

APPLICABILITY TABLE

| PRODUCT |
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| ME70-169 |



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1. Introduction

1.1. Scope

Scope of this document is to present the features and the application of the Telit ME70-169 radio modules (ME70-169).

1.2. ME70-169 Product Description

The ME70-169 module is a multi-channel radio board, delivering up to 1W in the 169 MHz ISM band (unlicensed frequency band). The module is provided with a UART interface for serial communication and –configuration and one RF output pin.

It is delivered with preloaded protocol stack:

- ME70-169: “Wireless M-Bus Part 4 Mode N” Protocol stack.

ME70-169 is fully compatible with low power version ME50-169.

ME70-169 is pin-to-pin compatible with LE, NE and ME modules working at different frequencies. ME70-169 is also pin-to-pin compatible with Telit ZE Family (ZigBee PRO stack).

1.3. Contact Information, Support

For general contact, technical support, to report documentation errors and to order manuals, contact Telit Technical Support Center (TTSC) at:

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Alternatively, use:

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For detailed information about where you can buy the Telit modules or for recommendations on accessories and components visit:

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3. General Features

3.1. Main Functionalities

The ME70-169 module has a digital part and a RF part. The radio link is a Half Duplex bi-directional link.

The digital part has the following functionalities:

- Communication interface
- I/O management
- Micro controller with embedded Telit Software Stack

The RF part has the following functionalities:

- Frequency synthesis
- Front-end
- Low noise reception
- Power amplification
- Packet handling

3.2. Software

The ME70-169 module is provided pre-flashed with Telit in-house Wireless M-Bus stack.

Please refer to Protocol Stack User Guides [7] for detailed information.

3.3. Temperature Operating Range

| | <i>Minimum</i> | <i>Typical</i> | <i>Maximum</i> | <i>Unit</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| <i>Operating</i> | | | | |
| Temperature | - 40 | 25 | + 80 | °C |
| Relative humidity @ 25°C | 20 | | 75 | % |
| <i>Storage</i> | | | | |
| Temperature | - 40 | 25 | + 80 | °C |



