

99 Channel Positioning System (GPS + GLONASS) Shield

for Arduino™ and Raspberry-Pi™

Technical Data

Features

- New version with 99 Channel positioning and GLONASS support
- Simultaneous GPS and GLONASS satellite tracking
- Arduino™ UNO Shield standard form factor for simple integration into any Arduino project.
- I²C interface for simple connection to Arduino or Raspberry-Pi
- Give your robot the ability to know where it is, how fast its moving and in what direction*.
- Fast 99-channel position acquisition with battery back-up for fast < 1 second hot start and < 33 second warm start.
- Simple register based data retrieval of latitude, longitude, heading, altitude, speed, time, date & satellites used.
- Integral low power antenna.
- Built in fully programmable 4 line IO and 8 bit ADC input port for local sensors.

Description

The Designer Systems GPM.S is a highly integrated 99 Channel simultaneous Global Positioning System (GPS) and GLONASS positioning system allowing your robotic application to determine its location on the earth's surface. Specifically targeted at the Arduino board and Raspberry-Pi user the GPM.S features I²C communication to leave the serial [TX/RX] port free for other functions eg. wireless communication.

GPS data received by the GPM is stored within internal registers which are updated once per second and include:

- Latitude (i.e. vertical)
- Longitude (i.e. horizontal)
- Altitude (metres)
- Time & date (UTC)
- Heading (True)
- Speed (kilometres per hour)
- Satellites used

In addition the DS-GPM.S features a fully configurable four line programmable IO and analogue input port with automatic measurement.

DS-GPM.S



Applications

The GPM.S has many applications in robotics, security and timing. For example the module could be used to send a rover to a particular position or be used to form a vehicle security solution in-conjunction with an embedded controller and GSM modem. Application notes for the UNO and Raspberry-Pi controller are provided.

COMMS MODULES

Selection Guide

Description	Part Number
Global Position System Shield	DS-GPM.S

* Note: GPS information cannot be collected without a clear view of the sky.

GPS basics

The heart of the DS-GPM.S is a Global Positioning System receiver module and antenna that receive signals from satellites orbiting the earth.

There are 32 of these satellites in the American run GPS system, 24 in the Russian GLONASS system, each sending its own unique signal to the earth's surface for pickup by any GPS receiver, which searches the sky for available satellites.

Upon detecting the satellites in view and their current position the receiver uses the satellites with highest signal strength to calculate, using triangulation, the receiver's latitude, longitude & altitude** (position).

Latitude is measured in degrees and minutes either North or South of the equator.

Longitude is measured in degrees and minutes either West or East of an imaginary line drawn vertically through Greenwich in the UK.

Altitude is measured in metres above sea level.

For example the offices of Designer Systems in Truro, UK are located 50 degrees, 15.817 minutes North latitude and 5 degrees, 3.549 minutes West longitude.

Should the receiver also be moving, speed in kilometres per hour, and heading, in degrees true north, can also be determined.

To gain the best reception the GPM should be used outside with a good view of the sky. Trees and buildings will cause the GPS signals being received to degrade and positional/speed information may be lost. To greatly improve reception the GPM should be mounted above a metal base.

** LLA format to WGS-84 ellipsoid.

Operation

When power is applied to the GPM the unit immediately starts to search for satellites. The GPM can start in one of three (3) modes, as follows:

Cold start mode:

This mode only applies when the GPM has been powered-up for the first time after being removed from its packaging. As the GPM does not know where it is on the earth's surface, it starts to hunt for groups of satellites to determine its location. This process may take up to 30 minutes before positional information

is available; it is suggested that a battery be connected and the unit left in the open air until the STATUS indicator starts to flash.

Warm start mode:

This mode applies to a GPM that has already been 'cold-started' and whose location has not changed significantly when powered up again or has been powered down for at least one (1) hour. Positional information is normally available again within 45 seconds of power re-application.

Hot start mode:

This mode applies when the GPM has been powered off for less than 60 minutes. Positional information is normally available again within 1-10 seconds of power re-application.

The warm and hot start power-up modes are possible due to an internal backup battery which powers the Real Time Clock (RTC) and almanac memory when external power is removed.

