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Abbreviations and abstract

Abbreviation	Name	Description
ACK	Acknowledgement	Acknowledgement pattern confirming the reception of the transmitted data packet.
CCA	Clear Channel Assessment	Evaluation of channel access
CS	Checksum	
DC	Duty cycle	Transmission time in relation of one hour. 1% means, channel is occupied for 36 seconds per hour.
FIFO	First In First Out	Stack handling treatment
FSE	Field Sales Engineer	
0xhh [HEX]	Hexadecimal	All numbers beginning with 0x are stated as hexadecimal numbers. All other numbers are decimal.
HIGH	High signal level	
I/O	Input/output	Pinout description
LOW	Low signal level	
LPM	Low power mode	Operation mode for reduced power consumption.
LSB	Least significant bit	
MSB	Most significant bit	
PL	Payload	The real, non-redundant information in a frame/packet.
RF	Radio frequency	Describes everything relating to the wireless transmission.
SBW	Spy Bi-Wire	2 pin Flasher interface of MSP430
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter	Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter allows communicating with the module of a specific interface.
US	UserSettings	Any relation to a specific entry in the UserSettings is marked in a special font and can be found in the respective chapter.
VDD	Supply voltage	

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1 Introduction



Tarvos-I and Tarvos-I Plug with old HW revisions (i.e. serial number smaller than 42.028830 (0x2A00709E)) are not supported anymore.

Applying this manual's contents or a firmware of 2.0 or newer to these modules and USB sticks will leave the module in a non operating state that cannot be brought back to a normal operating state.

1.1 Operational description

The Tarvos-I module has been designed as a radio sub module for wireless communication between devices like controls, remote controls, sensors etc. It offers several addressing modes and relieves the host system of radio-specific tasks such as

- checksum calculation,
- address resolution, and
- repetition of unacknowledged telegrams.

It can be deployed wherever the wireless exchange of small data packets (up to 128 bytes) between two or more parties is required.

A serial interface (UART) whose data rate and format can be adjusted flexibly is available for communicating with the host system.

1.2 Block diagram

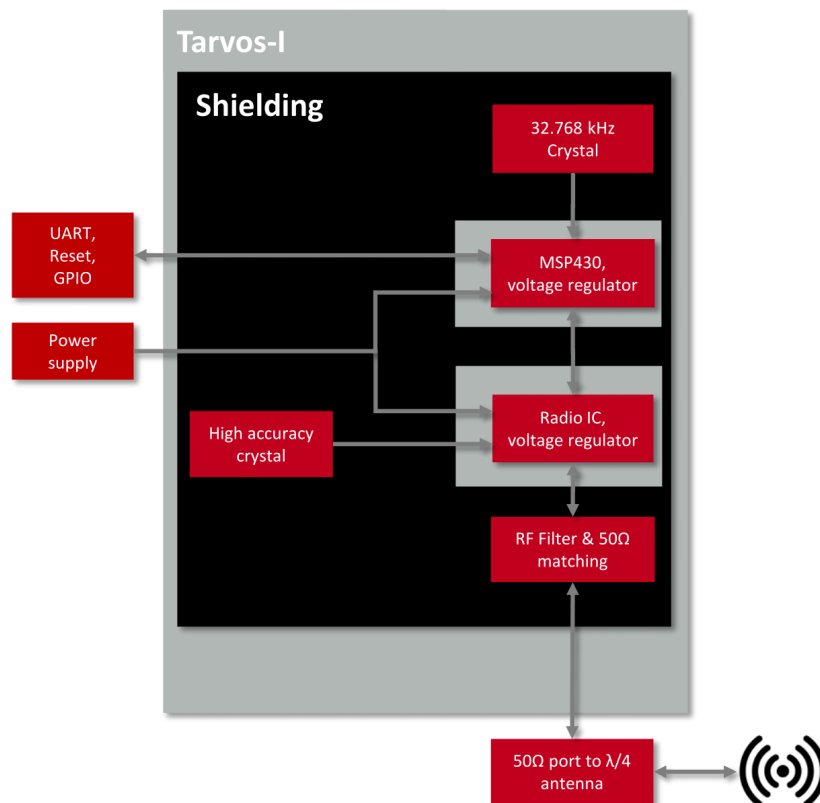


Figure 1: Block diagram

1.3 Ordering information

WE order code	Former order code	Description
2605041181000	AMB8426-TR	868 MHz proprietary module, Tape & Reel
2605041181009	AMB8426-DEV	868 MHz proprietary module development kit
2605049281001	AMB8426-EV	868 MHz proprietary module evaluation kit
2605056081001	AMB8465	868 MHz proprietary USB dongle

Table 1: Ordering information

2 Electrical specifications

As not otherwise stated measured on the evaluation board Tarvos-I -EV with T=25 °C, VDD=3V, internal DC-DC converter active and 50 Ω connected.

2.1 Recommended operating conditions

Description	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
VCC	2.2	3.3	3.6	V
Temperature range	-30	20	85	°C

Table 2: Recommended operating conditions

2.2 Absolute maximum ratings

Description	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
VCC	-0.3		3.9	V
Voltage on any pin	-0.3		VCC + 0.3, max 3.9	V
Input RF level			10	dBm

Table 3: Absolute maximum ratings

2.3 Power consumption



As a DC/DC voltage regulator is integrated, the current consumption is strongly depending on the supplied voltage level.



The transmit and receive currents are depending on the impedance matching, and therefore may vary depending on antenna selection and matching.



The stated values are representing the module current consumption for radio and active MCU. Not to be confused with only radio or only CPU core currents, as sometimes stated by others.



A stable power supply is indispensable to ensure valid operating conditions for the module.

2.3.1 Static

The current consumption is the sum of the CPU current and Radio TX or RX current in active modes. In sleep the CPU LPM3 and Radio Sleep currents were measured. Measurements were performed on multiple Tarvos-I -EV with $T=25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{\text{DDS}}=3.3\text{V}$, internal DC-DC converter active and $50\ \Omega$ conducted unless specified otherwise.

Description	Min	Typ.	Max	Unit
TX current consumption at max output power		38		mA
RX current consumption		24		mA
Sleep: LPM3, RAM retention, UART 9600Baud ACLK		3		μA

Table 4: Power consumption

2.4 Radio characteristics

Conditions: Tarvos-I -EV, $T=25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{\text{CC}}=3.0\text{V}$, terminated unused module pads, $50\ \Omega$ conducted

Description	Min	Typ.	Max	Unit
Max output power				11 dBm
Input sensitivity, 1.2kbit radio		-108		dBm
Input saturation		-17		dBm
Frequencies	868.05		868.55	MHz

Table 5: Radio characteristics

2.5 Pin characteristics

Property	Min	Typ.	Max	Unit
Pin input voltage for any digital I/O	-0.3		VCC + 0.3, max 3.9	V
Pin output current sunk by any digital I/O			6	mA
Pin output current sourced by any digital I/O			6	mA
Pin total output current sunk by sum of all I/Os			48	mA
Pin total output current sourced by sum of all I/Os			48	mA

Table 6: Pin characteristics

3 Pinout

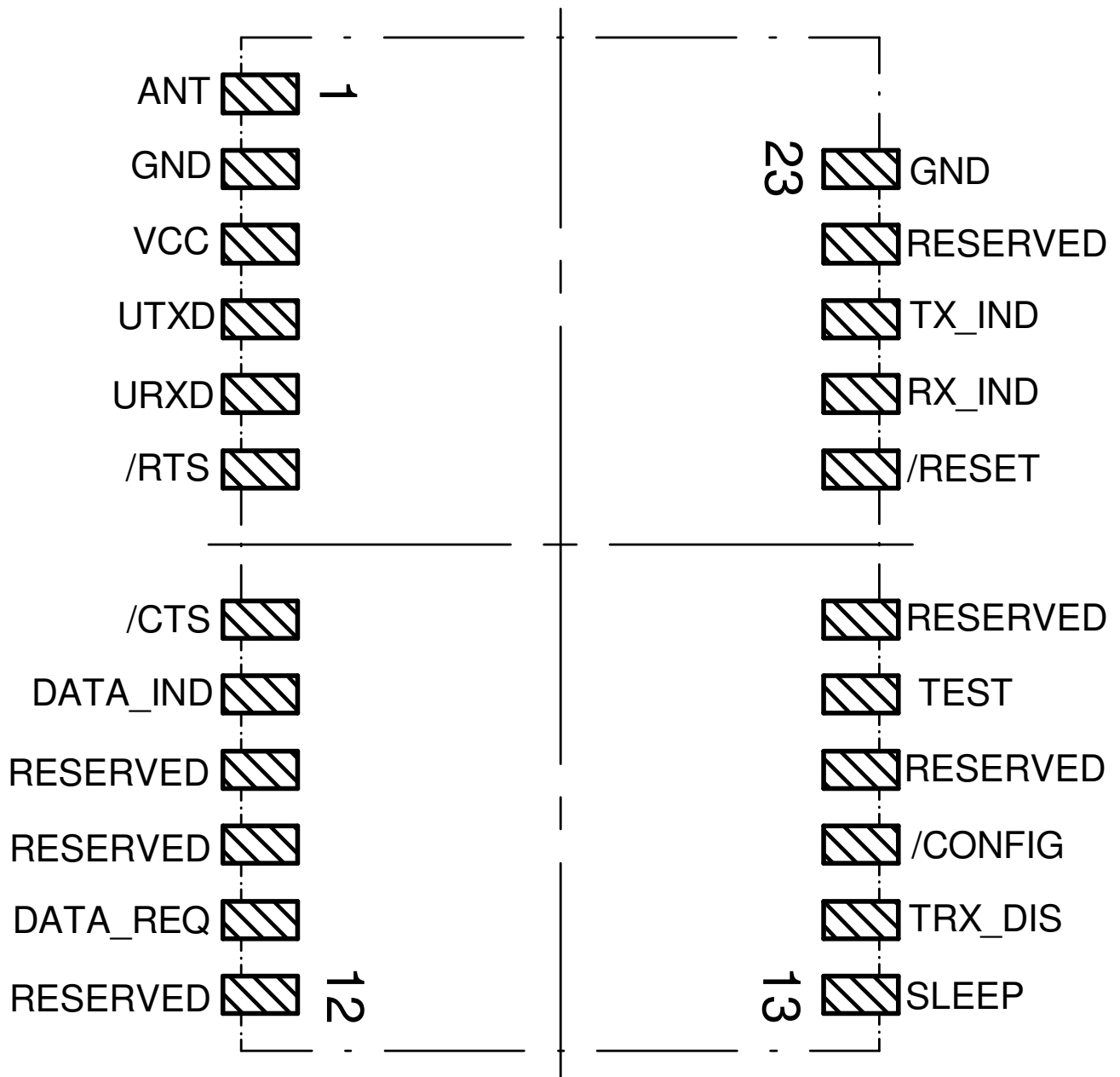


Figure 2: Pinout

No	Designation	I/O	Description
1	<i>ANT</i>		50Ω antenna connection
2	<i>GND</i>	Supply	Ground
3	<i>VCC</i>	Supply	Supply voltage
4	<i>UTXD</i>	Output	UART Module Output
5	<i>URXD</i>	Input	UART Module Input
6	<i>/RTS</i>	Output	Indicates if the module is busy, busy = HIGH level, idle = LOW level.
7	<i>/CTS</i>	Input	Connect to GND if not needed. In case the signal is HIGH, the transmission is suspended until it goes LOW again. (to enable this function see chapter CfgFlags)
8	<i>/DATA_IND</i>	Output	Goes LOW as soon as a valid frame is received via radio and remains LOW as long as the output via UART continues.
9	<i>Reserved</i>		Currently not used. These pins must be left open (do not connect).
10	<i>Reserved</i>		Currently not used. These pins must be left open (do not connect).
11	<i>/DATA_REQ</i>	Input	Connect to GND if not needed. In transparent mode it can be used to trigger sending of a packet (can be disabled in transparent mode, see CfgFlags).
12	<i>Reserved</i>		Currently not used. These pins must be left open (do not connect).
13	<i>SLEEP</i>	Input	Activates the Sleep Mode (on HIGH level). Connect to GND if not needed. The function can be disabled (see chapter CfgFlags).
14	<i>TRX_DIS</i>	Input	Switches the RF part off (on HIGH level) as long as no data is to be sent. Connect to GND if not needed. The function can be disabled (see chapter CfgFlags).
15	<i>/CONFIG</i>	Input	Operation mode switch on detection of a falling edge (between transparent and command mode). Connect to GND if not needed. The function can be disabled (see chapter CfgFlags).
16	<i>Reserved</i>		Currently not used. These pins must be left open (do not connect).
17	<i>Reserved</i>		Currently not used. These pins must be left open (do not connect).
18	<i>Reserved</i>		Currently not used. These pins must be left open (do not connect).

No	Designation	I/O	Description
19	<i>/RESET</i>	Input	Low level holds module in reset state. Apply a rising edge to reset the module (see chapter 9.1.2). Uses an internal pull-up resistor (typ. 47 kΩ).
20	<i>RX_IND</i>	Output	If the corresponding function is enabled (see chapter CfgFlags), <i>RX_IND</i> will go high during radio reception.
21	<i>TX_IND</i>	Output	If the corresponding function is enabled (see chapter CfgFlags), <i>TX_IND</i> will go high during radio transmission.
22	<i>Reserved</i>		Currently not used. These pins must be left open (do not connect).
23	<i>GND</i>	Supply	Ground

Table 7: Pinout



Frequent power cycling - especially in combination with slowly rising or falling supply voltages and non proper use of the */RESET* pin and reset timings - may lead to malfunction, in rare cases even to damage of the module respectively the embedded firmware.

The use of an external supply voltage supervisor is therefore highly recommended!

4 Quickstart

4.1 Minimal pin configuration

In the factory state, the modules are immediately ready for operation; the following pins are required in the minimal configuration: *VCC*, *GND*, *UTXD* and *URXD*. It is highly recommended to also connect */RTS* and */RESET* to the host.

In the default configuration, all module inputs (*SLEEP*, *TRX_DIS*, */CONFIG*, and */DATA_REQ*) are activated and must be connected to *GND*.

