



DP1203 – C433/C868/C915

433, 868 and 915 MHz Drop-In RF Transceiver Modules

Small Form Factor and Direct Digital Interface Modules

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The DP1203 is a 30mm x 18mm radio transceiver module available for use in 433-435MHz, 868-870MHz or 902-928MHz ISM bands. The module is suitable for circuit applications which have to satisfy either European (ETSI EN300-220-1, EN301-489-3) or the North American (FCC part 15.247, 15.249) regulatory standards.

Virtually no RF knowledge is required to use this RF module. Wireless communication can be obtained with just the addition of a suitable antenna and a microcontroller. The DP1203 fulfils a wide range of application requirements, ranging from basic point-to-point communication to more complex multipoint process control functions.

The module is suitable for surface mount reflow assembly.

Anylink provides basic firmware routines for controlling the module and typical applications.

APPLICATIONS

- Home automation and access control
- Process and building control
- Cable replacement
- Telemetry solutions

KEY PRODUCT FEATURES

- Instant RF – solder and use!
- No RF knowledge required
- Small size 30mm x 18mm
- Direct Digital Interface
- Supply voltage 2.4V – 3.6V
- Minimum frequency synthesizer step size of 500Hz
- Konnex-compatible operation mode
- 11-bit Barker encoder/decoder
- Maximum output power of +15dBm
- Receiver sensitivity of -114dBm
- Very high data rate up to 153.2kbps
- Current consumption Tx = 62mA @ 15dBm
- Current consumption Rx=14mA
- RSSI (Received Signal Strength Indicator)
- FEI (Frequency Error Indicator)

DEVICE OPTIONS

| Part | Frequency band | Pin Package |
|------------|----------------|-------------|
| DP1203C433 | 433 - 435 MHz | Board |
| DP1203C868 | 868 - 870 MHz | Board |
| DP1203C915 | 902 - 928 MHz | Board |

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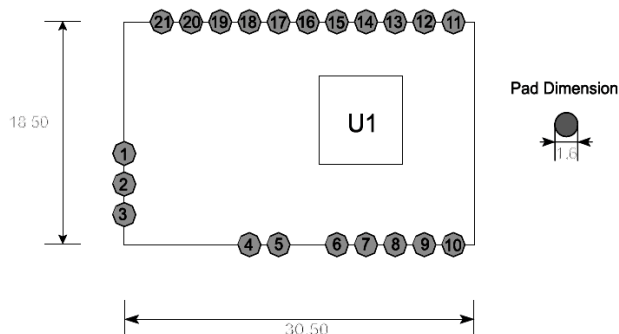
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1. PIN DESCRIPTION



| PIN | NAME | I/O | DESCRIPTION |
|-----|---------|--------|--|
| 1 | GND | IN | Ground |
| 2 | RF | IN/OUT | RF input / output terminal |
| 3 | GND | IN | Ground |
| 4 | VDDP | | VDD for power amplifier |
| 5 | VDDA | | VDD for analog blocks |
| 6 | GND | | Ground |
| 7 | VDD | | Supply voltage |
| 8 | /EN | IN | 3-wire interface communication enable signal |
| 9 | SWITCH | IN/OUT | Receiver or transmitter mode selection |
| 10 | GND | IN | Ground |
| 11 | GND | IN | Ground |
| 12 | SO | OUT | 3-wire serial data interface: Data Out |
| 13 | SI | IN | 3-wire serial data interface: Data In |
| 14 | SCK | IN | 3-wire serial data interface: Data Clock |
| 15 | CLKOUT | OUT | Programmable reference clock output |
| 16 | DCLK | OUT | Receiver data clock |
| 17 | DATA | IN/OUT | Transmitter data input or receiver data output |
| 18 | DATAIN | IN | Transmitter data input |
| 19 | PATTERN | OUT | Receiver pattern recognition output |
| 20 | RX | IN | Antenna Switch RX Select |
| 21 | TX | IN | Antenna Switch TX Select |

2. ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

2.1. ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM OPERATING RANGES

| Description | Min | Max | Unit |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Supply voltage | 2.4 | 3.6 | V |
| Operating temperature | -40 | +85 | °C |
| Storage temperature | -55 | 125 | °C |
| Soldering temperature (max 15 sec) | | 260 | °C |



CAUTION: ESD sensitive device.
Precaution should be taken when handling the device in order to prevent permanent damage



