

SATEL-TR300
TRANSCEIVER MODULE

INTEGRATION GUIDE

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Countries: JP (see sections: Host integration and 6.1 Japan regional specific features)

WARNING – RF Exposure! To comply with RF exposure compliance requirements in Europe, maximum antenna gain is 12 dBi and a separation distance listed in a table below must be maintained between the antenna of this device and all persons.

Antenna Gain [dBi]	Separation distance [cm]
0	23
4	36
6	45
8	56
10	71
12	89

This integration guide applies to the combination of Firmware / Hardware version listed in the table below. See www.satel.com for the newest firmware and Integration Guide version.

Firmware version	Hardware version
07.71.2.5.xx.xx	SPL0091a
07.72.2.5.xx.xx	SPL0091a

PRODUCT CONFORMITY

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HOST INTEGRATION

To ensure compliance with all non-transmitter functions the host manufacturer is responsible for ensuring compliance with the module(s) installed and fully operational.

Japan certification:

SATEL-TR300 meets the requirements of Article 2-1-4-6 Convenience radio requirements:

- 6.25 kHz channel width
- Transmission time restriction
- Carrier sensing function
- Call name storage device ID

SATEL-TR300 is technically pre-certified and ready to be integrated into the final product.

The final product must be certified for the Japanese market (contact SATEL Oy for more information).

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1 INTRODUCTION

SATEL Oy is a Finnish electronics and Telecommunications company specializing in the design and manufacture of wireless data communication products. SATEL designs, manufactures and sells radio modems intended for use in applications ranging from data transfer to alarm relay systems. End users of SATEL products include both public organizations and private individuals.

SATEL Oy is the leading European manufacturer of radio modems. SATEL radio modems have been certified in most European countries and also in many non-European countries.

This document is the integration guide for the SATEL-TR300 radio transceiver module. It is intended to describe how to use these modules and how to integrate those into a host device.

1.1 Terms and abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
CTS	Clear To Send, handshaking signal used in asynchronous communication.
DTE	Data Terminal Equipment (typically computer, terminal...)
ESD	Electrostatic discharge
RD	Receive Data
TD	Transmit Data
RTS	Ready To Send, handshaking signal used in asynchronous communication.
RAM	Random Access Memory
LDO	Low dropout regulator
UHF	Ultra High Frequency
RF	Radio Frequency
CPU	Central processing unit

1.2 Description of the product

The SATEL-TR300 is a UHF radio transceiver module, which transmits and receives data from the UHF frequency band. The module is designed to be as compact and power efficient as possible. It has been developed to be especially suitable for integration into battery powered and space constrained host applications benefiting from UHF communications.

The transceiver module transmits and receives data via the Air interface, modulates and demodulates, encodes and decodes the data and sends the received data payload to the DTE port. The DTE interface is used to provide power and communicate with the module.

2 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 Absolute maximum ratings

Absolute maximum ratings for voltages on different pins are listed in the following table. Exceeding these values will cause permanent damage to the module.

Parameter	Min	Max
Voltage at VCC_IN	0 V	+6 V
Voltage at ENA_MOD	0 V	+6 V
Voltage at VCC_IO	0 V	3.75 V
Voltage at digital inputs (except ENA_MOD)	0 V	3.75 V
Voltage at digital outputs	0 V	3.75 V

Note. All voltages are referenced to GND.

2.2 DC electrical specifications

Recommended operating conditions:

Parameter	Condition	Min	Max	Units
VCC_IN		+3.8	+5.5	V
ENA_MOD, Vlow		0	0.2	V
ENA_MOD, Vhigh		1.2	VCC_IN	V
VCC_IO		1.8	3.3	V
Logic input, Vlow	1.8 V < VCC_IO < 3.3V	0	0.3	V
Logic input, Vhigh	1.8 V < VCC_IO < 3.3V	0.9*VCC_IO	VCCIO	V
Logic output, Vlow	1.8 V < VCC_IO < 3.3V	0	0.5	V
Logic output, Vhigh	1.8 V < VCC_IO < 3.3V	0.6*VCC_IO	VCCIO	V
Logic output, max current	All logic output except STAT pin.	-	4	mA
Logic output, max current, STAT pin		-	12	mA

Adjacent Channel Selectivity ¹ BER = 10 ⁻²	typ. -45 dBm		4FSK, 12.5 kHz, FEC ON
	typ. -34 dBm		8FSK, 25 kHz, FEC ON
	typ. -34 dBm		8FSK, 12.5 kHz, FEC ON
	typ. -43 dBm		16FSK, 25 kHz, FEC ON
	typ. -40 dBm		16FSK, 12.5 kHz, FEC ON
Spurious Rejection	typ. -39 dBm		4/8/16FSK, 12.5 and 25 kHz, FEC ON
Transmitter Power		0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1 W	
Communication Mode	Half-Duplex		
Frequency Change Time	typ. 20 ms		Time required for switching from one RF frequency to another
Adjacent Channel Power		<-60 dBc	TX-mode, 12.5 and 25 kHz. Acc. to EN 300 113 v2.2.1
Carrier power stability		< ±1.5 dB	During transmission.

¹ According to EN 300 113 V2.2.1 measurement setup.

