

iRFID - Intelligent Radio Frequency Identification Device

Overview: The iRFID™ is an active, Intelligent Radio Frequency Identification Device designed for cargo container logistics and general shipping applications. The iRFID™ is packaged as a robust, hardened and shock-proof device to withstand the harsh environments encountered in transit and outdoor depots. When activated, the iRFID™ in proximity with other MachineTalker® units, will automatically form wireless mesh networks to facilitate communication of logistics and sensor data among themselves and to present that information to Access Points supporting Wide Area Networks like the Internet.



iRFID™ Before Potting: This new unit is expected to be enclosed by potting compound that will make it virtually indestructible.

Dimensions as pictured (excluding mounting tabs) are:

Length 8" x Width 2.3" x Height 1"

Specifications

Processor: ATmega128, 8MHz RISC; w/64K Memory; 256K EEPROM; and Real-Time Clock (GMT).

Radio: 868MHz or 915MHz ISM Band. Whip antenna, range is 200 meters in free air, unobstructed.

External Connection: None.

Power Requirement: Internally mounted AA Batteries providing 4.5vdc under circuit PC Board. Battery life can be > 2 years, depending upon the "sleep time" that is User-determined.

Environment: Operating Temperature -20°C to 70°C; Relative Humidity 20% - 80%.

Controls: Diagnostic LED Indicators and On-Board integrated Sensors for Temperature, Battery Level, Vibration and Incident Light Detection. Crossing pre-set Temperature Thresholds, Detection of Vibration and Incident Light produce interrupts to processor so that occurrence can be reported by radio.

Embedded Software: Each member of the MachineTalker® family of products runs the **SMMP®** Operating System software that permits groups of iRFIDs™ to automatically form mesh networks or "Communities" wherein they operate as intelligent peers, each with a pre-programmed purpose. Programmed over wireless link from a MachineTalker®, its Application Programming Interface can be used to configure general operating parameters, including power management profiles, sensor/alarm thresholds, mesh network routing profiles, and radio frequency selection.

Applications: Via wireless connection, data may be stored and retrieved from mobile or stationary iRFIDs mounted in cargo containers, on pallets or shipping crates, aboard vehicles or attached to any type of asset. Data may include freight manifests, itineraries or any information up to 256Kbytes in size (additional storage capacity available). Manifest and itinerary data may be edited in real time from a remote source, and locally updated to reflect offloading or scheduling changes. Sensor data gathered by iRFIDs in transit may be logged and reported on command, or alarm profiles may be configured to 'push' data (alarms) out when limits are approached or exceeded. iRFIDs monitor their own power sources and send alerts when battery maintenance is required. iRFIDs may also be configured to log encounters with other iRFIDs or MachineTalkers® for use in predictive logistics management.