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1. Introduction

1.1. Scope

Scope of this document is to present the features and the application of the Telit xE70-868 radio modules.

1.2. Audience

This document is intended for developers using Telit xE70-868 radio modules.

1.3. Contact Information, Support

For general contact, technical support, to report documentation errors and to order manuals, contact Telit Technical Support Center (TTSC) at:

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1.4. Document Organization

This document contains the following chapters

"Chapter 1: "Introduction" provides a scope for this document, target audience, contact and support information, and text conventions.

"Chapter 2: "Requirements" gives an overview of the limitations imposed by Reference standards.

"Chapter 3: "General Characteristics" describes in details the characteristics of the product.

"Chapter 4: "Technical Description" describes in details the signals and pin-out of the product.

"Chapter 5: "Process information" describes in details the delivery, storage, soldering and placement of the product.

"Chapter 6: "Board Mounting Recommendations" describes in details the interface and coupling of the product.

"Chapter 7: "Annexes" describes examples of propagation attenuation.

"Chapter 8: "Safety Recommendations" describes recommendation for proper usage.

"Chapter 9: "Glossary" shows acronyms used in the document.

"Chapter 10: "Document history" describes the revision history of the document.

1.5. Text Conventions

Danger – This information MUST be followed or catastrophic equipment failure or bodily injury may occur.

Caution or Warning – Alerts the user to important points about integrating the module, if these points are not followed, the module and end user equipment may fail or malfunction.

Tip or Information – Provides advice and suggestions that may be useful when integrating the module.

All dates are in ISO 8601 format, i.e. YYYY-MM-DD.

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1.6. Related Documents

- [1] EN 300 220-2 v2.4.1, ETSI Standards for SRD , May 2012
- [2] ERC Rec 70-03, ERC Recommendation for SRD, October 2012
- [3] 2002/95/EC, Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council, 27 January 2003
- [4] SR Tool User Guide, 1vv0300899
- [5] 2006/771/EC, Harmonization of the radio spectrum for use by short-range devices
- [6] 2009/381/EC, Amending Decision 2006/771/EC on harmonization of the radio spectrum for use by short-range devices
- [7] Star Network Protocol Stack User Guide, 1vv0300873

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2. Requirements

2.1. General Requirements

The xE70-868 module is multi-channel radio board, delivering up to 500mW in the 868 MHz ISM band (unlicensed frequency band).

It is delivered with preloaded protocol stack:

“x”	Product name	Stack functionality
L	LE70-868	Star Network

xE70-868 is pin-to-pin compatible with LE, NE and ME modules working at different frequencies, in particular xE50-868.

xE70-868 is also pin-to-pin compatible with Telit ZE Family (ZigBee 2007 and ZigBee PRO stack).

2.2. 868 MHz band Requirements

The “ERC recommendation 70-03 Annex 1” describes the 868 MHz license free band for non-specific short range devices in terms of bandwidth, maximum power, duty cycle and channel spacing. It gives the following limitations:

ERC recommendation 70-03				
Band	***Frequency band (MHz)***	***Maximum radiated power (mW)***	***Channel spacing***	***Maximum Duty cycle (%)***
g3	869.400 – 869.650	500	25 kHz or the whole band	10

These bands are free to use but the module and the user must respect some limitations. Most of these restrictions are integrated in the conception of the module, except the duty cycle. This means that each module is limited to a total transmit time of 6 minutes per hour. It is the responsibility of the user to respect the duty cycle.

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National Restrictions for non specific short range devices Annex 1 band g3:

Country	Restriction	Reason/Remark
Band g3		
Georgia	Not implemented	
Russian Federation	Not implemented	
Ukraine	Not implemented	

2.3. 865 - 867 MHz Band Requirements

In India it is allowed to operate devices in the 865 – 867 MHz frequency band subject to the following maximum limits:

- Transmitter power: 1 W
- Effective radiated power: 4 W
- Carrier bandwidth; 200 kHz

2.4. Other Requirements

Furthermore, the module complies with the ETSI 300-220-2 v2.4.1 standards (specific for SRD) which main requirements are described in Appendix 1.

Finally, the module complies with the new European Directive 2002/95/EC concerning the Restrictive Usage of Hazardous Substances (RoHS).

2.5. Functional Requirements

The xE70-868 module is a complete solution from serial interface to RF interface. The xE70-868 module has a digital part and a RF part. The radio link is a Half Duplex bi-directional link.

The digital part has the following functionalities:

- Communication interface
- I/O management
- Micro controller with embedded Telit Software Stack

The RF part has the following functionalities:

- Frequency synthesis
- Front-end
- Low noise reception
- Power amplification
- Packet handling

2.6. Software

The xE70-868 module is provided pre-flashed with Telit in-house stack.

Please refer to Protocol Stack User Guides [7] for detailed information.

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2.7. Temperature Requirements

	Minimum	*Typical*	*Maximum*	*Unit*
Operating				
Temperature	- 40	25	+ 85	°C
Relative humidity @ 25°C	20		75	%
Storage				
Temperature	- 40	25	+ 85	°C

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3. General Characteristics

3.1. Mechanical Characteristics

Size	Rectangular 25.8 x 15 mm
Height	3 mm
Weight	1.7 g
PCB thickness	0.8 mm
Cover	Mounted above SMD components for EMI reduction and automatic placement • Dimensions : 25 x 14.2 x 2.2mm • Thickness : 200µm
Components	All SMD components, on one side of the PCB.
Mounting	Suitable for RoHS reflow process • SMD • LGA on the 4 external sides
Number of pins	30