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2.2. SPECIFICATIONS

The table below gives the specifications of the DP1203 Modules under the following conditions:
 Supply Voltage VDD = 3.3V, Temperature = 25 °C, 2-level FSK without pre-filtering, Carrier Frequency f_c = 915 MHz,
 Frequency Deviation Δf = 55 kHz, Bit Rate BR = 4.8 kbit/s, Base Band Filter Bandwidth BBW = 200 kHz, Bit Error Rate
 BER = 0.1% (measured at the output of the bit synchronizer), LNA input and RF PA output matched to 50 Ω ,

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Units |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| f _{SYNTH} | Synthesizer Frequency Range | DP1203-C433 | 433 | -- | 435 | MHz |
| | | DP1203-C868 | 868 | -- | 870 | MHz |
| | | DP1203-C915 | 902 | -- | 928 | MHz |

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|------|-----|----|
| IDD _{SL} | Sleep mode supply current | | - | 0.2 | 1 | uA |
| IDD _{ST} | Standby mode supply current | 39 MHz running | - | 0.85 | 1.1 | mA |
| IDD _{RX} | RX mode supply current | | | 14 | 17 | mA |
| IDD _{TX} | TX mode supply current | P _{RF} = 3 dBm | | 33 | 45 | mA |
| | | P _{RF} = 15 dBm | | 62 | 75 | mA |

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|---------|-----------------------------|--------|--|------|------|-----|
| RFS_48 | RF Sensitivity at 4.8 kbps | A-Mode | | -114 | -111 | dBm |
| RFS_327 | RF Sensitivity at 32.7 kbps | A-Mode | | -109 | -106 | dBm |

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|------------|---------------------|--------------|-----|---|-------|------|
| Δf | Frequency Deviation | Programmable | 1 | - | 255 | kHz |
| DR | Bit rate | Programmable | 1.2 | - | 152.3 | Kb/s |

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|-----|-----------------|---------------|-----|-----|---|-----|
| PRF | RF output power | Programmable. | | | | |
| | | RFOP1 | -3 | 0 | - | dBm |
| | | RFOP2 | +2 | +5 | - | dBm |
| | | RFOP3 | +7 | +10 | - | dBm |
| | | RFOP4 | +12 | +15 | - | dBm |

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----|-----|----|
| T _{TX} | Transmitter wake-up time | From oscillator enabled | - | 150 | 250 | us |
| T _{RX} | Receiver baseband wake up time | From oscillator enabled | - | 0.5 | 0.8 | ms |
| T _{XTAL} | Quartz oscillator wake up time | | - | - | 1 | ms |

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|----|--|-----|
| f _{XTAL} | Quartz oscillator frequency | Fundamental mode osc. | | 39 | | MHz |
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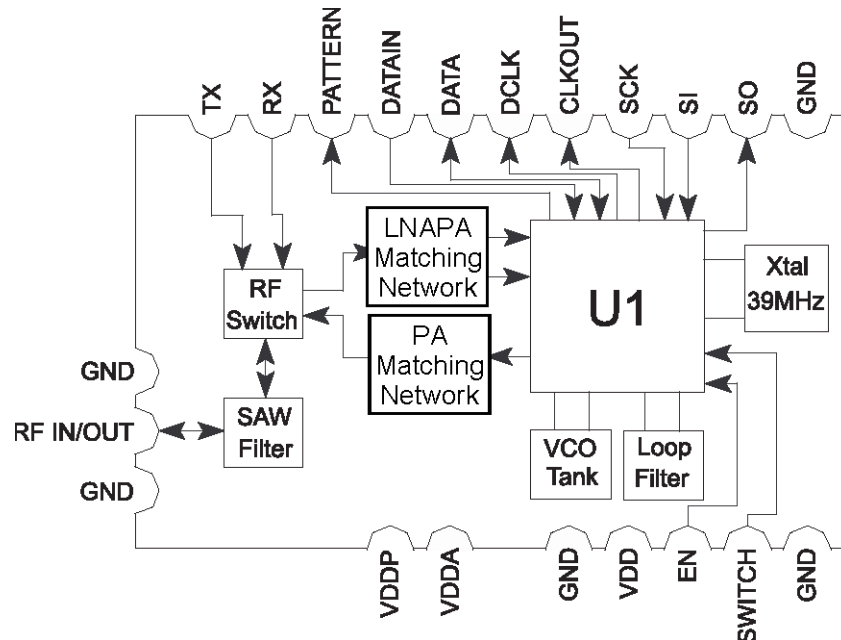
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|-----------------|---------------------------|-------|----|---|----|---|
| V _{IH} | Digital input level high | % VDD | 75 | - | - | % |
| V _{IL} | Digital input level low | % VDD | - | - | 25 | % |
| V _{OH} | Digital output level high | % VDD | 75 | - | - | % |
| V _{OL} | Digital output level low | % VDD | - | - | 25 | % |

3. FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The DP1203 is a cost effective high performance radio transceiver module designed for the wireless transmission of digital information over distances of >500 meters in free space.

