

ARF34

User Guide

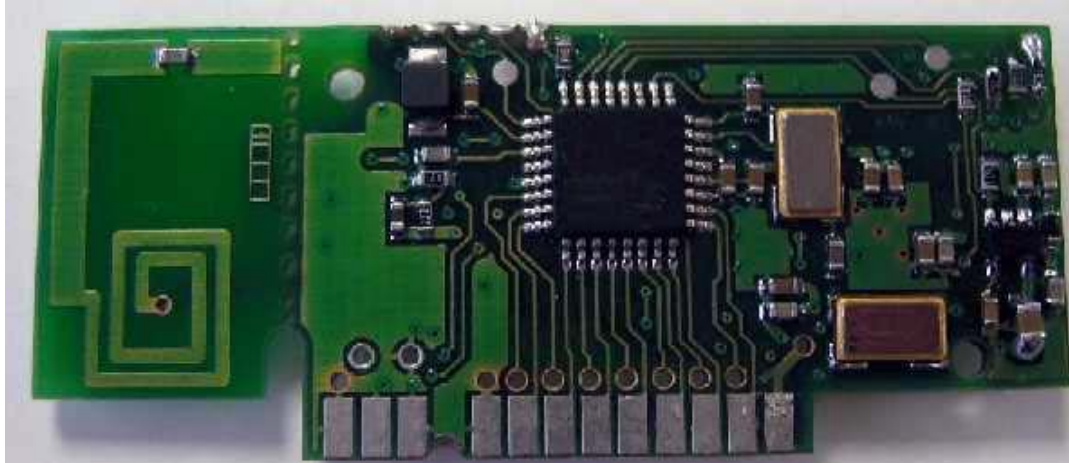


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OVERVIEW

The ARF34 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.



CAUTION

Some features are not currently available or are still under evaluation. These features are marked as N/A (Note Available); when needed, an explanation is given on the current status of the feature (explanation highlighted in Yellow)

INTERFACE

- Mechanical specification**

The transceiver is available in two formats:

- 1) Plugged module with (printed antenna).
- 2) Plugged module without (the integrated antenna area is removed)

The PCB width is 12/10 mm

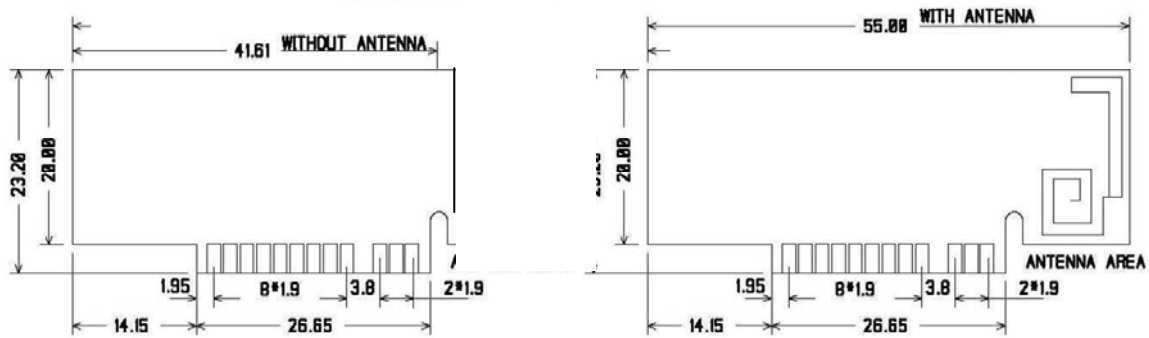
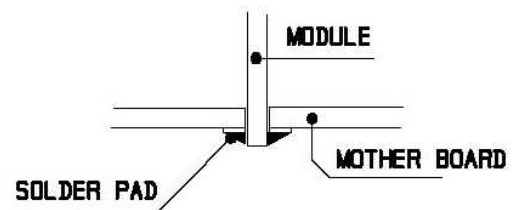
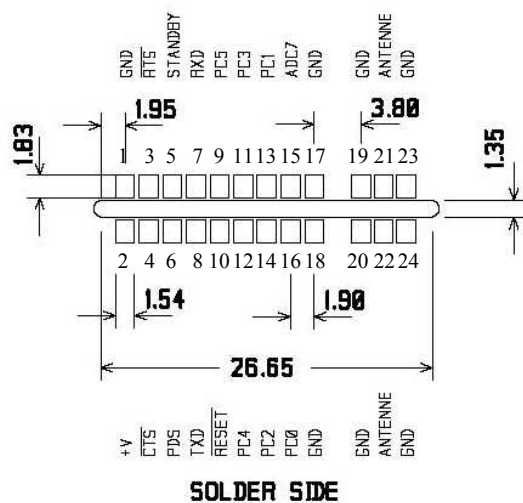
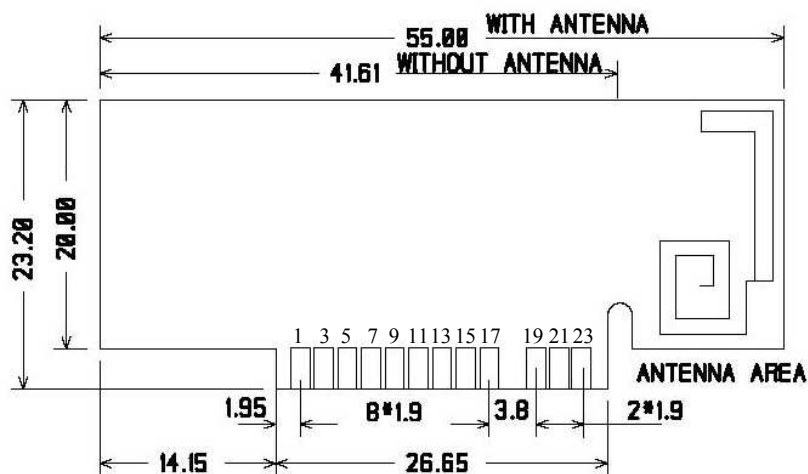


