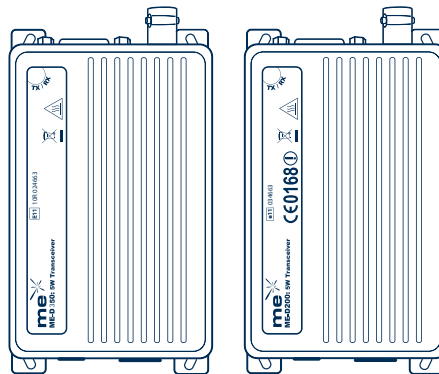


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me-d200/d350 range

## User Guide



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## Introduction

The me-d200/d350 range is a 1 to 5 Watt radio data modem, which can be used for data up to 9600 baud rate (using GMSK module) in stand alone conditions.

The me-d200/d350 is housed in a rugged cast-aluminium box sealed to IEC 529 (IP54) making it suitable for a wide range of mobile and fixed applications.

All me-d200 modem units meet the essential requirements of the relevant European directives and all me-d350 modems meet relevant US FCC and Canadian regulations. In order to maintain this compliance the installation and safety information must be adhered to at all times.

- The me-d200/d350 modem must only be installed where unintentional contact cannot be made. The surface of the device may be hot to touch under certain transmit conditions. A warning label is permanently displayed as part of the equipment rating label affixed to the lid. The me-d200/d350 is not designed for permanent transmission. If prolonged transmission periods are used, the unit will become hot and will require an additional heatsink to be fitted.
- When fitting the me-d200/d350 into a fixed installation, care must be taken in the routing of all cabling such that the insulation cannot become damaged.
- The recommended supply sources for use with the me-d200/d350 are a standard 12V supply, but is capable of operating in the range (9V - 18V).

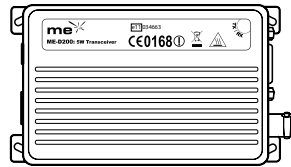
## Preparing for use

### Unpacking and inspection

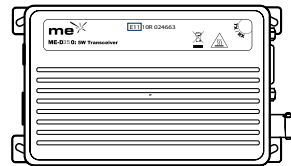
Unpack the modem and check that you have received the following items:

- me-d200 or d350 Transceiver
- User Guide (this document)

me-d200 diagram



me-d350 diagram:




If any of these items are missing, please contact your supplier.




### Description of modem

The me-d200/d350 is a network free, point to point data radio that offers great flexibility in varied applications where wireless data or voice communication is needed.

It can be used as a "dumb" radio, with no internal module fitted, to allow users to facilitate the use of their own modem and protocol. Internal link changes enable the input to be set for TTL levels so allowing POCSAG for example. In this scenario, the radio is completely transparent and simply needs the correct signal level inputs (see pin out details), and use of separate control lines (PTT etc) or serial commands.




The me-d200/d350 can also be fitted with either a Bell 202, V.23 module, a FFSK module (up to 4800 baud rate) or a GMSK module (up to 9600 baud rate). These allow communication with a pc via hyper terminal and other emulation packages. For further information on these options, including pin outs, please refer to the separate Module Manual available on the Mobile Expertise web site.



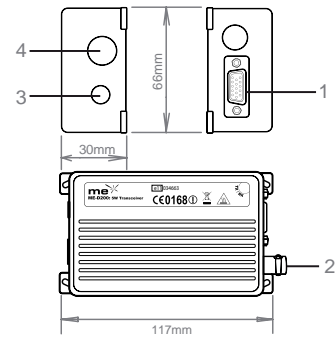
The me-d200/d350 also operates as a standard radio with microphone input and speaker output, in this mode the radio has the following associated features, these include CTCSS/DCS, busy channel lockout and scan



