

1134 LF Reader User Guide



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1 Introduction

Technology Solutions' 1134 LF Reader provides the Motorola MC55/65 with LF Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) functionality. The unit attaches as a snap on to the MC55/65. The mechanical design of the unit allows it to be quickly and easily removed.

The 1134 LF Reader is powered from the host terminal.

2 Parts of the 1134 LF Reader



Figure 1: Parts of the 1134 LF Reader



3 Attaching to an MC55/65

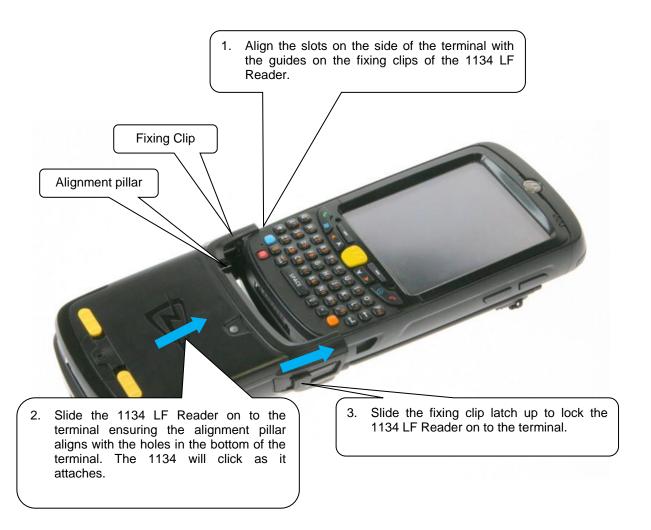


Figure 2: Attaching to an MC55/65



4 Detaching from an MC55/65



Figure 3: Detaching from an MC55/65



6 Charge and ActiveSync Connection

The 1134 LF Reader is designed to fit into a standard MC55/65 desktop charge cradle or cradle cup. When docked into a cradle power is passed through the 1134 so that the host terminal can charge.

When docked and an external USB host is connected, the USB connection from the host terminal is disconnected from the RFID reader and passed straight through to the connector on the bottom of the 1134. This allows an ActiveSync connection to the host terminal but prevents simultaneous ActiveSync and RFID operation. Only ActiveSync connections (external host) are possible. There is no support of USB connection where the terminal is the host (for example USB memory sticks) through the 1134.

If ActiveSync is required for software development and debug purposes it is recommended that ActiveSync over Bluetooth is configured. Instructions for doing this are provided in a separate document 'Bluetooth ActiveSync on Motorola Terminals' included on the Explorer Kit and Software Development Kit CDs and can also be downloaded from http://www.tsl.uk.com/downloads.htm.

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7 Reading Transponders

RFID transponders can be read when they are in range of the antenna. The antenna is located under the back cover of the 1134 LF RFID reader. The range at which a transponder can be read depends on the transponder type and size. Larger transponders can be read further away from the antenna. In many cases it will be possible to read transponders in front and to the side of the 1134 LF RFID reader. For best performance the transponder must be orientated correctly with the antenna. For disk and card shaped transponders this means that the transponder should be parallel to the back cover. For rod style transponders the transponder should have its long axis at right angles to the back cover. The photographs in Figure 4 show examples of optimum transponder orientation:

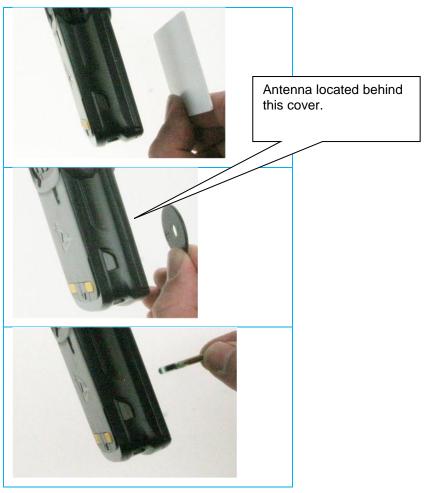


Figure 4: Antenna location and read direction

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8 Status LED

The status LED on the front of the 1134 LF Reader provides an indication of the operating status of the 1134 LF Reader.