Figure 1: Two PCB formats



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Figure 2: Plugged module mechanical feature

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

- **Signal description**

Interface Pin	Name	I/O	Description	Alternate function
<i>Digital interface</i>				
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	
4	/CTS	I	NC	
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	
6	GPIO7 / PD5	I/O	Extended general purpose I/O	RS485
15	GPIO8 / ADC7	ADC	Analogic to digital conversion	
17, 18	GND		Ground	
<i>RF interface</i>				
19, 20	GND RF		RF antenna ground	
21, 22	RF in/out		RF antenna IN/OUT.	
23, 24	GND RF		RF antenna ground.	

868 / 870 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:

- 14 Wide Band channels (first set of channels from 0 up to 13)
- 57,6 kbit/s radio rate
- channel spacing: 500 kHz
- Sensitivity : - 103 dBm
- Adjacent channel rejection: see chapt. [Channel rejection](#)

Narrow Band channel:

- 70 Narrow Band channels (second set of channels from 14 up to 83)
- 10 kbit/s radio rate
- channel spacing: 100 kHz
- Sensitivity : - 105 dBm
- Adjacent channel rejection: see chapt. [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.

A new frequency allocation in Europe, for the 863 to 870 MHz band, is in progress. When this new frequency allocation has been approved, the proposed 863-870 channels should be used according to these new recommendations.

915 MHz version

This modem has several channels over the 902-928 MHz Band that can be selected using AT commands, distributed in Wide Band.

Wide Band channel:

- 26 Wide Band channels
- 57,6 kbit/s radio rate
- channel spacing: 1 MHz
- Sensitivity : - 103 dBm
- Adjacent channel rejection: see chapt. [Channel rejection](#)

This module is designed to operate according to FCC Part 15.247.

Note 1: The RF out power could be adjusted using AT commands (see register S231).

- **Radio channel**

868 / 870 MHz version

The 14 Wide Band channels are selected according to the following table:

Channel S200	Frequency (MHz)
13	863,25
12	863,75
11	864,25
10	864,75
9	865,25
8	865,75
7	866,25
6	866,75
5	867,25
4	867,75
3	868,25
2	868,75
1	869,525
0	869,75

Figure 3: Wide band channels

The 70 Narrow Band channels are selected according to the following table:

Channel S200	Frequency (MHz)
83	863,05
82	863,15
81	863,25
80	863,35
79	863,45
78	863,55
77	863,65
76	863,75
75	863,85
74	863,95
73	864,05
72	864,15
71	864,25
70	864,35
69	864,45
68	864,55
67	864,65
66	864,75
65	864,85
64	864,95
63	865,05
62	865,15
61	865,25

Channel S200	Frequency (MHz)
60	865,35
59	865,45
58	865,55
57	865,65
56	865,75
55	865,85
54	865,95
53	866,05
52	866,15
51	866,25
50	866,35
49	866,45
48	866,55
47	866,65
46	866,75
45	866,85
44	866,95
43	867,05
42	867,15
41	867,25
40	867,35
39	867,45
38	867,55

Channel S200	Frequency (MHz)
37	867,65
36	867,75
35	867,85
34	867,95
33	868,05
32	868,15
31	868,25
30	868,35
29	868,45
28	868,55
27	868,65
26	868,75
25	868,85
24	868,95
23	869,05
22	869,15
21	869,25
20	869,35
19	869,45
18	869,55
17	869,65
16	869,75
15	869,85
14	869,95

