Owl VHF

High performance radio transceiver Datasheet rev. B

- Small and light weight despite high performance
- Variable power amplifier biasing for maximum efficiency
- Made for professional use in UAVs and cube satellites, as well as for amateur radio
- Supports radio protocols such as AX.25, AIS, CW and NGHam
- Extensive command line interface for configuration and supports many different serial port protocols





1 Specifications

Table 1: Specifications

Sensitivity	-120 dBm (9.6 kbps 2-GMSK NGHam with FEC)
Spurious emission	<-65 dBc
Power consumption (input voltage dependent)	RX: 0.39 - 0.42 W TX (0.2 W): 1.0 - 1.1 W TX (1 W): 2.2 - 2.4 W TX (5 W): 10.9 - 12 W
RF power	5 W (HI), 1 W (MID), 0.2 W (LO)
Voltage range	9 - 16 VDC
Frequency range	RX: 136 - 174 MHz TX (amateur version): 144 - 148 MHz TX (pro version): 140 - 165 MHz
Dimensions	PCB and heatsink: 75 mm x 45 mm x 20 mm Pro-version: TBD
Weight	PCB and heatsink: 58 gram Pro-version: 120 gram
Frequency stability	+/- 2 ppm (TCXO)
Temperature range	TBD, but components are specified down to -30 degrees celsius or less
Channel access	CSMA (based on demodulator state or RSSI) TDMA (with GNSS or NGHam packets as timing reference)
Data rates (NGHAM)	25 KHz: 9.6 kbps 2-GMSK, 19.2 kbps 4-GMSK 12.5 KHz: 4.8 kbps 2-GMSK, 9.6 kbps 4-GMSK
Serial port protocols (packers)	AIVDM NMEA (for AIS reception), command line interface, KISS, NGHAM SPP, GPGGA/GPVTG NMEA (for GPS input), TNC2, text-mode, transparent
Radio protocols (modes)	AIS, 1200 baud AFSK AX.25, 9600 baud G3RUH AX.25, CW/morse code, NGHAM, analog FM voice sample playback
Interfaces	Main connector: $1 \times RS-232 \ TX/RX$, DC in Expansion connector: $2 \times UART \ TX/RX$ (one additional for future use), $4 \times GPIO$, DC in, $3.3 \ V$ out Antenna port USB (reserved for future use) Pinout for both the PCB and D-sub on pro-version found below

2 Mechanical drawing

Owl VHF 0.3 mechanical layout. All dimensions in mm. Upper illustration: As seen from the antenna connector side. Lower illustration: As seen from top. PCB thickness is 1.6 mm. Total thickness with cabled connector in H_EXP is 15–16 mm. LEDs (three pcs on the left) are 1 mm high and the light is directed towards left when seen from top. Center of SMA-connector and LED light beam is 0.4 mm above the 34 29 24 Antenna connector surface area (Amphenol 132289) Chassis should have Ø6.6 hole for SMA 52 37.5 -Ø3.2 (1 H_EXP Skagmo² 0000000 <u>ب</u> Ø2.2 (M2) -Ø2.8 (M2.5) 68.75 H_EXP:
Hirose DF11-16DP-2DSA
Mates with Hirose DF11-16DS-2C
1: PIC_U5RX (port 1, 3.3V only)
2: GND
3: PIC_U5TX (port 1, 3.3V only)
4: PIC_CN6
5: PIC_SDA5/PIC_U2RX
6: PIC_CR/7
7: PIC_SCL5/PIC_U2TX
8: PIC_U6RX (port 2, 5V tolerant)
9: PIC_U6TX (port 2, 5V tolerant)
11: PIC_U6TX (port 2, 5V tolerant)
11: PIC_U6TX
12: 3.3V_OUT
13: UIN
14: UIN
15: GND
16: GND H_MAIN: JST S5B-PH-KL Mates with JST PHR-5 1: PIC_U3RX_RS232 (port 0, RS 2: PIC_U3TX_RS232 (port 0, RS 3: GND

Figure 1: Mechanical drawing of Owl PCB version 0.3