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OEM UHF Multiregional Ultra Compact Reader

R1230CBEVB

Quark Reader Evaluation Board





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Scope of Manual

The goal of this manual is to provide the basic information to work with the Quark R1230CB family.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Product Description

Reader

The Quark (Model R1230CB), an embedded reader of the easy2read product line, is a multiregional ultra-compact reader for low-power, high performance RAIN RFID applications.

With programmable output power in 15 steps from 9dBm to 23dBm, the reader can detect tags at more than 1 mt of distance (depending on antenna and tag dimensions).

Due to its low power consumption, the module is specifically designed to be easily integrated in battery powered devices as well as powered directly by a standard USB port.

The radio frequency core of the module permits to achieve fast reading and to be used in dense reader and dense tag environments for top-class rated performances.

The compactness of the device and the board-to-board connector allow to embed the R1230 inside the new small form factor industrial handhelds, smartphone accessories, small USB dongles and other compact form factor devices.

The R1230 complies with and can operate in both European and US regulatory environments and due to its multiregional capabilities, it is ideal for integration in devices requiring compliance to different geographical regions.

The Mod. R1230CBEVB evaluation board allows to manage the Quark R1230CB Reader directly via USB.



Fig. 1.1: Quark R1230CB OEM UHF Multiregional compact reader



Evaluation Board

The R1230CBEVB evaluation board allows to manage the R1230CB Quark reader directly via USB interface. This board is particularly suited for Quark reader evaluation and SW development purposes.



Fig. 1.2: Quark R1230CBEVB - Quark Reader Evaluation Board

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Development Kit

A development kit with evaluation board, antenna and tags is available:



Fig. 1.3: R1230CBDK - Development kit with evaluation board, antenna and tags

The kit includes:

- n. 1 R1230CBEVB Reader evaluation board plus USB cable
- n.1 Circular Polarized Quadrifilar Antenna ASMA (ETSI or FCC)
- n. 1 Set of Labels
- n. 1 A927Z Temperature Logger Tag
- n. 1 RT0005 Temperature Logger Tag
- n. 1 USB cable

The R1230CB Quark reader and its development kit are a complete set up for a quick implementation of RFID solutions.

Ordering Options

	Code	Description
Reader	WR1230CXBAAA	R1230CB - Quark Low Power OEM UHF Compact RFID Reader
Davidonment kit	WR1230CBDKEU	Quark - Dev Kit with evaluation board, ETSI antennas and tags (reader not included)
Development kit	WR1230CBDKUS	Quark - Dev Kit with evaluation board, FCC antennas and tags (reader not included)
	WR1230CBEVBX	R1230CBEVB - Quark Reader Evaluation Board
Accessories	WANT020XASMA	ANTO20/SMA - Quad - Circular polarized quadrifilar antenna (ETSI) - SMA
	WANT021XASMA	ANTO21/SMA - Quad - Circular polarized quadrifilar antenna (FCC) - SMA



Installation Notice

The correct way to connect the Quark R1230CB module to the evaluation board is shown in the following picture:

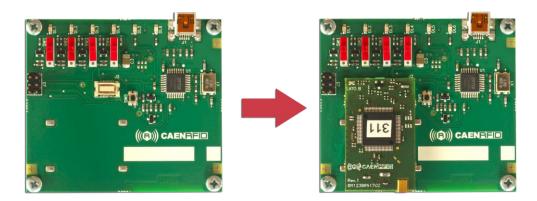


Fig. 1.4: Connection of the R1230CBEVB to the Quark R1230CB module

2 QUARK R1230CB

Technical Specifications Table

	865.600÷867.600 MHz (ETSI EN 302 208 v3.1.1)
Frequency Band	902÷928 MHz (FCC part 15.247)
	Programmable in 15 levels (1dB step) from 9dBm to 23dBm (from 8mW to
Output Power Level	200mW) conducted
Output Power Accuracy	+/- 1dB
Antenna VSWR Requirement	2:1 or better for optimum performances
Antenna Connector	Nr. 1 MMCX type
Frequency Tolerance	±10 ppm over the entire temperature range
	4 channels (compliant to ETSI EN 302 208 v3.1.1)
Number of Channels	50 hopping channels (compliant to FCC part 15.247).
	All subsets of 902-928 MHz band are supported via FW upgrade
Standard Compliance	EPC C1G2 [RD2] / ISO18000-63
Digital I/O	4 I/O lines 3.3V out @ 3mA; 3.3V input level
	UART Serial Port:
	Baudrate: 115200
	Databits: 8
Connectivity	Stopbits: 1
	Parity: none
	Flow control: none
	3.3 V I/O voltage level
DC Power	2.5VDC ÷ 5.5VDC
	- 1.6W @ RF out = 23dBm
Power Consumption	- 1.3W @ RF out = 17dBm
	- 0.25W in idle mode
Dimensions	(W)25 x (L)40 x (H)6 mm ³
DIIIIEIISIUIIS	$(1.0 \times 1.6 \times 0.2 \text{ inch}^3)$
Operating Temperature	-10 °C to +55 °C
Weight	8 g

Tab. 2.1: Quark R1230CB Technical Specifications



Warning: The RF settings must match the country/region of operating to comply with local laws and regulations.

It is not allowed the use in different countries/regions from the one in which the device has been sold.



External Connections

The location of the connectors is shown in Fig. 2.1. Their mechanical specifications are listed below:

Antenna Port: RF Coax Connector Huber+Suhner type 82MMCX-S50-0-2/111_K (to be used with Huber+Suhner type 11MMCX-50-1-1/111_0).

Supply and I/O connector: Molex P.N. 53748-0208 (mates with Molex 52991-0208 to be used on the host board).

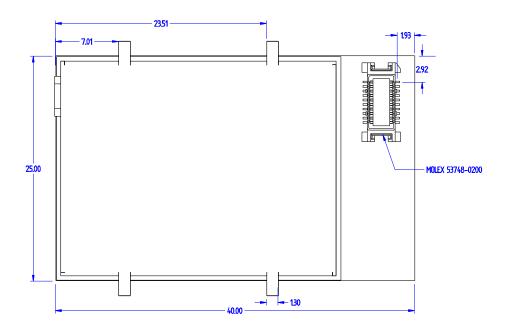


Fig. 2.1: Quark R1230CB technical drawings: top view

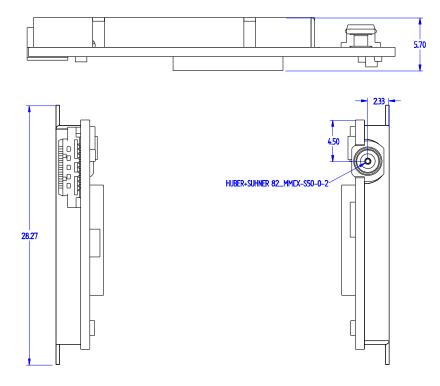


Fig. 2.2: Quark R1230CB technical drawings: lateral views



Supply and I/O connector pinout is shown in the following table¹:

Pin #	Signal	Description
1	GND	Ground
2	TCK	TCK JTAG signal (debug purpose only)
3	GND	Ground
4	/RST	Reset (active low)
5	TXD	UART TX to host
6	TMS	TMS JTAG signal (debug purpose only)
7	RXD	UART RX from host
8	TDI	TDI JTAG signal (debug purpose only)
9	5V_OUT	5Vdc auxiliary output voltage
10	TDO	TDO JTAG signal (debug purpose only)
11	BSL_SEL	Bootloader interface selection ²
12	TST	TST JTAG signal (also for BSL operation)
13	VDD_M	3.3Vdc auxiliary output voltage
14	GPIO0	General Purpose IO #0
15	VDD_M	3.3Vdc auxiliary output voltage
16	GPIO1	General Purpose IO #1
17	VIN	Input supply voltage
18	GPIO2	General Purpose IO #2
19	VIN	Input supply voltage
20	GPIO3	General Purpose IO #3

Tab. 2.2: Quark R1230CB connector pinout

The GPIO0-GPIO3 pins are 4 general purpose bidirectional pins, their default direction (or after a Reset) is input.

