

# FlexCom104-GPS Manual

## Flexible Communications PC/104 Platform With GPS

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## PREFACE

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## Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION

### **General Description**

The FlexCom104-GPS has the following restrictions:

- Both Universal Socket modules supplied with 5V. No support for 3.3V socket modules
- Only Multitech Universal Socket wireless modules supported.

The FlexCom104-GPS is a communications platform capable of supporting two of the Multitech Universal Socket compatible devices. Embedded in the FlexCom104-GPS is a quad UART (ST16C554DIQ64) to provide communications to the two Universal Sockets, a mounting point for the FV-4H GPS and an additional serial port. The ST16C554DIQ64 is an enhanced quad UART with 16 byte FIFOs on both transmit and receive.

The PC/104 bus provides access to quad UARTs. One UART port is connected to the auxiliary serial port.

The FlexCom104-GPS supports wireless Multitech modules, with mounting holes.

In this document, the term “serial port” refers to a UART based communications port that is available on pin headers.

### **Features**

- *Two Multitech compatible Universal Sockets*
- *One RS-232 serial port on a 2x5 pin 2mm header with a MAX3250 ±50V isolated interface*
- *One mounting location for an FV-4H GPS*
- *PC/104 interface to high speed quad UART*
- *Selectable I/O address & IRQ*
- *Supports 5V Multitech modules*
- *GPS 1 Pulse per Second LED*
- *GPS 1 Pulse Per Second line fed to Carrier Detect line for time synchronization as per the standard PPSKit configuration*

## Specifications

| Module specifications               |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Model                               | FlexCom104-GPS          |
| Supplied oscillator frequency       | 14.7456MHz              |
| Universal Sockets                   | 2                       |
| RS232 Serial ports                  | 1                       |
| Size, PC/104 form factor compliant* | 3.55"W x 3.75"L x 0.6"H |

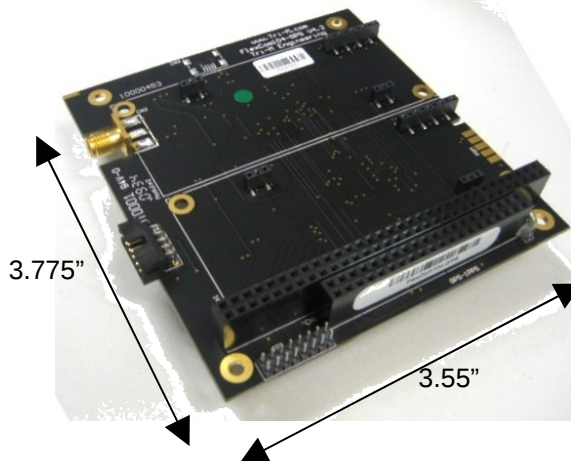
\*Height measured without Universal Socket module installed.

\*Some Universal Socket modules may be large enough to violate the PC/104 form factor.

| UART specifications |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Model               | ST16C554DIQ64 |
| FIFOs               | 16 bytes      |
| Ports               | 4             |

| Serial port specifications |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Protocol                   | RS-232 |
| Duplex RS-232              | Full   |

Figure 1: FlexCom104-GPS Dimensions



## Chapter 2 CONFIGURATION

### 2.1 Introduction

Chapter 2 describes the software and hardware configuration required to properly integrate the FlexCom104-GPS into a PC/104 Stack

The FlexCom104-GPS has configuration jumpers for I/O address, IRQ, mode of operation, and module voltage.

### 2.2 Software Configuration

A utility is available from the Tri-M website ([www.tri-m.com](http://www.tri-m.com)) to configure the FlexCom104-GPS under Windows. Under Linux, setserial can be used to configure the FlexCom104-GPS.

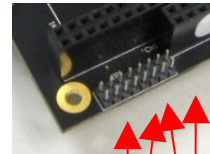
The following command would configure the Linux kernel to use Module 1 as /dev/ttyS2 correctly with the default settings.

```
setserial /dev/ttyS2 port 0x100 irq 7 uart 16850 baud_base 921600 spd_vhi
```

### 2.3 IRQ Interrupt Configuration

The FlexCom104-GPS can be configured for IRQ5, IRQ7, IRQ10, IRQ11 and IRQ12 by the installation of jumper shunts on JP1 as per Table 1.

| PC/104 IRQ Signal | Jumper JP1 Position Shunts |            |            |            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                   | 3                          | 2          | 1          | 0          |
| <b>IRQ7 *</b>     | <b>No</b>                  | <b>No</b>  | <b>No</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
| Reserved          | No                         | No         | No         | Yes        |
| Reserved          | No                         | No         | Yes        | No         |
| Reserved          | No                         | No         | Yes        | Yes        |
| Reserved          | No                         | Yes        | No         | No         |
| Reserved          | No                         | Yes        | No         | Yes        |
| <b>IRQ12</b>      | <b>No</b>                  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b>  |
| <b>IRQ11</b>      | <b>No</b>                  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>IRQ10</b>      | <b>Yes</b>                 | <b>No</b>  | <b>No</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
| Reserved          | Yes                        | No         | No         | Yes        |
| <b>IRQ7</b>       | <b>Yes</b>                 | <b>No</b>  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b>  |
| Reserved          | Yes                        | No         | Yes        | Yes        |
| <b>IRQ5</b>       | <b>Yes</b>                 | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b>  | <b>No</b>  |
| Reserved          | Yes                        | Yes        | No         | Yes        |
| Reserved          | Yes                        | Yes        | Yes        | No         |
| Reserved          | Yes                        | Yes        | Yes        | Yes        |



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**JP1 Jumper Shunts**

Where "Yes" = shunt installed, "No" = shunt not installed

- o No jumper shunt installed default is IRQ7.

