



ALPHA RF Transceiver

Features

- FM Transceiver Module
- Low cost, high performance
- Fast PLL lock time
- Wakeup timer
- 2.2V – 3.8V power supply
- Low power consumption
- 10MHz crystal for PLL timing
- Clock and reset signal output for external MCU use
- 16 bit RX Data FIFO
- SPI interface
- Internal data filtering and clock recover
- Digital signal strength indicator (DRSSI)
- Programmable TX frequency deviation (from 15 to 240 KHz)
- Programmable receiver bandwidth (from 67 to 400 kHz)
- Standby current less than 0.3uA
- Two 8 bit TX data registers
- High data rate (up to 115.2 kbps with internal demodulator, with external RC filter highest data rate is 256 kbps)
- Operates from -45 to +850C



Applications

- Wireless Security Systems
- Car Alarms
- Remote Gate Controls
- Remote Sensing
- Data Capture
- Sensor Reporting

Introduction

The Alpha Modules are extremely cost effective but high performance radio modules. Supplied in a miniature Surface mount package this Transceiver module can Transmit/Receive at up to 115Kbps at a maximum of 300m.

Operating at 2.2-3.6V, the module monitors its battery voltage and can sleep with very low standby current. The module can wake intermittently and provide direct control outputs to a microcontroller making it ideally suited to battery applications.

These Modules will suit one to one multi-node wireless links in applications including car and building security, POS and inventory tracking, remote process monitoring.

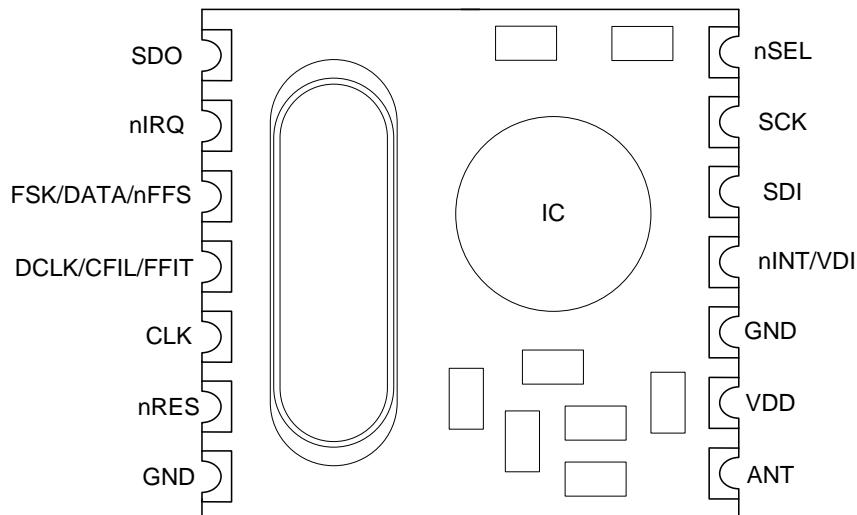
Ordering Information

| Part Number | Description |
|---------------|--|
| ALPHA-TRX433S | FM Transceiver Module, pre-set to 433MHz |
| ALPHA-TRX868S | FM Transceiver Module, pre-set to 868MHz |
| ALPHA-TRX915S | FM Transceiver Module, pre-set to 915MHz |

