

cnReach N550 A-Block Radio (896/935 MHz)

N550 896/935 MHz Radio Quick Look:

- Compatible with 896/935 MHz A-block deployments by Class 1 Freight Rail Operators (also available: 900 MHz ISM/MAS, 220 MHz, 450 MHz, 700 MHz, and 1400 MHz licensed options)
- Secure communications with AES 128/256-bit encryption with password authentication
- Highly reliable communications with AP synchronization and adaptive modulation
- Single- and dual-radio configurations for advanced back-to-back relay and store-and-forward applications
- Compliant with AREMA C&S Manual Section 11.5.1 Class A (roadbed) for shock and vibration
- Manufactured in the United States



For outdoor critical infrastructure operations, cnReach™ transports process monitoring and control data from remote sensors or RTU/PLCs back to the operations center, supporting real-time automated decision making and ongoing analytics.

Manufactured in the United States, the cnReach A-Block radio is designed specifically for telco and signaling applications in the North American rail industry. cnReach A-Block has a tailored UI to make it easy to align the configuration to the national A-block channel plan and has been tested to AREMA standards for shock and vibration roadbed environments.

Covering large geographic areas, hard-to-reach terrain, and challenging spectrum environments, cnReach eases the migration to modern networks by combining legacy serial and analog/digital I/O with TCP/IP and Ethernet connectivity.

Fully integrated into the single-pane-of-glass cnMaestro™ Network Management platform, cnReach helps bridge the IT/OT sides of complex organizations.

Combining cnReach's licensed and unlicensed narrow-band radios with Cambium Networks' broadband technologies, industrial organizations are delivering end-to-end industrial internet of things (IIoT) solutions today.

Features:

- Compatible with licensed 896/935 MHz A-block deployments by Class 1 freight rail operators and other license holders
- Long-range connectivity with 3W Tx power and flexible channel bandwidths.
- Extensive I/O capabilities easing the transition from serial to all-IP networks with multiple serial ports, Ethernet ports, and analog/digital I/O built-in
- Support for MQTT and Data Concentrator feature for IOT applications
- Sophisticated network planning with LINKPlanner, a no-charge planning tool enabling network designers to predict both capacity and availability of networks crossing all of Cambium's technologies
- Supported by cnMaestro Network Management software for monitoring the status of entire networks

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Radio Specifications (Lower A-Block Mode)

Frequency Range 896–901 MHz and 935–940 MHz

Output TX Power 10mW to 5W (10 dBm to 37 dBm)

Step Size 50mW

Modulations MSK / QPSK / 8PSK / 16QAM / 32QAM / 64QAM

Capacity* 10 Kbps up to 105 Kbps

Channel Bandwidths 12.5 kHz / 25 kHz (contact Cambium Networks for 50 kHz and 100 kHz options)

Range Up to 110 km / 70 mi

Packet Handling Layer 2 bridge, layer 3 static routes, VLAN support

Error Correction Up to 32-bit CRC, retransmit on error

Data Encryption 128/256-bit AES

Receive Sensitivity (A-Block Mode)

	12.5 kHz Channel		25 kHz Channel	
	Rx Sensitivity (dBm)	Capacity* (Kbps)	Rx Sensitivity (dBm)	Capacity* (Kbps)
MSK	-115	10	-114	15
QPSK	-104	22	-107	36
8 PSK	-100	32	-101	52
16 QAM	-95	43	-98	70
32 QAM	-91	54	-95	87
64 QAM	-90	65	-89	105

*Capacities are over-the-air signaling rates. Usable throughput varies based on payload size, uplink/downlink ratio, and protocol. UDP traffic is typically 55%–60% of the over-the-air signaling rate.

Management

Web-based interface via HTTP/HTTPS

Remote management via SNMP

cnMaestro integration

LINKPlanner

Support for human-readable configuration files, remote software upgrades

Built-in diagnostic tools via web interface such as RF ping and RF throughput

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Hardware Specifications

Ethernet Interfaces	2 x RJ-45 10/100BaseT, full duplex, rate auto negotiated (802.3 compliant)		
Serial Interfaces	2 x RJ-45 RS-232/422/485, up to 1 Mbps		
Analog/Digital I/O (optional)	8 pins for analog input/output and digital input/output		
RF / Antenna	TNC RF connectors (1 or 2 depending on single- or dual-radio configuration)		
Input Power	10–32VDC with reverse polarity protection		
Power Consumption (12VDC average)	A-Block (5W)		
	Transmit	Receive	Idle
Single Radio Configuration (mA)	395	280	196
Dual Radio Configuration (mA)	580	421	293
I/O Expander (mA)	293 mA		
Dimensions	168 x 876 x 466 mm (6.625 x 3.45 x 1.835 in)		
Weight	Single-radio configuration: 0.70 kg (1.54 lb) Dual-radio configuration: 0.73 kg (1.61 lb)		
DIN Rail Mount	Optional		
Operating Temperature	-40°C to 75°C (-40°F to 167°F)		
Humidity	95% operating humidity at 60°C non-condensing		
HAZLOC	UL-approved to Class 1 / Div 2		
Deployment Topologies	Point-to-point (PTP), point-to-multipoint (PMP), repeater (REP) – single or dual radio		
UL	Approved		
FCC ID	Part 90		

Ordering Information

	US/Canada (FCC/IC)
N550 896/935 MHz Single	NB-N550810B-US
N550 896/935 MHz Single with IO	NB-N550811B-US
N550 896/935 MHz Dual	NB-N550820B-US
N550 900 896/935 Dual with IO	NB-N550821B-US

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