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Ultra-Low Power, AT Command / API Controlled, Sigfox[®] Compliant Transceiver IC for Up-Link and Down-Link



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OVERVIEW

Circuit Description

AX–SFJK and AX–SFJK–API are ultra–low power single chip solutions for a node on the Sigfox network with both up– and down–link functionality. The AX–SFJK chip is delivered fully ready for operation and contains all the necessary firmware to transmit and receive data from the Sigfox network in Japan (SIGFOX RCZ3a region). It connects to the customer product using a logic level RS232 UART. AT commands are used to send frames and configure radio parameters.

The AX–SFJK–API variant is intended for customers wishing to write their own application software based on the AX–SF–LIB–1–GEVK library.

Features

Functionality and Ecosystem

- Sigfox up-link and down-link functionality controlled by AT commands or API
- The AX–SFJK and AX–SFJK–API ICs are part of a whole development and product ecosystem available from ON Semiconductor for any Sigfox requirement. Other parts of the ecosystem include
 - Ready to go development kit DVK-SFJK-[API]-1-GEVK including a 2 year Sigfox subscription
 - Sigfox Ready[®] certified reference design for the AX–SFJK and AX–SFJK–API ICs

General Features

- QFN40 5 mm x 7 mm package
- Supply range 1.8 V*–3.6 V
- -40°C to 85°C
- Temperature sensor
- Supply voltage measurements
- *The device is operational from 1.8 V to 3.6 V. However, a supply voltage below 2.0 V is considered an extreme condition. Details see Table 4.

- 10 GPIO pins
 - 2 GPIO pins with selectable voltage measure functionality, differential (1 V or 10 V range) or single ended (1 V range) with 10 bit resolution
 - 2 GPIO pins with selectable sigma delta DAC output functionality
 - 2 GPIO pins with selectable output clock
 - 3 GPIO pins selectable as SPI master interface
 - Integrated RX/TX switching with differential antenna pins

Power Consumption

- Ultra-low Power Consumption:
 - Charge required to send a Sigfox OOB packet at 13 dBm output power: 0.28 C
 - Deep Sleep mode current: 100 nA
 - Sleep mode current: 1.6 μA
 - Standby mode current: 0.5 mA
 - Continuous radio RX-mode at 922.2 MHz: 15 mA
 - Continuous radio TX-mode at 923.2 MHz 45 mA @ 13 dBm

High Performance Narrow-band Sigfox RF Transceiver

- Receiver
 - Carrier frequency 922.2 MHz
 - Data rate 600 bps FSK
 - Sensitivity -126 dBm @ 600 bps, 922.2 MHz, GFSK
 - 0 dBm maximum input power
- Transmitter
 - Carrier frequency 923.2 MHz
 - Data rate 100 bps PSK
 - High efficiency, high linearity integrated power amplifier
 - Maximum output power 13 dBm

Applications

Sigfox networks up-link and down-link.