The RXD/TXD pins are used to communicate with the Quark reader via UART port; to establish a link with the device you must configure your COM port as follows:

Baud rate: 115200

Parity: None

Data bits: 8

Stop bits: 1

Flow Control: none

JTAG pins, unless otherwise noted, are for internal debug purpose only and shall not be connected by the user.

/RST, BSL_SEL and TST pins shall be properly driven to start the bootloader of R1230CB embedded microcontroller in case the user wants to upgrade the firmware image of the reader. In normal operation BSL_SEL and TST shall be at low level or left unconnected.

See § BLS operation (pag. 16) for the description of bootloader operation.

VDD_M and 5V_OUT are two auxiliary supply sources with 20mA maximum current capability to be used as supply voltages of external components.

 $^{^{1}\,\}mathrm{Debug}\,\mathrm{purpose}$ and unused pins should not be connected.

² If BSL_SEL is at high level, the UART interface is connected to the serial port dedicated to microcontroller Boot Start Loader operation required for flashing the firmware inside the MCU memory. This pin shall be at low level or left unconnected in normal operation.



R1230CB supply and I/O connector electrical characteristics³

Pin name	Pin No.	Parameter	Min	Туре	Max	Unit
GND	1,3					
		VIL	-0.3		0.75	V
TCK	2	VIH	1.5		3.6	V
		Input current			10	μΑ
		VIL	-0.3		0.6	V
/DECET	4	VIH	1.65		3.6	V
/RESET	4	Internal pull-up resistance		47		kΩ
		Pulse width	10			μs
		VOL	0		0.55	V
TXD	5	VOH	2.5		3.5	V
		Output current			3.0	mA
		VIL	-0.3		0.75	V
TMS	6	VIH	1.5		3.6	V
		Input current			10	μΑ
		VIL	-0.3		0.75	V
RXD	7	VIH	1.5		3.6	V
		Input current			10	μΑ
		VIL	-0.3		0.75	V
TDI	8	VIH	1.5		3.6	V
		Input current			10	μΑ
EV OUT	0	Output DC voltage	4.75	5.00	5.25	V
5V_OUT	9	Output current			20	mA
		VOL	0		0.55	V
TDO	10	VOH	2.5		3.5	V
		Output current			3.0	μΑ
		VIL	-0.3		1.0	V
BSL_SEL	11	VIH	2.2		3.6	V
		Internal pull-down resistance		10		kΩ
		VIL	-0.3		0.75	V
TST	12	VIH	1.5		3.6	V
		Internal pull-down resistance	45			kΩ
VDD M	13,15	Output DC voltage	3.1	3.3	3.5	V
VDD_M	15,15	Output current			20	mA
		VOL	0		0.55	V
		VOH	2.5		3.5	V
CDIO[0.2]	14, 16,	Output current			3.0	mA
GPIO[0:3]	18, 20	VIL	-0.3		0.75	V
		VIH	1.5		3.6	V
		Input current			10	μΑ
		Input supply voltage	2.5		5.5	V
VIN ⁴	17.10	Supply current @ Vin = 2.5V		0.68		Α
VIIN	17,19	Supply current @ Vin = 3.7V		0.42		Α
		Supply current @ Vin = 5.0V		0.30		А

Tab. 2.3: Quark R1230CB supply and I/O connector electrical characteristics

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ Exceeding maximum values reported in the table may cause permanent damage to the model.

⁴ External 100uF bypass capacitor between Vin and GND is recommended for proper operation.



Power supply connection

In the following schematic suggested R1230CB power supply connection is shown.

An external 100uF bypass capacitor between Vin and GND is recommended for proper operation.

