

A background image showing a person's hands interacting with a card reader device. The person is holding a card and appears to be using a contactless reader. The image is slightly blurred and has a semi-transparent white box overlaid on it containing the text 'Technical Specifications'.

Technical Specifications

ACR120 Contactless Reader/Writer





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ACR 120 Contactless Reader

1.0 Introduction



The ACR120 is a compact and cost-effective contactless reader and writer. It is developed on the 13.56MHz contactless smart card (RFID) technology, supporting Mifare® (Classics, DESFire), ISO 14443 A and B cards. Its proximity operating distance is up to 5 cm, depending on the type of contactless tag in use.

The versatile reader is available in both USB and Serial interface version, which can be easily integrated into a PC environment as well as other systems in a snap. It is ideal for a broad range of applications, including public transport terminals, physical and logical access controls, and even vending machines.

The operation of ACR120 is extremely easy, quick and convenient. All read/write operations can be done by waving the contactless card near the device. Moreover, its compact design enables it to be mounted and located anywhere with ease.

In addition, ACR120 is also available in module form, which is extremely easy to design, giving you maximum design and development flexibility. Own casing, logo, color, size can all now be materialized as well.

2.0 Features

- USB PnP or serial interface RS232 (Also available in RS485 on request)
- Read and write functionality
- Built-in Antenna
- Fully tested and compliant with major contactless smart cards conforming to ISO14443 A/B in the market.
- RoHS Compliant
- CE and FCC Compliant
- Operation LED
- Buzzer
- High-speed transactions
- Compact size: 120 X 73 X 20mm

3.0 Supported Card Types

The ACR120 works with a variety of 13.56MHz contactless smart cards including, but not limited to:

- MIFARE® cards (Classics, DESFire, Mifare Mini)
- All ISO 14443 A cards, like:
 - JCOP30 cards
 - MPCOS COMBI cards (need to accompany with the ACS ACR38DT Dual Key)
- ISO 14443 Type B cards, like:
 - Calypso cards
 - ST cards (ST19XRF58)
 - ATMEL AT88RF020



4.0 Typical Applications



- Public transportation Terminals
- Automatic fare collection
- Vending machines
- Physical access control
- Time attendance
- Contactless public phones
- Metering
- Windows Logon

5.0 Certification

ACR120 has certified by Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) which is the executive arm of the Telecommunications Authority, who is the statutory body responsible for regulating the telecommunications industry in Hong Kong.



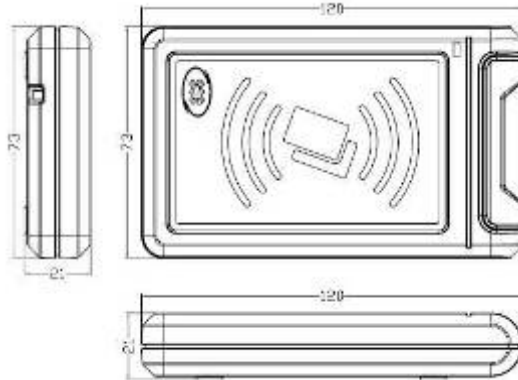


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6.0 Technical Specification

(i) Configuration of ACR120 reader



Serial Interface

Type RS232 (Standard)
 Operation Baud Rate 9,600-115,200 bps
 Power source From PS/2 mouse interface
 Supply Voltage Regulated 5V DC (4.75 – 5.25V)
 Supply Current 200mA

Universal Serial Bus Interface

Power source From USB
 Speed 1.5 Mbps (Low Speed)
 Supply Voltage Regulated 5V DC
 Supply Current 200mA

Contactless Smart Card Interface

Standard ISO 14443 A & B
 Protocol Mifare® Classics protocols, Mifare® DESFire protocols, Mifare Mini protocols
 Smart card read / write speed 106 kbps

Case

Dimensions 120 mm (L) x 73 mm (W) x 20 mm (H)
 Weight 155 g (with cable)
 Material ABS
 Color Metallic Silver Grey

Antenna

Antenna Size 55mm x 85mm
 Operating distance up to 50 mm

Operating Frequency

Operating Frequency 13.56 MHz

Operating Conditions

Temperature 0 - 50° C
 Humidity 10% - 80%

Cable Connector

Length 1.5 m (USB/ Serial RS232)

