Compact Low-Cost Radio Module
868 MHz SRD Band

Key Features

- Low-cost OEM radio module for the 868 MHz SRD band
- Compact dimensions: 17 x 27 x 4 mm
- Supports low-power applications and WOR (wake-on radio)
- Integrated AMBER RF stack with extensive functions
- Flexible addressing with up to 255 nodes in 255 networks
- Complies with requirements of EU RED 2014/53/EU
- Tape & Reel packaging for automatic component placement
- Also available as wireless USB adapter (AMB8465)
- Compatible to AMB8425, but more powerful microprocessor, small variations in dimensions and footprint

Network Topologies

Description

The AMB8426 is a compact and low-cost radio data transmission module for wireless half-duplex communication. The integrated microprocessor controls data communication, handling packet and checksum generation, addressing, monitoring of channel access and re-transmission of lost packets. The host system does not have to perform any radio-specific tasks.

The module can be configured in many ways and supports data transfer with fast channel and address switching. An opportunity to assess the quality of the radio link is also provided by using the measured field strength (RSSI value).

The graphical user interface of the freely available Windows application “AMBER-ACC” makes it easy to set operating parameters. A USB stick version is available to easily connect the AMB8426 to a PC system.

The AMB8426 is designed as a SMT device and is suitable for automatic component assembly. It can also be delivered in tape and reel packaging.

Interfaces

The AMB8426 is connected to a host system via the UART interface with bit rates of up to 115.2 kbaud. Other pins are used for data flow control and to switch between operating modes.

An SPI interface can be implemented upon request (separate firmware).

Using appropriate firmware, the module is also suitable for autonomously recording digital or analogue signals.

Range of Application

Data collection, monitoring, remote control and sensor networks.

Its compact dimensions and low power consumption make the radio module ideal for battery-powered devices.
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## Dimensions

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9,10,12,16,17,18,22 RSVD - Reserved (do not connect)

## Specifications

### Performance

- **Range**: Up to 1000 m
- **RF data rate**: Up to 100 kbps
- **UART data rate**: Up to 115.2 kbps
- **Output power**: 11 dBm (50 Ω)
- **RF sensitivity**: max -108 dBm (@ 4.8 kbps, 50 Ω)

### General

- **Power supply**: 2.2 – 3.6 V
- **Power consumption**:
  - TX: typ. 38 mA
  - RX: typ. 24 mA
  - Low Power: typ. < 0.3 μA
- **Dimensions**: 17 x 27 x 4 mm
- **Operating temperature**: -30 to +85 °C
- **Weight**: approx. 3 g
- **Antenna**: External antenna connector

### RF technology

- **Addressing**: Up to 255 nodes on 255 networks
- **Frequency range**: 868.0 – 868.6 MHz
- **Channel spacing**: 50 kHz
- **Modulation**: 2-FSK, MSK
- **Supported topologies**: Star, Peer-to-Peer

### Conformity

- **Europe**: EN 300 220, EN 301 489, EN 60950, EN 50371

*Range stated assumes line-of-sight. Actual range may vary depending on antenna choice, board integration and environment.

## Related Products

- AMB8426-EV
- AMB8465

## Ordering information

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