

Z-Accel 2.4 GHz ZigBee® Processor

Accelerate your ZigBee Development

Applications

- *ZigBee*™ *systems*
- *Home/Building automation*
- *Industrial control and monitoring*

Description

The $CC2480$ (formerly known as CCZACC06) is a cost-effective, low power, Z-Accel ZigBee Processor that provides full ZigBee functionality with a minimal development effort.

Z-Accel is a solution where TI's ZigBee stack, Z-Stack, runs on a ZigBee Processor and the application runs on an external microcontroller. The 0.02480 handles all the timing critical and processing intensive ZigBee protocol tasks, and leaves the resources of the application microcontroller free to handle the application.

Z-Accel makes it easy to add ZigBee to new or existing products at the same time as it provides great flexibility in choice of microcontroller.

CC2480 interfaces any microcontroller through an SPI or UART interface. There is no need to learn a new microcontroller or new tools. CC2480 can for example be combined with an MSP430.

Key Features

- Simple integration of ZigBee into any design
- Running the mature and stable ZigBee 2006 compliant TI Z-Stack
- SPI or UART interface to any microcontroller running the application
- Simple API and full ZigBee API supported
- Can implement any type of ZigBee device: Coordinator, Router or End Device
- Automatically enters low power mode (<0.5 uA) in idle periods when configured as End Device
- Radio
	- o Fully integrated and robust IEEE 802.15.4-compliant 2.4 GHz DSSS RF transceiver
	- o Excellent receiver sensitivity and best in class robustness to interferers
- Power Supply
- *Low power wireless sensor networks*
- *Set-top boxes and remote controls*
- *Automated Meter Reading*

CC2480 supports TIís SimpleAPI. SimpleAPI has only 10 API calls to learn, which drastically simplifies the development of ZigBee applications.

- \circ Wide supply voltage range (2.0V $-$ 3.6V)
- o Low current consumption (RX: 27 mA, TX: 27 mA) and fast transition times.
- **External System**
	- o Very few external components
	- o RoHS compliant 7x7mm QLP48 package
- Peripherals and Supporting Functions
	- o Port expander with 4 general I/O pins, two with increased sink/source capability
	- o Battery monitor and temperature sensor
	- o 7-12 bits ADC with two channels
	- o Robust power-on-reset and brownout-reset circuitry
- Tools and Development
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- [1] IEEE std. 802.15.4 2006: Wireless Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) specifications for Low Rate Wireless Personal Area Networks (LR-WPANs). <http://standards.ieee.org/getieee802/download/802.15.4-2006.pdf>
- [2] CC2480 Interface Specification <http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/swra175>

3 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Under no circumstances must the absolute maximum ratings given in [Table 1](#page-5-1) be violated. Stress exceeding one or more of the limiting values may cause permanent damage to the device.

Table 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings

Caution! ESD sensitive device. Precaution should be used when handling the device in order to prevent permanent damage.

4 Operating Conditions

The operating conditions for $C2480$ are listed in [Table 2.](#page-5-2)

Table 2: Operating Conditions

Parameter	Min	Max	Unit	Condition
Operating ambient temperature range, T_A	-40	85	°C	
Operating supply voltage	2.0	3.6		The supply pins to the radio part must be driven by the 1.8 V on-chip regulator

5 Electrical Specifications

Measured on Texas Instruments $CC480$ EM reference design with T_A=25°C and VDD=3.0V unless stated otherwise.

Table 3: Electrical Specifications

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 1 Normal Flash access means that the code used exceeds the cache storage so cache misses will happen frequently.

5.1 General Characteristics

Measured on Texas Instruments $CC480$ EM reference design with T_A=25°C and VDD=3.0V unless stated otherwise.

Table 4: General Characteristics

5.2 RF Receive Section

Measured on Texas Instruments $CC480$ EM reference design with T_A=25°C and VDD=3.0V unless stated otherwise.

Table 5: RF Receive Parameters

5.3 RF Transmit Section

Measured on Texas Instruments $CC480$ EM reference design with $T_A=25^{\circ}$ C, VDD=3.0V, and nominal output power unless stated otherwise.

Table 6: RF Transmit Parameters

5.4 32 MHz Crystal Oscillator

Measured on Texas Instruments $CC480$ EM reference design with T_A=25°C and VDD=3.0V unless stated otherwise.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Crystal frequency		32		MHz	
Crystal frequency accuracy requirement	-40		40	ppm	Including aging and temperature dependency, as specified by [1]
ESR	6	16	60	Ω	Simulated over operating conditions
C ₀		1.9	7	pF	Simulated over operating conditions
C ₁	10	13	16	pF	Simulated over operating conditions
Start-up time		212		μs	

Table 7: 32 MHz Crystal Oscillator Parameters

5.5 32.768 kHz Crystal Oscillator

Measured on Texas Instruments $CC480$ EM reference design with T_A=25°C and VDD=3.0V unless stated otherwise.

