

ARF54

User Guide



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conforms to the RTTE Directive 99/5/EC :

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Safety: conformity to the standard EN 60950 according to the requirements of Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC.
Radio: conformity is proven by compliance to harmonized standard EN 300-220 covering essential radio requirements of the RTTE directive.

Notes: - Conformity has been evaluated according to the procedure described in Annex III of the RTTE directive.
- The use of the spectrum is harmonized by the fact that the product never falls in one of the restrictions listed in appendix 3 (Annex 1, band E) of the CEPT recommendation 70-03.
- Receiver class (if applicable) : 2.

Restrictions: - CE marking applies only to End Products: Because this equipment is only a subassembly, conformity testing has been reduced (equipment has been design in accordance to standards but full testing is impossible).
Manufacturer of End Products, based on such a solution, has to insure full conformity to be able to CE label marking.

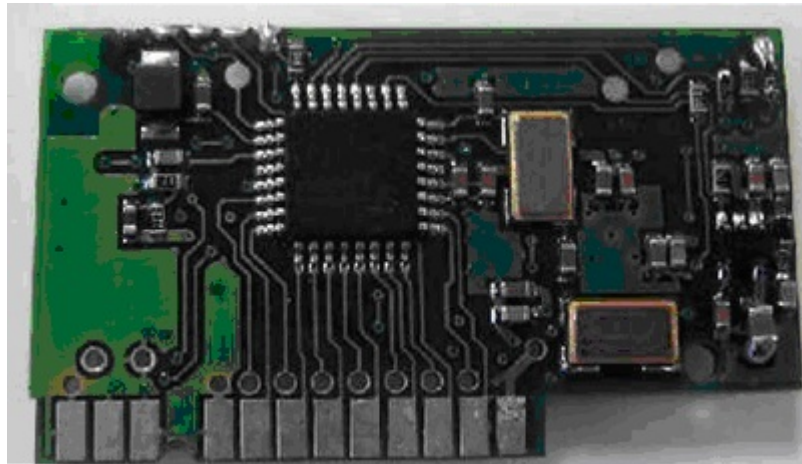
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OVERVIEW

The ARF54 radio transceiver converts data from a serial link into a radio frame to be sent to a similar piece of equipment. The communication is half-duplex.

The operating parameters of these radio transceivers (serial link, radio management...) can be fully updated through AT commands via the serial link.

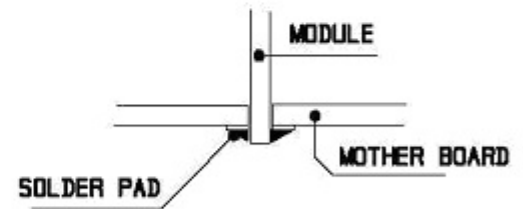
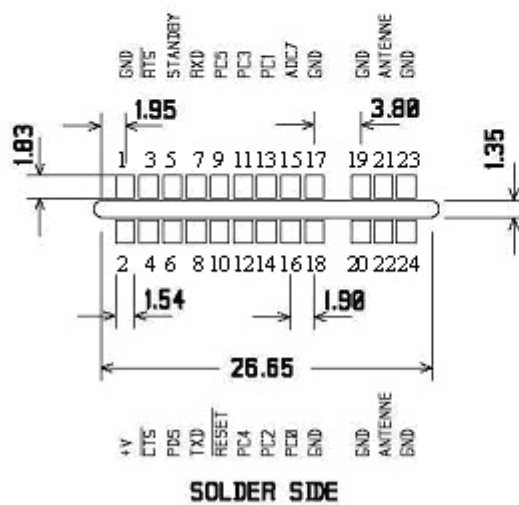
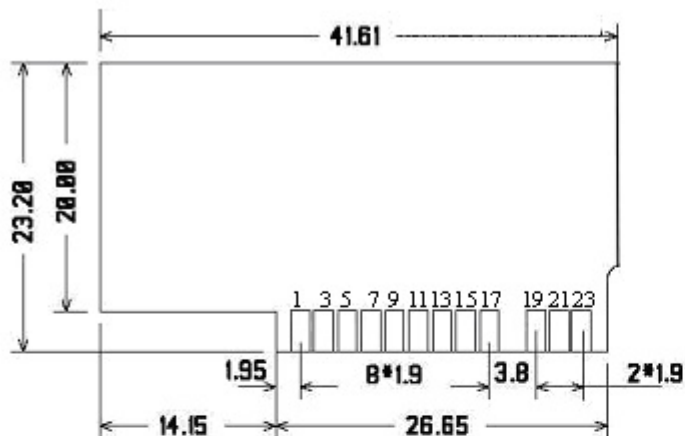


INTERFACE

- Mechanical specification

The transceiver is available in only one format: plugged module without antenna.