Figure 4: Narrow Band channels

Currently and according to CEPT/ERC/REC 70-03 recommendation, the authorised channels are:

- For the WB, limited to 25 mW according to above recommendation(up to 25 mW for ARF34 module): channels 2 (868.75) and 3 (868.25)
 - For the WB, limited to 500 mW according to above recommendation (up to 50 mW for ARF34 module): channel 1 (869.525)
 - For the NB, limited to 25mW according to above recommendation(up to 25 mW for ARF34 module): channels 22 (869.15), 23 (869.05), 24 (868.95), 25 (868.85), 26 (868.75), 28 (868.55), 29 (868.45), 30 (868.35), 31 (868.25), 32 (868.15), 33 (868.05)
 - For the NB, limited to 500 mW according to above recommendation (up to 50 mW for ARF34 module): channels 18 (869.55), 19 (869.45).
- Figures between brackets are expressed in MHz.

915 MHz version

The 26 Wide Band channels are selected according to the following table:

Channel S200	Frequency (MHz)
25	902,5
24	903,5
23	904,5
22	905,5
21	906,5
20	907,5
19	908,5
18	909,5
17	910,5
16	911,5
15	912,5
14	913,5
13	914,5
12	915,5
11	916,5
10	917,5
9	918,5
8	919,5
7	920,5
6	921,5
5	922,5
4	923,5
3	924,5
2	925,5
1	926,5
0	927,5

Figure 5: Wide band channels

- **Channel selection**

The S200 register allows choosing the desired channel.

When the S200 channel register is written (even with the same value) or set to its default value (see ATR command), the on-chip radio parameters must be updated and a radio-chip calibration is required.

These update and calibration take **about 30ms**; during this time the transceiver is not able to receive or transmit any data → all incoming RS232 data will be ignored (silently discarded).

This update and calibration is performed:

- when leaving the command mode (issuing ATO command)
- or when an ATTx command is issued.

This is done for insuring that the radio chip is working with the appropriate configuration.

- **Radio rate selection**

For 868 / 870 MHz version, the Radio rate selection is automatically done when setting the channel number:

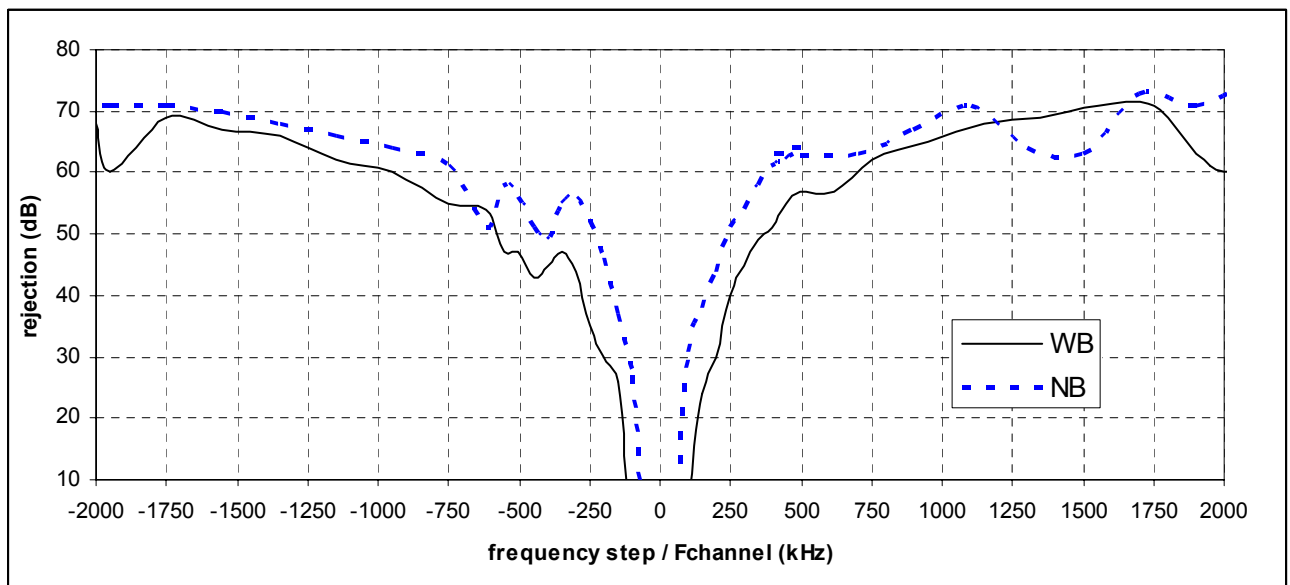
- If you choose a channel number ≥ 14 (Narrow Band), the radio rate will automatically switch to 10 kbit/s.
- If you choose a channel number < 14 , the module will operate in the Wide Band configuration. The radio rate will switch automatically to 57600 bit/s.