 2 This is for 2440MHz

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Table 8: 32.768 kHz Crystal Oscillator Parameters

5.6 32 kHz RC Oscillator

Measured on Texas Instruments $CC480$ EM reference design with T_A=25°C and VDD=3.0V unless stated otherwise.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Calibrated frequency		32.753		kHz	The calibrated 32 kHz RC Oscillator frequency is the 32 MHz XTAL frequency divided by 977
Frequency accuracy after calibration		±0.2		$\%$	Value is estimated
Temperature coefficient		$+0.4$		% / $\mathrm{^{\circ}C}$	Frequency drift when temperature changes after calibration. Value is estimated.
Supply voltage coefficient		$+3$		% / V	Frequency drift when supply voltage changes after calibration. Value is estimated.
Initial calibration time		1.7		ms	When the 32 kHz RC Oscillator is enabled. calibration is continuously done in the background as long as the 32 MHz crystal oscillator is running.

Table 9: 32 kHz RC Oscillator parameters

5.7 16 MHz RC Oscillator

Measured on Texas Instruments $CC480$ EM reference design with T_A=25°C and VDD=3.0V unless stated otherwise.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Frequency		16		MHz	The calibrated 16 MHz RC Oscillator frequency is the 32 MHz XTAL frequency divided by 2
Uncalibrated frequency accuracy		$+18$		$\%$	
Calibrated frequency accuracy		$+0.6$	$+1$	$\%$	
Start-up time			10	μs	
Temperature coefficient			-325	ppm ℓ °C	Frequency drift when temperature changes after calibration
Supply voltage coefficient			28	ppm / mV	Frequency drift when supply voltage changes after calibration
Initial calibration time		50		US	When the 16 MHz RC Oscillator is enabled it will be calibrated continuously when the 32MHz crystal oscillator is running.

Table 10: 16 MHz RC Oscillator parameters

5.8 Frequency Synthesizer Characteristics

Measured on Texas Instruments $CC480$ EM reference design with T_A=25°C and VDD=3.0V unless stated otherwise.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Phase noise		-116 -117 -118		dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz	Unmodulated carrier At $±1.5$ MHz offset from carrier At ± 3 MHz offset from carrier At ±5 MHz offset from carrier
PLL lock time			192	μS	The startup time until RX/TX turnaround. The crystal oscillator is running.

Table 11: Frequency Synthesizer Parameters

5.9 Analog Temperature Sensor

Measured on Texas Instruments $CC480$ EM reference design with T_A=25°C and VDD=3.0V unless stated otherwise.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Output voltage at -40° C		0.648		\vee	Value is estimated
Output voltage at 0°C		0.743		\vee	Value is estimated
Output voltage at +40°C		0.840		V	Value is estimated
Output voltage at +80°C		0.939		\vee	Value is estimated
Temperature coefficient		2.45		mV ^o C	Fitted from -20° C to +80 $^{\circ}$ C on estimated values.
Absolute error in calculated temperature		-8		°C	From -20° C to +80 $^{\circ}$ C when assuming best fit for absolute accuracy on estimated values: 0.743V at 0° C and 2.45mV / $^{\circ}$ C.
Error in calculated temperature, calibrated	-2	Ω	$\overline{2}$	$^{\circ}C$	From -20° C to +80 $^{\circ}$ C when using 2.45mV / $^{\circ}$ C, after 1-point calibration at room temperature. Values are estimated. Indicated min/max with 1- point calibration is based on simulated values for typical process parameters
Current consumption increase when enabled		280		μA	

Table 12: Analog Temperature Sensor Parameters

5.10 ADC

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Measured with T_A =25°C and VDD=3.0V. Note that other data may result when using Texas Instruments' CC2480 EM reference design.

 3 Measured with 300 Hz Sine input and VDD as reference.

5.11 Control AC Characteristics

 T_A = -40°C to 85°C, VDD=2.0V to 3.6V if nothing else stated.

Table 14: Control Inputs AC Characteristics

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5.12 SPI AC Characteristics

 T_A = -40°C to 85°C, VDD=2.0V to 3.6V if nothing else stated.

Table 15: SPI AC Characteristics

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
SSN low to SCK	$2^\star t_{\text{SYSCLK}}$				See item 5 Figure 2
SCK to SSN high	30			ns	See item 6 Figure 2
SCK period	100			ns	See item 1 Figure 2
SCK duty cycle		50%			
SI setup	10			ns	See item 2 Figure 2
SI hold	10			ns	See item 3 Figure 2
SCK to SO			25	ns	See item 4 Figure 2, load = 10 pF

Figure 2: SPI AC Characteristics

5.13 Port Outputs AC Characteristics

 T_A = 25°C, VDD=3.0V if nothing else stated.

Table 16: Port Outputs AC Characteristics

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
GPIO/USART output rise time $(SC=0/SC=1)$		3.15/ 1.34		ns	Load = 10 pF Timing is with respect to 10% VDD and 90% VDD levels. Values are estimated
fall time $(SC=0/SC=1)$		3.2/ 1.44			Load = 10 pF Timing is with respect to 90% VDD and 10% VDD. Values are estimated

5.14 DC Characteristics

The DC Characteristics of $CC2480$ are listed in [Table 17](#page-14-2) below.

 $T_A = 25^\circ \text{C}$, VDD=3.0V if nothing else stated.

