

# ssJ1708

# User's Manual

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

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ssJ1708 is high performance J1708 protocol stack written in ANSI C. ssJ1708 adheres to both the SAE J1708 specification and to the software development best practices guidelines described in MISRA C.

ssJ1708 is a modularized design with an emphasis on software readability and performance. ssJ1708 is easy to understand and can be used on any CPU or DSP with a UART, and can run with or without an RTOS.

### 1.1 Source Files

| Filenames | File Description             |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| j1708.c   | Core source file for ssJ1708 |
| j1708.h   | Core header file for ssJ1708 |

**Table 1-1: ssJ1708 files**

### 1.2 Code and RAM usage

Code size varies based on compiler and compiler settings, but should be approximately 1,200 bytes. RAM usage varies with the size of receive and transmit buffers. Assuming the architecture supports byte size memory locations, approximate RAM usage can be determined by multiplying the number of receive and transmit buffers by 23 bytes. An additional 15 bytes are used for miscellaneous purposes.

### 1.3 Requirements

The processor should have the following:

- A native UART.
- A free running timer with overflow period greater than 3.7 milliseconds.
- An external interrupt attached to the RX pin of UART.

# Chapter 2

## Integration of ssJ1708

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This chapter describes how to integrate ssJ1708 into your application. After this is complete, you will be able to receive and transmit J1708 messages. For implementation details, please see the chapters covering the API and the HAL.

### 2.1 Integration Steps:

1. Implement the hardware specific firmware which is described in chapter 3.
2. Before using any of the ssJ1708 module features, make sure the module has been initialized by calling `j1708_init`. Typically `j1708_init()` is called shortly after power-on reset and before the application is started.
3. Call `j1708_update()` periodically. This function must be called more frequent than the overflow frequency of the free running timer. See the function's description in the API chapter for details.

# Chapter 3

## ssJ1708 Hardware Abstraction Layer

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The hardware abstraction layer (HAL) minimizes and centralizes the CPU specific firmware. ssJ1708 uses a native UART, an external interrupt, and a free running timer of the target architecture. Since these features are hardware depended, it is the requirement of the module integrator to write a small amount of firmware. This chapter gives step by step instructions on what is required. Also, the source code is marked by “PORT:”s which help the integrator find the exact location for the firmware adaptation.

The HAL contains five macros that are responsible for reading the free running timer, transmitting a character, receiving a character, clearing the receive interrupt flag and clearing the external interrupt flag. These five macros are placed at the top of j1708.c.

| Function Prototype        | Macro Description                  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| J1708_HAL_FRT_READ( val ) | Reads the free running timer       |
| J1708_HAL_RX_CHAR( val )  | Reads a character from the UART    |
| J1708_HAL_TX_CHAR( val )  | Transmits a character out the UART |
| J1708_HAL_RX_ISR_CLR()    | Clears the receive interrupt flag  |
| J1708_HAL_EXT_ISR_CLR()   | Clears the external interrupt flag |
| J1708_LOCK()              | Disables RX and EXT interrupts     |
| J1708_UNLOCK()            | Enables RX and EXT interrupts      |

**Table 3-1: HAL functions**

### 3.1 UART Operation

The UART needs to be configured for 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity. The UART speed should be set to 9600 bps, with a maximum error of +/- 0.5%. This initialization may be placed in j1708\_init.

### 3.2 External Interrupt Operation

The external interrupt should be configured to activate on a falling edge of the UART's receive pin. This initialization may be placed in `j1708_init`.

### 3.3 Free Running Timer

The free running timer should be configured to count up. When the timer overflows, it should continue counting automatically. The overflow period must be longer than the period between `j1708_update()` calls. The overflow period must also be larger than 3.7 ms.

### 3.4 Free Running Timer Size

The type "`j1708_frt_t`" needs to be set to `uint8_t` if the timer is 8 bits wide, `uint16_t` if 16 bits wide, or `uint32_t` if 32 bits wide. If the timer is neither 8, 16, or 32 bits wide, then additional firmware changes will be required. Please contact Simma Software for details.

### 3.5 Idle Line Timing

There are two different locations that contain timings that are dependent on the free running timer speed. The module integrator needs to set "`J1708_RX_IDLE_TIME`" to the number of clock cycles that will occur in 1.25 milliseconds. Also, the `j1708_tx_idle_time_t` array needs to be initialized with the cycle counts for times that vary between 2.19 and 3.65 milliseconds. See source code for full timing details.

