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1 SCOPE

This document is a detailed technical specification for the RFID UHF Short Range Controller (RF2400). It provides a comprehensive description of the hardware with detailed design notes and a complete functional description of the product. This document contains ***proprietary and confidential*** information and is ***not*** intended to be used as an end user's manual.

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REVISION HISTORY

1.0 11/28/07 Initial Release

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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The following documents form part of this specification to the extent specified herein. In the event of a conflict between the requirements of this specification and the associated product drawings, referenced documents or firmware listings, the drawings, documents and listings shall take precedence.

3.1 SPECIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

MIT Auto-ID Center – Operational Specification for a UHF Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) System – Part I. Class 1 UHF Devices - May 29, 2002

MIT Auto-ID Center – Technical Report - 860MHz–930MHz Class 1 Radio Frequency Identification Tag Radio Frequency & Logical Communication Interface Specification Candidate Recommendation, Version 1.0.1 – November 14, 2002

EPC™ Radio-Frequency Identity Protocols Class-1 Generation-2 UHF RFID Protocol for Communications at 860 MHz – 960 MHz Version 1.0.9 – January 31, 2005

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3.2 REFERENCE MATERIAL

Texas Instrument – TMS320F2808 Data Manual – SPRS230H – October 2003-Revised June 2006

Chipcon AS / Texas Instrument – CC1070 Single Chip Low Power RF Transmitter for Narrowband Systems – SWRS043 - Rev 1.3

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Linear Technology – LT6231 – 215MHz, Rail-to-Rail Output, 1.1nV/Hz^{1/2}, 3.5mA Op Amp Family – sn623012 623012fs

Analog Devices – ADG723 – CMOS, Low Voltage, 4Ω Dual SPST Switch – Rev B - C00045-0-2/07(B)

Analog Devices – ADG823 - <1 Ω 1.8V to 5.5V, Dual SPST Switch – REV.0 – C02851-0-8/02(0)

4 OVERVIEW

The RF2400 RFID Controller is a low cost implementation of a UHF RFID reader designed specifically for short range applications. The Controller has been designed to read, write, and verify EPC Class 1 and Generation 2 tags, is implemented as a single electronics module and requires a separate antenna. (Refer to Figure 4-1)

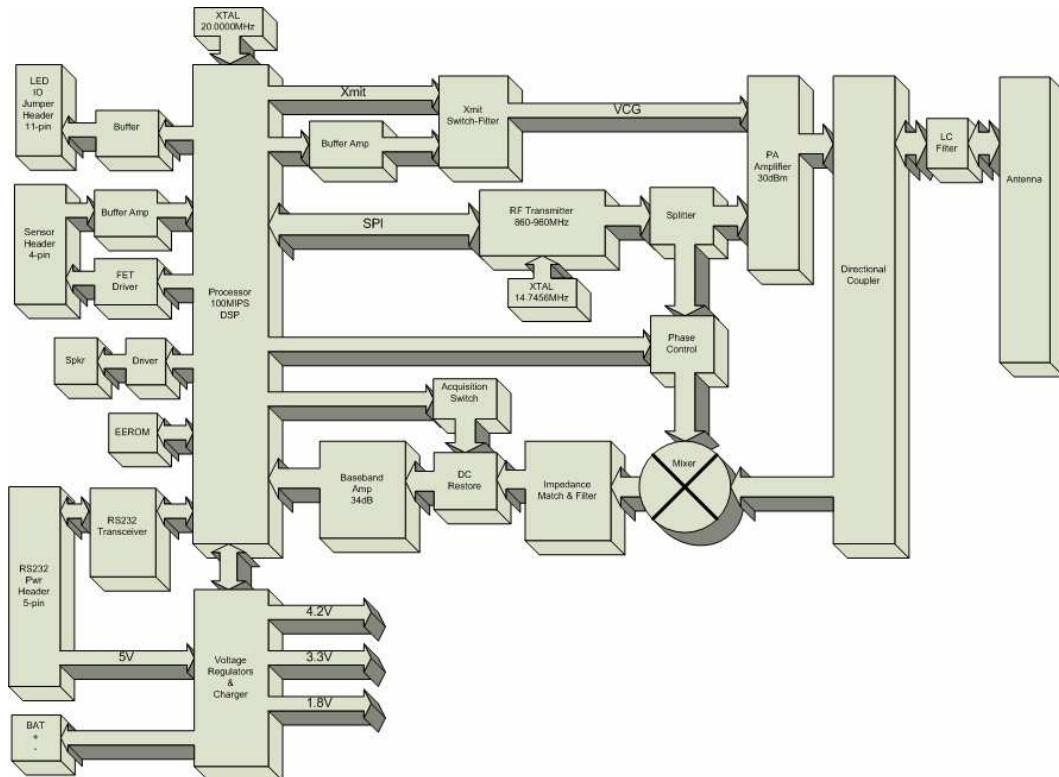


Figure 4-1 RF2400 Block Diagram

4.1 DSP PROCESSOR

The heart of the RF controller is a 100 MIPS DSP processor. The processor communicates with the host over an RS232 interface using a media independent protocol. Message packets from the host direct all RF2400 reader operations and upon completion the processor sends a response packet.

The processor is interfaced to a highly integrated single chip UHF transmitter/VCO over an SPI bus which provides the RF carrier and Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS) signaling. Using a PWM the processor establishes the gain of a RF amplifier and amplitude shift keys (ASK) modulates the carrier by switching this signal on/off.

The processor demodulates the backscatter signal from a tag using a high-pass filter and a FET switch to remove the DC component from the signal and samples the output of the base-band amplifier using a 12-bit A/D input. The processor phase locks to the signal, synchronizes to clock edges, and follows the average signal level/gain to properly decode the data.

Additionally, the processor controls an optical sensor to identify the presence of a tag to implement auto interrogation. A scheme involving modulation of the sensor emitter and demodulation of the reflected signal is used as a means to suppress ambient light and improve the reliability of the sensor. The sensor input can be configured as a switch input and used to manually trigger reads.

Finally, the processor drives several LEDs to indicate power, activity and error conditions as well as a speaker to attract user attention.

4.2 TRANSMITTER CIRCUITRY

An integrated single chip transmitter is used and controlled by the DSP processor to produce the RF carrier required to communicate with a UHF RFID tag. Additionally, this component incorporates the necessary circuitry to implement Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS) signaling for noisy environments and to meet agency spectral requirements. To enhance speed of operation, the Transmitter/VCO includes dual sets of frequency control registers to allow overlapped frequency configuration during operation. UHF frequency is synthesized from an inexpensive crystal using a programmable fractional divider to achieve high resolution and is ideal for narrow band applications. An external loop filter is provided to meet the stabilization requirements imposed by FHSS.

A power splitter is used to divide the VCO output for use as both a local oscillator and RF carrier. An LC phase shifter between the splitter and mixer is used to select the in-phase and 90 degree phase components providing a mechanism to compensate for the phase of the received signal

A 2-watt GSM Power Amplifier is used to boost the RF carrier and is adjustable from 0dBm (1mW) to 24dBm (250mW). The amplifier is designed for low cost cellular phone applications and requires only a few external power filtering components. Output power is adjusted using a voltage control input from the DSP processor. A PWM output sets the voltage which is filtered by a 2-pole Sallen-Key low-pass filter. The filtered voltage is

switched to the power amplifier through two independent time constants. This shaping meets EPCTM and FCC requirements reducing transmit spurs by controlling the on and off rate of the power amplifier. The output of the amplifier is connected to the antenna using a PCB implemented directional coupler with 8dB coupling loss and directivity between 25dB and 30dB. A LC PI filter couples the output of the filter to the antenna filtering any harmonic components.

4.3 RECEIVER CIRCUITRY

Tag backscatter is coupled to a precision mixer from the directional coupler. The output of the mixer is coupled to the receiver circuitry using an impedance matching amplifier. An acquisition switched high-pass filter removes the DC component before applying the signal to the 34dB base-band amplifier/800KHz filter. The amplified signal is sampled by the DSP using a 12-bit A/D input. The DSP processor tracks the average value of the signal; phase locks to the signal, and synchronizes to the clock edges in order to decode the data.

4.4 USER INTERFACE

The RF2400 reader is interfaced to the host using an RS232 serial connection. Commands and responses are communicated using packets. The protocol includes commands to configure and status the reader as well as commands to program and read tags. Several LED outputs and an integrated speaker provide user feedback of power, activity and error conditions. A separate optical sensor interface allows to processor to sense presence of a tag providing a means to auto interrogate the tag

4.5 POWER REGULATION

The RF2400 reader is powered from a single 5volt power source and requires only 900 mA to provide 24dBm(250mW) of RF power. Main 5 volt power is converted to 4.2 volts by a Li-Ion battery charger. This can charge an optional battery for portable operations. The 4.2V power is used directly by the RF power amplifier but also feeds the 3.3volt low noise RF power and 1.8 volt processor core voltage LDO regulators.

4.6 BATTERY OPERATION

An optional 3.7V 3200mA/hr Li-Ion battery can be used for remote operation. A battery charging circuit maintains the battery voltage between 4.0 and 4.1V. In order to extend battery life and prevent overheating and the possibility of explosion, both the battery and charging circuit include protection circuitry. Additionally, firmware monitors the charge state and shuts down the charger when the battery is fully charged.

While operating on battery, steps have been taken to reduce the operating current in order to extend the operational time between charges. Normally the processor runs at 100MHz, which is required while accessing tags. When idle, the processor clock is decreased to 20 MHz, greatly reducing the required current.

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FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The RF2400 reader is a radio frequency identification (RFID) communication interface designed specifically for short range applications. The reader interfaces to a host processor with an industry standard RS232 or optional USB interface adapter using a media independent protocol. The RF2400 reader supports the reader commanded functionality required for both the Auto-ID Center Class1 and Gen 2 Tags operating in the frequency range of 860MHz-960MHz.

5.1 HOST PROTOCOL

This section describes the format and commands for the bi-directional communication between the RF2400 reader and the host including command codes, parameters, and response data.

Commands are divided into several code groups:

00 – 1F	setting and retrieving RF2400 reader parameters
20 – 3F	reader-to-tag modulation commands that return a single response message
40 – 4F	reader-to-tag modulation commands that result in a tag-list response
50 – 5F	tag programming commands
60...6F	setting and retrieving RF2400 reader configuration data
D0 – DF	loading RF2400 firmware code
F0 – FF	reserved for managing a tag list

The following section describes the binary protocol for serial communication between the host and the RF2400 Module. This protocol is media independent and can be implemented using RS232, USB, or other serial interfaces

5.1.1 Message Format

Messages encapsulate commands from the host and responses from the RF2400 reader that are sent as packets over the serial interface between the host and the RF2400 reader.

5.1.1.1 Message Packet Format

Messages between the host and reader are binary data packets, consisting of a message payload encapsulated with two bytes preceding any message ([DLE][SOM]) and two bytes completing any message ([DLE][EOM]). All communications are initiated by the host. (Refer to Figure 5-1 and Table 5-1)

Note: ITEMS IN PARENTHESIS (...) ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR ALL MESSAGES.



Figure 5-1 Message Packet Format

Token	Description
[DLE]	Data Link Escape token; 0x10
[SOM]	Start of Message token; 0x01
[EOM]	End of Message token; 0x02

Table 5-1 Message Encapsulation Characters

In order to avoid ambiguities, if a data value in the payload is a DLE (0x10) character, the DLE (0x10) is repeated as the message packet is formed.

5.1.1.2 Host-to-Reader Payload

The host to reader payload includes a session identification [SessionID], a target reader number [Reader#], a command to execute [Command], optional command data (CommandData), followed by a two byte CRC [CRC-CCITT16]. (Refer to Figure 5-2 and Table 5-2)



Figure 5-2 Host to Reader Payload Format

5.1.1.3 Reader-to-Host Payload

The reader to host payload includes a session identification [**SessionID**], a target reader number [**Reader#**], the command executed [**CommandEcho**], type of communication [**CommCode**], optional response data (**responseData**), followed by a two byte CRC [**CRC-CCITT16**]. (Refer to Figure 5-3, Table 5-2 and Table 5-3)

[SessionID]	[Reader#]	[CommandEcho]	[CommCode]	(responseData)	[CRC-CCITT16]
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Figure 5-3 Reader to Host Payload Format

Payload Field	Description
[SessionID]	Single-byte value. Every command gets a new number defined by the host. Every response matches the session ID of the initiating command. Normal session IDs can range from 0x01 to 0xFF. A SessionID of 0x00 in a command message forces the reader to repeat the previous response. This feature allows the Host to request the previous response in case of a communication error.
[Reader #]	Single-byte value. In a Host command, a Reader # of 0x00 indicates that the command is addressed to all readers. A Reader will reply to commands only if its internal RDRNUM matches or if a command is addressed to all readers. The factory default reader number is 0xFF.
[Command] [CommandEcho]	Single-byte value. Defines the command to be executed or has been executed (refer to section 5.1.2 for details).
(CommandData)	Variable length value specifying command parameters (refer to the section 5.1.2 for details)
[CommCode]	Single-byte value. Indicates the type of message or error. CommType < 0x80 indicates that a valid command was received. CommType >= 0x80 indicates that an error occurred, either in the command format, parameters, or in the execution of the command. (refer to Table 5-3 for details)
(responseData)	Contains a variable number of bytes (including none) (refer to section 5.1.1.4 for details).
[CRC-CCITT16]	Two bytes of CRC-CCITT16 polynomial ($X^{16}+X^{12}+X^5+1$) seed 0xFFFF. The CRC is calculated over all data from Session ID to Response Data inclusive. DLE packetization is not included into the CRC. The CRC is sent MSB first, LSB last.

Table 5-2 Command/Response Payload Fields

CommCode	Description	
0x00	MSGOK	Success
0x01	STARTINV	Starting inventory message
0x02	TAGINV	Tag Data inventory message
0x03	ENDINV	Ending inventory message
0x04	STARTLIST	Starting list dump
0x05	RECLIST	List dump data record
0x06	ENDLIST	End of list dump
0x07	STARTDIAG	Starting diagnostic message
0x08	DIAGDATA	Diagnostic data message
0x09	ENDDIAG	End of diagnostic message
0x0A	UPLOADOK	Upload line success
0x0B	UPLOADEND	Upload complete
0x0C	SUSPEND	Reader entering suspend state
0x0D	RESUME	Reader resuming from suspend state
0x40	NO PASSW	Kill password is locked, can't be read
0x41	LOCKNPW	EPC locked but Kill password not set because locked
0x81	UNKLEN	Unknown message length
0x82	UNKVAL	Unknown value
0x83	UNKCMD	Unknown command
0x84	UNKTAGCMD	Unknown or disabled tag command
0x85	OVRERR	Overflow error on directed list entry
0x86	NOTAG	No tag to read or program
0x87	ERASEFAIL	Erase failure
0x88	PROGFAIL	Program data verification error
0x89	TAGLOCK	Tag is locked, cannot program error
0x8A	KILLFAIL	Kill failure
0x8B	LOCKFAIL	Lock attempt failure
0x8C	DATASIZE	Tag data memory size mismatch
0x8D	HWERR	Hardware error
0x8E	LISTFULL	List for directed inventory is full
0x8F	UPLOADERR	Upload line contained an error
0x90	UPLOADINV	Command invalid for bootloader
0x91	UPLOADCRC	Upload Program Memory CRC Error
0x92	NVFAIL	EEPROM error
0x93	RESV	Reserved
0x94	RESV	Reserved
0x95	UNKIDLEN	Unknown ID Length
0x96	TAGLOST	Tag lost after earlier communication
0x97	TAGNXM	Addressed word doesn't exist
0x98	LOGFULL	EEPROM ID storage is full

Table 5-3 Communication Codes

CommCode < 0x80 indicates a successful operation, CommCode >= 0x80 indicates an error condition of some kind.

5.1.1.4 Response Data Formats

The following sub-sections detail specific response data formats

5.1.1.4.1 Simple Command Response

The RF2400 reader responds to a simple command (for example getting a reader parameter) with the specified number of bytes.

5.1.1.4.2 Low-Level Command Response

In response to a tag-related low-level command such as *Get Tag ID*. The Response Data is sent to the Host in the following format (Refer to Figure 5-4 and Table 5-4)

[TagDecodeStatus]	[Antenna#]	(TagDataLength)	(TagData)
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Figure 5-4 Low-Level Command Response

Low-Level Field	Description
[TagDecodeStatus]	Single-byte value indicating status of data acquisition by a low-level command 0x00 – Good ID 0x01 – No tag 0x02 – Collision 0x03 – CRC Error (returned for Get Tag ID only) Bit4 – Kill password is locked Bit5 – Access password is locked
[Antenna #]	Single-byte value indicating the Antenna number used for the current air interface transaction. The only valid value for the RF2400 is 0x00
(TagDataLength)	Length of Tag Data in bytes Included for TagDecodeStatus of 0x00 "GoodID and 0x03 "CRC Error" only
(TagData)	Variable length defined by TagDataLength. Data is sent MSB first ending with the LSB of the last byte. Included for TagDecodeStatus of 0x00 "GoodID and 0x03 "CRC Error" only

Table 5-4 Low-Level Response Fields

5.1.1.4.3 Error Response

The RF2400 reader responds to every host command except when a communication error is detected. If a reader detects a CRC Error in a host payload, the message will be ignored. However, if the host detects a CRC Error, it may request the previous response by sending a packet with a [SessionID] of zero.