Table 17: DC Characteristics

6 Pin and I/O Port Configuration

The $C2480$ pinout is shown in [Figure 3](#page-16-1) with details in [Table 18.](#page-17-0)

Figure 3: Pinout top view

Note: The exposed die attach pad **must** be connected to a solid ground plane as this is the ground connection for the chip.

Table 18: Pinout overview

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7 Circuit Description

A block diagram of *CC2480* is shown in Figure [4.](#page-18-1) The modules can be roughly divided into \parallel features an one of three categories: CPU-related modules, modules related to power and clock

distribution, and radio-related modules. $CC480$ features an IEEE 802.15.4 compliant radio based on the leading *CC2420* transceiver. See Section [10](#page-28-1) for details.

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8 Application Circuit

Few external components are required for the operation of CC2480. A typical application circuit is shown in [Figure 5.](#page-20-1) Typical values and

8.1 Input / output matching

The RF input/output is high impedance and differential. The optimum differential load for the RF port is 60 + j16[4](#page-19-1) Ω^4 .

When using an unbalanced antenna such as a monopole, a balun should be used in order to optimize performance. The balun can be implemented using low-cost discrete inductors and capacitors. The recommended balun shown, consists of C341, L341, L321 and L331 together with a PCB microstrip transmission line (λ/2-dipole), and will match the RF input/output to 50 $Ω$. An internal T/R switch circuit is used to switch between the

 4 This is for 2440MHz.

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8.2 Bias resistors

The bias resistors are R221 and R261. The bias resistor R221 is used to set an accurate bias current for the 32 MHz crystal oscillator.

8.3 Crystal

An external 32 MHz crystal, XTAL1, with two loading capacitors (C191 and C211) is used for the 32 MHz crystal oscillator. See page [10](#page-9-2) for details. The load capacitance seen by the 32 MHz crystal is given by:

$$
C_L = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_{191}} + \frac{1}{C_{211}}} + C_{parasitic}
$$

XTAL2 is an optional 32.768 kHz crystal, with two loading capacitors (C441 and C431), used for the 32.768 kHz crystal oscillator. The 32.768 kHz crystal oscillator is used in applications where you need both very low

8.4 Voltage regulators

The on chip voltage regulators supply all 1.8 V power supply pins and internal power supplies. description of external components are shown in [Table 19.](#page-21-0)

LNA (RX) and the PA (TX). See Input/output matching section on page [33](#page-32-1) for more details.

If a balanced antenna such as a folded dipole is used, the balun can be omitted. If the antenna also provides a DC path from TXRX_SWITCH pin to the RF pins, inductors are not needed for DC bias.

[Figure 5](#page-20-1) shows a suggested application circuit using a differential antenna. The antenna type is a standard folded dipole. The dipole has a virtual ground point; hence bias is provided without degradation in antenna performance. Also refer to the section [Antenna](#page-34-1) [Considerations](#page-34-1) on page [35.](#page-34-1)

sleep current consumption and accurate wake up times. The load capacitance seen by the 32.768 kHz crystal is given by:

$$
C_L = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_{441}} + \frac{1}{C_{431}}} + C_{\text{parasitic}}
$$

A series resistor may be used to comply with the ESR requirement.

C241 and C421 are required for stability of the regulators.

8.5 Power supply decoupling and filtering

Proper power supply decoupling must be used for optimum performance. The placement and size of the decoupling capacitors and the power supply filtering are very important to achieve the best performance in an application. TI provides a compact reference design that should be followed very closely.

Refer to the section [PCB Layout](#page-34-2) [Recommendation](#page-34-2) on page [35.](#page-34-2)

Table 19: Overview of external components (excluding supply decoupling capacitors)

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9 Peripherals

In the following sub-sections the user $accessible$ $CC2480$ peripheral modules are described in detail. described

9.1 Reset

The *CC2480* has four reset sources. The following events generate a reset:

- Forcing RESET N input pin low
- A power-on reset condition
- A brown-out reset condition
- A firmware-generated reset (SYS_RESET_REQ [\[2\]\)](#page-4-1)

9.1.1 Power On Reset and Brown Out Detector

The *CC2480* includes a Power On Reset (POR) providing correct initialization during device power-on. Also includes is a Brown Out Detector (BOD) operating on the regulated 1.8V digital power supply only, The BOD will protect the memory contents during supply voltage variations which cause the regulated 1.8V power to drop below the minimum level required by flash memory and SRAM.

When power is initially applied to the $CC2480$ the Power On Reset (POR) and Brown Out Detector (BOD) will hold the device in reset The initial conditions after a reset are as follows:

- I/O pins are configured as inputs with pullup
- See the $C\text{C2480}$ Interface Specification [2] for a description of the interaction between CC2480 and the host processor after reset.

state until the supply voltage reaches above the Power On Reset and Brown Out voltages.

[Figure 6](#page-22-1) shows the POR/BOD operation with the 1.8V (typical) regulated supply voltage together with the active low reset signals BOD_RESET and POR_RESET shown in the bottom of the figure (note that signals are not available, just for illustration of events).

