startup)
  Sensor  Units    X-Axis  Y-Axis  Z-Axis
  Mag     Gauss    +00.000 +00.271 +00.611
  Accel   g        +00.439 +00.000 +00.000
  Gyro    deg/s    +002.02 +006.44 +000.00
  Temp    C        +28.01
  Pres    kPa      +101.38

Sensor Saturation Events: (since startup)
  Sensor  X-Axis  Y-Axis  Z-Axis
  Mag     0      0      0
  Accel   0      0      0
  Gyro    0      0      0
  Pressure 0
  Temp    0

-----
```

## 9 ATTITUDE SUBSYSTEM

### 9.1 Commands

#### 9.1.1 Known Magnetic Disturbance Command

This command is used to notify the VN-110 that a magnetic disturbance is present. When the VN-110 receives this command it will tune out the magnetometer and will pause the current hard/soft iron calibration if it is enabled. A single parameter is provided to tell the VN-110 whether the disturbance is present or not.

- 0 – No Disturbance is present
- 1 – Disturbance is present

##### EXAMPLE MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE COMMAND

| Example Command        | Message                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| UART Command           | \$VNMKD,1*47               |
| UART Response          | \$VNMKD,1*47               |
| SPI Command (8 bytes)  | 08 01 00 00 (shown as hex) |
| SPI Response (8 bytes) | 00 08 01 00 (shown as hex) |

#### 9.1.2 Known Acceleration Disturbance Command

This command is used to notify the VN-110 that an acceleration disturbance is present. When the VN-110 receives this command it will tune out the accelerometer. A single parameter is provided to tell the VN-110 whether the disturbance is present or not.

- 0 – No Disturbance is present
- 1 – Disturbance is present

##### EXAMPLE ACCELERATION DISTURBANCE COMMAND

| Example Command        | Message                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| UART Command           | \$VNKAD,1*4B               |
| UART Response          | \$VNKAD,1*4B               |
| SPI Command (8 bytes)  | 09 01 00 00 (shown as hex) |
| SPI Response (8 bytes) | 00 09 01 00 (shown as hex) |

#### 9.1.3 Set Gyro Bias Command

This command will instruct the VN-110 to copy the current gyro bias estimates into register 74. After sending this command you will need to issue the write settings command in the System subsystem to save the state of this register to flash memory. Once saved the VN-110 will use these bias estimates as the initial state at startup.

### EXAMPLE GYRO BIAS COMMAND

| Example Command        | Message                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| UART Command           | \$VNSGB*XX                 |
| UART Response          | \$VNSGB*XX                 |
| SPI Command (8 bytes)  | 0C 00 00 00 (shown as hex) |
| SPI Response (8 bytes) | 00 0C 00 00 (shown as hex) |

## 9.2 Measurement Registers

### 9.2.1 Yaw Pitch Roll

| Yaw, Pitch, and Roll |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                |                               |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Register ID :        |       | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Async Header : | YPR                           |
| Access :             |       | Read Only                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                |                               |
| Comment :            |       | Attitude solution as yaw, pitch, and roll in degrees. The yaw, pitch, and roll is given as a 3,2,1 Euler angle rotation sequence describing the orientation of the sensor with respect to the inertial North East Down (NED) frame. |                |                               |
| Size (Bytes):        |       | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |                               |
| Example Response:    |       | \$VNRRG,8,+006.271,+000.031,-002.000*66                                                                                                                                                                                             |                |                               |
| Offset               | Name  | Format                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Unit           | Description                   |
| 0                    | Yaw   | float                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | deg            | Yaw angle (Range: +/- 180°).  |
| 4                    | Pitch | float                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | deg            | Pitch angle (Range: +/- 90°). |
| 8                    | Roll  | float                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | deg            | Roll angle (Range: +/- 180°). |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type Register in the System subsystem. Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNYPR header.

### 9.2.2 Attitude Quaternion

| Quaternion        |         |                                                      |                    |                                                      |
|-------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :     |         | 9                                                    | Async Header :     | QTN                                                  |
| Comment :         |         | Attitude solution as a quaternion.                   |                    |                                                      |
| Size (Bytes):     |         | 16                                                   | Access : Read Only |                                                      |
| Example Response: |         | \$VNRRG,9,-0.017386,-0.000303,+0.055490,+0.998308*4F |                    |                                                      |
| Offset            | Name    | Format                                               | Unit               | Description                                          |
| 0                 | Quat[0] | float                                                | -                  | Calculated attitude as quaternion.                   |
| 4                 | Quat[1] | float                                                | -                  | Calculated attitude as quaternion.                   |
| 8                 | Quat[2] | float                                                | -                  | Calculated attitude as quaternion.                   |
| 12                | Quat[3] | float                                                | -                  | Calculated attitude as quaternion. Scalar component. |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type Register in the System subsystem. Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNQTN header.

### 9.2.3 Yaw, Pitch, Roll, Magnetic, Acceleration, and Angular Rates

#### Yaw, Pitch, Roll, Magnetic, Acceleration, and Angular Rates

Register ID : 27 Async Header : YMR Access : Read Only  
 Comment : Attitude solution, magnetic, acceleration, and compensated angular rates.  
 Size (Bytes): 48  
 Example Response: \$VNRRG,27,+006.380,+000.023,-001.953,+1.0640,-  
 0.2531,+3.0614,+00.005,+00.344,-09.758,-0.001222,-0.000450,-  
 0.001218\*4F

| Offset | Name   | Format | Unit             | Description                                                     |
|--------|--------|--------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0      | Yaw    | float  | deg              | Calculated attitude heading angle in degrees (Range: +/- 180°). |
| 4      | Pitch  | float  | deg              | Calculated attitude pitch angle in degrees (Range: +/- 90°).    |
| 8      | Roll   | float  | deg              | Calculated attitude roll angle in degrees (Range: +/- 180°).    |
| 12     | MagX   | float  | Gauss            | Compensated magnetometer measurement in x-axis.                 |
| 16     | MagY   | float  | Gauss            | Compensated magnetometer measurement in y-axis.                 |
| 20     | MagZ   | float  | Gauss            | Compensated magnetometer measurement in z-axis.                 |
| 24     | AccelX | float  | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in x-axis.                |
| 28     | AccelY | float  | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in y-axis.                |
| 32     | AccelZ | float  | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in z-axis.                |
| 36     | GyroX  | float  | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in x-axis.                             |
| 40     | GyroY  | float  | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in y-axis.                             |
| 44     | GyroZ  | float  | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in z-axis.                             |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type Register in the System subsystem. Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNYMR header.

## 9.2.4 Quaternion, Magnetic, Acceleration and Angular Rates

| Quaternion, Magnetic, Acceleration, and Angular Rates |                                                                                                                                     |                |                  |                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                                         | 15                                                                                                                                  | Async Header : | QMR              | Access : Read Only                                   |
| Comment :                                             | Attitude solution, magnetic, acceleration, and compensated angular rates.                                                           |                |                  |                                                      |
| Size (Bytes):                                         | 52                                                                                                                                  |                |                  |                                                      |
| Example Response:                                     | \$VNRRG,15,-0.017057,-0.000767,+0.056534,+0.998255,+1.0670,-0.2568,+3.0696,-00.019,+00.320,-09.802,-0.002801,-0.001186,-0.001582*65 |                |                  |                                                      |
| Offset                                                | Name                                                                                                                                | Format         | Unit             | Description                                          |
| 0                                                     | Quat[0]                                                                                                                             | float          | -                | Calculated attitude as quaternion.                   |
| 4                                                     | Quat[1]                                                                                                                             | float          | -                | Calculated attitude as quaternion.                   |
| 8                                                     | Quat[2]                                                                                                                             | float          | -                | Calculated attitude as quaternion.                   |
| 12                                                    | Quat[3]                                                                                                                             | float          | -                | Calculated attitude as quaternion. Scalar component. |
| 16                                                    | MagX                                                                                                                                | float          | Gauss            | Compensated magnetometer measurement in x-axis.      |
| 20                                                    | MagY                                                                                                                                | float          | Gauss            | Compensated magnetometer measurement in y-axis.      |
| 24                                                    | MagZ                                                                                                                                | float          | Gauss            | Compensated magnetometer measurement in z-axis.      |
| 28                                                    | AccelX                                                                                                                              | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in x-axis.     |
| 32                                                    | AccelY                                                                                                                              | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in y-axis.     |
