

Patriot MR

Mini UHF Passive RFID Reader

Instruction Manual



The Patriot MR is an UHF Passive RFID tag reader designed for access control applications. The Patriot MR has a maximum operating range of 6-10 ft (1.8-3.0m) depending on the tag used. The Patriot MR works with EMX 26-bit credentials, and has Wiegand and RS-232 outputs for transmitting credential data. Other features include an indicator LED, an audible buzzer, and a tag read input trigger, as well as user-configurable RF power, read interval, Wiegand buffer period, and Wiegand pulse timing settings.

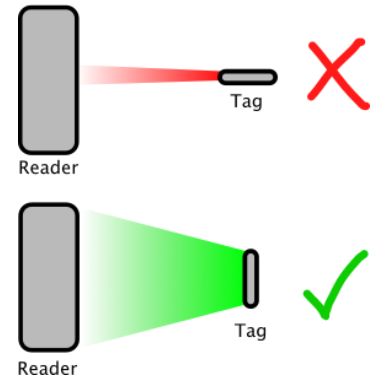
Specifications

Dimensions	5.4" x 3.5" x 1.3" (137mm x 90mm x 33mm)
Supply Voltage	9 ~ 30V DC (12 ~ 24 VDC recommended)
Typical Operation RMS Current (Tag read active)	(12V) Average: 75mA, Peak: 200mA
	(24V) Average: 45mA, Peak: 115mA
Antenna	Internal 4dBi ceramic, circular polarized
RF Power	2~25dBm (configurable)
Tag Read Zone Range	6-10ft (1.8-3.0m) long, dependent on tag and environment
Tag Read Zone Width	6-10ft (1.8-3.0m) wide, dependent on tag and environment
Radio Frequency	902-928 MHz (USA ISM Band)
Tag/Credential Types	EMX 26-bit UHF EPC Gen2 credentials
Indicators	Flashing blue LED and Audible Buzzer
Data Output Interfaces	26-bit Wiegand, RS-232
Wiegand output format	26-bit Wiegand
Wiegand Timing Parameters	Default: Pulse width 80μs, pulse period 1600μs (configurable)
Serial data output format	ASCII (Hexadecimal); HID simulation
Configuration Interface	RS-232 (USB to RS-232 adapter sold separately)
Tag identification time	<100ms after trigger activation
Controller Functionality	Trigger input
Operating Temperature	-4°F to 158°F (-20°C to +70°C)
Certification	FCC Part 15 (FCC ID: 2BAW3-FM505)
Connection Style	9-conductor flying leads

Reader and Tag Positioning Guidelines

Before installing the unit, ensure that the unit will be positioned optimally. The following guidelines will help maximize the read range of the Patriot MR reader:

- The reader should be installed at least a few feet above the earth's surface. It's best to install the reader at the same height that tags will be held or mounted.
- The front (lid) side of the reader should point towards the zone of desired coverage, but do not point it downwards.
- Parallel surfaces rule: The longest axis of the tag should not point directly towards the reader. Tags parallel to reader get best performance (see image).
- If you are using the EMX Universal L-Bracket to mount the reader, ensure that the top edge of the bracket and the top edge of the reader are aligned. This typically gives the best performance.



Failure to follow the above guidelines may result in reduced performance and read range.

