

VCL-2156 NTP TIME SERVER

GPS / GLONASS / GALILEO / SBAS Primary Reference Clock

High Availability Multi-GNSS Time Synchronization System

A Strategic Necessity for Power Utilities, Defence, Financial Networks & Critical Infrastructure

Global Multi-Constellation Timing Solution

Advanced Dual-Band GNSS Synchronization

- L1 (1575.42 MHz): GPS, GLONASS, SBAS, Galileo
- L5 (1176.45 MHz): GPS, Galileo E5a, SBAS, NavIC
- Advanced Dual-Band Anti-Jamming & Anti-Spoofing Technology
- ITU-T G.811 / Stratum-1 Compliant Primary Reference Clock (PRC) when Locked to GNSS
- ITU-T G.812 Compliant OCXO Holdover Performance
- Flexible Timing Reference Inputs
 1. Dual-Band Multi-GNSS Input — GPS / GLONASS / SBAS / Galileo / NavIC (TNC)
 2. External 1PPS Reference Input — SMA Interface
 3. External NTP Synchronization Input — RJ45 Ethernet

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The **VCL-2156 NTP Time Server** is an ITU-T G.811 compliant Primary Reference Clock designed for highly accurate and secure time synchronization in mission-critical infrastructure. It supports dual-band multi-constellation GNSS with L1 (GPS, GLONASS, SBAS, Galileo) and L5 (GPS, Galileo E5a, SBAS, NavIC) for enhanced accuracy, resilience, and high-availability synchronization.

Defence

Power Utilities

Banking & Finance

Oil & Gas

Railways

Critical Infra

The Timing Imperative: What's at Stake?

Power Grid Failure

A timing error of just microseconds can cause frequency deviation, phase mismatch and cascade failures across the national grid. SCADA systems require nanosecond-accurate synchronization.

Financial Fraud Risk

Stock exchanges, payment systems and banking networks require sub-millisecond timestamp accuracy. GPS spoofing can alter transaction timestamps enabling fraud.

Defence Vulnerability

Military communications, radar systems and missile guidance require Stratum-1 timing. Reliance on foreign GPS creates a critical attack vector in conflict scenarios.

Critical Infrastructure

Telecom 5G networks, oil & gas pipelines, railway signalling and airports require precise time synchronization. Outages can cascade into national emergencies.

VCL-2156 NTP Time Server: Product Overview

NTP Stratum-1

NTP Check



Mode: 3 - Client
Leap Indicator: 0 - No Warning
Stratum: 1 - Primary Reference
Version Number: 3
Poll Interval: 8
Precision: 4.41711766194596E+71
Root Delay: 0
Root Dispersion: 1.0986328125
Reference ID: GPS
Reference Timestamp: 04-11-2025 05:40:33 PM
Originate Timestamp: 04-11-2025 05:40:41 PM
Receive Timestamp: 04-11-2025 05:40:41 PM
Transmit Timestamp: 04-11-2025 05:40:41 PM
Round Trip Delay: 4
Local Clock Offset: 56

NTP Server (Hostname or IP Address)
192.168.1.102

Test Help

Standard

ITU-T G.811 Primary Reference Clock (Stratum 1)

Constellations

GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, SBAS, NavIC (Dual Band L1+L5)

NTP Performance

Up to 7,500 requests/sec | 40,000 NTP Slaves

Holdover

OCXO G.812 compliant — <9μs over 24 hours

Resilience

Anti-jamming, Anti-spoofing, 1+1 NTP Peering

Ports

4+1 × 10/100BaseT Ethernet | IPv4/IPv6 dual stack

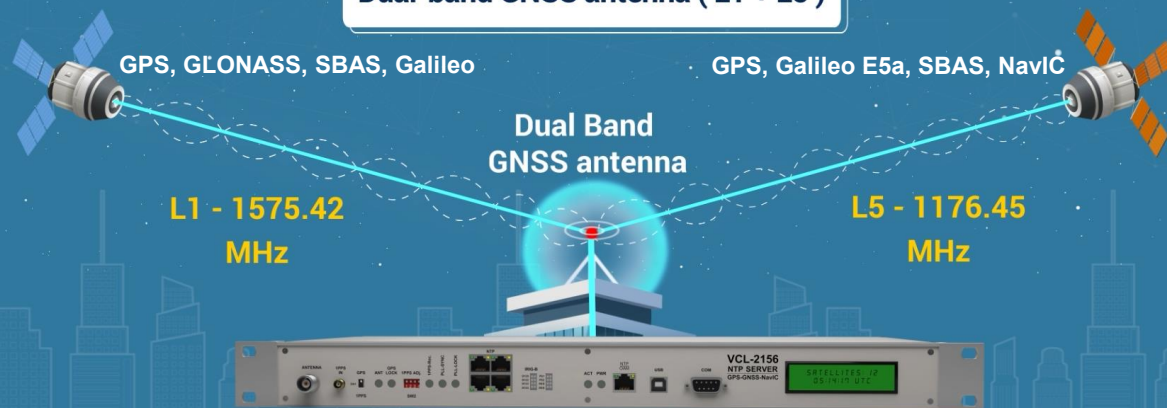
Supports upstream NTP input for synchronization from external time sources (e.g., (USA – NIST, NRC)

