



# **COBALT HF-CNTL-232-02**

## **RFID CONTROLLER**

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*High Frequency Passive Radio Frequency Identification Controller*

## **INSTALLATION GUIDE**

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*How to Install and Configure*

*Cobalt HF-CNTL-232-02 RFID Controller*

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### **FCC COMPLIANCE**

Modifications or changes to this equipment without the expressed written approval of Datalogic could void the authority to use the equipment.

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 that may cause undesired operation.

FCC ID : E36-0001

#### **NOTE:**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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### **POWER SUPPLY**

This product is intended to be installed by Qualified Personnel only.

This device is intended to be supplied by a UL Listed or CSA Certified Power Unit with «Class 2» or LPS power source

# CHAPTER 1: CONTROLLER INFORMATION

## 1.1 HF-CNTL-232-02 OVERVIEW

Welcome to the **Cobalt HF-CNTL-232-02 RFID Controller - Installation Guide**. This document will assist you in the installation and setup of the Cobalt HF-CNTL-232-02 RFID Controller.

The Cobalt HF-CNTL-232-02 is a feature-rich, high frequency, Radio-Frequency Identification device that provides read/write RFID data transmission and control solutions to shop floor, item-level tracking and material handling applications. The controller is designed to be compact, rugged and reliable, in order to meet and exceed the requirements of the industrial automation industry.

### 1.1.1 Package Contents

Unpack the Cobalt Controller hardware and accessories. Retain the original shipping carton and packing material in case any items need to be returned. Inspect each piece carefully, if an item appears to be damaged, notify your EMS product distributor.

The Cobalt HF-CNTL-232-02 RFID Controller product package contains the following components:

PART NUMBER	QTY	DESCRIPTION
HF-CNTL-232-02	1	Cobalt HF Series RFID Controller (-232)
17-3120	1	HF-CNTL-232-02 Installation Guide
20-1950	2	Screw (Socket Head Cap, M5 x 20mm, Hex #4, 18-8 SS)
20-3915	2	Washer (Spring Lock, M5, 18-8 SS)
69-1289	1	Wrench Tool (Hex #4, 4mm, L-key)
00-3000	1	Cobalt HF-Series Configuration Tag

Table 1-1: HF-CNTL-232-02 - Package Contents

### 1.1.2 Power & Communications Interface

Connection Type:	RS232
Communication Interface:	Point-to-Point (Host/Controller)
Interface Connector:	8-pin, Male, M12, RS232 Connector (for power and data)
Maximum Cable Length:	15m

