RFM90 - Low Power Long Range Transceiver Module

## > General Description

RFM90 sub-GHz radio transceivers are ideal for long range wireless applications. It is designed for long battery life with just 8 mA of active receive current consumption. It can transmit up to +22 dBm with highly efficient integrated power amplifiers. These devices support LoRa ${ }^{\circledR}$ modulation for LPWAN use cases and (G)FSK modulation for legacy use cases. The devices are highly configurable to meet different application requirements utilizing the global LoRaWAN ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ standard or proprietary protocols. The devices are designed to comply with the physical layer requirements of the LoRaWAN ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ specification released by the LoRa Alliance ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$. The radio is suitable for systems targeting compliance with radio regulations including but not limited to ETSI EN 300 220, FCC CFR 47 Part 15, China regulatory requirements and the Japanese ARIB T-108. Continuous frequency coverage from 150 MHz to 960 MHz allows the support of all major sub-GHz ISM bands around the world.

## KEY PRODUCT FEATURES

- LoRa ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ Modem.
- +22dBm RF output.
- Programmable bit rate up to $300 \mathrm{kbps}(\mathrm{FSK}) / 62.5 \mathrm{~K}(\mathrm{LORA})$.
- High sensitivity: down to $-137 \mathrm{dBm} @ L o R a$ BW 125 KHz ; SF12. -118 dBm @FSK, 4.8kbps.
- Excellent blocking immunity.
- Low RX current of $8 \mathrm{~mA}, 600 \mathrm{nA}$ register retention.
- Fully integrated synthesizer with step 0.95 Hz .
- (G)FSK, (G)MSK, LoRa ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ modulation.
- Built-in bit synchronizer for clock recovery.
- Preamble detection.
- 127dB Dynamic Range instantaneous/Packet RSSI.
- Automatic CAD .
- Module Size: 16*16mm


## > Applications

The level of integration and the low consumption within RFM90 enable a new generation of Internet of Things applications.

- Smart meters
- Supply chain and logistics
- Building automation
- Agricultural sensors
- Smart cities
- Retail store sensors
- Asset tracking
- Street lights
- Parking sensors
- Environmental sensors
- Healthcare
- Safety and security sensors
- Remote control applications


## $>$ Pin Diagram



Picture 2: RFM90 Pin Diagram

## Pin Description

| NO. | Name | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | ANT | RF signal output/input |
| 2 | GND | Ground |
| 3 | VREG | Regulated output voltage from the internal regulator |
| 4 | DCC | DC-DC output |
| 5 | VCC | Power supply |
| 6 | DIO1 | Multipurpose digital output |
| 7 | DIO2 | Multipurpose digital output/RF switch control |
| 8 | DIO3 | Multipurpose digital output/External XO power supply |
| 9 | GND | Ground |
| 10 | MISO | SPI slave output |
| 11 | MOSI | SPI slave input |
| 12 | SCK | SPI clock |
| 13 | NSS | SPI slave Select |
| 14 | POR | Reset |
| 15 | BUSY | Busy indicator |
| 16 | GND | Ground |

## Electrical Characteristics

- Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Symbol | Descriptio | Min | Max | Unit |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VDDmr | Supply Voltage | -0.5 | 3.9 | V |
| Tmr | Temperature | -55 | +125 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Tj | Junction temperature | - | +125 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Pmr | RF Input Level | - | +10 | dBm |

- Operating Range

| Symbol | Descriptio | Min | Max | Unit |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VDD | Supply voltage | 1.8 | 3.7 | V |
| Temperature | Operational temperature range | -20 | +70 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| CL | Load capacitance on digital ports | - | 20 | pF |
| ML | RF Input Power | - | 0 | dBm |

- Transmit Mode Specifications

| Specification | Condition | Min | Typical | Max | Unit |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency Range | 433 MHz band, | - | 433.92 | - |  |
|  | 868 MHz band, | - | 868 | - | MHz |
|  | 915 MHz band, | - | 915 | - |  |
| Tx Power | 433 MHz | - | 22 | - |  |
|  | 868 MHz | - | 22 | - | dBm |
|  | 915 MHz | - | 22 | - |  |
| Tx Drop | 22 dBm Vbat=2.7V | - | 2 | - |  |
|  | 22 dBm Vbat=2.4V | - | 3 | - | dB |
|  | 22 dBm Vbat=1.8V | - | 6 | - |  |
| IDDTX | 433 MHz | - | 107 | - |  |
|  | 868 MHz | - | 118 | - | mA |
|  | 915 MHz | - | 118 | - |  |

- Receive Mode Specifications

| Specification | Condition | Min | Typical | Max | Unit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sensitivity | FSK: Rate $=4.8 \mathrm{kbps}, \mathrm{FDA}=5 \mathrm{KHz}$ <br> 433 MHz band <br> 868MHz band <br> 915MHz band |  | $\begin{aligned} & -118 \\ & -118 \\ & -118 \end{aligned}$ |  | dBm |
|  | LoRa: $\mathrm{SF}=12, \mathrm{BW}=125 \mathrm{KHz}$ <br> 433 MHz band <br> 868MHz band <br> 915MHz band |  | $\begin{aligned} & -137 \\ & -137 \\ & -137 \end{aligned}$ |  | dBm |
| IDDRX | FSK: Rate=4.8kbps <br> LoRa: $\mathrm{SF}=12, \mathrm{BW}=125 \mathrm{KHz}$ | - | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 8.8 \end{gathered}$ |  | mA |

## Configuration of Module



Unit: mm


Picture 3: RFM90 Module Configuration

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