

# **MADGETECH RFC1000 Wireless RF Transceiver and Repeater User Guide**

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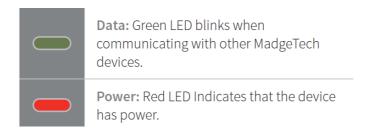
#### **Product Overview**

The RFC1000 is a high powered wireless transceiver for use with the RFOT and 2000A series data loggers. It has a long transmit range, providing optimal performance in occluded environments, such as ovens and refrigerators. The RFC1000 has an external antenna, allowing more flexibility with mounting positions in both orientation and proximity to metal walls. The RFC1000 may be used as a repeater, or directly plugged into a Windows PC.

## **Operating Environment**

The RFC1000 is rated for use in an environment with temperatures from -20 °C to +85 °C (-4 °F to +185 °F) and a humidity range of 0 %RH to 95 %RH non condensing. The RFC1000 is rated IP40 and is protected against solids that are greater than 1 mm in size. This device is not water resistant.

#### **LED Indicators**



## **Wireless Transmission**

The RFC1000 can connect to a maximum of 64 data loggers. The RFC1000 transmits on a frequency of 2.405 GHz – 2.475 GHz.

## Transmission distance to data logger:

- Unobstructed line-of-sight (outdoors): Up to 2,000 feet maximum
- Typical urban environment (indoors): Up to 500 feet maximum

## Transmission distance to other RFC1000 wireless transceiver:

- Unobstructed line-of-sight (outdoors): Up to 4,000 feet maximum
- Typical urban environment (indoors): Up to 1,000 feet maximum

#### **Extending Wireless Transmission Distance**

Additional RFC1000 wireless transceivers (sold separately) can be used as repeaters to transmit over greater distances. If transmitting over a distance greater than 1,000 feet indoors, 4,000 feet outdoors or there are walls, obstacles or corners that need to be maneuvered around, set up additional RFC1000's as needed. Plug each one into an electrical outlet in the desired locations.

#### Software Installation

## Installing MadgeTech 4 Software

The MadgeTech 4 Software makes the process of downloading and reviewing data quick and easy, and is free to download from the MadgeTech website.

- 1. Download the MadgeTech 4 Software on a Windows PC from madgetech.com/software.
- 2. Locate and unzip the downloaded file (right click on the file and select Extract).
- 3. Open the MTInstaller.exe file.
- 4. Select a language, then follow the instructions provided in the MadgeTech 4 Setup Wizard to finish the MadgeTech 4 Software installation.

#### **Installing the USB Interface Driver**

Follow the instructions provided in the Installation Wizard to install the USB Interface Drivers. Drivers can also be downloaded from the MadgeTech website at madgetech.com.

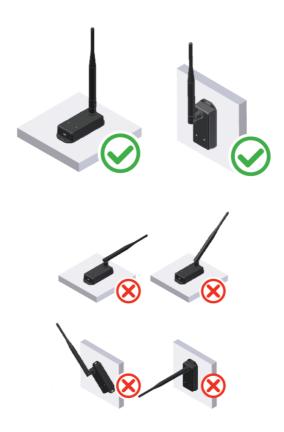
# **Activating & Deploying the Data Logger**

- 1. Connect the RFC1000 wireless transceiver to the Windows PC with the provided USB cable.
- 2. Additional RFC1000's can be used as repeaters to transmit over greater distances. Plug each one into an electrical outlet in the desired locations.
- 3. Verify that the data loggers (sold separately) are in wireless transmission mode.
- 4. On the Windows PC, launch the MadgeTech 4 Software.
- 5. All active data loggers will be listed in the Device tab within the Connected Devices panel.
- 6. To claim a data logger, select the desired data logger in the list and click the Claim icon.
- 7. Once the data logger has been claimed, select a start method in the Device tab.

For steps to claim the data logger and view data using MadgeTech Cloud Services, refer to the MadgeTech Cloud Services Software Manual at <u>madgetech.com</u>.