If the host payload is less than four bytes long including the two bytes of CRC (no Reader# or Command) the reader will ignore the message. If the payload is four bytes

long including the two bytes of CRC (no Command), the reader will respond with a 0x81 UNKLEN “unknown message length” [CommCode].

5.1.2 Reader Commands

The RF2400 controller responds to numerous commands using the media independent format described in paragraph 5.1. These commands provide a mechanism to configure (**Set**) the reader as well as retrieve (**Get**) reader status. The reader will respond to all **Set** commands with an echo of [SessionID], [Reader#], [CommandEcho], and [CommCode] followed by a two byte CRC [CRC-CCITT16] as described in paragraph 5.1.1.3. The reader will respond to all **Get** commands with an echo of [SessionID], [Reader#], [CommandEcho], [CommCode] and a variable length (**responseData**) field followed by a two byte CRC [CRC-CCITT16] as described in paragraphs 5.1.1.3 and 5.1.1.4.

Any command may result in a [CommCode] of one of the following: MSGOK, UNKLEN, UNKVAL, and UNKCMD as defined in Table 5-1. Other possible codes are identified in the description of the specific command. If the RF2400 has been initialized into its integral bootloader firmware, there will be no response to host reader commands

5.1.2.1 Get Firmware Version (0x00)

The Reader will reply with five (5) bytes specifying Localization Code, Reader Type, and Firmware Version Number. Response data is in binary hex format.

The localization code and the reader type are stored in non-volatile memory and automatically configured for USA (0x01) operation on the initial firmware upload. Subsequent firmware updates preserve the existing configuration in non-volatile memory.

Command Code	Command Data				Response Data			
	Size	Valid Values			Size	Valid Values		
0x00	0 Bytes	--				5 Byte	1st Byte -- Localization Code 0x01 -- USA 0x02 -- Japan 0x03 -- E.U. 2nd Byte -- Reader Type 0x09 -- RF1200 Reader 0x0A -- RF2400 Reader 3rd Byte -- 0x00 4th Byte -- Major Revision # 5th Byte -- Minor Revision #	

Table 5-5 Get Firmware Version

COMMAND	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Cmd 00	CRCH 54	CRCL 0C	DLE 10	EOM 02
RESPONSE	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Echo 00	Mtype 00	Local 01	Rtype 09	Nused 00
									FverH 0A
									FverL 75
									CRCH A8
									CRCL 10
									DLE 02
									EOM 02

Get Firmware Version Example

Note: this example reflects firmware version V0.10

5.1.2.2 Set Baud Rate (0x03)

This command will only accept 0 thru 5 as valid data fields. The reader will respond to the command at the old baud rate before changing to the new rate. The updated baud rate will be stored in non-volatile memory replacing the previous value. *The factory default setting is 19,200 baud using 8 data bits, no parity, and one stop bit.*

If the user inadvertently sets the baud rate to one not supported by the host, a hardware reset is provided. Disconnect power from the board, connect pins 1 to 2 of the 11 pin connector, re-connect power. The EEPROM will be reset to defaults (19,200 baud).

Command Code	Command Data			Response Date	
	Size	Valid Values		Size	Valid Values
0x03	1 Bytes	Baud Rate 0x00 9,600 0x01 19,200 (default) 0x02 38,400 0x03 57,600 0x04 115,200		0 Byte	--

Table 5-6 Set Baud Rate

5.1.2.3 Set IO Port Value (0x05)

Sets or clears specified output port pins. Ports start at LSB corresponding to physical port 0 and are bitmapped toward the MSB. The RF 2400 has two bi- directional IO ports. Bits in the send data with no corresponding physical port will be ignored. Additionally, since the RF2400 IO ports are bi-directional, the value will be ignored in the case of the corresponding port pin defined as input. A bit value of 1 in the send data will cause the corresponding port to be driven high. A bit value of 0 will cause the corresponding port pin to be pulled low. A Get Reader Hardware Information command can be issued to determine the number and type of output ports available. The Set Bi-Directional I/O DDR and Get Bi-Directional I/O DDR commands may be used to setup and determine the I/O port configuration.

Command Code	Command Data			Response Date		
	Size	Valid Values		Size	Valid Values	
0x05	1 Bytes	0x00 -- 0xFF		0 Byte	--	

Table 5-7 Set IO Port Value

COMMAND	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Cmd	Data	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM
	10	01	01	FF	05	01	F8	26	10	02
RESPONSE	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Echo	Mtype	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM
	10	01	01	FF	05	00	E8	07	10	02

Set IO Port Value Example

5.1.2.4 Get IO Port Value (0x06)

This command returns the current state of the input port pins. Response data is a bitmap with the LSB corresponding to physical port 0. The RF2400 reader has two bi-directional ports and will return a 0 bit value for all remaining bit positions. Additionally, since the RF2400 IO ports are bi-directional, any port defined as an output will return the current level of the IO port. A Get Reader Hardware Information command can be issued to request the hardware configuration. The Set Bi-Directional I/O DDR and Get Bi-Directional I/O DDR commands may be used to setup and determine the I/O port configuration.

Command Code	Command Data						Response Data					
	Size	Valid Values					Size	Valid Values				
0x06	0 Bytes	--						1 Byte	0x00 -- 0xFF			

Table 5-8 Get IO Port Value

COMMAND	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Cmd	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM		
	10	01	01	FF	06	34	CA	10	02		
RESPONSE	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Echo	Mtype	Data	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM
	10	01	01	FF	06	00	01	17	0F	10	02

Get IO Port Value Example

Note: this example assumes that the SET IO Port and Set Bi-Directional I/O DDR examples have been executed first

5.1.2.5 Get Reader Status (0x0F)

This command returns operating status information from the reader. The sensor status returns the state of the optical sensor indicating the presence of a tag for subsequent RFID interrogation.

Command Code	Command Data						Response Data					
	Size	Valid Values					Size	Valid Values				
0x0F	1 Bytes	0x00 General Status 0x10 Get Sensor Status						1 Byte	0x01 Tag Present (Reflection)			

Table 5-9 Get Reader Status

Note: When getting general status, if the EEPROM log is full, the Mtype returned will be 0x98 (LOGFULL).

COMMAND	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Cmd	Sub	Rpt	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM
	10	01	01	FF	0F	10	10	3D	F7	10	02
RESPONSE	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Echo	Mtype	Data	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM
	10	01	01	FF	0F	00	01	BF	73	10	02

Get Sensor Status Example (with reflection)

5.1.2.6 Get Reader Hardware Information (0x11)

The Get Reader Hardware Information command provides a mechanism for the host to identify various aspects of the hardware. Command Data values are used to select specific parameters.

Command Code	Command Data		Response Data	
	Size	Valid Values	Size	Valid Values
0x11	1 Byte	0x01 – Get Bidirectional ports (1)	1 Byte	Bitmap: bit 0 -- port 0 bit 1 -- port 1 bit N -- port N 0= not-existent -- 1= exists
	1 Byte	0x02 – Get Flags	1 Byte	Bitmap Bit 0 = ignore host command CRC
	1 Byte	0x05 – Get Reader Type (1)	1 Byte	Reader Type 0x09 -- Single RFID Reader
	1 Byte	0x06 – Localization Code (1)	1 Byte	Localization Code 0x01 -- USA 0x02 -- Japan 0x03 -- E.U.
	1 Byte	0x07 – Radio Type (1)	1 Byte	Upper Nibble -- # of Antennas 0x0 -- One Antenna Lower Nibble – Frequency Band 0x1 -- 868MHz 0x2 -- 915MHz 0x3 -- 950MHz
	1 Byte	0x11 -- Tag Class	1 Byte	Bitmap: bit 0 – Class1 bit 1 – Gen2
	1 Byte	0x17 – Paper Sensor Trigger	1 Byte	Bitmap: bit 0 – enabled bit 1 – 0=reflection, 1=no reflection bit 3 – persistent Bit 4 – use switch instead of sensor Bit 5 – store ID in EEPROM
	1 Byte	0x18 – Get TagID & Raw ID Retries	1 Byte	TagID & Raw ID -- # of Retries 0x00 – 0xFF
	1 Byte	0x20 – Get Tx power step 0	2 Bytes	Tx power
	1 Byte	0x21 – Get Tx power step 1	2 Bytes	Tx power
	1 Byte	0x22 – Get Tx power step 2	2 Bytes	Tx power
	1 Byte	0x23 – Get Tx power step 3	2 Bytes	Tx power
	1 Byte	0x24 – Get Receive threshold	1 Byte	Receive threshold

Table 5-10 Get Reader Hardware Information

(1) These commands are not currently implemented (unknown value Message Type returned)

5.1.2.7 Set Reader Hardware Information (0x13)

The Set Reader Hardware Information command provides a mechanism for the host to establish various aspects of the hardware. Command Data values are used to select specific parameters.

Command Code	Command Data				Response Data	
	Size	Byte	Valid Values		Size	Valid Values
0x13	2 Byte	1st 2nd	0x02 – Set Flags Bitmap Bit 0 – set to ignore host cmd CRC		0 Bytes	
	1 Byte	1st	0x06 – Localization Code (2)		1 Byte	Reader Type 0x09 -- Single RFID Reader
	1 Byte	1st	0x07 – Radio Type (2)		1 Byte	Upper Nibble -- # of Antennas 0x0X -- One Antenna Lower Nibble – Frequency Band 0xX1 -- 868MHz 0xX2 -- 915MHz 0xX3 -- 950MHz
	2 Bytes	1st 2nd	0x11 – Tag Class Bitmap: bit 0 – Class1 bit 1 – Gen2 Both set = auto detect		0 Bytes	--
	2 Bytes	1st 2nd	0x17 – Paper Sensor Trigger Pstrs Bitmap: bit 0 – enable bit 1 – 0= reflection, 1= no reflection bit 2 – is ignored bit 3 – persistent bit 4 – use switch instead of sensor bit 5 – Store ID in EEPROM		0 Bytes	--
	2 Bytes	1st 2nd	0x18 – Set TagID & Raw ID Retries # Retries		0 Bytes	Def = 7--
	3 Bytes	1st 2,3	0x20 – Set Tx power step 0 Tx power		0 Bytes	
	3 Bytes	1st 2,3	0x21 – Set Tx power step 1 Tx power		0 Bytes	
	3 Bytes	1st 2,3	0x22 – Set Tx power step 2 Tx power		0 Bytes	
	3 Bytes	1st 2,3	0x23 – Set Tx power step 3 Tx power		0 Bytes	
	2 Bytes	1st 2nd	0x24 – Set Receive Threshold Threshold [102 (0x66) = 75mV]		0 Bytes	

Table 5-11 Set Reader Hardware Information

(2) These commands are not yet implemented (unknown value Message Type returned)

COMMAND	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Cmd	Sub	Data	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM
	10	01	01	FF	13	02	01	5E	62	10	02
RESPONSE	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Echo	Mtype	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM	
	10	01	01	FF	13	00	xx	xx	10	02	

Set Reader Hardware Example (Ignore CRC)

5.1.2.7.1 Paper Sensor Triggered Read

The paper sensor triggered read (PSTR) mode can be set-up and enabled using the “Set Hardware Information” command, sub-command 0x17. This mode is used to enable automatic tag reading based on the state of the optical reflection sensor. Using this command, triggered reading can be enabled or disabled, set to operate in host or service port mode, based on reflection or no reflection and set to persist over power cycling. The triggered read state (**pstrs**) is set using the data byte following the sub-command. The bit definitions for **pstrs** follow:

- Bit 0 enables or disables triggered reads where a one (1) indicates triggered read is enabled and a zero (0) indicates disabled.
- Bit 1 indicates which optical state is used to trigger a read where one (1) triggers the read on a no reflection and a zero (0) triggers the read on reflection. This bit is ignored when a switch is used in place of the optical sensor(bit 4 is set to a 1)
- Bit 2 is reserved and is ignored. (*used internally to indicate host vs SP mode*)
- Bit 3 establishes if the state persists over power cycles where a one (1) indicates the state persists over a power cycle and a zero (0) indicates that the state does not persist.
- Bit 4 set to one (1) indicates a switch is used instead of the sensor for triggering. When the switch contacts are closed the state is triggered.
- Bit 5 determines whether the ID data are returned or stored. A zero (0) indicates to return the ID data immediately, while a one (1) causes the data to be stored in EEPROM for future retrieval. Refer to the “Dump ID Data” command. *Bad reads are not stored in EEPROM.*

When the PSTR mode is enabled using this host command, the triggered read tag data are sent as a Binary packet in host mode or saved in EEPROM.

When storing to EEPROM, only good reads are stored. When the EEPROM log is full (496 records), the PSTR function is terminated. An error message is sent to the host with the Mtype set to 0x98 (LOGFULL).

Note: To use a switch in place of the paper sensor, wire between J3 pins 1 and 2.

5.1.2.8 Set Bi-Directional I/O DDR (0x16)

The data byte of this command defines the two bi-directional ports on the RF2400 as either inputs or outputs. The command data is saved in non-volatile memory and preserves the port definition through power interruptions. The LSB of the data byte controls port 0 and bit 1 controls port 1. A logic one defines a port as an input while a logic zero defines a port as an output. The factory default for the control byte is 0xFF setting both IO pins as inputs

Command Code	Command Data					Response Data					
	Size	Valid Values				Size	Valid Values				
0x16	1 Byte	Bitmap: 0 = output 1 = input					0 Bytes	--			

Table 5-12 Set Bi-Directional I/O DDR

COMMAND	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Cmd 16	Data 02	CRCH D2	CRCL 76	DLE 10	EOM 02
RESPONSE	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Echo 16	Mtype 00	CRCH F2	CRCL 34	DLE 10	EOM 02

Set Bi-Directional I/O DDR Example

Note: Set Bi-Directional I/O DDR must be executed for the IO pin to be valid. This example Sets port 0 as an input and port 1 as an output

5.1.2.9 Get Bi-Directional I/O DDR (0x17)

This command returns the data byte defining the bi-directional IO ports

Command Code	Command Data					Response Data					
	Size	Valid Values				Size	Valid Values				
0x17	0 Bytes	--					1 Byte	Bitmap: 0 = output 1 = input			

Table 5-13 Get Bi-Directional I/O DDR

COMMAND	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Cmd 17	CRCH 36	CRCL DA	DLE 10	EOM 02		
RESPONSE	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Echo 17	Mtype 00	Data 02	CRCH 89	CRCL 67	DLE 10	EOM 02

Get Bi-Directional I/O DDR Example

Note: this example assumes that the Set Bi-Directional I/O DDR has been executed.

5.1.3 Tag Commands

Tag type commands result in the RF2400 reader sending commands to a tag by modulating the RF carrier. Tags may respond by modulating the RF backscatter.

5.1.3.1 Sleep Tag (0x21)

This command issues an air interface SLEEP command.....(3)

Command Code	Command Data				Response Data			
	Size	Valid Values			Size	Valid Values		
0x21	0 Bytes	--			0 Bytes	--		

Table 5-14 Sleep Tag

(3) This command is not yet implemented (unknown value Message Type returned)

5.1.3.2 Get Tag ID (0x24)

This low-level command issues the required air interface commands to acquire one tag ID. CRC checking is enforced and a Good ID Tag Decode Status is only available if the CRC is validated. An ID response is only returned for a Good ID Decode status and begins with two bytes of CRC followed by either eight or twelve bytes of ID data. The LOCK and KILL fields are not included in the tag response data.

Class 1 tags are interrogated for both 64-bit and 96-bit standards. The CRC is initially calculated over the first eight bytes and over twelve bytes if the eight byte calculation fails. The Tag Data Length indicator identifies which CRC evaluated correctly

Command Code	Command Data				Response Data			
	Size	Valid Values			Size	Valid Values		
0x24	0 Bytes	--			N Bytes	Tag Type Specific		

Table 5-15 Get Tag ID

COMMAND	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Cmd 24	CRCH 30	CRCL EA	DLE 10	EOM 02
RESPONSE	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Echo 24	Mtype 00	Tsts 00	Ant# 00	Len 0E
	TAG ID 01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09

Get Tag ID Example

Note: this example assumes that the Program Tag example has been executed and both commands execute with success.

5.1.3.3 Auto Get Tag ID (0x26)

This low-level command issues the required air interface commands to repeatedly acquire tag IDs. A response message is sent for each read, the format of which is identical to the Get Tag ID command. A delay may be introduced between reads in 10ms increments. The Dly byte follows the Cmd byte. Each read with the delay of 0 consumes approximately 43mS. The operation repeats indefinitely until any other command is executed.

A flag byte (Flg) allows setting options as follows:

Bit 0 = 1Enables retries.

