



RFD TXMOD

User's Manual

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1 Introduction

1.1 Product Description

The RFD TX Module, or TXMOD, has been designed to work in conjunction with the Taranis X9D Radio Controller, RC, from FrSky and other compatible controllers. The RFD TX Module transmits the PPM stream from the controller to the vehicle via the RF Design long range telemetry modems while also receiving telemetry data from the aircraft. The telemetry data can be broadcast to a computer or smart device by the TX Module's built in Wi-Fi module.

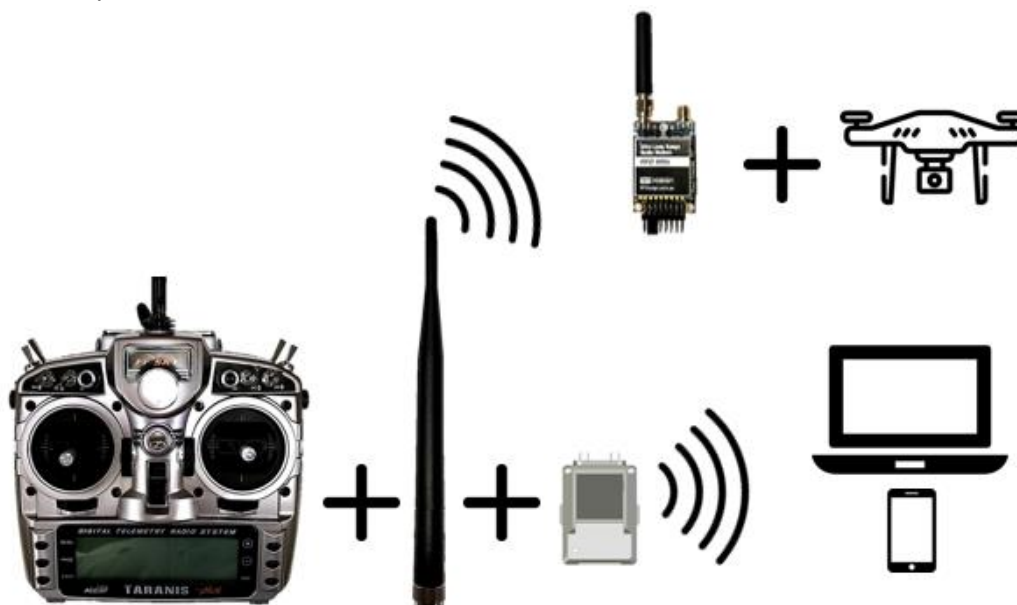


Figure 1 - Typical Application Diagram.

1.2 Getting to know the product

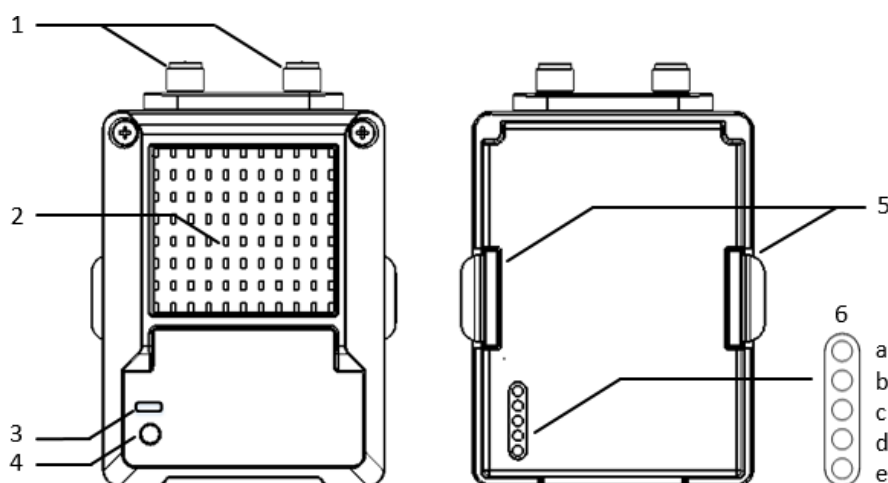


Figure 2 - TX Module Part Description

Table 1 - TX Module Description

#	Description /Note		
1	Antenna connectors	For further information about the antennas refer to section 5 in this document or to the RFD 900x Modem datasheet linked in section 7 .	
2	Heat sink	The heatsink, visible through the top cover, is required for proper operation and should not be covered while the unit is in use.	
3	Status LEDs	Red	Blinks slowly a few times - establishing link to a Wi-Fi client. Blinks rapidly for some time - flashing the modem firmware (using 'spiffs.bin' file explained in 3.2.2 e). Solid - device initialisation has completed
		Green *	Blinking – RFD modem looking for a link Solid – RFD modem bound to another modem
4	Button	Press 5 times within 5 seconds to reset all WiFi settings to default values. (Red LED will turn off, blink 3 times and go solid after resetting default WiFi settings)	
5	Tabs	To lock the TX Module into the radio control socket.	
6	RC and TX Module Interface. **	a	PPM Sends RC data into TX Module.
		b	+6 V 6V supply positive terminal (not used by the module)
		c	+Bat Positive battery terminal (supply for the module) ***
		d	GND Ground
		e	- Not connected

* Green LED will be enabled after 'First Run Wizard' explained in section [section 3.2.2 b](#).

** Interface between RC and TX Module is done through a female 0.1" pitch connector.

*** See [Table 2](#) below for module supply ratings and [section 6.1](#) for the relation between battery voltage and current draw with different battery types.

Table 2 - TX Module Supply Ratings

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Units
Supply Voltage (+Bat relative to GND)	+5	+18	V
Operating Current Draw	N/A	1.2*	A

* Rating for TX Module with RFD modem set for maximum 1W transmit power measured at 5V supply.

2 RC – TX Module Compatibility

The TX Module has been designed to fit into the rear expansion bay of an FrSky Taranis X9D Plus. It might be compatible with other transmitters however, to ensure compatibility, the user will need to check that the dimensions of the slot and the pin configuration of the connector at the back of your RC match those specified for the module. For detailed information on the TX Module dimensions refer to [section 6.5](#) and pinout details can be found in

Table 1.