## Features

- Compact and rugged die cast box
  - Resistant to dirt, dust and water ingress (IP54 rated)
  - Network free, point to point communication
  - 1/5 watt programmable output power
  - Synthesised operation with 16 channel capability
  - CTCSS & DCS encode and decode
  - programmable 12.5 / 25kHz channel spacing
  - External modem / Direct FM / TTL (pocsag)
  - Internal (RS232) module options available:
    - GMSK up to 9600 or
    - FFSK up to 4800 or
    - Bell 202 V23 1200bps
  - RSSI level indication
  - Busy' output
  - 9 – 18 volt supply input
  - Enhanced Power Save Mode (sleep)
  - Serial commands available to control radio
  - Busy Channel lockout
  - Time out timer
  - Scanning
  - TX only feature
  - Programmable squelch levels
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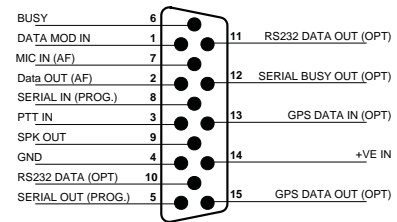
### External connections



- 1 HD 15-way d-type (data and control signals)\*
- 2 BNC antenna connection
- 3 Accessory aperture
- 4 Accessory aperture

\*The power supply is connected via pin14 (+ve) and pin 4 (GND) of the 15 way D-type.

### Pin outs



Pin-outs of DB-15 connector.

The table on the following pages indicates the DB-15 Pin descriptions with input and output levels.

Pin No.	Function	Description	Signal Type	I/O
1 Program	Data modulation IN. (used with an external modem)	AC coupled signal directly injected through data low pass filter without pre-emphasis.	Input signal 1KHz audio at 60% peak dev. input level = 100 to 120mVrms	I/P
1 Program option	POCSAG input	DC coupled direct signal designed to work with TTL level signals only	TTL Levels	I/P
1 Program Opt & h/w changes	AC coupled FM direct modulation	AC coupled direct FM signal, without filtering	350mV @ 60% adjustable	I/P
1 h/w changes	DC data modulation IN	DC coupled direct FM signal, without filtering	1.9V dc offset 450-550mV @ 60%	I/P
2	Data OUT (RX disc)	Discriminator Audio, unprocessed AF signal	1KHz audio at 60% peak dev. produces 200 to 300mVrms	OP

3	PTT In (Tx Key)	Signal, which keys the transmitter, when operating as a dumb radio. Note: If the option module is installed, RS232 levels must be selected on CON407. See Module manual.	TTL level 0V = Tx open cct = Rx RS232 level (option) +12V = Tx -12V = Rx	I/P
4	Ground	Ground connection to chassis of the radio.	0V (Chassis)	
5	Program Data Out/ Serial Data Output	Programming data output / Serial data output.	TTL level (programming cable has RS232 converter)	O/P
6	Busy (CD)	Logic level output to indicate presence of a carrier. Note: If the option modem is installed, RS232 levels must be selected on CON407. See Module manual.	TTL level 0V = carrier 5V = no carrier RS232 level (option) +12V = carrier -12V = no carrier	O/P

Pin No.	Function	Description	Signal Type	I/O
7 (default)	Audio IN (Mic) / Monitor	Audio signal that is filtered (high pass and pre-emp) then follows same route as data mod through LPF. Sub-audio tone is mixed with audio after the LPF.	1KHz audio at 60% peak system deviation input level = 6 to 8mV rms	I/P
Grounding line activates monitor action				
7 Link option	RSSI	RSSI Level	1 to 3.5 V	OP
8	Program data IN/ serial command	Used for serial command for radio control or is used for inputting programming data	TTL level (RS232 converter in programming cable)	I/P

9	Audio OUT	Audio output from the audio amplifier. Filtered by tone-filter and de-emphasis circuit.	1KHz audio at 60% peak dev. produces nominal 1Vrms @ 8Ω	OP
10	RS232 Data IN for option module	Data input when the option module board is installed.	RS232 level	I/P
11	RS232 Data Out for option module	Recovered data output when the option module is installed..	RS-232 level	OP
12 (default)	Buffer status('busy') for option module (reserved)	Indicates buffer status to prevent data loss according to buffer overrun	RS-232 level	OP
12 Link option	Lock Detect signal	PLL lock detect signal	>3V out of lock <0.5V in lock	OP