# **Mounting Instructions**

The RFC1000 has a pivoting external antenna to accommodate either tabletop or wall mounted orientation. For best wireless performance, RFC1000 wireless transceivers and the MadgeTech data loggers should be mounted in the same orientation. This usually means that the external antenna will be pointing straight up



#### **Channel Programming**

Different wireless channels may be used to create multiple networks in one area, or to avoid wireless interference from other devices. Any RFC1000 wireless transceiver or MadgeTech data logger on the same network is required to use the same channel. If all of the devices are not on the same channel, the devices will not communicate with one another. The RFC1000 is programmed by default on channel 25.

**CHANNEL NOTE**: MadgeTech wireless data loggers and wireless transceivers purchased prior to April 15, 2016 are programmed by default to channel 11. Please refer to the Product User Guide provided with these devices for instructions to change the channel selection if needed.

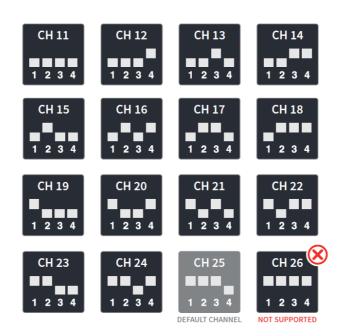
# Configuring the Channel Settings of the RFC1000

- 1. Unplug the RFC1000.
- 2. Use a Phillips head screwdriver to unscrew the back of the RFC1000 enclosure.
- 3. Find the DIP switches located on the front of the PCB circuit board (diagram 1a).
- 4. Change the DIP switches to match the desired channel (diagram 1b). WARNING: Do not touch other sensitive electronics.
- 5. Screw the RFC1000 enclosure back together.
- 6. Reconnect the RFC1000.



## **Channel DIP Switch Orientation**

The images below show the orientations available of the switches for each channel.



# **Troubleshooting**

## Troubleshooting wireless transceiver problems

# Check that the software properly recognizes the connected RFC1000 wireless transceiver.

If the wireless data logger is not appearing in the Connected Devices list, it may be that the RFC1000 is not properly connected.

- 1. In the MadgeTech 4 Software, click the File button, then click Options.
- 2. In the Options window, click Communications.
- 3. The Detected Interfaces box will list all of the available communication interfaces. If the RFC1000 is listed here, then the software has correctly recognized and is ready to use it.

# Check that Windows recognizes the connected RFC1000 wireless transceiver.

If the software does not recognize the RFC1000, there may be a problem with Windows or the USB drivers.

- 1. In Windows, click Start, right-click Computer and choose Properties.
- 2. Select Device Manager in the left hand column.
- 3. Double-click on Universal Serial Bus Controllers.
- 4. Look for an entry for Data Logger Interface.
- 5. If the entry is present, and there are no warning messages or icons, then windows has correctly recognized the connected RFC1000.
- 6. If the entry is not present, or has an exclamation point icon next to it, the USB drivers may need to be installed. USB drivers can be downloaded from the MadgeTech website.

## Ensure that the USB end of the RFC1000 is securely connected to the computer.

- 1. If the cable is connected to the PC, unplug it and wait ten seconds.
- 2. Reconnect the cable to the PC.
- 3. Check to make sure that the red LED is lit, indicating a successful connection.

## **Compliance Information**

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. To satisfy FCC RF Exposure requirements for mobile and base station transmission devices, a separation distance of 20 cm or more should be maintained between the antenna of this device and persons during operation. To ensure compliance, operation at closer than this distance is not recommended. The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must not be colocated or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s).

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- this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

#### **NEED HELP?**

# **Product Support & Troubleshooting:**

- Refer to the Troubleshooting section of this document.
- Visit our Knowledge Base online at madgetech.com/resources.
- Contact our friendly Customer Support Team at 603-456-2011 or support@madgetech.com.

# MadgeTech 4 Software Support:

- Refer to the built-in help section of the MadgeTech 4 Software.
- Download the MadgeTech 4 Software Manual at madgetech.com.
- Contact our friendly Customer Support Team at 603-456-2011 or support@madgetech.com.

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# **Documents / Resources**



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