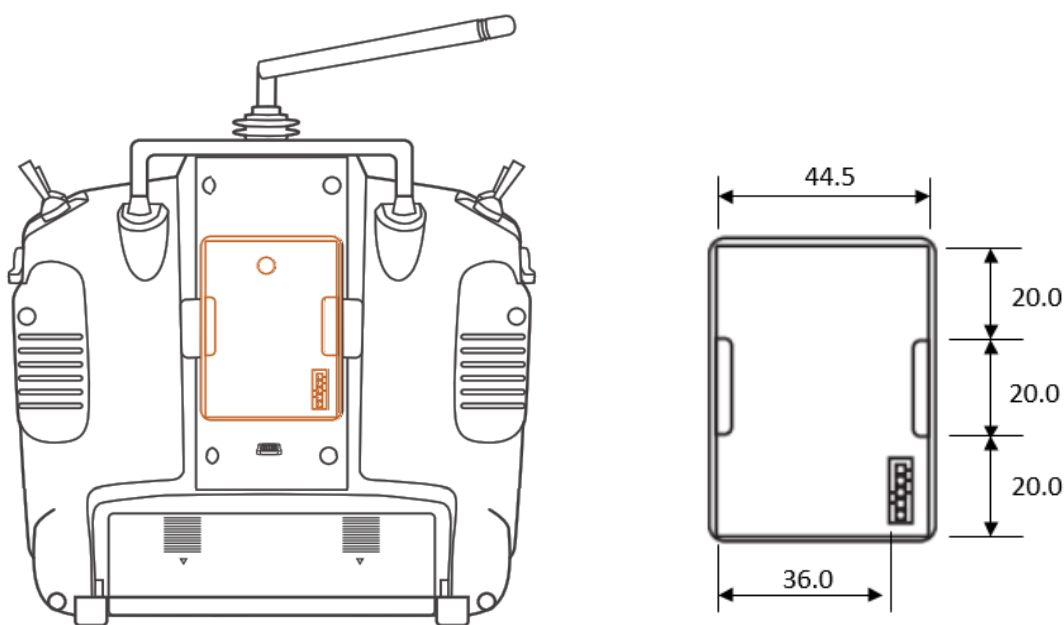


Figure 3 - RC External RF module slot dimensions.

3 Getting Started

The RFD TX Module has five elements requiring configuration before operating.

- Radio Controller (RC) configuration
- TX Module Wi-Fi access configuration
- TX Module RFD900x Radio Configuration
- Vehicle (paired) RFD 900x modem configuration
- Ground Control Station (GCS) configuration

3.1 Radio Controller Configuration

a) Enable PPM mode on radio controller

The TARANIS X9D PLUS radio controller (RC) is used as a guide to describe this section. For specific instructions on activating this mode on other RCs refer to the manufacture's manual for the device. Please check the transmitter for RFD TX Module compatibility and ensure it supports the same interface.

For a TARANIS X9D PLUS switch on the RC and choose the vehicle you intend to operate. Navigate to the *Model Setup* submenu and scroll down until you find the *External RF* configuration section, as shown in figure 4, then choose "Mode PPM" to enable external PPM stream for the TX Module.

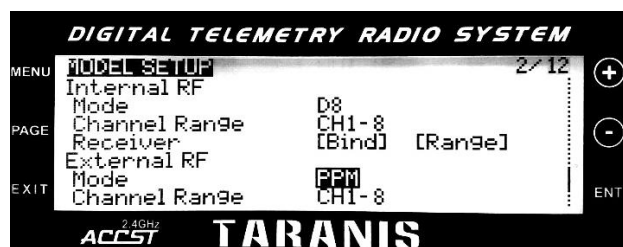


Figure 4 - PPM mode configuration on TARANIS X9D PLUS RC.

3.2 TX Module Configuration

With the RC switched off, remove the rear protective cover from the radio controller and insert the TX Module. Ensure the TX Module is inserted fully into the opening and the two tabs have locked in place.

Switch on and observe the TX Module's LEDs. The red LED will blink and then go solid during the power up sequence, as per

Table 1, and the green LED will indicate the state of the modem link with the modem on the aircraft.

Note: The green LED functionality will only be enabled after the 'First Run Wizard', see section [b\)](#), is completed; before that it will remain off.

The configuration interface webpage and the communication settings for both the WiFi and the RFD telemetry links are described throughout this section.

3.2.1 Configuration Webpage

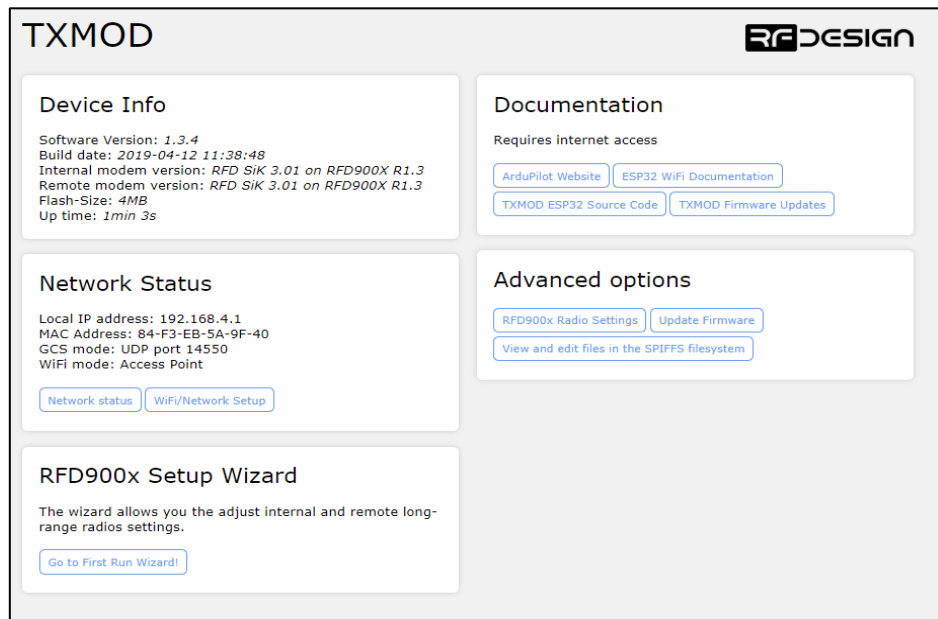


Figure 6 - Configuration home page

The configuration home page provides basic information on the RF Design TX Module, such as the software versions, MAC and IP addresses and links to the various configuration pages. It also allows the user to configure both the WiFi and the long-range communication settings. Follow the steps described in the following section to access the configuration home page of figure 6.