BLOCK DIAGRAM

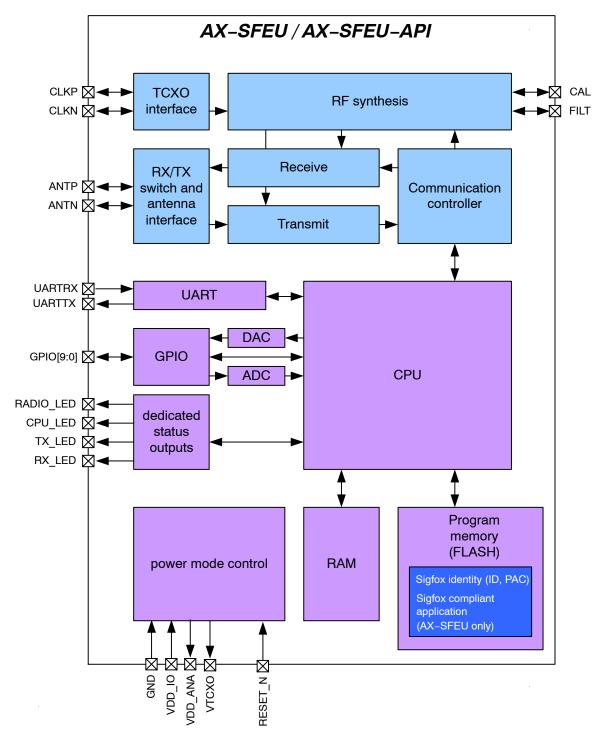




Table 1. PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

| Symbol | Pin(s) | Туре | Description |
|---------------------|--------|----------|--|
| VDD_ANA | 1 | Р | Analog power output, decouple to neighboring GND |
| GND | 2 | Р | Ground, decouple to neighboring VDD_ANA |
| ANTP | 3 | А | Differential antenna input/output |
| ANTN | 4 | А | Differential antenna input/output |
| NC | 5 | N | Do not connect |
| GND | 6 | Р | Ground, decouple to neighboring VDD_ANA |
| VDD_ANA | 7 | Р | Analog power output, decouple to neighboring GND |
| GND | 8 | Р | Ground |
| FILT | 9 | А | Synthesizer filter |
| L2 | 10 | А | Must be connected to pin L1 |
| L1 | 11 | А | Must be connected to pin L2 |
| NC | 12 | Ν | Do not connect |
| GPIO8 | 13 | I/O/PU | General purpose IO |
| GPIO7 | 14 | I/O/PU | General purpose IO, selectable SPI functionality (MISO) |
| GPIO6 | 15 | I/O/PU | General purpose IO, selectable SPI functionality (MOSI) |
| GPIO5 | 16 | I/O/PU | General purpose IO, selectable SPI functionality (SCK) |
| GPIO4 | 17 | I/O/PU | General purpose IO, selectable $\Sigma\Delta$ DAC functionality, selectable clock functionality |
| CPU_LED | 18 | 0 | CPU activity indicator |
| RADIO_LED | 19 | 0 | Radio activity indicator |
| VTCXO | 20 | 0 | TCXO power |
| GPIO9 | 21 | I/O/PU | General purpose IO, wakeup from deep sleep |
| UARTTX | 22 | 0 | UART transmit |
| UARTRX | 23 | I/PU | UART receive |
| RX_LED/ DBG_DATA | 24 | 0 I/O | Receive activity indicator in AX–SFJK Debugger data line in AX–SFJK–API |
| TX_LED/ DBG_CLK | 25 | 0 I | Transmit activity indicator in AX–SFJK Debugger clock line in AX–SFJK–API |
| NC/ DBG_EN | 26 | PD PD | Do not connect in AX-SFJK Debugger enable line in AX-SFJK-API |
| RESET_N | 27 | I/PU | Optional reset pin. Internal pull-up resistor is permanently enabled, nevertheless it is recommended to connect this pin to VDD_IO if it is not used. |
| GND | 28 | Р | Ground |
| VDD_IO | 29 | Р | Unregulated power supply |
| GPIO0 | 30 | I/O/A/PU | General purpose IO, selectable ADC functionality, selectable $\Sigma\Delta$ DAC functionality, selectable clock functionality |
| GPIO1 | 31 | I/O/A/PU | General purpose IO, selectable ADC functionality |
| GPIO2 | 32 | I/O/A/PU | General purpose IO, selectable ADC functionality |
| NC | 33 | N | Do not connect |
| NC | 34 | N | Do not connect |
| GPIO3 | 35 | I/O/A/PU | General purpose IO, selectable ADC functionality |
| VDD_IO | 36 | Р | Unregulated power supply |
| CAL | 37 | Α | Connect to FILT as shown in the application diagram |
| NC | 38 | N | Do not connect |
| CLKN | 39 | А | TCXO interface |

| Table 1. PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS (cont |
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|--|

| Symbol | Pin(s) | Туре | Description | |
|--------|------------|------|--|--|
| CLKP | 40 | А | TCXO interface | |
| GND | Center pad | Р | Ground on center pad of QFN, must be connected | |

A = analog input

I = digital input signal O = digital output signal

PU = pull - up

I/O = digital input/output signal

N = not to be connected

P = power or ground

PD = pull - down

All digital inputs are Schmitt trigger inputs, digital input and output levels are LVCMOS/LVTTL compatible. Pins GPIO[3:0] must not be driven above VDD_IO, all other digital inputs are 5 V tolerant. All GPIO pins and UARTRX start up as input with pull–up. For explanations on how to use the GPIO pins, see chapter "AT Commands".

Table 2.

| Pin | Possible GPIO Modes |
|-------|---------------------|
| GPIO0 | 0, 1, Z, U, A, T |
| GPIO1 | 0, 1, Z, U, A |
| GPIO2 | 0, 1, Z, U, A |
| GPIO3 | 0, 1, Z, U, A |
| GPIO4 | 0, 1, Z, U, T |
| GPIO5 | 0, 1, Z, U |
| GPIO6 | 0, 1, Z, U |
| GPIO7 | 0, 1, Z, U |
| GPIO8 | 0, 1, Z, U |
| GPIO9 | 0, 1, Z, U |

0 = pin drives low

1 = pin drives high

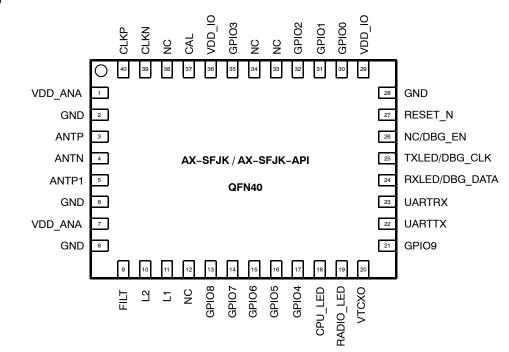
Z = pin is high impedance input

U = pin is input with pull-up

A = pin is analog input

T = pin is driven by clock or DAC

Pinout Drawing



NOTE: Pins 24–26 have different functionalities in AT command and API versions, so for these pins AX–SFJK/AX–SFJK–API explanations are shown respectively.

