Aqua User Manual

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1 Introduction

Welcome

This manual describes how to set up and use an Aqua radio modem.

This publication assumes that you are know how to use the Microsoft® Windows® operating system.

Related Information

Sources of related information include the following:

Readme.txt file – a Readme.txt file contains information added after the documentation was completed. To read this file, double-click it or use a text editor to open it. The installation program also copies it into the program directory.

Release notes – the release notes describe new features of the product, information not included in the manuals, and any changes to the manuals.

Update notes – there is a warranty activation sheet with this product. Send it in to automatically receive update notes containing important information about software and hardware changes.

Contact your local dealer for more information about the support agreement contracts for software and firmware, and an extended warranty program for hardware.

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2 Getting Started

Introduction

The Aqua radio-modem is a family of products. Products are available in the 450, 900 and 2400 MHz bands. These products share a common housing and electrical interface to simplify machine installation and integration.

The 450 MHz band radios are used to receive GNSS data in Compact Measurement Record (CMR) format from a reference receiver to one or more roving receivers for precise machine positioning.

The 900 MHz band radios are used to receive GNSS data in Compact Measurement Record (CMR) format from a reference receiver to one or more roving receivers for precise machine positioning. These radios can also communicate 2-way data between an office computer and the machine.

The 2400 MHz band radios are used to communicate ATS location information and commands from a base station to a machine for precise positioning.

Some of these radios are offered alone and as well as in GNSS/ATS combination radios.

Hardware Specification

The AQUA meets stringent hardware requirements and is designed to survive in harsh environments.

It has the following features:

- Flexible antennas for machine installations.
- Physical connection by means of the same 8-pin male Bendix connector previously used on SN/SNR/TC-series radios. For a description of the connector pinout, see Pinout Information, page 36.
- In addition, Aqua is designed for use with unconditioned 9 VDC to 32 VDC power.

450 MHz Description

The 450 MHz is a multi-channel, ultra high frequency (UHF) radio unit and data modem packaged in a rugged, waterproof, metal case and is designed to withstand severe environmental stress.

Features

- Low latency CMR receiver
- Compatible with TRIMTALK 450 and TRIMMARK radios
- Selectable frequencies
- License-free operation in some European countries
- Upgradeable software
- Ruggedized, weatherproof casing
- Typical 3–5 km range
- Low power consumption
- Two CAN (J1939) ports (250K and 1 M bit)
- One RS-232 interface at either 9600, 38400, or 57600 baud
- Flexible antenna for machine applications
- Machine mounting kit option (for more information, see Mounting the Aqua on a Machine, page 20)

Frequency Band

Broadcast frequency, transmit power, channel spacing, and antenna gain are regulated by countries-of-use. These are unique on a per-country basis. When you order, you must specify the broadcast frequencies, channel spacing, and country-of-use for the radio-modem.

For more information, contact your local dealer.

Note – Specifications and descriptions are subject to change without notice.

900 MHz Description

The Aqua 900 MHz is a frequency-hopping, spread-spectrum radio unit and data modem packaged in a rugged, waterproof, metal case and is designed to withstand severe environmental stress.

Features

- Low latency CMR transmission
- Compatible with SiteNet and TRIMCOMM radio networks
- Upgradeable software
- Forty selectable networks
- License-free operation in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and NewZealand
- Ruggedized, weatherproof casing
- Typical 3–5 km range
- Low power consumption
- Two CAN (J1939) ports (250K and 1 M bit)
- One RS-232 interface at either 9600, 38400, or 57600 baud
- Flexible antenna for machine applications
- Machine mounting kit option (for more information, see Mounting the Aqua on a Machine, page 20)

Frequency Band

The 900 MHz radio operates in the 902 to 928 MHz frequency band. It is certified for unlicensed use in this band as a transmitter pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.247, 15.249 (1993) (unlicensed, low-power devices) Subpart C of Part 15 of FCC Rules regarding Spread Spectrum Systems for the United States. License-free operation in Canada is covered by RSS-210 of Industrie Canada.

The AQUA can be purchased with a reduced frequency range for use in Australia and New Zealand. It is available in single-frequency mode for other countries.

Note – The 902–928 MHz band is a shared-use band and as such is subject to interfering signals.

This frequency band is allocated to other uses in other parts of the world, including cellular telephony. Regulations regarding its use vary greatly from country to country.

Use of the AQUA outside the United States must be approved by the local radio authority. Contact your local radio communications governing authority for regulations and restrictions on operation in the country or area where you want to use the AQUA.