STATUS indication...

The STATUS indicator is used to provide visual feedback of the current GPM condition. There are three (3) conditions as follows:

ON Steady	Power applied and no positional information.
Flashing slowly	Positional information received.
Flashing fast	GPM in motion.

These conditions will change as the GPM moves around its location and under objects that may block the satellite signals.

Power requirements

The DS-GPM.S takes the power necessary for operation (approx. 30-90mA) from an external battery or power adaptor or power from the Arduino UNO board.

The GPM provides three PCB pads, two marked 'GND' and one marked 'Vin' in the same format as that present on the UNO board, which should be connected to negative and positive battery/power supply terminals respectively. The input voltage range is 7 - 16VDC with the internal circuitry being protected against power supply reversal.

IO port

The DS-GPM.S features a fully programmable four line CMOS input/output or 8bit Analogue to Digital Converter port 'I/O' '1' to '4'.

Each IO is configurable as an output, an input or an analogue input by configuring the registers R0-3.

When an IO is configured for a normal input the applied voltage 0 or 5V is read and stored in an input register which can be read by the connected I²C device. When an IO is configured as an output the output state will be 0 or 5V dependant on the output register contents written by the connected I²C device.

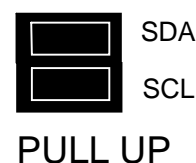
When an IO is configured for analogue input** it is automatically updated every 100mS from an external input voltage of 0 - 5V and the result stored in internal registers which can be read by the connected I²C device (see register details further on in this datasheet). The port also incorporates a ground and Vin bus that allows sensors to be directly connected (see Fig. 3.0)

Warning: These inputs are not over-voltage protected and should not be subjected to voltages over 5V.

I²C connection

The I²C connections are marked 'SDA' and 'SCL' and allow connection to the Arduino UNO board 'ANALOG IN' pins 4 and 5 or the Raspberry-PI GPIO port pins 3 and 5 (see Fig. 2.0) or another I²C Master device.

The DS-GPM.S is fitted with pull-up jumpers that can be configured to provide the source current necessary for I²C communication. The following jumpers should normally be set when using the UNO board, as long as the I²C bus does not have existing pull-up's provided by another device. These jumpers **MUST** be removed when using the Raspberry-PI:



I²C communication

Up to four DS-GPM.S modules may be connected to the same UNO /

Raspberry-PI board or I²C bus and accessed individually using their own individual address. The address is configured with the following jumpers:

ADDRESS



The following table shows how the jumpers are placed for the different binary addresses:

Address xx	A0	A1
00 (default)	ON	ON
01	OFF	ON
10	ON	OFF
11	OFF	OFF

The binary address (xx) above is used in conjunction with the device ID 11010xxD to form the complete device address i.e. if both jumpers are left connected (default) then the device address would be 1101000D_{binary}.

The 'D' bit determines if a read or a write to the GPM is to be performed. If the 'D' bit is set '1' then a register read is performed or if clear '0' a register write.

To access individual registers a device write must be undertaken by the I²C Master which consists of a Start condition, device ID ('D' bit cleared), register to start write, one or more bytes of data to be written and a stop condition (see Figure 1.0 for I²C write protocol).

There are 3 individual registers that can be written within the GPM that control local IO port setup and output as follows:

N ₇	N ₆	N ₅	N ₄	N ₃	N ₂	N ₁	N ₀
GPM I2C address							
1.	1	1	0	1	0	X	0
XX = Address select pins A1 & A0							
Register address							
R0	U	B	B	B	B	B	B
B..B = 0 to 70							
U..U = unused on this implementation							
Local I/O port direction register							
R1	U	U	U	U	X	X	X
X = 1 or 0 (1 = I/O is input, 0 = I/O is output)							
U..U = unused on this implementation							
Local I/O port input type register							
R2	U	U	U	U	X	X	X
X = 1 or 0 (1 = input analogue, 0 = input level)							
U..U = unused on this implementation							
Local I/O port output data register							
R3	U	U	U	U	X	X	X
X = 1 or 0 (1 = output pin is high, 0 = output pin is low)							
U..U = unused on this implementation							

To read individual data and status registers a device write then read must be undertaken by the Arduino / I²C Master.

