



## External Timing Source

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Clock interfaces are external connectors for connecting other timing signals, such as, GPS, BITS.

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## GPS

The router can receive 1PPS, 10 MHz, and ToD signals from an external clocking and timing source. The three inputs are combined as a Sync-2 interface to form the external timing source or the GPS input.

The GPS front panel connector details are:

- ToD—RS422 format as input
- 1PPS—1.0/2.3 DIN connector as input
- 10MHz—1.0/2.3 DIN connector as input

GPS input starts only when all the three signals – 1PPS, 10MHz, and ToD are UP.



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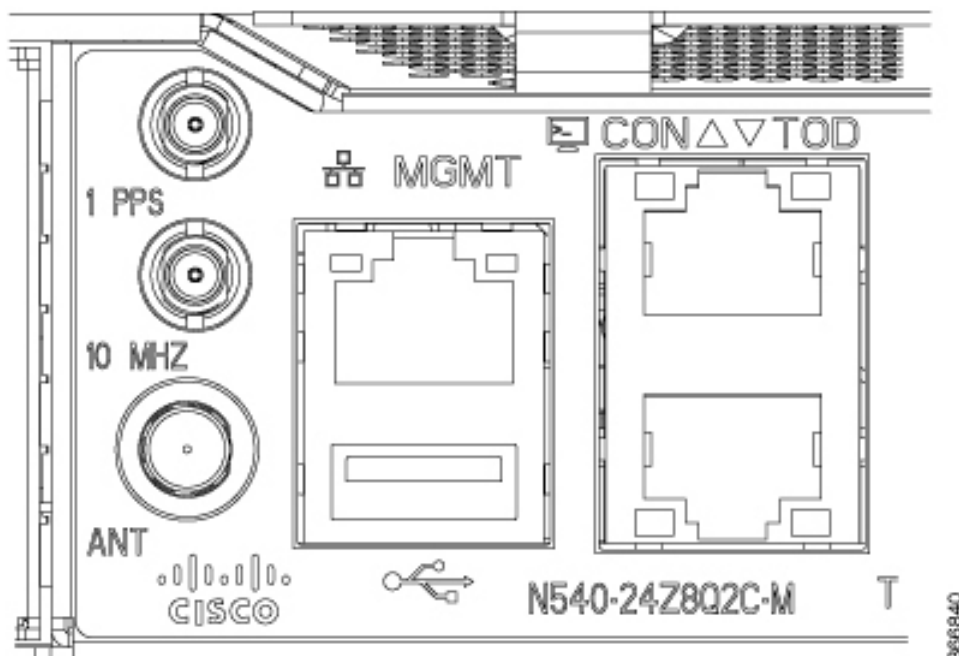
**Note** Unlike the Ethernet interface, the Sync-2 interface cannot receive or transmit QL. Ensure that you assign a QL value to the Sync-2 interface.

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By default, 1PPS and 10MHz are in output mode. ToD output mode is not configurable.

For these variants - N540-24Z8Q2C-SYS, N540X-ACC-SYS, N540-ACC-SYS, N540-28Z4C-SYS, 10MHZ and 1PPS can operate in output mode only when PTP Client or BC mode are configured.

Figure 1: 1PPS, 10MHz, and the ToD ports on the Router's Front Panel



## Configuring GPS Settings for the Grandmaster Clock

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# clock-interface sync 2 location 0/RP0/CPU0
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clock-if)# port-parameters
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clk-parms)# gps-input tod-format cisco pps-input ttl
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clk-parms)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clock-if)# frequency synchronization
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clk-freqsync)# selection input
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clk-freqsync)# wait-to-restore 0
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clk-freqsync)# quality receive exact itu-t option 1 PRC
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clk-freqsync)# exit
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clock-if)# frequency synchronization
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clk-freqsync)# quality itu-t option 1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clk-freqsync)# clock-interface timing-mode system
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clk-freqsync)# end
or
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-clk-freqsync)# commit
```

## Verifying the GPS Input

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:R1# show controllers timing controller clock

SYNCC Clock-Setting: -1 -1 6 -1
  Port 0  Port 1  Port 2  Port 3
Config :      No      No      Yes      No
Mode : -      -      GPS      -
Submode1 : -      -      CISCO    -
Submode2 : -      -      UTC      -
Submode3 : 0      0      0        0
Shutdown : 0      0      0        0
Direction : RX/TX  RX/TX  RX       RX/TX
```

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Baud-Rate : - - 9600 -
QL Option : 01 01 - -
RX_ssm(raw) : - - - -
TX_ssm : - - - -
If_state : DOWN DOWN UP DOWN << Port 2 is UP when GPS input is
valid.
```

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:R1#
```

When the front panel timing LED is Green, it indicates that the GPS is configured and 1PPS, ToD, and 10M inputs are valid.

Timing LED Behavior:

- Timing LED is off: Indicates that no GPS is configured or the GPS port is down.
- Timing LED is green: Indicates that the GPS port is up.

