## SmartRadio Telemetry Module

## Features

- 8 Channel transceiver module
- Range up to 1,000 metres
- 8 Digital input/outputs
- Receiver outputs mirror transmitter inputs
- Minimal external components
- Secure data protocol
- Ultra low power 1.8-3.6V

- Easy pairing process
- One to one and one to many operation
- 869.5 / $915 \mathrm{MHz}^{*}$ operating versions
- $\quad+13 \mathrm{dBm}$ transmit power
- Single in line module
- Incorporates Self Test Mode
- CE compliant for licence free use


## Applications

- Remote Control
- Remote Networking
- Remote Switching
- FCC Approved for use in USA (TBC)*


## Description

The BRAVO-T telemetry module provides a reliable transceiver based industrial remote switch with up to 1,000 metres range. Two or more modules may be combined to provide a simple or complex network of radio switches.

## Ordering Information

| Part No | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| BRAVO-T868 | Radio telemetry module SIL package 868MHz |
| BRAVO-T915 (TBC) | Radio telemetry module SIL package 915MHz (TBC) |

## BRAVO Telemetry Module

Pin-out


Pin Description

| Pin No | Name | Direction | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | ANT | In | Antenna input/output 50ohm impedance |
| 2,15 | GND | In | Connect to ground |
| $\begin{gathered} 3,4,7,8,9,11 \\ 1214 \end{gathered}$ | I/01-8 | In / Out | When configured as transmitter:Active low <br> Digital inputs: high impedance inputs <br> When configured as receiver: Active High <br> Digital outputs: LVCMOS output drive |
| 5 | LRN SW | In | Learn switch input: Normally 'high' momentary connect to Ground to enter Learn Mode. <br> If on board switch or to be used this input can be left unconnected |
| 6 | LRN LED | Out | Optional LED drive output Mirrors on-board LED |
| 10 | TX/RX | In | Connect to Vcc : Module is a transmitter Connect to GND : Module is a receiver |
| 13 | W-DOG | In / Out | Transmitter= Input <br> Connect to Vcc: Watchdog is disabled Connect to GND : Watchdog is enabled Receiver= Output High : Watchdog is healthy Low : Watchdog Fault! |
| 16 | Vcc | In | Supply voltage |
| 17 | N/C | N/A | Leave unconnected |
|  | NC | In | TX MODE ONLY |
| 18 | MOM/ <br> LTCH | In | In RX MODE ONLY Momentary mode pull pin low - Connect to GND LATCH mode pull pin high - Connect to VCC |

## General description of operation

Each module can be set to act as a 'transmitter' or 'receiver' A telemetry system is achieved when two modules are paired together, as transmitter (BRAVO-Tx) and receiver (BRAVO-Rx).
Each time any input changes on the BRAVO-Tx, it will transmit the input status to the paired BRAVO-Rx(s). The BRAVO-Rx(s) which will set their outputs to match the BRAVO-Tx input. After each state change the modules will return to sleep mode.

## Note: All of the 8 channels are common to all modules in a system

Example: If you are using a system with two or many Bravo modules each channel be will common to all modules ie. if you change state on transmitter input 8 , then all receiver output 8 's will also change state.
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## BRAVO Configured as a TRANSMITTER

## 1. Operation

When configured as a transmitter the BRAVO module will automatically default to low power sleep mode until any input state change takes place.
On receipt of an input state change the BRAVO-Tx will transmit a packet showing the state of changed input/s (multiple input changes may take place simultaneously)

### 1.1 Watchdog

If watchdog is enabled the Bravo-Tx will transmit a background packet containing the current status of the inputs every 5 minutes.

### 1.2 Digital Inputs

High impedance inputs, LVCMOS / LVTTL compatible, 5V tolerant.
Can be connected directly to CMOS/TTL logic or switch inputs connected to OV or VCC A change on the input will cause the BRAVO-Tx to wake, read all inputs and initiate RF transmission.

## Transmitter Application circuit example



## Description:

This example shows a BRAVO module
configured as a transmitter with all 8 inputs connected and watchdog disabled.

## Notes:

All input switches would need to be connected to GND to activate.

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## BRAVO Configured as a RECEIVER

## Watchdog enabled

If "watchdog" is enabled the BRAVO-Rx will await a signal from a paired BRAVO-Tx module. When the Watchdog signal is received OK then the watchdog output will be maintained active high. If no watchdog signal is received in any 30 minute period then the BRAVO-Rx will drop the Watchdog output. Other outputs are unaffected
NOTE: watchdog must be enabled on BOTH Tx and Rx for it to work.

## Digital outputs

Active high LVCMOS / LVTTL compatible outputs. Can be connected directly to CMOS/TTL logic or drive.

## Receiver example application circuit



## Description:

This example shows a BRAVO module configured as a receiver with all 8 outputs connected and watchdog disabled.

Note: The external learn switch and LED are also not fitted in this example.

