

# FMB964 Accelerometer Features settings

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## Accelerometer Calibration

Calibration algorithm is used to recalculate accelerometer axes to represent vehicle's axes (see Picture below). Vehicles axes are as follows:

1. X is front.
2. Y is left.
3. Z is down.



Once vehicle's axes are calculated, device is considered calibrated.

Note: moving forward along any axis will generate negative values. This means acceleration will generate -X values, accordingly breaking will generate X values. Same goes for other axes.

Configurable parameters can be found at [System Settings Accelerometer Auto Calibration](#)

Commands that can be used during calibration:

Command	Response	Description
auto_calibrate:set	Yes	Request auto calibration task start
auto_calibrate:get	Yes	Request calibration info (time, ground vector, side vector)
auto_calibrate:clear	Yes	Request calibration clear from flash and stop calibration task
auto_calibrate:status	Yes	Request calibration status and calibration task status

## Auto calibration before firmware version 03.25.07.Rev.00.

Accelerometer auto calibration functionality has one purpose - determine how FMB device is mounted in a vehicle. After the calibration process *eco driving* functionality becomes active and calibration data will be used to determine harsh acceleration, braking and cornering events. There are two conditions when auto calibration takes place:

- If on device startup no calibration was detected;
- If the device receives an SMS/GPRS message with *auto\_calibrate:set* text.

After functionality has started FMB device periodically checks current appliance GNSS, ignition and movement source parameters and if the conditions match:

- position fix got;
- GNSS speed is zero;
- ignition is ON;
- first calibration vector was not saved yet;

Then first vector is taken. Saved vector will be considered as ground vector and it will be used at further calibration calculations.

*Note: When FMB device saves first ground vector vehicle must be parked on flat ground. Crooked vector may have an impact on further calculations.*

Afterwards first ground vector was taken, device analyses conditions:

- position fix got;
- GNSS speed is at least 20 km/h;
- ignition is ON;
- second vector was not saved yet;
- vehicle driving in the same direction with 5° tolerance;
- vehicle speed increase by 7km/h within 1 second.

For next vector. Second vector will be taken if all conditions match. Immediately after second vector is received, it will be multiplied by first (ground) vector, the result of these vectors is vector multiplication cross product which is the right side of a car. By using same vector multiplication method, device front, left side will be calculated. At this point calibration is successfully ended as indication device sends an SMS/GPRS message with *Device is calibrated, to recalibrate send:auto\_calibrate:set*.

*Note: SMS/GPRS message will be sent only if auto calibration functionality was triggered by SMS/GPRS message.*

For user convenience in case auto calibration functionality fails then notification message will be sent. For exact messages, check algorithm section.

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To get current calibration status *auto\_calibrate:get* SMS/GPRS command must be sent to the device. If device is calibrated it will respond with *Calibration state: calibrated* or otherwise *Calibration state: not calibrated*. Also this command returns saved Ground and Side vectors.

After every TRIP START event, device starts shadow calibration. This type of calibration is running in parallel with already saved vectors (this means that vectors does not reset until shadow calibration have both new vectors). After shadow calibration is done, device updates the vector values to the new ones. There are two conditions when shadow calibration does not run at TRIP start event:

- Normal calibration is still running.
- Shadow calibration is still running from previous TRIP event.

To take ground vector these conditions should be met:

- Ignition is ON
- Device got GPS FIX
- Vehicle speed = 0km/h

Device will check these conditions every 1sec until they will pass.

To take side vector these conditions should be met:

- Vehicle speed  $\geq$  20km/h
- Device got GPS FIX
- Ignition is ON
- Device angle does not change more than 5 degrees in past 1 sec
- Speed need to increase by 7km/h in 1s period.

Device will check these conditions every 1 sec until they will pass.

### **Auto calibration rework and improvements from firmware version 03.25.07.Rev.00.**

- Exponential moving average (EMI) Filter added.

#### **Auto-calibration Improvement**

Auto calibration task is launched on one of these conditions (assume calibration is enabled in configuration):

1. Every time device turns on, it checks whether it was previously calibrated and has calibration stored in flash. If device has no calibration in flash, auto calibration task is started.
2. Device calibration was previously disabled by configuration and now is enabled.
3. SMS "auto\_calibrate:set" is received. Note: SMS response is sent after calibration has been acquired.