| 36                                                    | AccelZ                                                                                                                              | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in z-axis.     |
| 40                                                    | GyroX                                                                                                                               | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in x-axis.                  |
| 44                                                    | GyroY                                                                                                                               | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in y-axis.                  |
| 48                                                    | GyroZ                                                                                                                               | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in z-axis.                  |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type Register in the System subsystem. Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNQMR header.

## 9.2.5 Magnetic Measurements

| Magnetic Measurements |                                       |                |       |                                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :         | 17                                    | Async Header : | MAG   | Access : Read Only                              |
| Comment :             | Magnetometer measurements.            |                |       |                                                 |
| Size (Bytes):         | 12                                    |                |       |                                                 |
| Example Response:     | \$VNRRG,17,+1.0647,-0.2498,+3.0628*66 |                |       |                                                 |
| Offset                | Name                                  | Format         | Unit  | Description                                     |
| 0                     | MagX                                  | float          | Gauss | Compensated magnetometer measurement in x-axis. |
| 4                     | MagY                                  | float          | Gauss | Compensated magnetometer measurement in y-axis. |
| 8                     | MagZ                                  | float          | Gauss | Compensated magnetometer measurement in z-axis. |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type Register in the System subsystem. Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNRMAG header.

## 9.2.6 Acceleration Measurements

| Acceleration Measurements |                                       |                |                  |                                                  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Register ID :             | 18                                    | Async Header : | ACC              | Access : Read Only                               |  |  |  |
| Comment :                 | Acceleration measurements.            |                |                  |                                                  |  |  |  |
| Size (Bytes):             | 12                                    |                |                  |                                                  |  |  |  |
| Example                   | \$VNRRG,18,+00.013,+00.354,-09.801*65 |                |                  |                                                  |  |  |  |
| Response:                 |                                       |                |                  |                                                  |  |  |  |
| Offset                    | Name                                  | Format         | Unit             | Description                                      |  |  |  |
| 0                         | AccelX                                | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in x-axis. |  |  |  |
| 4                         | AccelY                                | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in y-axis. |  |  |  |
| 8                         | AccelZ                                | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in z-axis. |  |  |  |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type Register in the System subsystem. Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNACC header.

### 9.2.7 Angular Rate Measurements

| Angular Rate Measurements |                                             |                |       |                                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Register ID :             | 19                                          | Async Header : | GYR   | Access : Read Only                  |
| Comment :                 | Compensated angular rates.                  |                |       |                                     |
| Size (Bytes):             | 12                                          |                |       |                                     |
| Example Response:         | \$VNRRG,19,+0.002112,-0.000362,-0.000876*6C |                |       |                                     |
| Offset                    | Name                                        | Format         | Unit  | Description                         |
| 0                         | GyroX                                       | float          | rad/s | Compensated angular rate in x-axis. |
| 4                         | GyroY                                       | float          | rad/s | Compensated angular rate in y-axis. |
| 8                         | GyroZ                                       | float          | rad/s | Compensated angular rate in z-axis. |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type Register in the System subsystem. Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNGYR header.

### 9.2.8 Magnetic, Acceleration and Angular Rates

| Magnetic, Acceleration, and Angular Rates |                                                                                             |                |                  |                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                             | 20                                                                                          | Async Header : | MAR              | Access : Read Only                               |
| Comment :                                 | Magnetic, acceleration, and compensated angular rates.                                      |                |                  |                                                  |
| Size (Bytes):                             | 36                                                                                          |                |                  |                                                  |
| Example Response:                         | \$VNRRG,20,+1.0684,-0.2578,+3.0649,-00.005,+00.341,-09.780,-0.000963,+0.000840,-0.000466*64 |                |                  |                                                  |
| Offset                                    | Name                                                                                        | Format         | Unit             | Description                                      |
| 0                                         | MagX                                                                                        | float          | Gauss            | Compensated magnetometer measurement in x-axis.  |
| 4                                         | MagY                                                                                        | float          | Gauss            | Compensated magnetometer measurement in y-axis.  |
| 8                                         | MagZ                                                                                        | float          | Gauss            | Compensated magnetometer measurement in z-axis.  |
| 12                                        | AccelX                                                                                      | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in x-axis. |
| 16                                        | AccelY                                                                                      | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in y-axis. |
| 20                                        | AccelZ                                                                                      | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in z-axis. |
| 24                                        | GyroX                                                                                       | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in x-axis.              |
| 28                                        | GyroY                                                                                       | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in y-axis.              |
| 32                                        | GyroZ                                                                                       | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in z-axis.              |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type Register in the System subsystem. Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNMAR header.

### 9.2.9 Yaw, Pitch, Roll, True Body Acceleration, and Angular Rates

| Magnetic, Acceleration, and Angular Rates |                                                                                                    |                |                  |                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                             | 239                                                                                                | Async Header : | YBA              | Access : Read Only                               |
| Comment :                                 | Attitude solution as yaw, pitch, roll and the inertial acceleration.                               |                |                  |                                                  |
| Size (Bytes):                             | 36                                                                                                 |                |                  |                                                  |
| Example Response:                         | \$VNRRG,239,-124.743,+001.019,-000.203,+00.019,-00.001,+00.039,+00.001665,-00.000785,+00.000647*55 |                |                  |                                                  |
| Offset                                    | Name                                                                                               | Format         | Unit             | Description                                      |
| 0                                         | Yaw                                                                                                | float          | deg              | Compensated magnetometer measurement in x-axis.  |
| 4                                         | Pitch                                                                                              | float          | deg              | Compensated magnetometer measurement in y-axis.  |
| 8                                         | Roll                                                                                               | float          | deg              | Compensated magnetometer measurement in z-axis.  |
| 12                                        | BodyAccelX                                                                                         | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in x-axis. |
| 16                                        | BodyAccelY                                                                                         | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in y-axis. |
| 20                                        | BodyAccelZ                                                                                         | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in z-axis. |
| 24                                        | GyroX                                                                                              | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in x-axis.              |
| 28                                        | GyroY                                                                                              | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in y-axis.              |
| 32                                        | GyroZ                                                                                              | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in z-axis.              |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type register (Register 6). Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNYBA header.



