

OEM KEYFOB TRANSMITTER DATA GUIDE

DESCRIPTION

The Linx CMD-KEY#-***-xxx Keyfob transmitter is ideal for general-purpose remote control and command applications. It has been pre-certified for FCC Part 15, Industry Canada, and European CE (433MHz only) compliance, reducing development costs and time to market. Available in 315, 418 (standard), or 433.92MHz, this stylish and compact remote has a range of up to 750 feet when combined with the LR Series receiver. The Keyfob can be configured with 1 to 5 buttons and the keypad and labeling can be modified to meet specific customer requirements. Selectable addressing provides security and allows the creation of up to 1,024 distinct transmitter-receiver relationships. The Keyfob is available in black, white, or translucent colors. The transmission can be decoded using a matching Linx Function Module, KH Series receiver / decoder, or an LR or LT Series receiver paired with a decoder IC or microcontroller. The unit operates from a single 3V CR2032 lithium button cell.

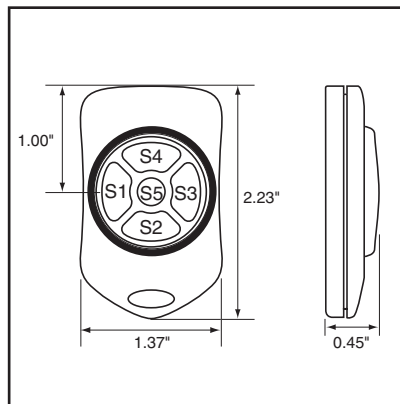


Figure 1: Package Dimensions



FEATURES

- FCC, Canada, and CE pre-certified
- 1 to 5 buttons
- Small package
- Customizable keypad

APPLICATIONS INCLUDE

- General Remote Control
- Keyless Entry
- Garage / Gate Openers
- Lighting Control
- Call Systems
- Home / Industrial Automation
- Wire Elimination

OEM Configurations

With a one-time NRE and minimum order, Linx can configure the keypad and label areas to meet your specific requirements. Contact Linx for details.

ORDERING INFORMATION

PART #	DESCRIPTION
CMD-KEY#-***-xxx	Keyfob Transmitter
EVAL-***-KEY#	Keyfob Basic Evaluation Kit
# = Number of Buttons: 1 to 5	
*** = 315, 418 (Standard), 433.92 MHz	
xxx = Color Leave blank for standard Black	
WHT = White	CGY= Gray CBL = Blue
CRE = Red	CPU = Purple

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Parameter	Designation	Min.	Typical	Max.	Units	Notes
POWER SUPPLY						
Operating Voltage	V _{CC}	2.1	3.0	3.6	VDC	–
Supply Current	I _{CC}	–	3.4	–	mA	–
Power-Down Current	I _{PDN}	–	5.0	–	nA	1
TRANSMITTER SECTION						
Transmit Frequency Range:	F _C					
CMD-KEY#-315		–	315	–	MHz	–
CMD-KEY#-418		–	418	–	MHz	–
CMD-KEY#-433		–	433.92	–	MHz	–
Center Frequency Accuracy	–	-50	–	+50	kHz	–
ENVIRONMENTAL						
Operating Temperature Range	–	-40	–	+85	°C	1

Notes

1. Characterized, but not tested

THEORY OF OPERATION

The CMD-KEY#-*** Keyfob transmitter combines the LR Series transmitter with an on-board Holtek HT640 encoder IC to form a simple, yet effective, RF remote control transmitter. The LR transmitter is a low-cost, high-performance, synthesized ASK / OOK transmitter. The transmitter’s synthesized architecture delivers outstanding stability and frequency accuracy while minimizing the effects of antenna port loading and mismatching. This reduces or eliminates frequency pulling, bit contraction, and other negative effects common to SAW-based transmitter architectures, providing a significantly higher level of performance and reliability.

When a button is pressed on the transmitter, power is applied to the internal circuitry and the encoder IC is enabled. The encoder detects the logic states of the address lines and button data lines. These states are formatted into a three-word transmission cycle that continues until the button is released. The encoder data is used to modulate the transmitter, which, through the antenna, conveys the data into free space. On the receiver side, a decoder IC or custom microcontroller is used to check the transmitter’s address bits against the address settings of the receiving device. If a match is confirmed, the decoder’s outputs are set to replicate the transmitter’s button states. These outputs can then be used to activate external circuitry required by the application.

The transmitter is compatible with several Linx receiver products, including the LR, KH2, LT, and OEM product families. For applications where range is critical, the LR Series receiver is the best choice due to its outstanding sensitivity. When the transmitter is combined with an LR Series receiver and the HT658 decoder chip, ranges of up to 750 feet are possible. Applications operating over shorter distances will also benefit from the increased link reliability and superior noise immunity provided by the LR Series receiver.