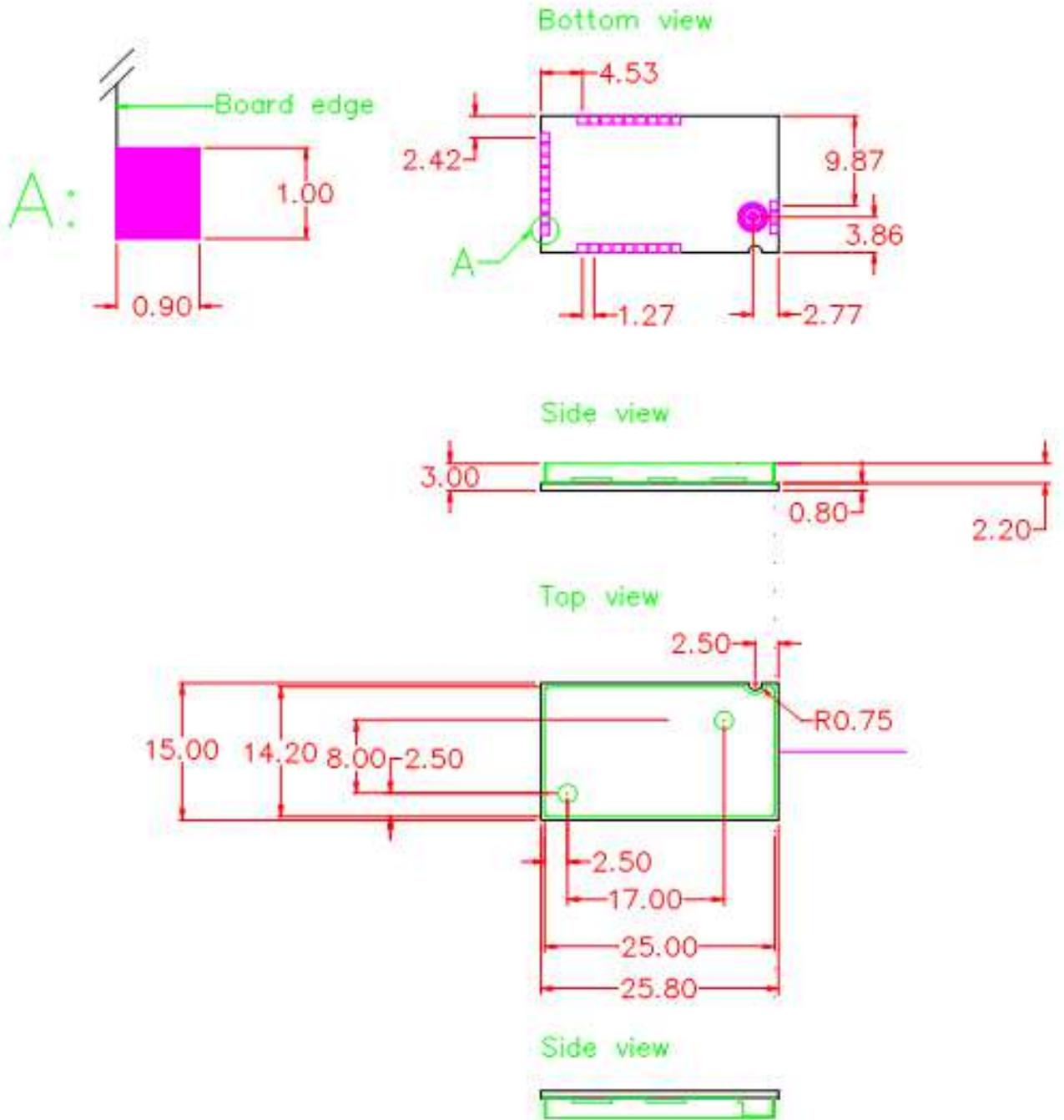
3.4. Mechanical Specifications

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| <i>Size :</i> | Rectangular 25.8 x 15 mm |
| <i>Height :</i> | 3 mm |
| <i>Weight :</i> | 1.7 g |
| <i>PCB thickness:</i> | 0.8 mm |
| <i>Cover* :</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimensions : 25 x 14.2 x 2.2mm • Thickness : 200µm |
| <i>Components :</i> | All SMD components, on one side of the PCB. |
| <i>Connectors :</i> | The terminals allowing conveying I/O signals are LGA |
| <i>Mounting :</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMD • LGA on the 4 external sides |
| <i>Number of pins :</i> | 30 |

*: The metallic shield used on ME70-169 covers all the SMD components



3.5. Mechanical drawing



3.7. Radio Specifications

Measured on DIP interface with T = 25°C, Vdd = 3V, 50 ohm impedance and default power register setting if nothing else noted.

| Global | | | | | | | |
|---|--|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|
| ERC Rec 70-03 Frequency Band | 169.4 – 169,475 Mhz | | | | | | |
| EN_13757-4 Channels | Channel 1a | Channel 1b | Channel 2a | Channel 2b | Channel 3a | Channel 3b | Channel 0 |
| Center frequency (MHz) | 169,40625 | 169,41875 | 169,43125 | 169,44375 | 169,45625 | 169,46875 | 169,4375 |
| Channel width (kHz) | 12.5 | | | | | | 50 |
| RF data rate (kbps) | 4.8 | | 2.4 or 4.8 | | 4.8 | | 19.2 |
| Transmission | | | | | | | |
| Duty cycle | ≤ 10% | | | | | | |
| Modulation Format | GMSK | | GFSK | | GMSK | | 4GFSK |
| Deviation (kHz) | +/- 2.4 | | +/- 2.4 | | +/- 2.4 | | -7.2, -2.4, +2.4, +7.2 |
| Frequency tolerance (kHz) | +/- 1.5 | | +/- 2.0 | | +/- 1.5 | | +/- 2.5 |
| RF Output Power | Selectable by software (see Protocol Stack User Guides [7]) among the following levels (dBm): +12, +15, +18, +21, +24, +27, +30 | | | | | | |
| Max permitted e.r.p | +27dBm (500 mW) | | | | | | |
| exception | | | | | | | |
| Measured Sensitivity for PER< 0,8 | -115 dBm | | -119 dBm @ 2.4kbps -115 dBm @ 4.8kbps | | -115 dBm | | -107 dBm |
| Min permitted Sensitivity for PER< 0,8* | -112 dBm | | -115 dBm @ 2.4kbps -112 dBm @ 4.8kbps | | -112 dBm | | -104 dBm |
| Saturation for PER< 20% | Up to +10 dBm under 50Ω | | | | | | |

*At a frame size of 20 bytes.