	DATA MODULE	
Electrical Interface	CMOS-UART Inputs and outputs referred to IO Voltage processed by user (1.8-3.3V) RTS, CTS, RX, TX, +VCC, GND	
Interface Connector	1.27 mm pitch socket	Samtec 20-pin through hole, CLP-110-02-L-D-K-TR
Data speed of Serial interface	9600 – 115200 bps	
Data speed of Radio Air Interface	<u>4FSK FEC OFF / ON:</u> 19200 / 14400 bps (25 kHz) 9600 / 7200 bps (12.5 kHz) 4800 / 3600 bps (6.25 kHz) <u>8FSK FEC OFF / ON:</u> 28800 / 19200 bps (25 kHz) 14400 / 9600 bps (12.5 kHz) 7200 / 4800 (6.25 kHz) <u>16FSK FEC ON:</u> 28800 bps (25 kHz) 14400 bps (12.5 kHz) 7200 bps (6.25 kHz)	
Air Interface Encryption	AES128, AES256 (DRM option)	
Data Format	Asynchronous data	
Modulation	4-, 8-, 16FSK	

	GENERAL	
Operating voltage	+3.8...+5.5V	
Current consumption in Sleep1 mode	Typ. 510 mA	
Typical Power Consumption 320 ... 380 MHz	Sync search typ. 0.95 W	RX-mode
	Receiving data typ. 0.90 W	RX-mode
	SLEEP1: typ. 510 mW	RX-mode
	typ. 6.4 W @ 1 W RF out	TX-mode, Continuous, 50 Ω, CHBW 25.0 kHz
	typ. 4.9 W @ 0.5 W RF out	
	typ. 3.6 W @ 0.2 W RF out	
typ. 2.9 W @ 0.1 W RF out		
Inrush current, DC voltage turned ON	< typ. 17 A, duration < typ. 9 μs	
Temperature range	-20 °C ...+55 °C	
Temperature ranges	-30 °C ...+70 °C	
	-40 °C ...+85 °C	
Vibration	≤ 25 G, up to 2 kHz sinusoidal	
ESD ¹	± 10 kV	
	± 8 kV	
Antenna Connector	50 Ω, HIROSE U.FL compatible	
Construction	PWB with sheet metal EMI shields	
Size L x W x T	57 x 36 x 6.9 mm	
Weight	20 g	

Test condition $V_{CC} = 4.2 \text{ V}$ and $T_A = 25 \text{ °C}$

- ¹ Measured under normal ambient conditions, $T_A = 25 \text{ °C}$. When the device is used in different environment, the results may change significantly. It is recommended to use external ESD protection in demanding conditions.

3 TIME PARAMETERS FOR STARTUP AND SHUTDOWN SEQUENCES

The following table shows the recommend times for startup and shutdown sequences.

Parameter	Recom. Time	Explanation
$t_{vccin-ena}$	>2 ms	VCC_IN must be high before ENA_MOD is high
$t_{enamod-io}$	>2 ms	ENA_MOD must be high before VCC_IO is high
$t_{enamod-cts}$	$100\text{ ms} < t_{enamod-cts} < 500\text{ ms}$	CTS ready settling time
$t_{vccio-cts}$	>2 ms	VCC_IO must be high before CTS is ready
$t_{vccio-gpio}$	>2 ms	VCC_IO must be high before GPIO PINS are active
$t_{gpio-cts}$	>0 ms	GPIOs must be active before CTS is ready
$t_{enamod-gpio}$	>80 ms	Input pins must be low after ENA MOD is low
$t_{gpio-vccio}$	>0 ms	GPIOs must be low before VCC_IO is low
$t_{vccio-vccin}$	>0 ms	VCC_IO must be low before VCC is low

3.1 Startup sequence

The following diagram will describe the startup sequence.

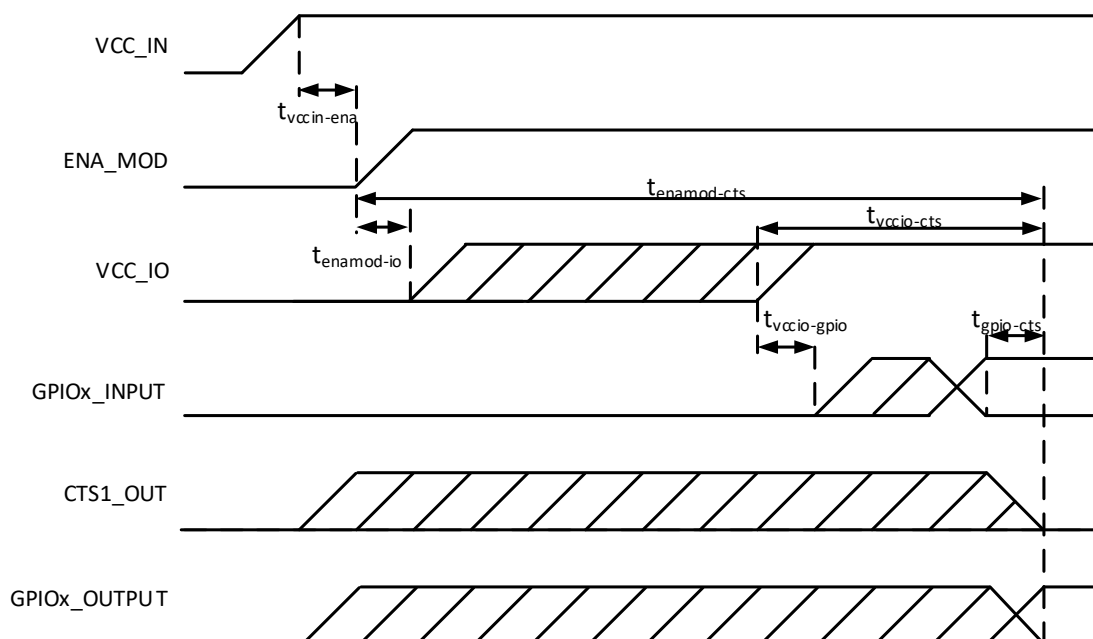


Figure 3.1 Startup sequence.

3.2 Shutdown and ENA sequences

The following diagrams will describe the shutdown and ENA sequences.

