

User Manual

Data Hunter

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The Finger™



No, it's not
an antenna...
It's the
COMPLETE
Data Radio!©

The Finger™ 916 MHz U.S.A. ISM Band
Single Channel Narrowband Data Radio Transceivers



What is it?

“The Finger” is a patent pending **Monolithic Data Radio** device encapsulating industry standard, advanced radio frequency integrated circuitry and components into complete, unified radio assemblies.

The Finger is factory precision calibrated. The Finger has the lowest possible cost since there is no additional antenna, RF cable and RF connectors to purchase.

Data Hunter Finger radios are not just RF-only devices like some competitor designs, but complete sophisticated data radios. All data radio functions are built in, including the antenna, RF power amplifier, crystal-controlled baseband processor and MAC (Media Access Controller). The sophistication extends to ARQ (automatic retries) with User-programmable retry count. The Finger will re-send the data until it is received perfectly or the Retry Attempt Counter is exhausted.

The User simply feeds in industry standard asynchronous serial data. The Finger automatically packetizes the data stream, attaches the Target address, Initiator address, packet ID, and Check Sum in a DC-balanced RF stream for maximum Target Receiver sensitivity.

Features

- **Lowest installed cost.**
- **All-in-one monolithic data radio has lowest possible cost.**
- **No additional antenna cost.**
- **No RF cabling cost.**
- **No RF connectors cost.**
- **No other costly subassemblies.**
- **Migration path of current to future developing technologies**
- **Factory precision calibrated and tested.**
- **Substantial reduction of “shadow” effect, since antenna element is located well away from Host body.**
- **Best range and performance.**
- **“Zero Volume” occupied inside your equipment.**
- **Relieves Engineers of very complex, esoteric, problematic and trouble prone “black-art” RF engineering burdens.**
- **All-weather rated.**
- **-40C to +85C (-40F to 185F) Industrial temperature range.**
- **Always the leading edge advanced RF and wireless technologies available from the Data Hunter family of devices.**
- Complete, sophisticated RF data radio with Flash-driven, crystal-controlled RF baseband and MAC microprocessor.
- FCC Certified, Class B..
- No License required. Transmits in the 900 MHz ISM (Industrial Scientific Medical) band for U.S.A. operation Connects to any asynchronous serial compatible device including direct connect to logic-level UARTs. (A voltage translator may be required to interface to higher voltage logic.) For microprocessors without a UART, the industry standard asynchronous data stream may be easily implemented in code as a software UART.
- Interface to RS-232 signals (if desired) is through logic level to RS-232 driver ICs.
- Transmits through walls.
- Up to 350 feet line-of-sight range. (Range will be less inside buildings and with obstacles and multi-path reflections.)
- Automatic Retries (ARQ) error detection and error control using automatic ACK/NAK commands allows automatic retry attempts up to the Retry Limit assigned by the User.
- 254 unique target I.D. addresses assignable by the User.
- Point-to-point paired communication targeting option.
- Multipoint-to-point optional dynamic retargeting is redirectable on-the-fly.
- 10,000 bps. *Sustained Data Rate*. (Note: Even though The Finger interface can input and output data as fast as 115 Kbps., the true data throughput rate measure is the “Sustained Data Rate” after all processing overhead is taken into account, not the input/output interface rate or the over-the-air rate.)
- “One-time setup” using Windows 95/98/00 GUI installation program. “No-time setup” is also an option, since the User can take The Finger right out of the shipping box and run it without any additional setup whatsoever.
- User can “Batch File” program The Finger with stored set up parameters for fast multiple device programming.
- OEM Users and programmers can control all setup and operating commands directly from the User device and can be altered “on the fly.”
- Handshaking with hardware RTS/CTS signals or software XON/XOF commands allows flow control to prevent buffer overrun.
- Bi-directional data transfers. Data can be transmitted both directions in synthesized full-duplex, or one direction as half-duplex.
- User Programmable Receive sensitivity – High sensitivity (default) and Medium sensitivity. Default Receive Sensitivity is –95 dBm.
- Maximum legal power output of 0 dB (1.0 mW), factory calibrated.