Figure 2. Pinout Drawing (Top View)

SPECIFICATIONS

Table 3. ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

| Symbol | Description | Condition | Min | Max | Units |
|------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------|------|-------|
| VDD_IO | Supply voltage | | -0.5 | 5.5 | V |
| IDD | Supply current | | | 200 | mA |
| P _{tot} | Total power consumption | | | 800 | mW |
| Pi | Absolute maximum input power at receiver input | ANTP and ANTN pins in RX mode | | 10 | dBm |
| I _{I1} | DC current into any pin except ANTP, ANTN, ANTP1 | | -10 | 10 | mA |
| I _{I2} | DC current into pins ANTP, ANTN, ANTP1 | | -100 | 100 | mA |
| I _O | Output Current | | | 40 | mA |
| V _{ia} | Input voltage ANTP, ANTN, ANTP1 pins | | -0.5 | 5.5 | V |
| | Input voltage digital pins | | -0.5 | 5.5 | V |
| V _{es} | Electrostatic handling | НВМ | -2000 | 2000 | V |
| T _{amb} | Operating temperature | | -40 | 85 | °C |
| T _{stg} | Storage temperature | | -65 | 150 | °C |
| Tj | Junction Temperature | | | 150 | °C |

Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected. 1. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

DC Characteristics

Table 4. SUPPLIES

Conditions for all current and charge values unless otherwise specified are for the hardware configuration described in the AX–SFJK Application Note: Sigfox Compliant Reference Design.

| Symbol | Description | Condition | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------|------|-----|-------|
| T _{AMB} | Operational ambient temperature | | -40 | 27 | 85 | °C |
| VDD _{IO} | I/O and voltage regulator supply voltage | | 1.8* | 3.3 | 3.6 | V |
| VDD _{IO_R1} | I/O voltage ramp for reset activation (Note 1) | Ramp starts at VDD_IO \leq 0.1 V | 0.1 | | | V/ms |
| VDD _{IO_R2} | I/O voltage ramp for reset activation (Note 1) | Ramp starts at 0.1 V < VDD_IO < 0.7 V | 3.3 | | | V/ms |
| I _{DS} | Deep Sleep mode current | AT\$P=2 | | 350 | | nA |
| I _{SLP} | Sleep mode current | AT\$P=1 | | 1.6 | | μΑ |
| I _{STDBY} | Standby mode current (Note 2) | | | 0.5 | | mA |
| I _{RX_CONT} | Current consumption continuous RX | AT\$TM=3,255 | | 10 | | mA |
| Q _{SFX_OOB_14} | Charge to send a Sigfox out of band message, 13 dBm | AT\$SO | | 0.28 | | С |
| Q _{SFX_BIT_14} | Charge to send a bit, 13 dBm | AT\$SB=0 | | 0.21 | | С |
| Q _{SFX_BITDL_14} | Charge to send a bit with downlink receive, 13 dBm | AT\$SB=0,1 | | 0.56 | | С |
| Q _{SFX_LFR_14} | Charge to send the longest possible Sigfox frame (12 byte) , 13 dBm | AT\$SF=00112233445566778899aabb | | 0.34 | | С |
| Q _{SFX_LFRDL_14} | Charge to send the longest possible Sigfox frame (12 byte) with downlink receive, 13 dBm | AT\$SF=00112233445566778899aabb,1 | | 0.67 | | С |
| I _{TXMOD14AVG} | Modulated Transmitter Current | Pout=13 dBm; average | | 45 | | mA |

*The device is operational from 1.8 V to 3.6 V. However, a supply voltage below 2.0 V is considered an extreme condition and operation can lead to reduced output power and increased spurious emission.

1. If VDD_IO ramps cannot be guaranteed, an external reset circuit is recommended, see the AX8052 Application Note: Power On Reset

2. Internal 20 MHz oscillator, voltage conditioning and supervisory circuit running.

Battery Life Examples

Scenario:

- 2 AAA Alkaline batteries in series
- One OOB frame transmitter per day at Pout=13 dBm
- Four maximum length frames with downlink receive per day at Pout=13 dBm
- Device in Sleep
- Neglecting battery self discharge

| 2 AAA alkaline capacity | 1500 mAh * 3600 s/h | 5400 C |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Sleep charge per day | 1.8 μA * 86400 s | 0.16 C/day |
| OOB frame transmission | | 0.34 C/day |
| Frame transmission with downlink | 4 * 0.67 C/day | 2.68 C/day |
| Total Charge consumption | | 3.18 C/day |
| Battery life | | 4.7 Years |

Table 5. LOGIC

| Symbol | Description | Condition | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|-------------------|---|----------------|------|------|--------|-------|
| Digital Inpu | ts | | | | | |
| V _{T+} | Schmitt trigger low to high threshold point | VDD_IO = 3.3 V | | 1.55 | | V |
| V _{T-} | Schmitt trigger high to low threshold point | | | 1.25 | | V |
| V _{IL} | Input voltage, low | | | | 0.8 | V |
| V _{IH} | Input voltage, high | | 2.0 | | | V |
| V _{IPA} | Input voltage range, GPIO[3:0] | | -0.5 | | VDD_IO | V |
| V _{IPBC} | Input voltage range, GPIO[9:4], UARTRX | | -0.5 | | 5.5 | V |
| ۱L | Input leakage current | | -10 | | 10 | μΑ |
| R _{PU} | Programmable Pull-Up Resistance | | | 65 | | kΩ |

Digital Outputs

| Іон | Output Current, high Ports GPIO[9:0], UARTTX, TXLED, RXLED, TXLED, CPULED | V _{OH} = 2.4 V | 8 | | mA |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------|-----|----|----|
| I _{OL} | Output Current, low GPIO[9:0], UARTTX, TXLED, RXLED, TXLED, CPULED | V _{OL} = 0.4 V | 8 | | mA |
| I _{OZ} | Tri-state output leakage current | | -10 | 10 | μA |

AC Characteristics

Table 6. TCXO REFERENCE INPUT

| Symbol | Description | Condition | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|-------------------|----------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| f _{TCXO} | TCXO frequency | A passive network between the TCXO output and the pins CLKP and CLKN is required. | | 48 | | MHz |
| | | For detailed TCXO network recommendations depending on the TCXO output swing refer to the AX5043 Application Note: Use with a TCXO Reference Clock. | | | | |
| | | For TCXO recommendations see the AX– SFJK Application Note: Sigfox Compliant Ref- erence Design | | | | |

