

AMC006

AMC Time and Frequency with Onboard GPS and IRIG



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Key Features

- GPS/PTP (1588)/IRIG/NTP Grand Master Clock
- Synchronous Ethernet
- Three arbitrary frequency disciplined clocks
- IRIG AM decoder input/IRIG DCLS input/output
- AMC.1 Dual PCIe Gen2 x4 or AMC.2 Dual 10GbE
- AMC.2 Dual 1000Base-X (one can mux to front RJ-45)
- 100ns precision UTC timestamps, system status and GPS positions via PCIe
- TSIP data Broadcast/Multicast/Unicast via Ethernet w/ bonding/failover
- Battery or SuperCap Almanac/Ephemeris/Last position back-up
- 1PPS PCIe interrupt, time events, time trigger for overall system/software synchronization
- Holds over clocks/1PPS using OCXO
- GPS NMEA serial port

Benefits

- Complete GPS/PTP (1588)/IRIG/NTP solution
- Flexible allocation to backplane clock signals
- Grand-Master Clock/Clock Bridge capability
- Electrical, mechanical, software, and system-level expertise in house
- Full system supply from industry leader
- AS9100 and ISO9001 certified company

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The AMC006 provides a complete, feature-rich, GPS/PTP (1588)/IRIG/NTP bus-level timing solution to a MTCA/ATCA system, with exceptional flexibility.

The onboard GPS receiver, or 1PPS, or Inter-Range Instrumentation Group (IRIG) input, is used to discipline the local oscillator and cancel out any oscillator drift or aging. Precision UTC timestamps and GPS location/time/status are all made available via PCIe registers to the host CPU/application. Time trigger output and time event interrupts synchronized to GPS UTC are available under host control. GPS location/time/status data is Broadcast/Unicast output via backplane Ethernet with selectable bonding/failover behavior.

The board can demodulate IRIG Amplitude Modulated (AM) signals and receive/transmit IRIG DC Level Shift (DCLS) signals. The disciplined clock, 1PPS, divided-down clocks, IRIG DCLS, and time trigger may be output in any combination to the TCLKA/TCLKB/TCLKC/TCLKD backplane channels. It also acts as a Grand-Master Clock/Clock Bridge between GPS/PTP (1588)/IRIG/NTP to provide enhanced flexibility to your system design. The board also supports Synchronous Ethernet (SyncE) to eliminate clock drift at the Ethernet PHY level.

A back-up battery or SuperCap provides non-volatile storage of the Almanac, Ephemeris, and last position data to enable rapid “warm start” re-acquisition, usually within 35 seconds.

The module’s console is available via front serial or SSH via Ethernet. Locking/holdover status is also available via IPMI sensors. A secondary serial port enables GPS NMEA data in/out.