Figure 6 : Power On Reset and Brown Out Detector Operation

9.2 I/O ports

The *CC2480* has digital input/output pins that have the following key features:

- General purpose I/O or peripheral I/O
- Pull-up or pull-down capability on inputs
- External interrupt capability

Two of the I/O pins have external interrupts that can be used to wake up the device from sleep modes.

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9.2.1 Unused I/O pins

Unused I/O pins should have a defined level and not be left floating. One way to do this is to leave the pin unconnected and configured with

9.2.2 Low I/O Supply Voltage

In applications where the digital I/O power supply voltage pin DVDD is below 2.6 V, the SC bit should be set to 1 in order to obtain output DC characteristics specified in section

9.2.3 General Purpose I/O

See the $C2480$ user guide [\[2\]](#page-4-1) for a description of how to configure and use the GPIO pins.

The output drive strength is 4 mA on all outputs, except for the two high-drive outputs, GPIO0 and GPIO1, which each have ~20 mA output drive strength.

When used as an input, the general purpose I/O port pins can be configured to have a pullpull-up resistor. This is also the state of all pins after reset.

[5.14.](#page-14-3) See the $CC2480$ user guide [\[2\]](#page-4-1) for a description of how to do this.

up, pull-down or tri-state mode of operation. By default, after a reset, inputs are configured as inputs with pull-up. Please note that GPIO0 and GPIO1 do not have pull-up or pull-down capabilities.

In power modes PM2 and PM3 the I/O pins retain the I/O mode and output value (if applicable) that was set when PM2/3 was entered

9.3 ADC

9.3.1 ADC Introduction

The ADC supports up to 12-bit analog-todigital conversion. The ADC includes an analog multiplexer with up to two individually configurable channels and reference voltage generator.

The main features of the ADC are as follows:

- Selectable decimation rates which also sets the resolution (7 to 12 bits).
- Two individual input channels, singleended or differential
- Internal voltage reference
- Temperature sensor input
- Battery measurement capability

Figure 7: ADC block diagram.

9.3.2 ADC Operation

This section describes the general setup and operation of the ADC.

9.3.2.1 ADC Core

The ADC includes an ADC capable of converting an analog input into a digital representation with up to 12 bits resolution.

9.3.2.2 ADC Inputs

The signals from input pins A0 and A1 are used as single-ended ADC inputs. The ADC automatically performs a sequence of conversions when the SYS_ADC_READ command is issued.

In addition to the input pins A0-1, the output of an on-chip temperature sensor can be

9.3.2.3 ADC conversion sequences

The C_{C2480} has two ADC channels that are connected to external pins. Additionally, the ADC can measure the chip voltage and temperature.

The ADC conversions are done channel by channel incrementally.

The two external pin inputs A0 and A1 can be used as single-ended or differential inputs.

The ADC uses a selectable positive reference voltage.

selected as an input to the ADC for temperature measurements.

It is also possible to select a voltage corresponding to AVDD SOC/3 as an ADC input. This input allows the implementation of e.g. a battery monitor in applications where this feature is required.

In the case where differential inputs are selected, the differential inputs consist of the input pair A0-1. Note that no negative supply can be applied to these pins, nor a supply larger than VDD (unregulated power). It is the difference between the pairs that are converted in differential mode.

In addition to the input pins A0-1, the output of an on-chip temperature sensor can be selected as an input to the ADC for temperature measurements.

9.3.2.4 ADC Operating Modes

This section describes the operating modes and initialization of conversions.

The ADC uses an internal voltage reference for single-ended conversions.

9.3.2.5 ADC Conversion Results

The digital conversion result is represented in two's complement form. The result is always positive. This is because the result is the difference between ground and input signal which is always posivitely signed (Vconv=Vinp-Vinn, where Vinn=0V). The maximum value is reached when the input amplitude is equal VREF, the internal voltage reference.

9.3.2.6 ADC Reference Voltage

The positive reference voltage for analog-todigital conversions is an internally generated 1.25V voltage.

9.3.2.7 ADC Conversion Timing

The ADC is run on the 32MHz system clock, which is divided by 8 to give a 4 MHz clock.

The time required to perform a conversion depends on the selected decimation rate. When the decimation rate is set to for instance 128, the decimation filter uses exactly 128 of the 4 MHz clock periods to calculate the result. When a conversion is started, the input It is also possible to select a voltage corresponding to AVDD SOC/3 as an ADC input. This input allows the implementation of e.g. a battery monitor in applications where this feature is required.

The decimation rate (and thereby also the resolution and time required to complete a conversion and sample rate) is configurable from 7-12 bits.

For differential configurations the difference between the pins is converted and this difference can be negatively signed. For 12-bit resolution the digital conversion result is 2047 when the analog input, Vconv, is equal to VREF, and the conversion result is -2048 when the analog input is equal to $-VREF$.

multiplexer is allowed 16 4 MHz clock cycles to settle in case the channel has been changed since the previous conversion. The 16 clock cycles settling time applies to all decimation rates. Thus in general, the conversion time is given by:

Tconv = (decimation rate $+$ 16) x 0.25 us.

9.4 Random Number Generator

9.4.1 Introduction

The random number generator has the following features.

• Generate pseudo-random bytes which can be read by the external microprocessor.