2400 MHz Description

The Aqua 2400 MHz is a frequency-hopping, spread-spectrum radio unit and data modem packaged in a rugged, waterproof, metal case and is designed to withstand severe environmental stress.

Features

- License-free in the EU, U.S.A., Canada, Australia and New Zealand*
- Direct operation on 12- or 24-volt machine power
- Flexible 2.4 dBi antenna (no need for antenna cables)
- LED status indicators
- Heavy-duty 8-pin Bendix connector
- Power and data via a single cable
- Designed for machine mounting
- Rugged and waterproof (fully sealed)
- Frequency-hopping, spread-spectrum technology
- Compatible with Trimble ATS Total Stations
- High data rate
- Low power consumption
- Typical >1000m, line-of-sight range
- Two CAN (J1939) ports (250K and 1 M bit)
- One RS-232 interface at either 9600, 38400, or 57600 baud
- Machine mounting kit option (for more information, see Mounting the Aqua on a Machine, page 20)

Frequency Band

The Trimble SNR2400/TC2400C operates in the 2400 to 2483.5 MHz frequency band (2400 to 2454 MHz in France). It contains a transmitter module that is certified for unlicensed use in this band as a transmitter pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.247 Subpart C of Part 15 of FCC Rules regarding Spread Spectrum Systems for the United States. License-free operation in Canada is covered by RSS-210 of Industry Canada; in the European Union is covered by harmonized standard EN 300 328; in Australia and New Zealand by gazetted standard AS/NZS 4771:2000.

For more information about use in other countries, please contact Trimble.

3 Configuring the Aqua Radio

Introduction

450, 900 and 2400 radios are all configured via WinFlash. Each radio has unique configuration parameters specific to the radio band used.

WinFlash Configuration Software

The Trimble WinFlash software is a Microsoft Windows-based application that configures the AQUA for use in a network. Use WinFlash to configure all AQUA radios required for a project.

To configure a AQUA using WinFlash, complete the following procedures:

- Connect the office computer to the AQUA.
- Configure the AQUA using WinFlash.

These procedures are discussed in the following sections.

Connecting to the AQUA

- 1. Connect a radio service cable to the AQUA.
- 2. Connect the I/O DB-9 connector of the service cable to a serial port on your office computer.

Note – Figure 4.7 on page 27 shows an infrastructure cable (PN 38968-25) connected to the AQUA. Figure 4.10 on page 30 shows the service cable (PN 40942-xx) connected to the AQUA and an office computer.

3. Provide power to the radio through the power lead of the service cable.

Configuring the AQUA

The following general steps are used to configure an Aqua radio. See the specific radio section for information on radio configurations.

- 1. Start WinFlash on your office computer. The following dialog appears:
- 2. Select the appropriate Device type option and PC serial port option and click Next.
- 3. Select the Configure radio option in the Operations group and click Next.
- 4. Click Finish on the next screen to establish a connection with the radio. The following dialog appears while WinFlash is connecting to the radio:
- 5. When WinFlash has successfully connected to the radio, the Properties window appears:
- 6. From the Properties window, configure radio. Once these settings are correct, click Set to send the settings to the radio.
- 7. To finish, click Exit. To make further changes, click Menu. The Operation Selection dialog shown in Step 2 on page 11 appears. The following sections describe the settings that are available for the AQUA.

450 MHz Radio Features

- Note: No dealer version required as this is a receive only radio
- Configure Radio

Mode – fixed as rover (can't be used as base/repeater)

Channel Sharing

Enable ID Call Sign

Data port setting

CMR output on Serial Port (data)

Wireless settings

- Upgrade Radio Firmware
- Retrieve Radio Diagnostic Information
- Load Frequency Update
- Create Frequency update file

Edit Frequency

Up to 20 frequencies can be stored

Save frequency update file

900 MHz Radio Features

Configure Radio

Easy IP

Name

Network #

Traditional IP

Name

Kea

Network #

Radio mode – Rover Only

GPS Port

METS Port

MAC address

- Upgrade Radio Firmware
- Retrieve Radio Diagnostic Information
- Reset Radio Configuration
- Change Radio Protocol between Kea and IP

2400 MHz Radio Features

- Upgrade Radio Firmware
- Retrieve Radio Diagnostic Information
- Reset Radio Configuration

Unique 450/2400 Combination Radio Features

• Reset Radio Configuration Slot 1 Default

Unique 900/2400 Combination Radio Features

• Reset Radio Configuration Slot 1 Default

Diagnostics and Firmware Upgrade

Use WinFlash to download a diagnostics file from the AQUA to an office computer or to upgrade the radio firmware. These options are available in the *WinFlash Operation Selection* window. For firmware upgrades, contact your Trimble dealer. The dealer will supply a new software file to perform the upgrade.