LED colour	Status
Green flash	The previous command was successfully received and processed by the reader.
	OR.
	A transponder was read.
Red flash	The previous command was not successfully processed by the reader.

Note that custom configuration of the 1134 LF RFID reader may prevent it from operating as described above.

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9 Software

9.1 Driver installation

The drivers required for the 1134 LF Reader may be deployed as part of the installation of a custom application. Otherwise they can be deployed by copying 'RFID Reader Driver.CAB' to the host terminal and running it. When prompted, choose 'Device' as the destination to install the drivers to.

RFID Reader Driver.CAB is included on the Explorer Kit and Software Development Kit CDs and can also be downloaded from http://www.tsl.uk.com/downloads.htm.

9.2 Reader Demonstration

Technology Solutions provide a demonstration application which can be used to explore the functionality of the 1134 LF Reader and test the read range for a particular transponder. This application and full instructions are available for download from the Technology Solutions website at http://www.tsl.uk.com/downloads.htm.

An example screenshot of the Demonstration software is shown in Figure 5.

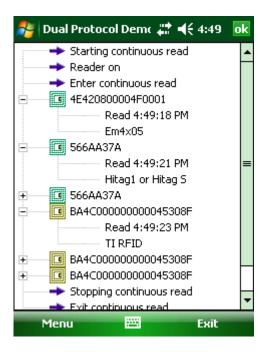


Figure 5 : Demonstration software

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9.3 SmartWedge RFID application

A Wedge application has been developed for use with the 1134 and other Technology Solutions RFID readers. This activates the RFID reader whilst any of the yellow scan buttons are held down. Any transponder serial numbers that are read are sent out as though they had been typed on the keypad to whichever application has focus.

Instructions for installing and using the Wedge application are provided separately from the Technology Solutions website at http://www.tsl.uk.com/downloads.htm .

9.4 LF RFID Configuration

A Configuration application has been developed for use with the 1134 and other Technology Solutions RFID readers. This allows common operating parameters to be changed and stored

Instructions for installing and using the Configuration Application are provided separately from the Technology Solutions website at http://www.tsl.uk.com/downloads.htm .

9.5 Software support for the 1134 LF RFID reader

To make full use of the functionality of the LF RFID reader, a customised software application will be required. Technology Solutions support two approaches to this; direct communication with the reader using the low level command set or the use of an API to simplify application development.

9.5.1 Low level command set

The Low level command set supports two modes; ASCII and binary. ASCII mode is typically used for simple applications, for example collecting transponder unique identifiers (UIDs). The binary protocol is more suited where complex interaction with transponders is required.

The command set format and content is described in the document 'LF RFID Command Protocol.pdf' which is available for download from the Technology Solutions website at http://www.tsl.uk.com/downloads.htm .

9.5.2 API

An API is provided for use with the LF RFID reader. This can be downloaded from the Technology Solutions website at http://www.tsl.uk.com/downloads.htm .

A document is provided as part of the .zip folder which introduces the API. The RFID API is provided with Microsoft style compiled HTML help (.chm) and an intelli-sense file for general reference to the API. A sample application is also provided which demonstrates the use of the API.

9.6 Power management with the 1134 LF RFID reader

All power for the LF RFID is drawn from the host terminal. Maximum operating time is therefore obtained by managing the operation of the RFID reader optimally.

The LF RFID reader has three operating modes; continuous read mode, idle mode and standby mode. The reader is switched between read mode and idle modes by software commands, documented in the Low level command set. The reader is set into standby mode when the virtual COM port is closed. The reader remains in standby mode for as long as the USB is active on the host terminal.

The recommended power saving method is to close the serial port when the reader is not being used. Idle mode does not provide much power saving and the time taken to exit Idle mode is not much shorter than that from the serial port being opened. Any application using the 1134 LF RFID reader should therefore only open the COM port when an RFID transaction is to be performed. This is the approach taken with the Demonstration application and with SmartWedge RFID.