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Pin Description

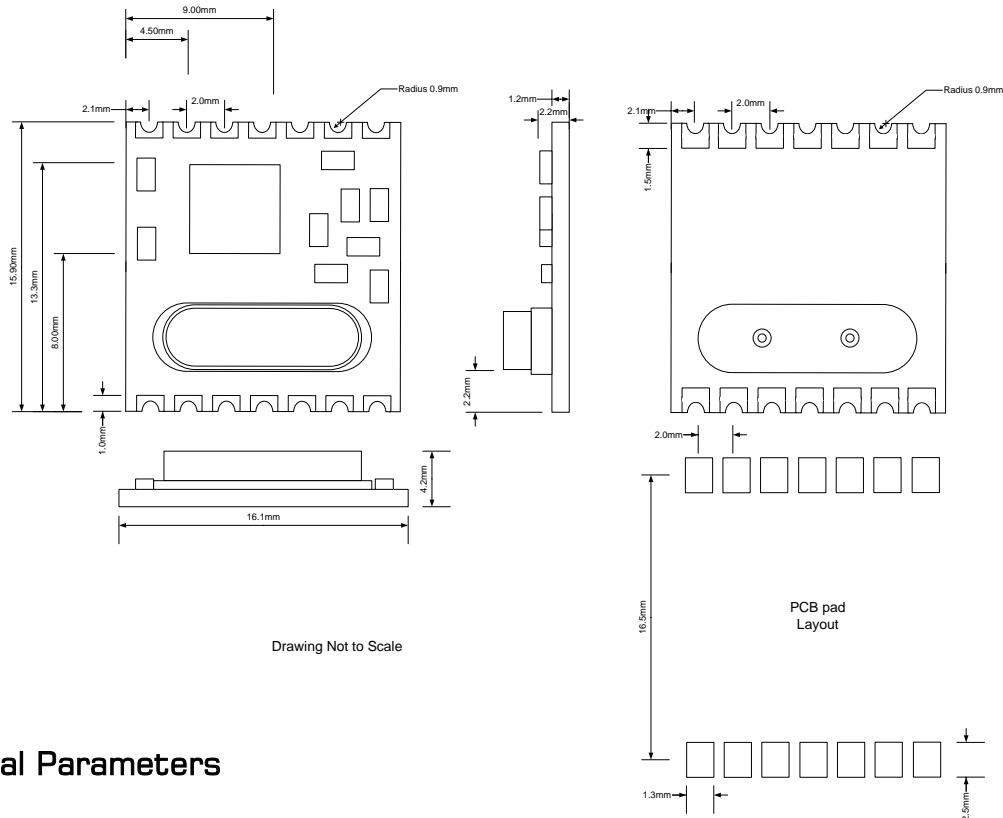


| PIN | Definition | Type | Function |
|-------|----------------|-----------|---|
| 11 | nINT/VDI | DI/ DO | Interrupt input (active low)/Valid data indicator |
| 9 | VDD | S | Positive power supply |
| 12 | SDI | DI | SPI data input |
| 13 | SCK | DI | SPI clock input |
| 8 | ANT | IN | Antenna Connection |
| 1 | SDO | DO | Serial data output with bus hold |
| 2 | nIRQ | DO | Interrupts request output (active low) |
| 3 | FSK/DATA/nFFS | DI/DO/DI | Transmit FSK data input/ Received data output (FIFO not used)/ FIFO select |
| 4 | DCLK/CFIL/FFIT | DO/AIO/DO | Clock output (no FIFO)/ external filter capacitor (analog mode)/ FIFO interrupts (active high) when FIFO level set to 1, FIFO empty interruption can be achieved |
| 5 | CLK | DO | Clock output for external microcontroller |
| 6 | nRES | DIO | Reset Input (active low) |
| 7, 10 | GND | S | Power ground |
| 14 | nSEL | DI | Chip select (active low) |

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Mechanical Dimensions



Electrical Parameters

Maximum (not in working mode)

| Symbol | Parameter | Minimum | Maximum | Unit |
|----------|----------------------------|---------|--------------|------|
| V_{dd} | Positive power supply | -0.5 | 6.0 | V |
| V_{in} | All pin input level | -0.5 | $V_{dd}+0.5$ | V |
| I_{in} | Input current except power | -25 | 25 | mA |
| ESD | Human body model | | 1000 | V |
| T_{st} | Storage temperature | -55 | 125 | °C |
| T_{ld} | Soldering temperature(10s) | | 260 | °C |

Recommended working range

| Symbol | Parameter | Minimum | Maximum | Unit |
|----------|-----------------------|---------|---------|------|
| V_{dd} | Positive power supply | 2.2 | 3.8 | V |
| T_{op} | Working temperature | -40 | 85 | °C |

