RM8X4

QUAD SOFTWARE DEFINED MODEM

DATASHEET





Key Features

- O Designed for Redundancy 4 PSUs
- O Quad (4) functions 1U 19" rack slot.
- Deployable in ship-borne, shore station and strategic communication installations
- O 4 Ch. Receive Diversity mode < 6 dB gain
- O Software Defined Functions S/W Options
- O Split-site Operation S/W support
- O Front Panel Set-up / Control Menu driven
- O Companion Products RC8X4 & RC66 ARQ
- O Long-term product availability 20 Years
- O Data Modems LF / HF / MF / VHF / UHF
- O ISB Capable MIL-STD-188-110B, App. F
- O W/band HF MIL-STD-188-110C, App. 6 kHz
- **W/ balld HF** = Will-31D-180-110C, App. 0 Ki
- O **2G ALE -** MIL-STD-188-141C, App. A
- O 3G ALE STANAG 4538 FLSU
- O 3G Packet Data STANAG 4538 xDL
- O Wideband V/UHF RapidM proprietary
- O Management LAN 1 to 4 interfaces
- O Data Ports 4 synchronous data interfaces
- O Data LAN 4 data interfaces for IP traffic
- O Audio I/F 8 baseband interfaces
- O Aux Audio I/F 4 interfaces for ANDVT
- O Radio Control 8 radio control interfaces

RM8-WB Product Overview

The RM8X4 Quad Software Defined Modem is a purpose-built standalone hardware platform housing four independent modem & ALE controller functions. The RM8X4 unit has high commonality with the RM8 and is intended for strategic and maritime data communications where size, weight, power and cost are at a premium. The RM8X4 can be installed as both land and shipborne 19-inch rack equipment occupying only a single 1U slot.

The *RM8X4* offers the same wide range of standards-based waveforms and protocols found in the *RM8*. These are suitable for interoperable link setup operations and data transfer, whether point-to-point or point-to-multipoint.

The *RM8X4* is capable of 4-channel receive diversity processing offering a significant performance gain and making the *RM8X4* ideal for Naval and maritime shore station deployment.

The operation of the *RM8X4* is determined by the selection of a built-in modem software pack. *RapidM* offers a choice between HF & WBHF modem and ALE 2G/3G controller software packs that can be activated with the appropriate *RapidM* activation key.

LF/HF & WBHF Data Modem

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ALE 2G, 3G & Packet Data

The *RM8X4* includes all the *2G & 3G ALE Controller* functionality found in the *RM8* - 2G Link set-up, 3G FLSU and error-free 3G packet data transfer – see *RapidM RM8* datasheet for more information.





MODEM & ALE SPECIFICATIONS

The *RM8X4* includes all the *2G* & *3G* ALE Controller functionality found in the *RM8*. The basic functions are either HF of V/UHF modem. The HF modem offer additional software options as follows:

○ HF basic modem - RapidM RM8 HF modem datasheet available, (M1 or M2 software)
 ○ V/UHF basic modem - RapidM RM8 V/UHF modem datasheet available, (V1 or V2 software)

○ 2G ALE option for HF
 ○ 3G ALE FLSU option for HF
 ○ RapidM RM8 3G ALE datasheet available
 ○ 3G Packet data option
 - RapidM RM8 3G ALE datasheet available

Works with RC66 ARQ - RapidM RC66 datasheet available
 Works with RC8 & RC8X4 ARQ - RapidM RC8 & RC8X4 datasheets available

