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### APPLICABILITY TABLE

#### PRODUCTS

- HE910 (*)
- HE910-D
- HE910-GA
- HE910-EUG
- HE910-EUR
- HE910-EUD
- HE910-NAG
- HE910-NAR
- HE910-NAD
- UE910-EUR
- UE910-EUD
- UE910-NAR
- HE910-NAD
- GE910-QUAD
- GE910-GNSS
- GE910-QUAD V3
- DE910
- CE910-SC
- HE910-V2
- UE910-V2

(*) HE910 is the “type name” of the products marketed as HE910-G & HE910-DG
1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Scope
Scope of this document is to give an overview of how to implement in a customer’s application a backup battery/capacitor on the Telit modules.

1.2. Audience
This document is intended for customers designing with Telit modules.

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Caution or Warning – Alerts the user to important points about integrating the module, if these points are not followed, the module and end user equipment may fail or malfunction.

Tip or Information – Provides advice and suggestions that may be useful when integrating the module.

All dates are in ISO 8601 format, i.e. YYYY-MM-DD.
1.5. Related Documents

- HE910 Hardware User Guide, 1vv0300925
- UE910 Hardware User Guide, 1vv0301012
- GE910 Hardware User Guide, 1vv0300962
- DE910 Hardware User Guide, 1vv0300951
- CE910 Hardware User Guide, 1vv0301010
- HE910 V2 Hardware User Guide, 1vv0301064
- UE910 V2 Hardware User Guide, 1vv0301065
2. OVERVIEW

The aim of this document is the description of some hardware solutions useful to implement an RTC Backup battery/capacitor for the xE910 Telit Modules.

In this document the RTC section will be taken into account; for each product variant a proper hardware solution will be suggested and eventually the wrong solutions and common errors to be avoided will be evidenced. Obviously this document cannot embrace the whole hardware solutions and products that may be designed. The wrong solutions to be avoided shall be considered as mandatory, while the suggested hardware configurations shall not be considered mandatory, instead the information given shall be used as a guide and a starting point for properly developing your product with the Telit xE910 module.

NOTICE

(EN) The integration of the GSM/GPRS/WCDMA xE910 cellular module within user application shall be done according to the design rules described in this manual.

(IT) L’integrazione del modulo cellulare GSM/GPRS/WCDMA xE910 all’interno dell’applicazione dell’utente dovrà rispettare le indicazioni progettuali descritte in questo manuale.


(SL) Integracija GSM/GPRS/WCDMA xE910 modula v uporabniški aplikaciji bo morala upoštevati projektna navodila, opisana v tem priročniku.

(SP) La utilización del modulo GSM/GPRS/WCDMA xE910 debe ser conforme a los usos para los cuales ha sido diseñado descritos en este manual del usuario.

(FR) L’intégration du module cellulaire GSM/GPRS/WCDMA xE910 dans l’application de l’utilisateur sera faite selon les règles de conception décrites dans ce manuel.

(HE) המספרת אריזתȻ� xE910 מ⓴ איו תבשלב במשקח את המדורות באתר חכם במשקח והсудיתCarol סלטנטיאה שלSmoke and kool בискופ xE910

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3. RTC BACKUP IMPLEMENTATION

3.1. Pin out

The full pin out of the products is shown in the Hardware User Guides. The RTC backup pin is described in the next chapters including also its electrical characteristics.

3.1.1. HE910 products family

The signal is present on the pad C14 of the product’s pinout.

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(*)VBATT has to be connected at least one time
3.1.2. UE910 products family

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3.1.3. GE910-QUAD

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<td>Minimum RTC voltage</td>
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(*) VBATT has to be connected at least one time
### 3.1.4. GE910-GNSS

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<td>V</td>
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(*)VBATT has to be connected at least one time

### 3.1.5. GE910-QUAD V3

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<td>VBATT = 0V</td>
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<td>1.1</td>
<td>V</td>
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(*)VBATT has to be connected at least one time
3.1.6. DE910 / HE910 V2

The signal is present on the pad C14 of the product’s pinout.

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<td>mA</td>
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(*)VBATT has to be connected at least one time
3.1.7. UE910 V2

The signal is present on the pad C14 of the product’s pinout.

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(*)VBATT has to be connected at least one time

3.1.8. CE910

The CE910 module is provided by an internal RTC section but its reference supply is VBATT.

So, in order to maintain active the RTC programming, VBATT should not be removed.
3.2. Backup Capacitor

The first solution for the RTC backup is adding a capacitor to the VRTC pin. In case of the CDMA/EVDO product as CE910 and DE910 family, VRTC also supplies reference power to check the time interval from Sudden Momentary Power Loss. So, a 6.8uF keep alive capacitor instead on the VRTC port of CE910/DE910 is recommended.