All reserved pins shall be left open.

If the module is to be connected to a PC, a level converter UART-TTL to RS-232 or USB-to-UART-TTL converter (e.g. FTDI TTL-232R-3V3) must be used. The user must ensure that the absolute max values of the module are adhered to.

Implementing connection to be able to perform a firmware update is strongly recommended otherwise you renounce the possibility of firmware updates with all possible consequences.

4.2 Power up

Recommended procedure for starting the module:

After supply voltage is applied to the module, the */RESET* pin shall be hold to LOW level for at least another Δt of at least 2ms after the *VCC* is stable to ensure a safe start-up. The module is ready when the pin */RTS* does not indicate module busy anymore.

If the module is used in a battery-powered system, using a matching reset-IC (or a discrete RC block for an according delay) is mandatory to ensure a correct power up. A reset-IC is required to ensure a stable behavior towards the battery getting empty and the voltage drops below or jitters around the required minimum operating voltage of *VCC*. Not implementing a proper reset method can lead to permanent damage of the module.

4.3 Quickstart example

Sending and receiving: Hello World

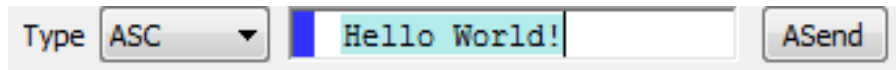
Connect your pair of modules, EV-boards or USB-sticks with the PC as explained in chapter 4.1. Please make sure you have a minimum distance of 3 meters between the two modules or devices to avoid over modulation. When short distances are needed, you could reduce the *PHY_PAPower* to a minimum.

When the connection to the PC is done, please use a terminal tool of your choice. For convenience we assume you selected the tool "hterm". Select the two corresponding COM ports and open them with a configuration of 9600 Baud, 8 Data bits, 1 Stop bit and Parity set to None.

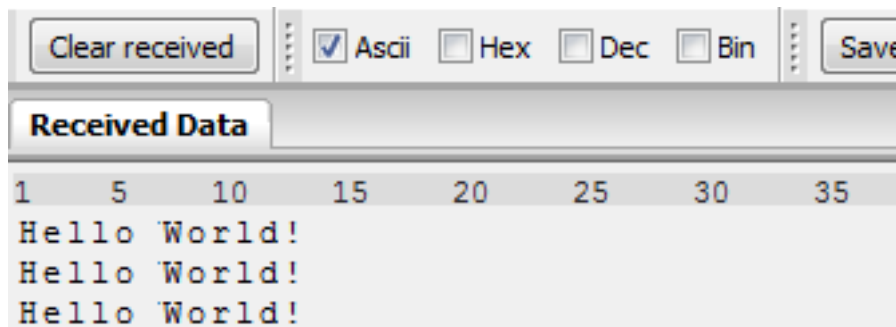


The image shows a configuration interface for a terminal. It consists of four dropdown menus arranged horizontally. The first menu is labeled 'Baud' and has '9600' selected. The second menu is labeled 'Data' and has '8' selected. The third menu is labeled 'Stop' and has '1' selected. The fourth menu is labeled 'Parity' and has 'None' selected. Each menu has a small downward arrow on its right side.

Enter the string "Hello World" into the input line of hterm and use the "ASend" button followed by pushing the "start" button to send the data once. Make sure the Type "ASC" of the transmit section of hterm is selected.



This data will be received by the second module and shows up as received data in the second hterm instance. You may send any string of size 1 to 128 characters from one module to the other. Two successive frames must be divided by a pause larger than UART_Timeout. Make sure the "Ascii" checkbox of the receive section of hterm is selected.



You just used the so called "transparent mode" of the modules to send your data. The address mode that was used is "0". Thus all radio frames are broadcasts that can be received by anyone listening with an Tarvos-I in default settings. The frame you send was generated using the timeout method.

Besides the transparent mode, that is suited for transparent data transmission, the so called "command mode" allows both, the module configuration and the data transmission, using a predefined command interface (see chapter 7).

5 Functional description

5.1 Operating modes

The device can be used in the following operating modes:

1. Transparent mode (transparent data transmission)
2. Command mode (module configuration and data transmission using the predefined command interface)

The operating mode after power-up can be configured by means of the `OpMode` parameter. By default, the module operates in transparent mode. Starting in the command mode, the module responds with a `CMD_SET_MODE_CNF` telegram.



Würth Elektronik eiSos highly recommends using the command mode.

5.1.1 Switching from transparent to command mode

The command mode can be entered by applying a falling edge on the `/CONFIG` pin or when a break signal is detected on the UART. A break condition exists if the RX input of the module is kept low for at least 10 more bits after an absent stop bit. Detection of both the falling edge on the `/CONFIG` pin and of the break signal can be disabled using the user setting `CfgFlags`.

The successful switchover is acknowledged by a `CMD_SET_MODE_CNF` telegram. The switchover can only occur when no data is being received by wireless transmission or UART interface (approximately 100 µs after `/RTS` goes LOW and indicates module idle).

5.1.2 Switching from command to transparent mode

The transparent mode can be entered by applying a falling edge on the `/CONFIG` pin, by using the command `CMD_SET_MODE_REQ` or on detection of another break signal on the UART. Detection of both the falling edge on the `/CONFIG` pin and of the break signal can be disabled using the user setting `CfgFlags`.

The successful switchover is acknowledged by a `CMD_SET_MODE_CNF` telegram. The switchover can only occur when no data is being received by wireless transmission or UART interface (approximately 100 µs after `/RTS` goes low and indicates readiness).

5.1.3 Transparent mode

In this mode, data is received via the serial interface and initially buffered. As soon as a specific condition is met (see table 8), the RF telegram is generated with a preamble, checksum, and address information (optional).

The number of characters transmitted in the wireless telegram in addition to the actual payload data depends on the selected addressing method and the data rate, and varies between 12 and 16 bytes (packet overhead).

If required, the RF telegram can be acknowledged by the recipient module (see chapter 8.14). If no acknowledgement is received, the telegram will automatically be repeated upon expiry of a timeout (see chapter 8.20).

The buffer size at the UART interface is 128 bytes, i.e. the maximum size of transmitted data packets is 128 bytes (payload data only, without packet overhead).

To initiate a radio transmission, several options are available, listed in the following table.

Start	Condition Description:	Dependent usersettings
Timeout	Transmission starts if no new character is detected within a configurable time period after receiving a character via UART. The timeout is reset every time a new character is received.	UART_Timeout UART_PktMode
End-Of-Text-Character	Transmission begins when the preconfigured character is transmitted via UART.	UART_PktMode UART_ETXChar
Fixed Packet Size	Transmission starts when the preconfigured number of bytes is reached in the RX buffer of the UART.	UART_PktSize UART_RTSLimit UART_PktMode
/Data Req Pin	The transmission starts as soon as a falling edge is detected on the <i>/DATA_REQ</i> pin.	CfgFlags

Table 8: Communication in transparent mode

The `UART_PktMode` parameter (see chapter 8.8) can be used to determine which of the listed combinations is to be used.



As long as the receiver module is busy sending characters via the serial interface, wireless data reception is not possible. For example, this effect is noticeable when sending a long data packet and subsequently a short data packet. In this case, the receiver module may still be busy sending the first packet via UART or SPI, and the second packet may be lost.

5.1.3.1 /RTS signal, module busy

/RTS signals a busy UART buffer which means, when */RTS* is set HIGH, all new UART bytes are discarded. For example */RTS* is set when any of the events in the prior chapter

has occurred in transparent mode.

The */RTS* also needs to be stable LOW for at least 5ms after a rising edge on the *RESET* pin of the module to indicate the module idle state.

5.1.4 Command mode

This operating mode primarily serves module configuration. The module acts as a slave and can be fully controlled by an external host using the commands of the command interface (see chapter 7).

It can also be used for wireless transmission of payload data providing a feedback dependent on the transmission success.

5.1.4.1 */RTS* signal, module busy

/RTS signals a busy UART buffer which means, when */RTS* is set HIGH, all new UART bytes are discarded. When this signal occurs in a UART command byte sequence send to the module, the command is discarded without user notification. The entire command needs to be resend by the host.

5.2 Adopting parameters to fit your application

The non-volatile parameters (see chapter 8) can only be changed by using the `CMD_SET_REQ` command or the ACC PC software. This command will need the following parameters:

- memory position of the parameter
- the new value that shall be applied to this parameter

Furthermore, there are volatile settings that can be accessed by explicit commands for each parameter. All available commands are introduced in chapter 7.

5.3 Device addressing and wireless monitoring

To connect several modules to networks or to send data to specific devices, the module supports the so called address mode. The corresponding user setting parameter `MAC_AddrMode` determines whether all modules in range, or all modules in a network or a single module with a fixed address is supposed to receive a certain message.

The address interpretation can be disabled with bit 7 in the `CfgFlags` ("packet sniffer mode"). A module configured in this way will receive all data packets and forward them to the serial interface, regardless of the addressing mode and sequence number. In sniffer mode, the module does not send any acknowledgment.

Settings like the module address can only be modified in the command mode. Thus we recommend to permanently operate in command mode by setting the user settings parameter `OpMode` to the value of 0x10 (16).

To use non-broadcast transmissions you need to adopt the following non-volatile settings:

- `MAC_AddrMode` (mode 1 or 2 should be used depending on the number of addresses you need)
- `MAC_SourceAddrLSB` as the local address for each device of your network, each member of the network will need an unique address. A value of 255 is invalid.
- `MAC_SourceNetID`, as the local network address for each device of your network, each member of the network will need an unique address. A value of 255 is invalid.

In command mode, the command `CMD_DATAEX_REQ`, that has the destination address as an own parameter, can be used to send your data to the specified address. A broadcast message can still be achieved when using 0xFF (255) for both destination address LSB and destination net ID.

6 Host connection

6.1 Serial interface: UART

The configuration in factory state of the UART is 9600 baud with data format of 8 data bits, no parity and 1 stop bit ("8n1"). The baud rate is adjusted by directly configuring the respective registers of the utilised microprocessor. In this way, the data rate can be adjusted from 300 to 115200 baud. The following data formats are supported:

- 8 bits
- No, even, or odd parity
- 1 stop bit



As the UART speed is derived from a digitally calibrated oscillator (DCO), there may be variations in UART data rate of up to $\pm 5\%$ over the entire temperature and supply voltage range.

When the watch crystal (ACLK) is used to provide the UART clock there may be variations of up to $\pm 47\%$ in UART data rate over the entire temperature and supply voltage range.

When using the PC program "ACC", common data rates can be selected directly via drop-down menu. With this selection, the registers mentioned above are automatically set to the optimum value.

Moreover, the "ACC" program also provides a dialog for calculating arbitrary baud rates.

The output of characters on the serial interface takes place with secondary priority. For this reason, short interruptions may occur between the output of individual characters (e.g. in the event of an interrupt).

7 The command interface

In the command mode, communication with the module occurs in the form of predefined commands. These commands must be sent in telegrams according to the format described in table 9.

Start signal	Command	Length	Payload	CS
0x02	Command value	Length value	Payload value(s)	CS value
1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte	Length value Bytes	1 Byte

Table 9: Telegram format in the command mode

Start signal: 0x02 (1 byte)

Command: One of the predefined commands according to section 0 (1 byte)

Length: Specifies the number of data in the following field of variable length and is limited to 128 in order to prevent buffer overflow (1 byte)

Payload: Variable number of data or parameters (N byte , maximum 128 byte, LSB first)

CS: XOR (exclusive-OR, "^")-assignment of the precedent fields, inclusive start signal, which means: $0x02 \oplus \text{Command} \oplus \text{Length} \oplus \text{Payload Byte0} \oplus \dots \oplus \text{Payload Byte N}$ (1 byte)

Using a specific command, data can also be sent via RF, i.e. the module can be operated entirely in the command mode. Only this way quick channel changes, can be realized if no new signal is received for `UART_Timeout` milliseconds (see chapter 8.12) after receiving the start signal, the unit will wait for a new start signal.

7.1 Data transfer & reception in the command mode

7.1.1 CMD_DATA_REQ

This command serves the simple data transfer in the command mode. Transmission takes place on the configured channel (see chapter 7.3.2) to the previously parameterized destination and source addresses. All address bytes are taken from the volatile `RuntimeSettings`.

This command is especially suitable for transmission on a point-to-point connection. The number of payload data bytes is limited to 128 (in `MAC_AddrMode 0`) in order to prevent a buffer overflow.

Format (limit 128 payload data bytes):

Start signal	Command	Length	Payload	CS
0x02	0x00	1 Byte	Length Bytes	1 Byte

Response (`CMD_DATA_CNF`):

Start signal	Command 0x40	Length	Status	CS
0x02	0x40	0x01	1 Byte	1 Byte

Status:

0x00: ACK received, only possible if MAC_NumRetrys is not 0; see chapter 8.14

0x01: no ACK received or requested

7.1.2 CMD_DATAEX_REQ

This command serves data transfer in a network with several parties. Both the channel to use and the destination address (depending on the parameterized addressing mode) are specified along with the command and copied into the RuntimeSettings. The number of payload data bytes is limited to 127, 126 or 125 (depending on MAC_AddrMode) in order to prevent a buffer overflow.

The selected channel is used for all following receive operations, too.

Format in addressing mode 0 (limited to 127 payload data bytes):

Start signal	Command	Length	Channel	Payload	CS
0x02	0x01	1 Byte	1 Byte	(Length-1) Bytes	1 Byte

Format in addressing mode 1 (limited to 126 payload data bytes):

Start signal	Command	Length	Channel	Destination Address LSB	Payload	CS
0x02	0x01	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte	(Length-2) Bytes	1 Byte

Format in addressing mode 2 (limited to 125 payload data bytes):

Start signal	Command	Length	Channel	Destination NetID	Destination Address LSB	Payload	CS
0x02	0x01	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte	(Length-3) Bytes	1 Byte

Response:

Start signal	Command	Length	Status	CS
0x02	0x40	0x01	1 Byte	1 Byte

Status:

0x00: ACK received, only possible if 8.14 is not 0

0x01: no ACK received or requested

0x02: invalid channel selected

7.1.3 CMD_DATAEX_IND

This telegram indicates the reception of data bytes and represents the counterpart to the commands CMD_DATA_REQ and CMD_DATAEX_REQ. Apart from the RX field strength (RSSI value), this telegram also displays the source address stated in the received frame (depending on the parameterized addressing mode).

