

# STONEX S999 GNSS Receiver **User Manual**





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### 1. Introduction

This document is the user guide for S999, and it's intended to introduce to the correct use of the receiver.

The S999 is a versatile and advanced GNSS receiver that caters to the needs of various applications, including surveying, mapping, and navigation. One of its key features is the presence of two cameras, which provide the operator with real-time visual assistance during the stake-out. The frontal camera allows for applying photogrammetric techniques to expand the system's usage possibilities.

The S999 incorporates innovative technology to deliver exceptional performance. It boasts a 1W radio transceiver with two frequency intervals (410-470 MHz and 902.4-928 MHz), a positioning refresh rate of up to 50Hz, and an integrated IMU, ensuring precise position updates. The device's 32GB memory capacity resolves storage issues, while the 4G modem ensures reliable connectivity.

The S999 is designed to withstand challenging environments with an IP68 rating, and an operating temperature range from -40°C to +65°C.

Additionally, the device is drop-resistant up to 2 meters, ensuring reliability even in difficult conditions. Despite its robust capabilities, the S999 maintains a lightweight design of approximately 1065g, making it highly portable without compromising resistance. The long-lasting battery guarantees uninterrupted operation for at least 10 hours, further enhancing the device's versatility and convenience.

S999 GSM modem is enabled to work with Worldwide LTE, UMTS, and GSM-based networks.

The Key Features of the S999 are:

- Multi-frequency and multi-constellation satellite reception
- 4G/3G/2G Network connectivity
- 2.1+EDR/5.0 Bluetooth
- Easy configuration using Stonex Cube-a Android application and Web User Interface
- Rugged housing •
- IP68
- Tilt correction IMU sensor
- Camera for stakeout aid
- Camera for photogrammetry
- UHF datalink with internal TX/RX 1W dual-frequency radio module (optional)



# 2. Receiver appearance

## 2.1 Front view



Num.	Item	Description	
1	Satellite indicator	Flashing red: position not calculated	
		Flashing green: position calculated without a fixed solution	
		Green: fixed solution	
		Flashing green and red alternately: GNSS board abnormal	
2	Bluetooth indicator	Blue: connected	
		Off: no connection	
3 Datalink indicator Green: datalink		Green: datalink setting success	
		Flashing green: data in normal transmission	
		Flashing blue: raw data recording, flashing frequency according to the sampling interval	
4	Battery indicator	Green: charge level between 30% and 100%	
		Flashing green: charge level between 10% and 30%	
		Flashing red: charge level lower than 10% with a warning beep	
		Device off while charging:	
		Green: charge completed	
		Red: in charge	
		<b>Power on</b> : keep pressed until you hear a beep. After three short beeps, the device is ready to work.	
		<b>Current working mode</b> : short press, if the speaker is enabled the device will describe the current working mode.	
		<b>Power off:</b> keep pressed until all LEDs start to flash, release then short press.	
		Self-test: keep pressing until all LEDs start to flash, release then long press until the LED stops flashing. The device will test the internal modules. If an error is found the device will start to beep, to stop it short press the power button. Please contact your local dealer if this happens.	



## 2.2 Bottom view

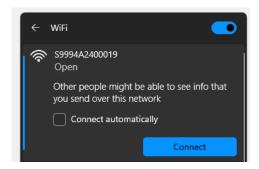


Num.	Item	Description	
1	USB type-C port	Charge port	
		Can be used to access the device's internal memory if connected to a PC using a USB to type-C cable. The S999 must be on to access the internal memory.	
The plastic cover is latched to the		The plastic cover is latched to the left.	
2	Sim card slot	Slot for Nano SIM Card, the card must not have a PIN code, insert the card while the device is off. The card is locked in by sliding the metal cover. The plastic cover is held by pressure.	
3	TNC connector for UHF antenna	Screw connector for UHF module external antenna. The plastic cover is latched to the right.	
4	5/8' connector	Screw connector for support	
5	Serial Number	Serial number of the device	
6	Camera	Camera for stakeout aid. To receive correct indications during stakeout the camera must face away from the operator.	



## 3. Web Interface

S999 Web User Interface (WebUI) functionality allows managing the receiver by connecting to its Wi-Fi hotspot. The name of the Stonex GNSS receiver hotspot is the receiver serial number.

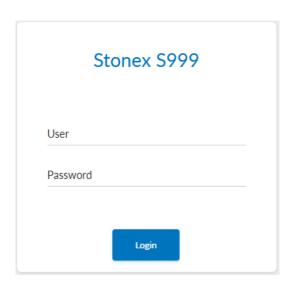


Once connected with a smartphone or PC, using any internet browser the WebUI is found at the IP address: 192.168.10.1

The standard credentials to access the WebUI are:

User: admin

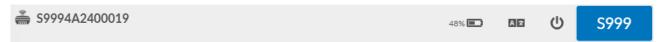
Password: password





#### 3.1 **Dashboard**

It's a summary of the status of the receiver, the top line is shared with all the other pages, it contains the serial number of the device, the battery charge status, the language selection button, the power options, and the device model.

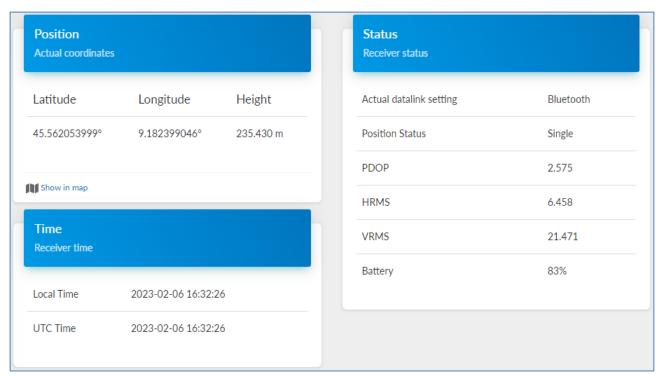


The language selected modifies the language of the WebUI and, if available, the language of the voice messages.

The second section contains the current working mode, the number of satellites used for positioning, and the expiration date of the current activation code.



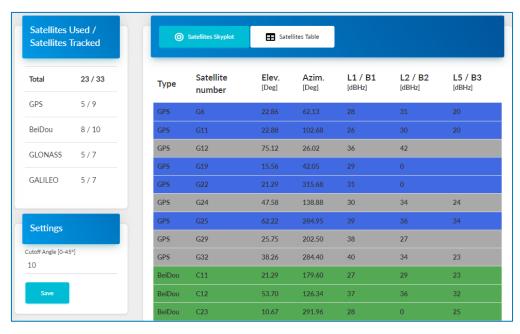
The third section recaps current WGS84 coordinates, Receiver time, and quality of the solution. Local time refers to the time zone set on the device setting page.

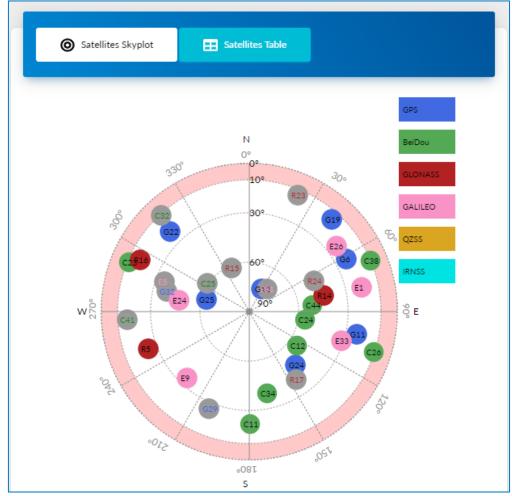




#### 3.2 **Satellites**

The satellites tracked in the form of a table and skyplot are shown here. In both views, constellations are color-coded. Satellites shown in grey are tracked but not used for positioning. It's also possible to set the cutoff angle, every satellite with a lower elevation will not be considered untracked.