### 1.1.3 HF-CNTL-232-01 Controller Dimensions

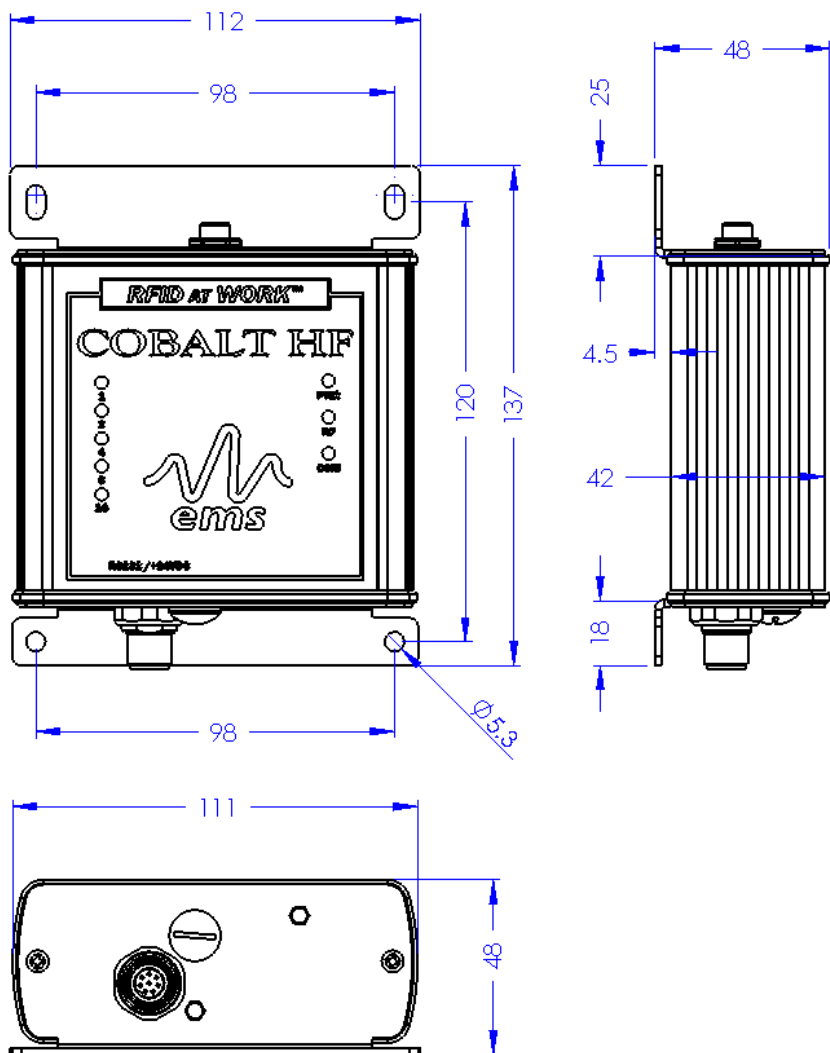


Figure 1-1: HF-CNTL-232-02 Controller Dimensions

## 1.2 COBALT HF-SERIES RFID ANTENNAS

The Cobalt HF-Series product family includes four RFID antenna models. Designed with different dimensions, each Cobalt HF-Series RFID Antenna generates a unique RF field pattern and read/write range.

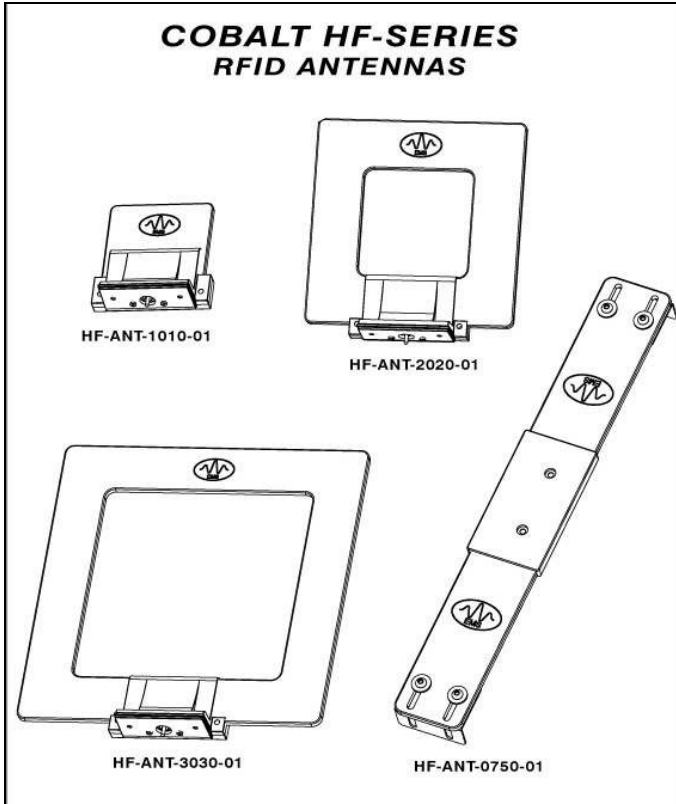


Figure 1-2: Cobalt HF-Series RFID Antennas

### COBALT HF-SERIES RFID ANTENNAS – MODELS AND SIZES

ANTENNA MODEL	ANTENNA SIZE
HF-ANT-1010-01	10cm x 10cm
HF-ANT-2020-01	20cm x 20cm
HF-ANT-3030-01	30cm x 30cm
HF-ANT-0750-01	7cm x 50cm