For 915 MHz version, the Radio rate is configured by default to 57600 bit/s.

Note: For 915 MHz version and for 868 / 870 MHz version in WB configuration, an alternate radio rate is available (38 400 bit/s) when S201 is set to 1. The default 57600 WB rate must be preferred to this alternate rate.

- **Channel rejection**

The graph below shows the typical channels rejection of ARF34 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 (no matter the channel positions), the minimum distance between 2 ARF34 belonging to different radio links is 3 meters. Even with this precaution (depending on the product environment), channel rejection could be reduced.

- **Antenna requirements**

- Printed antenna**

- When ordered with the printed antenna, the module is plug-and-play: the printed antenna is directly connected to the RF in/out of the module. With this version, RFin_out pin must remain unused (unconnected).

- The printed antenna is reserved for application with a short range between products. For longer distance, the use of external antenna is recommended.

- External antenna**

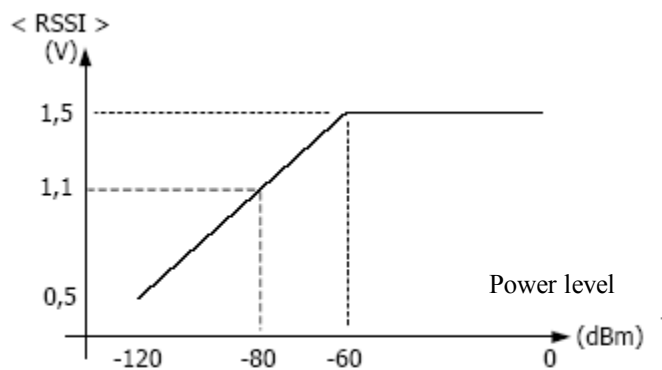
- If you are not using the printed antenna, an antenna has to be added to achieve correct communication between the products. Several possibilities:

- The best technical/economical compromise is a $\frac{1}{4}$ wave (8.6 cm length) antenna soldered on the “mother board”. The link between the RFin_out pin of the module and the antenna should be a 50Ω line. The larger the ground plane around the antenna, the more efficient and "isotropic" it will be.
 - If necessary, this antenna can be distant thanks to a coaxial cable connected to the “mother board”; the line must be a 50Ω line.

- **RSSI reading**

The RSSI (Received Strength Signal Indicator) gives an indication for the received power level.

It could be accessed with AT commands.



- The RSSI level is only an indication. Use this level with care due to the dispersion between components.
 - The schema above could be modified from one to another product. The operating temperature could also have an impact on these dispersions.
 - The RSSI level could also indicate the potential presence of jammer in the used channel.
 - **The RSSI is a necessary but not sufficient condition to obtain a correct reception.**

TRANSCIVER 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

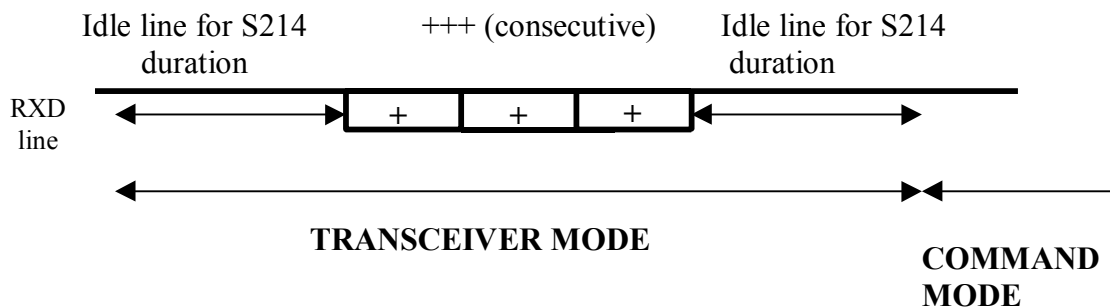
The command mode is used to read and update the modem configuration registers using AT command.

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. When transmitting, data received from the serial link are transmitted on the radio link. When data are received on the radio link, these data are sent on the serial link.
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.

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 <postamble>.
Preamble, synchronisation and postamble 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 <postamble>.
Preamble, synchronisation and postamble 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.