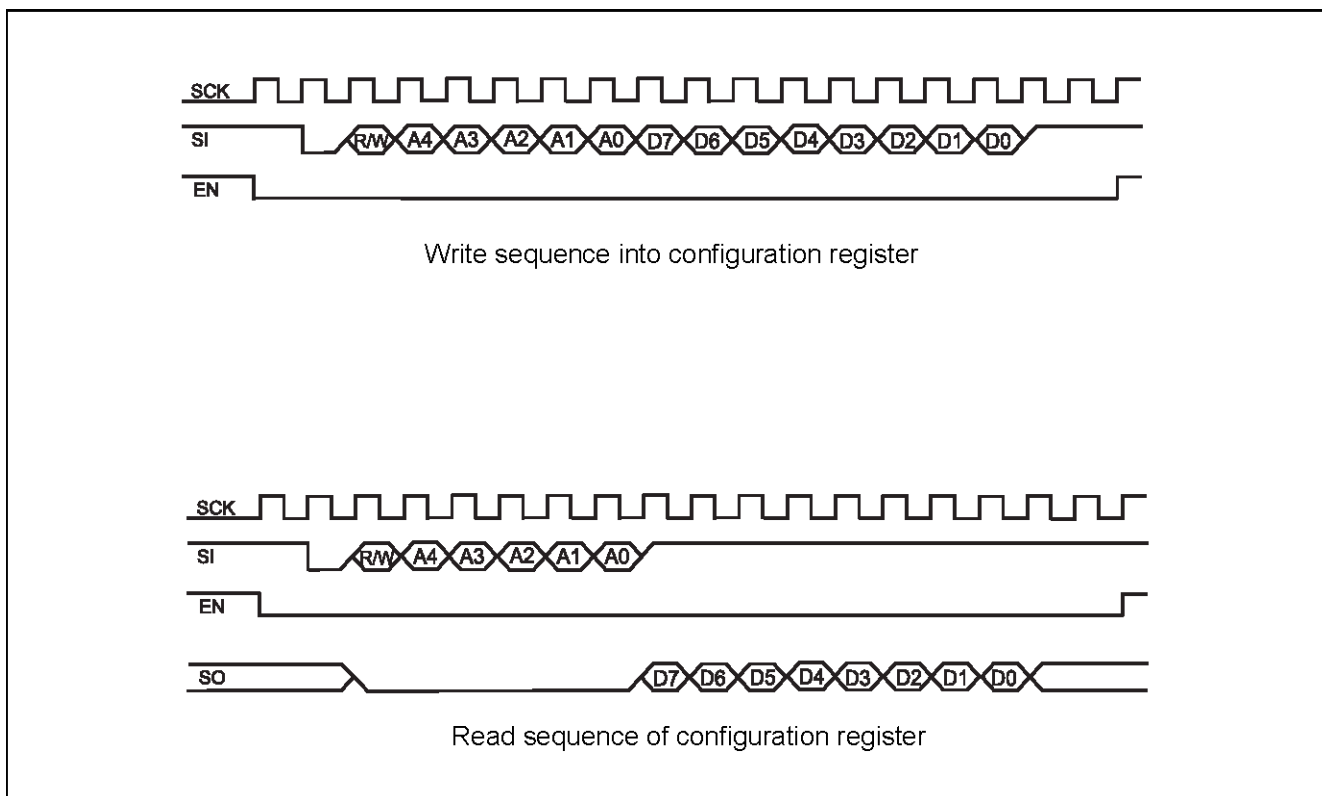
The Module is based on the RF transceiver circuit from Semtech, the XE1203. For more information on the XE1203, please refer to the XE1203 datasheet, available from the Semtech website <http://www.semtech.com/XE1203F>.

The Module is also available with all high frequency circuits and the 39MHz reference crystal enclosed inside a shielding case. The Module incorporates an antenna switch driven by two external pins (RX and TX), and a SAW Filter placed between the antenna port (RF IN/OUT). The switch provides a superior margin to satisfy the European or the North American regulatory standards.



