

## **CC2550**

# **Single Chip Low Cost Low Power RF Transmitter**

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### **Applications**

- 2400-2483.5 MHz ISM/SRD band systems
- Consumer Electronics
- Wireless game controllers
- Wireless audio

### **Product Description**

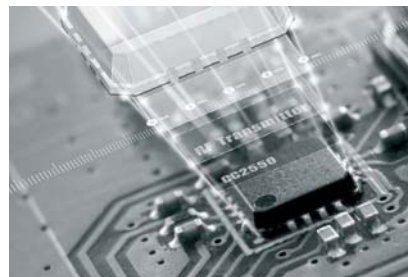
The **CC2550** is a low cost true single chip 2.4 GHz transmitter designed for very low power wireless applications. The circuit is intended for the ISM (Industrial, Scientific and Medical) and SRD (Short Range Device) frequency band at 2400-2483.5 MHz.

The RF transmitter is integrated with a highly configurable baseband modulator which has a configurable data rate up to 500 kbps. Performance can be increased by enabling a Forward Error Correction option, which is integrated in the modulator.

The **CC2550** provides extensive hardware support for packet handling, data buffering and burst transmissions.

The main operating parameters and the 64-byte transmit FIFO of **CC2550** can be controlled via an SPI interface. In a typical system, the **CC2550** will be used together with a microcontroller and a few passive components.

**CC2550** is part of Chipcon's 4<sup>th</sup> generation technology platform based on 0.18  $\mu\text{m}$  CMOS technology.



This data sheet contains preliminary data, and supplementary data will be published at a later date. Chipcon reserves the right to make changes at any time without notice in order to improve design and supply the best possible product. The product is not fully qualified at this point.

### **Key Features**

- Small size (QLP 4x4 mm package, 16 pins)
- True single chip 2.4 GHz RF transmitter
- Frequency range: 2400-2483.5 MHz
- Programmable data rate up to 500 kbps
- Low current consumption
- Programmable output power up to +1 dBm
- Very few external components: Totally on-chip frequency synthesizer, no external filters needed
- Programmable baseband modulator
- Ideal for multi-channel operation
- Configurable packet handling hardware
- Suitable for frequency hopping systems due to a fast settling frequency synthesizer
- Optional Forward Error Correction with interleaving
- 64-byte TX data FIFO
- Suited for systems compliant with EN 300 328 and EN 300 440 class 2 (Europe), FCC CFR47 Part 15 (US), and ARIB STD-T66 (Japan)
- Many powerful digital features allow a high-performance RF system to be made using an inexpensive microcontroller
- Efficient SPI interface: All registers can be programmed with one "burst" transfer
- Integrated analog temperature sensor
- Lead-free "green" package
- Flexible support for packet oriented systems: On chip support for sync word insertion, flexible packet length and automatic CRC handling
- OOK supported
- FSK, GFSK and MSK supported.
- Optional automatic whitening of data
- Support for asynchronous transparent transmit mode for backwards compatibility with existing radio communication protocols

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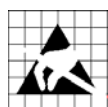
## Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in this data sheet are described below.

ACP	Adjacent Channel Power	MSK	Minimum Shift Keying
ADC	Analog to Digital Converter	NA	Not Applicable
AGC	Automatic Gain Control	LO	Local Oscillator
AMR	Automatic Meter Reading	OOK	On Off Keying
ARIB	Association of Radio Industries and Businesses	PA	Power Amplifier
ASK	Amplitude Shift Keying	PCB	Printed Circuit Board
BER	Bit Error Rate	PD	Power Down
BT	Bandwidth-Time product	PER	Packet Error Rate
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	PLL	Phase Locked Loop
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check	QPSK	Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
DC	Direct Current	QLP	Quad Leadless Package
ESR	Equivalent Series Resistance	RF	Radio Frequency
FCC	Federal Communications Commission	RX	Receive, Receive Mode
FEC	Forward Error Correction	SMD	Surface Mount Device
FHSS	Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum	SNR	Signal to Noise Ratio
FIFO	First-In-First-Out	SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface
FSK	Frequency Shift Keying	SRD	Short Range Device
GFSK	Gaussian shaped Frequency Shift Keying	TX	Transmit, Transmit Mode
I/Q	In-Phase/Quadrature	VCO	Voltage Controlled Oscillator
ISM	Industrial, Scientific and Medical	WLAN	Wireless Local Area Networks
LC	Inductor-Capacitor	XOSC	Crystal Oscillator
LO	Local Oscillator	XTAL	Crystal
MCU	Microcontroller Unit		

## 1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Under no circumstances must the absolute maximum ratings given in Table 1 be violated. Stress exceeding one or more of the limiting values may cause permanent damage to the device.



**Caution!** ESD sensitive device.  
Precaution should be used when handling the device in order to prevent permanent damage.

Parameter	Min	Max	Units	Condition
Supply voltage	−0.3	3.6	V	All supply pins must have the same voltage
Voltage on any digital pin	−0.3	VDD+0.3, max 3.6	V	
Voltage on the pins RF_P, RF_N and DCOUPL	−0.3	2.0	V	
Storage temperature range	−50	150	°C	
Solder reflow temperature		260	°C	According to IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020C
ESD		<500	V	According to JEDEC STD 22, method A114, Human Body Model

**Table 1: Absolute maximum ratings**

## 2 Operating Conditions

The operating conditions for **CC2550** are listed Table 2 in below.

Parameter	Min	Max	Unit	Condition
Operating temperature	−40	85	°C	
Operating supply voltage	1.8	3.6	V	All supply pins must have the same voltage

**Table 2: Operating conditions**

## 3 General Characteristics

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Frequency range	2400		2483.5	MHz	There will be spurious signals at n/2-crystal oscillator frequency (n is an integer number). RF frequencies at n/2-crystal oscillator frequency should therefore not be used (e.g. 2405, 2418, 2444, 2457, 2470 and 2483 MHz when using a 26 MHz crystal). Please refer to the <b>CC2550</b> Errata Note for more details.
Data rate	1.2 1.2 26		500 250 500	kbps kbps kbps	FSK GFSK and OOK (Shaped) MSK (also known as differential offset QPSK) Optional Manchester encoding (halves the data rate).

**Table 3: General characteristics**

## 4 Electrical Specifications

### 4.1 Current Consumption

T<sub>c</sub> = 25°C, VDD = 3.0 V if nothing else stated. All measurement results obtained using the CC2550EM reference design.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition
Current consumption in power down modes		200		nA	Voltage regulator to digital part off (SLEEP state)
		160		μA	Voltage regulator to digital part on, all other modules in power down (XOFF state)
Current consumption		1.4		mA	Only voltage regulator to digital part and crystal oscillator running (IDLE state)
		7.3		mA	Only the frequency synthesizer running (after going from IDLE until reaching TX state, and frequency calibration states)
Current consumption, TX states		11.2		mA	Transmit mode, −12 dBm output power (TX state)
		14.7		mA	Transmit mode, −6 dBm output power (TX state)
		19.4		mA	Transmit mode, 0 dBm output power (TX state)
		21.3		mA	Transmit mode, +1 dBm output power (TX state)

**Table 4: Current consumption**

## 4.2 RF Transmit Section

T<sub>c</sub> = 25°C, VDD = 3.0 V, 0 dBm if nothing else stated. All measurement results obtained using the CC2550EM reference design.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Differential load impedance		80 + j74		Ω	Differential impedance as seen from the RF-port (RF_P and RF_N) towards the antenna. Follow the CC2550EM reference design available from the TI and Chipcon websites.
Output power, highest setting		+1		dBm	Output power is programmable and is available across the entire frequency band.  Delivered to 50 Ω single-ended load via CC2550EM reference RF matching network.
Output power, lowest setting		−30		dBm	Output power is programmable and is available across the entire frequency band.  Delivered to 50 Ω single-ended load via CC2550EM reference RF matching network.
Adjacent channel power		−19		dBc	1 MHz channel spacing (±1 MHz from carrier) and 500 kbps MSK.
Alternate channel power		−39		dBc	1 MHz channel spacing (±2 MHz from carrier) and 500 kbps MSK.
Spurious emissions					
25 MHz – 1 GHz			−36	dBm	Restricted band in Europe  Restricted bands in USA
47-74, 87.5-118, 174-230, 470-862 MHz			−54	dBm	
1800-1900 MHz			−47	dBm	
At 2-RF and 3-RF			−41	dBm	
Otherwise above 1 GHz			−30	dBm	

**Table 5: RF transmit parameters**

## 4.3 Crystal Oscillator

T<sub>c</sub> = 25°C, VDD = 3.0 V if nothing else stated.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Crystal frequency	26	26	27	MHz	
Tolerance		±40		ppm	This is the total tolerance including a) initial tolerance, b) crystal loading, c) aging and d) temperature dependence.  The acceptable crystal tolerance depends on RF frequency and channel spacing / bandwidth.
ESR			100	Ω	
Start-up time		300		μs	Measured on CC2550 EM reference design.

**Table 6: Crystal oscillator parameters**

#### 4.4 Frequency Synthesizer Characteristics

T<sub>c</sub> = 25°C, VDD = 3.0 V if nothing else stated. All measurement results obtained using the CC2550EM reference design.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Programmed frequency resolution	397	$F_{XOSC}/2^{16}$	427	Hz	26-27 MHz crystal.
Synthesizer frequency tolerance		±40		ppm	Given by crystal used. Required accuracy (including temperature and aging) depends on frequency band and channel bandwidth / spacing.
RF carrier phase noise		-74		dBc/Hz	@ 50 kHz offset from carrier
		-74		dBc/Hz	@ 100 kHz offset from carrier
		-77		dBc/Hz	@ 200 kHz offset from carrier
		-97		dBc/Hz	@ 1 MHz offset from carrier
		-106		dBc/Hz	@ 2 MHz offset from carrier
		-114		dBc/Hz	@ 5 MHz offset from carrier
		-117		dBc/Hz	@ 10 MHz offset from carrier
PLL turn-on / hop time		88.4		μs	Time from leaving the IDLE state until arriving in the FSTXON or TX state, when not performing calibration. Crystal oscillator running.
PLL calibration time		18739		XOSC cycles	Calibration can be initiated manually or automatically before entering or after leaving RX/TX.
	0.69	0.72	0.72	ms	Min/typ/max time is for 27/26/26 MHz crystal frequency.

Table 7: Frequency synthesizer parameters

#### 4.5 Analog Temperature Sensor

The characteristics of the analog temperature sensor are listed in Table 8 below. Note that it is necessary to write 0xBF to the PTEST register to use the analog temperature sensor in the IDLE state.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Output voltage at -40°C		0.660		V	
Output voltage at 0°C		0.755		V	
Output voltage at +40°C		0.859		V	
Output voltage at +80°C		0.958		V	
Temperature coefficient		2.54		mV/°C	Fitted from -20°C to +80°C
Error in calculated temperature, calibrated	-2 *	0	2 *	°C	From -20°C to +80°C when using 2.54 mV / °C, after 1-point calibration at room temperature * The indicated minimum and maximum error with 1-point calibration is based on simulated values for typical process parameters
Current consumption increase when enabled		0.3		mA	

Table 8: Analog temperature sensor parameters

## 4.6 DC Characteristics

T<sub>c</sub> = 25°C if nothing else stated.

Digital Inputs/Outputs	Min	Max	Unit	Condition
Logic "0" input voltage	0	0.7	V	
Logic "1" input voltage	VDD-0.7	VDD	V	
Logic "0" output voltage	0	0.5	V	For up to 4 mA output current
Logic "1" output voltage	VDD-0.3	VDD	V	For up to 4 mA output current
Logic "0" input current	NA	-50	nA	Input equals 0 V
Logic "1" input current	NA	50	nA	Input equals VDD

Table 9: DC characteristics

## 4.7 Power On Reset

When the power supply complies with the requirements in Table 10 below, proper Power-On-Reset functionality is guaranteed. Otherwise, the chip should be assumed to have unknown state until transmitting an `SRES` strobe over the SPI interface. See Section 16.1 on page 23 for further details.

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition/Note
Power-up ramp-up time.			5	ms	From 0 V until reaching 1.8 V
Power off time	1			ms	Minimum time between power off and power-on.

Table 10: Power-on reset requirements

## 5 Pin Configuration

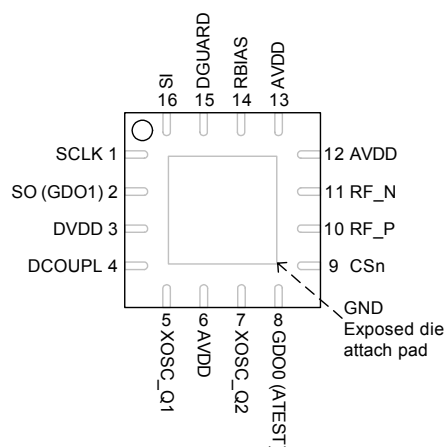


Figure 1: Pinout top view

Note: The exposed die attach pad **must** be connected to a solid ground plane as this is the main ground connection for the chip.



Pin #	Pin name	Pin type	Description
1	SCLK	Digital Input	Serial configuration interface, clock input
2	SO (GDO1)	Digital Output	Serial configuration interface, data output. Optional general output pin when CSn is high
3	DVDD	Power (Digital)	1.8 - 3.6 V digital power supply for digital I/O's and for the digital core voltage regulator
4	DCOUPPL	Power (Digital)	1.6 - 2.0 V digital power supply output for decoupling. NOTE: This pin is intended for use with the <b>CC2550</b> only. It can not be used to provide supply voltage to other devices.
5	XOSC_Q1	Analog I/O	Crystal oscillator pin 1, or external clock input
6	AVDD	Power (Analog)	1.8 - 3.6 V analog power supply connection
7	XOSC_Q2	Analog I/O	Crystal oscillator pin 2
8	GDO0 (ATEST)	Digital I/O	Digital output pin for general use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test signals</li> <li>• FIFO status signals</li> <li>• Clock output, down-divided from XOSC</li> <li>• Serial input TX data</li> </ul> Also used as analog test I/O for prototype/production testing
9	CSn	Digital Input	Serial configuration interface, chip select
10	RF_P	RF Output	Positive RF output signal from PA
11	RF_N	RF Output	Negative RF output signal from PA
12	AVDD	Power (Analog)	1.8 - 3.6 V analog power supply connection
13	AVDD	Power (Analog)	1.8 - 3.6 V analog power supply connection
14	RBIAS	Analog I/O	External bias resistor for reference current
15	DGUARD	Power (Digital)	Power supply connection for digital noise isolation
16	SI	Digital Input	Serial configuration interface, data input

Table 11: Pinout overview

## 6 Circuit Description

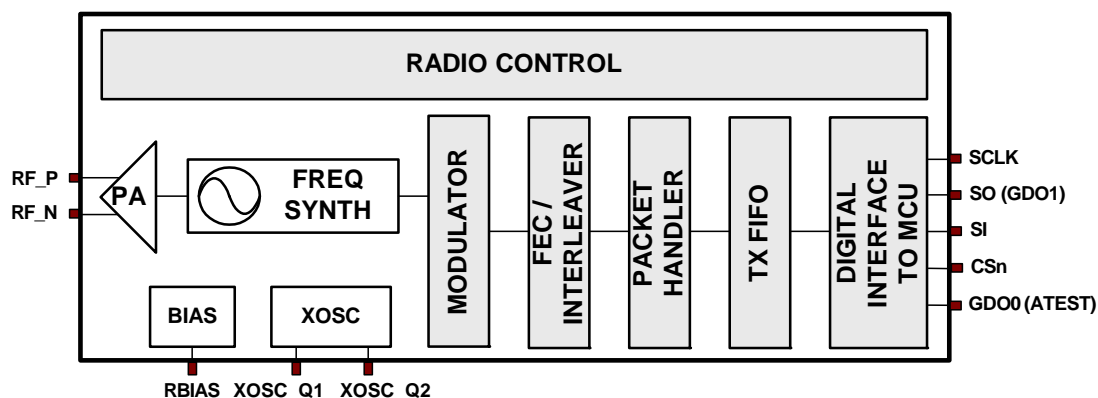


Figure 2: CC2550 simplified block diagram

A simplified block diagram of **CC2550** is shown in Figure 2.

The **CC2550** transmitter is based on direct synthesis of the RF frequency.

The frequency synthesizer includes a completely on-chip LC VCO.

A crystal is to be connected to XOSC\_Q1 and

XOSC\_Q2. The crystal oscillator generates the reference frequency for the synthesizer, as well as clocks for the digital part.

A 4-wire SPI serial interface is used for configuration and data buffer access.

The digital baseband includes support for channel configuration, packet handling and data buffering.