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DC Characteristics

Test Conditions: T_{op} 27°C $V_{dd} = 3.3V$

| Symbol | Parameter | Remark | Minimum | Typical | Maximum | Unit |
|--------------------|---|---|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|------|
| $I_{dd_TX_0}$ | Supply current (TX mode, $P_{out} = 0\text{dBm}$) | 433MHz band 868MHz band 915MHz band | | 15 16 17 | | mA |
| $I_{dd_TX_Pmax}$ | Supply current (TX mode, $P_{out} = P_{max}$) | 433MHz band 868MHz band 915MHz band | | 22 23 24 | 26 27 28 | mA |
| I_{dd_RX} | Supply current (RX mode) | 433MHz band 868MHz band 915MHz band | | 11 12 13 | 13 14 15 | mA |
| I_x | Stand by current | Crystal and base band on | | 3.0 | 3.5 | mA |
| I_{pd} | Sleep mode current | All blocks off | | 0.3 | | uA |
| I_{lb} | Low battery detection | | | 0.5 | 1.7 | uA |
| V_{lb} | Low battery step | 0.1V per step | 2.2 | | 5.3 | V |
| V_{lba} | Low battery detection accuracy | | | 75 | | mV |
| V_{il} | Low level input | | | | 0.3* V_{dd} | V |
| V_{ih} | High level input | | 0.7* V_{dd} | | | V |
| I_{il} | Leakage current | $V_{il}=0V$ | -1 | | 1 | uA |
| I_{ih} | Leakage current | $V_{ih}=V_{dd}$, $V_{dd}=5.4V$ | -1 | | 1 | uA |
| V_{ol} | Low level output | $I_{ol}=2\text{mA}$ | | | 0.4 | V |
| V_{oh} | High level output | $I_{oh}=-2\text{mA}$ | $V_{dd}-0.4$ | | | V |

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AC Characteristics

PLL Parameters

| Symbol | Parameter | Remark | Min | Typical | Max | Unit |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|------|
| f_{ref} | PLL frequency | | 9 | 10 | 11 | MHz |
| t_{lock} | PLL lock time | After 10MHz step hopping, frequency error <10 kHz | | 30 | | us |
| T_{stP} | PLL Start up time | With running crystal oscillator | | 200 | 300 | us |
| f_{LO} | frequency (10MHz crystal used) | 433 MHz band 2.5KHz steps 868 MHz band 5KHz steps 915 MHz band 7.5KHz steps | 430.24 860.48 900.72 | | 439.75 879.51 929.27 | MHz |

AC Characteristics

Receiver

| Symbol | Parameter | Remark | Min | Typical | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| BW | Receiver bandwidth | Mode 1 Mode2 Mode 3 Mode 4 Mode 5 Mode 6 | 60 120 180 240 300 360 | 67 134 200 270 350 400 | 75 150 225 300 375 450 | KHz |
| BR | FSK bit rate | With internal digital demodulator | 0.6 | | 115.2 | kbps |
| BRA | FSK bit rate | With external RC filter | | | 256 | kbps |
| AFC _{range} | AFC working range | df_{FSK} FSK deviation in the received signal | | 0.8* df_{FSK} | | |
| P _{min} | Receiver Sensitivity | BER 10 ⁻³ , BW=67 kHz, BR=1.2 kbps, 868 MHz Band | | -110 | | dBm |
| IIP3 _{inh} | Input IP3 | In band interferers in high bands (868 MHz, 915 MHz) | | -21 | | dBm |
| IIP3 _{outh} | Input IP3 | Out of band interferers f-fo > 4 MHz | | -18 | | dBm |
| IIP3 _{ini} | IIP3 (LNA -6 dB gain) | In band interferers in low band (433 MHz) | | -15 | | dBm |
| IIP3 _{outl} | IIP3 (LNA -6 dB gain) | Out of band interferers f-fo > 4 MHz | | -12 | | dBm |
| P _{max} | Maximum Power Input | LNA High Gain | 0 | | | dBm |
| C _{in} | RF Input Capacitance | | | 1 | | pF |
| RS _A | RSSI accuracy | | | ±6 | | dB |
| RS _{Rs} | RSSI range | | | 46 | | dB |
| C _{ARSSI} | ARSSI filter | | 1 | | | nF |
| RS _{STEP} | RSSI programmable step | | | 6 | | dB |
| RS _{RESP} | DRSSI response time | RSSI output high after valid , CARRSI=5nF | | 500 | | us |
| P _{sp} | Receiver Spurious emission | | | | -60 | dBm |

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AC Characteristics (Transmitter)

