INTRODUCING MDS TransNET®

Today’s SCADA/Telemetry systems require the transport of large amounts of data at ever-increasing speeds. Additionally, the need for greater packaging flexibility has redefined the "ideal" wireless platform in many applications. MDS is pleased to introduce MDS TransNET™, a flexible, high speed, compact license-free wireless solution.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The MDS TransNET utilizes FHSS (Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum) in the ISM Band of 902 – 928 MHz to provide reliable long range data transportation at up to 115.2 kbps. The TransNET provides transparent data communications for nearly all SCADA/Telemetry and EFM protocols including MODBUS.

Any MDS TransNET may be configured as a repeater extension. This allows store and forward data operation to extend the operating range of the network. Multiple repeaters may exist at any level of the network preventing a single radio failure from disabling the entire network. There is no limit to the number of repeaters which may be used. This product is available for use in Class 1, Division 2, Groups A, B, C & D hazardous locations.*

WHY CONSIDER AN MDS TransNET SOLUTION?

High system performance and data integrity! Robust construction, digital signal processing (DSP) technology with self-equalization, automatic CRC/ARQ and powerful forward error correction.

Flexibility and rapid installation! Quick return on investment due to plug-and-play installation. License-free radio design with the ability to communicate with any asynchronous protocol without extra software or additional programming.

Performance under the most adverse conditions! Robust design provides excellent performance in the face of interference or difficult signal paths.

Small footprint! Exceptionally small design allows installation inside RTU or PLC housing.

MDS network-wide diagnostics software simplifies tasks and reduces the cost of managing the network infrastructure by eliminating trips to the field. Provides a non-intrusive means of maintaining link and radio network performance.

Flexible interfaces! All TransNETs come equipped with RS-232 for direct connection to most RTU/PLC’s and RS-485 for multidrop environments.

Low Power Consumption! Sleep mode for extremely low power consumption requirements - typically draws 7 mA - yet still recovers quickly for fast access to your critical data.

MDS TransNET is the price/performance leader; offering flexibility and reliability for both point-to-point and point-to-multipoint requirements.

MDS TransNET 900®

902-928 MHz Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum Transceiver

GE Digital Energy

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FEATURES

- High speed! Throughput to 115.2 Kbps
- Unparalleled robustness
  - Forward error correction
  - CRC/ARQ, multiple re-sends
- Industrial grade – Extended -40º C to +70º C temperature range for trouble free operation in extreme environments
- Sleep Mode – approx. 7 mA, ideal for solar power applications
- Store and forward – with self healing networks
- Network wide diagnostics – central network control without the need to visit sites

Applications

- SCADA
- Tested and approved to work with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) Mirrored Bits™
- Industrial automation
- Process control
- Gas and oil exploration, production and transportation
- Electric, water and gas utilities
**Frequency Band**
- 902-928 MHz ISM band

**Physical and Environmental**
- Dimensions: Approx. 8.9 D x 12.7 W x 2.5 H cm. (Approx. 3.5 D x 5 W x 1 H in.)
- Input Power: 6 to 30 Vdc
- Current Drain:
  - Mode 30 Vdc 13.8 Vdc 6 Vdc
  - Transmit: 236 mA 510 mA 1.18 A
  - Receive: 51 mA 100 mA 155 mA
- Sleep Mode: 7 mA typical
- Temperature Range: -40° C to +70° C
- Humidity: < 95% RH (Non-Condensing)

**Transmitter**
- Power Output: 1 Watt (30 dBm) at 6 Vdc to 30 Vdc, user selectable down to 100 mw (+20 dBm)
- Modulation: CPFSK

**Receiver**
- Sensitivity: -108 dBm (1 x 10⁻⁶ BER) typical
- Error Detection: CRC16; Resend on Error
- Interference Avoidance:
  - 64,000 hop patterns selected automatically via network address
  - FEC, CRC/ARQ and/or Multiple Packet Transmits
- Excellent Strong Signal (interference) Characteristics
- Band Segmentation for Friendly Coexistence with other services such as LMS

**Data**
- Interface: RS-232/RS-485 (User Selectable)
- Usable Throughput: 115.2 kbps
- Port Speeds: 1.2 to 115.2 kbps

**Connectors**
- Power, User, NMS: 2 Pin Phoenix, DB-9, RJ11
- RF: TNC

**Operating Modes**
- Point-to-Multipoint
- Master
- Remote
- Repeater Extension (Store-and-Forward) – Unlimited repeaters, self healing networks

**Network Management**
- Diagnostics
- Centralized network control eliminates site visits
- Create store-and-forward configurations
- Compatible with other MDS Products
- MDS InSite

**Agency Approvals**
- FCC: Part 15 Approved
- UL/CSA: Class 1 Div. 2 approved* (UL 508, UL 1604)
- IC: Approved

* The transceiver is not acceptable as a stand-alone unit for use in the hazardous locations described above. It must either be mounted within another piece of equipment, which is certified for hazardous locations, or installed within guidelines, or conditions of approval, as set forth by the approving agencies.