SETTING THE TRANSMITTER ADDRESS

The Keyfob allows the selection of one of 1,024 unique addresses. All keyfobs are supplied set to the same address. To avoid contention with other units or to create unique relationships, the address can be changed. This is accomplished by cutting the traces with a sharp object, such as an X-Acto knife. The traces are accessed by removing the rear cover.

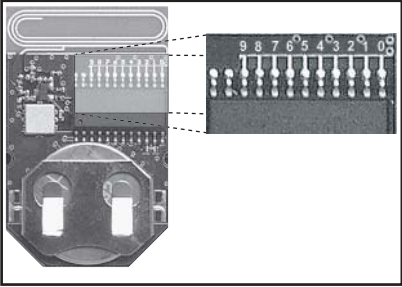


Figure 2: DIP Switch Assignments

If the trace is intact, the address line is connected to ground, otherwise it is floating. The receiver’s address must match exactly in order for the units to communicate. Application Note AN-00300 describes in detail how to set the address to match any of the receivers offered by Linx. This note can be found in the Support section of the Linx website, www.linxtechnologies.com.

BUTTON ASSIGNMENTS

The Keyfob is available in five unique button configurations. Those configurations and the corresponding switch numbers are shown in the figure below. The table shows which encoder data line has been assigned to each switch. When a button is pressed, the data line will go high, causing the corresponding data line on the decoder to go high if the addresses match.

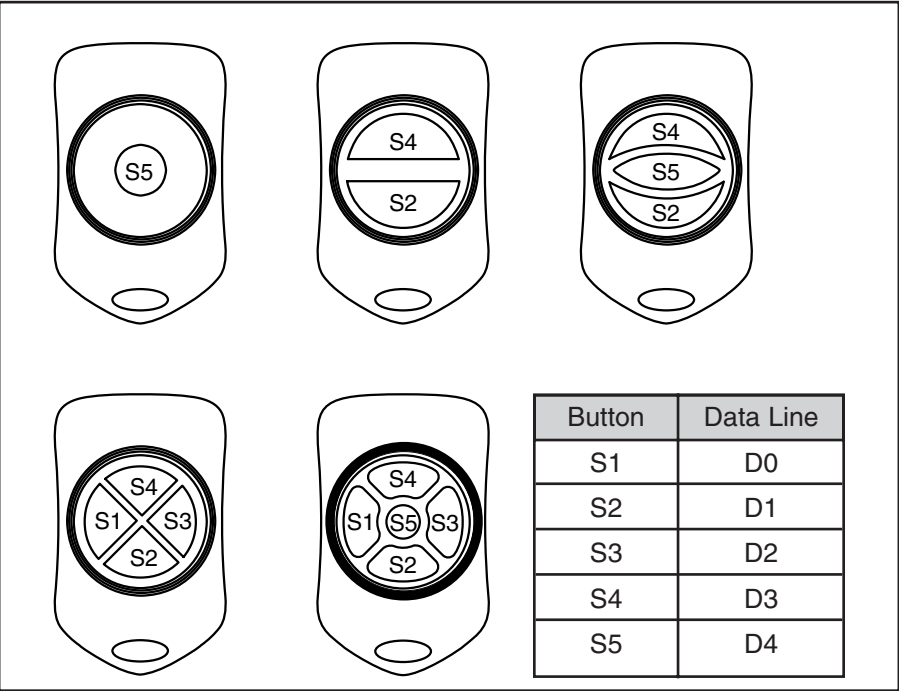


Figure 3: CMD-KEY#-*** Button Assignments

CONTENTION CONSIDERATIONS

It is important to understand that only one transmitter at a time can be activated within a reception area. While the transmitted signal consists of encoded digital data, only one carrier of any particular frequency can occupy airspace without contention at any given time. If two transmitters are activated in the same area at the same time, then the signals will interfere with each other and the decoder will not see a valid transmission, so it will not take any action.

BATTERY REPLACEMENT

The remote unit utilizes a standard CR2032 lithium button cell. In normal use, it will provide 1 to 2 years of operation. Access for replacement is accomplished by gently prying apart the two halves of the keyfob at the seam (fingernails will do for this). Once the unit is open, remove the battery by sliding it out from beneath the retainer.

There may be the risk of explosion if the battery is replaced by the wrong type. Replace it with the same type of battery while observing the polarity shown in the adjacent figure.



