

<b>WinFrog Device Group:</b>	<b>GPS</b>
<b>Device Name/Model:</b>	<b>Thales SVS</b>
<b>Device Manufacturer:</b>	
<b>Device Data String(s) Output to WinFrog:</b>	User Configurable
<b>WinFrog Data String(s) Output to Device:</b>	NONE
<b>WinFrog Data Item(s) and their RAW record:</b>	POSITION            303 HEADING            410

**DEVICE DESCRIPTION:**

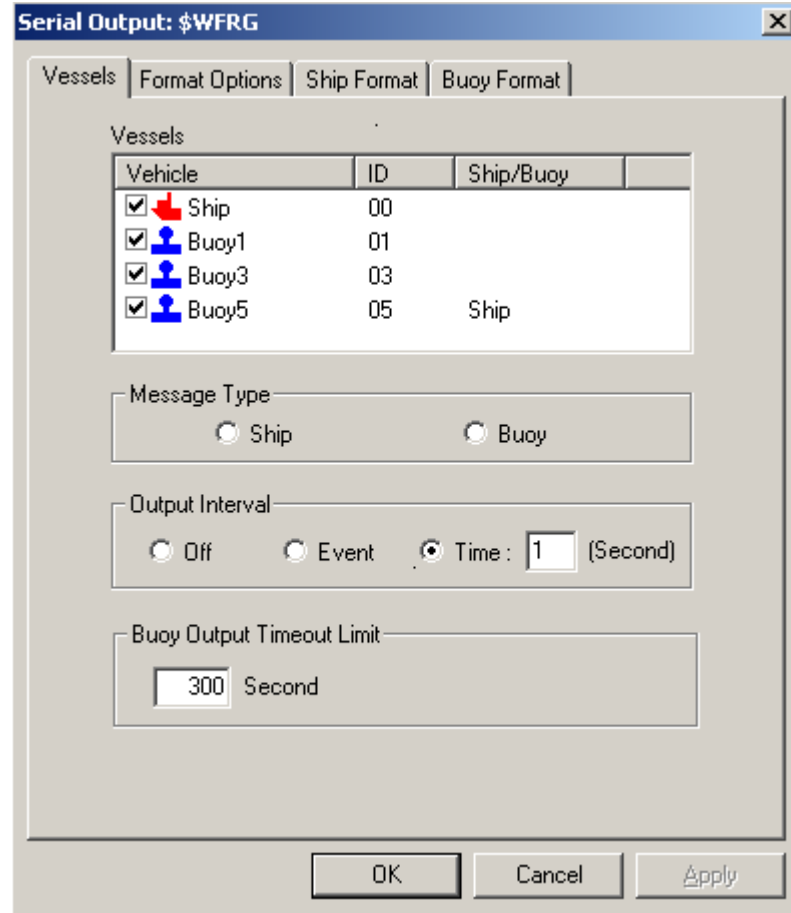
The Thales SVS device is actually a software package that performs GPS Vectoring. It interfaces to GPS receivers, one locally and multiple remotely, accepts pseudorange data and computes vectors from the local GPS antenna and the remote GPS antennas. It is also capable of computing a pseudorange GPS solution for the local GPS antenna that is differentially corrected if RTCM corrections are fed to the system.

The Thales SVS system operates similarly to WinFrog in that in order to output the data, a Serial Output device is added and the associated DATA OUTPUT data item is then added to the device list for any vehicles that data is to be output for. Note that the Serial Output device is not standard to WinFrog and is only available when the Thales SVS software is used.

The Serial Output device allows you to actually configure the output telegrams. The following details the settings for configuring the output for WinFrog.

