

TSYNC TIME CODE PROCESSORS

BOARD LEVEL TIMING



Safran TSync time code processors are complete synchronization systems on circuit cards ready for easy integration into mission-critical applications.

Each board has an onboard clock/oscillator that can phase-lock to a wide variety of external timing references and provides 5 ns resolution to the timekeeping hardware. The user can prioritize multiple references so if one is lost the unit will automatically switch to the next. The oscillator can be its own reference when it “freewheels” in the absence of a valid external synchronization source.

For applications where accuracy in this “holdover” conditional is essential, an upgrade to a higher precision ovenized crystal oscillator (OCXO) is available.

Four user-programmable time tag inputs may be used for multiple event capture at 10,000 events per second. Additionally, four programmable time match outputs are provided. Key to the TSync functionality is the ability to generate interrupts. Using a Safran driver package available for the latest versions of popular operating systems, you may configure your board using interrupt-driven algorithms to support your unique applications.

Safran TSync boards offer a high degree of ruggedness, customization and field upgradability. If a new application or change in deployment requires a different feature set, we can usually accommodate it.

Safran Electronics & Defense is with you every step of the way, building in the intelligence that gives you a critical advantage in observation, decision-making and guidance.

Technical Specifications

Form Factors

- PCIe, VPX
- Rugged design
- Conduction-cooled ready
- Conformal coating available

Available References

- GNSS synchronization (multi-constellation)
- SAASM GPS option
- IRIG timecode
- 1PPS
- Internal clock

Timing Function

- IRIG timecode generator
- 1PPS and programmable periodic output
- 10 MHz output
- Event time-tagging
- Time-match/alarm signal

Internal Timekeeping

Disciplined On-Board Clock

- Frequency: 200 MHz
- Resolution: 5 ns
- Sync Sources: GNSS, IRIG, 1 PPS inputs

Reference Inputs

GNSS Reference

- Frequency: GPS L1 (1575.42 MHz), GLONASS L1 (1602 MHz); contact the factory for compatibility with QZSS (1572.42 MHz), BeiDou (1561.1 MHz) and Galileo (1575.42 MHz)

Internal GNSS Receiver Option

- Front panel connector: SMA jack (+5 V at 30 mA max supplied to power antenna pre-amp)
- Antenna sold separately
- SMA to Type N adapter cable included

SAASM GPS Receiver Option (and VPX Only)

- Antenna sold separately
- SMA to Type N adapter cable included with convection cooled models
- See table for specs

IRIG

Code Format (AM or DCLS)

IRIG A, IRIG B, IRIG G, NASA36 (auto-detect), IEEE 1344/C37.118 (selectable)

AM

- Amplitude: 500 mV p-p min, 10 V p-p max
- Modulation Ratio: 2:1 min, 6:1 max
- Input Impedance: >10 K Ohms
- Common mode voltage: 3150 V DC max
- Input stability: Better than 100 ppm

DCLS (Differential or Single Ended)

- Differential amplitude: 200 mV p-p min, 5 V p-p max - 7V to +12 V DC max common mode voltage (RS-485 compatible)
- Single ended amplitude: +1.3V VIL min, +2 V VIH max (TTL compatible)

1PPS Input

- Amplitude: 0 V to +5.5 V, +0.8 V VIL, +2.0 V VIH
- 1 Hz Pulse, rising edge or falling edge active (selectable)
- 100 ns minimum pulse width
- Input Impedance: <150 pF capacitive

General Inputs (x4)

Event Time-Tag Input

- Amplitude: 0 V to +5.5 V, +0.8 V VIL, +2.0 V VIH
- Polarity (selectable): Positive or negative
- Pulse width: 50 ns min
- Repetition rate: More than 10,000 events per second
- Resolution: 5 ns

Outputs

IRIG

Code Format (AM or DCLS)

IRIG A, IRIG B, IRIG E, IRIG G, NASA36, IEEE 1344

AM

- Amplitude (adjustable): 500 mV p-p min, 5 V p-p max into 50 ohms
- Modulation ratio: 3:1
- Output impedance: 50 Ohms

