

CC11xL 868/915 MHz Development Kit Quick Start Guide

Opening the Box and Running the Packet Error Rate Test

1. Kit Contents



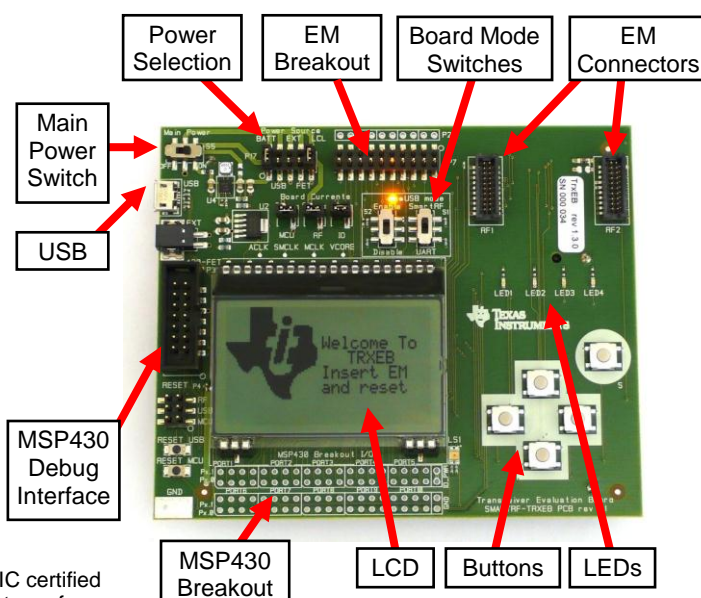
- 2 x SmartRF™ Transceiver EB (TrxEB)
- 2 x CC110LEM 868/915 MHz
- 1 x CC113LEM 868/915 MHz
- 1 x CC115LEM 868/915 MHz
- 1 x MSP430 Debug Probe (FET)
- 2 x Micro USB Cables
- 1 x Standard USB Cable
- 1 x 14-pin Flat Cable

The 868/915 MHz RF boards in this kit are FCC and IC certified and tested to comply with ETSI/R&TTE over temperatures from 0 to +35°C.

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FCC Part 15 Class A Compliant
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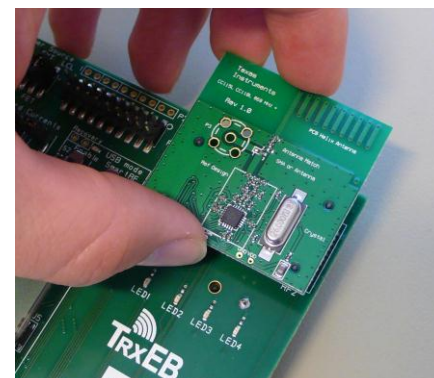
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2. TrxEB Overview



Caution! The kit contains ESD sensitive components. Handle with care to prevent permanent damage.

3. Plug the EM into the TrxEB



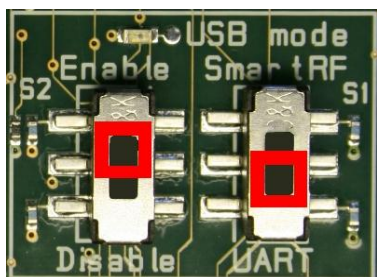
Insert a CC110LEM into the TrxEB. Do not use excessive force on the EM.

The EM has a PCB antenna, so there is no need for an external antenna.

You can also use CC113L and CC115L for the Per test, but note that CC113L is a receiver only and CC115L is a transmitter only.

4. Select Board Mode

Use the switches S1 and S2 to select the operating mode of the board. For the sake of this quick start guide, please select "Enable" and "UART". This configuration will make it possible to communicate directly with the MSP430 over a virtual COM port on the PC.



5. Power Options

There are several ways of applying power to the TrxEB.

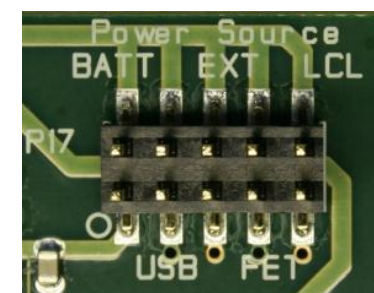
- 2 x 1.5V AA Non-Rechargeable Alkaline Batteries
- USB (5V through USB plug)
- External Power Supply (requirements below)
- MSP430 Debugger

When the power source is batteries or USB, the voltage regulators on the TrxEB will set the on-board supply voltage to 3.3VDC.

External Power Supply¹ Requirements:
Nom Voltage: 3.3VDC
Max Current: 800 mA
Efficiency Level V

Warning! To minimize risk of personal injury or property damage, never use rechargeable batteries to power the board.