- **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	≤ 20 µA
Wake-up time	< 100 µs	50 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>`

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 : ARF34 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 868 / 870 MHz version : From '0' up to '13', Wide Band channel. From '14' up to '83', Narrow Band channel. Radio channel for 915 MHz version : From '0' up to '25', Wide Band channel.	1	3
R/W	S201	Radio rate (for wide band only)	Wide band radio rate selection 0: 57 600 bit/s (recommended) 1: 38 400 bit/s	0	2,3
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 3 up to 50	3	4
R/W	S205	Reserved	Only used for test operation. DO NOT CHANGE.	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 The RSSI values range from -115 up to -60 dBm.	None	

Type	Register	Function	Description	Default value	Note
R/W	S231	RF OUT level	Adjusts the RF out level 868 / 870 MHz version : 0 => 10 dBm (10 mW) 1 => 14 dBm (25 mW) 2 => 17 dBm (50 mW) 915 MHz version : 0 => 11 dBm (12 mW) 3 => 0 dBm (1 mW) 4 => 7 dBm (5 mW)	2 0	
			Serial link		
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 '8': 115 200	4	1,2,6
R/W	S211	Data length	'7' : 7 bits '8' : 8 bits	8	6
R/W	S212	Parity	'1' : none '2' : even '3' : odd	1	6
R/W	S213	Stop bits	'1' : 1 stop bit '2' : 2 stop bit	1	6
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) (RS485 if pin 6 tied to ground)	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	5

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 57 600 kbit/s, a serial rate of 57 600 should be used without flow control, while using a serial rate of 115 200 (with 57 600 for the radio rate) will produce data overrun.

For avoiding character losts, 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. [Radio channel](#) and chapt. [Channel](#)

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 3ms while for low speed rate (Narrow Band) the preamble duration is adjusted to 6ms.

The minimum preamble values are:

	Minimum preamble value
WB channel (high radio rate)	3 ms
NB channel (low radio rate)	6 ms

In NB configuration the S204 register value could be set to a value lower than 6ms. In this case, the module prevents using this incorrect preamble length with an automatic adjustment to 6ms.

Note 5: (S232 register) see chapt. [Power management \(standby mode and low power mode\)](#)

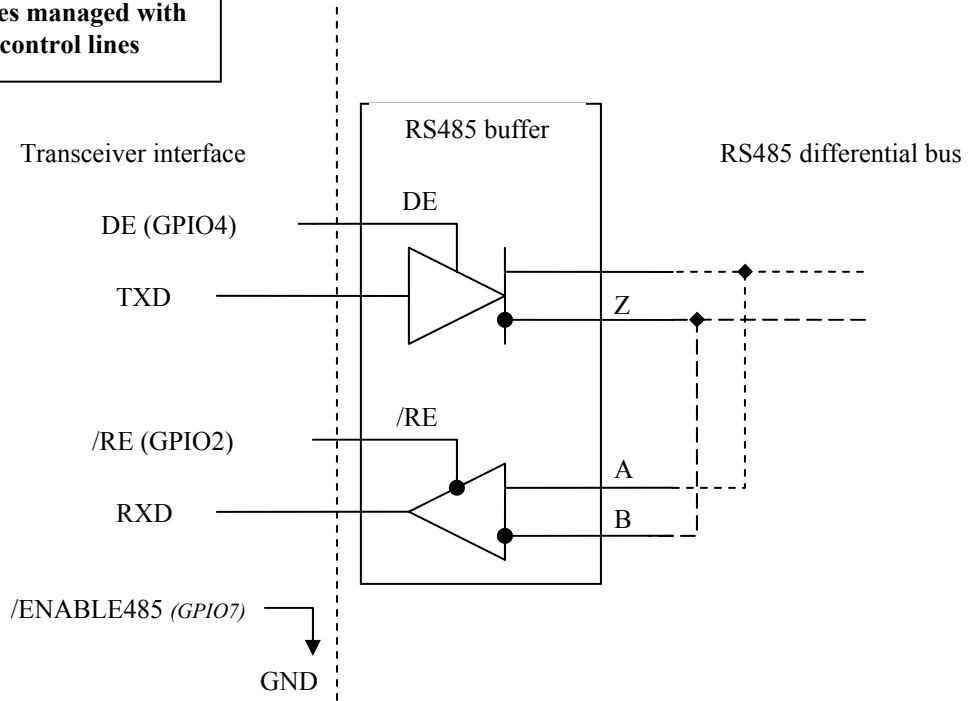
Note 6: when changing the serial link configuration (rate, parity, stop bit...), the answer is done using the old serial link format, the next command must be sent using the new serial format.