Format in addressing mode 0 (maximum 127 bytes payload data):

Start signal	Command	Length	Payload	RSSI	CS
0x02	0x81	1 Byte	Length Bytes	1 Byte	1 Byte

Format in addressing mode 1 (maximum 126 bytes payload data):

Start signal	Command	Length	Source Address LSB	Payload	RSSI	CS
0x02	0x81	1 Byte	1 Byte	(Length-2) Bytes	1 Byte	1 Byte

Format in addressing mode 2 (maximum 125 bytes payload data):

Start signal	Command	Length	Source NetID	Source Address LSB	Payload	RSSI	CS
0x02	0x81	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte	(Length-3) Bytes	1 Byte	1 Byte

Response:

Start signal	Command	Length	Status	CS
0x02	0x40	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Concerning the interpretation of the field strength, see chapter 7.2.4.

7.1.4 CMD_DATARETRY_REQ

This command relaunches the transmission of the data submitted earlier on with CMD_DATA_REQ or CMD_DATAEX_REQ. Thus, the data does not need to be transmitted again via the serial interface.

The buffered data is lost as soon as new data is sent via any UART command or data is received via any wireless transmission.

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	CS
0x02	0x02	0x00	0x00

Response:

Start signal	Command	Length	Status	CS
0x02	0x40	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Status:

0x00: ACK received, only possible if MAC_NumRetrys is not 0; see chapter 8.14

0x01: no ACK received or requested

0x03: no data available (e.g., overwritten by wireless data reception)

7.2 Requesting parameters and actions

This group includes all commands that will return read-only parameters or request actions in the module.

7.2.1 CMD_FWRELEASE_REQ

This command is used to get the firmware version of the module.

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	CS
0x02	0x0C	0x00	0x00

Response

Start signal	Command	Length	FW-Version	CS
0x02	0x4C	0x03	3 Bytes	1 Byte

The major version number is returned as first byte of FW-Version, followed by the minor version number and the patch revision number.

7.2.2 CMD_SERIALNO_REQ

This command can be used to query the individual serial number of the module.

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	CS
0x02	0x0B	0x00	0x09

Response

Start signal	Command 0x40	Length	Serial number	CS
0x02	0x4B	0x04	4 Bytes	1 Byte

The most significant byte, which identifies the product (product ID), is returned first. Followed by a 3 byte number in MSB first notation.

7.2.3 CMD_RESET_REQ

This command triggers a software reset of the module. The reset is performed after the acknowledgement is issued.

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	CS
0x02	0x05	0x00	0x07

Response

Start signal	Command 0x40	Length	Status	CS
0x02	0x45	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Status:

0x00: succes

7.2.4 CMD_RSSI_REQ

This command delivers the current RX level determined by the transceiver IC in the form of a two's complement.

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	CS
0x02	0x0D	1 Byte	0x0F

Response:

Start signal	Command 0x40	Length	RSSI	CS
0x02	0x4D	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

The value obtained in this way delivers the RX level $RSSI_{dBm}$ in dBm as follows:

- Conversion of the hexadecimal value to a decimal $RSSI_{dec}$
- If $RSSI_{dec} \geq 128$: $RSSI_{dBm} = (RSSI_{dec} - 256) / 2 - RSSI_{Offset}$
- Otherwise ($RSSI_{dec} < 128$): $RSSI_{dBm} = RSSI_{dec} / 2 - RSSI_{Offset}$

The relation between the calculated value and the physical RX level in dBm is not linear across the entire operating range and is displayed in figure 3. The value of $RSSI_{Offset}$ is 74.

As can be seen in the following picture a saturation effect will occur on strong signals around -20dB and stronger. If you receive such strong signals please double-check that you obey the recommended minimum distance of 2 meters in between two stations or reduce the `PHY_PAPower` of the sending station accordingly.

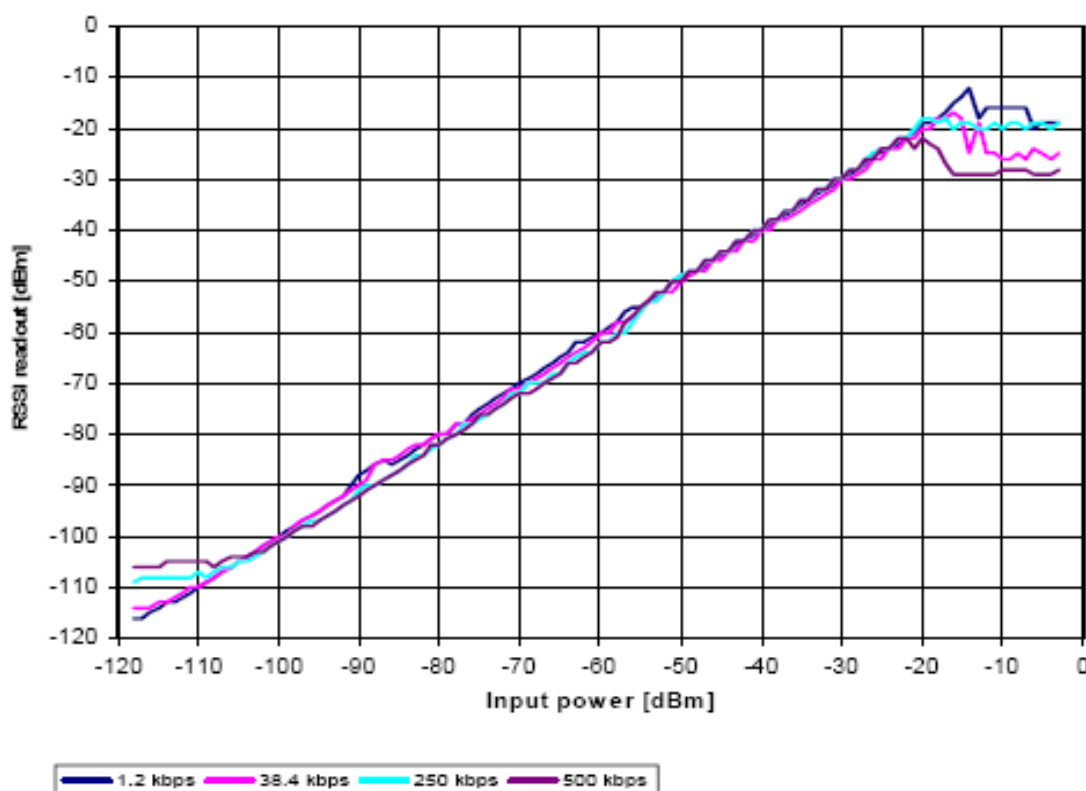


Figure 3: Relation between the RX level and the RSSI value read out for Tarvos-I

7.3 Modification of volatile parameters

This group contains all functions that will modify runtime settings while the module is running. These settings are all volatile and will be reset to defaults on a reset of the module.

7.3.1 CMD_SET_MODE_REQ

This command is used to toggle the operating mode, e.g. to exit the command mode (this is currently the only application).

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	Desired operating mode	CS
0x02	0x04	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Response:

Start signal	Command 0x40	Length	New operating mode	CS
0x02	0x44	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

The following operating modes are defined:

- Mode 0 (0x00): transparent data transfer
- Mode 16 (0x10): command mode

7.3.2 CMD_SET_CHANNEL_REQ

This command is used to select the radio channel for all following receive and transmit operations. Unlike the non-volatile parameter `PHY_DefaultChannel`, this is a volatile runtime parameter.

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	Channel	CS
0x02	0x06	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Response:

Start signal	Command 0x40	Length	New channel	CS
0x02	0x46	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

The number of the newly set channel is returned. If the permissible frequency range is exceeded, the lowest and highest permissible channels are configured and returned.

7.3.3 CMD_SET_DESTNETID_REQ

This command serves to configure the destination network ID in addressing mode 2. Unlike the non-volatile parameter `MAC_DestNetID` (see 0), this is a volatile runtime parameter.

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	Destination network ID	CS
0x02	0x07	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Response:

Start signal	Command 0x40	Length	Status	CS
0x02	0x47	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Status:

0x00: success

7.3.4 CMD_SET_DESTADDR_REQ

This command serves to configure the destination address in addressing modes 1 and 2. Unlike the non-volatile parameter MAC_DestAddrLSB (see chapter 8.17), this is a volatile run-time parameter.

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	Destination address	CS
0x02	0x08	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Response:

Start signal	Command 0x40	Length	Status	CS
0x02	0x48	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Status:

0x00: success

7.4 Modification of non-volatile parameters

The non-volatile parameters are also called user settings and are stored in a special flash location.

7.4.1 CMD_SET_REQ

This command enables direct manipulation of the parameters in the module's non-volatile memory. The respective parameters are accessed by means of the memory positions described in table 10.

You can modify individual or multiple consecutive parameters in the memory at the same time.

Parameters of 2 or more bytes have to be transferred LSB first.



The modified parameters only take effect after a restart of the module. This can be done by a `CMD_RESET_REQ` or using the `/RESET` pin.



The validity of the specified parameters is not verified by the application. Incorrect values can result in device malfunction up to a scenario where the firmware of the module needs to be re-flashed to get it operating again!



Any use of `CMD_SET_REQ` will consume one flash erase/write cycle. Flash erase/write cycles are limited through hardware (guaranteed minimum 100k cycles). For frequently changing parameters use the volatile parameters "RuntimeSettings", see chapter 7.3.



To store the parameters in the flash memory of the module, the particular memory segment must be buffered into RAM, then to be erased entirely and then restored from RAM.

If a reset or VCC instability occurs during this procedure (e.g. due to supply voltage fluctuations), the entire memory area may be destroyed and the module can only be resurrected by means of a JTAG or Bootloader firmware update.

Recommended procedure: First verify the configuration of the module with `CMD_GET_REQ` and only apply a `CMD_SET_REQ` if required. Make sure the VCC is stable and no reset occurs during this procedure. It is recommended to hold the `TRX_DISABLE` pin HIGH to disable radio RX while using this command.

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	Memory position	Number of bytes	Parameter	CS
0x02	0x09	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte	(Length-2) Bytes	1 Byte

Response:

Start signal	Command 0x40	Length	Status	CS
0x02	0x49	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Status:

0x00: succes

0x01: invalid memory position

0x02: invalid number of bytes to be written

Read and Write access to the memory area outside the parameters documented in table 10 are blocked. The memory position and the number of bytes are limited accordingly. Thus, the last memory position that can be read out is 79 (0x4F). And therefore the sum of Memory position plus Number of bytes must be smaller or equal to 80 (0x50).

Example 1: Setting the number of wireless retries (parameter MAC_NumRetrys, memory position 20 according to table 10): Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	Memory position	Number of bytes	MAC_NumRetrys	CS
0x02	0x09	0x03	0x14	0x01	1 Byte	1 Byte

Example 2: Setting the 3 registers for the baud rate configuration (UART_MCTL, UART_BR0 and UART_BR1). According to table 10, UART_MCTL has the memory position 2, UART_BR0 position 3, UART_BR1 position 4, so our start memory position needs to be set to 0x02 and the Number of bytes needs to be set to 0x03 resulting in the length being Number of bytes + 2 = 0x05:

Start signal	Command	Length	Memory position	Number of bytes	Payload	CS
0x02	0x09	0x05	0x02	0x03	3 Byte	1 Byte

7.4.2 CMD_GET_REQ

This command can be used to query individual or multiple non-volatile parameters (see chapter 8). The requested number of bytes from the specified memory position are returned.

You can query individual or multiple consecutive parameters in the memory at the same time.

Parameters of 2 or more bytes will be transmitted LSB first.

Format:

Start signal	Command	Length	Memory position	Number of bytes	CS
0x02	0x0A	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte

Response:

Start signal	Command 0x40	Length	Memory position	Number of bytes	Parameter	CS
0x02	0x4A	1 Byte	1 Byte	1 Byte	(Length -2) Bytes	1 Byte

Read and Write access to the memory area outside the parameters documented in table 10 are blocked. The memory position and the number of bytes are limited accordingly. Thus, the last memory position that can be read out is 79 (0x4F). And therefore the sum of Memory position plus Number of bytes must be smaller or equal to 80 (0x50).

8 UserSettings - Module configuration values

8.1 Difference between volatile and non-volatile settings

The so-called UserSettings are stored permanently into the internal flash of the module. At start-up, these UserSettings are loaded as start values into the volatile settings ("RuntimeSettings"). Some of the RuntimeSettings can be modified by special commands (see chapter 7.3). These RuntimeSettings are lost and replaced by the UserSettings content when the module is restarted.



See chapters 7.3 and 7.4 for methods to change volatile and/or non-volatile settings.

The non-volatile UserSettings can be modified by means of specific commands in the configuration mode (CMD_SET_REQ) of the module. These parameters are stored permanently in the module's flash memory. All settings are described on the following pages. After changing those parameters, a reset will be necessary to make use of the new settings.



The validity of the specified parameters given with a CMD_SET_REQ is not verified. Incorrect values can result in device malfunction and may even result in the need of re-flashing the entire module firmware!

8.2 Modifying the UserSettings

The following chapters will give examples for the modification for many parameters using the commands CMD_SET_REQ and CMD_GET_REQ. The PC software ACC (version 3.4.3 or newer) can also be used to change non-volatile parameters.

