

GOES-17 MAG Level 1b (L1b) Release  
Beta Data Quality  
August 23, 2018  
Read-Me for Data Users

The GOES-R Peer Stakeholder Product Validation Review (PS-PVR) for MAG L1b Beta Maturity was held on August 8, 2018. The result of this review was the PS-PVR panel recommending that the MAG L1b data be included in the GRB. This was accomplished at 15 UT on August 9, 2018.

Beta maturity, by definition, means that:

- Initial calibration applied (L1b);
- Rapid changes in product input tables / algorithms can be expected;
- Product quick looks and initial comparisons with ground truth data not adequate to determine product quality;
- Anomalies may be found in the product and the resolution strategy may not exist;
- Product is made available to users to gain familiarity with data formats and parameters (via GRB);
- Product has been minimally validated and may still contain significant errors; and
- Product is not optimized for operational use.

The L1b data product derived from MAG is vector measurement of the geomagnetic field sampled at 10 Hz from the inboard and outboard magnetometers. Magnetic field data provided in coordinate systems other than the sensor frame are based on the outboard magnetometer.

The GOES-17 MAG Level 1b (L1b) Beta level data products are preliminary, non-operational data. These data are currently undergoing testing and initial calibration and validation. The user should be aware that these products are only at a Beta level of maturity. This means that the products are made available to users to gain familiarity with data formats and parameters in accordance with the GOES-R Product User Guide (PUG). Beta products have been minimally validated and may still contain significant errors. They are not optimized for operations or research and should not be used for these purposes. Users bear all responsibility for inspecting the data prior to use and for the manner in which the data are utilized.

Persons desiring to use the GOES-17 MAG Beta maturity L1b products for any reason, including but not limited to scientific and technical investigations, should involve the responsible NOAA scientists before proceeding.

Known issues under work for resolution:

1. The initial calibration parameters have not been applied, resulting in bias errors on the order of 5 nT.
2. The inboard magnetometer periodically exhibits anomalous bias shifts of a few nT.
3. The ambient field estimate occasionally switches between the inboard and outboard magnetometer values, causing small spikes in the data.

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