

# **GR-3** MANUAL ADDENDUM FOR DIGITAL UHF RADIO

# A. Configuring a Base Station's Digital UHF radio modem in PDL Mode

*Note: To comply with RF exposure requirements, maintain at least 25cm between the user and the radio modem.* 

For the GR-3 Digital UHF, the integrated radio modem provides TX/RX UHF communications between a Base Station and Rover. To configure the UHF radio modems, have the following ready:

- PC running Windows 98 or later
- Modem-TPS 2.1p0 or later
- Serial cable or Bluetooth connectivity with PC
  - 1. Connect the computer and receiver using an RS-232 cable or Bluetooth wireless technology.
  - 2. Turn on the receiver.
  - 3. Open Modem-TPS and select the COM Port the receiver is connected to.
  - 4. Click on **Connect.**

Modem-TPS Elle Iools Help		
	Connection Port's setting COM1 Connect Cancel	
Disconnected		

5. On the *Radio Link tab*, set the following parameters for the base station's radio modem in **PDL protocol**:

🚰 ArWest Radio Modem	
File Tools Help         Radio Link       GSM/CDMA       Serial Interface       Identification         Protocol:       PDL w/EOT       Ch:       461.10000       •         Modulation:       GMSK       Forward Error Correction:       •         Mode:       Transmitter       Link ID:       1         Network has Repeater:       Γ       Γ	Apply
Link Rate: 9600 V Output power: 1 W V	0:02:41



- **Protocol** Select PDL w/EOT.
- Modulation Type the modulation for PDL protocol is GMSK. Link Rate – the default link rate for GMSK is 9600 and is recommended for most applications. The link rate is the rate at which data is transmitted over the RF Link.
- **Mode** The Radio Operation mode. The GR-3 Digital UHF can be set to Transmit and Receive in PDL Mode.
- **Scrambling** Enable to provide more robust data communication over high interference areas
- Forward Error Correction (FEC) enable to maximize data communication. With this parameter enabled, the rover radio modem has the capability to check and correct transmission errors (if any) in an incoming data stream.

**NOTE:** FEC reduces data throughput by adding redundant check bits to the data stream. If using FEC with a differential messages format that produces a great deal of data, select a link rate of 19200 and a modulation type of 4-level FSK to ensure reliable radio communication between receivers.

- **Channel** The current Transmit/Receive frequency channel in MHz
- **Output power** Select the level of power for RF transmissions ranging from 10 mW to 1W.
- 6. After completing steps 1-5 in "Configuring a Base Station's UHF Radio modem", click on the *Serial Interface tab*.

📻 ArWest Radio Modem	
<u>File T</u> ools <u>H</u> elp	
Radio Link GSM/CDMA Serial Interface Identification Baud Rate: 115200  RTS/CTS: ON	Apply
	Exit
COM1, 115200	0:01:55

- 7. On the *Serial Interface tab*, select a baud rate for the modem's serial port. The same rate must be used for both the receiver and the transmitter. The recommended baud rate is **115200**.
- 8. On the *Serial Interface tab*, select the Ready to Send/Command to Send (RTS/CTS) to be **ON.**



9. Click **Apply**, and then click on **File-Disconnect**. To close Modem-TPS, choose **File-Exit**.

10. Launch PCCDU and setup the receiver to run as an RTK Base station.

## **<u>B.</u>** Configuring a Rover's Digital UHF radio modem in PDL Mode

Note: To comply with RF exposure requirements, maintain at least 25cm between the user and the radio modem.

For the GR-3 Digital UHF, the integrated radio modem provides TX/RX UHF communications between a Base Station and Rover. To configure the UHF radio modems, have the following ready:

- PC running Windows 98 or later
- Modem-TPS 2.1 or later
- Serial cable or Bluetooth connectivity with PC
  - 1. Connect the computer and receiver using an RS-232 cable or Bluetooth wireless technology.
  - 2. Turn on the receiver.
  - 3. Open Modem-TPS and select the COM Port the receiver is connected to.
  - 4. Click on **Connect.**

Modem-TPS Ele Iools Help	
	Connection Port's setting COM1 Connect Cancel
Disconnected	

5. On the *Radio Link tab*, set the following parameters for the base station's radio modem in **PDL Mode:** 



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📶 ArWest Radio Modem	
Ele Tools Help         Radio Link       GSM/CDMA       Serial Interface       Identification         Protocol:       PDL w/EOT •       Ch:       461.100000 •         Modulation:       GMSK •       Forward Error Correction: IF         Mode:       Receiver •       Link ID:       1         Network has Repeater:       Concent       Concent       Concent	Apply
COM1, 115200	Exit 0:00:39