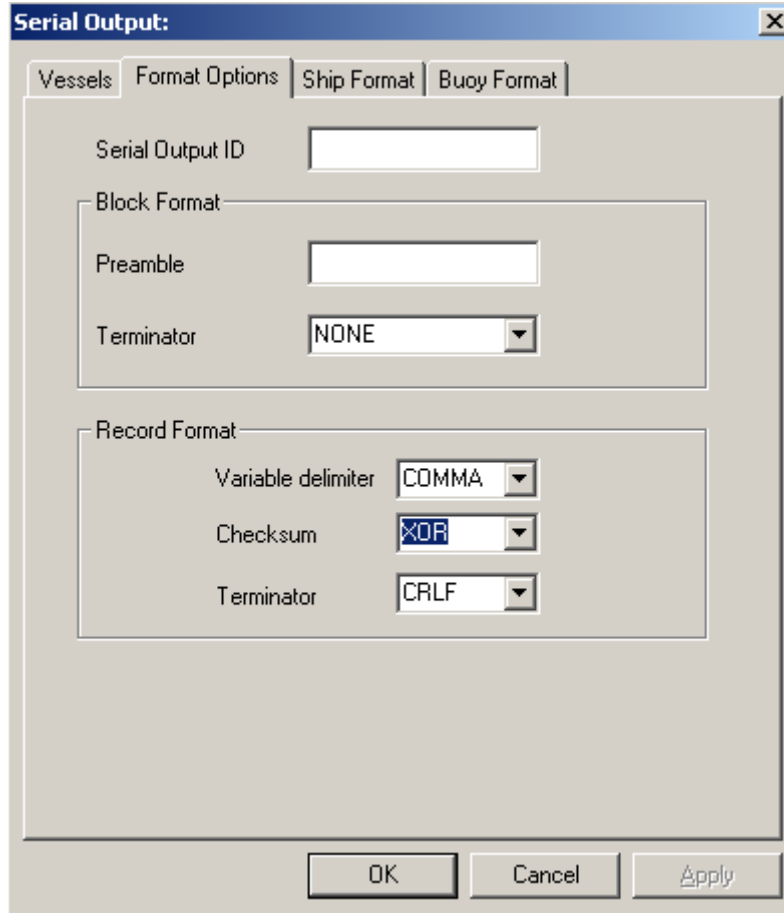
In the device window, highlight the Serial Output device and click the right mouse button, select Configure Device and the Serial Output window opens as seen below. This dialog box consists of four tabs, each of which must be configured as outlined below.

## 1. Vessels tab



- Click on the vessels to output data for in the list box.
- Select Time as the Output Interval setting, entering 1 second for the rate.
- Leave the remaining options as default.

## 2. Format Options tab



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Serial Output:" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog has four tabs: "Vessels", "Format Options" (which is selected), "Ship Format", and "Buoy Format".

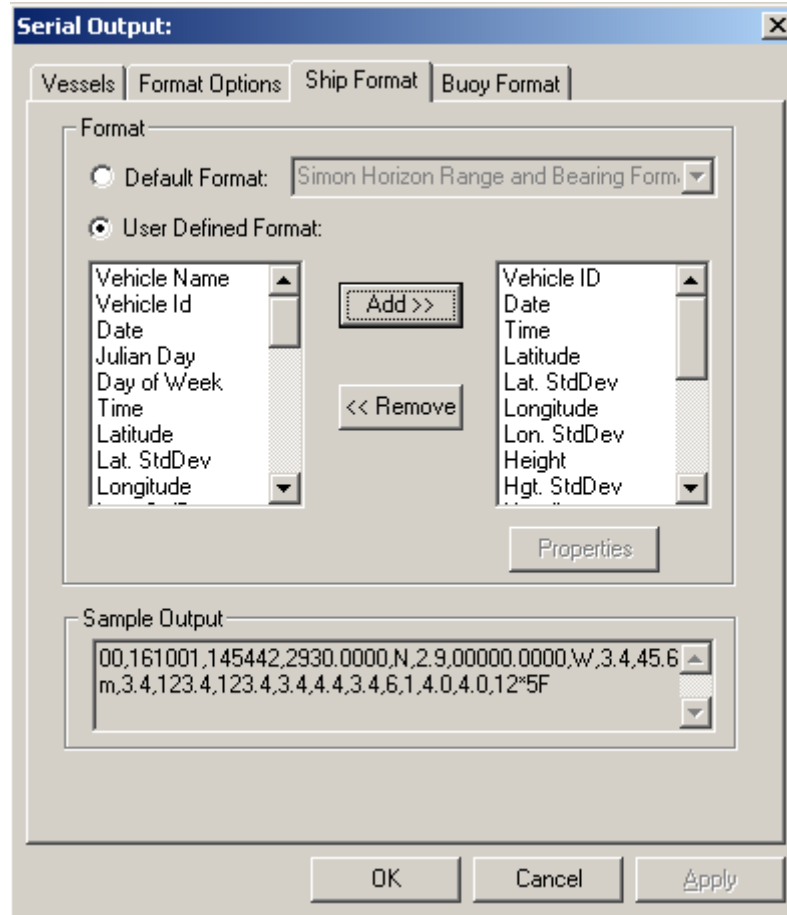
Under the "Format Options" tab, there are two main sections:

- Block Format:** This section contains three fields:
  - "Serial Output ID": A text input field that is currently blank.
  - "Preamble": A text input field that is currently blank.
  - "Terminator": A dropdown menu with "NONE" selected.
- Record Format:** This section contains three dropdown menus:
  - "Variable delimiter": A dropdown menu with "COMMA" selected.
  - "Checksum": A dropdown menu with "XOR" selected.
  - "Terminator": A dropdown menu with "CRLF" selected.

At the bottom of the dialog, there are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Apply".

- Leave the Serial Output ID blank
- In the Block Format, leave the Preamble blank and select NONE for Terminator.
- In the Record Format, select COMMA as the Variable delimiter (default), Checksum XOR and Terminator CRLF.

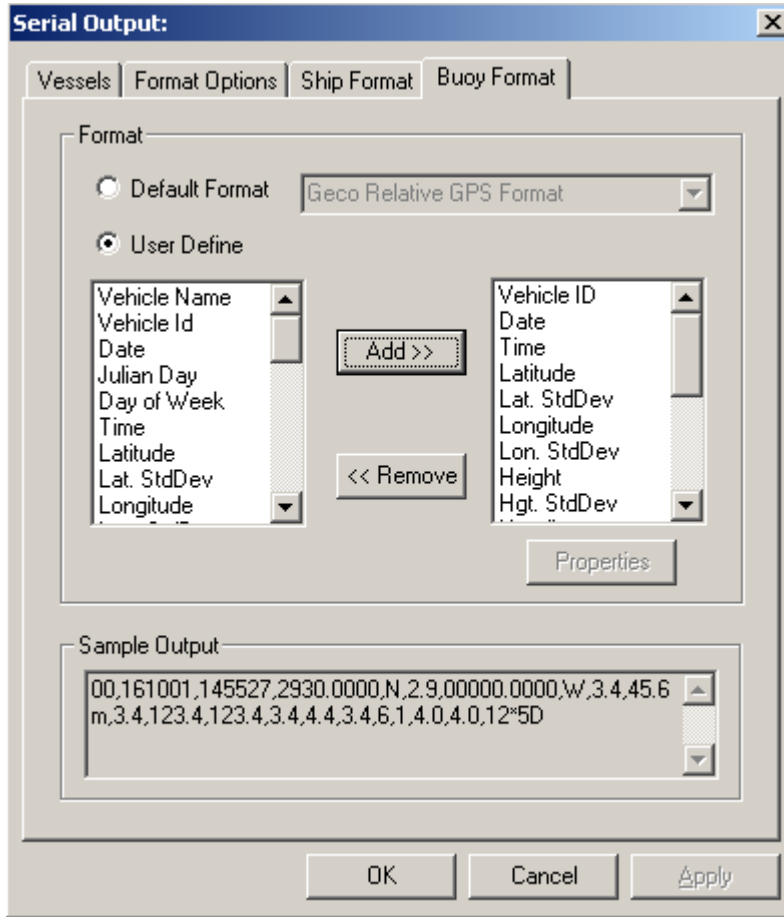
### 3. Ship Format tab



- Select User Defined Format.
- Add the following items in the order shown here. Note that the properties can be modified to increase the number of decimal places.
  - Vehicle ID
  - Date
  - Time
  - Latitude
  - Lat. StdDev
  - Longitude
  - Lon. StdDev
  - Height
  - Hgt. StdDev
  - Heading
  - CMG
  - GDOP
  - PDOP
  - HDOP
  - SVs Used

- NMEA Quality
- DGPS Age
- Horiz. Speed
- SVs Used List

#### 4. Buoy Format tab



In the Buoy Format tab, repeat the configuration as detailed above for the Ship Format tab.

The output can be monitored from the data side of the Device Window, either in the Decoded Data or Terminal tabs.