3.2.2 Wi-Fi Configuration

An active Wi-Fi connection is needed to configure the TX Module. On first power up, the TX Module will default to access point mode, with SSID of the format **'TXMOD-XX-XX-XX'**, where the XX are unique hexadecimal characters relating to the unit MAC address.

a) Connect to TX Module Access Point

Use your computer or smart device to search for and connect to the access point Wi-Fi network generated by the TX Module (use **'txmod123'** as default password). It may be necessary to disable mobile data, on tablets and phones, to force the browser to use the TX Module network.

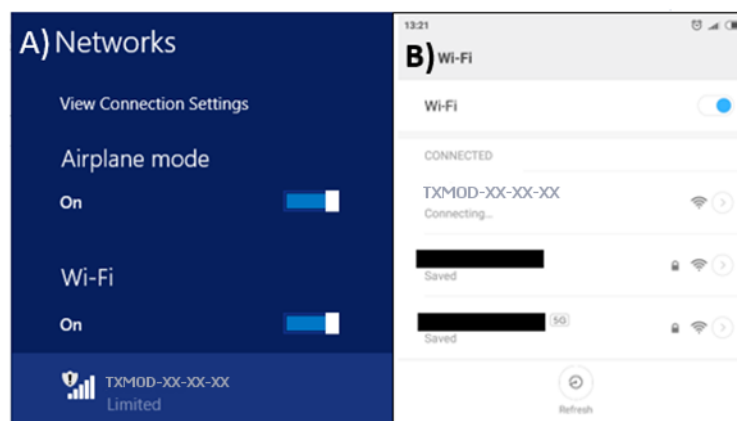


Figure 7 - Network settings. A) Windows 8.1. B) Android.

b) First Run Wizard

Point your preferred browser to the TX Module IP address (by default <http://192.168.4.1/>) to access the configuration homepage of figure 6. Alternatively, it can be accessed by the URL <http://TXMOD-XX-XX-XX.local> where the X's are the same as the X's in the access point network name i.e. the last 6 digits of the MAC address. It should be noted that this will require the installation of some support software for correct operation, for detail please see section 3.2.2 d).

Although this interface is a powerful tool the easiest way to set up your TX Module for its initial use is with the First Run Wizard. On the home page, see figure 6, click on 'Go to First Run Wizard!' button to access the wizard shown in figure 8 which will guide you, step by step, to configure your module.

To complete the wizard the remote modem, on the aircraft, should be powered up and have the same firmware version as the modem in the TX module. If the remote RFD900x modem was supplied in kit with the TX Module both modems should already have the correct firmware. If not, refer to section 3.3, for a guide on how to flash the remote modem to the same firmware version being used on the TX Module. The version is displayed on the 'Device Info' section of the homepage interface of figure 6 under 'Internal modem version:'. If both firmware versions are already the same the modems should lock, indicated by solid green LED, if no link is established, green LED blinking, reset both modems to default settings. If there is an ongoing issue try resetting the TX module by pressing the button on the TX Module 5 times rapidly after it has rebooted, the wizard can be reengaged.

Once the wizard is successfully completed, your device is ready to be used and further configuration is optional.

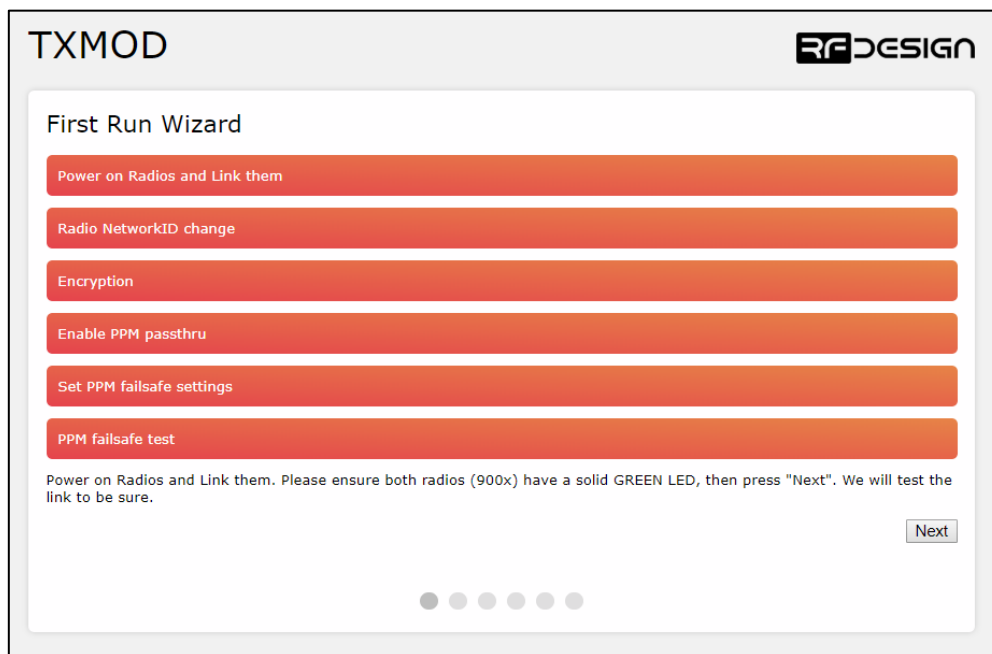


Figure 8 - First run wizard

c) Change Network Settings

To change the SSID or password, open a web browser and enter the module's IP address by default in AP mode <http://192.168.4.1/> which will display the TX Module configuration. To change the Wi-Fi settings, click on 'WiFi/Network Setup', to access the Wi-Fi setup interface of figure 9. The changes will only take effect after you power-cycle your TXMOD.