Compliance/Certifications

CE, FCC, RoHS, OFTA

OS

Windows 98, ME, NT (Serial), 2K, XP, Vista (32-bit and 64-bit), Linux

OEM

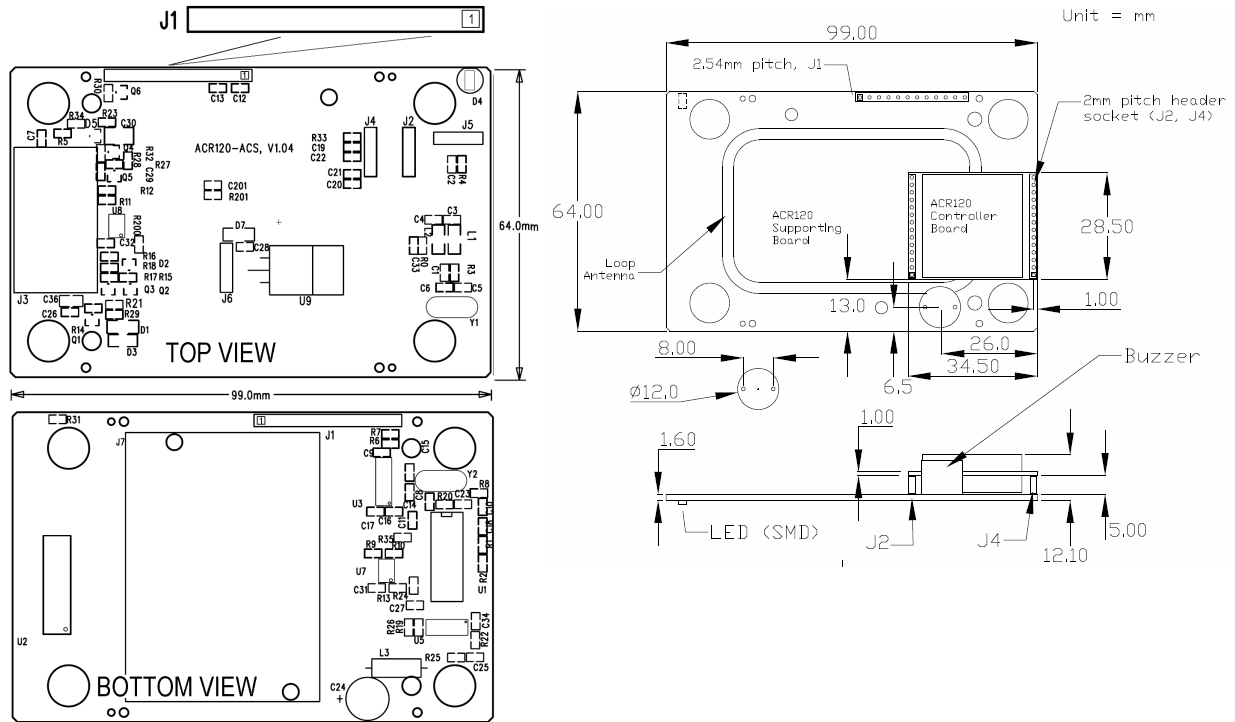
OEM-Logo possible, customer-specific colors, casing, and card connector





(ii) Configuration of ACR120 reader module

Board Diagram



(A) PIN Assignment (for Serial Communication Interface)

Pin	Signal	Description
1	-RESET	Pulling the signal to ground resets the module.
2	RS232Tx/RS485+	RS485+: (RS485 version) RS232 Transmit (RS232 version)
3	RS232Rx/RX485-	RS485-: (RS485 version) RS232 Receive (Rs232 version)
4	RFU	Do not connect
5	RFU	Do not connect
6	SDA	I ² C Data
7	SCL	I ² C Clock
8	VCC	+5V supply to the module
9	RFU	Not connected
10	LED-/User Port	LED/User Port Output (Open Collector).
11	Reserved	Should connect to GND signal.
12	GND	Power and signal Ground.



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(B) PIN Assignment (for Serial Communication Interface – Alternate Connector)

Pin	Signal	Description
1	RFU	Not connected
2	VCC	+5V supply to the module
3	GND	Power and signal Ground.
4	RS232Rx/RX485-	RS485-: (RS485 version) RS232 Receive (Rs232 version)
5	RS232Tx/RS485+	RS485+: (RS485 version) RS232 Transmit (RS232 version)
6	RFU	Not connected
7	RFU	Not connected

(C) PIN Assignment (for USB Interface)

Pin	Signal	Description
1	X	Not available
2	USB-	USB-: available
3	USB+	USB+: available
4	X	Not available
5	X	Not available
6	X	Not available
7	X	Not available
8	VCC	+5V supply to the module
9	X	Not available
10	X	Not available
11	X	Not available
12	GND	Power and signal Ground



7.0 Software Development Kit Specifications

The ACR120 Software Development Kit (SDK) enables effective development of customized applications and systems using Mifare® cards, contactless readers, and PCs.

Reflecting ACS expertise in smart card technologies, the ACR120 SDK is a complete package containing all the vital components required for contactless smart card application development.

It is also an ideal training and development tool for those who want to know more about contactless smart card technologies. Software development companies can use the kit to develop systems specific to their requirements to meet customers' demanding needs or to incorporate various contactless smart card technologies into their current applications.

Package Contents

- 1 x ACR120 Contactless Smart Card Reader (Serial or USB version)
- 1 x ACR38DT DualKey (A key for both physical and logical access control)
- 5 x 1K MIFARE® Contactless Cards
- 1 x Combi Card
- 1 x Installation and Operation CD-ROM (Includes drivers, sample codes, demo applications, utility tools etc.)

The SDK CD-ROM

- Sample Applications – show how the ACR120 is used in real-world applications.
 - ACR120 Multi-Application Demo* – The card is used as stored-value for Parking Card, Train Ticket Card, Vending Machine, Weighing Machine and Loyalty Application.
 - Time and Attendance Demo* – The card is used as storage of information for employee's time and attendance.
- Sample Codes – Codes given are written in C++, C#, Borland Delphi, Visual Basic, and Visual Basic .Net.
- Tools & Utilities
 - QuickView* – A useful program to check for proper driver installation of ACR38DT DualKey.
 - ACR120 Tool* – Helps to analyze the reader settings, change the communication speed, protocol configuration and manipulate data on your MIFARE® card.
- User Manuals & Reference Materials
 - ACR120 Technical Specifications
 - ACR120 Multi-Application Demo Guide
 - ACR120S - ACR120U Porting Guide
 - ACR120S - ACR120U API
 - Reference Manual for Mifare 1K card
 - ACR38DT Technical Specifications
 - ACR120 SDK User Manual
 - ACR120 Wall Mounting Procedures
 - ACR120S Communication Protocol
 - Reference Manual for Mifare 4K card
- SDK User Manuals