○ WBHF Data Modem Modes – MIL-STD-188-110C App. D 3, 6 kHz

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS					
SIZE & WEIGHT	 Width: 212.2 mm Depth: 225.6 mm 	Height: 41.1 mm (excl. front panel) Height: 44.1 mm (incl. front panel)	o Weight: 4.8 kg		
POWER SUPPLY	 Variant 1, AC Supply: 90-264 VAC, 40–440 Hz, 2A; 100-370 VDC Variant 2, AC + DC: 90-264 VAC, 40–440 Hz, 2A; 100-370 VDC & 6–36 VDC MIL-STD 1275B protection 				
ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS	Climatic: Storage/Operation: -30°C to +77°C (MIL-STD-810F) 90% non-condensing at 30 °C (MIL-STD-810F) Vibration: Surface Ship, Marine Vehicles, Aircraft, Min. Integrity (MIL-STD-810F) Shock: 40 G, 11 ms (MIL-STD-810F) EMC: MIL-STD-461E MIL-STD-461E MIL-STD-461E, CE Marking -Directives 73/23/EEC and 89/336/EEC MTBF > 22,000 hours				
Installation	Compact design: The unit occupies the full width of a 1U 19" rack slot				
POWER CONSUPTION	Operational < 30 Watt (Apparent power)				
PRESETS	Factory and Custom Presets				

INTERFACES (PER FUNCTION)		NR	
DTE (DATA) PORT (DB25F)	RS-422 balanced, RS-423, RS-232 unbalanced., MIL-STD-188-114 (interoperable), EIA 530A compliant Half & Full Duplex operation, Synchronous, Standard and High-speed Async modes	4	
REMOTE CONTROL/ GPS PORT (DE9M)	Remote Control Pins: RS-485 Multi-drop, RS-422 balanced or RS-232 Protocol: Control Protocol (RAP1 + RIPC, ASCII S5066 Annex E)		
	External GPS Control Pins: RS-232 (nominally input) Data Rate: 300 to 19200 bps, 1/2 stop bits, 7/8 bit data. PPS line: RS 232/422 (NMEA) or TTL * Note: Only a single GPS is required to be connected to the RM8X4 unit.	1*	
ETHERNET CTRL PORT (RJ45)	Remote Control: 10/100 Base T (IEEE 802.3U compatible), embedded TCP/IP Stack Protocol: Control Protocol (RAP1 + RIPC)	4	
ETHERNET DATA PORT (RJ45)	IP Packet Data: 10/100 Base T (IEEE 802.3U compatible), embedded TCP/IP Stack Protocol: Raw IP packet data, requires 3G ALE.	4	
ETHERNET DATA PORT (RJ45)	One local control via 2-button key and 4-way navigation button. Four 32x202 pixel graphical LCD displays. Four bi-colour LED indicators per function: SEL, TX, RX & ALE	1/4	
RADIO CONTROL & AUDIO PORTS (DB25M)	Radio Control Pins (2 channels): RS-232, up to 115200 bps, 1/2 stop bits, 7/8 bit data Supports for various radio control protocols are built-in.	4	
	Input Audio (2 channels): 600 Ohm balanced, –20 to +10 dBm without adjustment Output Audio (2 channels): Balanced, –40 to +10 dBm adjustable into 600 ohm load Keyline: Non-polarized contact closure (<45 V, 200 mA). PTT Sense Input: Pull to ground to indicate external PTT.		
	Aux Audio Pins: Connection of microphone for ALE voice calling Input Audio: 600 ohm balanced, –20 to +10 dBm without adjustment or MIC input (selectable) Output Audio: Balanced, –40 to +10 dBm adjustable into 600 ohm load	4	
EXTERNAL CLOCK (SMA)	External clock input for coherent phase-frequency transmit & receive diversity operation.	1	
LOCAL CONTROL	Local control via 32x202 pixel graphical LCD display and 16-key keypad. 3 bi-colour LED indicators Alphanumeric and digit keypad for fast data entry, 4-way navigation button. ** Note: Internally four independent PSU units are used, one per function.	1**	

ORDERING INFORMATION	STOCK NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
RM8X4 (HF MODEM M1)	RME-84-RA-M14.1	SDM: RM8X4 M1 (110C 3,6 110B-F) V4.1
RM8X4 (HF MODEM M2)	RME-84-RA-M24.1	SDM: RM8X4 M2 (HF S4285, S4539) V4.1

OTHER RM8X4 SOFTWARE OPTIONS	STOCK NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
2G ALE (MIL-STD-188-141B)	R84-SW-O-2G-1.8	SW MDL-2G ALE / MS 141B, App. A, B V1.8
3G ALE (STANAG 4538) FLSU, xDL	R84-SW-O-3A-3.7	SW MDL-3G ALE 4538 FLSU, xDL V3.7

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