Designation <small>Designation in ACC</small>	Summary	Permissible values	Default value	Memory position	Number of bytes
UART_CTL0 <small>Data format</small>	Control register for UART data format	See description	0	0	1
UART_CTL1	Control register for the baud rate (change only after consultation)	128	128	1	1
UART_MCTL <small>MCTL</small>	Control register for fine-adjusting the UART baud rate	0 - 255	146	2	1
UART_BR0 <small>BR0</small>	Prescaler for setting the baud rate (LSB)	0 - 255	65	3	1
UART_BR1 <small>BR1</small>	Prescaler for setting the baud rate (MSB)	0 - 255	3	4	1
UART_PktMode <small>Packetizing mode</small>	Selects the packet generation method	0 or 1	0	5	1
UART_PktSize <small>Packet size</small>	Number of characters for transmission start with set packet size	1 - 128	128	7	1
UART_RTSLimit <small>/RTS limit</small>	Number of received characters after which /RTS responds	1 - 128	112	8	1
UART_ETXChar <small>ETX character</small>	End-of-text character used to mark data packets; reception of this character triggers wireless transmission	0 - 255	10	9	1
UART_Timeout <small>Timeout</small>	Timeout after the last character before the data received via UART are transmitted via wireless transmission (in milliseconds)	2 - 65535	5	12	2
UART_DIDelay <small>Data indication delay</small>	Delay between the signalling by the /DATA_IND pin and the start of the output via UART	2 - 65535	0	14	2
MAC_NumRetrys <small>Retrys</small>	Number of wireless retries	0 - 255	0	20	1
MAC_AddrMode <small>Addressing mode</small>	Addressing mode to use	0, 1, 2	0	21	1
MAC_DestNetID <small>Dest. net ID</small>	Default destination network ID	0 - 255	0	24	1
MAC_DestAddrLSB <small>Dest. device address</small>	Default destination address (LSB)	0 - 255	0	25	1
MAC_SourceNetID <small>Local net ID</small>	Own network ID	0 - 254	0	28	1
MAC_SourceAddrLSB <small>Local device address</small>	Own address (LSB)	0 - 254	0	29	1

Table 10: Overview of non-volatile configuration parameters - Part 1

Designation <small>Designation in ACC</small>	Summary	Permissible values	Default value	Memory position	Number of bytes
MAC_ACKTimeout <small>ACK timeout</small>	Waiting time for wireless acknowledgement in milliseconds	2 - 65535	10	32	2
PHY_FIFOPrecharge <small>FIFO precharge</small>	Fill level of the FIFO before the transmission is launched (change only after consultation)	8 - 64	8	40	1
PHY_PAPower <small>PA power</small>	Transmission output; value range depends on RF configuration	0 - 255	205 ¹	41	1
PHY_DefaultChannel <small>Default channel</small>	Utilised wireless channel after reset; value range depends on RF configuration	0 - 255	106	42	1
PHY_CCARSSILevel <small>CCA RSSI level</small>	Field strength level for "channel free" detection (not yet supported)	0 - 255	0	43	1
OpMode <small>Mode</small>	Operating mode	0.16	0	60	
MSP_RSELx <small>DCO resistor sel.</small>	Start value for control loop DCO calibration after system reset (change only after consultation)	0 - 7	7	61	1
WOR_Prescaler <small>Prescaler</small>	Duration of a wake-up cycle for periodic wake-ups in WOR mode	0 - 65535	4096	64	2
WOR_Countdown <small>Countdown</small>	Number of wake-up cycles before waking up in WOR mode	0 - 65535	5	66	2
WOR_RXOnTime <small>RX on time</small>	Duration of RX readiness in WOR mode	0 - 65535	1000	68	2
CfgFlags <small>Configuration flags (hex.)</small>	Flags for setting various properties; see 9.27	0 - 65535	0	72	2
Synch1 <small>Synch1</small>	Synch word MSB for transceiver (change only after consultation!)	0 - 255	211	76	1
Synch0 <small>Synch0</small>	Synch word LSB for transceiver (change only after consultation)	0 - 255	145	77	1

Table 11: Overview of non-volatile configuration parameters - Part 2

¹ Reduced to 7 dBm to conform with RED from SW-Vx.x on

8.2.1 Radio parameters

The radio parameters can only be set by the PC tool ACC or an adopted customer specific firmware. The `CMD_SET_REQ` cannot be used modify the radio parameters.

8.3 UART_CTL0

The UART data format can be configured with the help of the upper 5 bits in this register. The meaning of these bits is described in the following table.

Bit no.	Description
0 to 2 (0x0F)	Reserved, must always be set to 0.
3 (0x08)	Set bit 3 to 0 results in 1 stop bit use
4 (0x10)	Set bit 4 to 0 to use 8 data bits.
5 (0x20)	Set bit 5 to 0 to use LSB first bitorder in the data bits.
6 (0x40)	Ignored when bit 7 is 0. When bit 7 is set 1: if bit 6 is 1 <i>even parity</i> will be used, if bit 6 is 0 <i>odd parity</i> will be used.
7 (0x80)	When set 1 this bit enables the use of a parity bit as configured by bit 6.

Table 12: Setting the UART control configuration

8.4 UART_CTL1

This register selects the source for generating the UART clock speed. Currently, the recommended value is 128 (0x80), which will select the 8 MHz system clock.

Using a value of 64 (0x40) will set the low speed oscillator (ACLK, 32768 Hz) which can only be used if UART baud rates ≤ 9600 baud are configured. The `UART_BR0` and `UART_BR1` needs to be adopted accordingly to the clock.



Additional UART baudrate jitter will be introduced by selecting ACLK as UART clock source.

8.5 UART_MCTL

The registers `UART_MCTL`, `UART_BR0` and `UART_BR1` can be used to set the UART baud rate. Please use ACC to configure this parameter.

8.6 UART_BR0

The registers `UART_MCTL`, `UART_BR0` and `UART_BR1` can be used to set the UART baud rate. Please use ACC to configure this parameter.

8.7 UART_BR1

The registers `UART_MCTL`, `UART_BR0` and `UART_BR1` can be used to set the UART baud rate. Please use ACC to configure this parameter.

8.8 UART_PktMode

Selects the method used for generating packets for the transparent operating mode. Two methods have been implemented:

- Mode 0: Sends when
 - the timeout defined with `UART_Timeout` is reached, or
 - the number of bytes defined with `UART_PktSize` is reached, or
 - the transmission of the data is requested by means of the `/DATA_REQ` pin.
- Mode 1: Sends when
 - the character defined with `UART_ETXChar` is detected, or
 - the number of bytes defined with `UART_PktSize` has been received, or
 - the transmission of the data is requested by means of the `/DATA_REQ` pin.

8.9 UART_PktSize

Maximum number of bytes after which the wireless transmission of the data received via UART starts. Used in packet mode 0 as well as in packet mode 1. This setting does not apply to command mode.

8.10 UART_RTSLimit

Number of bytes after which the host system is prompted to interrupt the data transfer over `/RTS`. Necessary, because an immediate response to the `/RTS` signal may not take place (UART FIFO), depending on the host system.

This setting does not apply to command mode.

8.11 UART_ETXChar

End-of-text character that triggers the transmission of the data received via UART. Only used in packet mode 1. During the wireless transmission, the ETX character is treated like a normal character. Not used in the command mode.

This setting does not apply to command mode.

8.12 UART_Timeout

Timeout in milliseconds after the last character has been received on UART before the wireless transmission of the data received via UART starts.

Only used in packet mode 0.

If there are no more new characters recognized after receiving the start character STX in command mode for this time, the characters received until then are discarded and the module waits for a new start character.

8.13 UART_DIDelay

This parameter determines the duration in milliseconds between the incoming radio frame data via pin `/DATA_IND` and outputting the data via the UART. This delay can be used to e.g. wake up a "sleeping" host system to prepare the receive of the data.

A rising edge will be set on a radio frame received.

8.14 MAC_NumRetrys

Determines the maximum number of wireless transmission retries. If this parameter is set to a value other than 0, the receiver module will automatically be prompted to send a wireless acknowledgment.

Retrys can only be used when `MAC_AddrMode` is `> 0` and the address in the radio frame are not the broadcast address and/or NetID (0xFF, 255). All station must use the same `MAC_AddrMode`, channel and radio profile.

8.15 MAC_AddrMode

The following addressing modes are available:

1. No addressing (mode 0): Each module receives the transmitted RF telegram and delivers the received data to the host system via UART. No address information is transmitted in the wireless telegram. This mode does not allow retries as all frames are broadcast frames. The `MAC_NumRetrys` must be set 0 in this mode.
2. 1-byte address (mode 1): The receiving module will only deliver the data to the host system via UART if the destination address configured at the sender (`MAC_DestAddrLSB`, see chapter 8.17) corresponds to the source address (`MAC_SourceAddrLSB`, see chapter 8.19) or the address 255 (broadcast address) was specified as destination address. Both the destination address and the source address are transmitted in the wireless telegram (total = 2 bytes).

3. 2-byte address (mode 2): The receiving module will only deliver the data to the host system via UART if both the destination network ID and the destination address correspond to the source addresses (MAC_SourceNetID and MAC_SourceAddrLSB, see chapter 8.18 and chapter 8.19) or the broadcast address 255 was specified as destination address. A total of 4 bytes of address information are transmitted in the wireless telegram.



The receiver and transmitter modules must be operated in the same addressing mode!

8.16 MAC_DestNetID

Destination network address to use in addressing mode 2 after a reset. Can be modified with the command `CMD_SET_DESTNETID_REQ` at runtime (volatile). If the special broadcast ID and the broadcast address are set to 255, the sender will be received by all.

8.17 MAC_DestAddrLSB

Destination address to use in addressing modes 1 and 2 after a reset. Can be modified with the command `CMD_SET_DESTADDR_REQ` at runtime (volatile). If the special broadcast address is set to 255 (in the case of addressing mode 2, broadcast ID also 255), the sender will be received by all.

8.18 MAC_SourceNetID

Source network ID in addressing mode 2.

8.19 MAC_SourceAddrLSB

Source device address in addressing modes 1 and 2.

8.20 MAC_ACKTimeout

Time to wait for a wireless acknowledgment before a wireless retry is triggered. The values are automatically set in "ACC" depending on the configured RF data rate.

RF data rate	recommended ACK timeout
4.8 kbps	25 ms
10.0 kbps	15 ms
38.4 kbps	8 ms
76.8 kbps	6 ms
100.0 kbps	5 ms

Table 13: Recommended ACK timeouts

8.21 PHY_FIFOPrecharge

Number of bytes that are stored in the transceiver FIFO before actual transmission is launched. The values are automatically set in "ACC" depending on the configured RF data rate. The user shall not change this value.

8.22 PHY_PAPower

RF output of the module. The maximum permissible output depends on the utilized RF configuration. To select the maximum possible TX output power a value of 0xC0 must be set to this parameter. Other parameter values that are not listed in the table below shall not be used for this parameter.



Depending on the customer hardware, antenna, selected channel and frequency local regulations / restrictions regarding the TX output power must be adopted by the host to be compliant.

Due to the requirements for European conformity regarding EN 300 220-1 V3.1.1 and the claim regarding the Out Of Band Emissions the initial Output power is set to 7 dBm.



With 7 dBm or lower output power using the middle channel, number 106 at 868.3 MHz the Tarvos-I -EV with 2600130081 antenna conforms to the RED.

Using more than one channel the output power has to be reduced further. Depending on the chosen antenna the output power may be increased after the tx radiation characteristics has been measured in the end system..

More details on channel selection in chapter 10.

TX Output Power [dBm]	PHY_PAPower
Max (+11)	0xC0
+10	0xC3
+7	0xCD
+5	0x80
0	0x8D
-5	0x67
-10	0x27
-20	0x0F
-30	0x03

Table 14: CC1101 PA Mapping, 868 MHz

8.23 PHY_DefaultChannel

Determines the wireless channel to use after a module reset. See chapter 10.1 for details towards available channels.

8.24 PHY_CCARSSILevel

Function is not implemented to keep compatibility with older firmwares. The user shall not change this value.

8.25 OpMode

Operating mode to be used after power up. Modes 0 (transparent data transfer) and 16 (command mode) can be selected here.

We recommend using mode 16 (0x10) for better control of the module, rf configuration and detailed info upon sending success (CMD_DATA_CNF or CMD_DATAEX_CNF) and receiving frames (like sender address info, RSSI).



The use of the host driver included within the AMBER Pi SDK package requires command mode to be used.

8.26 WOR_Prescaler



WOR in this context describes a method of timer triggered sleep and wake-up with rx mode during the active time slots. It does not cover on demand rx at any received signal.

Defines the intervals in which the module in the Sleep Mode wakes up for a countdown (WOR_Countdown) until actual RX readiness. The interval (in seconds) is calculated as follows:

$$T_{\text{Prescaler}} = \frac{\text{WOR_Prescaler}}{4096}$$

8.27 WOR_Countdown

Number of prescaler cycles (countdown) until the module in the WOR mode enters the RX state. The duration until automatic RX readiness is calculated as follows:

$$T_{\text{WOR}} = \frac{\text{WOR_NumCycles} \cdot \text{WOR_Prescaler}}{4096}$$

8.28 WOR_RXOnTime

Defines the duration in milliseconds for which the module in the WOR is RX-ready after waking up before it returns to the Sleep Mode.

8.29 CfgFlags

16-bit bit field in which the use of individual pins or signals can be disabled. Table 15 presents a description of the respective flags. All reserved Flags / Bits shall be used as '0' to keep compatibility in case of future use.

Multiple bits or flags can be enabled by performing a ADD (+) operation between their values.

If e.g. LED's shall be enabled and the Sleep & Trx disable pin shall be disabled this would result in the following value for CfgFlags: $512 + 8 = 520 = 0x0208$. This results in 0x08 0x02 in LSB first notation.

Bit no.	Value	Description
0	0x0001 (1)	If this bit is set, the function of the <i>/CONFIG</i> pin will be disabled and will not cause the OpMode to toggle.
1	0x0002 (2)	If this bit is set, the function of the <i>/DATA_REQ</i> pin will be disabled. Only used in transparent mode.
2	0x0004 (4)	If this bit is set, the detection of the break signal on the UART interface will be suppressed and will not cause the OpMode to toggle.
3	0x0008 (8)	If this bit is set, the levels of the <i>SLEEP</i> and <i>TRX_DIS</i> pins will be ignored.
4	0x0010 (16)	Reserved
5	0x0020 (32)	If this bit is set, any character will be accepted as valid checksum in the command mode. Do not enable this option in a live system! This option is for debugging your implementation of the command interface only.
6	0x0000 (0)	Reserved, must be set '0'.
7	0x0080 (128)	Enables "sniffer mode". If this bit is set, the address will not be resolved and any packet will be forwarded to the module's UART.
8	0x0100 (256)	If this bit is set, the <i>/CTS</i> pin will be used by the UART. Make sure your host supports this function as this will block any module operation if not used properly.
9	0x0200 (512)	If this bit is set, the output for RF activity are active (for Rx and TX LED's).
10 to 15	0x0000 (0)	Reserved, must be set '0'.