## 7 Application Circuit

Only a few external components are required for using the **CC2550**. The recommended application circuit is shown in Figure 3. The external components are described in Table 12, and typical values are given in Table 13.

### Bias resistor

The bias resistor R141 is used to set an accurate bias current.

### Balun and RF matching

C102, C112, L101 and L111 form a balun that converts the differential RF signal on **CC2550** to a single-ended RF signal. C101 and C111 are needed for DC blocking. Together with an appropriate LC network, the balun components also transform the impedance to match a 50  $\Omega$  antenna (or cable). Component values for the RF balun and LC network are easily found using the SmartRF® Studio software. Suggested values are listed in Table

13. The balun and LC filter component values and their placement are important to keep the performance optimized. It is highly recommended to follow the CC2550EM reference design.

### Crystal

The crystal oscillator uses an external crystal with two loading capacitors (C51 and C71). See Section 22 on page 29 for details.

### Power supply decoupling

The power supply must be properly decoupled close to the supply pins. Note that decoupling capacitors are not shown in the application circuit. The placement and the size of the decoupling capacitors are very important to achieve the optimum performance. The CC2550EM reference design should be followed closely.

Component	Description
C41	100 nF decoupling capacitor for on-chip voltage regulator to digital part
C51/C71	Crystal loading capacitors, see Section 22 on page 29 for details
C101/C111	RF balun DC blocking capacitors
C102/C112	RF balun/matching capacitors
C103/C104	RF LC filter/matching capacitors
L101/L111	RF balun/matching inductors (inexpensive multi-layer type)
L102	RF LC filter inductor (inexpensive multi-layer type)
R141	Resistor for internal bias current reference
XTAL	26-27 MHz crystal, see Section 22 on page 29 for details

**Table 12: Overview of external components (excluding supply decoupling capacitors)**

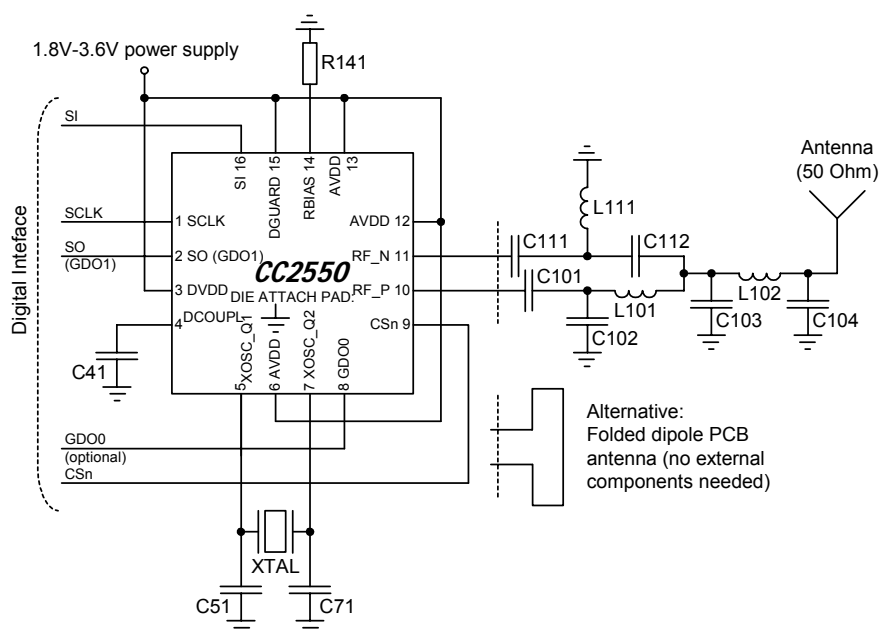


Figure 3: Typical application and evaluation circuit (excluding supply decoupling capacitors)

Component	Value	Manufacturer
C41	100 nF±10%, 0402 X5R	Murata GRM15 series
C51	27 pF±5%, 0402 NP0	Murata GRM15 series
C71	27 pF±5%, 0402 NP0	Murata GRM15 series
C101	100 pF±5%, 0402 NP0	Murata GRM15 series
C102	1.0 pF±0.25pF, 0402 NP0	Murata GRM15 series
C103	1.8 pF±0.25pF, 0402 NP0	Murata GRM15 series
C104	1.5 pF±0.25pF, 0402 NP0	Murata GRM15 series
C111	100 pF±5%, 0402 NP0	Murata GRM15 series
C112	1.0 pF±0.25pF, 0402 NP0	Murata GRM15 series
L101	1.2 nH±0.3nH, 0402 monolithic	Murata LQG15 series
L102	1.2 nH±0.3nH, 0402 monolithic	Murata LQG15 series
L111	1.2 nH±0.3nH, 0402 monolithic	Murata LQG15 series
R141	56 kΩ±1%, 0402	Koa RK73 series
XTAL	26.0 MHz surface mount crystal	NDK, AT-41CD2

Table 13: Bill of Materials for the application circuit

In the CC2550EM reference design, LQG15 series inductors from Murata have been used. Measurements have been performed with multi-layer inductors from other manufacturers (e.g. Würth) and the measurement results were the same as when using the Murata part.

The Gerber files for the CC2550EM reference design are available from the TI and Chipcon websites.



## 9 Configuration Software

**CC2550** can be configured using the SmartRF® Studio software, available for download from <http://www.ti.com>. The SmartRF® Studio software is highly recommended for obtaining

optimum register settings, and for evaluating performance and functionality. A screenshot of the SmartRF® Studio user interface for **CC2550** is shown in Figure 5.

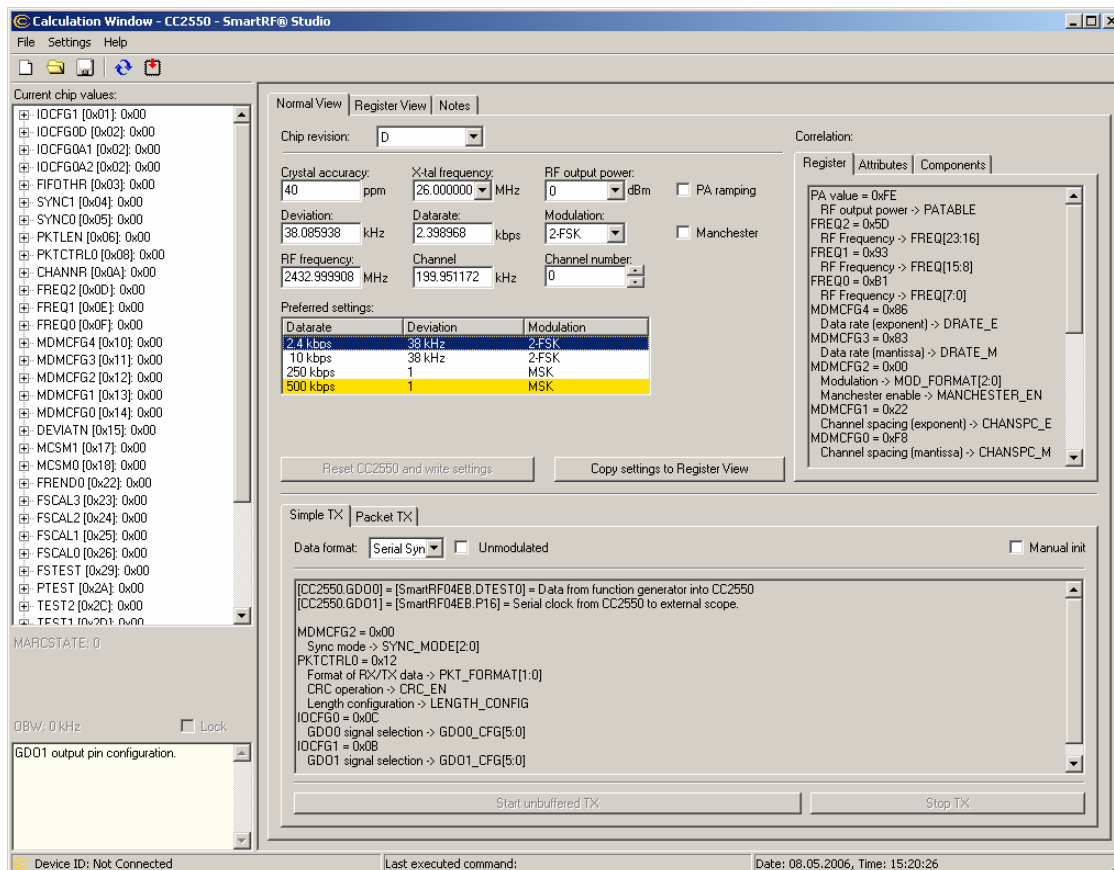


Figure 5: SmartRF® Studio user interface

## 10 4-wire Serial Configuration and Data Interface

**CC2550** is configured via a simple 4-wire SPI-compatible interface (SI, SO, SCLK and CS<sub>n</sub>) where **CC2550** is the slave. This interface is also used to read and write buffered data. All address and data transfer on the SPI interface is done most significant bit first.

All transactions on the SPI interface start with a header byte containing a read/write bit, a burst access bit and a 6-bit address.

During address and data transfer, the CS<sub>n</sub> pin (Chip Select, active low) must be kept low. If CS<sub>n</sub> goes high during the access, the transfer will be cancelled. The timing for the address

and data transfer on the SPI interface is shown in Figure 6 with reference to Table 14.

When CS<sub>n</sub> goes low, the MCU must wait until the **CC2550** SO pin goes low before starting to transfer the header byte. This indicates that the voltage regulator has stabilized and the crystal is running. Unless the chip is in the SLEEP or XOFF states or an SRES command strobe is issued, the SO pin will always go low immediately after taking CS<sub>n</sub> low.

Figure 7 gives a brief overview of different register access types possible.

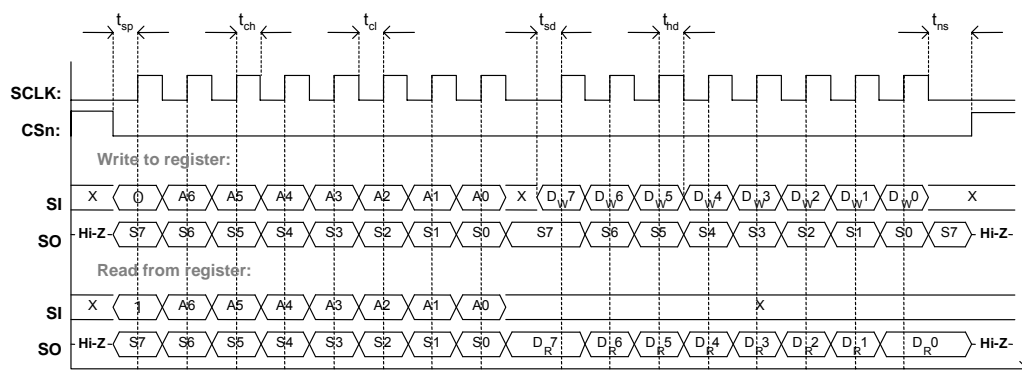


Figure 6: Configuration registers write and read operations

Parameter	Description	Min	Max	Units	
f <sub>SCLK</sub>	SCLK frequency 100 ns delay inserted between address byte and data byte (single access), or between address and data, and between each data byte (burst access).	-	10	MHz	
	SCLK frequency, single access No delay between address and data byte		9	MHz	
	SCLK frequency, burst access No delay between address and data byte, or between data bytes		6.5	MHz	
t <sub>sp,pd</sub>	CSn low to positive edge on SCLK, in power-down mode	200	-	μs	
t <sub>sp</sub>	CSn low to positive edge on SCLK, in active mode	20	-	ns	
t <sub>ch</sub>	Clock high	50	-	ns	
t <sub>cl</sub>	Clock low	50	-	ns	
t <sub>rise</sub>	Clock rise time	-	5	ns	
t <sub>fall</sub>	Clock fall time	-	5	ns	
t <sub>sd</sub>	Setup data (negative SCLK edge) to positive edge on SCLK (t <sub>sd</sub> applies between address and data bytes, and between data bytes)	Single access	55	-	ns
		Burst access	76	-	ns
t <sub>hd</sub>	Hold data after positive edge on SCLK	20	-	ns	
t <sub>ns</sub>	Negative edge on SCLK to CSn high	20	-	ns	

Table 14: SPI interface timing requirements

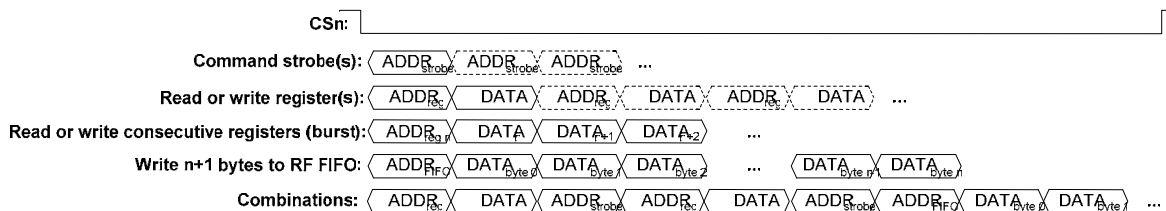


Figure 7: Register access types

## 10.1 Chip Status Byte

When the header byte, data byte or command strobe is sent on the SPI interface, the chip status byte is sent by the **CC2550** on the **SO** pin. The status byte contains key status signals, useful for the MCU. The first bit, **s7**, is the **CHIP\_RDYn** signal; this signal must go low before the first positive edge of **SCLK**. The **CHIP\_RDYn** signal indicates that the crystal is running and the regulated digital supply voltage is stable.

Bits 6, 5 and 4 comprise the **STATE** value. This value reflects the state of the chip. The **XOSC** and power to the digital core is on in the **IDLE** state, but all other modules are in power down. The frequency and channel configuration

should only be updated when the chip is in this state. The **TX** state will be active when the chip is transmitting.

The last four bits (3:0) in the status byte contains **FIFO\_BYTES\_AVAILABLE**. This field contains the number of bytes free for writing into the **TX FIFO**. When **FIFO\_BYTES\_AVAILABLE=15**, 15 or more bytes are free.

Table 15 gives a status byte summary.

Bits	Name	Description																											
7	CHIP_RDYn	Stays high until power and crystal have stabilized. Should always be low when using the SPI interface.																											
6:4	STATE[2:0]	Indicates the current main state machine mode <table> <tr> <th>Value</th><th>State</th><th>Description</th></tr> <tr> <td>000</td><td>Idle</td><td>IDLE state (Also reported for some transitional states instead of SETTLING or CALIBRATE)</td></tr> <tr> <td>001</td><td>Not used (RX)</td><td>Not used, included for software compatibility with <b>CC2500</b> transceiver</td></tr> <tr> <td>010</td><td>TX</td><td>Transmit mode</td></tr> <tr> <td>011</td><td>FSTXON</td><td>Fast TX ready</td></tr> <tr> <td>100</td><td>CALIBRATE</td><td>Frequency synthesizer calibration is running</td></tr> <tr> <td>101</td><td>SETTLING</td><td>PLL is settling</td></tr> <tr> <td>110</td><td>Not used (RXFIFO_OVERFLOW)</td><td>Not used, included for software compatibility with <b>CC2500</b> transceiver</td></tr> <tr> <td>111</td><td>TXFIFO_UNDERFLOW</td><td>TX FIFO has underflowed. Acknowledge with <b>SFTX</b></td></tr> </table>	Value	State	Description	000	Idle	IDLE state (Also reported for some transitional states instead of SETTLING or CALIBRATE)	001	Not used (RX)	Not used, included for software compatibility with <b>CC2500</b> transceiver	010	TX	Transmit mode	011	FSTXON	Fast TX ready	100	CALIBRATE	Frequency synthesizer calibration is running	101	SETTLING	PLL is settling	110	Not used (RXFIFO_OVERFLOW)	Not used, included for software compatibility with <b>CC2500</b> transceiver	111	TXFIFO_UNDERFLOW	TX FIFO has underflowed. Acknowledge with <b>SFTX</b>
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Table 15: Status byte summary

## 10.2 Registers Access

The configuration registers on the **CC2550** are located on SPI addresses from **0x00** to **0x2F**. Table 24 on page 36 lists all configuration registers. The detailed description of each register is found in Section 27.1, starting on page 38. All configuration registers can be both written and read. The read/write bit controls if the register should be written or read. When writing to registers, the status byte

is sent on the **SO** pin each time a header byte or data byte is transmitted on the **SI** pin. When reading from registers, the status byte is sent on the **SO** pin each time a header byte is transmitted on the **SI** pin.