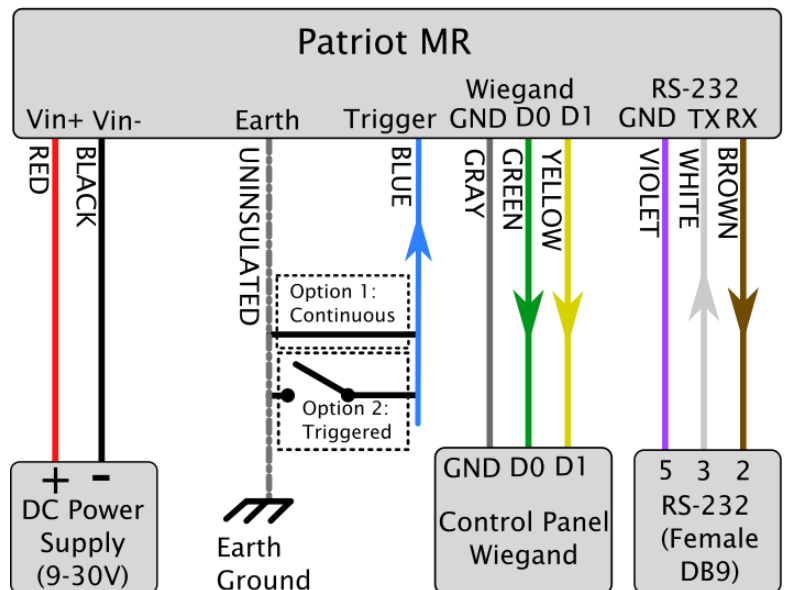
Wiring Guide

Wire the unit according to the wiring diagram shown here.

The **VIOLET**, **WHITE**, and **BROWN** wires are used for RS232 serial output and for configuration of the reader via the setup software. If neither of these uses are needed, these wires may be left unconnected.

Similarly, if the Wiegand output is not needed, the **GRAY**, **GREEN**, and **YELLOW** wires may be left unconnected.

When using an external trigger, the **BLUE** trigger wire should be connected to any GND (such as the **UNINSULATED** earth wire) via a switch or relay. The tag read will be triggered when the **BLUE** wire to GND wire connection is closed. If the trigger functionality is not needed, the **BLUE** wire should be connected directly to the **UNINSULATED** wire. **The reader will not read unless the BLUE trigger wire is connected to a ground wire.**



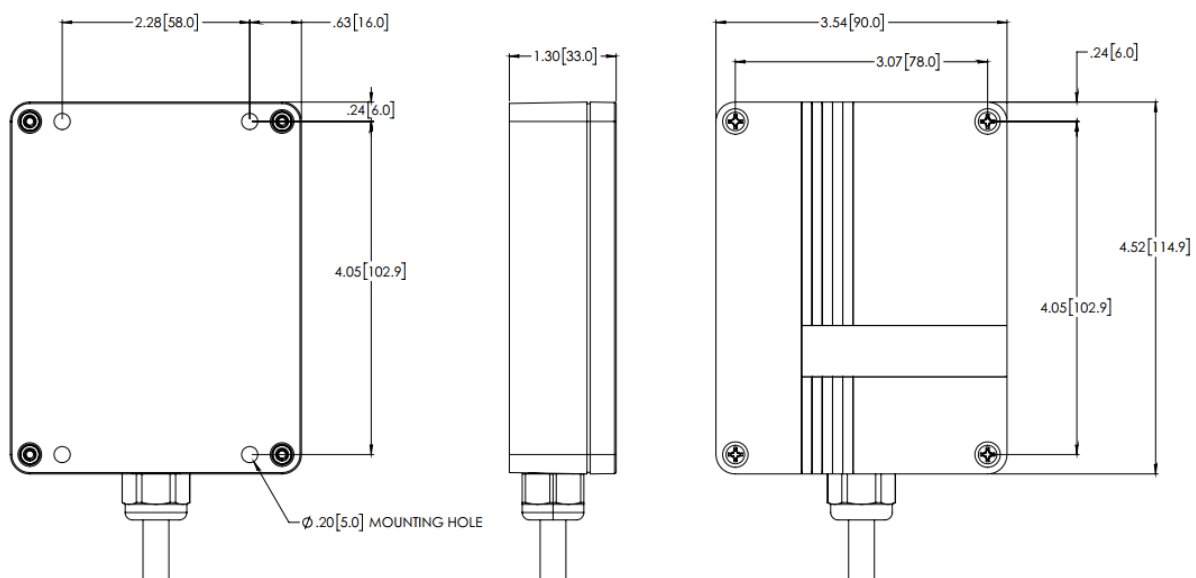
Note: Do not wire another manufacturer's Wiegand output to the same terminals as the Patriot MR's Wiegand output. Doing so may damage the unit.