## 2.4 Serial Port I/O Address Configuration

The FlexCom104-GPS I/O address can be configured by the installation of jumper shunts on JP1 as per Table 2.

Table 1: Serial Port I/O Address Configuration

| Serial Port I/O Addresses - Hex |                    |                        |                                     | Jumper JP1<br>Position Shunts |     |     |     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Socket<br>Modem# 1              | Socket<br>Modem# 2 | On-board GPS<br>Module | External RS232<br>Serial Port – CN4 | 7                             | 6   | 5   | 4   |
| 100                             | 108                | 110                    | 118                                 | No                            | No  | No  | No  |
| 180                             | 188                | 190                    | 198                                 | No                            | No  | No  | Yes |
| 1C0                             | 1C8                | 1D0                    | 1D8                                 | No                            | No  | Yes | No  |
| 200                             | 208                | 210                    | 218                                 | No                            | No  | Yes | Yes |
| 240                             | 248                | 250                    | 258                                 | No                            | Yes | No  | No  |
| 280                             | 288                | 290                    | 298                                 | No                            | Yes | No  | Yes |
| 300                             | 308                | 310                    | 318                                 | No                            | Yes | Yes | No  |
| 380                             | 388                | 390                    | 398                                 | No                            | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Reserved                        |                    |                        |                                     | Yes                           | xx  | xx  | xx  |

Where “Yes” = shunt installed, “No” = shunt not installed, and “xx” = don’t care.

- o No jumper shunt installed default is base addresses 100, 108, 110 & 118

## 2.5 Power Source

Universal Socket modules are available in 3.3V and 5V models. The FlexCom104-GPS supports only 5V modules. The 5V power for the FlexCom104-GPS must be supplied over the PC/104 bus.

## 2.6 Inserting the Module

There are two Universal Socket module locations (Module1 and Module2) and modules will only fit in the FlexCom104-GPS in one orientation. Attempting to insert the module in any other orientation may damage the module or the FlexCom104-GPS.

Insert a module by placing the largest group of pins in their sockets at once, then align the rest of the pins, and apply pressure evenly to the module until it settles in the socket.

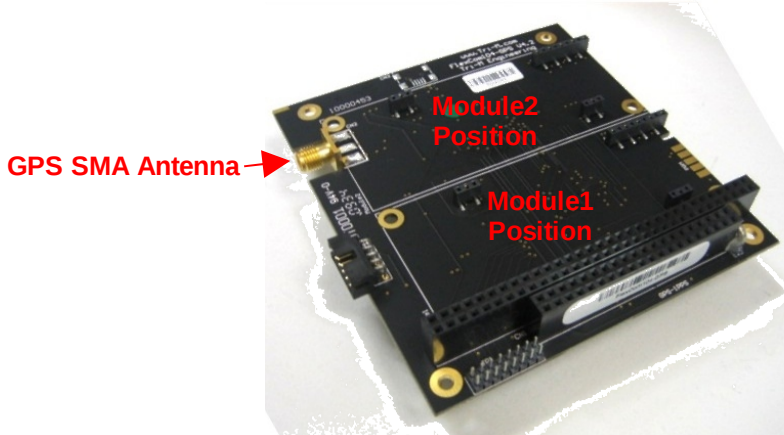
The antenna cable will need to be routed from the Wireless Modem module to the outside of the enclosure for the antenna to get a good signal.

## 2.7 Securing the Module

Wireless modules use two mounting screws to hold them into the socket. Two 4-40 1/8” countersunk screws can be used with 0.312” female standoffs to secure the module.

## 2.8 Connecting an FV-4H GPS

A GPS antenna must be connected to the SMA connector on the FlexCom104-GPS for the FV-4H GPS to operate.

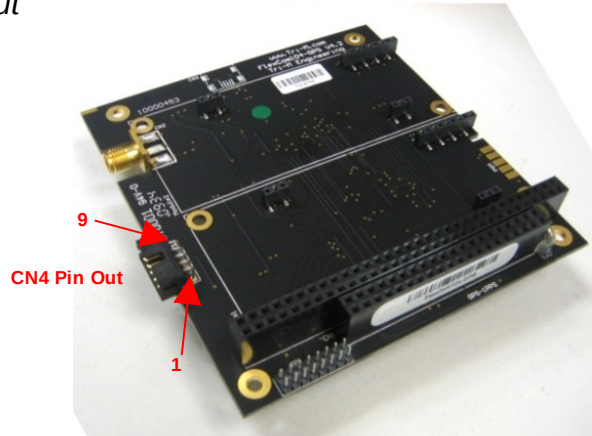


## 2.9 Connecting an External Serial Port

The serial port has the same pin out (see Table 3.6.1) as a standard IDC serial connector, however it has 2mm pin spacing.

Table 2: External Serial Port Pin Out

| Pin number | Pin Function |
|------------|--------------|
| 1          | CD           |
| 2          | DSR          |
| 3          | RXD          |
| 4          | RTS          |
| 5          | TXD          |
| 6          | CTS          |
| 7          | DTR          |
| 8          | RI           |
| 9          | GND          |
| 10         | NC           |



The external serial has an on-board level converter for speeds up to 250kbps and has built-in ESD protection.