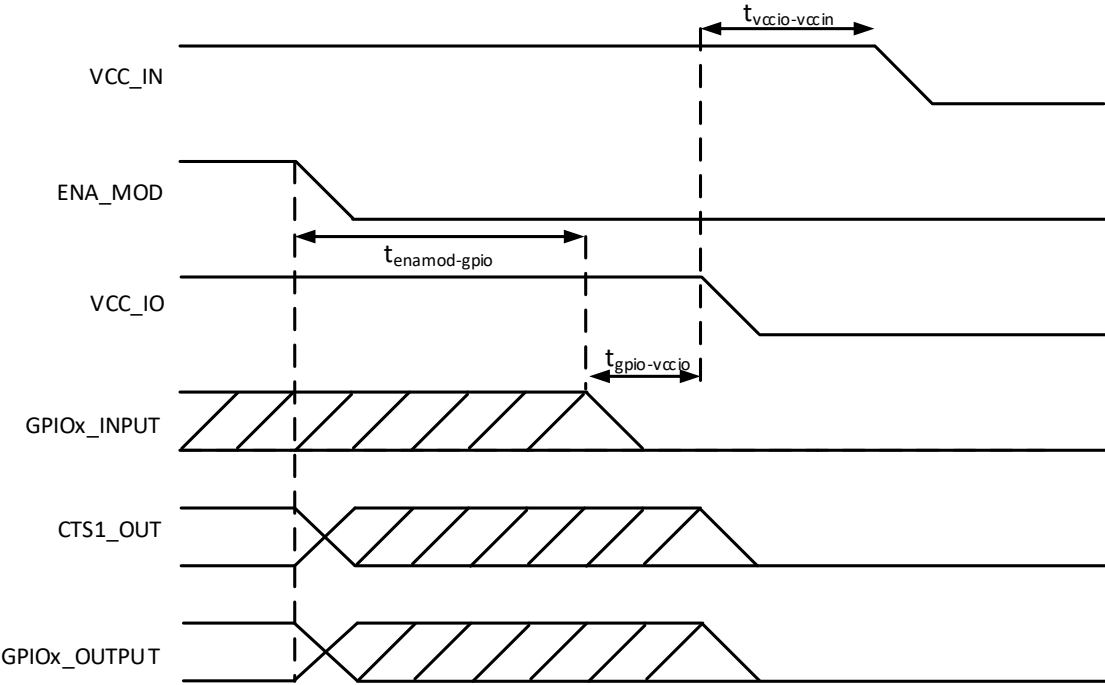


Figure 3.2 Shutdown sequence.

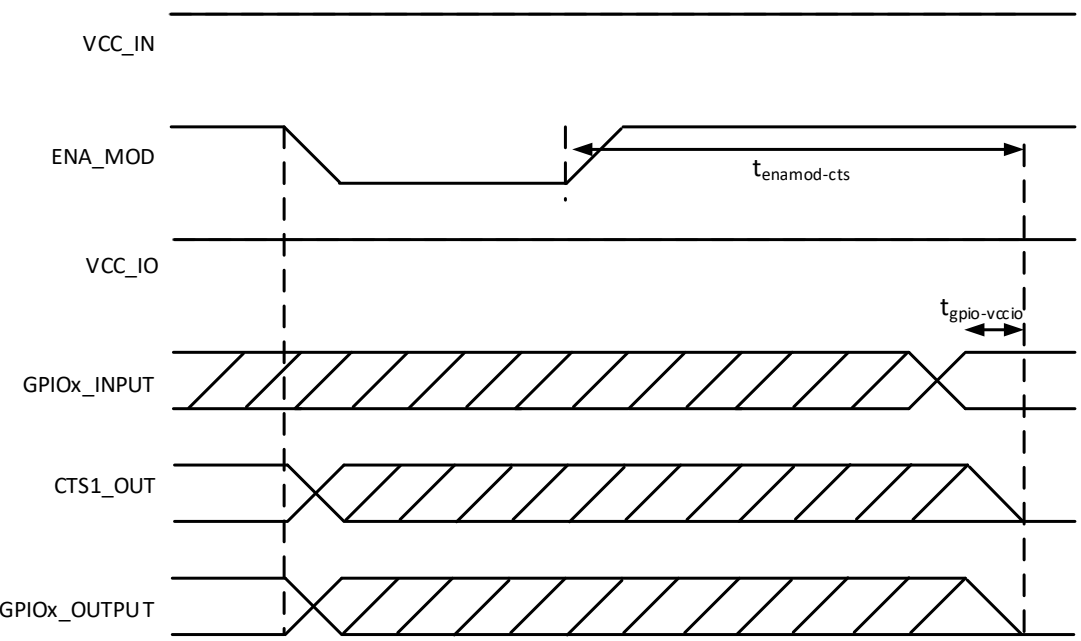


Figure 3.3 ENA sequence.

4 ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION

4.1 DTE connector

The DTE connector is a 20-pin pass-through connector. Connector is female two row 1.27 mm pitch. This connector allows the pin to enter the connector from the bottom side and protrude thru the module PCB to the top side, allowing flexible mounting heights with various pin lengths. Alternative DTE connector assembly variants available. DTE connector assembled either BOTTOM or TOP side of the module.

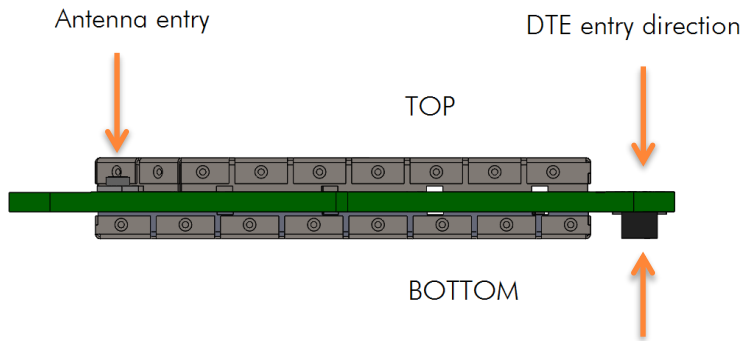


Figure 4.1 The side view of the module with connection directions.

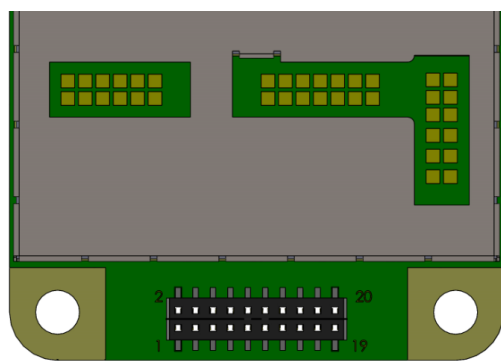


Figure 4.2 Pin numbering of 1.27 mm pitch DTE connector. View from bottom side of unit.