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Units |
|----------------------|---|---|-------------------------|------------|------------------|--------|
| I _{out} | Open Collector output DC | Programmable | 0.5 | | 6 | mA |
| P _{max_50} | Max. output power delivered to 50 Ohm load over a suitable matching network | In 433MHz band | | 7 | | dBm |
| | | In 868MHz / 915MHz band | | 5 | | |
| P _{max_ant} | Max. EIRP with suitable selected PCB antenna | In 433 MHz band with monopole antenna with matching network | | 7 | | dBm |
| | | In 868 MHz / 915 MHz bands | | 7 | | |
| P _{out} | Typical output power | Selectable in 2.5dB steps | P _{max} - 17.5 | | P _{max} | dBm |
| P _{sp} | Spurious emission f-f _{sp} > 1 MHz | At max power 50 ohm load | | | -55 | dBc |
| | | With PCB antenna | | | -60 | |
| P _{harm} | Harmonic suppression | At max power 50 ohm load | | | -35 | dBc |
| | | With PCB antenna | | | -42 | dBc |
| C _o | Output capacitance (set by the automatic antenna tuning circuit) | In 433MHz band In 868 and 915MHz bands | 2 2.1 | 2.6 2.7 | 3.2 3.3 | pf |
| Q _o | Quality factor of the output capacitance | In 433MHz band In 868 and 915MHz bands | 13 8 | 15 10 | 17 12 | |
| L _{out} | Output phase noise | 100 kHz from carrier 1 MHz from carrier | | | -75 -85 | dbc/HZ |
| BR | FSK bit rate | Via internal TX data register | | | 172 | kbps |
| BRA | FSK bit rate | TX data connected to the FSK input | | | 256 | |
| df _{fsk} | FSK frequency deviation | Programmable in 15 kHz steps | 15 | | 240 | kHz |

AC Characteristic (Turn-on/Turnaround timings)

| Symbol | Parameter | Remark | Min | Typical | Max | Unit |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------|---------|------|------|
| T _{st} | Crystal oscillator startup time | Crystal ESR < 100 | | | 5 | ms |
| T _{tx_rx_XTAL_ON} | Transmitter - Receiver turnover time | Synthesizer off, crystal oscillator on | | 450 | | us |
| T _{rx_tx_XTAL_ON} | Receiver - Transmitter turnover time | Synthesizer off, crystal oscillator on | | 350 | | us |
| T _{tx_rx_SYNT_ON} | Transmitter - Receiver turnover time | Synthesizer on, crystal oscillator on | | 425 | | us |
| T _{rx_tx_SYNT_ON} | Receiver - Transmitter turnover time | Synthesizer on, crystal oscillator on | | 300 | | us |
| C _{xl} | Crystal load capacitance | Programmable in 0.5 pF steps, tolerance +/- 10% | 8.5 | | 16 | pf |
| t _{POR} | Internal POR timeout | After V _{dd} has reached 90% of final value | | | 100 | ms |
| t _{PBT} | Wake-up timer clock period | Calibrated every 30 seconds | 0.96 | | 1.05 | ms |
| C _{in,D} | Digital input capacitance | | | | 2 | pf |
| t _{r,f} | Digital output rise/fall time | 15pF pure capacitive load | | | 10 | ns |

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Programming Guide

Brief Description

ALPHA-TRX supports a command interface to setup frequency, deviation, output power and also data rate. There is no need to change any hardware when using frequency-hopping applications.

Commands to the transmitter are sent serially. Data bits on pin SDI are shifted into the device upon the rising edge of the clock on pin SCK whenever the chip select pin nSEL is low. When the nSEL signal is high, it initializes the serial interface. All commands consist of a command code, followed by a varying number of parameter or data bits. All data are sent MSB first (e.g. bit 15 for a 16-bit command). Bits having no influence (don't care) are indicated with X. Special care must be taken when the microcontroller's builtin hardware serial port is used. If the port cannot be switched to 16-bit mode then a separate I/O line should be used to control the nSEL pin to ensure the low level during the whole duration of the command or a software serial control interface should be implemented. The Power-On Reset (POR) circuit sets default values in all control and command registers. The receiver will generate an interrupt request (IT) for the microcontroller - by pulling the nIRQ pin low - on the following events:

- The TX register is ready to receive the next byte (RGIT)
- The RX FIFO has received the pre-programmed amount of bits (FFIT)
- Power-on reset (POR)
- RX FIFO overflow (FFOV) / TX register underrun (RGUR)
- Wake-up timer timeout (WKUP)
- Negative pulse on the interrupt input pin nINT (EXT)
- Supply voltage below the pre-programmed value is detected (LBD)

| Symbol | Parameter | Min value (ns) |
|-----------|--|----------------|
| t_{CH} | Clock high time | 25 |
| t_{CL} | Clock time low | 25 |
| t_{SS} | Select setup time (nSEL falling edge to SCK rising edge) | 10 |
| t_{SH} | Select hold time (SCK falling edge to nSEL rising edge) | 10 |
| t_{SHI} | Select high time | 25 |
| t_{DS} | Select high time 25 t DS Data setup time (SDI transition to SCK rising edge) | 5 |
| t_{DH} | Data hold time (SCK rising edge to SDI transition) | 5 |
| t_{DD} | Data delay time | 10 |