The PCB width is 12/10 mm



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Figure 1: Plugged module mechanical feature

This module has been designed to be plugged (as describe above). If this assembly doesn't suit your requirement, please have a look to Annex 3 (mainly for horizontal mounting).

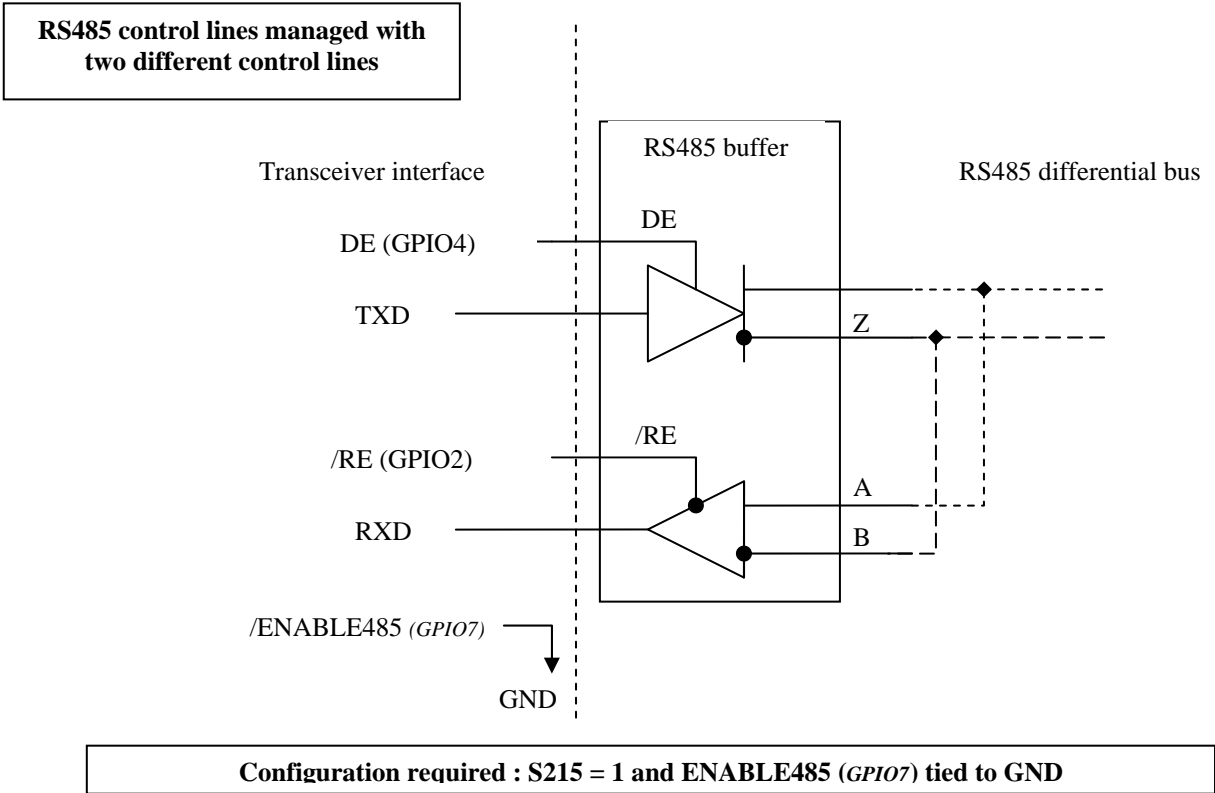
- Signal description

Interface Pin	Name	I/O	Description	Alternate function
Digital interface				
1	GND		Ground	
2	VDD		Operating voltage	
8	TXD	O	Serial data transmission	
7	RXD	I	Serial data reception	
3	/RTS	O	Request To Send RTS = GND, the transceiver is able to receive serial data RTS = VDD, serial data received by the transceiver are lost	
10	/RESET	I	Transceiver Hardware RESET, active LOW.	
5	STANDBY	I	Power down management	
16	GPIO1 / PC0	I/O	Extended general purpose I/O	
13	GPIO2 / PC1	I/O	Extended general purpose I/O	RS485
14	GPIO3 / PC2	I/O	Extended general purpose I/O	
11	GPIO4 / PC3	I/O	Extended general purpose I/O	RS485
12	GPIO5 / PC4	I/O	Extended general purpose I/O	RS485
9	GPIO6 / PC5	I/O	Extended general purpose I/O or I (input only for the American version)	
6	GPIO7 / PD5	I/O	Extended general purpose I/O	RS485
15	GPIO8 / ADC7	ADC	Analog to digital conversion	
17, 18	GND		Ground	
RF interface				
19, 20	GND RF		RF antenna ground	
21, 22	RF in/out		RF antenna IN/OUT.	
23, 24	GND RF		RF antenna ground.	

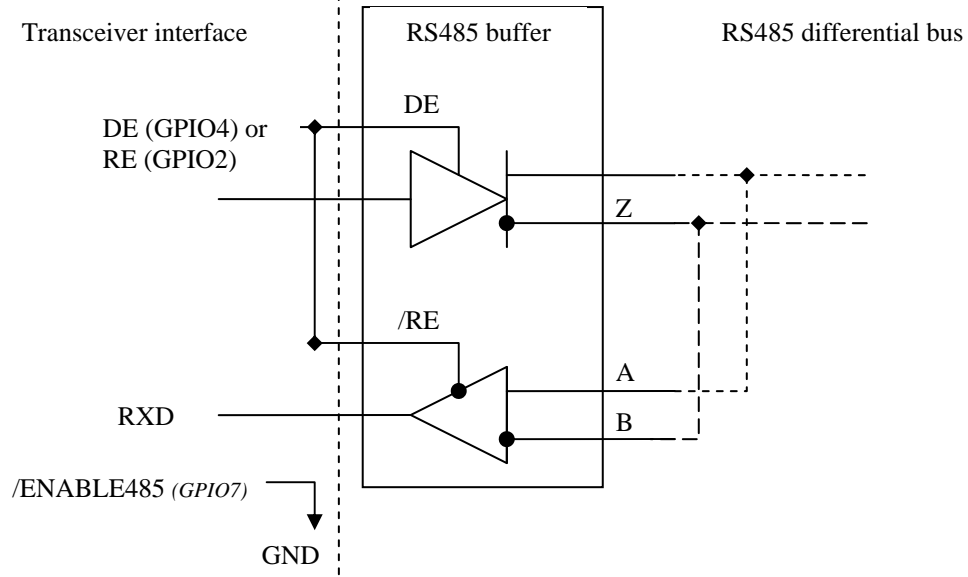
- **General purpose I/O extended functionality**

RS485 interface