Specifications

"The Finger" U.S.A. Specifications

Frequency Band: 902-928 MHz ISM

Standard Frequency: 916.50 MHz (USA)

Range: Up to 350 feet line-of-sight

RF Power Output: (Narrowband)

0 dB (1.0 mW) maximum legal power
output limit is calibrated by the factory.

Receive Sensitivity: -95 dBm

General Specifications apply to all models

Interface: Serial, Asynchronous

Logic Level: TTL (see DC Specifications)

Connector Gender:

Female 9-pin

Addresses:

Up to 254 User assignable addresses.

Data Rate, over-the-air:

20 Kbps

Data Rate, Sustained Throughput:

10 Kbps

Serial Interface Communications:

1200 bps. to 38,400 bps.

Handshaking Options:

RTS/CTS Hardware (recommended)

XON/XOF Software

Communications Options:

Bits: 7, 8

Parity: None, Odd, Even

Stop Bits: One, Two

Error Correction/Detection:

ARQ (ACK/NAQ automatic retries).

User defined retry attempts number

Setup:

1. Factory Defaults (works right out of the box)
2. User Custom Set Up
3. Batch File User Custom Set Up

Dimensions:

3.0"L x 0.60" Body dia. x 0.25" Neck dia.

Weight: Less than 2 oz.

Power:

Current: 6 mA Typical

Operating Voltage Range:

+5.0VDC Typical

+3.3VDC Minimum

+15.0 VDC Maximum

Operating Temperature:

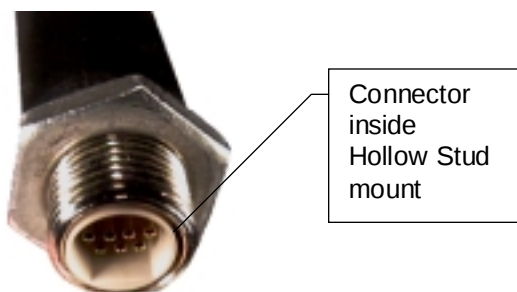
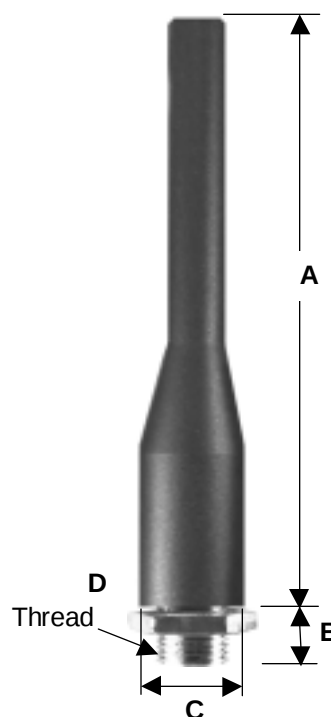
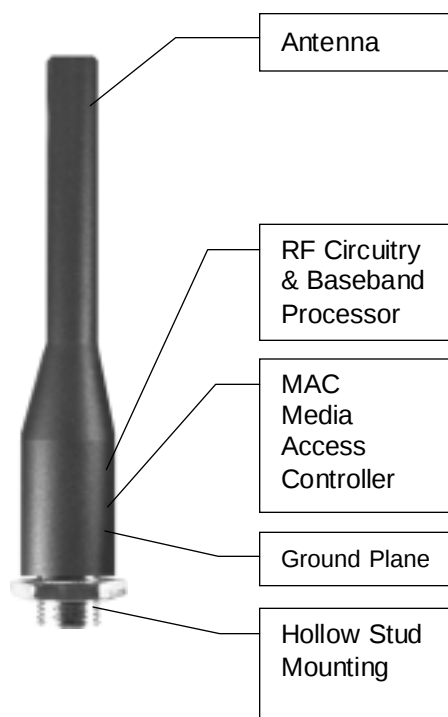
"Industrial Range": -40C to 85C

Warranty:

One year, parts and labor, factory.