Table 7. TRANSMITTER

Conditions for transmitter specifications unless otherwise specified with the antenna network from AX–SFJK Application Note: Sigfox Compliant Reference Design and at 923.2 MHz.

| Symbol | Description | Condition | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|
| SBR | Signal bit rate | | | 100 | | bps |
| PTX | Highest Transmitter output power | AT\$CW=923200000,1 | | 13 | | dBm |
| dTX _{temp} | Transmitter power variation vs. tempera- ture | -40°C to +85°C | | ±0.5 | | dB |
| dTX _{Vdd} | Transmitter power variation vs. VDD_IO | 1.8 to 3.6 V | | ±0.5 | | dB |
| PTX _{harm2} | Emission @ 2 nd harmonic | | | -50 | | dBc |
| PTX _{harm3} | Emission @ 3 rd harmonic |] | | -67 | | |
| PTX _{harm4} | Emission @ 4 th harmonic |] | | -65 | | |

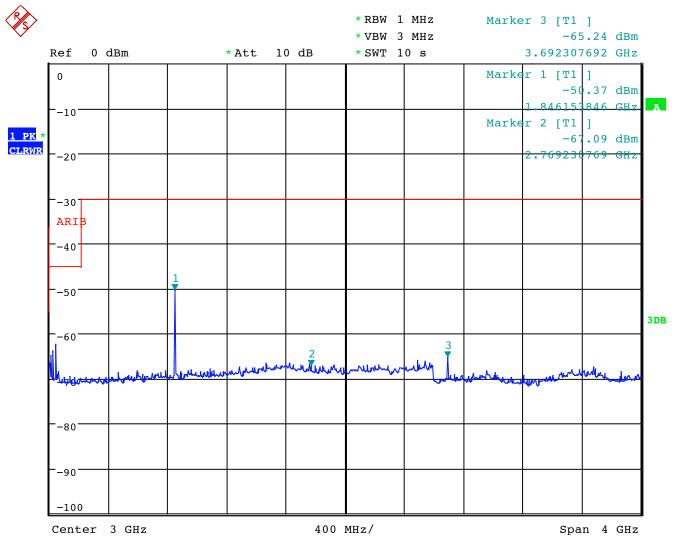


Figure 3. Typical Spectrum with Harmonics at 13 dBm Output Power

Table 8. RECEIVER

Conditions for receiver specifications unless otherwise specified with the antenna network from AX–SFJK Application Note: Sigfox Compliant Reference Design and at 922.2 MHz.

| Symbol | Description | Condition | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----|------|-----|-------|
| SBR | Signal bit rate | | | 600 | | bps |
| IS _{BER905} | | AT\$SB=x,1, AT\$SF=x,1, AT\$TM=3,x PER < 0.1 | | -126 | | dBm |
| BLK ₉₀₅ | Blocking at ±10 MHz offset | Channel/Blocker @ PER = 0.1, wanted signal level is +3 dB above the typical sensitivity, the blocker signal is CW | | 78 | | dB |

Table 9. ADC / TEMPERATURE SENSOR

| Symbol | Description | Condition | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|------------------------|--|-----------|------|-----|--------|-------|
| ADCRES | ADC resolution | | | 10 | | Bits |
| VADCREF | ADC reference voltage | | 0.95 | 1 | 1.05 | V |
| Z _{ADC00} | Input capacitance | | | | 2.5 | pF |
| DNL | Differential nonlinearity | | | ± 1 | | LSB |
| INL | Integral nonlinearity | | | ± 1 | | LSB |
| OFF | Offset | | | 3 | | LSB |
| GAIN_ERR | Gain error | | | 0.8 | | % |
| ADC in Differ | rential Mode | | | | | |
| V _{ABS_DIFF} | Absolute voltages & common mode voltage in differential mode at each input | | 0 | | VDD_IO | V |
| V _{FS_DIFF01} | Full swing input for differential signals | Gain x1 | -500 | | 500 | mV |
| V _{FS_DIFF10} | | Gain x10 | -50 | | 50 | mV |
| ADC in Singl | e Ended Mode | - | | | • | • |
| V _{MID_SE} | Mid code input voltage in single ended mode | | | 0.5 | | V |
| VIN_SE00 | Input voltage in single ended mode | | 0 | | VDD_IO | V |
| V _{FS_SE01} | Full swing input for single ended signals | Gain x1 | 0 | | 1 | V |
| Temperature | Sensor | | | | - | - |
| AT\$RL _{NG} | Temperature range | AT\$T? | -40 | | 85 | °C |
| T _{ERR_CAL} | Temperature error | AT\$T? | -2 | | 2 | °C |

COMMAND INTERFACE

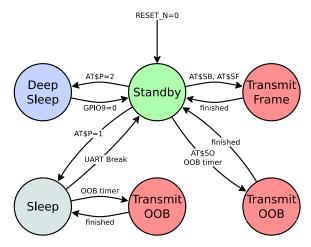
General Information

The chapter "Command Interface" is a documentation of the AT-Command set for devices which do not have an API-interface. To see whether the device is capable of receiving AT-Commands, please refer to the table "<u>Device</u> <u>Versions</u>". If the device has been shipped with the API-Interface, please refer to the SW manual and "apiexample" code delivered with AX-SF-LIB-1-GEVK for an introduction on how to setup a project and how to use the API-Interface.