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

RS485 interface

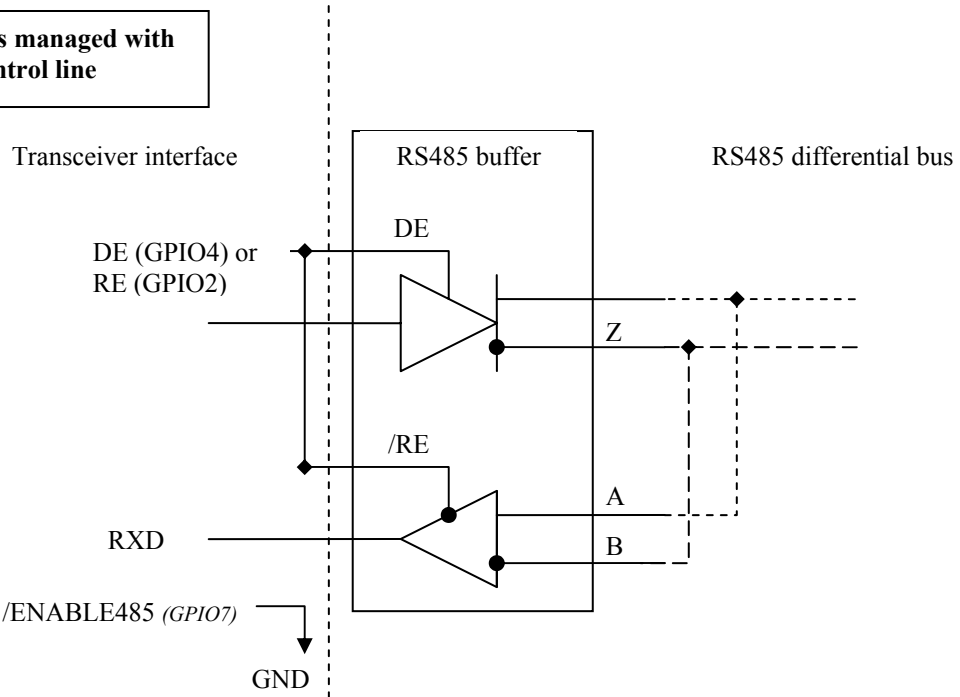
The S215 register allows enabling the management of the control lines (/RE and DE lines) of most RS485 buffer. The following figures illustrate the RS485 wiring and the configuration required for activating the DE and /RE management. Even one line is sufficient, for more flexibility two different lines 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 two different control lines



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

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.

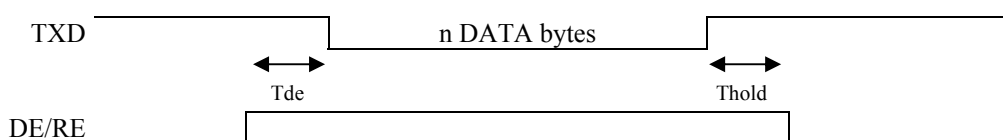


Figure 6: DE/RE timing when data are sent over the serial link

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	20 μ s	40 μ s	60 μ s	80 μ s	100 μ s	110 μ s	250 μ s	480 μ s	900 μ s	1.3 ms	1.7 ms

• Transceiver state machine

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

1. **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).

2. **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).

3. **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. The internal buffer is limited to 256 bytes.

SPECIFICATIONS

	868 / 870 MHz version	915 MHz version
Embedded protocol	ADEUNIS RF enhanced & versatile RF comms manager	Idem
Embedded profiles	Multi-mode transceiver	Idem
Custom profiles	Designed on custom specifications	Idem
Link set-up and status	Through Hayes commands	Idem
Radio rough data rate	From 9 600 up to 57 600 bps	38 400 or 57 600 bps
UART programmable format	Serial rate from 600 bps to 115 kbps	Idem
UART TTL ports	TXD – RXD – RTS – CTS or RS485 driving capability	Idem
Transceiver multi-modes	Transparent or Addressed	Idem
Programmable Frequency	863 to 870 MHz / Europe	902 to 928 MHz / USA
Channelization	Adjusted to improve sensitivity (wide and narrow band)	Adjusted to improve sensitivity (wide band only)
Programmable Radiated RF power	Up to 50 mW (17 dBm)	Up to 12 mW (11 dBm)
Sensitivity	Down to –105 dBm for BER 10 ⁻³	Down to –103 dBm for BER 10 ⁻³
Operating range (free field)	Integrated antenna : recommended 100m, up to 500m External antenna : up to 1500 m	Integrated antenna : recommended 40m, up to 200m External antenna : up to 700 m
RSSI level	RF signal qualification	Idem
Operating voltage	Regulated 3.3V nominal (3.0 to 3.6 V)	Idem
TX / RX consumption (max)	100 mA / 35 mA	Idem
Power Down current	< 20 μA	Idem
Operating temperature	-20°C / +70°C	Idem
Dimensions	55 x 20 x 4 mm	Idem
Standards compliance	EN 300-220 / EN 301 489	FCC Part 15.247

