

# **SATELLINE-εASy**

## **Transceiver Radio Modem**

### **User Guide Version 2.6**



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-The devices mentioned in this manual are to be used only according to the instructions described in this manual. Faultless and safe operation of the devices can be guaranteed only if the transport, storage, operation and handling of the devices is appropriate. This also applies to the maintenance of the products.

-To prevent damage both the radio modem and any terminal devices must always be switched OFF before connecting or disconnecting the serial connection cable. It should be ascertained that different devices used have the same ground potential. Before connecting any power cables the output voltage of the power supply should be checked.

### NOTE!

When selecting a suitable location for the radio modem it must be ensured that no water can get into the radio modem under any conditions. Direct sunlight is also to be avoided. It is not recommendable to install the radio modem on a strongly vibrating surface. Suitable dampening and/or isolation materials should be used in cases where the installation surface will be subjected to vibration.

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## INTRODUCTION

SATEL OY is a Finnish electronics and Telecommunications Company specialising in the design and manufacture of wireless data communication products. SATEL designs, manufactures and sells radio modems intended for use in applications ranging from data transfer to alarm relay systems. End users of SATEL products include both public organisations and private individuals.

SATEL OY is the leading European manufacturer of radio modems. SATEL radio modems have been certified in most European countries and also in many non-European countries.

Both the amount of data transferred, and the size of local area networks is increasing constantly. SATEL OY has addressed these market requirements by introducing the SATELLINE-3AS radio modem range. The SATELLINE-EASy can offer speeds up to 19.2 kbps and has a selectable serial interface between 300 ... 38 400 bps.

In addition to wide 70 MHz tuning range; SATELLINE-EASy also offers many other new features. These include built-in support for RS-422, TTL and LVTTTL as well as the standard RS-232 interface, adjustable channel spacing and +3 ... +9 V / +6 ... +30 V voltage levels variations.

SATELLINE-EASy include a built-in LCD display, offering the user both new features and increased flexibility. No longer do you have to rely on access to a PC or terminal device to check or alter the configuration of the unit, now this can be achieved by viewing the LCD-display and using the four (4) push buttons. The display is also a useful tool in testing the radio connection between radio modems.

SATELLINE-EASy facilitates the construction of large radio networks using the built-in *Message Routing* function, which is both fully transparent to the user and can be used with most system protocols.

The radio modem also offers option of error correction, utilising the FEC-method (Forward Error Correction). FEC can be used to minimise errors caused by noisy channels.

## 1 SATELLINE-EASy technical specifications

SATELLINE-EASy complies with the following international standards:

- EN 300 113-2 (RF-requirements)
- EN 301 489 (EMC-requirements)
- EN 60950 (Safety Standard)
- FCC CFR47 section 90
- EN 61000-4-3 (2006), 10V/m Immunity test

	RECEIVER	TRANSMITTER	Note!
Frequency Range	403...473 MHz		
Channel Spacing	12.5 kHz / 20 kHz / 25 kHz		programmable
Tuning range	70 MHz		
Spurious Radiations	< 2 nW	EN 300 113 and CFR47 part90	
Frequency error tolerance	< 1 kHz		
Sensitivity	-114 dBm @ 12.5 kHz -111 dBm @ 25 kHz (BER < 10 E-3)		FEC ON See: Note 1
Co-channel Rejection	> -12 dB		FEC ON
Adjacent Channel Selectivity	> 47 dB @12.5 kHz > 52 dB @ 25 kHz		FEC ON
Intermodulation Attenuation	> 60 dB		FEC ON
Blocking	> 86 dB		FEC ON
Spurious Rejection	> 60 dB		FEC ON
Spurious Emission	< -100 dBm	< -80 dBm on 3 <sup>rd</sup> harmonics @1215 – 1240 MHz	
Power Consumption	< 1.2 W	<3 W @ 0.5W output power <7 W @ 1W output power	
Power Save Mode Consumption	SLEEP State:0,24 W typical DTR: 0,005W		
Communication Mode	Half-Duplex		
Type of Emission		F1D	
Carrier power		100, 200, 500, 1000 mW	
Adjacent Channel Power		EN 300 113 and CRF47 part90	
Carrier power stability		< ±1.5 dB	

	DATA MODEM	
Timing	RS-232	
Electrical Interface	PORT 1:RS-232 (fixed) PORT 2: RS-232/RS-422, LVTTTL, TTL	PORT 2 functions are delivery options
Interface Connector	D-15 (female)	
Data speed of I/O-interface	300 – 38400 bps	
Data speed of Radio Interface	19200 bps (25 kHz channel) / 9600 bps (12.5 kHz channel)	
Data Formats	Asynchronous data	
Modulation	4FSK, GMSK, PacificCrest, TRIMTALK *)	

\*) TRIMTALK is a trademark of Trimble Navigation Ltd.

	GENERAL	
DC input ranges	Nominal voltage : +3 ... +9 Vdc or +6 ... +30 Vdc Full range: +3.2 ... +8.5 Vdc or +6.5 ... +28 Vdc +/-10%.	Delivery options
Temperature Ranges	-30 °C ... +65 °C	Functional
	-25 °C ... +55 °C	Complies with standards
	-40 °C ... +80 °C	Storage
Antenna Connector	50 ohm, U.FL	
Construction	Aluminium housing	
Size L x W x T	96 mm x 56 mm x 9 mm	
Weight	250 g	

	OTHER MEASUREMENTS	
ESD-failure threshold	8 kV contact, 15 kV air discharge	
Immunity test	10V/m	

### Note 1

Due to radio electronic design, the receiver is about 6 – 15 dB less sensitive on the following frequencies:

403.000 MHz, 416.000 MHz, 429.000 MHz, 442.000 MHz, 455.000 MHz, 468.000 MHz, 409.5875 MHz and 469.200 MHz.

## 1.1 Default settings

SATELLINE-EASy is shipped with the following default settings (unless otherwise specifically agreed):

DEFAULT VALUES OF THE ADJUSTABLE SETTINGS (user can change settings later on)		
Setting	Default value	Range
<b>Radio frequency</b>		
Operating TX frequency	438.000 MHz	Range: 403 - 473 MHz
Operating RX frequency	438.000 MHz	Range: 403 - 473 MHz
Reference Frequency	438.000 MHz	Range: 403 - 473 MHz
Channel Spacing	12.5 kHz	Range: 12.5, 20 or 25 kHz
<b>Radio settings</b>		
Tx Power	1000 mW	Range: 100, 200, 500 or 1000 mW
Signal threshold	-115 dBm	-80 ... -118 dBm
FCS	OFF	ON/OFF
Tx-Start Delay	0 ms	0-65535 ms
Radio Compatibility	SATEL 3AS	SATEL 3AS, Option1=PCC 4-FSK, Option 2=PCC GMSK, 3=TrimTalk
<b>Addressing</b>		
RX Address	OFF	ON/OFF
TX Address	OFF	ON/OFF
RX addressing to RS port	OFF	ON/OFF
TX address auto switch	OFF	ON/OFF
<b>Serial port 1</b>		
Status	ON	ON/OFF
Interface	RS-232	Fixed
Data speed	9600 bps	300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400 bps
Data bits	8	7, 8, 9
Parity bits	None	None, Even, Odd
Stop bits	1	1, 2
<b>Serial port 2</b>		
Status	OFF	ON/OFF
Interface	RS-422	RS-232/422, TTL, LVTTTL
Data speed	9600 bps	300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400 bps
Data bits	8	7, 8, 9
Parity bits	None	None, Even, Odd
Stop bits	1	1, 2
<b>Handshaking</b>		
CTS	Clear to send	Clear to send, TX buffer state
CD	RSSI threshold	RSSI- threshold, Data on channel, Always ON
RTS	Ignored	Ignored, Flow Control, Reception Control
Pause length	3 bytes	3 ... 255 bytes

Additional setup		
Error correction	OFF	ON/OFF
Error check	OFF	ON/OFF
Repeater	OFF	ON/OFF
SL-commands	ON	ON/OFF
Priority	TX	RX/TX
FullCR16 Check	OFF	ON/OFF
<b>Routing</b>	OFF	ON/OFF
<b>Tests</b>	OFF	ON/OFF

When creating a test connection, you can use Windows™ based SATEL Configuration Manager (available for free from authorised SATEL dealers or directly from SATEL Customer Support), HyperTerminal (which is included in most the Windows™ based operating system packages), or almost any other terminal program.

Basic settings for the serial port of the host computer, when using a terminal program to communicate with SATEL radio modems, are as follows: "COM1, 9600 bps, 8-bit data, none parity, 1 stop bit".

The power cable (+V<sub>b</sub> and GND) must be connected to a power supply with a proper output voltage and with a minimum output current of 2 A (for +3 ... +9 V PWR-module) and 1 A (for +6 ... +30 V PWR-module).

Note: If you want to change the settings of a radio modem using the *Programming Mode* of the radio modem with the help of an external terminal, the data speed of the terminal must be 9600 bps.

## 2 SERIAL INTERFACE

The radio modem is referred to as DCE (Data Communication Equipment) whereas the PC is referred to as DTE (Data Terminal Equipment). SATELLINE-EASy includes a 15-pin D-type female connector, which contains all the connections required to establish communication between the radio modem, acting as the DCE, and the PC, acting as the DTE.

All EMC-requirements set forth by authorities have been taken into account in the design of the radio modem. The radio modem user is thereby not required to take any special actions regarding EMC-shielding (of the radio modem).

The radio modem contains two separate serial ports, which are designated as **Port 1** and **Port 2**. Only one port at a time can be used for communication.

### Port 1

Fixed - complies always with the RS-232 standard.

### Port 2

Adjustable – settings are according to the interface module, which is installed at the factory. The default module is a dual function RS-232/RS-422. When RS-232/RS422 interface is installed, user can set on either RS-232 or RS-422. Other fixed options are LVTTTL or TTL which must be specified in the order. The user can set the Ports 1 and 2 ON/OFF afterwards in the programming mode. Only one port can be in operation at a time.

### NOTE!

WHEN THE MODE-PIN (PIN 12 OF THE D-CONNECTOR) IS CONNECTED TO GROUND, THE RADIO MODEM IS IN THE PROGRAMMING MODE AND **Port 1** (PINS 7, 9, 11) IS THEN IN USE! If you normally use **Port 2** for data transmission, the serial cable must be changed to a suitable type when switching over to the configuration mode.

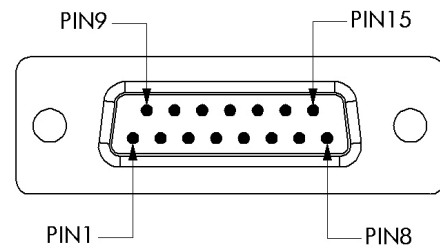


## 2.1 D15 connector

D-15 female connector in the radio modem

Direction **IN** is from DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) to the radio modem.

Direction **OUT** is to the DTE from the radio modem.



PORT AND TYPE	PIN	DIRECTION	NAME	EXPLANATION
PORT1:RS-232	6	OUT	CTS	*
	9	OUT	RD1	Receive data (Port1)
	11	IN	TD1	Transmit data (Port1)
	13	IN	RTS	*
PORT2: RS-232 / 422 232 ON / 422 OFF	2	OUT	CD	
	3	OUT	RD2	Receive data (Port2)
	4	IN	TD2	Transmit data (Port2)
	5	OUT	-	-
PORT2: RS-232 / 422 422 ON / 232 OFF	2	OUT	A'	Receive data positive
	3	OUT	B'	Receive data negative
	4	IN	A	** Transmit data positive
	5	IN	B	** Transmit data negative
PORT2: LVTTTL	2	OUT	CTS	*
	3	OUT	RD	Receive data (Port2)
	4	IN	TD	Transmit data (Port2)
	5	IN	RTS	*
PORT2: TTL	2	OUT	CTS	*
	3	OUT	RD	Receive data (Port2)
	4	IN	TD	Transmit data (Port2)
	5	IN	RTS	*
COMMON PINS	1	IN	DTR	ON ( $V_b$ or NC) / STANDBY (GND)
	10	OUT	DSR	
	12	IN	MODE	DATA (NC) / SETUP (GND)
	7, 8	-	GND	Power Ground
	14, 15	-	$V_b$	Operating Voltage

**NOTE!** Unused pins can be left unconnected.

\*) RTS and CTS handshaking connections remain the same irrespective of the port used (Port 1 or Port 2).

\*\*) A and B designators are opposite in Profibus standard.

## Description of pins:

- *RD* = **R**eceive **D**ata. Output of the data received from the radio modem to the DTE.
- *TD* = **T**ransmit **D**ata. Input of the data to be transmitted from the DTE to the radio modem.
- *CTS* = **C**lear **T**o **S**end.
- *CD* = **C**arrier **D**etect.
- *RTS* = **R**equest **T**o **S**end.
- *DTR*. **D**ata **T**erminal **R**eady. When open or connected to + Voltage the unit is ready for normal transfer mode. When connected to Ground the unit goes to low current consumption mode. OFF =  $\leq 0$  V, ON =  $\geq +3 \dots +30$  V.
- *DSR* = **D**ata **S**et **R**eady. Indicates that the radio modem is switched ON.
- *MODE* = operational mode. When the MODE-line is connected to ground (GND), the radio modem enters the *Programming Mode*, which is used to change the settings of the radio modem (i.e. configuration, set-up). If the MODE-line is not connected, the radio modem will enter the *Data Transfer Mode*, in which data can be transmitted and received. The *Programming Mode* is used only when installing a radio modem and changing the operational parameters of a network. Normally the radio modem is always in the *Data Transfer Mode*.
- *GND* = both the negative pole of the operating voltage and the signal ground.
- $V_b$  = positive pole of the operating voltage.

## 9.1 Operating Voltage

The SATELLINE-EASy radio modem can have two (2) operating voltage ranges. The range is defined by the PWR-module, which is installed and set at the factory. **If not specifically agreed the default operating voltage is +6 ... +30 V.**

The operating voltage options are: +3.2 ... +8.5 V<sub>DC</sub> or +6.5V ... +28 V<sub>DC</sub> (+/-10%).

The nominal voltages are +3 ... +9 V and +6 ... +30 V. The Input Voltage range is marked into the label.

### Overvoltage behaviour

+3 ... +9 V range:

1. When the operating voltage goes below +3 V, the modem will automatically switch OFF.
2. When the operating voltage range is exceeded, the modem will automatically switch OFF. However, if the maximum value is more than +20 V, it may damage the module.

+6 ... +30 V range:

1. When the operating voltage goes below +6 V, the modem will automatically switch OFF.
2. When the nominal operating voltage is more than +33 V, it may damage the module.

### 2.1.1 Power supply

The radio modem must only be connected to a power supply with an adequate current output. The pins 15 and 14 of the D-connector are connected to the positive power supply line. The pins 8 and 7 of the D-connector are connected to negative power supply line (ground).

The DTR-line of the radio modem, which is connected to pin 1, can be used as an ON/STANDBY-switch, and in this way the radio modem can be switched either ON (operational state) or OFF (STANDBY). The logical state "1" (Open or more than +3.0 V, max Vdc) of the DTR-line corresponds to ON-state and a logical state "0" ( $\leq 0$  V) corresponds to a STANDBY state.

In applications, where the radio modem is used as a portable device (meaning battery operation), the DTR-line (pin 1) should be connected to a logical state "0" always when it is possible to conserve battery power and prolong operational time between battery charging.

NOTE! There is a galvanic connection between signal ground (SGND, pin 7), ground (GND, pin 8), outer conductor of antenna connector and modem casing.

The modem withstands a live insertion or removal from the DTE-unit without switching OFF the power.

### 2.1.2 Fuse

A proper fuse must be connected in between the radio modem and the power supply. The correct value depends on the model (see list below). Recommended value is 4 A slow.

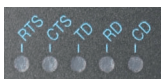
Operating Voltage	+3 ... +9 V	+6 ... +30 V
Maximum Current	2.5 A	1 A

## 3 USER INTERFACE - With/without display

### 3.1 LED-indicators

There are five (5) LED indicators on the front panel of the radio modem, and they give an indication of the status of the serial port and the radio interface:

Description of the LED-indicators:



LED	Indication	OFF	Red	Orange	Green
RTS	RTS-line status	Inactive	Active		
CTS	CTS-line status	Inactive	Active		
TD	TD-line status	No data	Data		Test Tx active
RD	RD-line status	No data	Data		
CD	Radio status	No signal	Transmission	Noise	Reception

1. *RTS* indicates the status of D-connector pin 13.
2. *CTS* indicates the status of D-connector pin 6.
3. *TD* indicates that the radio modem is receiving data via serial port.
4. *RD* indicates that the radio modem is sending data via serial port.
5. *CD* indicates the status of the radio interface. The status of the CD-signal on the serial interface may differ from the status of the LED-indicator.

### 3.2 Display and push buttons

SATELLINE-EASy includes a LCD-display with a backlight. In the *Data Transfer Mode* the display will show the operating settings of the radio modem, for example the radio field strength and the supply voltage. By using the push buttons and the LCD-display, it is possible to change most of the settings of the radio modem, without the need for an external terminal. The display backlight illuminates automatically as soon as a button is pressed.

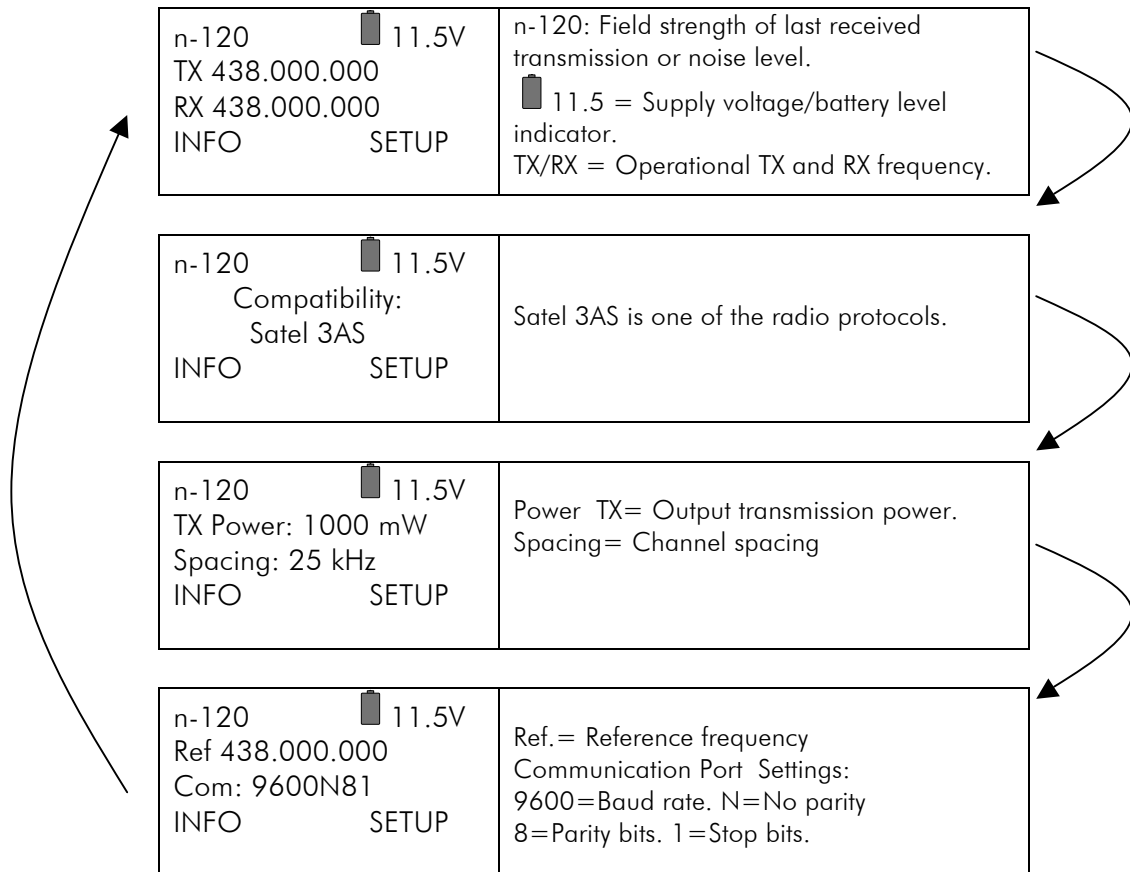
The radio modem will shift into the *Programming Mode* by pressing the SETUP-push button (■). When activated the menu shows a listing of the changeable parameters.

With the help of the main menu, sub-menus can be selected which in turn can be used to change the settings. You can always return to the previous higher level of the menu structure by pressing the CANCEL (or BACK) push button. Pressing the ▲ or ▼ button changes settings or moves in the menu. Selections are confirmed by pressing the SELECT or SET button. In case of numerical values the digit to be changed is selected by pressing the NEXT button (see following page).

## **SATELLINE-EASy LCD-DISPLAY AFTER POWER-UP**

The display shows the basic information, which is revolving automatically in 5 seconds.

### **Display in Data Transfer Mode (transmit/receive mode)**



### **INFO - SETUP**

By pressing INFO the display goes to detailed information about the modem's settings.

By pressing SETUP the modem goes to the programming menu.

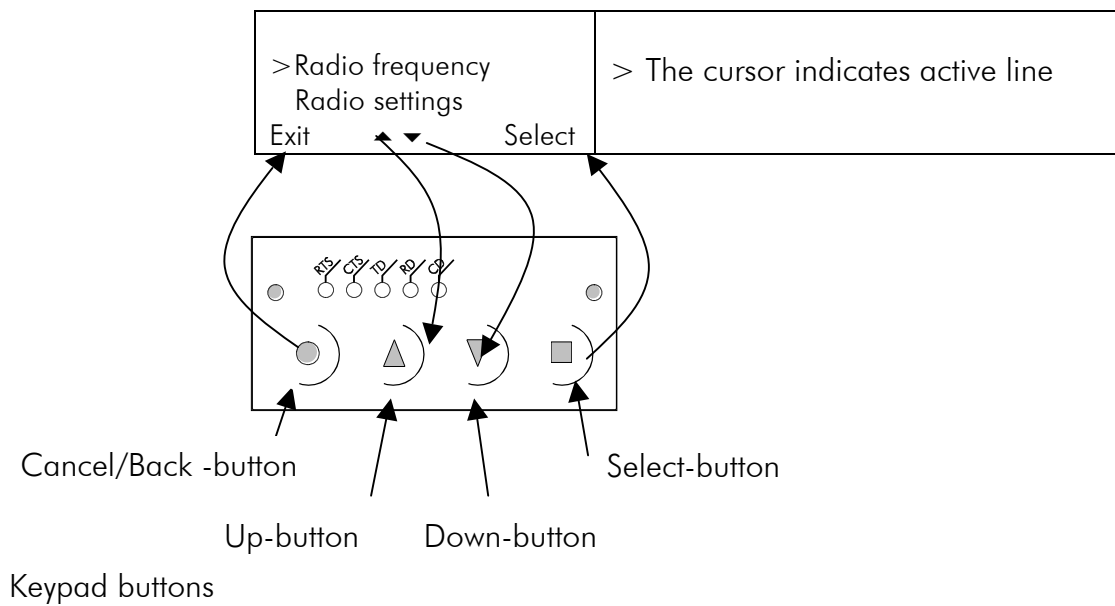
### **Display in Info mode.**

Pressing ▲ ▼ shows the next window.

SATELLINE EASy S/N: FW:06.16.3.42 Exit ▼	Product name Serial number FW: Firmware version
TX 438.000.000 RX 438.000.000 Ref 438.000.000 Exit ▲ ▼	TX frequency RX frequency Reference frequency

Band 1 limits Lo 403.000.000 Hi 473.000.000 Exit ▲ ▼	The modem can be limited to operate only on certain frequencies. The range is shown as LO=Low and HI=High.
Band 2 limits Lo 403.000.000 Hi 473.000.000 Exit ▲ ▼	The modem can be limited to operate only on certain frequencies. The range is shown as LO=Low and HI=High.
Voltage: 6-30V Port 1:RS232/ON Port2:RS232/OFF Exit ▲ ▼	Voltage: Operation Voltage range. Port1: Port interface and status. Port2: Port interface and status.
Board: SPL0005c IM:05 Exit ▲	Board: HW version IM: Interface module type

## Display in Setup Mode



## 4 CONNECTION CABLES

### NOTE!

When installing the cables of the serial interface, it is recommended that the operating voltage of all devices is powered OFF.