Bit 1 = 1Store ID in EEPROM vs. send to host.

The retry count is set with the “Set Reader Hardware Information” command, Set Tag ID & Raw ID retries with a default value of 7. With retries enabled and a count of 7 and no tag present, a total of 16 reads are done which includes 8 for each of the two RF phases. This consumes 688 mS plus any delay count. If auto class detect is enabled, this time is doubled. Auto Class Detect should be disabled, set TC=2 for Gen2.

When storing to EEPROM, only good reads are stored. When the EEPROM log is full (496 records), the Auto Get Tag ID function is terminated. A message is sent to the host with the Mtype set to 0x98 (LOGFULL).

CRC checking is enforced and a Good ID Tag Decode Status is only available if the CRC is validated. An ID response is only returned for a Good ID Decode status and begins with two bytes of CRC followed by either eight or twelve bytes of ID data. The LOCK and KILL fields are not included in the tag response data.

Class 1 tags are interrogated for both 64-bit and 96-bit standards. The CRC is initially calculated over the first eight bytes and over twelve bytes if the eight byte calculation fails. The Tag Data Length indicator identifies which CRC evaluated correctly

Command Code	Command Data					Response Data				
	Size	Valid Values				Size	Valid Values			
0x26	2 Bytes	1 st Byte--Delay in 10mS 0x00 to 0xFF- 2 nd Byte—FlagsBit 0 = 1 enable retriesBit 1 = 1 store IDs in EEPROM					N Bytes			
							Tag Type Specific			

Table 5-16 Auto Get Tag ID

COMMAND	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Cmd 26	Dly 25	Flg 01	CRCH 72	CRCL 8D	DLE 10	EOM 02
RESPONSE	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Echo 26	Mtype 00	Tsts 00	Ant# 00	Len 0E	tCRCH 89	tCRCL 7C
	TAG ID 01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B
										CRCH 1E	CRCL A1
										DLE 10	EOM 02

Auto Get Tag ID Example

Note: this example assumes that the Program Tag example has been executed and both commands execute with success.

5.1.3.4 Dump ID Data (0x28)

This command returns ID data that has been stored in EEPROM.

The Length byte indicates the number of records to return (max 16). An internal pointer tracks records sent so that a repeat of this command can fetch the next group of records. The data dump will stop when a zeroed record is encountered (end of stored data). A response is sent with the length indicating the number of records that were returned.

The imbedded EEPROM (8Kx8) can store 496 entries.

Command Code	Command Data						Response Data					
	Size	Valid Values					Size	Valid Values				
0x28	2 Bytes	1 st Byte—Subcmd 0x01 Dump after reset pointer 0x02 Dump using current pointer 0x03 Get number of records stored 0x04 Clear all records 2 nd Byte—Length in records 0x00 to 0x10						2 Bytes Number of records H/L byte				

Table 5-17 Dump ID Data Command

COMMAND	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Cmd	Sub	Len	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM
	10	01	01	FF	28	01	01	E7	23	10	02
RESPONSE											
	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Echo	Mtype	SeqH	SeqL#	Len	tCRCH	tCRCL
	10	01	01	FF	02	00	00	00	0E	89	7C
TAG ID											
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B
RESPONSE											
	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Echo	Mtype	LenH	LenL	CRCH	RPT	CRCL
	10	01	01	FF	28	00	00	01	10	10	64
									DLE	EOM	10
									02		
										CRCH	CRCL
										71	10
										EOM	02

Dump ID Data Example (Single Record)

Note: at least one record must have been previously stored in memory using SP mode Paper Sensor Triggered Read

The Dump Record indicates the stored record number in SeqH/SeqL. The Echo byte indicates which command stored this record as follows:

0x01	SP_ART	SP mode Auto Read Tag
0x02	SP_PSTR	SP mode Paper Sensor Triggered Read
0x11	H_PSTR	Host mode Paper Sensor Triggered Read
0x26	H_AUTO	Host mode Auto Get Tag ID

5.1.3.5 Get Raw Tag ID (0x3E)

This low-level command issues the required air interface commands to acquire one tag ID *without* CRC checking. Response data varies in length and is specific to tag class.

Class 1 tags return a tag data length of 12 or 16. The response begins with two bytes of CRC followed by either eight or twelve bytes of ID, a one byte kill code and ends with a one byte lock code.

Gen 2 returns a tag ID length of 22. The response begins with two bytes of CRC followed by twelve bytes of ID, a four byte kill password, and a four byte access password. Although the Gen2 specification defines long EPC codes the RF2400 only supports a 96-bit EPC. If the kill password is read/write locked the password will be returned as zeros (*note: an all zero kill password is illegal*).

The Tag Decode Status provides success or failure status for the command in addition to other status indicators. If the command was successful bits 0-3 will all be zero. A binary code of three in these bits indicates a CRC error. For a Class 1 tag, if Bits 4 & 5 are both set, the tag is locked. For a Gen 2 tag, if Bit 4 in the Tag Decode status is set, the Kill Password is locked and if Bit 5 in the Tag Decode status is set, the Access Password is locked.

Command Code	Command Data		Response Data	
	Size	Valid Values	Size	Valid Values
0x3E	0 Bytes	--	12/16 Bytes	Class 1 Tag CRC (2-bytes)ID (8 or 12 bytes) Kill Code (1-byte) Lock Code (1-byte)
			22 Bytes	Class 2 Tag CRC (2-bytes) ID (12-bytes) Kill Password (4-bytes) Access Password (4-bytes)

Table 5-18 Get Raw Tag ID

Get Raw Tag ID (Gen2) Example

Note: this example assumes that the Program Tag example has been executed and both commands execute with success.

5.1.3.6 Program Tag (0x50)

The Program Tag command writes data to the tag ID. The command includes: four control parameters and the ID data. The first three parameters (*find tag retries*, *erase retries*, and *program retries*) establish retry counters for detecting the presence of a tag, erasing the tag and finally programming the tag. The RF2400 only supports tags written in 96 bit format. Correspondingly, the only valid *ID length* is twelve (0x0C) and must match the number of ID data bytes in the command. If the Tag is Class 1, A CRC (**CRC-CCITT-16**) is generated for the 96-bits of ID data and programmed into the first two bytes in tag memory followed by the ID data. This command does not write the LOCK or KILL bytes.

If successful, a MSGOK will be returned otherwise an error code indicating the failure will be returned. Error codes (**CommCode**) include HWERR, UNKTAGCMD, UNKIDLEN NOTAG, ERASEFAIL, PROGFAIL, TAGLOST, and TAGLOCK. If the Mtype field in the response is non-zero, an error has occurred, and the tag must be considered invalid.

Command Code	Command Data				Response Data			
	Size	Valid Values			Size	Valid Values		
0x50	16 Bytes	1 st Byte—Find Tag retries 0x00-0xFF 2 nd Byte—Erase retries 0x00-0xFF 3 rd Byte—Program retries 0x00-0xFF 4 th Byte—ID Length 0x0C 5 th -16 th Bytes—ID Data (12 Bytes)			0 Bytes	--		

Table 5-19 Program Tag

COMMAND	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Cmd	Xrty	Erty	Wrty	Len	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM
Tag ID	10	01	01	FF	50	7	7	7	0C	84	33	10	02
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	
RESPONSE	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Echo	Mtype	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM			
	10	01	01	FF	50	00	5D	39	10	02			

Program Tag Example

Note: this example assumes that the command executes successfully.

5.1.3.7 Erase Tag (0x51)

The Erase Tag command erases and verifies the tag was properly erased. The command begins with a tag search which repeats up to the given number of *find tag retries* or until a valid tag is found. Subsequently, the Erase command is iterated up to the number of times defined by *erase retries* or until the erase is verified. A Class 1 tag is written with both the CRC and ID data set to zero. A Gen2 tag is written with only the ID data set to zero since the CRC is calculated by the tag. A successful operation is determined if the tag ID is erased to all zeros for both Class 1 and Gen2 tags and in addition the CRC is set to zero for a Class 1 tag.

If successful a MSGOK will be returned otherwise an error code indicating the failure will be returned. Error codes (**CommCode**) include HWERR, UNKTAGCMD, NOTAG, ERASEFAIL, TAGLOST, and TAGLOCK.

Command Code	Command Data		Response Data	
	Size	Valid Values	Size	Valid Values
0x51	2 Bytes	1 st Byte—Find Tag Retries 0x00-0xFF 2 nd Byte—Erase retries 0x00-0xFF	0 Bytes	--

Table 5-20 Erase Tag

5.1.3.8 Kill Tag (0x52)

This command permanently erases or deactivates and verifies that all tag data has been erased or will no longer respond to or execute reader commands. The command begins with a tag search which repeats up to the given number of *find tag retries* or until a valid tag is found. Subsequently, the Kill function is iterated up to the number of times defined by *kill retries* or until the Kill is verified. The RF2400 only supports tags written in 96 bit format thus the only valid *ID length* is twelve (0x0C). For Class 1 tags the calculated CRC (CRC-CCITT-16) along with the provided, *ID data*, and *kill code* must match the corresponding tag data for the kill operation to complete. For a Gen2 tag the 4-byte kill password must match the tags kill password. A successful operation is determined if all tag data has been erased or the tag will no longer responds to reader commands.

If successful a MSGOK will be returned otherwise an error code indicating the failure will be returned. Error codes (**CommCode**) include HWERR, UNKTAGCMD, NOTAG, DATASIZE, TAGLOST, TAGLOCK and KILLFAIL.

Command Code	Command Data		Response Data	
	Size	Valid Values	Size	Valid Values
0x50	19 Bytes	1 st Byte—FindTag Retries 0x00-0xFF 2 nd Byte—Kill retries 0x00-0xFF 3 rd Byte—ID Length 0x0C 4 th -15 th Bytes Class 1 -- 12-bytes ID Data Gen2 -- Ignored 16 th -19 th Bytes Class 1 (first byte only) KILL code 0x00-0xFF Gen2 (all four bytes) kill password 0x00000000 – 0xFFFFFFFF	0 Bytes	--

Table 5-21 Kill Tag

5.1.3.9 Lock Tag (0x53)

The LOCK command sets and verifies the tag *kill code*. For Class 1 tags the *lock code* [0xA5] is also verified (Gen 2 has no lock code). This establishes the tag *kill code* and locks the tag preventing any further modification of the tag ID, or CRC. The command begins with a tag search which repeats up to the given number of *find tag retries* or until a valid tag is found. Subsequently, the Lock command is iterated up the number of *lock retries* or for Class 1 until the tag read response consists of only the CRC followed by the 12 bytes of Tag ID data indicating LOCK is verified. *Note the kill code and lock code are not backscattered on locked Class 1 tags.* For Gen 2 tags after the kill password is written both the EPC and kill password are locked and the tag response indicates success or failure which verifies the LOCK. *Note the kill password is not backscattered on locked Gen2 tags.* Since The RF2400 only supports tags written in 96 bit format, the only valid *ID length* is twelve (0x0C). Additionally, the lock command will only function on tags previously written in a 96-bit format having an IDLEN of 12 bytes. A successful operation is determined if LOCK is verified.

If successful a MSGOK will be returned otherwise an error code indicating the failure will be returned. Error codes (**CommCode**) include HWERR, UNKTAGCMD, NOTAG, DATASIZE, TAGLOST, TAGLOCK, and LOCKFAIL.

Command Code	Command Data		Response Data	
	Size	Valid Values	Size	Valid Values
0x50	7 Bytes	1 st Byte—Tag Retries 0x00-0xFF 2 nd Byte--Lock attempts 0x01-0xFF 3 rd Byte-- ID Length 0x0C 4 th – 7 th Bytes Class 1 (first byte only) KILL code 0x00-0xFF Gen2 (all four bytes) kill password 0x00000000 – 0xFFFFFFFF	0 Bytes	--

Table 5-22 Lock Tag

5.1.3.10 Program Tag Init (0x54)

This variant of the Program Tag command writes 0x3000 to the PC (protocol control) field, and then continues to write data to the tag ID. This sets up an un-initialized tag for a 96 bit EPC. The command includes: four control parameters and the ID data. The first three parameters (*find tag retries*, *erase retries*, and *program retries*) establish retry counters for detecting the presence of a tag, erasing the tag and finally programming the tag. The RF2400 only supports tags written in 96 bit format. Correspondingly, the only valid *ID length* is twelve (0x0C) and must match the number of ID data bytes in the command. If the Tag is Class 1, A CRC (CRC-CCITT-16) is generated for the 96-bits of ID data and programmed into the first two bytes in tag memory followed by the ID data. This command does not write the LOCK or KILL bytes.

If successful a MSGOK will be returned otherwise an error code indicating the failure will be returned. Error codes (**CommCode**) include HWERR, UNKTAGCMD, UNKIDLEN NOTAG, ERASEFAIL, PROGFAIL, TAGLOST, and TAGLOCK. If the Mtype field in the response is non-zero, an error has occurred, and the tag must be considered invalid.

Command Code	Command Data				Response Data			
	Size	Valid Values			Size	Valid Values		
0x54	16 Bytes	1 st Byte—Find Tag retries 0x00-0xFF 2 nd Byte—Erase retries 0x00-0xFF 3 rd Byte—Program retries 0x00-0xFF 4 th Byte—ID Length 0x0C 5 th -16 th Bytes—ID Data (12 Bytes)			0 Bytes	—		

Table 5-23 Program Tag Init

COMMAND	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Cmd	Xrty	Erty	Wrty	Len	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM
	10	01	01	FF	54	7	7	7	0C				
Tag ID	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	2D 84
RESPONSE	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Echo	Mtype	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM			
	10	01	01	FF	54	00	81	F9	10	02			

Program Tag Init Example

Note: this example assumes that the command executes successfully.

5.1.3.11 LockG2 (0x55)

The LOCKG2 command is specifically used with Gen 2 tags. It allows locking of individual passwords and memory banks. The lock status for a password or memory bank can be Perma-locked (making it permanently unchangeable). The command begins with a tag search which repeats up to the given number of *find tag retries* or until a valid tag is found. Subsequently, the Lock command is iterated up the number of *lock retries*. The Data Length of 8 indicates that following are 4 byte Access Password, 2 byte Mask and 2 byte Action field. The Access Password supplied must match that of the tag's otherwise the command will fail with a TAGLOST response. If an Access Password has not been written to the tag, it defaults to 00000000.

Note: If the access password is not zero, tag writes will be done from the OPEN state, not the SECURED state. There are 2 methods that can be used to write. First: a locked tag may be unlocked by clearing the PWD bit using the LOCKG2 command before attempting to write, Second: Enter the access password with the Access command to cause transition from OPEN to SECURED state for reads and writes. The LOCKG2 command does transition from OPEN to SECURED using the supplied password.

If the tag's access password is zero, the tag never enters the OPEN state, but goes directly to the SECURED state.

Use the Write Tag Memory command to write passwords to the tag. Refer to section 5.4.1.

If successful a MSGOK will be returned otherwise an error code indicating the failure will be returned. Error codes (**CommCode**) include HWERR, UNKTAGCMD, NOTAG, DATASIZE, TAGLOST, TAGLOCK, and LOCKFAIL.

Command Code	Command Data				Response Data			
	Size	Valid Values			Size	Valid Values		
0x55	11 Bytes	1 st Byte—Tag Retries 0x00-0xFF 2 nd Byte—Lock attempts 0x01-0xFF 3 rd Byte—Data Length 0x08 4 th – 7 th Bytes—Access Password 8 th – 9 th Bytes—10 bit Mask 10 th – 11 th Bytes—10 bit Action		0 Bytes	--			

Table 5-24 LockG2

COMMAND	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Cmd	Xrty	Erty	Len				
	10	01	01	FF	55	07	07	08				
Access Password					MaskH	MaskL	ActionH	ActionL	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM
	01	02	03	04	00	20	00	20	2F	4E	10	02
RESPONSE	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Echo	Mtype	CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM		
	10	01	01	FF	55	00	B6	C9	10	02		

LockG2 Example (Lock EPC)

Note: this example assumes that the command executes successfully.

Lock contains two 10 bit fields, a mask and action, each sent as two bytes with the upper 6 bits of the high byte not used. The high byte (bits 15-8) is sent first.

Field	Not used	Kill password		Access password		EPC memory		TID memory		User memory	
bit	15 - 10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
mask		Skip/ write	Skip/ write	Skip/ write	Skip/ write	Skip/ write	Skip/ write	Skip/ write	Skip/ write	Skip/ write	Skip/ write
action		Pwd Read/ write	Perma lock	Pwd Read/ write	Perma lock	Pwd write	Perma lock	Pwd write	Perma lock	Pwd write	Perma lock

Table 5-25 Lock bit usage

Bit function is as follows:

Mask = 0: Ignore the associated action field and retain the current lock setting..

Mask = 1: Implement the associated action field and overwrite the current lock setting.

Action = 0: Deassert lock for the associated field.

Action = 1: Assert lock or perma-lock for associated field.

Note: Perma-lock bits, once asserted, cannot be deasserted.