## ***DEVICE CONFIGURATION INSTRUCTIONS***

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### **WINFROG I/O DEVICES > EDIT I/O:**

Serial  
Configurable Parameters

Recommended settings

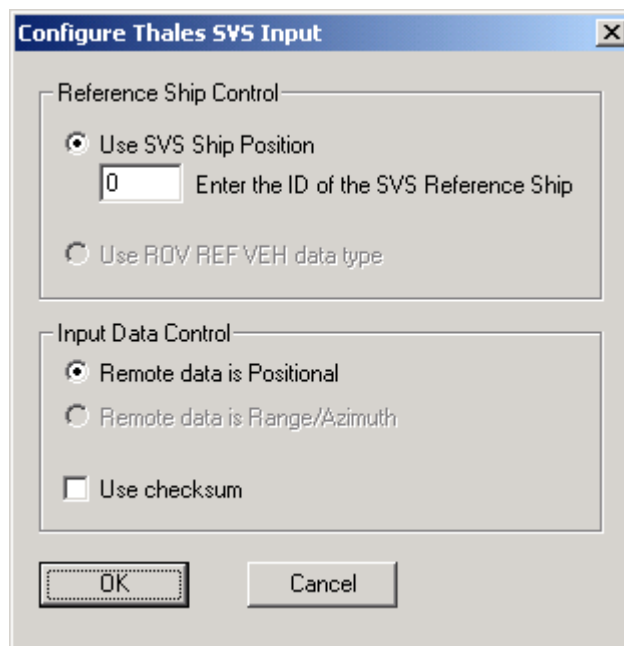
Baud Rate: 38400

Stop Bits: 1

Parity: none

### **WINFROG I/O DEVICES > CONFIGURE DEVICE:**

This device must be configured at the I/O Device window level. In the I/O Devices window, click the device name to select it, then right-click and select Configure Device. The Configure Thales SVS Input dialog box appears, as seen below.



In the Reference Ship Control section enter the ID number of the reference ship. The ID is the ID used by the SVS system for the ship. If the data string from the reference ship contains a checksum, enable (check) this option.

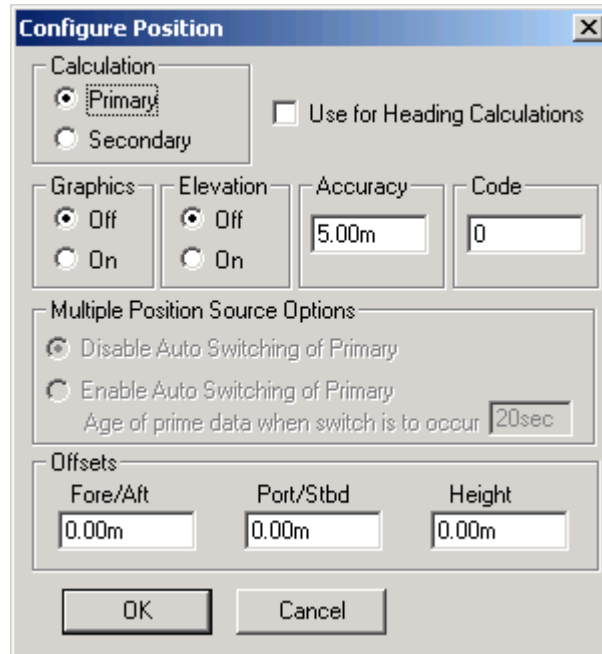
The current implementation of this interface is restricted to receiving position data only from the SVS and therefore the Range/Azimuth option is not functional.

**WINFROG VEHICLE > CONFIGURE VEHICLE DEVICES > DEVICE DATA ITEM > EDIT:**

Adding the Thales SVS device creates two data items: POSITION and HEADING. It is important to note that these two data items must be added together. Once the data items have been added to the vehicle, they must be edited to suit the application.

**Data item: GPS, Thales SVS, POSITION**

The Position data item must be edited once it is added to a vehicle's device list. Highlight the POSITION data item in the vehicle's device list and click the Edit button. The Configure Position dialog box appears as seen below.



**Calculation:**

Set the Calculation selection to Primary or Secondary. Devices set to Primary calculation are used to provide a vessel position. Note that more than one Primary positioning device can be added to a vehicle's device list; data from these devices will be combined in a weighted mean solution. (See the paragraph on Accuracy below for more on the weighting of Primary calculation device data).

If the Calculation type is set to Secondary, WinFrog will simply monitor the device's data. WinFrog will not use the data from a secondary device in the final solution of the vehicle's position.