Pin No.	Function	Description	Signal Type	I/O
13	GPS data input	Data input for initial setting of GPS module. (NMEA 0183 format)	TTL level	I/P
14 (default)	VCC in +12 volts nominal	Power supply input, operation outside the stated range will be subject to degraded performance	+12 volts nominal 9V-18V extreme	I/P
14 Link option	DGPS data input	Data input for DGPS Connection of GPS module. (NMEA 0183 format)	TTL level	I/P
15	GPS data output	Position data output from the GPS module. (NMEA0183)	TTL level	OP



\*This input can be used as direct FM and can be used for FSK if the signal level is within the limits.

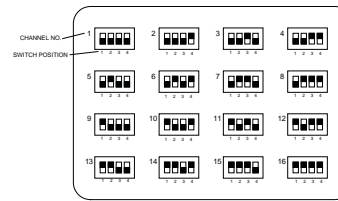
Link options: To be carried out with reference to the layout and must be carried without any damage to the pcb. Any damage will invalidate the warranty.

Refer to Application Notes for details of link changes. Application Notes can be found on the mobile expertise web site.



## Channel selection

Channels are selected by the use of internal switches and can be set as shown below. The bottom 4 screws will need to be removed to gain access to the switches, care must be taken to avoid any damage which could invalidate the warranty. The channel can also be changed by a serial command inputted from the external control system.



SW401

Figure: Setting of channel selector switch for each channel

By altering link options, channel change can also be implemented using TTL levels on pins 11, 12, 13 & 15 of DB15 way assuming these pins are not in use and default conditions are met. Refer to Application Notes on the Mobile Expertise web site.

## Operation

### Transmit/receive operation

The me-d200/d350 can be put into transmit by different methods. When used as a "dumb" radio, the PTT line is pulled low (pin 3 of DB15). The Tx serial command will also put the radio into transmit (pin 8 of DB15), until the Rx serial command is received.

Where an internal module is fitted the PTT/Busy links are changed to RS232 (see module manual). The GMSK and FFSK can in addition operate automatically by going into "TX" on receipt of data on pin 10 of DB15.

## Serial commands

The modem can be controlled by using the serial command (pin 8) data in, sending commands to the radio such as PTT or change channel

The format for these commands (asynchronous) are:

- Baud rate: 4800 bit/sec
- Data: 8 bit,
- Parity: Non parity
- Stop Bit (SP): 1 bit
- MSB first transmission

Each serial command consists of 3 bytes. The first byte is the command (CMD), the second is data (DATA) required by the command and the third is the check sum (CS) to validate contents

TX Command format:

CMD	DATA	CS
1st byte	2nd byte	3rd byte

N.B. Check Sum = 1st byte + 2nd byte. CS = CMD + DATA

Response format:

CMD	DATA1	DATA2	...	DATA <sub>n</sub>
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The response CMD is in the form of:

ACK, acknowledge, Hex: 0xAA; (then data if any)  
NACK, no acknowledge (error in command) Hex: 0x55  
NOK, not okay (cannot carry out command) Hex: 0x65

If command is not recognised, repeated or already in requested or wrong state e.g channel change in TX there is no response from the radio.