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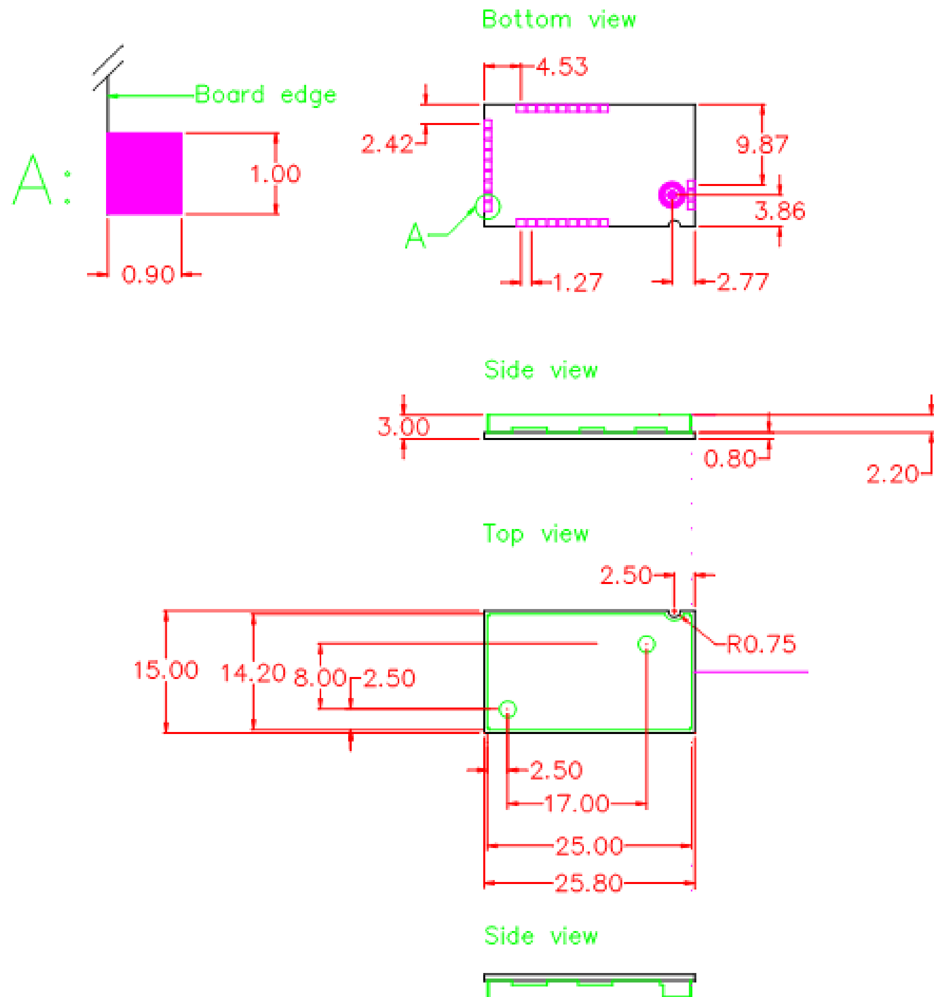
3.2. Mechanical dimensions



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3.3. DC Characteristics

Measured on DIP interface with T = 25°C, under 50 ohm impedance connected to RF port and default power register setting if nothing else stated.

Max limits apply over the entire operating range, T=-40°C to +85°C, Vdd=2.3V to 3.6V and all channels.

Characteristics xE70-868	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Power Supply (V_{DD})	+2.3	+3.6	+3.6	V
Consumption at 3.6V				
Maximum output power 500mW (+27dBm)		335	< 400	mA
Reception		25	30	mA
Stand-by (32.768 khz On)		< 2	< 3	µA
I/O low level	GND	-	0.2x V_{DD}	V
I/O high level	0.8x V_{DD}	-	V_{DD}	V

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3.4. xE70-868 Functional Characteristics

Measured on DIP interface at T = 25°C, Vdd = 3.6V, 50 ohm impedance and default power register setting if nothing else stated.

ERC Rec 70-03 Frequency Band	**Band g3: 869.400 MHz - 869.650 MHz**						
RF data rate	**1.2 kbps**	**2.4 kbps**	**4.8 kbps**	**9.6 kbps**	**19.2 kbps**	**38.4 kbps**	**57.6 kbps**
Numbers of channels	1						
Channel width	250 kHz						
Channel 0	869.525 MHz						
Total Bandwidth	250 kHz						
Transmission							
Duty cycle	≤ 10%						
Modulation Format	2GFSK						
Deviation	± 0.6 kHz	± 1.2 kHz	± 7 kHz	± 7 kHz	± 10 kHz	± 20 kHz	± 30 kHz
Frequency tolerance at 25°C	+/- 2.5 kHz						
RF Output Power at 3.6V	Selectable by software (see Protocol Stack User Guide [7])						
	From +15 dBm to +27dBm						
Reception							
Rx filter BW	20 kHz	20 kHz	20 kHz	27 kHz	44 kHz	81 kHz	122 kHz
Sensitivity [dbm] for PER < 0,8 (*)	TBD	TBD	-117 dbm	-115 dbm	-113	-110	-108

(*) 20 bytes Data Packet not including preamble lenght

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ERC Rec 70-03 Frequency Band	**Band g3: 869.400 MHz - 869.650 MHz (channelized operation)**
RF data rate	**4.8 kbps**
Numbers of channels	10
Channel width	25 kHz
Channel 0	869.4125 MHz
Total Bandwidth	250 kHz
Transmission	
Duty cycle	≤ 10%
Modulation Format	2GFSK
Deviation	± 2.4 kHz
Frequency tolerance at 25°C	+/- 2.5 kHz
RF Output Power at 3.6V	Selectable by software (see Protocol Stack User Guides [7])
	From +15 dBm to +23dBm
Reception	
Rx filter BW	15 kHz
Sensitivity [dmb] for PER < 0,8 Ch1 – Ch5 – Ch10	-115 ; -117 ; -116

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	Indiano Frequency Band: 865 MHz - 867 MHz			
RF data rate	**4.8 kbps**	**9.6 kbps**	**19.2 kbps**	**38.4 kbps**
Numbers of channels	10			
Channel width	200 kHz			
Channel 0	865.1 MHz			
Total Bandwidth	2 MHz			
Transmission				
Modulation Format	2GFSK			
Deviation	± 7 kHz	± 7 kHz	± 10 kHz	± 20 kHz
Frequency tolerance at 25°C	+/- 2.5 kHz			
RF Output Power at 3.6V	Selectable by software (see Protocol Stack User Guide [7])			
	From +15 dBm to +27dBm			
Reception				
Rx filter BW	20 kHz	27 kHz	44 kHz	81 kHz
Sensitivity [dbm] for PER < 0,8	-117	-115	-113	-110