Table 1-2: Cobalt HF-Series RFID Antennas – Models and Sizes

## 1.2.1 HF-ANT-1010-01 Antenna Dimensions

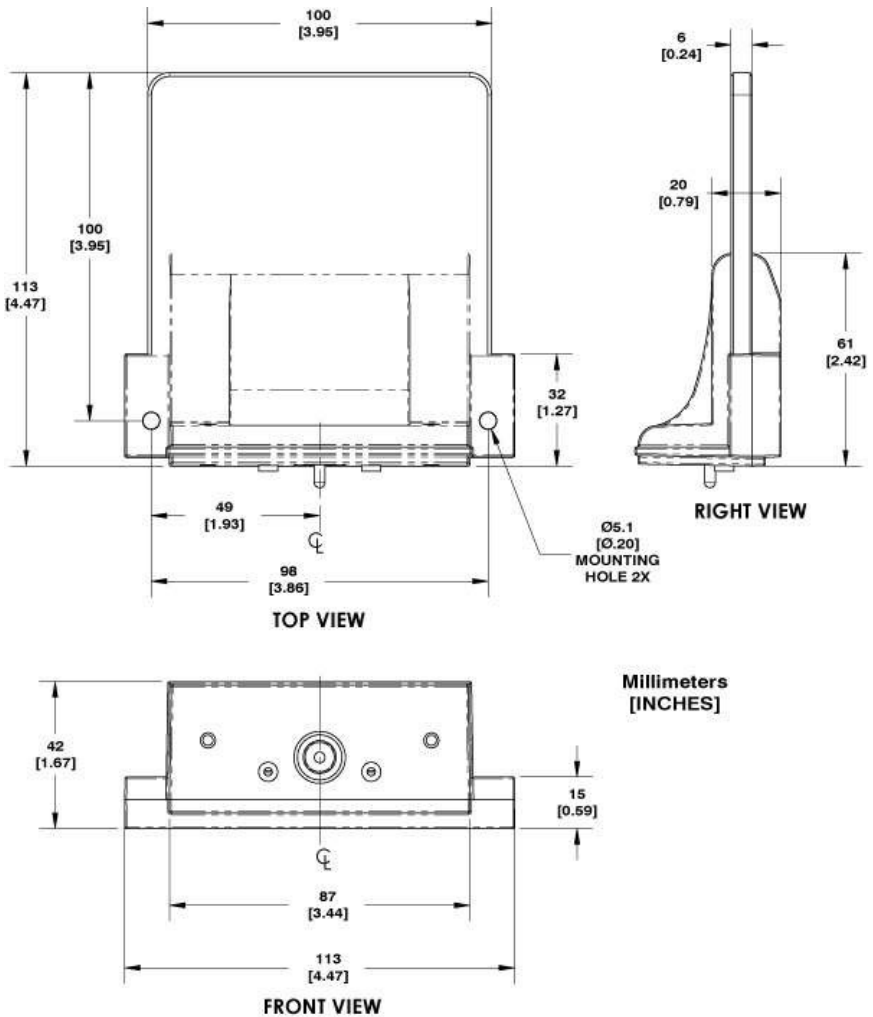


Figure 1-3: HF-ANT-1010-01 Antenna Dimensions

## 1.2.2 HF-ANT-2020-01 Antenna Dimensions

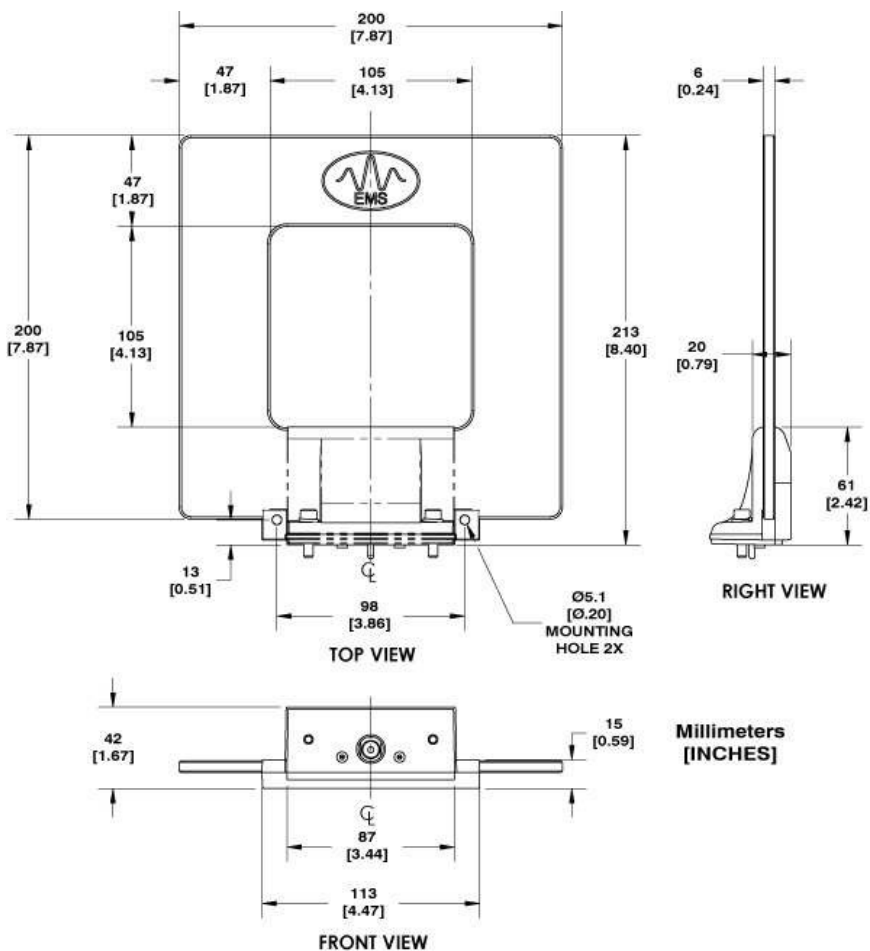


Figure 1-4: HF-ANT-2020-01 Antenna Dimensions



### 1.2.3 HF-ANT-3030-01 Antenna Dimensions

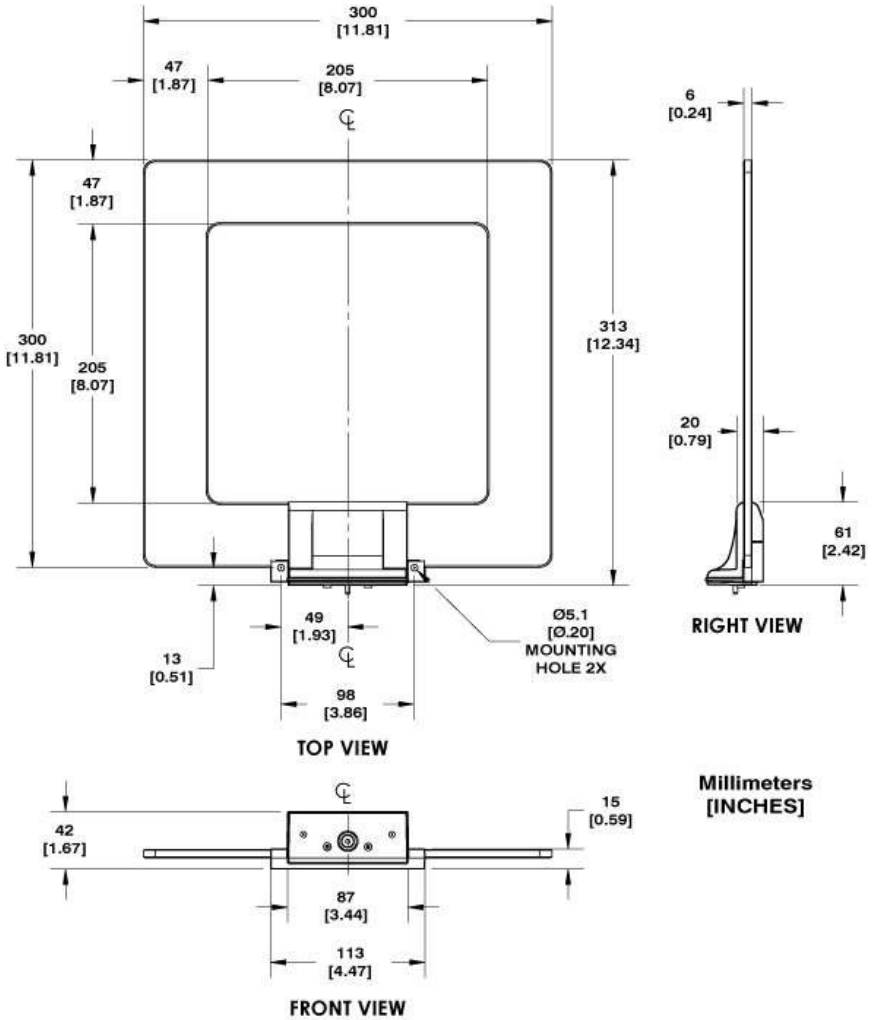


Figure 1-5: HF-ANT-3030-01 Antenna Dimensions

## 1.2.4 HF-ANT-0750-01 Antenna Dimensions

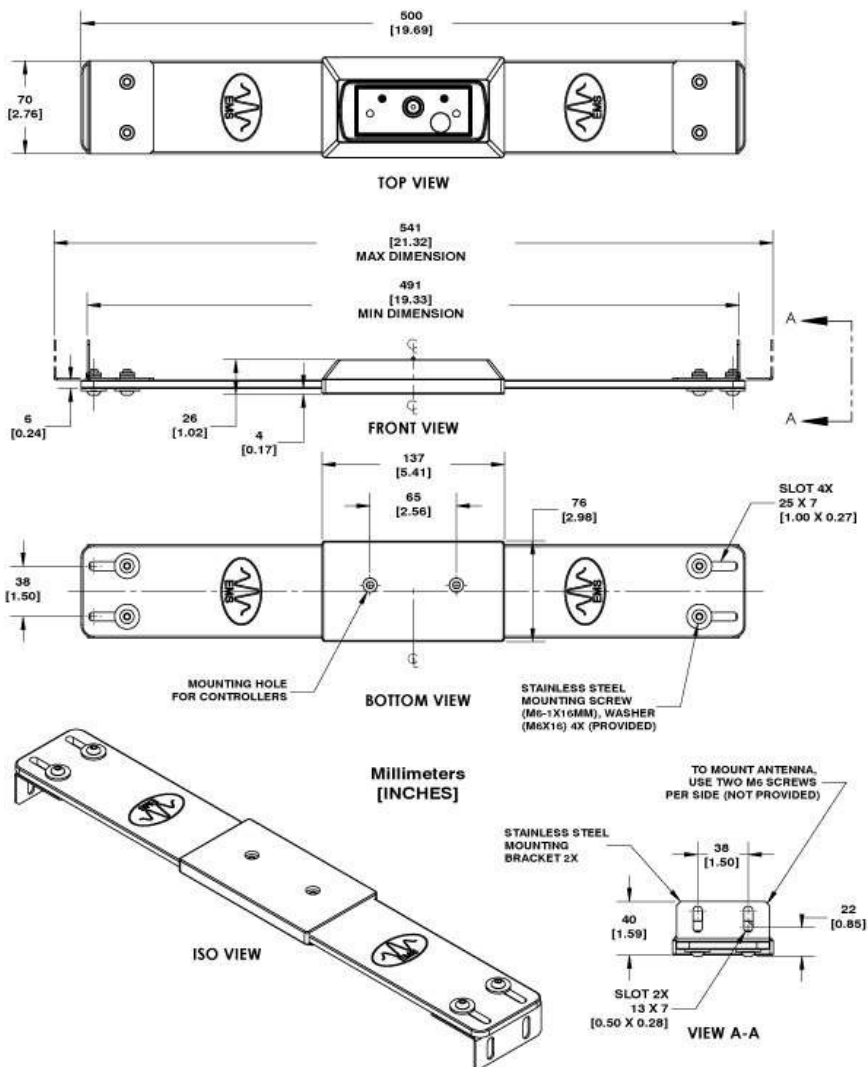


Figure 1-6: HF-ANT-0750-01 Antenna Dimensions

# CHAPTER 2: CONTROLLER INSTALLATION

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## 2.1 PREPARING FOR INSTALLATION

### 2.1.1 Power Requirements

The Cobalt Controller requires an electrical DC supply voltage. See Technical Specifications for details. Use a dedicated and regulated power supply connected to a suitable AC power source that is capable of delivering these requirements. Do not apply power until the entire system is wired and checked.

### 2.1.2 Installation Guidelines

- RF performance and read/write range can be negatively impacted by the proximity of metallic objects. Avoid mounting the antenna within 15cm (6 inches) of any metallic object or surface.
- Do not route cables near unshielded cables or near wiring carrying high voltage or high current. Cross cables at perpendicular intersections and avoid routing cables near motors and solenoids.
- Avoid mounting the controller near sources of EMI (electro-magnetic interference) or near devices that generate high ESD (electro-static discharge) levels.
- If electrical interference is encountered (as indicated by a diminished or reduced read/write range), relocate the controller to an area free from potential sources of interference.
- Conduct a test phase where you will construct a small scale, independent network that includes the essential devices required to test your RFID application. To avoid possible interference with other devices, do not initially connect your RFID testing environment to an existing local area network.
- Always use adequate ESD prevention measures to dissipate potentially high voltages.

