

Wireless Link Module
Ethernet and Serial Interfaces

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# **Description**

When wires can't be run for practical or economic reasons, the WLM Wireless Link Module (WLM) provides accurate and reliable wireless connectivity between remote field sites.

The WLM, a bi-directional, spread spectrum radio modem, delivers the flexibility and cost-saving advantages of wireless data transmission. It is ideal for use with Moore Industries' NET Concentrator® System (NCS), as well as similar process control and distributed I/O systems.

# Highly Reliable Intelligent Spectrum Frequency Hopping Technology

The WLM employs Intelligent Spectrum Frequency Hopping technology and 32-bit CRC error correction for secure, robust communications. The Intelligent Spectrum Frequency Hopping technique ensures reliable wireless communications without requiring a FCC site license. Intelligent Spectrum uses a unique combination of advanced frequency hopping, high radio frequency (RF) data rate, and sensitive RF receiver to achieve its high reliability.

The Intelligent Spectrum RF data rate, coupled with robust error detection and correction, ensure data throughput in high interference or reflective environments. Additionally, the outstanding noise immunity and sensitive RF receiver allow long range communication with easy-to-install omni directional antennas.

The Wireless Link Module's industrial DIN-rail mount metal enclosure protects against RFI/EMI in the most demanding process and factory automation applications.



### **Features**

- Save time and money. Use the WLM to overcome rugged, long-distance or normally impassable environments by sending just a few, or thousands of, process signals over a low-cost wireless communication link.
- Standard operating frequencies. Available models operate at frequency ranges of 902-928MHz or 2.4-2.483GHz
- Long-distance data transmission. Utilizing omni directional or high gain antennas, 2.4-2.483GHz Ethernet units provide a 10 mile (15km) transmission range; and 2.4-2.483GHz serial units transmit up to 15 miles (24km); 902-928MHz units (Ethernet and serial) can transmit up to 25 miles (40km).
- Supports Ethernet and serial communications.
   Available WLM models are ideal for use with data communication networks that use Ethernet and serial (RS-485) communications.
- FCC site license is not required. To use the WLM, you do not need to obtain a FCC license, and costly RF site surveys are usually unnecessary.
- User configurable. The WLM is set up using the PC-based HyperTerminal user interface that comes standard on PC's running a Microsoft® operating system. Factory configuration is also available.

### **Accessories**

### **Antennas**

Omni directional antenna, for line of sight or short ranges

Yagi directional antenna, linear end-fire antenna for high gain directivity

### Cable

<sup>†</sup>Coaxial cable available in 25', 50' and 75' lengths. Maximum length is 200'

 $^{\mbox{\scriptsize †}}\mbox{Consult}$  factory if cable lengths longer than 200' are required

<sup>\*</sup> All product names are the property of their respective holders.

# **Specifications**

#### **WLM Wireless Link Module**

#### **Ethernet Interface**

Operating 902-928MHz; Frequency 2.4-2.483GHz

Transmitter Range: Up to 25 miles

(40km), line-of-sight distance using

902-928MHz units; and up to 10 miles (15km) using 2.4-2.483GHz units (both

using omni directional antennas)

Output Power:

1W maximum (10 programmable steps from 100mW to 1W) (+30dBm) for 902-928MHz units; 500mW max. (10

programmable steps from 100mW to 500mW)

(+27dBm) for 2.4-2.483GHz **Modulation:** Spread

Spectrum, GFSK
Spreading Code:
Frequency Hopping
Hop Patterns:
15 (user-selectable)

Occupied Bandwidth:

230kHz

Receiver Sensitivity:

-108dBm@10-6 raw BER Selectivity: 40dB@fc

±230kHz

System Gain: 135dB

RF Data Error Correction:

Transmission 32-Bit CRC

**Data Encryption:**Substitution Dynamic key

RF Data Rate:

144-188kbps

Interface 10Base-T (UTP); one

straight, one cross-pinned (only one connector can be

used at a time)

Data Throughput:

110 kbps in point-to-point mde; Data throughput measured assuming 75% frequency availability

Connectors: 10Base-T for

communications; DB9 for

configuration

Antenna Standard thread SMA

female; supplied bench test antenna; optional external omni directional or

Yagi antenna available

Power Input Voltage

Requirements: 10-28Vdc

RF Output Power: 0.1 to 1.0W for a 902-928MHz unit; 500mW (selectable in nine step increments) for a

Power 2.4-2.483GHz unit (continued) Connector: Stand

(continued) Connector: Standard

24V connector Transmit Current (Peak): 700mA@12Vdc

for 1W

Receive Current: 100mA@12Vdc

Operating Point-to-Point, Point-to-Modes Multi-Point. Store-and-

Multi-Point, Store-and-Forward Repeater, Repeater/Remote

Indicators Front Panel LEDs:

Power, RF Link, RF In, RF Out, LAN In, LAN Out, LAN Link, LAN Collision, Overrun Error

Diagnostics Serial Port Data: Stored

signal strength, noise and disconnect information

Operating Standard Temperature: Environment -40° to +75°C

-40° to +75°C (-40° to +167°F) **Humidity:** 0 to 95% non-condensing humidity

Weight 1.13 kg (2.5 lbs.)

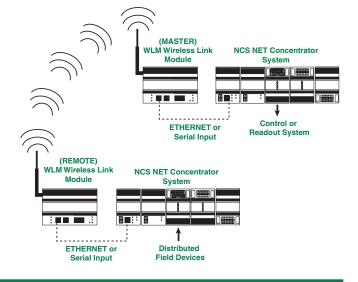
## **Versatile Application Options**

When integrated with a NET Concentrator System (or similar) distributed control and I/O strategy, WLM Modules can be operated in Point-to-Point (Figure 1) and in Point-to-Multi-Point (Figure 2) architectures.