Table 15: Configuration flags



Warning: If both bit 0 and bit 2 are set, the module will operate in the configured OpMode. If you are in transparent OpMode changing again is only possible with the "ACC" PC tool.

9 Timing parameters

9.1 Reset behaviour

Following a reset, a stable LOW level ($\geq 5\text{ms}$) on the /RTS pin signals that the module is ready for operation. However, the level is only valid after the time required for the internal initialization of the processor.

After this initialisation, /RTS is first set to high during boot-up of the module. After the boot-up the /RTS changes back to LOW and indicates the module is ready to operate.



In transparent mode the host must implement proper startup detection by reading the /RTS signal accordingly to ensure stable module operation. UART bytes can be lost when not handling the /RTS accordingly.

9.1.1 Power-on reset

After setting the supply voltage and releasing the /RESET pin. The time until the module is ready for operation can be up to 1000ms which depends on the boot up time and calibration time of the MUC oscillator (which depends on VCC level and temperature).

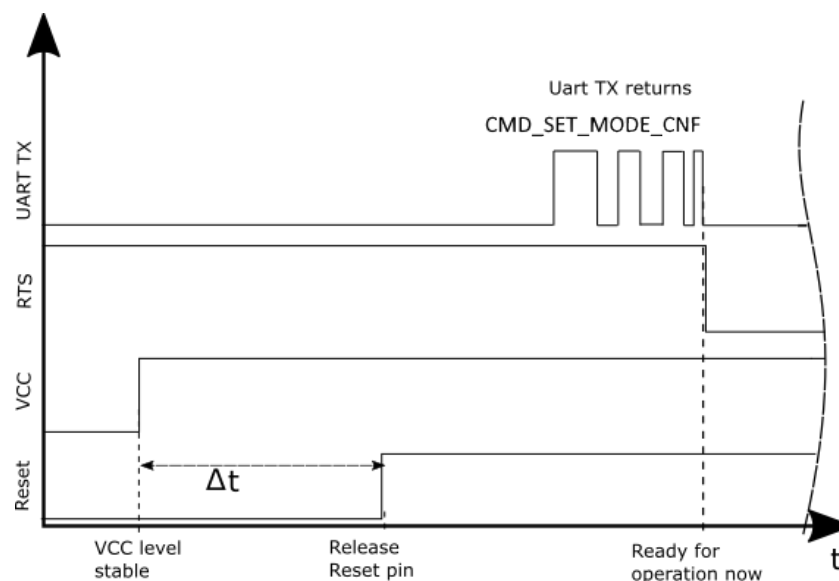


Figure 4: Command mode power up

9.1.2 Reset via /RESET pin



This section applies only to a situation where the VCC is stable and the module was already running. Additional timings are needed when VCC was just applied to the module, see chapter 4.2

To force a module restart by means of the */RESET* pin, it must first be set to LOW for at least 10 ms (see figure 4, Δt).

After the pin is released, */RTS* will switch to high after around 100 μ s to indicate module boot-up. During this time, the processor rate will be calibrated, which takes anywhere between 2 and 1000 ms depending on the supply voltage and temperature.

Recommended procedure: After the */RESET* pin is released, wait for falling edge on the */RTS* pin and then for a stable LOW level on the */RTS* pin and add an additional 100 μ s before sending UART data to the module.

9.2 Wake-up from the sleep mode

The switch-over to and from the sleep mode is also acknowledged via the */RTS* signal.

Recommended procedure: After the *SLEEP* pin is released (to wake up the module), wait for a stable LOW level on the */RTS* pin and add an additional 100 μ s before sending UART data to the module.

9.3 Latencies during data transfer / packet generation

The data transfer is always buffered, i.e. data received via UART is buffered in the module until a specific event (see table 6) occurs. Subsequently, the UART reception is interrupted (flow control with */RTS* signal), and the payload data is passed to the internal memory of the wireless transceiver (FIFO).

The wireless transmission starts as soon as the first data is available in the transceiver memory (which is after the whole packet was received on the module UART) during the ongoing wireless transmission, the remaining payload data is transmitted in chunks to the radio IC FIFO.

On the receiver side, the radio IC FIFO is read as soon as an incoming packet is detected. The whole received radio packet is checked for valid addressing and then transmitted via UART.

In combination with a suitable packet generation method, this procedure enables the minimization of the latencies resulting from buffering.

10 Radio parameters

The radio parameters (data rate, frequency range, etc.) can be configured with the PC program "ACC". Depending on the configured data rate, it can also be used to change additional parameters, e.g. MAC_ACKTimeout, PHY_DefaultChannel or PHY_FIFOPrecharge.

The following sections describe the permissible data rates and frequency ranges.

10.1 "M"-band

10.1.1 Radio equipment directive

The Tarvos-I is pre certified to confirm to the European Radio Equipment Directive. However, decisive for the conformity of the end-device is its radiated power. Besides others, this depends on the selected antenna, the wiring to the antenna and the quality of the power supply. Thus, the end-device manufacturer should verify the radiated power in any of his applications.

Due to this requirements for European conformity regarding EN 300 220-1 V3.1.1 and the claim regarding the out of band Emissions the initial output power is set to 7 dBm. Higher power settings may be allowable depending on the radiated power in the end device and must be tested during the end system certification process.



The Tarvos-I conformity measurements were performed with 50 Ohm conducted on the Tarvos-I -EV with an output power setting of 7 dBm. The test results refer to a 0 dB(i) antenna.

An important aspect to comply with the radio regulatory is to adhere to the requirements of the duty cycle (DC). The duty cycle is the ratio expressed as a percentage of the cumulative duration of transmissions T_{on_cum} within an observation interval T_{obs} .

$DC = (T_{on_cum} / T_{obs})_{F_{obs}}$ on an observation bandwidth F_{obs} .

Unless otherwise specified, T_{obs} is 1 hour and the observation bandwidth F_{obs} is the operational frequency band.



There are no mechanisms for constraining the duty cycle in the module firmware. The customer is fully responsible to adhere to the duty cycle restrictions.

The frequency channels of the module can be selected from a 50 kHz grid. Not all channels are suitable and permissible, depending on the selected bandwidth, output power and antenna (RF profile, RF TX power and RF channel).



To fulfill the EN 300 220:

From the configurable 50 kHz channel raster, depending on the radio profile or more precisely depending on the occupied channel width the user has to choose channels in the raster stated in the following table.

The frequency band "M" ranges from 868.000 to 868.600 MHz and permits a 1% duty cycle. A suiting method to control and limit the DC must be implemented by the user.

10.1.2 Channel assignment

Channel-Nr.	Frequency [MHz]	4.8 kbps	10 kbps	38.4 kbps	76.8 kbps	100 kbps
Occupied Channel Width		100 kHz	100 kHz	100 kHz	200 kHz	250 kHz
	<868.05	no	no	no	no	no
101 +	868.05	*	*	*	no	no
102 +	868.10	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
103	868.15	*	*	*	*	*
104	868.20	yes	yes	yes	*	*
105	868.25	*	*	*	*	*
106	868.30	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
107	868.35	*	*	*	*	*
108	868.40	yes	yes	yes	*	*
109	868.45	*	*	*	*	*
110 +	868.50	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
111 +	868.55	*	*	*	no	no
	>868.55	no	no	no	no	no

Table 16: Recommended channel selection for "M" band. The default channel is shown in bold.

"yes" means that the use of the channel confirms to EN 300 220

"no" means that using the channel would not confirm to EN 300 220.

"*" means, that the channel in general is allowed, but the above mentioned channel spacing must be fulfilled

"+" marks the channels that cannot be selected due to backwards compatibility reasons towards older firmware revisions. If one of these channels is selected, either channel 103 (in case of < 103) or 109 (in case of > 109) will be automatically selected by firmware without notification to the user.

11 Battery powered operation

By using the pins *SLEEP* and *TRX_DISABLE* accordingly, the module can be set to various power-saving operating states. Table 17 presents an overview of the available options. It is crucial for current consumption that the pins *SLEEP* and *TRX_DISABLE* are pulled to the required logic levels at any operation state by the host or be disabled by setting the *CfgFlags* parameter accordingly.

	<i>TRX_DISABLE</i> LOW level	<i>TRX_DISABLE</i> HIGH level
<i>SLEEP</i> LOW level	Active Mode , radio and UART communication possible	Standby , radio TX and UART possible, no radio RX
<i>SLEEP</i> HIGH level	WOR mode , module switches between active and standby mode, timer triggered	Sleep Mode , neither UART nor radio communication possible

Table 17: Power consumption control

All other pins must be configured and implemented as advised by table 7 to prevent leakage current.

11.1 Active mode

In this operating state, the module is permanently ready to receive and forward data via UART or wireless transmission. The module will only switch to one of the other power-saving modes after processing any pending data transmission, i.e. */RTS* must be low.

11.2 Stand-by

In this operating state, the module's transceiver is disabled. Wireless reception is not possible, but transmission of data via UART and radio is possible.

11.3 WOR mode

The module automatically (timer triggered) wakes up at configurable intervals and remains active to receive for a configurable time before it automatically (timer triggered) switches back to sleep mode. The corresponding *UserSettings* parameters are described in chapter 8.26 and following.

11.4 Sleep mode

This is the module state with the lowest power consumption. Radio IC and MUC UART communication are disabled and in sleep mode. The module switches to one of the other operating modes when it detects a falling edge on the *SLEEP* or *TRX_DISABLE* pin. Concerning the power consumption in this operating mode, refer to table 4.

12 Custom firmware

12.1 Custom configuration of standard firmware

The configuration of standard firmware includes adoption of the non-volatile User settings (see chapter 8) to customer requirements and creating a customized product on base of the standard product with a unique ordering number for a specific customer that needs this configuration.

For example if the UART baud rate shall be changed from the default value to another value. This variant will result in a customer exclusive module with a unique ordering number. This will also fix the firmware version to a specific and customer tested version and thus results in a customer exclusive module with a unique ordering number.

Further scheduled firmware updates of the standard firmware will not be applied to this variant automatically. Applying updates or further functions require a customer request and customer release procedure.

12.2 Customer specific firmware

A customer specific firmware may include "Custom configuration of standard firmware" plus additional options or functions and tasks that are customer specific and not part of the standard firmware.

Further scheduled firmware updates of the standard firmware will not be applied to this variant automatically. Applying updates or further functions require a customer request and customer release procedure.

This also results in a customer exclusive module with a unique ordering number.

An example for this level of customization are functions like host-less operation where the module will perform data generation (e.g. by reading a SPI or I²C sensor) and cyclic transmission of this data to a data collector while sleeping or being passive most of the time.

Also replacing UART with SPI as host communication interface is classified such a custom specific option.

Certification critical changes need to be re-evaluated by an external qualified measurement laboratory. These critical changes may occur when e.g. changing radio parameters, the channel access method, the duty-cycle or in case of various other functions and options possibly used or changed by a customer specific firmware.

12.3 Customer firmware

A customer firmware is a firmware written and tested by the customer himself or a 3rd party as a customer representative specifically for the hardware platform provided by a module.

This customer firmware (e.g. in form of a Intel hex file) will be implemented into the module's production process at our production side.

This also results in a customer exclusive module with a unique ordering number.

The additional information needed for this type of customer firmware, such as hardware specific details and details towards the development of such firmware are not available for the public and can only be made available to qualified customers.



The qualification(s) and certification(s) of the standard firmware cannot be applied to this customer firmware solution without a review and verification.

12.4 Contact for firmware requests

Please contact your local field sales engineer (FSE) or wireless-sales@we-online.com for quotes regarding this topics.

13 Firmware update



To be able to perform firmware updates the UART must be connectible to a PC. For the failsafe firmware update method capabilities a JTAG or Spy Bi-Wire connection must be possible. Any customer PCB should make sure a firmware update connection is possible otherwise a firmware update cannot be performed. A firmware update must only be performed under stable conditions. In case of errors during the firmware update the firmware is likely to be broken in such a way a fail-safe firmware update is necessary.

13.1 UART Bootloader ASFI (not fail-safe)

The firmware of the module can be updated with the PC utility "ACC" via the serial interface. If the module is not connected to a PC, the UART should be made accessible, e.g. by means of suitable connectors and converters. Only the *UTDX* and *URXD* signals are needed for this procedure after a reset has been performed at the module.

13.2 Spy Bi-Wire ("SBW", fail-safe)

The pins *TEST*, *VCC*, *GND* and *RESET_N* are needed for this procedure. Further a MSP430 SBW capable flasher hardware and a suitable connector with further circuitry may be needed (depends on your flasher). You need to select the MSP430G2744 as μ C when accessing the module or selecting the needed circuitry.

13.3 JTAG (fail-safe)

The pins *TDI*, *TDO*, *TMS*, *TCK*, *TEST*, *VCC*, *GND* and *RESET_N* are needed for this procedure. Further a MSP430 JTAG capable Flasher hardware and a suitable connector with further circuitry may be needed (depends on your flasher). You need to select the MSP430G2744 as μ C when accessing the module or selecting the needed circuitry.

14 Firmware history

Version 1.2.2 "Release"

- features added (/CTS-Pin; LED-Pins)
- internal Pull-Down resistors active at following inputs: /DATA_REQ, SLEEP, TRX_DIS, /CONFIG

Version 1.2.3 "Release"

- minor fixes for Tarvos-I/Tarvos-I Plug
- Bootloader updated

Version 1.2.4 "Release"

- Tarvos-I/Tarvos-I Plug: Updated the UserSettings to be CE-conform (i.e. PHY_PAPower was reduced)

Version 2.1.0 "Release"

- Ported to a newer compiler version
- Implemented newest errata updates
- The AMB8425 platform is not supported anymore due to old Hardware Revision for firmware versions ≥ 2.0 . Do not install newer firmwares to this modules. This also applies to AMB8465 USB dongles using the old AMB8425 hardware platform.