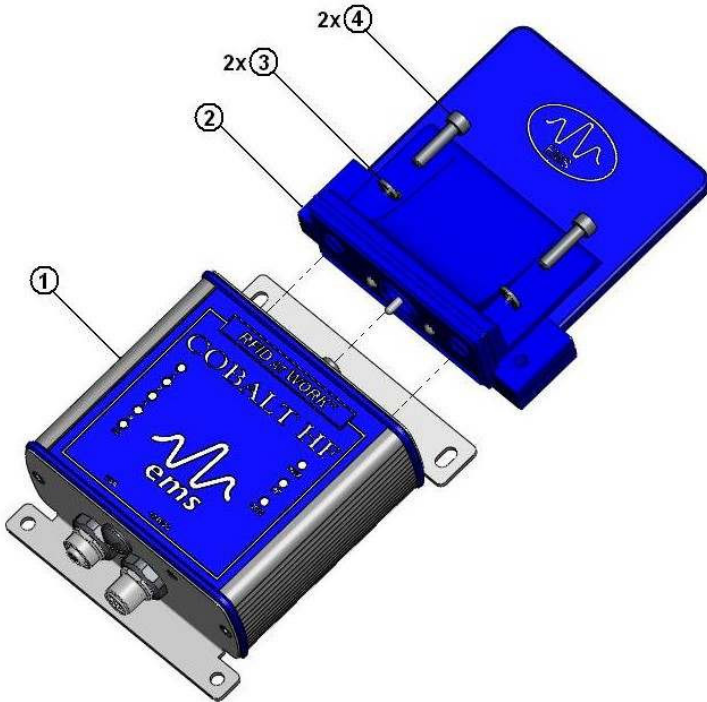
## 2.2 CONNECTING THE ANTENNA

Cobalt HF-Series RFID Antennas mount directly to the top of the Cobalt HF-Series RFID Controller's housing. The antenna is first attached to the RF port on the controller and is then fastened to the controller's housing using the two M5 screws and matching spring lock washers included with each Cobalt HF-Series RFID Controller. Use the provided 4mm hex key wrench to tighten both M5 screws.

## 2.2.1 Torque Specification

Screws should be tightened to the following torque settings:

**1.7 Nm or 15 lbs / inch ± 10%**



ITEM	QTY	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Cobalt Controller (HF-CNTL-232-02)
2	1	Cobalt Antenna (HF-ANT-1010-01)
3	2	Washer (Spring Lock, M5, 18-8 SS)
4	2	Screw (Socket Head Cap, M5 X 20mm, 18-8 SS)

## 2.2.2 Minimum Distance between Antennas

When installing multiple Cobalt HF-Series Controllers/Antennas, refer to the table below to determine the recommended minimum distance to maintain between adjacent Cobalt Antennas.

COBALT ANTENNA	-1010	-2020	-3030	-0750

- 1010	60cm	75cm	90cm	50cm
- 2020	75cm	90cm	1.2m	65cm
- 3030	90cm	1.2m	2m	90cm
- 0750	50cm	65cm	90cm	50cm

Table 2-1: Minimum Distance between Antennas

For example, an HF-ANT-3030 RFID Antenna and an HF-ANT-1010 RFID Antenna should be located no closer than 90 centimeters apart.

## 2.3 INSTALLING THE HF-CNTL-232-02

Note: review **Section 2.1.2: “Installation Guidelines”** prior to installing the controller.

1. Attach the Cobalt HF Antenna to the Cobalt HF Controller as per the instructions in **Section 2.2: “Connecting the Antenna.”**
2. Select a suitable location for the Cobalt HF Controller/Antenna. If necessary, fabricate mounting brackets from durable plastic.
3. Fasten combined controller and antenna to your mounting fixture using two M5 (#10) screws (not included). Pass screws through antenna’s mounting holes and secure them with appropriate washers and nuts. Tighten screws to 1.7 Nm or 15 lbs per inch  $\pm$  10%.
4. Connect the 8-pin, female, M12 end of your serial communications cable to the 8-pin, male, M12 RS232 connector on the Cobalt.
5. Connect the 9-pin, female D-sub connector on the serial interface cable to a COM port on a host computer. Tighten the cable’s two locking thumbscrews
6. Connect the 2.5mm DC power plug on the power supply transformer to the DC power jack receptacle on the serial interface cable. Tighten the locking ring to prevent power from becoming disconnected during use
7. Turn the power supply ON. The green power LED on the controller will light when power is applied to the unit.

After installation is complete, the green power LED and the yellow Node ID 1 LED will remain lit. The Node ID 1 LED indicates that the controller is operating in RS232 mode.