If auto switching is enabled (see below) a secondary may automatically become a primary should all the primaries fail.

**Use For Heading Calculations:**

This option is not used by this device.

**Graphics:**

If On is selected, a labeled square will show the raw (offset but unfiltered) location of the GPS antenna in the Graphics and Bird's Eye windows. This provides a means of comparing raw device and filtered vehicle positions.

**Elevation:**

Setting the Elevation option to On will result in the elevation determined by GPS to be used as the elevation of the vessel referencing the GPS (WGS84) Ellipsoid. The sounder data recorded in WinFrog's .RAW data files will not be affected.

This option is meant only for those applications where there is no fixed vertical reference (i.e. mean sea level), such as on a river. For acceptable results, this option requires the use of high accuracy "RTK" GPS data

**Accuracy:**

The Accuracy value entered provides WinFrog with the expected accuracy of the position from this device. This value is used in the weighting of this device compared to other positioning devices that may be added to the vehicle's device list. The smaller the value entered, the more accurate it is considered to be, and hence the more weight that will be applied to the device's data.

The Accuracy parameter can be changed from the suggested values; changes should be made with caution, however, as they will affect the final filtered position of the vehicle.

**Code:**

This field is used when the GPS data is being received by a remote GPS receiver connected via telemetry link. In the case of the Thales SVS device, the Code entered must match the ID used by the SVS system in order for WinFrog to correctly identify the position and heading data for each vehicle. This also means that the HEADING data item cannot be used independently and must be added to the same vessel/buoy vehicle in WinFrog as the POSITION data item to ensure that the correct heading data is associated with the correct vessel/buoy.

**Multiple Position Source Options:**

This group box allows you to enable automatic switching of a secondary to primary should the data from all POSITION and PSEUDORANGE data items set to primary timeout. The **Age** entered is the length of time that the secondary will wait in the absence of data from all primaries, before taking over as primary. This age is only entered for the secondary.

For example, if the POSITION or PSEUDORANGE data items associated with two GPS receivers were set to primary and the POSITION or PSEUDORANGE data item of a third GPS receiver was set to secondary, both primary GPS receivers must time out before the secondary will become the primary. Upon the recovery of either



of the original primary data items, the original primary will be reset to primary and the original secondary will be reset to secondary.

Note for the auto switching feature to work, there must be at least one primary and one secondary enabled. For example, given two data items, one set to primary with the auto switching disabled and the other set to secondary with the auto switching enabled, if the primary fails the secondary is not set to primary and the vehicle positioning stops until the primary data item recovers.

**Disable Auto Switching of Primary:**

If this data item is not to be involved in the auto switching process, check this box. As stated above, this data item is then not involved in the auto switching process in any way.

**Enable Auto Switching of Primary:**

If this data item is to be involved in the auto switching process, either as a primary or a secondary, check this box. If set to secondary, enter the Age of data the primary data items must reach before this secondary is switched to act as the primary.

In order for this option to be effective you must have at least one primary and one secondary. If there are multiple secondary data items that are enabled for switching, the first one to receive data will become primary.

Note: This option is not enabled unless WinFrog determines that there is more than one POSITION and/or PSEUDORANGE data item associated with the respective vehicle. The exception to this is the case of a WinFrog with the Remote module operating as a Controlled Remote being configured remotely from the Controller. In this case, the option is always enabled even though it may not be applicable. The operator must be aware of what is available on the Remote and configure the data item accordingly.

Note: This option is not available in the WinFrog Remote package.

Note: This option is not available for USBL based POSITION data items.

**Offsets:**

Offsets are required to associate the GPS antenna position with the vessel's Common Reference Point (CRP). The offsets are applied *from* CRP (of the vehicle) *to* the GPS antenna location.

Forward Offsets are entered as positive values.

Aft Offsets are entered as negative values.

Starboard Offsets are entered as positive values.