4.2 Pin order of the DTE connector

Direction **IN** is data from DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) to the radio transceiver module.
Direction **OUT** is data from the radio module to the DTE.

The equivalent I/O schematic figures are shown in the next chapter.

Pin no.	Equivalent I/O schematic	Signal name	Type	Direction	Pin state	Description
1,2	Figure 1	VCC_IN	POWER	IN	External Voltage	DC input
3,4	-	GND	GND	-	External Ground	Ground reference for power and signals
5	Figure 2	VCC_IO	POWER	IN	External Voltage	Device IO driver input
6	Figure 7	ENA_MOD	IO	IN	Internal Pull Down	Module ENA pin
7	Figure 3	RD1	CMOS	OUT	Output Driver	Receive data, active low.
8	Figure 3	CTS1	CMOS	OUT	Output Driver	Clear To Send, active low.
9	Figure 6	TD1	CMOS	IN	Internal Pull Up	Transmit Data, active low.
10	Figure 6	RTS1	CMOS	IN	Internal Pull Up	Ready to send, active low.
11	Figure 4	GPIO1	CMOS	OUT	Internal Pull Down	*)
12	Figure 4	GPIO2	CMOS	OUT	Internal Pull Down	*)
13	Figure 6	GPIO3	CMOS	IN	Internal Pull Up	*)
14	Figure 6	GPIO4	CMOS	IN	Internal Pull Up	*)
15	Figure 5	STAT	CMOS	OUT	Output Driver	Various sequences (section 4.7).
16	Figure 6	GPIO5	CMOS	IN	Internal Pull Up	*)
17	Figure 6	$\overline{\text{SERVICE}}$	CMOS	IN	Internal Pull Up	Input for service access, active low. See separate section of the manual (section 4.6).
18	Figure 4	GPIO6	CMOS	OUT	Internal Pull Down	*)
19	Figure 4	GPIO7	CMOS	OUT	Internal Pull Down	*)
20	Figure 4	GPIO8	CMOS	OUT	Internal Pull Down	Reserved for future use.
*) See separate document: TIL-0026_SATEL-Radio-Modules_GPIO-Interface.pdf						

4.3 Equivalent I/O Schematics

The module input-output equivalent circuits are shown in the figure and the component values in the table below.

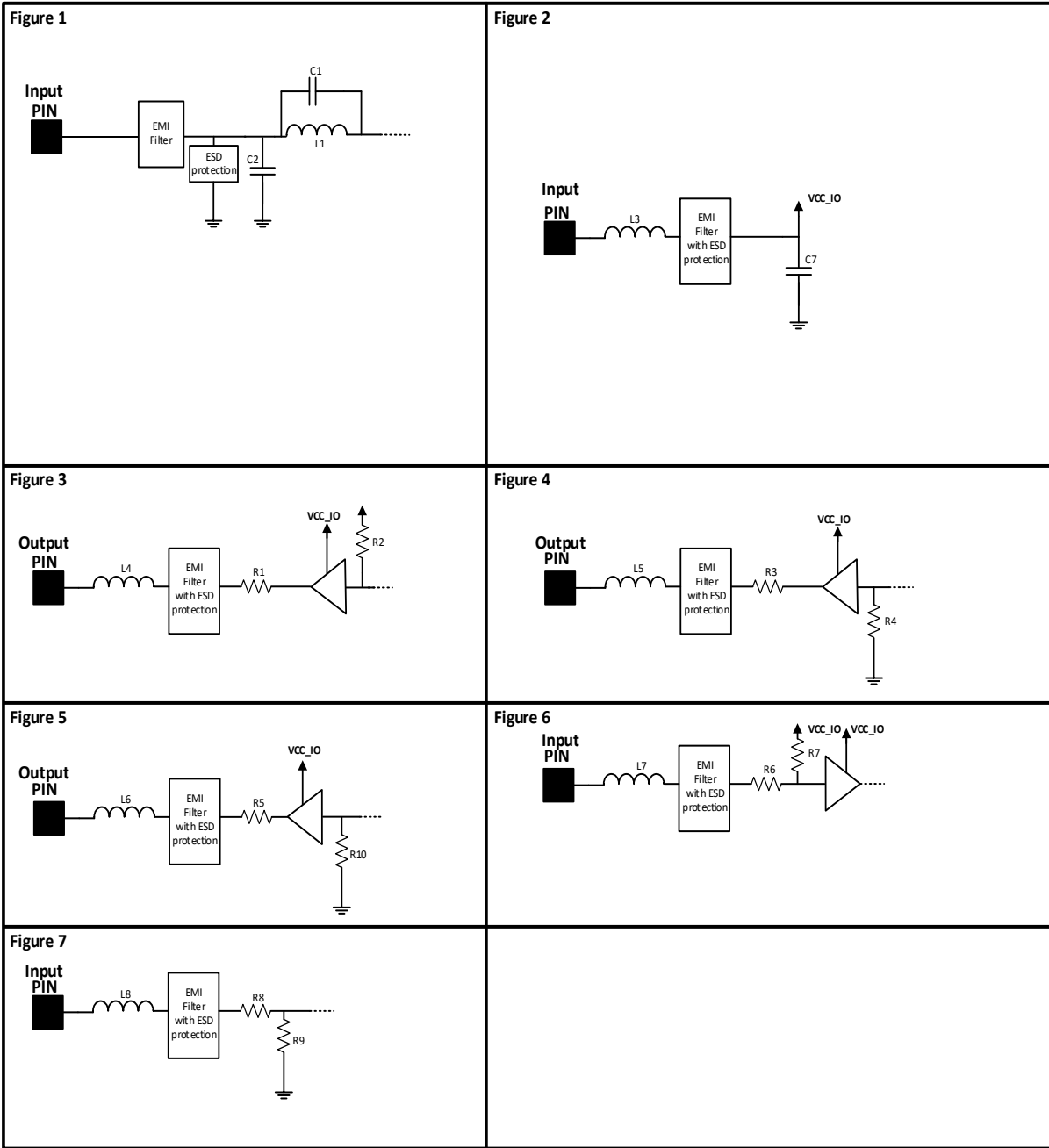


Figure 4.3 The module input-output equivalent circuits.