Registers with consecutive addresses can be accessed in an efficient way by setting the burst bit in the address header. The address sets the start address in an internal address counter. This counter is incremented by one



each new byte (every 8 clock pulses). The burst access is either a read or a write access and must be terminated by setting  $CS_n$  high.

For register addresses in the range 0x30-0x3D, the "burst" bit is used to select between status registers and command strobes (see below). The status registers can only be read. Burst read is not available for status registers, so they must be read one at a time.

### 10.3 SPI Read

When reading register fields over the SPI interface while the register fields are updated by the radio hardware (e.g. MARCSTATE or TXBYTES), there is a small, but finite, probability that a single read from the register is being corrupt. As an example, the probability of any single read from TXBYTES being corrupt, assuming the maximum data rate is used, is approximately 80 ppm. Refer to the *CC2550* Errata Note for more details.

### 10.4 Command Strokes

Command strokes may be viewed as single byte instructions to *CC2550*. By addressing a command stroke register, internal sequences will be started. These commands are used to disable the crystal oscillator, enable transmit mode, flush the TX FIFO etc. The 9 command strokes are listed in Table 23 on page 35.

The command stroke registers are accessed in the same way as for a register write operation, but no data is transferred. That is, only the R/W bit (set to 0), burst access (set to 0) and the six address bits (in the range 0x30 through 0x3D) are written.

When writing command strokes, the status byte is sent on the  $SO$  pin.

A command stroke may be followed by any other SPI access without pulling  $CS_n$  high. After issuing an  $SRES$  command stroke the next command stroke can be issued when the  $SO$  pin goes low as shown in Figure 8. The command strokes are executed immediately, with the exception of the  $SPWD$  and the  $SXOFF$  strokes that are executed when  $CS_n$  goes high.

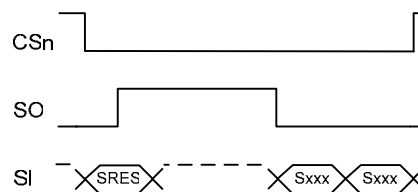


Figure 8: SRES command stroke

### 10.5 FIFO Access

The 64-byte TX FIFO is accessed through the 0x3F address. When the read/write bit is zero, the TX FIFO is accessed. The TX FIFO is write-only.

The burst bit is used to determine if FIFO access is single byte or a burst access. The single byte access method expects address with burst bit set to zero and one data byte. After the data byte a new address is expected; hence,  $CS_n$  can remain low. The burst access method expects one address byte and then consecutive data bytes until terminating the access by setting  $CS_n$  high.

The following header bytes access the FIFO:

- 0x3F: Single byte access to TX FIFO
- 0x7F: Burst access to TX FIFO

When writing to the TX FIFO, the status byte (see Section 10.1) is output for each new data byte on  $SO$ , as shown in Figure 6. This status byte can be used to detect TX FIFO underflow while writing data to the TX FIFO. Note that the status byte contains the number of bytes free *before* writing the byte in progress to the TX FIFO. When the last byte that fits in the TX FIFO is transmitted to the  $SI$  pin, the status byte received concurrently on the  $SO$  pin will indicate that one byte is free in the TX FIFO.

The transmit FIFO may be flushed by issuing a  $SFTX$  command stroke. The FIFO is cleared when going to the SLEEP state.

### 10.6 PATABLE Access

The 0x3E address is used to access the PATABLE, which is used for selecting PA power control settings. The SPI expects up to eight data bytes after receiving the address. By programming the PATABLE, controlled PA power ramp-up and ramp-down can be achieved. See Section 21 on page 28 for output power programming details.



The `PATABLE` is an 8-byte table that defines the PA control settings to use for each of the eight PA power values (selected by the 3-bit value `FREND0.PA_POWER`). The table is written and read from the lowest setting (0) to the highest (7), one byte at a time. An index counter is used to control the access to the table. This counter is incremented each time a byte is read or written to the table, and set to the lowest index when `CSn` is high. When the highest value is reached the counter restarts at 0.

The access to the `PATABLE` is either single byte or burst access depending on the burst bit. When using burst access the index counter will count up; when reaching 7 the counter will restart at 0. The read/write bit controls whether the access is a write access (`R/W=0`) or a read access (`R/W=1`).

If one byte is written to the `PATABLE` and this value is to be read out then `CSn` must be set high before the read access in order to set the index counter back to zero.

Note that the content of the `PATABLE` is lost when entering the SLEEP state.

## 11 Microcontroller Interface and Pin Configuration

In a typical system, **CC2550** will interface to a microcontroller. This microcontroller must be able to:

- Program **CC2550** into different modes
- Write buffered data
- Read back status information via the 4-wire SPI-bus configuration interface (`SI`, `SO`, `SCLK` and `CSn`)

### 11.1 Configuration Interface

The microcontroller uses four I/O pins for the SPI configuration interface (`SI`, `SO`, `SCLK` and `CSn`). The SPI is described in 13 on page 13.

### 11.2 General Control and Status Pins

The **CC2550** has one dedicated configurable pin and one shared pin that can output internal status information useful for control software. These pins can be used to generate interrupts on the MCU. See Section 24 page 30 for more details of the signals that can be programmed. The dedicated pin is called `GDO0`. The shared

pin is the `SO` pin in the SPI interface. The default setting for `GDO1/SO` is 3-state output. By selecting any other of the programming options the `GDO1/SO` pin will become a generic pin. When `CSn` is low, the pin will always function as a normal `SO` pin.

In the synchronous and asynchronous serial modes, the `GDO0` pin is used as a serial TX data input pin while in transmit mode.

The `GDO0` pin can also be used for an on-chip analog temperature sensor. By measuring the voltage on the `GDO0` pin with an external ADC, the temperature can be calculated. Specifications for the temperature sensor are found in Section 4.5 on page 7.

With default `PTEST` register setting (0x7F) the temperature sensor output is only available when the frequency synthesizer is enabled (e.g. the `MANCAL`, `FSTXON` and `TX` states). It is necessary to write 0xBF to the `PTEST` register to use the analog temperature sensor in the IDLE state. Before leaving the IDLE state, the `PTEST` register should be restored to its default value (0x7F).

## 12 Data Rate Programming

The data rate used when transmitting is programmed by the `MDMCFG3.DRATE_M` and the `MDMCFG4.DRATE_E` configuration registers. The data rate is given by the formula below. As the formula shows, the programmed data rate depends on the crystal frequency.

$$R_{DATA} = \frac{(256 + DRATE\_M) \cdot 2^{DRATE\_E}}{2^{28}} \cdot f_{XOSC}$$

The following approach can be used to find suitable values for a given data rate:

$$DRATE\_E = \left\lceil \log_2 \left( \frac{R_{DATA} \cdot 2^{20}}{f_{XOSC}} \right) \right\rceil$$

$$DRATE\_M = \frac{R_{DATA} \cdot 2^{28}}{f_{XOSC} \cdot 2^{DRATE\_E}} - 256$$

If `DRATE_M` is rounded to the nearest integer and becomes 256, increment `DRATE_E` and use `DRATE_M=0`.

The data rate can be programmed from 1.2 kbps to 500 kbps with a minimum step size of:

Data rate start [kbps]	Typical data rate [kbps]	Data rate stop [kbps]	Data rate step size [kbps]
0.8	1.2/2.4	3.17	0.0062
3.17	4.8	6.35	0.0124
6.35	9.6	12.7	0.0248
12.7	19.6	25.4	0.0496
25.4	38.4	50.8	0.0992
50.8	76.8	101.6	0.1984
101.6	153.6	203.1	0.3967
203.1	250	406.3	0.7935
406.3	500	500	1.5869

Table 16: Data rate step size

## 13 Packet Handling Hardware Support

The **CC2550** has built-in hardware support for packet oriented radio protocols.

In transmit mode, the packet handler will add the following elements to the packet stored in the TX FIFO:

- A programmable number of preamble bytes.
- A two byte synchronization (sync) word. Can be duplicated to give a 4-byte sync word.
- Optionally whiten the data with a PN9 sequence.
- Optionally Interleave and Forward Error Code the data.
- Optionally compute and add a CRC checksum over the data field.

In a system where **CC2550** is used as the transmitter and **CC2500** as the receiver the recommended setting is 4-byte preamble and 4-byte sync word except for 500 kbps data rate where the recommended preamble length is 8 bytes.

### 13.1 Data whitening

From a radio perspective, the ideal over the air data are random and DC free. This results in the smoothest power distribution over the occupied bandwidth. This also gives the regulation loops in the receiver uniform operation conditions (no data dependencies).

Real world data often contain long sequences of zeros and ones. Performance can then be improved by whitening the data before transmitting, and de-whitening in the receiver. With **CC2550**, in combination with a **CC2500** at the receiver end, this can be done automatically by setting `PKTCTRL0.WHITE_DATA=1`. All data, except the preamble and the sync word, are then XOR-ed with a 9-bit pseudo-random (PN9) sequence before being transmitted as shown in Figure 9. At the receiver end, the data are XOR-ed with the same pseudo-random sequence. This way, the whitening is reversed, and the original data appear in the receiver.

Data whitening can only be used when `PKTCTRL0.CC2400_EN = 0` (default).

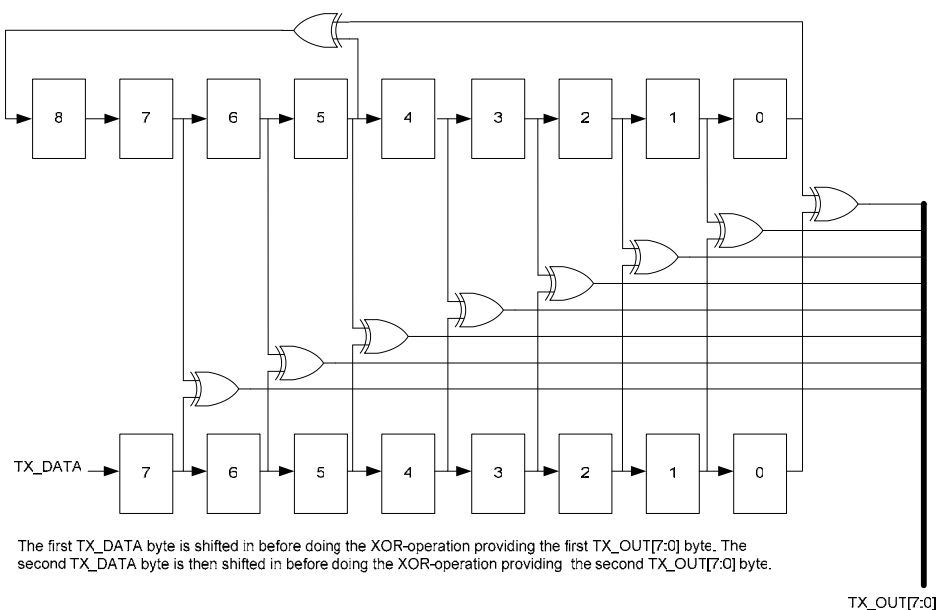


Figure 9: Data whitening in TX mode

### 13.2 Packet format

The format of the data packet can be configured and consists of the following items (see Figure 10):

- Preamble
- Synchronization word

- Length byte or constant programmable packet length
- Optional Address byte
- Payload
- Optional 2 byte CRC

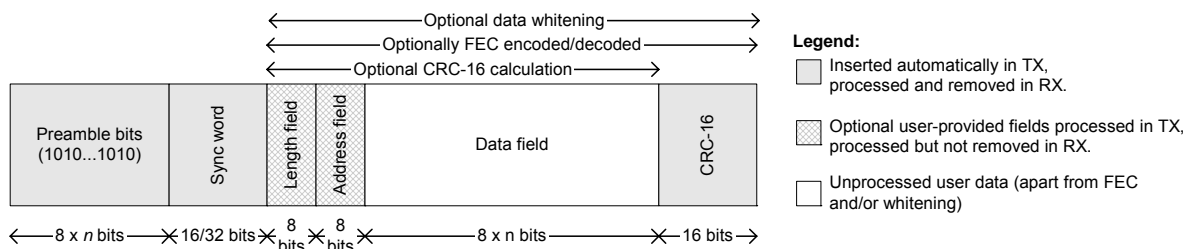


Figure 10: Packet format

The preamble pattern is an alternating sequence of ones and zeros (01010101...). The minimum length of the preamble is programmable. When enabling TX, the modulator will start transmitting the preamble. When the programmed number of preamble bytes has been transmitted, the modulator will send the sync word and then data from the TX FIFO if data is available. If the TX FIFO is empty, the modulator will continue to send preamble bytes until the first byte is written to the TX FIFO. The modulator will then send the sync word and then the data bytes. The

number of preamble bytes is programmed with the `MDMCFG1.NUM_PREAMBLE` value.

The synchronization word is a two-byte value set in the `SYNC1` and `SYNC0` registers. The sync word provides byte synchronization of the incoming packet. A one-byte synch word can be emulated by setting the `SYNC1` value to the preamble pattern. It is also possible to emulate a 32 bit sync word by using `MDMCFG2.SYNC_MODE=3` or `7`. The sync word will then be repeated twice.

CC2550 supports both fixed packet length protocols and variable packet length protocols. Variable or fixed packet length mode can be used for packets up to 255 bytes. For longer packets, infinite packet length mode must be used.

Fixed packet length mode is selected by setting `PKTCTRL0.LENGTH_CONFIG=0`. The desired packet length is set by the `PKTLEN` register.

In variable packet length mode, `PKTCTRL0.LENGTH_CONFIG=1`, the packet length is configured by the first byte after the sync word. The packet length is defined as the payload data, excluding the length byte and the optional automatic CRC.

With `PKTCTRL0.LENGTH_CONFIG=2`, the packet length is set to infinite and transmission will continue until turned off manually. The infinite mode can be turned off while a packet is being transmitted. As described in the next section, this can be used to support packet formats with different length configuration than natively supported by CC2550.

### 13.2.1 Arbitrary length field configuration

By utilizing the infinite packet length option, arbitrary packet length is available. At the start of the packet, the infinite mode must be active. On the TX side, the `PKTLEN` register is set to `mod(length, 256)`. When less than 256 bytes remains of the packet the MCU disables infinite packet length and activates fixed length packets. When the internal byte counter reaches the `PKTLEN` value, the transmission ends. Automatic CRC appending/checking can be used (by setting `PKTCTRL0.CRC_EN` to 1).

When for example a 600-byte packet is to be transmitted, the MCU should do the following (see also Figure 11):

- Set `PKTCTRL0.LENGTH_CONFIG=2` (10).
- Pre-program the `PKTLEN` register to `mod(600,256)=88`.
- Transmit at least 345 bytes, for example by filling the 64-byte TX FIFO six times (384 bytes transmitted).
- Set `PKTCTRL0.LENGTH_CONFIG=0` (00).
- The transmission ends when the packet counter reaches 88. A total of 600 bytes are transmitted.

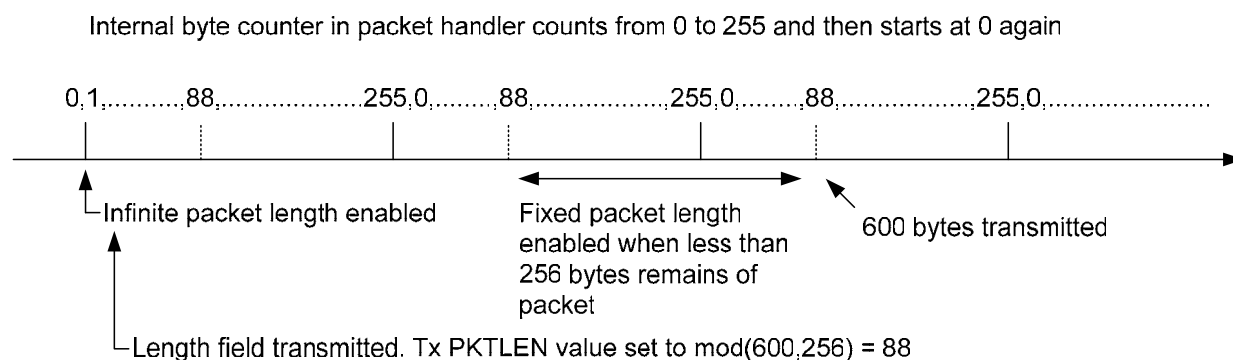


Figure 11: Arbitrary length field configuration

### 13.3 Packet Handling in Transmit Mode

The payload that is to be transmitted must be written into the TX FIFO. The first byte written must be the length byte when variable packet length is enabled. The length byte has a value equal to the payload of the packet (including the optional address byte). If fixed packet length is enabled, then the first byte written to the TX FIFO is interpreted as the destination address, if this feature is enabled in the device that receives the packet.