ITU-T G.811 Stratum 1 | MTBF ≥42 Years | IP20 Ingress Protection

Dual-Band GNSS: L1 + L5 with NavIC Support

Advantages of Dual Band constellations (L1+L5) in GNSS Clocks

Dual-band GNSS antenna (L1 + L5)



VCL-2156 receives both L1 (1575.42 MHz) and L5 (1176.45 MHz) signals

It synchronizes directly with UTC using multiple satellite constellations and distributes precise time and frequency output connected systems

VCL-2156 tracks up to 50 satellites simultaneously across both L1 and L5 bands

High-Gain Dual-Band GNSS Antenna

Active dual-band L1/L5 GNSS antenna with RHCP polarization and integrated 40 dB amplification for reliable multi-constellation satellite reception.

Spoofing Defence

Dual-frequency design makes it exponentially harder to simultaneously spoof both L1 and L5 bands.

Resilience

If one band is jammed, Dynamic Satellite Selection automatically switches to the other, maintaining lock.

Power Utilities & Defence: Mission-Critical Timing



POWER UTILITIES

- › Synchronization of Protection Relay Systems — prevents tripping cascades
- › SCADA / IEC 61850 substation automation requires Stratum-1 timing
- › Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs) need $\leq 1\mu\text{s}$ accuracy for wide-area monitoring
- › Provides precise frequency synchronization with 2.048 MHz and 10 MHz outputs, along with 1PPS timing, ensuring accurate teleprotection and reliable frequency synchronization.
- › EN61000-4-5 Level 3 — built for harsh electrical substation environments
- › IRIG-B outputs for integration with protection and control systems



DEFENCE & SECURITY

- › Air-gapped deployment: no reliance on external internet NTP sources
- › GNSS-locked timing: 100% indigenous signal — cannot be denied by foreign entities
- › Anti-jamming and anti-spoofing with Dynamic Satellite Selection
- › IRIG-B for military communication and radar synchronization
- › MD5/SHA1 authenticated NTP, SNMPv3 encrypted management
- › RADIUS server authentication, SSH and clear-text protocol option

ADVANTAGE: Both sectors benefit from the VCL-2156's OCXO holdover capability — maintaining $<9\mu\text{s}$ accuracy for 24 hours even during a complete GNSS blackout, with automatic failover to secondary NTP server.

Financial Systems & Critical National Infrastructure

Banking & Financial Exchanges

- ✓ Global financial exchanges require microsecond-level timestamp accuracy for secure and compliant trading operations. GNSS spoofing can compromise transaction integrity and audit traceability.
- ✓ Regulatory-compliant time-stamping ensures accurate trade records, audit trails, and synchronized financial transactions across critical trading networks.
- ✓ GNSS-locked NTP server provides sovereign time not subject to foreign manipulation
- ✓ 40,000 NTP slaves: supports entire bank network from a single appliance

Oil & Gas / Industrial

- ✓ Pipeline SCADA systems require synchronized timing for leak detection and safety valves
- ✓ Multi-Constellation GNSS technology delivers enhanced offshore reliability and extended oceanic coverage for mission-critical timing applications.
- ✓ 2.048 MHz and 2.048MBits E1 clock outputs for legacy telecom integration
- ✓ IP20 ingress protection and industrial Ethernet for harsh environments

Railways & Airports

- ✓ Train protection, signalling ATP/ATC systems require sub-millisecond time sync
- ✓ Platform systems, ticketing and public information boards all require NTP
- ✓ IRIG-B outputs for legacy signalling integration across rail networks
- ✓ Dual redundant power (AC and DC) for 24/7 mission-critical uptime