3.2.1. Calculating Backup Capacitor

In order to define the backup capacitor value for the RTC, knowing the time, we have to consider the following parameters:

- VRTC – The Starting voltage of the capacitor (Volt)
- VRTC\text{MIN} – The minimum voltage acceptable for the RTC circuit. (Volt)
- IRev (Ampere) – The current consumption of the RTC circuitry when VBATT = 0
- B\text{Time} - Backup Time (Hours)

If we assume that the RTC draws a constant current while running from VRTC (VBATT=0), then calculating the backup capacitor in Farad would use the formula:

\[
C = \frac{B_{\text{Time}} \times I_{\text{Rev}}}{V_{\text{RTC}} - V_{\text{RTC}\text{MIN}}} \times 3600
\]

If we have the capacitor value and we want to calculate the Backup Time the formula will be:

\[
B_{\text{Time}} = \frac{C \times (V_{\text{RTC}} - V_{\text{RTC}\text{MIN}})}{I_{\text{Rev}} \times 3600}
\]

For example if we have the following data:

- VRTC = 1.8 V
- VRTC\text{MIN} = 1.1V
- IRev = 2 μA
- B\text{Time} = 96 hours (4 days)

The necessary capacitor will be around 1F.
On Figure 3-1 is reported a simple example of Backup Capacitor connection where capacitor Cooper/Bussmann KR-5R5H105-R is used.

![Backup Capacitor connection diagram]

**Figure 3-1 simple example of Backup Capacitor connection**

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**NOTES:**

**GE910-QUAD:** with ON/OFF line connected to GND the IRev will be around 100 μA. Please consider this for the backup time calculation.

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**NOTES:**

**GE910-GNSS and GE910-QUAD V3:** with ON/OFF line connected to GND the IRev will be around 180 μA. Please consider this for the backup time calculation.

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**Warning:**

**HE910, CE910, DE910, HE910 V2, UE910 V2, UE910**

: with HW_SHUTDOWN line connected to GND the IRev will be around 360uA. Never connect HW_SHUTDOWN line to GND when backup battery/capacitor is used and VBATT = 0. RTC data could be lost.
3.2.2. Charging the Backup Capacitor

In order to define the Charging time of the RTC’s Backup capacitor we have to consider the following parameters:

- Capacitor Value (e.g. 1 F)
- Capacitor Starting Voltage (e.g. 0V)
- Series Resistor

![Figure 3-2 Charging](image)

The time constant of the circuit is $R \times C$. We could consider the capacitor charged after a period of $5T$.

**Warning:**

In order to guarantee the correct module start-up, the current drawn by VRTC pin don’t must exceed 1mA. For this reason, the minimum required series resistor is around 2K Ohm (**1.8K Ohm** for HE910 and UE910, **2.3K Ohm** for GE910-QUAD, GE910-GNSS, GE910-QUAD V3. No need extra series resistor for CE910, DE910, UE910 V2, HE910 V2, and LE910 family. This guarantee the correct module start-up even if the backup capacitor is completely discharged (voltage on capacitor=0V).

When the RTC is supplied only by the capacitor, the voltage drop over the 2K resistor is:

$$V_r = 2K \text{ Ohm} \times (2 \text{ uA}) = 4 \text{ mV}.$$  

This voltage drop is negligible and doesn’t affect the circuit functionality.

Considering the above considerations the charging time will be: $5 \times 2K \text{ Ohm} \times 1F = 10000 \text{ sec} (2.78 \text{ hours})$
3.3. Backup Battery

The second solution for the RTC backup is using a lithium primary battery. The operative voltage for VRTC is lower than the voltage of primary lithium battery (3V nominal). It is necessary to put a LDO voltage regulator in the circuit as suggested circuit is reported on Figure 3-3. In case of the CE910, DE910, UE910 V2, HE910 V2, and LE910 family, you can directly connect a backup battery to the VRTC port since a programmable charging circuit including the series resistor is inside of the Telit module.

![Figure 3-3 Battery](image)

The S-817 Seiko Instruments Inc. LDO has a typical quiescent current value of 1.1 μA. When VBATT is not applied the VRTC Reverse Current (IRev) is 2 μA (see Paragraph 2.1.1).

Considering a typical capacity of 220 mAh for a Lithium Primary we can calculate briefly the life time of the battery when VBATT is not applied.

\[
\frac{220000 \mu A h}{(1.1 + 2) \mu A} = 70968 \text{ hours} \rightarrow \text{more than 8 years}
\]

When VBATT voltage is present, the VRTC voltage exceeds the S-817 output voltage, so the current for the Lithium Primary Battery is typically 1.1 μA and the Lithium Primary Battery duration will be increased.
NOTES:
**GE910-QUAD**: with ON/OFF line connected to GND the IRev will be around 100 μA. Please consider this for the backup time calculation.

NOTES:
**GE910-GNSS**: with ON/OFF line connected to GND the IRev will be around 180 μA. Please consider this for the backup time calculation.

Warning:
**HE910, UE910, CE910, DE910, HE910 V2, UE910 V2**: with HW_SHUTDOWN* line connected to GND the IRev will be around 360μA. Never connect HW_SHUTDOWN* line to GND when backup battery/capacitor is used and VBATT = 0. RTC data could be lost.

Warning:
In this configuration VBATT has to be applied at least one time to setup the RTC circuit of the modem.
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