The S215 register allows enabling the management of the control lines (/RE and DE lines) of most RS485 buffer. The following figures illustrate the RS485 wiring and the configuration required for activating the DE and /RE management. Even one line is sufficient, for more flexibility two different lines could managed the DE and RE RS485 control lines. Hereafter a connection example with both lines or one line only.



RS485 control lines managed with only one control line



Configuration required : S215 = 1 and ENABLE485 (GPIO7) tied to GND

CAUTION: the /ENABLE485 is read **ONLY at power-up**. Changing the /ENABLE485 (GPIO7) when the transceiver is already running will not be taken in account.

CAUTION: when activating the RS485 interface the GPIO5 will be set as an output.

S215 Value	/ENABLE485 (GPIO7)	DE/RE state	Note	GPIO2	GPIO4	GPIO5	GPIO7
1	GND	Output	RS485 control lines management	Output	Output	Output	Input
1	VDD	Input	RS232 configuration	Input	Input	Input	Input
0	Input	Input	RS232 configuration	Input	Input	Input	Input

Table 1: R485/232 configuration settings

By default, the DE and RE lines are asserted LOW, allowing the reception of characters from the RS485 differential bus. The DE and RE lines are asserted HIGH only when one or several characters have to be transmitted over the RS485 differential bus: when a radio frame is demodulated, the lines are asserted HIGH and then the data extracted from the radio frame are sent to the module TXD line and therefore to the RS485 differential bus. When the last character has been transmitted over the RS485 differential bus, the lines are asserted LOW.