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<table>
<tr><th colspan="5">Limits allowed by ETSI standard [1]</th></tr>
<tr><th colspan="5">Transmission</th></tr>
<tr><td>Frequency error</td><td colspan="4">+/- 12.5 kHz @ 25 kHz channelization
+/- 87 kHz (+/-100 ppm) > 25 kHz channelization</td></tr>
<tr><td>ACP for channels ≤ 25 kHz</td><td colspan="4">- 37 dBm in 16 kHz “receiver” filter BW under normal test conditions
- 32 dBm in 16 kHz “receiver” filter BW under extreme test conditions</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="5">Modulation bandwidth</td><td>Reference Bandwidth (RBW)</td><td>Limit</td><td>Lower envelope point
Minimum frequency</td><td>Upper envelope point
maximum frequency</td></tr>
<tr><td>1 kHz</td><td>- 30 dBm (1 µW)</td><td>$f_{e, lower}$</td><td>$f_{e, upper}$</td></tr>
<tr><td>1 kHz</td><td>- 36 dBm (250 nW)</td><td>($f_{e, lower}$ – 200 kHz)</td><td>($f_{e, upper}$ + 200 kHz)</td></tr>
<tr><td>10 kHz</td><td>- 36 dBm (250 nW)</td><td>($f_{e, lower}$ – 400 kHz)</td><td>($f_{e, upper}$ + 400 kHz)</td></tr>
<tr><td>100 kHz</td><td>- 36 dBm (250 nW)</td><td>($f_{e, lower}$ – 1 MHz)</td><td>($f_{e, upper}$ + 1 MHz)</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Unwanted emissions in the spurious domain</td><td>Frequency
State</td><td>47 MHz to 74 MHz
7,5 MHz to 118 MHz
174 MHz to 230 MHz
470 MHz to 862 MHz</td><td>Other frequencies below 1 000 MHz</td><td>Frequencies above 1 000 MHz</td></tr>
<tr><td>Operating</td><td>- 54 dBm (4 nW)</td><td>- 36 dBm (250 nW)</td><td>- 30 dBm (1 µW)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Standby</td><td>- 57 dBm (2 nW)</td><td>- 57 dBm (2 nW)</td><td>- 47 dBm (20 nW)</td></tr>
<tr><th colspan="5">Reception</th></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="9">Blocking for class 2 equipments</td><td>Frequency offset of the unwanted signal</td><td colspan="2">Receiver bandwidth</td><td>Minimum offset between wanted and unwanted signals</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="4">+/-2 MHz</td><td colspan="2">15 kHz</td><td>≥ 35 dB</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">25 kHz</td><td>≥ 33 dB</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">81 kHz</td><td>≥ 28 dB</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">122 kHz</td><td>≥ 26 dB</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="4">+/-10 MHz</td><td colspan="2">15 kHz</td><td>≥ 60 dB</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">25 kHz</td><td>≥ 58 dB</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">81 kHz</td><td>≥ 53 dB</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">122 kHz</td><td>≥ 51 dB</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Spurious radiation</td><td colspan="2">Below 1000 MHz</td><td colspan="2">Above 1000 MHz</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">- 57 dBm (2 nW)</td><td colspan="2">- 47 dBm (20 nW)</td></tr>
</table>

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3.5. Digital Characteristic

Function	Characteristics
µC	• 128 kB + 8 kB in system programmable flash • 8 kB RAM • 2 kB E^2PROM
Serial link	• RS232 TTL Full Duplex • 1200 to 115200 bps • 7 or 8 bits • Parity management • Flow control o Hardware (RTS/CTS)

Embedded software functionality	• Flexibility:
	  o Pre flashed
	  o Customization capability
	  o Embedded bootloader for firmware download through serial link or over the air

3.6. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Voltage applied to Vcc, V_{DD} :	-0.3V to +3.6V
Voltage applied to "TTL" Input :	-0.3V to V_{DD}+0.3V

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3.7. Ordering Information

The following equipments can be ordered:

- The SMD version (LE70-868)
- The DIP interface version (LE70-868)
- The Demo Kit (LE70-868) composed by n.2 EVK board, n.2 DIP interface boards, n.2 RF antennas, n.2 USB cables, n.2 power supply.

The versions below are considered standard and should be readily available. For other versions, please contact Telit. Please make sure to give the complete part number when ordering.

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Equipment and Part Number
SMD Version
B LE70-868/SMD
DIP Version
B LE70-868/DIP
Demo Case
D LE70-868 DemKit

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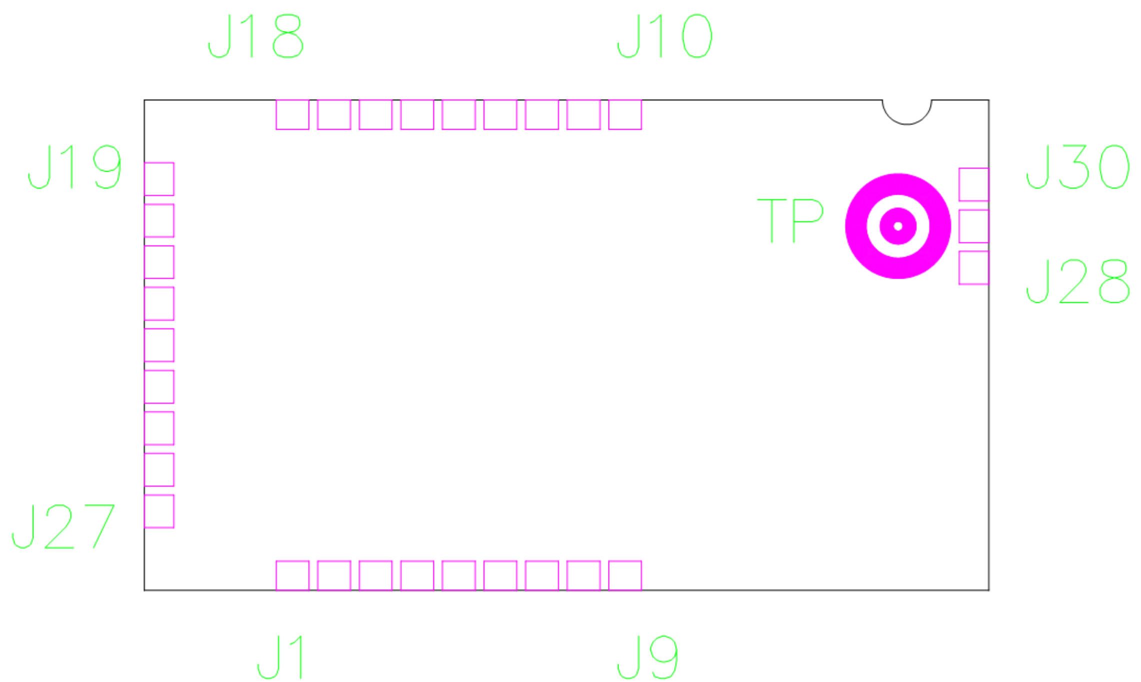
4. Technical Description

4.1. Module Top View (cover side)



CAUTION: reserved pins must not be connected

CAUTION: In case you want to use in the same application Telit ZE51 or ZE61 modules J9 and J8 should not be connected, since reserved on these modules (see foot notes on Pin-Out tables.