## Commands and data

Mode	Transmit command (CMD)	Transmit Data (DATA)	Response (CMD)	Response Data	Remark
Channel Change	0x64	0x00 : chn 1 0x01 : chn 2	0xAA (ACK) 0x55 (NACK)		No response if in transmit mode
Request current Channel	0x63	0x66	ACK / NACK	1st byte: Chn no. 2nd byte: option board status	Chn 1 = 01 Chn 2 = 02 A0: No option board A1: GMSK A2: FFSK/AF-SK
Activate prog mode / main loop	0x87	0x00	ACK / NACK No response on other models		Cannot receive in this mode, but clears previous serial commands. Use 0x63 to TX mode
Request current channel number, when in prog mode	0x63	0x66	ACK / NACK	1st byte: chn no. 2nd byte: software version 3rd byte: option board status	Chn 1 = 01 Chn 2 = 02 Software version 1,2 = 12 A0: No option board A1: GMSK A2: FFSK/AF-SK
*Software version	0x69	0x00	ACK / NACK	1st byte: main ver 2nd byte: update ver	2 bytes in Hex represent version e.g. 1:10 becomes 01:10 *Firmware version 5.0 or later

Enter TX mode	0x61	0x74	ACK / NACK	No response if already TX
Enter RX mode	0x61	0x72	ACK / NACK	No response if already RX
Enter Sleep mode	0x57	0x4f	ACK / NACK	Firmware 5.0 or later
Exit Sleep mode	0x57	0x58	ACK / NACK	Firmware 5.0 or later
Check radio awake	0x6a	0x00	ACK / NACK	
Scan start	0x62	0x73	ACK / NACK	No response if already scanning
Scan start, but stop if no channel	0x62	0x46	0x86	Chn no., CMD+DATA Respond once if stopped on a channel (channel 1 : 66,00,66 (00=chn1,01=chn2)
Scan Stop	0x62	0x46	ACK / NACK	
Scan delete	0x62	0x4f	ACK / NACK 0x65 (NOK)	NOK : e.g when stopped not on a channel

Module Test Message Enable	0x75	0x78	ACK / NACK
Module Test Message Disable	0x75	0x79	ACK / NACK

A comprehensive list of serial commands is available on our web site [www.mobile-expertise.co.uk/support](http://www.mobile-expertise.co.uk/support)



## Standard radio commands

### Scanning

A scan function is available whereby any or all 16 channels can be monitored for activity. Scanning parameters such as scan speed and delay are programmable (refer to programming guide)

Control of the scan channels is by serial commands.

Note The priority channel (the transmit channel during scanning) is the channel selected via the dip switch.

### Timings

Radio timings parameters are available for alteration via the programmer.

These include:

- Time-out timer,
- Hang timer -transmit after dis-asserting PTT
- Tx delay - prevents squelch noise when using CTCSS/DCS

### Busy Channel Lockout

Prevents TX when while the radio is receiving. Refer to programming guide more more detail.

N.B. Where the module option board is fitted alternative programmable functions apply.





#### **Internal Module Timings**

Tx delay and Rx delay timings are available for alteration when the internal module is fitted only. Please refer to the programming guide and module manual for details

#### **Power Save Mode**

The modem will go into power save mode for short periods of time to minimise power consumption when a battery supply is being used. Parameters are programmable.

#### **Enhanced Power Save Mode (sleep)**

The modem in this mode deactivates all circuitry with the exception of the micro controller. It is activated and deactivated using serial commands (see Command List).

Current consumption is significantly reduced to approximately 7mA and represents an 85% saving on normal standby consumption.

#### **Squelch**

The modem offers 2 forms of squelch, which are programmable as RSSI level check or busy port .

- RSSI level uses the RSSI level from the FM detector chip and the point of squelch is programmable.
- Noise saquelch uses the 'on board' circuitry to detect noise and is manually adjusted.

#### **Status indicators and Audible alerts**

The LED indicates the current status of the radio and if an external speaker is connected to pin 9 of the DB-15, audible tones can be heard under certain fault conditions. The details are shown in the table opposite.