Country of Origin: United States of America

Dimensions



	Inches	
A	3.00	Typical Length
B	0.25	Typical stud Length
C	0.60	Typical Body Diameter
D Thread	3/8-32	Hollow stud diameter
Stud material: Brass, Nickel-plated Sheath Material: Geloy		

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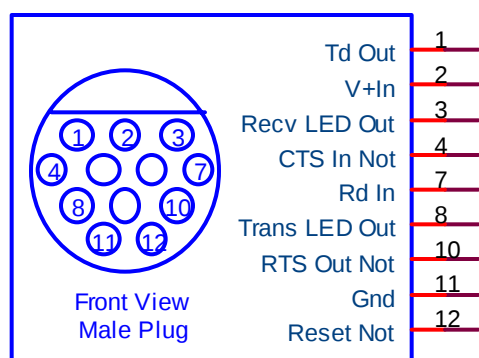
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Pin Terminal Functions

Terminal Name	Pin	I/O	Function Description
Rd In	7	I	Receive Data Input – This pin is the input to the USART Asynchronous Data input of the Data Radio. Data input to this pin will be transmitted by the data radio.
Td Out	1	O	Transmit Data Output – This pin is the output from the USART Asynchronous Data output of the Data Radio. Data output from this pin has been RF received by the Data Radio and will be sent to the Host Device at logic levels.
CTS In Not	4	I	Clear To Send (active low) – This input pin is commonly attached to the RTS Not output of the Host Device. Tie this input to Ground if unused (do not allow to float.) 1. If the Data Radio has data to send to the Host, it will assert an active low logic level on the Data Radio RTS pin to the Host device CTS input. The Host Device will respond by setting a logic low from its RTS pin attached to this input pin indicating that the Host device attached to the data Radio is ready to receive data from the TD Out pin of the Data Radio. 2. If the Host Device has data to send to the Data Radio, it will assert an active low on its RTS pin which is connected to this Data Radio CTS pin. The Data Radio will respond by asserting the Data Radio RTS output pin active
RTS Out Not	10	O	Request To Send (active low) – This output pin is commonly attached to the CTS Not input of the Host Device. 1. If the Data Radio has data to send to the Host Device, it will assert an active low logic level on its RTS output to the Host device CTS input. The Host Device will respond by setting a logic low on from its RTS own output to the CTS input pin of the Data Radio indicating that the Host device attached to the data Radio is ready to receive data from the TD Out pin of the Data Radio. 2. If the Host Device has data to send to the Data Radio, it will assert an active low on its RTS pin which is connected to the Data Radio CTS pin. The Data Radio will respond by asserting this Data Radio RTS output pin active low which is connected to the Host Device CTS input pin. At which point the Host Device will send data to the Data Radio to be received on the RD In Data Radio pin.
Recv LED Out	3	O	Receive LED Output - An active high on this pin drives an external LED and indicates the Data Radio is receive data input from some source (although the RF data activity may not be targeted for this particular data radio).
Trans LED Out	8	O	Transmit LED Output – An active high on this pin drives an external LED and indicates the Data Radio is Transmitting RF data from the data radio.
Reset Not	12	I	Reset – Reset will reset all activity to an initial power-up state. This pin is an active low.
+Vin	2	I	Vcc positive power supply input.
Gnd	11	-	Signal, Power and RF ground.
NC	5	-	No connection.
NC	6	-	No connection.
NC	9	-	No connection.



Connection Diagrams

The Finger data Radio may be connected to any device capable of sending and/or receiving serial data and handshaking commands in the industry standard serial data transfer format.