Figure 9 -WiFi settings configuration page.

Table 2 – Wi-Fi Settings Description

Parameter	Description
WiFi mode	This sets the module to act as an access point (default) or as a station on an existing access point, such as a home network.
AP SSID	Is the SSID used for creating the Access Point (AP).
AP Password	This is the password that will be used for the access point. It must be a minimum of 8 character long
WiFi Channel	Allows the user to set the channel as per the WiFi 802.11 standard definitions this can be used as needed to prevent interference or meet the requirements of the network that the module is joining. The default is channel 11 a part of the most commonly used channel set of 1, 6 and 11.
StationSSID	The SSID of the network that the TX Module should attempt to join.
Station Password	The password of the network that the TX Module should attempt to join.
Station IP	The static IP address to assign the TX Module when joining the network. (Note this may require appropriate settings to be made on the network router. Once assigned as a station the landing page for the TX Module settings becomes the Station IP address that was assigned.)
Station Gateway	The Gateway IP address of the network that the TX Module should attempt to join.
Station Subnet	The Subnet Mask of the network that the TX Module should attempt to join as a station.
Host Port	This is the UDP host port number. This is the port that you will direct a connection to in UDP mode
Client Port	This is the UDP client port number.

Baudrate	Baudrate of the serial link with the modem. It must match the modem serial speed setting to allow the two to communicate.
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After changing the desired settings, press save. To finalise the changes power cycle the transmitter. Note that changes to the network settings may result in you needing to change the WiFi connection that you use in order to connect to the module e.g. selecting the new WiFi name or force the system to forget an old password then enter the new one.

d) TX Module as a station

To use the TX Module on an existing Wi-Fi network to provide telemetry data to a GCS while still allowing access to the internet, for example to download maps, there are a couple of possible implementations.

Basic users

For Windows and Linux users this will require the installation of a support software like Bonjour Services from Apple for Windows (https://support.apple.com/kb/DL999?locale=en_US) and Avahi for Linux. Windows users may also need to use Chrome (or Chrome based) browser as this has good support for the Apple software.

Once this has been installed connect to the TX Module in default AP mode go to Wi-Fi settings and choose 'Station' in 'WiFi Mode', set the correct SSID (in StationSSID) and password of the network in "Station Password", leave "Station IP", "Station Gateway" and "Station Subnet Mask" as 0.0.0.0 then press "Save" and finally reboot the device. You can connect the to the Wi-Fi network with the TX Module on it then open the browser and enter the following address <http://TXMOD-XX-XX-XX.local> where the X's are the same as the X's in the access point network name. If you cannot access using the URL, you will have to log in your router and find what IP was assigned to the TXMOD. You will be able to access the TXMOD interface by typing the IP in a web browser.

Advanced users

The module must be set up by choosing 'Station' in 'Wi-Fi Mode', set the correct SSID (in StationSSID) and password of the network in "Station Password".