Plugged module with integrated antenna	ARF7151A	ARF7151C
Plugged module without antenna	ARF7151B	ARF7151D

GLOSSARY

TBD	To Be Defined
NC	Not Connected
NU	Not Used
WB	Wide Band
NB	Narrow Band

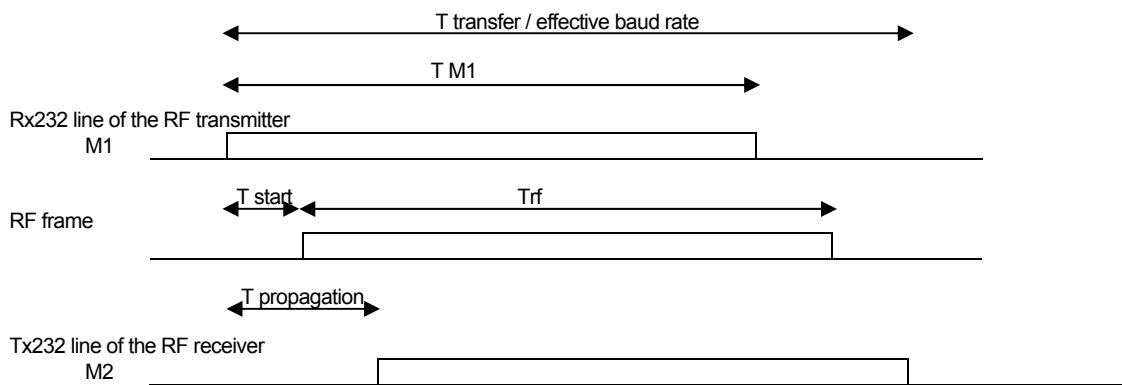
ANNEX 1 : Streaming mode

The following timing illustrates a streaming mode that could be implemented with the ARF34 transceiver (using the transparent mode):

- As depicted, the streaming mode is obtained when using a serial rate equivalent to the radio rate.
- Other rates combination could be used with care → performing this will induce some limitations that must be taken into account by the user (for example using a serial rate higher than the radio rate is possible ONLY if the serial frame length is limited).

The figures in the table have been measured using two radio rates: 10 kbit and a 38400 bit/s.

The specific parameter configuration is mentioned.