Figure 1: AMC006

Block Diagram

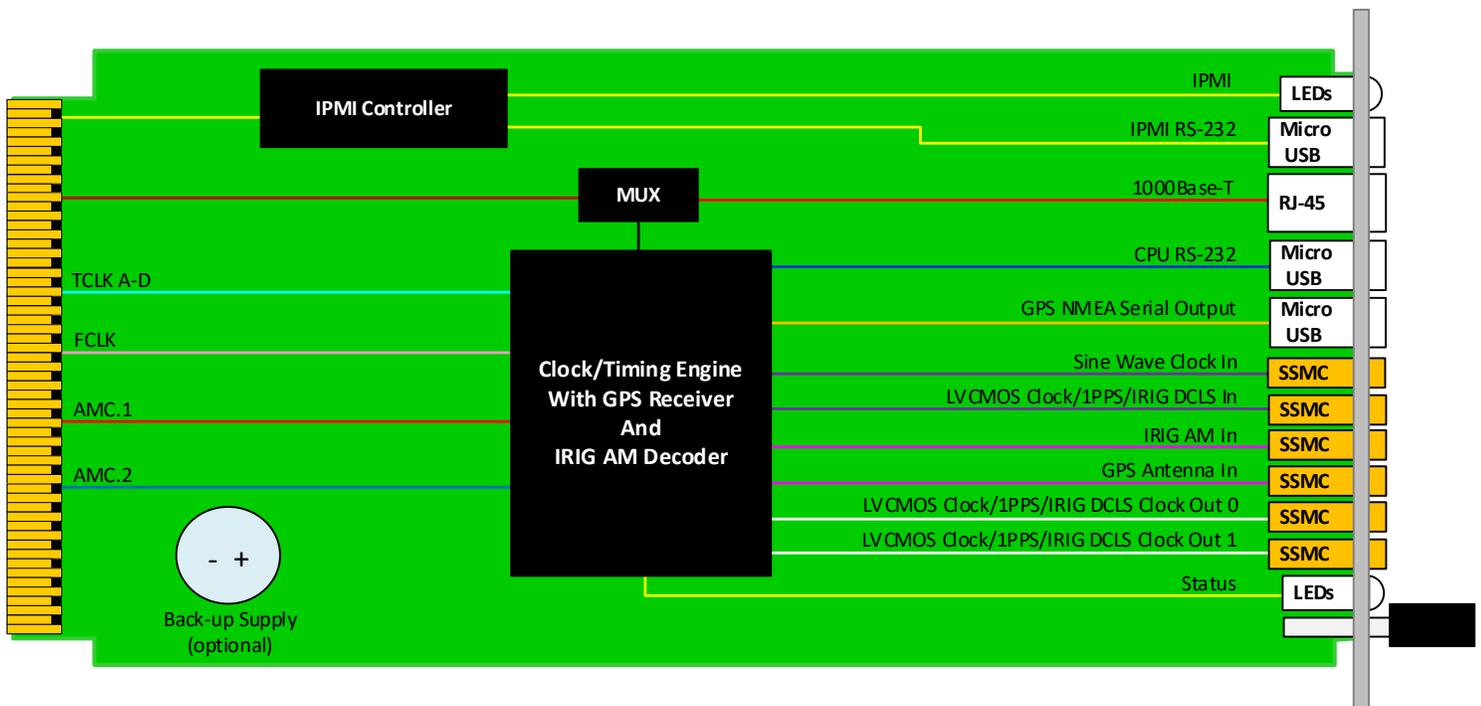


Figure 2: AMC006 Functional Block Diagram

GPS Receiver

The AMC006 includes an onboard GPS receiver which is capable of obtaining precise timing information from the GPS satellite constellation via a +3.3V active GPS antenna. (The module provides the power to antenna.) The antenna connection includes short/open detection circuitry and this status is provided via sensors. The GPS receiver provides NMEA serial data out the front panel for interfacing to other equipment. The receiver provides the clock/timing engine with location, velocity, time, and status information as well as a 1PPS pulse. The clock/timing engine integrates this information together to create accurate time/clock references to the rest of the system.

IRIG AM Demodulator

The AMC006 includes an onboard IRIG Amplitude Modulated (AM) signal demodulator. The output of this demodulator includes time code data as well as 1PPS and reference frequency signals. The clock/timing engine integrates this information together to create accurate time/clock references to the rest of the system.

Ethernet Ports with PTP (IEEE1588), NTP and Synchronous Ethernet

The AMC006 includes two 1000Base-X Ports to the backplane base fabric (one of which can be re-directed to a 1000Base-T Port on the front panel). It also includes two optional XAUI (10GbE) Ports to the backplane fat pipes fabric. Any of these ports can be declared a Synchronous Ethernet (SyncE) master (or some other clock reference can be the master internally) and the other Ports can be slaved to match the clock of the master Port; this eliminates drift within the Ethernet PHY layer of the system when used in conjunction with other equipment that supports SyncE. All of these Ports can also participate in PTP (IEEE1588) or NTP time synchronization protocols. The AMC006 can be a PTP/NTP master or a PTP/NTP slave and can bridge PTP/NTP to/from other timing protocols. The board can also broadcast/multicast/unicast the GPS Receiver's TSIP data (location/velocity/approximate time/status) to these Ports.

Front Panel Clock I/O

The AMC006 can accept a sine wave clock in the range of 10 MHz to 3 GHz for use in disciplining the onboard clock synthesizer. This sine wave clock can also be routed to other clock outputs if the frequency is kept within a more limited range of 10 MHz to 350 MHz.

An LVCMOS clock input is also provided which can be used to input a clock or a 1PPS signal in the range of DC to 315 MHz. This port can also be used to input IRIG DCLS time code as an alternative to the IRIG AM Demodulator input.

Two LVCMOS clock outputs are provided which can output many different clocks, 1PPS signals, and/or IRIG DCLS signals from within the unit via an onboard cross-point switch matrix used for routing. These outputs can be used for signals ranging from DC to 200 MHz.

Backplane Clock I/O

The AMC006 connects to all four AMC TCLK channels: TCLKA (CLK1)/TCLKB (CLK2)/TCLKC/TCLKD and can input/output clocks, 1PPS signals, and/or IRIG DCLS signals using the onboard cross-point switch matrix used for routing. These inputs/outputs can be used for signals ranging from DC to 350 MHz.

When used with a PCIe fat pipes fabric the AMC006 can accept a 100 MHz PCIe reference clock on FCLKA (CLK3) for synchronous PCIe clocking supporting Spread Spectrum Clocking (SSC), or the board can make use of its own onboard 100 MHz PCIe reference clock for asynchronous PCIe clocking. The board does not output any clock to FCLKA (CLK3).

Clock Disciplining and Arbitrary Frequency Synthesis

The AMC006 uses an OCXO (Oven Controlled Crystal Oscillator) and a high-quality network synchronizer PLL to create a disciplined clock and 1PPS pulse from the GPS/IRIG/1PPS input. The disciplined clock can be any arbitrary frequency up to the limits of the outputs as described above. The clock and 1PPS pulse hold over if the input reference is lost to avoid disruption of the downstream clients depending on them.