#### 3.3 **Static Survey**

S999 it's able to record raw data while working as a base or as a rover. On this page is possible to set the option for raw data recording. Before changing any setting be sure that the device is not recording.

The point name can contain at maximum 4 alphanumeric characters, the antenna height can be measured with five different methods as explained by the picture. Select the correct method so that the correct phase centre offset is applied.

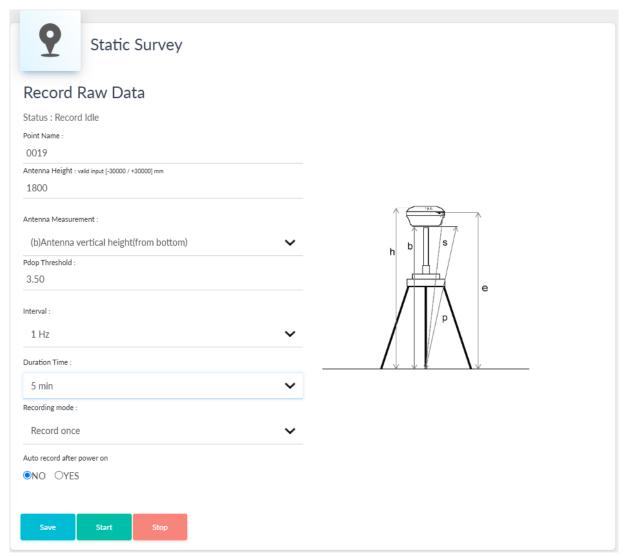
Interval: define the frequency of the recording, from once every minute (60 S) to twenty times in a second (20

**Duration**: define the length of a recording file. When a recording has reached the full duration, a new one will start if the Recording Mode is set to continuous recording.

Enabling auto-record after power on sets the receiver to start recording raw data when is turned on, as soon as the PDOP value is lower than the threshold set the recording will start.

Save: save the configuration without starting a recording

Start: will save the configuration and start the recording



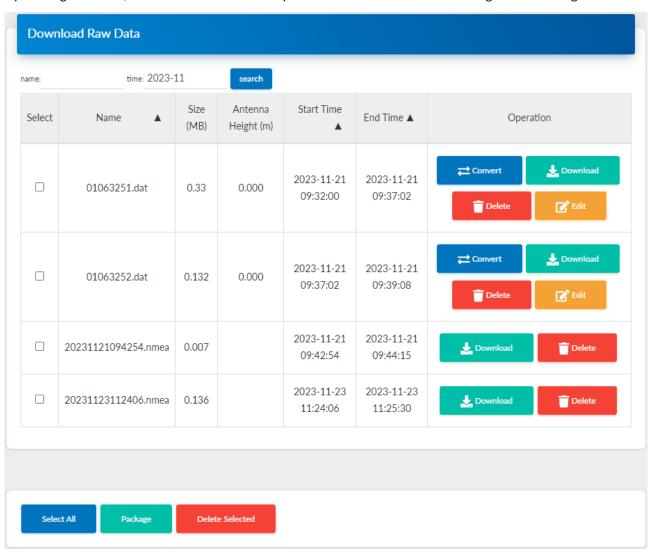


#### 3.4 **Download Raw Data**

From this page, it's possible to download and delete the log files (Raw data, Rinex, NMEA, self-test report), singularly on in batch.

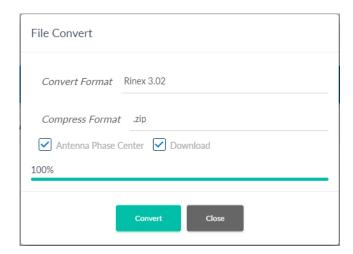
Is possible to filter the files by **name** and by **time**. Click on **search** to apply the filter.

By clicking on Name, Start Time or End Time is possible to sort the file in ascending or descending order.

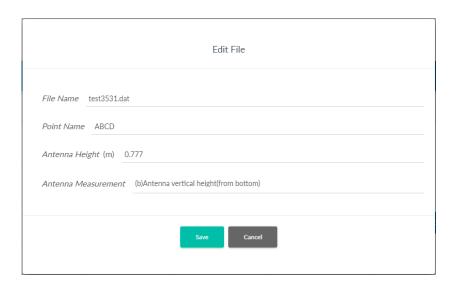




Is possible to convert the raw data files (\*.dat) in Rinex format by pressing Convert. The Rinex format can be changed as well as the compression format. If Antenna Phase Center is selected, the height in the Rinex will be the one of the Antenna Phase Center. If Download is selected the Rinex files will be downloaded automatically at the end of the conversion.



For every raw data file is showed the start time and the end time, the name, the size of the file, and its set antenna height. By pressing Edit, is possible to change the file name, point name, antenna height, and measurement type.



It's possible to manage the log files also by accessing the record folder in the internal memory of the device from a PC.



## 3.5 Working Mode

This page contains all the settings to set up RTK datalink

### 3.5.1 Rover

In Rover mode, S999 automatically recognizes the RTK corrections format between:

- **RTCM 3.2**
- RTCM 3.0
- RTCM 2.3
- CMR+
- CMR
- DGPS

It's necessary to correctly set the datalink between:

- UHF
- Network (SIM, Wi-Fi)
- Bluetooth

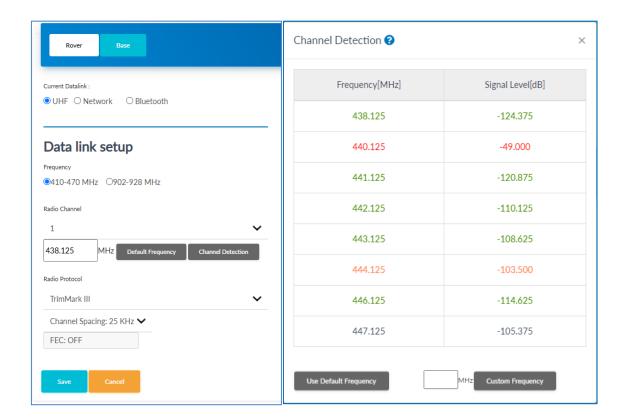


#### 3.5.1.1 **UHF Radio**

The S999 radio module support frequency range between 410MHz and 470MHz band. 8 channels with preset frequencies are available for quick configurations, and the frequency values can be edited and saved. This radio module can also support the frequency range between 902.4MHz and 928MHz using the hopping methodology.

The channel detection function allows one to check if the channel frequencies in the area are already used for transmission. In the example below it's possible to see a transmission on frequency 440.125 MHz, while the other frequencies are unused.

To receive the RTK corrections from the base, select the same frequency, radio protocol, spacing, and FEC. Be sure to connect a UHF antenna to adapt to the frequency of the transmission. For hopping frequencies is necessary to match the channel instead of the frequency.



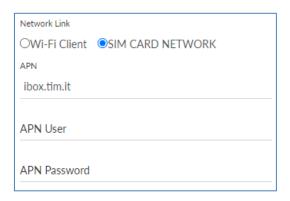


#### 3.5.1.2 **Network**

S999 can connect to the Internet using a SIM card or a Wi-Fi connection.

### **Internet Settings**

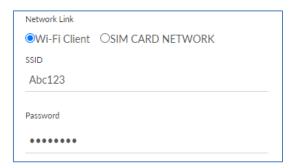
To use a SIM card, it must not have a PIN code, then set the SIM provider's Access Point Name (APN).



To use a Wi-Fi connection, the SSID and the password must be set manually. SSID and password must contain only alphanumeric characters.

