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The strongest connection in a wireless world

Wireless Selection Guide

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Reliability ۲ Performance Future proof Interchangeability Long-term availability connectBlue NP Adapte

Defining and leading wireless

With reliable and highly robust communication

"Wireless" is not a technology – it's a commitment. It's not about what works. It's about how well it works. For over a decade, we have worked with state-of-the art Industrial and Medical Ready wireless solutions, designed and tested for demanding applications and environments. We drive the wireless technology evolution and thereby we define what will be the wireless future.

Based on Classic Bluetooth technology, Bluetooth low energy technology, Wireless LAN and IEEE 802.15.4 / ZigBee, we provide ready-to-embed wireless modules as well as ready-to-use pro-ducts and custom design solutions.

Why choose connectBlue?

Fanciful sales talk is easy, but we prefer to stick to facts. And there are some clear facts that set us apart from any other wireless provider on the market.

Long-term Availability

Since the start in 2000, our offering has continuously evolved and yet our form factor has remained unchanged with consistent electrical, mechanical, software and antenna interfaces. In fact, we have customers who have shipped products for 11 years with a minimum of software changes and no hardware changes on their Printed Circuit Board (PCB).

Outstanding Reliability

Our products are tailored to fit the toughest of situations; the products offer an extended temperature range (-40° to +85°C), have a built-in watchdog timer for secure system design, and operate faultless 24/7 regardless of EMC conditions, dust, humidity, temperature variations, and rapid movement changes.

Best Performance

We own, develop and maintain our Bluetooth stack and Wireless LAN software drivers. Not only do we own these, over the years we have used them for several different chipset manufacturers and designs, tuning and expanding them to get the best performance and controlled latency, throughput and power consumption. The products have customizable configuration parameters and are radio type approved for European, US, Canadian, Japanese markets as well as are compliant with EMC, Safety and Medical standards, and the Bluetooth qualification program.



Wireless Technology Comparison

WIRELESS STANDARD	Classic Bluetooth technology	Bluetooth low energy technology	ZigBee / IEEE 802.15.4	Wireless LAN	
Data throughput	+/-	-	_	++	
Robustness	++	++	+/-	+/-	
Range	10-1000m	10-250m	10-200 m+ mesh	50-300m	
Local system density	++	++	+	-	
Roaming	+	N/A	N/A	++	
Large scale network	-	+	++	+/-	+ = Good
Low latency	+++	++	+	+/-	++ = Strong
Connection set-up speed	-	++	++	+/-	+++ = Very strong
Power consumption	+	+++	++	-	+/- = Average
Cost	+	++	+	-	- = Weak

Interchangeability

The connectBlue standard form factor and connectors allow for interchangeability between Bluetooth technology, Wireless LAN, IEEE 802.15/ZigBee But that is not all; you can also change products within a product family seamlessly. In other words, you get complete system design flexibility.

Quality Manufacturing & Support

Our head office lies in the wireless epicenter of Southern Sweden. There, we also utilize the resources from external, high quality manufacturing facilities (ISO9001:2008, ISO13485:2003, etc.) where each product is individually tested and tuned for consistent performance. We have local German and US sales offices and first-line support backed by the European technical team allowing for a virtually 24 hour coverage.

Future-proof Dependability

We drive the technology development in the wireless standard forums. We track and even promote the new standards within our product portfolio.

Which wireless technology fits you the best?

One wireless technology cannot offer all the features and strengths that fit the various application requirements. We help you find the solution that best fit your needs.

 Choose Classic Bluetooth technology for robust communication in rough environments. Robust features include Adaptive Frequency Hopping (AFV) and high system density (several connections in the same radio space).

Choose Bluetooth low energy technology when you want to connect to battery-operated small devices, smart phones, PADs, gateways, etc.

- Choose IEEE 802.15.4 / ZigBee if you want to build large networks with mesh functionality for small devices with low demands on data throughput.
- Choose Wireless LAN 802.11a/b/g/n if you want/ to connect to an existing LAN / Wireless LAN infrastructure or create high throughput ad-hoc networks.

WIRELESS ADVANTAGES

- Greater mobility & freedom of movement
- Bypassing long distances and "cable problematic territory"
- Fast and easy installations & commissioning
- High flexibility if modifying an installation
- Increased personal safety
- Easy integration of devices into the network

Interchangeable and future safe

All products share the connectBlue standard for form factor and fitting, connectors, antennas as well as configuration and control software tools

Where does "wireless" fit you?