Typical serial hosting devices are:

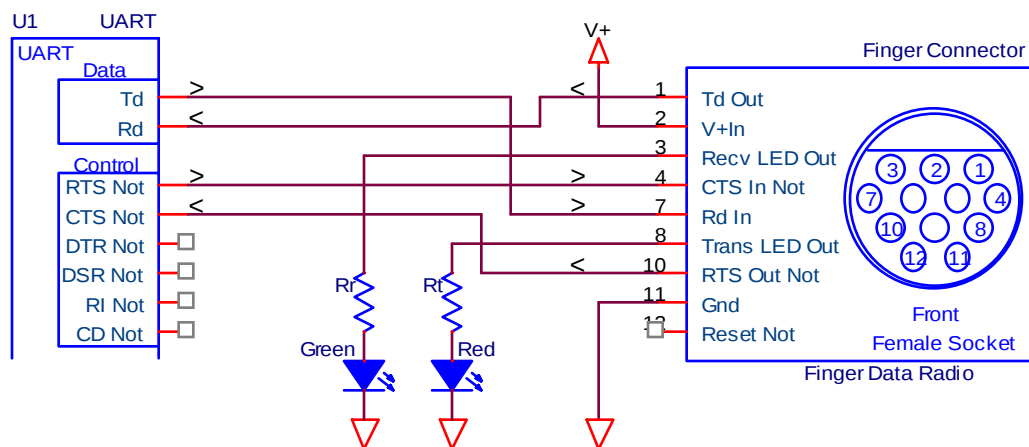
1. UART with full RTS/CTS handshaking
2. Microprocessor/microcontroller with embedded UART and port-generated RTS/CTS handshaking
3. Microprocessor/microcontroller with port-generated Td and Rd serial data and RTS/CTS handshaking
4. Remote Hosting through an interface such as RS232, RS422 and RS485.

Flow Control - It should be noted that although Hardware RTS/CTS handshaking is strongly urged as the preferred method of Flow Control, The Finger data radio is also capable of handling software XON/XOF handshaking protocol. Thus for Host Devices incapable of generating RTS/CTS hardware handshaking, the two data signals Td and Rd may suffice using XON/XOF software handshaking protocol.

LED indicator Lamps – Although the representative circuits are shown with LED “Transmit” and “Receive” lamps which aid in diagnostic and everyday operation, the User can elect to use an optional version of The Finger with LED lamps built into the body of The Finger itself, or wire the LED outputs from The Finger directly into the Host microcontroller ports for on-screen display in the Users device.

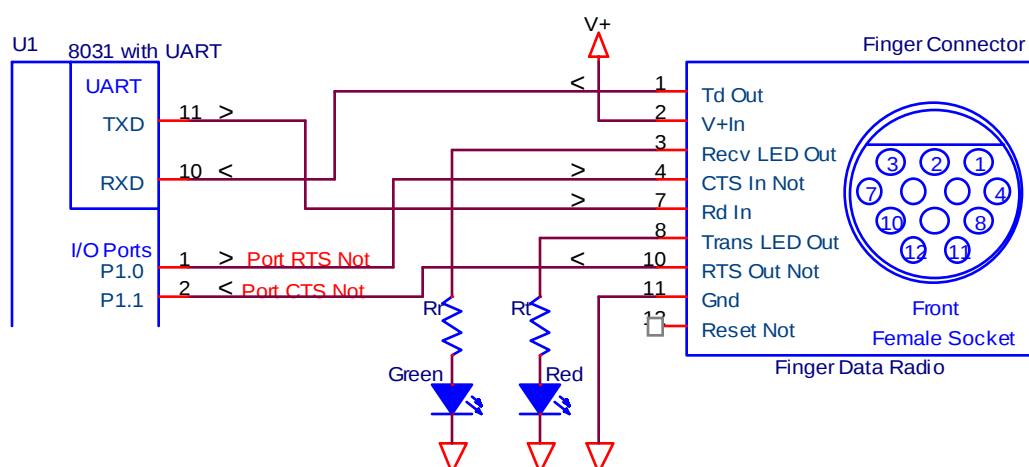
Connection to UART with Full RTS/CTS Handshaking.