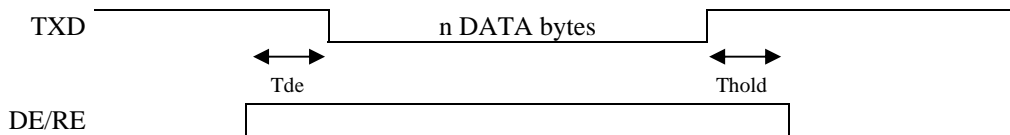


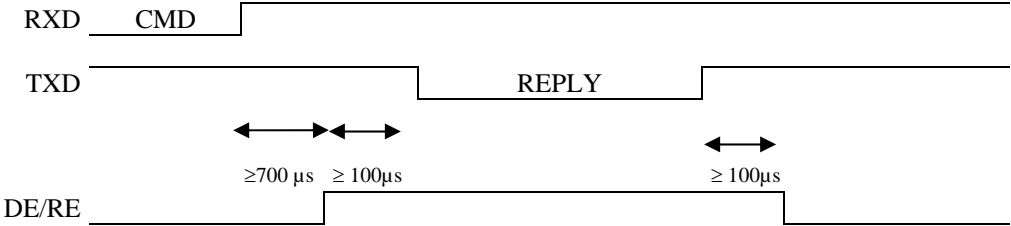
Figure 2: DE/RE timing when data are sent over the serial link

Thold: minimum = 1 μ s

Tde: set according to the S219 register value (see table hereafter)

S219	0	1	2	3	4	5	10	20	40	60	80
Tde min	15 μ s	35 μ s	65 μ s	135 μ s	150 μ s	190 μ s	330 μ s	600 μ s	1.1 ms	1.7 ms	2.3 ms

In command mode, when a reply is sent back (on the TXD line) according to the following DE/RE timing:



RADIO COMMUNICATION

- RADIO COMMUNICATION

869 MHz version

This modem has several channels over the 863-870 MHz Band that can be selected using AT commands, distributed in Wide Band and Narrow Band.

Wide Band channel:

- 1 Wide Band channels
- 57.6 kbit/s “air rate”
- channel spacing: 500 kHz
- Sensitivity: - 105 dBm
- Adjacent channel rejection: see chapter **Channel rejection**

Narrow Band channel:

- 3 Narrow Band channels
- 10 kbit/s “air rate”
- channel spacing: 100 kHz
- Sensitivity: - 110 dBm
- Adjacent channel rejection: see chapter **Channel rejection**

This module is designed to operate according to CEPT/ERC/REC 70-03 recommendation. This recommendation has been drawn up by the European Radio communications Committee (ERC) under CEPT.

- Radio channels

869 MHz version

The Wide Band channel are selected according to the following table:

Channel S200	Frequency (MHz)
1	869,525

Figure 3: Wide band channels

The 3 Narrow Band channels are selected according to the following table:

Channel S200	Frequency (MHz)
19	869,450
84	869,525
85	869,600

Figure 4: Narrow Band channels

- Channel adjustment

The S200 register allows choosing the desired channel and the associated radio rate (see).