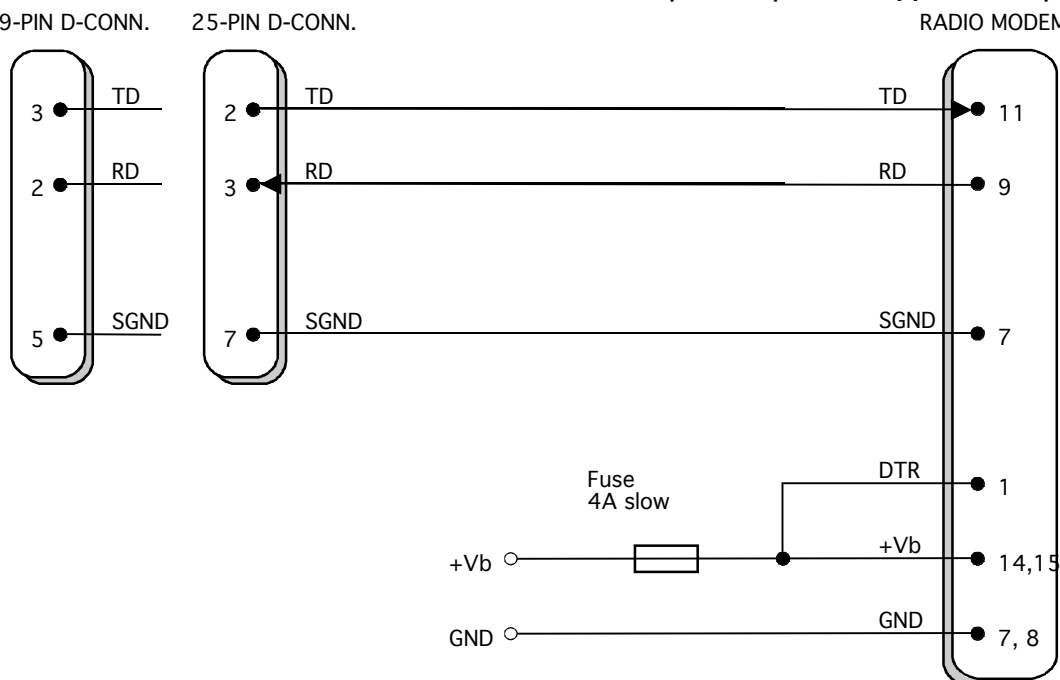
### 4.1 Port 1

#### 4.1.1 RS-232 interface

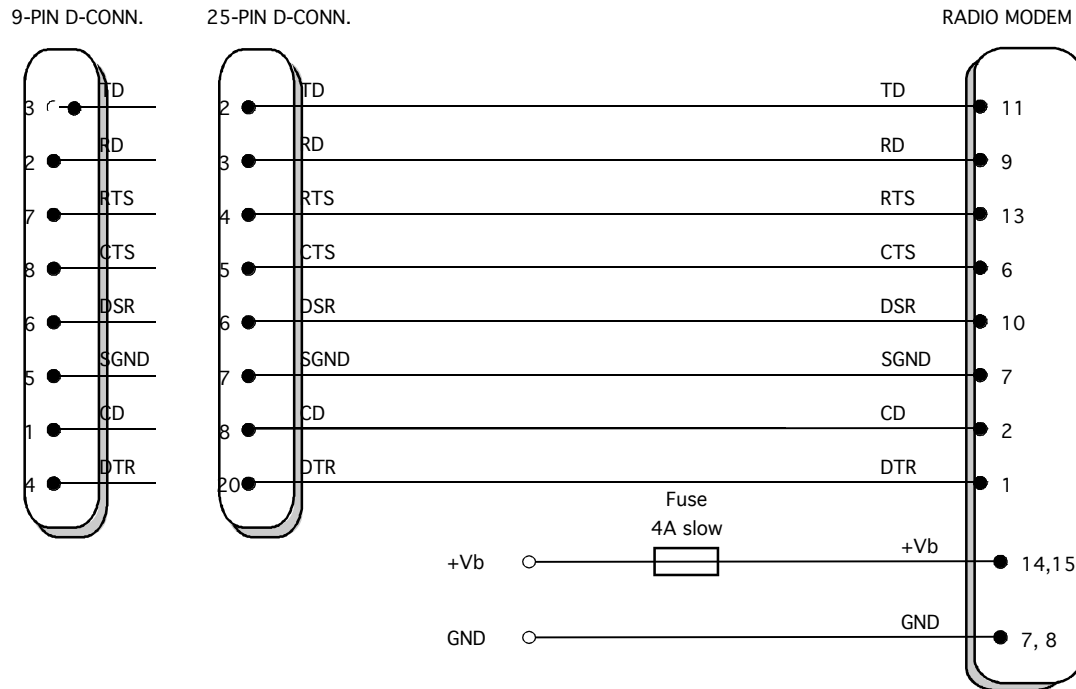
RS-232 standard defines the method of serial data transfer between a computer and its peripherals. The definition includes both the interface type and signal levels. Most computers and peripherals contain one or more RS-232 type serial ports. The RS-232 standard uses transmission lines, in which each single signal line level is referenced, to a common ground level. RS-232 has been design to be used in serial transfer of data, in situations where the distance between communicating equipment is less than 15 m. The otherwise useful RS-232 standard is applied in a multitude of slightly differing ways, (e.g. different pin configurations) and for this reason different computers and peripherals are not necessarily directly compatible with each other.

#### 4.1.2 RS-232 wiring

Basic RS-232 connection between the radio modem (PORT1) and a typical PC (COM-port): 9-PIN D-CONN. 25-PIN D-CONN.



**Basic RS-232 connection between the radio modem (PORT1) and a typical PC (COM-port) using handshaking:**

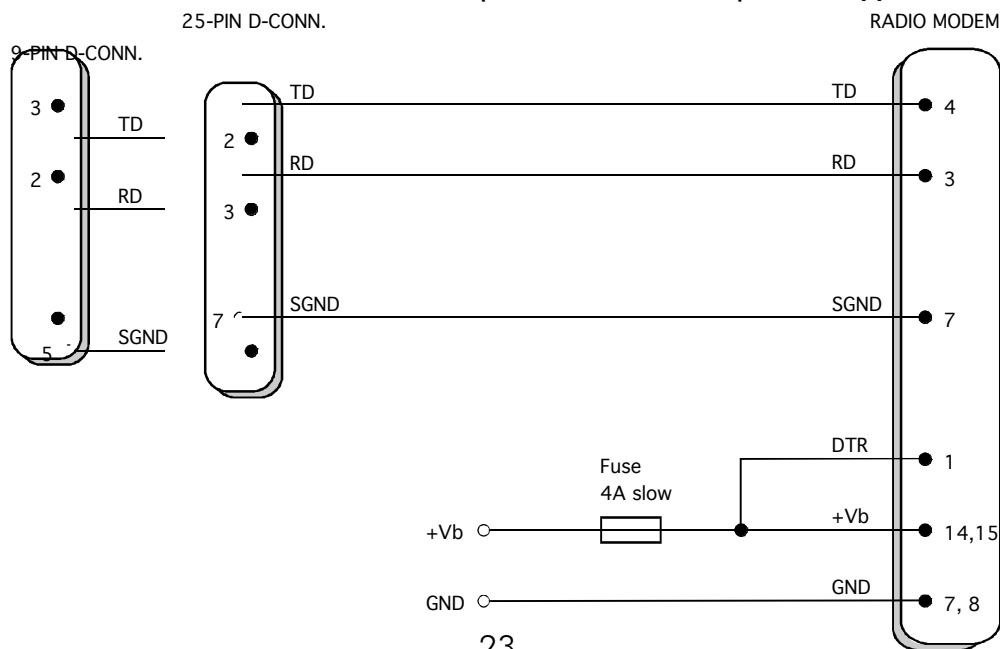


## 4.2 Port 2

Port 2 becomes valid only by setting it first ON. Setting can be done from the programming menu. Port2 RS-232 / RS-422 are selectable, but TTL and LVTTTL are hardware related and fixed at the factory. Only one port can be ON at a time (Port 1 or Port 2). Note that when the programming mode (pin 12 connected to ground), is selected the modem will automatically use Port 1 settings (COM1, 9600 bps, 8-bit data, none parity, 1 stop bit).

### 4.2.1 RS-232, interface, Port 2

**Basic connection between a radio modem (PORT2 in RS-232) and a typical PC (COM-port):**

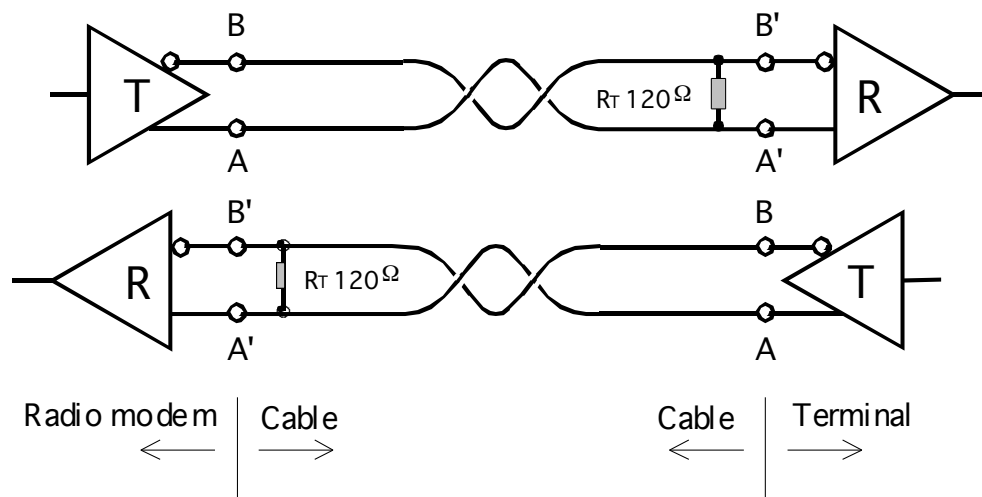




## 4.2.2 RS-422 interface, Port 2

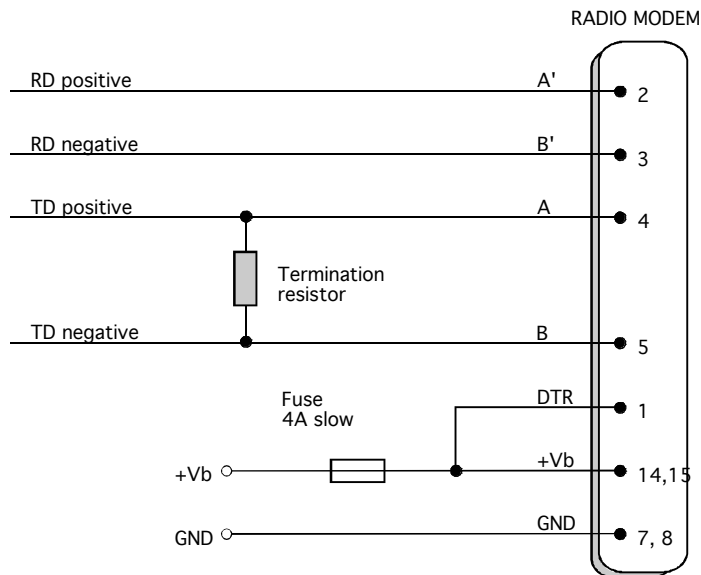
RS-422 standard defines a serial data transfer method, which is very similar to the RS-232 standard. In RS-422 however, the signal lines are balanced (or differential) transmission lines. A balanced (or differential) transmission line is formed by using two signal wires together to convey each single signal. Because the state of the signal is defined by the mutual voltage difference (hence the name differential), any common mode disturbances induced into the lines will cancel out. The effect of different signals moving in the same cable will also be smaller than in the case of the RS-232. Transmission distance can be considerably longer than when using RS-232 type of connection, and distances of 1 km are possible.

As an example, let's examine the TX-signal: TX-signal will be transmitted using two lines (A and B). A logical "1" corresponds to a situation, where the voltage on line A is greater than the voltage on line B. Correspondingly a logical "0" corresponds to a situation, where the voltage on line A is smaller than the voltage on line B.



### 4.2.3 RS-422 wiring, Port 2

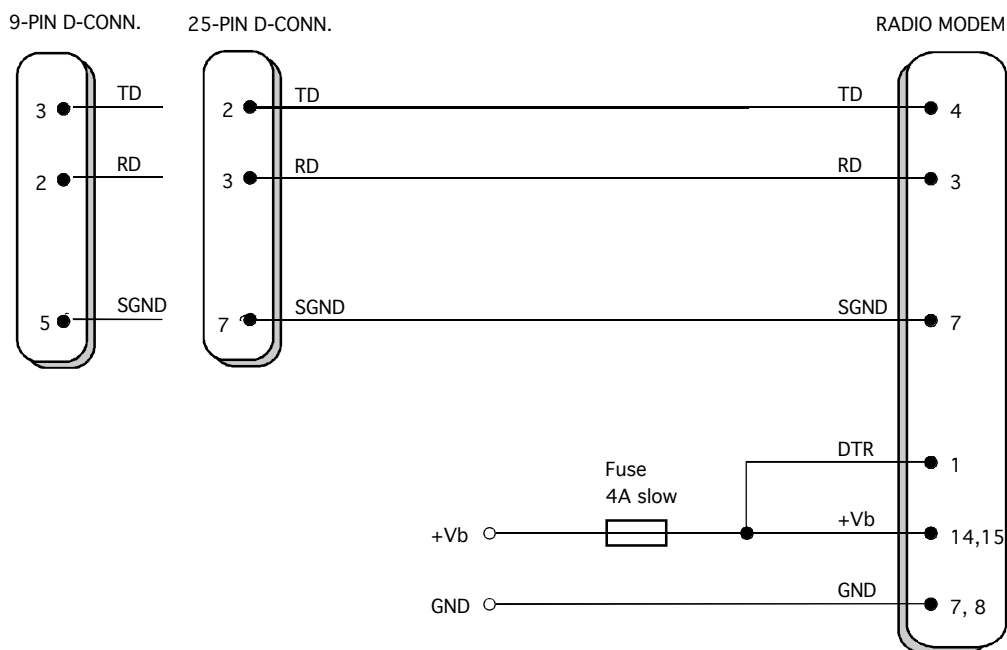
PORT 2 RS-422 connection:



If the transmission lines are long the receiving end of the lines must be terminated using a separate termination resistor (typical values range from 100-120 Ohm depending on the characteristic impedance of the transmission line).

### 4.2.4 TTL / LVTTTL interface, Port 2

Basic connection between a radio modem (PORT 2 in TTL mode) and a typical PC (COM-port):

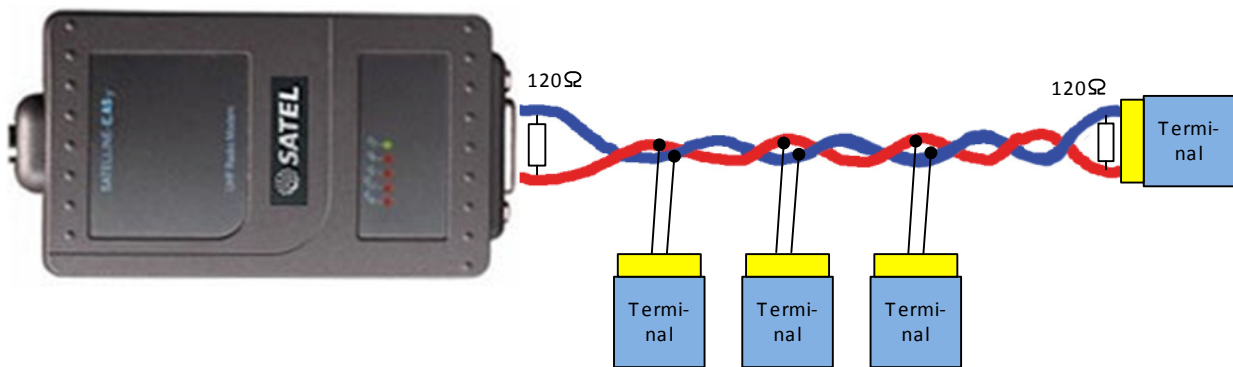


### 4.3 RS-485 interface (externally connected), Port 2

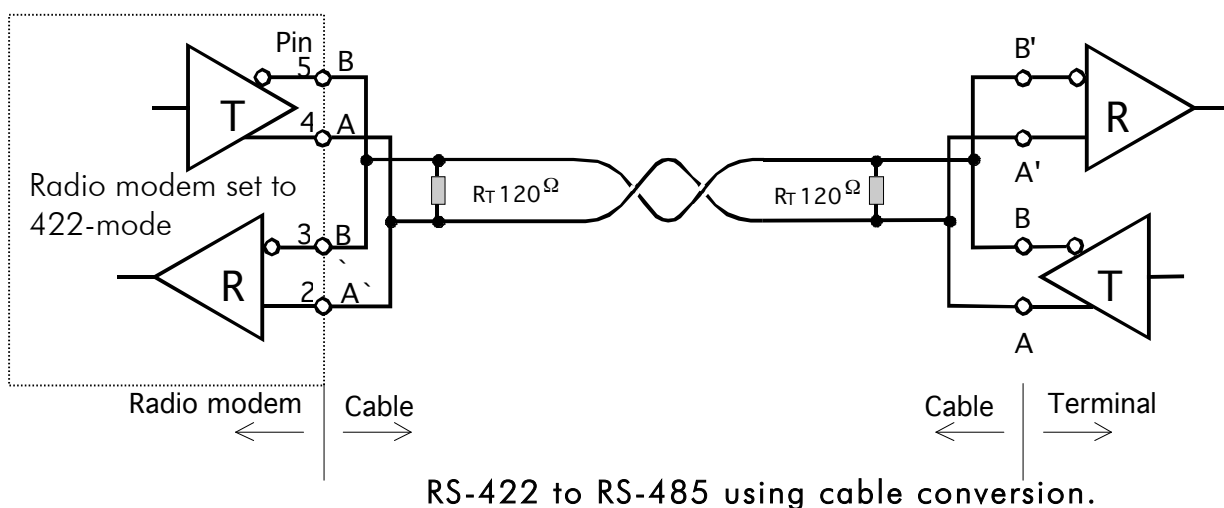
RS-485 is an extension of the RS-422 standard and enables the connection of more than two devices on to the same bus. Communication is half-duplex, so there is only one cable pair, compared to two when using the RS-422. The RS-485 standard defines the electrical characteristics of the connections in such a way as to prevent possible data contention states as well as cable shorts etc. from harming the devices themselves.

Note!

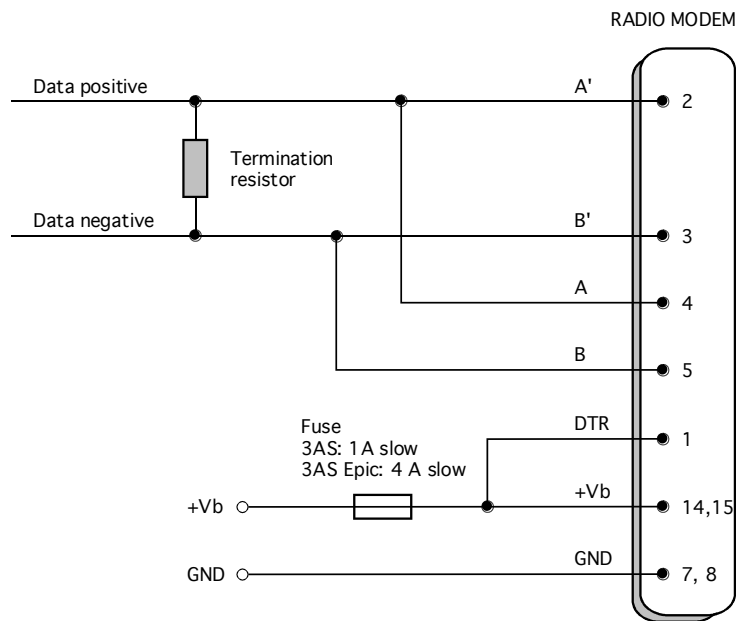
The modem does not have an internal RS-485 interface. **To enable RS-485** function the modem must be ordered with RS-232 / 422 interface and the wiring must be done externally.



Typical RS-485 connection



RS-422 to RS-485 using cable conversion.



RS-422 to RS-485 connector pins numbering using cable conversion.

#### 4.3.1 RS-485 wiring, Port 2

##### PORT2 on RS-232 / RS-422-mode:

Both ends of the transmission line must be terminated by connecting a separate terminating resistor between the positive and negative signal wire. Typical values range from 100 – 120 Ohm depending on the characteristic impedance of the line.

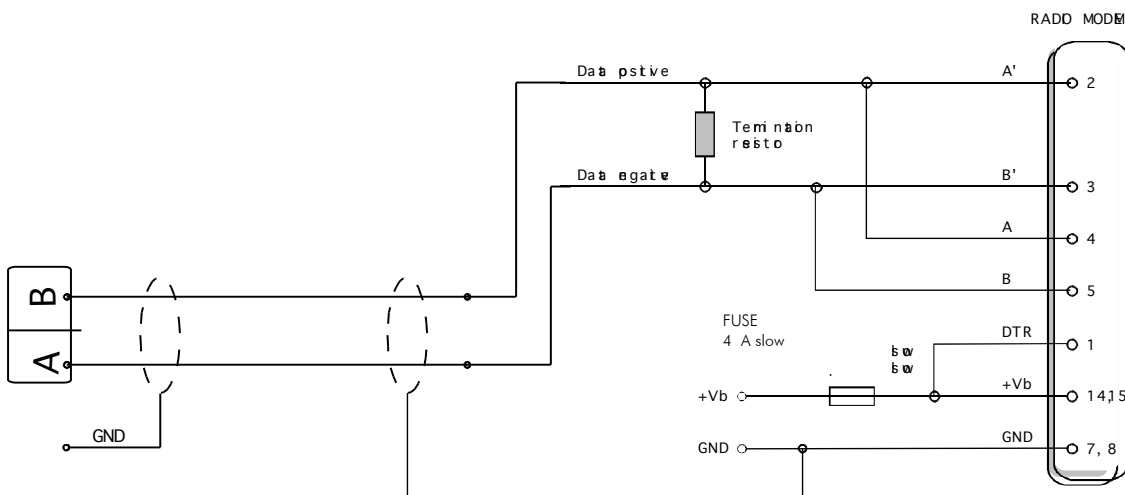


RS-422 to RS-485 using NARS-2-4A- adapter (SATEL code YC0486)

## 4.4 Termination of RS-422 / 485 lines

Each differential pair of wires is a transmission line. A transmission line must be terminated properly to prevent, or at least minimise, harmful reflections formed between the transmitting and receiving end of the transmission line. A common method of terminating a RS-485 type of transmission line is to connect a so-called termination resistor, between the wires and at both ends of the transmission line. Even when there are more than two devices on the same transmission line, the termination resistors are needed only at the ends of the transmission line. The termination resistor must be selected so that its resistance matches the characteristic impedance of the transmission line as close as possible (typical values range from 100 to 120 Ohm). When using a RS-422 type of connection the termination resistor is connected only at each of the receiving ends. Termination resistors are particularly important when using long transmission lines and/or high data transfer speeds.

### 4.4.1 Connection to Profibus device



## 5 RF INTERFACE

The SATELLINE-EASy has a single RF-connector (typically TNC) with impedance of 50 Ohm. When the modem is supplied the frequency is set to "default channel". The user can change the frequency afterwards by 70 MHz. Of course, all local regulations set forth by the authorities must be taken into consideration.

The data speed of the radio interface is set to "default speed". It can also be set afterwards. A channel spacing of 25 kHz enables a data speed of 19200 bps and a channel spacing of 12.5 / 20 kHz enables, correspondingly, a data speed of 9600 bps. The data speed of the radio interface is always fixed (19200 bps or 9600 bps) irrespective of the data speed of the serial interface. If the data speeds of the radio interface and the serial interface differ from each other, the radio modem will buffer the data in transfer temporarily, so no data loss will occur.

### 5.1 Transmitter

The output power of the transmitter is adjustable. The greatest allowable power depends on limits set by local authorities, which should not be exceeded under any circumstances. The output power of the transmitter should be set to the smallest possible level, which still ensures error free connections under variable conditions. Large output power levels using short connection distances can, in the worst case, cause disturbances to the overall operation of the system.

OUTPUT POWER	dBm
100 mW	+20
200 mW	+23
500 mW	+27
1 W	+30

Possible output power settings.

#### NOTE!

Setting the radio data modem output power level to that which exceeds the regulations set forth by local authorities is strictly forbidden. The setting and/or using of non-approved power levels may lead to prosecution. SATEL and its distributors are not responsible for any illegal use of its radio equipment, and are not responsible in any way of any claims or penalties arising from the operation of its radio equipment in ways contradictory to local regulations and/or requirements and/or laws.

## 5.2 Receiver

The sensitivity of the receiver depends on the channel spacing of the radio modem (=data speed of the radio interface) and on the mode of the FEC (error correction) according to the table below:

The Signal Threshold Level setting of the receiver determines a level, above which the search for the actual data transfer signal is active. It is recommended that values given in the table are used. If the Signal Threshold Level setting is set too low (the CD-LED is ON constantly), it is possible that the receiver is trying to synchronise itself with noise, in which case, the actual data transmission might remain unnoticed. Alternatively, weak data transmissions will be rejected, even though they would be otherwise acceptable.

## 5.3 Priority RX/TX

SATELLINE-EASy offers a *Priority* setting, which selects the priority between reception and transmission. The setting can be changed in *Programming Mode*. By default, transmission has higher priority than reception i.e. the default value is Priority TX.

*Priority TX* means that a terminal device attached to a radio modem decides the timing of the transmission. The transmitter is immediately switched on when the terminal device starts to output data. Should reception be in progress, the radio modem will stop it and change to a transmit state. There is no need to use any handshaking for the control of timing.

*Priority RX* means, that a radio modem tries to receive all data currently in the air. If a terminal outputs data to be transmitted (or an SL command) it will be buffered. The radio modem will wait until the reception has stopped before transmitting the buffered data. This will result in timing slacks to the system, but decreases the number of collisions on the air; this is particularly useful in systems based on multiple random accesses.

To toggle the *Priority* setting in the programming menu, select:

1) Priority    RX / TX

If the Repeater Function has been set on, priority setting is automatically switched to RX mode.

## 5.4 Forward Error Correction

Forward Error Correction, FEC-function is switched ON (or OFF) by using the *Programming Mode*. When activated, the FEC-function will cause the SATELLINE-EASy to automatically add additional error correction information, which increases the amount of transmitted data by 30 %. It is used by the receiving radio modem to correct erroneous bits - as long as the ratio of correct and erroneous bits is reasonable.

Error correction improves the reliability of data transfer via the radio interface especially in unfavourable conditions. FEC-function should be used when link distances are long and/or if

there are many disturbances in the radio channels used. The use of the FEC-function will, however decrease the data transfer throughput of data by about 30 %. The list of exact delays when using FEC-function, are introduced in appendix B.

To switch the FEC-function ON in the *Programming Mode*, select:

- 1) Error correction      ON

#### **NOTE!**

All radio modems, which are to communicate with each other, must have the same setting for FEC (ON or OFF). If the transmitting radio modem and the receiving radio modem has different settings, data will not be received correctly.

## **5.5 Error checking**

When the error checking is switched on, the radio modem will add a checksum to the transmitted data. When the data is received, the checksums are verified before data is forwarded to the serial port. There are two different options for error checking that can be accessed in the Additional setup menu in the Programming Mode:

- 2) Error check
- 6) Full CRC16 check

*Error check* checks data partially while data is received.