DCLS

- Differential amplitude: 1.5 V p-p min, 3.3V p-p max, 31.5 V min, 1.8 V max common mode voltage (RS-485 compatible)
- Single ended amplitude: (100 Ohm Load) +0.5V VOL max, +2.5 V VOH min (TTL compatible)

1PPS

- Signal level: TTL compatible, 4.3 V minimum, base-to-peak into 50 (for PCIe only: TTL compatible, 2.2 V minimum, base-to-peak into high impedance)
- Pulse width: Configurable Pulse width (200 ms by default)
- Rise time: < 10 ns
- Accuracy: See table

General Outputs (x4)

Periodic Output

- Amplitude: TTL compatible, 4.3 V minimum, base-to-peak into 50 (for PCIe only: TTL compatible, 2.2 V minimum, base-to-peak into high impedance)
- Period: 100 ns min, 60 s max in 20 ns steps (10 MHz - 0.17 Hz)
- Pulse width: 20 ns min, 999 ms max in 20 ns steps
- Polarity (selectable): Positive or negative

Internal SAASM GPS Reference (VPX Only):

	Value
SAASM GPS Receiver	MPE-S Type II GB-GRAM
Frequency	L1 (1575.42 MHz) and L2 (1227.6 MHz) simultaneous L1- C/A, P(Y) L2 - P(Y)
Satellite Tracking	1 to 12
TTFF - Time to First Fix (Synchronization Time)	Cold Start (with almanac download): 15 minutes Cold Start (no almanac download): 5 minutes Warm Start: 90 seconds Hot Start: 10 seconds
TTSF - Time to Subsequent Fix (Reacquisition Time)	< 20 seconds, Off or Stby < 15 minutes < 25 seconds, Off or Stby < 60 minutes < 70 seconds, Off < 60 minutes
Antenna Connector	Convection Cooled: SMA Jack (+3.3 V @ 9 mA to 60 mA) Conduction Cooled: MMCX Jack (+3.3 V @ 9 mA to 60 mA)

10 MHz Frequency Output:

	TCXO	OCXO	OCXO Rugged Option (VPX only)
Accuracy (average over 24 hours when GPS locked)	1×10^{-11}	5×10^{-12}	2×10^{-12}
Medium Term Stability (without GPS after 2 weeks of GPS lock)	$1 \times 10^{-8}/\text{day}$	$2 \times 10^{-9}/\text{day}$	$5 \times 10^{-10}/\text{day}$
Phase Noise (dBc/Hz)			
@1 Hz	—	-90	—
@10 Hz	—	-113	-120
@100 Hz	-110	-120	-135
@1 KHz	-135	-140	-135
@10 KHz	-140	-150	-145
Signal Waveform & Levels: +13 dBm ± 3 dB into 50 ohm, BNC			

1 PPS Output:

	TCXO	OCXO	OCXO Rugged Option (VPX only)
Accuracy to UTC (1-sigma locked to GPS)	± 50 ns	± 50 ns	± 25 ns
Holdover (constant temp after 2 weeks of GPS lock)			
After 4 hours	12 μ s	3 μ s	1 μ s
After 24 hours	450 μ s	100 μ s	25 μ s

Time-Match/Alarm Output

- Amplitude: TTL compatible, 4.3 minimum, base-to-peak into 50
- 2.2 V minimum, base-to-peak into high impedance)
- Range: 100 days in 5 ns steps

10 MHz Output (Sine Wave)

- Harmonics: < -40 dBc
- Spurious: < -70 dBc
- Other specifications: See table

10 MHz LVDS Clocks via P2 Connector (VPX only)

- Four (4) LVDS differential pairs
- Impedance: 100 ohm
- Duty cycle: 50%
- Rise time: < 10 ns

General

PCIe Specifications

- Full-height mounting bracket provided
- Bus interface: Low-profile PCIe x1, Rev 1.1

VPX Specifications

- 3U VPX form-factor compliant to VITA-46
- 3.9" x 6.3" (100 mm x 160 mm)
- Connectors to VITA 46.0 for P0, P1, and P2
- Bus interface: PCIe x1, Rev 1.1

Conduction Cooling (VPX only)

- Per VITA 46/IEEE 1101.2 (VPX)
- Thermal frame available by request

- Component elevations available for custom thermal frame design

Power

See table below.