## Optional external learn switch and LED example circuit



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## Pairing Process Bravo-Tx to Bravo-RX

Each BRAVO module has a unique serial number identity. They may be paired together using the LEARN button/input so that they operate in systems in: one:one, one:many and many:one formats. Each BRAVO-Rx can store 70 BRAVO-Tx identities.
Note: "watchdog" should not be enabled for many to one systems
3.1 Pairing process:

1. Briefly press the "LEARN" switch (or activate LEARN input) on the BRAVO
2. After you release the learn button, the LEARN LED will flash once
3. This shows that output 1 is selected
4. Press the LEARN button again, after it is released the Learn LED will flash twice,

Continue in the same way to select outputs up to 8.
5. With your chosen output selected, briefly activate the input that you wish
to pair.
6. The LEARN LED will flash quickly to show that pairing is complete.
7. Repeat the process to all required pairings

## Pairing Process Bravo-RX to Handheld Transmitter

When pairing the BRAVO as a receiver to a handheld transmitter, such as our FOBBER or ELITE.
The pairing process is completed manually (meaning you can pair any transmitter button, to any desired I/O).

### 3.1 Pairing process :

1. Briefly press the "LEARN" switch (or activate LEARN input) on the BRAVO
2. After you release the learn button, the LEARN LED will flash once
3. This shows that output 1 is selected.
4. Press the LEARN button again, after it is released the Learn LED will flash twice, Continue in the same way to select outputs up to 8.
5. With your chosen output selected, briefly press the button on the handset that you wish to pair.
6. The LEARN LED will flash quickly to show that pairing is complete.
7. Repeat the process to all required pairings

### 3.2 Paring process: ERASE:

1. Press and Hold 'LEARN' switch (or input) on the BRAVO for more than 10 seconds.
2. The LEARN LED will start flashing to show that erase is complete
3. Release the LEARN switch.

Notes: The maximum number of pairings is 51 . One pairing is counted as a single button - output association Pairings can be on one or many handsets
3.3 LED indication of the pairing process is given by:

| Mode | LED | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Normal operation | Flickering ON | Module is transmitting or receiving data |
|  | OFF | No RF data is being transmitted/received |
|  | Flashing at low speed | BRAVO-RX Learn button pressed: module is search- <br> ing for another to pair with. <br> Learn mode times out after 10 seconds |
|  | Flashing at high <br> speed for 3secs | BRAVO-Rx pairing successful |

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## Operational application examples

## Application example one:one operation



Transmit Signal


In this application the outputs at the receiver will match the inputs at the transmitter.

## Application example: one:many operation



In this application the outputs at each of the receivers will track the inputs at the transmitter.

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## Mechanical Dimensions



## Range Considerations

The antenna choice and position directly affects the system range, keep it clear of any large metal parts. The best position is protruding vertically from the top of the product. This is often not desirable for practical reasons and thus a compromise may be needed. Note that the space around the antenna is as important as the antenna itself. All radio systems are dependent on a radio signal being received through airspace.
The range quoted is the optimal in direct line of sight without obstacles and in good atmospheric conditions.
Range is affected by many things, for example local environmental conditions, atmospheric conditions, interference from other radio transmitters. For evaluating the local environment please see our RF Meter (DS006)
In very worse case applications the range quoted may be reduced dramatically below

## Self Test Mode

The Bravo Module incorporates a self test which is initiated by applying power with the learn Button being held down.
The Bravo Module then performs the following functions;

1. All I/O are set to outputs and are operated
2. in a traffic light sequence 0 to 8 to 0 again.
3. 4 on 4 off sequence
4. Transmits a full power RF signal for 10 seconds and operates the Learn LED
5. Enters RSSI (Received signal Strength) mode where outputs $1-8$ are activated as a bar graph type output according to the strength of a valid RF signal received (from any carrier operating at the appropriate frequency ( 869.50 MHz or 915 MHz )

## BRAVO Telemetry Module

## Technical Specifications

Absolute Maximums:
Temperature Range: Storage -50 to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
DC Characteristics

| Parameter | Min | Max | Units |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Supply Voltage | -0.3 | 3.6 | V |
| Voltage on any InputVcc >2.2V <br> Vcc <2.2V |  | 5.8 <br> $\mathrm{Vcc}+3.6$ | V |
| V |  |  |  |
| Max Input power (through RX antenna) |  | +5 | dBm |
| Max Current Sourced / Sunk (Per I/O) |  | 100 | mA |
| Max Current Sourced / Sunk (Total) |  | 200 | mA |

DC Characteristics

| Parameter | Min | Typical | Max | Units |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Supply Voltage | 1.8 |  | 3.6 | V |
| Operating Temperature | -40 |  | +85 | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| BRAVO- Tx Supply Current: <br> When Transmitting <br> When sleeping |  | 30 |  | mA |
| BRAVO- Rx Supply Current: <br> When Receiving |  | 6 |  | uA |

AC Characteristics

| Parameter | Min | Typical | Max | Units |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Frequency |  | 869.5 |  | MHz |
| Operating Freq for 915Mhz version | 915.00 |  | 915.27 | MHz |
| Operating Temperature | -40 |  | +85 | $\circ \mathrm{C}$ |
| BRAVO- Tx Output Power |  |  | +13 | dBm |
| BRAVO- Tx-Rx FSK Raw RF Data Rate |  |  | 9.6 | Kbps |
| BRAVO- Rx Sensitivity |  | -121 |  | dBm |

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## RF Meter

RF Multi Meter is a versatile handheld test meter checking Radio signal strength or interference in a given area.
The Multi-Meter can both transmit and receive signals making it possible to test an installation location for suitability before installing equipment. The Multi-Meter is very hard wearing, long lasting and simple to use. It has 4 selectable frequencies, changeable at the touch of a button. It also has an auto shut off feature for battery saving.


## Recommended Antenna 868 MHz

We have a range of antennas on 868 Mhz that are suitable for use with the Bravo modules.

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