Wireless Serial Communication

Developed to meet tough demands, connectBlue products handle robust serial communication (UART, RS232/422/485) with point-to-point, mult-point cable replacement or multi drop functionality.

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Wireless Ethernet Communication

The connectBlue Rugged Ethernet Port Adapters are especially well-suited for replacing Ethernet cables either in point-to-point applications or in a wireless infrastructure where seamless roaming is important. For those that prefer to embed modules in host devices, the connectBlue Wireless LAN SPI / SDIO modules provide fully radio type approved dual-band solutions.

Wireless Signal Acquisition and I/O

Digital or analog signals can be wirelessly mirrored or controlled from a Bluetooth equipped device using the connectBlue I/O modules.

Wireless Customer Specific Software Development Platforms

The connectBlue platforms offer a possibility to embed customer specific software in the modules to save development cost, time to market, and product cost.

Wireless Custom Design Development

Often, our custom design development is based on available connectBlue software and hardware solutions but it could also be a completely new design if so required.

What "wireless" solution should you buy?

Based on your particular use case, connectBlue has a solution that fits you. Choose between ready-toembed wireless modules or ready-to-use wireless products – all developed to satisfy industrial and medical needs on robustness, time-to-market and performance,

Ready-to-Use Products

If you wish to implement a complete wireless product, we offer a wide range of ready-to-use industrial



products that all improve production, economy and safety. With these products, you can be up and running quickly and as they have an IP65-classed housing, they operate flawlessly 24/7 under the harshest of conditions.

Ready-to-Embed Modules

By embedding our modules, you save on cost and time compared to if you



develop the wireless solution on your own. Developing your own solution takes 6-18 months and costs 150-500kEUR depending on technology, frequencies/channels, test system, radio type approvals, etc. And 3-5 years later when the chipset reaches its last time buy, you have to do it all over again. connect-Blue offers a wide range of modules, fully certified and pre-tested as well as a full range of accessories.

Ready-to-Customize Platforms

If you have a certain wireless need that you cannot fulfill with an off-the-shelf



module, we can help you custom design your solution. You can also embed your own applications in the modules using our platforms. For this product category, you need to contact us for a suitable solution.

Useful connectBlue features

This guide covers all the features of the connectBlue product range, but there are some of these that we want to cover in depth.

Seamless Roaming & Redundancy

With a variety of wireless technologies operating in the same radio space, the performance on the existing wireless connections can be affected or even terminated during the necessary scanning for new wireless networks. With the connectBlue seamless roaming, the actual switch-over takes place in just a few milliseconds using standard access points. Another advantage is the opportunity to combine roaming with redundancy.

Further, since connectBlue offers solutions across various technologies, we can offer the most robust solution for a particular use case scenario.

2.4 and 5GHz Dual-band Support

Besides Wireless LAN IEEE 802.11b/g/n, other wireless technologies like Bluetooth technology, IEEE 802.15.4/ ZigBee/Wireless HART and several proprietary technologies operate in the 2.4GHz band. To make sure that the Wireless LAN solution is robust, one can focus on IEEE 802.11a (5GHz) for the manufacturing and M2M communication. connect-Blue offers dual-band functionality and an expanded frequency channel range in the 5GHz ISM band. See support details in the tables.

iPhone/Android Support

connectBlue offers Wireless LAN and Bluetooth module support for Android/ Apple iPhone/iPod touch/iPad connectivity which makes data handling easier in industrial and medical applications. The modules are tested and approved by Apple. See support details in the tables.



USEFUL HOW-TO-DO'S

connectBlue's website features 15+ in depth articles and white papers that detail the possibilities as well as best practices in different wireless technologies in tough industrial and medical environments.

Visit www.connectblue.com/about-us for more information.

Ready-to-use products for the robust need

Products that improve production, economy and safety IP65 classed housing, fully certified and tested