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4.2. Pin-out of the module xE70-868

Pin	*Pin name*	*Pin type*	*Signal level*	*Function*
J30	GND	Gnd		RF Ground connection for external antenna
J29	Ext_Antenna	RF		RF I/O connection to external antenna
J28	GND	Gnd		RF Ground connection for external antenna
J27	GND	Gnd		Ground
J26	GND	Gnd		Ground
J25	VDD	Power		Digital and Radio part power supply pin
J24	CTS	I	TTL	Clear To Send
J23	RESET	I	TTL	µC reset (Active low with internal pull-up)
J22	RTS	O	TTL	Request To Send
J21	RXD	I	TTL	RxD UART – Serial Data Reception
J20	GND	Gnd		Ground
J19	TXD	O	TTL	TxD UART – Serial Data Transmission
J18	STAND_BY	I	TTL	Standby (Active high with internal pull-down: when set to 1 the module is put in stand-by)
J17	GND	Gnd		Ground
J16	PROG	I	TTL	Signal for serial µC flashing (Active high with internal pull-down)
J15	GND	Gnd		Ground
J14	PDI_DATA	I/O	TTL	Program and Debug Interface DATA
J13	GND	Gnd		Ground
J12	GND	Gnd		Ground
J11	GND	Gnd		Ground
J10	PDI_CLK	I	TTL	Program and Debug Interface CLOCK
J9	IO9[1]	I/O	TTL	Digital I/O N°9 with interrupt
	Status TX/RX	O	TTL	See reference document **[7] Star Network Protocol Stack User Guide**
J8	IO8_AD_DA[2]	I/O	analog	A to D and D to A I/O N°8 with interrupt (Logic I/O capability)
	ACK TX	O	TTL	See reference document **[7] Star Network Protocol Stack User Guide**
J7	IO7_A	I/O	analog	Analog Input N°7 (Logic I/O capability)
J6	IO6_A	I/O	analog	Analog Input N°6 (Logic I/O capability)
J5	IO5_A	I/O	analog	Analog Input N°5 (Logic I/O capability)
J4	IO4_A	I/O	analog	Analog Input N°4 (Logic I/O capability)
J3	IO3_A	I/O	analog	Analog Input N°3 (Logic I/O capability)

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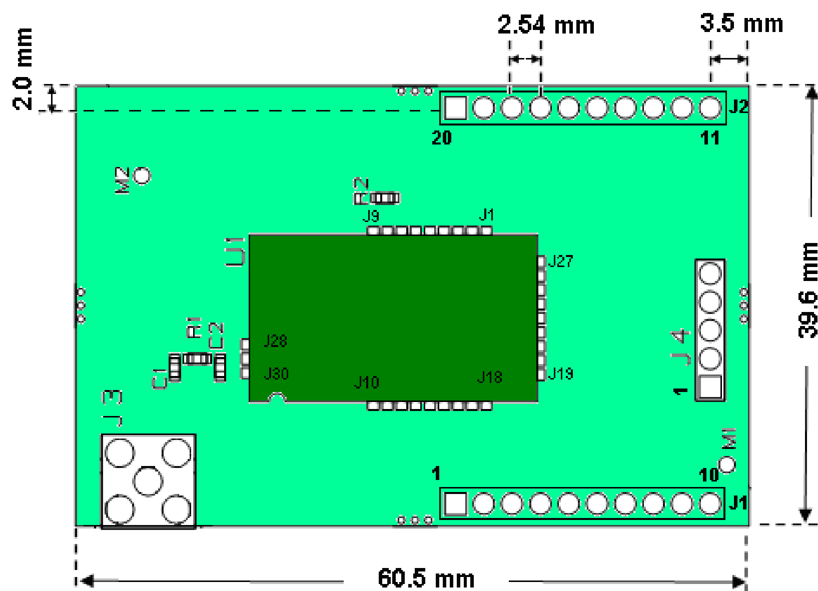
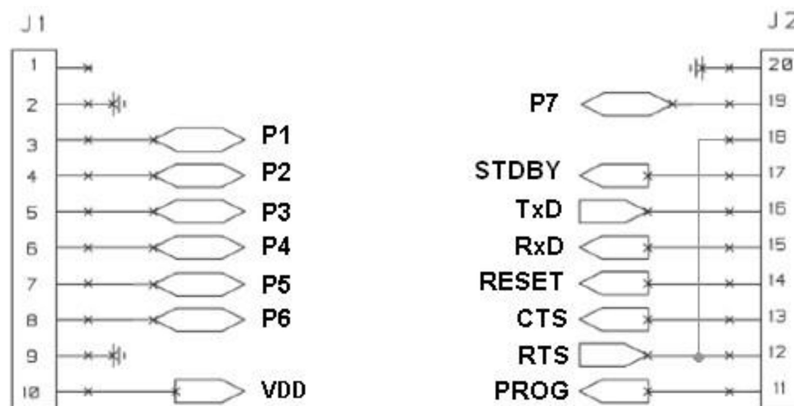
J2	IO2_P	I/O	TTL	Logic I/O N°2 with interrupt
	RX LED	O	TTL	See reference document **[7] Star Network Protocol Stack User Guide**
J1	IO1_P	I/O	TTL	Logic I/O N°1 with interrupt
	TX LED	O	TTL	See reference document **[7] Star Network Protocol Stack User Guide**

4.3. Pin-out of the DIP Module





4.4. Pin-out correspondence table

Pin-Out correspondence between xE70-868/DIP and xE70-868/SMD

xE70-868/DIP			xE70-868/SMD		Comments
Connector	Pin	Name	Pin	Name	
J1	1				Reserved Pin
	2	GND		GND	
	3	P1	J5	IO5_A	
	4	P2	J9	Status TX/RX	
	5	P3	J2	RX LED	
	6	P4	J1	TX LED	
	7	P5	J4	IO4_A	
	8	P6	J3	IO3_A	
	9	GND		GND	
	10	VDD	J25	VDD	
J2	11	PROG	J16	PROG	
	12	RTS	J22	RTS	
	13	CTS	J24	CTS	
	14	RESET	J23	RESET	
	15	RxD	J21	RxD	
	16	TxD	J19	TxD	
	17	STDBY	J18	STAND_BY	
	18	RTS	J22	RTS	
	19	P7	J6	IO6_A	
	20	GND		GND	
J4	1		J14	PDI_DATA	J4 Connector for debugging and flashing
	2		J10	PDI_CLK	
	3		J23	RESET	
	4		J25	VDD	
	5			GND	
			J7	IO7_A	Reserved Pin
			J8	IO8_AD_DA	
J3	SMA connector		J29	Ext_Antenna (Unbalanced RF)	A 50 Ohm coplanar wave guide and a 0 ohm resistor are used to connect J29 to J3

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4.5. Description of the signals

