

SONOMA *Network Time Server*

GPS-Synchronized, Dual Gigabit Ports

The Sonoma is a high-performance Time Server that provides a secure and reliable source of network time inside your firewall. We've been designing network time servers since 2000 and Sonoma is the 3rd-generation in that standard-setting line. It can serve accurate time to any system running an NTP or SNTP client. With dual-gigabit ports and a fast microprocessor for high-capacity throughput (7,500 NTP requests/second), the Sonoma can support hundreds of thousands of NTP clients on your network(s).



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Management - Status & Control

You can easily manage the Sonoma using either of the two network ports or the RS-232 serial port. A secure Web Interface (HTTPS) is provided for status monitoring using your Internet browser. With the Sonoma D12 model you can also use the vibrant display and keypad. (The Sonoma N12 model has no display/keypad.)

Reliable Hardware Design

The superior reliability of the Sonoma is the result of our very highly-integrated, efficient hardware design that is unique to our products. This design achieves an estimated MTBF of over 25 years (16 years with Rubidium). We do not use general-purpose CPU boards (sometimes referred to as single-board computers (SBC)). Instead, by using the latest semiconductor technologies found in tablet computers, we have achieved an optimal combination of reliability, performance and power consumption. The CPU is a highly-integrated System-on-Chip (SoC) and the circuitry around it is assembled with 100% soldered-down memory components rather than consumer-grade, plug-in, FLASH or DRAM memory modules. The chassis is sealed to keep air currents and dust off sensitive frequency control components. No fans are needed, due to the efficiency of the design. This built-in reliability is combined with a production process which integrates stringent quality assurance inspections and rigorous performance verification.

FEATURES

- GPS-Synchronized.
- Dual gigabit ports.
- NTP server throughput of 7,500 requests per second.
- Optional PTP/IEEE-1588 with hardware timestamping.
- SNMP, SSH, HTTPS and more.
- IPv6 and IPv4 compliant.
- Secure Web Interface to monitor status via your Internet browser.
- Optional dual power supplies.
- Daily and weekly data plots: CPU, NTP, GPS and Oscillator Statistics.
- Serves NTP Stratum 1 time for 24 hours if GPS signal is lost. Up to 140 days with Oscillator Upgrade Option.
- Optional Serial Time Output: Sysplex, NMEA, NENA, and more.
- Three-Year Warranty.
- 60-Day Money-Back Guarantee.
- Free technical support and software upgrades for life.

PTP/IEEE-1588

Grandmaster Clock Option

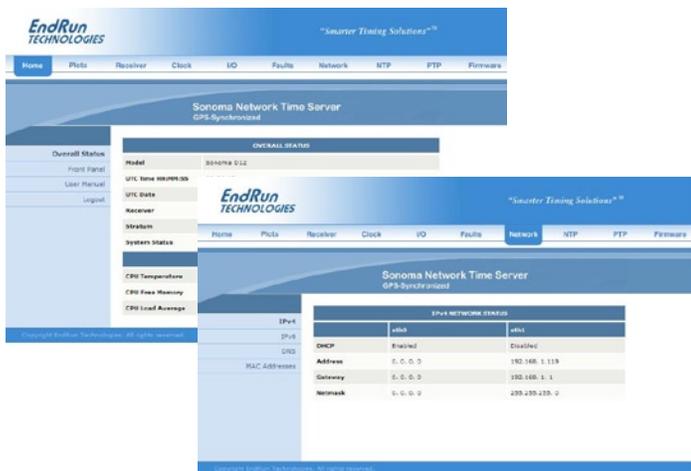
The Sonoma can be configured as a PTP Grandmaster Clock by enabling the PTP/IEEE-1588 option on one or both of the gigabit ports. Using both ports enables one Grandmaster to service two independent PTP sub-domains.

Each Sonoma is shipped from the factory ready for hardware-based PTP timestamping with 8-nanosecond resolution. You can purchase Hardware timestamping delivers the level of performance that is required in today's high-speed, low-latency systems. For detailed information on this option, see the

BENEFITS

- Accurate and secure source of network time inside your firewall.
- Hundreds of thousands of NTP clients can be reliably synchronized to within 1/2 - 2 milliseconds of each other.
- Easy to operate and maintain.