Wire Function Table

Name	Wire Color	Description
V+	RED	(Required) 9V to 30V DC power input.
V- *	BLACK	<i>Note: Internally, V- is connected to Earth wire and other GND wires.</i>
Wiegand GND *	GRAY	Wires used for Wiegand output. When a tag with encoded Wiegand data is read, that data will be output on these wires. <i>Note: do not wire any other reader devices on the same Wiegand wires as the Patriot MR reader</i>
Wiegand D0	GREEN	
Wiegand D1	YELLOW	
RS-232 GND *	VIOLET	Wires used for RS-232 configuration and tag output. If using a female 9-pin DB9 connector, the white wire goes to pin 3, the brown wire goes to pin 2, and the violet wire goes to pin 5.
RS-232 RX	BROWN	
RS-232 TX	WHITE	
Trigger	BLUE	The reader will only read when the trigger wire is connected to ground. If you aren't using the trigger functionality, connect this wire directly to ground to enable constant reading.
Shield/Earth *	UNINSULATED	Earth ground

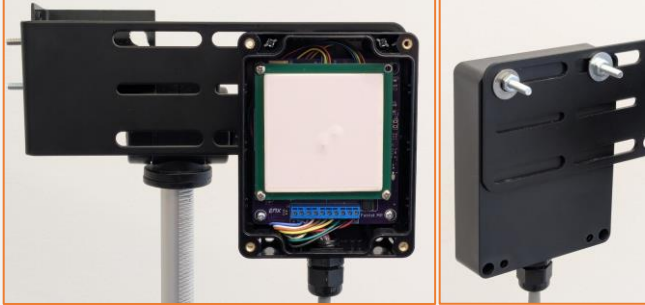
* V-, Wiegand GND, RS-232 GND, and Shield/Earth are all connected internally

Housing Dimensions



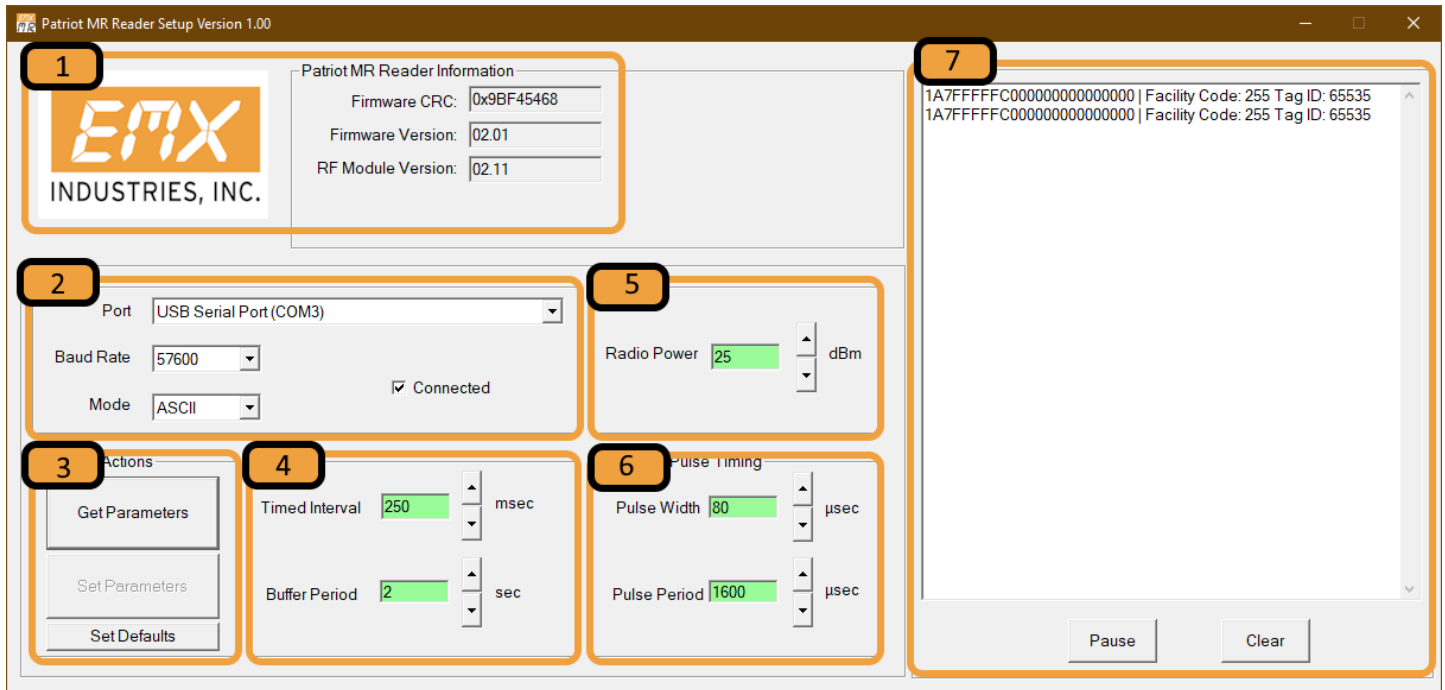
Reader Mounting Guide

For best practice when mounting the Patriot MR, we recommend using the included EMX universal L-bracket.