Security Architecture: Built for India's Threat Landscape

Signal Security	Network Security	Access Control	Resilience
▶ Dual-band anti-jamming (L1+L5) ▶ Anti-spoofing with signal validation ▶ Automatically switches to the alternate band if one is jammed, ensuring continuous satellite lock. ▶ Dynamic Satellite Selection (DSS) ▶ Multi-Constellation Security	▶ MD5 / SHA1 NTP authentication ▶ SSH encrypted management ▶ RADIUS server authentication ▶ Enable / Disable Telnet for NERC compliance	▶ Encrypted password control ▶ Password strength monitoring ▶ Role-based access (GUI) ▶ SNMPv3 encrypted traps	▶ 1+1 NTP Peering redundancy ▶ OCXO holdover ▶ Auto-failover to secondary NTP ▶ Dual redundant power supply

VCL-2156 is designed for air-gapped, isolated networks — no dependency on public internet or foreign NTP infrastructure

GNSS Threat Landscape: Jamming & Spoofing

Why Dual-Band Multi-Constellation Security is Essential for Critical Infrastructure



JAMMING

Deliberate radio-frequency interference that overwhelms or blocks GNSS signals across a region. Single-band receivers lose lock instantly. L1-band jammers are commercially available and widely used in conflict zones.



SPOOFING

Transmission of counterfeit GNSS signals that deceive a receiver into reporting a false position or time. Can silently alter timestamps in power grids, financial exchanges or defence systems without triggering any alarm.



MEACONING

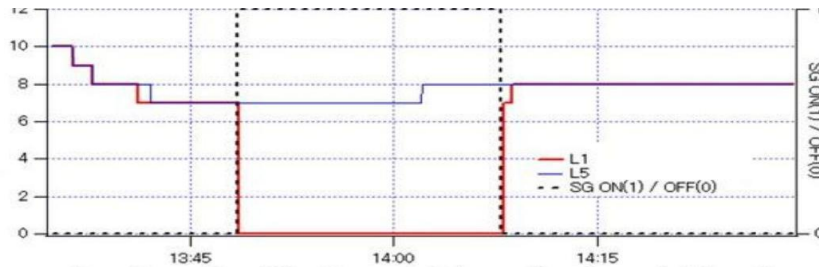
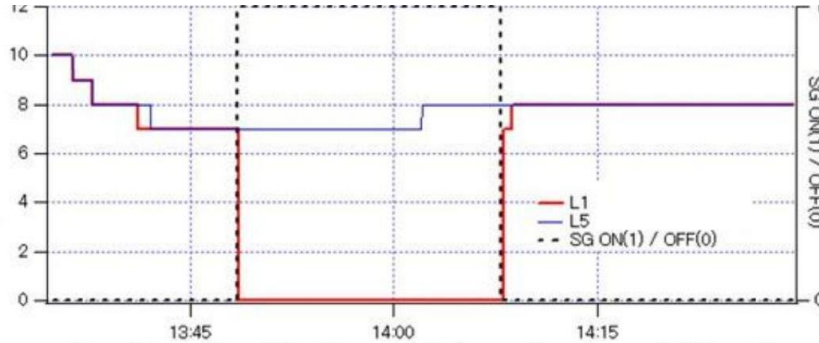
Re-broadcast of captured GNSS signals with deliberate delay, causing systematic time errors. Particularly dangerous for timing-sensitive infrastructure such as protection relays and trading platforms.

VCL-2156 GNSS SECURITY FRAMEWORK

- ✓ **Dual-Band L1 + L5**
Simultaneous tracking — cannot be jammed on both frequencies simultaneously
- ✓ **Dynamic Satellite Selection**
Real-time quality monitoring; auto-switches to uncompromised band under attack
- ✓ **T-RAIM Integrity Monitoring**
Time Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring eliminates anomalous satellites algorithmically
- ✓ **Signal Structure Verification**
Algorithm-driven validation of signal codes, structure and timing — detects spoofed signals
- ✓ **Multi-Constellation Tracking**
GPS + GLONASS + Galileo + SBAS + NavIC — an attacker would need to compromise all five constellations simultaneously to disrupt the timing solution.
- ✓ **Inbuild GNSS Signal Monitoring**
Live C/N₀ monitoring and interference detection built into the GNSS management tool

Proven Anti-Jamming Performance: Live Test Data

Spectrum Analyser output from VCL-GNSS monitoring tool — strong L1-band jamming, L5-band active



L1 Band Jammed (Red Spike)

During simulated strong L1 jamming, L1 signal (red) drops to noise floor. The jammer is clearly visible as a large red interference spike in the C/N₀ spectrum.