The write consists of a Start condition, device ID ('D' bit clear), register to start read and a Stop condition. This is followed by a read, which consists of a Start condition, device ID ('D' bit set), followed by data from the register specified and terminated with a Stop condition. The GPM also auto increments the register specified for every additional read requested by the Master I²C device, which allows more than one register to be read in one transaction. This allows for example Register 0 to Register 5, current UTC time, to be read in one transaction (see Figure 1.1 for I²C read protocol). There are 70 individual registers that can be read within the GPM as follows:

N ₇	N ₆	N ₅	N ₄	N ₃	N ₂	N ₁	N ₀
GPM Address							
1.	1	1	0	1	0	X	1
XX = Address select pins							

Hours tens register							
R0	X	X	X	X	X	H	H
H..H = Tens of hours (24 hour clock UTC time)							
X..X = not used							

Hours units register							
R1	X	X	X	X	H	H	H
H..H = Units of hours (24 hour clock UTC time)							
X..X = not used							

Minutes tens register							
R2	X	X	X	X	X	M	M
M..M = Tens of minutes (UTC time)							
X..X = not used							

Minutes units register							
R3	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Units of minutes (UTC time)							
X..X = not used							

Seconds tens register							
R4	X	X	X	X	X	S	S
S..S = Tens of seconds (UTC time)							
X..X = not used							

Seconds units register							
R5	X	X	X	X	S	S	S
S..S = Units of seconds (UTC time)							
X..X = not used							

Day of month tens register							
R6	X	X	X	X	X	D	D
D..D = Tens of day of month							
X..X = not used							

Day of month units register							
R7	X	X	X	X	D	D	D
D..D = Units of day of month							
X..X = not used							

Month tens register							
R8	X	X	X	X	X	M	M
M..M = Tens of months							
X..X = not used							

Month units register							
R9	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Units of months							
X..X = not used							

Years thousands register							
R10	X	X	X	X	X	Y	Y
Y..Y = Thousands of years							
X..X = not used							

Years hundreds register							
R11	X	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y
Y..Y = Hundreds of years							
X..X = not used							

Years tens register							
R12	X	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y
Y..Y = Tens of years							
X..X = not used							

Years units register							
R13	X	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y
Y..Y = Units of years							
X..X = not used							

Latitude degrees tens register							
R14	X	X	X	X	D	D	D
D..D = Tens of degrees							
X..X = not used							

Latitude degrees units register							
R15	X	X	X	X	D	D	D
D..D = Units of degrees							
X..X = not used							

Latitude minutes tens register							
R16	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Tens of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Latitude minutes units register							
R17	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Units of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Latitude minutes tenths register							
R18	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Tenths of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Latitude minutes hundredths register							
R19	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Hundredths of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Latitude minutes thousandths register							
R20	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Thousandths of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Latitude minutes ten thousandths register							
R21	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Ten thousandths of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Latitude direction character							
R22	X	D	D	D	D	D	D
D..D = ASCII Character (N = North, S = South)							
X..X = not used							

Longitude degrees hundreds register							
R23	X	X	X	X	X	D	D
D..D = Hundreds of degrees							
X..X = not used							

Longitude degrees tens register							
R24	X	X	X	X	D	D	D
D..D = Tens of degrees							
X..X = not used							

Longitude degrees units register							
R25	X	X	X	X	D	D	D
D..D = Units of degrees							
X..X = not used							

Longitude minutes tens register							
R26	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Tens of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Longitude minutes units register							
R27	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Units of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Longitude minutes tenths register							
R28	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Tenths of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Longitude minutes hundredths register							
R29	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Hundredths of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Longitude minutes thousandths register							
R30	X	X	X	X	M	M	M
M..M = Thousandths of minutes							
X..X = not used							

Longitude minutes ten thousandths register

R31

X	X	X	X	M	M	M	M
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M..M = Ten thousandths of minutes
X..X = not used

Longitude direction character

R32

X	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
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D..D = ASCII Character (W = West, E = East)
X..X = not used