1		Remove the four screws from the cover of the Patriot MR. Remove the front cover, exposing the four mounting holes.
2		Use two to four #8 machine screws with nuts and washers to mount the reader in its desired location. For best performance, we recommend mounting the top two mounting holes to the top row of slots on the provided bracket as shown.
3		Replace the front cover using the four screws removed in step 1.
4	Wire the Patriot MR according to the Wiring Guide. If desired, use RS-232 connection to configure reader settings.	

Software Configuration

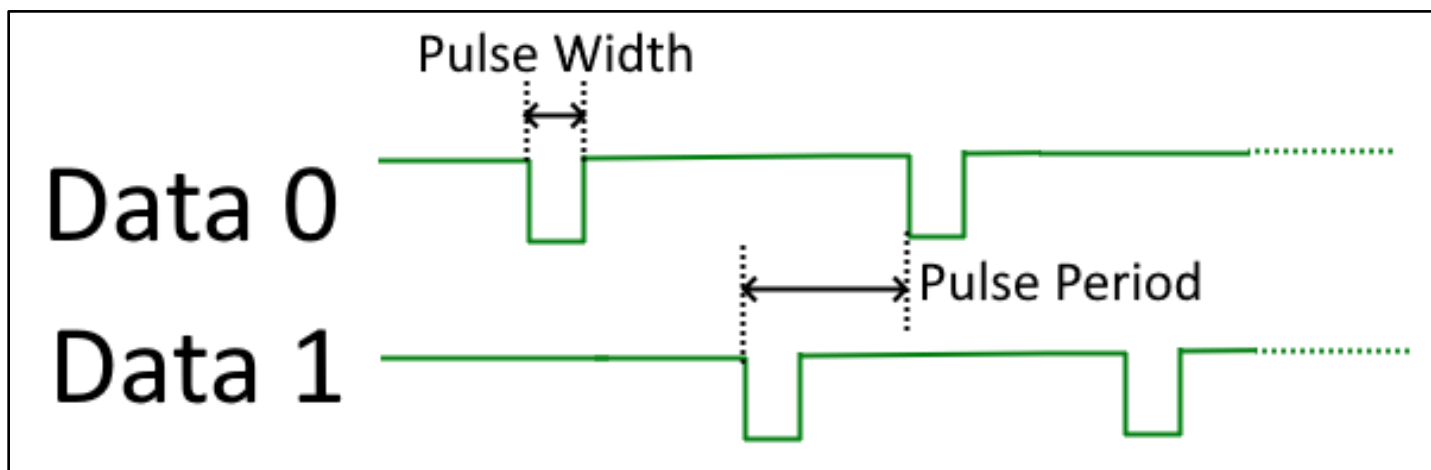
Patriot MR units come pre-configured with the optimal factory settings for maximum range and fastest response time. However, EMX also provides software to change these settings for applications with different needs. Various parameters of the Patriot MR software can be changed using the Patriot MR Reader Setup Software, available on the EMX Access Controls website. To use the software, connect to the Patriot MR using an RS-232 to USB adapter (sold separately). Upon opening the software, the following options are available:



1. **Reader Information** - Information on the version of the setup software and the reader firmware.
2. **Communications** - Parameters for the RS-232 communications of the reader, including baud rate and output data mode. These options are used to initially connect to the reader.
3. **Reader Actions** - When parameters are changed, the “Set Parameters” button causes the changes to take effect. “Set Defaults” resets the device to factory settings.
4. **Reader Settings** - Changes how often the reader searches for a tag, and how long the buffer period is for a tag.
5. **Radio Power** - Adjusts the RF power of the reader, 2-25dBm (default 25dBm)
6. **Wiegand Pulse Timing** - Changes the timing of the Wiegand output pulses.
7. **Log** - Displays the RS-232 data being sent to the setup program by the Patriot MR. The pause and clear buttons pause and clear the software’s data log.