*Full CRC16 check* function adds two checksum characters at the end of the user data message. At the reception end the receiver receives first the whole package and if the checksum matches the data message is forwarded to the serial port. If *Full CRC16 check* is selected it must be set ON for all radio modems in the same network. Otherwise the checksum characters appear at the end of user message on the serial port.

## **5.6 Dual radio function, separate RX/TX-frequencies**

The SATELLINE-EASy can transmit (TX-frequency) and receive (RX-frequency) on separate frequencies. Separate frequencies can be set within the whole tuning range. The frequencies can be set in the display menu, in the programming mode or by the Configuration Manager.

When data flow on the TD line starts the frequency shifts from the receiving channel to the transmit channel. There is a 40 ms delay caused by the frequency shift before the actual data transmission sequence starts, and the same time is needed for the return to the receive channel after transmission.

The selected channel spacing, port settings etc. are equal to both frequencies.

The dual radio settings can be adjusted also by the SL commands.

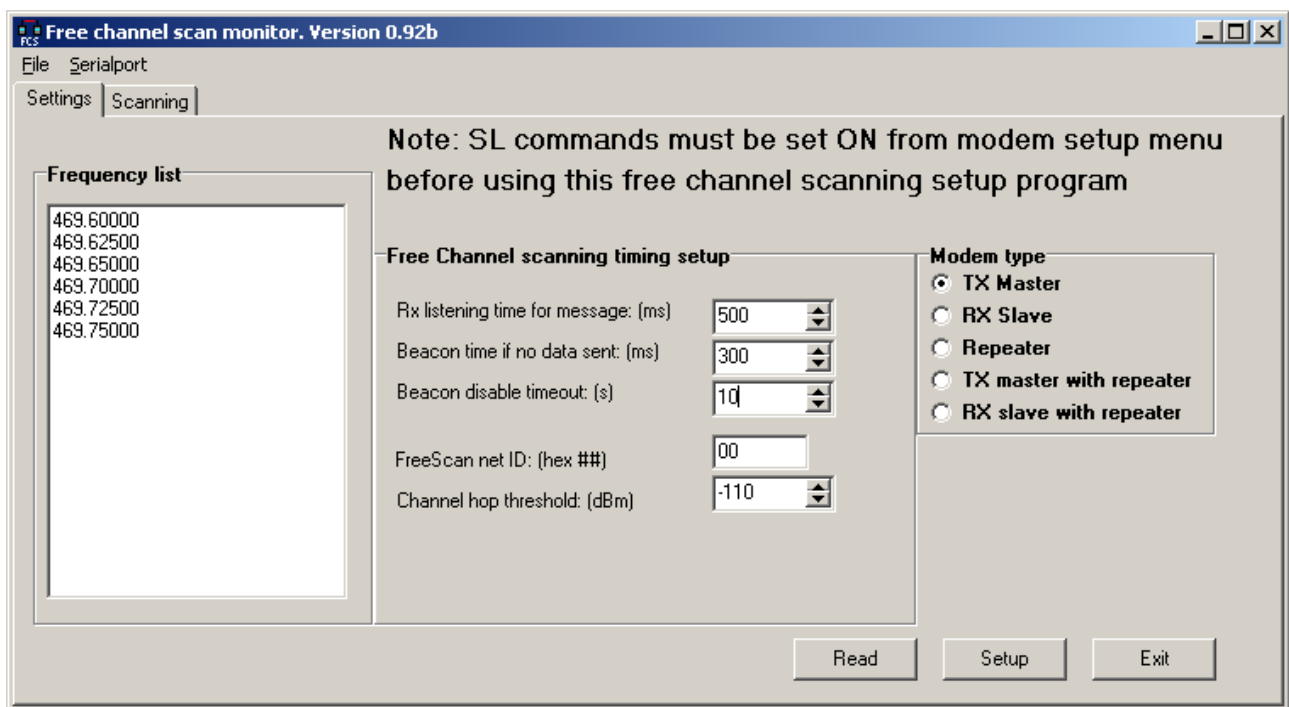


## 5.7 Free Channel Scan (FCS)

Free Channel Scan (FCS) is designed for one-way transmission between one transmitter and one or more receivers when there are at least two different radio frequencies available. The transmitter monitors the noise level of the channels between the transmissions and finds the best transmission channel. The receivers scan and follow the frequency of that particular transmitter consequently.

The feature is beneficial e.g. for the applications in land surveying or when license free channels are used and there could be other transmitters using the same channels.

To make the use easier SATEL provides the FCS terminal software for your PC. Using the program it is easy to configure the radio modems to use the FCS function. There is also a scanning tool for measuring the power level of the selected radio channels. A more detailed description of FCS function and FCS terminal software is available from the manufacturer or from the nearest distributor.



A screen snapshot of the FCS terminal software

## 5.8 User data whitening

In some cases, if the user data includes a large number of constant characters, additional bit errors may appear. The use of error correction (FEC) is recommended in such cases. If that is not possible, the Data whitening feature can be used to improve the reliability of data transfer. The feature is set on/off in the programming mode.

### **NOTE!**

All radio modems, which are to communicate with each other, must have the same setting for Data whitening (ON or OFF). If the transmitting radio modem and the receiving radio modem has different settings, data will not be received correctly.

## 5.9 Pacific Crest and TRIMTALK compatibility

### 5.9.1 General

SATELLINE-EASy radio modem supports additional to the original SATEL 3AS data transfer also:

- Pacific Crest compatible data transfer over the air, if the opponent Pacific Crest modems operate in the transparent mode/FEC ON/Scrambling ON that is the most common setup among RTK applications. The other modes are currently not supported.
- TRIMTALK® 450s compatible data transfer over the air.

SATELLINE-EASy radio modem provides the following radio compatibility settings:

- Option 1 for Pacific Crest 4-FSK modulation, Transparent mode/FEC ON/Scrambling ON.
- Option 2 for Pacific Crest GMSK modulation, Transparent mode/FEC ON/Scrambling ON.
- Option 3 for TRIMTALK GMSK modulation, Transparent mode

So far, only the transparent mode is implemented, since it is the most commonly used and recommended by the user manuals. The ARQ based protocols with ACK/NACK schemes are not preferred in RTK applications that apply one-way communication.

The implementation of Options 1, 2, 3 is based on the reference measurements and the available public data of the following radio modems manufactured by Pacific Crest Corporation: RFM96W, PDL HPB, PDL LPB. TRIMTALK is a trademark of Trimble Navigation Ltd.

### 5.9.2 Configuration in Programming menu

The correct radio compatibility mode can be changed in the Programming mode submenu  
*Radio settings ->Radio compatibility Mode:*

```
Radio compatibility
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1) Satel 3AS
2) Option 1 (PCC 4-FSK)
3) Option 2 (PCC GMSK)
4) Option 3 (TRIMTALK GMSK)
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### 5.9.3 Configuration by using SL commands

"SL@S=" command selects the compatibility mode:

- o "SL@S=0" sets SATEL 3AS (default).
- o "SL@S=1" sets Option1 (PCC-4FSK)
- o "SL@S=2" sets Option 2 (PCC-GMSK)
- o "SL@S=3" sets Option 3 (TRIMTALK GMSK)

The modem responds with "OK" message if the requested mode is supported or "ERROR" if the mode is not allowed.

"SL@S?" enquires the active mode. The modem responds with a number:

- o "0" if the mode is SATEL 3AS
- o "1" if the mode is Option 1
- o "2" if the mode is Option 2
- o "3" if the mode is Option 3

### 5.9.4 Settings

In order to use the Pacific Crest/TRIMTALK modes implemented in SATELLINE modems:

PACIFIC CREST modems must have:

- o Protocol Mode =
  - o Transparent w/EOT Timeout (when using Pacific Crest modulations)
  - o TrimTalk 450s (when using TRIMTALK GMSK modulation)
- o Modulation Type depends on the system
  - o GMSK (default, always selected when using TRIMTALK 450s mode)
  - o 4-Level-FSK
- o FEC = ON
- o Scrambling = ON
- o Data Security Code set to = 0 (=not used)
- o Local Address= 0...254 (0 by default)  
Pacific Crest modem receives messages from SATELLINE modems that have their TX1 address matching the Local Address.
- o Remote address=0...255 (255 by default, that is the broadcast address to be received by all). SATELLINE modems receive the message from a Pacific Crest radio, provided

their RX1 address matches the Remote Address of a Pacific Crest transmitter (or if the message has the broadcast address 255).

SATELLINE modems must have the following key settings:

- FEC OFF (because the FEC here means SATEL 3AS FEC, not Pacific Crest/TRIMTALK FEC )
- Error check OFF
- Full CRC16 check OFF
- Radio Compatibility Option 1 in case of Pacific Crest 4-FSK
- Radio Compatibility Option 2 in case of Pacific Crest GMSK
- Radio Compatibility Option 3 in case of TRIMTALK GMSK
- Addressing:
  - When TX address is selected ON, then TX1 address is used like PDL Remote address that is the destination address for the transmitted messages.  
Default value is 0x00FF (=255) (note the hexadecimal format of the setting)
  - When RX Address is selected ON, then RX1 address is used like PDL Local address  
Default value is 0x0000 (=0) (note the hexadecimal format of the setting)

Note: Addresses are NOT applicable in TRIMTALK 450s mode so SATELLINE modems must have their RX/TX addresses OFF with Option3.

The configuration tools and settings are different between SATELLINE and Pacific Crest modems:

- Pacific Crest modems are configured via the serial port using PDLCONF Windows™ program that sends binary control messages to the serial port of the modem.
- SATELLINE-EASy radio modems are configured via the serial port using any ordinary terminal program or SATEL Configuration Manager PC-program.

The table below shows the analogy of settings between Pacific Crest and SATELLINE radio modems (status in firmware version v3. 46.3).

Pacific Crest setting	Corresponding SATELLINE-EASy setting
Identification: Owner	(not implemented)
Identification: Channel Bandwidth	Channel spacing
Identification: RF Power	TX power
Radio Link: Channel Selection Type (Manual)	Radio frequency
Radio Link: Current Channel	Radio frequency
Radio Link: Link Rate	The fixed link rates are: Option 2 & 3: 9600bps@25kHz / 4800bps@12.5kHz Option 1: 19200bps@12.5kHz / 9600bps@12.5kHz
Radio Link:Modulation Mode	Compatibility->Option 1 (=PCC-4FSK) Compatibility->Option 2 (=PCC-GMSK) Compatibility->Option 3 (=TRIMTALK GMSK)
Radio Link:Scrambling	ON by default
Radio Link:Transmit Retries	(not implemented)
Radio Link:TX ACK Timeout	(not implemented)

Radio Link:Csma Monitoring	Priority (RX=ON, TX=OFF) Default: RX
Radio Link: AutoBase/AutoRover	(not implemented)
Radio Link:Digisquelch	Signal threshold
Radio Link:Forward Error Correction	ON by default using Option 1, 2, 3 (Note: SATELLINE-EASy FEC must be OFF!)
Radio Link:Local Address (0 by default)	Primary RX address (RX1) (OFF by default)
Radio Link:Remote Address (255 by default)	Primary TX address (TX1) (OFF by default)
Serial Interface:Protocol Mode	Radio compatibility: Options 1 and 2 = Transparent w/EOT Timeout Option 3 = TRIMTALK 450s
Serial Interface:BREAK to Command	(not implemented)
Serial Interface:Modem Enable: Yes	(not applicable)
Serial Interface:Soft Break Enable	(not implemented)
Serial Interface:EOT value (in 0.01s units)	Pause length (in serial port byte intervals)
Serial Interface:Digipeater Delay(in0.01s units)	(not implemented)
Serial Interface:Local Node Repeater	(not implemented)
Frequency Table	Radio frequency
Data Security Code (must be 0=not used)	(not implemented)
Potential conflicts: - Pacific Crest Local/Remote addresses are supported in the firmware versions starting from v3. 46.3 - Repeater function is supported only in the firmware versions starting from v3. 46.3 - Error check and Full CRC16 check must be OFF in SATELLINE modem - FCS (Free Channel Scanning) feature is not supported by Pacific Crest radios - Message Routing is not supported by Pacific Crest radios - SATELLINE RX/TX addressing does not use ARQ scheme like Pacific Crest radios.	

### 5.9.5 Repeater function

The implemented Pacific Crest/TRIMTALK modes support also the repeater function. The repeater function is configured either by using the SL commands:

- "SL@M=R" (Repeater ON)
- "SL@M=O" (Repeater OFF)

or by selecting Repeater OFF/ON in the Additional setup-> Repeater programming menu.

Note 1. The repeater modem passes TRIMTALK messages also to its serial port unlike for example Pacific Crest PDL modems.

Note 2. If error correction is ON (FEC ON) and TRIMTALK mode is activated by using "SL@S=3" command, the firmware automatically switches SATEL FEC OFF temporarily, and turns it back at the mode return.

### **5.9.6 Support for Local / Remote addresses**

If the modem has TX address ON then primary TX address is handled in the same way as Remote address in Pacific Crest PDL modems. The default value is 0x00FF (255 in decimal format) i.e. the broadcast address.

If the modem has RX address ON then primary RX address is handled in the same way as PDL Local address in Pacific Crest PDL modems. The default value is 0x0000 (0 in decimal format). SATELLINE modem needs to have TX Delay 50ms or more in order to avoid messages from colliding in case it is to be placed in a Pacific Crest system that uses addressing and acknowledging scheme.

In case only broadcast messages are used (like in RTK applications) there is usually no need for TX Delay, except if the transfer delays identical to Pacific Crest modems are preferred – in such cases an appropriate value of TX Delay is 34 ms.

Note 1. SATELLINE-modems do not support Pacific Crest retransmit/acknowledge scheme. However, that has no effect in RTK applications because they utilize only broadcast messages.

### **5.9.7 Latency**

In the PCC Transparent protocol mode (Option 1 and Option 2) the whole message is first read from the serial port and after that it will be framed and transmitted over the radio. The end of the message is detected when there is a pause in data coming from the serial port.

The symbol rates for the Pacific Crest 4FSK (Option1) are:

- 19200 bps on 25 kHz channel
- 9600 bps on 12.5 kHz channel

The symbol rates for the Pacific Crest GMSK (Option2) are:

- 9600 bps on 25 kHz channel
- 4800 bps on 12.5 kHz channel

The actual raw data rate is appr. 2/3 of the symbol rate.

#### 5.9.7.1 Transmission delays using Option 1 (Pacific Crest 4FSK) on 25 kHz channel

The table below presents the typical latency vs. the size of the message. The delays are measured from the end of transmitted data to the end of received data on the serial interface.

Number of bytes sent				
Bps	1	10	100	500
1200	77 ms	159 ms	971 ms	4590 ms
4800	48 ms	68 ms	317 ms	1438 ms
9600	43 ms	52 ms	209 ms	912 ms
19200	40 ms	45 ms	154 ms	650 ms
38400	39 ms	41 ms	127 ms	519 ms

#### 5.9.7.2 Transmission delays using Option 2 (Pacific Crest GMSK) on 25 kHz channel

The table below presents the typical latency vs. the size of the message. The delays are measured from the end of transmitted data to the end of received data on the serial interface.

Number of bytes sent				
Bps	1	10	100	500
1200	86 ms	168 ms	1042 ms	4949 ms
4800	57 ms	77 ms	390 ms	1796 ms
9600	52 ms	62 ms	281 ms	1272 ms
19200	50 ms	55 ms	226 ms	1009 ms
38400	48 ms	51 ms	198 ms	878 ms

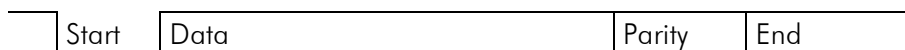
## 6 TRANSPARENT DATA TRANSMISSION

### 6.1 Serial interface, data format

The SATELLINE-EASy serial interface uses an asynchronous data format. No external synchronising signal is needed, since necessary timing information is acquired from the start and stop bits transmitted before and after each data field bits (byte).

The data transfer speed of the serial interfaces can be set to 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200 or 38400 bps (**b**its **p**er **s**econd). The length of the data field must be 7, 8 or 9 bits. When using a data field length of 7 or 8 bits, a parity bit may also be used.

One character to be transmitted will thus contain a start bit; the data bits (which define the specific character in question); an optional parity bit and one or two stop bits. The overall length of one character is therefore 10, 11 or 12 bits. This should be taken into account when calculating the data throughput capability of a system. In other words, the number of start, stop and parity bits must be considered. A useful rule of thumb is that at a data transfer speed of 9600 bps, the transmission of one character will require roughly one millisecond (1 ms).



Asynchronous character data format

**Example:** With an 8-bit data character length and taking, for example, a decimal value of "204", (which corresponds to a binary value of "11001100") and with a start bit value of "0", parity bit set to either "NO" (NONE), "0" or "1" and with a stop bit value of "1", the possible combinations are listed in the table below:

DATA FORMAT	CHARACTER	CHARACTER LENGTH
8 bit, no parity, 1 stop bit	0110011001	10 bit
8 bit, even parity, 1 stop bit	01100110001	11 bit
8 bit, odd parity, 1 stop bit	01100110011	11 bit
8 bit, no parity, 2 stop bits	01100110011	11 bit
8 bit, even parity, 2 stop bits	011001100011	12 bit
8 bit, odd parity, 2 stop bits	011001100111	12 bit

If the settings of data speed, character length, parity or the number of stop bits differ between the radio modem and the terminal, errors will be introduced into the transferred data. The serial port settings of each individual radio modem in a system can all be different apart from the data length setting (7, 8 or 9 bits), which must always be the same in each individual radio data modem. In other words, the serial port used, the data transfer speed, parity and number of stop bits; can be different in different parts of a same system. This is especially useful where one part of the system uses an RS-485 serial port and another part uses the RS-232 serial port. In other words, radio modems may also be utilised as serial port adapters in addition to the more common role of wireless data transfer.

The serial port settings can be changed in the *Programming Mode*.



## 6.2 Handshake lines

When using the RS-232 serial interface, handshake signals can be used to control data transfer. Handshake signals are used, for example, by the radio modem to inform the terminal that the radio channel is busy, and that it cannot initiate transmission. The terminal can also control the radio modem via RTS-line.

Line	Direction
CTS	To terminal
RTS	To modem
CD	To terminal

A common way of using handshaking signals is to monitor the CTS-line and ignore the others. Usually the terminal is fast enough to handle the data received by the radio modem, so the use of RTS-line is not necessary.

Handshaking is not needed if the system protocol is designed to prevent collisions (data contention) by the use of polling, or if there is little traffic and also if there is no harm from occasional data contention situations (several radio modems try to transmit at the same time).

### 6.2.1 CTS-line

The options for CTS-line are:

#### 1) **Clear To Send**

CTS is active when the radio modem is ready to accept data for new transmission. CTS will shift into inactive state during data reception and transmission.

#### 2) **TX buffer state**

CTS will shift into inactive state only if the radio modem's TX buffer is in danger of overflowing. This typically happens when the serial interface data transfer speed is greater than the radio interface transfer speed and the size of transmitted messages is large.

### 6.2.2 CD-line

The options for CD-line are:

#### 1) **RSSI-threshold**

CD is active whenever a signal with a level exceeding the level required for reception exists on the radio channel. It doesn't make any difference if the signal is an actual data transmission, a signal of a radio transmitter not belonging to the system, or even an interference signal caused for example, by a computer or a peripheral device. CD is also active when the radio modem in question is transmitting.

## 2) Data on channel

CD will switch to active state only after recognition of a valid data transmission. CD will not react to interference signals.

## 3) Always ON

CD is always in the active state. This option can be used with terminal equipment, which use the CD-line as an indicator of an active connection (the radio modem can transmit and receive at any time).

### **6.2.3 RTS-line**

The options for RTS-line are:

#### 1) Ignored

RTS-line status is ignored.

#### 2) Flow control

The radio modem transmits data to the terminal device only when the RTS-line is active. Non-active state of the RTS-line will force the radio modem to buffer the received data. This option is used if the terminal device is too slow to handle data received from the radio modem.

#### 3) Reception control

RTS-line controls the reception process of the radio modem. An active RTS-line enables reception (as normal). Non-active RTS-line will interrupt reception process immediately, even if the radio modem is receiving a data packet. This option is used to force the radio modem into WAIT State for an immediate channel change.

## **6.3 Timing and delays during data transmission**

When using a radio modem for data transmission, certain delays will be formed through the use of a radio interface and from the radio modem circuitry itself. These delays exist when the radio modem switches from *Standby Mode* to *Data Transfer Mode* and during reception and transmission of data. For detailed delay values in each case see Appendix B.

### **6.3.1 Data buffering in the radio data modem**

Whenever the radio modem is in *Data Transfer Mode* it monitors both the radio channel and the serial interface. When the terminal device starts data transmission the radio modem switches to transmission mode. At the beginning of each transmission a synchronisation signal is transmitted and this signal is detected by another radio modem, which then switches into receive mode. During the transmission of the synchronisation signal the radio modem buffers data into its memory. Transmission ends when a pause is detected in the data sent by the terminal device, and after all buffered data has been transmitted. When the serial interface speed is the same or slower than the speed of the radio interface, the internal transmit buffer memory cannot

overflow. However, when the serial interface speed exceeds the speed of the radio interface, data will eventually fill transmit buffer memory. In this instance, it will take a moment after the terminal device has stopped transmission of data for the radio modem to empty the buffer and before the transmitter switches off. The maximum size of transmit buffer memory is one kilobyte (1 kB). If the terminal device does not follow the status of the CTS-line and transmits too much data to the radio modem, the buffer will be emptied and the transmission is restarted.

In the receive mode, the buffer works principally in the above described way thus evening out differences in data transfer speeds. If the terminal device transmits data to a radio modem in receive mode, the data will go into transmit buffer memory. Transmission will start immediately when the radio channel is available.

### **6.3.2 Pause length**

The modem recognises a pause on the serial line (a pause is defined as a time with no status changes on the RS-232 interface TD-line). The pause detection is used as criteria for:

- End of radio transmission - When the transmit buffer is empty and a pause is detected, the modem stops the transmission and will then change the radio to the receive mode.
- SL-command recognition - For a SL-command to be valid, a pause must be detected before the actual "SL..." character string.
- User address recognition - In order for the start character to be detected, a pause must precede it in transmission.

Traditionally, in asynchronous data communication, pauses have been used to separate serial messages from each other. However, the use of non-real-time operating systems (frequently used on PC-type hardware) often adds random pauses, which may result in the user data splitting into two or more separate RF transmissions. This may cause problems especially in the systems including repeater stations.

In order to match the operation of the radio modem to the user data, the Pause length parameter can be adjusted on the programming menu. It may have any value between 3 and 255 characters. The default value is 3 characters.

Notes:

- The absolute time of Pause length is depending on the serial port settings. For example, 1 character is  $\sim 1.04$  ms at 9600 bps / 8N1 (10 bits).
- The maximum absolute time is always 170 ms independent from the value of the Pause length given in the set-up.
- An increase in the Pause length increases the round trip delay of the radio link correspondingly; this is due to the fact that the radio channel is occupied for the time of the Pause length after each transmission (the time it takes to detect a pause). If this is not acceptable, the TX delay setting may also be useful in special cases.

### 6.3.3 TX delay

The radio modem can be configured to delay the beginning of a radio transmission by 1...65000 ms. This function can be used to prevent packet contention in a system, where all substations would otherwise answer a poll of a base-station simultaneously. During this delay data sent to the radio modem is buffered. Although the priority setting is "RX", radio modem is prevented to change over to receiving mode during the period of the TX delay. If this function is not needed, the delay time should be set to 0 ms.

## 6.4 Testing

The radio modem can be switched to the *Test Mode*, where it will send a test packet on the radio channel. The test packet is a normal data transmission, which can be used, for example, when directing antennas during system installation.

When the test packet transmission has been switched on and saved by using the *Programming Mode*, the transmitting radio modem needs only a power supply and an antenna.

If the channel spacing of the radio modems is 25 kHz, it is recommended to use 38400 bps as a serial data speed of the receiving radio modem. In the case of 12.5 / 20 kHz channel spacing the data speed of 19200 bps is recommended.

There are two *Test Modes*:

### **Short data block test**

In this test mode the radio modem sends a short test string, which is preceded by a consecutive number, and it ends to the line feed character. The short data block is repeated continuously after 1 s break.

Short data block test is suitable for running data communication tests. Error-free reception of data can be monitored using a suitable terminal program.

### **Example of a short data blocks:**

```
00 This is a testline of SATELLINE-3AS radio modem
```

### **Long data block test**

Long data block consists of character strings, which are repeated without breaks 50 s time period. After 10 s break the test transmission is started again.

Long block data test can be used for measuring Tx output power, standing wave ratio (SWR) of the antenna system or received signal strength at Rx stations.

### **Example of a long data blocks:**

```
00 This is a long testline of SATELLINE-3AS radio modem
```

The strength of the received signal can be monitored using the LCD-display of the receiving radio modem.

**NOTE 1!** Green TD led indicates active test mode.

**NOTE 2!** Normal data transfer is not available while the Test mode is active. Remember to switch it OFF before starting the normal data transfer.

**NOTE 3!** Message Routing and FCS mode must be disabled prior to set ON the Test mode.

## 7 SETTINGS

The configuration of SATELLINE-EASy can be easily changed. Simply by connecting pin 12 of the D-connector to ground (GND) the radio modem will switch into *Programming Mode*. Serial **PORT 1** is used whenever the radio modem is in the *Programming Mode*. The serial port settings are 9600 bps, N, 8,1 (data transfer speed 9600 bps, no parity, character length 8 bits and one (1) stop bit).

SATELLINE-EASy contains push buttons and a LCD-display, which can be used to modify configuration settings without the help of an external terminal device. The radio modem will switch into *Programming Mode* by pressing the "SETUP"( ■ )button.

If the SL-command function has been activated active radio channel and addresses etc. can be changed without switching the radio modem into *Programming Mode*. Serial port settings will remain as those defined previously when the radio modem was in *Programming Mode*.

### 7.1 Programming Mode

The settings of SATELLINE-EASy are fully configurable in *Programming Mode* by using a suitable terminal program. The most recommendable set-up is NARS-1F-4A interface adapter, CRS-9 cable, a power supply and a terminal program such as or SaTerm. NARS-1F-4A contains a switch to enable easy shifting into the *Programming Mode*. SATEL Configuration Manager or other suitable terminal programs and cables may also be used.

The radio modem will shift into the *Programming Mode* by connecting the D-connector pin 12 to ground (GND). When using the NARS-1F-4A, this can be accomplished by moving the slide switch towards D-9.

In the *Programming Mode*, the radio modem is forced to use serial **PORT1**, with settings 9600 bps, N, 8,1 (data transfer speed 9600 bps, no parity, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit).

## 8 CHANGING PARAMETERS using a terminal device

### 8.1.1 Changing the settings

- Connect cables (RS-232 cable to PC COM-port, power supply cable to power supply).
- Switch on the PC and start the terminal program.
- Open a terminal window and then choose "Pr" (in case you are using some other terminal program, set the serial port parameters of the program as follows: 9600 bits/s, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit, which is always the default in *Programming Mode*).
- Connect PROG-pin to ground (if using the NARS-1F-4A adapter, slide the switch downwards), the radio modem shifts now into the *Programming Mode*. The screen should look similar to the one shown in the picture below.
- Make desired changes to the settings.
- Save changes by pressing "E" in the main menu. If you don't want to save changes, press "Q".
- Disconnect PROG-pin from ground (if using the NARS-1F-4A adapter, slide the switch upwards), the radio modem should now return to the *Data Transfer Mode*.