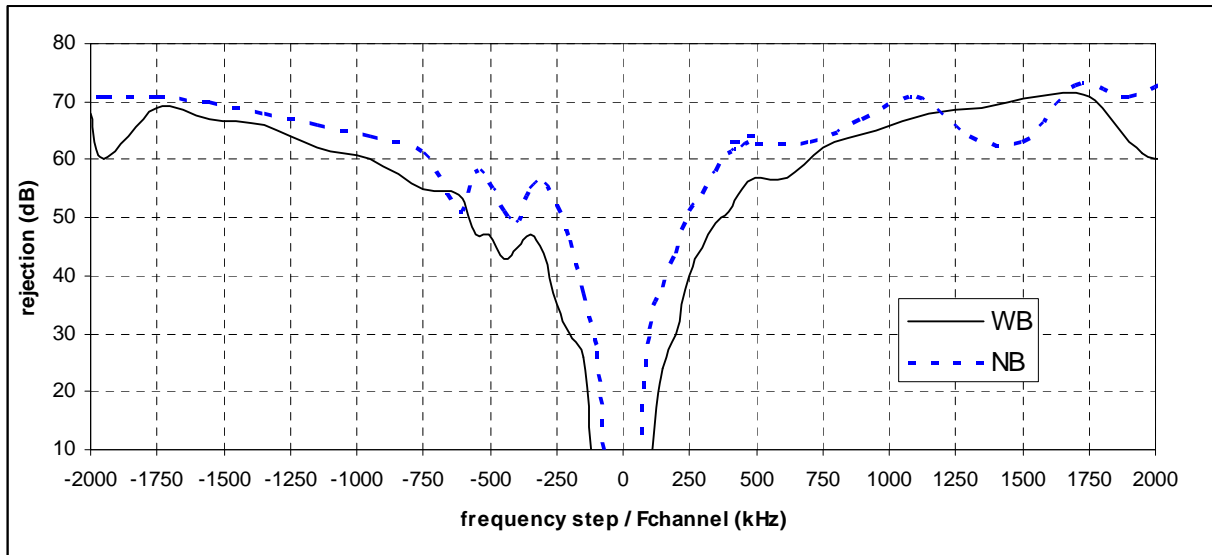
- Radio rate selection

For 869 MHz version, the Radio rate selection is automatically done when setting the channel number:

- If you choose a channel number ≥ 14 (Narrow Band), the radio rate will automatically switch to 10 kbit/s.
- If you choose a channel number < 14 , the module will operate in the Wide Band configuration. The radio rate will switch automatically to 57600 bit/s.

- Channel rejection

The graph below shows the typical channels rejection in WideBand (WB) and NarrowBand (NB) modes.



Particular attention is required for product installation. In the case where several links must work in the same area (independently of the channel positions), the minimum distance between 2 products belonging to different radio links is 3 meters. Even with this precaution (depending of the product environment), channel rejection could be reduced.

TRANSCEIVER OPERATING MODE

Two operating modes are available:

1. Command mode (usage of AT commands)
2. Transceiver or normal mode (serial data are transmitted on radio link)

At power up the transceiver is in transceiver mode; it is able to send / receive data to / from the radio link according to its current parameter configuration.

• Command mode

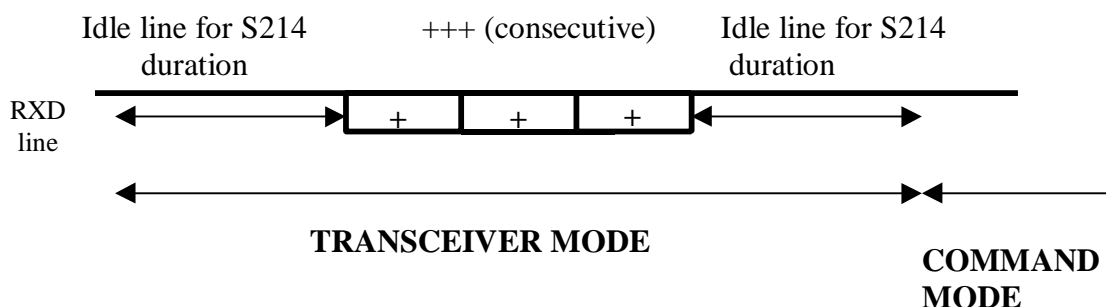
The command mode is used to read and update the modem configuration registers using AT command.

In command mode, the radio is inhibited (reception and transmission), excepted when using test command.

Entering command mode: issues on the serial link a +++ sequence. The sequence of 3 consecutive + characters is accepted only if no character have been seen before and after the +++ sequence. Register (S214) defines the silence duration.

Tips 1: if you are using a terminal (such as Hyperterm), you have to send the +++ sequence using a text file (first create a text file containing only the +++ characters, and then use in Hyperterm the command “Send text file” in the “Transfer menu”)

Tips 2:



Exiting command mode (return back in transceiver mode): send the serial command
`ATO <cr>`

• Transceiver mode

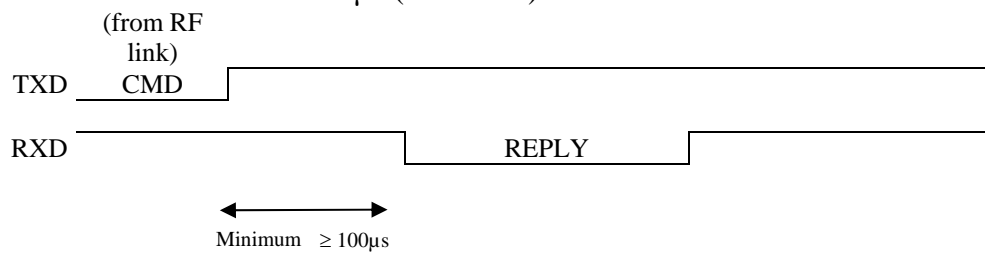
In transceiver mode, two protocols are available:

1. Transparent mode, without flow control.
2. Addressed mode, with flow control (see register S216)

The communication is always half-duplex. The radio transmission is processed prior to the radio reception (when the transceiver is sending a radio frame, it is not able to decode any incoming radio frame).