The random number generator is a 16-bit Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR) with polynomial $X^{16} + X^{15} + X^2 + 1$ (i.e. CRC16). It uses different levels of unrolling depending on the operation it performs. The basic version (no unrolling) is shown in [Figure 8.](#page-26-1)

Figure 8: Basic structure of the Random Number Generator

9.4.2 Semi random sequence generation

The operation is to clock the LFSR once (13x unrolling) each time the external microprocessor reads the random value. This leads to the availability of a fresh pseudorandom byte from the LSB end of the LFSR.

9.5 USART

The USART is a serial communications interface that can be operated in either

9.5.1 UART mode

For asynchronous serial interfaces, the UART mode is provided. In the UART mode the interface uses a two-wire or four-wire interface consisting of the pins RXD, TXD and optionally RTS and CTS. The UART mode of operation is as follows:

- Baud rate: 115200.
- Hardware (RTS/CTS) flow control.

9.5.2 SPI Mode

This section describes the SPI mode of operation for synchronous communication. In SPI mode, the USART communicates with an external system through a 3-wire or 4-wire interface. The interface consists of the pins SI, SO, SCK and SS_N. The SPI mode is as follows:

9.5.2.1 SPI Slave Operation

An SPI byte transfer in slave mode is controlled by the external system. The data on the SI input is shifted into the receive register controlled by the serial clock SCK which is an

9.5.3 SSN Slave Select Pin

When the USART is operating in SPI mode, configured as an SPI slave, a 4-wire interface is used with the Slave Select (SSN) pin as an input to the SPI (edge controlled). At falling edge of SSN the SPI slave is active and receives data on the SI input and outputs data on the SO output. At rising edge of SSN, the SPI slave is inactive and will not receive data.

asynchronous UART mode or in synchronous SPI mode.

- 8N1 byte format.
- DCE signal connection.

The UART mode provides full duplex asynchronous transfers, and the synchronization of bits in the receiver does not interfere with the transmit function. A UART byte transfer consists of a start bit, eight data bits, a parity bit, and one stop bit.

- SPI slave.
- Clock speed up to 4 MHz.
- Clock polarity 0 and clock phase 0 on CC2480 .
- Bit order: MSB first.

input in slave mode. At the same time the byte in the transmit register is shifted out onto the SO output.

Note that the SO output is not tri-stated after rising edge on SSn. This could be achieved using an external buffer. Also note that release of SSn (rising edge) must be aligned to end of byte recived or sent. If released in a byte the next received byte will not be received properly as information about previous byte is present in SPI system.

10 Radio

Figure 9: CC2480 Radio Module

A simplified block diagram of the IEEE 802.15.4 compliant radio inside CC2480 is shown in [Figure 9.](#page-28-2) The radio core is based on the industry leading *CC2420* RF transceiver.

CC2480 features a low-IF receiver. The received RF signal is amplified by the lownoise amplifier (LNA) and down-converted in quadrature (I and Q) to the intermediate frequency (IF). At IF (2 MHz), the complex I/Q signal is filtered and amplified, and then digitized by the RF receiver ADCs.

The 0.02480 transmitter is based on direct upconversion. The preamble and start of frame delimiter are generated in hardware. Each symbol (4 bits) is spread using the IEEE 802.15.4 spreading sequence to 32 chips and output to the digital-to-analog converters (DACs).

An analog low pass filter passes the signal to the quadrature (I and Q) up-conversion mixers.

The RF signal is amplified in the power amplifier (PA) and fed to the antenna.

The internal T/R switch circuitry makes the antenna interface and matching easy. The RF connection is differential. A balun may be used for single-ended antennas. The biasing of the PA and LNA is done by connecting TXRX SWITCH to RF P and RF N through an external DC path.

The frequency synthesizer includes a completely on-chip LC VCO and a 90 degrees phase splitter for generating the I and Q LO signals to the down-conversion mixers in receive mode and up-conversion mixers in transmit mode. The VCO operates in the frequency range $4800 - 4966$ MHz, and the frequency is divided by two when split into I and Q signals.

An on-chip voltage regulator delivers the regulated 1.8 V supply voltage.

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10.1 IEEE 802.15.4 Modulation Format

This section is meant as an introduction to the 2.4 GHz direct sequence spread spectrum (DSSS) RF modulation format defined in IEEE 802.15.4. For a complete description, please refer to [1].

The modulation and spreading functions are illustrated at block level in [Figure 10](#page-29-1) [1]. Each byte is divided into two symbols, 4 bits each. The least significant symbol is transmitted first.

For multi-byte fields, the least significant byte is transmitted first.

Each symbol is mapped to one out of 16 pseudo-random sequences, 32 chips each. The symbol to chip mapping is shown in [Table](#page-29-2) [20.](#page-29-2) The chip sequence is then transmitted at 2 MChips/s, with the least significant chip (C_0) transmitted first for each symbol.