```
***** SATELLINE *****
FW: 06.16.x.xx / HW: SPL0005b / PV: 00.00 / IM: 05 / S/N: YYMMxxxx
-----
Current settings
-----
1) Radio frequency  TX: 438.0000 MHz / RX: 438.0000 MHz /
                    Ref freq: 438.0000 MHz / Spacing 25 kHz
2) Radio settings   Tx power 1000 mW / Signal threshold -115 dBm / FCS OFF /
                    TX start delay 0 ms / Compatibility Satel 3AS
3) Addressing       RX address OFF / TX address OFF /
                    RX address to RS port OFF / TX address autoswitch OFF
4) Serial port 1    ON / 9600 bit/s / 8 bit data / None parity /
                    1 stop bit
5) Serial port 2    OFF / 9600 bit/s / 8 bit data / None parity /
                    1 stop bit (RS-232)
6) Handshaking      CTS Clear to send / CD RSSI-threshold /
                    RTS Ignored / Pause length 3 bytes
7) Additional setup Error correction OFF / Error check OFF / Repeater OFF /
                    SL-commands OFF / Priority TX / Full CRC16 check OFF
8) Routing          OFF
9) Tests            OFF
A) Restore factory settings
B) INFO
E) EXIT and save settings
Q) QUIT without saving

Enter selection >
```

## 8.1.2 Restoring factory settings

The settings that the modem was delivered from the factory are called “factory settings”.

“Restore factory settings” selection is achieved by selecting “A” from the menu list.

Factory settings are restored by selecting “Y” (YES). By pressing “N” (NO) or any other button no changes is done and current settings will remain active. The modem will ask this question twice to make ensure that this is a valid command.

Enter selection >A	
	Restore factory settings ----- Do you want to restore factory settings? (Y/N)>

**PORT 1** of the radio modem is connected to a terminal device or a PC, which is in terminal emulation state. (This can be accomplished by using a suitable program such as the *SaTerm* program or the Windows™ Hyper Terminal program). Check the wiring of the serial port connection cable. Terminal device serial port settings must be set to 9600 bps, N, 8, 1 (data transfer speed 9600 bps, no parity, data length 8 bits and one (1) stop bit). MODE-pin (pin 12 of the D-connector of the radio modem) is then connected to ground (GND). Following this the radio modem will transmit the following message to the terminal (certain configuration settings might differ from the ones shown):

***** SATELLINE ***** FW: 06.16.x.xx / HW: SPL0005b / PV: 00.00 / IM: 05 / S/N: YYMMxxxx -----	
Current settings	
-----	
1) Radio frequency	TX: 438.0000 MHz / RX: 438.0000 MHz / Ref freq: 438.0000 MHz / Spacing 25 kHz
2) Radio settings	Tx power 1000 mW / Signal threshold -115 dBm / FCS OFF / TX start delay 0 ms / Compatibility Satel 3AS
3) Addressing	RX address OFF / TX address OFF / RX address to RS port OFF / TX address autoswitch OFF
4) Serial port 1	ON / 9600 bit/s / 8 bit data / None parity / 1 stop bit
5) Serial port 2	OFF / 9600 bit/s / 8 bit data / None parity / 1 stop bit (RS-232)
6) Handshaking	CTS Clear to send / CD RSSI-threshold / RTS Ignored / Pause length 3 bytes
7) Additional setup	Error correction OFF / Error check OFF / Repeater OFF / SL-commands OFF / Priority TX / Full CRC16 check OFF
8) Routing	OFF
9) Tests	OFF
A) Restore factory settings	
B) INFO	
E) EXIT and save settings	
Q) QUIT without saving	
Enter selection >	



### 8.1.3 Changing frequency (active radio channel frequency)

The frequency of the active radio channel, TX or RX or both at the same time, can be changed by selecting main menu selection "1". In the example below the TX frequency is changed from 468.52500 MHz to 468.50000 MHz

```
Enter selection >1
Radio frequency setup
-----
```

- 1) Radio frequency
- 2) Channel spacing

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >1
Radio TX and RX frequency setup
-----
```

- 1) TX and RX frequency
- 2) TX frequency                   468.52500 MHz
- 3) RX frequency                 437.00000 MHz
- 4) Reference frequency         438.00000 MHz

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2
Radio TX frequency setup
-----
```

```
TX frequency                 468.52500 MHz
RX frequency                 437.00000 MHz
Lower limit band 1         403.00000 MHz
Upper limit band 1         473.00000 MHz
Lower limit band 2         403.00000 MHz
Upper limit band 2         473.00000 MHz
Channel spacing             25 kHz
```

```
Enter new TX frequency (MHz) or ESC to cancel >468.500 Enter
Radio TX frequency setup
-----
```

```
TX frequency                 468.50000 MHz
RX frequency                 437.00000 MHz
Lower limit band 1         403.00000 MHz
Upper limit band 1         473.00000 MHz
Lower limit band 2         403.00000 MHz
Upper limit band 2         473.00000 MHz
Channel spacing             25 kHz
```

```
Enter new TX frequency (MHz) or ESC to cancel >
To get back to the main menu press ESC, ESC, ESC and then E for Exiting and saving.
```

Maximum adjustment range of the active radio channel frequency is in between "Lower limit band1/2" and "Upper limit band1/2", (default usable range is the full 70 MHz band). Because of possible deviations in each country and/or region concerning the authorised use of the frequency spectrum local authorities may limit this adjustment range. The frequency band limiting values are factory set and the user cannot change them.

#### NOTE !

Adjustment of the active radio channel of the radio modem to frequencies other than those allocated and/or allowed by local authorities is strictly forbidden. Use or intended use of forbidden frequencies may lead to prosecution and penalties. SATEL Oy is not responsible for any illegal use practiced with any devices manufactured and/or sold by SATEL Oy and is not liable to pay any damages or compensation caused by such illegal use.

### 8.1.4 Changing Reference frequency

The Reference frequency (also known as “Center frequency”) defines the starting point, which is used by the specific SL-command to calculate the channels **above** or **below** the Reference frequency. The calculation is based on the selected channel spacing. The Reference frequency must be in between the upper/lower band limits.

Number 1 is pressed in the Main menu.

```
Enter selection >1
Radio frequency setup
-----
```

- 1) Radio frequency
- 2) Channel spacing

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >1
Radio TX and RX frequency setup
-----
```

- 1) TX and RX frequency
- 2) TX frequency           468.50000 MHz
- 3) RX frequency           437.00000 MHz
- 4) Reference frequency    438.00000 MHz

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >4
Radio reference frequency setup
-----
```

```
Reference frequency 438.00000 MHz
Lower limit band 1  403.00000 MHz
Upper limit band 1  473.00000 MHz
Lower limit band 2  403.00000 MHz
Upper limit band 2  473.00000 MHz
```

```
Enter new frequency (MHz) or ESC to cancel >460.000 Enter
```

```
Reference frequency 460.00000 MHz
Lower limit band 1  403.00000 MHz
Upper limit band 1  473.00000 MHz
Lower limit band 2  403.00000 MHz
Upper limit band 2  473.00000 MHz
```

```
Enter new frequency (MHz) or ESC to cancel >
To get back to the main menu press ESC, ESC, ESC and then E for Exiting and saving.
```

### 8.1.5 Changing Channel spacing

The module can be set to different channel spacing. The values are: 12.5, 20 and 25 kHz.

```
Number 1 is pressed in the Main menu.
Radio frequency setup
-----
```

- 1) Radio frequency
- 2) Channel spacing    25 kHz

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2
```

```
Channel spacing
-----
```

- 1) 12,5 kHz
- 2) 20 kHz
- 3) 25 kHz

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu > 1
Channel spacing
-----
```

- 1) 12,5 kHz
- 2) 20 kHz
- 3) 25 kHz

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu > ESC
Radio frequency setup
-----
```

- 1) Radio frequency
- 2) Channel spacing 12,5 kHz

To get back to the main menu press ESC and then E for Exiting and saving.

### **8.1.6 Changing radio settings**

Radio settings which consist of transmitter output power and receiver sensitivity can be configured by selecting main menu selection "2". In the following example both the transmitter output power (1000 mW -> 200 mW) and the receiver sensitivity (-110 dBm->-90 dBm) are changed.

Number 2 is pressed in the Main menu.

```
Enter selection >2
Radio setup
-----
```

- 1) TX power 1000 mW
- 2) Signal threshold -115 dBm
- 3) TX start delay 0ms
- 4) Free Channel Scan RX Slave / OFF
- 5) Radio compatibility Satel 3AS

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >1
TX power setup
-----
```

- 1) 100 mW
- 2) 200 mW
- 3) 500 mW
- 4) 1000 mW

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2
Radio setup
-----
```

- 1) TX power 200 mW
- 2) Signal threshold -115 dBm
- 3) TX start delay 0ms
- 4) Free Channel Scan RX Slave / OFF
- 5) Radio compatibility Satel 3AS

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2
Signal threshold setup
-----
```

Signal threshold -115 dBm

```
Enter new value (80 - 118) or ESC to previous menu > -110 Enter
Signal threshold setup
-----
```

Signal threshold -110 dBm

```
Enter new value (80 - 118) or ESC to previous menu > -
```

To get back to the main menu press ESC (and then E for Exiting and saving).

The maximum useable sensitivity of the receiver is determined by the channel spacing (=radio interface data transfer speed) and also by error correction (utilised or not).

In environments with high levels of interference, and when connection distances are short, it is often beneficial to use a "Signal threshold level" value, which is approximately 10 – 20 dBm above the maximum sensitivity level. This will prevent unnecessary receive attempts caused by noise.

#### **NOTE !**

The setting of the transmitter output power of the radio modem to levels in contradiction with transmitter power levels regulated by local or other governmental authorities is strictly forbidden. Use or intended use of forbidden transmitter power levels may lead to prosecution and penalties. SATEL is not responsible for any illegal use practised with any devices manufactured and/or sold by SATEL and is not liable to pay any damages or compensation caused by such illegal use.

### **8.1.7 Free channel scan**

Free channel scan settings can be set by choosing the 2) Free channel scan from the menu. The options are as follows:

```
Enter selection >2
Radio setup
-----
1) TX power          100 mW
2) Signal threshold -110 dBm
3) TX start delay    0ms
4) Free Channel Scan RX Slave / OFF
5) Radio compatibility Satel 3AS

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >4
Free Channel Scan settings
-----
1) Free Channel Scan mode  OFF
2) Type of modem          RX Slave
3) FCS Net ID              0000
4) RX listen timeout       500 ms
5) Channel hop threshold -110 dBm
6) Beacon interval        1000 ms
7) Beacon disable timeout  0
8) Add new frequency to list
9) Show free scan frequency list
A) Clear frequency list

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >
```

The hardware information can be seen in the main menu

```
***** SATELLINE *****  
FW: 06.16.3.40e / HW: SPL0005c / PV: 00.02 / IM: 05 / S/N: 30032010
```

FW= Firmware HW=Hardware version PV=Product variant version IM=Interface module  
(Voltage range and interface type) S/N= serial number.

### **8.1.8 Changing addressing settings (primary and secondary RX- and TX-addresses)**

Addressing can be switched ON or OFF with the help of main menu selection "3". In the following example a primary RX-address (receiver address) is switched ON and the corresponding hexadecimal address value is modified ("0000" → "0020"). The current values of the parameters are displayed and changed in toggle-type fashion by selecting the appropriate parameter selection number from the list displayed. The next menu level will then enable the modification of the values (within allowed limits). Modification of all other primary and secondary transmitter and receiver addresses is done in similar way.

Number 3 is pressed in the Main menu.

```
Addressing setup  
Toggle ON/OFF values. Current value shown.
```

```
-----  
1) RX address                OFF  
2) TX address                OFF  
3) RX address to RS port     OFF  
4) Change primary RX address  
5) Change primary TX address  
6) Change secondary RX address  
7) Change secondary TX address  
8) TX address autoswitch     OFF
```

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >1  
Addressing setup  
Toggle ON/OFF values. Current value shown.
```

```
-----  
1) RX address                ON 0000/0000  
2) TX address                OFF  
3) RX address to RS port     OFF  
4) Change primary RX address  
5) Change primary TX address  
6) Change secondary RX address  
7) Change secondary TX address  
8) TX address autoswitch     OFF
```

```
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >4  
RX address setup  
-----  
RX address ON 0000/0000
```

```
Enter new address (HEX) or ESC to previous menu >0020 Enter  
RX address setup  
-----  
RX address ON 0020/0000
```

```
Enter new address (HEX) or ESC to previous menu >
```

The new value is displayed in the menu.

To get back to the main menu press ESC (and then E for Exiting and saving).

The address is given in hexadecimal format with four digits and the number of different addresses is thus over 65 000.

### **8.1.9 Changing serial port settings (Port 1 and Port 2)**

The settings of serial **PORT 1** can be modified by selecting main menu selection "4" and the settings of serial **PORT 2** by selecting "5". In the following example, PORT 1 will be switched to a non-active state and PORT 2 to active state, then the data transfer speed of PORT 2 is modified (9600 bit/s -> 19200 bit/s), followed by the modification of the number of data bits (8 -> 7), then the number of parity bits (NONE -> EVEN) and finally the number of stop bits is changed (1 -> 2).

Number 4 is pressed in the Main menu.

Serial port 1  
Settings

```
-----
1) Port status      ON
2) Data speed       9600 bit/s
3) Data bits        8 bit data
4) Parity bits      None parity
5) Stop bits        1 stop bit
```

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >1  
Serial ports 1 and 2 status setup

```
-----
1) P1 ON / P2 OFF
2) P1 OFF / P2 ON
3) P1 ON / BATT / LCD
4) P1 ON / BATT / NO LCD
```

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2  
Serial port 1  
Settings

```
-----
1) Port status      OFF
2) Data speed       9600 bit/s
3) Data bits        8 bit data
4) Parity bits      None parity
5) Stop bits        1 stop bit
```

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu > ESC

Back to Main menu

Number 5 is pressed in the Main menu.

Enter selection >5

Serial port 2  
Settings

```
-----
1) Port status      ON
2) Data speed       9600 bit/s
3) Data bits        8 bit data
4) Parity bits      None parity
5) Stop bits        1 stop bit
6) Interface level  RS-232
```

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2  
Serial port 2 data speed

- 
- 1) 300 bit/s
  - 2) 600 bit/s
  - 3) 1200 bit/s
  - 4) 2400 bit/s
  - 5) 4800 bit/s
  - 6) 9600 bit/s
  - 7) 19200 bit/s
  - 8) 38400 bit/s

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >7  
Serial port 2  
Settings

- 
- 1) Port status           ON
  - 2) Data speed           19200 bit/s
  - 3) Data bits            8 bit data
  - 4) Parity bits          None parity
  - 5) Stop bits            1 stop bit
  - 6) Interface level      RS-232

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >3  
Serial port 2 data bits

- 
- 1) 7 bit data
  - 2) 8 bit data
  - 3) 9 bit data

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >1  
Serial port 2  
Settings

- 
- 1) Port status           ON
  - 2) Data speed           19200 bit/s
  - 3) Data bits            7 bit data
  - 4) Parity bits          None parity
  - 5) Stop bits            1 stop bit
  - 6) Interface level      RS-232

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >4  
Serial port 2 parity bits

- 
- 1) None parity
  - 2) Even Parity
  - 3) Odd Parity

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2  
Serial port 2  
Settings

- 
- 1) Port status           ON
  - 2) Data speed           19200 bit/s
  - 3) Data bits            7 bit data
  - 4) Parity bits          Even parity
  - 5) Stop bits            1 stop bit
  - 6) Interface level      RS-232

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >5  
Serial port 2 stop bits

- 
- 1) 1 stop bit
  - 2) 2 stop bits

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2

Serial port 2  
Settings

```
-----
1) Port status      ON
2) Data speed      19200 bit/s
3) Data bits       7 bit data
4) Parity bits     Even parity
5) Stop bits       2 stop bits
6) Interface level RS-232
```

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >

To get back to the main menu press ESC (and then E for Exiting and saving).

Now all of the modifications of the example have been performed and the new values are displayed:

```
***** SATELLINE *****
FW: 06.16.3.40e / HW: SPL0005c / PV: 00.02 / IM: 05 / S/N: 30032010
-----
Current settings
-----
1) Radio frequency  TX: 468.50000 MHz / RX: 437.00000 MHz /
                    Ref freq: 460.00000 MHz / Spacing 12.5kHz
2) Radio settings   TX power 100 mW / Signal threshold -110 dBm / FCS OFF /
                    TX start delay 0ms / Compatibility Satel 3AS
3) Addressing       RX address ON 0020/0000 / TX address OFF /
                    RX address to RS port OFF / TX address autoswitch OFF
4) Serial port 1    OFF / 9600 bit/s / 8 bit data / None parity /
                    1 stop bit
5) Serial port 2    ON / 19200 bit/s / 7 bit data / Even parity /
                    2 stop bits ( RS-232 )
6) Handshaking      CTS Clear to send / CD RSSI-threshold /
                    RTS Ignored / Pause length 3 bytes
7) Additional setup Error correction OFF / Error check OFF / Repeater OFF /
                    SL-commands ON / Priority TX / Full CRC16 check OFF
8) Routing          OFF
9) Tests            OFF
A) Restore factory settings
B) Info
E) EXIT and save settings
Q) QUIT without saving
```

Enter selection >

Press E for Exiting and saving.

The settings of the serial port must be modified to correspond with the settings of the terminal device that is to be connected to the radio modem. Additionally, if the modem is supplied with RS-232/RS-422 Interface module (PWR- module) the interface level of Port 2 can be set either to be RS-232 or RS-422.

Note! If the modem is supplied with LVTT or TTL Interface module (PWR-module), Port 2 Interface level is fixed and can't be changed.



In the following example Port 2 RS-232 is changed to RS-422.

Number 5 is pressed in the Main menu.

Serial port 2  
Settings

```
-----
1) Port status      ON
2) Data speed       9600 bit/s
3) Data bits        8 bit data
4) Parity bits       None parity
5) Stop bits         1 stop bit
6) Interface level   RS-232
```

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >6

Serial port 2 Interface setup

```
-----
1) RS-232
2) RS-422
```

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2

Serial port 2  
Settings

```
-----
1) Port status      ON
2) Data speed       9600 bit/s
3) Data bits        8 bit data
4) Parity bits       None parity
5) Stop bits         1 stop bit
6) Interface level   RS-422
```

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >

To get back to the main menu press ESC (and then E for Exiting and saving).

When installing SATELLINE-EASy into SATEL-321, please see chapter "Prepare installation of SATELLINE-EASy into the SATEL-321 casing".

#### NOTE!

It should be noted that switching the radio modem into *Programming Mode* by connecting the MODE-pin (pin 12 of the D-connector) to ground (GND) will change the settings of serial **PORT 1** to "9600,8,N,1" automatically irrespective of the serial **PORT 1** DATA-mode settings.

## 8.1.10 Modification of handshaking functions

Handshaking related configuration settings can be modified by selecting the options from the main menu "6". In the following example characteristics of the CTS-line (CLEAR TO SEND → TX BUFFER STATE), CD-line (RSSI-THRESHOLD → DATA ON CHANNEL) and RTS-line (IGNORED → FLOW CONTROL) are changed.

Number 6 is pressed in the Main menu.

Serial ports 1 and 2 Handshaking

- 
- 1) CTS line property Clear to send
- 2) CD line property RSSI-threshold
- 3) RTS line property Ignored
- 4) Pause length 3 bytes

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >1

Select CTS line action property

- 
- 1) Clear to send
- 2) TX buffer state

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2

Serial ports 1 and 2 Handshaking

- 
- 1) CTS line property TX buffer state
- 2) CD line property RSSI-threshold
- 3) RTS line property Ignored
- 4) Pause length 3 bytes

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2

Select CD line action property

- 
- 1) RSSI-threshold
- 2) Data on channel
- 3) Always ON

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2

Serial ports 1 and 2 Handshaking

- 
- 1) CTS line property TX buffer state
- 2) CD line property Data on channel
- 3) RTS line property Ignored
- 4) Pause length 3 bytes

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >3

Select RTS line action property

- 
- 1) Ignored
- 2) Flow control
- 3) Reception Control

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >2

Serial ports 1 and 2 Handshaking

- 
- 1) CTS line property TX buffer state
- 2) CD line property Data on channel
- 3) RTS line property Flow control
- 4) Pause length 3 bytes

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >

To get back to the main menu press ESC (and then E for Exiting and saving).

Now all of the modifications of the example have been performed and the new values are displayed on the menu as follows:

```

***** SATELLINE *****
FW: 06.16.3.42 / HW: SPL0005b / PV: 00.04 / IM: 01 /
-----
Current settings
-----
1) Radio frequency    TX: 438.00000 MHz / RX: 450.00000 MHz /
                      Ref freq: 438.00000 MHz / Spacing 20kHz
2) Radio settings     TX power 1000 mW / Signal threshold -118 dBm / FCS OFF /
                      TX start delay 0ms / Compatibility Satel 3AS
3) Addressing         RX address OFF / TX address OFF /
                      RX address to RS port OFF / TX address autoswitch OFF
4) Serial port 1      OFF / 9600 bit/s / 8 bit data / None parity /
                      1 stop bit
5) Serial port 2      ON / 9600 bit/s / 8 bit data / None parity /
                      1 stop bit ( RS-232 )
6) Handshaking        CTS TX buffer state / CD Data on channel /
                      RTS Flow control / Pause length 3 bytes
7) Additional setup   Error correction OFF / Error check OFF / Repeater OFF /
                      SL-commands ON / Priority TX / Full CRC16 check OFF
8) Routing            OFF
9) Tests              OFF
A) Restore factory settings
B) Info
E) EXIT and save settings
Q) QUIT without saving

Enter selection >

```

### 8.1.11 Special functions

Special functions are modified by selecting from the main menu selection "7". The current values of the parameters are displayed and can be modified in toggle-type fashion by choosing the appropriate parameter selection number from the list displayed. The next menu level will then enable the modification of the values (within allowed limits).

```

Number 7 is pressed in the Main menu.
Additional setup
Toggle ON/OFF values. Current value shown.
-----
1) Error correction    OFF
2) Error check         OFF
3) Repeater           OFF
4) SL-commands        ON
5) Priority            TX
6) Full CRC16 check   OFF

Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >

```

### 8.1.12 Modification of routing

Configuration settings defining routing can be changed by selecting main menu selection "8".

Enter selection >8	
	<pre>Routing Setup ----- 1) Mode                OFF 2) Protocol 3) Address 4) Net id 5) Route list 6) Route add 7) Route delete 8) Delete all routes  Enter selection or ESC to previous menu &gt;1</pre>
	<pre>Routing mode setup ----- 1) Disabled 2) Source routing 3) Virtual routing  Enter selection or ESC to previous menu &gt;3</pre>
	<pre>Routing Setup ----- 1) Mode                Virtual routing 2) Protocol            Userdefined  01  01 3) Address             0009 4) Net id              testnet 5) Route list 6) Route add 7) Route delete 8) Delete all routes  Enter selection or ESC to previous menu &gt;2</pre>
	<pre>Protocol set-up ----- 1. Userdefined 2. IEC60870-5-101 3. RP570/571  Enter selection or ESC to previous menu &gt;1</pre>

<pre> User defined address position setup ----- 1) Start position      01 2) Length              01  Enter selection or ESC to previous menu &gt;1 </pre>	
	<pre> User defined address start position setup ----- Current value: 01  Enter new start position (0-16) &gt;02  User defined address start position setup ----- Current value: 02  Enter new start position (0-16) &gt;ESC </pre>
<pre> User defined address position setup ----- 1) Start position      02 2) Length              01  Enter selection or ESC to previous menu &gt;2 </pre>	
	<pre> User defined address length setup ----- Current value: 01  Enter new length (1-4) &gt;3  User defined address length setup ----- Current value: 03  Enter new length (1-4) &gt;ESC </pre>
<pre> User defined address position setup ----- 1) Start position      02 2) Length              03  Enter selection or ESC to previous menu &gt;ESC </pre>	

The display has now returned to the main menu of the routing settings and it can be seen that the routing mode (*Virtual Mode Routing*) as well as the protocol (USERDEFINED 02 03) have been modified.