Pwd-write	Perma-lock	Description
0	0	Bank is writable from either the OPEN or SECURED state.
0	1	Bank is permanently writable from either the OPEN or SECURED state.
1	0	Bank is writeable from the SECURED state but not from the OPEN state.
1	1	Bank is not writable from any state.
Pwd-read/write	Perma-lock	Description
0	0	Password is readable and writeable from either the OPEN state or the SECURED state.
0	1	Password is permanently readable and writeable from either the OPEN or the SECURED state.
1	0	Password is writeable from the SECURED state but not from the OPEN state.
1	1	Password is not readable or writable from any state.

Table 5-26 Lock action field functionality

5.1.3.12 Access G2 (0x56)

The Access command allows entry of an Access password for communication with GEN 2 Tags. This command does not communicate with the tag.

If the tag's access password is zero, the tag never enters the OPEN state, but goes directly to the SECURED state and this command is not needed.

If the tag's access password is non-zero, the tag enters the OPEN state. The password entered with this command is used to bring the tag to the SECURED state, allowing writes to an area that is non-perma locked.

Command Code	Command Data				Response Data	
	Size	Valid Values			Size	Valid Values
0x56	5 Bytes	1 st Byte—Data Length 0x04 2 nd – 5 th Bytes—Access Password			0 Bytes	--

Table 5-27 AccessG2

COMMAND	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Cmd	Len			
	10	01	01	FF	56	04			
Access Password					CRCH	CRCL	DLE	EOM	
	01	02	03	04	67	6C	10	02	
RESPONSE	DLE	SOM	SesID	Rdr#	Echo	Mtype	CRCH	CRCL	DLE
	10	01	01	FF	56	00	EF	99	10
									EOM
									02

AccessG2 Example

5.1.3.13 Read Tag Memory (0x57)

The Read Tag Memory command allows an interrogator to read from 1 to 16 words from a Tag's Reserved, EPC, TID or User memory. Read Tag Memory has the following fields:

- Bank - Bits 7,6 of Extent select Reserve, EPC, TID, or User memory.
- Length - Bits 5-0 of Extent indicates the number of bytes to write.
- Address - Indicates the word offset within the bank.

For Tag memory layout information please see Table 5-42

Although the length is specified in bytes (counts bytes transferred across the serial interface), the Tag memory is accessed in words. The length supplied must be even or else an error is returned. The maximum length supported is 16 bytes (8 words). If a larger number is requested, an error will be returned. The maximum address supported is 16383 (14 bits). If a write is attempted to an area not supported by the Tag, an error is returned. The Read Tag Memory command is only supported for Gen2 tags.

If successful, a MSGOK response is returned, otherwise an error response is given with the Message Type (CommCode) indicating the failure. Possible CommCodes include NOTAG, TAGLOST, TAGLOCK, TAGNXM, UNKCMD, and UNKVAL.

Command Code	Command Data				Response Data			
	Size	Valid Values			Size	Valid Values		
0x57	3 Bytes	1 st Byte—Extent (bank/length) 2 nd /3 rd Byte—Word Address H/L			0-16 Bytes	Read Data--		

Table 5-28 Read Tag Memory

COMMAND	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Cmd 57	Extent 04	AdrH 00	AdrL 02	CRCH A7	CRCL 89	DLE 10	EOM 02
RESPONSE	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Echo 57	Mtype 00	Tsts 00	Ant# 00	Len 04			

Read Tag Memory Example (read access password)

5.1.3.14 Write Tag Memory (0x58)

The Write Tag Memory command allows an interrogator to write from 1 to 8 words to a Tag's Reserved, EPC, TID or User memory. Write Tag Memory has the following fields:

- Bank - Bits 7,6 of Extent select Reserve, EPC, TID, or User memory.
- Length - Bits 5-0 of Extent indicates the number of bytes to write.
- Address - Indicates the word offset within the bank.
- Data - Up to 16 bytes (8 words) to be written.

For Tag memory layout information please see Table 5-42

Although the length is specified in bytes (counts bytes transferred across the serial interface), the Tag memory is accessed in words. The length supplied must be even or else an error is returned. The maximum length supported is 16 bytes (8 words). If a larger number is requested, an error will be returned. The maximum address supported is 16383 (14 bits). If a write is attempted to an area not supported by the Tag, an error is returned. The Write Tag Memory command is only supported for Gen2 tags.

If successful, a MSGOK response is returned, otherwise an error response is given with the Message Type (CommCode) indicating the failure. Possible CommCodes include NOTAG, TAGLOST, TAGLOCK, TAGNXM, UNKCMD, and UNKVAL.

Command Code	Command Data				Response Data			
	Size	Valid Values			Size	Valid Values		
0x58	4-19 Bytes	1 st Byte—Extent (bank/length) 2 nd /3 rd Byte—Word Address H/L 3 rd – 19 th Bytes—Data				0 Bytes	--	

Table 5-29 Write Tag Memory

COMMAND	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Cmd 58	Extent 04	AdrH 00	AdrL 02	Data 01	02	03	04	CRCH 7B	CRCL 20	DLE 10	EOM 02
RESPONSE	DLE 10	SOM 01	SesID 01	Rdr# FF	Echo 58	Mtype 00	CRCH F4	CRCL 98	DLE 10	EOM 02						

Write Tag Memory Example (write access password)

5.2 SERVICE PORT COMMANDS

In addition to the binary message format, the RF2400 supports an ASCII communication mode providing a service menu using the existing RS232 interface. The RF2400 powers up accepting binary messages as described in section 5.1 above and posts a single line message containing the current version of the firmware. To activate the service menu, it is necessary to send the proper token lead-in sequence ([DLE][SMR]) as shown in Table 5-30. Two sets of commands are available; standard and protected provide user and factory/service personnel associated command and configuration menus.

Token	Description
[DLE]	Data Link Escape token; 0x10 (^p)
[SMR]	Service mode token; 0x04 (^d)

Table 5-30 Service Port Lead-in sequence

5.2.1 Standard Commands

Standard commands are available to all users and are documented in this specification. These commands provide a means to test the basic operation of the reader and to configure several operating parameters. *Note all operating parameters can be returned to the factory defaults by installing the jumper JX and powering cycling the board.*

5.2.1.1 Baud Rate (*baud*) command

The baud rate (*baud*) command allows the user to reconfigure the RS232 interface baud rate. There are six baud rates available ranging from 9,600 baud to 115200 baud. Baud rates are represented using a single decimal parameter from 0 to 5: baud 0 = 9600, baud 1 = 19200, baud 2 = 38400, baud 3 = 57600, and baud 4 = 115200,. The default RS232 configuration is 19,200 baud using 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity. The current baud rate is read using the *baud* <CR> and is displayed as a 0-4. A new baud rate is selected using *baud=n*<CR> where n represents the rate selected from 0-4. The current baud rate remains in effect until the new rate has been entered and the command line displays the command prompt.

5.2.1.2 Transmit Power Step (*txp[0-3]*) command

The transmit power step (*txp[0-3]*) command is used to set the four transmit power steps used to access a tag. The RF2400 reader always starts at the lowest power and successively increases the power level until a valid tag is found. Each transmit power step is represented using a single decimal parameter from 0 to 3. The power level at a particular power step is read using the *txp[0-3]<CR>* command. The associated power levels are represented by a decimal number from 0 to 600 and represent the approximate power levels shown in Table 5-31. A new transmit level is established using *txp[0-3]=n*<CR> where n is a decimal number from 0 to 600. Upon completion the command prompt is displayed.

Note the power level settings are limited by factory minimum and maximum transmit power configuration.

Power Level	Transmit Power (dBm)	DC Current (mA)
180	-10.1	249
190	-4.7	261
200	-1.0	271
220	3.9	289
250	8.3	320
300	13.1	384
350	16.5	459
400	19.1	533
450	21.2	618
500	23.0	700
550	24.6	795
600	25.8	872

Table 5-31 Transmit Power Level

Note: average current input to the RF2400 is limited to 550mA for the USB version. A super capacitor is used to provide more current for a short period of time. Selecting a power level greater then 350 for USB configurations or 600 for the standard board with the RF Carrier on continuous will exceed power limits and reset the board. During normal operation capacitance in the power supply meets short term current requirements

5.2.1.3 Receive Threshold (*rxt*) command

The Receive Threshold (*rxt*) command allows the receive threshold to be adjusted for testing. A decimal parameter represents an A/D count with a scale factor of 0.732 mV per count. A value of 6 represents 4.4mV at the A/D converter or -68dBm at the antenna input. This command affects two separate thresholds. The parameter is used directly to set the signal detect threshold which by default is 15 or 10.98mV or -60dBm at the antenna input. The receive threshold parameter is scaled by a factor of 5 to set the data high/low detection levels which by default is 3 or 2.196 mV above or below the average signal level. The *rxt* is executed using *rxt=n<CR>* where n is a decimal value from 4 to 64. Upon completion the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.4 Phase (*phs*) command

The Phase (*phs*) command is used to configure receiver phase of the RF2400. Because of the controller architecture, signal nulls exist based carrier frequency and tag to antenna spacing. Selecting the opposite phase will move this null, allowing this tag to be read. By default, automatic phase control is selected. In the retry scheme, if an error is encountered in selecting a tag, the opposite phase is tried first before stepping the Tx power or hopping. If a successful read is accomplished following the phase switch, this phase setting is saved on a per-channel basis. On commands that have a “Find Tag Retries”, this must be set to at least one. However, the phase retries are not counted toward the command’s retry count.

The *phs* command is executed by typing *phs =n<CR>* where n is a decimal setting. A value for n equal to 0 or 1 forces either of the two phases while a 2 toggles to the opposite phase. Any of these three settings disables auto phase switching and are used

mainly for debug. Using n equal to 10 sets auto phase switching on retries and is the default. Using N equal to 20 initializes the phase per channel table to all 0's while n equal to 21 initializes the phase per channel table to all 1's. Executing the **eedef** command initializes the phase per channel table to all 0's (as well as setting all of the EEPROM variables to factory defaults). Both the phase setting and phase table are stored in EEPROM and restored on power-up. By starting with the phase that last resulted in a good read for a channel, many retries will be eliminated, providing the tag distance is constant. Upon completion the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.5 Tag Class (**tc**) command

The tag class (**tc**) command is used to configure the reader for either a Class 1 tags, Gen 2 tags or optionally to automatically identify the tag class. When auto is selected the reader attempts to initially read a Gen2 class tag and after the retry scheme has been exhausted will attempt to read a Class 1 tag. This option will extend the time to read a tag and should be used with an understanding of this limitation. The current tag class can be read using the **tc<CR>** command or set using **tc=n<CR>**, where n is a number from 0x1 to 0x3. The value 0x1 indicates Class 1, a 0x2 represents Gen2 and a 0x3 represents Auto class. Upon completion the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.6 Read Retry (**rrty**) command

The read retry (**rrty**) command is used to establish the number of retries used for either the Get ID or Get Raw ID host commands. A retry consists of a read attempt at the next power level defined by the transmit power step command (refer to 5.2.1.2). Every fourth retry includes a hop to a channel at least 8 channels away and lowers to power level back to the level defined by the **txp0<CR>** command. The value is persistent and is maintained when the board is power cycled. The default value is 4. The **rrty** command is executed using **rrty=nnn<CR>** where nnn is a value from 0-255 decimal representing the number of retries. Upon completion the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.7 Read Tag (**rt**) command

The read tag (**rt**) command is used to initiate a single tag read attempt at the current **txp** power level without retries. Each execution of the **rt** command first selects a different random channel from the configured frequency table, then attempts to read the tag. If hopping has been disabled (Protected Command) the **rt** command will not select a new channel and will always use the same channel. The **rt** command is executed using **rt<CR>**. Results of a successful read attempt for a Class 1 or GEN2 tag are displayed on the command line as fourteen bytes of tag data: (12-bytes EPC) followed by the ID length (64 or 96), the CRC (CRC nnnn) and channel number (Chnn) . Unsuccessful read attempts result with an error code detailing the nature of the read failure as shown in Table 5-37. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.8 Read Loop (**rl**) command

The read loop (**rl**) command is used to initiate an iterative **rt** command. Each iteration of the **rt** command operates at a different random channel, from the configured frequency

table. If hopping has been disabled (Protected Command) all tag reads will use the same channel. The **rl** command is executed using **rl<CR>** using a default loop interval of ½ second or **rl=nn<CR>** where nn represents the loop time interval in 10^{ths} of a second. Results of a successful read attempt for a Class 1 or GEN2 tag are displayed on the command line as fourteen bytes of tag data: (12-bytes EPC) followed by the ID length (64 or 96), the CRC (CRC nnnn) and channel number (Chnn). Unsuccessful read attempts result with an error code detailing the nature of the read failure as shown in Table 5-37. Entering a <CR> will terminate the command. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.9 Sequential Loop (*sl*) command

The read loop (*sl*) command is used to initiate an iterative **rt** command. Each iteration of the **rt** command operates at the next sequential channel, from the configured frequency table. If hopping has been disabled (Protected Command) all tag reads will use the same channel. The **sl** command is executed using **sl<CR>** using a default loop interval of ½ second or **sl=nn<CR>** where nn represents the loop time interval in 10^{ths} of a second. Results of a successful read attempt for a Class 1 or GEN2 tag are displayed on the command line as fourteen bytes of tag data: (12-bytes EPC) followed by the ID length (64 or 96), the CRC (CRC nnnn) and channel number (Chnn). Unsuccessful read attempts result with an error code detailing the nature of the read failure as shown in Table 5-37. Entering a <CR> will terminate the command. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.10 Write Tag (*wt*) command

The write tag (*wt*) command is used to initiate a single tag write attempt at txp0 level (plus 50) without retries. Hopping is not used for a write operation thus **wt** commands will use the same channel. The **wt** command is executed using **wt<CR>** to write the default tag ID of **0123456789ABCDEF01234567** or to write a specific tag ID using **wt=nnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn<CR>** where **n** is one of 24 hex characters representing the tag EPC code (missing characters are zero filled). For Class 1 tags the CRC is calculated and appended to the data prior to being written to the tag. For Gen2 tags CRC operations are handled by the Tag. Using Class 1 tags there is no error checking for the write command and the tag must be read after being written to verify the operation was completed successfully. Gen2 tags provide a response to a write operation indicating success or failure. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.11 Lock Tag (*lt*) command

The lock tag (*lt*) command is used to establish the kill code and lock the tag to prevent further modification of the tag ID, or CRC. The **lt** command will only operate on tags written in 96 bit format. The **lt** command is executed using **lt=nn<CR>** or **lt=nnnnnnnn<CR>** where nn is the hexadecimal representation of the kill code for Class1 tags and nnnnnnnn is a hexadecimal representation (must be non-zero) of the kill password for Gen2 tags. Class 1 tags provide no response to this command while Gen2

tags respond with a success or failure status which is provided in the host response. To verify the tag was properly locked the tag should be read to confirm the read response consists of only the CRC followed by the 12 bytes of Tag ID data. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.12 Lock Tag G2 (*l2*) command

The lock tag G2 (*l2*) command is specifically used with Gen 2 tags. It allows locking of individual passwords and memory banks. The lock status for a password or memory bank can be Perma-locked (making it permanently unchangeable). The command requires 8 bytes of parameters (16 hex character), 4 byte Access Password, 2 byte Mask and 2 byte Action field. *l2=xxxxxxxxyyyyzzzz* The Access Password supplied must match that of the tag's otherwise the command will fail with a NOTAG response. If an Access Password has not been written to the tag, it defaults to 00000000.

Refer to the host LOCKG2 command section 5.1.3.11 for further information.

5.2.1.13 Access (*apw*)

The Access (*apw*) command allows entry of an Access password for communication with GEN 2 Tags. This command does not communicate with the tag.

If the tag's access password is zero, the tag never enters the OPEN state, but goes directly to the SECURED state and this command is not needed.

If the tag's access password is non-zero, the tag enters the OPEN state. The password entered with this command is used with tag reads and writes to bring the tag to the SECURED state, allowing writes to an area that is non-perma-locked.