Attention! Using this functionality will disable the S999 Wi-Fi hotspot and the IP address of the WebUI will change. To access the WebUI the procedure is the same as shown in Chapter 3, but it's necessary to connect to the same Wi-Fi network set in the WebUI and use the IP address associated with the S999 by the network instead of 192.168.10.1.

It's possible to reactivate the S999 Wi-Fi hotspot, using Stonex Cube-a by setting Wi-Fi connect mode: Master in Device > Wi-Fi Mode Settings.





### **Connection Settings**

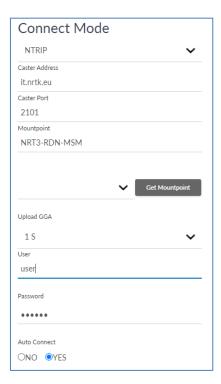
S999 uses the NTRIP protocol to receive corrections from the network.

To connect to an NTRIP caster it's necessary to set its IP address and port. The mount point can be written manually or selected from the list obtained by pressing Get Mountpoint, internet connection and caster IP address and port must be already set.

NTRIP Network often needs to know the position of the rover to provide the corrections, in these cases the GGA upload must be set at 1 second at least.

The user and Password are the ones necessary to access the Caster if needed.

If the "Auto connect" option is enabled, at start-up the S999 will use the last settings to connect automatically to the NTRIP caster.



CSD connect mode, allow receiving RTK corrections using a phone call, so it's necessary to have a SIM card enabled to perform phone call (voice and data).

### Relay Mode

By activating this option, the corrections received from the network will be broadcasted using the internal radio. (See the <u>radio settings</u>)

#### 3.5.1.3 Bluetooth

Bluetooth has no settings. The datalink's fully managed by the source of the transmission, for example, a controller with Stonex Cube-a will set the datalink to Bluetooth if the "Phone network" communication mode is selected.



### 3.5.2 Base

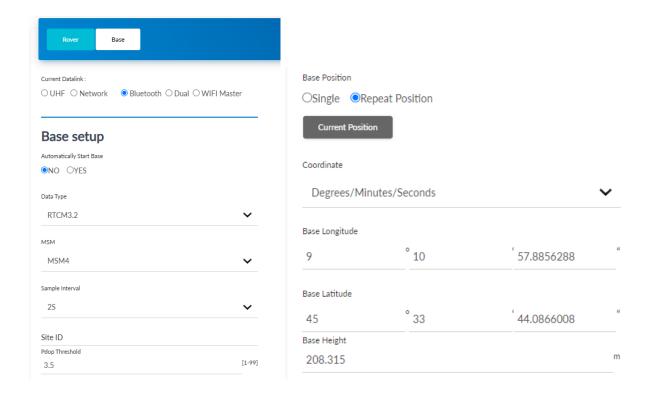
As Base S999 can provide RTK corrections in the following formats:

- RTCM 3.2 (MSM3, MSM4, MSM5, MSM6, MSM7)
- **RTCM 3.0**
- **RTCM 2.3**
- CMR+
- **CMR**
- **DGPS**

The sample interval value allows to change how often the corrections are transmitted by the base.

The PDOP threshold limits the use of the base if the PDOP value is higher.

To set the base position select Repeat Position, the coordinates requested are Longitude/Latitude/Height of the S999 phase center. The phase center offset can be found on the label or in the <u>Information</u> page. By selecting the "Single" option for the base coordinates, the S999 will set the phase center coordinates calculated at the start of the base transmission.





#### 3.5.2.1 **UHF Radio**

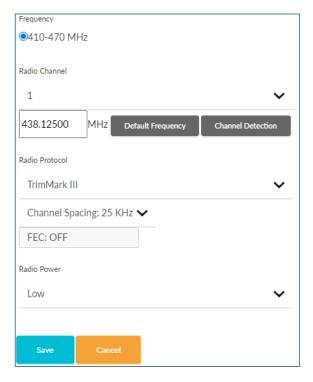
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The channel detection function allows one to check if the channel frequencies in the area, are already used for transmission. In the example below it's possible to see a transmission on frequency 440.125 MHz, while the other frequencies are unused. To avoid interference, use another frequency for the transmission. Be sure to connect the correct UHF antenna for the frequency of the transmission.

The maximum power output for the S999 UHF module is 1W, when radio power is set to Low the output is

The radio power affects the transmission range and the battery duration.

Attention! Local regulations can limit the use of UHF radio. Check before starting the transmission.







#### 3.5.2.2 Network

S999 can connect to the Internet using a SIM card or a Wi-Fi connection.

### **Internet Settings**

To use a SIM card, it must not have a PIN code, then set the SIM provider's Access Point Name (APN).



To use a Wi-Fi connection, the SSID and the password must be set manually. SSID and password must contain only alphanumeric characters.

Attention! Using this functionality will disable the S999 Wi-Fi hotspot and the IP address of the WebUI will change. To access the WebUI the procedure is the same as shown in Chapter 3, but it's necessary to connect to the same Wi-Fi network set in the WebUI and use the IP address associated with the S999 by the network instead of 192.168.10.1.

It's possible to reactivate the S999 Wi-Fi hotspot, using Stonex Cube-a by setting Wi-Fi connect mode: Master in Device > Wi-Fi Mode Settings.



### **Connection Settings**

S999 uses the NTRIP protocol to transmit corrections to a caster.

To connect to an NTRIP caster it's necessary to set its IP address and port.

Mountpoint is fixed to the device serial number.

The password is the one that can be requested by the Caster for the bases.

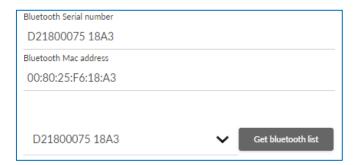
If the "Auto connect" option is enabled, at start-up the S999 will use the last settings to connect automatically to the NTRIP caster.

CSD connect mode, allow transmitting RTK corrections using a phone call, so it's necessary to have a SIM card with a phone number.



#### 3.5.2.3 **Bluetooth**

Using Bluetooth datalink allows the transmission of the corrections via Bluetooth to another device (ex. SR02 external radio). It's possible to scan for nearby Bluetooth devices, selecting a voice from the scan results will automatically complete the Serial number and Mac address field



#### 3.5.2.4 Dual

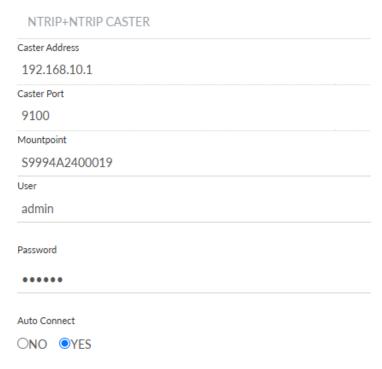
S999 can work at the same time with both <u>UHF</u> and <u>Network</u> datalink. Please refer to the respective section for the configuration settings.



#### 3.5.2.5 **WIFI Master**

S999 has a basic internal caster, to work as a standalone base.