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	Rugged Serial Port Adapter RBS433	Rugged Ethernet Port Adapter RBE231	Rugged Serial Port Adapter RZS311s	Rugged Serial Port Adapter RWS451s*	
WIRELESS STANDARD	Classic Bluetooth technology	Classic Bluetooth technology	IEEE 802.15.4	Wireless LAN	
STANDARD SPECIFICATION Bluetooth qualification Bluetooth profiles Wireless LAN version	2.1+EDR SPP DUN PAN -	2.1+EDR PAN -		- - 802.11abgn (2.4 GHz + 5 GHz)	
RADIO Antenna Max output power Range ^{Note 2} 2.4 GHz channels 5 GHz channels	External 17 dBm 1000 m 1-79 -	Internal 17 dBm 1000 m 1-79 -	External 4 dBm 200 m 11-26 -	External 20 dBm 400 m 1-13 36-140	
TYPE APPROVALS Europe (R&TTE) US (FCC) Canada (IC) Hazardous location UL/CSA Class 1 Div 2	Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes -	
INTERFACE RS232 RS422/485 Max baudrate Flow control on/off Ethernet	Yes Yes 460.8 k Yes -	- - - Yes	Yes - 57.6 k Yes -	Yes Yes 460.8 k Yes	
SOFTWARE FEATURES AT command support Web configuration Max number of slaves	Yes - 7	Yes Yes 1	Yes - 1	Yes - 7	
Extended Data Mode protocol Security	Yes Simple Pairing	- Simple Pairing	- Yes	- WPA2, Enterprise, PEAP, LEAP	
Quality of Service (QoS) Software features	Yes Point-to-point Point-to-multipoint Repeater	Yes Wireless Ethernet Bridge, Personal Area Network User (PANU)	- Point-to-point	Yes Point-to-point Point-to-multipoint	
POWER Power supply voltage Current cons. (min) Current cons. (average Tx)	8 - 30 VDC TBA TBA	9-30 VDC 35 mA @30V 43 mA @30V	8 - 30 VDC 7 mA @30V 9 mA @30V	8 - 30 VDC TBA TBA	
CONNECTORS 9-pin D-SUB RJ45 M12	Yes -	- - Yes	Yes -	Yes -	
MT2 MECHANICAL Operating temperature Mounting holes Housing Dimensions (mm)	-40 to +85° C Yes Metal, IP 65 76x85x35	-30 to +65° C Yes Plastic, IP65 91x66x36.2	-40 to +85° C Yes Metal, IP 65 76 x 85 x 35	-40 to +85° C Yes Metal, IP 65 76x85x35	

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Rugged Ethernet Port Adapter RWE231i	Rugged Ethernet Port Adapter RWE241i
Wireless LAN	Wireless LAN
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802.11bgn (2.4 GHz)	802.11an (5 GHz)
Internal 20 dBm 400 m 1-13 -	Internal 20 dBm 200 m - - 36-48, 52-140* (U-NII Band 1, 2*, 2e*)
Yes Yes	Yes Yes
Yes Yes	Yes Yes
-	-
- - Yes	- - Yes
Yes	Yes
1	1
WPA2, Enterprise, PEAP, LEAP -	WPA2, Enterprise, PEAP, LEAP
Wireless Ethernet Bridge, Wireless LAN Client, Seamless Roaming, Bedundancy	Wireless Ethernet Bridge, Wireless LAN Client, Seamless Roaming, Redundancy
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9 - 30 VDC 47 mA @30V 59 mA @30V	9 - 30 VDC 47 mA @30V 59 mA @30V
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Yes	Yes
-30 to +65° C Yes Plastic, IP 65	-30 to +65° C Yes Plastic, IP 65
91x66x36.2	91x66x36.2

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Serial Port Adapters (SPA) replacing the serial cables with wireless connections in point-topoint and multidrop setups.



Wireless LAN Ethernet Port Adapters (EPA) for connecting ethernet devices to an ethernet infrastructure via a Wireless LAN Access Point.



Ethernet Port Adapters (EPA) replacing the ethernet cable with wireless connection. The connection between the EPAs is point-topoint in Bluetooth technology and ad-hoc in Wireless LAN.



Wireless LAN Ethernet Port Adapter (EPA) or Bluetooth Ethernet Port Adapter connecting to an ethernet infrastructure via multiple Access Points. The Ethernet Port Adapter supports several modes of superior roaming between available Access Points, including seamless roaming.

Ready-to-embed modules that are certified and fully tested

Benefit from the advantages of low-power modules that are fully certified and tested

