



RF416

2.4 GHz Spread-Spectrum Radio



Overview

The RF416 spread-spectrum radio can be used for general purpose wireless data communication and supports point-to-point and point-to-multipoint data logger communication. It can serve as a field modem/radio while connected to the data logger or as a base station modem/radio when connected to a computer.

The RF416 has a frequency range of 2.450 to 2.482 GHz, which is used in many countries worldwide. It can communicate with other RF416 radios, and RF432 radios, as well as the internal radio in CR216(X) dataloggers and AWW216 interfaces.

Note: The operating frequency band of this radio modem may be shared with other non-licensed services such as cordless telephones and with licensed services including emergency broadcast and air-traffic control.

Benefits and Features

- ▶ Long range, wireless communications between devices
- ▶ Hassle-free operation in many countries where license-free operation is allowed
- ▶ Low average power consumption
- ▶ Optimized for Campbell Scientific PakBus networking
- ▶ Improved RF efficiency when using PakBus protocol compared to other third-party solutions
- ▶ Low-cost, stand-alone operation when a dedicated PakBus RF repeater is needed
- ▶ Frequency hops over 25 channels avoid interference from other spread-spectrum radios

Detailed Description

Spread-spectrum radios spread the normally narrowband information signal over a relatively wide band of frequencies. This allows the communications to be highly immune to noise and interference from RF sources such as pagers, cellular phones, and multipath. The RF416 reduces susceptibility to RF

interference from other spread-spectrum devices by providing user-selectable frequency-hopping patterns.

Spread spectrum radios, like all FCC Part 15 devices, are not allowed to cause harmful interference to licensed radio communications and must accept any interference that they receive. Most Campbell Scientific users operate in open or

remote locations where interference is unlikely. If there is a problem, interference can be reduced using methods such as moving the device, reorienting or using a different type of antenna, or adding RF shielding.

Powering the Radio

At the base station, the RF416 is powered using the 15966 wall charger. At the field site, the RF416 is typically powered by the data logger through the CS I/O port. The #14291 Field Cable is required at the field site for the following situations:

- ▶ Radio connected to the data logger's RS-232 port instead of the CS I/O port
- ▶ Data logger purchased before December 1997

Antennas

Campbell Scientific offers a variety of antennas for this radio. The 16005 is an omnidirectional 1/2-wave, 0 dBd, whip antenna that connects directly to the radio (no cable required) and can transmit short distances (up to 1 mile). The 17480 dipole antenna includes adhesive for window or wall mounting and a cable for connecting to the radio.

Our higher gain 30411 omnidirectional and 16755 Yagi antennas require a cable to connect them to the radio. The 31314 surge protector is available for radios susceptible to lightning or electrostatic buildup or when the cable length needs to be longer than 3 m (10 ft), as measured between the transceiver and the antenna.

Specifications

Frequency	2.450 to 2.482 GHz
Radio Type	Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS)
Country Used In	Any country where 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi communications are allowed
Transmission Distance	0.4 km (0.25 mi) with omnidirectional antenna (outdoors); up to 0.8 km (0.5 mi) with higher-gain directional antennas at ideal conditions
RS-232 Baud Rate	38.4k, 19.2k, 9600, 4800, or 1200 bps
Channel Capacity	65,000 Network Identifiers share 25 hop channels.
Frequency Hopping Patterns	6 different selectable patterns
Frequency Control	Direct FM
Receiver Sensitivity	-104 dBm at 10 ⁻⁴ bit error rate (Campbell Scientific protocols will issue retries wherever a bit error occurs.)
Interference Rejection	70 dB (at pager and cellular phone frequencies)
Power Output	50 mW (nominal)
Data Rate	10 kbps
Antenna Connector	Reverse Polarity SMA (RPSMA)

RS-232 Connector	9-pin D female (4 wire: Tx, Rx, CTS, GND)
CS I/O Connector	9-pin D male
FCC ID	OUR-24XSTREAM
Power	9 to 16 Vdc
Operating Temperature Range	-25° to +50°C
LEDs	Power on, TX, RX, diagnostics
Power Connector	Barrel plug, center positive 12 V (used to connect the 14291 Field Power Cable)
Average Current Drain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 75 mA (transmitting) ▶ 36 mA (receiving) ▶ < 1 mA (standby with power-saving options used)
Communication Ports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ RS-232 9-pin D female (4 wire: Tx, Rx, CTS, GND) ▶ CS I/O 9-pin D male (Newer data loggers provide power to the radio on this connector. Data loggers purchased before December 1997 require the pn 14291 Field Power Cable.)
Dimensions	11.4 x 7.0 x 2.9 cm (4.5 x 2.8 x 1.1 in.)
Weight	227 g (8 oz)

For comprehensive details, visit: www.campbellsci.com/rf416 



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