## Connect Mode



The caster address and port cannot be changed. Mountpoint, User and Password can be changed. The default values are:

- Mountpoint: serial number of the device
- User: admin
- Password: pass

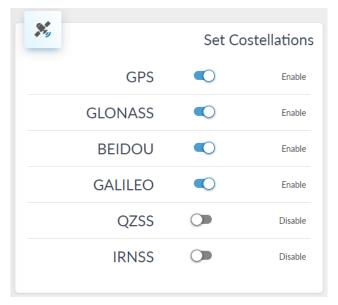
To receive the corrections from this base, the NTRIP Client must connect to the S999 WiFi hotspot identified by its serial number (like for connecting to the WebUI). The NTRIP Client settings are:

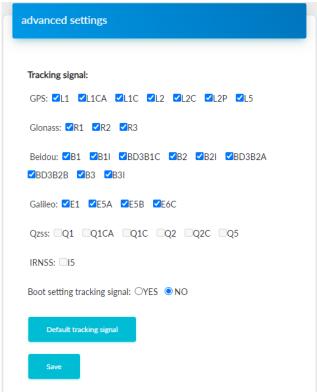
- IP address: 192.168.10.1
- Port: 9100
- Mountpoint: same as the one set for the base
- GGA Upload: not necessary
- User: same as the one set for the base
- Password: same as the one set for the base



### 3.6 **Satellite Settings**

From this page, it's possible to choose which constellation to track. In the advanced settings it's possible to select the signals to use, the password to access the advanced setting is config1234.



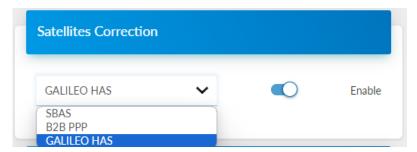


Like on the Satellite page, it's possible to change the satellite cut-off angle.

RTK timeout is the number of seconds that must pass without receiving RTK correction to consider the connections lost, and so revert the solution to single or to use the satellite corrections.



In the Satellite Corrections is possible to enable different source of corrections: SBAS, B2B PPP and Galileo HAS.



Once enabled, the device will start using the corrections received from the satellites to improve the quality of the position.

These satellites corrections have the vantage to not need any datalink aside the reception of the signals which carries the corrections and are available free of charge. The performances (accuracy and convergence time) and availability depend on the service selected.

RTK correction from other means (UHF, NTRIP, etc.) are applied separately, two different solutions are calculated in real time. The position obtained by classical RTK is dominant. The table below show which solution is used for the position based on the corrections received.

Satellite corrections Classic RTK	YES	NO
YES	Classic RTK	Classic RTK
NO	Satellite Corrections	Single

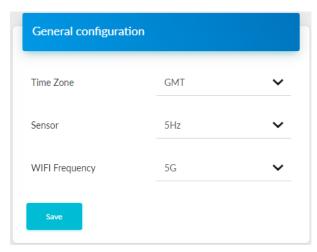
Attention! Different source of corrections could use different reference frame.



### **Device Settings** 3.7

This page contains other configuration option for S999, the first section include:

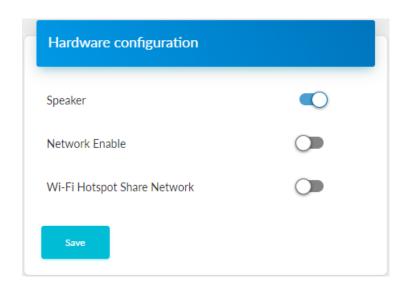
- <u>Time zone</u>: set the time zone to change the Local time as shown in the <u>Dashboard</u>
- Sensor: set the refresh rate of the IMU sensor
- WIFI Frequency: frequency of the S999 WiFi hotspot, 5G is necessary to be selected to use the camera functionality





### Hardware Configuration section contains:

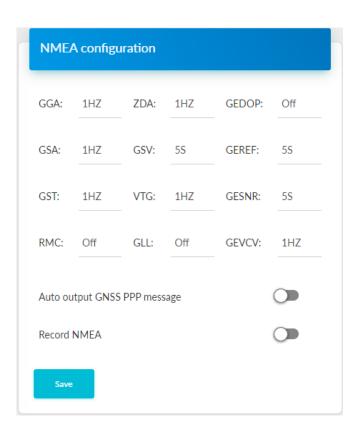
- Speaker: enable/disable the voice messages
- Network Enable: Enable 2G/3G/4G network
- Wi-Fi Hotspot Share Network: Internet connection sharing with devices connected to \$999 Wi-Fi hotspot





In NMEA Configuration is possible to set the frequency of the NMEA messages (up to 20Hz) transmitted via Bluetooth or onto the 5-pin port (External Port Output NMEA).

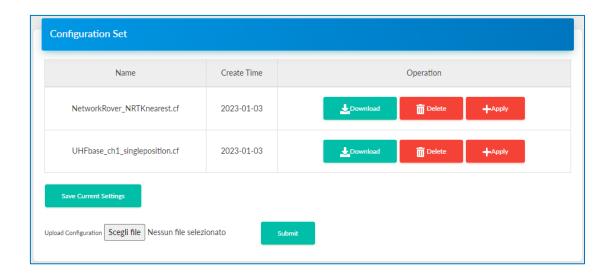
Enabling Record NMEA will create log files available in the <u>Download Raw Data</u> section.



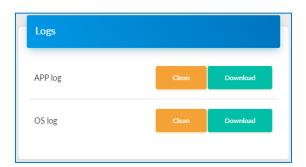


### Save Backup & Logs 3.8

On this page is possible to manage configuration settings. Since S999 maintains the latest configuration set even if powered off, this function can be useful if is often necessary to switch between different configurations.



Here are also available the system logs

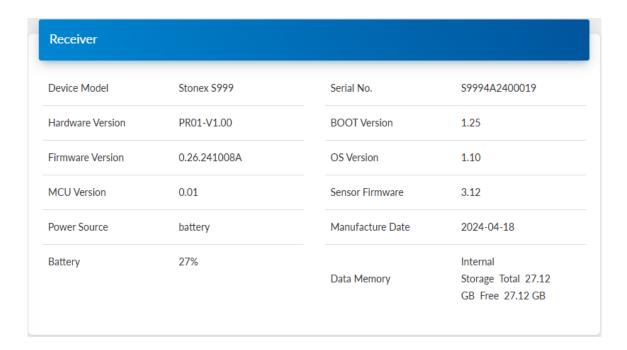




#### 3.9 Information

This page contains information about the S999 hardware and firmware.

In the Receiver section, is shown the motherboard firmware version together with much other useful information like the available memory and the battery status.



The GNSS Board section shows the GNSS board serial number and firmware version.





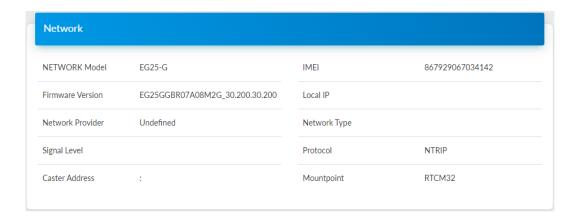
The antenna section contains the model and the geometrical values of the GNSS antenna:

- HL1: distance of the L1 frequency phase center from the GNSS antenna base
- HL2: distance of the L1 frequency phase center from the GNSS antenna base
- H: distance of GNSS antenna base from the S999 base
- R: radius of the GNSS antenna

So, the phase center offsets from the base of the S999 are calculated as H+HL1 and H+HL2.



In the Network section are located information about the S999 internal modem, as well as the current Internet connection settings.



the UHF section shows the current radio settings and the current UHF firmware



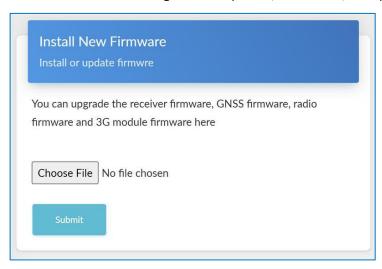


## 3.10 Management

The management page contains functions for the correct operativity of S999.

### 3.10.1 Firmware Update

To update a firmware, select the firmware file using the file explorer (Choose File) then press Submit.



When the file has been decompressed, press Confirm to start the update. The motherboard firmware update will restart automatically the S999.

Attention! Do not turn off the receiver during the update.

Once the firmware updates are completed perform a Factory Reset.