This register contains the true measured acceleration. The accelerometer measures both acceleration and the effect of static gravity in the body frame. This register contains the true acceleration which does not contain gravity and should measure 0 when the device is stationary.

## 9.2.10 Magnetic, Acceleration and Angular Rates

| Magnetic, Acceleration, and Angular Rates |                                                                                                    |                |                  |                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                             | 240                                                                                                | Async Header : | YIA              | Access : Read Only                               |
| Comment :                                 | Attitude solution as yaw, pitch, roll and the inertial acceleration.                               |                |                  |                                                  |
| Size (Bytes):                             | 36                                                                                                 |                |                  |                                                  |
| Example Response:                         | \$VNRRG,240,-124.642,+000.993,-000.203,+00.009,-00.027,+00.084,-00.000479,-00.000522,+00.000076*5F |                |                  |                                                  |
| Offset                                    | Name                                                                                               | Format         | Unit             | Description                                      |
| 0                                         | Yaw                                                                                                | float          | deg              | Compensated magnetometer measurement in x-axis.  |
| 4                                         | Pitch                                                                                              | float          | deg              | Compensated magnetometer measurement in y-axis.  |
| 8                                         | Roll                                                                                               | float          | deg              | Compensated magnetometer measurement in z-axis.  |
| 12                                        | InertialAccelX                                                                                     | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in x-axis. |
| 16                                        | InertialAccelY                                                                                     | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in y-axis. |
| 20                                        | InertialAccelZ                                                                                     | float          | m/s <sup>2</sup> | Compensated accelerometer measurement in z-axis. |
| 24                                        | GyroX                                                                                              | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in x-axis.              |
| 28                                        | GyroY                                                                                              | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in y-axis.              |
| 32                                        | GyroZ                                                                                              | float          | rad/s            | Compensated angular rate in z-axis.              |



You can configure the device to output this register at a fixed rate using the Async Data Output Type register (Register 6). Once configured the data in this register will be sent out with the \$VNYIA header.



This register contains the true measured acceleration. The accelerometer measures both acceleration and the effect of static gravity in the body frame. This register contains the true acceleration which does not contain gravity and should measure 0 when the device is stationary. The true acceleration provided in this register is measured in the inertial frame. This means that an up/down movement will always appear as an acceleration in the Z-axis on this register regardless of the orientation of the VN-110.

## 9.3 Configuration Registers

### 9.3.1 VPE Basic Control

VPE Basic Control

Register ID : 35

Firmware : v1.0.0.0

Access : Read / Write

Comment :

Provides control over various features relating to the onboard attitude filtering algorithm.

Size (Bytes): 4

Example Response: \$VNRRG,35,1,1,1,1\*75

| Offset | Name          | Format | Unit | Description                                          |
|--------|---------------|--------|------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 0      | Enable        | uint8  | -    | Enable / Disable the Vector Processing Engine (VPE). |
| 1      | HeadingMode   | uint8  | -    | Heading mode used by the VPE.                        |
| 2      | FilteringMode | uint8  | -    | Filtering Mode used by the VPE.                      |
| 3      | TuningMode    | uint8  | -    | Tuning Mode used by the VPE.                         |

ENABLE

| Value | State   |
|-------|---------|
| 0     | DISABLE |
| 1     | ENABLE  |

HEADINGMODE

| Value | Mode             |
|-------|------------------|
| 0     | Absolute Heading |
| 1     | Relative Heading |
| 2     | Indoor Heading   |

FILTERING MODE

| Value | Mode   |
|-------|--------|
| 0     | OFF    |
| 1     | MODE 1 |

TUNING MODE

| Value | Mode   |
|-------|--------|
| 0     | OFF    |
| 1     | MODE 1 |

### 9.3.2 VPE Magnetometer Basic Tuning

| VPE Magnetometer Basic Tuning |                    |                                                                                   |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                 |                    | 36                                                                                | Access :<br>Read / Write |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Comment :                     |                    | Provides basic control of the adaptive filtering and tuning for the magnetometer. |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Size (Bytes):                 |                    | 36                                                                                |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Example Response:             |                    | \$VNRRG,36,5,5,5,3,3,3,4,4,4*68                                                   |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Offset                        | Name               | Format                                                                            | Unit                     | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 0                             | BaseTuningX        | float                                                                             | 0 / 10                   | Base Magnetic Tuning X-Axis [0 - 10].<br>This sets the level of confidence placed in the magnetometer X-axis when no disturbances are present. A larger number provides better heading accuracy, but with more sensitivity to magnetic interference. |
| 4                             | BaseTuningY        | float                                                                             | 0 / 10                   | Base Magnetic Tuning Y-Axis [0 - 10].<br>This sets the level of confidence placed in the magnetometer Y-axis when no disturbances are present. A larger number provides better heading accuracy, but with more sensitivity to magnetic interference. |
| 8                             | BaseTuningZ        | float                                                                             | 0 / 10                   | Base Magnetic Tuning Z-Axis [0 - 10].<br>This sets the level of confidence placed in the magnetometer Z-axis when no disturbances are present. A larger number provides better heading accuracy, but with more sensitivity to magnetic interference. |
| 12                            | AdaptiveTuningX    | float                                                                             | 0 / 10                   | Level of adaptive tuning for X-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 16                            | AdaptiveTuningY    | float                                                                             | 0 / 10                   | Level of adaptive tuning for Y-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 20                            | AdaptiveTuningZ    | float                                                                             | 0 / 10                   | Level of adaptive tuning for Z-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 24                            | AdaptiveFilteringX | float                                                                             | 0 / 10                   | Level of adaptive filtering for X-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 28                            | AdaptiveFilteringY | float                                                                             | 0 / 10                   | Level of adaptive filtering for Y-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 32                            | AdaptiveFilteringZ | float                                                                             | 0 / 10                   | Level of adaptive filtering for Z-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

### 9.3.3 VPE Accelerometer Basic Tuning

| VPE Accelerometer Basic Tuning |                    |                                                                                    |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                  |                    | 38                                                                                 | Access : Read / Write |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Comment :                      |                    | Provides basic control of the adaptive filtering and tuning for the accelerometer. |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Size (Bytes):                  |                    | 36                                                                                 |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Example Response:              |                    | \$VNRRG,38,5,5,5,3,3,3,4,4,4*66                                                    |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Offset                         | Name               | Format                                                                             | Unit                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 0                              | BaseTuningX        | float                                                                              | 0 / 10                | Base Accelerometer Tuning X-Axis [0 - 10]. This sets the level of confidence placed in the accelerometer X-axis when no disturbances are present. A larger number provides better pitch/roll heading accuracy, but with more sensitivity to acceleration interference. |
| 4                              | BaseTuningY        | float                                                                              | 0 / 10                | Base Accelerometer Tuning Y-Axis [0 - 10]. This sets the level of confidence placed in the accelerometer Y-axis when no disturbances are present. A larger number provides better pitch/roll accuracy, but with more sensitivity to acceleration interference.         |
| 8                              | BaseTuningZ        | float                                                                              | 0 / 10                | Base Accelerometer Tuning Z-Axis [0 - 10]. This sets the level of confidence placed in the accelerometer Z-axis when no disturbances are present. A larger number provides better pitch/roll accuracy, but with more sensitivity to acceleration interference.         |
| 12                             | AdaptiveTuningX    | float                                                                              | 0 / 10                | Level of adaptive tuning for X-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 16                             | AdaptiveTuningY    | float                                                                              | 0 / 10                | Level of adaptive tuning for Y-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 20                             | AdaptiveTuningZ    | float                                                                              | 0 / 10                | Level of adaptive tuning for Z-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 24                             | AdaptiveFilteringX | float                                                                              | 0 / 10                | Level of adaptive filtering for X-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 28                             | AdaptiveFilteringY | float                                                                              | 0 / 10                | Level of adaptive filtering for Y-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 32                             | AdaptiveFilteringZ | float                                                                              | 0 / 10                | Level of adaptive filtering for Z-Axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