| ETSI EN 300 220 V2.3.1 (2009-12) | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Transmission | | | | |
| Frequency error | +/- 6.25 kHz @ 12.5 kHz channelization +/- 16.95 kHz (+/-100 ppm) > 25 kHz channelization | | | |
| ACP | - 37 dBm in 8.5 kHz BW under normal test conditions - 32 dBm in 8.5 kHz BW under extreme test conditions | | | |
| Modulation bandwidth | Reference Bandwidth (RBW) | Limit | Lower envelope point Minimum frequency | Upper envelope point maximum frequency |
| | 1 kHz | - 30 dBm (1 μ W) | $f_{e, lower}$ | $f_{e, upper}$ |
| | 1 kHz | - 36 dBm (250 nW) | ($f_{e, lower} - 200$ kHz) | ($f_{e, upper} + 200$ kHz) |
| | 10 kHz | - 36 dBm (250 nW) | ($f_{e, lower} - 400$ kHz) | ($f_{e, upper} + 400$ kHz) |
| | 100 kHz | - 36 dBm (250 nW) | ($f_{e, lower} - 1$ MHz) | ($f_{e, upper} + 1$ MHz) |
| Unwanted emissions in the spurious domain | Frequency | 47 MHz to 74 MHz 7,5 MHz to 118 MHz 174 MHz to 230 MHz 470 MHz to 862 MHz | Other frequencies below 1 000 MHz | Frequencies above 1 000 MHz |
| | State | | | |
| | Operating | - 54 dBm (4 nW) | - 36 dBm (250 nW) | - 30 dBm (1 μ W) |
| | Standby | - 57 dBm (2 nW) | - 57 dBm (2 nW) | - 47 dBm (20 nW) |
| Reception | | | | |
| Blocking for class 2 equipments | Frequency offset of the unwanted signal | Receiver bandwidth | | Minimum offset between wanted and unwanted signals |
| | +/-2 MHz | 10 kHz | | ≥ 37 dB |
| | | 40 kHz | | ≥ 31 dB |
| | +/-10 MHz | 10 kHz | | ≥ 62 dB |
| 40 kHz | | ≥ 56 dB | | |
| Spurious radiation | Below 1000 MHz | | Above 1000 MHz | |
| | - 57 dBm (2 nW) | | - 47 dBm (20 nW) | |



3.9. Digital Specifications

| Function | Characteristics |
|---------------------------------|---|
| μ C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 128 kB + 8 kB in system programmable flash • 8 kB RAM • 2 kB E²PROM |
| Serial link | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS232 TTL Full Duplex • 1200 to 115200 bps • 7 or 8 bits • Parity management • Flow control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hardware (RTS/CTS) |
| Embedded software functionality | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre flashed ○ Customization capability ○ Download over the air |

3.10. Absolute Maximum Ratings

| | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <i>Voltage applied to V_{CC}, V_{DD} :</i> | -0.3V to +3.6V |
| <i>Voltage applied to "TTL" Input :</i> | -0.3V to V _{DD} +0.3V |