GPS quality indicator

R33

X	X	X	X	X	X	D	D
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D..D = 0 - 2 (0 = No GPS, 1 = GPS, 2 = DGPS)
X..X = not used

Satellites in use tens register

R34

X	X	X	X	X	X	S	S
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S..S = Tens of satellites in use
X..X = not used

Satellites in use units register

R35

X	X	X	X	S	S	S	S
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S..S = Units of satellites in use
X..X = not used

HDOP tens register

R36

X	X	X	X	H	H	H	H
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H..H = Tens of HDOP
X..X = not used

HDOP units register

R37

X	X	X	X	H	H	H	H
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M..M = Units of HDOP
X..X = not used

HDOP tenths register

R38

X	X	X	X	H	H	H	H
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M..M = Tenths of HDOP
X..X = not used

Altitude metres tens of thousands register

R39

X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
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A = Tens of thousands of metres
X..X = not used

Altitude metres thousands register

R40

X	X	X	X	X	A	A	A
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A..A = Thousands of metres
X..X = not used

Altitude metres hundreds register

R41

X	X	X	X	X	A	A	A
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A..A = Hundreds of metres
X..X = not used

Altitude metres tens register

R42

X	X	X	X	X	A	A	A
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A..A = Tens of metres
X..X = not used

Altitude metres units register

R43

X	X	X	X	X	A	A	A
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A..A = Units of metres
X..X = not used

Heading degrees (true North) hundreds register

R44

X	X	X	X	X	X	H	H
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H..H = Hundreds of degrees
X..X = not used

Heading degrees (true North) tens register

R45

X	X	X	X	X	H	H	H
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H..H = Tens of degrees
X..X = not used

Heading degrees (true North) units register

R46

X	X	X	X	X	H	H	H
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H..H = Units of degrees
X..X = not used

Heading degrees (true North) tenths register

R47

X	X	X	X	X	H	H	H
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H..H = Tenths of degrees
X..X = not used

Heading degrees (Magnetic North) hundreds register

R48

X	X	X	X	X	X	H	H
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H..H = Hundreds of degrees **
X..X = not used

Heading degrees (Magnetic North) tens register

R49

X	X	X	X	X	H	H	H
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H..H = Tens of degrees **
X..X = not used

Heading degrees (Magnetic North) units register

R50

X	X	X	X	X	H	H	H
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H..H = Units of degrees **
X..X = not used

Heading degrees (Magnetic North) tenths register

R51

X	X	X	X	X	H	H	H
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H..H = Tenths of degrees **
X..X = not used

Speed hundreds register

R52

X	X	X	X	X	X	S	S
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S..S = Hundreds of kilometres per hour
X..X = not used

Speed tens register

R53

X	X	X	X	X	S	S	S
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S..S = Tens of kilometres per hour
X..X = not used

Speed units register

R54

X	X	X	X	X	S	S	S
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S..S = Units of kilometres per hour
X..X = not used

Speed tenths register

R55

X	X	X	X	X	S	S	S
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S..S = Tenths of kilometres per hour
X..X = not used

GPS Mode character

R56

X	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
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D..D = ASCII character (A = Autonomous Mode, D = Differential Mode, E = Estimated (dead reckoning) Mode, M = Manual Input Mode, S = Simulated Mode, N = Data Not Valid)

Local analogue input AN0 value

R57

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
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D..D = 0 to 255 (Analogue input value for AN0 input)
D = 0 if IO line is configured for a normal input

Local analogue input AN1 value

R58

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
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D..D = 0 to 255 (Analogue input value for AN1 input)
D = 0 if IO line is configured for a normal input

Local analogue input AN2 value

R59

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
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D..D = 0 to 255 (Analogue input value for AN2 input)
D = 0 if IO line is configured for a normal input

Local analogue input AN3 value

R60

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
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D..D = 0 to 255 (Analogue input value for AN3 input)
D = 0 if IO line is configured for a normal input

Local I/O port input value

R61

X	X	X	X	D	D	D	D
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D = 1 or 0 (1 = input pin is high, 0 = input pin is low)
D = 0 if IO line is configured for analogue input

DS-GPM.S Status

R62

B	A	M	M	V	V	V	V
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V..V = Firmware version minor 0-15
M..M = Firmware version major 0-3
A = Position found bit (0 = Not found, 1 = Found)
B = Motion bit (0 = Standstill, 1 = Moving)

Registers R0 to R56 may contain invalid data until satellite information has been gained and stored.