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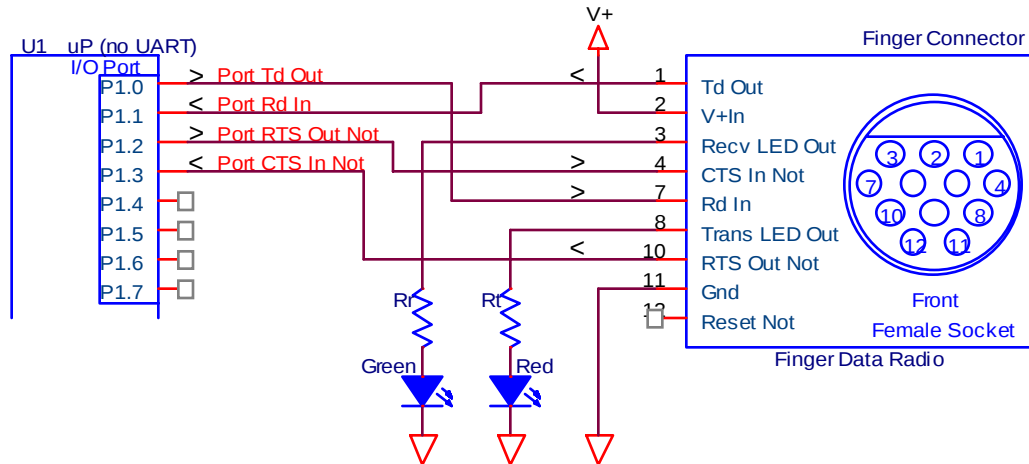
Connection to Microprocessor/Microcontroller with embedded UART and port-generated RTS/CTS handshaking.

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Connection to Microprocessor/Microcontroller with port-generated Td and Rd serial data and RTS/CTS handshaking.

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Remote Hosting through an Interface such as RS232 (or RS422 and RS485).

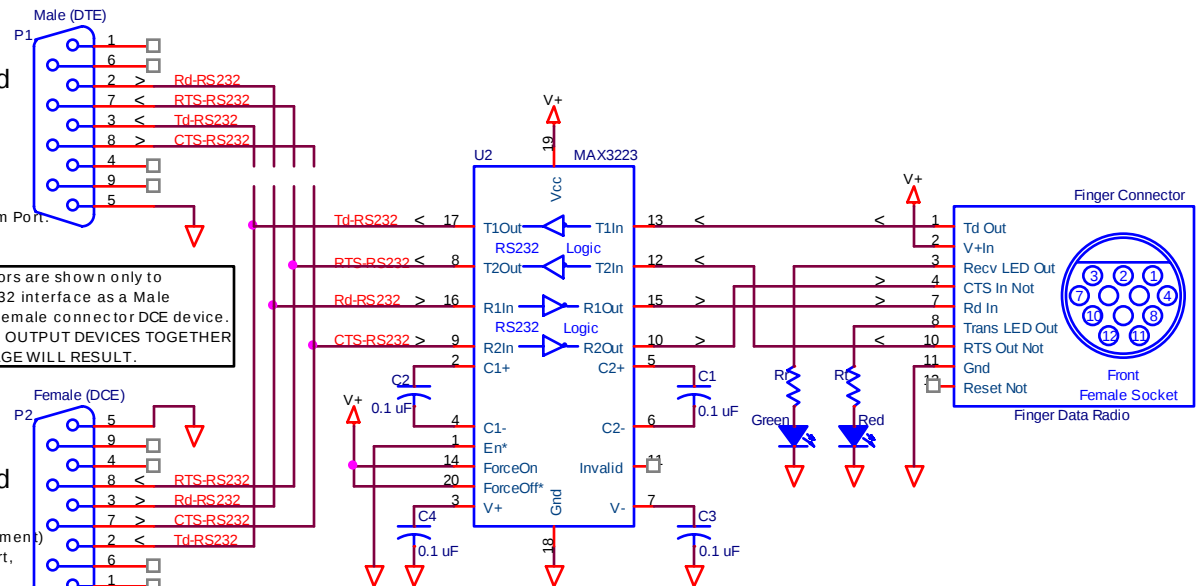
Male D9 connector wired as DTE device

(Data Terminal Equipment)
Wired like a PC Serial Port,
this configuration requires a
"Null Cross" cable when
connecting to a PC Serial Com Port.