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Control Commands

| | Control Command | Related Parameter/Functions | Related control bits |
|----|--|---|--|
| 1 | Configuration Setting Command | Frequency band, crystal oscillator load capacitance, RX FIFO and TX register enable | <i>el, ef, b1 to b0, x3 to x0</i> |
| 2 | Power Management Command | Receiver/Transmitter mode change, synthesizer, crystal oscillator, PA, wake-up timer, clock output enable | <i>er, ebb, et, es, ex, eb, ew, dc</i> |
| 3 | Frequency Setting Command | Frequency of the local oscillator/carrier signal | <i>f11 to f0</i> |
| 4 | Data Rate Command | Bit rate | <i>cs, r6 to r0</i> |
| 5 | Receiver Control Command | Function of pin 16, Valid Data Indicator, baseband bandwidth, LNA gain, digital RSSI threshold | <i>p16, d1 to d0, i2 to i0, g1 to g0, r2 to r0</i> |
| 6 | Data Filter Command | Data filter type, clock recovery parameters | <i>al, ml, s, f2 to f0</i> |
| 7 | FIFO and Reset Mode Command | Data FIFO IT level, FIFO start control, FIFO enable and FIFO fill enable, POR sensitivity | <i>f3 to f0, sp, ff, al, dr</i> |
| 8 | Synchron Pattern Command | Synchron pattern | <i>b7 to b0</i> |
| 9 | Receiver FIFO Read Command | RX FIFO read | |
| 10 | AFC Command | AFC parameters | <i>a1 to a0, r1 to r0, st, fi, oe, en</i> |
| 11 | TX Configuration Control Command | Modulation parameters, output power | <i>mp, m3 to m0, p2 to p0</i> |
| 12 | PLL Setting Command | CLK out buffer speed, dithering, PLL bandwidth | <i>ob1 to ob0, ddit, dly, bw0</i> |
| 13 | Transmitter Register Write Command | TX data register write | <i>t7 to t0</i> |
| 14 | Wake-Up Timer Command | Wake-up time period | <i>r4 to r0, m7 to m0</i> |
| 15 | Low Duty-Cycle Command | Enable and set low duty-cycle mode | <i>d6 to d0, en</i> |
| 16 | Low Battery Detector and Microcontroller Clock Divider Command | LBD voltage and microcontroller clock division ratio | <i>d2 to d0, v3 to v0</i> |
| 17 | Status Read Command | Status bit readout | |

In general, setting the given bit to one will activate the related function. In the following tables, the POR column shows the default values of the command registers after power-on.