4. SERIAL CONTROL INTERFACE

A 3-wire bi-directional bus (SCK, SI, SO) is used to control the DP1203. The output signal, SO, is provided by the DP1203 in opposition to the SCK and SI which needs to be provided by the external application as an 8-bit microcontroller. An access *Read* or *Write* with the XE1203 is possible only when the enable signal is active (active LOW).



For more information about the 3-wire bus, please refer to the XE1203 datasheet chapter; *Interface definition, principles of operation*. You can find this at <http://www.semtech.com/XE1203F>.

5. OPERATING MODES

The DP1203 has 2 main operating modes (Mode 1, Mode 2); each mode is subdivided into 4 modes illustrated in the table below. The switching between Mode 1 and Mode 2 can be done either through the 3-wire bus (Chip_config register) or by using the pin SWITCH. The selection depends on the Switch_ext which is a XE1203 register.

| Switch_ext Bit 3, Address 00010 | Chip_config Bit 0, Address 00000 | SWITCH (pin) | Mode selected |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | Set in Output - "1" DP1203 is in transmitter - "0" DP1203 other modes | Mode 1 Bit 7-6, Address 00110 - 0 0 : sleep mode - 0 1 : standby mode - 1 0 : receiver mode - 1 1 : transmitter mode |
| 0 | 1 | Set in Output - "1" DP1203 is in transmitter - "0" DP1203 other modes | Mode 2 Bit 7-6, Address 01001 - 0 0 : sleep mode - 0 1 : standby mode - 1 0 : receiver mode - 1 1 : transmitter mode |
| 1 | X | 0 | Mode 1 Bit 7-6, Address 00110 - 0 0 : sleep mode - 0 1 : standby mode - 1 0 : receiver mode - 1 1 : transmitter mode |
| 1 | X | 1 | Mode 2 Bit 7-6, Address 01001 - 0 0 : sleep mode - 0 1 : standby mode - 1 0 : receiver mode - 1 1 : transmitter mode |

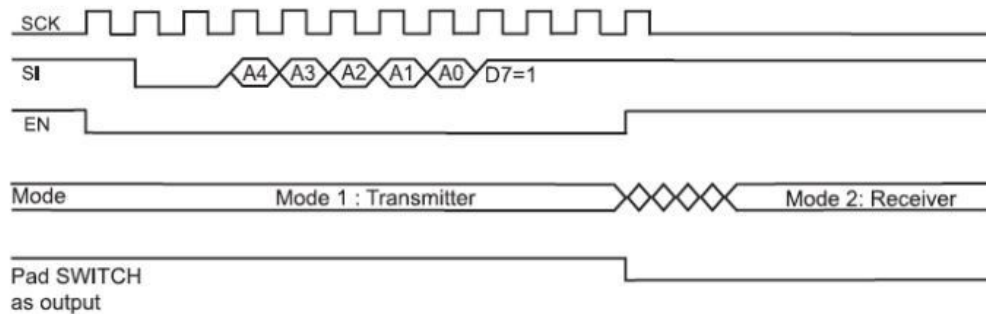
For more information about the modes of operation, please refer to the XE1203 Datasheet on the Semtech website <http://www.semtech.com/XE1203F>.

5.1. STANDARD SEQUENCE FOR SWITCHING BETWEEN RECEIVER AND TRANSMITTER

The drop-in module DP1203 is able to switch between any configuration by using the 3-wire bus or by using the pin SWITCH. This section describes the switching sequence from Mode 1 to Mode 2.

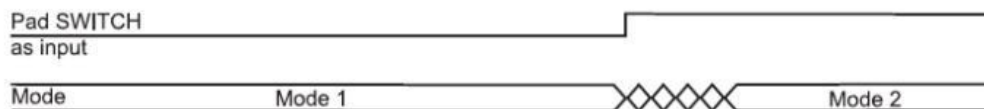
Switching sequence by using the 3-wire bus

Switch_ext = 0 (Bit 3, Address 00010)