Signals	Description
Reset	External hardware reset of the radio module. Active on low state.
TXD, RXD	Serial link signals, format NRZ/TTL: TXD is for outgoing data. RXD is for incoming data. The ‘1’ is represented by a high state.
CTS	Incoming signal. Indicates whether the module can send serial data to user (Active, on low state) or not (inactive, on high state).
RTS	Outgoing signal. Indicates whether the user can transmit serial data (active, on low state) or not (inactive, on high state).
IO	I/O, configurable as input or as output. See reference document **[7]** for LE70-868.
STANDBY	Input signal which indicates to the module to switch to pre-selected low-power mode. See reference document **[7]** for LE70-868
TX LED	Output signal set to VCC during radio transmission and set to GND the rest of the time
RX LED	Output signal set to VCC as soon as a radio frame is detected with correct synchronization word. The signal returns to GND as soon as the frame reception is finished
ACK TX	In Addressed Secured mode, this signal rises to VCC when an ACK hasn’t been received after frame transmission and repetition. This is the hardware version of “ERROR” serial message. It stays at VCC until next success addressed secured transmission
STATUS TX/RX	Output signal which indicates the status of the serial port. When serial port is transmitting, Status RX/TX signal goes VCC until the end of serial transmission. The signal stays to GND the rest of the time

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5. Process Information

5.1. Delivery

xE70-868 modules are delivered in plastic tray packaging, each tray including 50 units. The dimensions of the tray are the following: 329 mm x 176 mm x 5.6 mm. Each unit is placed in a 26.6 mm x 16 mm location. An empty tray weights 45 g and a loaded tray weights around 130 g.

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5.2. Storage

The optimal storage environment for xE70-868 modules should be dust free, dry and the temperature should be included between -40°C and +85°C.

In case of a reflow soldering process, radio modules must be submitted to a drying bake at +60°C during 24 hours. The drying bake must be used prior to the reflow soldering process in order to prevent a popcorn effect. After being submitted to the drying bake, modules must be soldered on host boards within 168 hours.

Also, it must be noted that due to some components, xE70-868 modules are ESD sensitive device. Therefore, ESD handling precautions should be carefully observed.

5.3. Soldering pad pattern

The surface finished on the printed circuit board pads should be made of Nickel/Gold surface.

The recommended soldering pad layout on the host board for the xE70-868 module is shown in the diagram below:

All dimensions in mm

Neither via-holes nor wires are allowed on the PCB upper layer in area occupied by the module.

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5.4. Solder paste

xE70-868 module is designed for reflow soldering process. For proper module assembly, solder paste must be printed on the target surface of the host board. The solder paste should be eutectic and made of 95.5% of SN, 4% of Ag and 0.5% of Cu. The recommended solder paste height is 180 µm.

5.5. Placement

The xE70-868 module can be automatically placed on host boards by pick-and-place machines like any integrated circuit

5.6. Soldering Profile (RoHS Process)

It must be noted that xE70-868 module should not be allowed to be hanging upside down during the reflow operation. This means that the module has to be assembled on the side of the printed circuit board that is soldered last.

The recommendation for lead-free solder reflow in IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020D Standard should be followed.

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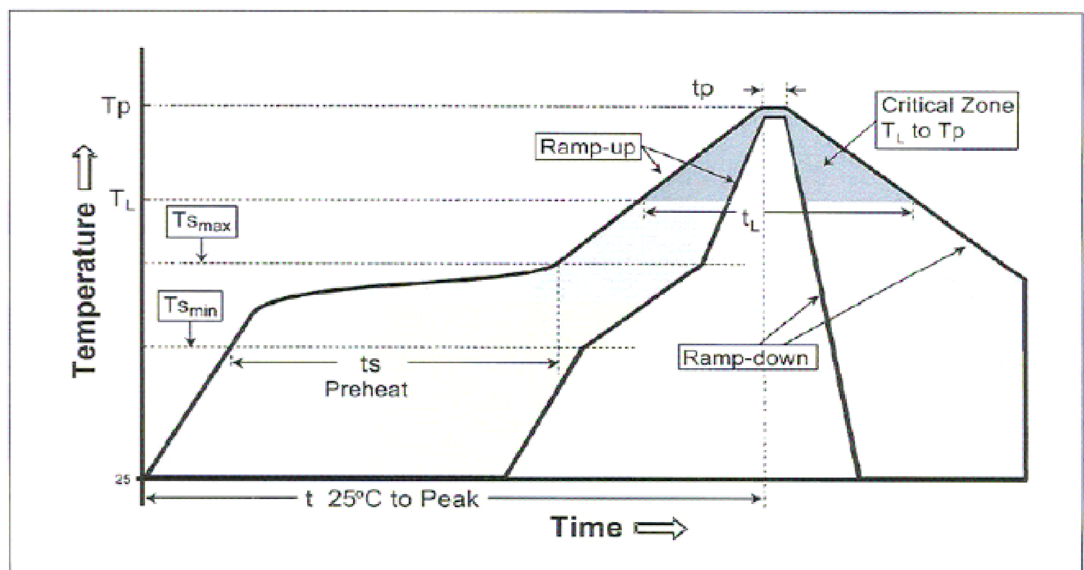
Profile Feature	Sn-Pb Eutectic Assembly	Pb-Free Assembly
Average Ramp-UP Rate (Ts max to Tp)	3°C/second max.	3°C/second max.
Preheat - Temperature Min (Ts min) - Temperature Max (Ts max) - Time (ts min to ts max)	 100°C 150°C 60 - 120 seconds	 150°C 200°C 60 - 120 seconds
Time maintained above: - Temperature (TL) - Time (tL)	 183°C 35 - 90 seconds	 221°C 45 - 90 seconds
Peak/Classification Temperature (Tp)	max. Peak Temp. 225°C	max. Peak Temp. 260°C
Time within 5°C of actual Peak Temperature (tp)	10 - 30 seconds	10 seconds
Ramp-Down Rate	4°C/second max.	4°C/second max.
Time 25°C to Peak Temperature	6 minutes max.	8 minutes max.
Minimum Solderjoint Peak-Temperature		235°C/ 10sec.

Note 1: All temperatures refer to topside of the package, measured on the package body surface.



The barcode label located on the module shield is able to withstand the reflow temperature.

CAUTION - It must also be noted that if the host board is submitted to a wave soldering after the reflow operation, a solder mask must be used in order to protect the xE70-868 radio module's metal shield from being in contact with the solder wave.