You will need to find the Gateway and Subnet mask of the network then to write the appropriate values in 'Station Gateway', 'Station Subnet'. Assigning the 'Station IP' requiring that a static IP is set on the DHCP server, normally the network router, this is so the device will be at a known address on the network allowing for the user to connect using this new fixed IP in place of the 192.168.4.1 of access point mode. Network information such as the Subnet Mask and Gateway address can be found on a network connected device. For instance, in windows launch a command prompt, type '*ipconfig*' and press enter. Information similar to figure 10 will be shown. In linux based devices typing '*ifconfig*' *to the terminal should give similar results.*

```
C:\Users\j>ipconfig

Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : 
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : 
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.1.XX
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.X
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.1.X
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Figure 10 – Command Prompt.

Default Gateway -> 'Station Gateway'

Subnet Mask -> 'Station Subnet'

e) Firmware Update:

Updating the TX Module requires two different files; the 'firmware.bin' and the 'spiffs.bin' files. Follow the links in [section 7](#) to find and download them.

Then, on the browser configuration landing page shown in figure 6, select 'Update Firmware' and follow the on-screen commands to flash them onto the device. The firmware.bin should be uploaded first and later the spiffs.bin. **These files must not be uploaded and flashed simultaneously.**

After flashing the 'spiffs.bin' file and power-cycling the device, the firmware on the RFD900x modem inside the module will be automatically updated if required.

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Firmware update

For full system update you are required to upload the firmware and the SPIFFS file system binaries, which correspond to steps 1 and 2 respectively.

ATTENTION

Ongoing radio communications will be lost during the update process.

Step 1 - Main controller

Choose *firmware.bin* or something like *RFDTxMod-V1.0.bin*

Step 2 - SPIFFS file system

Choose *spiffs.bin* or something like *RFDTxMod-V1.0.spiffs.bin*

Figure 11 TX Module update page

f) Wi-Fi Troubleshooting:

If you forget your settings or the device is not available on the network, it is possible to reset the module to its default Wi-Fi settings by pressing the button 5 times rapidly. It can then be accessed using the default settings.

In some cases, user connection settings may prevent devices from accessing the Wi-Fi addresses. It may therefore be necessary to do some basic troubleshooting such as removing the existing network settings from the device memory, resetting the wireless adaptor, turn off mobile data and disconnect other networking devices such as LAN cables. In other cases, running the Windows Network Diagnostics may help.

3.2.3 TX Module Internal RFD900x Modem settings

The TX Module has an RFD900x series modem internally pre-configured with the parameters of figure 12. A description of this parameters can be found in [Table 3 - RFD900x parameters](#). For further information regarding the internal modem refer to the *RFD900x Peer to Peer Firmware* and *RFDesign Modem 900x Datasheet* documents using the links in [section 7](#).

Table 3 - RFD900x parameters

Reg #	S Register Description	Default Value	Maximum Value	Minimum Value	Must be the same at both ends of the link?
S0	FORMAT This is for EEPROM version, it should not be changed. It is set by the firmware	Firmware dependant	N/A	N/A	No
S1	SERIAL_SPEED Serial speed in 'one-byte form'. Accepted values are 1, 2, 4, 9, 19, 38, 57, 115, 230, 460 corresponding to 1200bps, 2400bps, 4800bps, 9600bps, 19200bps, 38400bps, 57600bps, 115200bps, 230400bps, 460800bps and 1000000bps respectively.	57	1000 ⁴	1	No
S2	AIR_SPEED Air data rate in 'one-byte form'. Accepted values are 4,64,125,250,500, 750 corresponding to 4000bps, 64000bps, 125000bps, 250000bps, 500000bps and 750000bps respectively.	64	750 ⁴	4	Yes
S3	NETID Network ID. The same on both modems in the pair	25	255	0	Yes
S4	TXPOWER¹ Transmit power in dBm. Maximum is 30dBm	30	30	0	No
S5	ECC² Enables or disables the Golay error correcting code. When enabled, it doubles the over-the-air data usage	0	1	0	Yes

S6	MAVLINK³ Enables or disables the MAVLink framing and reporting	1	1	0	No
S7	OP_RESEND Opportunistic resend allows the node to resend packets if it has spare bandwidth	0	1	0	No
S8	MIN_FREQ Min frequency in KHz	915000 /868000 ⁵	927000 /869000 ⁵	902000 /868000 ⁵	Yes