Each WLM network includes a Master WLM module. The Master can be set to communicate with just one, or multiple, WLM modules configured as Remote (Slave) modules.

WLM modules can also be configured as Repeaters to relay signals when a direct line of site does not exist between a Master and Remote modules, or to significantly extend the transmission distance allowable within a WLM network (Figure 2). There can be up to two WLM Repeaters per WLM network.

Figure 1. In a Point-to-Point System, one WLM is set as a Master, while others in the network are set as Remotes (Slaves).





# **Specifications**

#### **WLM Wireless Link Module**

#### **Serial Interface**

Operating 902-928MHz; Frequency 2.4-2.483GHz

Transmitter

Range: Up to 25 miles (40km), line-of-sight distance using omni directional antennas for 902-928MHz units; 15 miles (24km), line of sight distance, further with Repeaters or high gain antenna for 2.4-2.483GHz units

**Output Power:** 

1W maximum (10 programmable steps from 100mW to 1W) (+30dBm) for 902-928MHz units; 500mW max. (10 programmable steps from 100mW to 500mW)

(+27dBm)
Modulation: Spread
Spectrum, GFSK,
144-188kbps
Spreading Code:
Frequency Hopping
Hop Patterns:
15 (user-selectable)

Occupied Bandwidth:

230kHz

Receiver Sensitivity:

-108dBm@10-6 raw BER Selectivity: 40dB@fc ±230kHz System Gain: 135dB

RF Data Error Correction: Transmission 32 Bit CRC

Data Encryption: Substitution Dynamic key RF Data Rate: 144Kbps

Interface RS-485 asynchronous,

10- or 11-bit words

Data Throughput:
1200-115.2kBaud. Data
throughput measured
assuming 75% frequency

availability
Connectors:

Standard 2-wire, RS-485

Antenna Standard thread SMA

female; supplied bench test antenna; optional external omni directional or Yagi antenna available Power Input Voltage

Requirements: 10-28Vdc

Transmit Current (Peak): 650mA@12Vdc

for 1W
Receive Current:
100mA@12Vdc

Operating Point-to-Point, Point-to-Modes Multi-Point, Store-and-

Multi-Point, Store-and-Forward Repeater,

Repeater

Indicators Front Panel LEDs:

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RF Out

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signal strength, noise and disconnect information

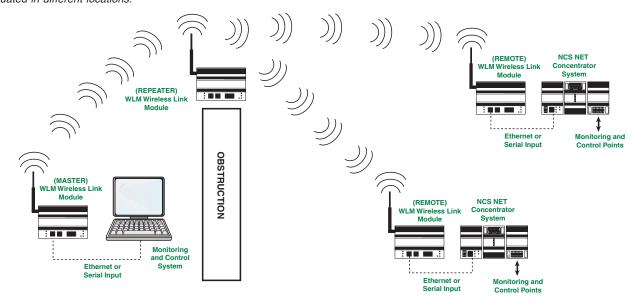
Operating Environment

Standard Temperature: -40° to +75°C

(-40° to +167°F) **Humidity:** 0 to 95% non-condensing humidity

Weight 1.13 kg (2.5 lbs.)

Figure 2. In a Point-to-Multi-Point System, one WLM Master can be used to send wireless data to multiple WLM Remote (Slave) units situated in different locations.





# **Ordering Information**

Unit	Communication	Transmission	Power	Frequency	Housing
WLM Wireless Link Module	Ethernet Serial	RF Bi-directional spread spectrum radio	10-28DC	900MHz 902-928MHz ranges 2.4GHz 2.4-2.483GHz ranges	<b>DIN</b> Aluminum DIN-style rail-mount housing mounts on 32mm G-type (EN50035) and 35mm Top Hat (EN50022) rails

To Order, Specify: Unit / Module Type / Input or Output Configuration / Power / Options [Housing]

#### **Wireless Link Module Model Number Examples:**

Wireless Link Module Example #1 - WLM ETHERNET Interface WLM / ETHERNET / RF / 10-28DC / 900MHz [DIN]

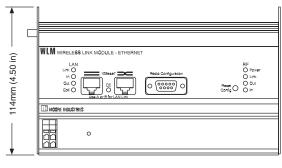
Wireless Link Module Example #2 - WLM Serial Interface WLM / Serial / RF / 10-28DC / 2.4GHz [DIN]

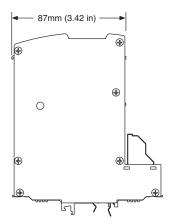
### **Accessory Ordering Information**

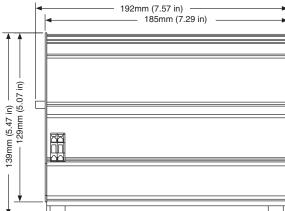
900MHz Omni directional antenna and mounting hardware <sup>1</sup>	803-004-45
900MHz Yagi directional antenna and mounting hardware <sup>2</sup>	803-005-45
2.4GHz Omni directional antenna and mounting hardware <sup>1</sup>	803-006-45
2.4GHz Yagi directional antenna and mounting hardware <sup>2</sup>	803-007-45
25 feet of coaxial cable	803-823-26
50 feet of coaxial cable	803-819-26
75 feet of coaxial cable <sup>3</sup>	803-822-26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hardware includes bracket and pipe clamp

Figure 3. WLM Installation Dimensions (Ethernet model, with Ethernet connections, shown).









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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hardware includes a U-Bolt and bracket

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Maximum length is 200'. Consult factory if cable lengths longer than 200' are required