3.11. Ordering Information

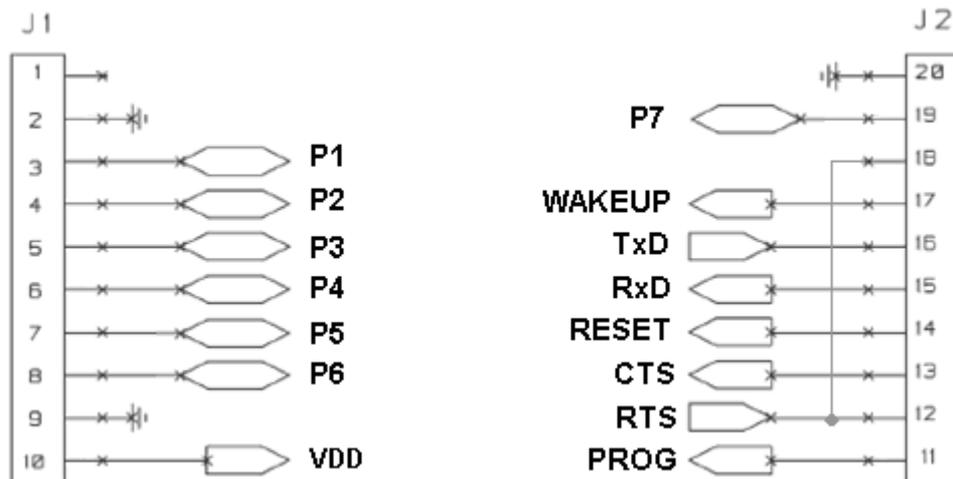
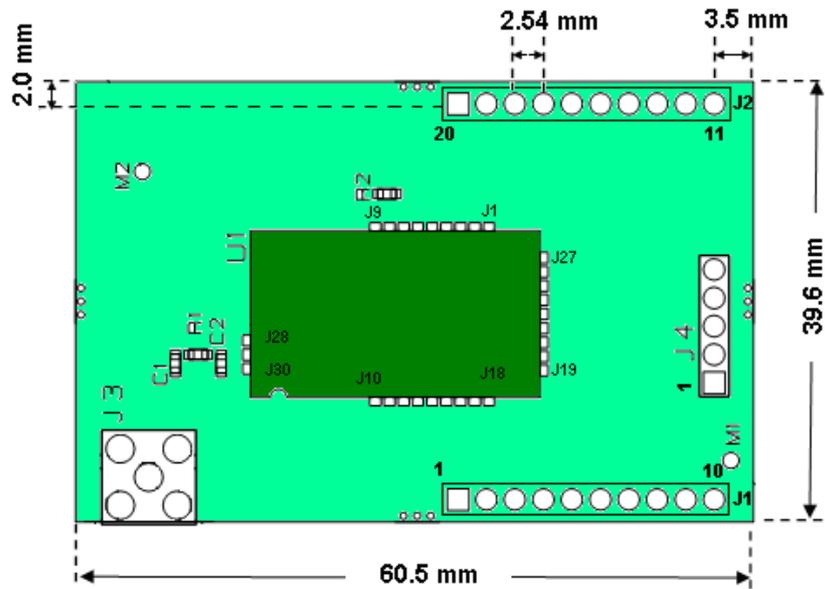
The following equipments can be ordered:

- The SMD version (ME70-169)
- The DIP interface version (ME70-169)
- The Demo Case composed by:
 - n.2 evaluation boards,
 - n.2 ME50 DIP interface boards,
 - n.2 ME70 DIP interface boards,
 - 2 RF antennas,
 - 2 USB cables,
 - 2 power supply
 - 2 batteries.

The versions below are considered standard and should be readily available. For other versions, please contact Telit. Please make sure to give the complete part number when ordering.



4.3. Pin-out of the Module DIP



4.4. Dip-Module Pin-out correspondence table

Pin-Out correspondence between ME70-169/DIP, ME70-169/SMD and internal μ C port

| ME70-169/DIP | | | ME70-169/SMD | | Comments |
|---------------|---------------|------|--------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Connector | Pin | Name | Pin | Pin Name | |
| J1 | 1 | | | | |
| | 2 | | | GND | |
| | 3 | P1 | J5 | IO5_A | |
| | 4 | P2 | J9 | IO9_I ³ | Reserved Pin |
| | 5 | P3 | J2 | STANDBY STATUS | |
| | 6 | P4 | J1 | RADIO STATUS | |
| | 7 | P5 | J4 | IO4_A | |
| | 8 | P6 | J3 | IO3_A | |
| | 9 | | | GND | |
| | 10 | | J25 | VDD | |
| J2 | 11 | | J16 | PROG | |
| | 12 | | J22 | RTS | |
| | 13 | | J24 | CTS | |
| | 14 | | J23 | RESET | |
| | 15 | | J21 | RxD | |
| | 16 | | J19 | TxD | |
| | 17 | | J18 | WAKEUP | |
| | 18 | | J22 | RTS | |
| | 19 | P7 | J6 | IO6_A | |
| | 20 | | | GND | |
| J4 | 1 | | J14 | PDI_DATA | J4 Connector for debugging and flashing |
| | 2 | | J10 | PDI_CLK | |
| | 3 | | J23 | RESET | |
| | 4 | | J25 | VDD | |
| | 5 | | | GND | |
| | | | J7 | IO7_A | |
| | | | J8 | IO8_AD_DA ⁴ | Reserved Pin |
| RF connection | | | | | |
| J3 | SMA connector | | J29 | Ext_Antenna (Unbalanced RF) | A 50 Ohm coplanar wave guide and a matching network connect J29 to J3 |

^{3, 4} In case you want to use in the same application Telit ZE51 or ZE61 modules J9 and J8 should not be connected, since reserved on these modules.