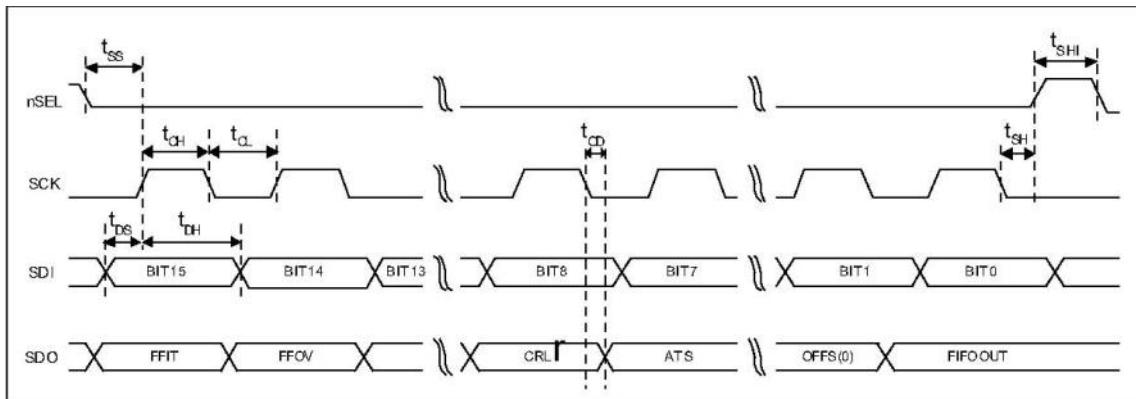
Control register Values

| | Control Register | Power on Reset Value |
|----|--|----------------------|
| 1 | Configuration Setting Command | 8008h |
| 2 | Power Management Command | 8208h |
| 3 | Frequency Setting Command | A680h |
| 4 | Data Rate Command | C623h |
| 5 | Receiver Control Command | 9080h |
| 6 | Data Filter Command | C22Ch |
| 7 | FIFO and Reset Mode Command | CA80h |
| 8 | Synchron Pattern Command | CED4h |
| 9 | Receiver FIFO Read Command | B000h |
| 10 | AFC Command | C4F7h |
| 11 | TX Configuration Control Command | 9800h |
| 12 | PLL Setting Command | CC77h |
| 13 | Transmitter Register Write Command | B8AAh |
| 14 | Wake-Up Timer Command | E196h |
| 15 | Low Duty-Cycle Command | C80Eh |
| 16 | Low Battery Detector and Microcontroller Clock Divider Command | C000h |
| 17 | Status Read Command | 0000h |

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Commands Timing Diagram



Configuration Setting Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | el | ef | b1 | b0 | x3 | x2 | x1 | x0 | 8008h |

e l: Enable TX register

e f: Enable RX FIFO buffer

b1..b0: select band

| b1 | b0 | Band[MHz] |
|----|----|-----------|
| 0 | 0 | Reserved |
| 0 | 1 | 433 |
| 1 | 0 | 868 |
| 1 | 1 | 915 |

x3..x0: select crystal load capacitor

| x3 | x2 | x1 | x0 | Load capacitor [pF] |
|----|----|----|----|---------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.5 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9.0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9.5 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10.0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 15.5 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16.0 |

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Power Management Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | er | ebb | et | es | ex | eb | ew | dc | 8208h |

er: Enable receiver

ebb: Enable base band block

et: Enable transmitter

es: Enable synthesizer

ex: Enable crystal oscillator

eb: Enable low battery detector

Frequency Setting Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | f11 | f10 | f9 | f8 | f7 | f6 | f5 | f4 | f3 | f2 | f1 | f0 | A680h |

f11..f0: Set operation frequency:

433band: $F_c = 430 + F \cdot 0.0025$ MHz

868band: $F_c = 860 + F \cdot 0.0050$ MHz

915band: $F_c = 900 + F \cdot 0.0075$ MHz

F_c is carrier frequency and F is the frequency parameter.

$36 \leq F \leq 3903$

Data Rate Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | cs | r6 | r5 | r4 | r3 | r2 | r1 | r0 | C623h |

r6..r0: Set data rate:

$BR = 10000000 / (R+1) / (1+cs*7)$

Receiver Control Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | P16 | d1 | d0 | i2 | i1 | i0 | g1 | g0 | r2 | r1 | r0 | 9080h |

P16: select function of pin16

| P16 | |
|-----|-----------------|
| 0 | Interrupt input |
| 1 | VDI output |

i2..i0:select baseband bandwidth

| i2 | i1 | i0 | Baseband Bandwidth [kHz] |
|----|----|----|--------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | reserved |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 400 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 340 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 270 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 200 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 134 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 67 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | reserved |

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d1..d0: select VDI response time

| d 1 | d0 | Response |
|--------|----|-----------|
| 0 | 0 | Fast |
| 0 | 1 | Medium |
| 1 | 0 | Slow |
| 1 | 1 | Always on |

g1..g0: select LNA gain

| g 1 | g0 | LNA gain [dBm] |
|--------|----|----------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | -6 |
| 1 | 0 | -14 |
| 1 | 1 | -20 |

r2..r0: select DRSSI threshold

| r2 | r1 | r0 | RSSIsetth [dBm] |
|----|----|----|-----------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | -103 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | -97 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | -91 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | -85 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | -79 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | -73 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | Reserved |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | Reserved |

The actual DRSSI threshold is related to LNA setup: SSITH = RSSIsetth + GLNA.

Data Filter Command

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|----|----|--------|---|----|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|-------|
| bi t 5 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 1 2 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | al | ml | 1 | s | 1 | f2 | f1 | f0 | C22Ch |

al: Enable clock recovery auto-lock

ml: Enable clock recovery fast mode

s: select data filter type

| s | Filter type |
|---|------------------|
| 0 | Digital filter |
| 1 | Analog RC filter |

f1..f0: Set DQD threshold

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FIFO and Reset Mode Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | f3 | f2 | f1 | f0 | sp | al | ff | dr | CA80h |

f3..f0: Set FIFO interrupt level

| sp | Byte1 | Byte0 (POR) | Synchron Pattern (Byte1+Byte0) |
|----|----------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 0 | 2Dh | D4h | 2DD4h |
| 1 | Not used | D4h | D4h |

al: select FIFO fill start condition

| al | Condition |
|----|-----------|
| 0 | Sync-word |
| 1 | Always |

ff: Enable FIFO fill

dr: Disable hi sensitivity reset mode

Synchron Pattern Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | b7 | b6 | b5 | b4 | b3 | b2 | b1 | b0 | CED4h |

This command is used to reprogram the synchronic pattern;

Receiver FIFO Read Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | B000h |

This command is used to read FIFO data when FFIT interrupt generated. FIFO data output starts at 8th SCK period.