** Note: Magnetic heading not supported, returns zero values only.

Register restoration...

All received data is formatted into decimal units (i.e. hundreds, tens & units) and stored in individual registers to facilitate either value or character restoration.

Value restoration can be undertaken by multiplying the required register by its multiplier e.g. to restore the value of register R0 'Hours tens' the register contents are multiplied by ten (10).

Character restoration, to allow the output to a PC via. RS232 or display of data on a LCD panel etc., can be undertaken by the addition of the constant value 48_{decimal} 30_{hex}.

UTC Time format...

The standard GPS time coordinate system is called Universal Coordinated Time or UTC.

This time format replaced Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in 1986 and is of the same value. Time zones relative to GMT should add or subtract a standard value to gain the correct time.

Example.

To read the complete time from registers 0 to 5 (Current time = 14:32:56, Device address = default) write:

'Point to register 0

Byte 1 (GPM Adr) 11010000_{binary}

Byte 2 (Set register) 0_{decimal}, 00_{hex}

'Read register 0 - 5

Byte 1 (GPM Adr) 11010001_{binary}

Byte 2 Hours tens 1_{decimal}, 01_{hex}

Byte 3 Hours units 4_{decimal}, 04_{hex}

Byte 4 Minutes tens 3_{decimal}, 03_{hex}

Byte 5 Minutes units 2_{decimal}, 02_{hex}

Byte 6 Seconds tens 5_{decimal}, 05_{hex}

Byte 7 Seconds units 6_{decimal}, 06_{hex}

Battery replacement

The DS-GPM.S backup battery needs replacing if the real time clock resets to the year 2006 or time to first fix is significantly long.

The CR1220 type lithium battery can be replaced by removing the four screws in the base of the module, removing the cover, sliding out the old battery, sliding in a new battery [positive uppermost] and replacing the cover and screws. Please dispose of the exhausted battery responsibly.

See the website at

www.designersystems.co.uk for sample Arduino and Raspberry-PI applications.

Electrical Characteristics (T_A = 25°C Typical)

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Units	Notes
Supply Voltage (7-16V)	7	16	V	1
Supply Current	30	90	mA	4
I ² C speed	-	400	kHz	
I ² C pull-up resistance	-	4700	Ω	3
GPS positional accuracy	1	2.5	Metres	
GPS frequency band	-	1575.42	MHz	2
GPS channels	-	99		
ADC input voltage	0	5.0	V	
ADC measurement cycle	-	100	mS	
IO line output voltage	0.3	V _{cc} -0.8V	V	
IO line output current	-	20	mA	
IO line input voltage	0	V _{cc} +0.3V	V	

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Units
Supply Voltage (7-16V)	-0.5	+18	V

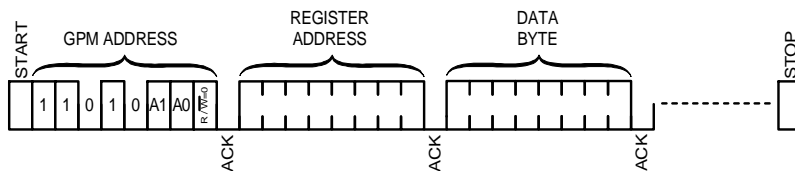
Environmental

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Units
Operating Temperature	0	70	°C
Storage Temperature	-10	80	°C
Humidity	0	80	%
Dimensions	Length 56.25mm, Width 53.5mm, Height 20mm		
Weight	28g		
Immunity & emissions	See statement on page 8		

Notes:

1. Supply voltage is supply rail from Arduino board or any other 7-16V supply.
2. L1 frequency, C/A code (Standard Positioning Service)
3. Value given is to V_{cc} when activated with appropriate jumpers.
4. Maximum value is only during initial acquisition.