Female D9 connector wired as DCE device

(Data Communications Equipment)
Wired like a Modem serial port,
this configuration requires a
"Straight" cable when connecting
to a PC Serial Com Port.

WARNING! The two connectors are shown only to illustrate how to wire an RS232 interface as a Male connector DTE device OR a Female connector DCE device. NEVER CONNECT TWO RS232 OUTPUT DEVICES TOGETHER SIMULTANEOUSLY OR DAMAGE WILL RESULT.

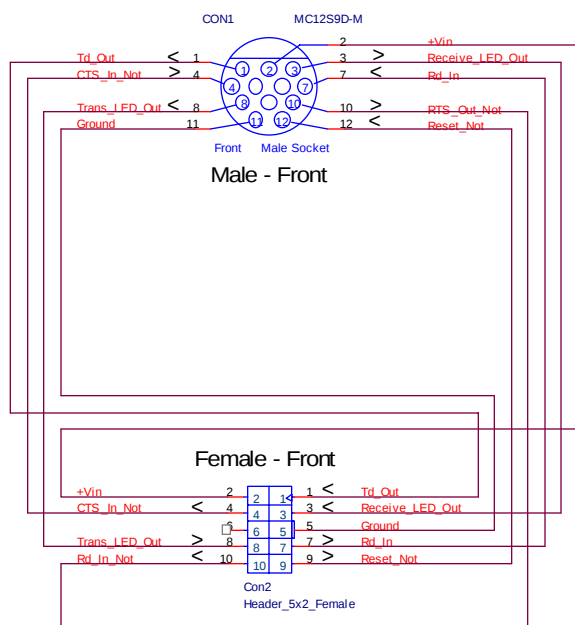


Cable Wiring

Data Hunter offers a standard interface cable for use with the Developers Kit and for OEM production. However, the 2x5 female connector on the Users side of the cable assembly may be too large or the OEM may desire a different connector configuration for the OEMs' Host Device. Although Data Hunter attempts to pass on the benefits of its large quantity buying power and make these standard cables available cost effectively, the OEM customer may find it more cost effective on specialized cable assemblies to fabricate cables through The connector manufacturer or third party sources.

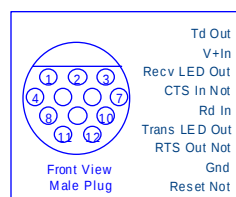
Omnetics is the manufacturer of the miniature circular connector which interfaces directly to The Finger data radio (see Omnetics contact information below). Omnetics can manufacture a custom cable which has the OEMs' choice of connector on the Host side. Alternately Omnetics can supply cables with an un-terminated wire pigtail bundle using the OEMs' specified wire length, which the OEM can then make into a custom cable assembly or have assembled by a third-party cable assembler.

Schematic of "Standard" Cable Assembly



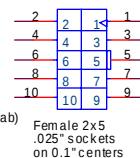
Wiring Table of "Standard" Cable Assembly

Omnetics Male
Circular Connector
to Data Radio



1	Td_Out	>	1
2	+Vin	>	2
3	Receive_LED_Out	>	3
4	CTS_In_Not	<	4
5	No Connect		
6	No Connect		
7	Rd_In	<	7
8	Trans_LED_Out	>	8
9	No Connect		
10	RTS_Out_Not	>	10
11	Ground	<	5 (Key tab)
12	Reset_Not	<	9
	No Connect		6

Basic "Standard"
and Developer Kit
Rectangular 2x5
Connector to Host



(Photo of cable assy to be added)

Contact Information for

Omnetics Connector Corporation, Sales Dept., 7260 Commerce Circle East Minneapolis, MN 55432 USA