Web Interface (HTTPS)
for Status Monitoring & Firmware Upgrades

Web Interface

The Sonoma web interface is designed with security in mind, so it is used for status information and firmware upgrades only – not for configuration and control. Firmware upgrades are enabled only after an authentication process. In addition, the web interface can be completely disabled for those who need the highest level of security.

The tabbed panels offer easy access to information about the Receiver, Clock, I/O, Faults, NTP, PTP and the Firmware. Firmware upgrades are easy with the point & click upgrade process. Also, a link to the resident User Manual is available on the Home page.



Charts available for NTP, Oscillator and CPU statistics

Measurement Statistics and Charting

Real-time charting of NTP, Oscillator, GPS and CPU statistics is available via the Web Interface. Measurements are continuously computed and displayed in real-time with daily and weekly charts. The charts are automatically archived into month and year directories that remain resident for up to ten years.

The Oscillator statistics chart shows the internal chassis temperature, oscillator electronic frequency control value and the offset of the receiver subsystem to the GPS reference. It is useful for verifying that the unit was locked to the GPS system at a certain time. The NTP statistics chart shows the NTP packets sent, packet rate and the accuracy of the NTP/System Time relative to UTC. The CPU statistics chart shows the free memory, processor load and CPU temperature.

Network Security Hardened

Extra care has been taken with Sonoma to “harden” it against network attacks. It was developed with the latest version of the Linux operating system and security protocols. The Linux distribution is based on Slackware, a distribution that is famed for its ease of configuration, stability and security.

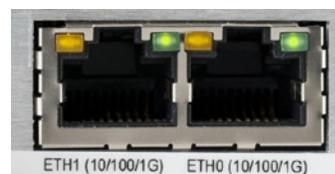
In a purpose-built appliance like the Sonoma, there are only a few settings that need to be made, and they typically need to be set only once in the lifetime of the product. Since this is a set-it-and-forget-it box, we have eliminated all extraneous protocols/services in order to minimize exposure to security holes. You can change settings via SSH or Telnet, and monitor the alarm/status information using HTTPS, SNMP, SSH, or Telnet. Security-conscious users can disable any or all of the risky protocols such as HTTPS, Telnet, Time and Daytime or restrict access to specific hosts.

For those users who are familiar with Linux, we make it easy for you to customize various aspects of the operation to your requirements.

Full User Control

Configuration and control is accomplished through either the front-panel keypad/display or through the network or serial ports. A handful of simple commands and interactive question/answer utilities are all that is needed to configure and control this product. There is no need to be proficient at Linux. Online help for all of the Sonoma-specific commands is available, as well as the standard help files for all of the available Linux commands.

However, many Linux experts desire more control, and in the Sonoma you can have a very high level of control over the entire product. Since Linux systems are configured via human-readable “.conf” files located in the /etc directory of the file system, the Sonoma allows you to modify these files and copy to a non-volatile area of the file system. At boot time, these files are copied over the factory defaults, allowing you to customize virtually all aspects of the operation. Should you need to revert back to the factory configuration, all you need to do is delete the modified files from the non-volatile area.



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Two independent 10/100/1000 Base-T Ethernet ports are available. The ports are capable of providing 7,500 NTP packets per second while maintaining a timestamp accuracy of better than 10 microseconds. For PTP/IEEE-1588 applications, you can purchase the option to run on one or both ports.



*Sonoma rear panel with optional dual power supplies.
Antenna input TNC connector on upper left. Two spare BNC connectors on lower left. One RS-232 connector.
Two 10/100/1000 Base-T Ethernet ports.
Optional dual power supply connectors on right.*

Extended Stratum 1 Operation if Signal Lost

The Sonoma will continue to serve NTP Stratum 1 time for some period if the GPS reference signal is lost. This is called the holdover period and it is dependent upon the quality of the oscillator and the software control algorithms. The basic Sonoma is provided with a TCXO (drift rate is 10 milliseconds/day), and it will continue to serve accurate Stratum 1 time for a full 24 hours of continuous signal loss. For even better holdover performance you may want to consider an OCXO oscillator upgrade.