Component values of the equivalent schematics:

Component	Value	Note
C1	6.8 pF	
C2	1 uF	
L1	220 nH	
L3	1000 Ω +- 25%	Measured Impedance at 100MHz
C7	100 nF	
L4	1000 Ω +- 25%	Measured Impedance at 100MHz
R1	330 Ω	
R2	100 k Ω	
L5	1000 Ω +- 25%	Measured Impedance at 100 MHz
R3	330 Ω	
R4	100 k Ω	
L6	1000 Ω +- 25%	Measured Impedance at 100 MHz
R5	330 Ω	
L7	1000 Ω +- 25%	Measured Impedance at 100 MHz
R6	330 Ω	
R7	100 k Ω	
L8	1000 Ω +- 25%	Measured Impedance at 100MHz
R8	1 k Ω	
R9	>1 M Ω	
R10	100 k Ω	

4.4 RF interface

The antenna interface is a 50 Ω coaxial connector. Matching networks are not included on the module and should be placed in the host application if the antenna is not 50 Ω . The HIROSE U.FL compatible connector is located on the TOP side of the board.

NOTE! The used connector has gold plated contacts - whereas a standard HIROSE U-FL has silver plated contacts.

If silver - gold joints are not allowed in your product, use gold plated cable-connector to mate to this device.

NOTE!

Setting the transmitter output power to such a level that exceeds the regulations set forth by local authorities is strictly forbidden. The setting and/or using of non-approved power levels may lead to prosecution. SATEL and its distributors are not responsible for any illegal use of its radio equipment and are not responsible in any way of any claims or penalties arising from the operation of its radio equipment in ways contradictory to local regulations and/or requirements and/or laws.

4.5 VCC_IO pin

VCC_IO pin determines the voltage level of UART signals and the voltage level of GPIO output signals. VCC_IO level also determines GPIO LOW/HIGH levels on each GPIO and UART input pins.

4.6 Service pin

The SERVICE pin is used to set the UART1 into a known state. Pulling this pin LOW will activate the service mode and set the UART1 into 38400, 8, N, 1. This is intended for service access of the module, to have a known serial port setting in order to provide easy access to module settings.

The pin does not affect any permanent settings, nor does it change the mode of the module. It is recommended to pull high or pull up by resistor to VCC_IO to return serial port 1 into the configured state. When service pin is LOW the SL Commands are temporary forced to be ON

4.7 Stat pin

The STAT-pin indicates the status of the device. It can be used to drive or sink a LED current using a proper series resistor. STAT-pin drive or sink capability is +/-10mA at 3.3 V. It is recommended to use VCC_IO for LED current.

Notice that if STAT-pin is used to sink LED current, LED behavior is opposite to driving scheme. The behavior of the STAT pin is described down below.

Blink cycle	Mode
"1" - statically	Module is operational "searching for a new frame"
"0" for the endurance of the received frame.	"0" when module is receiving data from air interface. In practical cases will toggle at the frequency of the data packets on the air interface.
"0" statically	Module is in sleep1 mode
The pin is toggled in transmission interval	Module is sending data Over the Air
Pin is toggled in 1 s interval	Module has the connection to configuration SW tool.
Pin is toggled in 500 ms interval	SL command mode set to OFF and SL commands enabled using "+ + +" sequence, section 7.2.
Pin is toggled in 250 ms interval	Module has detected a fault, fault codes can be read via SW tools.

4.8 VCC pins

VCC pins are to feed operating voltage to the module. Limit for this voltage is mentioned in chapter 2.2 DC electrical specifications. User must take into consideration surge current and current consumption issues before using these pins. Also, the user must be aware for any voltage drop on the feeding path.

4.9 UART pins

Pins 7, 8, 9, 10 are used for UART serial transmission between the module and the terminal. The UART signal level corresponds to the level in VCC_IO pin. VCC_IO pin must be fed with a correct voltage level to match the terminal device.

4.10 GPIO pins

GPIO pins are reserved pins for future use or special applications or special features. Unused pins should be left unconnected.

5 MECHANICAL CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Fixing device to host

The radio module can be mounted on to the host application by using spacers and screws. It is highly recommended to use conducting metal spacers and screws to create proper electrical conductivity between the module and the host application. Recommended materials for spacers include brass or aluminum and steel screws. User must take care that there is no excessive mechanical stress created to the DTE connector while inserting and attaching the module. Recommended maximum screw size is M3, minimum spacer height between the module and the host application is 3 mm.

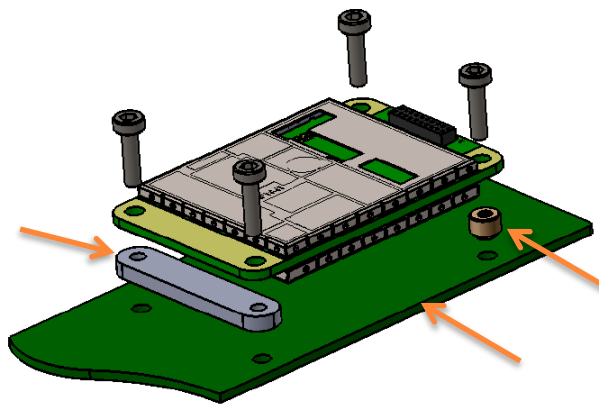


Figure 5.1 Example of module attachment to application PCB.

5.2 Heat transfer

Since the module creates heat while operating, it must take into consideration to maximize the heat transfer from the module to an external heat sink. Proper heat sinking methods could be copper plated PCB, metal housing or a heat sink piece. The most recommended solution is to use a metal conductor to transfer heat from the module to an external heat sink which dimensions and location is adequate for a proper performance. To source the heat from the module is the plain area next to the antenna connector shown in a figure 5.2. Heat can be conducted from either side. To further improve the heat conductivity and reducing the heat transfer barriers, proper heat conducting paste or heat conducting tape should be used.