### 9.3.4 Filter Startup Gyro Bias

| Filter Startup Gyro Bias |                                                |                       |       |                                           |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :            | 43                                             | Access : Read / Write |       |                                           |
| Comment :                | The filter gyro bias estimate used at startup. |                       |       |                                           |
| Size (Bytes):            | 12                                             |                       |       |                                           |
| Example                  | \$VNRRG,43,+00.000000,+00.000000,+00.000000*5D |                       |       |                                           |
| Response:                |                                                |                       |       |                                           |
| Offset                   | Name                                           | Format                | Unit  | Description                               |
| 0                        | X-Axis Gyro Bias Estimate                      | float                 | rad/s | Filter initial gyro bias estimate X-Axis. |
| 4                        | Y-Axis Gyro Bias Estimate                      | float                 | rad/s | Filter initial gyro bias estimate Y-Axis. |
| 8                        | Z-Axis Gyro Bias Estimate                      | float                 | rad/s | Filter initial gyro bias estimate Z-Axis. |

### 9.3.5 VPE Gyro Basic Tuning

| VPE Gyro Basic Tuning |                 |                                                                           |                       |                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :         |                 | 40                                                                        | Access : Read / Write |                                                                                                   |
| Comment :             |                 | Provides basic control of the adaptive filtering and tuning for the gyro. |                       |                                                                                                   |
| Size (Bytes):         |                 | 36                                                                        |                       |                                                                                                   |
| Example Response:     |                 | \$VNRRG,40,5,5,5,3,3,3,4,4,4*69                                           |                       |                                                                                                   |
| Offset                | Name            | Format                                                                    | Unit                  | Description                                                                                       |
| 0                     | VAngularWalkX   | float                                                                     | 0 / 10                | Variance - Angular Walk X-Axis                                                                    |
| 4                     | VAngularWalkY   | float                                                                     | 0 / 10                | Variance - Angular Walk Y-Axis                                                                    |
| 8                     | VAngularWalkZ   | float                                                                     | 0 / 10                | Variance - Angular Walk Z-Axis                                                                    |
| 12                    | BaseTuningX     | float                                                                     | 0 / 10                | Base Gyro Tuning X-Axis [0 - 10].<br>This sets the level of confidence placed in the gyro X-Axis. |
| 16                    | BaseTuningY     | float                                                                     | 0 / 10                | Base Gyro Tuning Y-Axis [0 - 10].<br>This sets the level of confidence placed in the gyro Y-Axis. |
| 20                    | BaseTuningZ     | float                                                                     | 0 / 10                | Base Gyro Tuning Z-Axis [0 - 10].<br>This sets the level of confidence placed in the gyro Z-Axis. |
| 24                    | AdaptiveTuningX | float                                                                     | 0 / 10                | Level of adaptive tuning for X-Axis.                                                              |
| 28                    | AdaptiveTuningY | float                                                                     | 0 / 10                | Level of adaptive tuning for Y-Axis.                                                              |
| 32                    | AdaptiveTuningZ | float                                                                     | 0 / 10                | Level of adaptive tuning for Z-Axis.                                                              |

## 9.4 Factory Defaults

| Settings Name                  | Default Factory Value |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| VPE Basic Control              | 1,1,1,1               |
| VPE Magnetic Basic Tuning      | 4,4,4,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5 |
| VPE Accelerometer Basic Tuning | 6,6,6,3,3,3,5,5,5     |
| Filter Startup Gyro Bias       | 0,0,0                 |
| VPE Gyro Basic Tuning          | 8,8,8,4,4,4,0,0,0     |

# 10 HARD/SOFT IRON ESTIMATOR SUBSYSTEM

## 10.1 Configuration Registers

### 10.1.1 Magnetometer Calibration Control

| Magnetometer Calibration Control |                                                            |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                    | 44                                                         | Access : Read / Write |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Comment :                        | Controls the magnetometer real-time calibration algorithm. |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Size (Bytes):                    | 4                                                          |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Example Response:                | \$VNRRG,44,1,2,5*69                                        |                       |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Offset                           | Name                                                       | Format                | Unit | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 0                                | HSIMode                                                    | uint8                 | -    | Controls the mode of operation for the onboard real-time magnetometer hard/soft iron compensation algorithm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1                                | HSIOutput                                                  | uint8                 | -    | Controls the type of measurements that are provided as outputs from the magnetometer sensor and also subsequently used in the attitude filter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2                                | ConvergeRate                                               | uint8                 | -    | Controls how quickly the hard/soft iron solution is allowed to converge onto a new solution. The slower the convergence the more accurate the estimate of the hard/soft iron solution. A quicker convergence will provide a less accurate estimate of the hard/soft iron parameters, but for applications where the hard/soft iron changes rapidly may provide a more accurate attitude estimate.<br>Range: 1 to 5<br>1 = Solution converges slowly over approximately 60-90 seconds.<br>5 = Solution converges rapidly over approximately 15-20 seconds. |

**TABLE 2 – HSI\_MODE FIELD**

| Mode      | Value | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HSI_OFF   | 0     | Real-time hard/soft iron calibration algorithm is turned off.                                                                                                                                                    |
| HSI_RUN   | 1     | Runs the real-time hard/soft iron calibration. The algorithm will continue using its existing solution. The algorithm can be started and stopped at any time by switching between the HSI_OFF and HSI_RUN state. |
| HSI_RESET | 2     | Resets the real-time hard/soft iron solution.                                                                                                                                                                    |

**TABLE 3 – HSI\_OUTPUT FIELD**

| Mode        | Value | Description                                              |
|-------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| NO_ONBOARD  | 1     | Onboard HSI is not applied to the magnetic measurements. |
| USE_ONBOARD | 3     | Onboard HSI is applied to the magnetic measurements.     |

## 10.2 Status Registers

### 10.2.1 Calculated Magnetometer Calibration

| Calculated Magnetometer Calibration |        |                                             |                    |             |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Register ID :                       |        | 47                                          | Access : Read Only |             |
| Comment :                           |        | Calculated magnetometer calibration values. |                    |             |
| Size (Bytes):                       |        | 48                                          |                    |             |
| Example Response:                   |        | \$VNRRG,46,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0*70       |                    |             |
| Offset                              | Name   | Format                                      | Unit               | Description |
| 0                                   | C[0,0] | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 4                                   | C[0,1] | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 8                                   | C[0,2] | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 12                                  | C[1,0] | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 16                                  | C[1,1] | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 20                                  | C[1,2] | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 24                                  | C[2,0] | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 28                                  | C[2,1] | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 32                                  | C[2,2] | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 36                                  | B[0]   | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 40                                  | B[1]   | float                                       | -                  |             |
| 44                                  | B[2]   | float                                       | -                  |             |

This register contains twelve values representing the calculated hard and soft iron compensation parameters. The magnetic measurements are compensated for both hard and soft iron using the following model.

$$\begin{Bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C00 & C01 & C02 \\ C10 & C11 & C12 \\ C20 & C21 & C22 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{Bmatrix} MX - B0 \\ MY - B1 \\ MZ - B2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

The variables  $\{MX, MY, MZ\}$  are components of the measured magnetic field. The  $\{X, Y, Z\}$  variables are the new magnetic field measurements outputted after compensation for hard/soft iron effects.

## 10.3 Factory Defaults

| Settings Name                    | Default Factory Value |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Magnetometer Calibration Control | 1,3,5                 |

## 10.4 Command Prompt

The command prompt provides a fast and simple means of configuring and monitoring the status of the sensor by typing commands to the unit using the serial port.

### 10.4.1 List Available Commands

Commands for the System subsystem can be accessed by typing in 'hsi' at the command prompt. To view all available commands, type 'hsi ?'. Below is a view of a terminal window showing a list of the available commands.