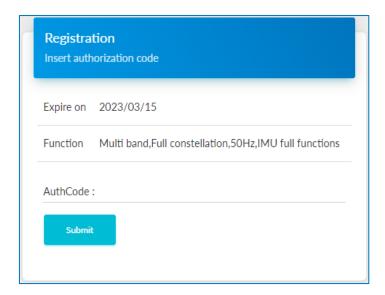
Attention! Use only firmware files provided by your local reseller.



### 3.10.2 Device Registration

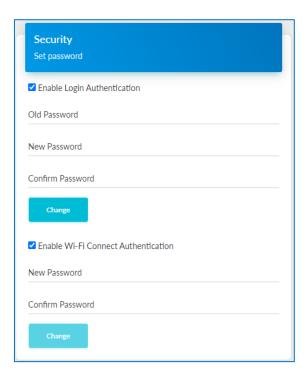
The S999 must be correctly registered to work correctly. If the registration has expired the device will beep and it will not track satellites. Contact your local reseller to request the authorization code.

To upgrade the registration, insert the 64 characters code provided by the local reseller, without any space, and press Submit. Shortly the new expiration date will be visible.



## 3.10.3 Security

In this section is possible to change the password to access the WebUI and the S999 Wi-Fi hotspot password.





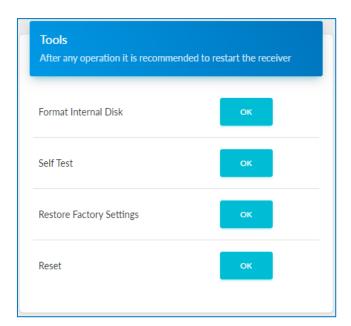
### 3.10.4 Tools

This section contains the following functions:

- <u>Format Internal Disk</u>: remove all the log files saved in the internal memory.
- Self-Test: the device will test the internal modules. Each module inspection is followed by its result, if the module inspection passes, it will say "OK" and the respective LED will stay on until the whole selfcheck finishes. If the module inspection fails, it will say "FAIL", the respective led will flash until the whole self-check finishes (ex. "GPS self-check. OK."). Self-check lasts for about 1 minute, at the end there will be a single beep if no module failed the test, otherwise, it would continue to beep until the power button is pressed. The receiver starts to work after the whole self-check finishes. Contact your local dealer if an error is found.

The test results are also shown in real-time in the WebUI, and a copy is saved in the internal memory.

- Restore Factory Settings: the device will perform a self-test then it will proceed with the factory reset. Factory reset does not change the firmware installed nor the file in the internal memory but will reset the device configuration.
- Reset: restart the device





## 4. IMU Technology

The S999 is equipped with IMU Technology that allows measurements with a tilted pole.

This brings the following advantages:

Fast and precise survey.

It's possible to survey and store points with just one measure with a slant up to 60° (maximum 2cm error with a slant up to 30°, maximum 5cm error with a slant up to 60°).

Simple and quick initialization process.

After the first calibration, once a FIXED solution is obtained, is a matter of seconds to initialize the sensor and start to work.

Guided calibration with Stonex Cube-a

You can use Stonex Cube-a field software to calibrate the sensor; Stonex Cube-a provides all the instructions to initialize and calibrate the IMU sensor.

Integrated inertial navigation module ensures real-time interference-free tilt compensation.

It's not affected by any geomagnetic and external metal structures or other environmental influences. It adopts "satellite and inertial navigation" dual inspection.





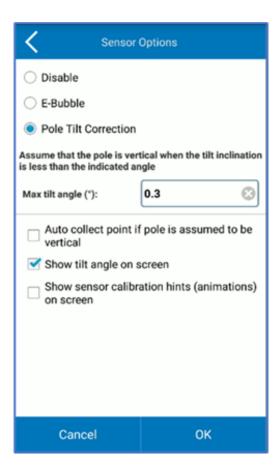
#### 4.1 **IMU** with Stonex Cube-a

### 4.1.1 Sensor Activation and Configuration

Before using the receiver to collect points with the slanted pole, check if the pole tilt correction functionality has been enabled. The settings to enable the Pole Tilt Correction using Stonex Cube-a, are in the Configure > System Settings → Sensor Options page.

On the same screen, it is possible to set the software to show on screen the tilt angle (in decimal degrees,  $0^{\circ}$  = true vertical).

There is also the possibility of automatically starting the point collection when the pole is considered vertical with respect to the set limit.





### 4.1.2 Calibration

To calibrate the sensor, select the Calibrate page and then click on the Calibrate Sensor command.

A FIXED solution is mandatory. Set the pole to be high at 1.8m as well as the measured height set in Stonex Cube-a.

Wait for the message Ready to Calibrate to appear then start the calibration by clicking on the Start button.



The calibration consists of the same movement repeated along the four orthogonal directions while keeping the pole tip on the same point on the ground:

Slowly move the receiver back and forth along the current direction for about 15 seconds the inclination should reach at least 45° but not more than 60° from the vertical position, the guided procedure on Stonex Cube-a will show when to change direction.

When the calibration is completed the message Calibration Terminated appear.

Now the \$999 is ready to work.



#### 4.1.3 Initialization

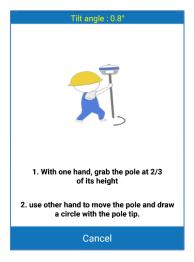
After the activation of the sensor, go to Survey mode.

If the sensor is not ready to work yet, Stonex Cube-a will show you which operations are necessary to perform its initialization, if "Show sensor calibration hints (animations) on screen" is enabled in Configure → System Settings → Sensor Options page.

There is a necessary pre-requisite to use the IMU: the status of the GNSS solution must be Fixed.

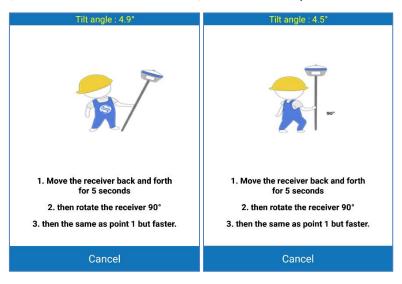
Then, if the sensor needs to be initialized, two different popup screens could show up.

The first screen contains the instruction for the magnetic initialization. Move the pole tip to draw a circle on the ground.



The second screen shows how to aid the sensor to adjust the calibration parameters based on the local GNSS position and accuracy.

Move the receiver back and forth for a few seconds in a direction. Then rotate the receiver by 90 degrees and repeat the movements, in the same direction as before, as shown in the picture below.



If the screen does not disappear, try changing the position to get lower RMS values and then repeat the two steps.

These screens could appear during the survey: this means that the IMU accuracy has degraded and it's necessary to adjust it.



### 5. Stake Out with Camera aid

The integration between the live feed from the camera and the stakeout is performed in Cube-a.

Three prerequisites must be satisfied to use this function correctly:

- The S999 control panel must face the user
- The connection with Cube-a is done using the S999 WiFi 5G hotspot (see WebUI Device settings page)
- The tilt corrections must be active (See <u>IMU</u> chapter)

The connection must be performed using the WiFi Hotspot

- 1. Connect the controller to the WiFi hotspot of the GNSS receiver
- 2. In Cube-a > Device > Communication page select:
  - a. Device type: Stonex GNSS
  - b. Communication mode: WIFI
  - c. Press Connect

In Cube-a > Survey > Stake out press the AR button to see the camera feedback.

For full instructions on the use of the Camera, check the video tutorial online



### 6. Photogrammetry

The frontal camera can acquire a series of pictures that can be later used to calculate points using photogrammetric techniques directly in Cube-a.