The holdover period is important for NTP users but for PTP users it is even more important. When the GPS reference signal is lost, the Sonoma begins to drift away from "perfect time", accumulating timing errors the longer it operates without a signal. This means your PTP timestamps become less and less accurate while Sonoma is in holdover. We recommend an OCXO upgrade for PTP customers.

Why would Sonoma lose its lock on the GPS signal? GPS antennas must have a view of the sky to operate. If your GPS antenna is on the roof then the signal can be lost for several reasons, such as lightning strikes and damage due to maintenance activities or vandalism. Although rare, these situations do occur. If you are using a GPS window-mount antenna, then the signal is often missing because of poor sky visibility. We recommend an OCXO upgrade for window-mount installations.

Again, the factors that determine drift rate and holdover period are the quality of the oscillator and the quality of the software control algorithms. Our experience in precision frequency control and OCXO technologies makes the Sonoma performance the best in the market.

Oscillator	Holdover Drift Rate	Holdover Period*
TCXO	10 milliseconds per first day	24 hours
Premium OCXO**	80 microseconds per first day	35 days
Rubidium	5 microseconds per first day	140 days

*Time to accumulate 10 milliseconds of error if GPS signal is lost.

**EndRun designed and manufactures this specialized OCXO.

Easy Installation

The rackmount unit is easily installed and the 10/100/1000 Base-T Ethernet ports smoothly integrate with existing network equipment. The unit is up and running in a few minutes on networks supporting DHCP. Or, without DHCP, the unit can be configured with just a few front-panel keystrokes or a simple serial port command.

Three-Year Warranty and Free Technical Support for Life

The Sonoma has a 3-year parts and labor warranty. Free technical support is available via phone or email for as long you own this product. No support contracts required. Our technicians at the EndRun Technologies facility are highly-trained to help you, and your phone call will be answered by a person, not by an answering machine. Software upgrades are also available free on the EndRun website.

Risk-Free Guarantee

If you are not satisfied with the Sonoma for ANY reason, simply return it within 60 days for a full refund less shipping fees. For details see:

endruntechnologies.com/support/money-back-guarantee



*Optional GPS Antenna Kit
Mounting pipe, ring clamps, 50 ft (15m) cable, antenna & adapter
In plastic bag: window mount kit & instructions.*

SONOMA Network Time Server Specifications

GPS-Synchronized

GPS RECEIVER:

- L1 Band - 1575.42 MHz.
- 12 Channels, C/A Code.
- 15 dB minimum gain at receiver input.
- Single-satellite mode.
- Static and dynamic (shipboard only) modes.
- Timing Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (TRAIM).
- TNC connector (female) on rear panel, $Z_{in} = 50\Omega$. 5 VDC to antenna.

TIME TO LOCK:

- < 5 minutes, typical (TCXO - standard configuration).
- < 10 minutes, typical (OCXO/Rb).

SYNCHRONIZATION ACCURACY:

- GPS Receiver Accuracy: < 25 nanoseconds RMS to UTC(USNO) when locked*.
< 10 nanoseconds RMS with calibration option.
 - NTP Timestamp Accuracy: < 10 microseconds @ 7,500 requests/second.
 - NTP Client Synchronization Accuracy: Network factors can often limit LAN synchronization accuracy to ½ - 2 milliseconds, typical.
- * See [GPS-UTC Timing Specifications](#) for details.

HOLDOVER ACCURACY:

- TCXO (standard): 10 millisecs/day. Serves Stratum 1 time for 24 hours after signal loss.
- Premium OCXO: 80 microsecs/day. Serves Stratum 1 time for 35 days after signal loss.
- Rubidium: 5 microsecs/day. Serves Stratum 1 time for 140 days after signal loss.

SUPPORTED PROTOCOLS:

- SNTP, NTP v2, v3, v4, SHA/MDS authentication, broadcast/multicast mode and autokey.
- SSH client/server with "secure copy" utility, SCP.
- SNMP v1, v2c, v3 with Enterprise MIB.
- HTTPS (Web Interface).
- TELNET client/server.
- FTP and DHCP clients.
- SYSLOG.
- IPv4/IPv6.
- Optional PTP/IEEE-1588-2008 (v2) Grandmaster. 8 ns hardware timestamping.