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6. Board Mounting Recommendation

6.1. Electrical environment

The best performances of the xE70-868 module are obtained in a “noise free” environment. Some basic recommendations must be followed:

- Noisy electronic components (serial RS232, DC-DC Converter, Display, Ram, bus,...) must be placed as far as possible from the xE70-868 module.

CAUTION – A particular attention must be put on power supply DC-DC converter, due to switching frequency that generates spurious into the receiver band. It can strongly decrease module performances. It is then recommended to put a metallic shield covering DC conversion function.

- Switching components circuits (especially RS-232/TTL interface circuit power supply) must be decoupled with a 100 µF low ESR tantalum capacitor. And the decoupling capacitor must be as close as possible to the noisy chip.

6.2. Power supply decoupling on xE70-868 module

The power supply of xE70-868 module must be nearby decoupled. A LC filter is strongly recommended in case of DC-DC conversion. It must be placed as close as possible to the radio module power supply pin, VDD.

Power Supply **L1** V_{dd}

C1 **C2**

For example:

Symbols	Reference	Value	Manufacturer
L1	LQH31MN1R0K03	1µH	Murata
C1	GRM31CF51A226ZE01	22µF	Murata
C2	Ceramic CMS 25V	100nF	Multiple

L1 must be chosen carefully with very low serial resistance (ESR) in order to limit voltage drop.

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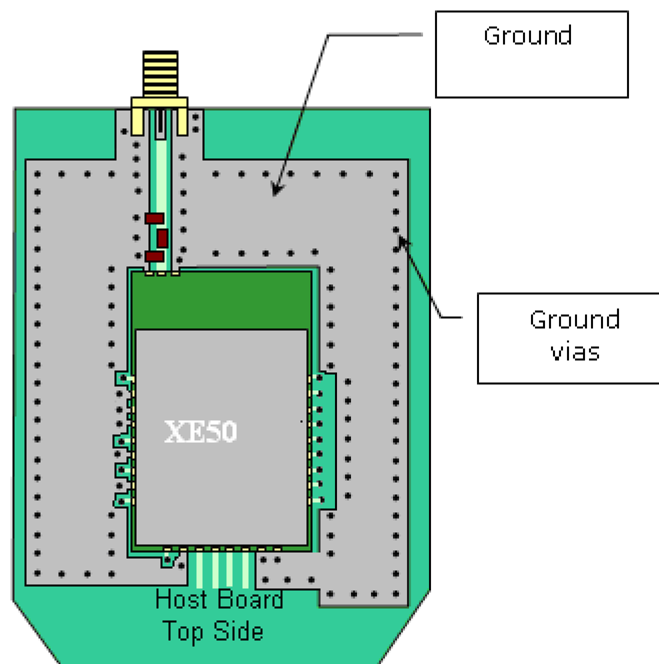
6.3. RF layout considerations

Basic recommendations must be followed to achieve a good RF layout:

- It is recommended to fill all unused PCB area around the module with ground plane
- The radio module ground pin must be connected to solid ground plane.
- If the ground plane is on the bottom side, a via (Metal hole) must be used in front of each ground pad. Especially J28 and J30 (RF Gnd) pins should be grounded via several holes to be located right next to the pins thus minimizing inductance and preventing mismatch and losses.



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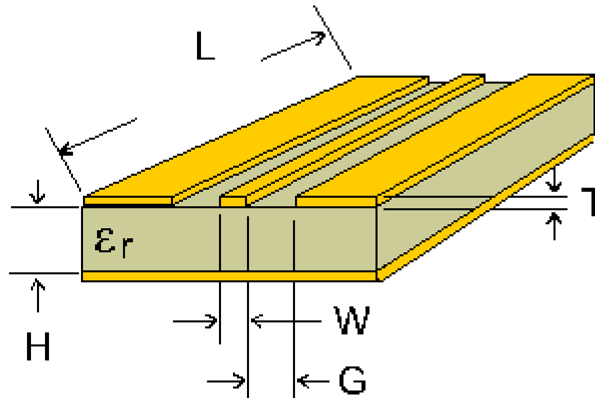
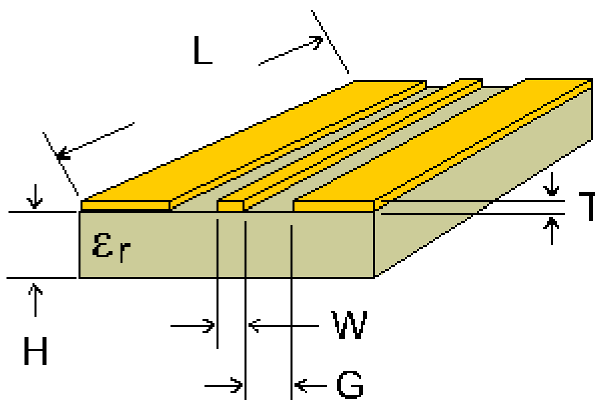
6.4. Antenna connections on printed circuit boards

Special care must be taken when connecting an antenna or a connector to the module. The RF output impedance is 50 ohms, so the strip between the pad and the antenna or connector must be 50 ohms following the tables below. Ground lines should be connected to the ground plane with as many vias as possible, but not too close to the signal line.



PCB material	PCB thickness H (mm)	Coplanar line W (mm)	Coplanar line G (mm)
FR4	0.8	1	0.3
	1.6	1	0.2

Table 1: Values for double face PCB with ground plane around and under coplanar wave guide (recommended)



PCB material	PCB thickness H (mm)	Coplanar line W (mm)	Coplanar line G (mm)
FR4	0.8	1	0.22
	1.6	1	0.23

Table 2: Values for simple face PCB with ground plane around coplanar wave guide (not recommended)