Installing the AQUA

Introduction

It is recommended that you read this chapter before installing your Aqua radio.

Physical Description

The Aqua radio-modem is encased in a rugged, waterproof metal case. It has an antenna mounts on the top, a connector on the bottom and a LED on the front. The physical aspects of Aqua hardware are outlined below, followed by details covering interface connections and antenna installations.

Connectors and Indicators

The Aqua radio is fitted with an 8-pin male Bendix connector and an LED indicator light. See Figure 4.1.

Figure 4.1 AQUA Connectors

The LED can be orange and/or green depending on the situation, as shown in Table 4.1. **Note** – The top cap of the AQUA has an antenna contact tip. The tip is designed for maximum efficiency and very low loss. Please take care not to damage this tip. Keep the low-profile antenna or flexible antenna base screwed on to the top of the radio when storing the AQUA, see page 32.

Table 4.1 Operation	ational	Status
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LED Color	Status
LED Off	No Power
LED On Solid	Radio has power
	No communication w/ base station
LED Flashing (1Hz)	Radio has power
-	Communication w/ base station

Mounting the AQUA on a Machine

When mounting the AQUA on a machine consider the following:

• Reduce damage by minimizing shock and vibration to the AQUA: Mount the radio-modem on a solid part of the cab.

Locate the best antenna position: Mount the entire antenna above the roofline so that it has an uninterrupted view. This improves the performance of the AQUA.

Prevent signal interference: Position the antenna away from other antennas (particularly if the other antenna is a two-way radio), rotating beacons and strobe lights.

Figure 4.4 shows a typical installation.

Machine Mount Kit

The machine mounting kit for the AQUA comprises:

• Radio mount bracket (upper)

Radio mount bracket (lower)

Machine mount adapter plate (with U-bolts)

Rubber shock mount kit

Figure 4.3 shows the AQUA mounting kit and how the parts fit together.

Figure 4.3 AQUA mounting kit

Machine Mounting

To mount the AQUA onto a machine:

- 1. Bolt the AQUA into the radio mounting bracket (upper and lower brackets). Ensure that the radio mounting screws are all fitted with washers and lock washers.
- 2. Securely mount the adapter plate to the machine. Do one of the following actions:
- Use existing weld bosses (see Figure 4.4)
- Weld some weld bosses to the cab
- Clamp the plate to the top of a handrail at the top of the cab using the U-bolts
- 3. Bolt the radio mounting bracket to the adapter plate using the rubber shock mount kit. The bolts are included with the adapter plate.

Tip – Use threadlocking Loctite (PN 33803) or equivalent to secure the bolts when you assemble the shock mounts.

Figure 4.4 shows a AQUA mounted at the rear of a cab roof. Notice how this installation ensures that all of the antenna is above the roof of the cab.

Figure 4.4 AQUA mounted at the rear of a cab roof

Cabling Configurations

The AQUA is typically configured as a rover, but the cables and adapters necessary for other configurations are also available.

Table 4.2 summarizes the cabling items available or provided with the AQUA unit or available accessories.

Table 4.2 AQUA cabling and power accessories

Item	Part number
Power and I/O cable for machine	32942-17
installations, 5 m (17 ft) 8-pin female	
Bendix connector on each end	
Infrastructure/Base Station power and I/O	38968-25
cable, 7.5 m(25 ft) 8-pin female Bendix,	
with Y-split to TA-3 power connector,	
DBF-9, plus 12-pin Conxall	
Machine service cable (21-pin female	36938
Bendix, with Ysplit to bare power leads	
and dual DBF-9 connector	
DC power adapter cable with TA-3	44087-00
connector and battery clips	
Reference Station/Configuration cable, 30	40942-99
m (99 ft)	

Power and I/O Cable for Machine Installations

Machine Service Cable

Figure 4.10 shows cable 40942-xx when used to configure AQUA radios with a laptop.

Figure 4.10 Machine service cable (PN 40942-xx)

Antenna Description

The standard AQUA antenna is a 0 dB, low-profile antenna. An optional infrastructure installation kit comes with an antenna base and 5 dB whip antenna tip. The 5 dB antenna measures 81 cm (32") in length, including the base. See Figure 4.11.

Figure 4.11 AQUA with antennas

Antenna Considerations

Note – Please use care when removing the radio antenna. The AQUA antenna contact tip is designed for maximum efficiency and very low loss.

To maintain its integrity, do not remove the top cap from the radio housing.

Figure 4.12 Proper Antenna Mounting

A Technical Specifications

Technical Information

Table A.1 shows the technical information for the AQUA radio-modem. This information is subject to change without notice.