This SMS triggers an SMS response to be sent. Response is sent when calibration is acquired. When 1 hour passes without successful calibration, failed SMS response is sent.

4. Calibrated device's mean axes of set interval differ more than set amount from desired (0,0,1) calibration is considered inaccurate. Calibration is deleted from flash and auto calibration task started.

After auto calibration task has been started, it will go on indefinitely until satisfactory calibration is acquired.

#### **Data Required**

Auto calibration need to fill two buffers to calibrate device:

1. All accelerometer data - buffer which collects all data from accelerometer at 10Hz frequency. To fill this buffer set seconds of data samples are needed. When buffer is full, oldest data is dumped and new data is placed into the buffer.
2. Straight accelerometer data - buffer which collect straight accelerations data from accelerometer at 10Hz frequency. To fill this buffer set seconds of data samples (set times Hz samples) are needed. When buffer is full, oldest data is dumped and new data is placed into the buffer. Algorithm rules to acquire these samples:

- 2.1. GPS fix is present.
- 2.2. Ignition is on.
- 2.3. GPS speed is more than 5 km/h.
- 2.4. GPS heading is equal to last GPS heading (+/-1 degree) at GPS sample rate 1Hz.
- 2.5. GPS speed more then 5 km/h from last sample (accelerating).

Once both buffers are full, auto calibration is attempted. If calibrated values pass calibration quality threshold, calculated calibration is written to flash as current calibration - device is calibrated.

Note: If GPS fix is lost or ignition is turned off, buffers' data is dumped and must be gathered from 0 again.

## Re-Calibration

When calibration is present, device checks for re-calibration every 60s indefinitely. Re-calibration requires fix and ignition to run also re-calibration is turned off when vehicle is stopped for more than 15s until conditions are satisfied again. When calibrated device's mean axes of set interval(calibrated accelerometer data) differ more than set amount from desired (0,0,1) (perfect vehicle's axes) calibration is considered inaccurate, or device's position has changed and re-calibration is needed. Calibration is cleared from flash and auto calibration task is started.

Note: turning device around calibrated Z axis will not trigger re-calibration, after turning device around Z axis manual re-calibration is advised. After calibration if quality value is less than 0.80, calibration update functionality is run. Calibration update constantly tries calibrating device in background until 0.80 quality is reached. Calibration update functionality does not change calibration if calculated new calibration quality is less than 0.80.

## Excessive Idling



When vehicle stops for a specific amount of time the scenario is activated, a record will be generated and digital output status will be changed to 1 when configured. You can configure the time it takes to turn on this scenario (*Time to Stopped*). Scenario is activated until the vehicle starts moving (movement is detected only by the accelerometer) and keeps moving for an amount of time that is configured. You can configure the time it takes to turn off this scenario (*Time to Moving*)  
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# Unplug Detection

Unplug Detection	
Scenario Settings	
<b>Disable</b>	Low Priority
High Priority	Panic Priority
Eventual Records	
<b>Disable</b>	Enable
Unplug Detection Mode	
<b>Simple</b>	Advanced
Make Call To	▼
Send SMS To	▼
SMS Text	Unplug

An event will be generated when FMB964 is unplugged from external power or plugged back in again.

## Scenario settings

- **Disable** - disable scenario.
- **Low Priority** - when low priority event is triggered, device **makes additional record** with indication of event cause.
- **High Priority** - module makes additional record with High priority flag and **sends event packet immediately** to the server by

## GPRS.

- **Panic Priority** - triggers same actions as High priority, but if **GPRS fails**, it sends AVL packet using **SMS mode** if SMS is enabled in [SMS Data Sending](#) settings.

## Eventual Records

- **Disable** - scenario status value is sent in **each AVL record**.
- **Enable** - scenario status value is sent only in **eventual AVL records**.