Status	Description	LED colour	Audible tone (if speaker fitted)
Normal	Power ON	Green-Orange-red	
	Busy channel	Orange	
	Correct Call (with SAT)	Green	
	Transmit	Red	
	Busy channel lockout	Green flashes	beep tone
Warning	Time out time	Green flashes (plt active) Red LED extinguishes (serial cmd)	
	5 secs before TOT	1 Green flash	beep tone
Errors	EEPROM error	1 Orange flash	
	Out of lock	Continuous Orange flashes	

Status	Description	LED colour	Audible tone (if speaker fitted)
Errors cont...	Comms error with module	Green LED flash	
	Transmit hang on time		Single beep tone
	Wrong model programmed	After "Power ON sequence - 2 additional Orange flashes.	
	Read Mode	Red LED flashes	
Program	Write mode	Green LED flashes	
	Initial data load	Green-Orange-Red	
Squelch program mode	Open squelch mode	Three Green flashes	
	Close squelch mode	Two Green flashes	
	Save squelch mode	One Green flash	



## Programming

The data modem is pc programmable. The parameters available for programming include:

- Frequency, channel spacing and sub-audible tones on a per channel basis
- Radio settings such as power save mode, Tx lockout, Tx timeout, Squelch
- Module options when FSK, FFSK and GMSK module is fitted, such as setting baud rate, dumb or auto mode, Hyper Terminal mode and data settings (flow control, block size etc)

The pc program also allows for squelch adjustments and calibration Refer to programming manual and PC software.

## Installation

### Antennas

It is important that any antennas are installed in a suitable location with an adequate ground plane. Ideally, multiple antennas should be separated by a minimum of a wavelength (at the lowest frequency), whilst still retaining a good ground plane for each antenna. Therefore, for a 400MHz system, the ideal separation should be a minimum of 0.75m (~30in), and for 150MHz system the minimum should be 2.5m (~98in).

Warning: If installing an antenna near people it is necessary to ensure the minimum separation is maintained. This particularly important where prolonged exposure is likely.

For a full range of antenna options and other accessories visit the Mobile Expertise web site.





### **Power sources**

It is important that a "clean" source of power is used for the supply to the modem

### **Fuse replacement**

We recommend an inline "quick blow" fuse rating of 4 amps be fitted to the +ve supply.

### **Cabling**

If possible, run RF cables separately from other cables and keep RF cables apart from one another to avoid interference / coupling.

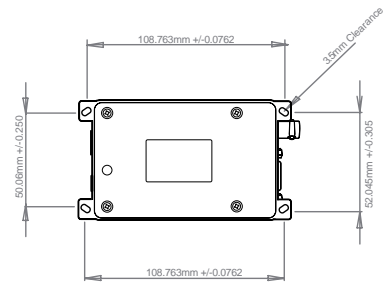
When fitting the modem into a fixed installation care must be taken in the routing of all cabling such that the insulation cannot become damaged.



### Fixing

We recommend that the me-d200/d350 is securely fixed to a surface, either directly, or with a suitable bracket. The fixing hole centre dimensions are as shown.

The modem can be attached to any surface by using suitable size screws through the M3.5 holes in the mounting flanges.





## Safety and general information

Important information on safe and efficient use of your Radio device

### Exposure to radio frequency energy

Your modem is a high power radio transceiver. When it is on, it receives and also sends out radio frequency (RF) signals. To help minimise human exposure to RF electromagnetic energy, keep transmission time to 50% or less.

As with all radio devices, holding the antenna affects transmission quality and may cause the radio to operate at a higher power level than required. Do not hold the antenna when the radio is in use.

Do not use radios with damaged or modified antenna, this may violate compliance with relevant international standards.

Where prolonged human exposure is likely, the minimum separation from the antenna should be 0.8m.



### Electromagnetic interference/compatibility

Most modern electronic equipment is shielded from RF energy. However certain electronic equipment may not be shielded against RF signals. The modem needs to be switched off in any facility where posted notices instruct you to do so to avoid electromagnetic interference or compatibility conflicts. Special care should be taken near facilities such as hospitals or health care centres may be using equipment that is sensitive to external RF energy.

### Medical devices (Pacemakers)

If you use any personal medical device, consult the manufacturer of your device to determine it is adequately shielded from RF energy. Your physician may be able to assist you in obtaining this information.





