

# **PTC Radio Hardware Specification**





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# 220 MHZ PTC Radio System Overview

- Radio types:
  - Base Station Radio Installed at fixed locations to provide radio network coverage
  - Locomotive Radio Remote mobile radio elements of the ITC 220 MHz network
  - Wayside Radio Remote fixed-location radios installed at waysides
- Primary purpose:
  - Ensure that the locomotive receives timely track status messages



# 220 MHz PTC Radio System





## **Base Station Radio**



- Installed at fixed locations
- Provides RF connectivity between the Back Office and remote areas



## **Locomotive Radio**



- Mobile radio elements of the ITC 220 MHz network
- Installed in the cab of locomotives



# Wayside Radio

- Remote, fixed-location radio installed at waysides
- Provides wayside signal status, switch position, and track integrity information to locomotives via a 220 MHz RF link





# **PTC Radio Hardware Specification**

### **Meteorcomm Document:**

ITC 220 MHz Radio Hardware Specifications, MCC DCN 00001040-E, August 29, 2011.

- This document defines the 220 MHz PTC radio hardware specifications. Specs include:
  - Electrical
  - Mechanical
  - RF performance
  - Regulatory requirements
  - Operational environment



# **Specifications & Primary References**

### **ITC Requirements**

- Scope and Requirements, *ITC Scope and Requirements Prod Specs Version*, version 2.1, December 10, 2009
- ITCC Release 1.0 Requirements Baseline, MCC DCN REQ-PTC-00001174-E

### AAR Standards

- AAR Standard S-5702, ver. 5.0, March 1, 2005
- AAR Standard S-590, ver. 5.0, December 1, 2005

### **Radio Industry Standards**

- ANSI/TIA-603-C-2004, Land Mobile FM or PM Communications Equipment Measurement and Performance Standards, revision C, 12/2004
- ETSI EN 300 113-1-1 v1.6.1 (2007), Land Mobile Service; Part 1: Technical characteristics and methods of measurement

Regulatory

- FCC: CFR47 Parts 2, 15, and 90
- Industry Canada SRSP-512:



### **External Interfaces**

	Wayside	Locomotive	Base
Ethernet Ports	2	2	2
GPS Antenna Inputs	1	0	1
Separate RX Connectors	0	1	2
Combination TX/RX Connectors	1	1	1



## **General Specifications**

	Wayside Radio	Locomotive Radio	Base Station Radio
Function	Half-duplex radio	Half-duplex radio	Half-duplex radio
Frequency Range	217.6-222.0 MHz	217.6-222.0 MHz	217.6-222.0 MHz
Application	Fixed (non-mobile)	Mobile	Base Station
Use Environment	Wayside bungalow (per AAR S-5702)	Vehicle interior cab (per AAR S-5702)	Wayside control room (per AAR S-5702)
Operating Temperature	-40° C to +70° C	-40° C to +70° C	-30° C to +70° C



# **DC Power Specifications**

	Wayside Radio	Locomotive Radio	Base Station (24 VDC)	Base Station (48 VDC)
Supply Voltage	13.6 VDC (10.9-15.5 VDC)	74 VDC (45-100 VDC)	24 VDC (21-27 VDC)	48 VDC (42-54 VDC)
TX Current Drain	7.5 A	1.8 A	7.5 A	4 A
RX Current Drain	0.65 A	0.36 A	0.85 A	0.41 A



# **Transmitter Specifications**

	Wayside Radio	Locomotive Radio	Base Station (24 VDC)	Base Station (48 VDC)
Rated Power Output	25 W PEP	50 W PEP	75 W PEP	75 W PEP
Adjustment Range	7.5 - 25 W PEP	15 - 50 W PEP	10 - 75 W PEP	10 - 75 W PEP
Transmitter Class	Quasi-Linear	Linear	Linear	Linear
Transmitter Waveforms	16 kbps pi/4 DQPSK	16 kbps, 32 kbps pi/4 DQPSK	16 kbps, 32 kbps pi/4 DQPSK	16 kbps, 32 kbps pi/4 DQPSK
Transmitter Duty Cycle	10%	30%	50%	50%



## **Receiver Specifications**

	Wayside Radio	Locomotive Radio	Base Station (24 VDC)	Base Station (48 VDC)
Receiver Waveforms	pi/4DQPSK	pi/4DQPSK	pi/4DQPSK	pi/4DQPSK
Raw Data Rates	16 kbps, 32 kbps	16 kbps, 32 kbps	16 kbps, 32 kbps	16 kbps, 32 kbps
16 kbps Static Sensitivity	-111 dBm	-111 dBm	-111 dBm	-111 dBm
32 kbps Static Sensitivity	-108 dBm	-108 dBm	-108 dBm	-108 dBm
Simultaneous Channels	2	8 primary 8 diversity	8 primary 8 diversity	8 primary 8 diversity
Diversity	Not supported	Two-antenna spatial diversity	Two-antenna spatial diversity	Two-antenna spatial diversity