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0. Revision History

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1. Introduction

The AVL-75 is a compact waterproof GPS tracker designed for a wide variety of vehicle tracking applications. It has multiple I/O interfaces that can be used for monitoring or controlling external devices. Its built-in GPS receiver has superior sensitivity and fast time to first fix. Its quad band GPRS/GSM subsystem supports 850/900/1800/1900 MHz allowing the AVL-75's location to be monitored in real time or periodically tracked by a backend server and mobile devices. Its built-in 3-axis accelerometer allows motion detection and extends battery life through sophisticated power management algorithms. System integration is straightforward as complete documentation is provided for the full featured @Track protocol. The @Track protocol supports a wide variety of reports including emergency, geo-fence boundary crossings, driving behavior, low battery and scheduled GPS position.

1.1. Reference

SN	Document Name	Remark
[1]	AVL-75 @Track Air Interface Protocol.doc	
[2]	@Track Air Interface for Garmin-FMI Protocol V1.02.pdf	

Table 1: Reference

1.2. Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
DIN	Digital Input
DOUT	Digital Output
GND	Ground

Table 2: Terms and Abbreviations

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2. Product Overview

2.1. Appearance



Figure 1. Appearance of AVL-75

2.2. Parts List





Name	Picture
AVL-75 Tracker	102mm*46mm*20.5mm
AVL-75 Extend Cable	
USB-232 Cable(optional)	
12V DC Supply(optional)	
AVL-75 Configuration Cable(optional)	

Table 3: Parts List

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2.3. Interface Definition

There are 8 wires on AVL-75user cable, which contains the connection for power, ignition input, digital input, digital output, TXD and RXD, etc. The user cable's definition is shown in the following table.

Index	Color	Description	Comment
1	Red	Power	External DC power input,8-32V
2	Black	Ground	System ground(connected to the vehicle's frame directly)
3	Yellow	Digital input	Digital input, negative trigger
4	White	Ignition	Ignition input, positive trigger
5	Green	Digital output2	Digital output, low side 150mA max
6	Blue	Digital output1	Digital output, low side 150mA max with latch
7	Violet	TXD	
8	Grey	RXD	

Table 4: Description of AVL-75 User Cable

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3. Getting Started

3.1. Install a SIM Card

Step 1: Remove the top cover.



Step 2: Insert the SIM card into the SIM card holder.



Step 3: Place the top cover on the bottom cover, and tighten both covers until they snap.



Note: Make sure that the seal ring is in place and there is no obvious gap between covers and seal ring.

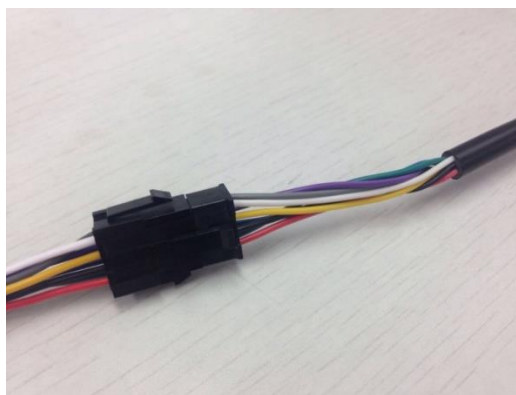
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Step 4: Turn over the device and tighten the screw with screw cushion.



Step 5: Connect the device to extend cable. Or cut off the 8Pin Molex connector.



3.2. Switch on the Device

The method to power on AVL-75:

- Use external power to turn on.

When the external power is removed, AVL-75 will switch to internal backup battery and keep on running. When internal backup battery is exhausted, AVL-75 will give a report and then turn off.

3.3. Power Connection

The red wire is power wire and the black wire is ground wire. The input voltage range for this device is from 8V to 32V. The device is designed to be installed in vehicles that operate on 12V or 24V systems without the need for external transformers.