The modulator will first send the programmed number of preamble bytes. If data is available in the TX FIFO, the modulator will send the two-byte (optionally 4-byte) sync word and then the payload in the TX FIFO. If CRC is

enabled, the checksum is calculated over all the data pulled from the TX FIFO and the result is sent as two extra bytes at the end of the payload data.

If whitening is enabled, the length byte, payload data and the two CRC bytes will be whitened. This is done before the optional FEC/Interleaver stage. Whitening is enabled by setting `PKTCTRL0.WHITE_DATA=1`.

If FEC/Interleaving is enabled, the length byte, payload data and the two CRC bytes will be scrambled by the interleaver, and FEC encoded before being modulated.

## 14 Modulation Formats

CC2550 supports amplitude, frequency and phase shift modulation formats. The desired modulation format is set in the `MDMCFG2.MOD_FORMAT` register.

Optionally, the data stream can be Manchester coded by the modulator. This option is enabled by setting `MDMCFG2.MANCHESTER_EN=1`. Manchester encoding is not supported at the same time as using the FEC/Interleaver option.

### 14.1 Frequency Shift Keying

FSK can optionally be shaped by a Gaussian filter with `BT=1`, producing a GFSK modulated signal.

The frequency deviation is programmed with the `DEVIATION_M` and `DEVIATION_E` values in the `DEVIATN` register. The value has an exponent/mantissa form, and the resultant deviation is given by:

$$f_{dev} = \frac{f_{xosc}}{2^{17}} \cdot (8 + DEVIATION\_M) \cdot 2^{DEVIATION\_E}$$

The symbol encoding is shown in Table 17.

Format	Symbol	Coding
FSK\GFSK	'0'	– Deviation
	'1'	+ Deviation

Table 17: Symbol encoding for FSK modulation

### 14.2 Minimum Shift Keying

When using MSK<sup>1</sup>, the complete transmission (preamble, sync word and payload) will be MSK modulated.

Phase shifts are performed with a constant transition time.

The fraction of a symbol period used to change the phase can be modified with the `DEVIATN.DEVIATION_M` setting. This is equivalent to changing the shaping of the symbol.

The MSK modulation format implemented in CC2550 inverts the sync word and data compared to e.g. signal generators.

### 14.3 Amplitude Modulation

The supported amplitude modulation On-Off Keying (OOK) simply turns on or off the PA to modulate 1 and 0 respectively.

<sup>1</sup> Identical to offset QPSK with half-sine shaping (data coding may differ)

## 15 Forward Error Correction with Interleaving

### 15.1 Forward Error Correction (FEC)

**CC2550** has built in support for Forward Error Correction (FEC) that can be used with **CC2500** at the receiver end. To enable this option, set `MDMCFG1.FEC_EN` to 1. FEC is employed on the data field and CRC word in order to reduce the gross bit error rate when operating near the sensitivity limit. Redundancy is added to the transmitted data in such a way that the receiver can restore the original data in the presence of some bit errors.

The use of FEC allows correct reception at a lower SNR, thus extending communication range. Alternatively, for a given SNR, using FEC decreases the bit error rate (BER). As the packet error rate (PER) is related to BER by:

$$PER = 1 - (1 - BER)^{packet\_length},$$

a lower BER can be used to allow longer packets, or a higher percentage of packets of a given length, to be transmitted successfully. Finally, in realistic ISM radio environments, transient and time-varying phenomena will produce occasional errors even in otherwise good reception conditions. FEC will mask such errors and, combined with interleaving of the coded data, even correct relatively long periods of faulty reception (burst errors).

The FEC scheme adopted for **CC2550** is convolutional coding, in which  $n$  bits are generated based on  $k$  input bits and the  $m$  most recent input bits, forming a code stream able to withstand a certain number of bit errors between each coding state (the  $m$ -bit window).

The convolutional coder is a rate 1/2 code with a constraint length of  $m=4$ . The coder codes one input bit and produces two output bits; hence, the effective data rate is halved.

### 15.2 Interleaving

Data received through real radio channels will often experience burst errors due to interference and time-varying signal strengths. In order to increase the robustness to errors spanning multiple bits, interleaving is used when FEC is enabled. After de-interleaving, a continuous span of errors in the received stream will become single errors spread apart.

**CC2550** employs matrix interleaving, which is illustrated in Figure 12. The on-chip interleaving and de-interleaving buffers are 4 x 4 matrices. In the transmitter, the data bits are written into the rows of the matrix, whereas the bit sequence to be transmitted is read from the columns of the matrix and fed to the rate 1/2 convolutional coder. Conversely, in a **CC2500** receiver, the received symbols are written into the columns of the matrix, whereas the data passed onto the convolutional decoder is read from the rows of the matrix.

When FEC and interleaving is used at least one extra byte is required for trellis termination. In addition, the amount of data transmitted over the air must be a multiple of the size of the interleaver buffer (two bytes). The packet control hardware therefore automatically inserts one or two extra bytes at the end of the packet, so that the total length of the data to be interleaved is an even number. Note that these extra bytes are invisible to the user, as they are removed before the received packet enters the RX FIFO in a **CC2500**.

When FEC and interleaving is used the minimum data payload is 2 bytes in fixed and variable packet length mode.

Note that for the **CC2500** transceiver FEC is only supported in fixed packet length mode (`PKTCTRL0.LENGTH_CONFIG=0`).

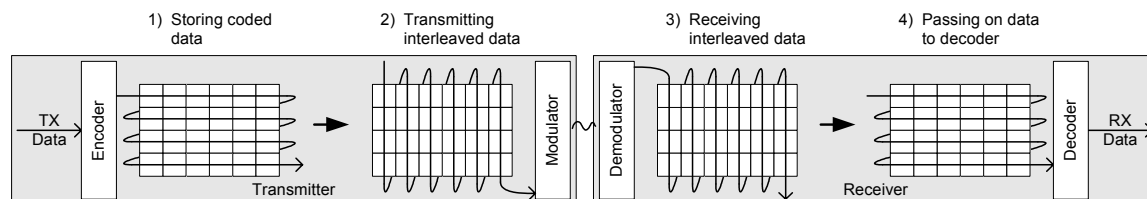


Figure 12: General principle of matrix interleaving



## 16 Radio Control

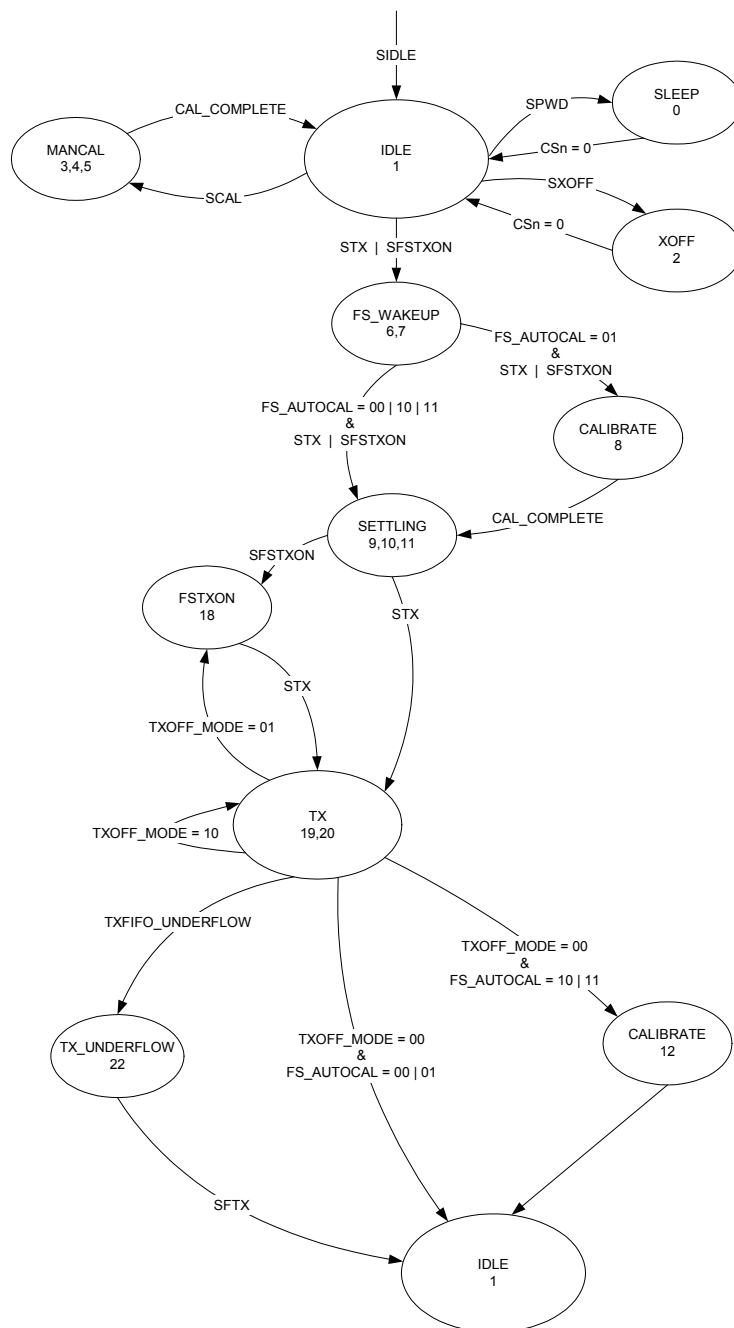


Figure 13: Radio control state diagram

CC2550 has a built-in state machine that is used to switch between different operation states (modes). The change of state is done either by using command strobes or by internal events such as TX FIFO underflow.

A simplified state diagram, together with typical usage and current consumption, is shown in Figure 4 on page 12. The complete radio control state diagram is shown in Figure

13. The numbers refer to the state number readable in the MARCSTATE status register. This functionality is primarily for test purposes.

### 16.1 Power-On Start-Up Sequence

When the power supply is turned on, the system must be reset. One of the following two

sequences must be followed: Automatic power-on reset (POR) or manual reset.

#### 16.1.1 Automatic POR

A power-on reset circuit is included in the **CC2550**. The minimum requirements stated in Section 4.7 must be followed for the power-on reset to function properly. The internal power-up sequence is completed when **CHIP\_RDYn** goes low. **CHIP\_RDYn** is observed on the **SO** pin after **CSn** is pulled low. See Section 10.1 for more details on **CHIP\_RDYn**.

When the **CC2550** reset is completed the chip will be in the IDLE state and the crystal oscillator running. If the chip has had sufficient time for the crystal oscillator and voltage regulator to stabilize after the power-on-reset, the **SO** pin will go low immediately after taking **CSn** low. If **CSn** is taken low before reset is completed the **SO** pin will first go high, indicating that the crystal oscillator and voltage regulator is not stabilized, before going low as shown in Figure 14.

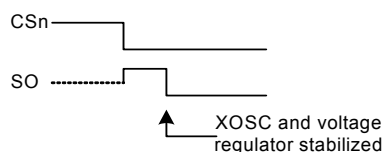


Figure 14: Power-on reset

#### 16.1.2 Manual Reset

The other global reset possibility on **CC2550** is the **SRES** command strobe. By issuing this strobe, all internal registers and states are set to the default, IDLE state. The manual power-up sequence is as follows (see Figure 15):

- Set **SCLK**=1 and **SI**=0, to avoid potential problems with pin control mode (see Section 11.2 on page 17).
- Strobe **CSn** low / high.
- Hold **CSn** high for at least 40  $\mu$ s relative to pulling **CSn** low
- Pull **CSn** low and wait for **SO** to go low (**CHIP\_RDYn**).
- Issue the **SRES** strobe on the **SI** line.
- When **SO** goes low again, reset is complete and the chip is in the IDLE state.

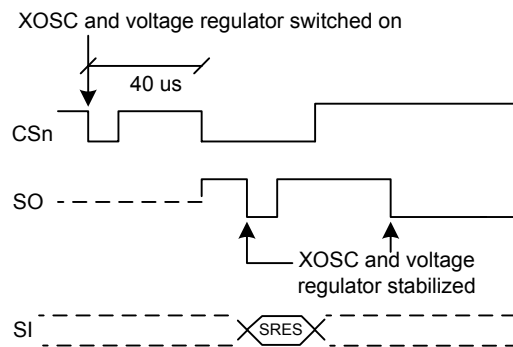


Figure 15: Power-on reset with **SRES**

Note that the above reset procedure is only required just after the power supply is first turned on. If the user wants to reset the **CC2550** after this, it is only necessary to issue an **SRES** command strobe.

## 16.2 Crystal Control

The crystal oscillator is automatically turned on when **CSn** goes low. It will be turned off if the **SXOFF** or **SPWD** command strobes are issued; the state machine then goes to **XOFF** or **SLEEP** respectively. This can be done from any state. The **XOSC** will be turned off when **CSn** is released (goes high). The **XOSC** will be automatically turned on again when **CSn** goes low. The state machine will then go to the IDLE state. The **SO** pin on the SPI interface must be zero before the SPI interface is ready to be used; as described in Section 10.1 on page 15.

Crystal oscillator start-up time depends on crystal ESR and load capacitances. The electrical specification for the crystal oscillator can be found in Section 4.3 on page 6.

## 16.3 Voltage Regulator Control

The voltage regulator to the digital core is controlled by the radio controller. When the chip enters the **SLEEP** state, which is the state with the lowest current consumption, the voltage regulator is disabled. This occurs after **CSn** is released when a **SPWD** command strobe has been sent on the SPI interface. The chip is now in the **SLEEP** state. Setting **CSn** low again will turn on the regulator and crystal oscillator and make the chip enter the IDLE state.

All **CC2550** register values (with the exception of the **MCSM0.PO\_TIMEOUT** field) are lost in



the SLEEP state. After the chip gets back to the IDLE state, the registers will have default (reset) contents and must be reprogrammed over the SPI interface.

#### 16.4 Active Mode

The active transmit mode is activated by the MCU by using the `STX` command strobe.

The frequency synthesizer must be calibrated regularly. **CC2550** has one manual calibration option (using the `SCAL` strobe), and three automatic calibration options, controlled by the `MCSM0.FS_AUTOCAL` setting:

- Calibrate when going from IDLE to TX (or FSTXON)
- Calibrate when going from TX to IDLE
- Calibrate every fourth time when going from TX to IDLE

The calibration takes a constant number of XOSC cycles (see Table 18 for timing details).

When TX is active, the chip will remain in the TX state until the current packet has been successfully transmitted. Then the state will change as indicated by the `MCSM1.TXOFF_MODE` setting. The possible destinations are:

- IDLE
- FSTXON: Frequency synthesizer on and ready at the TX frequency. Activate TX with `STX`.
- TX: Start sending preambles

## 17 Data FIFO

The **CC2550** contains a 64 byte FIFO for data to be transmitted. The SPI interface is used for writing to the TX FIFO. Section 10.5 contains details on the SPI FIFO access. The FIFO controller will detect underflow in the TX FIFO.

When writing to the TX FIFO it is the responsibility of the MCU to avoid TX FIFO overflow. A TX FIFO overflow will result in an error in the TX FIFO content.

The chip status byte that is available on the `SO` pin while transferring the SPI address contains the fill grade of the TX FIFO. Section 10.1 on page 15 contains more details on this.

The `SIDLE` command strobe can always be used to force the radio controller to go to the IDLE state.

#### 16.5 Timing

The radio controller controls most timing in **CC2550**, such as synthesizer calibration and PLL lock. Timing from IDLE to TX is constant, dependent on the auto calibration setting. The calibration time is constant 18739 clock periods. Table 18 shows timing in crystal clock cycles for key state transitions.

Power on time and XOSC start-up times are variable, but within the limits stated in Table 6.

Note that in a frequency hopping spread spectrum or a multi-channel protocol the calibration time can be reduced from 721  $\mu$ s to approximately 150  $\mu$ s. This is explained in Section 26.2.

Description	XOSC periods	26 MHz crystal
Idle to TX/FSTXON, no calibration	2298	88.4 $\mu$ s
Idle to TX/FSTXON, with calibration	~21037	809 $\mu$ s
TX to IDLE, no calibration	2	0.1 $\mu$ s
TX to IDLE, including calibration	~18739	721 $\mu$ s
Manual calibration	~18739	721 $\mu$ s

**Table 18: State transition timing**

The number of bytes in the TX FIFO can also be read from the `TXBYTES.NUM_TXBYTES` status register.

The 4-bit `FIFOTHR.FIFO_THR` setting is used to program the FIFO threshold point. Table 19 lists the 16 `FIFO_THR` settings and the corresponding thresholds for the TX FIFO.

A flag will assert when the number of bytes in the FIFO is equal to or higher than the programmed threshold. The flag is used to generate the FIFO status signals that can be viewed on the GDO pins (see Section 24 on page 30).

