

# RV-M21 Tech Series

M21 UHF, VHF, 220MHz Band  
500mW-5W Radio Modem

The RV-M21 Radio Modem is a rugged, modular data radio modem available in UHF, VHF & 220MHz bands. With its field-configurable I/O interface, the M21 can be configured for RS-232, RS-422, RS485, USB, GPIO, FIO or Audio interfaces in the lab or in the field as needed. It is over-the-air compatible with Raveon's 5-watt RV-M7 series of data radios.



## Product Overview

### Reconfigurable I/O

The front interface of the M21 is fully field-reconfigurable. The following interface boards may be attached or changed at any time:

- RS-232 [S] 5A835
- USB [U] 5A837
- RS-485 [T] 5A836-1
- RS-422 [F] 5A836-2
- GPIO [G] 5A833
- Analog [A] 5A838
- FIO [D] 5A832

### Embedded M8 Modem

The M21 embeds within the enclosure an RV-M8 wireless modem. Any RV-M8 series modem may be inserted into the M21 chassis, giving the M21 all the benefits and features available in the M8 series of modems. M8 series modems can communicate with Raveon's M7 series modems.

### Efficient Power Consumption

The RV-M21 can operate off DC input from 9-28V. Receiving, the M21 draws less than 1watt of power!

### Long-Range Operation

The M21 radio modem works over 10 miles point-to-point and many miles with omni-directional antennas. All RV-M21 modems support store-and-forward repeating for wide-area coverage.

### Fast Polling

The M21 transceiver has a 3mS PLL in it, making it one of the fastest telemetry radios available, especially well-suited for polled, DNP, and MODBUS applications.



### High Speed and High Efficiency

The RV-M21 operates with user-selectable over-the air data rates from 1200 to 19200bps. Faster rates for higher efficiency or lower speed for increased communication range. This fast-switching radio can send 50 transmissions per second.

### Secure Data

The data encryption feature may be enabled on any Tech Series data radio modem. When secure data is enabled, the M21 will encrypt transmissions using AES128 encryption. When properly managed your wireless network of Tech Series radio modems will be secure and hacker-proof.

### GPS Option

The optional internal GPS allows the RV-M21 to be a powerful Automatic Vehicle Locating (AVL) system or Time Space Position Information (TSP) reporting device. Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) systems and can receive GPS, GALILEO, or GLONASS on versions since G11.

### OTA Configuration

The ID of a particular transponder and certain system parameters such as report rate may be configured Over-The-Air, without having to physically connect to the unit.

### Real-time diagnostics and statistics

Channel performance, RSSI, RF power, packet counters, and radio configuration are easily accessed via the serial port or remotely over-the-air

### Flexible Addressing and Error Correction

The RV-M21 uses a 16 bit address with a 16 bit network mask, allowing for many devices to be co-located without receiving each other, providing for the creation of sophisticated network topologies.

## General Specifications

### Model: RV-M21AB-CC-D-W

(A = I/O option) (B = G for GPS/GNSS option)  
 (CC = frequency band code – see module datasheet)  
 (D = A for Arduino option)  
 (W = W,N,Q, If a Bandwidth code exists, the radio is limited to the BW specified by the BW code)

#### Case Size:

5.75" X 2.75" X .90"

#### Weight:

12 oz

#### Input Voltage VCC:

12-28 VDC full-spec  
 9-28 VDC operational

#### Power Consumption:

Receiving data: <100 mA at 12.0 VDC Input  
 Transmitting data: < 2000 mA at 12.0 VDC Input  
 Sleep (<100 µA)

#### Frequency Bands: {Internal Modem Number}

UA	400-434 MHz (non-US/gov.) {RV-M8}
UB	419-450 MHz (non-US/gov.) {RV-M8}
UC	450-470 MHz (RV-M8)
UD	480-512 MHz (non-US/gov.) {RV-M8}
UJ	380-400 MHz (non-US/gov.) {RV-M8}
VA	132-155 MHz (non-US/gov.) {RV-M8}
VB	150-174 MHz {RV-M8}
VC	216-222 MHz {RV-M8}

#### Serial Port Baud Rates (programmable)

1.2k, 2.4k, 4.8k, 9.6k, 19.2k, 38.4k, 57.6k, 115.2k

#### Over-the-air baud rates (programmable)

-N 1200, 2000, 2400, 4.8k, 5142, 8K,9.6k  
 -W 1200, 2000, 2400, 4.8k, 8k, 9.6k, 19.2k

#### Full Spec Operating Temperature range

-30°C to +60°C

#### TX-RX and RX-TX turn-around time

<3mS

#### RF I/O Connector

BNC (Female), TNC (Female) optional

#### Addressing

Individual address: 65,536

#### Options:

Internal GPS, TDMA firmware G option

## Security

Encryption Method..... AES128  
 Electronic Serial Number..... Silicon ESN  
 Configuration Monitor..... Serialized on update

