

RC1280HP, 500mW

Long-Range Multi-Channel RF Module

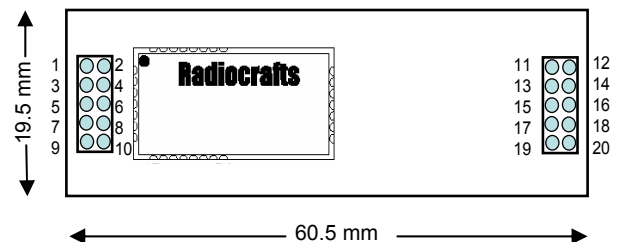
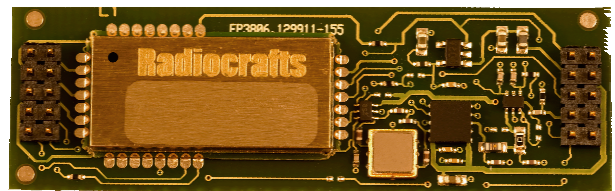
The RC1280HP high performance narrow-band RF module operates in the license-free ISM-bands at 868 MHz and is a complete and compact RF transceiver with embedded protocol. The embedded protocol and universal UART interface make it possible to add a wireless link with shortest development time. No additional components are needed for excellent RF performance, except for a simple antenna. With a quarter-wave antenna (whip or PCB) a line-of-sight range of 5-6 km can be achieved. The module requires only two low-cost SMD 2x5 pins connectors on the carrier PCB for easy and cost-effective assembly.

Features

- Multi-channel 25 kHz narrow-band operation
- 5 channels (500 mW), 80 channels (10 mW)
- Embedded RF protocol
- Small size (19.5 x 60.5 x 6 mm)
- 3.3 V operation
- 3 / 5 V logic level tolerant interface
- Conforms with EU R&TTE directive (license-free use)

Applications

- OEM products
- Home, building and industrial automation
- Automatic meter reading
- Remote control and telemetry
- Fleet and asset management



Host interface

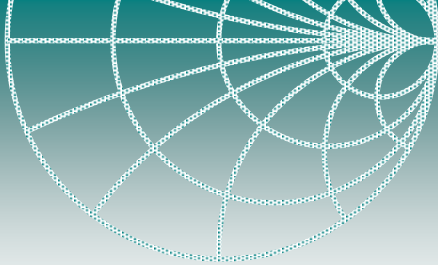
- Two wires only: RXD and TXD
- UART compatible
- Supports RS232, RS422, RS485
- CTS / RTS flow control optional
- Non-volatile configuration memory
- Simple in-circuit configuration of
 - Radio channel
 - RF output power
 - Destination address
 - Flow control and packet size

Embedded protocol

- RC232™ proprietary protocol
- Two way (half-duplex)
- Point-to-point
- Point-to-multipoint
- Addressing and broadcasting
- >65000 unique addresses
- Data buffer up to 128 bytes
- CRC calculation and error check
- Ultra low power OFF and SLEEP modes (< 1 uA)

RF parameters

- 25 kHz channel operation
- Excellent sensitivity (-108 dBm)
- High power mode: 5 channels
- Low power mode: 80 channels
- 4.8 kb/s
- Very low power (20.2 mA in RX)
- Up to 27 dBm output power (700 mA)
- 50 Ohm antenna interface
- 5-6 km range line-of-sight
- CE certified under R&TTE



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How do I transmit data?

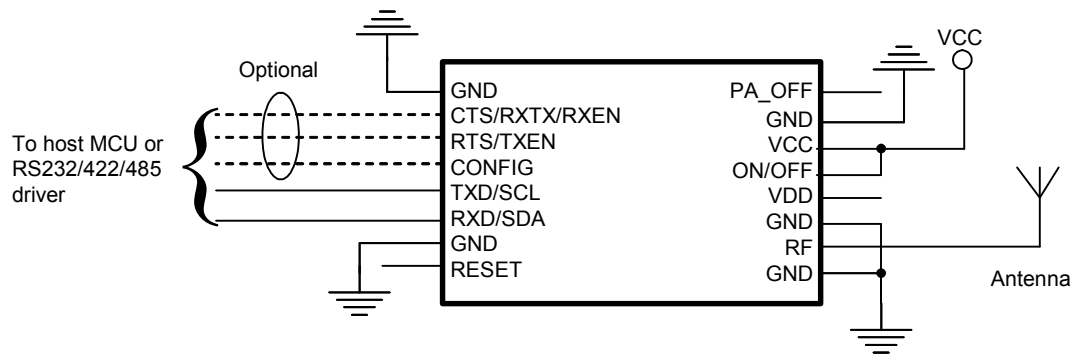
Send your data to the RXD pin on the module. Use the UART format with settings (19200, 8, 1, N). Up to 128 bytes are buffered in the module. The module will transmit the data when

- the max packet length is reached
- the unique end character is sent
- the modem timeout limit is reached

The packet length, end character and timeout limit are configurable in-circuit.

How do I change the RF channel or any other parameter?

To change configurable parameters, assert the CONFIG pin, and send the command string using the same serial interface as for transmitting data. Parameters can be changed permanently and stored in non-volatile memory in the module.



How do I receive data?

Any received data packet with correct address and check sum will be sent on the TXD pin using the same UART format as for transmit.

What about the antenna?

In most cases a simple quarter wavelength wire or a PCB track will do. Contact Radiocrafts and we will recommend the best antenna solution for your application.

Is it really that simple?

Yes. And what's more; the module operates at 3.3 V and tolerates 3 and 5 V logic input levels. Just drop it into your application circuit. In the simplest case you only need two spare pins (RXD, TXD) on your host microcontroller / microprocessor, and one more pin (CONFIG) if you want to change the configuration.

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