Following this, a new address will be modified ("0009" → "0002") and a new Network ID is defined ("testnet" → "newname"):

<pre>Routing Setup ----- 1) Mode           Virtual routing 2) Protocol       Userdefined  02  03 3) Address        0009 4) Net id         testnet 5) Route list 6) Route add 7) Route delete 8) Delete all routes  Enter selection or ESC to previous menu &gt;3</pre>	
	<pre>Address setup ----- Current routing address 0009  Enter new address (HEX) or ESC to previous menu &gt;0002  Address setup ----- Current routing address 0002  Enter new address (HEX) or ESC to previous menu &gt;ESC</pre>
<pre>Routing Setup ----- 1) Mode           Virtual routing 2) Protocol       Userdefined  01  01 3) Address        0002 4) Net id         testnet 5) Route list 6) Route add 7) Route delete 8) Delete all routes  Enter selection or ESC to previous menu &gt;4</pre>	
	<pre>Net id ----- Net id current value: testnet  Enter net id (8 char) or ESC to previous menu &gt;newname  Net id ----- Net id current value: newname  Enter net id (8 char) or ESC to previous menu &gt;ESC</pre>

```
Routing Setup
-----
1) Mode           Virtual routing
2) Protocol       Userdefined  01  01
3) Address        0002
4) Net id         newname
5) Route list
6) Route add
7) Route delete
8) Delete all routes
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >ESC
```

Selection "5" will produce a list of the routes:

```
Route list
-----
xxx
xxx
xxx
Press any key to return >
```

Selection "6" enables the addition of a route:

```
Route add
-----
Enter destination address (HEX) >
```

Selection "7" enables the removal of a route:

```
Route delete
-----
Enter destination address (HEX) >
```

Selection "8" enables erasure of ALL routing information simultaneously. The menu will then display the following text:

```
Routing Set-up
-----
1) Mode           Virtual routing
2) Protocol       Userdefined  02  03
3) Address        0009
4) Net id         testnet
5) Route list
6) Route add
7) Route delete
8) Delete all routes
Enter selection or ESC to previous menu >8

Do you really want to delete all routes?
Press Y key to delete or ESC to cancel >
```

### 8.1.13 Activating tests

Tests can be activated by selecting main menu selection "9". Tests are activated by setting the status of the desired test to "ON" and will remain active until the value of the selection in the menu is returned to the value "OFF".

```
Enter selection >9
Tests setup
-----
1) Short block test      OFF
2) Long block test      OFF
```

NOTE! Message Routing and FCS mode must be disabled in prior to set ON the Test mode.

### 8.1.14 Restoring factory settings

The settings that the modem was delivered from the factory are called "factory settings". Selecting main menu selection "A" can restore factory settings.

```
Enter selection >A
Restore factory settings
-----
Do you want to restore factory settings? (Y/N)>
```

Restoring is confirmed by pressing "Y" (Y=YES) or cancelled by pressing "N" (N=NO). Also the pressing of "ESC" button at any point in the procedure will return the display to the previous (next higher) menu level without restoring factory settings.

### 8.1.15 Info

The Info display shows all the functionality of the modem.

Device = Modem type. Serial number= yyyymmddxxx. FW version= xx.xx.xx.xx.  
Board version= Main board version SPLxxxxn. Module version= Voltage range,  
Port 2 interface. Tuning range= Total tuning range.

```
Enter selection >b
Info menu
-----
Device:          SATELLINE EASy
Serial number:   10042010444
FW version:      06.16.3.42
Board version:   SPL0005b
Module version:  Voltage: 6-30V, PORT2:RS232/422/OFF
Tuning range:    403.00000 - 470.00000 MHz

Press any key to return >
```



### 8.1.16 **Saving modified settings into the permanent memory**

All modified settings must be saved into the permanent non-volatile memory of the radio modem before switching out of the *Programming Mode*. Selecting the main menu selection “E” automatically saves the settings:

```
Enter selection >E
```

```
Configuration saved!  
Please turn off program mode switch!
```

NOTE! To switch the radio modem back into *Data Transfer Mode* the MODE-pin of the D-connector (D15 pin 12) must be disconnected from ground (GND).

### 8.1.17 **Updating Firmware**

The Firmware of SATELLINE-EASy is stored in a flash memory. It can be updated by SaTerm terminal program or SATEL Configuration Manager.

## 9 CHANGING PARAMETERS using the LCD-display

SATELLINE-EASy contains an LCD-display that shows the valid functions and allows modification of the settings.

On standby mode the LCD-display will shortly display the basic information which is revolving automatically in **5 seconds**. The following settings are shown: TX and RX frequencies, Compatibility, TX Power and Channel Spacing, Reference frequency and Com Port 1.

The radio modems configuration settings can be done without the use of an external terminal device. This is especially convenient when modifying or re-installing radio modems in the field. The radio modem is switched into *Programming Mode* by pressing the "SET-UP-button (■)".

The main menu is used to select the desired submenus, and the modifications are performed using these submenus. It is possible to jump back at any time to the previous (higher) level in the menu hierarchy by just pressing the "CANCEL"-button (or in some cases the "BACK"-button). Pressing the ▲ or ▼ button modifies parameters with numerical values consisting of digits. Use until the said digit (with the cursor blinking under it) has reached the desired value. In the case of numerical values the "NEXT"-button is used to move on to the next digit in the numerical value and then the above described process is used to modify it. The process is repeated until all digits in the value have been edited. Toggle-type parameters (typically with ON/OFF choices modifications have to be confirmed by pressing the "SELECT"- or "SET"-button.

This is the display in *Data Transfer Mode*.

TX and RX frequencies are set to 468.525.000 MHz.

Compatibility is Satel 3AS.

TX power is 1000mW.

Channel spacing is 25 kHz.

Reference frequency is 438.000.000 MHz. Serial **PORT 1** settings are 19200, N, 8, 1.

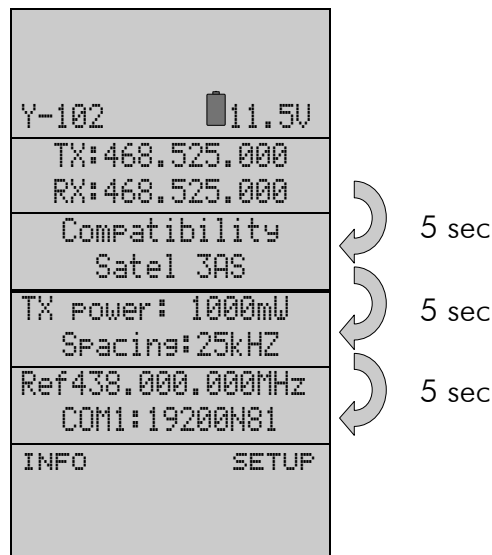
Signal strength info is displayed on the upper left-hand corner:

- RSSI value Y-102 (here -102 dBm)

of the last received message or

- current noise level e.g. N-115

Battery level respectively on the upper right corner.



After pressing the "SET-UP"-button the display will show the main menu, which is a list of modifiable parameters. Pressing the ▲▼ buttons the cursor moves upwards and downwards. When the cursor > is placed beside the desired selection, entry into sub-menu is done by pressing the SELECT-button.

```
>Radio frequency
Radio settings
Addressing
Port 1
Port 2
Handshaking
Additional
Tests
Factory setup
LCD-Contrast

EXIT ▲▼SELECT
```

### 9.1.1 Changing frequency (frequency of the active TX/RX radio channel)

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to "Radio frequency" –selection and press "Select" to move onto the next submenu.

```
>Radio frequency
Radio settings
Addressing
Port 1
Port 2
Handshaking
Additional
Tests
Factory setup
Contrast

EXIT ▲▼ SELECT
```

TX & RX freq: changes **both** TX and RX frequencies at the same time.  
TX freq: changes **only** the TX frequency.  
RX freq: changes **only** the RX frequency.  
Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points at the correct selection and Press "CHANGE" if the frequency is to be modified.

```
>TX & RX freq
TX freq
RX freq
Reference freq
Ch Spacing

BACK ▲▼ CHANGE
```

#### TX & RX freq selected

The frequency Band 1 limits will be shown. Press ▼ and to get the Band 2 limits. Press "Set" to activate the change frequency window.

```
Band 1 limits
Lo 403.000.000
Hi 473.000.000

CANCEL ▲▼ SET
```

The cursor > will now blink under the first digit of the value indicating the (this first digit cannot be edited). To move onto the next digit, press "Next".

Press ▲ or ▼ until the said digit has reached the desired value. Press "NEXT" to move on to the next digit and repeat the above-described steps.

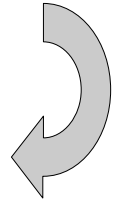
Previous steps are repeated four (4) times.

Press ▲ ▼, until the last changeable digit has the desired value and confirm changes by pressing "Set". The following information will be displayed for a few seconds.

**Ch accepted**  
**468.52500 MHz**

The radio modem will acknowledge changes if they are between band limits. The display will return automatically to display the main menu (if the entered frequency is not acceptable an error message will be displayed).

```
New common freq
468.52500 MHz
▲
CANCEL ▲ ▼ NEXT
```

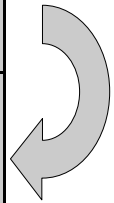


:

:

```
CF 468.5000 MHz
>468.2000 MHz
▲
CANCEL ▲ ▼ SET

Ch accepted
>468.2000 MHz
```



## CHECKING/CHANGING THE REFERENCE FREQUENCY

Press SETUP, set cursor at the Radio frequency and press Select.

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor points at "Reference freq" selection and press "Change".

```
>Radio frequency
Radio settings
Addressing
Port 1
Port 2
Handshaking
Additional
Tests
Factory setup
Contrast
EXIT ▲ ▼ SELECT
```



```
TX & RX freq
TX freq
RX freq
> Reference freq
Ch Spacing
Back ▼ Change
```



Band 1 limits are shown.

By pressing ▼ again the display will show **Band 2** limits (these values cannot be changed).

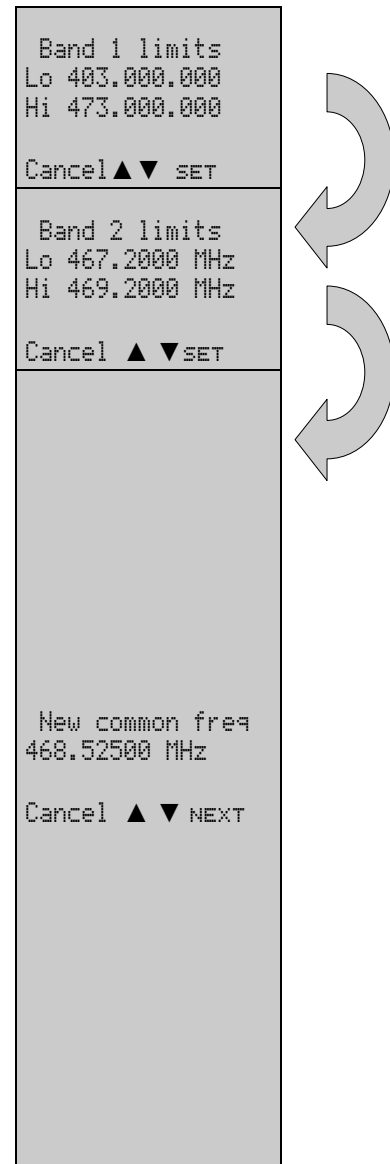
To activate Reference frequency window, press Set.

The display will now show  
New Ref freq  
438.00000 MHz  
⏏

**The cursor** > will now blink under the first digit of the value indicating the (this first digit cannot be edited). To move onto the next digit, press "**Next**". Previous steps are repeated four (4) times. Press ▲ or ▼, until the last changeable digit has the desired value and confirm changes by pressing "Set". The following information will be displayed for a few seconds.

**Ch accepted**  
**468.52500 MHz**

The radio modem will acknowledge changes if they are between band limits. The display will return automatically to display the main menu (if the entered frequency is not acceptable an error message will be displayed).



## 9.1.2 Changing radio settings (transmitter power and receiver sensitivity)

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to "Radio settings" selection and press "Select" to move on to the submenu.

```
Radio frequency
>Radio settings
Addressing
Port 1
Port 2
Handshaking
Additional
Tests
Factory setup
LCD-Contrast

EXIT ▲ ▼ SELECT
```

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the setting to be modified and press "Change".

```
>TX level
Sig.
Threshold
TX start
delay
Compatibility

BACK ▼ CHANGE
```

### MODIFYING TRANSMITTER OUTPUT POWER:

The displayed list consists off all possible values of transmitter output power. Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired value and press "SET".

**NOTE:** The starting position of the cursor indicates the previously set value.

```
100mW
200mW
500mW
>1000mW

CANCEL ▼ SET
```

### MODIFYING RECEIVER SENSITIVITY:

The displayed list consists off all possible values of receiver sensitivity. Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired value and press "SET".

**NOTE:** The starting position of the cursor indicates the previously set value.

```
min
-116 dBm
> -115 dBm
-114 dBm .
.
-81 dBm
-80 dBm
max

CANCEL ▲ ▼ SET
```

### MODIFYING THE TRANSMIT START DELAY:

The display will show the current value of the delay. Press "Change" to modify the value.

```
TX start delay
current value:
0 ms

CANCEL ▲ ▼ CHANGE
```

Press ▲ or ▼ until the first digit of the value has reached the desired value and then press "NEXT" to move on to the next digit.

```
TX start delay
>00000 ms
▲

CANCEL ▲ ▼ NEXT
```

Repeat the above described five (5) times.

:

Press ▲ or ▼ until the last changeable digit has the desired value and finally confirm changes by pressing "SET".

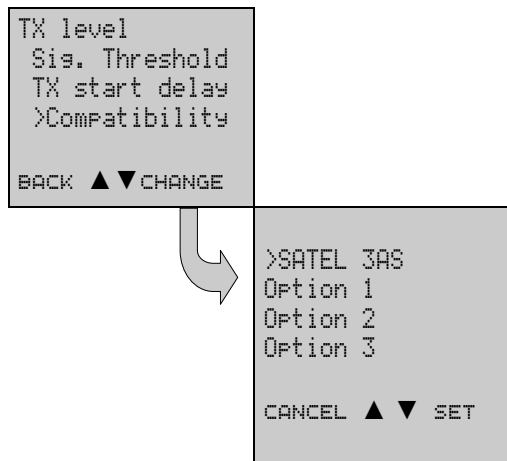
```
TX start delay
>01234 ms
▲

CANCEL ▲ ▼ SET
```

#### MODIFYING THE COMPATIBILITY:

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the setting to be modified and press "Change".

The display will show the current value. Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired value and press "SET".



### 9.1.3 Changing addressing

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to "Addressing" selection and press "SET-UP" to move on to the submenu.

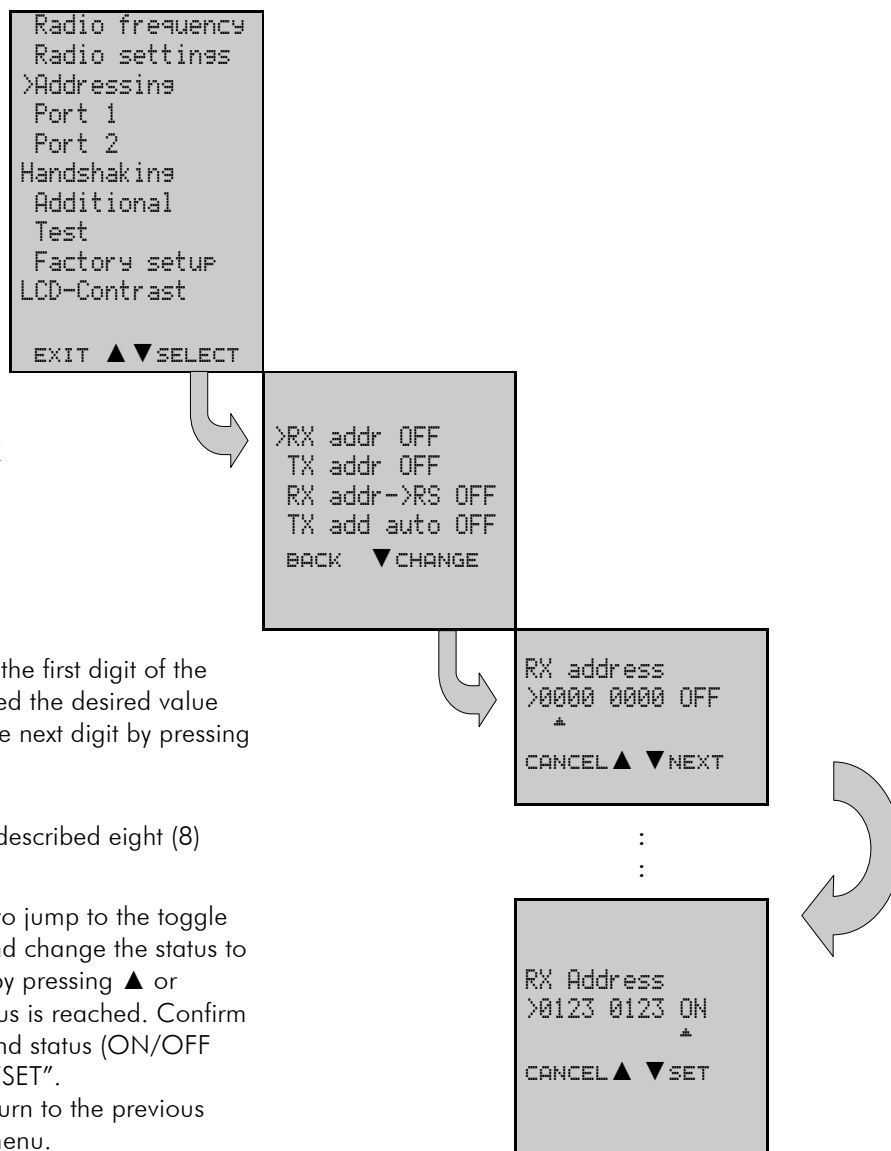
Select the desired submenu (RX or TX address) by pressing ▲ or ▼ and finally press "Change".

Press ▲ or ▼ until the first digit of the address has reached the desired value and move on to the next digit by pressing "NEXT".

Repeat the above described eight (8) times.

Press NEXT again to jump to the toggle field (ON/OFF) and change the status to the desired value by pressing ▲ or ▼ until correct status is reached. Confirm the new address and status (ON/OFF state) by pressing "SET". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.

**NOTE:** Both RX and TX address modifications are done in the same way as described above.



### 9.1.4 Changing serial port settings (Port 1 and Port 2)

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired port (in this example to **Port 1**) and move on to the submenu by pressing "SELECT".

```
Radio frequency
Radio settings
Addressing
>Port 1
Port 2
Handshaking
Additional
Tests
Factory setup
LCD-Contrast
EXIT ▲▼SELECT
```

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the setting to be modified and then press "CHANGE".

```
>ON
19200 bit/s
8 bit data
None parity
1 stop bit
BACK▲▼CHANGE
```

#### MODIFICATION OF PORT STATUS:

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired port status. Confirm selection by pressing "SET". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.

**NOTICE:** The starting position of the cursor indicates the previously set value.

```
>P1 ON / P2 OFF
P1 OFF / P2 ON
CANCEL▲▼SET
```

#### MODIFICATION OF DATA TRANSFER SPEED:

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired data transfer speed value (X bit/s). Confirm the selection by pressing "SET". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.

**NOTE:** The starting position of the cursor indicates the previously set value.

```
300 bit/s
600 bit/s
1200 bit/s
2400 bit/s
4800 bit/s
9600 bit/s
>19200 bit/s
38400 bit/s
CANCEL▲▼SET
```

#### MODIFICATION OF THE NUMBER OF DATA BITS:

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired number of data bits (7 or 8 or 9 bit data length). Confirm the selection by pressing "SET". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.

**NOTE:** The starting position of the cursor indicates the previously set value.

```
7 bit data
>8 bit data
9 bit data
CANCEL▲▼SET
```

#### MODIFICATION OF PARITY BITS:

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired parity bit status. Confirm the selection by pressing "SET". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.

**NOTE 1:** The starting position of the cursor indicates the previously set value.

**NOTE 2:** If the number of data bits is set to 9, the value of parity bits must be set to NONE (no parity).

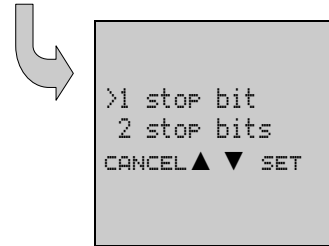
```
>None parity
Even parity
Odd parity
CANCEL▲▼SET
```



#### MODIFICATION OF THE NUMBER OF STOP BITS:

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired number of STOP bits. Confirm selection by pressing "SET". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.

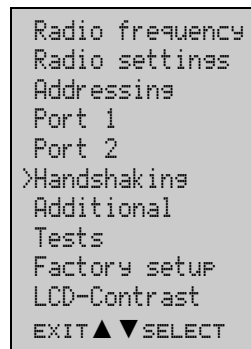
**NOTE:** The starting position of the cursor indicates the previously set value.



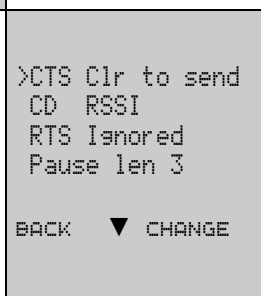
**NOTE:** Port 2 settings are modified correspondingly.

### 9.1.5 Modification of handshaking functions

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to "Handshaking" selection and move on to the submenu by pressing "SELECT".

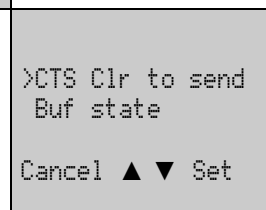


There are three (3) submenus relating to handshaking parameters. Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired submenu selection and press "CHANGE".



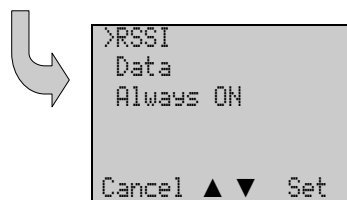
#### DEFINING CTS-LINE FUNCTIONS:

Press ▲ or ▼ until the desired function is indicated by the cursor > and confirm selection by pressing "SET". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.



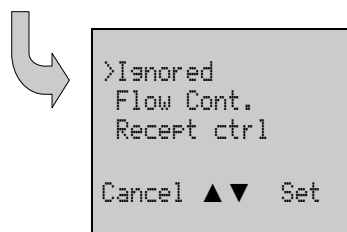
#### DEFINING CD-LINE FUNCTION:

Press ▲ or ▼ until the desired function is indicated by the cursor > and confirm selection by pressing "SET". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.



#### DEFINING RTS-LINE STATUS:

Press ▲ or ▼ until the desired function is indicated by the cursor > and confirm selection by pressing "SET". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.



### 9.1.6 Selecting special functions

Press ▲▼ until the cursor > points to "Additional" selection and press ▲ or ▼ "SELECT" to move on to the submenu.

```
Radio frequency
Radio settings
Addressing
Port 1
Port 2
Handshaking
>Additional
Test
Factory setup
LCD-Contrast
EXIT ▲▼ SELECT
```

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the setting to be modified. Press "CHANGE" to toggle the status of the said parameter from "ON" to "OFF" and vice versa. Press "CHANGE" until the parameter has the desired status. Repeat for all special functions to be modified and finally confirm all changes by pressing "BACK". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.

```
>Error corr. OFF
Error check OFF
Repeater OFF
SL-commands OFF
Priority TX
Full CRC16 OFF
```

BACK ▲▼ CHANGE

### 9.1.7 Activating tests

Press ▲ or ▼ until cursor > points to "Tests" selection and press "SELECT" to move on to the submenu.

```
Radio frequency
Radio settings
Addressing
Port 1
Port 2
Handshaking
Additional
>Tests
Factory set-up
LCD-Contrast
EXIT ▲▼ SELECT
```

Press ▲ or ▼ until cursor > points to the test that is to be initiated. Press "CHANGE" to toggle the status of the selected test from "ON" to "OFF" and vice versa. After the tests have been set to desired states confirm all changes by pressing "BACK". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu. When the tests have been switched ON the TD led is green. Test signal will be activated by pressing BACK and saving the setting.

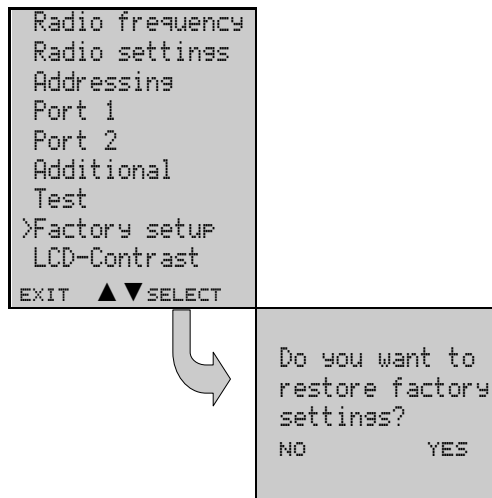
```
>Short Block OFF
Long Block OFF
```

BACK ▲▼ CHANGE

### 9.1.8 Restoring factory settings

Press ▲ or ▼ to move cursor > to point to "Factory set-up" selection and press "SELECT" to move on to the submenu.

Press "YES" and all radio modem configuration settings will return to factory settings (which are the ones that the modem was delivered).



### 9.1.9 Adjusting the contrast of the LCD-display

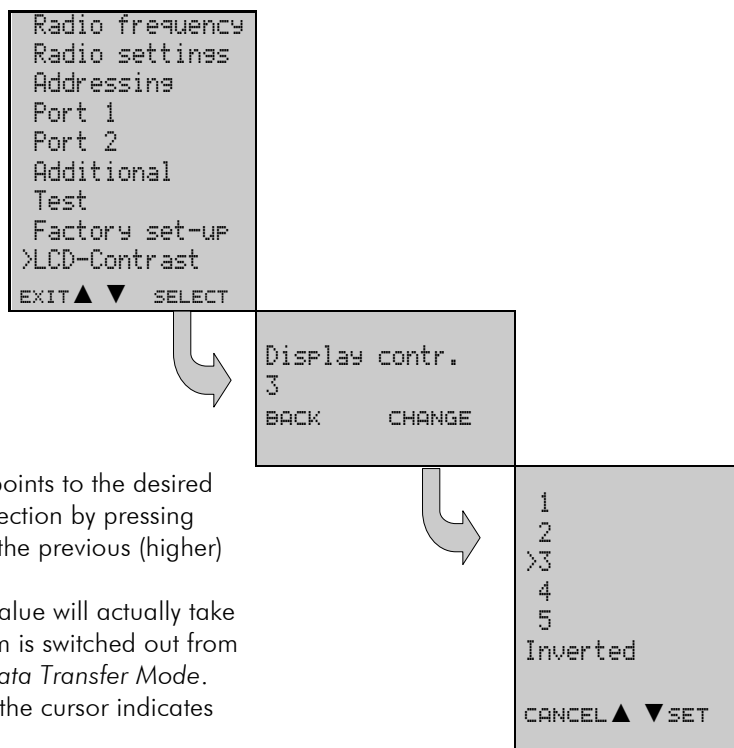
Press ▲ or ▼ to move the cursor > to point to "Contrast" selection and press "Select" to move on to the submenu.