### **Vehicles with airbags**

Air bags inflate with great force. Do not place a radio in the area over an airbag or in the airbag deployment area, any radio may be propelled with great force and cause serious injury to the occupant of the vehicle.

### **Potentially explosive atmospheres**

Turn off your modem prior to entering any area with a potentially explosive atmosphere, unless it is a radio type especially qualified for use in such areas. Do not remove install or charge batteries in such areas. Sparks in potentially explosive atmospheres can cause an explosion or fire resulting in bodily injury or death.

Potentially explosive atmospheres include fuelling areas such as petrol stations, below decks on boats, fuel or chemical transfer or storage facilities, vehicles using liquid petroleum gas (such as propane or butane); areas where the air contains chemicals or particles such as grain, dust or metal powders, and any other area where you would normally be advised to turn off your vehicle engine. Areas with potentially explosive atmospheres are often but not always posted.





## Warranty and repairs

The me-d200/d350 is a low maintenance device. Once installed it requires no ongoing maintenance. In the event that your Mobile Expertise me-d200/d350 modem needs repair, return your radio to an authorised Mobile Expertise supplier. Do not disassemble, modify or repair the unit unless the work is carried out by a Mobile Expertise approved supplier. Incorrect assembly, modification or repair may cause irreparable damage to your unit and will invalidate any warranty.

## Care of the equipment

- Do not immerse the me-d200/d350 modem in water or other fluids.
- Do not use solvents or spirits for cleaning as this may cause damage to the case materials.
- Do not over tighten connection to the modem.



## Disposal / Recycling

The me-d200/d350 is a Class 3 product in accordance with the Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive. Disposal of this class of equipment must be carried out through an authorised recycling centre.





**Declaration of conformity\***

The me-d200/d350 range is a 1 to 5 Watt radio data modem, in V2 (146-173MHz), U1(400-440MHz) or U2 (440-480MHz) frequency ranges,

These frequencies are licensed, restriction of use may apply in some countries.  
This equipment is intended for use in:-

**Model me-d200:**


Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Bulgaria, Romania & Turkey.

**Model me-d350:**


United States of America & Canada.

This equipment can also be used worldwide, where the equipment is approved for use.

**FCC / Canadian Specifications**



FCC	Part 15*, 90
Canada	RSS-119 issue 9 2007



\*This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- 1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- 2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Any change or modification to the product not expressly approved by Mobile Expertise Ltd. could void the user's authority to operate the device.

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an occupational/controlled environment. This equipment should be operated with a minimum distance of 20cm between the radiator and your body. A maximum antenna gain of 0dB at 1W (low power) and -7dB at 5W (high power) should be used with the equipment in order to maintain the 20cm distance.

### R&TTE Specifications

Art. 3.1 (a)	EN 60950-1:2002/A1:2005
SAR	BS EN 50371:2002
Art. 3.1 (b)	EN 301 489-1 V1.4.1 (2002-08) EN 301 489-1 V1.6.1 (2005-09) EN 301 489-5 V1.2.1 (2000-08) EN 301 489-5 V1.3.1 (2002-08)
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EEC Automotive Directive	72/245/EC (2004/204/EC) E11 10R 024663 e11 034663

This is a Class II product in accordance with the R&TTE Directive, 1999/5/EC. **CE0168**

We hereby declare that the above named product is in conformity to all the relevant essential requirements of Directive 1999/5/EC.

Wir möchten hiermit bekanntgeben, daß das oben genannte Produkt in Übereinstimmung mit allen erforderlichen Bedürfnissen der 1999/5/EC Direktive steht

Certificamos que el aparato es conforme con lo establecido en las disposiciones de la Directiva 1999/5/CE.

Nous déclarons que le produit référencé ci-dessus satisfait aux exigences R&TTE 1999/5/EC qui lui sont applicables.

\*A signed and dated Declaration of Conformity is available on request.



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