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les		Serial Port Adapter OBS410	Serial Port Adapter OBS411	Serial Port Adapter OBS421	Serial Port Adapter OBS433	iPhone Accessory OBS414 Note 4	I/O Module OBI411
OEM Modu	WIRELESS STANDARD	Classic Bluetooth technology	Classic Bluetooth technology	Classic Bluetooth technology	Classic Bluetooth technology	Classic Bluetooth technology	Classic Bluetooth technology
Wireless	STANDARD SPECIFICATION Bluetooth qualification Bluetooth profiles Note4 Wireless LAN version	2.1 (3.0 ready) SPP DUN -	2.1+EDR (3.0 ready) SPP DUN PAN -	2.1+EDR (4.0 ready) SPP DUN PAN -	2.1+EDR (3.0 ready) SPP DUN PAN -	2.1+EDR (3.0 ready) SPP PAN -	2.1+EDR (3.0 ready) SPP -
	RADIO Antenna type Max output power ind. antenna Range 2.4 GHz channels 5 GHz channels	Internal External 5 dBm 6 dBm 75 m 150 m 1-79 -	Internal External 5 dBm 6 dBm 75 m 150 m 1-79 -	Internal 11 dBm 300 m 1-79 -	Internal 17 dBm 800 m 1-79 -	Internal External 5 dBm 6 dBm 75 m 150 m 1-79 -	Internal External 5 dBm 6 dBm 75 m 150 m 1-79 -
	TYPE APPROVALS Europe (R&TTE) US (FCC) Canada (IC) Japan	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes
	INTERFACE UART Logic-level RS232 RS422/485 Max baudrate Flow control on/off	Yes Option ^{Nore 3} Option ^{Nore 3} 460.8 k Yes	Yes Option ^{Note 3} Option ^{Note 3} 1.25 M Yes	Yes Option ^{Note 3} Option ^{Note 3} 1.5 M Yes	Yes Yes Option ^{Note 3} 1.5 M Yes	Yes Option ^{Note 3} - 1.25 M Yes	Yes Option ^{Note 3} Option ^{Note 3} 1.25 M Yes
	SPI SDIO I/O pins	- - 9 digital	- - 9 digital	- - 9 digital	- - 9 digital	- - 9 digital	- - 16 dig, 4 AD conv
	FEATURES Throughput AT command support Max number of slaves Extended Data Mode protocol Security Quality of Service (QoS) Customer application platform Android support iPhone/iPad support ^{Nete4} Software features	350 kbps Yes 1 - Simple Pairing Yes - Yes - Point-to-point	950 kbps Yes 3 Yes Simple Pairing Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes (via I ² C) Point-to-point Point-to-multipoint Repeater	1.3 Mbps Yes 7 Yes Simple Pairing Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes (via host) Point-to-point Point-to-multipoint Repeater	1.4 Mbps Yes 7 Yes Simple Pairing Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Via host) Point-to-point Point-to-multipoint Repeater	950 kbps Yes 3 Yes Simple Pairing Yes - Yes Yes on board) Point-to-point Point-to-multipoint Repeater	950 kbps Yes 3 Yes Simple Pairing Yes - Yes Yes (via host) Point-to-point Point-to-multipoint
	POWER Power supply voltage Current cons. (min) Current cons. (average Tx) CONNECTORS Board-to-board	3.0 - 6.0 VDC 14 mA @3.0V 25 mA @3.0V Yes	3.0 - 6.0 VDC 0.6 mA @3.0V 25 mA @3.0V Yes	3.0 - 6.0 VDC 0.6 mA @3.0V 44 mA @3.0V Yes	3.3 - 6.0 VDC 0.5 mA @3.3V 50 mA @3.3V Yes	3.0 - 6.0 VDC 2 mA @3.0V 27 mA @3.0V Yes	3.0 - 6.0 VDC 0.6 mA @3.0V 25 mA @3.0V Yes
	20 pin header JST (6-pol) Solder pads	- - Yes	- Option Yes	- Option Yes	Option Option Option	- - Yes	- - Yes
	MECHANICAL Operating temperature Machine mountable Mounting holes Dimensions (mm)	-30 to +85° C Yes Yes 16x36x3	-30 to +85° C Yes Yes 16x36x3	-30 to +85° C Yes Yes 16x36x3	-40 to +85° C Yes Yes 23x36x4	-30 to +85° C Yes Yes 23x36x4	-30 to +85° C Yes Yes 16x36x3