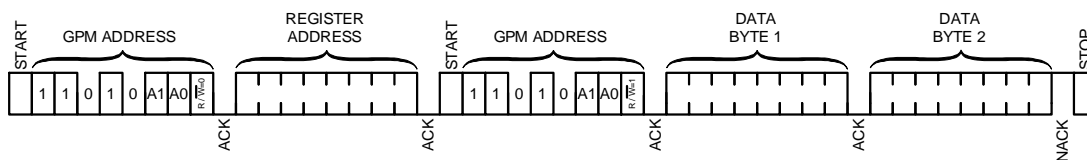
Figure 1.0 (I²C write protocol)



Multiple bytes may be written before the 'STOP' condition. Data is written into registers starting at 'REGISTER ADDRESS', then 'REGISTER ADDRESS' +1, then 'REGISTER ADDRESS' +2 etc.

Each byte transfer is acknowledged 'ACK' by the GPM until the 'STOP' condition.

Figure 1.1 (I²C read protocol)



'DATA BYTE 1 & 2' are register values returned from the GPM. Each byte written is acknowledged 'ACK' by the GPM, every byte read is acknowledged 'ACK' by the I²C Master. A Not-acknowledge 'NACK' condition is generated by the I²C Master when it has finished reading.

Figure 2.0 (Connection Schematic for Arduino UNO or Raspberry-Pi I²C communication)