Serial Parameters: 9600, 8, N, 1

The AX–SFJK uses the UART (pins UARTTX, UARTRX) to communicate with a host and uses a bitrate of **9600 baud**, no parity, 8 data bits and one stop bit.

Power Modes



Standby

After Power–Up and after finishing a SIGFOX transmission, AX–SFJK enters Standby mode. In Standby mode, AX–SFJK listens on the UART for commands from the host. Also, OOB frames are transmitted whenever the OOB timer fires. To conserve power, the AX–SFJK can be put into Sleep or turned off (Deep Sleep) completely.

Sleep

The command **AT\$P=1** is used to put the AX–SFJK into Sleep mode. In this mode, only the wakeup timer for out–of–band messages is still running. To wake the AX–SFJK up from Sleep mode toggle the serial UARTRX pin, e.g. by sending a break (break is an RS232 framing violation, i.e. at least 10 bit durations low). When an Out of Band (OOB) message is due, AX–SFJK automatically wakes up to transmit the message, and then returns to Sleep mode.

Deep Sleep

In Deep Sleep mode, the AX–SFJK is completely turned off and only draws negligible leakage current. Deep Sleep mode can be activated with **AT\$P=2**. To wake–up from Deep Sleep mode, GPIO9 is pulled to GND.

When using Deep Sleep mode, keep two things in mind: Everything is turned off, timers are not running at all and all settings will be lost (use **AT\$WR** to save settings to flash before entering Deep Sleep mode). Out–of–band messages will therefore not be sent. The pins states are frozen in Deep Sleep mode. The user must ensure that this will not result in condition which would draw a lot of current.

AT Commands

| Numerical | Syntax |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| hexdigit | ::= [0-9A-Fa-f] |
| hexnum | ::= "0x" hexdigit+ |
| decnum | ::= "0" [1-9] [0-9]* |
| octnum | ::= "0" [0-7]+ |
| binnum | ::= "0b" [01]+ |
| bit | ::= [01] |
| optnum | ::= "-1" |
| frame | ::= (hexdigit hexdigit)+ |
| uint | ::= hexnum decnum octnum binnum |
| uint_opt | ::= uint optnum |

Command Syntax

A command starts with 'AT' (everything is case sensitive!), continues with the actual command followed by parameters (if any) and ends with any kind of whitespace (space, tab, newline etc.)

If incorrect syntax is detected ("parsing error") all input is ignored up until the next whitespace character.

Also note that any number can be entered in any format (Hexadecimal, Decimal, Octal and binary) by adding the corresponding prefix ('0x', '0', '0b'). The only exception is the 'Send Frame' command (AT\$SF) which expects a list of hexadecimal digits without any prefix.

Return Codes

A successful command execution is indicated by sending 'OK'. If a command returns a value (e.g. by querying a register) only the value is returned.

Examples

Bold text is sent to AX–SFJK.

AT\$I=0 AX-Sigfox 1.1-RCZ3

Here, we execute command 'I' to query some general information.

AT\$SF=aabb1234

OK

This sends a Sigfox frame containing { 0xAA : 0xBB : 0x12: 0x34 } without waiting for a response telegram.

AT\$SF=0011223344,1

OK

RX=AA BB CC DD

This sends a Sigfox frame containing { 0x00 : 0x11 : 0x22 : 0x33 : 0x44 }, then waits for a downlink response telegram,

which in this example contains { 0xAA : 0xBB : 0xCC : 0xDD }.

AT\$CB=0xAA,1 OK

The 'CB' command sends out a continuous pattern of bits, in this case 0xAA = 0b10101010.

Table 10. COMMANDS

AT\$P=1

OK

This transitions the device into sleep mode. Out-of-band transmissions will still be triggered. The UART is powered down. The device can be woken up by a low level on the UART signal, i.e. by sending break.