The use of fuse F1 (or an equivalent solid state current limiter) is recommended since R1230CB doesn't provide internal current limitation protection.

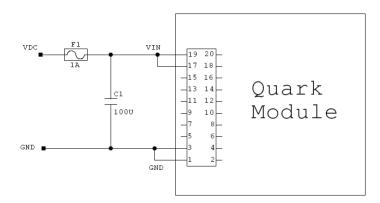


Fig. 2.3: Quark R1230CB power supply connection

General purpose I/O connections

The GPIO0-GPIO3 pins are 4 general-purpose bidirectional pins. Their default direction after a power on reset or a general reset is set to input.

GPIO, when configured as Outputs, can be used to drive indicators as LEDs or buzzers or to send trigger signal to others equipments.

GPIO, when configured as Inputs, can accept control signals from other equipments or trigger signals from sensors (i.e. photocells).

In the following schematic an example of application of GPIO is shown.

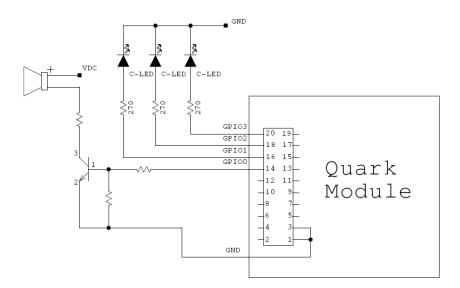


Fig. 2.4: Quark R1230CB GPIO connection example



External reset

R1230CB manual reset can be performed by forcing at low level /RESET pin for $10\mu s$ at least. /RESET pin is pulled-up by an internal resistor.

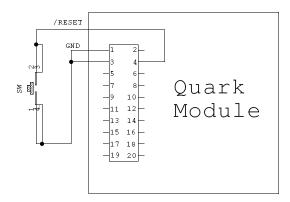


Fig. 2.5: Quark R1230CB external reset

UART connection

The RXD/TXD pins are used to communicate with the R1230CB board via UART port. Since Quark RX/TX are TTL level signals, in order to connect it with a PC, a TTL/RS232 translator shall be used (please refer to the diagram below).

To establish a link with the device host COM port shall be configured as follows:

Baud rate: 115200
Parity: None
Data bits: 8
Stop bits: 1
Flow Control: none

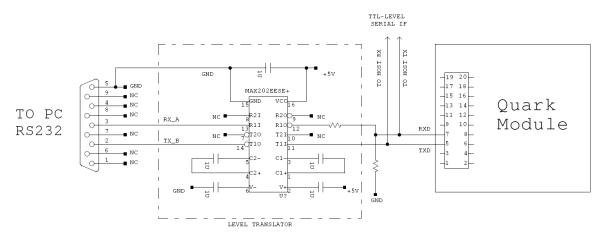


Fig. 2.6: Quark R1230CB RS232 connection



Antenna port specifications

In the following table the pinout of R1230CB antenna is shown.

Pin #	Function	Direction	Description
INNER	RF OUT	OUT	RF output
OUTER	GND	-	Ground

Tab. 2.4: RF port pinout

Parameter	Min	Тур.	Max	Unit
DE output nower	8		200	mW
RF output power	9		23	dBm
Output power vs. power setting accuracy			± 1	dB
RF port impedance		50		Ω
Recommended antenna VSWR			2:1	-

Tab. 2.5: RF port electrical characteristics

Reader - Tag Link Profiles

Quark reader supports different modulation and return link profiles according to EPC Class1 Gen2 protocol.

In the following table are reported all profiles that have been tested for the compliance with ETSI and FCC regulations.

Link profile #	Regulation	Modulation	Return Link
0	ETSI - FCC	DSB–ASK; f=40kHz	FM0; f = 40kHz
1	ETSI - FCC	DSB-ASK; f=40kHz	Miller (M=4); f = 256kHz

Tab. 2.6: Quark R1230CB reader to tag link profiles

Firmware Upgrade

Quark reader firmware upgrade is based on Boot Start Loader (BSL) of the embedded microcontroller inside the module.