The display will show the current value of contrast. To modify contrast setting press "Change".

Press ▲ or ▼ until the cursor > points to the desired contrast level value. Confirm selection by pressing "SET". The display will return to the previous (higher) level submenu.

**NOTE:** The modified contrast value will actually take effect only after the radio modem is switched out from *Programming Mode* back into *Data Transfer Mode*.

**NOTE:** The starting position of the cursor indicates the previously set value.



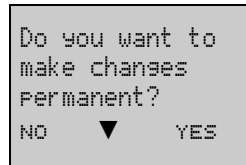
### 9.1.10 Saving modified values into the internal memory

After all desired modifications have been performed; they have to be saved in order to make them permanent (until next modification). This is accomplished by choosing selection "EXIT"

from the main menu. The display will then show a message (see below) asking a confirmation of the performed modifications.

**By choosing "YES" all modifications are saved into the non-volatile memory inside the radio modem.** By choosing "NO" all modification performed are cancelled and previous settings remaining in the non-volatile memory.

Press "YES" to save all modifications into the non-volatile memory and "NO", if modifications are to be cancelled.



## 9.2 Changing parameters using the SL-COMMANDS

The controlling terminal device can change the configuration settings of a radio modem. This is accomplished with the help of SL-commands, which can be used during data transfer. SL-commands can be used to change e.g. the frequency or addresses. It is also possible to interrogate a radio modem in order to gain information concerning current settings that are in use. The terminal device is either a PC or a programmable logic (PLC) together with suitable (terminal) program. SL-commands must be enabled using *Programming Mode* before they can be used.

An SL-command is a one continuous string of characters, which is separated from other data by pauses that are equal or greater than time defined by Pause length parameter in the set-up. No extra characters are allowed at the end of an SL-command. Serial interface settings are the same as in data transfer and pin 12 of the serial connector **MUST NOT** be connected to ground (GND). SL-command is properly recognised also in the case when the command string is terminated in <CR> (=ASCII character no. 13, Carriage Return, 0x0d) or <CR><LF> (<LF> = ASCII char. no. 10, Line Feed, 0x0a). If multiple SL commands are sent to the radio modem the next command can be given after receiving the response ("Ok" or "Error") of the proceeding command. In addition, it is recommended to implement a timeout to the terminal software for recovering the case when no response is received from the radio modem.

When the power of a radio modem is switched off the configuration settings of a radio modem always return to values defined initially using the *Programming Mode*, thus resetting any settings changed using SL-commands during power on. It is however possible to save settings changed by using SL-commands and to make them the new configuration settings.

The radio modem will acknowledge all commands by returning an "OK" (command carried out or accepted) or the requested value, or an "ERROR" (command not carried out or interpreted as erroneous) message.

In case you need more information on the time delays related to the use of SL-commands, please contact the manufacturer.

In order to get information of the latest and/or special SL-commands please contact SATEL Oy.

## 9.2.1 Frequency

Command	Effect and description of command
SL&FR=nnn.nnnnn	Set RX-frequency to nnn.nnnnn MHz
SL&FT=nnn.nnnnn	Set TX-frequency to nnn.nnnnn MHz
SL&F=nnn.nnnnn	Set both RX&TX-frequency to same nnn.nnnnn MHz
SL&FR?	Get RX- frequency (response 'nnn.nnnnn MHz')
SL&FT?	Get TX- frequency (response 'nnn.nnnnn MHz')
SL&F?	Get RX&TX- frequencies (response TX nnn.nnnnn MHz, RX nnn.nnnnn MHz)
SL&C?	Get Reference (Center) frequency (response 'nnn.nnnnn MHz')
SL&C=nnn.nnnn	Set Reference (Center) frequency to nnn.nnnn MHz
SL&+=nn	Set RX&TX- frequency nn channels above reference frequency Frequency = Reference frequency + nn * Channel spacing, where nn=[0...Number of channels/2]
SL&- =nn	Set RX&TX- frequency nn channels below reference frequency Frequency = Reference frequency – nn * Channel spacing, where nn=[0...Number of channels/2]
SL&N?	Get current RX&TX- frequency deviation from reference frequency as channels (Frequency – Center frequency)/Channel spacing (response '+nn' or '-nn')
SL&W?	Get channel spacing (response 'nn.n kHz')
SL&D=x	Set operational mode of the radio. The different values of x are: "S" = Single Channel "D" = Dual Channel "R" = Reverse Dual Channel <b>Note!</b> Use this command only, if the setup of the frequency bands matches the Dual Channel operation.
SL&D?	Get operational mode of the radio. The response is one of the following: "S" = Single Channel "D" = Dual Channel "R" = Reverse Dual Channel <b>Note!</b> Use this command only, if the setup of the frequency bands matches the Dual Channel operation.

## 9.2.2 Addressing

xxxx = address in hexadecimal format (0000 ... FFFF)

Command	Effect and description of command
SL#l=xxxx	Set all addresses (RX1, RX2, TX1, TX2) to value xxxx
SL#l?	Get both primary addresses (TX1, RX1) (response 'xxxx;yyyy')
SL#T=xxxx	Set both transmit addresses (TX1, TX2) to value xxxx
SL#T?	Get primary transmit address (TX1) (response 'xxxx')
SL#R=xxxx	Set both receive addresses (RX1, RX2) to value xxxx
SL#R?	Get primary receive address (RX1) (response 'xxxx')

SL#Q=x	Set TX address on x=1, off x=0
SL#Q?	Get status of the TX address (response '1' on, response '0' off)
SL#W=x	Set RX address on x=1, off x=0
SL#W?	Get status of the RX address (response '1' on, response '0' off)
SL#P=xxxx;yyyy	Set primary transmit address (TX1) to value xxxx and receive address (RX1) to value yyyy
SL#S=xxxx;yyyy	Set secondary transmit address (TX2) to value xxxx and receive address (RX2) to value yyyy
SL#P?	Get primary transmit address (TX1) and receive address (RX1) (response 'xxxx;yyyy')
SL#S?	Get secondary transmit address (TX2) and receive address (RX2) (response 'xxxx;yyyy')
SL#A=xxxx,yyyy, wwwwww,zzzz	Set addresses to values TX1=xxxx TX2=yyyy RX1=wwwww RX2=zzzz
SL#A?	Get all addresses (response 'xxxx, yyyy, wwwwww, zzzz')

### 9.2.3 Radio parameters

Command	Effect and description of command
SL@R?	Get field strength of the last received message (the value is an average of many measurements made during the same reception). Response "-xx dBm", where xx is a decimal value of the field strength and it is between -80 dBm and -118 dBm. Value available 7s after reception. SATELLINE-3AS Epic returns the stronger value of two receivers.
SL@P=xxxxx	Set RF output power, where xxxxx is the decimal value of the intended power in mW. If the given value does not correspond to one of the programmed power levels, the output power is set to the nearest possible value.
SL@P?	Get RF output power. Response "xxxxx mW", where xxxxx is a decimal value the output power of the transmitter.
SL@T=-xxx	Set minimum power level of the signal to be received (= "Signal Threshold level"), where xxx is a decimal value of the new intended level in dBm.
SL@T?	Get current "Signal Threshold Level". Response is "-xxx dBm".
SL@D=x	Set TX delay. Value x = 0...65535 ms
SL@D?	Get TX delay value. Response 'x ms'
SL@F?	Get current noise level on the radio channel. Response "-xxx dBm".

### 9.2.4 Other functions

Command	Effect and description of command
SL**>	Set current settings as permanent settings. This command must be used only seldom and under controlled conditions in order to avoid the corruption of the settings, which may happen in case the power supply fails in the middle of the memory save procedure.
SL%V?	Get Firmware revision information (response 'Vn.nn')
SL%D?	Get modem type
SL%S?	Get modem serial number (response 'nnnnnnnnnn' or 'No Serial nr')
SL%C?	Get specified information field. If not specified the response is 'No version id'.

	For more information please contact SATEL Oy.
SL%P=1	Activate <i>Programming</i> mode without the use of PROG pin. Note that the serial port data speed remains the same as in the data transfer mode.
SL%B?	Get serial data parameters, response is a,b,c,d where a= "38400", "19200", "9600", "4800", "2400" or "1200" (defines the baud rate) b= "8", "7" or "9" (defines the character length) c= "N", "E" or "O" (defines the parity) d= "1" or "2" (defines the number of stop bits)
SL%B=a,b,c,d	Set serial data parameters for data ports, where a= "38400", "19200", "9600", "4800", "2400" or "1200" (defines the baud rate) b= "8", "7" or "9" (defines the character length) c= "N", "E" or "O" (defines the parity) d= "1" or "2" (defines the number of stop bits) Response is "OK" at the original baud rate.
SL+P=xx	Get measured signal strength from the remote modem i.e. SL "ping". If a remote radio modem is pinged the response is "OK, Modem xxxx rssi -80 dBm", where xxxx=RX1/RX2 address (in case the Tx/Rx addressing is configured) or the terminal address of the modem ( in case the Message Routing is ON). "OK" is first received from the current radio modem to acknowledge that the SL-ping command has been interpreted correctly. The rest of the response will take a little longer to come, depending on the length of the radio link. The remote radio modem that is to be pinged does not need to have SL-commands ON. The value of the RSSI is between -118 and -80 dBm. If the signal strength is better than -80 dBm, -80 dBm is shown. If the current radio modem is pinged, the response is "Local OK". Please note that the SL-ping message will come out from the serial line of the radio modem that is pinged and also the repeater stations using the Tx/Rx addressing. Note, SL-ping is a very short message so it may not give accurate results from the link condition. Even if the responses are good, channel interference may cause problems with longer data messages.

## 10 REPEATER MODE AND ADDRESSING

Repeaters and addressing may be used to extend the coverage area of a radio modem network, and to direct messages to selected radio modems in the network. In large systems, with several repeaters and formed repeater chains, it is often practical to use routing instead of plain addresses.

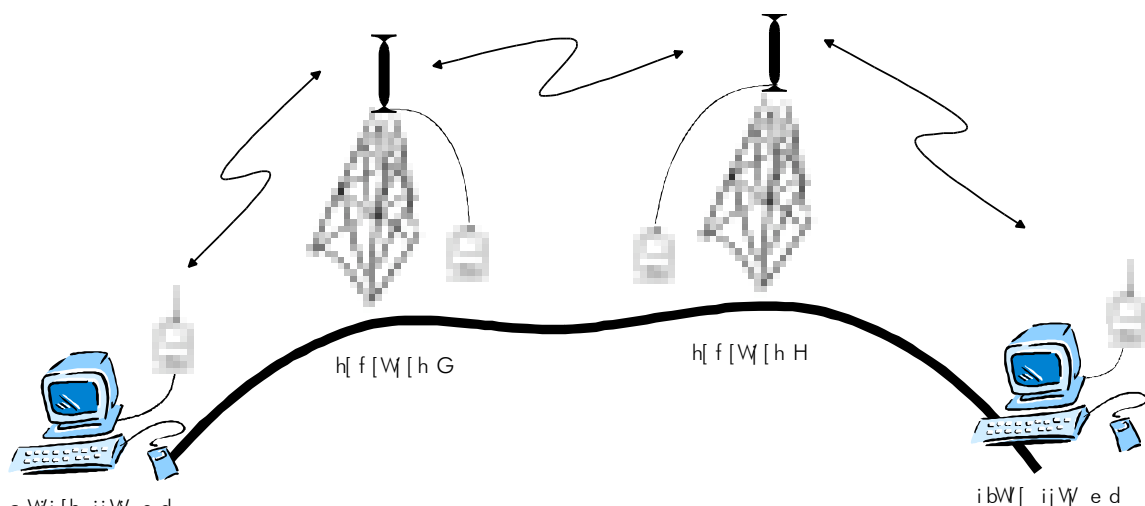
### 10.1 Repeater

In circumstances where it is necessary to extend the coverage area of a radio modem network, SATELLINE-EASy can be used as repeater stations.

The maximum size of a repeated data packet is 1 kB (kilobyte). The *Repeater Function* is switched on using the *Programming Mode*. In the repeater mode the radio modem will function as a totally independent unit, which means that only a power supply and a suitable antenna are needed. Other devices are not necessary.

A radio modem acting as a repeater can also be used to receive and transmit data. In repeater mode the radio modem will transmit the received data to the serial interface in a normal fashion. The difference being that the received data will be buffered into the buffer memory. After reception the radio modem will re-transmit the buffered data using the same radio channel as in reception. Data received through the serial interface a radio modem in repeater mode will transmit normally.

The same network may include several repeaters, which operate under the same base station. Repeaters may also be chained; in which case a message is transmitted through several repeaters. In systems with more than one serially or parallelly chained repeater, addressing or routing protocol must be used to prevent a message ending up in a loop formed by repeaters, and to ensure that the message finally reaches only the intended radio modem.





## 10.2 Addressing

Addresses can be used to route a data message to the desired destination or to separate two parallel networks from each other. In networks with repeaters it is usually necessary to use addresses to prevent data messages from ending up in loops formed by repeaters. In case of setting the "Message Routing" function in use, Tx / Rx addresses are ignored by the modem.

SATELLINE-EASy allows the use of individual addresses both for reception and transmission. Addresses can be switched on separately, or simultaneously, in both data transfer directions.

The radio modem contains two transmission and two reception addresses, which are known as the primary address and secondary address. The primary address is used whenever data from the serial interface is transmitted. At the receiving end, the radio modem will receive using either of the two receive addresses.

**Secondary transmit address is only used in repeater applications.**

Radio modems configured to function as repeaters, will repeat data messages using either the primary or secondary address, depending upon which address was used during the reception of the data message.

**If only one address pair is needed in a network, both addresses must be set the same (TX1 = TX2 and RX1 = RX2).**

It is also possible to transfer the received address onto the serial interface.

The address is composed of two characters totalling 16 bits, resulting in over 65,000 different address combinations. The address is attached to the beginning of each data packet sent by the radio modem. When a radio modem receives a data packet whilst using addressing mode, the radio modem will check the first two characters of each received data packet to ensure that the packet in question was intended for the correct radio modem.

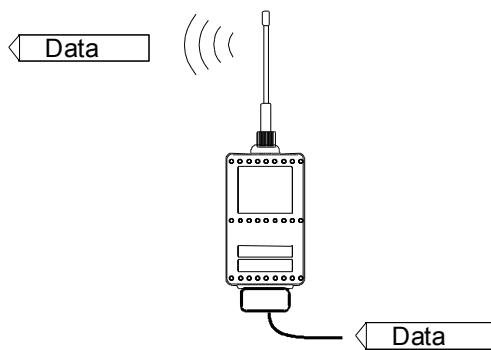
ADD H	ADD L	DATA
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Address may be selected between 0000h...FFFFh (h = hexadecimal, corresponding decimal numbers are 0-65535).

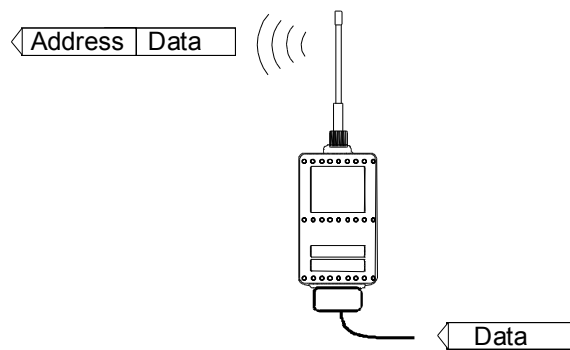
**Example:** address 1234h (4660 in decimal format), where 12h is ADD H and 34h is ADD L.

**Example:** address ABFFh (44031 in decimal format), where ABh is ADD H and FFh is ADD L.

## Transmission:

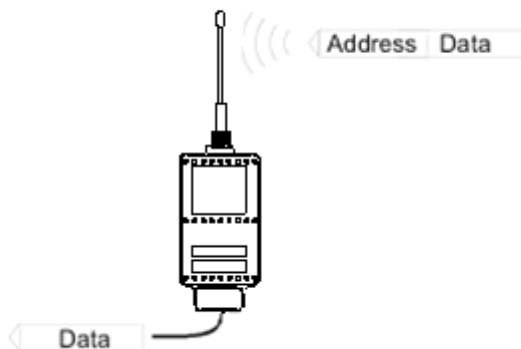


Transmission address has been set OFF. Radio modem will transmit the data packet as such.



Transmission addressing has been set ON. The radio modem will add the primary TX address to the beginning of the data packet.

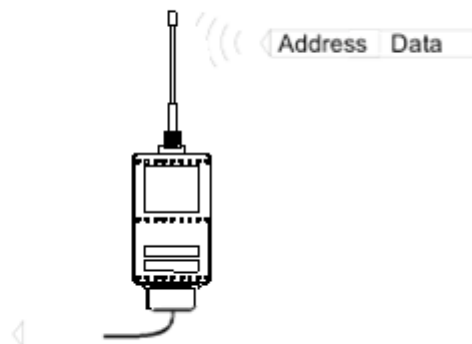
## Reception:



Reception addressing has been set ON and either the primary or secondary RX address of the radio modem is identical to the address of the received data packet.

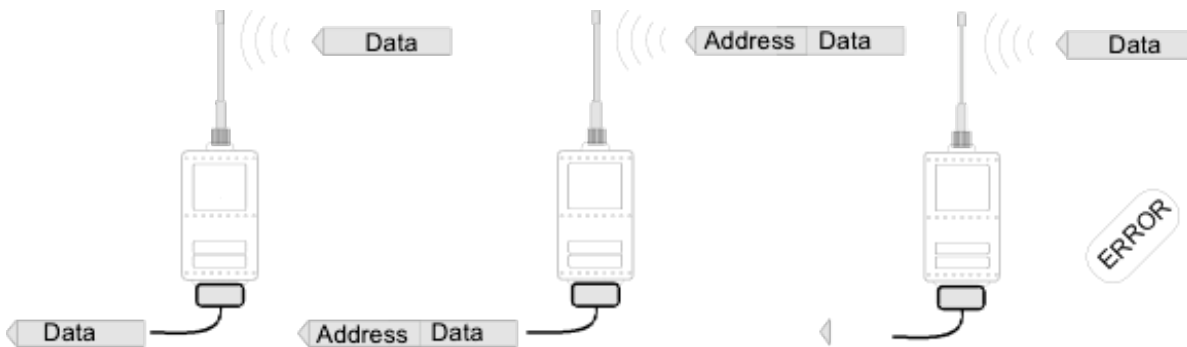
The radio modem will remove the address and send the actual data to the RS-232 interface.

However, if the "RX Address to RD-line" setting is on, the radio modem does not remove the address.



Reception addressing has been set ON, but both the primary and secondary RX addresses of the radio modem are different from the address of the received data packet.

Data does not appear on the RS-232 - interface.



Reception addressing has been set OFF.

The radio modem will transfer all received data to the RS-232 - interface.

Reception addressing has been set OFF.

The radio modem will consider the characters of the address as a part of the data and will send all the characters to the RS-232 interface.

Reception addressing has been set ON but there is no address in the data packet.

Data will appear on the RS-232 interface ONLY if the first 2 characters of the data match either of its own RX address. The radio modem will remove those 2 characters of data.

### 10.2.1 Connection between two points

When forming a connection between two points it is recommended that both the reception and transmission addresses are identical in both radio modems. This is the easiest way to control addresses and the risk caused by interference from other systems operating in the same area is minimal.

**Example:** by setting all addresses of both radio modems to a value '1234', they will accept only those messages which contain this address, and they will use this same value when transmitting data.

If the channel is reserved for use only by the said network, or if the terminal devices are responsible for addressing, it is not necessary to use addressing in the radio modems.

### 10.2.2 System of one base station and several substations

In systems with several substations, the base station must know to which substation each message is intended, and from which substation each received message originates. Usually terminal devices handle addressing completely, but it is also possible to use the addressing functionality of the radio modems.

For example, if the substation terminal devices are not able to check and form addresses by themselves, addressing may be achieved with the help of the addresses of the radio modems attached to these terminal devices. The base station may, in such a case, define the destination of a message by adding the address of the corresponding radio modem into the beginning of the data packet. The substation radio modem(s) will check the address and the corresponding radio modem will identify and remove the address characters. In a similar way, the substation will add when transmitting to the base station its address characters into the beginning of the data packet, thus defining the origin of the sent data packet. In the base station radio modem, addresses have been switched OFF, so that they are transmitted as is to the base station terminal device for further processing.

### **10.3 Using repeaters and addresses in the same system**

In systems with several repeaters, a substation and a base-station, addresses must be used in radio modems. It is possible to realise also a system with only one repeater without addressing. In such a case, the base station will however hear the message both from the substation and from the repeater, in other words the message is duplicated as it moves along the route.

There are at least two ways of realising such a system depending on the capabilities of the terminal devices in question and on the number of repeaters to be used and on their relative positions to each other.

#### **10.3.1 System with several repeaters**

In systems with several serial or parallel-chained repeaters, addressing must be used to prevent messages from ending up in loops otherwise formed by repeaters, and to ensure that only the desired (addressed) radio modem receives the data intended for it.

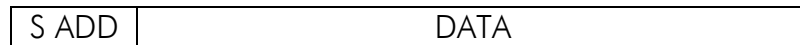
All radio modems in the network must be set to a state, in which the RX-addressing is switched ON and TX-addressing is switched OFF. Base-station and all substations add an address string in the beginning of the data to be transmitted. In the relaying of the message addressing is used in the following way:

R1 ADD	R2 ADD	S ADD	DATA
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- The above is the data received from the base station terminal device, containing repeater addresses (R1 ADD, R2 ADD) and the substation address (S ADD). Two characters define each address.

R2 ADD	S ADD	DATA
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- The above is the same message after being relayed from repeater 1 to repeater 2.

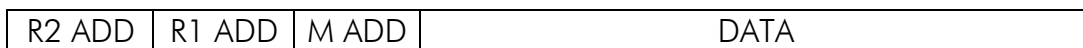


- The above is the same message after being relayed from the last repeater in the chain (repeater 2) to the substation.



- The above is the same message being relayed via the serial interface of the substation radio modem to the terminal device.

In a situation where the substation transmits data towards the base-station the address is formed in a similar way, but the order of the addresses is reversed:



-In the above, R2 ADD is address of repeater 2, R1 ADD is address of repeater 1 and M ADD is the address of the base-station.

### 10.3.2 Repeater chain using address pairs

In a situation where the terminal devices and substations cannot form address fields, but are able to recognise messages addressed to them, alternating address pairs may be used. Transmit address (TX) and receive address (RX) alternate in the order shown in the table below.

Address type	Base-station address	Repeater 1 and the addresses of the substations of the base-station	Repeater 1 substations addresses
TX-address	Address 1	Address 2	Address 1
RX-address	Address 2	Address 1	Address 2

In a network where alternating addresses are utilised, the exact route that is used to relay a message to a certain radio modem is fixed at the time of installation and configuring the system. The order of the addresses must be the same as the order of the route that is used to relay the message to the said radio modem. It should be noted however, that in networks where alternating addresses are used the base-station and substations will hear their own messages repeated.

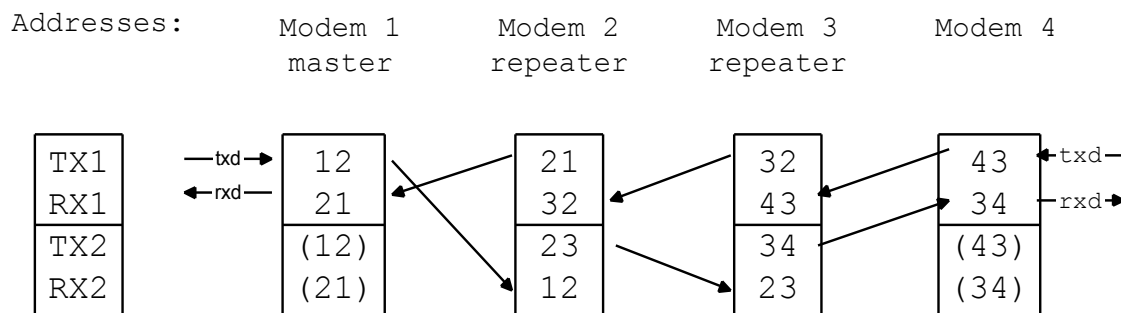
### 10.3.3 Repeater chain using dual addressing

If the terminal devices cannot add address chains to the beginning of the data packets, a network with several repeaters may still be realised by using dual addressing. In dual addressing each link (see arrows below in figure) is given a unique address, which will prevent duplication of messages and endless loops in the network. The terminal devices need not add anything to the data.

Usually the primary transmit address is used in transmission (TX1). The secondary transmit address (TX2) is used only if the *Repeater Mode* is used and the packet to be repeated was received using the secondary reception address (RX2).

In the following example two repeaters are used. It should be noted that each link (arrow) might be uniquely defined with the help of radio modem numbers and data transfer directions. The *Repeater Mode* should be switched ON only in the radio modems acting as repeaters to prevent the packets from remaining in endless loops in the network.

Repeaters may also act as ordinary substations; in that case the terminal device must wait until the message has reached the end of the repeater chain before sending data.



### 10.3.4 Redundant repeater chain

Reliability of a radio data communication system can be improved significantly by designing redundant equipment setup for master and repeater stations. The two repeater chains are separated by proper dual addressing setup. Slave stations need to be able to communicate with the master through the both repeater chains. By using the "TX address auto switch" function, the slave station modem directs the reply message to the repeater chain from which the request has been received.