| Command | Name | Description | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| AT | Dummy Command | | Just returns 'OK' and does nothing else. Can be used to check communication. | | | |
| AT\$SB=bit[,bit] | Send Bit | | Send a bit status (0 or 1). Optional bit flag indicates if AX-SFJK should receive a downlink frame. | | | |
| AT\$SF=frame[,bit] | Send Frame | | Send payload data, 1 to 12 bytes. Optional bit flag indicates if AX-SFJK should receive a downlink frame. | | | |
| AT\$SO | Manually send out of band message | Send the out | Send the out-of-band message. | | | |
| AT\$TR? | Get the transmit repeat | Returns the r | number of transm | nit repeats. Default: 2 | | |
| AT\$TR=? | Get transmit repeat range | Returns the a | allowed range of | transmit repeats. | | |
| AT\$TR=uint | Set transmit repeat | Sets the tran | smit repeat, sets | only for transmit with downlink frame. | | |
| ATSuint? | Get Register | | cific configuratior or a list of registe | n register's value. See the table rrs. | | |
| ATSuint=uint | Set Register | Change a co | nfiguration regist | er. | | |
| ATSuint=? | Get Register Range | Returns the r | range of allowed | register values. | | |
| AT\$IF=uint | Set TX Frequency | Set the output | ut carrier macro o | channel for Sigfox frames. | | |
| AT\$IF? | Get TX Frequency | Get the curre | Get the currently chosen TX frequency. | | | |
| AT\$DR=uint | Set RX Frequency | Set the recep | Set the reception carrier macro channel for Sigfox frames. | | | |
| AT\$DR? | Get RX Frequency | Get the currently chosen RX frequency. | | | | |
| AT\$CW=uint,bit[,uint_opt] | Continuous Wave | To run emission tests for Sigfox certification it is necessary to send a continuous wave, i.e. just the base frequency without any modulation. Parameters: | | | | |
| | | Name Range Description | | Description | | |
| | | Frequency | 80000000- 9999999999, 0 | Continuous wave frequency in Hz. Use 923200000 for Sigfox or 0 to keep previous frequency. | | |
| | | Mode | 0, 1 | Enable or disable carrier wave. | | |
| | | Power | 14 | dBm of signal Default: 14 | | |
| AT\$CB=uint_opt,bit | Test Mode: TX constant byte | For emission testing it is useful to send a specific bit pattern. The first parameter specifies the byte to send. Use '-1' for a (pseudo-)random pattern. Parameters: | | | | |
| | | Name | Range | Description | | |
| | | Pattern | 0–255, –1 | Byte to send. Use '–1' for a (pseudo–)random pattern. | | |
| | | Mode | 0, 1 | Enable or disable pattern test mode. | | |
| AT\$T? | Get Temperature | Measure internal temperature and return it in 1/10 th of a degree Celsius. | | | | |
| AT\$V? | Get Voltages | Return current voltage and voltage measured during the last transmission in mV. | | | | |

Table 10. COMMANDS (continued)

| Command | Name | Description | | |
|------------|--------------------|---|--|--|
| AT\$I=uint | Information | Display various product information: 0: Software Name & Version Example Response: AX–Sigfox 1.1 RCZ3 1: Contact Details Example Response: support@axsem.com 2: Silicon revision lower byte Example Response: 8F 3: Silicon revision upper byte Example Response: 51 4: Major Firmware Version Example Response: 1 5: Minor Firmware Version Example Response: 1 7: Firmware Variant (Frequency Band etc. (EU/US)) Example Response: RCZ3 9: SIGFOX Library Version Example Response: UDL1–1.8.9 10: Device ID Example Response: 00012345 11: PAC Example Response: 0123456789ABCDEF | | |
| AT\$P=uint | Set Power Mode | To conserve power, the AX–SFJK can be put to sleep manually. Depending on power mode, you will be responsible for waking up the AX–SFJK again! 0: software reset (settings will be reset to values in flash) 1: sleep (send a break to wake up) 2: deep sleep (toggle GPIO9 or RESET_N pin to wake up; the AX–SFJK is not running and all settings will be reset!) | | |
| AT\$WR | Save Config | Write all settings to flash (RX/TX frequencies, registers) so they survive reset/deep sleep or loss of power. Use AT\$P=0 to reset the AX-SFJK and load settings from flash. | | |
| AT:Pn? | Get GPIO Pin | Return the setting of the GPIO Pin n; n can range from 0 to 9. A character string is returned describing the mode of the pin, followed by the actual value. If the pin is configured as analog pin, then the voltage (range 01 V) is returned. The mode characters have the following meaning: Mode Description 0 Pin drives low 1 Pin drives high Z Pin is high impedance input U Pin is input with pull-up A Pin is analog input (GPIO pin 03 only) T Pin is driven by clock or DAC (GPIO pin 0 and 4 only) The default mode after exiting reset is U on all GPIO pins. | | |
| AT:Pn=? | Get GPIO Pin Range | Print a list of possible modes for a pin. The table below lists the response. Pin Modes P0 0, 1, Z, U, A, T P1 0, 1, Z, U, A, T | | |
| | | P1 0, 1, Z, U, A P4 0, 1, Z, U, T P5 0, 1, Z, U P6 0, 1, Z, U P7 0, 1, Z, U P8 0, 1, Z, U P9 0, 1, Z, U | | |
| AT:Pn=mode | Set GPIO Pin | Set the GPIO pin mode. For a list of the modes see the command AT:Pn? | | |

Table 10. COMMANDS (continued)

| Command | Name | Description | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| AT:ADC Pn[-Pn[(1V 10V)]]? | Get GPIO Pin Analog Voltage | Measure the voltage applied to a GPIO pin. The command also allows measurement of the voltage difference across two GPIO pins. In differential mode, the full scale range may also be specified as 1 V or 10 V. Note however that the pin input voltages must not exceed the range 0VDD_IO. The command returns the result as fraction of the full scale range (1 V if none is specified). The GPIO pins referenced should be initialized to analog mode before issuing this command. | | | |
| AT:SPI[(A B C D)]=bytes | SPI Transaction | This command clocks out <i>bytes</i> on the SPI port. The clock frequency is 312.5 kHz. The command returns the bytes read on MISO during output. Optionally the clocking mode may be specified (default is A): | | | |
| | | Mode Clock Inversion Clock Phase | | | |
| | | AnormalnormalBnormalalternateCinvertednormalDinvertedalternate | | | |
| AT:CLK=freq,reffreq | Set Clock Generator | $\begin{array}{c c} \text{SEL (GPIOx)} & & & & \\ & & \text{MOSI} & & & \text{D7} \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$ | | | |
| AT:CLK=OFF | Turn off Clock Generator | 312500, 156250. Possible values for freq are 065535. | | | |
| AT:CLK? | Get Clock Generator | Switch off the clock generator Return the settings of the clock generator. Two numbers are returned free and refine | | | |
| AT:DAC=value | Set ΣΔ DAC | returned, freq and reffreq. Output a $\Sigma\Delta$ DAC value on the pin(s) set to T mode. Parameter value may be in the range –3276832767. The average output voltage is (1/2 + value / 2 ¹⁷) × VDD. An external low pass filter is needed to get smooth output voltages. The modulation frequency is 20 MHz. A possible low pass filter choice is a simple RC low pass filter with R = 10 k Ω and C = 1 μ F. | | | |
| AT:DAC=OFF | Turn off $\Sigma\Delta$ DAC | Switch off the DAC | | | |
| AT:DAC? | Get ΣΔ DAC | Return the DAC value | | | |