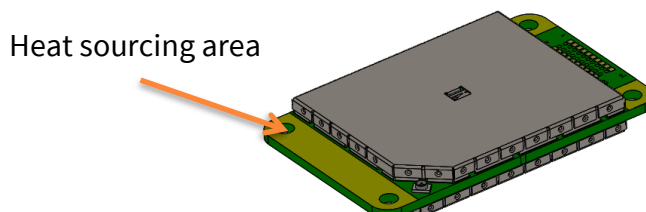


Figure 5.2 Heat sourcing area, both sides.

6 OPERATING MODES

The radio transceiver module has the following modes of operation:

MODE	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
Ready to receive from RF	Search for sync	Module is searching for the start of a radio transmission from the RF signal.
	Receive data	The module has found a valid radio transmission and is receiving data.
TX	Transmit	The module transmits
Safe mode		Mode is entered when a fault has been detected and the device has been Rebooted. In safe mode fault codes can be read from the module (section 6.1).
Sleep mode	Sleep1	Will turn the module into a state where it will hold parts of the radio on, wakeup time see section 2.3
Power Save mode	Power save	Automatic sleep/wake-up procedure where module sleeping time is dynamically adjusted to received data packets. Decreases the power consumption of complete receiving cycle approx. 30%.

6.1 Japan regional specific features

Carrier Sense feature

Carrier sense feature is intended to use with certain region codes to achieve country specific RF specifications.

This feature works only with region codes where it is required, e.g., with Japan region code, to prevent device to transmit if it senses another signal in current channel to be stronger than given threshold before going to transmit state. When transmit is prevent, all buffered data is discarded.

Carrier sense threshold is adjustable (see SL commands) with range -60 ... -117 dBm. Value -118 dBm will turn this feature OFF.

Detailed SL commands required for carrier sense can be found in SL commands list. Please contact SATEL Oy for latest SL commands list.

Transmit time limitation

This feature is used to limit transmit time in certain region codes to achieve country specific transmitter time limitations, defined in RF specifications.

E.g., Japan region time limit will be five (5) minutes. If time limit was reached, transmitter is prevented to transmit for one (1) minute. Receiver will work normally within this time.

Transmitter Call ID

This feature works only with region codes where it is required, e.g., with Japan region code. Transmitter Call ID means that the modem sends a transmission ID with each transmission. The transmit ID is a 9-character identifier that is unique for each device.

Transmit ID Call sign is configured using a SATEL SL-command

- a) Set the transmitter Call ID with the command SL%CID=<max. 9 digit>
- b) Transmitter Call ID query with the command SL%CID?

Detailed SL commands description for transmitter Call Id can be found in SL commands list. Please contact SATEL Oy for latest SL commands list.

6.2 Safe mode

When a fault has been detected by the Firmware, the module is set to Safe mode. In this mode the module toggle's the STAT pin in 250 ms interval indicating an Error and reboots the device after 5 s. Transmitting/Receiving is prohibited during malfunction. When connecting to the device with SATEL Configuration Manager the Error code is shown in pop up box. If the device does not recover after multiple reboots, please contact SATEL Oy.

SATEL Configuration Manager can be downloaded from website <https://www.satel.com/support-and-services/downloads/>. The version 1.17.0 or newer is compatible with SATEL-TR300 radio transceiver module.

6.3 Power up / power down scenarios

The transceiver module can be set in four (4) states, "ON", "OFF", "Sleep1" and "Power Save". When power is applied to the module, the module switches to ON state when voltage in ENA_MOD is set to HIGH.

The module can be shut down by driving ENA_MOD line to LOW state. In the "OFF" state current consumption is only that of leakage current from an LDO, section 2.3. In this state all non-essential parts of the module are powered down and all settings/state information that are not stored in nonvolatile memory are reset.

6.4 Sleep Mode

When being in sleep mode, the radio part of the module is switched OFF while the serial interface communication related parts remain powered ON. The module will be automatically woken up after the CPU senses a state change in the TD1 pin. *Example:* The module is in Sleep1- mode. The module is woken up by sending a character or characters into the TD1 pin after which the module responds “OK”. After “OK” the module is ready for normal communication.

To turn the module ON from Sleep1 mode:

- 1) Issue a state change to TD1 (toggle pin (minimum pulse duration time 10 μ s) or issue a byte on the UART (for example 0x00))
- 2) Wait for “OK” -response from the module. The wake-up time is approx. 30 ms.
- 3) Start communicating normally

Module will remain powered ON until a new sleep command is issued.

6.5 Power Save Mode

The Power save mode performs an automatic, self-adjusting receiver wake-up/sleep cycle. It is designed for applications which based on one-way communication with relatively constant TX interval and, in which the data packet separation is > 200 ms.

When enabled, the unit makes the *transmission interval study* basing on four (4) successfully received data packets. The shortest time between transmitted packets is measured (t_{min}). Measured value is updated after each successfully received data packet, so that possible changes in the message length becomes noted.

Ensuring that the complete messages will be received even if there occur little variation in transmission interval, some safety margin (t_{marg}) is left into Ready to receive from RF mode time.

Safety margin is calculated by dividing the shortest time between transmitted packets (t_{min} , in ms) with 8 and by adding 60 ms to this result:

$$t_{marg} = \frac{t_{min}}{8} + 60 \text{ ms}$$

The length of the whole sleeping period (t_{sleep}) is calculated by decreasing the shortest time between transmitted packets (t_{min}) with safety margin (t_{marg}) and transmission time of the original message (t_{TX}):

$$t_{sleep} = t_{min} - t_{marg} - t_{TX}$$

Transmission interval study is started over always after 100 successful sleep/wake-up cycles and, if the expected receiving slot ($t_{RX\ slot}$) with enhanced overlap margin ($t_{overlap}$) has been missed. In latter case the package is considered to be lost.