If no data are sent on the serial link, the modem is waiting for radio reception. Each radio frame sent by another modem is received and the validated data extracted from the radio

frame are sent on the serial link. When the last character has been sent on the serial link, it is possible to send an answer at least 100 µs (minimum) after the end of this last character.



All the data received on the serial link are encapsulated in a radio frame. The radio frame format depends on the used protocol.

When acting as transceiver, the radio frame transmission always starts under the following conditions:

- Detection of a silence on the serial link (greater than S217) after the reception of the latest character.
- Or when the number of received characters from the serial link is higher or equal to the maximum radio frame size (S218).

- **Transparent mode**

In transparent mode, the modem acts as a wire serial link. It means that alternately, the modem sends on the radio the data received from the serial link and sends on the serial link the data received from the radio.

The radio frame format is:

- <Preamble><synchro>DATA <postambule>.
Preamble, synchronisation and postambule are used for the radio reception.

- **Addressed mode**

In transmission mode, data received on the serial link are sent on the radio link with the following format:

- <Preamble><synchro><Address> DATA <postambule>.
Preamble, synchronisation and postambule are used for the radio reception.
- The Address field is set up with S256 value (LSB first).

In reception mode: The <Address> field of the radio frame is checked with the reception address (S252)

- If the radio frame address matches the transceiver reception address (S252), DATA (and only DATA) are transmitted on the serial link
- Otherwise received data are silently discarded.

- **Transceiver state machine**

When operating in transceiver mode the 'RF transmission' state machine is:

Idle state of the transceiver: by default the transceiver is waiting for incoming data on the RS232 link and for incoming radio frame on the radio link.

The RS232 link has a higher priority than the radio link (if a radio frame is demodulated

meanwhile some RS232 characters are detected on the serial link, the radio frame will be discarded and the RS232 incoming data will be processed).

Processing incoming RS232 data: the incoming RS232 data are internally buffered. The buffered data are **sent in a radio frame** (the RF modulation is started) when almost one of the following conditions occurs:

- if a break (silence greater than S217 timeout) is detected on the incoming serial flow (no more data to be sent).

- if the radio buffer size is reached (the number of buffered characters are equal or greater than the S218 size).

Processing incoming radio frame: the valid data are extracted from the incoming radio frame and internally buffered. The buffered data are sent on the fly to the RS232 module output.

AT COMMANDS

- Description

AT commands are interpreted only when the transceiver is in Command mode.

Command: are used to read and update the modem parameters

- A command starts with the 2 ASCII 'AT' characters. 'AT' means 'Attention' follow with one or several characters or other data.
- Each command is ended with <cr> (carriage return).
- In the same command, the time between 2 characters must be less than 10s.

Response: is sent back for each command on the serial link. The answer is:

- 'O'<cr> (ASCII character 0x4F) for accepted command (or OK command)
- 'E'<cr> for error
- Specific string when specified

- Set of commands

Commands	Description
<u>Operating mode selection</u>	
ATO	Return back to transceiver mode.
<silence>+++<silence>	Command mode activation. The +++ sequence must be preceded and followed by a calibrated silence (no other character)
<u>Registers management</u>	
ATSn?	Displays the Sn register content where n represents the register number. The response has the following format: Sn=y<cr><lf>
ATSn=m	Sets the Sn register value with 'm'. n represents the register number..
AT&W	Saves the new register configuration in EEPROM. Each time you switch on the modem, the EEPROM configuration will be loaded in the modem registers.
AT/S	Displays all register values. The response has the following format: Sxxx=y<cr><lf> for each register.
AT/V	Software version display. The response has the following format: Adeunis RF Versatile Modem II 868 MHz 500mW Vxx.yy<cr><lf>
ATR	Restore the register default values
<u>Test modes</u>	
ATT1	Pure Carrier (data=0) transmission using current channel. The output of this mode is achieved by reception of any character on the serial link.
ATT2	Pure Carrier (data=1) transmission using current channel. The output of this mode is achieved by reception of any character on the serial link.
ATT3-ATT6	Modulation using current channel. The output of this mode is achieved by reception of any character on the serial link. ATT3: 0.9 KHz modulation ATT4: 3.6 KHz modulation ATT5: 14.4 KHz modulation ATT6: 28.8 KHz modulation

- **Register description**

The register value could be updated using the ATSn=m<cr> command and displayed using ATSn?<cr> command.

