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SP80 V3.49 Firmware Release

Introduction

This document is the firmware release notes for the [SP80 V3.49](#). This version is a minor release with bug fixing only.

Because this version will not bring any new feature, upgrade will be available for free without the need of warranty extension.

Upgrade Procedure

The customers can upgrade the receiver with the version [V3.49](#) by following one of this procedure:

- 1- Copy the file [sp80_upgrade_v3.49.tar](#) to a SD Card (its size must be at least 256Mbytes, and it is preferable to use an empty and recently formatted SD Card)
- 2- Switch off the SP80
- 3- Plug the SP80 into an external power and make sure that there is also an internal battery
- 4- Insert SD Card to the SP80
- 5- Turn on the SP80 while keeping pressed the button 'Scroll' (during about 5 seconds)
- 6- Wait for the complete upgrade (it should take few minutes)

Firmware list and versions

General version number: [V3.49 – 5/07/2023](#)

OS: [2.6.37 #800](#)

U-Boot: [1.32](#)

PVT: [LP73V32](#)

DSP: [LC73V32](#)

SL: [LS73V32](#)

WEB Service: [LW73V06](#)

HTML Pages: [LH73V11](#)

BT: [7.2.31](#)

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PMU: [3.X](#)
GSM: [02.003](#)
XDL: [V02.04\(3\)](#)

The software compatible with SP80 [V3.49](#) are:

- FAST Survey: [5.0.3](#)
- Survey Pro: [6.0.1](#)
- Trimble Access: [2017.0](#)
- RINEX Converter: [4.6.11](#)
- Survey Office (64-bits): [3.81](#)
- USB Serial Emulation: [1.1](#)
- Spectra Precision Loader: [8.8.0](#)
- Spectra Precision File Manager: [1.4.0](#)

New features (since version 3.48)

No new features

Improvements (since version 3.48)

No Improvement

Resolved problems (since version 3.48)

1. **NMEA output:** it was not possible to program any NMEA output to the serial with Spectra Origin and Trimble Access due to a problem in the SP80 firmware. This problem is now resolved.

Known Issues

1. **Firmware Upgrade:** It is not recommended to upgrade the firmware with SP Loader using the serial cable. You must use the SD Card or the USB cable.
2. **Trimble Access:** to power up the SP80 modem, you will need to try the Internet setup wizard twice. The first attempts will probably time out.

Recommendations

1. **Beta version:** the official version contains 2 numbers (ex: 1.2). If the receiver contains a version with 3 digits (ex: 1.2.5), it means that it is a beta release and this beta release can be used only 90 days after the release date. After 90 days, the receiver will not answer to any command, and the only thing to do is to upgrade the receiver with an official version.
2. **SD Card:** the receiver supports the standard SD Card and the SDHC card up to 32Gb. It does not support the SDXC.
3. **Ionosphere activity:** Today we are at the peak of ionosphere activity which can affect/degrade receiver performance. User must realize that often 3rd party reference data provider is equally responsible for performance degradation because of generating much less correcting data compared to quiet ionosphere conditions. User is recommended also contacting Network data provider in case of RTK problems.
4. **ATL log:** We recommend end user in case of receiver performance problem to record atl.log and share it with Tech Support. W/o atl.log file, the ability to help end user will be much less.
5. **6 GNSS:** While SP80 can work with different subsets of GNSS (e.g. GLO only, BDS only, GLO+BDS), user must realize that exclusion of any available GNSS system may result in degraded positioning performance
6. **6 GNSS:** While SP80 can track and use the observables from all 6 GNSS, for differential (RTK rover) operation it can be possible only if base provides respective reference data. Today with RTCM-3.1 protocols these reference data can be available only for L1/L2 GPS and GLONASS, so SP80 cannot take a benefit of other signals. Only the following 2 cases can allow effective RTK usage of all tracking signals:
 - Using own SP80 base generating either ATOM or RTCM-3.2 (MSM) differential data
 - Using 3rd party services supporting RTCM-3.2 (MSM) data generation
7. **NTRIP:** When working with Ntrip service, user is recommended to select VRS mount point over MAC and FKP. In general with wide variety of different mount points, always try select GNSS points.
8. **RINEX:** when converting receiver raw data to RINEX it is desirable to generate RINEX-3.02 (latest released version) data as legacy RINEX-2.11 does not support many of GNSS signals SP80 tracks.