$$t_{overlap} = t_{marg} + 100\ ms$$

$$t_{RX\ slot,\ min} = t_{min} - t_{marg}$$

$$t_{RX\ slot,\ max} = t_{min} + t_{overlap}$$

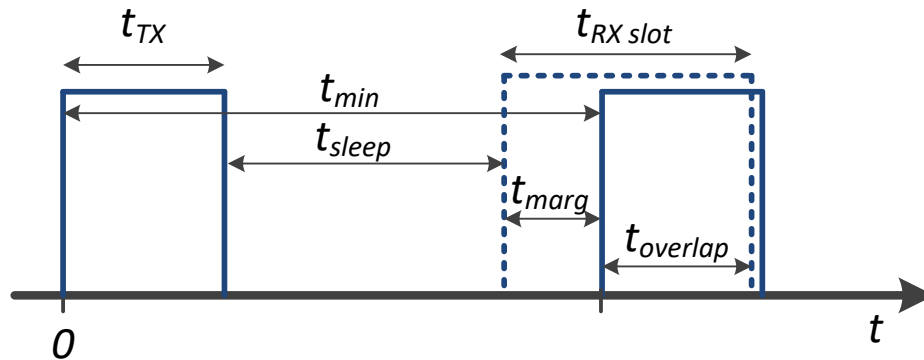


Figure 6.1 Power save mode timing factors.

E.g. In system with TX interval of 1 s, and with 300 ms (approx. 300B @ 9600 bps) transmission time:

$$t_{min} = 1000\ ms$$

$$t_{TX} = 300\ ms$$

$$t_{marg} = 125\ ms + 60\ ms = 185\ ms$$

$$t_{sleep} = 1000\ ms - (125\ ms + 60\ ms) - 300\ ms = 515\ ms$$

$$t_{RX\ slot,\ min} = 1000\ ms - 185\ ms = 815\ ms$$

$$t_{RX\ slot,\ max} = 1000\ ms + 285\ ms = 1285\ ms$$

6.6 Restart

After startup the module can be restarted by issuing a SL command, upon which the module will shut down all circuitry, and Reboot the CPU (see SL command list).

7 CHANGING PARAMETERS USING SL COMMANDS

The controlling terminal device can change the configuration settings of the module. This is accomplished with the help of SL commands. SL commands can be used to change e.g. the frequency or addresses. It is also possible to ask the radio transceiver module to show current settings which are in use.

7.1 SL Commands

The controlling terminal device can change the configuration settings of a radio. This is accomplished with the help of SL commands, which can be used during data transfer. SL commands can be used to change e.g. the frequency or addresses. It is also possible to interrogate a radio modem to gain information concerning current settings that are in use. SL command -setting must be enabled before they can be used.

An SL command is a continuous string of characters, which is separated from other data by pauses which are equal or greater than time defined by Pause length parameter (default=3 characters) in the set-up. No extra characters are allowed at the end of an SL command. Serial interface settings are the same as in data transfer. SL command is properly recognised also in the case when the command string is terminated by <CR> (=ASCII character no. 13, Carriage Return, 0x0d) or <CR><LF> (<LF> = ASCII char. no. 10, Line Feed, 0x0a). If multiple SL commands are sent to the module, the next command can be given after receiving the response ("Ok" or "Error") of the proceeding command. In addition, it is recommended to implement a timeout to the terminal software for recovering the case when no response is received from the radio module.

The transceiver module will acknowledge all commands by returning an "**OK**" (command carried out or accepted) or the requested value, or an "**ERROR**" (command not carried out or interpreted as erroneous) message.

it is possible to use SL commands in Port 2 (TD2 signal in GPIO3 (Pin13) and RD2 signal in GPIO1 (Pin11)) when Port2 Function has been configured as Diagnostics. SL commands can be used even in parallel with Port1 – in that case the response appears in the same port where the SL command came from.

Port2 is configured via SL commands or SW tools (SATEL NETCO DEVICE or SATEL Configuration Manager) by selecting the Port2 Function:

- OFF (=Port 2 not in use)
- Diagnostics (=SL commands ON in this case)

CR/LF characters are added to end the response messages (unless they are already present) to make parsing easier. Settings can be toggled, SL Commands ON/OFF, CR/LF ON/OFF.

To get information of the latest and/or special SL commands please contact SATEL or local SATEL distributor: <https://www.satel.com/where-to-buy/>.

7.2 SL Command Mode

When the SL commands are enabled, there are possibilities that the user data may start with the characters “SL” which is handled as the SL command. This has caused the firmware to go to the continuous SL command search mode and any data has not been sent or even an “**ERROR**” acknowledgment has been received. To avoid this kind behavior the user can disable the SL commands.

The SL commands can be disabled or enabled by using SL commands or toggling the “*SL Command mode*” parameter via SATEL SW tools, SATEL NETCO DEVICE or SATEL Configuration Manager (maintenance access level required).

By default the *SL Command mode* is set to **ON**. If the *SL Command mode* is set to **OFF** then the SL commands can be enabled or disabled by using the below described procedure. Regardless of original SL command –setting state, changing the setting state with this procedure will effect to the reception process of the radio module.

Radio can be set to *Command mode* separately with “+++” command, regardless of the set SL command mode (ON/OFF). Enabling the *Command mode* temporarily enables the SL command mode and disables the radio interface functions (Tx/Rx).

To enable the *Command mode*:

- Send three “+” characters via serial port so that there is at least three bytes delay (according to Pause Length -setting) between each character. The response is “**OK**”, when successfully set.
<+><at least three bytes pause*><+><at least three bytes pause*><+>

To disable the *Command mode*:

- Send three “-” characters via serial port so that there is at least three bytes delay (according to Pause Length -setting) between each character. The response is “**OK**”, when successfully set.
<-><at least three bytes pause*><-><at least three bytes pause*><->

*Pause Length -setting

Note!

The “+ + +” and “- - -” procedures are not recommended to be used when radio is transmitting or receiving data (i.e., the application data occupies the TD or RD lines of the radio).