S9	MAX_FREQ Max frequency in KHz	928000 /869000 ⁵	928000 /870000 ⁵	903000 /869000 ⁵	Yes
S10	NUM_CHANNELS Number of frequency hopping channels	20	50	1	Yes
S11	DUTY_CYCLE The percentage of time to allow transmit	100	100	10	No
S12	LBT_RSSI Listen before talk threshold (This parameter shouldn't be changed)	0	220	25	Yes
S13	RTSCTS Ready-to-send and Clear-to-send flow control.	0	1	0	No
S14	Max Window Max transit window size used to limit max time/latency if required otherwise will be set automatically	131	400	20	Yes
S15	Encryption Level Encryption level 0=off, 1=128bit AES	0	1	0	Yes
S16	R/C input GPIO1.1 Set GPIO 1.1 as R/C(PPM) input	0	1	0	No
S17	R/C output GPIO1.1 Set GPIO 1.1 as R/C(PPM) output	0	1	0	No
S18⁶	ANT_MODE 0= Diversity, 1= Antenna 1 only, 2= Antenna 2 only, 3= Antenna 1 TX and antenna 2 RX	0	3	0	No
S19⁶	PKT_DROP_RSSI Sets a RSSI threshold below which the packet will be discarded. 0 disables the feature	0	255	0	No
R0	TARGET_RSSI Optimal RSSI value to try to sustain (255 disables the feature)	255	50	255	No
R1	HYSTERESIS_RSSI Amount of change before power levels altered	50	20	50	No

Table 3: RFD900x SiK firmware parameters

Notes:

¹ When setting up the power level and the frequency band, please check the radiofrequency spectrum plan in your area to operate in compliance with its legislation.

² ECC - Software Detection and correction, extra packet information, twice the packet length, is sent to allow the recovery of corrupted packets.

³ Injects RSSI packet when MAVLink protocol used and heartbeat packet detected.

⁴ Maximum from version 2.60 onwards⁵ 868 modems⁶ Introduced in V2.55

a) Modifying parameters with the TX Module web interface

The settings described in [Table 3](#) can be set up on the TX Mod and on any remote modem connected to it by using the browser interface introduced in [Section 3.2.2](#). To do so, point your preferred browser to the module's IP address (if not changed as described in [Section 3.2.2](#), by default in AP mode it is <http://192.168.4.1/>) to access the TX Module web interface. Click on 'RFD900x Radio Settings' to access the modem's setup interface of figure 12. If the TX Module has not been paired yet with any other modem, the remote side will appear empty and the message "Sorry no parameters available" will be shown.

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Radio parameters

This page shows the last-known settings from the radios by default. If you have changed the settings elsewhere, such as with AT commands, or run the "wizard", then you should press the "Load Fresh Params" button to get up-to-date information here.

If you have your remote radio turned off, or disconnected, pressing 'Load Fresh Params' will allow you to display and save the local 900x radio settings, but you will have to ensure your remote 900x radio is configured correctly on your own.

Load fresh parameters

ATTENTION If your remote params list does not show, press this again. This will interrupt any ongoing communications between local and remote radios. You must be sure you have a remote radio synced (ie. both radios solid green LED). If encryption is used then it must be configured the same on both radios.

Save parameters

ATTENTION Saving the incorrect settings here may result in loss of connection between the radios.

Local radio parameters

S0:FORMAT	39
S1:SERIAL_SPEED	57
S2:AIR_SPEED	64
S3:NETID	25
S4:TXPOWER	30
S5:ECC	0
S6:MAVLINK	1
S7:OPPRESEND	0
S8:MIN_FREQ	915000
S9:MAX_FREQ	928000
S10:NUM_CHANNELS	20
S11:DUTY_CYCLE	100
S12:LBT_RSSI	0
S13:RTSCTS	0
S14:MAX_WINDOW	131
S15:ENCRYPTION_LEVEL	0
S16:GPI1_1R/CIN	0
S17:GPO1_1R/COUT	0
S18:GPO1_3SBUSIN	0
S19:GPO1_3SBUSOUT	0
S20:ANT_MODE	0
S21:GPO1_3STATLED	0
S22:GPO1_0TXEN485	0
S23:RATE/FREQBAND	0
R0:TARGET_RSSI	255
R1:HYSTERESIS_RSSI	50

Remote radio parameters

S0:FORMAT	39
S1:SERIAL_SPEED	57
S2:AIR_SPEED	64
S3:NETID	25
S4:TXPOWER	30
S5:ECC	0
S6:MAVLINK	1
S7:OPPRESEND	0
S8:MIN_FREQ	915000
S9:MAX_FREQ	928000
S10:NUM_CHANNELS	20
S11:DUTY_CYCLE	100
S12:LBT_RSSI	0
S13:RTSCTS	0
S14:MAX_WINDOW	131
S15:ENCRYPTION_LEVEL	0
S16:GPI1_1R/CIN	0
S17:GPO1_1R/COUT	0
S18:GPO1_3SBUSIN	0
S19:GPO1_3SBUSOUT	0
S20:ANT_MODE	0
S21:GPO1_3STATLED	0
S22:GPO1_0TXEN485	0
S23:RATE/FREQBAND	0
R0:TARGET_RSSI	255
R1:HYSTERESIS_RSSI	50

Figure 12 - TX Module modem configuration page.

Settings can be refreshed using the 'Load Fresh Params' button. Parameters can be adjusted in the text boxes as required and then applied by means of the 'Save Params' button. Changes on the AIR_SPEED, NETID, TXPOWER, MIN_FREQ, MAX_FREQ and NUM_CHANNELS parameters should be applied to remote radio settings as well to avoid losing the radio link.