Figure 17 shows the number of bytes in the TX FIFO when the threshold flag toggles, in the case of `FIFO_THR=13`. Figure 16 shows the flag as the FIFO is filled above the threshold, and then drained below.

FIFO_THR	Bytes in TX FIFO
0 (0000)	61
1 (0001)	57
2 (0010)	53
3 (0011)	49
4 (0100)	45
5 (0101)	41
6 (0110)	37
7 (0111)	33
8 (1000)	29
9 (1001)	25
10 (1010)	21
11 (1011)	17
12 (1100)	13
13 (1101)	9
14 (1110)	5
15 (1111)	1

Table 19: `FIFO_THR` settings and the corresponding FIFO thresholds

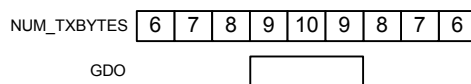


Figure 16: `FIFO_THR=13` vs. number of bytes in FIFO (`GDOx_CFG=0x02`)



Figure 17: Example of FIFO at threshold

## 18 Frequency Programming

The frequency programming in **CC2550** is designed to minimize the programming needed in a channel-oriented system.

To set up a system with channel numbers, the desired channel spacing is programmed with the `MDMCFG0.CHANSPC_M` and `MDMCFG1.CHANSPC_E` registers. The channel spacing registers are mantissa and exponent respectively.

The base or start frequency is set by the 24 bit frequency word located in the `FREQ2`, `FREQ1` and `FREQ0` registers. This word will typically be set to the centre of the lowest channel frequency that is to be used.

The desired channel number is programmed with the 8-bit channel number register, `CHANNR.CHAN`, which is multiplied by the channel offset. The resultant carrier frequency is given by:

$$f_{carrier} = \frac{f_{XOSC}}{2^{16}} \cdot \left( FREQ + CHAN \cdot \left( (256 + CHANSPC\_M) \cdot 2^{CHANSPC\_E-2} \right) \right)$$

With a 26 MHz crystal the maximum channel spacing is 405 kHz. To get e.g. 1 MHz channel spacing one solution is to use 333 kHz

channel spacing and select each third channel in `CHANNR.CHAN`.

If any frequency programming register is altered when the frequency synthesizer is running, the synthesizer may give an

undesired response. Hence, the frequency programming should only be updated when the radio is in the IDLE state.

## 19 VCO

The VCO is completely integrated on-chip.

### 19.1 VCO and PLL Self-Calibration

The VCO characteristics will vary with temperature and supply voltage changes, as well as the desired operating frequency. In order to ensure reliable operation, **CC2550** includes frequency synthesizer self-calibration circuitry. This calibration should be done regularly, and must be performed after turning on power and before using a new frequency (or channel). The number of XOSC cycles for completing the PLL calibration is given in Table 18 on page 25.

The calibration can be initiated automatically or manually. The synthesizer can be automatically calibrated each time the synthesizer is turned on, or each time the synthesizer is turned off. This is configured with the `MCSM0.FS_AUTOCAL` register setting.

In manual mode, the calibration is initiated when the `SCAL` command strobe is activated in the IDLE mode.

The calibration values are not maintained in sleep mode. Therefore, the **CC2550** must be recalibrated after reprogramming the configuration registers when the chip has been in the SLEEP state.

To check that the PLL is in lock the user can program register `IOCFGx.GDOx_CFG` to 0x0A and use the lock detector output available on the GDOx pin as an interrupt for the MCU (x = 0,1 or 2). A positive transition on the GDOx pin means that the PLL is in lock. As an alternative the user can read register `FSCAL1`. The PLL is in lock if the register content is different from 0x3F. For more robust operation the source code could include a check so that the PLL is re-calibrated until PLL lock is achieved if the PLL does not lock the first time.

## 20 Voltage Regulators

**CC2550** contains several on-chip linear voltage regulators, which generate the supply voltage needed by low-voltage modules. These voltage regulators are invisible to the user, and can be viewed as integral parts of the various modules. The user must however make sure that the absolute maximum ratings and required pin voltages in Table 1 and Table 11 are not exceeded. The voltage regulator for the digital core requires one external decoupling capacitor.

Setting the `CSn` pin low turns on the voltage regulator to the digital core and starts the crystal oscillator. The `SO` pin on the SPI interface must go low before using the serial interface (setup time is given in Table 14).

If the chip is programmed to enter power-down mode, (SPWD strobe issued), the power will be turned off after `CSn` goes high. The power and crystal oscillator will be turned on again when `CSn` goes low.

The voltage regulator output should only be used for driving the **CC2550**.

## 21 Output Power Programming

The RF output power level from the device has two levels of programmability, as illustrated in Figure 18. Firstly, the special `PATABLE` register can hold up to eight user selected output power settings. Secondly, the 3-bit `FREND0.PA_POWER` value selects the `PATABLE` entry to use. This two-level functionality provides flexible PA power ramp up and ramp down at the start and end of transmission. All the PA power settings in the `PATABLE` from index 0 up to the `FREND0.PA_POWER` value are used.

The power ramping at the start and at the end of a packet can be turned off by setting `FREND0.PA_POWER` to 0 and then programming the desired output power to index 0 in the `PATABLE`.

Table 20 contains recommended `PATABLE` settings for various output levels and frequency bands. See Section 10.6 on page 16 for `PATABLE` programming details.

`PATABLE` must be programmed in burst mode if you want to write to other entries than `PATABLE[0]`.

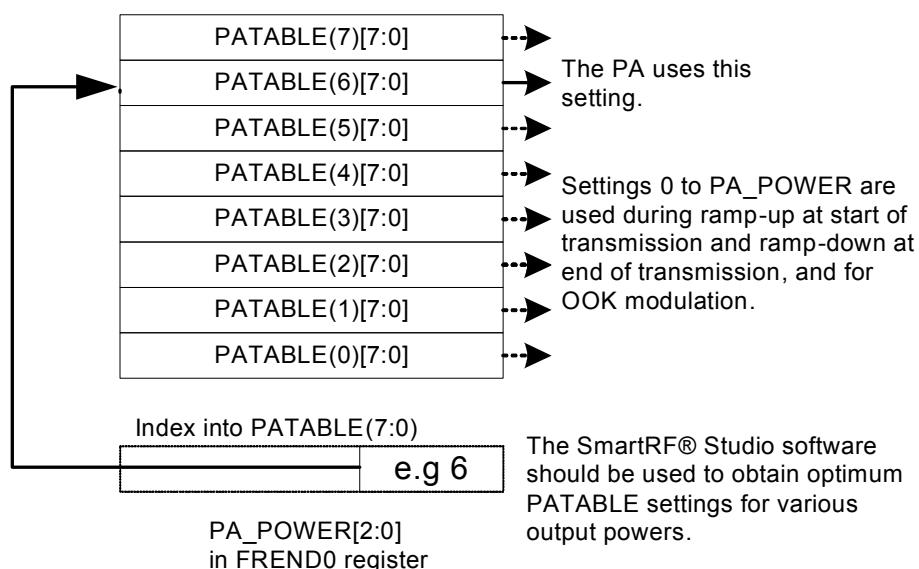


Figure 18: PA\_POWER and PATABLE

Output power, typical, +25°C, 3.0 V [dBm]	PATABLE value	Current consumption, typical [mA]
(-55 or less)	0x00	8.0
-30	0x44	9.3
-28	0x41	9.2
-26	0x43	9.7
-24	0x84	9.8
-22	0x82	9.7
-20	0x47	10.0
-18	0xC8	11.6
-16	0x85	10.2
-14	0x59	11.6
-12	0xC6	11.2
-10	0x97	12.0
-8	0xD6	12.9
-6	0x7F	14.7
-4	0xA9	16.2
-2	0xBF	18.1
0	0xEE	19.4
1	0xFF	21.3

Table 20: Optimum PATABLE settings for various output power levels

## 22 Crystal Oscillator

A crystal in the frequency range 26-27 MHz must be connected between the XOSC\_Q1 and XOSC\_Q2 pins. The oscillator is designed for parallel mode operation of the crystal. In addition, loading capacitors (C51 and C71) for the crystal are required. The loading capacitor values depend on the total load capacitance,  $C_L$ , specified for the crystal. The total load capacitance seen between the crystal terminals should equal  $C_L$  for the crystal to oscillate at the specified frequency.

$$C_L = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_{51}} + \frac{1}{C_{71}}} + C_{\text{parasitic}}$$

The parasitic capacitance is constituted by pin input capacitance and PCB stray capacitance. Total parasitic capacitance is typically 2.5 pF.

The crystal oscillator circuit is shown in Figure 19. Typical component values for different values of  $C_L$  are given in Table 21.

The crystal oscillator is amplitude regulated. This means that a high current is used to start up the oscillations. When the amplitude builds up, the current is reduced to what is necessary to maintain approximately 0.4 V<sub>pp</sub> signal swing. This ensures a fast start-up, and keeps the drive level to a minimum. The ESR of the crystal should be within the specification in order to ensure a reliable start-up (see Section 4.3 on page 6).

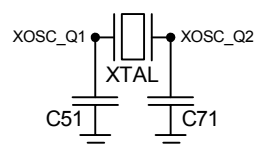


Figure 19: Crystal oscillator circuit

Component	C <sub>L</sub> = 10pF	C <sub>L</sub> =13pF	C <sub>L</sub> =16pF
C51	15 pF	22 pF	27 pF
C71	15 pF	22 pF	27 pF

Table 21: Crystal oscillator component values

## 22.1 Reference Signal

The chip can alternatively be operated with a reference signal from 26 to 27 MHz instead of a crystal. This input clock can either be a full-swing digital signal (0 V to VDD) or a sine wave of maximum 1 V peak-peak amplitude.

The reference signal must be connected to the XOSC\_Q1 input. The sine wave must be connected to XOSC\_Q1 using a serial capacitor. The XOSC\_Q2 line must be left unconnected. C51 and C71 can be omitted when using a reference signal

## 23 External RF Match

The balanced RF output of **CC2550** is designed for a simple, low-cost matching and balun network on the printed circuit board. A few passive external components ensure proper matching.

Although **CC2550** has a balanced RF output, the chip can be connected to a single-ended antenna with few external low cost capacitors and inductors.

The passive matching/filtering network connected to **CC2550** should have the following

differential impedance as seen from the RF-port (RF\_P and RF\_N) towards the antenna:

$$Z_{out} = 80 + j74 \Omega$$

To ensure optimal matching of the **CC2550** differential output it is highly recommended to follow the CC2550EM reference designs as closely as possible. Gerber files for the reference designs are available for download from the TI and Chipcon websites.

## 24 General Purpose / Test Output Control Pins

The two digital output pins GDO0 and GDO1 are general control pins. Their functions are programmed by IOCFG0.GDO0\_CFG and IOCFG1.GDO1\_CFG respectively. Table 22 shows the different signals that can be monitored on the GDO pins. These signals can be used as an interrupt to the MCU. GDO1 is the same pin as the SO pin on the SPI interface, thus the output programmed on this pin will only be valid when CS<sub>n</sub> is high. The default value for GDO1 is 3-stated, which is useful when the SPI interface is shared with other devices.

The default value for GDO0 is a 135-141 kHz clock output (XOSC frequency divided by 192). Since the XOSC is turned on at power-on-reset, this can be used to clock the MCU in systems with only one crystal. When the MCU is up and running, it can change the clock frequency by writing to IOCFG0.GDO0\_CFG.

An on-chip analog temperature sensor is enabled by writing the value 128 (0x80h) to the IOCFG0.GDO0\_CFG register. The voltage on the GDO0 pin is then proportional to temperature. See Section 4.5 on page 7 for temperature sensor specifications.

GDOx_CFG[5:0]	Description
0 (0x00)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
1 (0x01)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
2 (0x02)	Associated with the TX FIFO: Asserts when the TX FIFO is filled at or above TXFIFO_THR. De-asserts when the TX FIFO is below TXFIFO_THR.
3 (0x03)	Associated to the TX FIFO: Asserts when TX FIFO is full. De-asserts when the TX FIFO is drained below TXFIFO_THR.
4 (0x04)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
5 (0x05)	Asserts when the TX FIFO has underflowed. De-asserts when the FIFO is flushed.
6 (0x06)	Asserts when sync word has been sent, and de-asserts at the end of the packet. The pin will also de-assert if the TX FIFO underflows.
7 (0x07)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
8 (0x08)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
9 (0x09)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
10 (0x0A)	Lock detector output. The PLL is in lock if the lock detector output has a positive transition or is constantly logic high. To check for PLL lock the lock detector output should be used as an interrupt for the MCU.
11 (0x0B)	Serial Clock. Synchronous to the data in synchronous serial mode. Data is set up on the falling edge and is read on the rising edge of SERIAL_CLK when GDOx_INV=0.
12 (0x0C)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
13 (0x0D)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
14 (0x0E)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
15 (0x0F)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
16 (0x10)	Reserved – used for test.
17 (0x11)	Reserved – used for test.
18 (0x12)	Reserved – used for test.
19 (0x13)	Reserved – used for test.
20 (0x14)	Reserved – used for test.
21 (0x15)	Reserved – used for test.
22 (0x16)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
23 (0x17)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
24 (0x18)	Reserved – used for test.
25 (0x19)	Reserved – used for test.
26 (0x1A)	Reserved – used for test.
27 (0x1B)	PA_PD. Note: PA_PD will have the same signal level in SLEEP and TX states. To control an external PA in applications where the SLEEP state is used it is recommended to use address 47 (0x2F).
28 (0x1C)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
29 (0x1D)	Reserved – defined on the transceiver version.
30 (0x1E)	Reserved – used for test.
31 (0x1F)	Reserved – used for test.
32 (0x20)	Reserved – used for test.
33 (0x21)	Reserved – used for test.
34 (0x22)	Reserved – used for test.
35 (0x23)	Reserved – used for test.
36 (0x24)	Reserved – used for test.
37 (0x25)	Reserved – used for test.
38 (0x26)	Reserved – used for test.
39 (0x27)	Reserved – used for test.
40 (0x28)	Reserved – used for test.
41 (0x29)	CHIP_RDY
42 (0x2A)	Reserved – used for test.
43 (0x2B)	XOSC_STABLE
44 (0x2C)	Reserved – used for test.
45 (0x2D)	GDO0_Z_EN_N. When this output is 0, GDO0 is configured as input (for serial TX data).
46 (0x2E)	High impedance (3-state)
47 (0x2F)	HW to 0 (HW1 achieved with_INV signal). Can be used to control an external PA
48 (0x30)	CLK_XOSC/1
49 (0x31)	CLK_XOSC/1.5
50 (0x32)	CLK_XOSC/2
51 (0x33)	CLK_XOSC/3
52 (0x34)	CLK_XOSC/4
53 (0x35)	CLK_XOSC/6
54 (0x36)	CLK_XOSC/8
55 (0x37)	CLK_XOSC/12
56 (0x38)	CLK_XOSC/16
57 (0x39)	CLK_XOSC/24
58 (0x3A)	CLK_XOSC/32
59 (0x3B)	CLK_XOSC/48
60 (0x3C)	CLK_XOSC/64
61 (0x3D)	CLK_XOSC/96
62 (0x3E)	CLK_XOSC/128
63 (0x3F)	CLK_XOSC/192

Note: There are 2 GDO pins, but only one CLK\_XOSC/n can be selected as an output at any time. If CLK\_XOSC/n is to be monitored on one of the GDO pins, the other GDO pin must be configured to a value less than 0x30. The GDO0 default value is CLK\_XOSC/192.

**Table 22: GDOx signal selection (x = 0 or 1)**



## 25 Asynchronous and Synchronous Serial Operation

Several features and modes of operation have been included in the **CC2550** to provide backward compatibility with previous Chipcon products and other existing RF communication systems. For new systems, it is recommended to use the built-in packet handling features, as they can give more robust communication, significantly offload the microcontroller and simplify software development.

### 25.1 Asynchronous operation

For backward compatibility with systems already using the asynchronous data transfer from other Chipcon products, asynchronous transfer is also included in **CC2550**. When asynchronous transfer is enabled, several of the support mechanisms for the MCU that are included in **CC2550** will be disabled, such as packet handling hardware, buffering in the FIFO and so on. The asynchronous transfer mode does not allow the use of the data whitener, interleaver and FEC.

Only FSK, GFSK and OOK are supported for asynchronous transfer.

Setting `PKTCTRL0.PKT_FORMAT` to 3 enables asynchronous transparent (serial) mode.

In TX, the `GDO0` pin is used for data input (TX data).

The MCU must control start and stop of transmit with the `STX` and `SIDLE` strobes.