8 DEFAULT DELIVERY VALUES

DEFAULT VALUES OF THE USER ADJUSTABLE SETTINGS		
Setting	Default value	Range
Radio frequency		
Operating TX and RX frequency	350.000 MHz	320 - 380 MHz
Channel Spacing (equals channel width)	12.5 kHz	6.25, 12.5, 20, 25 kHz
Transmitter Output Power	1 W	0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5 and 1 W
Radio settings		
Radio Compatibility	SATEL-3AS	SATEL-3AS SATEL-8FSK-1 (FEC OFF) SATEL-8FSK-2 (FEC ON) SATEL-16FSK-1 (FEC ON)
Addressing		
RX Address	OFF	ON/OFF
TX Address	OFF	ON/OFF
Serial port		
Data speed	115200 bps	9600 -115200 bps
Data bits	8	8
Parity bits	None	None, Even, Odd
Stop bits	1	1
Handshaking		Handshaking lines apply to the DATA-port
CTS	TX Buffer State	Clear to send, TX Buffer State
RTS	Ignored	Ignored, Flow Control
Additional setup		
Error Correction, FEC	OFF	ON/OFF
Error check	OFF	OFF, CRC8Partial, CRC8Full, CRC16Full
SL Command Mode	ON	ON/OFF
Repeater Mode	OFF	ON/OFF
TX Delay	0	0 65535 ms
Over-the-Air-Encryption	OFF	ON/OFF
Use Channel List	OFF	ON/OFF
Power Save Mode	OFF	ON/OFF
Add RSSI to Data	OFF	ON/OFF
Radio state	Tx/Rx	Tx/Rx / Rx (transceiver modules)
Signal Threshold	-118	-80 ... -118 dBm

9 CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 EMI Interferers

The module is designed to be mounted inside a host device. The module is designed to withstand EMI even beyond type approval requirements. However, a small module which is integrated closely to modern high-speed electronics is bound to receive some interference.

To make a working integration, consider the following: EMI can enter the module in four ways:

- 1) Via the antenna (radiation from enclosure enters the antenna)
- 2) Radiated disturbances to the coaxial cable
- 3) Radiation from other electronics / cabling directly to the module
- 4) Conducting through the DTE interface (power, control and data lines).

Because the module is shielded and the DTE interface is filtered, the usually worst method of disturbance is via the antenna port, which is easily overlooked in design. Keep in mind that the radio module has a sensitivity of approx. -115 dBm (depends on mode of operation and speed etc.). While the module has an approx. 10 dB S/N requirement, this constitutes, that any signal entering the radio antenna on receive frequency on a level of < -125 dBm (-115 dBm - 10 dB), causes desensitization of the radio on that particular channel.

Example:

An interferer has a level of -100 dBm on the frequency 421 MHz. The radio will show an approximate sensitivity of -90 dB (-100 dBm+S/N requirement 10 dB) on 421 MHz.

Now consider that generic EMC requirements usually have pass/fail criteria of -57 dBm (if normalized to the surface of the device). **So there is almost a 70 dB gap between generic EMC requirements and co-existence requirements between a high sensitivity narrowband radios.**

To avoid problems of co-existence a good design should apply:

- 1) EMI shielding in enclosure – ambient air interface
- 2) careful layout
- 3) shielding of all digital high-speed parts and cables
- 4) Have a clocking plan to avoid clock frequencies causing harmonics on the UHF band of interest.

Number one is to recognize this challenge and act upon it.

SATEL R&D can help in this by participating in design review of the host device, aiming to catch problems early in the design phase.

9.2 Electrostatic discharge

As the module is intended to be embedded in a host application, in a typical use case, the antenna port is the only port of the module directly interface with a surface or contact area subjected to Electrostatic Discharge (ESD). Thus, the antenna port is the only interface with high level ESD protection. The DTE port also features ESD protection diodes, but is not designed to withstand similar performance as expected from standalone units with enclosures.

Consequently, the module should be subject to ESD handling precautions that typically apply to ESD sensitive components. Proper ESD handling and packaging procedures must be applied throughout the processing, handling and operation of any application that incorporates this module.

9.3 Using the device in unmanned high reliability applications

The module features software and hardware watchdogs which are incorporated inside the CPU. While we believe that this is a reliable method of keeping the module in operational condition, there are parts of the module that can't be monitored for proper operation to 100%. For example the module chip has a firmware that resides in the chips RAM. The firmware can't be read back or reloaded, without interrupting reception. Hence the module can't reload this automatically by itself without causing breaks in communication. To avoid the module from ending up in a state where for example the module chip firmware is corrupted for example by ionizing radiation, it is recommended that the controlling system implements some form of watchdog function for the module. This can be done for example if the system knows that data should be received every second, and no data has been received for a minute – then do a module restart using the ENA_MOD pin or by issuing a restart command, or a cold boot by toggling VCC_IN low and high again.

9.4 Proposals for more reliable radio link

In case where the environment is challenging the following methods can be used for improving the transmission reliability:

- Forward Error Correction, FEC, is recommend using in challenging environment like urban areas.
- Directional antennas.
- Before building the radio link(s) it is highly recommend that the radio environment is measured to find out whether the radio environment is clean enough by using a spectrum analyzer or radio module's RSSI, Received Signal Strength Indication, value.
- Co-operation with the local authority to find out the optimum free radio channel.
 - If the channel is disturbed an external band-pass filter can be used for improving the filtering.

- If at the adjacent channel is TDMA, Time Domain Multiple Access, it is recommended to use time slot for receiving which is not in synchronization with the TDMA radio transmission.
- In Europe it is not recommended to use channels which are located near by the TETRA or television frequencies.

11 VERSION HISTORY

Version history:

Version:	Date:	Remarks:
0.1	10.02.2022	First draft.
0.2	09.06.2022	Added regional features chapter Removed changing frequency band chapter Updated SL command list annex information
0.3	06.07.2022	Added features to regional settings chapter
0.4	30.9.2022	Added transmitter call ID to regional settings chapter
0.5	03.11.2022	Added certification info to Japan certification process
0.6	12.12.2022	Configuration Manger info updated
0.7	14.12.2022	Technical specification values updated
0.8	16.12.2022	Updated page numbering etc
0.9	27.3.2023	FCC/IC text removed and MPE table added to regulatory information
1.0	15.6.2023	Multiple minor corrections