Table 10. COMMANDS (continued)

| Command | Name | Description |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| AT\$TM=mode,config | Activates the Sigfox Testmode | Available test modes: 0. TX BPSK Send only BPSK with Synchro Bit + Synchro frame + PN sequence: No hopping centered on the TX_frequency. Config bits 0 to 6 define the number of repetitions. Setting config bit 7 to 1 removes the delay between frames. 1. TX Protocol: Tx mode with full protocol with Sigfox key: Send Sigfox protocol frames with initiate downlink flag = True. Config defines the number of repetitions. 2. RX Protocol: This mode tests the complete downlink protocol in Downlink only. Config defines the number of repetitions. 3. RX GFSK: RX mode with known pattern with SB + SF + Pattern on RX_frequency (internal comparison with received frame ⇔ known pattern = AA AA B2 27 1F 20 41 84 32 68 C5 BA AE 79 E7 F6 DD 9B. Config defines the RX on time in seconds. 4. RX Sensitivity: Does uplink + downlink frame with Sigfox key and specific timings. This test is specific to SIGFOX's test equipments & softwares. 5. TX Synthesis: Does one uplink frame on each Sigfox channel to measure frequency synthesis step |
| AT\$SE | Starts AT\$TM=3,255 indefinitely | Convenience command for sensitivity tests |
| AT\$SL[=frame] | Send local loop | Sends a local loop frame with optional payload of 1 to 12 bytes. Default payload: 0x84, 0x32, 0x68, 0xC5, 0xBA, 0x53, 0xAE, 0x79, 0xE7, 0xF6, 0xDD, 0x9B. |
| AT\$RL | Receive local loop | Starts listening for a local loop. |

Table 11. REGISTERS

| Number | Name | Description | Default | Range | Units |
|--------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| 300 | Out Of Band Period | AX–SFJK sends periodic static messages to indicate that they are alive. Set to 0 to disable. | 24 | 0–24 | hours |
| 400 | LBT Mask | LBT configurations to be used. | <1> <15000> <0>,0 | | |
| 410 | Encryption Key Configuration | Set to zero for normal operation. Set to one for use with the SIGFOX Network Emulator Kit (SNEK) | 0 | 0–1 | 0: private key 1: public key |
| 800 | LBT RSSI Offset | Shifts the carrier sense threshold. Positive values result in a lower threshold. | 0 | -128-127 | dB |

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Typical Application Diagrams

Typical AX-SFJK / AX-SFJK-API Application Diagram

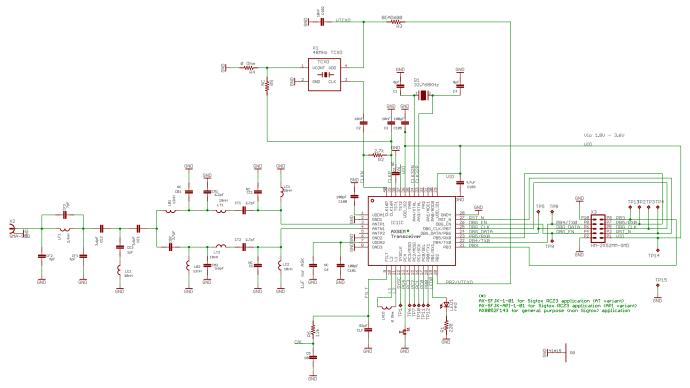


Figure 4. Typical Application Diagram

For detailed application configuration and BOM see the AX–SFJK Application Note: Sigfox Compliant Reference Design.

QFN40 Soldering Profile

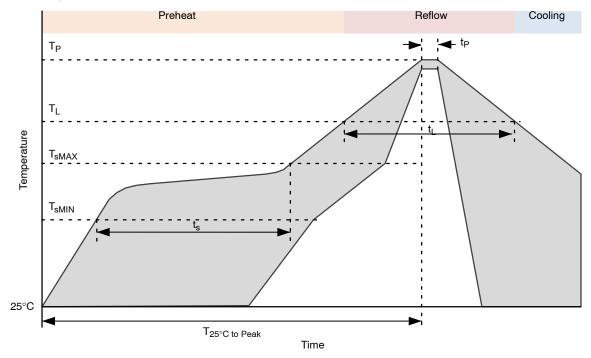




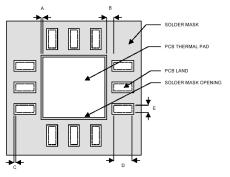
Table 12.