The **CC2550** modulator samples the level of the asynchronous input 8 times faster than the programmed data rate. The timing requirement for the asynchronous stream is that the error in the bit period must be less than one eighth of the programmed data rate.

### 25.2 Synchronous serial operation

Setting `PKTCTRL0.PKT_FORMAT` to 1 enables synchronous serial operation mode. In this operational mode the data must be NRZ encoded (`MDMCFG2.MANCHESTER_EN=0`). In synchronous serial operation mode, data is transferred on a two wire serial interface. The **CC2550** provides a clock that is used to set up new data on the data input line. Data input (TX data) is the `GDO0` pin. This pin will automatically be configured as an input when TX is active.

Preamble and sync word insertion may or may not be active, dependent on the sync mode set by the `MDMCFG3.SYNC_MODE`. If preamble and sync word is disabled, all other packet handler features and FEC should also be disabled. The MCU must then handle preamble and sync word insertion in software. If preamble and sync word insertion is left on, all packet handling features and FEC can be used. The **CC2550** will insert the preamble and sync word and the MCU will only provide the data payload. This is equivalent to the recommended FIFO operation mode.

## 26 System considerations and Guidelines

### 26.1 SRD Regulations

International regulations and national laws regulate the use of radio receivers and transmitters. Short Range Devices (SRDs) for license free operation are allowed to operate in the 2.45 GHz bands worldwide. The most important regulations are EN 300 440 and EN 300 328 (Europe), FCC CFR47 part 15.247 and 15.249 (USA), and ARIB STD-T66 (Japan). A summary of the most important aspects of these regulations can be found in Application Note *AN032 SRD regulations for license-free transceiver operation in the 2.4 GHz band*, available from the TI and Chipcon websites.

Please note that compliance with regulations is dependent on complete system performance. It is the customer's responsibility to ensure that the system complies with regulations.

### 26.2 Frequency Hopping and Multi-Channel Systems

The 2.400 – 2.4835 GHz band is shared by many systems both in industrial, office and home environments. It is therefore recommended to use frequency hopping spread spectrum (FHSS) or a multi-channel protocol because the frequency diversity makes the system more robust with respect to



interference from other systems operating in the same frequency band. FHSS also combats multipath fading.

**CC2550** is highly suited for FHSS or multi-channel systems due to its agile frequency synthesizer and effective communication interface. Using the packet handling support and data buffering is also beneficial in such systems as these features will significantly offload the host controller.

Charge pump current, VCO current and VCO capacitance array calibration data is required for each frequency when implementing frequency hopping for **CC2550**. There are 3 ways of obtaining the calibration data from the chip:

1) Frequency hopping with calibration for each hop. The PLL calibration time is approximately 720  $\mu$ s.

2) Fast frequency hopping without calibration for each hop can be done by calibrating each frequency at startup and saving the resulting `FSCAL3`, `FSCAL2` and `FSCAL1` register values in MCU memory. Between each frequency hop, the calibration process can then be replaced by writing the `FSCAL3`, `FSCAL2` and `FSCAL1` register values corresponding to the next RF frequency. The PLL turn on time is approximately 90  $\mu$ s.

3) Run calibration on a single frequency at startup. Next write 0 to `FSCAL3[5:4]` to disable the charge pump calibration. After writing to `FSCAL3[5:4]` strobe `SRX` (or `STX`) with `MCSM0.FS_AUTOCAL = 1` for each new frequency hop. That is, VCO current and VCO capacitance calibration is done but not charge pump current calibration. When charge pump current calibration is disabled the calibration time is reduced from approximately 720  $\mu$ s to approximately 150  $\mu$ s.

There is a trade off between blanking time and memory space needed for storing calibration data in non-volatile memory. Solution 2) above gives the shortest blanking interval, but requires more memory space to store calibration values. Solution 3) gives approximately 570  $\mu$ s smaller blanking interval than solution 1).

### 26.3 Wideband Modulation not Using Spread Spectrum

Digital modulation systems under FCC part 15.247 includes FSK and GFSK modulation.

A maximum peak output power of 1 W (+30 dBm) is allowed if the 6 dB bandwidth of the modulated signal exceeds 500 kHz. In addition, the peak power spectral density conducted to the antenna shall not be greater than +8 dBm in any 3 kHz band.

Operating at high data rates and high frequency separation, the **CC2550** is suited for systems targeting compliance with digital modulation systems as defined by FCC part 15.247. An external power amplifier is needed to increase the output above +1 dBm.

### 26.4 Data Burst Transmissions

The high maximum data rate of **CC2550** opens up for burst transmissions. A low average data rate link (e.g. 10 kbps), can be realized using a higher over-the-air data rate. Buffering the data and transmitting in bursts at high data rate (e.g. 500 kbps) will reduce the time in active mode, and hence also reduce the average current consumption significantly. Reducing the time in active mode will reduce the likelihood of collisions with other 2.4 GHz systems, e.g. WLAN.

### 26.5 Continuous Transmissions

In data streaming applications the **CC2550** opens up for continuous transmissions at 500 kbps effective data rate. As the modulation is done with an I/Q up-converter with LO I/Q-signals coming from a closed loop PLL, there is no limitation in the length of a transmission. (Open loop modulation used in some transceivers often prevents this kind of continuous data streaming and reduces the effective data rate.)

### 26.6 Spectrum Efficient Modulation

**CC2500** also has the possibility to use Gaussian shaped FSK (GFSK). This spectrum-shaping feature improves adjacent channel power (ACP) and occupied bandwidth. In 'true' FSK systems with abrupt frequency shifting, the spectrum is inherently broad. By making the frequency shift 'softer', the spectrum can be made significantly narrower. Thus, higher data rates can be transmitted in the same bandwidth using GFSK.

## 26.7 Low Cost Systems

As the **CC2550** provides 500 kbps multi-channel performance without any external filters, a very low cost system can be made.

A differential antenna will eliminate the need for a balun, and the DC biasing can be achieved in the antenna topology, see Figure 3.

A HC-49 type SMD crystal is used in the CC2550EM reference design. Note that the crystal package strongly influences the price. In a size constrained PCB design a smaller, but more expensive, crystal may be used.

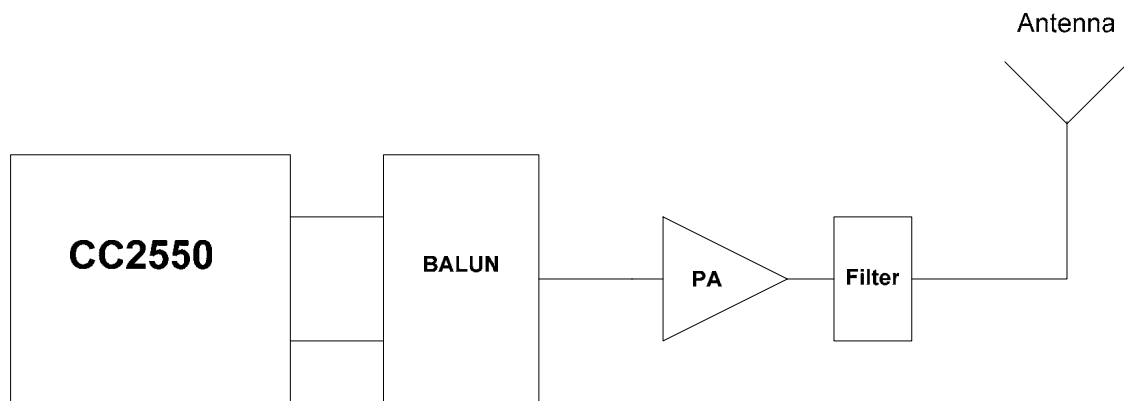
## 26.8 Battery Operated Systems

In low power applications, the SLEEP state should be used when the **CC2550** is not active.

## 26.9 Increasing Output Power

In some applications it may be necessary to extend the link range by adding an external power amplifier.

The power amplifier should be inserted between the antenna and the balun as shown in Figure 20.



**Figure 20. Block diagram of **CC2550** usage with external power amplifier**

## 27 Configuration Registers

The configuration of **CC2550** is done by programming 8-bit registers. The configuration data based on selected system parameters are most easily found by using the SmartRF® Studio software. Complete descriptions of the registers are given in the following tables. After chip reset, all the registers have default values as shown in the tables.

There are 9 Command Strobe Registers, listed in Table 23. Accessing these registers will initiate the change of an internal state or mode. There are 29 normal 8-bit Configuration Registers, listed in Table 24. Many of these registers are for test purposes only, and need not be written for normal operation of **CC2550**.

There are also 6 Status registers, which are listed in Table 25. These registers, which are read-only, contain information about the status of **CC2550**.

The TX FIFO is accessed through one 8-bit register. Only write operations are allowed to the TX FIFO.

During the address transfer and while writing to a register or the TX FIFO, a status byte is returned. This status byte is described in Table 15 on page 15.

Table 26 summarizes the SPI address space. Registers that are only defined on the **CC2500** transceiver are also listed. **CC2500** and **CC2550** are register compatible, but registers and fields only implemented in the transceiver always contain 0 in **CC2550**.

The address to use is given by adding the base address to the left and the burst and read/write bits on the top. Note that the burst bit has different meaning for base addresses above and below 0x2F.

Address	Strobe Name	Description
0x30	SRES	Reset chip.
0x31	SFSTXON	Enable and calibrate frequency synthesizer (if MCSM0 . FS_AUTOCAL=1).
0x32	SXOFF	Turn off crystal oscillator.
0x33	SCAL	Calibrate frequency synthesizer and turn it off (enables quick start). SCAL can be strobed in IDLE state without setting manual calibration mode (MCSM0 . FS_AUTOCAL=0).
0x35	STX	Enable TX. Perform calibration first if MCSM0 . FS_AUTOCAL=1.
0x36	SIDLE	Exit TX and turn off frequency synthesizer.
0x39	SPWD	Enter power down mode when CS <sub>n</sub> goes high.
0x3B	SFTX	Flush the TX FIFO buffer.
0x3D	SNOP	No operation. May be used to pad strobe commands to two bytes for simpler software.

**Table 23: Command strobes**

Address	Register	Description	Details on page number
0x01	IOCFG1	GDO1 output pin configuration	38
0x02	IOCFG0	GDO0 output pin configuration	38
0x03	FIFOTHR	FIFO threshold	38
0x04	SYNC1	Sync word, high byte	39
0x05	SYNC0	Sync word, low byte	39
0x06	PKTLEN	Packet length	39
0x08	PKTCTRL0	Packet automation control	39
0x0A	CHANNR	Channel number	40
0x0D	FREQ2	Frequency control word, high byte	40
0x0E	FREQ1	Frequency control word, middle byte	40
0x0F	FREQ0	Frequency control word, low byte	40
0x10	MDMCFG4	Modulator configuration	40
0x11	MDMCFG3	Modulator configuration	41
0x12	MDMCFG2	Modulator configuration	41
0x13	MDMCFG1	Modulator configuration	42
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0x15	DEVIATN	Modulator deviation setting	43
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0x22	FREND0	Front end TX configuration	44
0x23	FSCAL3	Frequency synthesizer calibration	45
0x24	FSCAL2	Frequency synthesizer calibration	45
0x25	FSCAL1	Frequency synthesizer calibration	45
0x26	FSCAL0	Frequency synthesizer calibration	45
0x29	FSTEST	Frequency synthesizer calibration control	45
0x2A	PTEST	Production test	46
0x2C	TEST2	Various test settings	46
0x2D	TEST1	Various test settings	46
0x2E	TEST0	Various test settings	46

**Table 24: Configuration registers overview**

Address	Register	Description	Details on page number
0x30 (0xF0)	PARTNUM	<b>CC2550</b> part number	46
0x31 (0xF1)	VERSION	Current version number	46
0x35 (0xF5)	MARCSTATE	Control state machine state	47
0x38 (0xF8)	PKTSTATUS	Current GDOx status and packet status	47
0x39 (0xF9)	VCO_VC_DAC	Current setting from PLL calibration module	48
0x3A (0xFA)	TXBYTES	Underflow and number of bytes in the TX FIFO	48

**Table 25: Status registers overview**

	Write		Read		
	Single byte	Burst	Single byte	Burst	
	+0x00	+0x40	+0x80	+0xC0	
0x00			IOCFG2		RW configuration registers, burst access possible
0x01			IOCFG1		
0x02			IOCFG0		
0x03			FIFOTHR		
0x04			SYNC1		
0x05			SYNC0		
0x06			PKTLEN		
0x07			PKTCTRL1		
0x08			PKTCTRL0		
0x09			ADDR		
0x0A			CHANNR		
0x0B			FSCTRL1		
0x0C			FSCTRL0		
0x0D			FREQ2		
0x0E			FREQ1		
0x0F			FREQ0		
0x10			MDMCFG4		
0x11			MDMCFG3		
0x12			MDMCFG2		
0x13			MDMCFG1		
0x14			MDMCFG0		
0x15			DEVIATN		
0x16			MCSM2		
0x17			MCSM1		
0x18			MCSM0		
0x19			FOCCFG		
0x1A			BSCFG		
0x1B			AGCCTRL2		
0x1C			AGCCTRL1		
0x1D			AGCCTRL0		
0x1E			WOREVT1		
0x1F			WOREVT0		
0x20			WORCTRL		
0x21			FREND1		
0x22			FREND0		
0x23			FSCAL3		
0x24			FSCAL2		
0x25			FSCAL1		
0x26			FSCAL0		
0x27			RCCTRL1		
0x28			RCCTRL0		
0x29			FSTEST		
0x2A			PTEST		
0x2B			AGCTEST		
0x2C			TEST2		
0x2D			TEST1		
0x2E			TEST0		
0x2F					
0x30	SRES		SRES	PARTNUM	Command Strobes, Status registers (read only) and multi byte registers
0x31	SFSTXON		SFSTXON	VERSION	
0x32	SXOFF		SXOFF	FREQEST	
0x33	SCAL		SCAL	LQI	
0x34	SRX		SRX	RSSI	
0x35	STX		STX	MARCSTATE	
0x36	SIDLE		SIDLE	WORTIME1	
0x37	SAFC		SAFC	WORTIME0	
0x38	SWOR		SWOR	PKTSTATUS	
0x39	SPWD		SPWD	VCO_VC_DAC	
0x3A	SFRX		SFRX	TXBYTES	
0x3B	SFTX		SFTX	RXBYTES	
0x3C	SWORRST		SWORRST		
0x3D	SNOP		SNOP		
0x3E	PATABLE	PATABLE	PATABLE	PATABLE	
0x3F	TX FIFO	TX FIFO	RX FIFO	RX FIFO	

Table 26: SPI address space (greyed text: for reference only; not implemented on CC2550)

## 27.1 Configuration Register Details

### 0x01: IOCFG1 – GDO1 output pin configuration

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7	GDO_DS	0	R/W	Set high (1) or low (0) output drive strength on the GDO pins.
6	GDO1_INV	0	R/W	Invert output, i.e. select active low / high
5:0	GDO1_CFG[5:0]	46 (0x2E)	R/W	Default is 3-state (see Table 22 on page 31)

### 0x02: IOCFG0 – GDO0 output pin configuration

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7	TEMP_SENSOR_ENABLE	0	R/W	Enable analog temperature sensor. Write 0 in all other register bits when using temperature sensor.
6	GDO0_INV	0	R/W	Invert output, i.e. select active low / high
5:0	GDO0_CFG[5:0]	63 (0x3F)	R/W	Default is CLK_XOSC/192 (see Table 22 on page 31)

### 0x03: FIFOTHR – FIFO threshold

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description																																		
7:4	Reserved	0 (0000)	R/W	Write 0 (0000) for compatibility with possible future extensions.																																		
3:0	FIFO_THR[3:0]	7 (0111)	R/W	Set the threshold for the TX FIFO. The threshold is exceeded when the number of bytes in the FIFO is equal to or higher than the threshold value. <table><tr><th>Setting</th><th>Bytes in TX FIFO</th></tr><tr><td>0 (0000)</td><td>61</td></tr><tr><td>1 (0001)</td><td>57</td></tr><tr><td>2 (0010)</td><td>53</td></tr><tr><td>3 (0011)</td><td>49</td></tr><tr><td>4 (0100)</td><td>45</td></tr><tr><td>5 (0101)</td><td>41</td></tr><tr><td>6 (0110)</td><td>37</td></tr><tr><td>7 (0111)</td><td>33</td></tr><tr><td>8 (1000)</td><td>29</td></tr><tr><td>9 (1001)</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>10 (1010)</td><td>21</td></tr><tr><td>11 (1011)</td><td>17</td></tr><tr><td>12 (1100)</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>13 (1101)</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>14 (1110)</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>15 (1111)</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	Setting	Bytes in TX FIFO	0 (0000)	61	1 (0001)	57	2 (0010)	53	3 (0011)	49	4 (0100)	45	5 (0101)	41	6 (0110)	37	7 (0111)	33	8 (1000)	29	9 (1001)	25	10 (1010)	21	11 (1011)	17	12 (1100)	13	13 (1101)	9	14 (1110)	5	15 (1111)	1
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9 (1001)	25																																					
10 (1010)	21																																					
11 (1011)	17																																					
12 (1100)	13																																					
13 (1101)	9																																					
14 (1110)	5																																					
15 (1111)	1																																					

**0x04: SYNC1– Sync word, high byte**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	SYNC[15:8]	211 (0xD3)	R/W	8 MSB of 16-bit sync word

**0x05: SYNC0 – Sync word, low byte**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	SYNC[7:0]	145 (0x91)	R/W	8 LSB of 16-bit sync word

**0x06: PKTLEN – Packet length**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	PACKET_LENGTH	255 (0xFF)	R/W	Indicates the packet length when fixed length packets are enabled.