Figure 10: Modulation and spreading functions [1]

The modulation format is Offset $-$ Quadrature Phase Shift Keying (O-QPSK) with half-sine chip shaping. This is equivalent to MSK modulation. Each chip is shaped as a halfsine, transmitted alternately in the I and Q channels with one half chip period offset. This is illustrated for the zero-symbol in [Figure 11.](#page-30-1)

Table 20: IEEE 802.15.4 symbol-to-chip mapping [1]

Figure 11: I / Q Phases when transmitting a zero-symbol chip sequence, $T_c = 0.5$ **us**

10.2 Demodulator, Symbol Synchronizer and Data Decision

The block diagram for the $CC480$ demodulator is shown in [Figure 12.](#page-30-2) Channel filtering and frequency offset compensation is performed digitally. The signal level in the channel is estimated to generate the RSSI level. Data filtering is also included for enhanced performance.

With the ±40 ppm frequency accuracy requirement from [1], a compliant receiver must be able to compensate for up to 80 ppm or 200 kHz. The *CC2480* demodulator tolerates up to 300 kHz offset without significant degradation of the receiver performance.

Soft decision is used at the chip level, i.e. the demodulator does not make a decision for each chip, only for each received symbol. Despreading is performed using over-sampling symbol correlators. Symbol synchronization is achieved by a continuous start of frame delimiter (SFD) search.

The *CC2480* demodulator also handles symbol rate errors in excess of 120 ppm without performance degradation. Resynchronization is performed continuously to adjust for error in the incoming symbol rate.

Figure 12: Demodulator Simplified Block Diagram

10.3 Frame Format

CC2480 has hardware support for parts of the IEEE 802.15.4 frame format. This section gives a brief summary to the IEEE 802.15.4 frame format, and describes how α 2480 is set up to comply with this.

[Figure 13](#page-31-1) [1] shows a schematic view of the IEEE 802.15.4 frame format. Similar figures describing specific frame formats (data frames, beacon frames, acknowledgment frames and MAC command frames) are included in [1].

Figure 13: Schematic view of the IEEE 802.15.4 Frame Format [1]

10.4 Synchronization header

The synchronization header (SHR) consists of the preamble sequence followed by the start of frame delimiter (SFD). In [1], the preamble sequence is defined to be four bytes of 0x00. The SFD is one byte, set to 0xA7.

A synchronization header is always transmitted first in all transmit modes.

In receive mode $CC2480$ uses the preamble sequence for symbol synchronization and frequency offset adjustments. The SFD is used for byte synchronization.

10.5 MAC protocol data unit

The FCF, data sequence number and address information follows the length field as shown in [Figure 13.](#page-31-1) Together with the MAC data payload and Frame Check Sequence, they form the MAC Protocol Data Unit (MPDU).

The format of the FCF is shown in [Figure 14.](#page-31-2) Please refer to [1] for details.

Bits: 0-2					7-9	$10 - 11$	$12 - 13$	$14 - 15$
Frame Type	Security Enabled	Frame Pendina	Acknowledge request	Intra PAN	Reserved	Destination addressing mode	Reserved	Source addressing mode

Figure 14: Format of the Frame Control Field (FCF) [1]

10.6 Frame check sequence

A 2-byte frame check sequence (FCS) follows the last MAC payload byte as shown in [Figure](#page-31-1) [13.](#page-31-1) The FCS is calculated over the MPDU, i.e. the length field is not part of the FCS.

The FCS polynomial is [1]:

$$
x^{16} + x^{12} + x^5 + 1
$$

The *CC2480* hardware implementation is shown in [Figure 15.](#page-31-3) Please refer to [1] for further details.

In transmit mode the FCS is appended at the correct position defined by the length field.

The most significant bit in the last byte of each frame is set high if the CRC of the received frame is correct and low otherwise.

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10.7 Linear IF and AGC Settings

CC2480 is based on a linear IF chain where the signal amplification is done in an analog VGA (variable gain amplifier). The gain of the VGA is digitally controlled.

10.8 Clear Channel Assessment

The clear channel assessment signal is based on the measured RSSI value and a programmable threshold. The clear channel assessment function is used to implement the The AGC (Automatic Gain Control) loop ensures that the ADC operates inside its dynamic range by using an analog/digital feedback loop.

CSMA-CA functionality specified in [1]. CCA is valid when the receiver has been enabled for at least 8 symbol periods.

10.9 VCO and PLL Self-Calibration

10.9.1 VCO

The VCO is completely integrated and operates at $4800 - 4966$ MHz. The VCO frequency is divided by 2 to generate

10.9.2 PLL self-calibration

The VCO's characteristics will vary with temperature, changes in supply voltages, and the desired operating frequency.

10.10 Input / Output Matching

The RF input / output is differential (RF_N) and RF_P). In addition there is supply switch output pin (TXRX_SWITCH) that must have an external DC path to RF N and RF P.

In RX mode the TXRX_SWITCH pin is at ground and will bias the LNA. In TX mode the TXRX_SWITCH pin is at supply rail voltage and will properly bias the internal PA.

frequencies in the desired band (2400-2483.5 MHz).

In order to ensure reliable operation the VCO's bias current and tuning range are automatically calibrated every time the RX mode or TX mode is enabled.

The RF output and DC bias can be done using different topologies. Some are shown in [Figure](#page-20-1) [5](#page-20-1) on page [21.](#page-20-1)

Component values are given in [Table 19](#page-21-0) on page [22.](#page-21-0) If a differential antenna is implemented, no balun is required.

