



# **AW100BT**

**VHF Modem**

**Operator's Manual**

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This Class A digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

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## Preface

Manual Conventions

WEEE Directive

# Manual Conventions

This manual uses the following conventions:

Example	Description
<i>File ▶ Exit</i>	Click the <i>File</i> menu and click <i>Exit</i>
<i>Link Space</i>	This format represents titles of dialog windows/boxes, names of menu options, identifies program interface objects, such as checkboxes, edit boxes, radio buttons, etc.
Temp	This format is used to enter various string information (e.g., file and directory names) as well as operator commands.

## Screen Captures

This manual includes sample screen captures. Your actual screen can look slightly different from the sample screen due to the modem you have connected, operating system used and settings you have specified. This is normal and not a cause for concern.

## Technical Assistance

If you have a problem and cannot find the information you need in the product documentation, contact your local dealer. Alternatively, request technical support using the [support@arwestcom.com](mailto:support@arwestcom.com).



# INTRODUCTION

External extra rugged digital high power VHF radio transceiver programmable in frequency ranges from 138 to 174 MHz. It has GMSK, DBPSK, DQPSK, 4FSK, D8PSK, and D16QAM modulations with advanced forward error correction and data scrambling. The output power is programmable up to 4 W.



**Figure 1-1. AW100BT**

The AW100BT radio transceiver provides a high-speed Point-to-Point and Point-to-Multipoint wireless data transfer at up to 38.4 kbps. AW100BT supports user selectable modulation techniques (GMSK, 4FSK, DBPSK, DQPSK, D8PSK, or D16QAM), which allows the user to achieve the highest data speed for a given range (up to 16 miles / 26 km). It also includes a selectable error correction, which improves the functioning of the radio modem under interference.

The sophisticated features of AW100BT include data scrambling, frequency hopping, user selectable transmit output power level, low power consumption sleep modes, autoscanning and plug-and-play installation for remote terminals.

The built-in software tools provide the wireless link testing, unit's status and error statistics monitoring as well as unit's settings change over the air. The firmware of the AW100BT radio transceiver resides in a flash memory. The updating of the radio modem programs is entirely software-based. The flash memory is re-programmable through an RS232 interface, USB, Bluetooth, or over the air. The unit's user settings can be changed through the built-in Command Line interface (CLI), Tracy Software or through AWLaunch.

## Introduction

Getting Acquainted

LEDs

# 1.1. Getting Acquainted

The AW100BT is a rugged and very powerful external radio transceiver 146 mm wide 75 mm deep 44 mm high, weighs 488 g.

## 1.1.1. LEDs

External LED's (see Figure 1-2) are used for Link and Line status indication:

Position	LED Name	Color	Description
1	PWR	Green	Active if Power connected to modem
2	SYNC	Red	Active whenever a signal with a level sufficient for reliable reception exists on the radio channel.
3	TX/RX	Green	Active if modem receives or transmits Data over serial interface
4	BT	Blue	Active if modem receives or transmits Data over Bluetooth

## 1.1.2. Data and Power Port

The AW100BT data and power port is placed on the front of the unit (Figure 1-2).



Figure 1-2. AW100BT front side

Through the DB15 port the AW100BT can be connected to PC with Accessory Data-Ser-Pwr Cable, DB9/DB15/SAE (6ft/1.8m) p/n 14-578108-02, or with ArWest receiver with Accessory Data-Ser-Pwr Cable, ODU-7/DB15/SAE (6ft/1,8m) p/n 14-578110-02 and can be powered. See “Powering AW100BT” on page 13 for detailed information.

### 1.1.3. External Antenna and Bluetooth Antenna Connectors

The external antenna connects to the BNC external antenna connector and Bluetooth antenna connects to the SMA connector which are placed on the back panel of AW100BT.



Figure 1-3. External and Bluetooth Antenna Connectors

### 1.1.4. Mounting Bracket

The mounting bracket (Figure 1-4) connects the modem to a standard pole/adaptor (Figure 1-4).



Figure 1-4. Mounting Bracket

### 1.1.5. Cables

The AW100BT package includes standard communication and power cables for configuring the modem and providing a power source to the modem.

Accessory Data-Ser-Pwr Cable, ODU-7/DB15/SAE (1,8m) p/n 14-578110-02	
Accessory Data-Ser Cable, USB/DB15/SAE (1,8m) p/n 14-578-123-02	

## Introduction

Getting Acquainted

Literature

### 1.1.6. Literature

AW100BT literature, including manuals and other product information are available on the ArWest website (<http://www.arwestcom.com>):

- *AW100BT Operator's Manual*
- Functional specifications

### 1.1.7. External Antenna (not included)

Antenna type depends on the site requirements, and may be directional or omni-directional.