If "TX address auto switch" has been set ON, radio modem checks out the RX address of the received message. When one of the RX addresses is recognised, all the messages coming in from the serial interface will be sent to the air with matching TX address. The use of "TX address auto switch" function is not recommended if Repeater Function is set ON.

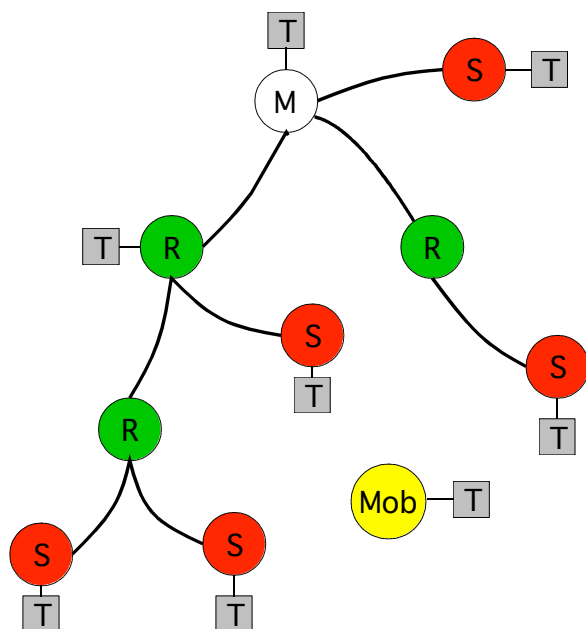
## 11 MESSAGE ROUTING

### 11.1 Introduction to Message Routing,

*Message Routing* is an exciting feature in SATELLINE-EASy. This feature allows messages from terminal devices to be automatically routed over the radio modem network to a specified recipient terminal.

In brief, the *Message Routing* works as follows:

- First, a radio modem reads any message coming from the terminal(s) attached to it.
- The radio modem detects the terminal address of the recipient, by seeking a pre-set position inside the message for the address.
- The radio modem checks its internal route table to see, if there is route information corresponding the address it has just found.
- The radio modem transmits a radio frame, which includes
  - the network id (see later)
  - the route information
  - the original user message encapsulated
  - redundant information such as checksums for error checking etc.
- The radio modems along the route relay the frame over the network to the radio modem at the destination.
- The radio modem at the destination first checks the validity of the received radio frame, then extracts the original user message, and finally outputs it the terminal device attached to it.



The figure left illustrates a possible structure of a radio modem network.

M = Master station (Central station)

R = Repeater station

S = Slave station

T = Terminal device

Mob = Mobile terminal

Terminals are usually PLC devices that send and receive messages according to a specific user protocol.

*Note:* The term *repeater* used in the context of the *Message Routing* should not be mixed with the *Repeater Mode*, which is a feature independent from the *Message Routing*.

### 11.1.1 **Features of Message Routing**

The *Message Routing* feature of the SATELLINE-EASy is designed to be a fast and transparent to fit real time systems. The features include:

- Transparent to user protocols.
- Easy construction of a network containing several repeaters.
- Any radio modem may operate as a repeater, i.e. dedicated repeaters are not usually needed thus cutting down on costs.
- Large areas of coverage may be implemented by using only one radio channel.
- The use of mobile substations is also possible to some extent.
- The system will be fully deterministic i.e. the transmission delays are predictable. Because of that, the principle of *Message Routing* is connectionless.
- Added redundancy, as a failing radio modem can be, in certain cases, bypassed with another radio modem positioned in the same coverage area.
- *Message Routing* is intended mainly for the protocols based on polling scheme and a single master station.

### 11.1.2 **Limitations of Message Routing**

- It is assumed that the position of the address field in the user messages is fixed. However some special protocols are supported:
  - IEC 60870-5-101 is a protocol commonly used in control applications of power lines.
  - RP570 protocol
- The message cannot end to the address; there must be at least one character after the address.
- It is assumed that there is only one message at a time inside the network simultaneous messages could cause collisions.
- The max number of the routes depends on the actual hardware and the Firmware version.
- Operation of the Tx / Rx addresses is automatically blocked in the case of switching the "Message Routing" function on.

### 11.1.3 **Getting started with Message Routing**

The design of any radio modem system requires very precise planning. Once the choices between devices, their location, installation, maintenance etc. are clear, the *Message Routing* for the system can be implemented.

Planning your Message Routing System

1. Decide which mode of the *Message Routing* suits the system - *Source Mode* or *Virtual Mode*. See the following paragraphs for details.

2. Design a layout of the system describing the settings such as protocol, addresses of the terminal equipment, radio frequencies and so on.



3. Configure the radio modems accordingly. There are two ways to configure the parameters related to the *Message Routing*:

1. SaTerm PC-program
2. Manual configuration in the setup menu.

In either case, please check the chapter on *Settings* before changing the setup of the radio modems.

Finally, when all the radio modems have correct settings, they are ready for further installation.

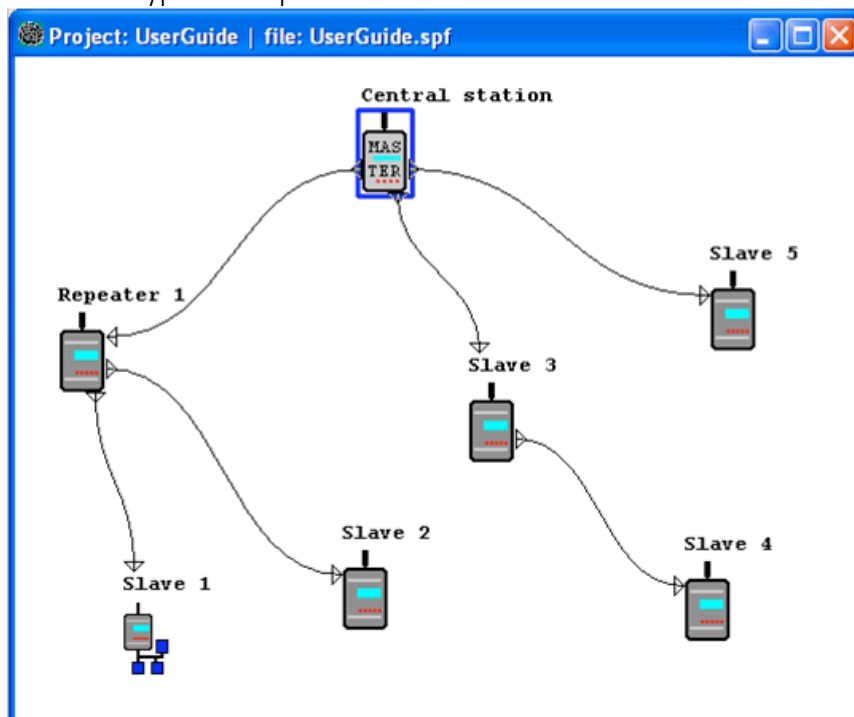
#### 11.1.4 **SaTerm and the configuration of the Message Routing**

SaTerm is a PC based program that allows the user to design their required network simply and quickly using a graphical interface to literally draw the network plan on the screen.

- Firstly, a picture of the network is created to show all the radio modems and the intended route that the data is to take.
- Secondly, the required settings are defined in the drawing.
- Finally, the setup of each actual radio modem can be uploaded by connecting the actual radio modems one by one to the COM port, switching them to the programming mode, and clicking the transmit button of SaTerm.

Please check the user manual of SaTerm for more details.

The figure below shows a typical snapshot taken from a SaTerm screen.



### 11.1.5 Manual configuration of the Message Routing

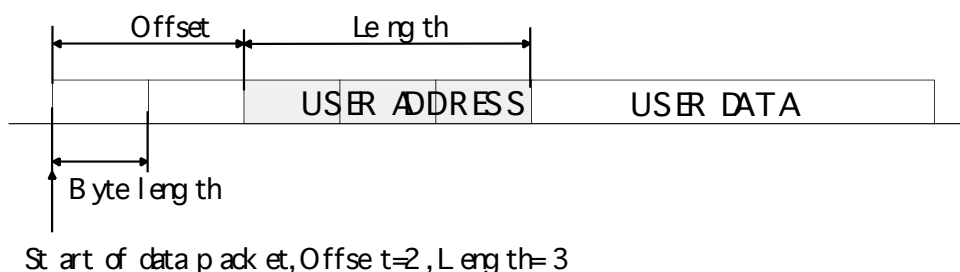
The radio modems can be configured manually via the programming menu. However, this is recommended only if the structure of the network is very simple, or if it is desirable to define such special functions that are not possible to draw using the graphical interface of *SaTerm*. Examples of such cases are for example non tree-structured networks, or the use of same repeaters in several overlapping networks. The operation of the *Message Routing* must be clearly understood before configuring the radio modems manually.

### 11.1.6 Configuration of the protocol in Message Routing

A radio modem will detect the presence of an address used by inspecting the protocol from the message received via the serial interface. On the basis of this user address, all necessary information needed to relay the message to destination is fetched from an internal routing table inside a radio modem. The user protocol is not interpreted; instead, the user address is searched according to its location in the message. The beginning of the packet is located by a preceding pause in the byte stream. Message Routing can therefore be applied to most protocols with fixed address field position.

The position and length of the address is defined by two settings: *Offset* and *Length*.

- Offset defines the number of bytes (0...15) preceding the address.
- Length is the length of the address in the user protocol expressed in bytes (1...4).



A transmitting radio modem adds a routing header and a tail to the user message. Consequently, a radio modem that receives the message removes the header and tail - so the Message Routing scheme is transparent to the user protocol.

## 11.2 Operating modes of Message Routing

The Message Routing has two different operating modes:

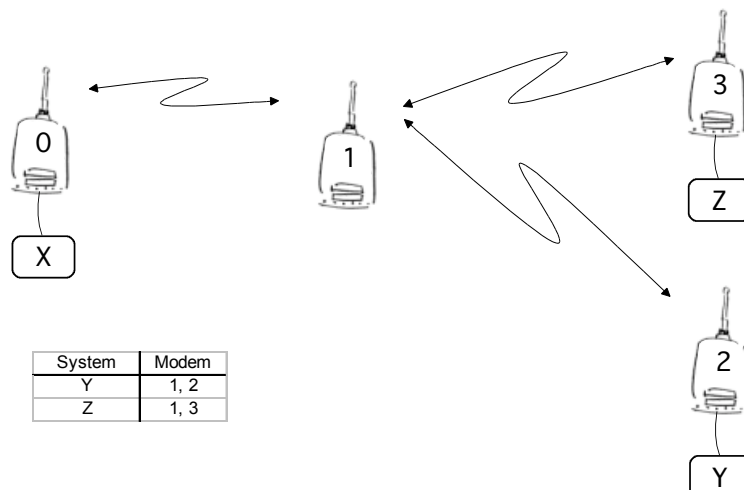
- Source Mode Routing
- Virtual Mode Routing

The most important differences between the two modes are shown in the table below.

Property	Source Mode Routing	Virtual Mode Routing
Summary	Slower, more functions	Faster, less functions
Radio interference tolerance	Yes, overhop function	No
Support for mobile stations	Yes	No
Addition of substations to a network	Only master station needs to be reconfigured	Master station and consecutive repeaters need to be reconfigured
Changing routes	Only master station needs to be reconfigured	All radio modems need to be reconfigured
Maximum length of route	13 hops	No limit
Overhop function	Yes	No
Network ID	Yes	Yes
Storing of routing information	Centralised	Dispersed
Message Routing overhead (bytes)	$10 + 2 \times \text{number of hops}$	9
Maximum length of user protocol message (bytes)	1 kB – Message Routing overhead	1 kB – Message Routing overhead

Other issues common to the both modes:

- The maximum number of terminals depends on the radio network structure and the number of routes.
- Multiple terminal addresses may be attached to a radio modem.
- The maximum length of a terminal address (in the user's protocol) is four bytes (FFFFFFFF in hexadecimal).
- The maximum length of the address of a radio modem is two bytes (FFFF in hexadecimal).



## 11.3 Detailed description of Message Routing

### 11.3.1 Source Mode Routing

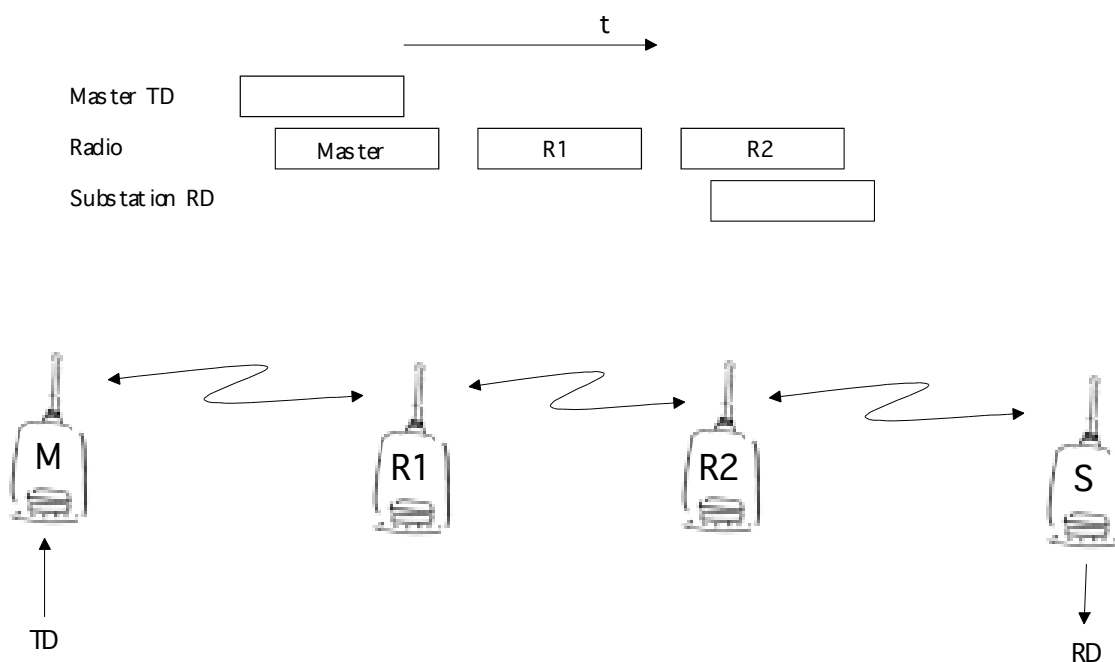
The above figure represents a network containing four (4) radio modems. Each radio modem is given a unique address (0...3). A terminal device has been attached to the three of the four radio modems and they communicate with each other using terminal addresses X, Y and Z, respectively. Radio modem 0 and terminal device X together constitute the base station of the network and all routing information of the network has been programmed into this base station.

When the terminal device X transmits a packet to (e.g.) terminal Y, radio modem 0 will detect the address Y from the data received through the serial port. From the routing table a route 1,2 can be found to which the radio modem also adds its own address to define the route for return data. Radio modem 1 repeats the packet and radio modem 2 removes the address information from the received data packet thereby transferring only the original data to the serial interface. The address information received together with the packet is reversed (2, 1, 0) and saved to be used in the transmission of subsequent reply packets.

### 11.3.2 Virtual Mode Routing

Please contact SATEL for more information of Virtual Mode Routing.

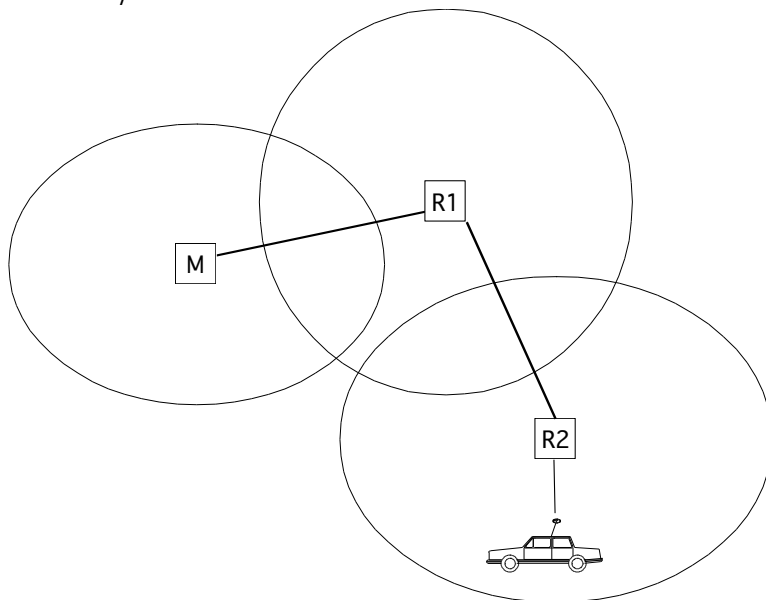
### 11.3.3 Overlap function in Source Mode Routing



When using repeaters, the same packet is sent via a (radio) channel several times. A radio modem situated in the repeater chain will often hear other radio modems in addition to the immediate neighbouring radio modems. With *Source Mode Routing* the complete address information is sent together with the packets enabling the use of these secondary routes. Usually repeaters have better antennas (and/or antennas placed higher) than normal substations, which means that the distance between two repeaters can be much longer than the distance between a repeater and a substation.

Connections to other than the neighbouring stations of the repeater are not necessarily reliable under all possible (radio) conditions, but they can often be used to keep the network up and running at least partially should a repeater somewhere in the middle of the chain fail. In addition to this, the likelihood of a transmission error decreases if it is possible to listen to more than one transmission since; in this case, it is more likely that at least one of them will be received error-free. It is also possible, that the radio connection is asymmetrical due to the greater output power of a repeater or due to local interference, in which case, data can in fact travel in opposite directions using different routes.

When a repeater receives a message that contains its address but not as the first address in the address field, the packet is stored in a buffer. If the relayed message from the repeater, and the modem having sent the message originally, is not received (due for example, because of radio modem failure or if it has an erroneous checksum), the packet already buffered into the memory is re-sent without any change to the timing (no additional delays are introduced). Because of this, relatively short hop distances can be used, without the likelihood of errors being increasing due to the added number of repeats. A possible error in one of the repeaters does not necessarily cause a total breakdown of traffic.



The overhop function allows for the use of mobile substations. In the example above, a mobile substation is first located in the coverage area of repeater R2. The route is defined as M, R1, R2 and vehicle. When the vehicle moves to the coverage area of repeater R1, the radio modem picks the packet already from the transmission of R1. This is then transferred to the serial port using an additional delay, so that the timing does not differ from the first situation where the radio modem of the vehicle was in the coverage area of repeater R2. In this way a collision of the reply transmission and the transmission by repeater R2 is prevented. When the mobile station is transmitting, it is enough that at least one radio modem defined to be a part of the route receives the transmission.

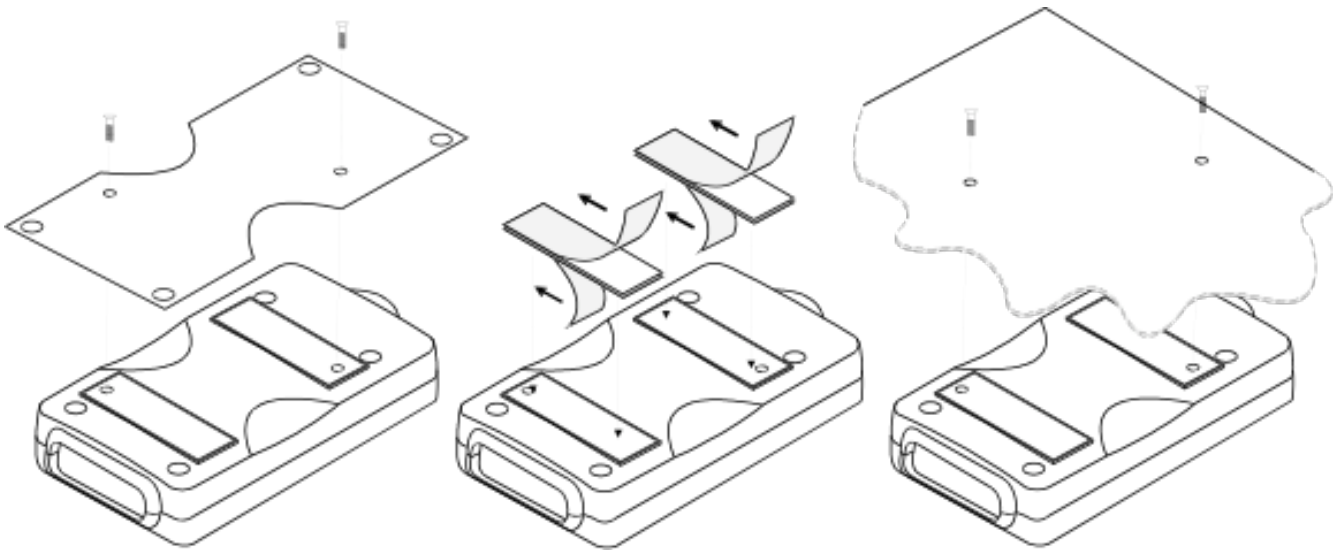
#### **11.3.4      Network ID**

The Network ID is a string of up to eight characters, which is used to prevent the reception of the messages coming from an external system. The radio modems operating in the same system using *Message Routing* must have the same Network ID. Only the messages that have a matching Network ID are received.

## 12 INSTALLATION

### 12.1 Installation of a Radio Data Modem

The radio modem should be installed with the installation accessories supplied with the radio modem. There is also available an installation component for mounting the radio modem to a DIN-rail.



1. Installation with the installation plate supplied with the radio modem. The installation plate is fastened to the backside of the radio modem. The installation plate can be mounted using the holes provided on the plate.

2. Installation using the Velcro-tape provided with the radio modem.

3. Installation can also be made directly to customer's equipment.

#### NOTE!

When selecting a suitable location for the radio modem it must be ensured that no water can get into the radio modem under any conditions. Direct sunlight is also to be avoided. It is not recommendable to install the radio modem on a strongly vibrating surface. Suitable dampening and/or isolation materials should be used in cases where the installation surface will be subjected to vibration.

### **12.1.1 Prepare installation of SATELLINE-EASy into the SATEL-321 casing**

Before installing a SATELLINE-EASy casing, the battery pack function must be selected as follows:

#### **NOTE!**

Both serial ports must be RS-232 (Not LV-/TTL or RS-422). To get RS-232 on Port 2, the PWR-module of the modem must be separately specified in the ordered.

- Switch the radio modem into the Programming Mode
- Select main menu selection "5" (Serial Port 2).
- Enter selection "1" (Port Status).
- Select "3" (BATT / LCD).
- Select "4" (BATT / NO LCD).
- Save the setting.
- Switch the radio modem back into Data Transfer Mode.

For further information, please check the installation advice from the SATEL-321 user guide: *Installing a radio modem into the SATEL-321 casing.*

## **12.2 Antenna installation**

### **12.2.1 Hand-held equipment**

- 1/4-wave antenna (wavelength at frequency of 450 MHz is approximately 70 cm)
- Helix-antenna

Antennas are installed directly to the TNC-type antenna connector at the upper part of the radio modem.

### **12.2.2 Mobile equipment**

- 1/4-wave antenna
- 1/2-wave antenna

The ideal installation position is vertical, and there should be at least 0.5 m of free space around the antenna. In small systems a 1/4-wave antenna is sufficient. A separate ground plane should be placed under the antenna (vehicle rooftop or the engine hood or trunk door are usually suitable). In problematic cases the most suitable type is a 1/2-wave antenna. It can be installed directly at the top of a pipe with the added benefit of gaining as much as free space around the antenna as possible. In cases, which the antenna cannot be directly connected to the TNC-connector of the radio modem, a coaxial cable with 50 ohm impedance must be used between the antenna and the TNC-connector.



### **12.2.3      Base stations**

- Omni-directional antennas (  $\frac{1}{4}$ - ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ - or  $\frac{5}{8}$ -wave antenna)
- Directional antennas (yagi /multi-element antenna or corner antenna)

The antenna should be installed in a vertical position. The exact location of the antenna depends on several factors, such as the size of the overall system and the coverage area terrain contours. A rule of thumb is that the base station antenna should be located at the highest point of the coverage area and as close to the centre of the coverage area as possible. The base station antenna can also be located inside a building, if the walls of the building do not contain metal.

### **12.2.4      General antenna installation instructions**

The reliability and the achievable coverage of useful signal strength can be severely affected by the positioning of the antenna. Antenna and cable connectors should have gold-plated pins and sockets, as use of low quality connectors can lead to eventual oxidation of the connector surfaces, which in turn may degrade the contact and cause additional attenuation. Good quality tools and materials must be used when installing radio modems, antennas and cables. The weather tolerance of the materials used must also be taken into account. Installed materials must withstand all foreseeable weather conditions (frost, excess sun, direct UV-radiation, seawater etc.). Also possible environmental pollution must be considered (acids, ozone etc.).

Antennas must be installed well away from metallic objects. In the case of small antennas this distance should be at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  m. With large antennas the distance should be  $>5$  m and in case of repeater antenna combinations  $>10$  m.

If the system contains a large number of radio modems, the best location for an antenna is the highest point of a building and possibly an additional antenna mast. If a separate antenna mast is used, the antenna can, if necessary, be installed sideways about 2...3 m from the mast itself.

When installing an antenna possible interference sources must be considered. Such interference sources are, for example:

- mobile telephone network base station antennas
- public telephone network base station antennas
- television broadcast antennas
- radio relay antennas
- other radio modem systems
- PC-related devices (approximately 5 m radius from antenna)

When ordering antennas we request you to note that antennas are always tuned to a specific frequency range. Simple antennas and antennas, which have been constructed of stacked yagi-antennas, are typically rather broadband. As the number of yagi-elements increases the frequency range becomes narrower.

When designing and installing a system it is advisable to prepare to test the system, and also to consider serviceability of the system. In particular cabling should be planned to allow easy access and to allow for maintenance. It is often practical to use long antenna cables, so that the radio modem can be installed far enough from the antenna itself to a location that is easily accessible (see section 10).