4.5. Signals description

| Signals | Description |
|-----------------------|---|
| RESET | External hardware reset of the radio module. Active on low state. |
| TXD, RXD | Serial link signals, format NRZ/TTL: TXD is for outgoing data. RXD is for incoming data. The '1' is represented by a high state. |
| CTS | Incoming signal. Indicates whether the module can send serial data to user (Active, on low state) or not (inactive, on high state). |
| RTS | Outgoing signal. Indicates whether the user can transmit serial data (active, on low state) or not (inactive, on high state). |
| IO | I/O, configurable as input or as output. |
| WAKEUP | Input signal which indicates to the module to wake up from low-power mode. See reference document [7] for ME70-169 |
| RADIO STATUS | Output signal which indicates the status of the radio. Set to VCC during radio transmission or as soon as a radio frame is detected with correct synchronization word. The signals returns to GND at the end of transmission or as soon as the frame reception is finished. |
| STANDBY STATUS | The 'STAND BY STATUS' output signal is set to logical '1' while the module is operating and return to '0' during stand by periods. |



5.2. Storage

The optimal storage environment for ME70-169 modules should be dust free, dry and the temperature should be included between -40°C and +80°C.

5.3. Moisture sensibility

The level of moisture sensibility of the Product is “3” according with standard IPC/JEDEC JSTD-020, take care of all the relative requirements for using this kind of components.

Moreover, the customer has to take care of the following conditions:

- a) The shelf life of the Product inside of the dry bag must be 12 months from the bag seal date,
- b) when stored in a non-condensing atmospheric environment of $\leq 30^{\circ}\text{C}$ / 60% RH according to IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033A paragraph 5
- c) The maximum time between the opening of the sealed bag and the reflow process must be 168 hours if condition b) “IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033A paragraph 5.2” is respected
- d) Baking is required if conditions b) or c) are not respected
- e) Baking is required if the humidity indicator inside the bag indicates 10% RH or more

5.4. Additional Precautions

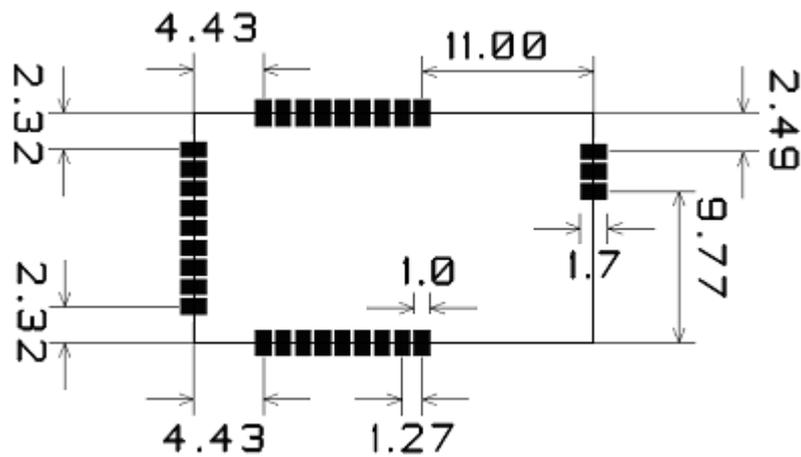
Also, it must be noted that due to some components, ME70-169 modules are ESD sensitive device. Therefore, ESD handling precautions should be carefully observed.

5.5. Soldering pad pattern

The surface finished on the printed circuit board pads should be made of Nickel/Gold surface.

The recommended soldering pad layout on the host board for the ME70-169 is shown in the diagram below:





All dimensions in mm

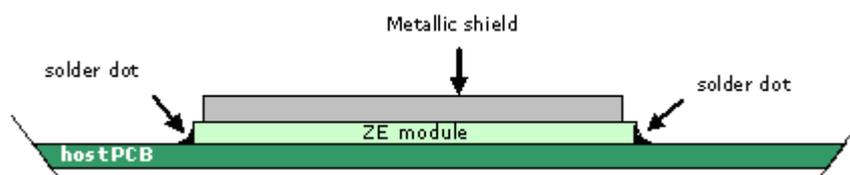
Neither via-holes nor wires are allowed on the PCB upper layer in area occupied by the module.

5.6. Solder past

ME70-169 module is designed for surface mounting using half-moon solder joints (see diagram below).

