# Custom Wireless 802.15.4 Transcievers Design Note #79 Wireless Data Telemetry



On the field performace really counts when the world title is on the line. Wireless data monitors from Orchid Technologies bring home the gold.





"Make it thin. Make it really thin. Make battery life exceed four hours. Integrate data storage. Deliver working prototypes in eight weeks. Wow, on time first revision units are working! Outstanding Orchid."

- VP Engineering



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#### **Custom Wireless 802.15.4 Transceivers**

Custom wireless 802.15.4 transceivers from Orchid Technologies operate in the 900MHz, and 2.4GHz frequency bands. Occupying 802.15.4 channels 1 through 27, wireless communications on these frequencies can be very useful for low bandwidth data telemetry. IEEE 802.15.4 specifies a means of wireless data transmission. Application requirements can dictate actual data transmission protocols used. Orchid technologies has developed protocol variations for beacon enabled and non-beacon enabled networks.

#### **Extended Battery Life**

Lithium-ion and Lithium-polymer batteries provide high energy in small lightweight packages. Four hours of serviceable operation requires careful energy management. Dynamic power control, firmware power monitoring and power load management achieve extended operating times.

#### **GPS Receiver Subsystem**

Close proximity of the GPS receiver, 802.15.4 transceiver, and digital microcontroller signals required careful circuit floor planning. Careful circuit routing, shielding and planning maximizes radio link performance while managing subsystem interference.

#### **Physically Thin Packaging**

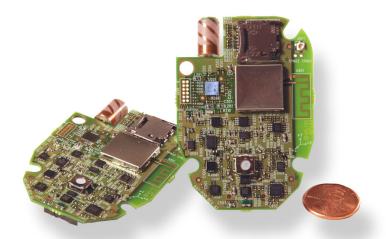
Build upon a 1mm thick circuit board, component parts where chosen for both their electrical performance and their physically small size. Close cooperation between industrial design and electronic design made this physically thin package a reality.

### Rapid Wireless Radio Design Cycle

Product trials were already scheduled when we began. Orchid had to deliver working units in eight weeks. Combining industrial design, electronic design and component engineering, Orchid crafted a rugged data collection device in record time.

#### **Orchid Technologies: Wireless Transceivers**

The development of custom electronic products for our OEM clients is Orchid's entire business. The design of custom 802.15.4 wireless transceivers with rapid design cycles, demanding technical requirements, and unforgiving schedules sets us apart. Call Orchid Technologies today!



## **Custom Engineering From Concept to Production**

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