### 3.6 Interrupt Service Routines

There are two interrupt service routines used by the J1708 module. One is for the UART's receive interrupt and is named `j1708_rx_isr()`. The other is for the external interrupt and is named `j1708_bus_active_isr()`. Since compilers define interrupts in different ways, it is the responsibility of the module integrator to define these two ISRs in accordance with the compiler's requirements. The integrator must also place these routines in the interrupt vector table or similar mechanism.

# Chapter 4

## ssJ1708 Application Program Interface

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The ssJ1708 application program interface (API) describes the software interface for the ssJ1708 module. These functions initialize the module, provide a time base for the ssJ1708 module, transmit J1708 messages, and read messages from the J1708 receive buffer.

| Function Prototype   | Function Description                           |
|--|--|
| void j1708_init ( void )   | Initializes hardware                           |
| void j1708_update ( void )   | Provides required module updates               |
| uint8_t j1708_rx ( uint8_t *buf,<br>uint8_t *size )                | Reads a J1708 from receive buffer              |
| uint8_t j1708_tx ( uint8_t *buf,<br>uint8_t size,<br>uint8_t pri ) | Places a J1708 message in the transmit buffer. |

**Table 4-1: API functions**



## j1708\_init

**Function Prototype:**

```
void j1708_init ( void );
```

**Description:**

This function initializes any J1708 specific hardware. By default, it is an empty function and is the responsibility of the module integrator to implement. See chapter 3 for details.

**Parameters:**

void

**Return Value:**

void

## j1708\_update

**Function Prototype:**

```
void j1708_update ( void );
```

**Description:**

This function provides periodic execution for the ssJ1708 module. During this time ssJ1708 checks the transmit buffer. If a message is present and the bus is idle, then transmission will start. Since this function is responsible for starting transmission of every J1708 message, it should be called often enough to handle the application's transmit requirements. 5 or 10 milliseconds are common update rates. This routine can also be called continuously (e.g. from an idle task or idle portion of scheduler).

This function also tracks overflows of the free running timer. Therefore this function must be called at a higher frequency than the free running timer's overflow frequency. For example, if the free running timer overflows every X milliseconds, then this function must be called more often than once every X milliseconds.

**NOTE:** This function is also called by j1708\_tx and j1708\_rx and is not designed to be reentrant. Therefore, this function should not be called from an interrupt context unless it can be guaranteed that this function won't be reentered. For RTOS implementation j1708\_update, j1708\_tx, and j1708\_rx are not thread safe and shouldn't be called from different tasks.

**Parameters:**

void

**Return Value:**

void

## j1708\_rx

### Function Prototype:

```
uint8_t j1708_rx (uint8_t *msg, uint8_t *size );
```

### Description:

If a message is waiting in the J1708 receive buffer, the entire message minus the checksum will be copied into the memory pointed to by msg. All messages returned by this function have a valid checksum.

**NOTE:** This function is not reentrant.

### Parameters:

msg: Points to memory where the J1708 message will be copied. The first location contains the J1708 MID.  
size: Size of J1708 message pointed to by msg.

### Return Value

Non-zero: Message was not read from receive buffer.  
0: Message was read from receive buffer.

## j1708\_tx

### Function Prototype:

```
uint_8 j1708_tx ( uint8_t *buf, uint8_t size, uint8_t pri );
```

### Description:

This function first checks to see if there is memory available in the transmit buffer. If there is, the message checksum is calculated and stored at the end of the message. Then the message is copied into the transmit buffer. Lastly, j1708\_update() is called which will check the state of the bus. If the bus is idle, then transmission will be started.

**NOTE:** This function is not reentrant.

### Parameters:

msg: Points to the J1708 message. First location is the J1708 MID.  
size: Size of J1708 message pointed to by msg.  
pri: Priority of J1708 message

### Return Value:

Non-zero: Message was not written to the transmit buffer.  
0: Message was written to the transmit buffer.

# Chapter 5

## Configuration

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This chapter describes all configurable items of the ssJ1708 module. These items are stored as defines at the top of j1708.c.

### **J1708 Receive Buffer Size**

This defines the number of J1708 messages the receive buffer will hold. It is recommended to be three or more.

```
#define J1708_RX_BUF_SIZE          3
```

### **J1708 Transmit Buffer Size**

This defines the number of J1708 messages the transmit buffer will hold. It is recommended to be two or more.

```
#define J1708_TX_BUF_SIZE         2
```