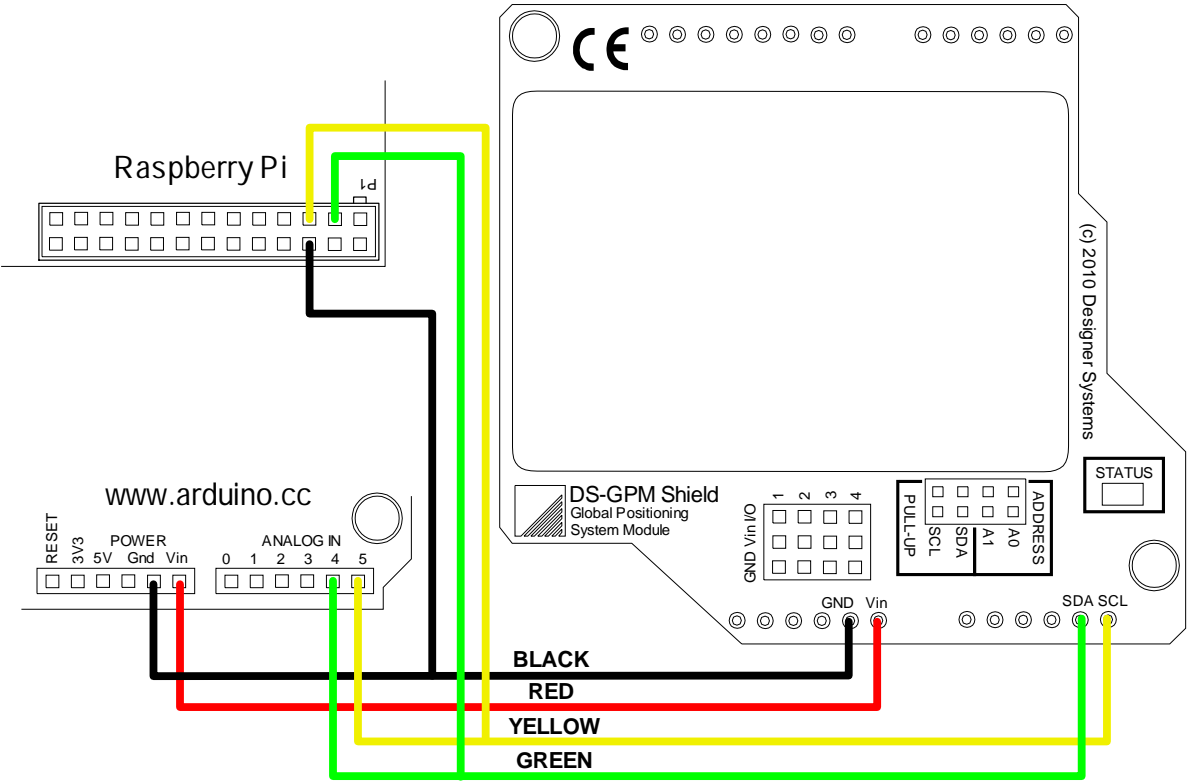
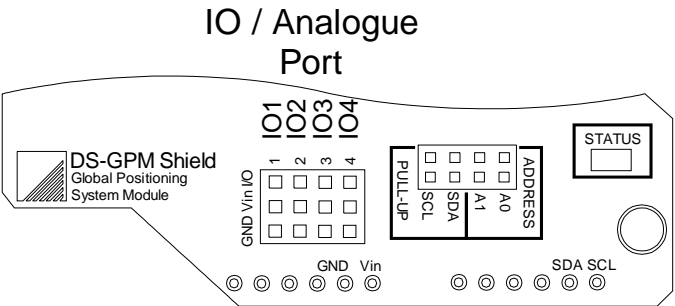
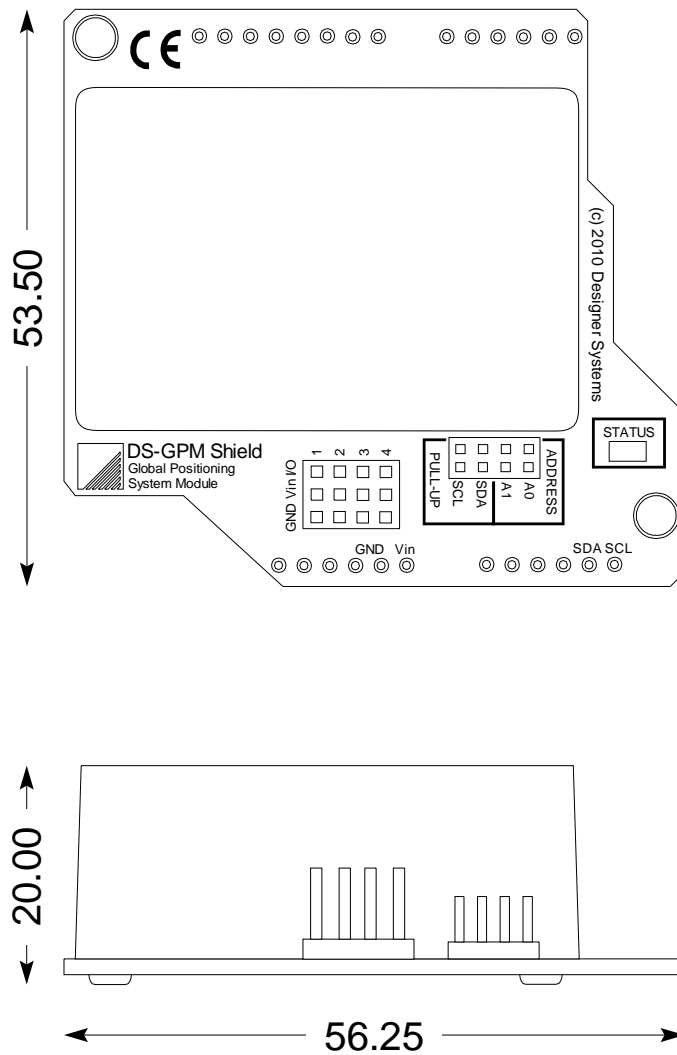


Figure 3.0 (I/O connections)



Mechanical Specifications – Units millimetres



Revision History:

- 1.00 Release version
- 2.00 99 Channel version



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Battery Recycling

The DS-GPM features an internal lithium coin cell that must be recycled at end of life. To access the cell remove the four (4) screws in the bottom of the product and lift off the plastic cover. Using the end of a paper clip, screw driver or other form of pointed tool slide the coin cell from its holder. To preserve natural resources, please recycle the battery properly.

Declaration of Conformity

Apparatus name / model number DS-GPM.S

Conformity via Generic Standard EN50081-1
Generic Standard EN50082-1

Conformity criteria For use only within commercial, residential and light industrial applications

We certify that the apparatus identified above conforms to the requirements of Council Directive 2004/108/EC & 2006/95/EC

Signed.

Date 14/6/15

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Description of apparatus Robotic interface peripheral

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