AquaSpy™ Radio Node

Technical Specifications

Specifications subject to change without prior notice



Developed from Data Node technology, the Radio Node is a data storage unit that uses ISM 900MHz radio to routinely transmit data to a receiving device. The data is automatically sent to either a 'Radio Receiver' or 'Network Gateway' device, where it is automatically uploaded to a PC and viewed using the included AquaSpy Display software.

Intelligent Radio Telemetry

- 1 x Serial Sensor Channel (4-pin Switchcraft connector) configurable for RS-485 (AO protocol only)
- 1 x EXT PWR input
 (3-pin Switchcraft connector)
 for external power only
- 1 x Rittal breather valve
- Internal sensors measure battery voltage and solar/household electricity (when connected)
- Button cell battery maintains time/date settings when powered off
- Includes 3 internal communication ports:
 - IrDA
 - RS-232
 - USB (Type B)
- 2Mb of data storage capacity:
 - With a single sensor connected there is ~377 days of data storage
 - With an AquaSpy Probe 40" (10 sensors) connected there is ~287 days of data storage
- SMA connector fitted for external antenna options:
 - 3dBi stub antenna 6.6ft cable
 - 6.5dBi 'high gain' 6.6ft cable
 - 6.5dBi 'high gain' 16.4ft cable

- Choice of external power options:
 - Household electricity (12VDC power supply)
 - Solar & rechargeable battery (1 x sub Csize NiMH 1.2V 3000mAH 8 pack)
- The battery life of a Radio
 Node is dependent upon the
 life span of the rechargeable
 battery. In blackout
 conditions (no charge), when
 connected to an AquaSpy
 Probe 40" (10 sensors), the
 battery life = 30 days ± 20%
 (depending on environmental
 conditions)
- Choice of 900Mhz radio modules:
 - Aerocomm 100mW (A4490-200)
 - Aerocomm 1000mW (A4490-1000)
- Radio module power draw (typical):
 - 68mA (100mW module)
 - 650mA (1000mW module)
- Radio modules switch to 'idle' mode in-between transmissions to conserve power
- Radio modulation = FHSS FSK
- Radio modules have FCC & IC approval

- 'Field Utility' software tool included to enable testing and reconfiguration of the Radio Node as required
- Software suite (Windows 2000/XP compatible) included providing flexible data collection and advanced data display features
- Fibox enclosure:
 - 7.09" x 7.09" x 3.94"
 - Polycarbonate construction
 - -40°F to + 176°F
 - Ingress protection IP66/67 (only with fixing screws)
 - Impact resistance IK08
 - Total electrical insulation
 - UV resistance UL508
 - Flammability rating UL945V
 - NEMA classes 1, 4, 4X, 6, 12 &
- Reports health status:
 - Battery voltage
 - Solar/Household
 Electricity supply voltage
 (when connected)
 - RSSI
- Self-configuring universal 'plug and play' technology
- One year warranty