For proper module assembly, solder paste must be printed on the target surface of the host board. The solder paste should be eutectic and made of 95.5% of SN, 4% of Ag and 0.5% of Cu. The recommended solder paste height is 180 μm .

The following diagram shows mounting characteristics for ME integration on host PCB:



5.7. Placement

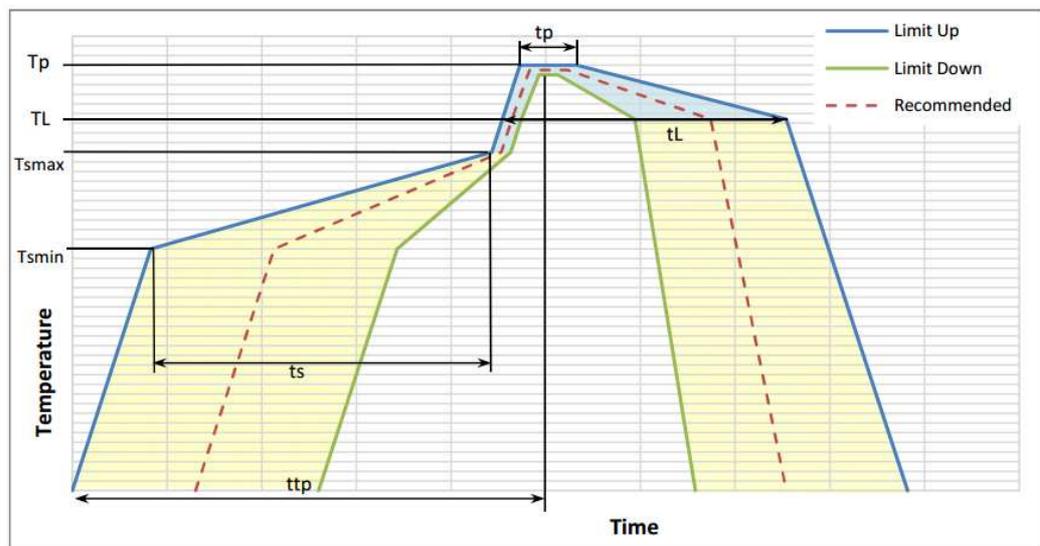
The ME70-169 module can be automatically placed on host boards by pick-and-place machines like any integrated circuit



5.8. Soldering Profile (RoHS Process)

It must be noted that ME70-169 module should not be allowed to be hanging upside down during the reflow operation. This means that the module has to be assembled on the side of the printed circuit board that is soldered last.

The recommendation for lead-free solder reflow in IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020D Standard should be followed.



| Profile Feature | Pb-Free Assembly |
|---|------------------|
| Average ramp-up rate (TL to Tp) | 3°C/second max |
| Preheat | |
| - Temperature Min (Tsmin) | 150°C |
| - Temperature Max (Tsmax) | 200°C |
| - Time (Tsmin to Tsmax) ts | 60-180 seconds |
| Tsmax to TL | |
| - Ramp-up rate | 3°C/second max |
| Time maintained above: | |
| - Temperature (TL) | 217°C |
| - Time (tL) | 60-150 seconds |
| Peak Temperature (Tp) | 245°C +0/-5 °C |
| Time within 5°C of actual Peak Temperature (tp) | 10-30 seconds |
| Ramp-down Rate | 6°C/second max |
| Time 25°C to Peak Temperature Tp (ttp) | 8 minutes max |

The barcode label located on the module shield is able to withstand the reflow temperature.



CAUTION - It must also be noted that if the host board is submitted to a wave soldering after the reflow operation, a solder mask must be used in order to protect the ME70-169 radio module's metal shield from being in contact with the solder wave.



6. Board Mounting Recommendation

6.1. Electrical environment

The best performances of the ME70-169 module are obtained in a “clean noise” environment. Some basic recommendations must be followed:

- Noisy electronic components (serial RS232, DC-DC Converter, Display, Ram, Bus...) must be placed as far as possible from the ME70-169 module.