15 Design in guide

15.1 Advice for schematic and layout

For users with less RF experience it is advisable to closely copy the relating evaluation board with respect to schematic and layout, as it is a proven design. The layout should be conducted with particular care, because even small deficiencies could affect the radio performance and its range or even the conformity.

The following general advice should be taken into consideration:

- A clean, stable power supply is strongly recommended. Interference, especially oscillation can severely restrain range and conformity.
- Variations in voltage level should be avoided.
- LDOs, properly designed in, usually deliver a proper regulated voltage.
- Blocking capacitors and a ferrite bead in the power supply line can be included to filter and smoothen the supply voltage when necessary.



No fixed values can be recommended, as these depend on the circumstances of the application (main power source, interferences etc.).



Frequently switching the module on and off, especially with a slowly changing voltage level of the power supply, can lead to erratic behavior, in rare cases even as far as damaging the module or the firmware. The use of an external reset IC can solve this matter and shall be considered especially in battery operated scenarios.

- Elements for ESD protection should be placed on all pins that are accessible from the outside and should be placed close to the accessible area. For example, the RF-pin is accessible when using an external antenna and should be protected.
- ESD protection for the antenna connection must be chosen such as to have a minimum effect on the RF signal. For example, a protection diode with low capacitance such as the LXES15AAA1-100 or a 68 nH air-core coil connecting the RF-line to ground give good results.
- Placeholders for optional antenna matching or additional filtering are recommended.
- The antenna path should be kept as short as possible.



Again, no fixed values can be recommended, as they depend on the influencing circumstances of the application (antenna, interferences etc.).

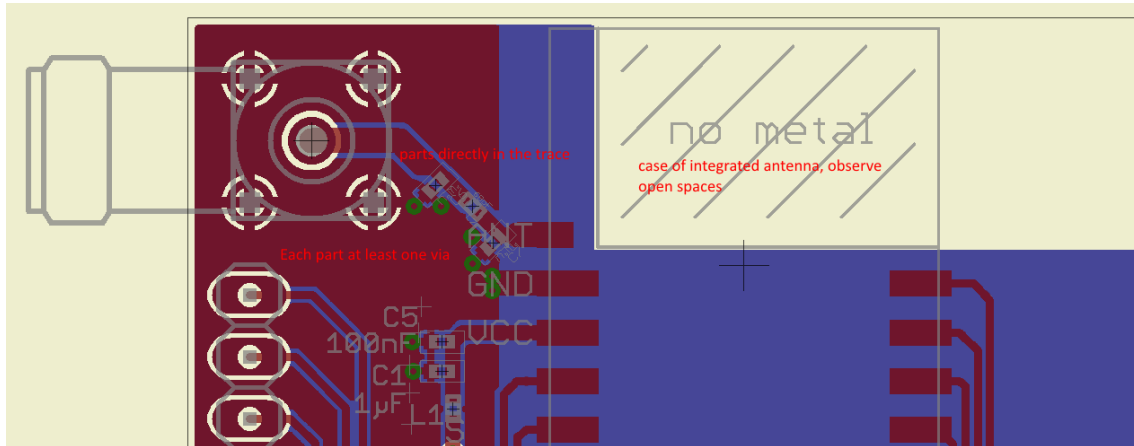


Figure 5: Layout

- To avoid the risk of short circuits and interference there should be no routing underneath the module on the top layer of the baseboard.
- On the second layer, a ground plane is recommended, to provide good grounding and shielding to any following layers and application environment.
- In case of integrated antennas it is required to have areas free from ground. This area should be copied from the evaluation board.
- The area with the integrated antenna must overlap with the carrier board and should not protrude, as it is matched to sitting directly on top of a PCB.
- Modules with integrated antennas should be placed with the antenna at the edge of the main board. It should not be placed in the middle of the main board or far away from the edge. This is to avoid tracks beside the antenna.
- Filter and blocking capacitors should be placed directly in the tracks without stubs, to achieve the best effect.
- Antenna matching elements should be placed close to the antenna / connector, blocking capacitors close to the module.
- Ground connections for the module and the capacitors should be kept as short as possible and with at least one separate through hole connection to the ground layer.
- ESD protection elements should be placed as close as possible to the exposed areas.

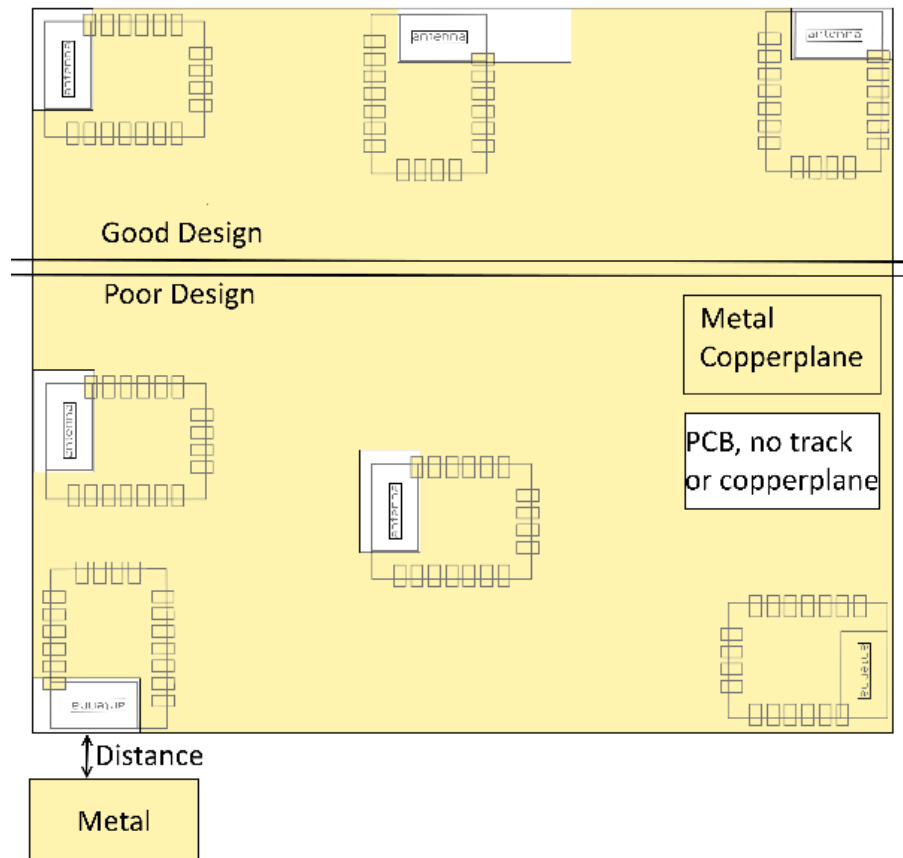


Figure 6: Placement of the module with integrated antenna

15.2 Dimensioning of the micro strip antenna line

The antenna track has to be designed as a 50Ω feed line. The width W for a micro strip can

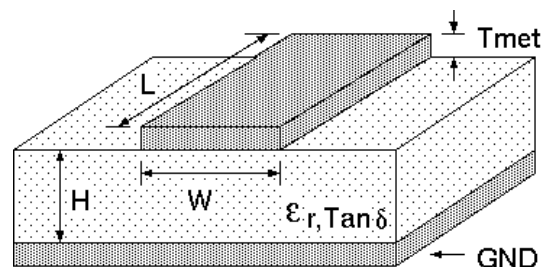


Figure 7: Dimensioning the antenna feed line as micro strip

be calculated using the following equation:

$$W = 1.25 \times \left(\frac{5.98 \times H}{e^{\frac{50 \times \sqrt{\epsilon_r + 1.41}}{87}}} - T_{met} \right) \quad (1)$$

Example:

A FR4 material with $\epsilon_r = 4.3$, a height $H = 1000 \mu\text{m}$ and a copper thickness of $T_{met} = 18 \mu\text{m}$

will lead to a trace width of $W \sim 1.9$ mm. To ease the calculation of the micro strip line (or e.g. a coplanar) many calculators can be found in the internet.

- As rule of thumb a distance of about $3 \times W$ should be observed between the micro strip and other traces / ground.
- The micro strip refers to ground, therefore there has to be the ground plane underneath the trace.
- Keep the feeding line as short as possible.

15.3 Antenna solutions

There exist several kinds of antennas, which are optimized for different needs. Chip antennas are optimized for minimal size requirements but at the expense of range, PCB antennas are optimized for minimal costs, and are generally a compromise between size and range. Both usually fit inside a housing.

Range optimization in general is at the expense of space. Antennas that are bigger in size, so that they would probably not fit in a small housing, are usually equipped with a RF connector. A benefit of this connector may be to use it to lead the RF signal through a metal plate (e.g. metal housing, cabinet).

As a rule of thumb a minimum distance of $\lambda/10$ (which is 3.5 cm @ 868 MHz and 1.2 cm @ 2.44 GHz) from the antenna to any other metal should be kept. Metal placed further away will not directly influence the behavior of the antenna, but will anyway produce shadowing.



Keep the antenna away from large metal objects as far as possible to avoid electromagnetic field blocking.



The choice of antenna might have influence on the safety requirements.

In the following chapters, some special types of antenna are described.

15.3.1 Wire antenna

An effective antenna is a $\lambda/4$ radiator with a suiting ground plane. The simplest realization is a piece of wire. It's length is depending on the used radio frequency, so for example 8.6 cm 868.0 MHz and 3.1 cm for 2.440 GHz as frequency. This radiator needs a ground plane at its feeding point. Ideally, it is placed vertically in the middle of the ground plane. As this is often not possible because of space requirements, a suitable compromise is to bend the wire away from the PCB respective to the ground plane. The $\lambda/4$ radiator has approximately 40 Ω input impedance, therefore matching is not required.

15.3.2 Chip antenna

There are many chip antennas from various manufacturers. The benefit of a chip antenna is obviously the minimal space required and reasonable costs. However, this is often at the expense of range. For the chip antennas, reference designs should be followed as closely as possible, because only in this constellation can the stated performance be achieved.

15.3.3 PCB antenna

PCB antenna designs can be very different. The special attention can be on the miniaturization or on the performance. The benefits of the PCB antenna are their small / not existing (if PCB space is available) costs, however the evaluation of a PCB antenna holds more risk of failure than the use of a finished antenna. Most PCB antenna designs are a compromise of range and space between chip antennas and connector antennas.

15.3.4 Antennas provided by Würth Elektronik eiSos

15.3.4.1 2600130011 - Helike - 169 MHz dipole antenna



Figure 8: 169 MHz dipole-antenna

Specification	Value
Frequency range [MHz]	169
Impedance [Ω]	50
VSWR	≤ 2.1
Gain [dBi]	1
Dimensions (L x d) [mm]	320 x 15
Weight [g]	42
Connector	SMA plug
Operating Temp. [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]	-40 – +85



This antenna requires a ground plane which will influence the electrical parameters.

15.3.4.2 2600130041 - Herse - 434 MHz dipole antenna



Figure 9: 434 MHz dipole-antenna

Specification	Value
Frequency range [MHz]	433
Impedance [Ω]	50
VSWR	≤ 1.5
Polarization	Vertical
Radiation	Omni
Gain [dBi]	0
Antenna Cover	TPEE
Dimensions (L x d) [mm]	90 x 12
Weight [g]	9.6
Connector	SMA plug
Operating Temp. [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]	-40 – +80



This antenna requires a ground plane which will influence the electrical parameters.

15.3.4.3 2600130081 - Hyperion-I - 868 MHz dipole antenna

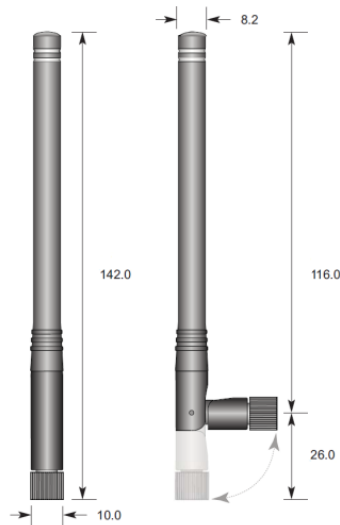


Figure 10: 868 MHz dipole-antenna

Ideally suited for applications where no ground plane is available.



The 2600130081 antenna can be also used for 902MHz - 928MHz range.

Specification	Value
Center frequency [MHz]	868
Frequency range [MHz]	853 – 883
Wavelength	0.5 wave
VSWR	≤ 2.0
Impedance [Ω]	50
Connector	SMA (Male)
Dimensions (L x d) [mm]	142 x 10
Peak gain [dBi]	-2.3
Operating temp. [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]	-30 – +80

15.3.4.4 2600130082 - Hyperion-II - 868 MHz magnetic base antenna

Well suited for applications where the RF is lead through a metal wall that could serve as ground plane to the antenna.

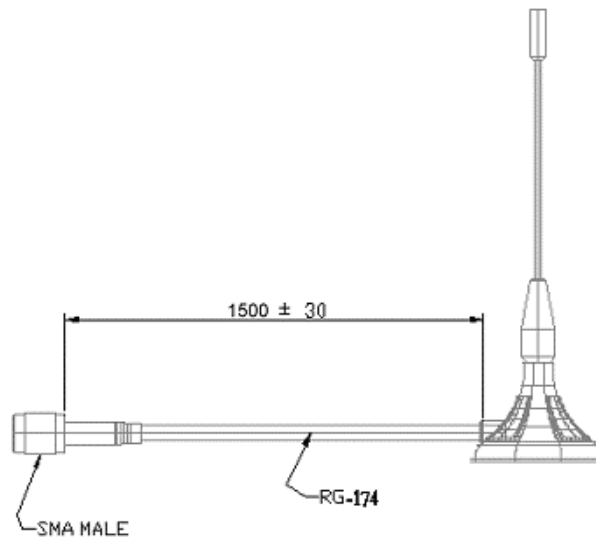


Figure 11: 868 MHz magnet foot antenna with 1.5 m antenna cable



The 2600130082 is a kind of $\lambda/4$ radiator and therefore needs a ground plane at the feeding point.