The board also supports two additional disciplined clocks which can be used to clean up arbitrary references and output arbitrary frequencies. These can also be slaved to the GPS/IRIG/1PPS input as well in case all three output clocks are desired to be derived from a common reference. The OCXO provides exceptional stability during holdover due to the way the oven maintains the crystal within its optimal temperature zone of operation.

PCIe Precision Timestamping Engine

The AMC006 is a complete bus-level timing solution. It maintains precision timestamps using the GPS-disciplined oscillator and can provide these timestamps on demand via PCIe registers to an external host CPU (Processor AMC). Additional data is also available such as the GPS location/velocity/status information. Enhanced features such as 1PPS interrupts, time event interrupts, and time trigger output signal are also enabled under software control from the customer's application running on the host CPU.

Dual-Core CPU/Console

The AMC006 uses a high-performance dual-core CPU running embedded Linux to host the VadaTech clock/timing software. The CPU console can be accessed via the front panel serial port or via SSH using any of the Ethernet Ports. The software/firmware is upgradable in the field using SCP protocol to transfer the field upgrade package to the board for execution.

Specifications

Architecture	
Physical	Dimensions Single module, mid-size (full-size options available) Width: 2.89" (73.5 mm) Depth: 7.11" (180.6 mm)
Type	AMC Clock GPS/PTP (1588)/IRIG/NTP Clock w/OCXO
Standards	
AMC	Type AMC.1 and AMC.2
Module Management	IPMI IPMI v2.0
Configuration	
Power	AMC006 ~6W
Environmental	Temperature See Ordering Options and Environmental Spec Sheet Storage Temperature: -40° to +95°C Vibration Operating 9.8 m/s ² (1G), 5 to 500 Hz Shock 30Gs on each axis Relative Humidity 5 to 95% non-condensing
Front Panel	Interface Connectors SSMC connector for GPS Antenna, SSMC connector for IRIG AM in, x4 SSMC connectors for clocks in/out x3 Micro USB for Serial Interface RJ-45 for GbE LEDs IPMI management control Payload power, power good, reset, etc. Mechanical Hot-swap ejector handle
Other	
MTBF	MIL Hand book 217-F@ TBD hrs
Certifications	Designed to meet FCC, CE and UL certifications, where applicable
Standards	VadaTech is certified to both the ISO9001:2015 and AS9100D standards
Warranty	Two (2) years, see VadaTech Terms and Conditions

INTEGRATION SERVICES AND APPLICATION-READY PLATFORMS

VadaTech has a full ecosystem of OpenVPX, ATCA and MTCA products including chassis platforms, shelf managers, AMC modules, Switch and Payload Boards, Rear Transition Modules (RTMs), Power Modules, and more. The company also offers integration services as well as pre-configured Application-Ready Platforms. Please contact VadaTech Sales for more information.

Ordering Options

AMC006 – A0C-0E0-GHJ

A = GPS/RTC Back-up Supplies 0 = No back-up supplies 1 = Lithium battery 2 = SuperCap 3 = Lithium battery and SuperCap		G = Ruggedization Level** 0 = No ruggedization 1 = Contact VadaTech 2 = Contact VadaTech 3 = Contact VadaTech
	E = Fabric on Ports 4-7 and 8-11 0 = Dual 10GbE 1 = PCIe on 4-7, 10GbE on 8-11 2 = Dual PCIe	H = Temperature Range*** 0 = Commercial (–5° to +55°C) 1 = Industrial (–20° to +70°C) 2 = Extended (–40° to +85°C)
C = Front Panel Size 1 = Reserved 2 = Mid-size 3 = Full-size 4 = Mid-size, SLF, single screw*		J = Conformal Coating 0 = No coating 1 = Humiseal 1A33 Polyurethane 2 = Humiseal 1B31 Acrylic

Notes:
 *The VadaTech Single Latching Flange (SLF) provides one latching flange and screw on the left side of the AMC front panel (opposite side of the standard AMC latching handle).
 **Ruggedization level is in accordance with MTCA.2 and MTCA.3 specifications.
 ***Edge of module for conduction cooled boards, consult factory for availability.

Related Products

AMC723



- Single module, mid-size (option for full-size) per AMC.0
- Processor AMC with Intel® Xeon™ with PCH
- PCIe Gen2 x4 on Ports 4-7 (AMC.1)

UTC004



- Unified 1 GHz quad-core CPU for MCMC, Shelf Manager, Clocking, and Fabric management
- Automatic fail-over with redundant UTC004s
- Full Layer 2 or 3 managed Ethernet switches

VT814



- MicroTCA rack mount or desktop chassis platform, 19" x 2U x 14.2" deep
- Compliant to MTCA.4 specifications with rear I/O for High-Energy Physics and other applications
- Supports up to six MTCA.4 mid-size, double module AMCs and RTMs

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