**Warning:** *Do not use AW100BT without antenna or attenuator to avoid serious damage of your device.*

### 1.1.8. Storage Precautions

1. Always clean the instrument after use. Wipe off dust with a cleaning brush, then wipe off dirt with a soft cloth.
2. Store in a location with a temperature of  $-40^{\circ}$ ...  $+85^{\circ}$ C, and no exposure to direct sunlight.
3. Use a clean cloth, moistened with a neutral detergent or water, to clean the modem. Never use an abrasive cleaner, ether, thinner benzene, or other solvents.

Always make sure the instrument is completely dry before storing. Dry the modem with a soft, clean cloth.

# CONFIGURATION

## 2.1. Powering AW100BT

To power AW100BT use the Battery kit 1 (p/n 99-587300-10).



Figure 2-1. Battery Kit 1

### 2.1.1. Power supply requirements

A single external power supply is necessary to operate AW100BT. The external power supply needs to be Listed for US and Certified for EU countries, it needs also to be a Limited Power Source and rated for Outdoor Use and have an output rated for +9 ... +36V, 4A. This may not be the same range as other ArWest products with which you are familiar.

**CAUTION:** *To avoid the introduction of hazards when operating and installing, before connecting of the equipment to the supply, make sure that the supply meets local and national safety ordinances and matches the equipment's voltage and current requirements.*

**CAUTION:** *Never attempt any maintenance or cleaning of the supply while plugged in. Always remove supply from AC power before attempting service or cleaning.*

**Warning:** *If the voltage supplied is below the minimum specification, the modem will suspend operation. If the voltage supplied is above the maximum specification, the modem may be permanently damaged, voiding your warranty.*

Make sure cords are located so that will not be stepped on, tripped over, or otherwise subjected to damage or stress. Do not operate equipment with a damaged cord or plug – replace immediately.

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Antenna Installation

Power supply requirements

To reduce the risk of damage to the equipment, pull by the plug body rather than the output cord when disconnecting the equipment.

Do not operate the supply if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped, or otherwise damaged. Do not disassemble the supply.

**Warning:** *Before connecting the external power source and the modem, make sure that the power source matches the modem's voltage and current requirements.*

## 2.2. Antenna Installation

**Warning:** *To avoid the equipment serious damage, do not switch the modem to transmit mode if RF antenna is not connected!*

Select the type of antenna that best fits your application and the one that offers the highest dB gain. In addition, setup your system in the highest possible location to minimize obstacles between the transmitting and receiving systems. Always place the antenna on the highest point available. At a minimum, set the antenna to at least ten feet above the terrain using an antenna mast.

Some antennas intended to be attached to the pole mount adaptor (p/n 14-578117-01) are designed to be operated with a ground plane and some without it. Antennas designed to be operated with ground plane provide better gain, but to achieve the best performance of your antenna, add a VHF Antenna Ground Plane Disk (p/n 10-587400-01) to the bottom of the antenna for a ground plane. VHF antenna Ground Plane disk improves VSWR and as result increase RF power delivered from transmitter to antenna and system distance range.

To install antenna with ground plane disc (see pictures below):

1. Unscrew the cone-shaped cable part;
2. Place the ground plane disc between cable parts and screw all parts together;
3. Attach cable with ground plane to the VHF antenna;

4. Place the antenna on the pole.



**1** Unscrew the cone-shaped cable part



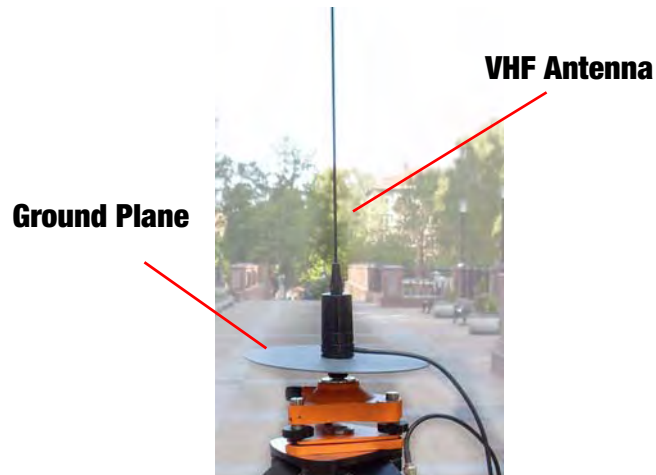
**2** Place the Ground Plane between cable parts and screw all together



