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UHF High Power FM Transmitter

The TX2H is a 433/434MHz single-channel FM transmitter module with a power output of 25mW nominal. It is a 100% pin-compatible drop-in replacement for the Radiometrix TX2 and can be used to replace the TX2 in applications where greater radiated power is desired (for example when space limitations dictate the use of small and inefficient antennas, or in countries where the extra power is permitted). The module will handle raw data rates up to 64kb/s. The TX2H transmitter can be used with either RX2G or RX2A receivers.



Features

- Standard frequencies: 433.92MHz and 434.42MHz
- Hi power drop in replacement for TX2
- Data rates up to 64kbps
- Usable range over 500m
- Fully screened
- Low power requirements
- Conforms to European EN 301 489-3 and ETSI EN 300 220-3 (for ERP ≤10mW)
- Conforms to Australian/New Zealand AS/NZS 4268:2003

Instead of the SAW-based technology of the TX2, the TX2H uses a PLL circuit locked to a crystal for better frequency stability over a wider temperature range (-40C to +85C), at the expense of slightly slower power-up.

The TX2H is available as standard on frequencies of 433.92MHz and 434.42MHz at 25mW power output, in either 3V(3.3V) or 5V versions. Custom frequencies may be available to order (consult factory). The module is designed to meet all applicable EMC and type approval requirements.

The module can be made available if required in an extra-high-power version (TX2EH), in the same footprint and pinout but giving 90-100mW nominal output power at 5V supply with a current consumption of less than 45mA (DC to RF conversion efficiency better than 45%).

Applications

- Handheld terminals
- Data loggers
- Industrial telemetry and telecommand
- In-building environmental monitoring and control
- High-end security and fire alarms
- Vehicle data up / download

Technical Summary

- Size: 32 x 12 x 5.5mm
- Operating frequency: 433.92MHz and 434.42MHz
- Supply : 3V or 5V regulated
- Current consumption: 25mA typical
- Data bit rate: 64kbps max.
- Transmit power: +14dBm (25mW) nominal

Evaluation platforms: Universal Evaluation Kit, NBEK + SIL carrier board

Functional description

The TX2H transmitter module is a crystal based PLL controlled FM transmitter operating on either 3V or 5Vsupply and is available in 433.92MHz.

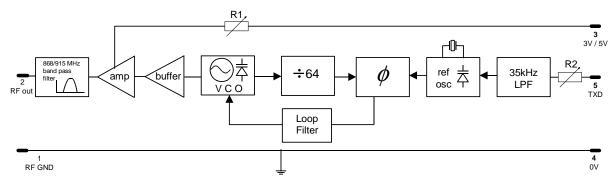


Figure. 2: TX2H block diagram

User interface

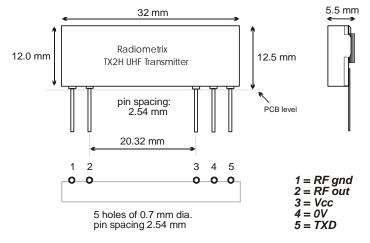


Figure 3: TX2H pin-out and dimension

TX2H pin	Name	Function				
1	RFgnd	RF ground, internally connected to the module screen and pin 4 (0V). This pin				
	_	should be directly connected to the RF return path - e.g. coax braid, main PCB				
		ground plane etc.				
2	RF out	50Ω RF output to antenna. Internally DC-isolated.				
3	VCC	+ve supply pin. The module will generate RF when the Vcc supply is present.				
		Max ripple content 0.1Vp-p. A 100nF de-coupling ceramic capacitor is				
		suggested.				
4	0V	DC supply ground. Internally connected to pin 1 and module screen.				
5	TXD	This DC coupled modulation input will accept either serial digital data (0 V t				
		Vcc levels) or high level linear signals. Input impedance is 100 $k\Omega$				

Preliminary Specifications (TX2H-433-64-5V):

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Required TXD input levels $0V$ (logic 0), +5V (logic 1). Non-inverting.	Required TXD input levels	0V (logic 0), +5V (logic 1). Non-inverting.				

Figures apply at +25°C, 3.0V or 5.0V supply as applicable, unless otherwise stated.

Product designations:

TX2H-433-64-3V	(433.92MHz, 3V version)
TX2H-433-64-5V	(433.92MHz, 5V version)
TX2H-434-64-3V	(434.42MHz, 3V version)
TX2H-434-64-5V	(434.42MHz, 5V version)
TX2EH-433-64-5V	(433.92MHz, 100mW version)
TX2EH-434-64-5V	(434.42MHz, 100mW version)

Matching receivers

RX2G-433-15-5V	(433.92MHz, 15kbps version)
RX2G-433-64-5V	(433.92MHz, 64kbps version)
RX2G-434-15-5V	(434.42MHz, 15kbps version)
RX2G-434-64-5V	(433.42MHz, 64kbps version)
RX2A-433-10	(433.92MHz, 10kbps version)
RX2A-433-64 RX2A-433-64 RX2A-434-10 RX2A-434-64	(433.92MHz, 64kbps version) (434.42MHz, 10kbps version) (433.42MHz, 64kbps version)

Antenna requirements

Three types of integral antenna are recommended and approved for use with the module:

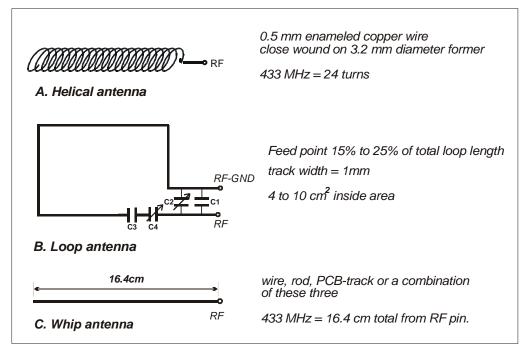


Fig.8: Antenna

	Α	В	C
	helical	loop	whip
Ultimate performance	**	*	***
Easy of design set-up	**	*	***
Size	***	**	*
Immunity proximity effects	**	***	*

- A) *Helical* Wire coil, connected directly to pin 2, open circuit at other end. This antenna is very efficient given it's small size (20mm x 4mm dia.). The helical is a high Q antenna, trim the wire length or expand the coil for optimum results. The helical de-tunes badly with proximity to other conductive objects.
- B) *Loop* A loop of PCB track tuned by a fixed or variable capacitor to ground at the 'hot' end and fed from pin 2 at a point 20% from the ground end. Loops have high immunity to proximity de-tuning.
- C) *Whip* This is a wire, rod, PCB track or combination connected directly to pin 2 of the module. Optimum total length is 15.5cm (1/4 wave @ 433MHz). Keep the open circuit (hot) end well away from metal components to prevent serious de-tuning. Whips are ground plane sensitive and will benefit from internal 1/4 wave earthed radial(s) if the product is small and plastic cased

The antenna choice and position directly controls the system range. Keep it clear of other metal in the system, particularly the 'hot' end. The best position by far, is sticking out the top of the product. This is often not desirable for practical/ergonomic reasons thus a compromise may need to be reached. If an internal antenna must be used try to keep it away from other metal components, particularly large ones like transformers, batteries and PCB tracks/earth plane. The space around the antenna is as important as the antenna itself.

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