At power-up, the previous transceiver configuration is restored from E2PROM (non volatile) to RAM. The registers are located in RAM registers, any modification is performed on RAM registers: To save current register configurations, it is necessary to use the AT&W<cr> command (If not, the updated parameters are lost in case of power shortage).

The registers are shared in 2 types: read only (R) or read/write (R/W)

Type	Register	Function	Description	Default value	Note
			Radio management		
R/W	S200	Channel number	Radio channel for 896 MHz version : From '0' up to '13', Wide Band channel. From '14' up to '83', Narrow Band channel.	1	3
R/W	S202	Command mode, auto-exit	Automatic command mode exit 0 : (no specific management), the command mode will be exited only when an ATO command is issued. From 1 to 60 : timeout in second. → If no activity (no character, command reception) is detected in command mode for the programmed timeout, the command mode will be exited. The module is back to transceiver mode	0	
R/W	S204	Preamble duration	Preamble duration, unit ms From 4 up to 50	4	4
R/W	S217	Serial timeout for radio	Serial timeout before starting radio transmission, unit ms. From 3 up to 240.	3	1
R/W	S218	Radio frame length	Size of the radio frame (from 1 up to 240). When this size is reached: the transceiver sends a radio frame The RTS signal is activated (pull to VDD) only if the module is operating in the addressed mode.	128	
R	S230	RSSI level	Displays the reception level of the latest received message. Response: S230=-xxx dBm<cr><lf> with xxx decimal value Example S230=-80 dBm	None	
R/W	S231	RF OUT level	Adjusts the RF out level 0 => 20 dBm (100 mW) 1 => 23 dBm (200 mW) 2 => 27 dBm (500 mW)	2	
			Serial link		

Type	Register	Function	Description	Default value	Note
R/W	S210	Baudrate	Serial link rate in bits/s '0': 600 '1': 1 200 '2': 2 400 '3': 4 800 '4': 9 600 '5': 19 200 '6': 38 400 '7': 57 600	4	1,2,5
R/W	S211	Data length	'7' : 7 bits '8' : 8 bits	8	5
R/W	S212	Parity	'1' : none '2' : even '3' : odd	1	5
R/W	S213	Stop bits	'1' : 1 stop bit '2' : 2 stop bit	1	5
R/W	S214	Command timeout	Time out duration for detecting the +++ pattern, unit ms. From 3 up to 240.	3	1
R/W	S215	Interface type	'0' : RS232 only '1' : RS232 or RS485 (managed DE/RE lines)	1	
R/W	S216	Handshake	'0' : hardware, RTS (restricted to addressed protocol) '2' : none	2	
R/W	S219	RS485 delay	Delay between DE activation and the first RS485 transmitted byte From 0 up to 160	3	
			Protocol		
R/W	S220	Protocol	'1'= transparent mode '6'= addressed	6	
R/W	S252	Reception address	From 0 up to FFFF Used in addressed protocol only, for filtering incoming frame		
R/W	S256	Transmission address	From 0 up to FFFF Used in addressed protocol only, added to out coming frame		
			Miscellaneous		
R/W	S232	Power management	0 disable modes 1 immediately enter standby mode 2 enable low power down mode	0	

Note 1: when a serial speed change is requested, the S214 and S217 registers values are automatically set to a value greater or equal than the duration of three characters in the requested speed (13 ms for 2400 bauds, 7 ms for 4800, 3 ms otherwise).

Note 2: streaming mode without flow control. Be careful → using a serial rate greater to the radio rate must produce character losts if the flow control is not used.

If the radio rate is equal to the serial rate, the radio frame is longer than the serial frame, due to radio protocol overhead; but the radio overhead will be generated only when the radio transmission begins → this overhead will be absorbed by internal buffer size.

For example, if the current radio rate is 10 kbit/s, a serial rate of 9 600 should be used without flow control, while using a serial rate of 19 200 (with 10 kbit/s for the radio rate) will produce data overrun.

For avoiding character lost, you should:

1. use the flow control (addressed mode with hardware handshake)
2. or use a serial rate lower or equal to the radio rate
3. or limit the size of serial data to the maximum size of the internal buffer (S218).