NTP CLIENT AND PTP SLAVE SOFTWARE:

- NTP client software is freely available. Refer to:
endruntechnologies.com/products/ntp-time-servers/ntp-client-software
- For information about PTP slave software see:
endruntechnologies.com/products/grandmaster-clocks/ptp-slaves

OPERATING SYSTEM:

- Linux Kernel 3.2.2.

NETWORK I/O:

- Two rear-panel RJ-45 jacks.
- Two 10/100/1000 Base-T Ethernet.

MAINTENANCE CONSOLE:

- RS-232 serial I/O on rear panel DB9M jack for secure, local terminal access.
- Parameters fixed at 19200 baud, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit.

SYSTEM STATUS INDICATORS:

- Sync LED: Amber LED pulses to indicate lock status.
- Alarm LED: Red LED indicates a serious fault condition.

ALPHANUMERIC DISPLAY/KEYPAD:

- Display: Brilliant 16x280 graphical, dot-matrix, vacuum-fluorescent.
- Keypad: Enter, Back, Edit, Right, Left, Up, Down, Help.
- Display/keypad is provided with the Sonoma D12 model. Sonoma N12 has no display/keypad.
- NOTE: The only difference between Sonoma D12 and Sonoma N12 is the display/keypad.

FIRMWARE UPGRADES:

- Software is field-upgradeable and provided free-of-charge.

POWER:

- 10 watts with TCXO (standard configuration). 11-13 watts with OCXO. 16-23 watts with Rb.
- 90-264 VAC, 47-63 Hz, 1.0A maximum.
- 3-Pin IEC 320 on rear panel, 2-meter cord included.

SIZE:

- Chassis: 1.75"H x 17"W x 10.75"D (19" rackmount).
- Weight: < 5 pounds.
- Antenna: 3.25"H x 3.0" diameter.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

- Operating Temperature/Humidity: 0° to +50° C / 5% to 90% RH, non-condensing.
- Storage Temperature/Humidity: -40° to +85° C / 5% to 95% RH, non-condensing.

COMPLIANCE:

- CE, FCC, RoHS, WEEE. UL for many Sonoma configurations.

OPTIONS:

- GPS Antenna Kit, Premium OCXO, Rubidium, IEEE-1588v2 (PTP), Time Code Output, 1 PPS Output, -48 Vdc Input, Dual Power Supplies, Open-Collector Alarm Output, Sysplex Timer Output, 10 MPPS, Programmable Pulse Output. More options available - email or call us.

ANTENNA KIT OPTION:

- TNC connector (female), $Z_{out} = 50\Omega$. 5 VDC input.
- Integral +40 dB gain LNA and bandpass filter for out-of-band interference rejection.
- Rugged, all-weather housing capable of operation over -40° to +85°C.
- Mounting via 1 8" long, ¾" PVC pipe with clamps.
- 50' low-loss RG-59 downlead cable is typical. Other lengths are available, up to 1000'.
- Window-mount antenna kit is optional.

PTP/IEEE-1588 GRANDMASTER OPTION:

- IEEE-1588-2008 (v2) with hardware timestamping.
- Parameters: Default Profile. Multicast or Hybrid (mixed Unicast/Multicast). Two-Step Clock. Delay Mechanism: E2E or P2P. Delay Interval: 32 seconds. Transport: UDP/IPv4. Sync Interval: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 or 128 packets / 1 second. Announce Interval: 1 packet per 1, 2, 4, 8 or 16 seconds.
- PTP Timestamp Resolution: 8 nanoseconds.
- PTP Timestamp Accuracy: 33 nanoseconds RMS to UTC(USNO)
18 nanoseconds with calibration option.
- For more information see: endruntechnologies.com/pdf/PTP-IEEE-1588.pdf

1 PPS OUTPUT OPTION:

- Commonly ordered with the PTP/IEEE-1588 option.
- 1 PPS: Positive on-time TTL pulse @ 50Ω or RS-422 levels.
- User-Selectable Width: 20 us, 1 ms, 100 ms, 500 ms.
- Stability: TDEV < 20 ns, $\tau < 10^5$ seconds.

DUAL POWER SUPPLIES OPTION:

- Dual-Redundant Power Supplies with alarm indication in case of failure.
- AC/AC, AC/DC, or DC/DC is available.