- **Protocol** Select PDL w/EOT.
- **Modulation Type** the modulation for PDL protocol is GMSK and is recommended for most applications.
- Link Rate the default link rate for GMSK is 9600 and is recommended for most applications. The link rate is the rate at which data is transmitted over the RF Link.
- **Mode** The radio operation mode. To set the radio as a base modem, select Transmitter. The GR-3 Digital UHF can be set to Transmit, and Receive in PDL Mode.
- **Scrambling** Enable to provide more robust data communication over high interference areas.
- Forward Error Correction (FEC) enable to maximize data communication. With this parameter enabled, the rover radio modem has the capability to check and correct transmission errors (if any) in an incoming data stream.

**<u>NOTE</u>**: FEC reduces data throughput by adding redundant check bits to the data stream. If using FEC with a differential messages format that produces a great deal of data, select a link rate of 19200 and a modulation type of 4-level FSK to ensure reliable radio communication between receivers.

- **Channel** The current Transmit/Receive frequency channel in MHz
- 6. After completing steps 1-5 in "Configuring a Base Station's UHF Radio modem", click on the *Serial Interface tab*.



ArWest Radio Modem	
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Radio Link GSM/CDMA Serial Interface Identification	Apply
Baud Rate: 115200 💌 RTS/CTS: ON 💌	
COM1, 115200	Exit 0:01:55

- 7. On the *Serial Interface tab*, select a baud rate for the modem's serial port. The same rate must be used for both the receiver and the transmitter. The recommended baud rate is **115200**.
- 8. On the *Serial Interface tab*, select the Ready to Send/Command to Send (RTS/CTS) to be **ON.**
- 9. Click **Apply**, and then click on **File-Disconnect**. To close Modem-TPS, choose **File-Exit**.
- 10. Launch PCCDU and setup the receiver to run as an RTK Rover.

#### <u>C. Configuring a Base Station's Digital UHF radio modem in Simplex</u> <u>Mode</u>

Note: To comply with RF exposure requirements, maintain at least 25cm between the user and the radio modem.

For the GR-3 Digital UHF, the integrated radio modem provides TX/RX UHF communications between a Base Station and Rover. To configure the UHF radio modems, have the following ready:

- PC running Windows 98 or later
- Modem-TPS 2.1 or later
- Serial cable or Bluetooth connectivity with PC
  - 1. Connect the computer and receiver using an RS-232 cable or Bluetooth wireless technology.
  - 2. Turn on the receiver.
  - 3. Open Modem-TPS and select the COM Port the receiver is connected to.
  - 4. Click on **Connect.**



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Disconneo	cted

5. On the *Radio Link tab*, set the following parameters for the base station's radio modem in **Simplex Mode:** 

🐔 ArWest Radio Modem	
Ele Iools Help           Radio Link         GSM/CDMA         Serial Interface         Identification           Protocol:         Simplex         Ch:         461.100000             Modulation:         DQPSK         Forward Error Correction: Scrambling: Scrambling: Link ID:         0	Apply
Link Rate: 19200  Output power: 1 W COM1, 115200	Exit 0:06:11

- **Protocol** Select Simplex as the protocol. This is the default setting for the GR-3 Digital UHF.
- **Modulation Type** the default modulation for Simplex protocol is DQPSK and is recommended for most applications.
- Link Rate the default for DQPSK is 19200 and is recommended for most applications. The link rate is the rate at which data is transmitted over the RF Link.

For this Link Rate	Use this Modulation Type
4800 baud	DBPSK
9600 baud	DBPSK or DQPSK
19200 baud (default;	DQPSK
recommended)	

- Mode To set the radio as a base modem, select Transmitter. The GR-3 Digital UHF can be set in Simplex protocol as a Transmit, and Receive radio.
- **Scrambling** For Simplex protocol, uncheck the Scrambling in Modem-TPS.



- Forward Error Correction (FEC) Forward Error Correction should be checked for Simplex protocol.
- **Channel** The current Transmit/Receive frequency channel in MHz.
- **Output power** Select the level of power for RF transmissions from 10 mW to 1W.
- 6. After completing steps 1-5 in "Configuring a Base Station's UHF Radio modem", click on the *Serial Interface tab*.

