



**MS Compact  
Handheld Transmitter  
Data Guide**

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## Ordering Information

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Part Number	Description
OTX-***-HH-CP8-MS-xxx	MS Compact Handheld Transmitter
MDEV-***-HH-CP8-MS	MS Compact Transmitter Master Development System

\*\*\* = 315, 418 (Standard) or 433.92MHz  
 xxx = Custom color, leave blank for black

Figure 3: Ordering Information

## Electrical Specifications

Electrical Specifications						
Parameter	Designation	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Notes
Power Supply						
Operating Voltage	$V_{CC}$	2.1	3.0	3.6	VDC	
Supply Current	$I_{CC}$		3.4		mA	
Power-Down Current	$I_{PDN}$		5.0		nA	1
Transmitter Section						
Transmit Frequency Range	$F_C$					
OTX-315-HH-CP8-MS			315		MHz	
OTX-418-HH-CP8-MS			418		MHz	
OTX-433-HH-CP8-MS			433.92		MHz	
Center Frequency Accuracy		-50		+50	kHz	
Environmental						
Operating Temperature Range		-40		+85	°C	1

1. Characterized, but not tested

Figure 4: Electrical Specifications

## Setting the Transmitter Address

The MS Compact Handheld Transmitter allows the selection of one of 16,777,216 ( $2^{24}$ ) unique addresses. All transmitters are supplied set to a unique address to avoid contention with other units; however, the address can be changed. This is accomplished by using a paper clip or probe to press the CREATE button on the board through the hole in the back of the case.

Press the button and an LED lights up in the MODE\_IND window, indicating that the address is being created. The address is randomized for as long as the button is held down. Release the button and the randomized address is saved and the LED begins flashing to indicate that the Control Permissions may now be set. Press the buttons that the transmitter should have the authority to access. Press the CREATE button with the paper clip again or wait 17 seconds for it to time out. The address and Control Permissions are now set. The decoder needs to learn the address before it will accept any transmissions. Please see the Typical Applications section of this data guide or the MS Series Decoder Data Guide for details.

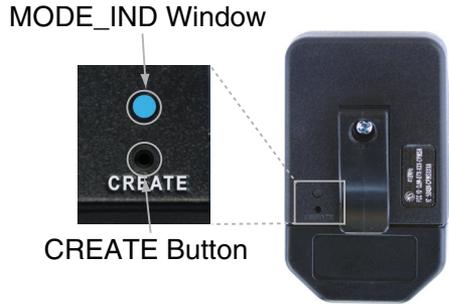


Figure 5: CREATE Button Access

## OTX-\*\*\*-HH-CP8-MS Button Assignments

Figure 6 illustrates the relationship between the button locations and encoder data lines.

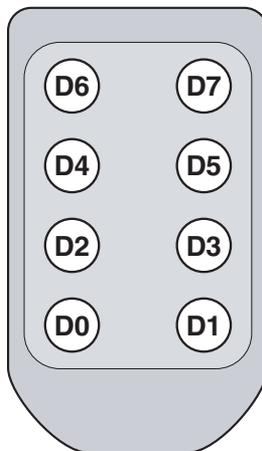


Figure 6: OTX-\*\*\*-HH-CP8-MS Button Assignments

## Labeling / Instruction Requirements

The transmitter has been pre-certified for FCC Part 15 and Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standards for an intentional radiator. The 433.92MHz version has also been tested for CE compliance for use in the European Union. The 315MHz and 418MHz versions are not legal for use in Europe. It has already been labeled in accordance with FCC, Industry Canada and CE regulations. No further labeling of the unit is needed; however, it is necessary to include the following statement in the end product's instruction manual or insert card. EU does not require a statement.

## Typical Applications

The signal sent by the MS Compact Transmitter can be received by an LR Series receiver module or LT Series transceiver module. The outstanding sensitivity of the LR Series receiver offers the best range when used with a Linx OEM transmitter. The receiver module is then connected directly to an MS Series decoder, which decodes the received signal.

When a button is pressed on the transmitter, a corresponding line on the decoder goes high. This is then connected to external circuitry to perform whatever function is required by the application.



Figure 9: Receiver and Decoder

The decoder must learn the transmitter's address before they can work together. This is done by taking the LEARN line on the decoder high, typically with a pushbutton switch. The MODE\_IND line starts switching (if a LED is attached, this causes it to flash) indicating that the decoder is in Learn Mode. Press any of the buttons on the transmitter to initiate a transmission. Take the LEARN line high again to exit Learn Mode and the system is ready for use. Figure 10 shows a schematic for a typical application.

The MS Compact Transmitter is set to 9,600bps, so SEL\_BAUD0 should be tied high and SEL\_BAUD1 tied low. The decoder has several unique features, such as Latch Mode, Receiver Control, and TX\_ID.

If the LATCH line is tied to  $V_{CC}$ , the outputs go high on the first transmission, then low on the second. Figure 10 shows it tied low, so the outputs are momentary (high for as long as a signal is received that instructs the decoder to make them high).

The RX\_CNTL line can be connected to the PDN line of the receiver and the decoder activates the receiver with a 10% duty cycle. This greatly reduces the average current consumption of the system. The adjacent figure shows it tied to ground, but to use this feature, connect the RX\_CNTL line of the decoder directly to the receiver's PDN line.

The TX\_ID line outputs a number associated with the originating transmitter / encoder. Application Note AN-00156 shows how to use this feature.





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