L5 Band Unaffected (Blue Line)

Throughout the L1 jamming event, the L5 band signal (blue) remains stable. The VCL-2156 NTP Time Server continues maintaining uninterrupted lock on GPS, Galileo and SBAS L5 signals, ensuring continuous synchronization performance.

Satellite Lock Maintained

The lower chart confirms 8–10 positioning satellites remain tracked on L5 throughout the jamming period. Time synchronization is never lost — Stratum-1 output continues.

T-RAIM Validated

T-RAIM integrity monitoring automatically flags and excludes the anomalous satellite signals, ensuring only verified, clean signals contribute to the timing solution.

How VCL-2156 Defeats Jamming & Spoofing



Multi-layer GNSS security architecture — algorithmic, hardware and protocol-level protection

1 Dual-Band Reception

L1 (1575 MHz) and L5 (1176 MHz) received simultaneously by a single dual-band antenna

2 C/N₀ Monitoring

Carrier-to-noise ratio monitored per satellite per band — live spectrum analyser detects interference spike

3 T-RAIM Screening

Anomalous satellite signals excluded algorithmically; only verified signals enter the timing solution

4 Band Fallback (DSS)

Dynamic Satellite Selection auto-switches to uncompromised band; alert raised. Timing never lost.

KEY TECHNOLOGIES: T-RAIM · Dual-Band L1/L5 · Multi-Constellation (GPS + GLONASS + Galileo + SBAS + NavIC) · Dynamic Satellite Selection (DSS)

6 USER-SELECTABLE MODES:

GPS only

GPS + GLONASS

GPS + NavIC

GPS + SBAS

GPS + Galileo

**All Constellations
(50 Satellites)**

Indian Armed Forces PoC: Satisfactory Testing & Validation

VCL-2156 NTP Time Server — Proof of Concept with the Indian Armed Forces

PROOF OF CONCEPT — Validation of VCL-2156 NTP Server with Jamming and Spoofing Behaviour Analysis

✓ Jamming & Spoofing (L1 & L5 bands)— The VCL-2156 NTP Server and Clients demonstrated stable performance during jamming and spoofing testing. All operations recovered normally after the test conditions were removed.

✓ Army Headquarter NTP Client behaviour — During the jamming and spoofing tests, the time of the NTP clients remained stable and unchanged. The time and location information of the NTP clients were not compromised at any point during the PoC testing.

✓ Network Time Synchronization Test — PASSED: GPS-based NTP Server successfully synchronized all LAN devices. Stratum-1 output confirmed with GPS as Reference ID.

✓ NTP Security Authentication Test — PASSED: MD5 and SHA1 key-based authentication verified via GUI and CLI. Only authenticated clients able to synchronize — unauthenticated clients correctly rejected.

CONCLUSION: The VCL-2156 NTP Time Server has successfully completed Proof of Concept testing with the Indian Armed Forces across all four test scenarios — Jamming & Spoofing (L1 & L5 bands), Army Headquarter NTP Client behaviour, Network Time Synchronization Test and Security Authentication — achieving satisfactory results in every test case.

PoC TEST RESULT

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VCL-2156>gnss-showsat info
GNSS MODE:GPS + NavIC
SATELLITE INFORMATION GNSS TALKER: GPS and NavIC
REF ID : 01-32
NO OF SATELLITES IN VIEW: 25
NO OF KNOWN MSGS : 7

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SatNo	SIGNAL	PRN NO.	CSU ID	ELEVATION (deg)	AZIMUTH (deg)	C/N0 (dBZ)
1	GP-L1CA	07	66	354	43	
2	GP-L1CA	08	42	200	41	
3	GP-L1CA	09	42	200	41	
4	GP-L1CA	30	42	200	41	
5	GP-L1CA	02	33	186	43	
6	GP-L1CA	14	27	281	42	
7	GP-L1CA	01	21	141	30	
8	GP-L1CA	04	17	169	32	
9	GP-L1CA	22	16	269	37	
10	GP-L1CA	17	15	214	26	
11	GP-L1CA	27	12	040	09	
12	GP-L5	08	43	042	40	
13	GP-L5	30	42	224	40	
14	GP-L5	09	42	200	37	
15	GP-L5	14	27	281	43	
16	GP-L5	01	21	141	33	
17	GP-L5	04	17	169	40	
18	GP-L5	27	12	040	27	
19	GI-L5-SPS	02	46	248	38	
20	GI-L5-SPS	09	40	234	40	
21	GI-L5-SPS	10	37	114	45	
22	GI-L5-SPS	06	24	256	37	
23	GI-L5-SPS	03	00	000	44	
24	GI-L5-SPS	05	00	000	32	
25	GI-L5-SPS	07	00	000	43	