## Unplug Detection mode

- **Simple** - unplug detection according to **external voltage only**. Is used in cars where power voltage is not dependent on ignition (recommended).
- **Advanced** - unplug detection according to **external voltage** and **accelerometer**. Is used in cars where power voltage is disconnected when ignition is switched off.
- **Make Call To** lets make a phone call to predefined number, when event is triggered.
- **Send SMS To** lets receive a SMS text to predefined number, when event is triggered. **SMS Text** lets choose preferred message text.

## Towing Detection



*Towing Detection* feature helps to inform the driver about unexpected car movement when it was parked. FMB964 generates an event when a car is being towed or lifted, for example, in a case of vehicle evacuation. FMB964 activates the towing function when the following conditions are met:

1. Ignition (configured Ignition Source) is OFF.
2. *Activation Timeout* is reached.

When the towing function is engaged FMB964 monitors accelerometer data. If acceleration *Threshold* or *Angle* reach configured values for a configured *Duration*, and Ignition is still OFF for a period of time that is longer than *Event Timeout*, then an event is generated. When configured, *Make Call To* and *Send SMS To* functions make a call or send an SMS to a predefined phone number. The towing function will be reactivated after FMB964 detects a change of Ignition state from ON to OFF or if the configured *Activation Timeout* is reached again.

The digital output can be activated for a period of time to warn the driver. Output on-time is configured separately for each featuring case. For more information please refer to [DOUT controls](#).

**NOTE:** From 03.27.xx firmware version, when the Towing event is detected, the device starts to send data to the server as configured in "On Moving" mode in the "Data Acquisition" tab. This will help to track where vehicles are towed.

## Crash Detection



If *Crash Detection* is enabled, it monitors acceleration on each axis which helps to detect an accident. *Threshold* and *Duration* values are set depending on the impact magnitude that is required to be detected. FMB964 can detect events ranging between a slight tapping on the device and a severe accident.

If *Crash Trace* is disabled only one eventual crash record will be generated when *Duration (ms)* and *Threshold (mg)* values are exceeded.

If *Crash Trace* is enabled, FMB964 will collect crash trace data with frequency defined by *Trace ODR (Hz)* parameter. Acceleration, GNSS and IO data monitoring duration during the crash event is defined by these parameters:

- *Accel duration (s)*. Acceleration data duration can be set for up to 15 seconds before crash event and 15 seconds after;
- *GNSS duration (s)*. GNSS data duration can be set for up to 30 seconds before crash event and 30 seconds after.
- *IO duration (s)*. IO data duration can be set for up to 30 seconds before crash event and 30 seconds after.

There are three configurable Crash Trace modes:

### Trace Full

- Data tracked: all GNSS and acceleration data

## Trace Full with IO's

- Data tracked: all GNSS and acceleration data with IO's, configured in I/O settings as "Crash" parameter (see picture below)



## Trace Changes

- Data tracked: GNSS and acceleration data, when acceleration values are changed by more than 50mG

NOTE: with Crash Trace mode enabled, it is recommended to use [Codec 8 Extended](#) Data Protocol. This helps to optimize crash trace data sending from device to server.



Each record will have accurate timestamps in milliseconds.



## Crash Data Visualisation

With Teltonika *CrashDataVisualizer* tool you can analyze crash trace data visually: determine impact to vehicle direction, view crash trace on the map, also see the change of mG and speed values during crash time period. *CrashDataVisualizer* is dedicated to work with TAVL application, it means that only crash trace log files exported from TAVL is compatible. To have ability to export crash trace log files, device must be configured to send data by [Codec8E](#).

### To start using *CrashDataVisualizer*

Download and install TAVL (version 4.15.0.1 or later) + *CrashDataVisualizer* applications from here:

Link: <https://drive.teltonika.lt/d/05369fc90d9744afb14f/>

Password: TJEk24YApbRhWrQQ

### To get crash data

Login to TAVL application (please contact your Sales manager for TAVL login information).



In TAVL application:

1. Go to Events
2. Set the date of event
3. Select the object you want to analyze
4. Press "Crashes" button

Crash event list window will show up. Press Download icon and save crash event file (.JSON).



### **Viewing crash data in application**

Open CrashDataVisualizer application. Drag and Drop or Browse crash data file (.JSON).



Use the Visualizer.

