

Wireless LAN (WLAN) SPI Module OWL221a



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Key features

The Wireless LAN SPI Module 221a has been developed for integration in industrial, medical, and other demanding devices providing state of the art low power features and dual-band support for both 2.4GHz and the full 5GHz radio band. The accompanying software driver works as the interface between the TCP/IP stack in the device and the module. The module minimizes the work needed to implement Wireless LAN (IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n) in a device as it provides all hardware, type approval, EMC certification etc. It is developed for reliable, high demanding devices and applications. The driver is available for Linux, WinCE and embedded systems and may be adapted for any micro controller.

- Supports 802.11a/b/g/n
- Dual-band radio, 2.4GHz and 5GHz
- 2.4GHz channels 1-13
- 5GHz channels 36-165 (U-NII band 1, 2, 2e, 3)
- 802.11n space time block code for extended range and throughput
- SPI Host interface
- Software driver available or adaptable for any device
- Radio type approved for Europe, US, Japan and Canada (R&TTE, FCC, MIC, IC)
- Compliant with EMC standards
- Industrial temperature range -30 to +85°C
- Low power requirements
- Supports security features WEP64, WEP128, WPA, WPA2
- Quality of Service: 802.11e and WMM
- Ad-hoc and infrastructure mode
- Internal or dual external antennas (diversity supported)

Technical data

Wireless Standard

Wireless LAN (WLAN)

Standard Specification

Conforms to 802.11a/b/g/e/i/h/j, drafts 802.11k/r, and single-stream 802.11n standards
 Quality of Service: Supports 802.11e and WMM
 Security: Supports WPA/WPA2 (802.11i)

Radio

Internal antenna (range & max output power incl. antenna): 400m & 20dBm
 External antenna (range & max output power incl. antenna): 400m & 20dBm
 802.11a/b/g/n (single stream n) dual band, 65 Mbit/s
 2.4 GHz channels: 1-13
 5 GHz channels: 36-165 (U-NII Band 1, 2, 2e, 3)

Type Approvals

Europe (ETSI R&TTE)
 US (FCC/CFR 47 part 15 unlicensed modular transmitter approval)
 Canada (RSS IC)
 Japan, 2.4 GHz only (MIC - formerly TELEC)

Interface

SPI up to 75 MHz

Features

Throughput: 20 Mbps
 Security:

- WEP64/128
- TKIP
- AES (CCMP)
- WPA-EAP-TLS, WPA-PSK
- WPA2-EAP-TLS, WPA2-PSK

Quality of Service (QoS):

- 802.11e
- WMM

Android Support
 iPhone/iPad support
 Operational modes:

- BSS (infrastructure)
- IBSS (ad-hoc)

Driver support:

- Linux
- WinCE
- Embedded systems
- Other systems, please contact us

Integrated baseband and MAC processing
 Advanced power management
 802.11n space time block code support
 Regulatory domain support
 Antenna Diversity: Internal or single and dual external
 Fast roaming
 WPS (WiFi Protected Setup)
 Dynamic Transmit Power Adaptation
 Zero host load
 TX power calibration
 Link adaptation
 Fragmentation
 DTIM based power management
 Pre-authentication
 Bluetooth co-location: Supports IEEE 802.15.2 Packet Traffic Arbitration (PTA)

Power

Power supply voltage: 3.3 - 5.5 VDC
 Current consumption (minimum): 5 mA @3.3V
 Current consumption (average Tx): 150 mA @3.3V

Connectors

Board-to-board connector
 20-pin header connector (optional)

Mechanical

Operating temperature: -30°C to +85°C
 Mounting holes
 Dimensions: 23x36x3 mm

Certifications and Compliance

R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC:

- EN 300 328 V1.7.1, EN 301 893
- EMC: EN 301 489-1, EN 301 489-17, EN 61000-6-2
- Safety Compliance: IEC 60950-1 / EN 60950-1

Medical Electrical Equipment:

- IEC 60601-1-2 (for single antenna configurations)

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Article numbers

Modules:

cB-OWL221ai-02: OEM Wireless LAN 221a module with integrated antenna, board-to-board connector and 20 pin header connector

cB-OWL221ai-04: OEM Wireless LAN 221a module with integrated antenna and board-to-board connector

cB-OWL221ax-02: OEM Wireless LAN 221a module with connector for external antenna, board-to-board connector and 20 pin header connector

cB-OWL221ax-04: OEM Wireless LAN 221a module with connector for external antenna and board-to-board connector

Drivers and evaluation kits:

- WDK-04-A: Linux evaluation system
- WDK-09: Embedded driver source code
- WDK-11: Linux/WinCE driver source code

For more information please see document [Wireless LAN drivers and evaluation kits](#)

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