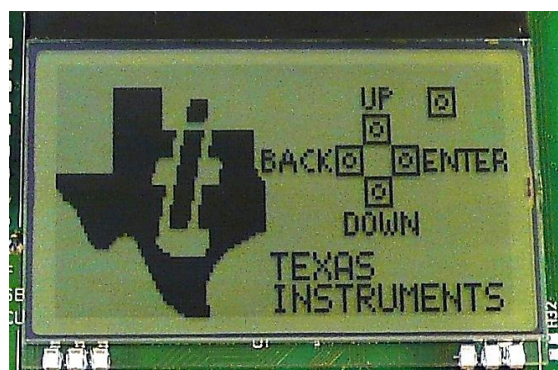
6. Select Power Source



Depending on the power source, make sure you connect jumpers to the appropriate pins on the "Power Source" header. For instance, if you use batteries, use a jumper to short-circuit pin 1 and 2 on the header. The last jumper in the row (pin 9-10) should always be mounted, unless the MSP430 FET is used as the power source.

Note that there should only be one active power source at any one time. Do not leave the board powered when unattended.

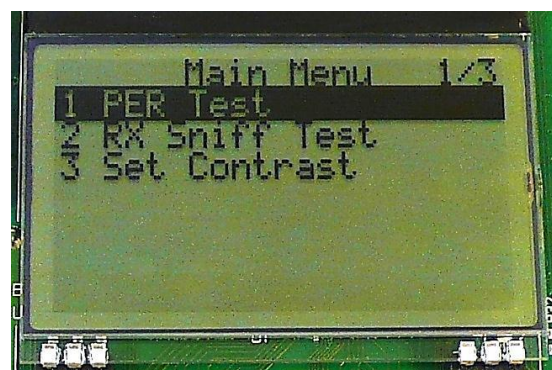
7. Welcome Screen



Turn on power with the Main Power switch. You should now see the Texas Instruments logo and a short description of the five buttons on the LCD. Pushing any of the five buttons on the board will take you to the main menu.

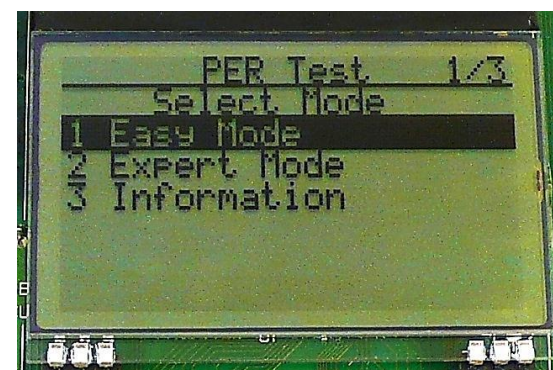
NB! If you don't see anything on the screen make sure the mode switches are in the correct positions (see step 4 above).

8. Packet Error Rate Test



Select the PER (Packet Error Rate) test by highlighting the selection using the up/down buttons. Confirm your selection by pressing Enter (right button).

9. Select Test Mode



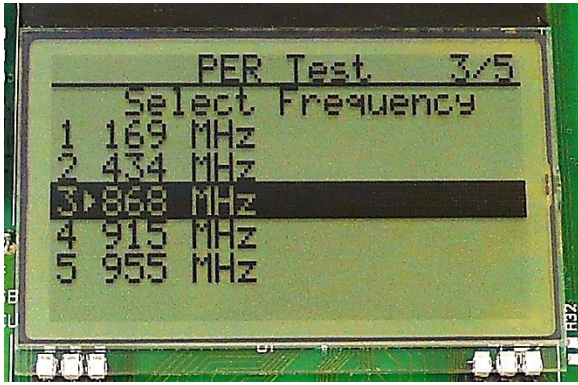
The PER test can be run in several modes. Easy Mode sets up a one-way test and uses default settings. This test is convenient for practical range testing.

The other test modes are described in the "*TrxEB RF PER Test Software Example User's Guide*", available on the kit web page.

To proceed, highlight "Easy Mode" and press Enter (right button).

¹ When using an external power supply, make sure it meets the listed requirements in addition to complying with applicable regional product regulatory and safety certification requirements such as UL, CSA, VDE, CCC, and PSE.

10. Select Frequency



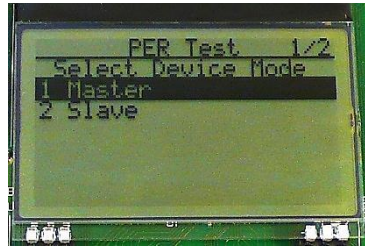
Select which frequency to use for the test. Make sure that the evaluation modules you have match the selected frequency.

11. Select Mode

One of the boards must operate as the slave (transmitter) and the other as master (receiver). Select Slave on one board...

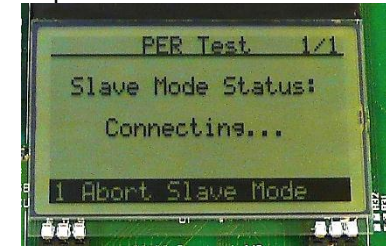


...and Master on the other board.

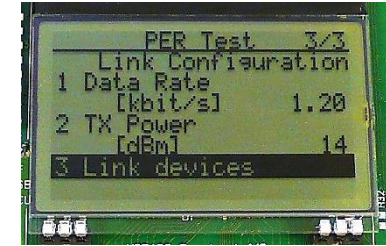


12. Establish Link

The slave node will now wait for a configuration package from the Master. The configuration contains the parameters used for the PER test.