3.3 Vehicle Modem

If the vehicle modem to be used is the one supplied with the TX Module, unless changed by the user, it will have a compatible firmware version and it will be connect to the modem in the TX Module. If that is the case, the easiest way to configure it is through the browser interface explained in [section 3.2.3](#) on the remote side.

On the other hand if the modem is not the one supplied with the kit, or if the modems are not connecting, the vehicle modem should be flashed with the same firmware and configured with the same parameters as the modem on the TX Module to ensure a proper communication link. To do so, an FTDI cable, a jumper and the RFD900 tools or a serial terminal program are needed.

Connect the FTDI cable and the jumper as per figure 13. The black wire of the FTDI, i.e. pin 1, should connect to pin 1 on the modem and the jumper should connect pins 2 and 3 on the top row together.



Figure 13 - Modem connected to FTDI cable (pins 1,3,5,7,9,11) to enable serial communications. **Jumper (pins 4&6).*

To configure the modem using the RFD900 tools, download and install the software using the links on [section 7](#) if it is not installed on your computer yet. Launch the program and the configuration interface of figure 14 should pop-up.

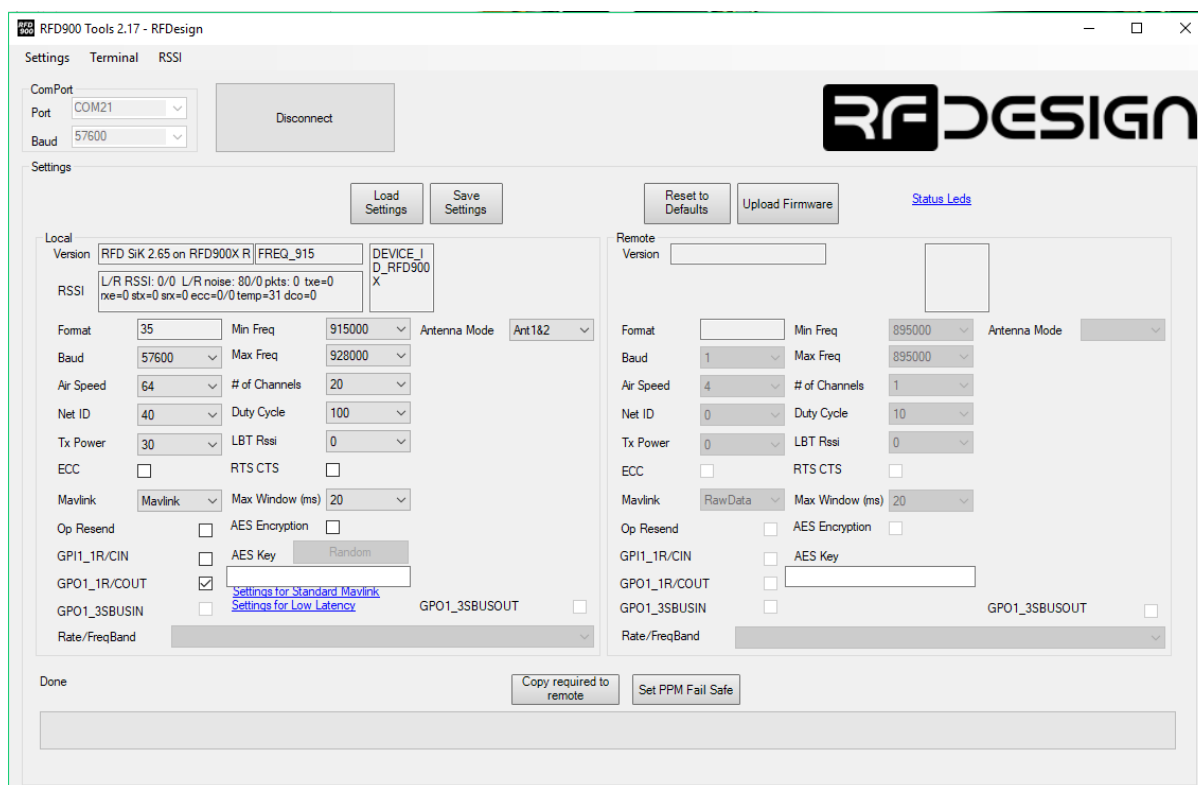


Figure 14 – Vehicle modem configuration on RFD900 tools.

First ensure the firmware on the vehicle modem is the same as the one on the TXMod, the version of which can be obtained in the first page of the browser interface described in section 3.2.1. If both versions don't match download the one currently in use on the TXMod through the links in [section 7](#).

Then on RFD900 tools click on 'Upload Firmware' and choose the *.bin file you just downloaded. Wait until the process finishes (a message will appear at the bottom of the page) and reboot the modem. You have successfully updated the firmware.

Then use the interface to configure the parameters described in [Table 3 - RFD900x parameters](#). The AIR_SPEED, NETID, TXPOWER, MIN_FREQ, MAX_FREQ and NUM_CHANNELS parameters should be the same as the ones in the TXMod modem. When connected directly through the FTDI cable the vehicle modem will appear as local. If these parameters have been not modified on the TX Module side or they have been reset to default values by pressing the button 5 times rapidly, the easiest way to configure them on the remote modem is by pressing 'Reset to Defaults' button.

Another important step is to set modem GPIO1.1 as a PPM output. This allows the modem pin 15 to output the PPM stream received from the TX Module modem. This will be configured automatically by the First Run Wizard. In case the wizard were not to be used, enable this by checking the 'CPI1_1R/COUT' box in any and ensure later on that 'CPI1_1R/CIN' is unchecked on the TX Module. Then save the settings to upload the configuration onto the modem.

After the modem has been configured correctly it will be able to link with the TX Module modem, indicated by a solid green LED on both devices. From this point onwards the FTDI cable is no longer needed to configure the vehicle modem. Instead this can be done over the air via the TX Module using the browser interface described in [section 3.2.2](#). This only works while the modem in the vehicle and TX Module are linked as indicated by a solid green LED.

4 Ground control station software

Once the modem and WiFi communications are configured it is possible to use the telemetry data stream. The example software used in this section is Mission Planner for Windows and Tower for Android. However, this process can be extrapolated to other software supporting Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) or User Datagram Protocol (UDP).

Connect your computer or smart device to the configured WiFi network; that is either the TX Module Access Point or the linked network when using the module as a station. Then open Mission Planner on your computer or Tower App on your Android device and choose TCP or UDP and press the button “CONNECT” as per figure 15. Parameters should start loading provided that the TX Module is properly bonded to the modem on the aircraft (solid green LED) and both devices are powered up.

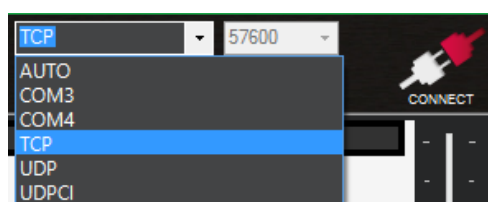


Figure 15 – Mission planner connection options.

Then, when asked for, enter the IP address and port number in the pop-up boxes. Default values in AP mode are IP [192.168.4.1](#), TCP port number 23 and UDP 14550. After that, if properly connected, telemetry data should be available, and the control software should run missions as normal.