**0x08: PKTCTRL0 – Packet automation control**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description												
7	Reserved		R0													
6	WHITE_DATA	1	R/W	Turn data whitening on / off  0: Whitening off 1: Whitening on  Data whitening can only be used when PKTCTRL0 . CC2400_EN = 0 (default).												
5:4	PKT_FORMAT[1:0]	0 (00)	R/W	<table><tr><td colspan="2">Format of RX and TX data</td></tr><tr><td>Setting</td><td>Packet format</td></tr><tr><td>0 (00)</td><td>Normal mode, use TX FIFO</td></tr><tr><td>1 (01)</td><td>Serial Synchronous mode, used for backwards compatibility</td></tr><tr><td>2 (10)</td><td>Random TX mode; sends random data using PN9 generator. Used for test.</td></tr><tr><td>3 (11)</td><td>Asynchronous transparent mode. Data in on GDO0 and Data out on either of the GDO pins</td></tr></table>	Format of RX and TX data		Setting	Packet format	0 (00)	Normal mode, use TX FIFO	1 (01)	Serial Synchronous mode, used for backwards compatibility	2 (10)	Random TX mode; sends random data using PN9 generator. Used for test.	3 (11)	Asynchronous transparent mode. Data in on GDO0 and Data out on either of the GDO pins
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3 (11)	Asynchronous transparent mode. Data in on GDO0 and Data out on either of the GDO pins															
3	CC2400_EN	0	R/W	Enable CC2400 support. Use same CRC implementation as CC2400.  PKTCTRL0 . WHITE_DATA must be 0 if PKTCTRL0 . CC2400_EN = 1.												
2	CRC_EN	1	R/W	1: CRC calculation enabled  0: CRC disabled												
1:0	LENGTH_CONFIG[1:0]	1 (01)	R/W	<table><tr><td colspan="2">Configure the packet length</td></tr><tr><td>Setting</td><td>Packet length configuration</td></tr><tr><td>0 (00)</td><td>Fixed length packets, length configured in PKTLEN register</td></tr><tr><td>1 (01)</td><td>Variable length packets, packet length configured by the first byte after sync word</td></tr><tr><td>2 (10)</td><td>Enable infinite length packets</td></tr><tr><td>3 (11)</td><td>Reserved</td></tr></table>	Configure the packet length		Setting	Packet length configuration	0 (00)	Fixed length packets, length configured in PKTLEN register	1 (01)	Variable length packets, packet length configured by the first byte after sync word	2 (10)	Enable infinite length packets	3 (11)	Reserved
Configure the packet length																
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2 (10)	Enable infinite length packets															
3 (11)	Reserved															

**0x0A: CHANNR – Channel number**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	CHAN[7:0]	0 (0x00)	R/W	The 8-bit unsigned channel number, which is multiplied by the channel spacing setting and added to the base frequency.

**0x0D: FREQ2 – Frequency control word, high byte**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description															
7:6	FREQ[23:22]	1 (01)	R	FREQ[23:22] is always binary 01 (the FREQ2 register is in the range 85 to 95 with 26 - 27 MHz crystal)															
5:0	FREQ[21:16]	30 (0x1E)	R/W	<p>FREQ[23:0] is the base frequency for the frequency synthesiser in increments of <math>F_{XOSC}/2^{16}</math>.</p> $f_{carrier} = \frac{f_{XOSC}}{2^{16}} \cdot FREQ[23:0]$ <p>The default frequency word gives a base frequency of 2464 MHz, assuming a 26.0 MHz crystal. With the default channel spacing settings, the following FREQ2 values and channel numbers can be used:</p> <table><tr><th>FREQ2</th><th>Base frequency</th><th>Frequency range (CHAN numbers)</th></tr><tr><td>91 (0x5B)</td><td>2386 MHz</td><td>2400.2-2437 MHz (71-255)</td></tr><tr><td>92 (0x5C)</td><td>2412 MHz</td><td>2412-2463 MHz (0-255)</td></tr><tr><td>93 (0x5D)</td><td>2438 MHz</td><td>2431-2483.4 MHz (0-227)</td></tr><tr><td>94 (0x5E)</td><td>2464 MHz</td><td>2464-2483.4 MHz (0-97)</td></tr></table>	FREQ2	Base frequency	Frequency range (CHAN numbers)	91 (0x5B)	2386 MHz	2400.2-2437 MHz (71-255)	92 (0x5C)	2412 MHz	2412-2463 MHz (0-255)	93 (0x5D)	2438 MHz	2431-2483.4 MHz (0-227)	94 (0x5E)	2464 MHz	2464-2483.4 MHz (0-97)
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92 (0x5C)	2412 MHz	2412-2463 MHz (0-255)																	
93 (0x5D)	2438 MHz	2431-2483.4 MHz (0-227)																	
94 (0x5E)	2464 MHz	2464-2483.4 MHz (0-97)																	

**0x0E: FREQ1 – Frequency control word, middle byte**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	FREQ[15:8]	196 (0xC4)	R/W	Ref. FREQ2 register

**0x0F: FREQ0 – Frequency control word, low byte**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	FREQ[7:0]	236 (0xEC)	R/W	Ref. FREQ2 register

**0x10: MDMCFG4 – Modulator configuration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:4	Reserved		R0	Defined on the transceiver version
3:0	DRATE_E[3:0]	12 (1100)	R/W	The exponent of the user specified symbol rate



**0x11: MDMCFG3 – Modulator configuration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	DRATE_M[7:0]	34 (0x22)	R/W	<p>The mantissa of the user specified symbol rate. The symbol rate is configured using an unsigned, floating-point number with 9-bit mantissa and 4-bit exponent. The 9<sup>th</sup> bit is a hidden '1'. The resulting data rate is:</p> $R_{DATA} = \frac{(256 + DRATE\_M) \cdot 2^{DRATE\_E}}{2^{28}} \cdot f_{XOSC}$ <p>The default values give a data rate of 115.051 kbps (closest setting to 115.2 kbps), assuming a 26.0 MHz crystal.</p>

**0x12: MDMCFG2 – Modulator configuration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description																		
7	Reserved		R0																			
6:4	MOD_FORMAT[2:0]	1 (001)	R/W	<div>The modulation format of the radio signal</div> <table><tr><th>Setting</th><th>Modulation format</th></tr><tr><td>0 (000)</td><td>FSK</td></tr><tr><td>1 (001)</td><td>GFSK</td></tr><tr><td>2 (010)</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>3 (011)</td><td>OOK</td></tr><tr><td>4 (100)</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>5 (101)</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>6 (110)</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>7 (111)</td><td>MSK</td></tr></table>	Setting	Modulation format	0 (000)	FSK	1 (001)	GFSK	2 (010)	-	3 (011)	OOK	4 (100)	-	5 (101)	-	6 (110)	-	7 (111)	MSK
Setting	Modulation format																					
0 (000)	FSK																					
1 (001)	GFSK																					
2 (010)	-																					
3 (011)	OOK																					
4 (100)	-																					
5 (101)	-																					
6 (110)	-																					
7 (111)	MSK																					
3	MANCHESTER_EN	0	R/W	<div>Enables Manchester encoding/decoding</div> <div>0 = Disable</div> <div>1 = Enable</div>																		
2:0	SYNC_MODE[2:0]	2 (010)	R/W	<div>Combined sync-word qualifier mode.</div> <div>The values 0 (000) and 4 (100) disables preamble and sync word transmission. The values 1 (001), 2 (001), 5 (101) and 6 (110) enables 16-bit sync word transmission. The values 3 (011) and 7 (111) enables repeated sync word transmission. The table below lists the meaning of each mode (for compatibility with the <i>CC2500</i> transceiver):</div> <table><tr><th>Setting</th><th>Sync-word qualifier mode</th></tr><tr><td>0 (000)</td><td>No preamble/sync word</td></tr><tr><td>1 (001)</td><td>15/16 sync word bits detected</td></tr><tr><td>2 (010)</td><td>16/16 sync word bits detected</td></tr><tr><td>3 (011)</td><td>30/32 sync word bits detected</td></tr><tr><td>4 (100)</td><td>No preamble/sync, carrier-sense above threshold</td></tr><tr><td>5 (101)</td><td>15/16 + carrier-sense above threshold</td></tr><tr><td>6 (110)</td><td>16/16 + carrier-sense above threshold</td></tr><tr><td>7 (111)</td><td>30/32 + carrier-sense above threshold</td></tr></table>	Setting	Sync-word qualifier mode	0 (000)	No preamble/sync word	1 (001)	15/16 sync word bits detected	2 (010)	16/16 sync word bits detected	3 (011)	30/32 sync word bits detected	4 (100)	No preamble/sync, carrier-sense above threshold	5 (101)	15/16 + carrier-sense above threshold	6 (110)	16/16 + carrier-sense above threshold	7 (111)	30/32 + carrier-sense above threshold
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3 (011)	30/32 sync word bits detected																					
4 (100)	No preamble/sync, carrier-sense above threshold																					
5 (101)	15/16 + carrier-sense above threshold																					
6 (110)	16/16 + carrier-sense above threshold																					
7 (111)	30/32 + carrier-sense above threshold																					

**0x13: MDMCFG1 – Modulator configuration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description																		
7	FEC_EN	0	R/W	Enable Forward Error Correction (FEC) with interleaving for packet payload  0 = Disable 1 = Enable																		
6:4	NUM_PREAMBLE[2:0]	2 (010)	R/W	Sets the minimum number of preamble bytes to be transmitted <table><tr><th>Setting</th><th>Number of preamble bytes</th></tr><tr><td>0 (000)</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>1 (001)</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>2 (010)</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>3 (011)</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>4 (100)</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>5 (101)</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>6 (110)</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>7 (111)</td><td>24</td></tr></table>	Setting	Number of preamble bytes	0 (000)	2	1 (001)	3	2 (010)	4	3 (011)	6	4 (100)	8	5 (101)	12	6 (110)	16	7 (111)	24
Setting	Number of preamble bytes																					
0 (000)	2																					
1 (001)	3																					
2 (010)	4																					
3 (011)	6																					
4 (100)	8																					
5 (101)	12																					
6 (110)	16																					
7 (111)	24																					
3:2	Reserved		R0																			
1:0	CHANSPC_E[1:0]	2 (10)	R/W	2 bit exponent of channel spacing																		

**0x14: MDMCFG0 – Modulator configuration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	CHANSPC_M[7:0]	248 (0xF8)	R/W	8-bit mantissa of channel spacing (initial 1 assumed). The channel spacing is multiplied by the channel number CHAN and added to the base frequency. It is unsigned and has the format:  $\Delta f_{CHANNEL} = \frac{f_{XOSC}}{2^{18}} \cdot (256 + CHANSPC\_M) \cdot 2^{CHANSPC\_E} \cdot CHAN$ The default values give 199.951 kHz channel spacing (the closest setting to 200 kHz), assuming 26.0 MHz crystal frequency.

**0x15: DEVIATN – Modulator deviation setting**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7	Reserved		R0	
6:4	DEVIATION_E[2:0]	4 (100)	R/W	Deviation exponent
3	Reserved		R0	
2:0	DEVIATION_M[2:0]	7 (111)	R/W	<p>When MSK modulation is enabled: Sets fraction of symbol period used for phase change.</p> <p>When FSK modulation is enabled: Deviation mantissa, interpreted as a 4-bit value with MSB implicit 1. The resulting FSK deviation is given by:</p> $f_{dev} = \frac{f_{xosc}}{2^{17}} \cdot (8 + DEVIATION\_M) \cdot 2^{DEVIATION\_E}$ <p>The default values give <math>\pm 47.607</math> kHz deviation, assuming 26.0 MHz crystal frequency.</p>

**0x17: MCSM1 – Main Radio Control State Machine configuration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description	
7:6	Reserved		R0		
5:2	Reserved		R0	Defined on the transceiver version	
1:0	TXOFF_MODE[1:0]	0 (00)	R/W	Select what should happen when a packet has been sent (TX)	
				Setting	Next state after finishing packet transmission
				0 (00)	IDLE
				1 (01)	FSTXON
				2 (10)	Stay in TX (start sending preamble)
				3 (11)	Do not use, not implemented on <i>CC2550</i> (Go to RX)

**0x18: MCSM0 – Main Radio Control State Machine configuration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description															
7:6	Reserved		R0																
5:4	FS_AUTOCAL[1:0]	0 (00)	R/W	<div>Automatically calibrate when going to TX or back to IDLE</div> <table><tr><th>Setting</th><th>When to perform automatic calibration</th></tr><tr><td>0 (00)</td><td>Never (manually calibrate using SCAL strobe)</td></tr><tr><td>1 (01)</td><td>When going from IDLE to TX (or FSTXON)</td></tr><tr><td>2 (10)</td><td>When going from TX back to IDLE</td></tr><tr><td>3 (11)</td><td>Every 4<sup>th</sup> time when going from TX to IDLE</td></tr></table>	Setting	When to perform automatic calibration	0 (00)	Never (manually calibrate using SCAL strobe)	1 (01)	When going from IDLE to TX (or FSTXON)	2 (10)	When going from TX back to IDLE	3 (11)	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> time when going from TX to IDLE					
Setting	When to perform automatic calibration																		
0 (00)	Never (manually calibrate using SCAL strobe)																		
1 (01)	When going from IDLE to TX (or FSTXON)																		
2 (10)	When going from TX back to IDLE																		
3 (11)	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> time when going from TX to IDLE																		
3:2	PO_TIMEOUT	2 (10)	R/W	<div>Programs the number of times the six-bit ripple counter must expire after XOSC has stabilized before CHP_RDYn goes low.</div> <div>The XOSC is off during power-down so the regulated digital supply voltage has time to stabilize while waiting for the crystal to be stable even with PO_TIMEOUT to 0.</div> <table><tr><th>Setting</th><th>Expire count</th><th>Timeout after XOSC start</th></tr><tr><td>0 (00)</td><td>1</td><td>Approx. 2.3 – 2.4 μs</td></tr><tr><td>1 (01)</td><td>16</td><td>Approx. 37 – 39 μs</td></tr><tr><td>2 (10)</td><td>64</td><td>Approx. 149 – 155 μs</td></tr><tr><td>3 (11)</td><td>256</td><td>Approx. 597 – 620 μs</td></tr></table> <div>Exact timeout depends on crystal frequency.</div> <div>In order to reduce start up time from the SLEEP state, this field is preserved in powerdown (SLEEP state).</div>	Setting	Expire count	Timeout after XOSC start	0 (00)	1	Approx. 2.3 – 2.4 μs	1 (01)	16	Approx. 37 – 39 μs	2 (10)	64	Approx. 149 – 155 μs	3 (11)	256	Approx. 597 – 620 μs
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2 (10)	64	Approx. 149 – 155 μs																	
3 (11)	256	Approx. 597 – 620 μs																	
1:0	Reserved		R0	Defined on the transceiver version															

**0x22: FRENDO – Front end TX configuration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:6	Reserved		R0	
5:4	LODIV_BUF_CURRENT_TX[1:0]	1 (01)	R/W	Adjusts current TX LO buffer (input to PA). The value to use in this field is given by the SmartRF® Studio software.
3	Reserved		R0	
2:0	PA_POWER[2:0]	0 (000)	R/W	Selects PA power setting. This value is an index to the PATABL, which can be programmed with up to 8 different PA settings. The PATABL settings from index '0' to the PA_POWER value are used for power ramp-up/ramp-down at the start/end of transmission in all TX modulation formats.