Tel: 800/343-0025

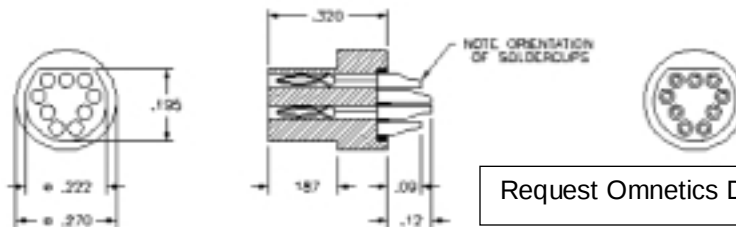
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Omnetics 9-PIN MALE CIRCULAR CONNECTOR w/SOLDERCUPS DWG NO. A11099

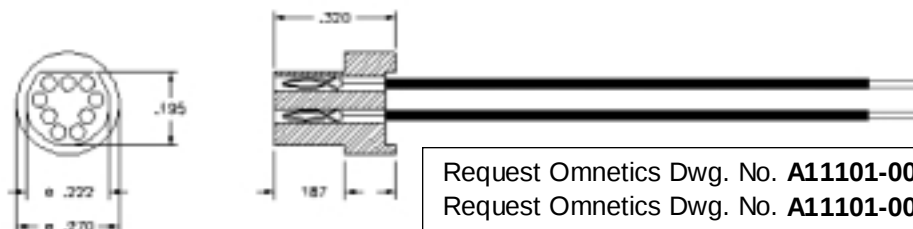
Loose connector for OEM or
3rd party cable assembly.



Request Omnetics Dwg. No. **A11099**

Omnetics 9-PIN MALE CIRCULAR CONNECTOR 2 inch wire pigtail A11101-001 18 inch wire pigtail A11101-002

Loose connector with
wire pigtails for OEM or
3rd party cable assembly.



Request Omnetics Dwg. No. **A11101-001**
Request Omnetics Dwg. No. **A11101-002**

Electrical Characteristics

Electrical Characteristics	Sym	Notes	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Current – with NO external LEDs						
Current – Receive Mode – no RF activity – no external LED				6		mA
Current – Receive Mode – RF activity – no external LED				7		mA
Current – Transmit Mode – as Initiator – no external LED				7		mA
Current – Transmit Mode – as Target (ACK back) – no external LED				6		mA
Current – with external LEDs						
Current – Receive Mode – no RF activity – with external LED		1		6		mA
Current – Receive Mode – RF activity – with external LED		1		11		mA
Current – Transmit Mode – as Initiator – with external LED		1		11		mA
Current – Transmit Mode – as Target (ACK back) - with external LED		1		10		mA
Voltage						
Operating Voltage			+3.5	+5	+15	V _{dc}
Operating Voltage – Low voltage exceptions			+3.0			V _{dc}
Operating Voltage – Internal from built-in LDO regulator			+3.3			V _{dc}
Brown-out detector voltage threshold - Internal			+2.8			V _{dc}
External Voltage when internal brown-out detector threshold			tbd			V _{dc}
RF Characteristics						
Operating Frequency			916.30	916.50	916.70	MHz
Modulation Type :Keyed Carrier						
Transmitter Power Output (Factory calibrated for Maximum U.S.A. Legal Power)			0	1.0		mW
Data Rates						
Over-the-Air RF Data Rate				20		kbps
UART Serial Input/Output			1.2		38.4	kbps
True Usable Extracted Data Rate (when all overhead characters and delays are subtracted, including AGC stabilization characters, Packet To/From/ID/Checksum characters, Interpacket ACK/NAK wait, etc.)				7.5	8.0	kbps
Event Timing						
Time from end of first character UART entry to RF Start-of-Transmission				Tbd		
Time between RF packets to all for ACK/NAK from the Target				Tbd		
Time from Initial Power-up to RF Start-of-Transmission				Tbd		
Time from Forced Reset to RF Start-of-Transmission				Tbd		
All specifications subject to change without notice.						

Operating Ambient Temperature