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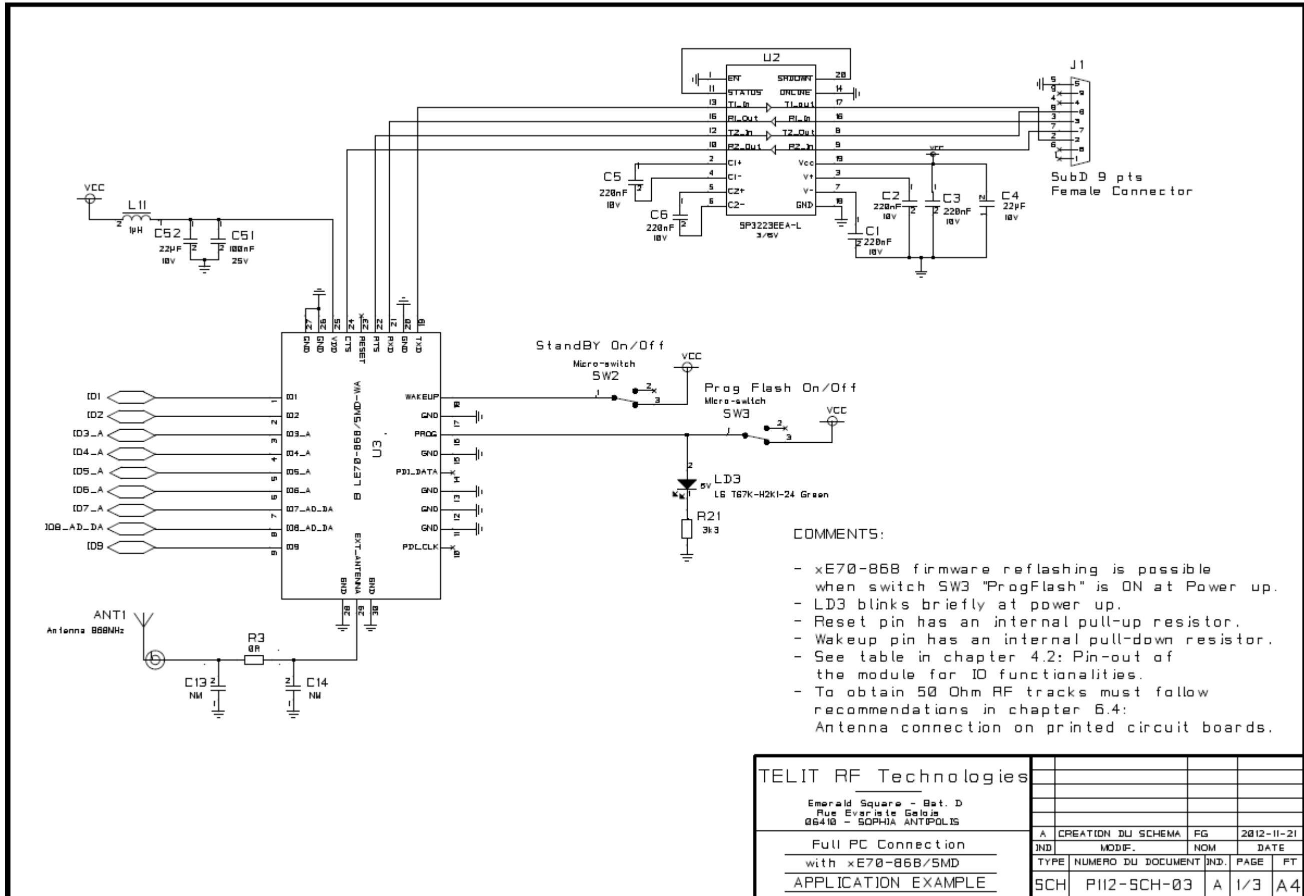
6.5. xE70-868 Interfacing

Example of a full RS-232 connection between a PC or an Automat (PLC) and xE70-868



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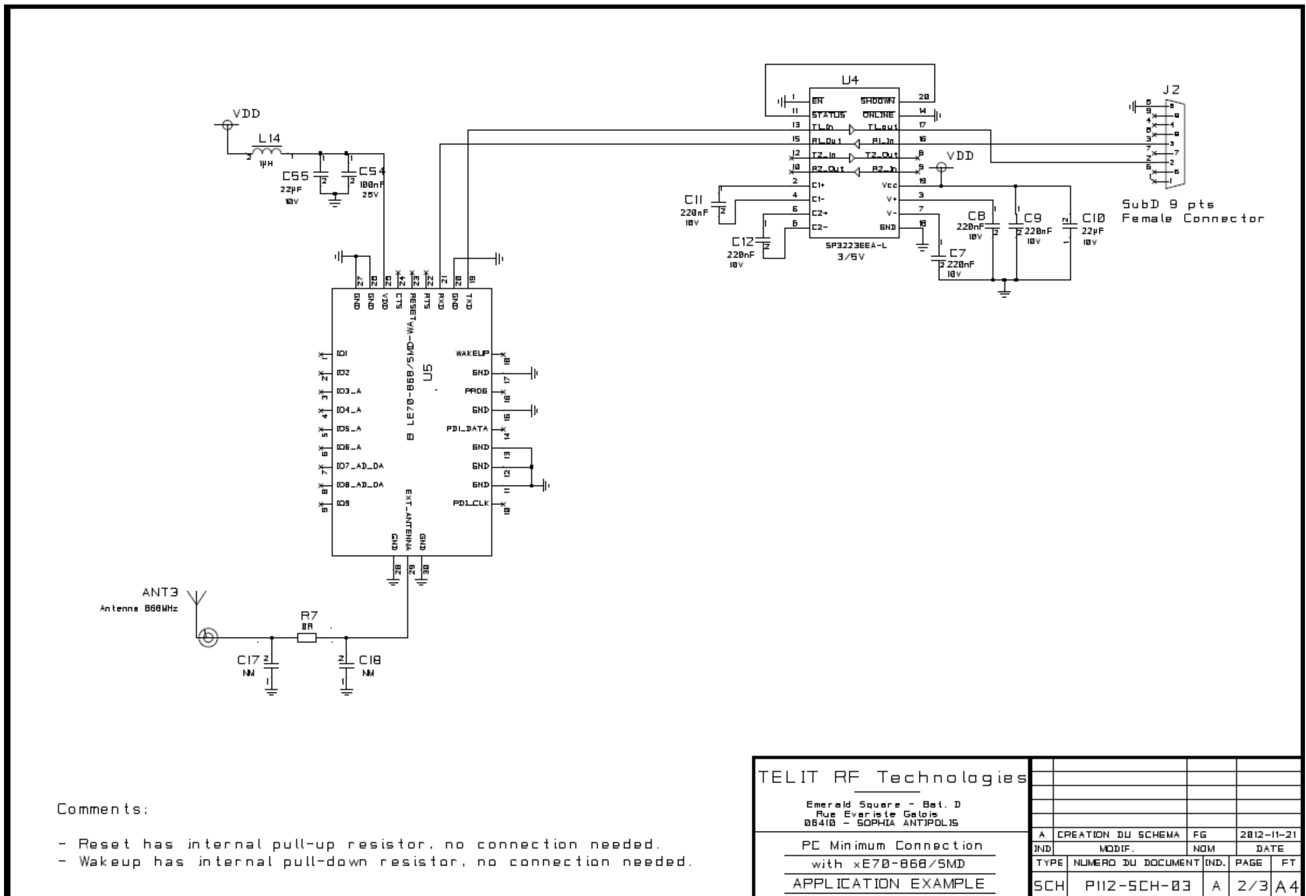
Example of minimum connections for communication between a PC and xE70-868