| Profile Feature | Pb-Free Process | |
|--|---------------------------|------------|
| Average Ramp-Up Rate | | 3°C/s max. |
| Preheat Preheat | | |
| Temperature Min | T _{sMIN} | 150°C |
| Temperature Max | T _{sMAX} | 200°C |
| Time (T _{sMIN} to T _{sMAX}) | ts | 60–180 sec |
| Time 25°C to Peak Temperature | T _{25°C to Peak} | 8 min max. |
| Reflow Phase | | |
| Liquidus Temperature | ΤL | 217°C |
| Time over Liquidus Temperature | tL | 60–150 s |
| Peak Temperature | tp | 260°C |
| Time within 5°C of actual Peak Temperature | Т _р | 20–40 s |
| Cooling Phase | | |
| Ramp-down rate | | 6°C/s max. |

1. All temperatures refer to the top side of the package, measured on the package body surface.

QFN40 Recommended Pad Layout

1. PCB land and solder masking recommendations are shown in Figure 6.



- A = Clearance from PCB thermal pad to solder mask opening, 0.0635 mm minimum
- B = Clearance from edge of PCB thermal pad to PCB land, 0.2 mm minimum
- $\label{eq:C} C = Clearance from PCB land edge to solder mask opening to be as tight as possible to ensure that some solder mask remains between PCB pads.$
- D = PCB land length = QFN solder pad length + 0.1 mm
- E = PCB land width = QFN solder pad width + 0.1 mm

Figure 6. PCB Land and Solder Mask Recommendations

- 2. Thermal vias should be used on the PCB thermal pad (middle ground pad) to improve thermal conductivity from the device to a copper ground plane area on the reverse side of the printed circuit board. The number of vias depends on the package thermal requirements, as determined by thermal simulation or actual testing.
- 3. Increasing the number of vias through the printed circuit board will improve the thermal conductivity to the reverse side ground plane and external heat sink. In general, adding more metal through the PC board under the IC will improve operational heat transfer, but will require careful attention to uniform heating of the board during assembly.

Assembly Process

Stencil Design & Solder Paste Application

- 1. Stainless steel stencils are recommended for solder paste application.
- 2. A stencil thickness of 0.125 0.150 mm (5 6 mils) is recommended for screening.

- 3. For the PCB thermal pad, solder paste should be printed on the PCB by designing a stencil with an array of smaller openings that sum to 50% of the QFN exposed pad area. Solder paste should be applied through an array of squares (or circles) as shown in Figure 7.
- 4. The aperture opening for the signal pads should be between 50–80% of the QFN pad area as shown in Figure 8.
- 5. Optionally, for better solder paste release, the aperture walls should be trapezoidal and the corners rounded.
- 6. The fine pitch of the IC leads requires accurate alignment of the stencil and the printed circuit board. The stencil and printed circuit assembly should be aligned to within + 1 mil prior to application of the solder paste.
- 7. No-clean flux is recommended since flux from underneath the thermal pad will be difficult to clean if water-soluble flux is used.

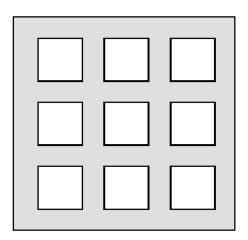


Figure 7. Solder Paste Application on Exposed Pad

Minimum 50% coverage

62% coverage

Maximum 80% coverage

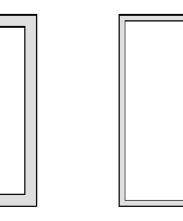


Figure 8. Solder Paste Application on Pins

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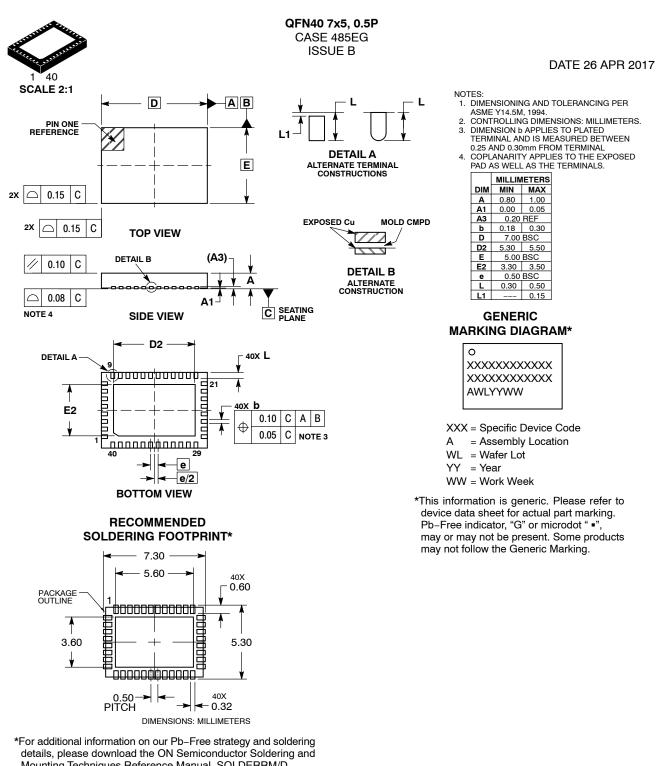
Table 13. DEVICE VERSIONS

| | | APP Version | | Chip Version | |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|------|--------------|------|
| Product | Part Number | [0] | [1] | [0] | [1] |
| AX-SFJK | AX-SFJK-1-01-XXXX ¹ | 0x01 | 0x01 | 0x8F | 0x51 |
| AX-SFJK-API | AX-SFJK-API-1-01-XXXX ¹ | 0x01 | 0x01 | 0x8F | 0x51 |

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