Figure 4: Battery Access

ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

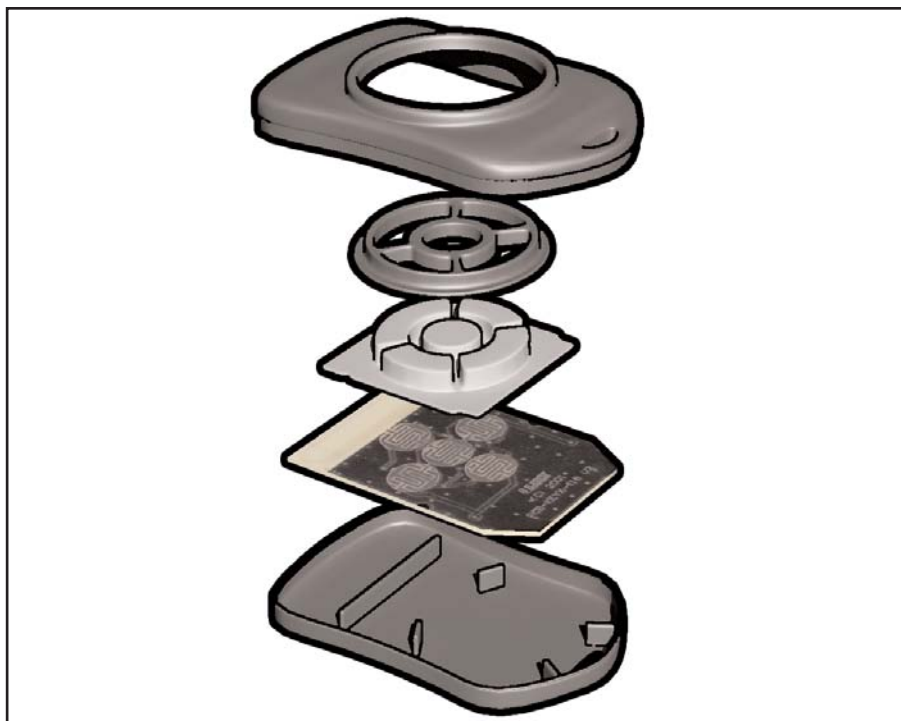


Figure 5: CMD-KEY#-*** Assembly

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The CMD-KEY#-*** has been pre-certified by Linx Technologies for FCC Part 15 and Industry Canada RSP-100 compliance. The 433.92MHz version has also been tested for CE compliance for use in the European Union. The 315MHz and 418MHz versions are not legal for use in Europe.

LABELING / INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

The CMD-KEY#-*** Keyfob Transmitter has already been labeled in accordance with FCC, Industry Canada, and CE regulations in effect as of the date of this document. No further labeling of the unit is needed; however, it is necessary to include the following statement in the end product's instruction manual or insert card for FCC compliance. Industry Canada only requires the shaded portion. EU does not require a statement.

INSTRUCTION TO THE USER

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules.

Operation of this device is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.

Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

This equipment has been certified to comply with the limits for a Class B computing device, pursuant to FCC Rules. In order to maintain compliance with FCC regulations, shielded cables must be used with this equipment. Operation with non-approved equipment or unshielded cables is likely to result in interference to radio and TV reception. The user is cautioned that changes and modifications made to the equipment without the approval of manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

Place the above statement in the instruction manual or insert card.

RECEIVERS

There are four options for receivers within the Linx product line. The first option is to use one of the OEM Function Modules, such as the Relay Module or the AC Wall Module. These items are also pre-certified and can be immediately included in a product.

The other options are to use one of the Linx receiver modules. The signal sent by the Keyfob transmitter can be received by the LR Series receiver module or the LT Series transceiver module. These modules can be connected to the Holtek HT658 decoder to decode the signal, or a custom microcontroller can be programmed to decode it and take specific action.

The KH2 Series offers a slightly simpler solution by combining the LR Series receiver and the HT658 decoder in a single package.

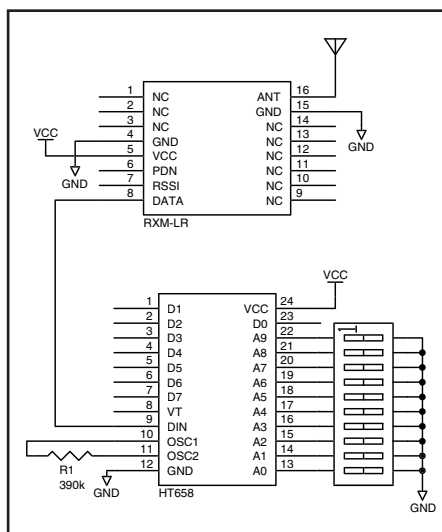
When a button is pressed on the transmitter, a corresponding line on the decoder will go high (as long as the addresses match). This can then be connected to whatever circuitry is required by the application.

Application Note AN-00300 discusses in detail how to set the addresses on all of the units. Data guides for all of the receivers, the HT640 encoder, and the HT658 decoder can be found on the Linx Technologies website, www.linxtechnologies.com.



TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

The outstanding sensitivity of the LR Series receiver offers the best range when combined with the Keyfob transmitter. When using the LR Series receiver, the Holtek HT658 decoder chip should be connected to decode the received signal. This decoder has ten address lines that must match the Keyfob address lines. A DIP switch is commonly used to set these, but they can also be hardwired. As long as the address lines match, when a button on the Keyfob is pressed, a corresponding data line on the decoder (D0-D4) will go high. These data lines can then be connected to external circuitry to perform whatever function is required by the application.





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