```
hsi ?

Hard/Soft Iron Estimator Module Commands:

Command:      Description:
-----      -
info          Estimator state information and configuration settings.
plotInput     Plot onboard HSI Input.
plotOutput    Plot onboard HSI Output.
```

### 10.4.2 Info

```
hsi info

----- Hard/Soft Iron Estimator State Information -----
Magnetometer Calibration Control (Register 44):

  HsiMode: Run
  OutMode: Use Onboard
  ConvergeRate: 5

Magnetometer Calibration Status (Register 46):

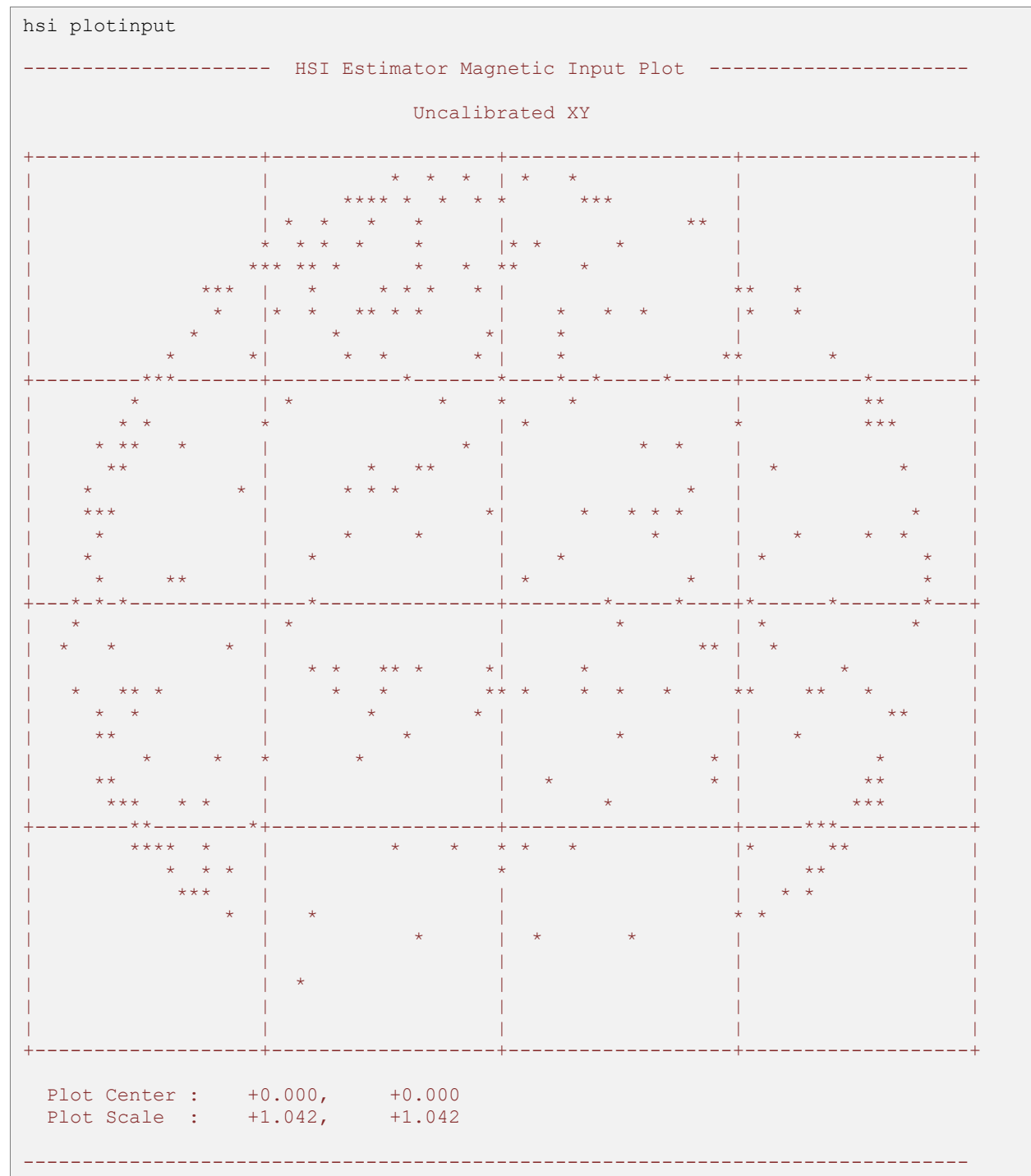
  LastBin: 0
  NumMeas: 102
  AvgResidual: 0.014
  LastMeas: +0.599 +0.538 +2.910
  Bins[0]: 215
  Bins[1]: 188
  Bins[2]: 135
  Bins[3]: 47
  Bins[4]: 198
  Bins[5]: 231
  Bins[6]: 202