SYNC LED Behavior:

- SYNC LED is applicable: Only when the timing configuration is applied.
- SYNC LED is green: Indicates that SyncE is locked.
- SYNC LED is amber: Indicates a holdover or free-running state.
- SYNC LED is off: Indicates that the configuration is removed.

## Building Integrated Timing Supply (BITS)

Router supports receiving (Rx) and transmitting (Tx) of frequency via BITS interface. To receive and transmit BITS signals, configuration is done under the clock-interface sync 0 on the route processor (RP).

### Prerequisite for BITS

Frequency synchronization must be configured with the required quality level option at the global level.

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#show running-config frequency synchronization
Wed Aug 21 12:37:32.524 UTC
frequency synchronization
quality itu-t option 1
!
```




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**Note** BITS-In and BITS-Out on the peer nodes must be configured with the same mode and format.

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### Configuring BITS-IN

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#configure
Wed Aug 21 12:29:59.162 UTC
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config)#clock-interface sync 0 location 0/RP0/CPU0
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clock-if)#port-parameters
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clk-parms)#bits-input e1 crc-4 sa4 ami
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clk-parms)#exit
```

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RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clock-if)#frequency synchronization
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clk-freqsync)#selection input
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clk-freqsync)#wait-to-restore 0
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clk-freqsync)#priority 1
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clk-freqsync)#commit
Wed Aug 21 12:30:53.296 UTC

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#show running-config clock-interface sync 0 location 0/RP0/CPU0
Wed Aug 21 12:31:43.350 UTC
clock-interface sync 0 location 0/RP0/CPU0
  port-parameters
    bits-input e1 crc-4 sa4 ami
  !
  frequency synchronization
  selection input
  priority 1
  wait-to-restore 0
  !
  !

```

## Configuring BITS-OUT

```

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#configure
Wed Aug 21 12:53:24.189 UTC
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config)#clock-interface sync 0 location 0/RP0/CPU0
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clock-if)#port-parameters
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clk-parms)#bits-output e1 crc-4 sa4 ami
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios(config-clk-parms)#commit
Wed Aug 21 12:53:39.411 UTC

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#show running-config clock-interface sync 0 location 0/RP0/CPU0
Wed Aug 21 12:54:02.853 UTC
clock-interface sync 0 location 0/RP0/CPU0
  port-parameters
    bits-output e1 crc-4 sa4 ami
  !
  !

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**Note** Based on the quality level chosen in global configuration, E1/T1 modes can be changed as required. But in all the cases, both TX and RX side modes and submodes must be the same.

For non-CRC-4/D4 modes, SSM is not present in BITS and manual receive quality level must be configured.

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## Verifying BITS-IN Configuration

```

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#show controllers timing controller clock
Wed Aug 21 12:38:20.394 UTC

SYNCC Clock-Setting: 1 -1 -1 -1

          Port 0          Port 1          Port 2          Port 3
Config    : Yes          No          No          No
Mode      : E1          -          -          -
Submode1  : CRC-4      -          -          -
Submode2  : AMI        -          -          -
Submode3  : 0          0          0          0
Shutdown  : 0          0          0          0
Direction : RX          RX/TX       RX/TX       RX/TX

```

```

Baud-Rate : - - - -
QL Option : 01 01 - -
RX_ssm(raw) : 99 - - -
TX_ssm : - - - -
If_state : UP DOWN DOWN DOWN

```

## Verifying BITS-OUT Configuration

```

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#show controllers timing controller clock
Wed Aug 21 12:49:32.923 UTC
SYNCC Clock-Setting: 1 -1 -1 -1

```

	Port 0	Port 1	Port 2	Port 3
Config	: Yes	No	No	No
Mode	: E1	-	-	-
Submode1	: CRC-4	-	-	-
Submode2	: AMI	-	-	-
Submode3	: 0	0	0	0
Shutdown	: 0	0	0	0
Direction	: TX	RX/TX	RX/TX	RX/TX
Baud-Rate	: -	-	-	-
QL Option	: 01	01	-	-
RX_ssm(raw)	: -	-	-	-
TX_ssm	: 22	-	-	-
If_state	: UP	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN

## Verify Quality Level Received and Clock Interfaces

```

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios#show frequency synchronization clock-interfaces brief
Sat Mar 16 07:35:08.351 UTC
Flags: > - Up D - Down S - Assigned for selection
        d - SSM Disabled s - Output squelched L - Looped back
Node 0/RP0/CPU0:
=====
Fl  Clock Interface  QLrcv  QLuse  Pri  QLsnd  Output driven by
=====
>S  Sync0             PRS    PRS    5   n/a    n/a
D   Sync1             n/a    n/a    n/a  n/a    n/a
D   Sync2             n/a    n/a    n/a  n/a    n/a
>S  Internal0         n/a    ST3    255 n/a    n/a

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