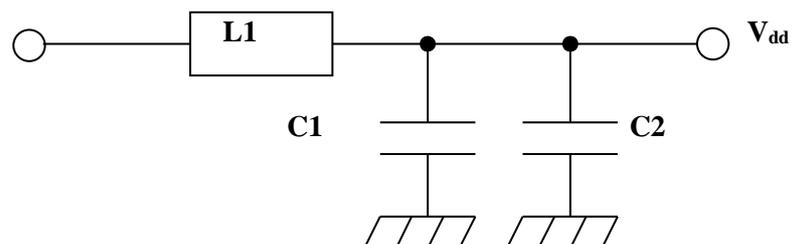
CAUTION – A particular attention must be put on power supply DC-DC converter, due to switching frequency that generates spurious into the receiver band. It can strongly decrease module performances. It is then recommended to put a metallic shield covering DC conversion function.

- Switching components circuits (especially RS-232/TTL interface circuit power supply) must be decoupled with a 100 μ F tantalum capacitor. And the decoupling capacitor must be as close as possible to the noisy chip.

6.2. Power supply decoupling on ME70-169 module

The power supply of ME70-169 module must be nearby decoupled. A LC filter is strongly recommended in case of DC-DC conversion. It must be placed as close as possible to the radio module power supply pin, VDD.

Power Supply



| Symbols | Reference | Value | Manufacturer |
|---------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| L1 | LQH32CN1R0M33 | 1 μ H | Murata |
| C1 | GRM31CF51A226ZE01 | 22 μ F | Murata |
| C2 | Ceramic CMS 25V | 100nF | Multiple |

L1 must be chosen carefully with very low serial resistance in order to limit voltage drop.