10 Troubleshooting and Maintenance

10.1 Maintenance

For trouble-free service treat the 1134 LF Reader in the same way as you would the MC55/65 and observe the following tips when using the 1134 LF Reader:

- Do not store or use the 1134 LF Reader in any location that is dusty, damp, or wet.
- Protect the 1134 LF Reader from temperature extremes. Do not leave it on the dashboard of a car on a hot day, and keep it away from heat sources.

10.2 Troubleshooting

Symptoms	Possible Cause	Action
The Application on the MC55/65 cannot communicate with the 1134 LF Reader.	The MC55/65 is not firmly seated into the 1134 LF Reader.	Remove and re-insert the MC55/65 from the 1134 LF Reader, ensuring it is firmly seated.
	The port has not been opened.	Check that the Application has been configured to use the correct virtual COM port (COM2 by default).
	The port is in use by another application.	Close the other application and try again.
	The baud rate is set incorrectly in the application.	Check that the application is set to 19200 baud, 8 data bits, no parity and one stop bit (settings may be different if the 1134 RFID reader has been reconfigured).
The 1134 LF Reader does not read a particular transponder	The 1134 LF Reader has been configured to exclude some transponders types.	Refer to the command documentation to include the appropriate transponder type.
	The transponder is out of range of the 1134 LF Reader.	Move the transponder closer to the antenna.
MC55/65 battery does not charge	The battery is faulty.	Verify that other batteries charge properly. If so, replace the faulty battery.
	Ambient temperature is too warm.	Move the unit to an area where the ambient temperature is between 0°C and 35°C.
	The MC55/65 is not firmly seated into the 1134 LF Reader.	Remove and re-insert the MC55/65 from the 1134 LF Reader, ensuring it is firmly seated.





Symptoms	Possible Cause	Action	
	The 1134 LF Reader is not firmly seated into the cradle.	Remove and re-insert the 1134 LF Reader from the cradle, ensuring it is firmly seated.	
ActiveSync cannot connect to the MC55/65	ActiveSync is not correctly configured on the PC or the MC55/65.	Detach the 1134 LF Reader from the MC55/65 and try to ActiveSync directly to the MC55/65. If this does not work then consult the MC55/65 User Guide.	
	The MC55/65 is not firmly seated into the 1134 LF Reader or the 1134 LF Reader is not firmly seated into the cradle.	Remove and re-insert the MC55/65 from the 1134 LF Reader, ensuring it is firmly seated. Remove and re-insert the 1134 LF Reader from the cradle, ensuring it is firmly seated.	

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11 Regulatory information

11.1 Information to the user - FCC

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.
- This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. End users must follow the specific operating instructions for satisfying RF exposure compliance. This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.
- Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

11.2 Information to the user - Industry Canada

Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication."

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Conformément à la réglementation d'Industrie Canada, le présent émetteur radio peut fonctionner avec une antenne d'un type et d'un gain maximal (ou inférieur) approuvé pour l'émetteur par Industrie Canada.

Dans le but de réduire les risques de brouillage radioélectrique à l'intention des autres utilisateurs, il faut choisir le type d'antenne et son gain de sorte que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (p.i.r.e.) ne dépasse pas l'intensité nécessaire à l'établissement d'une communication satisfaisante."

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :

- (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et
- (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

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12 Technical specifications

12.1 Summary of specifications

The following table summarises the 1134 LF Reader's intended operating environment and technical hardware specifications:

Performance Characteristics		
RF Transmit Frequency	125kHz, 134.2kHz	
Supported RFID Standards	ISO 11784, ISO 11785, ISO 18000-2	
Supported Tag-ICs	NXP HITAG1, HITAG2, HITAGS	
	Sokymat Q5	
	EM Microelectronics EM4x02, EM4x05 (ISO FDX B), EM4x50	
	Texas Instruments 64 bit Read Only, 64 Read Write, 1088 bit Multipage.	
Typical read time (serial number only)	HITAG 2 – 30ms	
	HITAG S - 59ms	
	EM4002 - 65ms	
	EM4005 - 58ms	
	EM4050 - 95ms	
	Q5 – 55ms	
	Texas Instruments – 93ms	
Host interface	Serial interface on COM2 of MC55/65, ASCII or Binary Protocols 9600bit/s to 115200bit/s 8,N,1.	
Reading distance	Dependent on transponder type and antenna.	
	Typically up to 8cm for Texas Instruments 32mm glass, up to 6cm for EM4102 30mm diameter disc.	
Current consumption		
Current Consumption	< 100mA during RFID read	
	< 60mA in idle mode	
	< 30mA in standby mode	
User indication		
Red, Green LEDs	Flash indicating activity (function may also be customised).	
Connection Interfaces	•	
Physical interface	USB and power in to charge MC55/65	



Reader power supply	Powered from host terminal	
ActiveSync	via USB	
Physical Characteristics		
Dimensions	85×100×30mm (3.35"x3.93"x1.18")	
Weight	95g (3.35 oz)	
Enclosure material	Polycarbonate	
Colour	Black	
Material finish	Sparked surface	
Mechanical attachment	Snap-on action with locking tabs	
Docking	Attachment maintains dockability with Motorola docking cradle for charging and ActiveSync	
Environmental		
Operating Temperature	-10°C to +50°C (14°F to 122°F)	
Storage Temperature	-40°C to +70°C (-40°F to 140°F)	
Drop specification	1.2m (4ft) to concrete.	
Tumble	250 0.5m tumbles (500 drops)	
Sealing	IP54	
Electrostatic discharge	+/-15kV air discharge, +/-8kV direct discharge	
Construction	RoHS compliant	
Regulatory		
EMI/RFI	EN 300 330-2, EN 301 489-3, FCC CFR47 Part 15(c), IC RSS210	
Electrical Safety	Europe - EN60950-1 with CB Scheme Group and National Differences	
	USA - UL60950-1	
Notes		
All PCBs are conformally coated		



13 Health and Safety Recommendations

Ergonomic Recommendations

Caution: In order to avoid or minimize the potential risk of ergonomic injury, follow the recommendations below. Consult with your local Health & Safety Manager to ensure that you are adhering to your company's safety programs to prevent employee injury.

- Reduce or eliminate repetitive motion
- Maintain a natural position
- Reduce or eliminate excessive force
- Keep objects that are used frequently within easy reach
- Perform tasks at correct heights
- Reduce or eliminate vibration
- Reduce or eliminate direct pressure
- Provide adjustable workstations
- Provide adequate clearance
- Provide a suitable working environment
- + Improve work procedures.

For vehicle installation and use

An air bag inflates with great force. DO NOT place objects, including either installed or portable wireless equipment, in the area over the air bag or in the air bag deployment area. If in-vehicle wireless equipment is improperly installed and the air bag inflates, serious injury could result.

RF signals may affect improperly installed or inadequately shielded electronic systems in motor vehicles (including safety systems). Check with the manufacturer or its representative regarding your vehicle. You should also consult the manufacturer of any equipment that has been added to your vehicle.

Power Supply

Use only Motorola-approved cradles, chargers and power supplies with the 1134 LF Reader. Use of an alternative power supply will invalidate any approval given to this device, void the warranty for the product and may be dangerous.

RF Exposure

The reader antenna is designed to direct RF energy away from the user and the reader in the direction shown in Figure 4. To reduce RF exposure and provide best reading performance do not cover the antenna with your hand or other part of your body.

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15 Warranty

- (A) Warranty TSL's hardware Products are warranted against defects in workmanship and materials for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of shipment, unless otherwise provided by TSL in writing, provided the Product remains unmodified and is operated under normal and proper conditions. Warranty provisions and durations on software, integrated installed systems, Product modified or designed to meet specific customer specifications ("Custom Products"), remanufactured products, and reconditioned or upgraded products, shall be as provided in the applicable Product specification in effect at the time of purchase or in the accompanying software license.
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