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<u>File T</u> ools <u>H</u> elp	
Radio Link GSM/CDMA Serial Interface Identification	Apply
Baud Rate: 115200 💌 RTS/CTS: ON 💌	
	Exit
COM1, 115200	0:01:55

- 7. On the *Serial Interface tab*, select a baud rate for the modem's serial port. The same rate must be used for both the receiver and the transmitter and the recommended baud rate is **115200.**
- 8. On the *Serial Interface tab*, select the Ready to Send/Command to Send (RTS/CTS) to be **ON.**
- 9. Click **Apply**, and then click on **File-Disconnect**. To close Modem-TPS, choose **File-Exit**.
- 10. Launch PCCDU and setup the receiver to run as an RTK Base station

## D. Configuring a Rover's Digital UHF radio modem in Simplex Mode

Note: To comply with RF exposure requirements, maintain at least 25cm between the user and the radio modem.

For the GR-3 Digital UHF, the integrated radio modem provides TX/RX UHF communications between a Base Station and Rover. To configure the UHF radio modems, have the following ready:

- PC running Windows 98 or later
- Modem-TPS 2.1 or later
- Serial cable or Bluetooth connectivity with PC



- 1. Connect the computer and receiver using an RS-232 cable or Bluetooth wireless technology.
- 2. Turn on the receiver.
- 3. Open Modem-TPS and select the COM Port the receiver is connected to.
- 4. Click on **Connect.**

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Disconnected	

5. On the *Radio Link tab*, set the following parameters for the base station's radio modem in **Simplex Mode:** 

🙀 ArWest Radio Modem	
Elle Tools Help         Radio Link       GSM/CDMA       Serial Interface       Identification         Protocol:       Simplex       Ch:       461.100000         Modulation:       DQPSK       Forward Error Correction:       Image: Comparison of the second secon	Apply
COM1, 115200	Exit 0:11:46

- **Protocol** Select Simplex. This is the default setting for the GR-3 Digital UHF.
- **Modulation Type** the default modulation is DQPSK and is recommended for most applications.
- Link Rate the default link rate for DQPSK is 19200 and is recommended for most applications. The link rate is the rate at which data is transmitted over the RF Link.

For this Link Rate	Use this Modulation Type
4800 baud	DBPSK
9600 baud	DBPSK or DQPSK
19200 baud (default;	DQPSK
recommended)	



- **Mode** To set the radio as a base modem, select Transmitter. The GR-3 Digital UHF in Simplex mode can be set as a Transmitter and Receiver.
- Scrambling For Simplex protocol, disable the scrambling in Modem-TPS.
   Forward Error Correction (FEC) – For Simplex protocol, enable FEC in Modem-TPS.
- **Channel** The current Transmit/Receive frequency channel in MHz
- 6. After completing steps 1-5 in "Configuring a Base Station's UHF Radio modem", click on the *Serial Interface tab*.

ArWest Radio Modem	
<u>File T</u> ools <u>H</u> elp	
Radio Link GSM/CDMA Serial Interface Identification	
	Apply
Baud Rate: 115200	
RTS/CTS: ON	
	Exit
COM1, 115200	0:01:55

- 7. On the *Serial Interface tab*, select a baud rate for the modem's serial port. The same rate must be used for both the receiver and the transmitter and the recommended baud rate is **115200**.
- 8. On the *Serial Interface tab*, select the Ready to Send/Command to Send (RTS/CTS) to be **ON.**
- 9. Click **Apply**, then click on **File-Disconnect**. To close Modem-TPS, choose **File-Exit**.
- 10. Launch PCCDU and setup the receiver to run as an RTK Rover.

#### **E.** Configuring a GSM Radio Modem

*Note: To comply with RF exposure requirements, maintain at least 25cm between the user and the radio modem.* 



For the GR-3 Digital UHF, the integrated radio modem with a Wavecom GSM Module provides TX/RX GSM communications between a Base Station and Rover, or communications with a GPS network using IP based connections. To configure the GSM modems, have the following ready:

- PC running Windows 98 or later
- Modem-TPS 2.1 or later
- Serial cable or Bluetooth connectivity with PC
  - 1. Connect the computer and receiver using an RS-232 cable or Bluetooth wireless technology.
  - 2. Turn on the receiver.
  - 3. Open Modem-TPS and select the COM Port the receiver is connected to.
  - 4. Click on **Connect.**

📶 Modem-TPS		
Ele Iools Help	Port's setting COM1 Com1 Connect Cancel	
Disconnected		

- 5. Once connected select the GSM/CDMA tab in Modem-TPS.
- 6. Select the Mode as **ON** and click **Apply** to enable the GSM Module.



The Wavecom GSM modem can either be in the US GSM band (GSM 850/1900 MHz as in the image above) or the European GSM band (900/1800 MHz). To view the GSM modem information, click on GSM Info. Click on Quit to return to the *GSM tab*.