If a single ended output is required (for a single ended connector or a single ended antenna), a balun should be used for optimum performance.

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10.11 System Considerations and Guidelines

10.11.1 SRD regulations

International regulations and national laws regulate the use of radio receivers and transmitters. SRDs (Short Range Devices) for license free operation are allowed to operate in the 2.4 GHz band worldwide. The most

10.11.2 Frequency hopping and multi-channel systems

The 2.4 GHz band is shared by many systems
both in industrial, office and home both in industrial, office and home environments. CC2480 uses direct sequence spread spectrum (DSSS) as defined by [1] to

10.11.3 Crystal accuracy and drift

A crystal accuracy of ±40 ppm is required for compliance with IEEE 802.15.4 [1]. This accuracy must also take ageing and temperature drift into consideration.

A crystal with low temperature drift and low aging could be used without further compensation. A trimmer capacitor in the crystal oscillator circuit (in parallel with C191 in [Figure 5\)](#page-20-1) could be used to set the initial frequency accurately.

For non-IEEE 802.15.4 systems, the robust demodulator in *CC2480* allows up to 140 ppm

10.11.4 Communication robustness

CC2480 provides very good adjacent, alternate and co channel rejection, image frequency suppression and blocking properties. The CC2480 performance is significantly better than the requirements imposed by [1]. These are

10.11.5 Communication security

The hardware encryption and authentication operations in CC2480 enable secure communication, which is required for many applications. Security operations require a lot

10.11.6 Low cost systems

As the CC2480 provides 250 kbps multichannel performance without any external filters, a very low cost system can be made (e.g. two layer PCB with single-sided component mounting).

10.11.7 Battery operated systems

In low power applications, the C_{C2480} should be placed in the low-power modes PM2 or PM3 when not active. Ultra low power important regulations are ETSI EN 300 328 and EN 300 440 (Europe), FCC CFR-47 part 15.247 and 15.249 (USA), and ARIB STD-T66 (Japan).

spread the output power, thereby making the communication link more robust even in a noisy environment.

total frequency offset between the transmitter and receiver. This could e.g. relax the accuracy requirement to 60 ppm for each of the devices.

Optionally in a star network topology, the fullfunction device (FFD) could be equipped with a more accurate crystal thereby relaxing the requirement on the reduced-function device (RFD). This can make sense in systems where the reduced-function devices ship in higher volumes than the full-function devices.

highly important parameters for reliable operation in the 2.4 GHz band, since an increasing number of devices/systems are using this license free frequency band.

of data processing, which is costly in an 8-bit microcontroller system. The hardware support within C_{C2480} enables a high level of security with minimum CPU processing requirements.

A differential antenna will eliminate the need for a balun, and the DC biasing can be achieved in the antenna topology.

consumption may be achieved since the voltage regulators are turned off.

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10.12 PCB Layout Recommendation

In the Texas Instruments reference design, the top layer is used for signal routing, and the open areas are filled with metallization connected to ground using several vias. The area under the chip is used for grounding and must be well connected to the ground plane with several vias.

The ground pins should be connected to ground as close as possible to the package pin using individual vias. The de-coupling capacitors should also be placed as close as possible to the supply pins and connected to the ground plane by separate vias. Supply power filtering is very important.

10.13 Antenna Considerations

CC2480 can be used together with various types of antennas. A differential antenna like a dipole would be the easiest to interface not needing a balun (balanced to un-balanced transformation network).

The length of the λ /2-dipole antenna is given by:

$I = 14250 / f$

where f is in MHz, giving the length in cm. An antenna for 2450 MHz should be 5.8 cm. Each arm is therefore 2.9 cm.

Other commonly used antennas for shortrange communication are monopole, helical and loop antennas. The single-ended monopole and helical would require a balun network between the differential output and the antenna.

Monopole antennas are resonant antennas with a length corresponding to one quarter of the electrical wavelength $(\lambda/4)$. They are very easy to design and can be implemented simply as a "piece of wire" or even integrated into the PCB.

The length of the λ /4-monopole antenna is given by:

$L = 7125 / f$

where f is in MHz, giving the length in cm. An antenna for 2450 MHz should be 2.9 cm.

Non-resonant monopole antennas shorter than λ /4 can also be used, but at the expense of range. In size and cost critical applications such an antenna may very well be integrated into the PCB.

Enclosing the antenna in high dielectric constant material reduces the overall size of The external components should be as small as possible (0402 is recommended) and surface mount devices must be used.

If using any external high-speed digital devices, caution should be used when placing these in order to avoid interference with the RF circuitry.

It is strongly advised that this reference layout is followed very closely in order to obtain the best performance.

The schematic, BOM and layout Gerber files for the reference designs are all available from the TI website.

the antenna. Many vendors offer such antennas intended for PCB mounting.

Helical antennas can be thought of as a combination of a monopole and a loop antenna. They are a good compromise in size critical applications. Helical antennas tend to be more difficult to optimize than the simple monopole.

Loop antennas are easy to integrate into the PCB, but are less effective due to difficult impedance matching because of their very low radiation resistance.