Environmental

Temperature

- Operating: -40°C to 80°C (-40°F to +176°F) at card edge with conduction cooled frame
- Storage: -40°C to 85°C (-40°F to +185°F)

Humidity

- Operating & storage: 95% RH at 60°C for 5 cycles of 48 hours/ cycle

Physical

Weight (base configurations)

- PCIe: 4.3 oz/122 g
- PMC: 3.1 oz/88 g
- cPCI: 6.1 oz/173 g (without thermo frame), 11.4 oz/323 g (with thermo frame)
- VPX: 6.3 oz/179 g (without thermo frame), 11.6 oz/329 g (with thermo frame)
- PCI-104: 3.4 oz/96 g

Safety & EMI

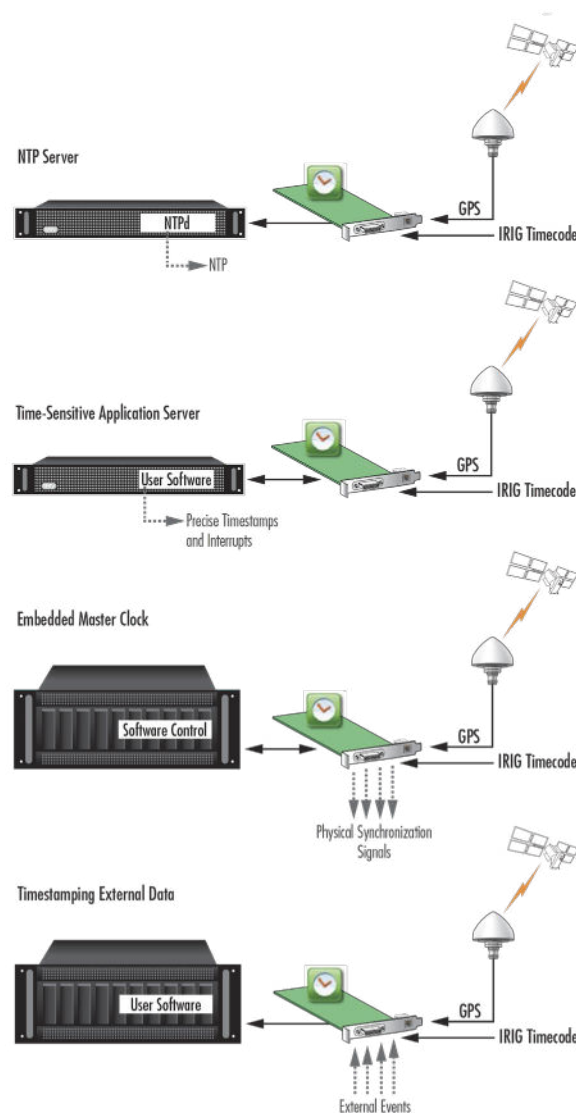
Certifications: RoHS, CE, FCC Class A

Drivers

Linux* 64/32 bit, Windows 7 64/32 bit, Windows Embedded

*Contact sales for specific kernel versions

Timing Board Use Cases



Power:

	+5 VDC	+3.3 VDC	+12 VDC	-12 VDC
PCIe	—	±5% @ 0.7A typ	±8% @ 0.2A typ	—
VPX	Vs3: +5%/-2.5% @ 0.4A typical TCXO, OCXO options @ 0.6A typical rugged OCXO option @ 1.4A maximum rugged OCXO option warm-up	Vs2: +5%/-2% @ 0.85A typ	Vs1: ±5% @ 0.2A typ	12V_AUX: ±5% @ 0.2A typ

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