5.2.1.14 Kill Tag (*kt*) command

The kill tag (*kt*) command permanently erases the tag data or deactivates the tag so it will no longer respond to or execute reader commands. The *kt* command attempts to kill the last tag read eliminating the need to enter a tag ID but requires a kill code that matches the tag kill code. The command will only operate on tags written in 96 bit format. The *kt* command is executed using *kt=nn<CR>* or *kt=nnnnnnnn<CR>* where nn is the hexadecimal representation of the kill code for Class1 tags and nnnnnnnn is a hexadecimal representation (must be non-zero) of the kill password for Gen2 tags. Class 1 tags provide no response to this command while Gen2 tags respond with a success or failure status which is provided in the host response. To verify the tag was properly killed the tag should be read to confirm the read response consists of all zeros or the tag will no longer responds to reader commands. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.15 Quiet Tag (*qt*) command

The quiet tag (*qt*) command can be used to temporarily prevent a Class 1 tag from responding to tag commands. The tag enters the sleep state where it no longer responds

reader commands except the talk command or the persistence mode limit times out. Before using this command a read tag **rt** must be executed to capture the tag ID. The **qt** is executed by **qt<CR>**. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.16 Erase Tag (**et**) command

The erase tag (**et**) command is used to erase tag data. If the tag is not locked, the IDdata is erased to zeros for both Class 1 and Gen2 tags. Additionally, the CRC, Kill Code, and Lock bytes are erased to zero in Class 1 tags. Hopping is not used for an erase operation thus **et** commands will always use the same channel. The **et** command is executed using **et<CR>**. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.17 Paper Sensor Triggered Read (**pstr**) command

The paper sensor triggered read (**pstr**) command is used to enable automatic tag reading based on the state of the optical reflection sensor. Using this command, triggered reading can be enabled or disabled, set to operate in host or service port mode, based on reflection or no reflection and set to persist over power cycling. The triggered read state (**pstrs**) can be read using **pstr<CR>** command or set using **pstr=n<CR>** where n (**pstrs**) is a value from 0x0-0x3F. The bit definitions for **pstrs** follow:

- Bit 0 enables or disables triggered reads where a one (1) indicates triggered read is enabled and a zero (0) indicates disabled.
- Bit 1 indicates which optical state is used to trigger a read where one (1) triggers the read on a no reflection and a zero (0) triggers the read on reflection. This bit is ignored when a switch is used in place of the optical sensor(bit 4 is set to a 1)
- Bit 2 is reserved and is ignored. (*used internally to indicate host vs SP mode*)
- Bit 3 establishes if the state persists over power cycles where a one (1) indicates the state persists over a power cycle and a zero (0) indicates that the state does not persist.
- Bit 4 set to one (1) indicates a switch is used instead of the sensor for triggering. When the switch contacts are closed the state is triggered.
- Bit 5 determines whether the ID data are returned or stored. A zero (0) indicates to return the ID data immediately, while a one (1) causes the data to be stored in EEPROM for future retrieval. Refer to the “Dump ID Data” command. *Bad reads are not stored in EEPROM.*

When enabled using the **pstr** command, with bit 5 = 0, triggered read tag data are sent as ASCII in service port mode.

When storing to EEPROM, only good reads are stored. When the EEPROM log is full (496 records), the **pstr** function is terminated. An error message is sent to the service port (error 43).

Note: To use a switch in place of the paper sensor, wire between J3 pins 1 and 2.

5.2.1.18 Paper Sensor (**ps**) command

The paper sensor (*ps*) command is used to monitor the output of the optical reflection sensor for debug purposes. Using the *ps* command, the sensor is polled and A/D readings are displayed as a decimal number from 0 to 4095. This number is the difference in output between the sensor LED driven and not. The number is followed by a zero indicating no reflection or a one to indicate that there is an object in the optical path. The *ps* command is executed using *ps<CR>* and continues until a *<CR>* is sent. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.19 Paper Sensor Threshold (*pst*) command

The Paper Sensor Threshold (*pst*) command sets the trigger point for sensing reflection. This number represents the sensor A/D reading difference between the emitter LED on and off. A Hysteresis of 200 is used, that is, once reflection is triggered, the value must drop 200 before reflection status is reset. Valid values are from 250 to 4000. The *pst* command is executed using *pst=n<CR>* where n is a decimal value from 250 to 4000. Use the *ps* command to monitor and determine the threshold required for a particular paper and ink. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.20 Auto Read Tag (*art*) command

The auto read tag (*art*) command continuously polls for a tag and when a tag is found and different from the last tag read, the tag data is sent in service port mode to be displayed or stored in EEPROM. Bit 0 of a parameter byte determines whether the ID data are returned or stored. The *art* command is executed using *art=n<CR>* where n represents a hexadecimal value. A zero indicates to return the ID data immediately, while a one causes the data to be stored in EEPROM for future retrieval (refer to the Dump ID Data command section 5.2.1.21).

When storing to EEPROM, only good reads are stored. When the EEPROM log is full (496 records), the auto read tag function is terminated. An error message is sent to the service port (error 43).

This command is illegal if *pstr* mode is enabled and an illegal response will be displayed. Entering a *<CR>* or any other command will terminate the *art* command. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.21 Dump ID Data (*did*) command

This dump id data (*did*) command returns ID data that has been stored in EEPROM. A 16 bit parameter is required. The upper byte of the parameter indicates how many records to return and the lower byte is a sub command. An internal pointer can be optionally initialized to the first record and is used and tracks records. Subsequent commands can fetch the next group of records. The data dump will stop whenever a zeroed record is encountered (end of stored data). The EEPROM (8Kx8) can store up to 496 entries. The *did* command is executed using *did=nnmm<CR>* where nn represents the number of records and mm represents the subcommand in hexadecimal.

The lower parameter byte contains a sub-command as follows:

- 1 Reset pointer and dump.
- 2 Dump from pointer.
- 3 Get number of records stored.
- 4 Clear all.

5.2.1.22 Program Flash (*pf*) command

The program flash (*pf*) command invokes the serial port boot loader. The loader is used to download a firmware upgrade and program the new code into flash memory. Until the upload sequence is initiated by the host, no change is made to flash memory and the command can be aborted by power cycling the controller. The host software includes extensive error checking to confirm that the controller firmware is updated correctly. When the download completes the controller is auto restarted with the new firmware. The *pf* command is executed using *pf<CR>*. A response message *FLASH* is displayed on the command line. When the operation is complete and the firmware is restarted, the initial power-up message “RF2400 Ver xx” is displayed

5.2.1.23 Speaker Test (*st*) command

The speaker test (*st*) command beeps the speaker continuously using a one second tone followed by a one second interval. This command is useful to debug the speaker circuit operation. The *st* command is executed using *st<CR>* and continues until *<CR>* is executed. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.24 Beep (*beep*) command

The beep (*beep*) command is used to establish the operation of the speaker. The speaker can operate as a function of read activity, based on the optical trigger, or be completely disabled. The (*beep*) command is executed using *beep=n* where n is a bit mapped value from 0-7. A value of 0 disables the speaker.

- bit 0 selects tag activity beep
- bit 1 selects the optical trigger beep
- bit 2 selects error beep.

The current beep setting can be read using the *beep<CR>* command. Activity and triggered read beeps use a frequency of 1500Hz while the error beep uses 750Hz. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.25 Set EEPROM Defaults (*eedef*) command

The set EEPROM defaults (*eedef*) command is used to rewrite the EEPROM to the factory defaults. The *eedef* command is executed using *eedef<CR>*. Whenever the RF2400 firmware is updated it is recommended to execute this command to insure the EEPROM has the appropriate settings. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.26 Read EEPROM (*ree*) command

The read EEPROM (*ree*) command reads and displays eight (8) consecutive locations from a user provided starting location. The *ree* command is executed using *ree=nnnn* where nnnn represents the hexadecimal starting address from 0x0000 to 0x1FF8. This command is provided for debug purposes only. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.27 No initial message (*noim*) command

The no initial message (*noim*) command can be used to enable or disable the RF2400 initial power up message. By default, following power-up, the RF2400 sends an identifying message out the serial port “RF2400 ver n.nn” where n.nn is the firmware revision. This message may confuse connected RS232 host equipment. The *noim* command is executed using *noim=n* where n is a 1 to disable or a 0 to enable the message. This setting is preserved in EEPROM. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.28 Diagnostic (*di*) command

The diagnostic (*di*) command is used to verify controller functionality in production. The diagnostics are executed using *di<CR>*. A set of tests are run in order. If any test fails, the failed test number and an error code are displayed. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

Diagnostic Test Summary

Test 1: The two I/O ports are tested to insure that they can be individually set and cleared. If failure, error code 0x80 indicates a problem with port 0, and 0x81 indicates port 1 failed.

Test 2: Test the photo paper sensor circuit. The test fixture connects all 4 leads together. This connects the LED driver to a 75 ohm pull-up resistor and to the amplifier input. The diagnostic turns the LED driver on and off and checks the output of the amplifier through the A/D converter. The amplifier output is checked at less than 0.25V and more than 2.9V. A failure is indicated by error code 0x83.

Test 3: The VCO (voltage controlled oscillator) is tested. First, communication between the microcontroller and the VCO is verified. If fail, an error code of 0x30 is displayed.

The VCO is tested to insure that the PLL can lock at channels 1, 25, and 48. If lock is not detected, an error code of 0x31 is displayed.

Test 4: Test the read electronics offset voltage for nominal 1.65V. A failure with error code of 0x85 indicates that the offset voltage was outside of the range of 1.4V to 1.8V. Another possible error code that can be encountered here or in the following test is 0x50, indicating A/D converter time-out.

Test 5: This test attempts to transmit data while monitoring the receive circuit. The received signal for this test is caused by a reflection from the tag while transmitting a modulated signal. The tag is placed at a non-ideal distance from the antenna to insure some reflection.

The received signal is tested for an average level between 0.5 and 2.5V. This also insures that the circuitry has not driven to either the ground or 3.3V rail. A failure here is indicated by error code 0x86.

This test also checks for a P-P (peak-to-peak) signal of at least 0.25V with error code of 0x87 used to indicate a failure.

Test 6: The final test attempts to read the tag. If successful, the tag ID and CRC are displayed, followed by the word passed. Possible error codes are 0x20 no tag, or 0x21 tag lost.

Diagnostic Error Code Summary

- 0x20 No Tag detected (read tag fail)
- 0x21 Tag Lost (read tag fail)
- 0x30 Chipcon VCO communication fail
- 0x31 VCO PLL won't lock.
- 0x50 A/D converter time-out
- 0x80 Port 0 fail
- 0x81 Port 1 fail
- 0x82 Paper Sensor circuit fail
- 0x85 Read Offset out-of-range
- 0x86 Read Average signal out-of-range
- 0x86 Read signal P-P voltage too low

Additional diagnostic information can be displayed to assist in the diagnosis of problems. The diagnostic display can be executed using *di=d<CR>* displaying A/D results from the diagnostics.

ofs=2379 174
min=1935 141
max=2901 212
P-P=966 70
dtxp=250

For the 1st 4 lines, the 1st number following the equal sign is the measured A/D count and the second number is the reading converted to voltage in hundredths of a volt. Dtxp is a relative Tx power level which defaults to 250.

The acceptable ranges are:

ofs 1912-2459 (1.4-1.8V)
aver 683-3415(1.5-2.5V)
P-P greater than 966(0.25V)

5.2.1.29 Ignore CRC (*icrc*) command

The ignore CRC (*icrc*) command is used for debug and testing. This command disables CRC checking of host commands and eliminates the need to manually calculate the CRC when using a generic serial port program for communication in host mode. The *icrc* command is executed using *icrc<CR>*. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.30 Exit (*exit*) command

The exit (*exit*) command is used to exit service port mode and resume the media independent binary command protocol. The *exit* command is executed using *exit<CR>*.

5.2.1.31 Display menu (??) command

The display menu (??) command is used to display the standard service port commands for reference. The ?? command is executed using *??<CR>*. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.1.32 Standard command summary

The following table summarizes the standard service port commands.

Command	Type	Persistent	Range	Default	Description
baud	r/w	Yes	0-4	1	Read or set baud rate (see Table 5-6)
txp0	r/w	Yes	0-999	215	Tx power step (limit between min-max)
txp1	r/w	Yes	0-999	275	Tx power step (limit between min-max)
txp2	r/w	Yes	0-999	335	Tx power step (limit between min-max)
txp3	r/w	Yes	0-999	400	Tx power step (limit between min-max)
rxt	r/w	Yes	0-255	15 = (11mV)	Read threshold x 0.732mV
phs	r/w	Yes	0x20	0x10	0, 1, 2=tgl, 0x10=auto, 0x20=init
tc	r/w	Yes	1-3	2	Tag Class (1=Class1, 2=Gen2, 3= Auto)
rrty	r/w	Yes	0-255	7	Get ID & Get Raw ID retries
rt	e	No	na	na	Read tag ID
rl	ep	No	0-255	5	Read loop (Random) (delay in 1/10 sec)
sl	ep	No	0-255	5	Sequential loop (delay in 1/10 sec)
wt	ep	No	24 hex chars	0123456789ABCDEF01234567	Write tag ID (missing chars are zero filled)
lt	e	No	0x00-0xFF	0x00	Lock Tag
l2	e	No	8 bytes	na	Lock Tag GEN 2
kt	e	No	0x00-0xFF	0x00	Kill Tag
qt	e	No	Na	na	Quiet Class 1Tag, must rt first to get ID
et	e	No	na	na	Erase tag
pstr	r/w	Programmable	0x0-0x1F	na	Paper Sensor Triggered Read
ps	e	No	na	na	Paper sensor displays A/D and 0/1(hit)
pst	r/w	Yes	250-4000	400	Paper Sensor threshold
art	e	No	flags	0x00	Auto Read Tag (1=store)
did	e	No	Len/sub	0x0000	Dump ID data
pf	e	No	na	na	Program flash (invokes serial boot mode)
st	e	No	na	na	Speaker Test
beep	r/w	Yes	0-2	1	Beep Action (bit map) bit 0=Activity, bit 1=Trigger, bit2=Error
eedef	e	No	na	na	Set EEPROM to Factory Defaults
ree	e	No	na	na	Read EEPROM
noim	r/w	Yes	0/1	0	1 = no initial message at power-up
di	ep	No	d	na	Diagnostic, =d=display numeric results
icrc	w	No	na	off	Ignore host cmd CRC (for debug only)
exit	e	No	na	na	Exit SP mode to host mode
??	e	No	na	na	Display menu

Table 5-32 Service Port Commands - Standard

5.2.2 Protected Commands

The protected commands are for test and setup by qualified service technicians. They allow setting of parameters for transmit power, channel hopping and frequency selection. Additionally, the PLL frequency synthesizer internal registers can be accessed. These settings can affect the legal operation of the unit and are only available to manufacturing and service personnel. These commands are hidden and only active when the proper password has been entered using the password command.

5.2.2.1 Password (*pw*) command

The password (*pw*) command is used to enable the protected service port commands. The *pw* command is entered using *pw=n<CR>* where n is a decimal number from 0 to 65535. If you require access to the protected commands, contact Ensync Technologies or your local service representative for the password. The board may be power cycled to disable the protected commands or enter an invalid password e.g. *pw=0000*. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.2 Transmit power (*txp*) command

The transmit power (*txp*) command is used to set or read the output transmit power. Using *txp<CR>* will display the current transmit power level setting as a decimal number from 0 to 600. Using *txp=n<CR>* where n is a decimal number from 0 to 600 will set the current transmit power level. This setting is not limited by the maximum and minimum transmit power limits. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed. Power cycling the board or exiting the SP mode will return the transmit power level to the default *txp[0]* setting. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.3 Maximum transmit power (*txpmax*) command

The maximum transmit power (*txpmax*) command is used to set or read the maximum allowed output transmit power. Using *txpmax<CR>* will display the maximum transmit power level setting as a decimal number from 0 to 600. Using *txpmax=n<CR>* where n is a decimal number from 0 to 600 will set the maximum transmit power level (refer to Table 5-31 Transmit Power Level). Additionally any transmit power step setting greater than the maximum limit will be set to the maximum limit and a message “adjust steps” is displayed. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.4 Minimum transmit power (*txpmin*) command

The minimum transmit power (*txpmin*) command is used to set or read the minimum allowed output transmit power. Using *txpmin<CR>* will display the minimum transmit power level setting as a decimal number from 0 to 600. Using *txpmin=n<CR>* where n is a decimal number from 0 to 600 will set the minimum transmit power level (refer to Table 5-31 Transmit Power Level). Additionally any transmit power step setting less than the maximum limit will be set to the minimum limit and a message “adjust steps” is displayed. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.5 Channel select (*chan*) command

The channel select (**chan**) command is used to set or read the active channel number. The **chan** command **chan<CR>** will display the active transmit channel as a decimal number from 0 to 49 and **chan=n<CR>** where n is a decimal number from 0 to 49 will set the active channel. Upon completion the command line returns to the command prompt. Refer to Table 5-33 for a complete listing of channels and associated frequencies. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed. *Note: with hopping enabled the read command selects the next random channel prior to the reading the tag. To operate on a single channel disable hopping (refer to section 5.2.2.6). Also hidden channels 50 & 51 (password protected) provide a means to select 860MHZ and 960MHz respectively for diagnostic purposes.*

Channel	Frequency (MHz)	Channel	Frequency (MHz)
0	902.75	25	915.25
1	903.25	26	915.75
2	903.75	27	916.25
3	904.25	28	916.75
4	904.75	29	917.25
5	905.25	30	917.75
6	905.75	31	918.25
7	906.25	32	918.75
8	906.75	33	919.25
9	907.25	34	919.75
10	907.75	35	920.25
11	908.25	36	920.75
12	908.75	37	921.25
13	909.25	38	921.75
14	909.75	39	922.25
15	910.25	40	922.75
16	910.75	41	923.25
17	911.25	42	923.75
18	911.75	43	924.25
19	912.25	44	924.75
20	912.75	45	925.25
21	913.25	46	925.75
22	913.75	47	926.25
23	914.25	48	926.75
24	914.75	49	927.25