## Transmitter Specifications (See RV-M8 for details)

See the Datasheet of the Radio Module Used within the M21 enclosure for the Version you have. Here is a summary of Typical Specs:

RF Power Output VHF ..... 500mW – 5W (programmable)  
 RF Power Output UHF ..... 500mW – 5W (programmable)  
 Maximum Duty Cycle ..... 100% to 40C, 20% to 60C  
 Frequency Deviation ..... ± 2.2kHz (-N) ± 3.5kHz (-W)  
 Occupied bandwidth ..... 11 kHz (-N) 16kHz(-W)  
 TX Spurious outputs ..... < -70dBc  
 Occupied Bandwidth ..... Per FCC  
 FCC Emissions Designator..... 11K0F1D (-N)  
 Frequency Stability..... Better than ±1.5ppm

## Receiver Specifications (See RV-M8 for details)

See the Datasheet of the Radio Module used within the M21 enclosure for the Version you have. Here is a summary of Typical Specs:

RX sensitivity (.1% BER)	9600bps < -108dBm
	4800bps < -114dBm
1200 & 2400baud	< -118dBm
Adjacent Channel Selectivity 12.5kHz.....	-50dB
Adjacent Channel Selectivity 25kHz.....	-60dB
Alternate Channel Selectivity .....	-65dB
Blocking and spurious rejection .....	-75dB
RX intermodulation rejection.....	-70dB

## Interface Option Connections

### RS-232 Interface Port

Connector Type	DB-9 female
IO Voltage Levels	RS-232

### RS-485 Interface Port

Connector Type	Phoenix 6-pin
IO Voltage Levels	RS-485

### USB Interface Port

Connector Type	Mini B
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### Analog Interface Port

Connector Type	DB-15 female
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### GPIO Interface Port

Connector Type	Phoenix 6-pin
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### FIO Interface Port

Connector Type	DB-15 female
IO Voltage Levels	TTL 0-3.3V

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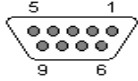
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## Input/Output Connection Functions

### RS-232 Interface Port



1	CD	Carrier detect
2	RxD	Receive data
3	TxD	Transmit data
4	DTR	Data terminal ready
5	GND	Ground connection
6	DSR	Data Set Ready
7	RTS	Request to send
8	CTS	Clear to send
9	Power	DC power (not Ring signal)

### Analog Interface Port

1	MIC	Analog Input
2	AUX	Analog Output
3	TDX	TX data In, RS232
4	RSSI	Radio Signal Strength Out
5	DTR	Digital DTR out
6	VIN	DC Voltage Input
7	V3	3./3V Output
8	IOC	General IO - C
9	RXD	RX data out, RS232 level
10	CTS	CTS, 3V digital level
11	NC	No connect
12	PTT	Transmitter Enable Line
13	NC	No connect
14	DCD	Data/Carrier Detect output
15	GND	Ground, chassis and power gnd.

### T RS-485 Interface Port

1	RTS	RTS Input
2	RXDP	RX Data, +
3	RXDM	RX Data, -
4	TXDP	TX Data, +
5	TXDM	TX Data, -
6	GND	Ground, chassis and power gnd.

### F RS-422 Interface Port

1	MODE	Mode Input
2	Y	RX Data, +
3	Z	RX Data, -
4	A	TX Data, +
5	B	TX Data, -
6	GND	Ground, chassis and power gnd.

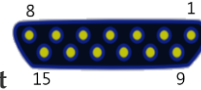
### GPIO Interface Port



1	RDX	RX data out, RS232 level
2	TXD	TX data In, RS232
3	IO0	Configurable General Purpose IO*

4	IO1	Configurable General Purpose IO
5	IO2	Configurable General Purpose IO
6	GND	Ground, chassis and power gnd.

IOs can be configured as: A: Digital TTL Input, C: Open Drain MOSFET output, D: DC Power switch output. E :Analog Input.  
\*IO1 cannot be switched DC



### FIO Interface Port

1	VIN	DC Voltage Input
2	TXD	TX data In, RS232
3	OD0	Open drain output, switched
4	IO0	Configurable General Purpose IO
12	IO1	Configurable General Purpose IO
5	IO2	Configurable General Purpose IO
13	IO3	Configurable General Purpose IO
6	IO4	Configurable General Purpose IO
14	IO5	Configurable General Purpose IO
7	IO6	Configurable General Purpose IO
15	IO7	Configurable General Purpose IO
9	VDIG	Voltage out, Digital voltage as configured internal to RV-M21.
8,11	GND	Ground connection

IOs can be configured as: A:Digital TTL Input, B:Digital TTL Output.