An upgrade software has been developed to be used with Quark evaluation board (mod. R1230CBEVB).

BSL operation

In order to start the BSL of Quark internal microcontroller /RST, TST and BSL_SEL signal shall be driven as in the picture below:

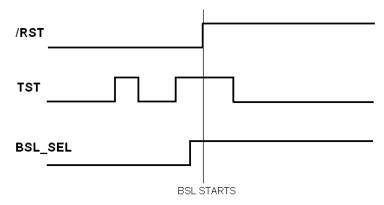


Fig. 2.7: BSL sequence

The BSL program execution starts when TST pin has received a minimum of two positive transitions and if TST is high while /RST rises from low to high. BSL_SEL shall be at high level before BSL starts. Pulses length and distance between edges of all signals shall be 10ms at least.



Firmware upgrade via R1230CBEVB board

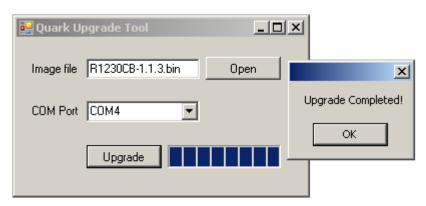
Quark firmware upgrade can be managed via USB by using the evaluation board (mod.R1230CBEVB) and the SW upgrade program. The Quark Upgrade Tool is available for free at *Quark R1230CB page* of the CAEN RFID Web Site.

In order to upgrade the firmware follow the steps below:

- Connect to the USB port the evaluation board with the Quark reader installed
- Verify the virtual COM port associated to the board
- Open the FW upgrade program
- Select the COM port
- Select the image file by clicking on "Open" button
- Click on "Upgrade" button



- Wait for the upgrade to be completed



- Disconnect the USB cable from the evaluation board
- Connect again the USB cable in order to restore normal reader operation.



PCB Pad Layout

In the picture below the recommended PCB pad layout to be implemented on the user host board is shown. The 4 square pads shall be used to solder R1230CB shield and shall be connected to ground. In addition is shown the position and the layout required for Molex 52991-0208 connector, which mates with R1230CB supply and I/O connector, and which shall be soldered on the host board.

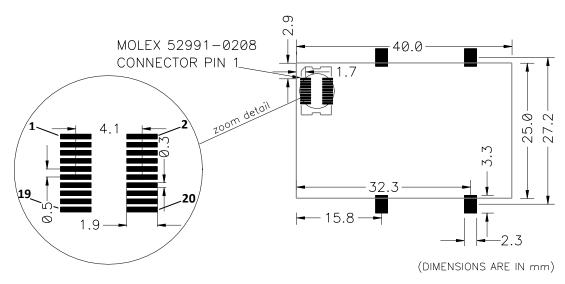


Fig. 2.8: PCB pad layout

3 **QUARK R1230CBEVB**

Technical Specifications Table

	SW1= RESET
Switch	
	SW2SW5=GPIO
	USB Type A plug connector
	Bus powered USB 2.0 device
	Must be connected to Hight-power Port (500 mA @ VBUS)
	It appears as USB serial port
	Virtual Com Port (VCP) 5 drivers for Windows XP/Vista/Seven (7), Windows
USB Port	CE 4.2, Linux 2.40 and greater
	Baudrate: 115200
	Databits: 8
	Stopbits: 1
	Parity: none
	Flow control: none
	Red LED: Power
User Interface	Yellow LED: USB communication activity
	Green LED: GPIO[03].
Dimensions	(W)70.9 x (L)62.5 x (H)11.6 mm ³
Dimensions	(2.8 x 2.5 x 0.5 inch ³)
Floatwical Dayrow	DC Voltage 5V +/-5%
Electrical Power	Max 400 mA ⁶
Operating Temperature -10 °C to +55 °C	

Tab. 3.1: Quark R1230CBEVB - Technical Specifications

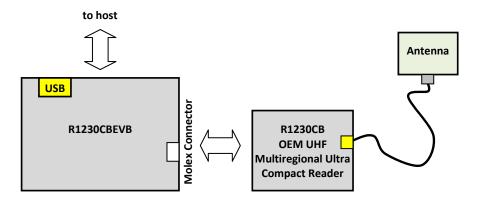
⁵ You can download VCP drivers for Windows based systems from the CAEN RFID Web Site at <u>Quark R1230CB page</u> or from http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/VCP.htm for different operating systems (or for the most updated version).