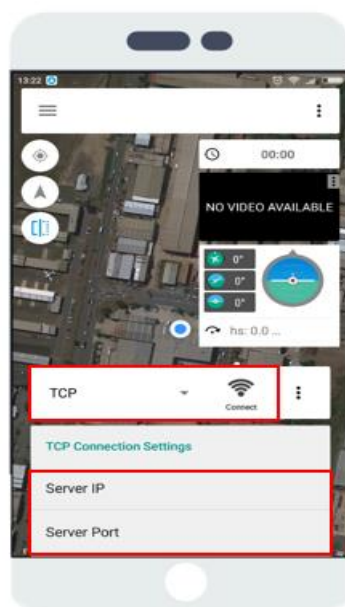


Figure 16 - Tower configuration on Android.

5 Antenna Recommendation

Any antenna with a male RPSMA fitting and matched to the 902-928MHz ISM band can be used however, the recommended antenna for the TX Module is the 3 dBi half wave dipole which is provided in the kit and is available for purchase on the RFDesign store.



Figure 17 -: 900MHz Half Wave Dipole Antenna 3 dBi.

When assembling and disassembling the TXMOD from the transmitter, be aware the antenna may have to be removed then reattached due to mechanical restraints.

6 Technical Specifications

6.1 TX Module Power Consumption

The graph indicates the current consumption of the TXMOD vs the supplied battery voltage. It should be noted that this graph is generated with the RFD modem configured for 30dBm, or 1 W, transmission. Changing the modem power will significantly affect the current draw. The graph has been divided to illustrate some common RC battery configurations.

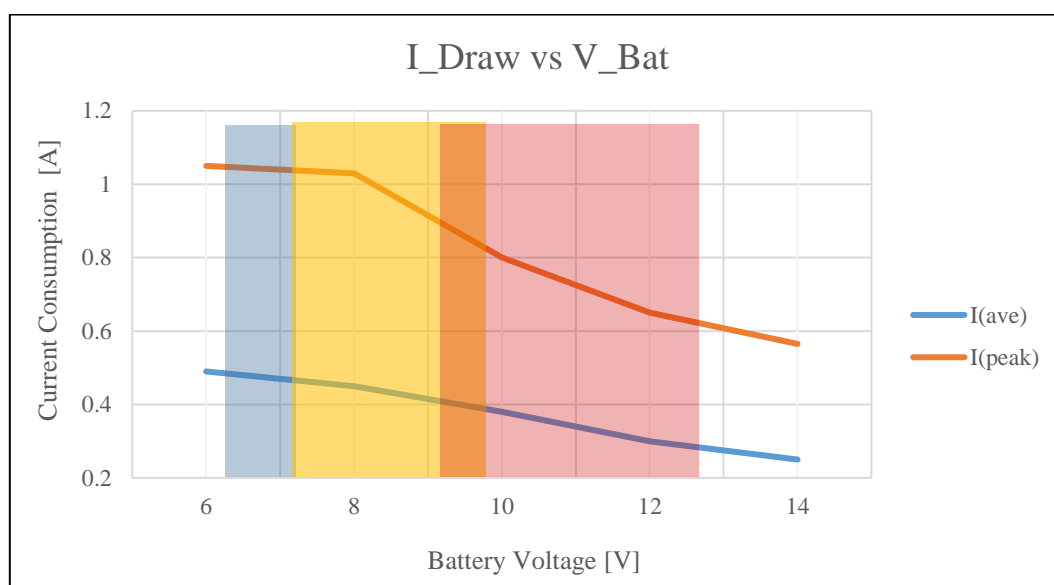


Figure 18 - TX Module current consumption vs RC battery voltage. **A)** (Blue area) 6S Ni-MH **B)** (Orange area) 3S LiFe **C)** (Red area) 3S LiPo.

6.2 Modem Specification

Table 4- Performance

Supported RF Data Rates	4, 64, 125, 250 and 500 kbits/sec
Indoor Range	500 m – 1 km
Line-Of-Sight Range	40km or more depending on antennas
Transmit Power	0 to 30dBm in 1dBm steps
Receiver Sensitivity	>121dBm

Table 5 - Features

Configuration Method	AT Commands, APM Planner, Customized Configuration Tool
Frequency Band	902 MHz – 928 MHz
Interference Immunity	FHSS (Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum)
Serial Interface Data Rate	1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400, 450800, 1000000 baud/s

Table 6 - Networking and Security

Addressing Options	Network ID: 0 –255
Channels	Up to 50 Frequency Hopping Channels
Supported Network Topologies	Point to point

6.3 WiFi Specifications

Table 7 - WiFi Parameters

WiFi Protocols	802.11 b/g/n
Frequency Range	2.4GHz-2.5GHz (2400MHz-2483.5MHz)
Wi-Fi mode	station/softAP/
Security	WPA/WPA2
Encryption	WEP/TKIP/AES
Firmware Upgrade	OTA (via network)
Network Protocols	IPv4, TCP/UDP/HTTP/FTP
User Configuration	Browser interface

Table 8 – ESP8266 Receiver Characteristics

Parameters	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Input frequency	2412		2484	MHz
Input impedance		50		Ω
Input reflection			-10	dB
Output power of PA for 72.2Mbps	15.5	16.5	17.5	dBm
Output power of PA for 11b mode	19.5	20.5	21.5	dBm
Sensitivity				
DSSS, 1 Mbps		-98		dBm
CCK, 11 Mbps		-91		dBm
6 Mbps (1/2 BPSK)		-93		dBm
54 Mbps (3/4 64-QAM)		-75		dBm
HT20, MCS7 (65 Mbps, 72.2 Mbps)		-72		dBm
Adjacent Channel Rejection				
OFDM, 6 Mbps		37		dBm
OFDM, 54 Mbps		21		dBm
HT20, MCS0		37		dBm
HT20, MCS7		20		dBm

6.4 Radio Controller Interface

Table 9 - RC Parameters

Parameters	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Latency	-	45	78	ms
TX Module Supply Voltage	+5	-	+18	V
Current Draw (peak at input voltage of 5V)	-	-	1.2	A

6.5 Module Compliance

Table 10 - Compliance

Radio	AS4268 : 2017 FCC 47CFR 15.247 FCC 47CFR Part 1.1307 FCC 47CFR 1.1310 IC RSS247
EMC	CISPR11: 2017 (Pending) FCC 47CFR 15B (Pending) ICES 003 (Pending) RSSGEN

6.6 Physical Dimensions

This section provides the TX Module dimensional drawings. The module it has been designed to fit into the rear expansion bay of an FrSky Taranis X9D Plus, however users may find that it can be fitted to other transmitters. To ensure functionality check the physical dimensions and electrical interface are compatible and follow the information described in [sections 1.2](#) and [section 2](#).

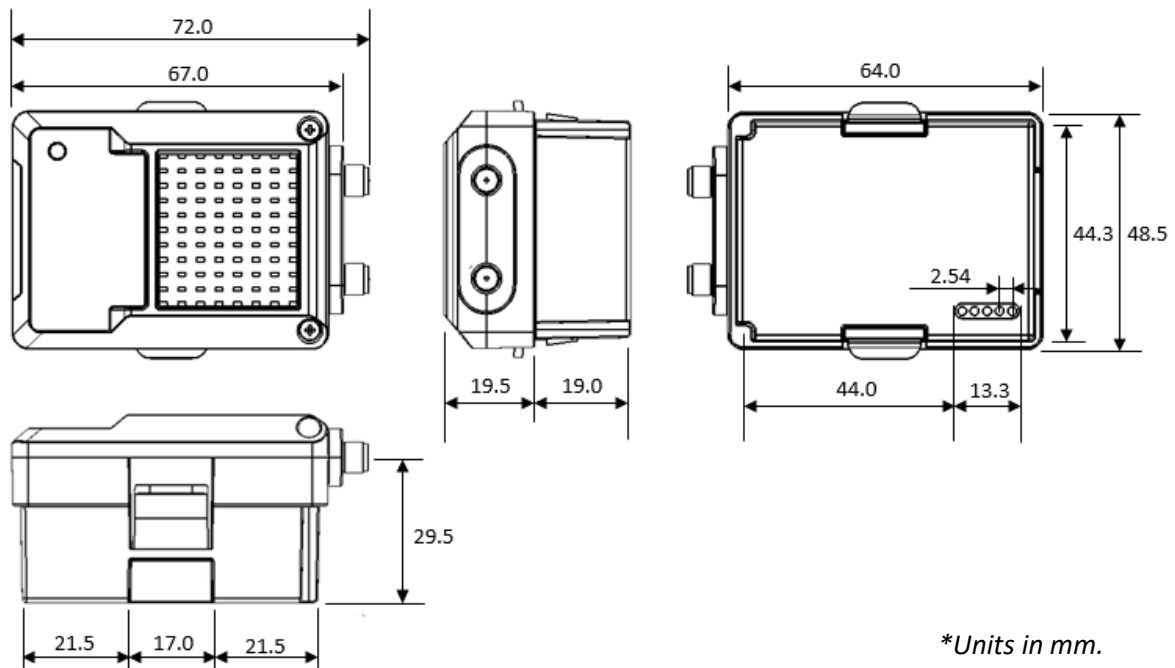


Figure 19 - TX Module physical dimensions.

7 Useful Links

TX Module Wi-Fi firmware

<http://files.rfdesign.com.au/firmware/>

RFDesign Modem 900x Datasheet

<http://files.rfdesign.com.au/Files/documents/RFD900x%20DataSheet.pdf>

RFDesign Modem Firmware

<http://files.rfdesign.com.au/firmware/>

RFD900x Peer to Peer firmware - User Manual

<http://files.rfdesign.com.au/Files/documents/RFD900x%20Peer-to-peer%20User%20Manual%20V1.1.pdf>

RFDesign Programming Tools

Software: <http://files.rfdesign.com.au/tools/>

Manual:

<http://files.rfdesign.com.au/Files/documents/RFD%20Modem%20Tools%20Manual%20V1.1.pdf>

CoolTerm

<http://freeware.the-meiers.org/>

Mission Planner

<http://ardupilot.org/planner/index.html>

FrSky Taranis X9D Plus

<https://www.frsky-rc.com/taranis-x9d-plus-2/>

Mission Planner

<http://ardupilot.org/planner/docs/common-install-mission-planner.html>

8 Revision History

Version	Date	Changes
1.0	12/04/2019	Release document