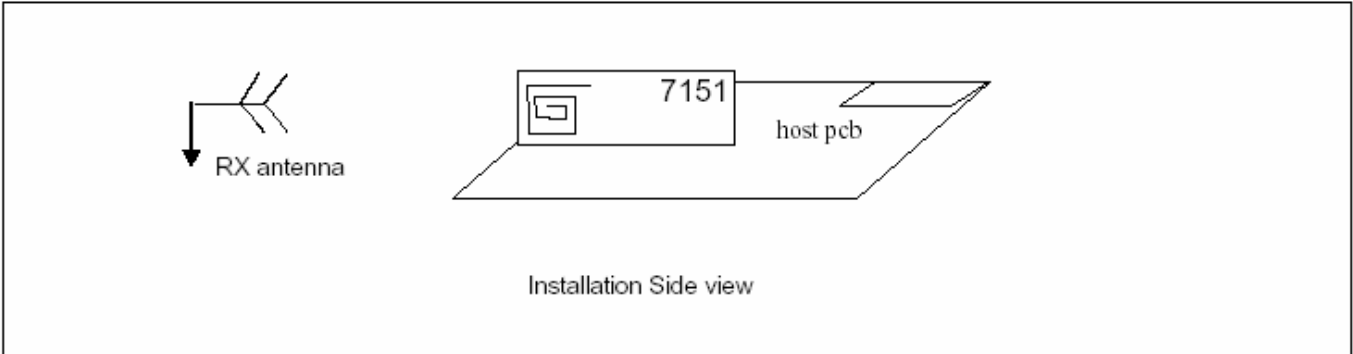
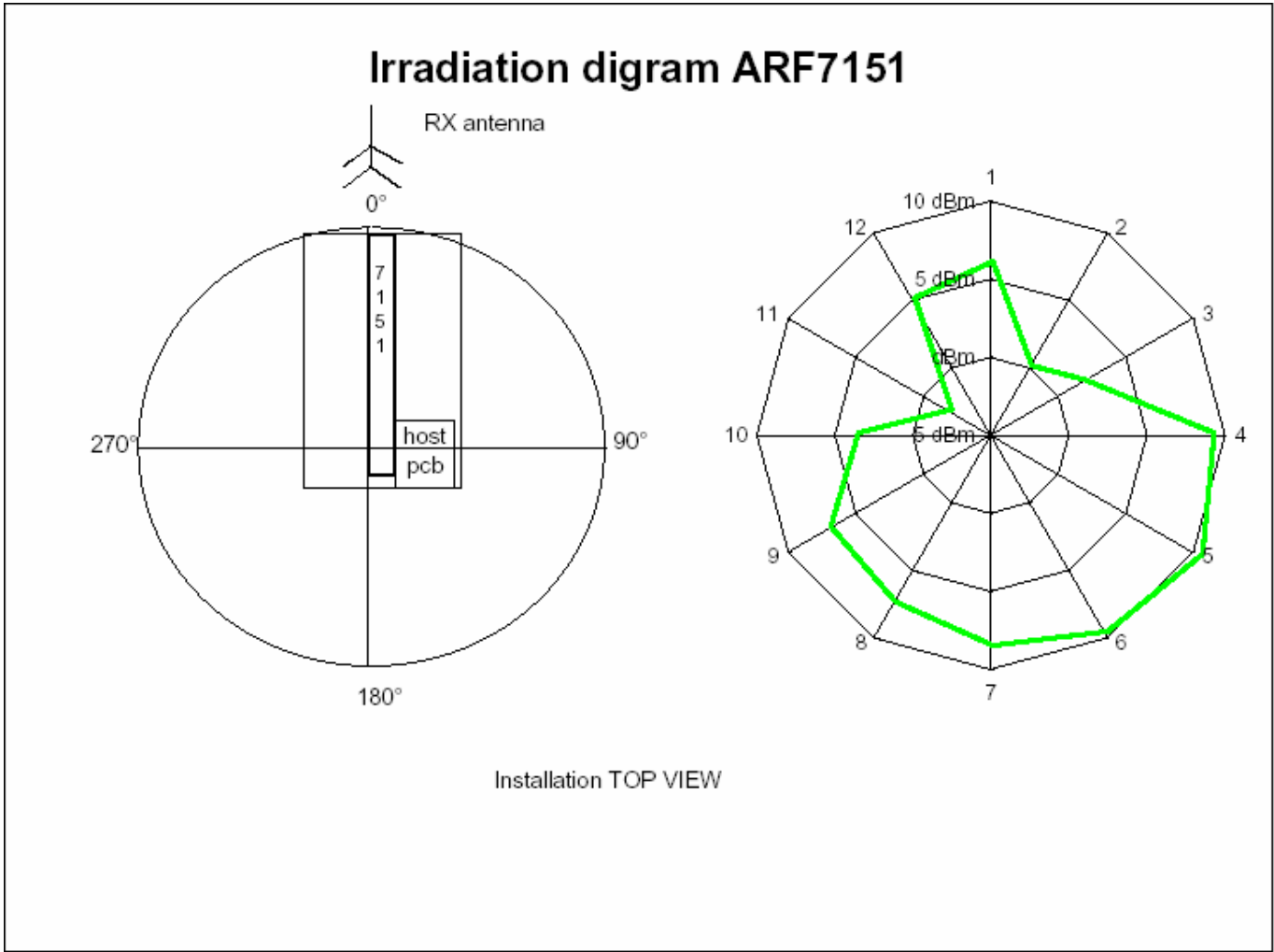


S204 Preamble length	S210 Serial rate	Radio rate	S218 Start RF frame	T transfer (second)	Effective baud rate	T start	T propag.	T rf (second)	TM1	Nb data sent
4	4 / 9600	10 K	1	1.08	9481	1.3 ms	7.5 ms	1.074 s	1.072 s	1024
4	4 / 9600	10 K	128	1.207	8484	133 ms	139 ms	1.030 s	1.072 s	1024
2	6 / 38 400	38 400	1	2.755	37169	440 μ s	3.1 ms	2.755 s	2.755 s	10240
2	6 / 38 400	38 400	1	0.276	37101	440 μ s	3.1 ms	0.275 s	0.275 s	1024

ANNEX 2 : Integrated antenna Irradiation diagram

The following diagram highlights that the RF output level of the integrated antenna transceiver version is not homogeneous. The RF irradiation is modified by the integration of the transceiver in the host system, by the physical dimension and material of this host system. You must remember that the integrated antenna is dedicated to short range communication, and the range is closely linked to the equipment position.

Warning: this diagram must not be used as a reference diagram. It is the result of an ADEUNIS integration. An integration of the transceiver in another system will generate a different irradiation diagram.



ANNEX 3 : Firmware updates

Firmware	Updates
V0.08 /V0.09	S202 register added S204, preamble duration → the minimum preamble duration is 3ms for the radio rate 57 Kbit/s and 6ms for the 9.6 kbit/s
V1.00	S205 register added S210 600 and 1200 bps added S231 change default register value to 1 Create the 915 MHz version optimized for FCC Part 15.247 : S200 : 26 channel for 915MHz