Specification	Value
Frequency range [MHz]	824 – 894
VSWR	≤ 2.0
Polarisation	Vertical
Impedance [Ω]	50 ± 5
Connector	SMA (Male)
Dimensions (L x d) [mm]	89.8 x 27
Weight [g]	50 ± 5
Operating temp. [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]	-30 – +60

15.3.4.5 2600130021 - Himalia - 2.4 GHz dipole antenna



Figure 12: 2.4 GHz dipole-antenna

Due to the fact, that the antenna has dipole topology there is no need for an additional ground plane. Nevertheless the specification was measured edge mounted and 90° bent on a 100 x 100 mm ground plane.

Specification	Value
Frequency range [GHz]	2.4 – 2.5
Impedance [Ω]	50
VSWR	$\leq 2:1$
Polarization	Linear
Radiation	Omni-Directional
Peak Gain [dBi]	2.8
Average Gain [dBi]	-0.6
Efficiency	85 %
Dimensions (L x d) [mm]	83.1 x 10
Weight [g]	7.4
Connector	SMA plug
Operating temp. [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]	-40 – +80

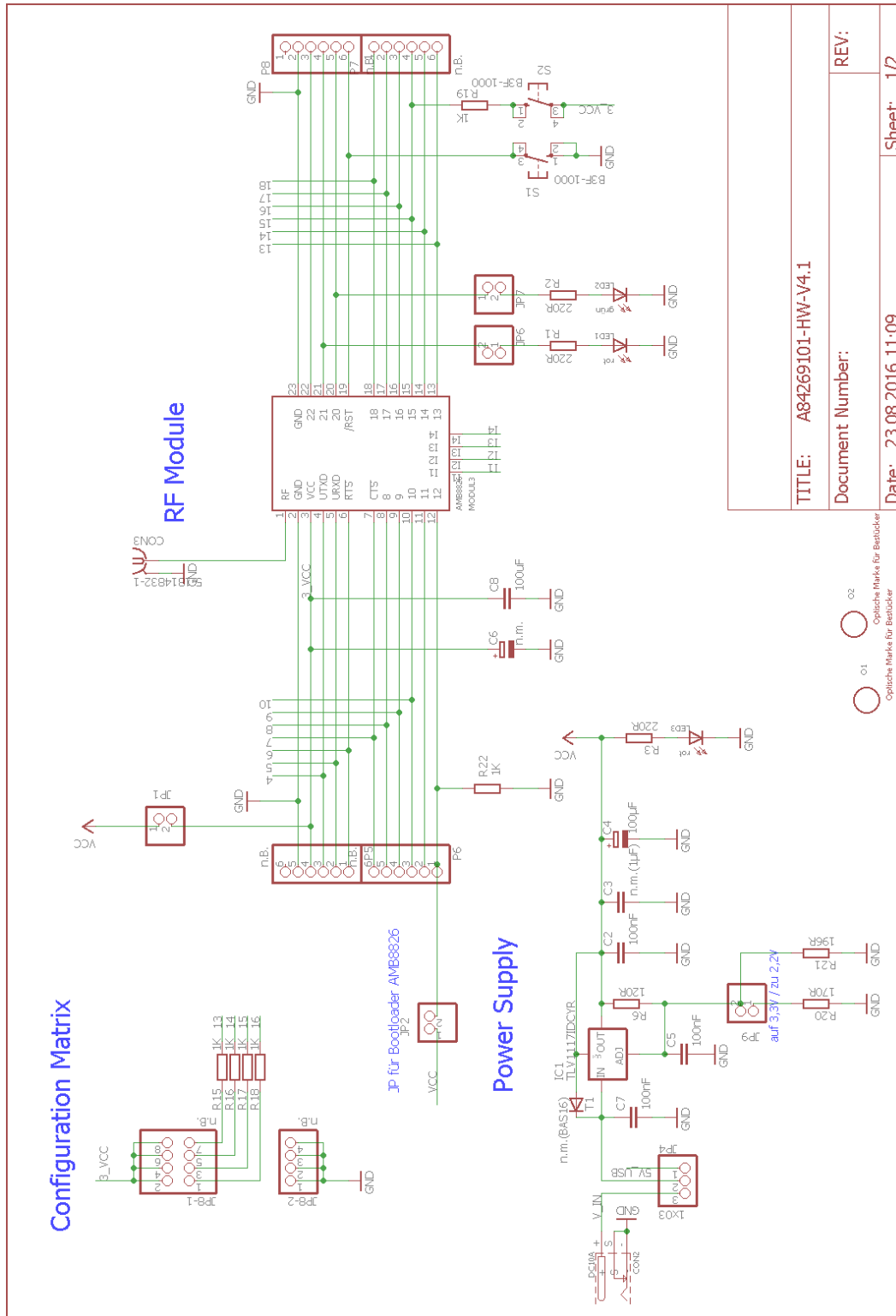
16 Reference design

Tarvos-I was tested and certified on the corresponding Tarvos-I evaluation board. For the compliance with the EU directive 2014/53/EU Annex I, the evaluation board serves as reference design.

This is no discrepancy due to the fact that the evaluation board itself does not fall within the scope of the EU directive 2014/53/EU Annex I as the module is tested on the evaluation board, which is also the recommended use.

Further information concerning the use of the evaluation board can be found in the manual of the Tarvos-I evaluation board.

16.1 Schematic



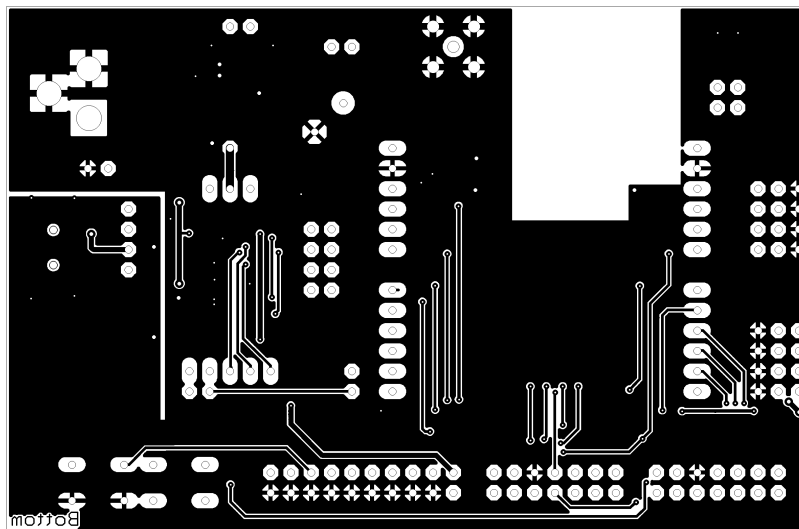
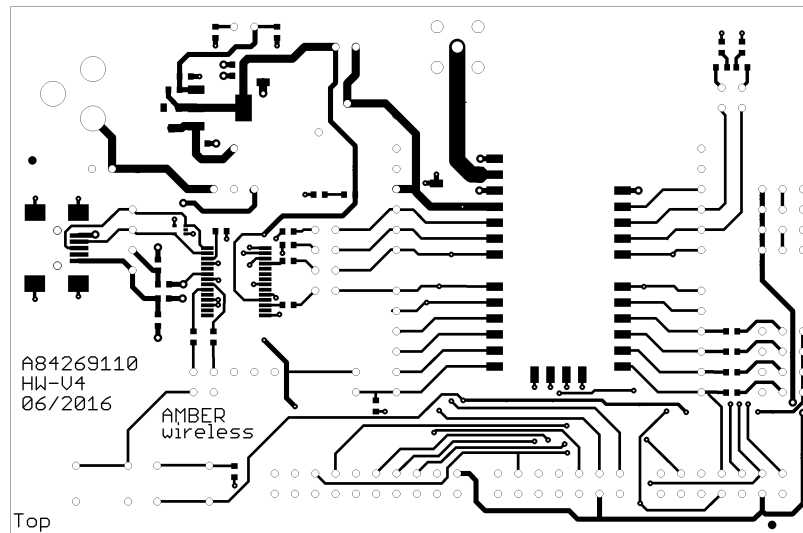


Figure 14: Top and Bottom Layer

17 Manufacturing information

17.1 Moisture sensitivity level

This wireless connectivity product is categorized as JEDEC Moisture Sensitivity Level 3 (MSL3), which requires special handling.

More information regarding the MSL requirements can be found in the IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 standard on www.jedec.org.

More information about the handling, picking, shipping and the usage of moisture/reflow and/or process sensitive products can be found in the IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033 standard on www.jedec.org.

17.2 Soldering

17.2.1 Reflow soldering

Attention must be paid on the thickness of the solder resist between the host PCB top side and the modules bottom side. Only lead-free assembly is recommended according to JEDEC J-STD020.

Profile feature		Value
Preheat temperature Min	$T_{S\ Min}$	150 °C
Preheat temperature Max	$T_{S\ Max}$	200 °C
Preheat time from $T_{S\ Min}$ to $T_{S\ Max}$	t_S	60 - 120 seconds
Ramp-up rate (T_L to T_P)		3 °C / second max.
Liquidous temperature	T_L	217 °C
Time t_L maintained above T_L	t_L	60 - 150 seconds
Peak package body temperature	T_P	see table below
Time within 5 °C of actual peak temperature	t_P	20 - 30 seconds
Ramp-down Rate (T_P to T_L)		6 °C / second max.
Time 20 °C to T_P		8 minutes max.

Table 18: Classification reflow soldering profile, Note: refer to IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020E

Package thickness	Volume mm ³ <350	Volume mm ³ 350-2000	Volume mm ³ >2000
< 1.6mm	260 °C	260 °C	260 °C
1.6mm - 2.5mm	260 °C	250 °C	245 °C
> 2.5mm	250 °C	245 °C	245 °C

Table 19: Package classification reflow temperature, PB-free assembly, Note: refer to IPC/-JEDEC J-STD-020E

It is recommended to solder this module on the last reflow cycle of the PCB. For solder paste use a LFM-48W or Indium based SAC 305 alloy (Sn 96.5 / Ag 3.0 / Cu 0.5 / Indium 8.9HF / Type 3 / 89%) type 3 or higher.

The reflow profile must be adjusted based on the thermal mass of the entire populated PCB, heat transfer efficiency of the reflow oven and the specific type of solder paste used. Based on the specific process and PCB layout the optimal soldering profile must be adjusted and verified. Other soldering methods (e.g. vapor phase) have not been verified and have to be validated by the customer at their own risk. Rework is not recommended.

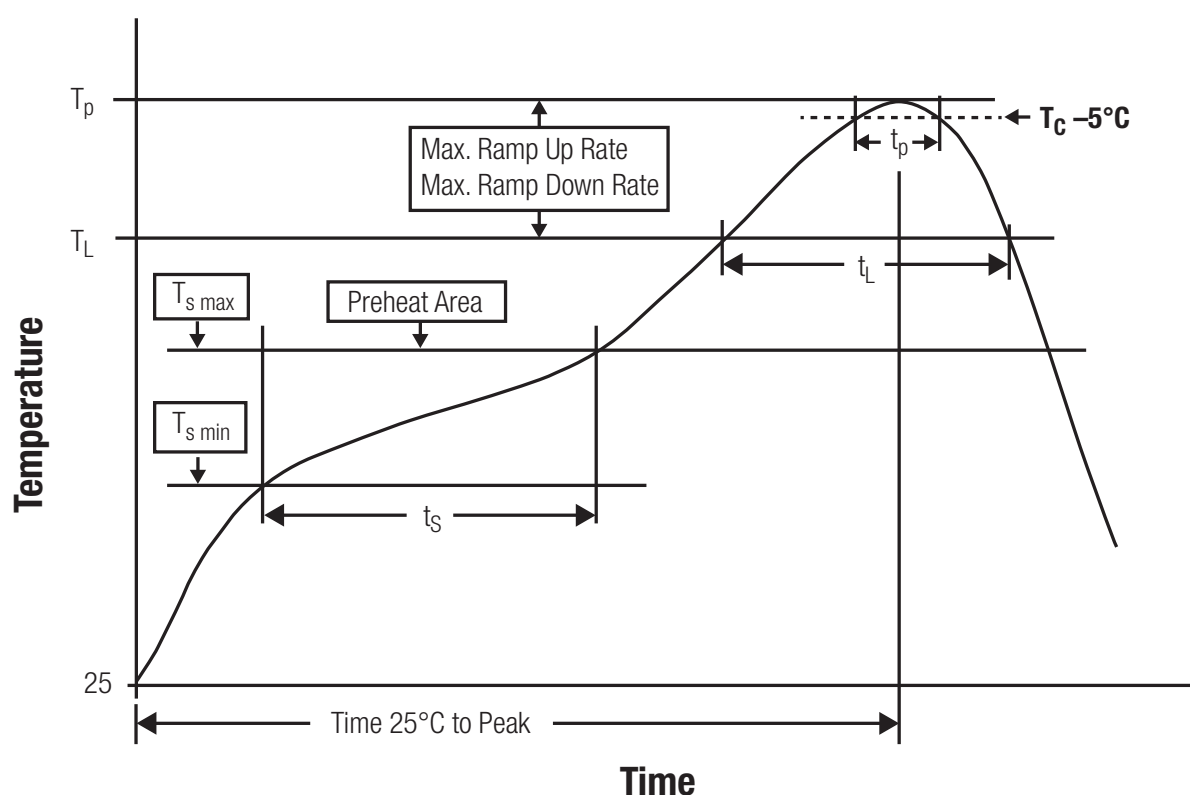


Figure 15: Reflow soldering profile

After reflow soldering, visually inspect the board to confirm proper alignment

17.2.2 Cleaning

Do not clean the product. Any residue cannot be easily removed by washing. Use a "no clean" soldering paste and do not clean the board after soldering.

- Do not clean the product with water. Capillary effects can draw water into the gap between the host PCB and the module, absorbing water underneath it. If water is trapped inside, it may short-circuit adjoining pads. The water may also destroy the label and ink-jet printed text on it.
- Cleaning processes using alcohol or other organic solvents may draw solder flux residues into the housing, which won't be detected in a post-wash inspection. The solvent may also destroy the label and ink-jet printed text on it.
- Do not use ultrasonic cleaning as it will permanently damage the part, particularly the crystal oscillators.

