This guide provides the basic information you need to setup and begin using your new Euro4 GPSCard. For more detailed information on the installation and operation of your receiver, please refer to the user manuals provided on the accompanying CD. To order a printed copy of the manuals, free of charge, follow the instructions given on the enclosed User Manuals card.

**BOX CONTENTS**

In addition to this Quick Start Guide, the following is provided with your Euro4 GPSCard:

- 1 ESD wrist strap
- 1 CD containing:
  - An installation program for NovAtel's GPS PC utilities, including GPSolution®
  - Product documentation, including user manuals
  - The OEM4 Software Development Kit
  - OEM4 Family Quick Reference Guide
  - User Manuals card for requesting printed manuals

**ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

The additional equipment listed below is needed for a basic setup:

- A Windows-based PC with an RS-232 DB-9 port
- A 5.0 ± 0.125 VDC power supply capable of providing at least 2.6 W
- An enclosure to protect against environmental conditions and RF interference
- A wiring harness to provide power to the receiver and access to the data and strobe signals, with one or more DB-9 connectors for serial communication with a PC or other data communications equipment
- A null modem cable
- A quality GPS antenna, like the GPS-600 offered by NovAtel
- An antenna RF cable with a SMB female connector at the receiver end, such as NovAtel’s C016 RF cable combined with an RF adapter cable

**SETTING UP YOUR EURO4 GPSCARD**

Complete the steps below to connect and power your GPSCard. See Volume 1 of the OEM4 Family User Manual for more information on steps 1 through 3.

1. Install the GPSCard and the wiring harness in a secure enclosure to reduce environmental exposure and RF interference, making sure to protect against ESD.

   If you do not take the necessary precautions against ESD, including using the provided ESD wrist strap, you may damage the GPSCard.

2. Mount the GPS antenna on a secure, stable structure with an unobstructed view of the sky.

3. Connect the GPS antenna to the GPSCard using the antenna RF cable and the RF adapter cable.

4. Connect a serial port on the receiver to a serial port on the PC using a null modem cable.

5. Connect the power supply to the GPSCard.

6. Plug in and/or turn on the power supply.

**INSTALLING THE PC UTILITIES**

Once the GPSCard is connected to the PC, antenna, and power supply, install NovAtel’s GPS PC utilities.

1. Start up the PC.

2. Insert the accompanying CD in the CD-ROM drive of the computer.

3. Install the PC utilities by advancing through the steps provided in the NovAtel GPS PC Utilities setup utility. If the setup utility is not automatically accessible when the CD is inserted, select Run from the Start menu and select the Browse button to locate Setup.exe on the CD drive.

**ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATION WITH THE RECEIVER**

To open a serial port to communicate with the receiver, complete the following.

1. Launch GPSolution from the Start menu folder specified during the installation process. The default location is Start | Programs | OEM4 PC Software.

2. Open the Device menu and select Open....

3. Select the New... button in the Open dialog box.

4. Enter a name for the new device configuration in the Name field of the New Config dialog box.

5. Select the Settings button.

6. Select the PC serial port the GPSCard is connected to from the PC Port drop-down list.

7. Select 57600 from the Baud Rate list.

8. Uncheck the Use hardware handshaking checkbox.

9. Select OK to save the settings.
10. Select the OK button to close the New Config dialog box and create the new device configuration.

11. Select the new configuration from the Available device configs list in the Open dialog box.

12. Select the Open button to open communications with the GPSCard.

USING GPSOLUTION

GPSolution provides access to key information about your receiver and its position. The information is displayed in windows accessed from the View menu. For example, select Position Window from the View menu to display the position of the receiver. To show details of the GPS and geostationary (SBAS) satellites being tracked, select Tracking Status Window from the menu.

ENTERING COMMANDS

The Euro4 GPSCard uses a comprehensive command interface. Commands can be sent to the receiver using the Console window in GPSolution, which is opened from the View menu. Commands are entered in the text box at the bottom of the window.

The following information is important when entering commands:
- Commands can be entered in three formats: ASCII, Abbreviated ASCII, and Binary. Abbreviated ASCII is the best format to use when you wish to work with the receiver directly.
- Press the Enter key to send the command string to the receiver.
- The commands are not case sensitive.

The OEM4 Family Quick Reference Guide provided with the receiver lists all the available commands and the parameters they use for the Abbreviated ASCII format.

LOGGING DATA

An extensive collection of logs has been created to capture the data your GPSCard receives and processes. These logs can be directed to any of the GPSCard’s serial ports and can be automatically generated when new or changed data becomes available or at regular intervals. The available logs are listed in the OEM4 Family Quick Reference Guide.

To log data, use the LOG command. For example, to log the pseudorange position to COM 2 every 30 seconds, enter the following:

```
LOG COM2 PSRPOS ONTIME 30
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Logs can be generated in one of three formats: ASCII, Abbreviated ASCII, or Binary. See Volume 2 of the OEM4 Family User Manual for information on the LOG command, specifying the output format, and the detailed contents of each log.

If you prefer, GPSolution provides a graphical interface for configuring data logging. Select Logging Control Window from the View menu. In the Logging Control window, you can select which logs to capture and choose which ports to send the data to. In addition, you can specify a file in which to save the data.

DETERMINING WHEN THE POSITION IS VALID

When the receiver has a valid position, the POSITION VALID strobe signal will go high. In addition, the Solution Status field in GPSolution’s Position window will show Computed.

ENABLING SBAS POSITIONING

Certain models of the Euro4 GPSCard are capable of SBAS positioning. This positioning mode is enabled using the WAASCORRECTION command. At the time of publication, the WAAS (North America) and EGNOS (Europe) systems are in test mode. As a result, the following commands are typically used to enable WAAS and EGNOS modes, respectively:

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WAASCORRECTION ENABLE 0 WAASTESTMODE
WAASCORRECTION ENABLE 120 EGNOSTESTMODE
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Once enabled, the Position Type field shown in GPSolution’s Position window should change from Single to WAAS.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

If you have any questions or comments regarding your Euro4 GPSCard, please contact NovAtel Customer Service using one of the methods provided below.

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