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Low Energy Platform OLP425	Serial Port Adapter OZS311	Serial Port Adapter OWS451	LAN Module OWL221	LAN Module OWL222	LAN Module OWL253
Bluetooth low energy technology (Bluetooth smart)	IEEE 802.15.4	Wireless LAN	Wireless LAN	Wireless LAN	Wireless LAN
4.0 -	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	802.11 a/b/g/n (dual band, 65 Mbit/s)			
Internal External	Internal External	Int. Ext. Note 1			
3 dBm 6 dBm	2.5 dBm 4 dBm	20 dBm 20 dBm	20 dBm 20 dBm	20 dBm 20 dBm	20 dBm 20 dBm
1-39	11-26	400 m 400 m 1-13	1-13	1-13	400 m 400 m 1-13
-	-	36-140	36-48	36-48	36-140
		(U-NII Band 1, 2, 2e)	(U-NII Band 1)	(U-NII Band 1)	(U-NII Band 1, 2, 2e)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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-	-	Option Note 3	-	-	-
-	-	Option Note 3	-	-	-
115.2 k	57.6 k	1.5 M	-	-	-
Yes	Yes	Yes	- Max 80 MHz	-	- Max 80 MHz
-	-	-	-	Max 50 MHz	-
18 dig, 4 AD conv	-	-	-	-	-
TBD	50 kbps	500 kbps*	20 Mbps	25 Mbps	20 Mbps
-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
3	1	7	-	-	-
- Simple Pairing	Yes	- WPA2, Enterprise	- WPA2, Enterprise	- WPA2, Enterprise	- WPA2, Enterprise
No	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	-	-	-	-	-
Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mounting options:	Point-to-point	Point-to-point	Infrastructure	Infrastructure	Infrastructure
battery holder, temperature sensor,	Optional ZigBee stack available	Point-to-multipoint	Ad-hoc	Ad-hoc	Ad-hoc
accelerometers, etc.		Embedded TCP/IP	Driver support:	Driver support:	Driver support:
	Platform for	STACK	Linux WinCE	Linux WinCE	Linux WinCE
	custom designs	DNS resolver	Embedded systems	WINCE	Embedded systems
2 0 - 3 6 VDC	3 3 - 5 5 VDC	3 3 - 5 5 VDC	3 3 - 5 5 VDC	31-36VDC	3 3 - 5 5 VDC
TBD	27 mA @3.3V	7 mA @3.3V	5 mA @3.3V	5 mA @3.1V	11 mA @3.3V
TBD	27 mA @3.3V	180 mA @3.3V	150 mA @3.3V	150 mA @3.1V	230 mA @3.3V
-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
-	-	-	Option	Option	-
Option	Option	Option	-	-	-
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes
-40 to +85° C	-40 to +85° C	-40 to +85° C	-30 to +85° C	-30 to +85° C	-40 to +85° C
Yes	Yes	Yes		-	-
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
15X22X3	23X36X3	23X36X3	23X36X3	23X36X3	23x36x3

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Get started smoothly

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Acquire valuable understanding of the wireless module's functionality, configuration options, performance etc.



Your business. Our total wireless expertise. One wireless product.

This is what we do. We provide a safe step into the wireless future.

Imagine equipment that is in constant rapid motion at -30° C; it is monitored, maintained, updated and operated wirelessly from a distance, massively increasing uptime and personal safety. Or, imagine a sensitive gene duplication sequence where the whole gene process is performed in a 100% sterile environment due to high-speed reliable wireless solutions. This is the essence of connectBlue - wireless solutions based on tough industrial and medical demands on robustness, lead-times and performance.

Together with our clients, we create solutions that improve, not only production economy and safety, sometimes we help push the limits of science as well. And all this using a seamless nerve-system that cuts through walls, floors and ceilings.

Working with connectBlue isn't just about buying a wireless product. It's combining forces to find the best wireless solution. The mix of combined expertise is filtered through a toolbox of software, hardware and industry-specific specialists and poured into a wireless product that is provoked, tested, stressed, certified, and then tested over and over again.

connectBlue was founded in 2000. From years of experience within industries with tough demands, connectBlue focused on a few key requirements: compatibility, extended life cycles and performance. Still today, these requirements are the focus of the connectBlue delivery.

Today, we employ 35 experts where 20+ are wireless engineers with deep knowhow from key segments. Our head office lies in Sweden and our top-notch external production facilities are also Sweden. We have local sales and support from the offices in Germany and the USA. And, on top of that, connectBlue has distributors in 60+ countries.

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Working at connectBlue means working with some of the world's most demanding brands and industries (look at our list of clients). They in themselves represent the highest standard of innovation in their industry segments. This is why we have to excel at what we do. We employ and develop staff with great experience from tough demands on lead-times, performance and technical documentation as well as young and innovative brains that can define the future of wireless technology.

Together we solve issues of today using the technology of tomorrow.



less provider for demanding applications in the segments industrial automation, medical & healthcare, measurement & data acquisition, diagnostics, infrastructure, professional vehicles and point of sales.

WIRELESS SEGMENTS



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For more than a decade, we have helped some of the world's most demanding brands to exploit new possibilities of wireless technologies. Our wireless solutions are designed and tested for the most demanding applications and environments in industrial automation, medical & healthcare, measurement & data acquisition, professional vehicles, and point of sales.

Our product strategy is simple. State-of-the-art solutions. Nothing less.



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