Calculated Magnetometer Calibration (Register 47):

  +00.966 +00.000 +00.000 -00.215
  +00.000 +00.966 +00.000 -00.179
  +00.000 +00.000 +00.966 -00.077

Num Measurements: 358
Filter Run Count: 358
Mag Uncertainty : 0.00
-----
```

### 10.4.3 PlotInput

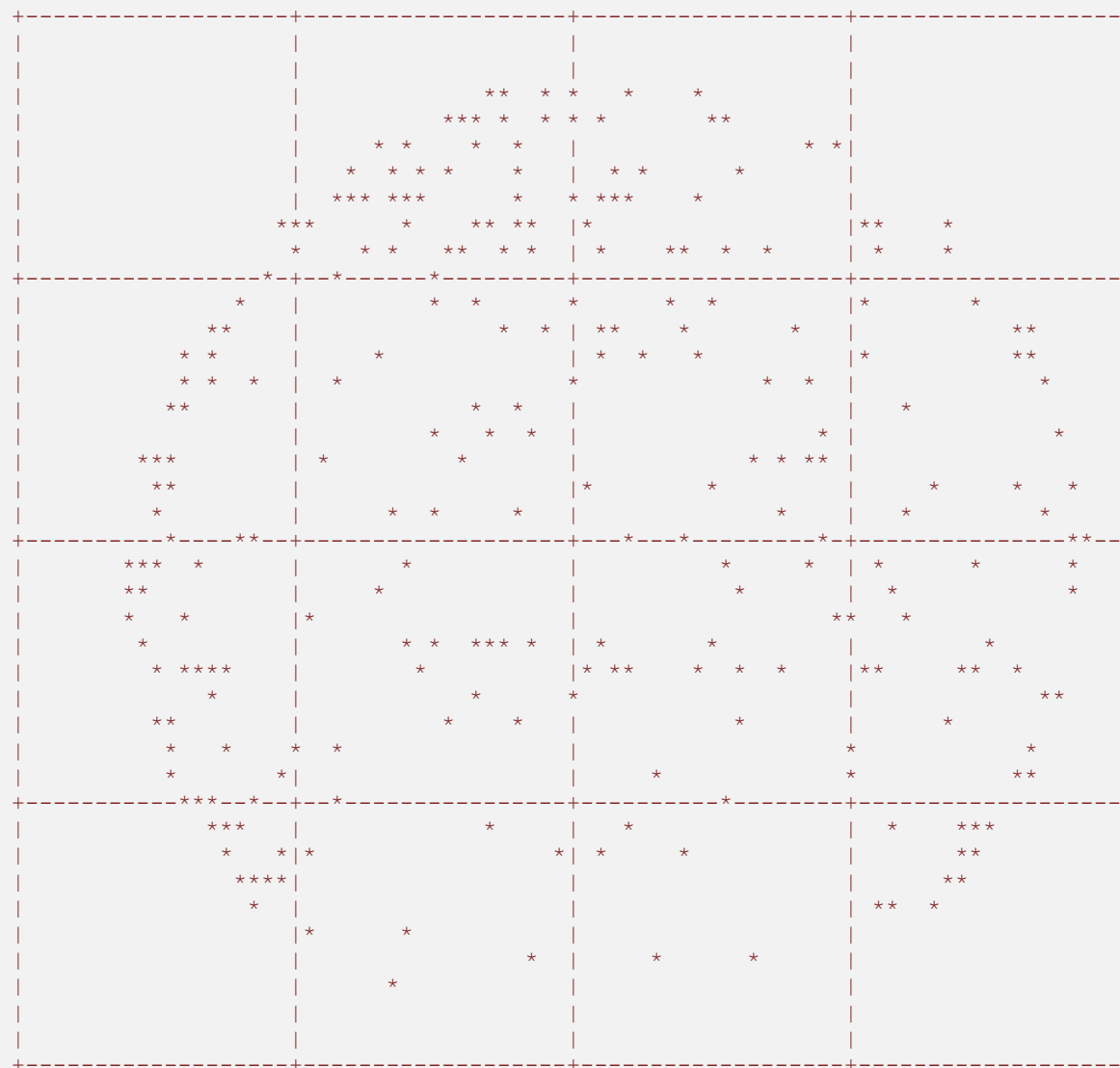


## 10.4.4 PlotOutput