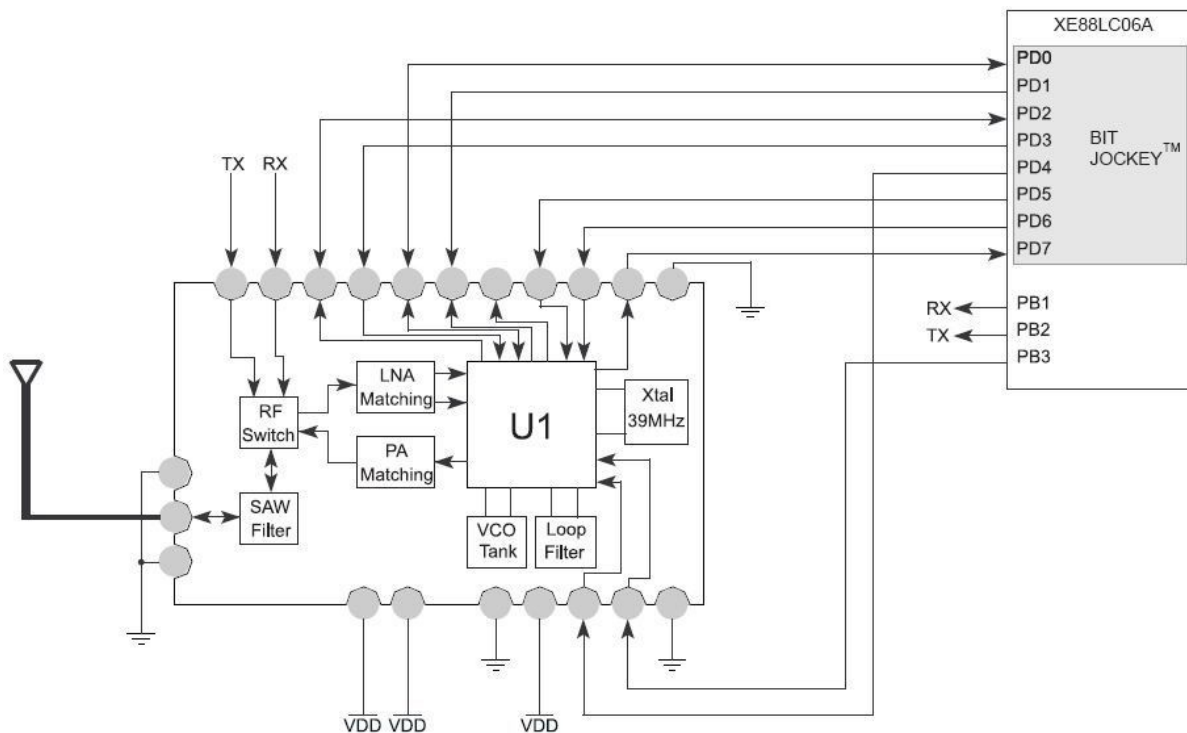
Switching sequence by pad SWITCH

Switch_ext = 1 (Bit 3, Address 00010)



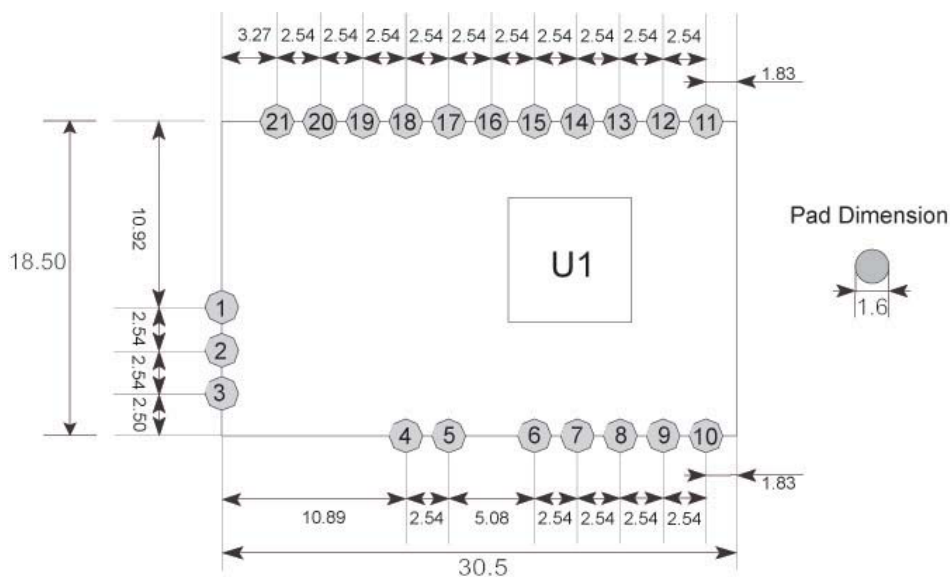
6. TYPICAL APPLICATION

The schematic below shows the DP1203 interfaced with a XEMICS' microcontroller XE88LC06A. In this typical Application, the pad SWITCH is used as an input and the two signals TX and RX are controlled directly by the Microcontroller.



7. MECHANICAL DIMENSIONS

The following diagram shows the physical footprint and dimensions of the DP1203 drop-in module, which should be implemented on the mother board.



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