Two prerequisites must be satisfied to use this function correctly:

- The connection with Cube-a is done using the S999 WiFi 5G hotspot (see WebUI Device settings page)
- The tilt corrections must be active (See <u>IMU</u> chapter)

The connection must be performed using the WiFi Hotspot

- 1. Connect the controller to the WiFi hotspot of the GNSS receiver
- 2. In Cube-a > Device > Communication page select:
  - a. Device type: Stonex GNSS b. Communication mode: WIFI
  - c. Press connect

#### 6.1 Picture acquisition

To acquire the pictures, use Cube-a > Survey > Record photos in sequence.

Cube-a will begin recording images when "Start rec." is pressed. A new picture is saved not based on time, but when enough features change in respect to the previous picture. This allows to minimize the data stored. To end a sequence press "Stop rec." Each session/sequence can contain a maximum of 100 pictures. It is possible to name the session.

The pictures are saved in the StonexCube\Project\"project name"\Photos folder of the controller. The pictures are already corrected from the camera distortions.

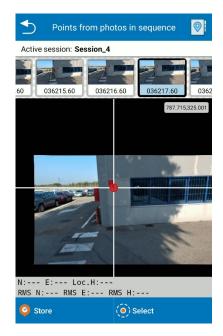
#### Point calculation

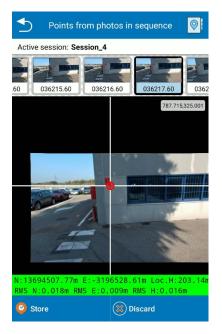
To calculate the points, use Cube-a > Survey > Points from photos in sequence. This page lists the sessions that have been recorded using the Record Photos in Sequence function. To open a session, select it and press OK.

The screen shows the list of the pictures of the session, it can be navigated by sweeping to the left/right on the list. Tapping on an image will make it the current picture.

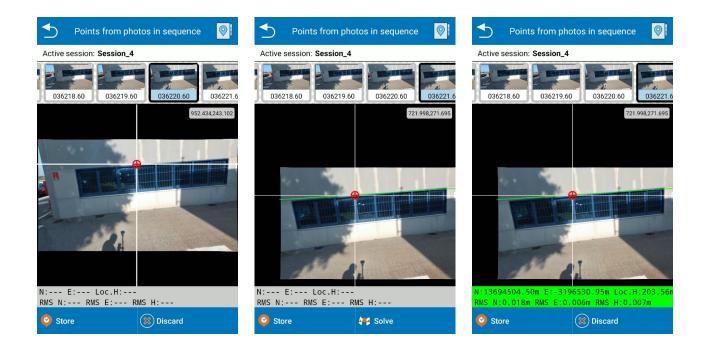
Aim a point using the crosshair then click Select to calculate its coordinates. A single tap moves the crosshair, a pinch gesture allows you to zoom in/out and the picture can be moved by dragging a finger on the screen.





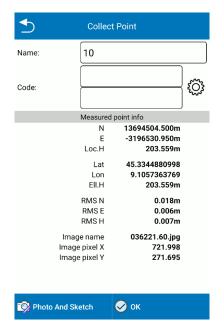


North, East and Local Height with their respective accuracies will be visible in green at the bottom of the page, tapping on the coordinates shows Latitude, Longitude and Ellipsoidal Height. If the coordinates are not calculated, it's necessary to select the same point from another picture and press Solve. If the point does not lay on the green line, the calculation will fail.



Once the coordinates are calculated, click on Store to save the point. Here you can change the name and assign a code to the point. If GIS attributes must be inserted, it can be done after pressing OK.







#### 6.3 Point Cloud using Cube-3D

The acquired photos can be used to generate a point cloud using Cube-3d.

- 1. Copy the pictures from StonexCube\Project\"project name"\Photos folder to a local directory
- 2. **New Project**: load the pictures from the local directory
- 3. S999 Camera data: we will import the true camera parameters later in the process, check estimate automatically then press Continue
- 4. **Telemetry**: select:
  - a. [2D] WGS 84 / UTM zone group Automatic detection
  - b. [1D] Ellipsoidal height
  - c. Press Import
  - d. Close the telemetry recap
- 5. Camera parameters: in Images > Camera Parameters insert the parameters from the SessionInfo.txt file found in folder StonexCube\Project\"project name"\Photos\"session name".
  - a. Camera shutter type: Global shutter
  - b. f=average of the first two values of frontalCamera.calibrationParams
  - c. ppx=third value of frontalCamera.calibrationParams
  - d. ppy=fourth value of frontalCamera.calibrationParams
  - e. enable locked parameters

the other parameter are 0 since the picture are already corrected from the distorsion.

Example.

frontalCamera.calibrationParams:1127.725518,1127.016394,998.979364,530.911308

f=1127.371

ppx=998.979

ppy=530.911

Pressing the save icon allow you to save these parameters into a file to be used for processing other sessions collected with the same device using the loading icon lacksquare

- 6. Bundle Adjustment: you can use any mode for the bundle adjustment, Incremental is suggested due to the low count of pictures per session, we recommend to use High or Extreme feature detection levels (option visible by pressing Show more)
- 7. Reconstruction: the last step to obtain the point cloud, since the survey are usually small we suggest to select Extreme



### 7. Accessories

### 7.1 Standard accessories

#### Carrying case



#### **Power supply**

- 1 Power adaptor with EU/UK/US/AU power socket, model: DSA-45PDH
- 1 Charging cable USB type-C USB type-C

#### Cable

1 Connection cable USB type-A - USB type-C

#### **UHF** antenna

1 AR-100. 430-470 MHz, TNC,10 cm



# 8. Technical specification

#### RECEIVER

RECEIVER			
Satellite signals tracked	GPS: L1 C/A, L1C, L2P, L2C, L5		
	GLONASS: L1, L2, L3		
	BEIDOU: B1I, B2I, B3I, B1C, B2a, B2b		
	GALILEO: E1, E5a, E5b, E6		
	QZSS: L1, L2, L5		
	IRNSS: L5		
	SBAS		
PPP	B2b PPP, HAS		
Channels	1408		
Position Rate	Up to 50Hz		
Signal Reacquisition	< 1 s		
RTK Signal Initialization	< 5 s		
Hot Start	Typically < 15 s		
Initialization Reliability	> 99.9 %		
Internal Memory	32 GB		
IMU rate	400 Hz		
Tilt range	0-60°		
RTK + IMU	Horizontal uncertainty		
	5 mm + 0.7mm/° of tilt		

### POSITIONING<sup>1</sup>

HIGH PRECISION STATIC SURVEYING				
2.5 mm + 0.1 ppm RMS				
Vertical 3.5 mm + 0.4 ppm RMS				
REAL TIME KINEMATIC (< 30 km) – NETWORK RTK <sup>2</sup>				
ontal 5 mm + 0.5 ppm RMS				
10 mm + 0.5 ppm RMS				
< 20 cm RMS				
< 60 cm RMS				

### INTEGRATED GNSS ANTENNA

High-accuracy multi-constellation, zero phase center, with internal multipath suppressive board

### INTERNAL RADIO (optional)<sup>4</sup>

Туре	Tx - Rx 1W		
Frequency Range	410 - 470 MHz		
	902.4 - 928 MHz		
Channel Spacing	12.5 kHz / 25 kHz		
Range <sup>5</sup>	3-4 Km in an urban environment		
	Up to 10 Km with optimal conditions		



#### **INTERNAL MODEM**

Band	LTE FDD: B1/B2/B3/B4/B5/B7/B8/B12/
	B13/B18/B19/B20/B25/B26/B28
	LTE TDD: B38/B39/B40/B41
	UMTS: B1/B2/B4/B5/B6/B8/B19
	GSM: B2/B3/B5/B8
	Nano SIM card