```
hsi plotoutput
```

```
----- HSI Estimator Magnetic Output Plot -----
```

```
Calibrated XY
```



```
Plot Center : +0.000, +0.000  
Plot Scale : +0.946, +0.946
```

# 11 WORLD MAGNETIC & GRAVITY MODULE

## 11.1 Configuration Registers

### 11.1.1 Magnetic and Gravity Reference Vectors

| Magnetic and Gravity Reference Vectors |         |                                         |                    |                           |
|----------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Register ID :                          |         | 21                                      | Firmware : 0.3.0.0 |                           |
| Comment :                              |         | Magnetic and gravity reference vectors. |                    |                           |
| Size (Bytes):                          |         | 24                                      |                    |                           |
| Example Command:                       |         | \$VNWRG,21,1,0,1.8,0,0,-9.79375*56      |                    |                           |
| Offset                                 | Name    | Format                                  | Unit               | Description               |
| 0                                      | MagRefX | float                                   | Gauss              | X-Axis Magnetic Reference |
| 4                                      | MagRefY | float                                   | Gauss              | Y-Axis Magnetic Reference |
| 8                                      | MagRefZ | float                                   | Gauss              | Z-Axis Magnetic Reference |
| 12                                     | AccRefX | float                                   | m/s <sup>2</sup>   | X-Axis Gravity Reference  |
| 16                                     | AccRefY | float                                   | m/s <sup>2</sup>   | Y-Axis Gravity Reference  |
| 20                                     | AccRefZ | float                                   | m/s <sup>2</sup>   | Z-Axis Gravity Reference  |

This register contains the reference vectors for the magnetic and gravitational fields as used by the onboard filter. The values map to either the user-set values or the results of calculations of the onboard reference models (see the Reference Vector Configuration Register in the IMU subsystem). When the reference values come from the onboard model(s), those values are read-only. When the reference models are disabled, the values reflect the user reference vectors and will be writable. For example, if the onboard World Magnetic Model is enabled and the onboard Gravitational Model is disabled, only the gravity reference values will be modified on a register write. Note that the user reference vectors will not be overwritten by the onboard models, but will retain their previous values for when the onboard models are disabled.

### 11.1.2 Reference Vector Configuration

| Reference Vector Configuration |                                                                                     |            |          |                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                  | 83                                                                                  | Firmware : | v0.3.0.0 | Access : Read / Write                                                                          |
| Comment :                      | Control register for both the onboard world magnetic and gravity model corrections. |            |          |                                                                                                |
| Size (Bytes):                  | 32                                                                                  |            |          |                                                                                                |
| Example Response:              | \$VNRRG,83,0,0,0,0,1000,0.000,+00.00000000,+000.00000000,+00000.000*4E              |            |          |                                                                                                |
| Offset                         | Name                                                                                | Format     | Unit     | Description                                                                                    |
| 0                              | UseMagModel                                                                         | uint8      | -        | Set to 1 to use the world magnetic model.                                                      |
| 1                              | UseGravityModel                                                                     | uint8      | -        | Set to 1 to use the world gravity model.                                                       |
| 2                              | Resv                                                                                | uint8      | -        | Reserved for future use. Must be set to zero.                                                  |
| 3                              | Resv                                                                                | uint8      | -        | Reserved for future use. Must be set to zero.                                                  |
| 4                              | Resv                                                                                | uint32     | -        | Reserved. Must be set to 1000.                                                                 |
| 8                              | Year                                                                                | float      | year     | The reference date expressed as a decimal year. Used for both the magnetic and gravity models. |
| 12                             | **** 4 byte padding ***                                                             |            |          |                                                                                                |
| 16                             | Latitude                                                                            | double     | deg      | The reference latitude position in degrees.                                                    |
| 24                             | Longitude                                                                           | double     | deg      | The reference longitude position in degrees.                                                   |
| 32                             | Altitude                                                                            | double     | m        | The reference altitude above the reference ellipsoid in meters.                                |

This register allows configuration of the onboard spherical harmonic models used to calculate the local magnetic and gravitational reference values. Having accurate magnetic reference values improves the accuracy of heading when using the magnetometer and accounts for magnetic declination. Having accurate gravitational reference values improves accuracy by allowing the INS filter to more accurately estimate the accelerometer biases. The VN-110 currently includes the EGM96 gravitational model and the WMM2010 magnetic model. The models are upgradable to allow updating to future models when available.

The magnetic and gravity models can be individually enabled or disabled using the UseMagModel and UseGravityModel parameters, respectively. When disabled, the corresponding values set by the user in the Reference Vector Register in the IMU subsystem will be used instead of values calculated by the onboard model.

The VN-110 starts up with the user configured reference vector values. Shortly after startup (and if the models are enabled), the location and time set in this register will be used to update the reference vectors.

## 11.2 Factory Defaults

| Settings Name                          | Default Factory Value |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Magnetic and Gravity Reference Vectors | 1,0,1.8,0,0,-9.793746 |
| Reference Vector Configuration         | 1,1,0,0,1000,0,0,0,0  |

## 11.3 Command Prompt

The command prompt provides a fast and simple means of configuring and monitoring the status of the sensor by typing commands to the unit using the serial port.

### 11.3.1 List Available Commands

Commands for the System subsystem can be accessed by typing in 'refmodel' at the command prompt. To view all available commands, type 'refmodel ?'. Below is a view of a terminal window showing a list of the available commands.

```
refmodel ?

World Magnetic & Gravity Reference Model Commands:

Command:      Description:
-----
info          Information on the current available reference models.
calc          Calculate the magnetic and gravity reference for a given position &
time.
```

### 11.3.2 Info

```
refmodel info

----- World Magnetic & Gravity Reference Model Information -----

World Magnetic Model
  Status           : Present
  Name              : WMM2010
  Order            : 12
  Model Start Date  : 01/01/2010
  Model Expiration Date : 01/01/2015

World Gravity Model
  Status           : Present
  Name              : EGM96
  Order            : 12
  Model Start Date  : 01/01/1986
  Model Expiration Date : 01/01/2100

Magnetic and Gravity Reference Vectors (Register 21)
  MagRefX          : +001.000
  MagRefY          : +000.000
  MagRefZ          : +001.800
  GravityRefX      : +000.000
  GravityRefY      : +000.000
  GravityRefZ      : -009.794