***** End of Sat Info *****

Dual Band: Test on GPS L1 & L5, NavIC L5 band

Jamming: L1 and L5 band

Spoofing : Different coordinates

PoC Result: The time and location of the NTP clients was not compromised

VCL-2156: Technical Specifications

GNSS Receiver

- 62-channel GNSS + 50 satellites | L1 (1575.42 MHz) + L5 (1176.45 MHz)
- GPS, GNSS, GLONASS, Galileo, NavIC | Hot start: 1s | Cold start: 28s
- Tracking: -165 dBm | Antenna: TNC (Active, IP67, -40°C to +85°C)

Timing Accuracy

- $\pm 30\text{ns}$ referenced to GPS | $\pm 20\text{ns}$ referenced to GNSS
- $\pm 15\text{ns}$ compensated (GPS+GNSS) | $< 9\mu\text{s}$ holdover over 24 hours
- OCXO stability: $\pm 3\text{ppb}$ | 1-day aging: $\pm 0.4\text{ppb}$

NTP Performance

- Up to 7,500 NTP requests/second | 40,000 NTP Slaves | 250,000 SNTP Slaves
- NTP v2/v3/v4 (RFC 1119/1305/5905) | MD5/SHA1 authentication
- 1+1 NTP Peering | Unicast, Multicast, Broadcast | IPv4/IPv6 dual stack

Outputs

- 4 Independent NTP Servers | 1PPS, 2.048MHz, 10MHz, E1 2.048Mbps | IRIG-B (Modulated + Unmodulated)
- NMEA ToD, 1PPM/1PPH | Expansion chassis 2U: up to 16 additional PPS (Optical, BNC) and IRIG-B (DCLS RS485 / RS422, RS4232, Optical, BNC) outputs

Standards

- ITU-T G.811 (Stratum 1) | ITU-T G.812 Holdover | EN61000-4-5 Level 3
- CE 2014/30/EU | IEC 60950 | RoHS Compliant | MTBF ≥ 42 years (Telcordia)

Form Factor

- 1U rack mount (19/21/23 inch) | 44x482x228mm | $< 20\text{W}$ power | Convention cooled
- Dual redundant power: AC 100-240V or DC 24/48/110-220V | Reverse polarity protection

VCL-2156 NTP Server – Hardware Purchase Options

The NTP Server is available with **three GNSS configuration options**, allowing customers to select the most suitable model based on operational, security, and resilience requirements.

Option #1 – GPS (L1)

- ✓ Supported Satellite Constellation: **GPS only**
- ✓ Frequency Band: **L1**
- ✓ Suitable for standard timing applications where single-constellation GPS support is sufficient.

Option #2 – Dual-Band Multi-GNSS Clock with Jamming & Spoofing Detection

- ✓ Supported Satellite Constellations: **GPS, Galileo (E5a), SBAS, NavIC**
- ✓ Frequency Bands: **L1 (GPS, SBAS, Galileo) and L5 (GPS, Galileo E5a, SBAS, NavIC).**
- ✓ Features:
GNSS jamming detection alerts
GNSS spoofing detection alerts
- ✓ Suitable for critical infrastructure applications requiring enhanced reliability and signal monitoring.

Option #3 – Dual-Band Multi-GNSS Clock with Anti-Jamming & Anti-Spoofing

- ✓ Supported Satellite Constellations: **GPS, GLONASS, Galileo (E5a), SBAS, NavIC**
- ✓ Frequency Bands: **L1 (GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, SBAS) and L5 (GPS, Galileo E5a, SBAS, NavIC).**
- ✓ Features:
Advanced anti-jamming protection
Advanced anti-spoofing mechanisms
- ✓ Robust signal validation and interference detection
- ✓ Automatically switching to the other band if any one band is jammed to maintain satellite lock and provide the alert.
- ✓ **Designed for high-security and mission-critical environments requiring maximum GNSS resilience.**

Note: All NTP Server configuration options support the **same input and output interfaces, protocols, and timing outputs**. The differences between the options are limited **only to the supported GNSS constellations and security features**.



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