### **BELOW CAMERA**

Resolution	2 MP
Image frame rate	30 frame/s
Field of view	72°

### FRONTAL CAMERA

Resolution	2 MP	
Image frame rate	5 frame/s	
Video frame rate	30 frame/s	
Field of view	75°	

### COMMUNICATION

I/O Connectors	Type-C, for charging and data transfer		
Bluetooth	V2.1 + EDR / V5.0		
Wi-Fi	802.11 a/ac/b/g/n		
Web UI	To upgrade the software, manage the status and settings, data download. Smartphone, tablet, or other electronic devices with Wi-Fi capability can be used.		
Reference outputs	RTCM3.x		
Navigation outputs	NMEA 0183		

#### POWER SUPPLY

Battery	Built-in battery, 3.6V, 13.6Ah 48.96Wh, support for PD fast charge	
Power supply	12V	
Working Time	Up to 10 hours	
Charge Time	Typically 4 hours	

### PHYSICAL SPECIFICATION

Ø 139mm x 74 mm	
1065 g	
-40°C to 65°C (-40°F to 149°F)	
-40°C to 80°C (-40°F to 176°F)	
IP68	
Designed to endure a 2 m free with no	
damage	
100% non-condensing	



#### Specifications are subject to change without notice.

- 1. Accuracy and reliability are subject to satellite geometry (PDOP), multipath, atmospheric conditions, and obstructions. In static mode, they are also subject to occupation times: the longer the Baseline, the longer the occupation time must be.
- 2. Network RTK precision depends on the network's performance and is referenced to the closest physical base station.
- 3. Depends on SBAS system performance.
- 4. Optional can be activated via an activation code.
- 5. Varies with the operating environment and with electromagnetic pollution.



# 9. Appendix 1: UHF radio technical details

# 9.1 Default channel frequencies

Channel	Frequency
1	438.125 MHz
2	440.125 MHz
3	441.125 MHz
4	442.125 MHz
5	443.125 MHz
6	444.125 MHz
7	446.125 MHz
8	447.125 MHz



## 9.2 Protocol tables

### 9.2.1 Fixed frequency

Protocol	Baud (Bandwidth [kHz])	Modulation Type	FEC	Scramble
SATEL	9600 (12.5) / 19200 (25)	4FSK	ON/OFF	N/A
PCC-4FSK	9600 (12.5)	4FSK	ON/OFF	ON
PCC-GMSK	4800 (12.5) / 9600 (25)	GMSK	ON	N/A
TrimTalk 450S	9600 (25)	GMSK	OFF	N/A
South 9600	9600 (12.5)	GMSK	ON	N/A
TrimMark III	9600 (12.5) / 19200 (25)	GMSK	OFF	N/A
South 19200	19200 (25)	GMSK	OFF	N/A
TrimTalk (4800)	4800 (12.5)	GMSK	OFF	N/A
HZSZ	4800/8000/9600/16000/19200	GMSK	OFF	N/A
SATEL_ADL <sup>1</sup>	9600 (12.5) / 19200 (25)	4FSK	ON/OFF	N/A
PCCFST	9600 (12.5)	4FSK	ON/OFF	N/A
PCCFST_ADL	9600 (12.5)	4FSK	ON/OFF	N/A
PCC-Satel <sup>2</sup>	9600 (12.5) / 19200 (25)	4FSK	ON/OFF	ON/OFF

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> to be used for compatibility with ADL protocol of Satel radio modems.

### 9.2.2 Hopping

Protocol	Bandwidth (kHz)	Modulation	Radio link rate (bps)
900M Hopping	280	GMSK	115200
GEO FHSS	280	GMSK	115200

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  to be used for compatibility with Satel protocol of PCC radio modems.



## 10. Appendix 2: Copyrights, warranty, and environmental recycling

### 10.1 Copyrights and trademarks

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#### 10.2 Release Notice

This is the October 2024 release of the STONEX® S999 GNSS new model receiver user guide.

The following limited warranties give you specific legal rights. You may have others, which vary from state/jurisdiction to state/jurisdiction.

### 10.3 Standard Limited Warranty

#### Version 2023

The terms and conditions of this Limited Warranty constitute the complete and exclusive warranty agreement between The Customer or Dealer and STONEX® for the Product and supersedes any prior agreement or representation made in any STONEX® sales document or advice that may be provided to Customer by any STONEX® representative in connection with Customer's purchase of the Product. No change to the conditions of this Limited Warranty is valid unless it is made in written form and signed by an authorized STONEX® supervisor.

STONEX® declares that its Products:

- (1) are free from defects in materials or workmanship for generally 1 year (accessories or specific parts for which different limited warranty periods shall apply).
- (2) have been tested/calibrated in proper working status before shipment.

The warranty period runs from the date of the first sale of the instruments.

At its sole discretion, within the warranty period, STONEX® will repair the product or send parts for replacement at its expense.

STONEX® agrees to repair or replace the defective instrument within thirty (30) days only if STONEX® acknowledges that the defects in the instrument are not caused by human factors or that no obvious damage to its surface is visible.

STONEX® warrants that replaced new parts or products will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for thirty (30) days or the remainder of the Limited Product Warranty Period in which they are installed, whichever is longer.

Defective parts or Products replaced under this Limited Warranty shall become the property of STONEX®.



All products that need to be repaired must be returned to our technical representative's office via whatever delivery company the customer prefers, however, STONEX® is not responsible for the unlikely event that products are lost in transit.

Any damage inflicted by the customer or a third party after the products have been delivered to the customer is excluded from the limited warranty, as is any damage resulting from improper use, any action or use not contemplated in the accompanying user guides, and/or manuals.

### 10.4 Shipping policy

The Customer or the dealer is required to pay for the charges for shipping faulty parts or instruments to STONEX® representative office and STONEX® is providing the shipping for the return.

Dealers need to follow STONEX® repair/service procedure to achieve a better and prompt service result.

### 10.5 Return policy Dead on Arrival instruments

All returned products must be shipped to STONEX® representative office.

The original Purchaser has a period of seven (7) days starting from the date of purchasing to signal the existence of a defect in the instrument for a full refund (less shipping and handling), provided the merchandise is in new, resalable condition and returned in the original, undamaged packaging. Customers must pay for both the return and the original freight fees, regardless of the original freight paid by the Company. All warranty books, instruction manuals, parts, and accessories must be included as well as the original box in which the item was shipped. We recommend placing the original carton inside another box, to avoid any additional damage to the carton itself. In some cases, returns of special items will require a re-stock fee. Acceptance of returned merchandise is final only after inspection by STONEX®.

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### 10.6 Firmware/Software warranty

STONEX® doesn't warrant that operation of Firmware/Software on any instruments will be uninterrupted or error-free, or that functions contained in Firmware/Software will operate to meet your requirements.

STONEX® will forward the Software/Firmware Fix to the dealer or customer. A firmware/software Fix means an error correction or other update created to fix a previous firmware version that doesn't conform to the instrument's specification.

## 10.7 Over Warranty repair(s) policy

The customer shall pay the standard repair fees for any service (whether part replacement or repairs) performed by STONEX® under request and explicit authorization of the customer itself. In this case, the customer is charged for return shipping fees as well.



#### 10.8 Disclaimer and Limitations

All other express and implied warranties for this product, including the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose and/or non-infringement of any third party's rights, are hereby disclaimed. Stonex® expressly disclaims all warranties not stated in this limited warranty. Any implied warranties that may be imposed by law are limited in duration to the term of this limited warranty. Some jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion of implied warranties or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above exclusions or limitations may not apply to customer.