AFC Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | a1 | a0 | rI1 | rI0 | st | fi | oe | en | C4F7h |

If crystal oscillator, synthesizer and power amplifier are auto-controlled, this command will close power amplifier and synthesizer immediately, then stop crystal oscillator after S periods of CLK signal

a1..a0: select AFC auto mode:

| a1 | a0 | |
|----|----|------------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | Controlled by MCU |
| 0 | 1 | Run once at power on |
| 1 | 0 | Keep offset when VDI hi |
| 1 | 1 | Keeps independently from VDI |

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r1..r0: select range limit

| r1 | r0 | Range (fres) |
|----|----|----------------|
| 0 | 0 | No restriction |
| 0 | 1 | +15/-16 |
| 1 | 0 | +7/-8 |
| 1 | 1 | +3/-4 |

freq

315, 433band: 2.5kHz
868band: 5kHz
915band: 7.5kHz

st: st goes hi will store offset into output register

fi: Enable AFC hi accuracy mode

oe: Enable AFC output register

en: Enable AFC function

TX Configuration Control Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | mp | m3 | m2 | m1 | m0 | 0 | p2 | p1 | p0 | 9800h |

m: select modulation polarity

m2..m0: select frequency deviation:

| m3 | m2 | m1 | m0 | Frequency Deviation [kHz] |
|----|----|----|----|---------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 45 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 60 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 75 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 90 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 105 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 120 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 135 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 150 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 165 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 180 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 195 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 210 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 225 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 240 |

p2..p0: select output power

| p2 | p1 | p0 | Output power [dBm] |
|----|----|----|--------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | -3 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | -6 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | -9 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | -12 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | -15 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | -18 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | -21 |

PLL Setting Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|---|-----|-------|
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ob1 | ob0 | lpx | ddy | ddit | 1 | bw0 | CC67h |

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ob1-ob0: Microcontroller output clock buffer rise and fall time control.

| ob1 | ob0 | Selected uC CLK frequency |
|-----|-----|---------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 5 or 10 MHz (recommended) |
| 0 | 1 | 3.3 MHz |
| 1 | X | 2.5 MHz or less |

lpx: select low power mode of the crystal oscillator.

| lpx | Crystal start-up time (typ) | Power consumption (typ) |
|-----|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0 | 1 ms | 620 μ A |
| 1 | 2 ms | 460 μ A |

ddy:

phase detector delay enable.

ddi: disables the dithering in the PLL loop.

| bw0 | Max bit rate [kbps] | Phase noise at 1MHz offset [dBc/Hz] |
|-----|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0 | 86.2 | -107 |
| 1 | 256 | -102 |

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Transmitter Register Write Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | t7 | t6 | t5 | t4 | t3 | t2 | t1 | t0 | B8AAh |

This command is use to write a data byte to RF12 and then RF12

Wake-Up Timer Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 1 | 1 | r4 | r3 | r2 | r1 | r0 | m7 | m6 | m5 | m4 | m3 | m2 | m1 | m0 | E196h |

The wake-up period is determined by:

$$T_{wake-up} = M * 2R \text{ [ms]}$$

For continual operation, bit 'et' must be cleared and set

Low Duty-Cycle Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | d6 | d5 | d4 | d3 | d2 | d1 | d0 | en | C80Eh |

d6..d0: Set duty cycle

$$D.C. = (D * 2 + 1) / M * 100\%$$

En: Enable low duty cycle mode

Low Battery Detector and Microcontroller Clock Divider Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | d2 | d1 | d0 | 0 | v3 | v2 | v1 | v0 | C000h |

d2..d0: select frequency of CLK pin

| d2 | d1 | d0 | Clock Frequency [MHz] |
|----|----|----|-----------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.25 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.66 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 3.33 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |

CLK signal is derive form crystal oscillator and it can be applied to MCU clock in to save a second crystal.