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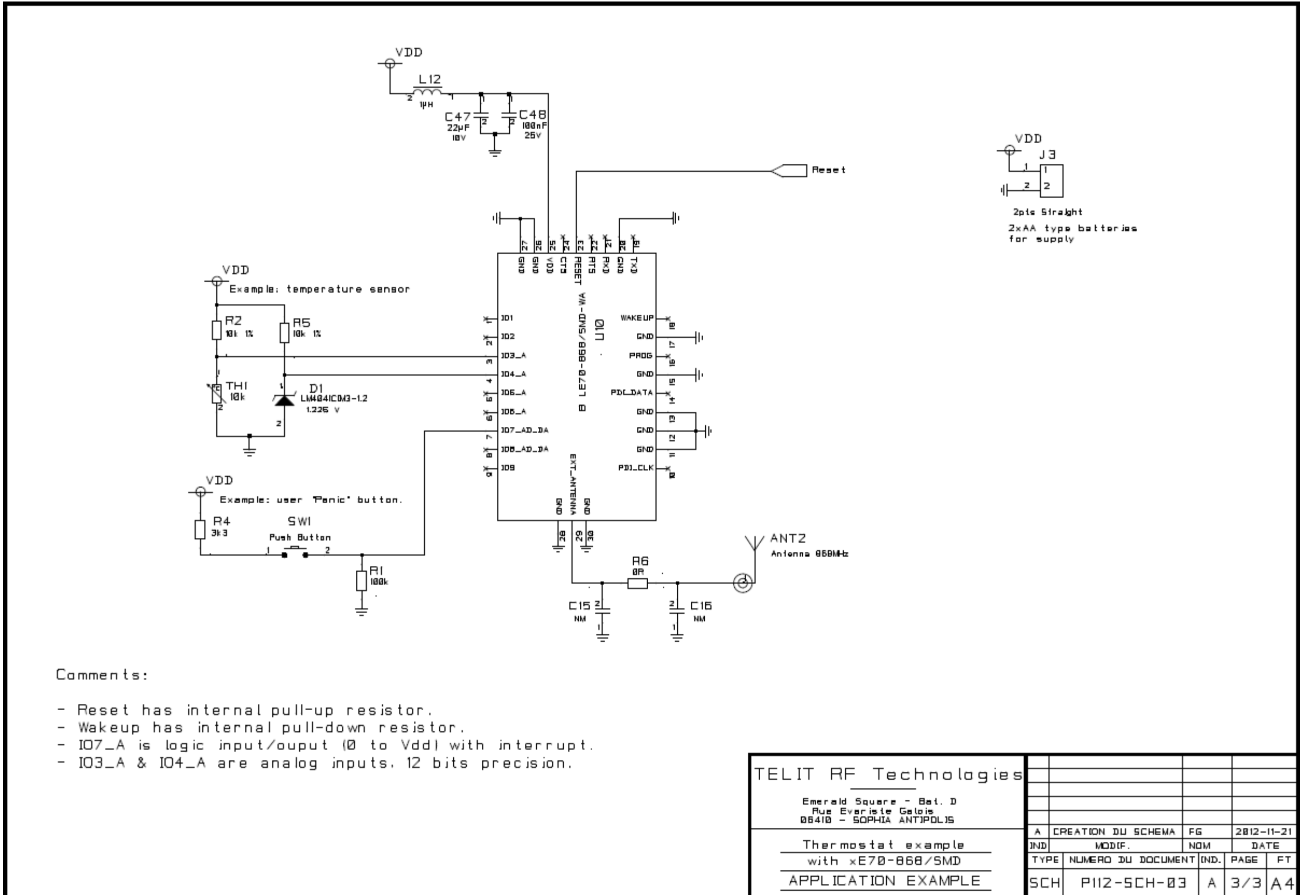
Example for sensor connection with xE70-868



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7. Safety Recommendations

READ CAREFULLY

Be sure the use of this product is allowed in the country and in the environment required. The use of this product may be dangerous and has to be avoided in the following areas:

- Where it can interfere with other electronic devices in environments such as hospitals, airports, aircrafts, etc.
- Where there is risk of explosion such as gasoline stations, oil refineries, etc. It is responsibility of the user to enforce the country regulation and the specific environment regulation.

Do not disassemble the product; any mark of tampering will compromise the warranty validity. We recommend following the instructions of the hardware user guides for a correct wiring of the product. The product has to be supplied with a stabilized voltage source and the wiring has to be conforming to the security and fire prevention regulations. The product has to be handled with care, avoiding any contact with the pins because electrostatic discharges may damage the product itself. Same cautions have to be taken for the SIM, checking carefully the instruction for its use. Do not insert or remove the SIM when the product is in power saving mode.
The system integrator is responsible of the functioning of the final product; therefore, care has to be taken to the external components of the module, as well as of any project or installation issue, because the risk of disturbing the GSM network or external devices or having impact on the security. Should there be any doubt, please refer to the technical documentation and the regulations in force. Every module has to be equipped with a proper antenna with specific characteristics. The antenna has to be installed with care in order to avoid any interference with other electronic devices and has to guarantee a minimum distance from the body (20 cm). In case of this requirement cannot be satisfied, the system integrator has to assess the final product against the SAR regulation.

The European Community provides some Directives for the electronic equipments introduced on the market. All the relevant information's are available on the European Community website:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/rtte/documents/

The text of the Directive 99/05 regarding telecommunication equipments is available, while the applicable Directives (Low Voltage and EMC) are available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/electrical/

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8. Glossary

ACP	Adjacent Channel Power
AFA	Adaptive Frequency Agility
bps	Bits per second
BW	Bandwidth
dB	Decibel
dBm	Power level in decibel milliwatt (10 log (P/1mW))
E^2PROM	Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory
e.r.p	Effective radiated power
ETSI	European Telecommunication Standard Institute
GFSK	Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying
I	Input
ISM	Industrial, Scientific and Medical
kB	KiloByte
kbps	Kilobits per second
kcps	Kilochips per second
kHz	Kilo Hertz
LBT	Listen Before Talk
LGA	Land Grid Array
MHz	Mega Hertz
mW	milliwatt
O	Output
PER	Packet Error Rate
ppm	Parts per million
RAM	Random Access Memory
RF	Radio Frequency
RoHS	Restriction of Hazardous Substances
RxD	Receive Data
SMD	Surface Mounted Device
SRD	Short Range Device
TxD	Transmit Data
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter
µC	microcontroller

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9. Document History

Revision	Date	Changes
0	2012-11-21	First Release
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