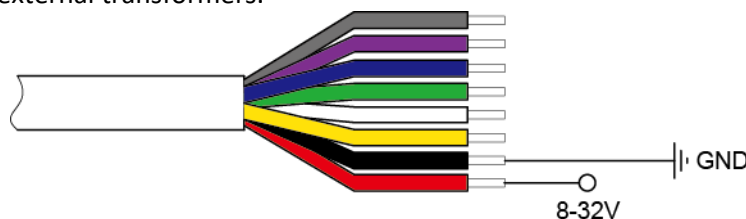


Figure 2. Typical Power Connection

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3.4. Ignition Detection

Logical Status	Electrical Status
Active	5.0V to 32V
Inactive	0V to 3V or open

Table 5: Electrical Characteristics of Ignition Detection

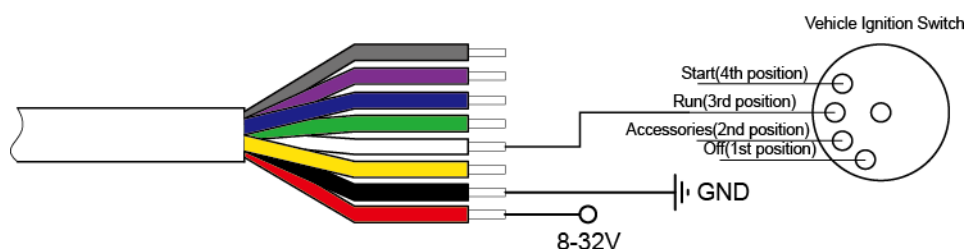


Figure 3. Typical Ignition Detection

The white wire is used for ignition detection. It is strongly recommended to connect this wire to ignition key at “RUN” position as shown above.

An alternative to connecting to the ignition switch is to find a non-permanent power source that is only available when the vehicle is running. For example, the power source for the FM radio. Ignition signal can be configured to start transmitting information to the backend server when ignition is on and enter power saving mode when ignition is off.

3.5. Digital Input

There is a negative trigger input on the AVL-75. For negative trigger input the electrical conditions are:

Logical State	Electrical State
Active	0V to 0.8V
Inactive	1.7V to 32V or Open

Table 6: Electrical Conditions of Negative Trigger Inputs

The example connection is showed as follows:

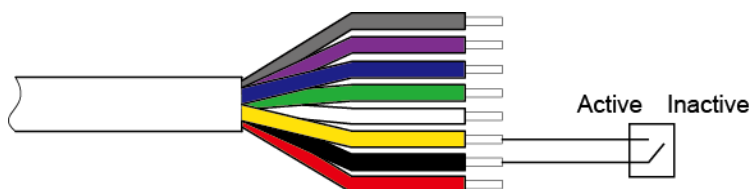


Figure 4. Example of Connection of Negative Trigger Input

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The outputs are Open-Drain type with no internal pull-up resistor which can also be used to control a relay. It means that the user has to connect a pull-up resistor or a relay coil between the output pin and any positive voltage (32V max) to generate a correct output. Each output can drive a continuous current of 0.15A. The green wire is low side 150mA max, and the blue wire is low side 150mA max with latch. The electrical conditions are:

Table 7: Electrical Conditions of Digital Outputs

Logical State	Electrical State
Enable	<1.5V, drive current is 0.15A
Disable	Open or the pull-up voltage (max 32V)

Note:

1. The relay output can be latched by the software, so even if the AVL-75 is restarted or powered down in some cases, the relay output will not change. To use the latch function, the main power and backup battery should be connected. Otherwise the relay will always be in normal close status.

Digital outputs are used for cutting/restoring GND. The examples of connections are:

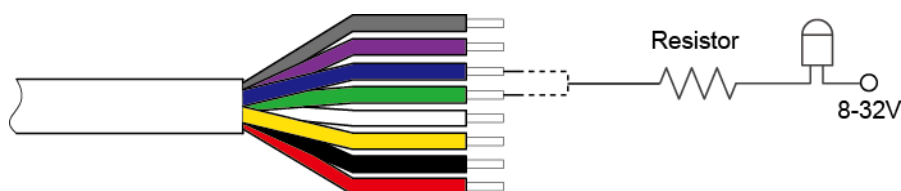


Figure 5. The Example of Connection to Drive An LED

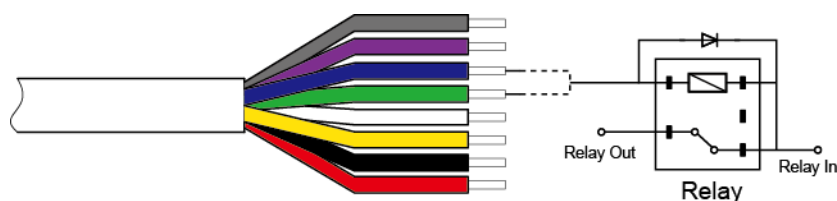


Figure 6. The Example of Connection to Drive A Relay

Note: All outputs are internally pulled up to PWR pin by a diode. So no external fly-back diode is needed when the output is connected to an inductive load.

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3.6. UART Interface

There is one UART interface on AVL-75. UART is used for configuration and firmware downloading, and communicating with external devices like CAN Bus module and RFID reader.

Please note the UART interfaces are all RS232 level. For RS232 level, valid signals are 3V to 15V and -3V to -15V and the -3V to +3V is not a valid level. 3V to 15V correspond with logic 0 of TTL level, while -3V to -15V correspond with logic 1.

The examples of connections of UART with female DB-9 and with external devices are shown as follows.