Reference Vector Configuration (Register 83)
  UseMagneticModel : 0
  UseGravityModel  : 0
  RecalcThreshold   : 1000 meters
  Year             : 0
  Latitude          : +00.00000000 deg
  Longitude         : +00.00000000 deg
  Altitude          : +00000.000 m
-----
```



# 12 VELOCITY AIDING

Velocity aiding provides a method to increase performance of an AHRS sensor for applications where the sensor is subjected to constant accelerations.

## 12.1 Overview

### AHRS Fundamentals

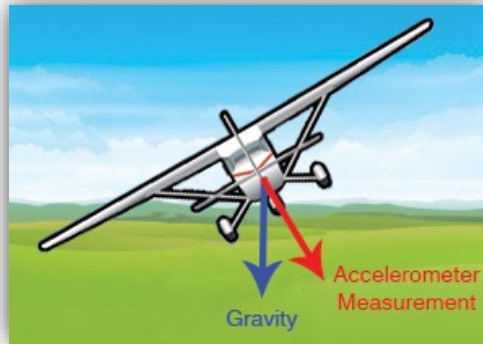
An Attitude Heading Reference System (AHRS) is a sensor system that estimates the attitude of a vehicle based upon the combined measurements provided by a 3-axis gyroscope, accelerometer, and magnetometer. An AHRS sensor typically utilizes a Kalman filter to compute the 3D orientation of the vehicle based upon the vector measurements provided from the accelerometer and the magnetometer. The accelerometer measures the effect of both gravity and any acceleration due to body motion. The magnetometer measures the influence of both the earth's magnetic field and the influence of any nearby magnetic fields created by nearby ferromagnetic objects. The gyroscope provides an accurate short term measurement of the relative change in the orientation of the sensor however it is not capable of providing a measurement of the orientation itself. The absolute accuracy of the heading, pitch and roll solution for an AHRS is ultimately derived from the accuracy of the vector measurements provided by the accelerometer and magnetometer.

### AHRS Assumptions

Without any form of external compensation an AHRS does not have by itself any means of knowing how it is moving relative to the fixed Earth. As such it does not have any means of knowing what the actual acceleration of the body is. Since the accelerometer measures the effect of both gravity and the acceleration due to motion, the standard AHRS algorithm has to make the assumption that the long-term acceleration due to motion is zero. With this assumption in place the AHRS know has sufficient information to estimate the pitch and roll based upon the measurement of gravity provided by the accelerometer. This assumption works very well for applications where the sensor does not experience any long-term acceleration such as when it is used indoors or when used on a large marine vessel. Applications that do experience long-term accelerations due to motion however will experience a significant error in the pitch and roll solution due to the fact that the assumption of zero body acceleration in the AHRS algorithm is constantly being violated.

The most common case where this acceleration becomes a significant problem for an AHRS is when it is used on an aircraft operating in a banked turn. In straight and level flight the AHRS will provide an accurate measurement of attitude as long as the long-term accelerations are nominally zero. When the aircraft banks and enters a coordinated turn however, a long-term acceleration is present which due to the centripetal force created by traveling along a curved path. This apparent force is what makes you feel as if you are being pushed to the side when you drive around a corner in a car.

**FIGURE 1 - MEASURED ACCELERATION IN COORDINATED TURN**



When an aircraft is in a banked turn the accelerometer will measure gravity plus this centripetal acceleration which will result in a measurement vector that acts perpendicular to the wings of the aircraft as shown in the above figure. This will result in the AHRS estimating a roll angle of zero while the aircraft is in fact in a banked turn and thus has a significant actual roll angle relative to the horizon.

If the AHRS however can obtain some knowledge of this actual motion relative to the fixed Earth then it is possible for it to subtract out the effect of the centripetal acceleration, resulting in an accurate estimate of attitude. By providing the AHRS with the known velocity or airspeed it is possible for the AHRS to estimate the centripetal acceleration term based upon this velocity and the known body angular rates.

**FIGURE 2 - AHRS WITH VELOCITY COMPENSATION**



The above figure accurately depicts quality of attitude solution provided by three separate types of attitude estimators while operating in a coordinated turn. The flight display on the far left represents the actual attitude which is derived from the flight simulator. Moving from left to right are three separate types of attitude estimators shown in order based upon the accuracy of their derived solution. The most accurate solution is proved by the Inertial Navigation System (INS). This type of estimator incorporates the position and velocity measurements from a GPS along with the accelerometer, and gyroscope in an optimal fashion

to simultaneously estimate attitude and the position and velocity of the vehicle. It provides the most accurate attitude estimate since it makes no assumptions regarding the accelerometer measurements.

## Measurement Sources for Velocity Aiding

Below are three common sources used for velocity aiding.

### Airspeed Sensor

When an airspeed sensor is used for velocity aiding it is important to note which type of airspeed is being used. Since the airspeed input is being used by the AHRS to estimate the centripetal acceleration, the airspeed used should be ideally close to the actual speed relative to the fixed earth. Normally airspeed sensors measure the speed of the aircraft relative to the atmosphere, thus there will be a difference between the speed relative to the fixed Earth and the speed given by the airspeed indicator, equal to the speed of the atmosphere relative to the ground (wind speed). In high wind conditions this can cause some increased error in the velocity aiding algorithm.

### Speedometer

For automotive applications the speedometer measurement can be used to perform velocity aiding. The speedometer measurement will provide the ground speed of the vehicle. There will be some small loss due to fact that vertical speed is not included, however the effect will be minimal.

### GPS

For most applications GPS provides an excellent source of velocity aiding for an AHRS. It is recommended that you use a GPS receiver with at least a 5Hz update rate.

## 12.1.1 Tuning for Higher Performance

In most situations the default tuning parameters for the velocity compensation will provide adequate results without the need for manual adjustment. In the event that you have a case where you need improved performance, there are tuning parameters provided in the Velocity Compensation Control Register (Register 50) that provide a means to adjust the behavior of the compensation algorithm.

### Velocity Tuning

The velocity tuning field in the Velocity Compensation Control Register in the Velocity Aiding subsystem provides a means to adjust the uncertainty level used for the velocity measurement in the compensation estimation filter. The default value is 0.1. A larger value places less trust in the velocity measurements, while a smaller number will place more trust in the velocity measurement. If your velocity measurement is noisy or unreliable increasing this number may provide better results. If you have a very accurate velocity measurement then lowering this number will likely produce better results.

### Velocity Measurement Rate

The performance of the velocity compensation will be affected by both the accuracy of the velocity measurements and the rate at which they are applied. To ensure adequate performance the velocity should be provided at a rate higher than 1Hz. Best performance will be achieved with update rates of 10Hz or higher.



If you stop sending velocity measurement updates for any reason, the velocity compensation will continue indefinitely using the last received velocity measurement. If you want to stop using while the vehicle is still in motion, be sure to turn off the velocity compensation using the Mode field in the Velocity Compensation Control Register in the Velocity Aiding subsystem.

## 12.2 Configuration Registers

### 12.2.1 Velocity Compensation Control

| Velocity Compensation Control |                                                                                  |                       |      |                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                 | 51                                                                               | Access : Read / Write |      |                                                                                                            |
| Comment :                     | Provides control over the velocity compensation feature for the attitude filter. |                       |      |                                                                                                            |
| Size (Bytes):                 | 8                                                                                |                       |      |                                                                                                            |
| Example Response:             | \$VNRRG,51,1,0.1,0.01*5A                                                         |                       |      |                                                                                                            |
| Offset                        | Name                                                                             | Format                | Unit | Description                                                                                                |
| 0                             | Mode                                                                             | uint8                 | -    | Selects the type of velocity compensation performed by the VPE. See the table below for available options. |
| 4                             | VelocityTuning                                                                   | float                 | -    | Tuning parameter for the velocity measurement.                                                             |
| 8                             | RateTuning                                                                       | float                 | -    | Tuning parameter for the angular rate measurement.                                                         |

**TABLE 4 - VELOCITY COMPENSATION MODES**

| Value | Description       |
|-------|-------------------|
| 0     | Disabled.         |
| 1     | Body Measurement. |

## 12.3 Input Measurements

### 12.3.1 Velocity Compensation Measurement

| Velocity Compensation Measurement |                                                                                                                 |                       |      |                                                      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Register ID :                     | 50                                                                                                              | Access : Read / Write |      |                                                      |
| Comment :                         | Input register for a velocity measurement to be used by the filter to compensate for acceleration disturbances. |                       |      |                                                      |
| Size (Bytes):                     | 12                                                                                                              |                       |      |                                                      |
| Example Response:                 | \$VNRRG,50,37.2,0,0*42                                                                                          |                       |      |                                                      |
| Offset                            | Name                                                                                                            | Format                | Unit | Description                                          |
| 0                                 | VelocityX                                                                                                       | float                 | m/s  | Velocity in the X-Axis measured in the sensor frame. |
| 4                                 | VelocityY                                                                                                       | float                 | m/s  | Velocity in the Y-Axis measured in the sensor frame. |
| 8                                 | VelocityZ                                                                                                       | float                 | m/s  | Velocity in the Z-Axis measured in the sensor frame. |



For Mode 1 (body measurement mode) the VN-110 will compute the vector length of the provided 3D velocity vector and use this for velocity compensation. If you have a scalar measurement you can set only the X-axis and set the Y & Z to zero.

## 12.4 Factory Defaults

| Settings Name                 | Default Factory Value |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Velocity Compensation Control | 1,0.1,0.01            |

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