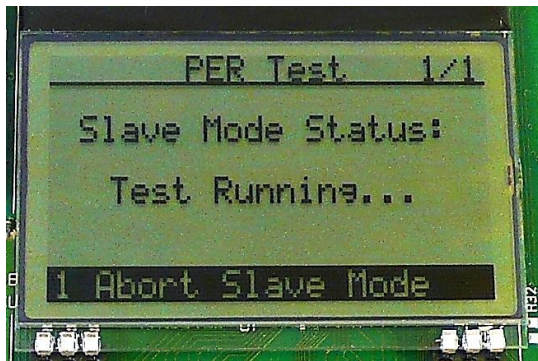


The configuration package will be sent when you select "link devices" on the master node.



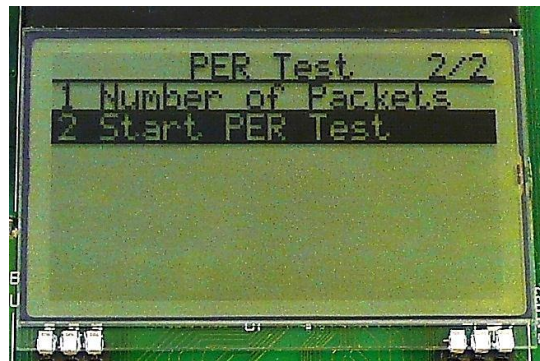
13. Link Established

When the initial linking has completed, the slave node will start the test by continuously transmitting packets to the master.



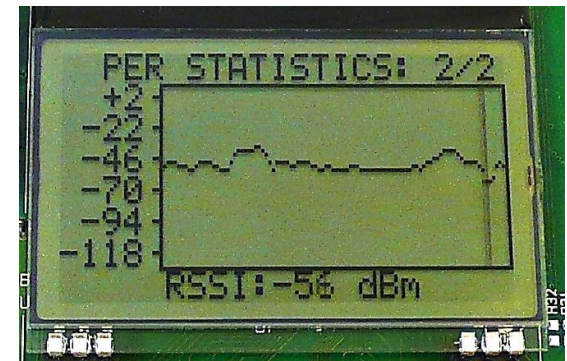
14. Start the Receiver (master)

On the master node, you can select the number of packets you want to receive in order to calculate the packet error.



15. PER Test Results

The master will display a window that plots the received signal strength (RSSI) for each packet.



When selecting "Start PER Test", the master (receiver) will begin to count the number of received packets and provide some statistics.

Press the "Up" button to go to the detailed statistical window.

16. PER Test Results

The statistics window will show the error rate based on the number of lost or erroneous packets divided by the total number of packets that should have been received.



17. Troubleshooting

If you are experiencing problems with this test, please check the following:

- Nothing is shown in the display! Make sure the mode switches are in the correct positions (see step 4 above).
- Please visit the kit web page and check for updated SW and documentation. Updated SW can be downloaded to the device using IAR EW430 or SmartRF Flash Programmer.
- If you get poor PER results at short distances, try to move the transmitter and receiver further apart. The CC11xL receiver may experience saturation if it is too close to the other CC11xL transmitting at full output power.

18. References

Please visit www.ti.com and

<http://www.ti.com/tool/cc11xldk-868-915>

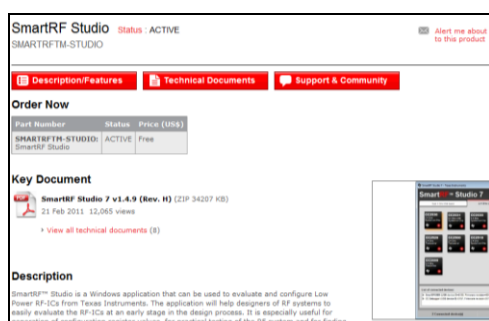
On the kit product page, you will find additional documentation, links to updated software examples and software tools like SmartRF Studio.

You will also find a lot of information on the TI E2E forum at <http://e2e.ti.com>

We hope that you will enjoy working with the CC110L, CC113L and CC115L devices.

SmartRF™ Studio

1. Download and Install



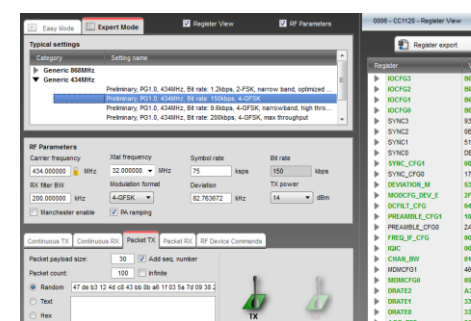
Before connecting SmartRF TrxEB to your PC, download and install SmartRF Studio from www.ti.com/smrtfrstudio.

2. Launch SmartRF Studio



After installing the tool, connect the EB to the PC using the USB cable and start SmartRF Studio. Select the "Sub 1 GHz" tab and double click the highlighted device icon (CC110L, CC113L or CC115L).

3. Test the Radio



You can now configure the radio, export register settings and run performance tests of the radio.

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