Table A.1 Technical information

Specification

Physical	
Size	220 mm W x 440 mm H x 85 mm D
Weight	2.7 kg
Environmental	
Operating temperature	-40° to $+70^{\circ}$ C
Storage temperature	-40° to $+85^{\circ}$ C
Humidity	Exceeds MIL-STD-810E (aggravated
	cyclic humidity), sealed to ±34.5 kPa ±5
	psi), immersible to 1 m
Vibration	9.8 gRMS, 20–2000 Hz random vibration
Electrical	
Power consumption:	
Receive	380 mA (4.6 W at 12 VDC) ₁
Transmit (peak current)	1100 mA (13.2 W at 12 VDC) ₁
Protection	Reverse polarity; load dump
Input range	10 VDC to 32 VDC unconditioned
Connector	
Type	8-pin male Bendix
Provides	Power, 2 serial ports, CAN interface
Indicators	Power, status, and network sync LED
Radio Performance	
450 MHz	
Range	
Optimal	10 km (6 miles), line-of-sight
Typical	3–5 km (2–3 miles) Varies with terrain and
	operating conditions. Repeaters may be

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	used to extend range.
Frequency range	902–928 MHz ₂
Networks	40 user selectable networks
Transmit power	Meets FCC requirements of 1 W maximum
	power output
Wireless data rates	128 kbps
Modes	Base/Repeater/Rover
900 MHz	
Range	
Optimal	10 km (6 miles), line-of-sight
Typical	3–5 km (2–3 miles) Varies with terrain and
	operating conditions. Repeaters may be
	used to extend range.
Frequency range	902–928 MHz ₂
Networks	40 user selectable networks
Transmit power	Meets FCC requirements of 1 W maximum
	power output
Wireless data rates	128 kbps
Modes	Base/Repeater/Rover
2400 MHz	
Range	
Optimal	10 km (6 miles), line-of-sight
Typical	3–5 km (2–3 miles) Varies with terrain and
	operating conditions. Repeaters may be
	used to extend range.
Frequency range	902–928 MHz ₂
Networks	40 user selectable networks
Transmit power	Meets FCC requirements of 1 W maximum
	power output
Wireless data rates	128 kbps
Modes	Base/Repeater/Rover

¹ Power consumption, as well as the permissible number of repeaters in a network, depends on the information content and wireless data rate (that is, CMR vs RTCM SC-104 Ver. 2.x packets at 1 Hz epoch rates).

Pinout Information

Figure A.1 shows the pinout information for the 8-pin male Bendix connector on the base of the AQUA radio-modem.

Figure A.1 AQUA connector (8-pin Mil-Spec)

² Broadcast frequency and radiated power are regulated by countries-of-use. These are unique on a per country basis. The broadcast frequencies, and country-of-use for the radio-modem must be specified at time of order.

Note – This pinout is the same as that on the SiteNet 900 radio. The AQUA is a plug-in replacement for any application using the SiteNet 900 radio.

Glossary

The following terms are defined as:

Term	Definition
Frequency	
Channel	
Frequency Hopping	
Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum	
CMR	

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Class B Statement – Notice to Users. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules and Part 90. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communication. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Changes and modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer or registrant of this equipment can void your authority to operate this equipment under Federal Communications Commission rules.

Canada

This apparatus complies with Canadian RSS-310. Cet appareil est conforme à la norme CNR-310 du Canada.

Europe

This product (the SPSx50 Modular GPS receiver) is intended to be used in all EU member countries.

This product has been tested and found to comply with the requirements for a Class B device pursuant to European Council Directive 89/336/EEC on EMC, thereby satisfying the requirements for CE Marking and sale within the European Economic Ārea (EEA). Contains Infineon radio module PBA 31307. These requirements are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a residential or commercial environment.

Australia and New Zealand

This product conforms with the regulatory requirements of the Australian Communications Authority (ACA) EMC framework, thus satisfying the requirements for C-Tick Marking and sale within Australia and New Zealand.



Taiwan - Battery Recycling Requirements

The product contains a removable Lithium-ion battery. Taiwanese regulations require that waste batteries are recycled.



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Hereby, Trimble Navigation, declares that the SPSx50 GPS Receiver is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 1999/5/EC.

Notice to Our European Union Customers

For product recycling instructions and more information, please go to www.trimble.com/ev.shtml.

Recycling in Europe: To recycle Trimble WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, products that run on electrical power.), Call +31 497 53 24 30, and ask for the "WEEE Associate". Or, mail a request for recycling instructions to:
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