Table 5-33 RF2400 USA Hopping Table

Table 5-34 RF2400 E.U. Hopping Table TBD

Table 5-35 RF2400 Japan Hopping Table TBD

5.2.2.6 Hop (*hop*) command

The hop (*hop*) command is used to enable or disable frequency hopping. Using the **hop** command **hop<CR>** will display the current hop state where a one indicates hopping is enabled. The hop command **hop=0<CR>** will disable frequency hopping and **hop=1<CR>** will enable frequency hopping. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.7 Gen2 Read (*g2r*) command

The Gen2 Read (*g2r*) command allows reading any memory area of the Gen2 tag. A required 16 bit parameter defines the area to read. Bits 15-12 select the bank, bits 11-8 specify the length in words, bits 7-0 select the word address within the bank (refer to the Table 5-42 – Memory Map). If any part of the requested area is not supported by the tag, an error 26 (TAGNMX) is returned. If any part of the area is read-locked, an error 25 (TAGLOCKED) is returned. If the command is successful, the requested data are displayed. The *g2r* is executed using **g2r=nnnn<CR>** where nnnn is the hexadecimal representation of the 16 bit parameter. For example, **g2r=2200** reads the 1st 2 words of TID memory. This command is only supported for GEN 2 tags. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.8 Gen2 Write (*g2w*) command

The Gen2 Write (*g2w*) command allows up to 8 words to be written to any memory area of the Gen2 tag. The required parameter specifies the data to write in hexadecimal. The command must be preceded by a *g2r* command selecting the bank, length and address. If any part of the requested area is not supported by the tag, an error 26 (TAGNMX) is returned. If any part of the area is write-locked, an error 25 (TAGLOCKED) is returned. The *g2w* is executed using **g2w=n...n<CR>** where n...n is the hexadecimal representation of the data to be written from 4 to 32 characters. This command is only supported for GEN 2 tags. Upon successful completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.9 Transmit zeros (*t0*) command

The transmit zeros (*t0*) command is used to enable the transmit carrier and intermittently modulate the carrier with zeros. The carrier is turned on and modulated with a 50 percent duty cycle with a modulation period of 1ms. Zeros are transmitted at a frequency of approximately 70KHz where the carrier is modulated for 1/8 of the cell time. The *t0* command is executed using **t0<CR>**. Entering a <CR> will terminate the command. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.10 Transmit ones (*t1*) command

The transmit ones (*t1*) command is used to enable the transmit carrier and intermittently modulate the carrier with ones. The carrier is turned on and modulated with a 50 percent duty cycle with a modulation period of 1ms. Ones are transmitted at a frequency of approximately 70KHz where the carrier is modulated for 3/8 of the cell time. The *t1* command is executed using *t1<CR>*. Entering a <CR> will terminate the command. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.11 Transmit alternating (*ta*) command

The transmit alternating (*ta*) command is used to enable the transmit carrier and intermittently modulate the carrier with alternating ones and zeros. The carrier is turned on and modulated with a 50 percent duty cycle with a modulation period of 1ms. Ones are transmitted at a frequency of approximately 70KHz where the carrier is modulated for 3/8 of the cell time. Zeros are transmitted at a frequency of approximately 70KHz where the carrier is modulated for 1/8 of the cell time. The *ta* command is executed using *ta<CR>*. Entering a <CR> will terminate the command. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.12 Transmit random (*tr*) command

The transmit random (*tr*) command is used to enable the transmit carrier and intermittently modulate the carrier with random data. The carrier is turned on and modulated with a 50 percent duty cycle with a modulation period of 1ms. Data are transmitted at a frequency of approximately 70KHz where the carrier is modulated for 3/8 of the cell time for a data one and 1/8 of the cell time for a data zero. The *tr* command is executed using *tr<CR>*. Entering a <CR> will terminate the command. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.13 Transmit data (*td*) command

The transmit data (*td*) command is used to enable the transmit carrier and intermittently modulate the carrier with the data parameter. The carrier is turned on and modulated with a 50 percent duty cycle with a modulation period of 1ms. The 16 bit parameter represents 2 transmitted cell times. The carrier is on for ones, off for zeros. For example, 80E0h sends a zero (modulated 1/8 of the cell time) and a one (modulated 3/8 of the cell time) The *td* command is executed using *td=nnnn<CR>* where nnnn is the hexadecimal representation of the 16 bit parameter. Entering a <CR> will terminate the command. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.14 Carrier on (*con*) command

The transmitter on (*con*) command is used to turn on the un-modulated transmit carrier. The *con* command is executed using *con <CR>*. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.15 Carrier off (*coff*) command

The transmitter off (*coff*) command is used to turn off the transmit carrier. The *coff* command is executed using *coff <CR>*. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.16 Localization (*local*) command

The localization (*local*) command is used to configure the controller parameters for operation under various jurisdictions. Using *local<CR>* will display the current localization code setting as a decimal number from 1 to ? where 1 = USA, 2 = E.U., and 3 = Japan. Using *local=n<CR>* where n is a decimal number from 1 to ? will set the localization code.. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

Note currently only the 1 = USA Localization is supported

5.2.2.17 Chipcon register read (*ccr*) command

The Chipcon register read (*ccr*) command is used to display the contents of the addressed Chipcon register. The *ccr* command *ccr AAXX<CR>*, where AA is the hexadecimal register address and XX is hexadecimal dummy data, will display the contents of the register on the command line as two hexadecimal digits 0xDD following an equals sign. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.18 Chipcon register write (*ccw*) command

The Chipcon register write (*ccw*) command is used to set the contents of the addressed Chipcon register. The *ccw* command *ccw AADD<CR>*, where AA is the hexadecimal register address and DD is hexadecimal data, will display the contents of the register on the command line as two hexadecimal digits 0xDD following an equals sign. Upon completion, the command prompt is displayed.

5.2.2.19 Protected command summary

The following table summarizes the protected service port commands

Command	Type	Persistent	Range	Default	Description
pw	w	No	0-65535	na	Password, in decimal
txp	r/w	No	0-999	215	Tx power in decimal
txpmax	r/w	Yes	0-999	500	Tx power max limit
txpmin	r/w	Yes	0-999	180	Tx power min limit
chan	r/w	No	0-49	30	Frequency (channel) in decimal
hop	r/w	No	0/1	1=hop	Hop flag
g2r	ep	No	0-FFFFh	na	Bank(4bits), len (4bits), adr (8bits)
g2w	ep	No	0-FFFFh	Na	Write data word (uses extent from g2r)
t0	e	No	na	na	Continuous send 0s (1/8 cell)
t1	e	No	na	na	Continuous send 1s (3/8 cell)
ta	e	No	na	na	Alternating 1s & 0s
tr	e	No	na	na	Random Data (pattern for FCC testing)
td	ep	No	0-FFFFh	Na	Continuous send parameter
con	e	No	na		Carrier on, unmodulated
coff	e	No	na	off	Carrier disabled
local	r/w	Yes	1-3	1	Localization code
ccw	w	No	Adr/data		Write ChipCon regs (AADD) hex adr/data
ccr	w	No	Adr/data		Read ChipCon regs (AAXX) hex adr/don't care
cci	e	No	na	na	ChipCon init (as done at power-up)

Table 5-36 Service Port Commands - Protected

For **r** or **e** types, enter command with **<cr>** to read or execute. For **w** types enter command followed by **“=parameter<cr>”** to write. For **r/w** or **ep** types, enter command with **<cr>** to read or execute , enter command followed by **“=parameter<cr>”** to write or execute with parameters.

5.2.3 Service port error codes

Several error codes are presented in service port mode. These include errors that the firmware identifies when initializing and errors encountered when executing specific service port commands. These errors are listed in Table 5-37.

Error Code	Description
10	Host command invalid
11	Host command CRC error
12	Host command length error
20	No Tag Found – (timeout on sync character)
21	Invalid Tag ID Length – (error during tag read operation)
22	CRC Error –(calculated CRC doesn't match the tag CRC)
23	Tag response handle mismatch (Gen2 only)
24	Tag returned (Gen2 only)
25	Tag command failed – Tag is locked (Gen2 only)
26	Tag memory address non-existent (Gen2 only)
27	Write verify fail
30	Bad CCRegister Access–(register doesn't respond or responds with incorrect data)
31	VCO not locked – (The VCO isn't locked to the requested frequency)
32	No Backscatter – (The receiver didn't detect any backscatter signal)
40	EEPROM Timeout – (EEPROM bad or missing)
41	EEPROM bad status
42	EEPROM checksum error
43	EEPROM log full
50	ADC timeout
80	Diagnostic Port0 fail
81	Diagnostic Port1 fail
82	Diagnostic read offset out-of-bounds
83	Diagnostic read average out-of-bounds
84	Diagnostic read P-P out-of-bounds

Table 5-37 Service Port Error Codes

5.3 RADIO FREQUENCY INTERFACE

The RF2400 controller is designed to communicate with both Auto-ID Class 1 and Class 1 Gen 2 tags operating in the frequency range of 860MHz-960MHz. The controller can be configured to automatically detect the tag type or fixed to a specific type. The Fixed configuration has the advantage of accelerating operations eliminating retries to determine tag type. This dual functionality provides compatibility with existing technology while providing support for next generation tags. The radio frequency (RF) interface and Reader protocol are based on a reader “talks” first passive RFID system using half-duplex communication.

5.3.1 Auto-ID Class 1

The RF2400 reader incorporates an Auto-ID Class 1 RF communication interface and Reader functionality. Data symbols communicated between the reader and the tag include a binary zero (0), a binary one (1), a null, and punctuation. The encoding and modulation of these symbols and protocols follow the MIT Auto-ID Center – Technical Report - 860MHz–930MHz Class 1 Radio Frequency Identification Tag Radio Frequency & Logical Communication Interface Specification Candidate Recommendation, Version 1.0.1 – November 14, 2002

The RF2400 reader initiates all communications with the Class 1 tags which occur in a half-duplex manner. Class 1 tags communicate using backscatter modulation. This communication only occurs when directed by a properly decoded and interpreted command emitted from a Reader.

5.3.1.1 Class 1 Reader-Tag RF communications

The RF2400 communicates with the Class 1 tags using amplitude shift keying (ASK). The modulation operates at 90% nominally. Shaped Keying is employed to control modulation rise and fall times in order to more rapidly roll off sideband energy. Modulation parameters for North American operation are summarized in Table 5-38

Parameter	Description	Value
To	Master Clock Interval	14.25 us
Totol	Master Clock Interval Tolerance	<0.1%
1/T0	Data Rate	70.18 Kbps
Tfwhmo	Half Width Binary 0 (1/8 T0)	1.78 us
Tfwhm1	Half Width Binary 1 (3/8 T0)	5.34 us
Mod	Modulation Depth	90%
DMod	Modulation Depth Variation	5%
Tf	Fall Time	300 ns typ.
Tr	Rise Time	300 ns typ.
Ripple	Ripple	<10%

Table 5-38 Class 1 Reader-Tag Modulation Parameters

The Reader data modulation incorporates a pulse width scheme to represent logical bits 0 and logical bits 1. A logical 0 is represented by a cell time of 1/8 T₀ (see Figure 5-5). A logical 1 is represented by a cell time of 3/8 T₀ (see Figure 5-5).



Figure 5-5 Class 1 Reader Modulation Timing for Binary 0

A logical 1 is represented by a cell time of 3/8 T₀ (see Figure 5-6).

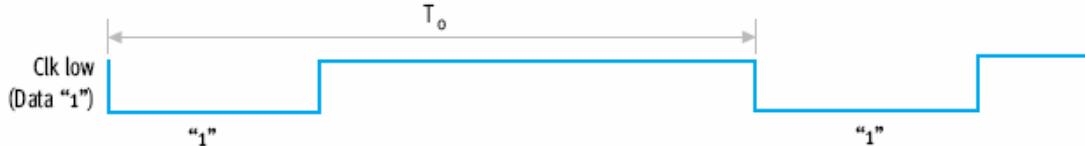


Figure 5-6 Class 1 Reader Modulation Timing for Binary 1

5.3.1.2 Class 1 Tag-Reader RF communications

The Tag communicates to the Reader by backscatter modulation of the continuous wave (CW) carrier supplied by the Reader. This is an ASK modulation and is typically 10% or less of the signal amplitude based on nominal radiation cross-sections. The Tag to Reader bit cell time is 1/2 T₀ resulting in a nominal data rate twice the data rate from the Reader to the Tag. However, this rate will vary over the response as much as 25% as the Tag power level changes. Tag the Reader parameters for North America are summarized in Table 5-39.

Parameter	Description	Value
To	Master Clock Interval	14.25 us
Ttagbitcell	Tag to Reader Bit Cell Interval T0/2	7.13 us
Tag Data Rate	Tag to Reader Nominal Data Rate 2/T0	140.35 Kbps

Table 5-39 Class 1 Tag-Reader Communication Parameters

Tag modulation uses a four interval bit cell encoding technique. Two transitions represent a binary 0 and four transitions represent a binary 1 (see Figure 5-7).

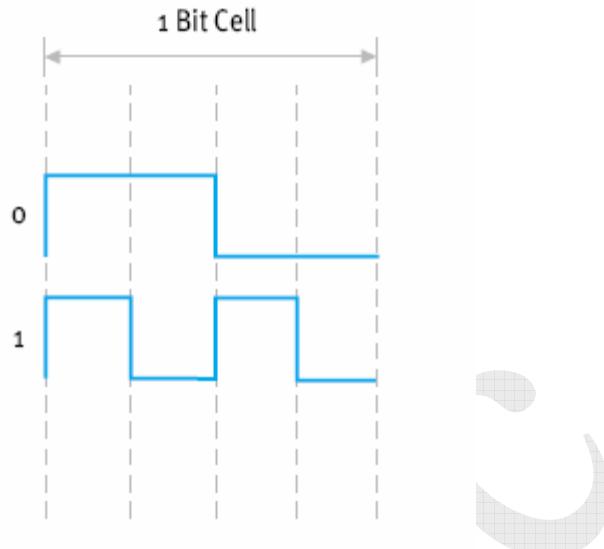


Figure 5-7 Class 1 Tag to Reader Encoding

5.3.2 Class 1 – Gen 2

The RF2400 incorporates a Class1 Gen 2 RF communication interface compatible with the new generation of GEN 2 tags. Gen 2 support is much more robust then Class 1 tags providing enhanced features and improvements with security and the mechanisms to handle large populations of tags. Encoding, modulation and protocols follow the EPC™ Radio-Frequency Identity Protocols Class-1 Generation-2 UHF RFID Protocol for Communications at 860 MHz – 930 MHz Version 1.0.9 – January 31, 2005

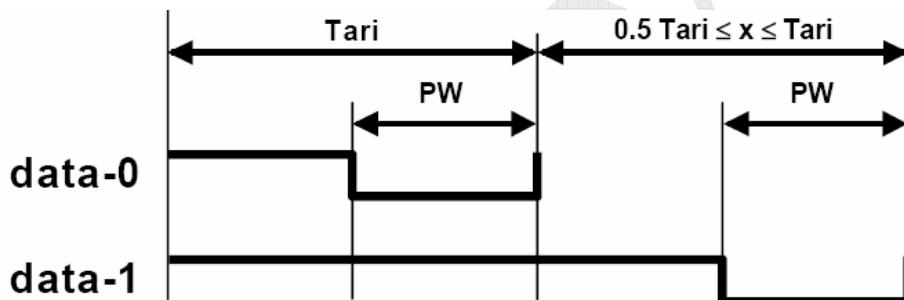
5.3.2.1 Gen 2 Reader-Tag RF communications

The RF2400 communicates with the Gen 2 tags using amplitude shift keying (ASK). Modulation operates at 90% nominally and shaped Keying is employed to control modulation rise and fall times. Communications between the Reader and Tags is based on a reference time interval defined as a Tari which is the duration of a data 0. Fixed format is used for all communications. Modulation parameters for North American operation are summarized in Table 5-40

Parameter	Description	Value
Tari	Reference Time Interval	12.5 us
Ttol	Reference Interval Tolerance	<0.1%
1/(2Tari)	Data Rate	40 Kbps
PW	RF Pulse Width (Tari/2)	3.125 us
Mod	Modulation Depth	90%
DMod	Modulation Depth Variation	5%
Tf	Fall Time	300 ns typ.
Tr	Rise Time	300 ns typ.
Ripple	Ripple	<10%

Table 5-40 Gen 2 Reader-Tag Modulation Parameters

Data is transmitted using Pulse Interval Modulation PIE encoding. A fixed pulse width of $\frac{1}{2}$ Tari is used for both logic 0 and logic 1 data bits. A data zero is represented by positioning this pulse at the last half of the first Tari interval. A data 1 is represented by positioning the pulse at the last half of the second Tari interval (refer to Figure 5-8).