## 2.4 CABLING INFORMATION

### 8-PIN MALE M12 RS232 CONNECTOR – PIN DESCRIPTIONS

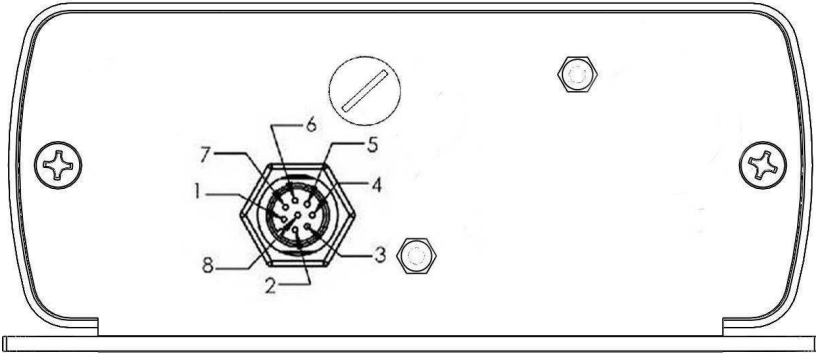


Figure 2-1: 8-Pin, Male, M12 RS232 Connector

PIN #	DESCRIPTION
1	+VDC PWR
2	0VDC (POWER GND)
3	NOT CONNECTED
4	NOT CONNECTED
5	NOT CONNECTED
6	RX
7	TX
8	SGND (SIGNAL GROUND)

Table 2-2: 8-Pin, Male, M12 RS232 Connector

#### HF-CNTL-232-02 CABLING PART NUMBERS

- **CBL-1478:** (Cable Assembly: 8-pin, female M12 to RS232; with 2.5mm DC power jack, 2m)
- **CBL-1488-XX:** (Cable: 8-pin, Female, M12 to Bare Wires)
- **CBL-1492-XX:** (Cable: 8-pin, Female, M12, Right Angle to Bare Wires)
- **CBL-1493:** (Connector: 8-pos, Female, M12, Straight Field Mountable)
- For bulk RS232 cable, see Belden cable P/N: **9941** ([www.belden.com](http://www.belden.com))

(XX = Cable Length in Meters)

## 2.4.1 Optional Digital I/O Connector (\*)

The Cobalt HF-CNTL-232-02 may have an optional digital I/O connector to interface with external devices. This additional connector is placed in the bottom plate, on the right side of normal connectors.

### 8-PIN, REVERSE KEYED FEMALE DIGITAL I/O CONNECTOR

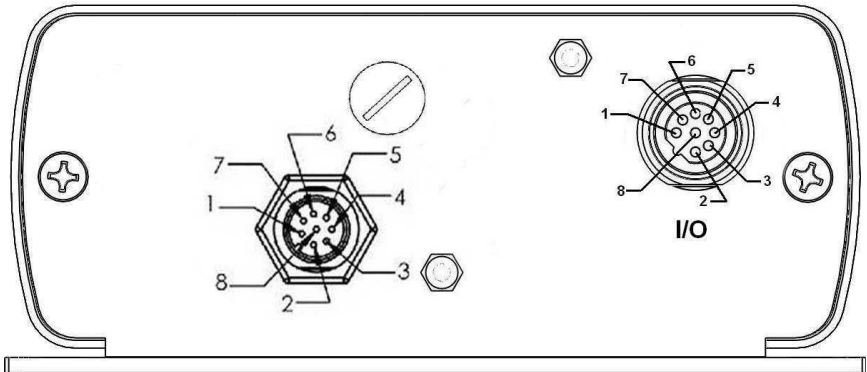


Figure 2-2: 8-Pin, Reverse Keyed Female Digital I/O Connector

PIN #	DESCRIPTION
1	+ VDC
2	VGND
3	AUX1_OUT+
4	AUX1_OUT -
5	AUX2_OUT+
6	AUX2_OUT -
7	AUX_IN+
8	AUX_IN -

Table 2-4: 8-Pin, Reverse Keyed Female Digital I/O Connector

(\*) Feature soon available in the next Cobalt HF-Series' release with different P/N.