To change any configuration settings, first click “Get Parameters” so that the software shows the current values. Change any values that need changed, and then click “Set Parameters”. The unit will beep to indicate that parameters have changed.

Setting	Description	Options	Default
Port	Serial port used for reader configuration Select a port to connect to the reader	-	-
Baud Rate	Baud rate used for serial communication.	9600, 14400, 19200, 38400, 57600	57600
Mode	Formatting for tag data outputted on RS-232 output	ASCII, HID	ASCII
Radio Power	Power used for tag reads. Higher power leads to higher read range and higher power consumption.	2 ~ 25dBm	25dBm
Timed Interval	Timing interval between tag read attempts	250ms ~ 5000ms	250ms
Buffer period	Controls the minimum amount of time between consecutive reports of the same tag.	0 ~ 60 seconds	2 s
Pulse Width	Timing parameters for wiegand output data. (See image below)	20 ~ 100 μ s	80 μ s
Pulse Period		200 ~ 20,000 μ s	1600 μ s



Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Buzzer does not make any sound upon power up	Faulty power supply connection	Ensure that the DC power supply voltage is in the 9-30V range, and that it is connected to the RED (V+) and BLACK (V-) wires of the Patriot MR
Reader beeps repeatedly, around 3x per second without outputting tag data	Insufficient reader power	Ensure that the DC power supply is in the 9-30V range, and capable of delivering the peak current (e.g. 100 mA for 24V)
Reader does not recognize a specific tag (no beep, no output)	Damaged tag Incompatible tag format	Test the reader with a tag that is known to be functional, and check for any visible damage to the tag. The Patriot MR is only compatible with 26-bit EMX RFID tags.
Reader does not read any tags (no beep, no tag data)	Faulty trigger wire connection	The Patriot MR will only read tags when the BLUE trigger wire is connected to ground. If using trigger functionality, ensure that the trigger is connecting the BLUE wire to earth when a tag should be read, and disconnected otherwise. If not using trigger, ensure that the BLUE trigger wire is connected directly to the earth wire so that the Patriot MR reads constantly.
Tag reads, but control panel reports incorrect or invalid Wiegand tag data	One or more of the reader's wiring connections is incorrect.	Verify the wiring connections. Check that Data 0, Data 1 and ground are properly attached. Also make sure that the Data 0 and Data 1 wires have not been swapped or shorted together.
(RS232) Tag data to panel or setup program is missing or scrambled, and reader unresponsive to setup software	Reader data wiring is incorrect RS232 incorrect baud rate	Verify the wiring connections and their wiring lengths, paying special attention to the wiring for the RS232 interface. Try swapping the RX and TX wires. Ensure that the baud rate set in the reader parameters is the same as the baud rate of the terminal or program it is connected to.
Unexpected behavior after parameter change	Reader not restarted after parameter change	Disconnect and reconnect the DC power supply to the unit for changes to take effect.
Read range is too short for a specific tag	Tag detuned by incompatible material (metal, skin, liquid) Poor tag placement	Ensure tag is mounted on a material it is designed for, typically glass or open air. Tags will have decreased range when mounted near metal or liquid, or when near skin. If you are holding the tag in your hand, hold it by the edges so that your skin does not detune the tag's antenna. Tag should be facing the reader antenna (Parallel Surface Rule) for maximum performance and distance.
Read range is too short for all tags	RF power too low Poor reader placement Reader antenna detuned by nearby material Ground loop	Increase the RF power using the reader setup software. Consult the reader mounting guide section of this manual for guidance mounting the reader. Make sure that the front of the reader is positioned far (18" recommended) from any nearby body parts, metals, or liquids, then restart the reader. Check by powering reader without BLACK (V-) wire connected. If the Reader turns on, Earth GND and V- must be tied together elsewhere in the system. Find this point and disconnect the two. Earth ground should terminate only at the Reader.
Reader reads a tag that it isn't supposed to	Tag detected in side / rear lobe RF power too high	Sometimes, the reader is able to read a tag positioned behind the reader. Decrease the RF power to lower the chance of tags outside of the desired read zone being read.

		Decrease the RF power of the reader. This will decrease the size of the read zone, and may help prevent erroneous reads.
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