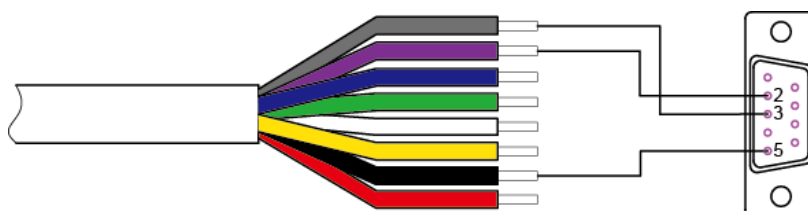


Figure 7. The Connection of UART with Female DB-9

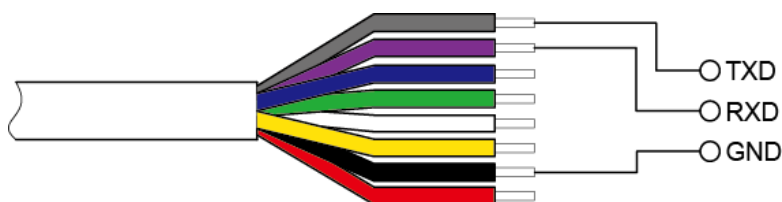
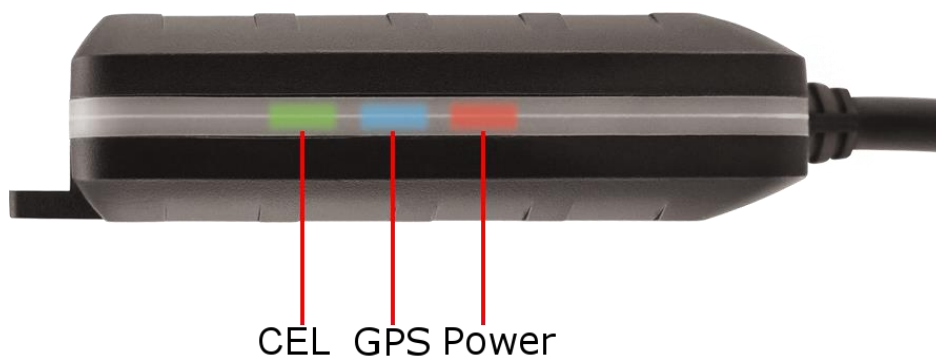


Figure 8. The Connection of UART with External Devices

3.7. Indicator Light Description



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Figure 9: AVL-75 LED

LED	Device Status	LED Status
CEL (Note1)	Device is searching GSM network.	Fast flashing (Note3)
	Device has registered to GSM network.	Slow flashing (Note4)
	SIM card needs pin code to unlock.	ON
GPS (Note 2)	GPS chip is powered off.	OFF
	GPS sends no data or data format error occurs.	Slow flashing
	GPS chip is searching GPS info.	Fast flashing
	GPS chip has gotten GPS info.	ON
PWR (Note 2)	No external power and backup battery voltage is lower than 3.35V.	OFF
	No external power and backup battery voltage is below 3.55V.	Slow flashing
	External power in and backup battery is charging.	Fast flashing
	External power in and backup battery is fully charged.	ON

Table 8: Definition of Device Status and LED

Note:

- 1 - CEL LED cannot be configured.
- 2 - GPS LED and PWR LED can be configured to turn off after a period of time by using the configuration tool.
- 3 - Fast flashing is about 60ms ON/780ms OFF.
- 4 - Slow flashing is about 60ms ON/1940ms OFF.

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4. Troubleshooting and Safety Info

4.1. Troubleshooting

Trouble	Possible Reason	Solution
After AVL-75 is turned on, the CELLED always flashes quickly.	The SIM card is not inserted.	Please insert the SIM card into AVL-75.
	The signal is too weak; AVL-75 cannot register to the network.	Please move AVL-75 into places with good GSM coverage.
	The SIM card is PIN locked.	Use SIM card without SIM PIN, or unlock SIM PIN.
Messages can't be reported to the backend server by GPRS.	The SIM card in AVL-75 does not support GPRS.	Try a GPRS supporting SIM card.
	APN is wrong. Some APNs cannot visit the Internet directly.	Ask the network operator for the right APN.
	The IP address or port of the backend server is wrong.	Make sure the IP address for the backend server is an identified address on the Internet.
AVL-75 doesn't power off.	The function of power key is disabled by AT+GTSFR.	Enable the function of power key by AT+GTFKS.
AVL-75 can't get successful GPS fixing.	The GPS signal is weak.	Please move AVL-75 to a place with open sky.
		It is better to let the top surface face the sky.

4.2. Safety Info

- Please do not disassemble the device by yourself.
- Please do not put the device in an over-heated or too humid place, and avoid exposure to direct sunlight. Too high temperature will damage the device or even cause battery explosion.
- Please do not use AVL-75 on an airplane or near medical equipment.

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