It is the customer's responsibility to read and follow all setup and usage instructions in the accompanying user guides and/or manuals. Failure to do so may result in product malfunction and damage. The customer may lose data or suffer personal injury.

Stonex®, its affiliates, and suppliers do not guarantee that the operation of this product will be uninterrupted or error-free, as is the case with all electronic products. If this product fails to function as warranted above, the customer's sole and exclusive remedy will be repair or replacement.

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This limitation applies to damages of any kind, including:

- (1) damage to, or loss or corruption of, customer's records, programs, data, or removable storage media
- (2) any direct or indirect damages, loss of profits, loss of savings, or other special, incidental, exemplary, or consequential damages, whether for breach of contract, tort or otherwise, or whether arising out of the use of or inability to use the product and/or the accompanying user guides and/or manuals, even if Stonex, or an authorized Stonex® representative, authorized service provider or retailer has been advised of the possibility of such damages or any claim by a third party.

Some jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages for certain products, so the exclusions or limitations may not apply to you. This limited warranty gives the customer specific legal rights, and the customer may also have other rights that vary from country/state/jurisdiction to country/state.



### 10.9 Environmental Recycling

The cardboard box, the plastic in the package, and the various parts of this product must be recycled and disposed of by the current legislation of your Country.

#### 10.9.1 For countries in the European Union (EU)

The disposal of electric and electronic devices as solid urban waste is strictly prohibited: they must be collected separately.

Contact Local Authorities to obtain practical information about the correct handling of the waste, location, and times of waste collection center. When you buy a new device of ours, you can give back to our dealer a used similar device.

The dumping of these devices at unequipped or unauthorized places may have hazardous effects on health and the environment.

The crossed-out dustbin symbol means that the device must be disposed of in authorized collection centres and must be managed separately from solid urban waste.



#### 10.9.2 For countries outside European Union (EU)

The treatment, recycling, collection, and disposal of electric and electronic devices may vary by the laws in force in the Country in question.



## 11. Appendix 3: Safety Recommendations

### 11.1 Warnings and Cautions

An absence of specific alerts does not mean that there are no safety risks involved in the use of this equipment.

Always follow the instructions that accompany a Warning or Caution, reported in this.

This information is intended to minimize the risk of personal injury and/or property damage. Observe safety instructions that are presented in the following form:

WARNING - A Warning alerts about the risk for health and/or damage to the propriety. A warning identifies the nature of the risk and the extent of the possible injury and/or damage. It also describes how to protect yourself and/or the equipment from this risk.

CAUTION - A Caution alert about a possible risk of damage to the equipment and/or loss of data, but no risk to human safety.

### 11.2 Wireless Module Approval

The receivers use internal wireless modules or can be connected to an external data communications UHF radio. Regulations regarding the use of the radio-modems vary greatly from country to country. In some countries, the unit can be used without obtaining an approval license. Other countries require specific approval or auto certification by the set maker.

Before using this instrument, check if authorization to operate the receiver is required in your country. It is the responsibility of the importer to verify if it is necessary to obtain a certification or license for the equipment in the country of use.

### 11.3 Instrument Approval

Covers technical features of the equipment relative to electromagnetic emissions that can cause interference and disturbances to other instruments (note like EMC compatibility) or generate not correct functionalities of the instrument itself. Approval is granted by the manufacturer of the equipment. Some countries have unique technical requirements for operation in particular frequency bands. To comply with those requirements, Stonex Srl may modify the equipment to be subjected to a grant.

Unauthorized modification of the unit voids already got approvals, the warranty time, and the operational licenses of the instrument.



### 11.4 General Antenna Installation Warning

- 1. All antenna installation and servicing are to be performed by qualified technical personnel only. When servicing the antenna, or working at distances closer than those listed below, ensure the transmitter has been disabled.
- 2. Typically, the antenna connected to the transmitter is a directional (high gain) antenna, fixed or mounted on the side or top of a building, or a tower. Depending upon the application and the gain of the antenna, the total composite power could exceed 90 watts ERP. The antenna location should be such that only qualified technical personnel can access it, and that under normal operating conditions, no other person can touch the antenna or approach within 0.6 meters of the antenna.

You can see below a table showing the Antenna Gain versus Recommended Safety Distance:

Antenna Gain	0-5 dBi	5-10 dBi	10-16.5 dBi
Minimum RF safety distance	0.6 meters	1.06 meters	2.3 meters

#### 11.4.1 USA

The FCC has adopted a safety standard for human exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic energy. Proper use of this radio modem results in exposure below government limits. The following precautions are recommended:

DO NOT operate the transmitter when someone is located less than 20 cm (7.8 inches) from the antenna.

DO NOT collocate (place within 20 cm) the radio antenna with any other transmitting instruments.

DO NOT operate the transmitter unless all RF connectors are secure, and any open connectors are properly terminated.

**DO NOT** operate the equipment near electrical blasting caps or in an explosive atmosphere.

All equipment must be used according to the installation instructions for safe operation.

All equipment should be repaired and calibrated only by a qualified technician.

#### 11.4.2 Europe

The European Community provides some Directives for the electronic equipment introduced on the market.

All the relevant information's available on the European Community website:

https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/electrical-engineering/

From this link, you can download Directive 2014/53 / UE RED relating to telecommunication equipment, the LVD Low voltage directive, and the EMC directive for electromagnetic compatibility.



#### 11.5 Bluetooth/Wi-Fi radio Module

The radiated output power of the internal Bluetooth module of this equipment is far below the FCC and EU radio frequency exposure limits. In any case, be sure to use the equipment with the radio far at least 20 cm from the human body. The Bluetooth module matches the guidelines found in radio frequency "safety standards and recommendations "published by Scientific organizations.

Stonex Srl, therefore, believes the internal wireless radio is safe for use by end users. The level of energy emitted is far less than the electromagnetic energy emitted by wireless devices such as UMTS phones. However, the use of Bluetooth/Wi-Fi may be restricted in some special situations or places, like aircraft, hospitals, etc. If you are unsure of the existence of restrictions, you should ask for authorization before switching on the Bluetooth radio.

#### 11.5.1 Recommendation for installing antennas for internal radios

UHF Antennas having a gain greater than 5 dBi, are strictly prohibited for use with this device. The required antenna impedance must be 50 ohms.

#### **CAUTION**

For your safety, and to match the RF Exposure requirements of the FCC, always observe these precautions:

- Always maintain a minimum separation distance of 20 cm (7.8 inches) between yourself and the radiating antenna.
- Do not collocate (place within 20cm) the radio antenna with any other transmitting device.
- Do not switch on the GSM or UHF module without the antenna mounted to the external connector.



### 11.6 Rechargeable Lithium-ion batteries

These receivers use a rechargeable Lithium-ion battery.

#### **WARNING**

• Avoid direct contact with the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery if it appears damaged. Battery liquids are corrosive and contact with them can result in personal injury or damage to proprieties.

#### To prevent injury or damage:

- If the battery leaks, avoid contact with the battery fluid.
- If battery fluid gets into your eyes, immediately rinse your eyes with clean water and seek medical attention. Do not rub your eyes!
- If battery fluid gets onto your skin or clothing, immediately use clean water to wash off the battery

#### **WARNING**

Do not damage the Lithium-ion battery.

A damaged battery can cause an explosion, with a risk of fire, and can result in personal injury and/or property damage.

#### To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not use or charge the battery if it appears to be damaged. Signs of damage are discoloration, warping, and leaks of liquids.
- Do not expose the battery to fire, elevated temperature, or direct strong sunlight.
- Do not introduce the battery in water or liquid substance, in general.
- Do not use or store the battery in extremely hot ambient.
- Do not drop or puncture the battery.
- Do not open the battery and do not put in short-circuit its electrical contacts.



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