6 With Quark reader operating.



Connection diagram

The following block diagram shows how to connect the Mod. R1230CB with the PC host via the Mod. R1230CBEVB evaluation board.





Technical drawings

The location of the connectors is shown in Fig. 3.1. Their mechanical specifications are listed below:

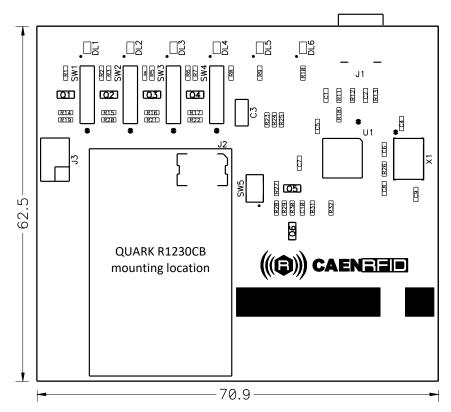


Fig. 3.1: Quark R1230CBEVB technical drawing

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Electrical scheme



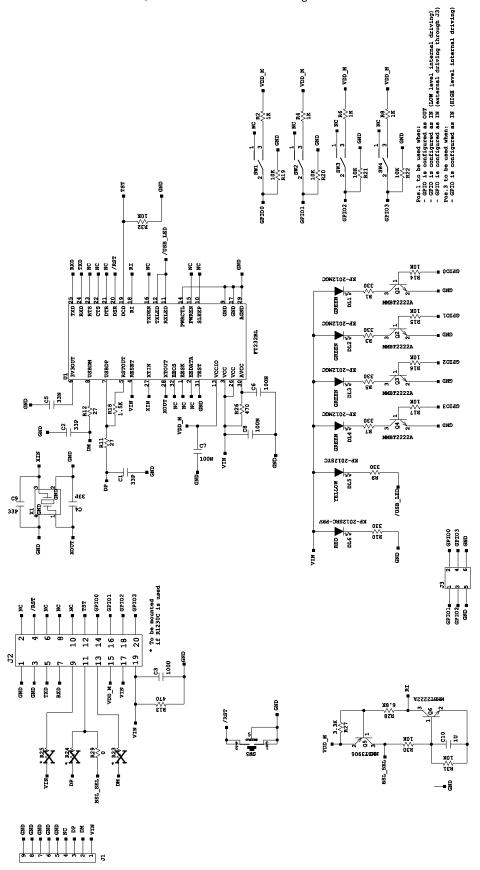


Fig. 3.2: Quark R1230CBEVB electrical scheme



External Connections

GPIO connector pinout is shown in the following table:

Pin #	Signal
1	GPIO 1
2	GPIO 0
3	GPIO 2
4	GPIO 3
5	GND
6	GND

Tab. 3.2: Quark R1230CBEVB connector pinout

4 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

FCC Compliance

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with Part 15 of the FCC Rules.

NOTE:

- a. Any changes or modification not approved by CAEN RFID could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.
- b.The QUARK R1230CB Module, which is rated at 200 mW output, is approved for operation with the following antennas:
 - 1. CAENRFID antenna Mod. WANTENNAX012 (Linear polarized antenna 1.3dBi gain 902 928 MHz).
 - 2. CAENRFID antenna Mod. WANTO21XMMCX (QUAD Circular Polarized Quadrifilar Antenna; 0.7dBi gain).

Use of other than the approved antennas with this unit may result in harmful interference with other users, and cause the unit to fail to meet regulatory requirements.