For low power applications the differential antenna is recommended giving the best range and because of its simplicity.

The antenna should be connected as close as possible to the IC. If the antenna is located away from the RF pins the antenna should be matched to the feeding transmission line (50Ω).

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11 Voltage Regulators

The *CC2480* includes two low drop-out voltage regulators. These are used to provide a 1.8 V power supply to the $C₂₄₈₀$ analog and digital power supplies.

Note: It is recommended that the voltage regulators are not used to provide power to external circuits. This is because of limited power sourcing capability and due to noise considerations. External circuitry can be powered if they can be used when internal power consumption is low and can be set I PD mode when internal power consumption I high.

11.1 Voltage Regulators Power-on

When the analog voltage regulator is poweredon before use of the radio, there will be a delay before the regulator is enabled.

The analog voltage regulator input pin AVDD RREG is to be connected to the unregulated 2.0 to 3.6 V power supply. The regulated 1.8 V voltage output to the analog parts, is available on the RREG_OUT pin. The digital regulator input pin AVDD_DREG is also to be connected to the unregulated 2.0 to 3.6 V power supply. The output of the digital regulator is connected internally within the CC2480 to the digital power supply.

The voltage regulators require external components as described in section [8](#page-19-2) on page [20.](#page-19-2)

The digital voltage regulator is disabled when the C_C2480 is placed in low power modes to reduce power consumption.

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12 Package Description (QLP 48)

All dimensions are in millimeters, angles in degrees. NOTE: The 0.22480 is available in RoHS leadfree package only. Compliant with JEDEC MS-020.

Quad Leadless Package (QLP)										
		D	D1	Ε	E ₁	e	b		D ₂	E ₂
QLP 48	Min	6.9	6.65	6.9	6.65		0.18	0.3	5.05	5.05
		7.0	6.75	7.0	6.75	0.5		0.4	5.10	5.10
	Max	7.1	6.85	7.1	6.85		0.30	0.5	5.15	5.15
The overall package height is $0.85 +/- 0.05$										
All dimensions in mm										

Table 21: Package dimensions

Figure 16: Package dimensions drawing

12.1 Recommended PCB layout for package (QLP 48)

Figure 17: Recommended PCB layout for QLP 48 package

Note: The figure is an illustration only and not to scale. There are nine 14 mil diameter via holes distributed symmetrically in the ground pad under the package. See also the $C2480$ EM reference design

12.2 Package thermal properties

Table 22: Thermal properties of QLP 48 package

12.3 Soldering information

The recommendations for lead-free solder reflow in [IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020C](http://www.jedec.org/download/search/jstd020c.pdf) should be followed.

12.4 Tray specification

Table 23: Tray specification

12.5 Carrier tape and reel specification

Carrier tape and reel is in accordance with EIA Specification 481.

Table 24: Carrier tape and reel specification

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13 Ordering Information

Ordering part number Description MOQ Description MOQ **MOQ** CC2480A1RTC CC2480, QLP48 package, RoHS compliant Pb-free assembly, trays with 260 pcs per tray, ZigBee 2006 Network Processor. 260 CC2480A1RTCR CC2480, QLP48 package, RoHS compliant Pb-free assembly, T&R with 2500 pcs per reel, ZigBee 2006 Network Processor. 2,500 eZ430-RF2480 CC2480 Demonstration Board based on the eZ430-RF platform | 1

Table 25: Ordering Information

MOQ = Minimum Order Quantity T&R = tape and reel

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14 General Information

14.1 Document History

Table 26: Document History

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TRAY

Chamfer on Tray corner indicates Pin 1 orientation of packed units.

*All dimensions are nominal

GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

RTC 48 VQFNP - 0.9 mm max height

7 x 7, 0.5 mm pitch PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

Images above are just a representation of the package family, actual package may vary. Refer to the product data sheet for package details.

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MECHANICAL DATA

- NOTES: A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.SM-1994.
	- B. This drawing is subject to change without notice. C. QFN (Quad Flotpack No-Lead) Package configuration.
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	- D. The pockoge thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance.
	- E. See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions.

RTC (S-PVQFN-N48)

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK NO-LEAD

THERMAL INFORMATION

This package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached directly to an external heatsink. The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the printed circuit board (PCB). After soldering, the PCB can be used as a heatsink. In addition, through the use of thermal vias, the thermal pad can be attached directly to the appropriate copper plane shown in the electrical schematic for the device, or alternatively, can be attached to a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

For information on the Quad Flatpack No-Lead (QFN) package and its advantages, refer to Application Report, QFN/SON PCB Attachment, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271. This document is available at www.ti.com.

The exposed thermal pad dimensions for this package are shown in the following illustration.

NOTE: All linear dimensions are in millimeters

RTC (S-PVQFN-N48) PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK NO-LEAD

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	- C. Publication IPC-7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
	- D. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Application Note, Quad Flat-Pack Packages, Texa[s Instruments Literature No.](http://www.ti.com/lit/slua271) SLUA271, and also the Product Data Sheets for specific thermal information, via requirements, and recommended board layout. These documents are available at www.ti.com <http: //www.ti.com>.
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