If not used, please set bit "dc" to disable CLK output

To integrate the load capacitor internal can not only save cost, but also adjust reference frequency by software

v3..v0: Set threshold voltage of Low battery detector: $V_{lb} = 2.2 + V * 0.1 \text{ [V]}$

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Status Read Command

| bit | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | POR |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| | 0 | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | - | |

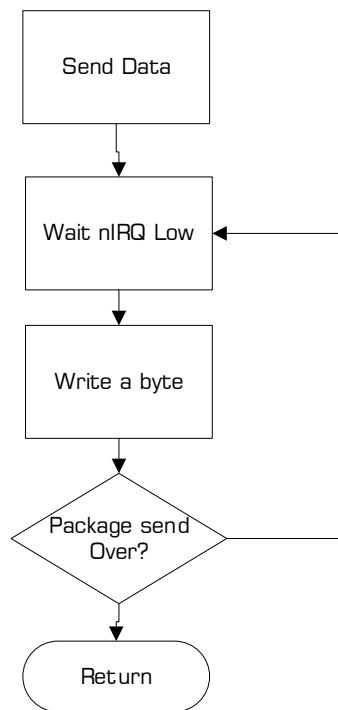
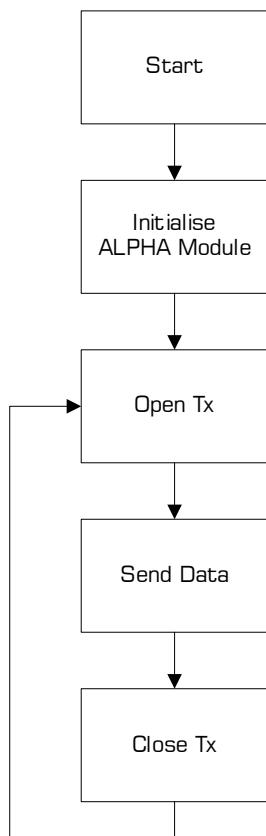
| Bit | |
|-----|---|
| 15 | TX ready for next byte or FIFO received data status |
| 14 | Power on reset status |
| 13 | TX Register under run or RX FIFO Overflow status |
| 12 | Wakeup timer overflow status |
| 11 | Interrupt on external source status |
| 10 | Low battery detect status |
| 9 | FIFO empty status |
| 8 | Antenna tuning signal strength |
| 7 | Received signal strength indicator |
| 6 | Data Quality Detector status |
| 5 | Clock Recovery Locked status |
| 4 | Toggling in each AFC cycle |
| 3 | Measured Offset Frequency Sign Value 1='+', 0='-' |
| 2 | Measured offset Frequency value (3 bits) |
| 1 | Measured offset Frequency value (3 bits) |
| 0 | Measured offset Frequency value (3 bits) |

This command starts with a 0 and be used to read internal status register. Data output starts at 8th SCK period.

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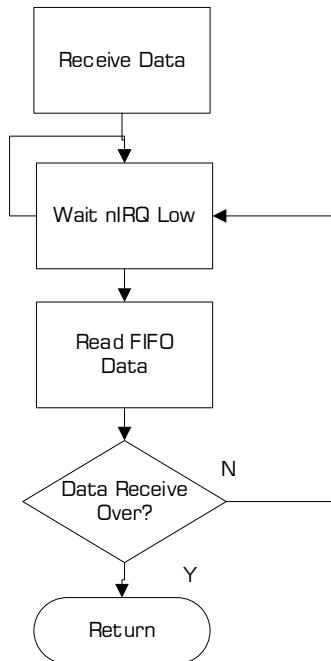
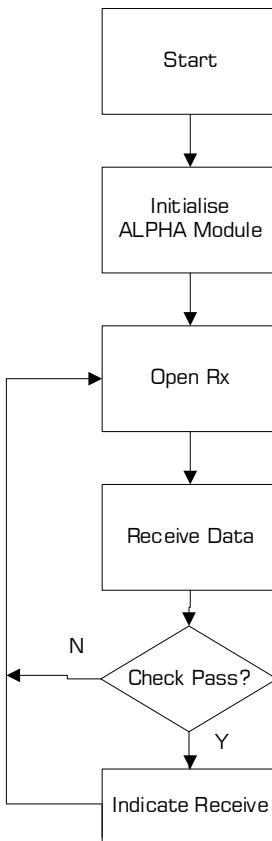
Transmitter Operation Flow



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Receiver Operation Flow



After Initialisation, open FIFO receive mode and wait for nIRQ low, only then can the MCU read received and stored data in FIFO.

For the next received package please reset FIFO

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