## Accessories

### DC Power Cable

Raveon part number	4C850-1
Description	M8, Sealed 3-pin 7mm, 2m

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Example: RV-M21SG-UCN RS232 I/O, 450-470MHz, narrow-band, with GPS transponder option.

	RV-M22	IO Code	GPS Code	-	BAND Code	Band Width	-	Other Options
	CODE							
RS232	S							
RS422	F							
RS485	T							
USB	U							
Analog	A							
FIO	F							
GPIO	G							
No GPS								
GPS Option	G							
No Radio Board	X							
132-150MHz	VA							
150-174MHz	VB							
216-222MHz	VC							
400-434MHz	UA							
430-450MHz	UB							
450-480MHz	UC							
12.5kHz chan.	N							
25kHz chan.	W							
Arduino CPU	A							

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## FIO and GPIO IO Specifications

### FIO Digital Input Specifications:

Low-level input voltage: Less than 0.5V  
 High-level input voltage: Greater than 2.2V  
 Input resistance: Floating, > 2K resistance.

### FIO Digital Output Specifications:

Low-level Output voltage: Less than 0.5V  
 High Level Output Voltage: 3.0 - 3.3V  
 Output resistance: 330 ohms.

### GPIO Digital Input Specifications:

Low-level input voltage: Less than 0.5V  
 High-level input voltage: Greater than 2.2V  
 Input resistance: 5K-10K pull-down resistance.

### GPIO Digital Output Specifications:

Low-level Output voltage: Less than 0.5V  
 High Level Output Voltage: 3.0 - 3.3V  
 Output resistance: 250 ohms

### GPIO Open Drain Output Specifications:

Low-level Output voltage, on: 0V to 0.5V drawing less than 2.1A.  
 Open drain off leakage resistance 500uA, 0-5V, < 1mA 5-20V  
 High Level Output Voltage, off: 0 - 20V < VCC input volts  
 Output resistance, on: <250 milliohms to ground

### GPIO Switched DC power output: (IO1 and IO2) not IO0.

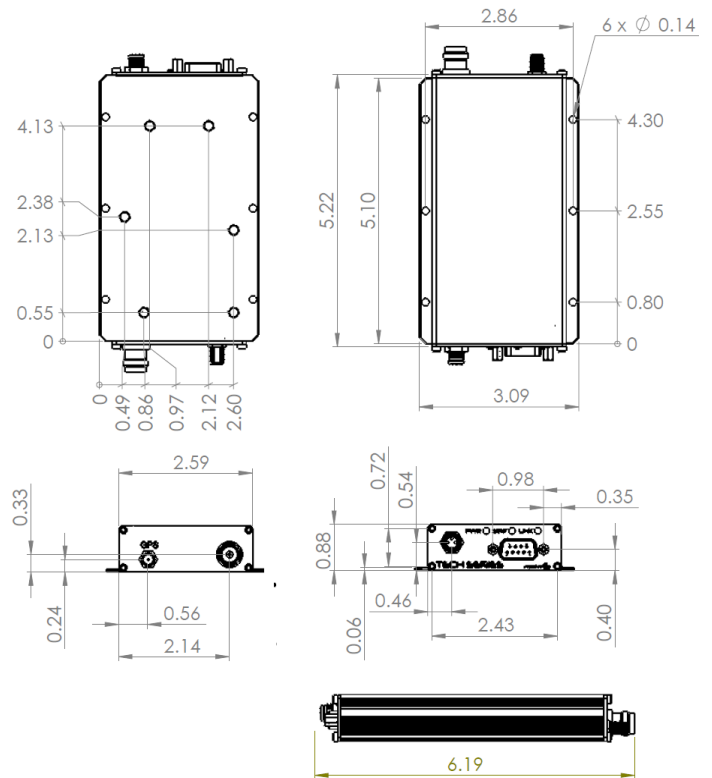
Output voltage, on: Same as DC input, 90%-100%.  
 Maximum Output Current 1.0 amps  
 Output resistance, on: <250 milliohms to ground  
 On state internal resistance 100-250mOhms.  
 Maximum volt input when off DC input + 150mV  
 Off output off leakage resistance 5-200uA  
 High Level Output Voltage, off: Same limit as RF board within the enclosure.

### GPIO Analog Input Specifications:

Low-level input voltage: 0V  
 High-level input voltage: V in - 1.0V. V in is the DC power voltage. 0-30V is typical.  
 Input resistance: 220K.

If other FIO or GGPIO interface requirements are needed, please contact Raveon's Customer support and give us information about your IO requirements, and we can set them up for you.

## Mechanical Specifications



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