**Figure 5-8 Gen 2 Reader to Tag PIE Encoding**

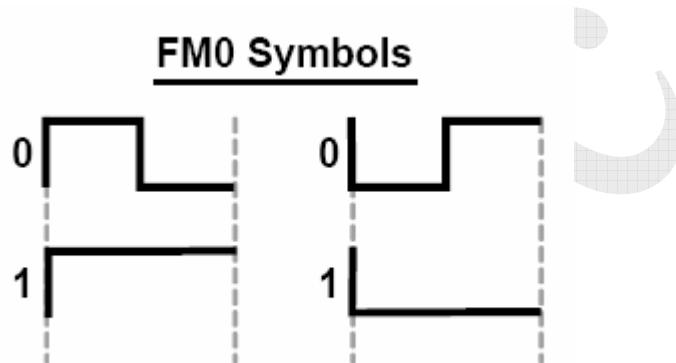
5.3.2.2 Gen 2 Tag-Reader RF communications

The Tag communicates to the Reader by backscatter modulation of the continuous wave (CW) carrier supplied by the Reader. This is an ASK modulation and is typically 10% or less of the signal amplitude based on nominal radiation cross-sections. The Tag to Reader bit cell time is $\frac{1}{2}$ Tari resulting in a nominal data rate twice the data rate from the Reader to the Tag. However, this rate will vary over the response as much as 25% as the Tag power level changes. Tag the Reader parameters for North America are summarized in Table 5-41

Parameter	Description	Value
Tari	Master Clock Interval	8 us
Tag Data Rate	Tag to Reader Nominal Data Rate 1/Tari	125 Kbps

Table 5-41 Gen 2Tag-Reader Communication Parameters

The Reader determines the TAG encoding scheme and data rate with a *Query* command. The RF2400 always selects FM0 encoding. Using FM0 a binary 0 is represented by a transition mid bit cell and a binary 1 is represented by no transitions within the cell (refer to Figure 5-9)

**Figure 5-9 Gen2 Tag to Reader Encoding**

5.4 LOGICAL STRUCTURES AND DATA CONTENT

5.4.1 Gen 2 Tag Structures and Data content

The Gen 2 tag memory is logically separated into four banks. Each bank may contain zero or more memory words. The memory map follows.

Bank	Area	MSB	Content	LSB
11	User	xxh	User [15:0]	
			...	
		00h	User [N:N-15]	0Fh
10	TID		...	
		10h	TID [15:0]	1Fh
		00h	TID [31:16]	0Fh
01	EPC	xxh	EPC [15:0]	
			...	
		20h	EPC [N:N-15]	2Fh
		10h	PC [15:0]	1Fh
		00h	CRC-16 [15:0]	0Fh
00	Reserved		...	
		30h	Access Password [15:0]	3Fh
		20h	Access Password [31:16]	2Fh
		10h	Kill Password [15:0]	1Fh
		00h	Kill Password [31:16]	0Fh

Table 5-42 Class 1 Gen 2 Memory Map

User Memory is for user specific data storage. This region is Tag vendor specific.

TID memory contains an 8 bit allocation class identifier, and information to describe any custom capabilities of the Tag. The TID may include a Tag mask-designer identified, Tag model number, Tag serial number, etc

EPC memory contains a CRC16 to protect the EPC, a Protocol Control (PC) field to describe the length of the EPC, and the EPC (Electronic Product Code). The RF2400 currently supports an EPC of 12 bytes.

Reserved memory contains the kill and access passwords. The default (un-programmed) value of the both passwords is zero. An Interrogator can use the kill password once to kill a Tag and render it silent thereafter. The access password, if non-zero shall require the interrogator to issue this Password before transitioning to the secured state.

5.5 AUTONOMOUS OPERATION

The RF2400 includes functionality to support remote autonomous operation. The controller is easily configured to read tags remotely (disconnected from the host communication port) saving tag ID data to EEPROM while operating under battery power. Functions supported include:

- Paper Sensor Triggered Read (Host mode). Refer to section 5.1.2.7.1
- Paper Sensor Triggered Read (Service Port mode). Refer to section 5.2.1.17
- Auto Get Tag ID (Host mode). Refer to section 5.1.3.3
- Auto Read Tag (Service Port mode). Refer to section 5.2.1.20

The onboard EEPROM log is sized to store up to 496 ID records. Each record stores the complete EPC ID (up to 96 bits), the tag CRC, the length of the EPC, as well as the function used to store the ID. Once the log is full (all 496 locations written), the operational function will be terminated and a message is immediately sent to the host communication port; however, if the communication port is disconnected at that time the message will be lost. When connected to the communication port, the host can interrogate the reader using the “Get Reader Status” command (refer to section 5.1.2.5) with the data byte set to 0x00. If the log is full, the response will return a message type of 0x98 (log full). The host can download the stored ID data and clear the log using the “Dump ID Data” command (refer to section 5.1.3.4).

If operating in service port mode, when the host connection is established using the “^P^D” protocol, and the log is full, a message “Error 43” will be sent. The ID data can be retrieved and the log cleared using the ***did*** command (refer to section 5.2.1.21).

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HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

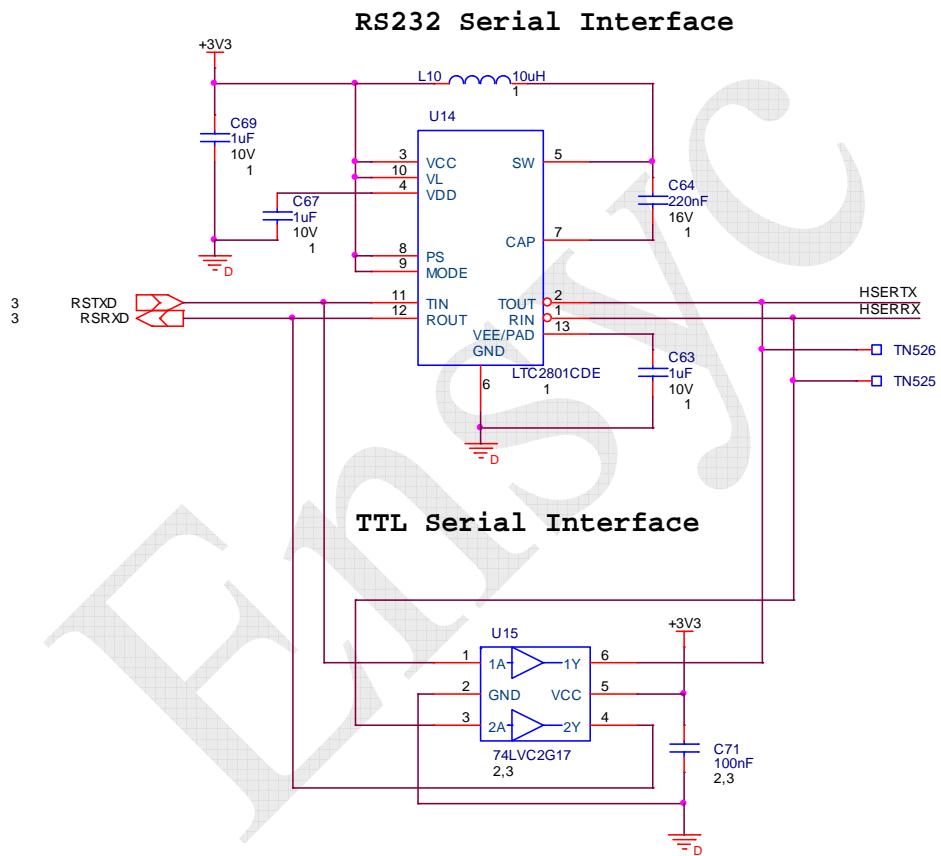
The RFID controller (RF2400) is interfaced to a host processor with an industry standard RS232 interface (or optional USB adapter) using a media independent protocol. The reader is designed around a Texas Instrument TMS320F2808 low cost DSP used to communicate with the host and control all RFID transmit and receive operations. The DSP provides a wide selection of memory including 128 Kbytes of Flash, 2 Kbytes of OTP ROM, 8 Kbytes of Boot ROM Peripherals include up to four Hardware PWM outputs, six 32-bit timers, six 16-bit timers, four SPI modules, two SCI communication ports, two eCAN modules, sixteen channels of 12-ADC, and 35 individually programmable GPIO pins. To limit cost, the majority of the RFID reader functionality is implemented in the DSP firmware. Combined with a 128-Bit security Key/Lock this provides a mechanism to deter theft of the RFID intellectual property (IP).

A low cost highly integrated VCO, operating over the frequency range 860MHz-960MHz, is used to create the RF carrier signal and under DSP control provides the frequency hopping spread spectrum (FHSS) mechanism in accordance with FCC part 15.247. A power splitter divides the VCO output into the RF carrier and a local reference signal used to demodulate the RFID backscatter signal. A single chip 2-watt GSM Power Amplifier boosts the RF carrier necessary for reliable communication and is adjustable from 0dBm (1mW) to 24dBm (250mW). The amplifier output is coupled to the antenna with an integral directional coupler to reduce the transmitter signal coupled to the receiver section.

The output of the directional coupler applies the backscatter signal directly to an RF mixer. Using the local reference signal from the power splitter, a selectable LC phase delay is used to directly convert the in-phase or quadrature components of backscatter signal from the RFID tag to baseband. A low-pass RF filter removes any high frequency products of the mixer. This filter output is applied to a high-pass network coupled with a synchronized FET switch to remove any DC components. Finally a base-band amplifier boosts the signal to a level compatible with the DSP analog input. The processor phase locks to the signal, synchronizes to the clock edges, tracks the average signal level, and decodes the data stream for presentation to the host.

6.1 HOST COMMUNICATION INTERFACE

The RF2400 reader is interfaced to the host using an industry standard RS232 or optional TTL serial interface. Populating the controller with *U14 L10*, and *C63, C64, C67, C69* interfaces the DSP media independent serial protocol to industry standard RS232 signal levels. Optionally, removing the RS232 components and populating components *U15* and *C71* provides a TTL compatible signal level. The serial interface offers no hardware or software flow control and only communicates using the serial transmit and receive data lines. Baud rate defaults to 19,200 k-baud using eight data bits and one stop bit. The baud rate can be reconfigured using host commands.



6.2 DSP PROCESSOR

The heart of the RF controller is a 100 MIPS DSP processor. The processor includes a crystal oscillator which runs at 20MHz, set by an external crystal. An integral PLL boosts the frequency to 100MHz. During tag communication, the processor must run at 100MHz to achieve the timing required. When not communicating with a tag, firmware decreases the operating frequency to 20MHz to conserve power. As the operating frequency is changed, internal dividers, timers, and the baud rate generator are adjusted to maintain correct operation.

The processor has hardware for serial communication including UART, I²C, and SPI. The UART is used for host communication through an external RS232 translator or buffered TTL interface. The I²C controller interfaces to an external EEPROM. Two SPI interfaces are implemented, one communicates with the Chipcon VCO, the other is used to serialize the transmitted data, its clocking is supplied by an integral PWM.

An integrated 12 bit A/D converter samples the tag received data after pre-conditioning. The processor firmware then decodes the data while tracking frequency and amplitude variations. The A/D also monitors board voltage levels to insure proper operation and to control charging of an optional battery.

Several PWMs are used for transmit power level setting, beeper sound generation, and transmit data gating.

General purpose I/O ports control various transmit and receive functions, LED indicators, and 2 software controlled external I/O ports.

6.3 EEPROM

An EEPROM memory is used to permanently store required settings and tag ID data. The EEPROM interfaces with the processor over an I²C bus. Parameters stored include such items a Tx power, Rx thresholds, host comm. settings, etc. A large area is used to store tag IDs for portable data gathering while not connected to a host computer.

The EEPROM currently used is 64kbytes or 8Kx8. Following is the EEPROM map:

0-1F	parameters
40-77	phase table, entry per channel
78-79	store pointer for ID storage
80-9F	demo data
100-1FFF	ID storage 16 bytes each for 496 entries

6.4 TRANSMITTER/VCO

The Transmitter/VCO is implemented using a Chipcon CC1070 Single Chip Low Power RF Transmitter. This component interfaces to the processor using an SPI interface and incorporates the necessary circuitry to implement Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS) signaling for noisy environments and to meet agency spectral requirements. To enhance speed of operation, the Transmitter/VCO includes dual sets of frequency control registers to allow overlapped frequency configuration during operation. UHF frequency is synthesized from an inexpensive 14.7456MHz crystal using a programmable fractional divider to achieve high resolution which is ideal for narrow band applications. An external loop filter is provided to meet the stabilization requirements imposed by FHSS. The VCO circuitry with associated filtering can be configured to operate over the range from 850MHz to 960MHz. Although the CC1070 provides modulation control, for purposes of flexibility and to provide more control of various modulation schemes these features are not used. The output power of the VCO is adjustable from -30dBm to +7dBm. The output is coupled through an impedance matching which attenuates harmonic components and matches the combined power amplifier and mixer circuitry impedance to maximize VCO output power.

6.5 POWER SPLITTER

The power splitter is asymmetric dividing the power from the VCO to the RF amplifier and mixer. The mixer requires ample signal to reduce conversion loss as compared to the minimal input requirements of the RF amplifier. The circuit is implemented using an inductor and two capacitors.

6.6 POWER AMPLIFIER

The RF power amplifier is based on the Triquint TQM7M4006 Quad Band Power Amplifier Module. This device is a low cost amplifier designed for the cellular phone market providing an efficient low cost solution. The amplifier is controlled using a voltage controlled input to both set the output power and provide a versatile means to amplitude modulate the carrier.

6.7 PA MODULATION

The Processor directly modulates the carrier with ASK modulation using the voltage controlled input of the RF Power Amplifier. A processor PWM output is filtered using a 2-pole Sallen-Key low pass filter providing the required control voltage. This voltage is configurable and establishes the output power of the RF2400. Using two low resistance analog SPST switches the power amplifier control voltage input is switched between zero and this reference voltage using shaped key drive to more rapidly roll off sideband energy.

6.8 DIRECTIONAL COUPLER/RF FILTER

The output of the power amplifier is coupled to the antenna using a PCB implemented directional coupler with 8dB coupling loss and directivity between 25dB and 30dB. This implementation provides a very low cost alternative while providing the necessary transmitter/Receiver isolation. The output of the direction coupler is connected to the antenna using a simple pi filter to further attenuate harmonic components.

6.9 SELECTABLE LC PHASE DELAY/MIXER

The output of the VCO is connected to the mixer using a selectable phase delay with a nominal 90 degree phase difference. This circuitry also provides additional impedance matching to provide the strong signal required by the mixer to reduce conversion loss. The selectable delay provides a unique low cost solution to compensate for receiver nulls related to frequency and the tag to antenna spacing. Using a passive mixer the received signal is converter directly to baseband.

6.10 BASE-BAND AMPLIFIER

The output of the mixer is coupled with an impedance matching circuit to an acquisition switched high-pass filter to remove the large DC component. The output of this filter is applied to the 34dB base-band amplifier which incorporates 800 KHz low-pass filter limiting the bandwidth of the amplified signal.

6.11 GENERAL PURPOSE DIGITAL I/O PORT

The RF2400 provides two bi-directional IO ports which can be independently configured through software as an input or output port. These ports are buffered and include a protection circuit allowing an input signal range from 0 to 7volts. A low level is represented by any input signal less then 0.3V and high level any signal greater then 2.3volts. A 6.8K on-board resistor is provided to pull up the inputs to 3.3volts. An output low level output voltage is 0.36V at 8mA and a high level output voltage is 2.58V at -4mA. The IO ports are available on the Digital IO Connector (J2)

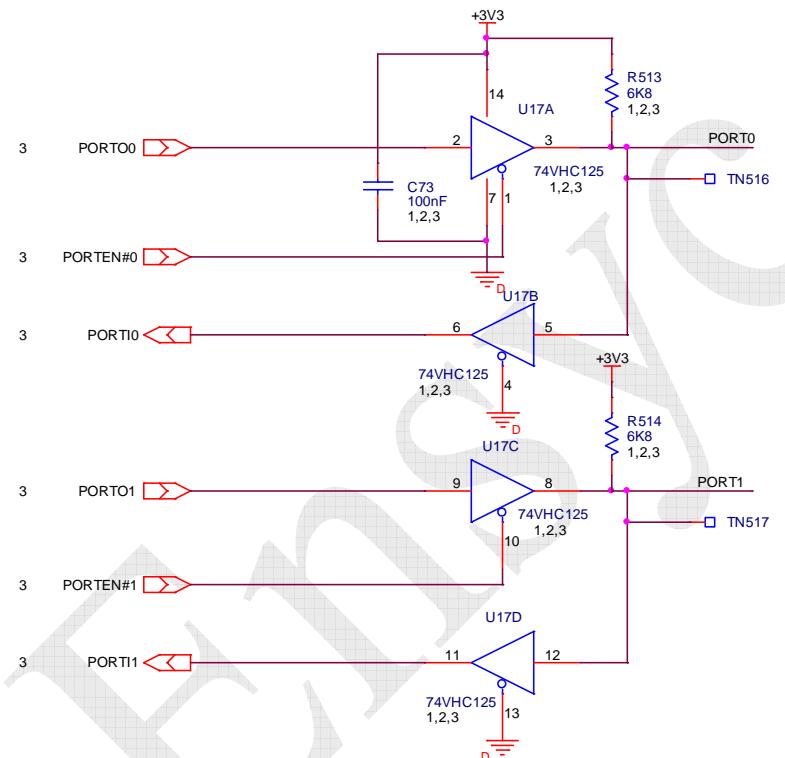


Figure 6-2 Digital I/O Port

6.12 DIGITAL I/O INTERFACE

The RF1200 incorporates two LED drivers for power and activity indication. On board LEDs are in parallel with outputs providing both onboard and remote indicators. Two maintenance jumpers provide a means to independently force a serial boot operation for firmware update and to reset the controller to the factory defaults. These signals in addition to the two IO ports are available on the Digital IO Connector (J2).