- c. This transmitter module is authorized to be used in other devices only by OEM integrators under the following conditions:
 - 1.The RFID Module antenna shall have a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons
 - 2. The transmitter module must not be co-located with any other antenna or transmitter
- d.In case that the two conditions above are met, further transmitter testing will not be necessary. However, the OEM integrator is still responsible for testing the end-product for any additional compliance requirements required with this module installed (for example, digital device emissions, PC peripheral requirements, etc.). In the event that these conditions can not be met (for certain configurations or co-location with another transmitter), then the FCC authorization is no longer considered valid and the FCC ID can not be used on the final product. In such case the OEM integrator will be responsible for re-evaluating the end product (including the transmitter) and obtaining a separate FCC authorization.
- e. If the FCC ID is not visible when the module is installed inside another device, the OEM integrator shall apply a label in a visible area on his product with the following statement:

Contains Transmitter Module FCC ID: UVECAENRFID016

or

Contains FCC ID: UVECAENRFID016

f. The OEM integrator has to be aware not to provide information to the end user regarding how to install or remove this RF module or change RF related parameters in the user manual of the end product.

Reference document: Test report n. R16152001 [RD1].

See § Quark FCC Grant page 27 for the Quark R1230CB FCC Compliance Certificate.



CE Compliance

Reference standard:

ETSI EN 301 489-1 V. 1.9.2:2011

EN 55032:2012

CEI EN 55024:2013

ETSI EN 302 208 V3.1.1:2017

CEI EN 60950-1:2007 +/A11:2010 +/A1:2012 +/A12:2012

CEI EN 50364:2011

EN 50581:2012

See § Quark CE Declaration of Conformity page 26 for the Quark R1230CB CE Compliance Certificate.

RoHS EU Directive

The Quark R1230CB Reader is compliant with the EU Directive 2011/65/EU on the Restriction of the Use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS2).

CE DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

We

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herewith declare under our own responsibility that the product:

Code: WR1230CXBAAA

Description: R1230CB - Quark Low Power OEM UHF Compact RFID Reader 2

corresponds in the submitted version to the following standards:

ETSI EN 301 489-1 V. 1.9.2:2011

EN 55032:2012

CEI EN 55024:2013

ETSI EN 302 208 V3.1.1:2017

CEI EN 60950-1:2007 +/A11:2010 +/A1:2012 +/A12:2012

CEI EN 50364:2011

EN 50581:2012

and declare under our sole responsibility that the specified product meets the principle requirements and other applicable regulations of directives 2014/53/EU (RED) and 2011/65/EU (ROHS2)

Date: 08/01/2018

VAT IT 02032050466 Adriano Bigongiari (Chief Executive Officer)

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On the basis of this declaration, these products will bear the following mark:



TCB

GRANT OF EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION

TCB

Certification

Issued Under the Authority of the Federal Communications Commission By:

> EMCCert Dr. Rasek GmbH Stoernhofer Berg 15 91364 Unterleinleiter, Germany

Date of Grant: 11/11/2016

Application Dated: 11/11/2016

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Attention: Adriano Bigonglari, CEO

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EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION is hereby issued to the named GRANTEE, and is VALID ONLY for the equipment identified hereon for use under the Commission's Rules and Regulations listed below.

FCC IDENTIFIER: UVECAENRFID010
Name of Grantee: CAEN RFID sr1

Equipment Class: Part 15 Spread Spectrum Transmitter
Notes: Low power OEM UHF Compact RFID Reader

Modular Type: Single Modular

Frequency Output Frequency Emission

Grant Notes
FCC Rule Parts
15C
P02.75 - 927.25
O.19
Frequency Output Frequency Emission
Designator

Power output listed is peak conducted. This module is approved for battery powered devices, only. The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons and must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter except in accordance with FCC accepted multi-transmitter procedures. End-users and installers must be provided with antenna installation instructions and transmitter operating conditions for satisfying RF exposure compliance.