17.2.3 Other notations

- Conformal coating of the product will result in the loss of warranty. The RF shields will not protect the part from low-viscosity coatings.
- Do not attempt to improve the grounding by forming metal strips directly to the EMI covers or soldering on ground cables, as it may damage the part and will void the warranty.
- Always solder every pad to the host PCB even if some are unused, to improve the mechanical strength of the module.
- The part is sensitive to ultrasonic waves, as such do not use ultrasonic cleaning, welding or other processing. Any ultrasonic processing will void the warranty.

17.3 ESD handling

This product is highly sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). As such, always use proper ESD precautions when handling. Make sure to handle the part properly throughout all stages of production, including on the host PCB where the module is installed. For ESD ratings, refer to the module series' maximum ESD section. For more information, refer to the relevant chapter 2. Failing to follow the aforementioned recommendations can result in severe damage to the part.

- the first contact point when handling the PCB is always between the local GND and the host PCB GND, unless there is a galvanic coupling between the local GND (for example work table) and the host PCB GND.
- Before assembling an antenna patch, connect the grounds.
- While handling the RF pin, avoid contact with any charged capacitors and be careful when contacting any materials that can develop charges (for example coaxial cable with around 50-80 pF/m, patch antenna with around 10 pF, soldering iron etc.)

- Do not touch any exposed area of the antenna to avoid electrostatic discharge. Do not let the antenna area be touched in a non ESD-safe manner.
- When soldering, use an ESD-safe soldering iron.

17.4 Safety recommendations

It is your duty to ensure that the product is allowed to be used in the destination country and within the required environment. Usage of the product can be dangerous and must be tested and verified by the end user. Be especially careful of:

- Use in areas with risk of explosion (for example oil refineries, gas stations).
- Use in areas such as airports, aircraft, hospitals, etc., where the product may interfere with other electronic components.

It is the customer's responsibility to ensure compliance with all applicable legal, regulatory and safety-related requirements as well as applicable environmental regulations. Disassembling the product is not allowed. Evidence of tampering will void the warranty.

- Compliance with the instructions in the product manual is recommended for correct product set-up.
- The product must be provided with a consolidated voltage source. The wiring must meet all applicable fire and security prevention standards.
- Handle with care. Avoid touching the pins as there could be ESD damage.

Be careful when working with any external components. When in doubt consult the technical documentation and relevant standards. Always use an antenna with the proper characteristics.



Since the module itself is not fused the voltage supply shall be fed from a limited power source according to EN 62368-1 class PS1.



Modules with high output power of up to 500mW, as for example the Thebe family, generate a high amount of warmth while transmitting. The manufacturer of the end device must take care of potentially necessary actions for his application.

18 Physical dimensions

18.1 Dimensions

Dimensions
17 x 27 x 4 mm

Table 20: Dimensions

18.2 Weight

Weight
~3 g

Table 21: Weight

18.3 Module drawing

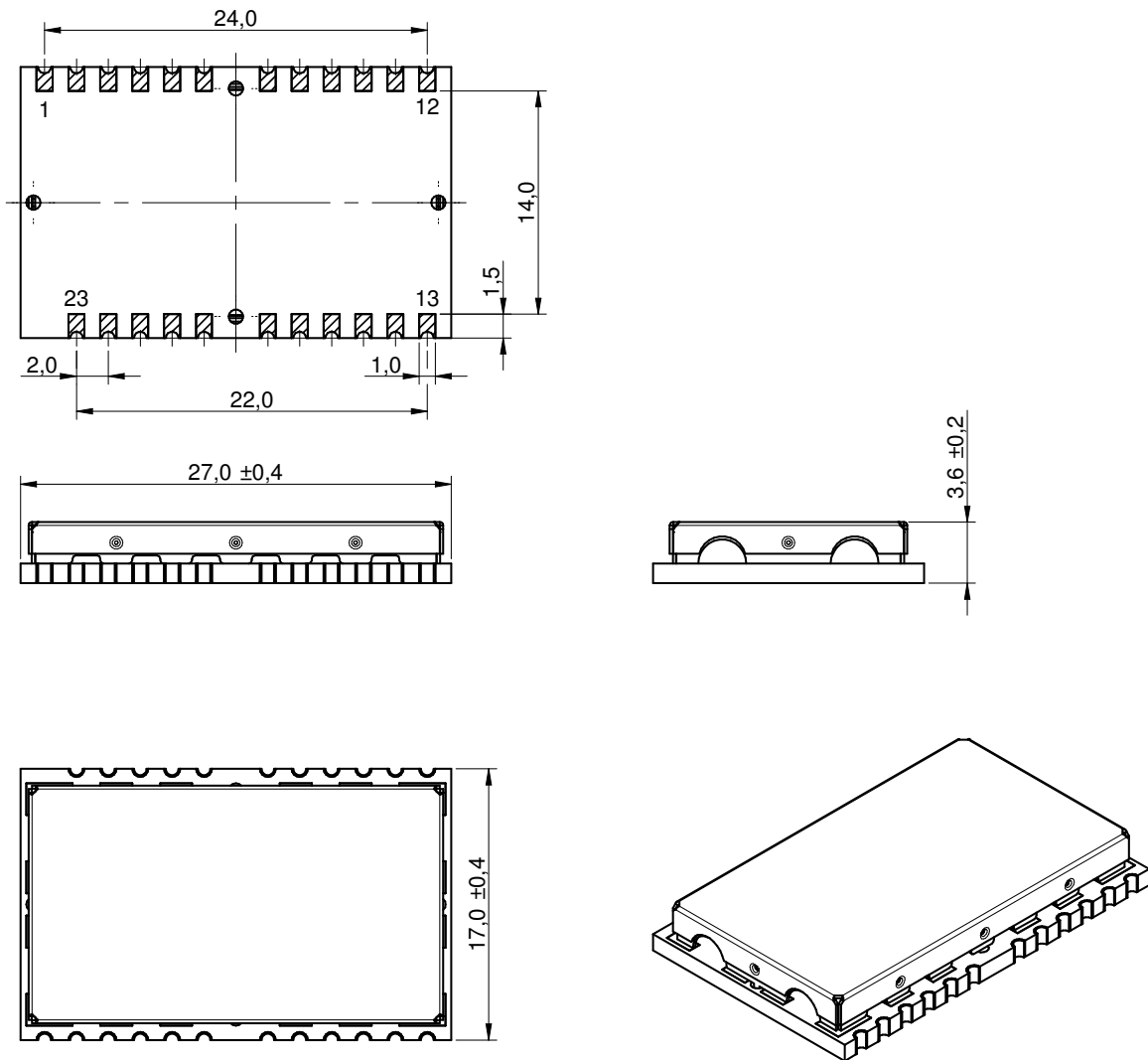


Figure 16: Module dimensions [mm]

18.4 Footprint



Due to the high risk of a short between VCC and GND, a clearance of 14 mm between the opposite pads has to be considered!

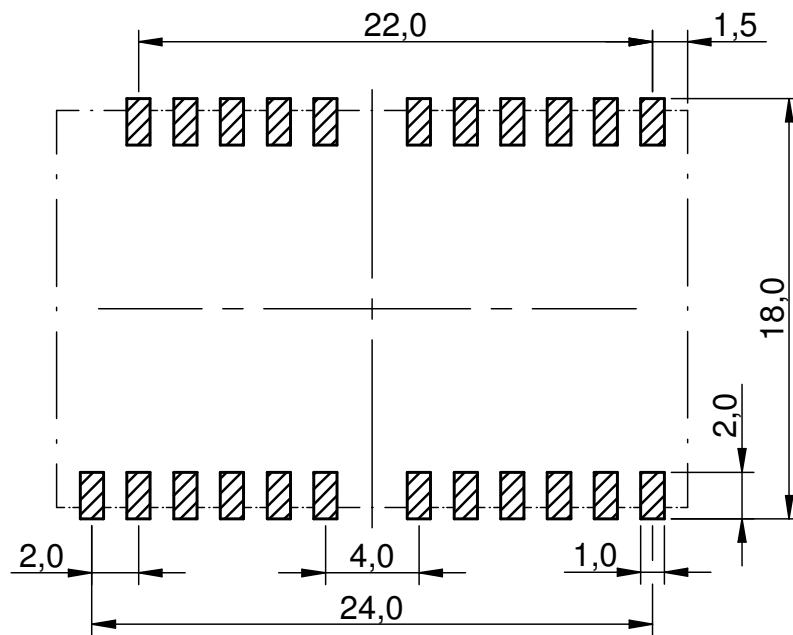


Figure 17: Footprint and dimensions [mm]

18.5 Antenna free area

To avoid influence and mismatching of the antenna the recommended free area around the antenna should be maintained. As rule of thumb a minimum distance of metal parts to the antenna of $\lambda/10$ should be kept (see figure 17). Even though metal parts would influence the characteristic of the antenna, but the direct influence and matching keep an acceptable level.

19 Marking

19.1 Lot number

The 15 digit lot number is printed in numerical digits as well as in form of a machine readable bar code. It is divided into 5 blocks as shown in the following picture and can be translated according to the following table.

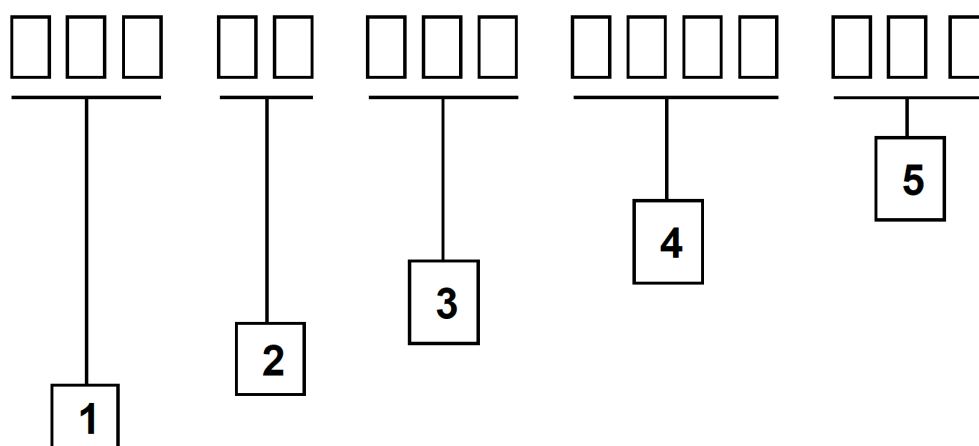


Figure 18: Lot number structure

Block	Information	Example(s)
1	eiSos internal, 3 digits	439
2	eiSos internal, 2 digits	01
3	Hardware version, 3 digits	V2.4 = 024, V12.2 = 122
4	Date code, 4 digits	1703 = week 03 in year 2017, 1816 = week 16 in year 2018
5	Firmware version, 3 digits	V3.2 = 302, V5.13 = 513

Table 22: Lot number details

As the user can perform a firmware update the printed lot number only shows the factory delivery state. The currently installed firmware can be requested from the module using the corresponding product specific command. The firmware version as well as the hardware version are restricted to show only major and minor version not the patch identifier.

19.2 General labeling information

The module labels may include the following fields:

- Manufacturer identification WE, Würth Elektronik or Würth Elektronik eiSos
- WE Order Code and/or article alias
- Serial number or MAC address
- Certification identifiers (CE, FCC ID, IC, ARIB,...)
- Barcode or 2D code containing the serial number or MAC address

The serial number includes the product ID (PID) and an unique 6 digit number. The first 1 to 3 digits represent the PID, then the "." marks the start of the 6 digit counter to create a unique product marking.

In case of small labels, the 3 byte manufacturer identifier (0x0018DA) of the MAC address is not printed on the labels. The 3 byte counter printed on the label can be used with this 0018DA to produce the full MAC address by appending the counter after the manufacturer identifier.

19.2.1 Example labels of Würth Elektronik eiSos products

2603011021001 C E
FCC ID: R7TAMB2220
IC: 5136A-AMB2220
SN: 107.002005

AMB2621
SN: 0A6495
FCCID: C E
R7TAMB2621

 **WE** C E
SN: 116.002641
2609011081001
AMB8826

Würth Elektronik
FCC ID: R7TAMB9826
IC: 5136A-AMB9826
SN: 124.000323
2609011091001

20 Information for Ex Protection

In case the end product should be used in Ex protection areas the following information can be used:

- The module itself is unfused.
- The maximum output power of the module is 11dBm.
- The total amount of capacitance of all capacitors is 320.9nF.
- The total amount of inductance of all inductors is 1.042μH.

21 References

- [1] To calculate the baud rate registers UART_MCTL, UART_BR0 and UART_BR1, the "Baud Rate Calculator" tool is integrated in ACC. To configure a standard baud rate, ACC provides a drop-down field with automatic calculation and parameterisation of the baud rate registers.
- [2] "CC1101 Single-Chip Low-Cost Low-Power RF Transceiver", Texas Instruments

22 Regulatory compliance information

22.1 Important notice EU

The use of RF frequencies is limited by national regulations. The Tarvos-I has been designed to comply with the R&TTE directive 1999/5/EC and the RED directive 2014/53/EU of the European Union (EU).

The Tarvos-I can be operated without notification and free of charge in the area of the European Union. However, according to the R&TTE / RED directive, restrictions (e.g. in terms of duty cycle or maximum allowed RF power) may apply.

22.2 Conformity assessment of the final product

The Tarvos-I is a subassembly. It is designed to be embedded into other products (products incorporating the Tarvos-I are henceforward referred to as "final products").

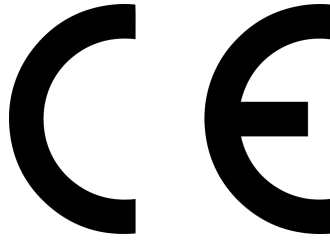
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Object of the declaration: 2605041181000 & 260505608101

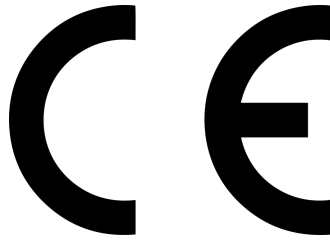
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EN 301 489-3 V2.1.1 (Final draft)
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