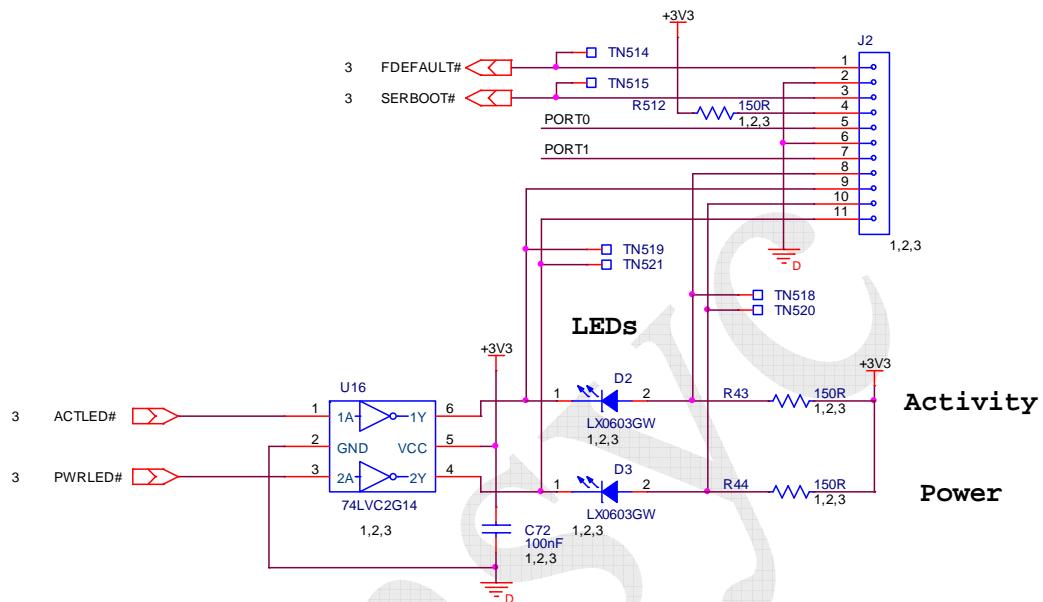


Figure 6-3 Digital I/O Interface

6.13 BUZZER CIRCUIT

A magnetic buzzer is used to provide audible indication of reader or paper sensor trigger activity. Functionality and settings are configured through the service port. The sound is generated by the microcontroller using a PWM output amplified by Q2 to directly drive the buzzer.

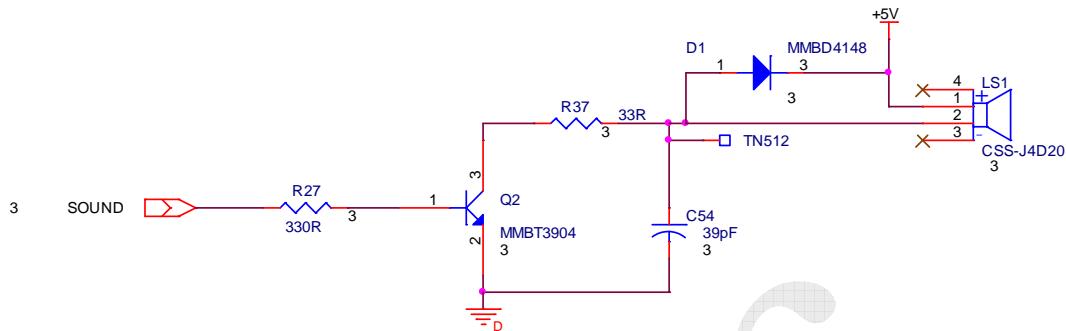


Figure 6-4 Buzzer Circuit

6.14 OPTICAL SENSOR INTERFACE

The RF2400 supports an optional optical sensor which can be configured to trigger read operations on either a presence or absence of the reflected light. The sensor emitter is modulated by the processor as a means to reduce the effects of ambient light and the difference in the sensor output is a measure of the coupled signal. The threshold is adjustable to compensate for different material reflectivity. Optionally, the circuitry can be configured to use an external mechanical switch where a contact closure from pins 1 & 2 of J3 indicates a triggered state. The sensor state is also available to host software. All the necessary signals are available on connector J3

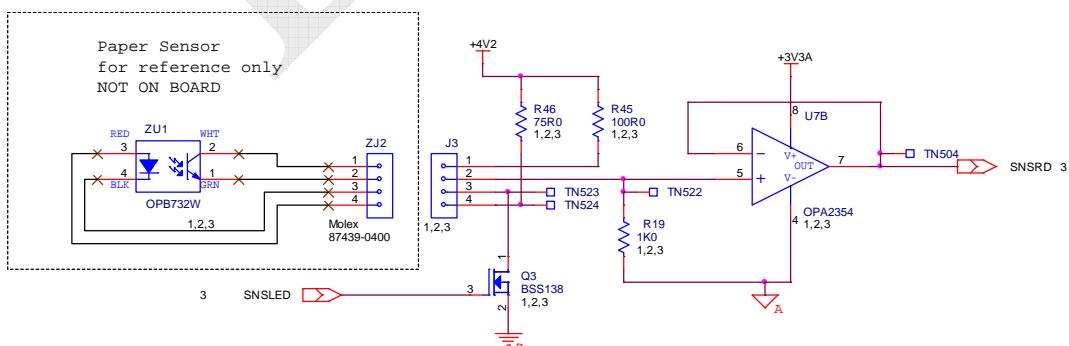


Figure 6-5 Optical Sensor Interface

6.15 POWER REGULATORS

The 5 volt input power is converted to 4.2 volts by a Li-Ion battery charger circuit U12. This circuit provides main system power and can charge an optional battery for portable operations. For the USB option, a super capacitor is available and supplies extra power during transmit operations which is not typically available from the USB interface. R42 sets the current limit to 550mA for the USB version and 1000mA for the externally powered versions. The main 4.2 volt source also powers the RF power amplifier.

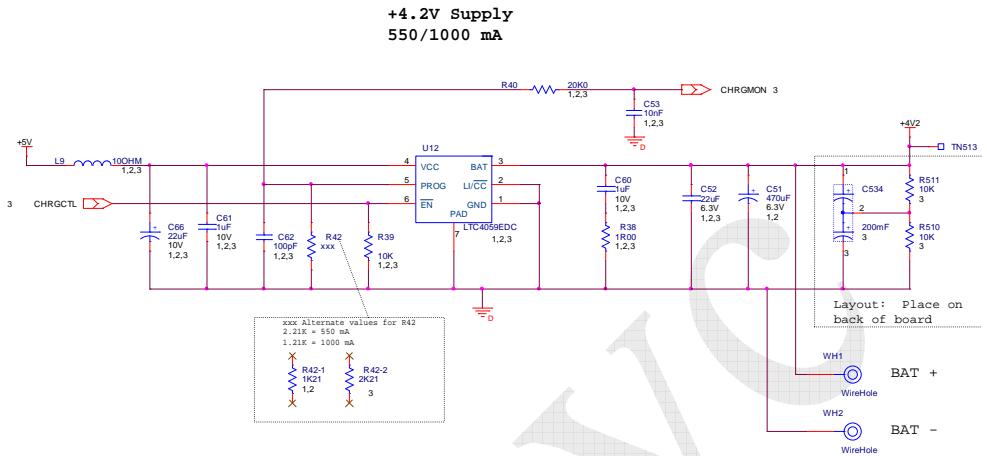


Figure 6-6 Main Power 4.2V Regulator

Two low drop-out (LDO) regulators provide the required power for various digital and analog circuits. U13 supplies +1.8V power to the processor core and U11 supplies +3.3V power for the processor I/O and additional controller circuitry.

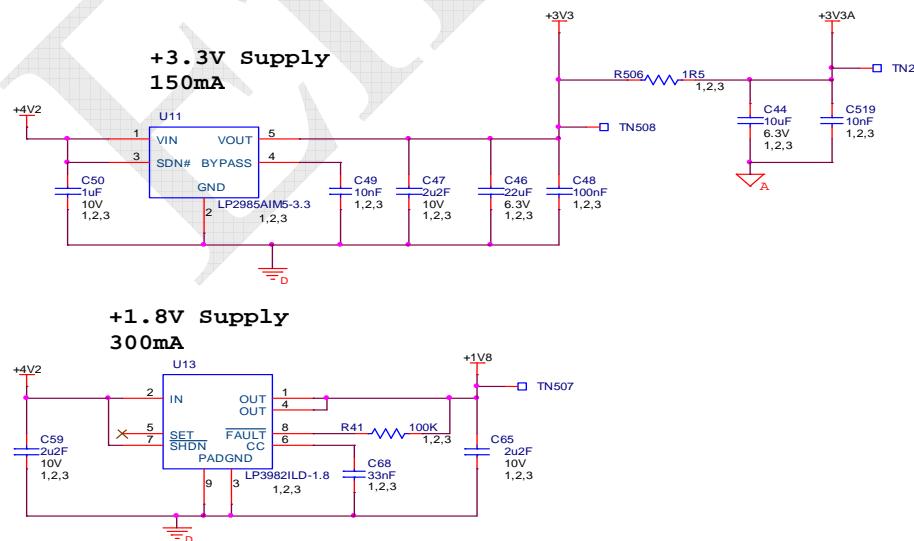


Figure 6-7 +3.3V and +1.8V Regulator

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SPECIFICATIONS

7.1 ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

7.1.1 RF Interface

RF output Frequency Range	860Mhz – 960 MHz
Transmit Power Range	0.1mW – 500mW
Receiver Sensitivity	-68dBm

7.1.2 Communications Interface

Serial Interface Baud Rate	9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200 baud
Digital I/O	TTL I/O levels

7.1.3 Power Supply

Power Supply Voltage	4.5Vdc – 5.5Vdc
Supply Current	1.25A max
Current Consumption	
Average:	350mA
Peak:	750mA
Power Dissipation	
Average:	1.75Watts
Peak:	3.75Watts

7.1.4 Battery (optional)

Type	Polymer Lithium-ion
Battery Voltage Nominal	3.7Vdc
Battery Voltage range	2.7Vdc – 4.2Vdc
Capacity	3200mAh

Note: A protection circuit in the battery prevents charging beyond 4.2V and discharging below 2.75. Additionally, there is short circuit protection at 3A.

7.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS

Operation Temperature Range	-20°C to 50°C (-4°F to -22°F)
Storage Temperature	-40°C to 80°C (-40°F to 176°F)
Relative Humidity	5% to 80% non-condensing

7.3 MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Size	2.12 x 3.36 x 0.25 in (53.87 x 85.37 x 6.35mm)
Mounting #4-thru hole (4plcs)	1.85 x 3.08 in (46.86 x 78.36mm)
Weight	0.8 oz (23g)

7.4 I/O CONNECTORS

J4 – Power/Serial IO Connector

Mating connector – Molex 87439-0500

Pin	Signal	Description
1	+5V	System power +5Vdc $\pm 10\%$, 1.25A max
2	+5 RTN	+5Vdc Ground
3	Signal GND	Serial I/O Ground Reference
4	Host RX	Serial Host Receiver (RS232 or optional TTL)
5	Host TX	Serial Host Transmitter (RS232 or optional TTL)

Note: Rx/Tx are from the RF2400 perspective.

J3 – Optical Sensor Connector

Mating connector – Molex 87439-0400

Pin	Signal	Description
1	SensPwr	4.2V power for Opto transistor (100ohm series resistor)
2	SensSgnl	Optical signal input from Optical Receiver (Emitter)
3	LED Rtn	LED power return (LED Cathode) (Pulsed)
4	LEDpwr	LED Power +4.2V (LED Anode)

J2 – Digital IO Connector

Mating connector – Molex 87439-1100

Pin	Signal	Description
1	Default	Factory Default Jumper Option – (jumper to pin 2)
2	GND	Reference ground for Jumper options
3	SerBoot	Force Serial Boot Jumper Option- (jumper to pin 2)
4	3.3V	Source power for external LED (Series 150 ohm resistor)
5	Port0	Bi-directional Digital IO Port0
6	GND	Reference ground for Digital IO Ports
7	Port1	Bi-directional Digital IO Port1
8	ActLedPwr	Activity LED power (3.3V with series 150ohm)
9	ActLedRtn	Activity LED return (Buffered Driver)
10	PwrLedPwr	Power LED power (3.3V with series 150ohm)
11	PwrLedRtn	Power LED return (Buffered Driver)

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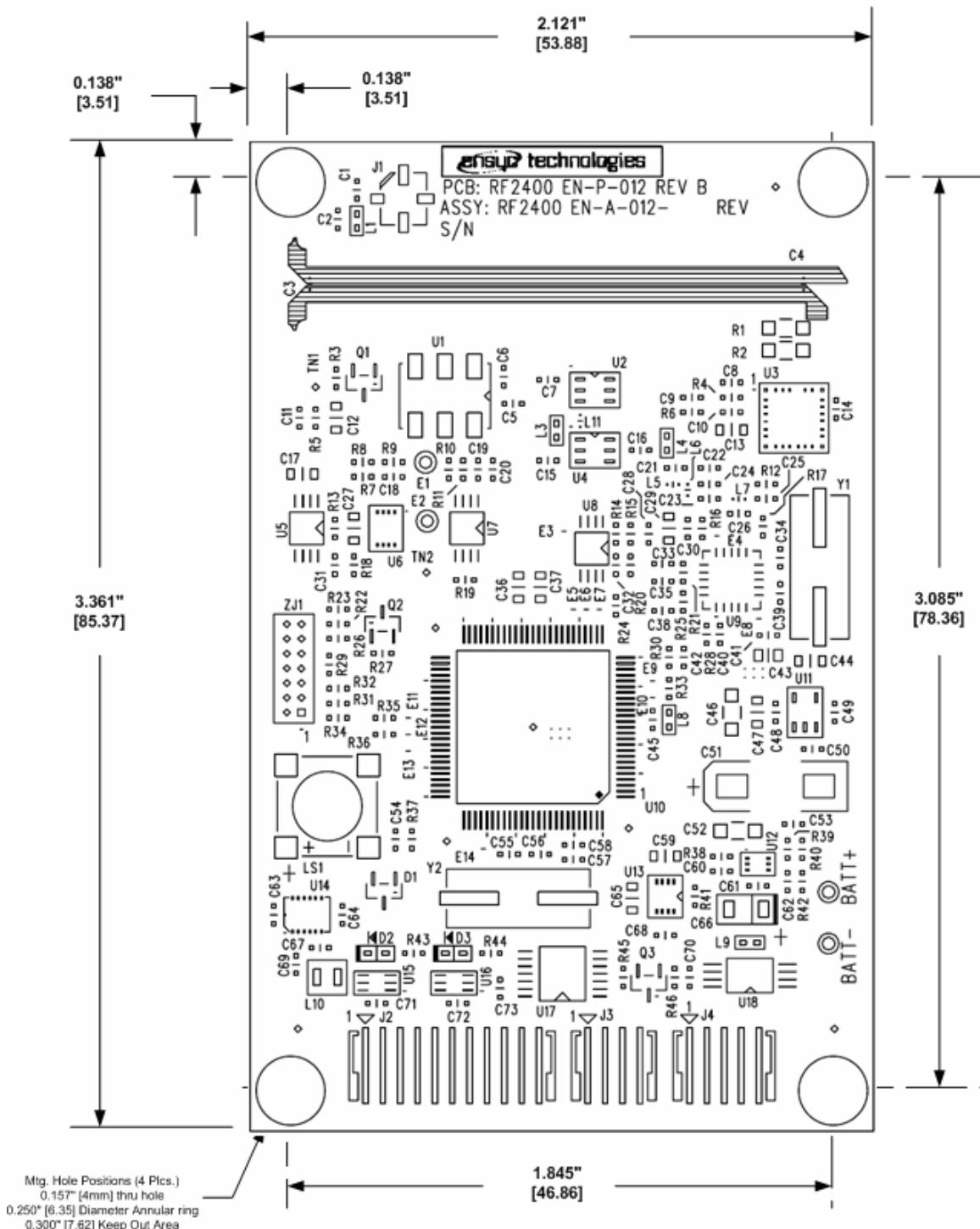


Figure 7-1 RF2400 Mechanical Assembly

Ensync