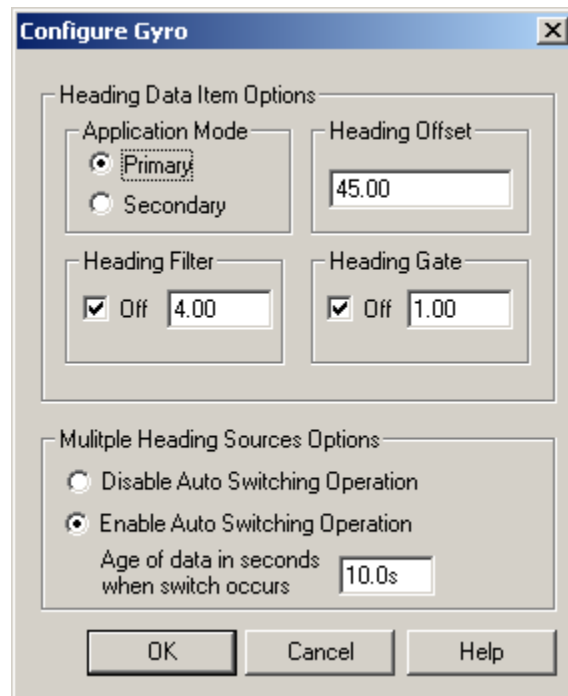
Port Offsets are entered as negative values.

Height Offsets are positive upwards. (It is suggested that the vessel's Height origin should be at the water line.)

## Data item: GPS, Thales SVS, HEADING

Note that, as mentioned in the Code section above, this data item must be added to the same vessel/buoy's device list as the POSITION data item. WinFrog uses the Code entry from the POSITION data item to identify the appropriate position and heading data from the SVS system for each vessel/buoy.

The Heading data item may also be edited once it is added to a vehicle's device list. Highlight the HEADING data item in the vehicle's device list and click the Edit button. The Configure Gyro dialog box appears as seen below.



### Heading Data Item Options:

#### Application Mode(Primary/Secondary):

Set the type of calculation to Primary or Secondary by selecting the appropriate radio button. Devices set to Primary are used to provide the vehicle heading information. Devices set to Secondary are simply monitored, and are not used in the vehicle's calculations.

Note that WinFrog supports automatic switching from a designated Primary to a Secondary in the event that data from the Primary fails (see Multiple Heading Sources Options).

#### Heading Offset:

A correction value (as determined from a gyro calibration) can be input in the Heading Offset box. This value is added to the heading value from the NMEA Gyro

to provide a corrected heading for the vehicle. Note that positive or negative values can be entered.

**Heading Filter/Heading Gate:**

The Heading Filter is used to “smooth” heading values used by the vehicle. The value entered in the Heading Filter indicates the number of headings that will be used to predict the next heading value. The larger the value entered, the “heavier” the filter will be – i.e. the slower the vehicle’s heading will respond to changes.

The Heading Gate defines a tolerance value to limit the use of anomalies in gyro readings. If the next observed gyro value received falls outside the specified range of predicted values (i.e. plus or minus the entered value), the value will not be used.

**Multiple Heading Sources Options:**

WinFrog supports automatic switching from a designated Primary source to an alternate Secondary source in the event that the Primary fails. The first Secondary source to receive data after the Primary has failed becomes the alternate Primary providing the heading for the vehicle. When the designated Primary is detected as active again, the alternate Primary source reverts to Secondary and the designated Primary provides the heading data to the vehicle.

If an alternate Secondary fails and there are additional Secondary sources, it in turn is detected by the first of the remaining operational Secondary sources to receive data after the failure, at which time this Secondary becomes the alternate Primary.

Note that this option is only available if more than one HEADING source is associated with the respective vehicle. Changes made to the Auto Switching options for any one of the HEADING data items are automatically assigned to the others upon exiting this dialog with OK. If the Auto Switching option is enabled and the respective HEADING source has been set to Primary, all others are automatically set to Secondary. The exception to this is when configuring a WinFrog Controlled Remote (WinFrog with a Remote module) from a Controller. In this case, changes made to one HEADING source are not automatically made to other HEADING sources. The operator must explicitly make them for each HEADING source.

This option is not available in the WinFrog Remote package.

**Disable/Enable Auto Switching Operation:**

Select the mode you wish to operate WinFrog.

**Age of data in seconds when switch occurs:**

Enter the age of data that is permitted before the source is considered to have failed.

**TELGRAM SPECIFICATION:**

Standard POSITION and HEADING data item raw data logging, 303 (GGA), 302 (GSA), 306 (GST) and 900 (VTG) raw records for the POSITION data item and the 410 and 910 records for the HEADING data item.