Note 3: (S200 register) see chapt. and chapt.

Note 4: The preamble duration is linked to the current radio rate. For high speed radio rate (Wide Band) the preamble duration is adjusted to 4ms while for low speed rate (Narrow Band) the preamble duration is adjusted to 10ms.

The minimum preamble values are:

	Minimum preamble value
WB channel (high radio rate)	4 ms
NB channel (low radio rate)	10 ms

In NB configuration the S204 register value could be set to a value lower than 10ms. In this case, the module prevents using this incorrect preamble length with an automatic adjustment to 10ms.

Note 5: when changing the serial link configuration (rate, parity, stop bit...), the answer is done using the old serial link format, the next command must be sent using the new serial format.

Note 6: the S232 management is described in the following paragraph.

- **Power management (standby mode and low power mode)**

Two modes are available for power management:

1. A standby mode, with a short wake-up time.
2. A low power consumption mode with a longer wake-up time (including supply stabilisation and radio calibration)

	Standby mode	Low power consumption mode
Entered	When: in command mode How: set S232 register to 1, issuing the AT command <code>ATS232=1<cr></code>	When: in transceiver mode How: a high level (or pin left unconnected) on the PWD signal puts the module in low power mode Condition: the low power mode consumption must be enabled (see hereafter)
Exited	How: when receiving the following string <code>ATS232=0</code> State after wake up : transceiver mode	How: a low level on PWD signal wakes up the device State after wake up : transceiver mode
Consumption	≤ 4 mA (2.5 mA typical, to be refined)	≤ 30 µA (To be refined)
Wake-up time	< 100 µs	5 ms

Enable Low Power down mode:

- The low power down mode is managed only after its activation. Applying a High level on the PWD signal when the mode has not been activated has no effect → the module is still running in its current mode.
- In command mode, send the AT command `ATS232=2<cr>`. After this, a High level applied on PWD signal during transceiver mode allows the module to enter the low power consumption mode.

Disable Low Power down mode:

- In command mode, enter the AT command `ATS232=0<cr>`
the S232 register is not applicable

SPECIFICATIONS

	868 / 870 MHz European version
Embedded protocol	ADEUNIS RF enhanced & versatile RF comms manager
Embedded profiles	High Data rate Monochannel modem Middle Data Rate Monochannel modem
Link set-up and status	Through Hayes commands
Radio rough data rate	10 000 & 57 600 bps
UART programmable format	Serial rate from 600 bps to 115 kbps
UART TTL ports	TXD – RXD – RTS – CTS or RS485 driving capability
Transceiver multi-modes	Transparent or Addressed
Programmable Frequency	869.4 to 869.65 MHz / Europa
Channelization	Adjusted to improve sensitivity (wide and narrow band)
Programmable Radiated RF power	Up to 500 mW (27 dBm)
Sensitivity	Down to –108 dBm for BER 10 ⁻³
Operating range (open space)	External antenna : up to 3000 m
RSSI level	RF signal qualification
Operating voltage	Regulated 3.3V nominal (2.7 to 3.6 V)
TX / RX consumption (max)	550 mA / 35 mA
Power Down current	< 30 µA (to be refined)
Operating temperature	-30°C / +70°C
Dimensions	42 x 20 x 4 mm
Standards compliance	EN 300-220 / EN 301 489

Plugged module without antenna	ARF7429A
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GLOSSARY

TBD	To Be Defined
NC	Not Connected
NU	Not Used
FHSS	Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum
FIFO	First In First Out
WB	Wide Band
NB	Narrow Band

ANNEXE 1 : Alternative mounting

If the module cannot be plugged directly on the motherboard, it is possible to mount a connector. However, we do not recommend this use to keep the radio stability of the module.

Some references of connector:

Module header:

- Vertical Male header: Antelec ref. AM2D 200 26 6 G

Motherboard receptacle:

- Vertical Female receptacle (Through Hole): Antelec ref. AF2D 200 26 G
- Right Angle Female receptacle (Through Hole): Antelec ref. AF2C 200 26 49 G
- Vertical Female receptacle (Surface Mount): Antelec ref. AF2D 200 26 G CMS
- Right Angle Female receptacle (Surface Mount): Antelec ref. F2C 200 026 G CMS

ANNEX 2 : Firmware updates

Firmware	Updates

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