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Model:		
MULTIBAND G850 1	900	
Status:		
Registered, roaming		
GPRS status:	Operator:	
	Cingular	
S/N GSM modem:	Signal quality :	
010246002120415	-101 dB	
		Quit
COM1, 115200		0:09:10

- Signal quality is a reading of the strength of the GSM signal. The lower the number the closer to zero 0 the better the signal quality. The minimum signal cutoff is -111 dB.
- The Operator is the service provider on the SIM card inserted into the GR-3 Digital UHF
- The Model shows the model of the Wavecom module and the GSM band that it uses.
- The S/N GSM modem reports the electronic serial number of the Wavecom GSM module inside the GR-3 Digital UHF.
- The status shows whether the SIM card inserted into the GR-3 is registered on the service provider's network. It will report one of three things.
  - Registered, home network
  - Registered, roaming
  - Not registered

Note: As long as the SIM card is registered, it will work even though it may be roaming.

- 8. On the *Serial Interface tab*, select a baud rate for the modem's serial port. For the Wavecom GSM modem in the GR-3 digital UHF, this must be set to **115200.**
- 9. Click Apply, and then click File-Disconnect.
- 10. If needed, launch PC-CDU and setup the receiver to run as an RTK Base station.

## **F. Troubleshooting Guide**

#### **Receiver Problems**

Problem	Solution
The RX/TX LED is flashing green on my	• The base has been set into Receiver



base receiver	<ul> <li>mode, not transmit mode. Change this using the data collector software or Modem-TPS.</li> <li>The base is set into GSM mode. Change this using data collector software or Modem-TPS.</li> </ul>
I have no radio link between base and rover	• The LED indicates that the receiver
and the Rx/TX LED is flashing green on	is set into Receive mode; however
the rover.	no radio link has been established
	• Check to make sure that the base receiver is powered on
	<ul> <li>Check to make sure that the base</li> </ul>
	and rover receivers are on the same
	channel.
	• Check to make sure the rover is not
	set into GSM mode.
I have no radio link between base and rover	• The LED indicates that the rover
and the rover RX/TX LED is solid green	has established radio link with the
	base receiver, however it is not
	receiving RTK Corrections.
	• Check to make sure that the base is tracking enough satellites.
	• Check to make sure that the base is
	transmitting via a radio scanner or
	by setting up the base receiver with
	PC-CDU or application software.
The RX/TX LED is flashing red on my	• A fault condition has been detected.
receiver	• Check the radio modem's antenna
	to see if it is undamaged.
	• Check to see if the radio antenna is
	connected properly and securely

#### **Internal Digital UHF Modem Specifications**

#### **General Specifications**

Parameter	Specification
Operating Frequency Range	410-470 MHz
country/region/purpose dependent	
Modulation Techniques	GMSK, 4-level FSK, DBPSK, DQPSK,
	D8PSK, and 16QAM
Channel Spacing	12.5 kHz/25 kHz
Transmission Rates at 25 kHz spacing	• DBPSK/GMSK – 9600 bps
	<ul> <li>DQPSK/4FSK – 19200 bps</li> </ul>
	• D8PSK – 28800 bps



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	• D16QAM – 38400 bps
Transmission Rates at 12.5 kHz spacing	• DBPSK/GMSK – 4800 bps
	• DQPSK/4FSK – 9600 bps
	• D8PSK – 14400 bps
	• D16QAM – 19200 bps
Data Speed of Serial Interface	Max 115200 bps
Forward Error Correction	Available
Scrambling	Available
Communication Mode	Half-Duplex

## **Digital UHF Transmitter Specifications**

Parameter	Specification
Output Power	0.01 W (+10dBm), 0.02 W (+13 dBm),
	0.05 W (+17 dBm), 0.1 W (+20 dBm),
	0.25W (+24 dBm), 0.5 W (+27 dBm), 1W
	(+30 dBm)
Nominal Output Impedance	50 Ohms 2.0:1 VSWR
Output Power Control Accuracy	+ 1dB (at normal test condition)
	+2.0 dB and -3.0 dB (under extreme test
	condition0

#### **Digital UHF Receiver Specifications**

Parameter	Specification
Receiver Sensitivity for DBPSK (@ BER	-115 dBm for 25 kHz Channel Spacing
$<1x10^{-4}$ , over temperature $-30^{\circ}$ C to $+60^{\circ}$ C	-116 dBm for 12.5 kHz Channel Spacing
Adjacent Channel Selectivity	-70 dB for 25 kHz Channel Spacing
	-60 dB for 12.5 kHz Channel Spacing
Nominal Output Impedance	50 Ohms 2.0:1 VSWR
Output Power Control Accuracy	+ 1dB (at normal test condition)
	+2.0 dB and -3.0 dB (under extreme test
	condition0