The type of the antenna cable is dependent on the length of the antenna cable, and the following table can be used to select a suitable type:

Length	Type	Attenuation 10m/450MHz
<5m	RG58	3.0dB
0...20m	RG213	1.6dB
>20m	ECOFLEX10	0.9dB
>20m	AIRCOM+	0.8dB*
>20m	ECOFLEX15	0.6dB

\*) AIRCOM+ cable is partially air insulated, so the use of this cable requires that the connection between the cable and the connectors are fully airtight.

If there is a line-of-sight path between the antennas a 6 dB power marginal is usually adequate. However, if the connection is built on the reflection and/or the knife-edge diffraction the path loss can vary even 20 dB depending on the weather conditions. In this case a short test can give a too positive result of the quality of the connection. Thus the height of the antennas and topographical obstacles must be surveyed with great care. From time to time a marginal connection can be used if the data transmission protocol is well prepared for this and the data transmission that occasionally slows down does not cause any problems to the system.

Vertical polarised antennas (antenna elements are in vertical position) are often used in radio systems. In a system between a base station and substations vertical polarisation is recommended. The radio modem antenna cannot be mounted on the same level as the other substation antennas in the same building. The best way to distinguish from the other antennas situated in the neighbourhood is to mount the antennas as far as possible from each other on the altitude level. The best result is generally obtained when all the antennas are in the same mast. With an extra ground plane between the antennas more distinction can be obtained between the antennas in the mast.

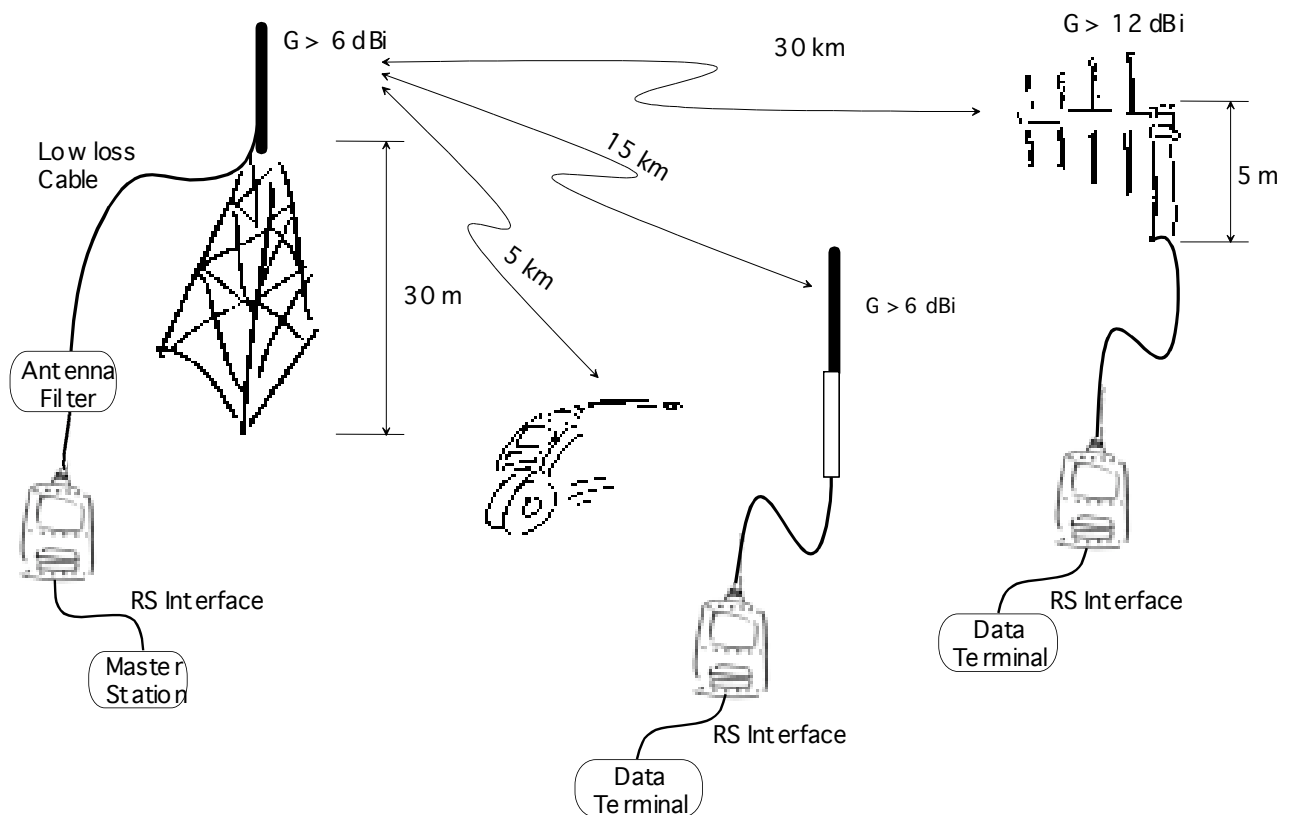
Horizontal polarisation can be used in data transmission between two points. With the polarisation attenuation more distinction is obtained to vertical polarised systems. The influence of the directional patterns of the antennas must, however, be taken into consideration. If a distinction to another interfering antenna is wanted with the horizontal polarised antennas there must be a good attenuation of the back lobe. In addition to this the interfering radiator should be situated behind the antenna.

When a system does not demand the use of an omni-directional antenna it is recommended that directional antennas are used e.g. two-element yagis in permanent external installations. Please note that as antenna amplification increases the setting of the direction of the antenna requires more attention.

Base stations in high places should be supplied with high-Q cavity filters. Please note that the higher the base station antenna, the larger the coverage area and in turn that the risk of interference is also increased.

SATEL recommends the use of a band-pass filter with a large Q in the antenna cable of the base station.

**Example of an antenna installation:** by using amplifying antennas ( $G$ =Gain) and by installing the antenna high, long connection distances can be realised using the SATELLINE-EASy.



## 13 DESIGNING SYSTEMS

### 13.1 Factors affecting the quality and distance of the radio connection

- power of the radio transmitter
- sensitivity of the radio receiver
- tolerance of spurious radiation's of the radio modulating signal
- amplification of transmitting and receiving antennas
- antenna cable attenuation
- antenna height
- natural obstacles
- interference caused by other electrical equipment

The transmitter power of the SATELLINE-EASy is 1 W (maximum) and the sensitivity of the receiver better than -115 dBm. Thus in a flat area and in free space with a 1/4 wave antenna (antenna amplification 1dBi) and antenna height of 1 m communication distances of 3 to 4 km can be achieved. Distances may be considerably shorter in situations where there are metallic walls or other material inhibiting the propagation of radio waves.

Over long distances, increasing the height of antennas can often solve problems caused by natural obstacles. A ten-fold increase in distance can be achieved with the use of amplifying antennas. Frequent topographical variations over long distances may require that at least one of the antennas be raised to a height of 10 to 20 m.

If the antenna cable is more than 10 meters long it is necessary to use a low loss cable ( $< 0.7$  dB /10 m) in order not to waste the antenna amplification. Adding a repeater station can also solve problematical radio connections. In systems with many base stations the RSSI-signal can be used to assist in choosing the base station with the best signal. A communications network can also be built with a combination of cables and radio data modems.

The SATELLINE-EASy operates in the 450 MHz band, where man made interference is insignificant. Long distance interference needs not to be taken into account even in special weather conditions.

The SATELLINE-EASy tolerates normal levels of interference that occur. However, exceptionally high levels of interference can break through the safeguards and thus cause errors in data transfer. In mobile vehicle applications the range of operation can be increased by dividing the transmitted data into e.g. 50...500 byte long blocks and by re-transmitting the defected blocks.

A sufficient safety margin can be obtained by testing the communication path using extra 6 dB attenuation at the antenna connection and with slightly less effective antennas than those to be used in the final system.

## **13.2 Radio field strength**

Radio signal strength must be good enough for successful data transfer. Where field strength is above a certain level, the operational results are very good. Below this level, a few dB marginal areas occur in which errors begin to be generated by noise and interference that will eventually lead to loss of connection.

The field strength is at its optimum level in open space, although increasing distance will still reduce it. It must also be remembered that one open space has different environmental and external factors to another, and that the effects on transmission quality must be taken into account when planning the system.

Ground, ground contours and buildings cause attenuation (loss of energy through absorption) and reflection of radio waves. Buildings reflect radio waves and therefore the affects of attenuation are not as acute when transmission is over a short distance.

However, the reflected waves will often be a bit delayed, and when they combine with the direct radio waves they interact in either a weakening or a strengthening way. This causes the fading effect in mobile systems. In reality very sharp signal drops spaced about 35 cm apart may occur. The attenuation may even reach 40 dB, normally less.

## 14 CHECK LIST

The following points must be taken into account when installing and configuring a radio modem:

1. All operating voltages of all the equipment concerned must always be switched OFF before connecting the serial interface cable.
2. When considering the exact placement of a radio modem and/or its antenna, the following points must be taken into account to guarantee optimal results:
  - The antenna should be installed in open space as far as possible from any possible sources of interference
  - The radio modem should not be installed onto a strongly vibrating surface
  - The radio modem should be installed in such a way as to minimise exposure to direct sunlight or excessive humidity.
3. To ensure reliable operation the voltage output of the power supply used must be stable enough and the current capability of the power supply must be sufficient.
4. The antenna must be installed according to instructions.
5. *Serial interface settings between the radio modem and the terminal unit must correspond to each other.*
6. All radio modems in the same system must be configured using same settings (radio frequency, channel spacing and data field length).

## 15 ACCESSORIES

### 15.1 RS-232 cables and adapters

Type	Description	Length	Note
NARS-1F-4A	Interface adapter D15 m / D9 f, 4A fuse		
CRS-9	Interface cable D9 m / D9 f	2 m	-
CRS-1M	Interface cable D15 m / D25 m	2 m	including power supply cables
CRS-1F	Interface cable D15 m / D25 f	2 m	including power supply cables
CRS-2M	Interface cable D15 m / D9 m	2 m	including power supply cables
CRS-2F	Interface cable D15 m / D9 f	2 m	including power supply cables

Note! In the description, m=male, f=female connector type.

### 15.2 RS-422/-485 cables and adapters

Type	Description	Length	Note
NARS-2	Interface adapter D15 m / screw terminals, 1A fuse	-	Screw terminals for RS-485/422 and power supply
NARS-2-4A	As NARS-2 with 4A fuse	-	RS-422 ↔ RS-485 adapter
CRS-PB	Interface cable D15 m / D9 m	2 m	including power supply cables

### 15.3 RF-cables

Type	Description	Length	Note
CRF-1	Cable with TNC m/TNC f-connectors	1 m	RG58 (3 dB/10 m)
CRF-5F	Cable with TNC m/TNC f-connectors	5 m	RG58 (3 dB/10 m)
CRF-5M	Cable with TNC m/TNC m-connectors	5 m	RG58 (3 dB/10 m)
CRF-15	Cable with TNC f/TNC f 90-degree connector	15 cm	RG58 (3 dB/10 m)
RG213	Low loss cable	X	1.6 dB/10 m
ECOFLEX10	Low loss cable	X	0.9 dB/10 m
AIRCOM+	Low loss cable	X	0.8 dB/10 m
ECOFLEX15	Low loss cable	X	0.6 dB/10 m

Note! In the description, m=male, f=female connector type.

## 15.4 Antennas

Type	Description
GAINFLEX 400-430	Half-wave antenna
GAINFLEX 430-470	Half-wave antenna
CA420Q	Sleeve fed quarter wave whip, 2dBi, 405–440 MHz
CA450Q	Sleeve fed quarter wave whip, 2dBi, 440-475 MHz
MINIFLEX 400-430	Helix antenna
MINIFLEX 430-470	Helix antenna
ANTENNA 869	Quarter wave antenna for 869 MHz modems

SATEL antenna selection includes also directional and/or omni-directional antenna. These can be supplied separately on request. Antennas are also available for the 869 MHz frequency range.

## 15.5 Filters and lightning protectors

If a radio modem system is installed in an environment that contains high-power transmitters or sources of radio frequency interference, it is highly recommendable to insert suitable filters between each radio modem and its antenna. If a station is installed to a location exposed to lightning, it is recommended to insert a lightning protector to the feed-line outside the protected zone. SATEL Technical Support can give guidance in the selection of suitable products.

## 15.6 Power supplies

Type	Description
PS-DIN-2	240 Vac/24 Vdc/2.5A, to be mounted to DIN rail

## 15.7 Battery pack

Type	Description
SATEL-321	Weather proof battery pack with extended life time

## 15.8 Installation and enclosures

Type	Description
I-DIN	Installation plate for DIN rail mounting for 3AS(d) modems
H-WP	Weather proof housing (IP43) for 3AS(d) modems
H-WPm2	Weather proof housing (IP53)



## 16 APPENDIX A

ASCII CHARACTER TABLE														
D	H	A	D	H	A	D	H	A	D	H	A	D	H	A
0	0	NUL	43	2B	+	86	56	V	129	81		172	AC	
1	1	SOH	44	2C	,	87	57	W	130	82		173	AD	
2	2	STX	45	2D	-	88	58	X	131	83		174	AE	
3	3	ETX	46	2E	.	89	59	Y	132	84		175	AF	
4	4	EOT	47	2F	/	90	5A	Z	133	85		176	B0	
5	5	ENQ	48	30	0	91	5B	[	134	86		177	B1	
6	6	ACK	49	31	1	92	5C	\	135	87		178	B2	
7	7	BEL	50	32	2	93	5D	]	136	88		179	B3	
8	8	BS	51	33	3	94	5E	^	137	89		180	B4	
9	9	HT	52	34	4	95	5F	_	138	8A		181	B5	
10	A	LF	53	35	5	96	60	`	139	8B		182	B6	
11	B	VT	54	36	6	97	61	a	140	8C		183	B7	
12	C	FF	55	37	7	98	62	b	141	8D		184	B8	
13	D	CR	56	38	8	99	63	c	142	8E		185	B9	
14	E	SO	57	39	9	100	64	d	143	8F		186	BA	
15	F	SI	58	3A	:	101	65	e	144	90		187	BB	
16	10	DLE	59	3B	;	102	66	f	145	91		188	BC	
17	11	DC1	60	3C	<	103	67	g	146	92		189	BD	
18	12	DC2	61	3D	=	104	68	h	147	93		190	BE	
19	13	DC3	62	3E	>	105	69	i	148	94		191	BF	
20	14	DC4	63	3F	?	106	6A	j	149	95		192	C0	
21	15	NAK	64	40	@	107	6B	k	150	96		193	C1	
22	16	SYN	65	41	A	108	6C	l	151	97		194	C2	
23	17	ETB	66	42	B	109	6D	m	152	98		195	C3	
24	18	CAN	67	43	C	110	6E	n	153	99		196	C4	
25	19	EM	68	44	D	111	6F	o	154	9A		197	C5	
26	1A	SUB	69	45	E	112	70	p	155	9B		198	C6	
27	1B	ESC	70	46	F	113	71	q	156	9C		199	C7	
28	1C	FS	71	47	G	114	72	r	157	9D		200	C8	
29	1D	GS	72	48	H	115	73	s	158	9E		201	C9	
30	1E	RS	73	49	I	116	74	t	159	9F		202	CA	
31	1F	US	74	4A	J	117	75	u	160	A0		203	CB	
32	20	SP	75	4B	K	118	76	v	161	A1		204	CC	
33	21	!	76	4C	L	119	77	w	162	A2		205	CD	
34	22	"	77	4D	M	120	78	x	163	A3		206	CE	
35	23	#	78	4E	N	121	79	y	164	A4		207	CF	
36	24	\$	79	4F	O	122	7A	z	165	A5		208	D0	
37	25	%	80	50	P	123	7B	{	166	A6		209	D1	
38	26	&	81	51	Q	124	7C		167	A7		210	D2	
39	27	'	82	52	R	125	7D	}	168	A8		211	D3	
40	28	(	83	53	S	126	7E	~	169	A9		212	D4	
41	29	)	84	54	T	127	7F		170	AA		213	D5	
42	2A	*	85	55	U	128	80		171	AB		214	D6	

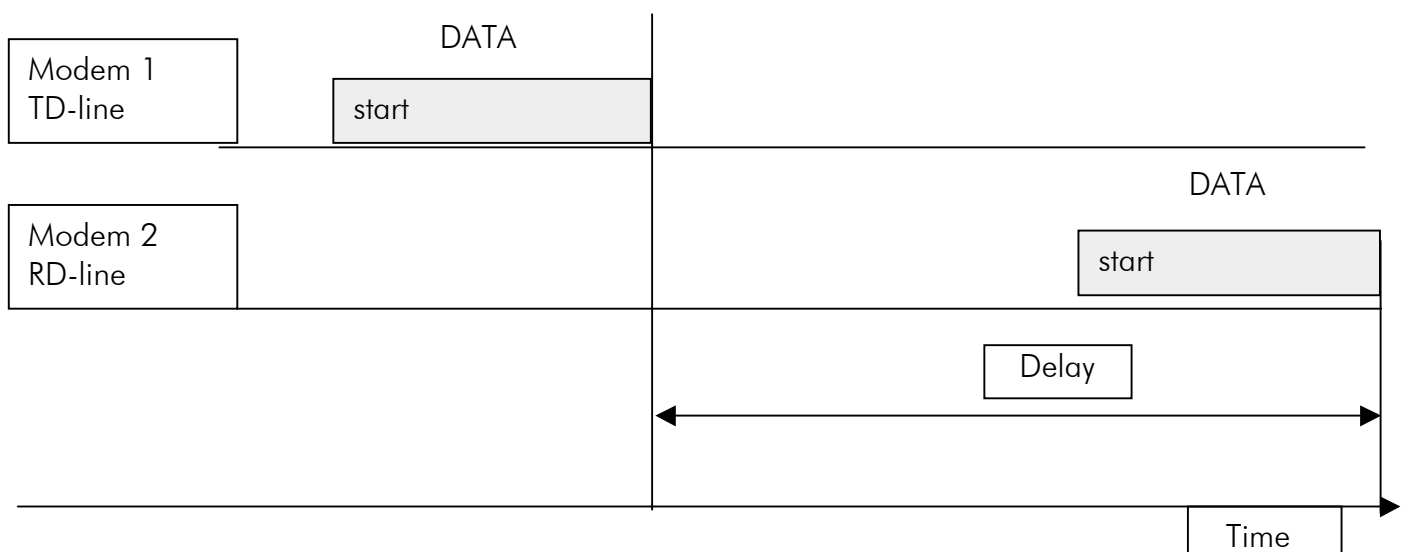
## 17 APPENDIX B

### 17.1 Functional delays

Function	Delay (ms)
Wakeup time from STAND-BY to ON (controlled by DTR line)	123 ms (CTS active)
Wakeup time from Power OFF -> Power ON (=ready to receive)	123 ms/typical
Serial interface, turnaround time of RS-232	0
TX-mode: Wakeup time from SLEEP to modem ready (triggered by IRQ-data when Data in TD-input).	60ms, typical
RX-mode: Wakeup time from SLEEP to modem ready (triggered by IRQ-data when Data in TD-input).	40ms, typical
RD - TD turnaround wait, if RX freq. $\neq$ TX frequency.	> 20ms app. > 40 ms recommended for compatibility prior to other 3AS-family members.
TD - TD turnaround wait if TX frequency changes.	> 20ms app. > 40 ms recommended for compatibility prior to other 3AS-family members.
SL-Ping response time from remote modem	222 ms, modem to modem w/o repeaters

### 17.2 Transmission related delays

Delay from the end of transmission to the end of reception on the serial interface:



### 17.2.1 Transmission delays when the radio TX frequency is changed

- If the modem's transmitter frequency (TX) is different than the receiver frequency (RX), there has to be at least 40 ms delay from the Receive Data (RD) to Transmit Data (TD).
- If the transmitter frequency is changed by an SL-command, there has to be at least 40 ms delay after the SL-command before the Transmit Data.
- If the transmitter frequency is changed from TX1 to TX2 by an SL-command during the transmission, there has to be at least 40 ms delay after the SL-command before the Transmit Data.

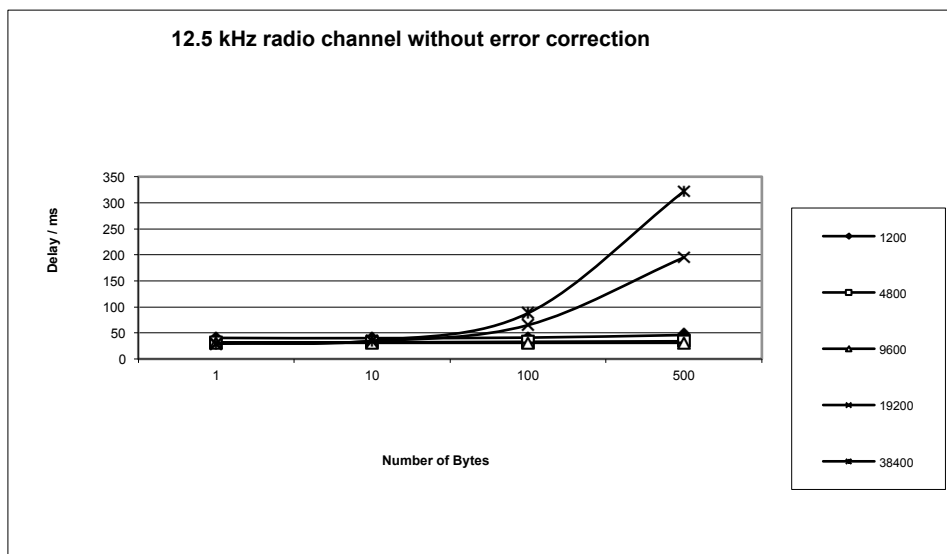
### 17.2.2 Transmission delays when using a 12.5 kHz radio channel

Transmission delays without FEC-function (Forward Error Correction).

Number of bytes sent

Bps	1	10	100	500
1200	40	40	29	22
4800	34	34	31	22
9600	32	32	32	27
19200	32	35	64	193
38400	32	36	91	352

Delays are in milliseconds and with a 10% margin.

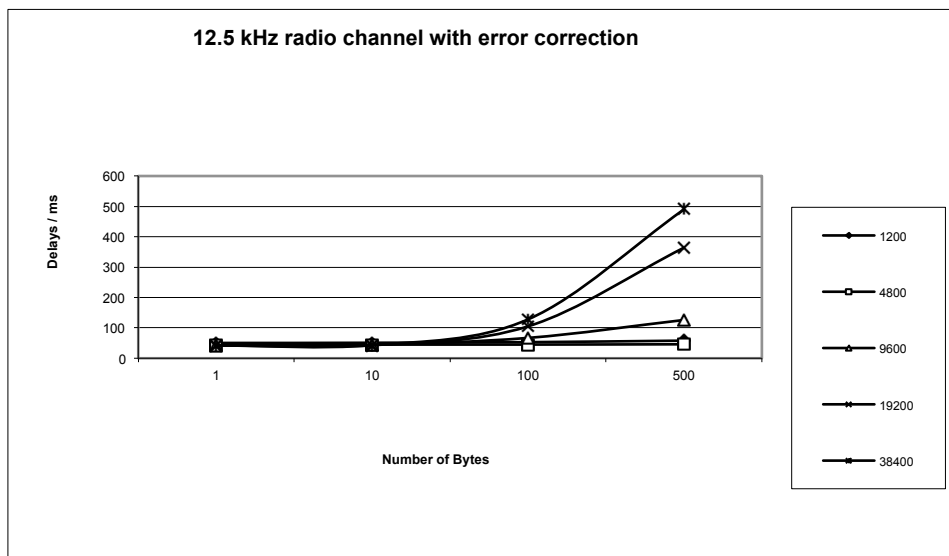


Transmission delays with FEC-function (Forward Error Correction).

Number of bytes sent

Bps	1	10	100	500
1200	52	49	48	50
4800	45	45	44	44
9600	44	44	68	121
19200	44	44	104	360
38400	48	48	132	496

Delays are in milliseconds and with a 10% margin.



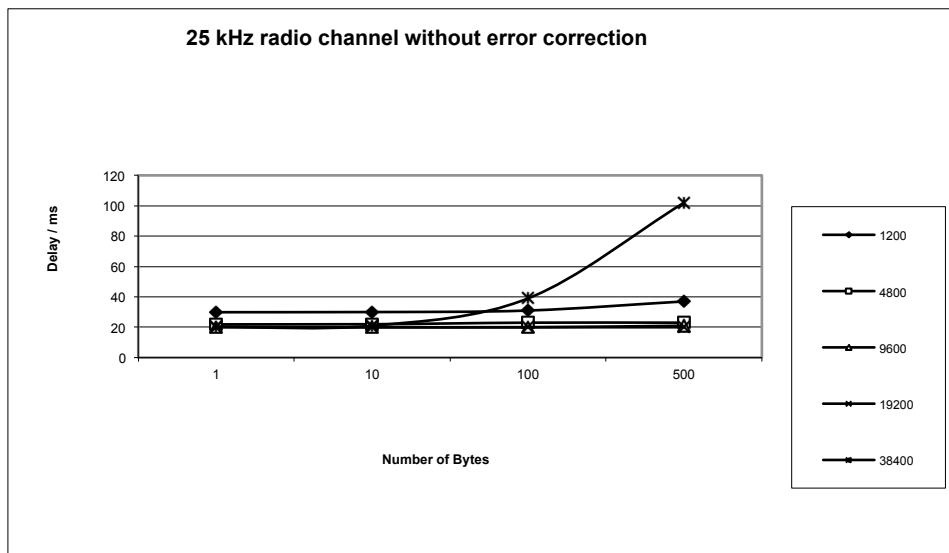
### 17.2.3 Transmission delays using a 25 kHz radio channel

Transmission delays without FEC-function (Forward Error Correction).

Number of bytes sent

Bps	1	10	100	500
1200	30	30	18	16
4800	23	23	21	12
9600	23	23	21	17
19200	22	22	22	19
38400	22	22	38	102

Delays are in milliseconds and with a 10% marginal.



Transmission delays with FEC-function (Forward Error Correction).

Number of bytes sent				
Bps	1	10	100	500
1200	35	34	29	30
4800	28	28	27	23
9600	28	28	28	23
19200	28	28	36	64
38400	27	27	58	185

Delays are in milliseconds and with a 10% margin.