## 2.4.2 RS232 Interface Cable Schematic

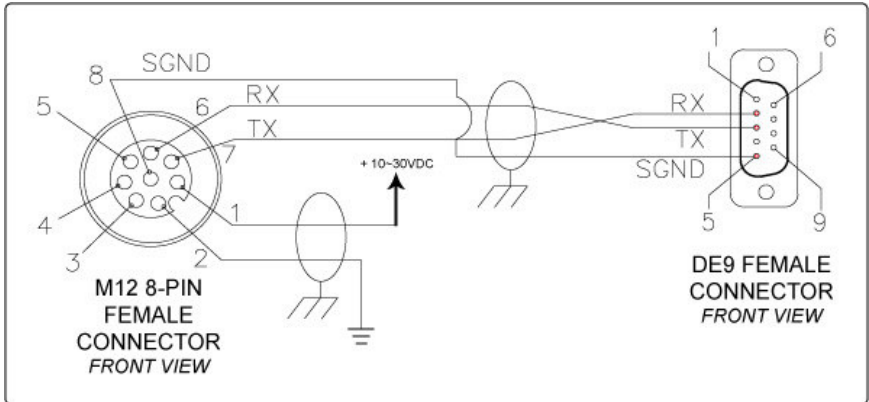


Figure 2-3: RS232 Interface Cable Schematic

## 2.4.3 COM Port Default Settings

COM PORT PARAMETER	DEFAULT SETTING
Baud	9600*
Data Bits	8
Stop Bits	1
Parity	None
Handshaking	None

Table 2-5: HF-CNTL-232-02 COM Port Default Settings

\* The Cobalt HF-CNTL-232-02 supports baud rates of 9600, 19.2k, 38.4k, 57.6k and 115.2k.

### ATTENTION

For operating instructions for the Cobalt HF-CNTL-232-02 RFID Controller, refer to the:

***Cobalt HF-Series RFID Controllers – Operator’s Manual***

- Available online at: [www.ems-rfid.com](http://www.ems-rfid.com).

Also available online at [www.ems-rfid.com](http://www.ems-rfid.com) is Escort Memory Systems’ **Cobalt Dashboard™** software utility. The RFID Dashboard is a Windows-based application that provides users with complete control over their EMS RFID hardware. Users can monitor their entire RFID system, from the tag level, to the RFID controller, and to the host.



# CHAPTER 3: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

## 3.1 COBALT HF CONTROLLERS

### *ELECTRICAL*

<b>DC input Voltage Range</b>	12-30VDC
<b>DC Input Current</b>	500-300mA

### *RADIO*

<b>Frequency</b>	13,56MHz
<b>Air Interface</b>	ISO15693, ISO14443
<b>Conducted Output Power</b>	1W

### *COMMUNICATION*

<b>HF-CNTL-232-02</b>	Point-To-Point: RS232 Baud Rate : 9.6 to 115 kbit/s Data bits : 8,N,1 Max cable length : 15m
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### *MECHANICAL*

<b>Dimensions</b>	104mm (4.11 inches) H x 111mm (4.35 inches) L x 45mm (1.76 inches) W
<b>Weight</b>	0.44 Kg (0.97 lb., 440 grams)
<b>Enclosure</b>	Powder-coated Aluminum

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

<b>Operating Temperature</b>	-20° to 50°C ( -4° to 122°F )
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	-20° to +70°C ( -4° to 158°F )
<b>Humidity</b>	90% non-condensing
<b>Protection Class</b>	IP65

## **3.2 HF ANTENNAS**

### **ELECTRICAL**

<b>All models</b>	
<b>Frequency</b>	13,56MHz
<b>Input Impedence</b>	50 ohm
<b>Gain HF-ANT-1010-1</b>	-36,6dBi
<b>Gain HF-ANT-2020-1</b>	-26,3dBi
<b>Gain HF-ANT-3030-1</b>	-22,9dBi
<b>Gain HF-ANT-0750-1</b>	-37,8dBi

**MECHANICAL**

<b>HF-ANT-1010-1</b>	
<b>Dimensions</b>	100x100x42mm ( 3.95x3.95x1.67in)
<b>Weight</b>	280g ( 9.88oz )
<b>HF-ANT-2020-1</b>	
<b>Dimensions</b>	200x200x42mm ( 7.87x7.87x1.67in)
<b>Weight</b>	500g ( 17.64 oz )
<b>HF-ANT-3030-1</b>	
<b>Dimensions</b>	300x300x42mm ( 11.81x11.81x1.67 oz )
<b>Weight</b>	740g ( 26.10 oz )
<b>HF-ANT-0750-1</b>	
<b>Dimensions</b>	70x500x42mm ( 2.76x19.69x1.59in )
<b>Weight</b>	635g ( 22.4 oz )

NOTE : This device and its antenna are intended for idoor use only

NOTE : Specifications are subject to change without notice

## **WARRANTY**

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