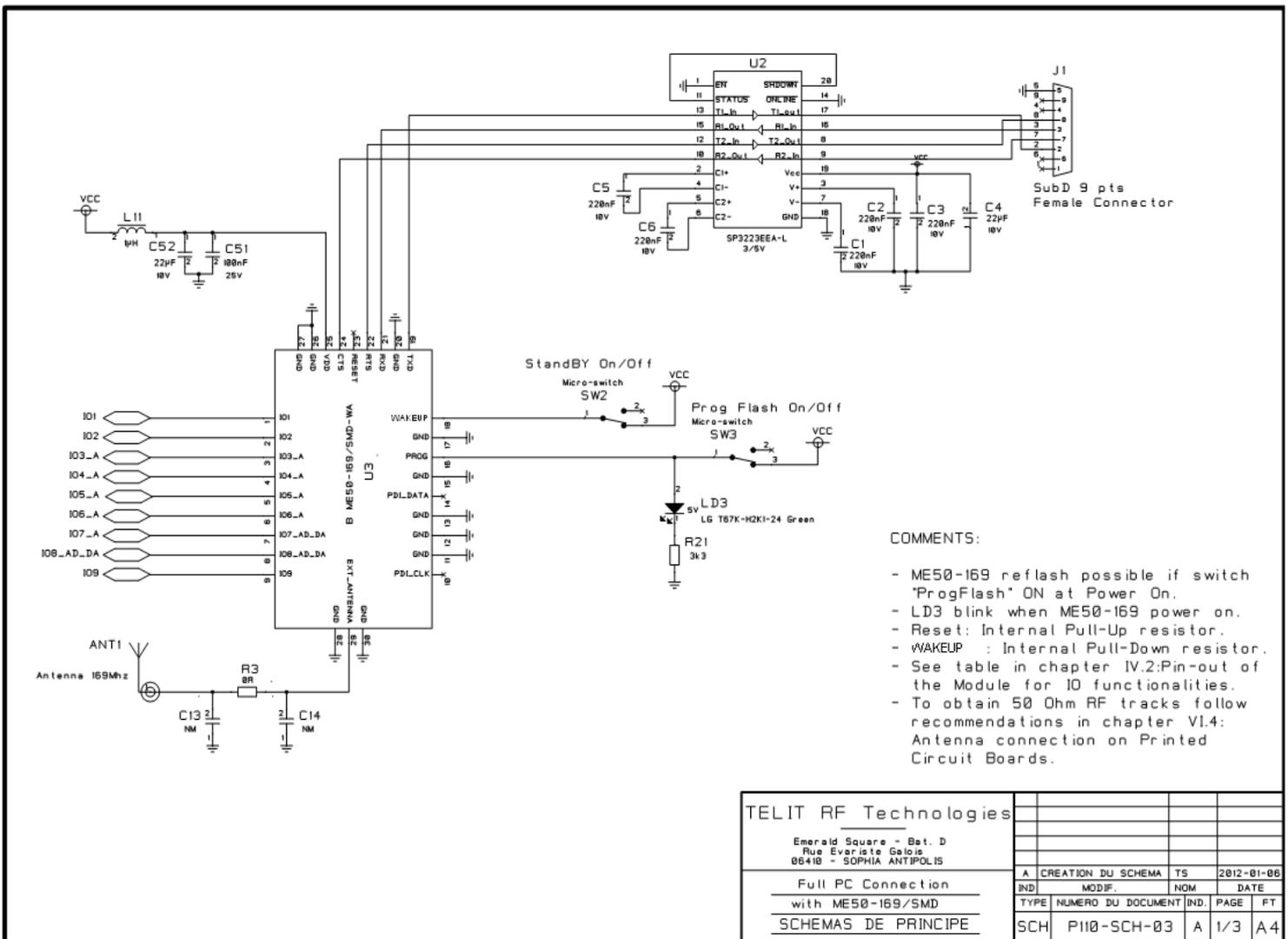


6.5. Antenna Installation Guidelines

Antenna shall be installed according to antenna manufacturer instructions
Antenna shall not be installed inside metal cases.

6.6. ME70-169 Interfacing

Example of a full RS-232 connection between a PC or an Automat (PLC) and ME50-169
It applies also for ME70-169, high power version.



7. EC Declaration of Conformity



EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

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1. **ME70-169** (product name)

2. Telit Communications S.p.A - loc. Sa Illetta, S.S. 195, Km 2.300, 09122 Cagliari - ITALY (manufacturer)

3. This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer

4. Short Range Radio Module for Application in 169 MHz band




5. The object of the declaration described above is in conformity with the relevant Community harmonisation European Directive 1999/05/EC (R&TTE)

6. The conformity with the essential requirements of the 1999/05/EC has been demonstrated against the following harmonized standards:

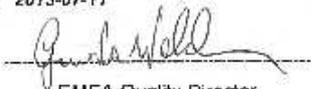
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| EN 50950-1:2006 + CORR:2006 + A11:2009 + A12:2011 + AC:2011 | For article 3.1 (a): Health and Safety of the User |
| EN 301 489-1 V1.9.2 EN 301 489-3 V1.4.1 | For article 3.1 (b): Electromagnetic Compatibility |
| EN 300 220-2 V2.4.1 | For article 3.2: Effective use of spectrum allocated |

7. The conformity assessment procedure referred to in Article 10, and detailed in Annex V of Directive 1999/05/EC has been followed with the involvement of the following Notified Body:
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Notified Body Number: 0682

Thus, **CE 0682** is placed on the product.

8. The Technical Construction File (TCF) relevant to the product described above, and which supports this Declaration of Conformity, is held at Telit Communications S.p.A, Via Stazione di Prosecco, 5/b - 34010 Sgonico (TRIESTE) ITALY

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9. Glossary

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| ACP | Adjacent Channel Power |
| AFA | Adaptive Frequency Agility |
| bps | Bits per second |
| BW | Bandwidth |
| dB | Decibel |
| dBm | Power level in decibel milliwatt ($10 \log (P/1mW)$) |
| E²PROM | Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory |
| e.r.p | Effective radiated power |
| ETSI | European Telecommunication Standard Institute |
| GFSK | Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying |
| I | Input |
| ISM | Industrial, Scientific and Medical |
| kB | KiloByte |
| kbps | Kilobits per second |
| kcps | Kilochips per second |
| kHz | Kilo Hertz |
| LBT | Listen Before Talk |
| LGA | Land Grid Array |
| MHz | Mega Hertz |
| mW | milliwatt |
| O | Output |
| PER | Packet Error Rate |
| ppm | Parts per million |
| RAM | Random Access Memory |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| RoHS | Restriction of Hazardous Substances |
| RxD | Receive Data |
| SMD | Surface Mounted Device |
| SRD | Short Range Device |
| TxD | Transmit Data |
| UART | Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter |
| μC | microcontroller |



10. Document History

| Revision | Date | Changes |
|----------|------------|---|
| 0 | 2012-10-02 | First Release |
| 1 | 2013-11-06 | Inserted EC Declaration of Conformity |
| 2 | 2014-01-31 | Inserted clarification notes on table 4.4 Inserted new channel according to WMBUS part4 2013 |
| 3 | 2014-11-14 | Changed overall document structure Added power consumption table in par 3.8 Added par 6.5: Antenna installation guideline Removed "Audience" paragraph |
| 4 | 2015-06-19 | Updated Process Information |

