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This page provides an in-depth exploration of the gyroscope feature and its integration into Teltonika firmware for supported devices. It highlights the technological advancements offered by gyroscopes, including their ability to measure and process both linear and rotational motion. The implementation of gyroscopes into firmware enhances crash detection, eco-driving scenarios, and driver behavior monitoring, providing detailed data critical for various industries such as insurance, transportation, agriculture, and heavy machinery. This document aims to provide comprehensive insights into the feature's functionality, configuration, and real-world applications.

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What is a Gyroscope?

A gyroscope is a device that measures angular velocity, or the rate of rotation, around three perpendicular axes: Roll, Pitch, and Yaw. These measurements, expressed in degrees per second or radians per second, enable the tracking of rotational motion in three-dimensional space. When paired with a 3-axis accelerometer, the combination forms a 6-axis inertial measurement unit (IMU), capable of capturing both linear and rotational movement.

Gyroscopes are essential for applications requiring precise motion detection and orientation tracking. For example:

- **Rotation and Orientation**: Gyroscopes detect rotational movements, providing critical data for scenarios involving vehicle spins, rolls, or tilts.
- **Crash Analysis**: By integrating linear acceleration data (from accelerometers) with rotational data, gyroscopes enable a comprehensive understanding of crash mechanics, capturing the angle and orientation of a vehicle during impact.
- **Continuous Monitoring**: With a high Output Data Rate (ODR) of up to 400 Hz, gyroscopes can record detailed motion changes, making them indispensable in crash detection, eco-driving analysis, and advanced vehicle telematics systems.

Features of Gyroscope and Firmware Integration

The integration of gyroscopes into firmware introduces a suite of advanced functionalities, significantly enhancing motion tracking and data analysis capabilities. Key features include:

- **High-Resolution Data Collection**: The gyroscope's ODR has been increased to 400 Hz, providing double the sampling rate of earlier implementations. This ensures even the shortest movements are captured with high accuracy, benefiting crash detection and eco-driving analytics.
- **6-Axis Motion Tracking**: The gyroscope combines rotational data (Roll, Pitch, Yaw) with linear data (X, Y, Z) from the accelerometer, offering a holistic view of vehicle dynamics during events.
- **Crash Trace Enhancements**: Separate configurable durations for capturing data before and after crash events (up to a combined total of 20 seconds) allow for detailed reconstructions. These include gyroscopic data on axis rotations.
- **Eco-Driving Scenario Improvements**: By integrating gyroscope data, new parameters like "total angle changed" during driving events allow for granular analysis of driver behavior, helping fleet managers optimize performance and safety.
- **Continuous Operation**: Unlike accelerometers that may reduce activity in sleep modes, gyroscopes remain active (except in ultra-deep sleep), ensuring crash detection and motion monitoring are always available.
- **Advanced Vehicle Stability Monitoring**: For applications like heavy machinery or agriculture, gyroscopes monitor roll and pitch angles to ensure safe and stable operation.

Configuration Parameters

The gyroscope feature comes with several configurable parameters, enabling users to tailor its functionality to specific needs. Below is a detailed table:

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Use Cases

The gyroscope feature unlocks several practical applications, addressing needs across diverse industries:

- **Crash Event Reconstruction**: By combining linear and rotational data, gyroscopes provide a detailed account of vehicle dynamics during crashes. This includes capturing rollovers, skids, and impact angles, offering unparalleled insights for insurance claims and accident analysis.
- **Driver Behavior Monitoring**: Fleet managers can use gyroscope data to detect unsafe driving behaviors such as sharp cornering, drifting, or harsh braking, promoting safer driving practices.
- **Predictive Maintenance**: Rotational data helps identify tire wear and suspension issues by tracking how vehicles handle during aggressive maneuvers, enabling preemptive repairs.
- **Industry-Specific Applications**:

 - **Insurance Telematics**: Ensures accurate crash reconstructions with combined accelerometer and gyroscope data.
 - **Heavy Machinery**: Tracks machinery stability in hazardous environments, reducing risks of rollovers or tipping.
 - **Rental and Leasing**: Detects improper usage or reckless driving, minimizing wear and tear on vehicles.
 - **Agriculture**: Helps maintain consistent angles during tasks like plowing, spraying, or planting, enhancing precision and efficiency.

Supported Devices

Devices compatible with gyroscope functionality include:

- **FMT100**
- **FMC880**
- **FMM880**

These devices must be equipped with gyroscope-enabled hardware. Clients with older models will require hardware upgrades to access this functionality. Note that gyroscope features are not available as a firmware-only update.

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Additional Notes

Gyroscope functionality represents a significant leap forward in vehicle dynamics analysis. Its ability to combine linear and rotational data enables detailed crash reconstructions, advanced eco-driving analytics, and precise motion tracking, providing critical insights across industries. With continuous improvements, gyroscope integration will continue to expand its impact in telematics applications.