**0x23: FSCAL3 – Frequency synthesizer calibration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:6	FSCAL3[7:6]	2 (10)	R/W	Frequency synthesizer calibration configuration. The value to write in this register before calibration is given by the SmartRF® Studio software.
5:4	CHP_CURR_CAL_EN[1:0]	2 (10)	R/W	Disable charge pump calibration stage when 0
3:0	FSCAL3[3:0]	9 (1001)	R/W	Frequency synthesizer calibration result register. Fast frequency hopping without calibration for each hop can be done by calibrating upfront for each frequency and saving the resulting FSCAL3, FSCAL2 and FSCAL1 register values. Between each frequency hop, calibration can be replaced by writing the FSCAL3, FSCAL2 and FSCAL1 register values corresponding to the next RF frequency.

**0x24: FSCAL2 – Frequency synthesizer calibration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:6	Reserved		R0	
5:0	FSCAL2[5:0]	10 (0x0A)	R/W	Frequency synthesizer calibration result register. Fast frequency hopping without calibration for each hop can be done by calibrating upfront for each frequency and saving the resulting FSCAL3, FSCAL2 and FSCAL1 register values. Between each frequency hop, calibration can be replaced by writing the FSCAL3, FSCAL2 and FSCAL1 register values corresponding to the next RF frequency.

**0x25: FSCAL1 – Frequency synthesizer calibration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:6	Reserved		R0	
5:0	FSCAL1[5:0]	32 (0x20)	R/W	Frequency synthesizer calibration result register. Fast frequency hopping without calibration for each hop can be done by calibrating upfront for each frequency and saving the resulting FSCAL3, FSCAL2 and FSCAL1 register values. Between each frequency hop, calibration can be replaced by writing the FSCAL3, FSCAL2 and FSCAL1 register values corresponding to the next RF frequency.

**0x26: FSCAL0 – Frequency synthesizer calibration**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7	Reserved		R0	
6:5	Reserved	0 (00)	R0	Defined on the transceiver version
4:0	FSCAL0[4:0]	13 (0x0D)	R/W	Frequency synthesizer calibration control. The value to use in register field is given by the SmartRF® Studio software.

**0x29: FSTEST – Frequency synthesizer calibration control**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	FSTEST[7:0]	87 (0x57)	R/W	For test only. Do not write to this register.

**0x2A: PTEST – Production test**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7	PTEST[7:0]	127 (0x7F)	R/W	Writing 0xBF to this register makes the on-chip temperature sensor available in the IDLE state. The default 0x7F value should then be written back before leaving the IDLE state. Other use of this register is for test only.

**0x2C: TEST2 – Various test settings**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	TEST2[7:0]	152 (0x98)	R/W	The value to use in this register is given by the SmartRF® Studio software.

**0x2D: TEST1 – Various test settings**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	TEST1[7:0]	49 (0x31)	R/W	The value to use in this register is given by the SmartRF® Studio software.

**0x2E: TEST0 – Various test settings**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	TEST0[7:0]	11 (0x0B)	R/W	The value to use in this register is given by the SmartRF® Studio software.

**27.2 Status register details**
**0x30 (0xF0): PARTNUM – Chip ID**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	PARTNUM[7:0]	130 (0x82)	R	Chip part number

**0x31 (0xF1): VERSION – Chip ID**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	VERSION[7:0]	2 (0x02)	R	Chip version number.

**0x35 (0xF5): MARCSTATE – Main Radio Control State Machine state**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description																																																																								
7:5	Reserved		R0																																																																									
4:0	MARC_STATE[4:0]		R	<div>Main Radio Control FSM State<table><tr><th>Value</th><th>State name</th><th>State (Figure 13, page 23)</th></tr><tr><td>0 (0x00)</td><td>SLEEP</td><td>SLEEP</td></tr><tr><td>1 (0x01)</td><td>IDLE</td><td>IDLE</td></tr><tr><td>2 (0x02)</td><td>XOFF</td><td>XOFF</td></tr><tr><td>3 (0x03)</td><td>VCOON_MC</td><td>MANCAL</td></tr><tr><td>4 (0x04)</td><td>REGON_MC</td><td>MANCAL</td></tr><tr><td>5 (0x05)</td><td>MANCAL</td><td>MANCAL</td></tr><tr><td>6 (0x06)</td><td>VCOON</td><td>FS_WAKEUP</td></tr><tr><td>7 (0x07)</td><td>REGON</td><td>FS_WAKEUP</td></tr><tr><td>8 (0x08)</td><td>STARTCAL</td><td>CALIBRATE</td></tr><tr><td>9 (0x09)</td><td>BWBOOST</td><td>SETTLING</td></tr><tr><td>10 (0x0A)</td><td>FS_LOCK</td><td>SETTLING</td></tr><tr><td>11 (0x0B)</td><td>IFADCON</td><td>SETTLING</td></tr><tr><td>12 (0x0C)</td><td>ENDCAL</td><td>CALIBRATE</td></tr><tr><td>13 (0x0D)</td><td>NA</td><td>NA</td></tr><tr><td>14 (0x0E)</td><td>NA</td><td>NA</td></tr><tr><td>15 (0x0F)</td><td>NA</td><td>NA</td></tr><tr><td>16 (0x10)</td><td>NA</td><td>NA</td></tr><tr><td>17 (0x11)</td><td>NA</td><td>NA</td></tr><tr><td>18 (0x12)</td><td>FSTXON</td><td>FSTXON</td></tr><tr><td>19 (0x13)</td><td>TX</td><td>TX</td></tr><tr><td>20 (0x14)</td><td>TX_END</td><td>TX</td></tr><tr><td>21 (0x15)</td><td>NA</td><td>NA</td></tr><tr><td>22 (0x16)</td><td>TX_UNDERFLOW</td><td>TX_UNDERFLOW</td></tr></table></div>	Value	State name	State (Figure 13, page 23)	0 (0x00)	SLEEP	SLEEP	1 (0x01)	IDLE	IDLE	2 (0x02)	XOFF	XOFF	3 (0x03)	VCOON_MC	MANCAL	4 (0x04)	REGON_MC	MANCAL	5 (0x05)	MANCAL	MANCAL	6 (0x06)	VCOON	FS_WAKEUP	7 (0x07)	REGON	FS_WAKEUP	8 (0x08)	STARTCAL	CALIBRATE	9 (0x09)	BWBOOST	SETTLING	10 (0x0A)	FS_LOCK	SETTLING	11 (0x0B)	IFADCON	SETTLING	12 (0x0C)	ENDCAL	CALIBRATE	13 (0x0D)	NA	NA	14 (0x0E)	NA	NA	15 (0x0F)	NA	NA	16 (0x10)	NA	NA	17 (0x11)	NA	NA	18 (0x12)	FSTXON	FSTXON	19 (0x13)	TX	TX	20 (0x14)	TX_END	TX	21 (0x15)	NA	NA	22 (0x16)	TX_UNDERFLOW	TX_UNDERFLOW
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**0x38 (0xF8): PKTSTATUS – Current GDOx status**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:2	Reserved		R0	Defined on the transceiver version
1	Reserved		R0	
0	GDO0		R	<p>Current GDO0 value. Note: the reading gives the non-inverted value irrespective what IOCFG0 . GDO0_INV is programmed to.</p> <p>It is not recommended to check for PLL lock by reading PKTSTATUS[ 0 ] with GDO0_CFG = 0x0A.</p>



**0x39 (0xF9): VCO\_VC\_DAC – Current setting from PLL calibration module**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7:0	VCO_VC_DAC[7:0]		R	Status register for test only.

**0x3A (0xFA): TXBYTES – Underflow and number of bytes**

Bit	Field Name	Reset	R/W	Description
7	TXFIFO_UNDERFLOW		R	
6:0	NUM_TXBYTES		R	Number of bytes in TX FIFO

## 28 Package Description (QLP 16)

All dimensions are in millimetres, angles in degrees. NOTE: The **CC2550** is available in RoHS lead-free package only.

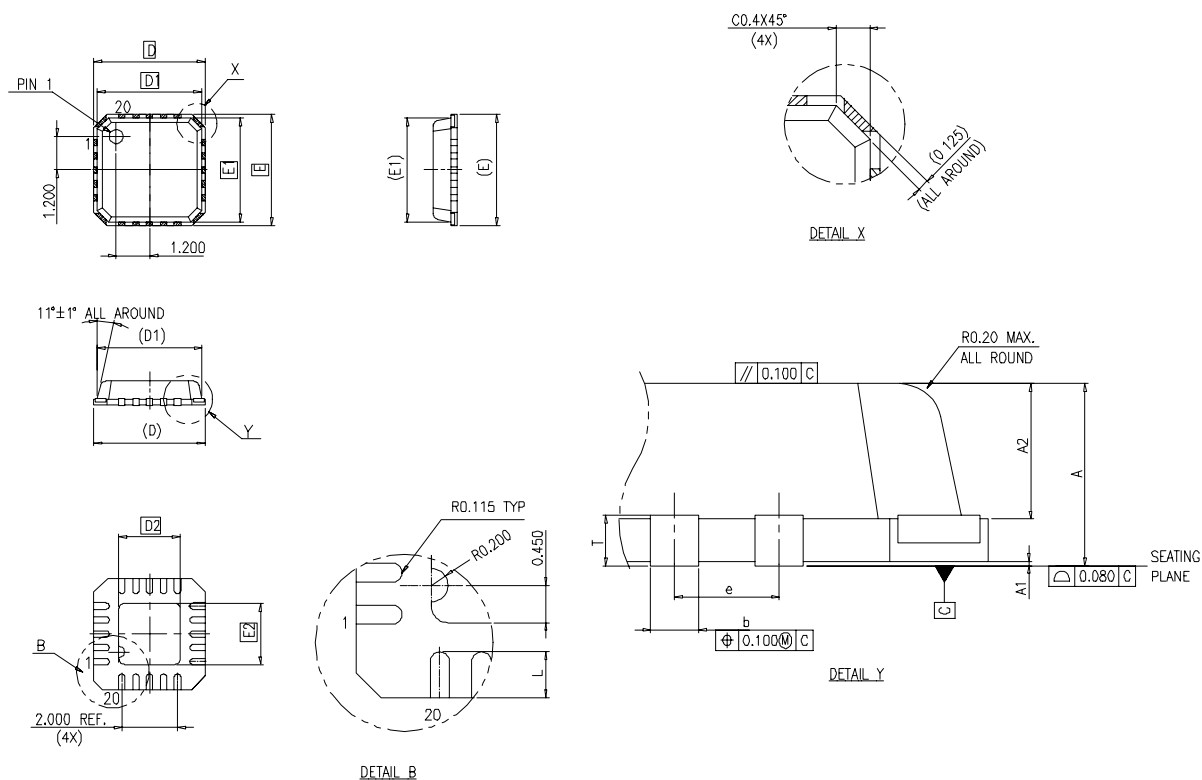


Figure 21: Package dimensions drawing (the actual package has 16 pins)

Package type		A	A1	A2	D	D1	D2	E	E1	E2	L	T	b	e
QLP 16 (4x4)	Min	0.75	0.005	0.55	3.90	3.65		3.90	3.65		0.45	0.190	0.23	
	Typ.	0.85	0.025	0.65	4.00	3.75	2.30	4.00	3.75	2.30	0.55		0.28	0.65
	Max	0.95	0.045	0.75	4.10	3.85		4.10	3.85		0.65	0.245	0.35	

Table 27: Package dimensions

## 28.1 Recommended PCB layout for package (QLP 16)

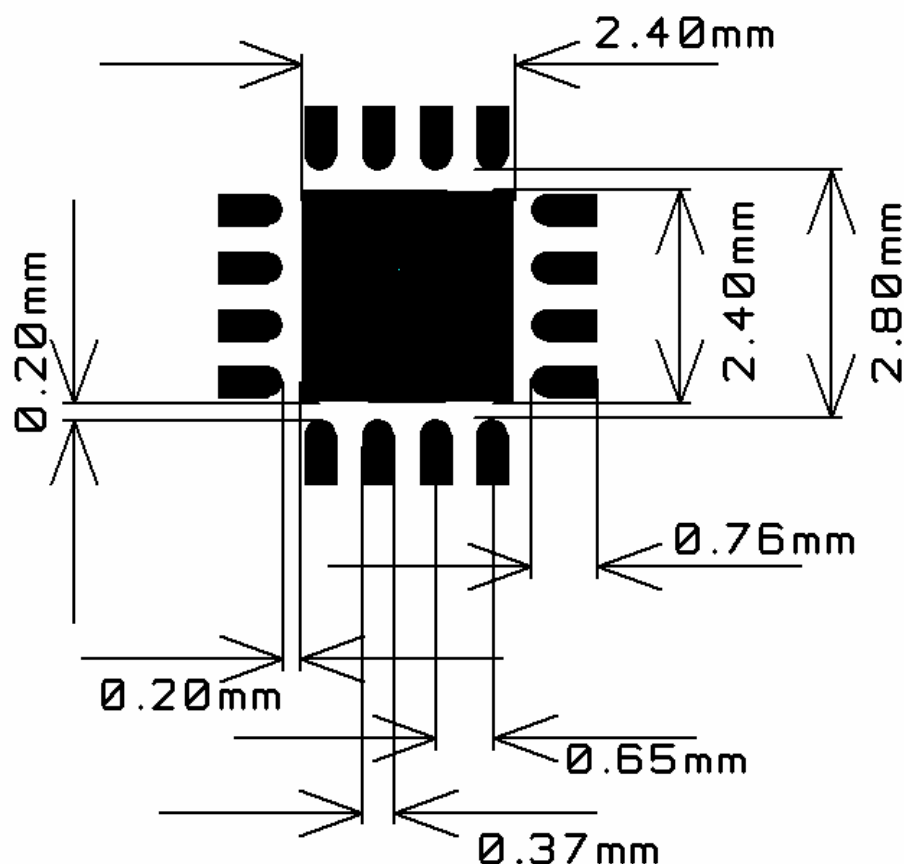


Figure 22: Recommended PCB layout for QLP 16 package

Note: The figure is an illustration only and not to scale. There are five 10 mil diameter via holes distributed symmetrically in the ground pad under the package. See also the CC2550EM reference design.

## 28.2 Package thermal properties

Thermal resistance	
Air velocity [m/s]	0
R <sub>th,j-a</sub> [K/W]	40.1

Table 28: Thermal properties of QLP 16 package

## 28.3 Soldering information

The recommendations for lead-free reflow in IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020C should be followed.

## 28.4 Tray specification

**CC2550** can be delivered in standard QLP 4x4 mm shipping trays.

Tray Specification				
Package	Tray Width	Tray Height	Tray Length	Units per Tray
QLP 16	125.9 mm	7.62 mm	322.6 mm	490

**Table 29: Tray specification**

## 28.5 Carrier tape and reel specification

Carrier tape and reel is in accordance with EIA Specification 481.

Tape and Reel Specification					
Package	Tape Width	Component Pitch	Hole Pitch	Reel Diameter	Units per Reel
QLP 16	12 mm	8 mm	4 mm	13 inches	2500

**Table 30: Carrier tape and reel specification**

## 29 Ordering Information

Chipcon Part Number	TI Part Number	Description	Minimum Order Quantity (MOQ)
CC2550-RTY1	CC2550RTK	<b>CC2550</b> QLP16 RoHS Pb-free 490/tray	490 (tray)
CC2550-RTR1	CC2550RTKR	<b>CC2550</b> QLP16 RoHS Pb-free 2500/T&R	2500 (tape and reel)
CC2500-CC2550DK	CC2500-CC2550DK	<b>CC2500_ CC2550</b> Development Kit	1
CC2550EMK	CC2550EMK	<b>CC2500</b> Evaluation Module Kit	1

**Table 31: Ordering information**

## 30 General Information

### 30.1 Document History

Revision	Date	Description/Changes
1.2	2006-06-28	Added figures to table on SPI interface timing requirements. Added information about SPI read. Updates to text and included new figure in section on arbitrary length configuration. Added information that RF frequencies at $n/2$ -crystal frequency ( $n$ is an integer number) should not be used due to spurious signals at these frequencies . Updates to text and included new figures in section on power-on start-up sequence. Added information about how to check for PLL lock in section on VCO. Better explanation of some of the signals in table of GDO signal selection. Added section on wideband modulation not using spread spectrum under section on system considerations and guidelines. Added more detailed information on PO_TIMEOUT in register MCSM0. Changes to ordering information.
1.1	2005-06-27	Updated TEST1 register default value. 26-27 MHz crystal range. Added matching information. Added information about using a reference signal instead of a crystal.
1.0	2005-01-24	First preliminary data sheet release.

**Table 32: Document history**

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Data Sheet Identification	Product Status	Definition
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**Table 33: Product status definitions**

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