

# AC4424 2.4GHz Radio Module

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### **THE FASTEST WAY TO WIRELESS**

Laird Technologies' AC4424 is a 2.4GHz FHSS digital radio module that represents a breakthrough in industrial RF communication. Comprised of a complete, agency-certified radio and sophisticated RF232<sup>®</sup> protocol, the AC4424 simplifies the OEM's design effort and assures successful field operation.

The RF232 protocol makes the AC4424 a drop-in solution for seamless integration, easy operation, and fast time-to-market. It manages all aspects of the over-the-air radio protocol to assure successful transmission, so users are not concerned with the intricacies of headers, data packet length, and CRCs. The entire radio connection is transparent to the OEM.

AC4424 modules are socket-compatible with Laird Technologies' 900MHz AC4490 radio modules, enabling OEMs to design once and subsequently interchange radios to accommodate new markets, regulations, and environments\*. Developer tools and technical support make wireless integration fast and trouble free. Let Laird Technologies help you find the best fit for your application.

\* Although AC4424s will not talk to AC4490s, socket-compatibility allows for seamlessly interchanging the modules network-wide.

### **FEATURES**

- FCC, IC, and ETSI/CE certified
- Flexible protocol allows various configurations
- Small form factor: 2.65 x 1.65 inches
- Operates in -40°C to +80°C temp. range
- Low-power sleep mode with continuous sync
- Output Power up to 200mW
- Ranges up to 2 miles

### MARKETS

- Industrial Control
- Fleet Telemetry
- Automotive
- Field Surveillance
- Home Automation

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### **FLEXIBLE RF PROTOCOL**

Laird Technologies' embedded transparent protocol simplifies the OEM's integration process by utilizing drop-in installation. As each radio module receives raw data, it manages the over-the-air protocol to assure successful communication. Headers, data packet length, and CRCs are not required. The RF232 supports simple cable-replacement to complex peer-to-peer configuration. It allows you to broadcast to all radio modules or address packets to a specific destination using unique MAC addresses embedded in each module.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

| Parameter                     | AC4424–10                                | AC4424–100                 | AC4424-200                 |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Interface                     | 20-pin mini connector                    | 20-pin mini connector      | 20-pin mini connector      |
| Frequency                     | 2.402 - 2.478 GHz                        | 2.402 - 2.478 GHz          | 2.402 - 2.478 GHz          |
| Modulation                    | FHSS FSK                                 | FHSS FSK                   | FHSS FSK                   |
| Serial interface options      | 3V or 5V TTL                             | 3V or 5V TTL               | 3V or 5V TTL               |
| Serial interface data rate    | Up to 192 kbps                           | Up to 192 kbps             | Up to 192 kbps             |
| Output power                  | 10mW                                     | 100mW                      | 200mW                      |
| Current consumption** (Tx/Rx) | 115/85 mA                                | 160/85 mA                  | 235/85 mA                  |
| Channels                      | 88 channels U.S./Canada;                 | 88 channels U.S./Canada;   | 88 channels U.S./Canada;   |
|                               | 40 channels Europe                       | 40 channels Europe         | 40 channels Europe         |
| Security                      | One-byte system ID                       | One-byte system ID         | One-byte system ID         |
| Voltage                       | 5 V nominal +/- 2%                       | 5 V nominal +/- 2%         | 5 V nominal +/- 2%         |
|                               | +/- 50 mV ripple                         | +/- 50 mV ripple           | +/- 50 mV ripple           |
| Sensitivity                   | -90 dB @ full RF data rate               | -90 dB @ full RF data rate | -90 dB @ full RF data rate |
| Range                         | Up to 0.5 mile (1 km)                    | Up to 1 mile (1.6 km)      | Up to 2 miles (3.2 km)     |
| Temperature                   | -40° to +80°C                            | -40° to +80°C              | -40° to +80°C              |
| Humidity (non-condensing)     | 10% to 90%                               | 10% to 90%                 | 10% to 90%                 |
| Dimensions                    | 1.65 x 2.65 x 0.20 inches                | 1.65 x 2.65 x 0.20 inches  | 1.65 x 2.65 x 0.20 inches  |
|                               | (4.2 x 6.7 x 0.5 cm)                     | (4.2 x 6.7 x 0.5 cm)       | (4.2 x 6.7 x 0.5 cm)       |
| Weight                        | < 0.7 oz (< 20 g)                        | < 0.7 oz (< 20 g)          | < 0.7 oz (< 20 g)          |
| Antenna                       | MMCX receptacle<br>or Integrated Ceramic | MMCX receptacle            | MMCX receptacl             |

\*\* Current consumption assumes 50% transmitter-on time.

### **PROTOCOL MODES**

- Communication Unicast (one-to-one addressing) Broadcast (one-to-multiple addressing)
- Module configuration: Destination address Co-located servers RF channel Broadcast/addressed
- Variable baud rate

- RF packet size, timeout control
- Handshaking, CTS/RTS
- In-range indicator
- Auto-channel
- Error detection: Onboard CRC Duplicate packet filtering
- Random back-off

The details contained within the document are subject to change. Download the product specification from www.lairdtech.com/wireless for the most current specification.

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