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**3** Attach to the antenna



Use coaxial cable and connectors that are impedance-matched with the radio equipment, and make sure to use the shortest length of cable to move the signal between the radio and the antenna:

- p/n 14-578115-01 Accessory VHF Ant Cable BNC/Magn Mount, 12ft<sup>1</sup>
- p/n 14-578116-01 Accessory VHF Ant Cable BNC/Mini-Magn Mount, 12ft<sup>1</sup>
- p/n 14-578117-01 Accessory VHF Ant Cable BNC/Pole Mount, 12ft

1. For this type of antenna a metal surface, e.g. car's roof, serves as ground plane.

## Configuration

Installing AWLaunch

Connecting through serial port

## 2.3. Installing AWLaunch

AWLaunch™ is a Windows® application for the radio modem configuration. AWLaunch is available from the ArWest Communications website.

**Note:** Refer to the *AWLaunch Software Manual* for full details on installing and using AWLaunch Software.

1. If downloading the program from the website, extract the program files into a folder on your hard drive.
2. Navigate to the location of the AWLaunch program and double-click the *AWLaunch.msi* icon.
3. Follow the on-screen installation wizard instructions. Click *Next* to continue, *Back* to get back to previous step, or *Cancel* to quit the installation.
4. Keep the default installation location or select a new location
5. Click *Close* to complete the installation and quit wizard. If desired, create a shortcut on the computer's desktop for quick access to AWLaunch.

To uninstall AWLaunch use the *Add and Remove Programs* from the Control Panel.

1. Open the Control Panel, then *Add or Remove Programs* tool. Find *AWLaunch*, and click *Remove*. This will uninstall AWLaunch.

## 2.4. Connecting AW100BT and Computer

Once you have established a connection between the modem and the computer, you will be able to:

- Configure the modem and its components
- Send commands to the modem

Use AWLaunch to load new firmware to the modem.

### 2.4.1. Connecting through serial port

To configure, or maintain AW100BT, you need to connect the modem and a computer using an Accessory Data-Ser-Pwr Cable, DB9/DB15/SAE (1,8m), p/n14-578108-02.



**Figure 2-2. Accessory Data-Ser-Pwr Cables DB9/DB15/SAE**



## 2.4.2. Connecting through USB port

Make sure the computer has special USB driver installed (available from [www.arwestcom.com](http://www.arwestcom.com)) before continuing. To configure, or maintain AW100BT using USB port, you need to connect the modem and a computer using special cable (included in the standard kit) Access Data-Ser Cable, USB/DB15/SAE (1,8m) (p/n 14-578123-02).



**Figure 2-3. Cable p/n 14-578123-01**

1. Download the zip-archive with USB driver from [www.arwestcom.com](http://www.arwestcom.com);
2. Extract the archive to the new empty folder;
3. Connect the USB port of the computer to the data port of the modem at the switched off power supply by using of a cable.
4. Turn on your computer.
5. Power AW100BT.
6. Windows will detect USB driver automatically. Otherwise it will ask to specify driver location. Select the folder with extracted file.

## 2.4.3. Connecting through Bluetooth®

**Note:** Do not forget to attach the Bluetooth® antenna to Bluetooth antenna connector on the back panel of the modem.

The AW100BT modem contains Bluetooth® wireless technology that allows synchronization between the modem and any other external device that supports Bluetooth® wireless technology; for example, an IPAQ, or a computer with USB-to-Bluetooth® adapter or PCMCIA-to-Bluetooth® adapter installed, etc.

AW100BT and external device connection procedure varies slightly depending on the type of external device used. In general, the connection procedure is as follows:

**Note:** Refer to your Bluetooth®-enabled external device documentation for more detailed connection information.

1. Turn on a Bluetooth®-enabled external device and your receiver. The default external device mode is Master; the modem's Bluetooth® module mode is Slave.
2. Instruct the external device (Master) to search for the modem (Slave).
3. Once the Master device detects the modem, use the procedure described in the external device's documentation to connect it with the modem.

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Connecting through Bluetooth®

## 2.5. Configuring AW100BT

1. Connect the computer and AW100BT, as described in “Connecting AW100BT and Computer” on page 16.
2. Turn on the AW100BT.
3. Start AWLaunch.

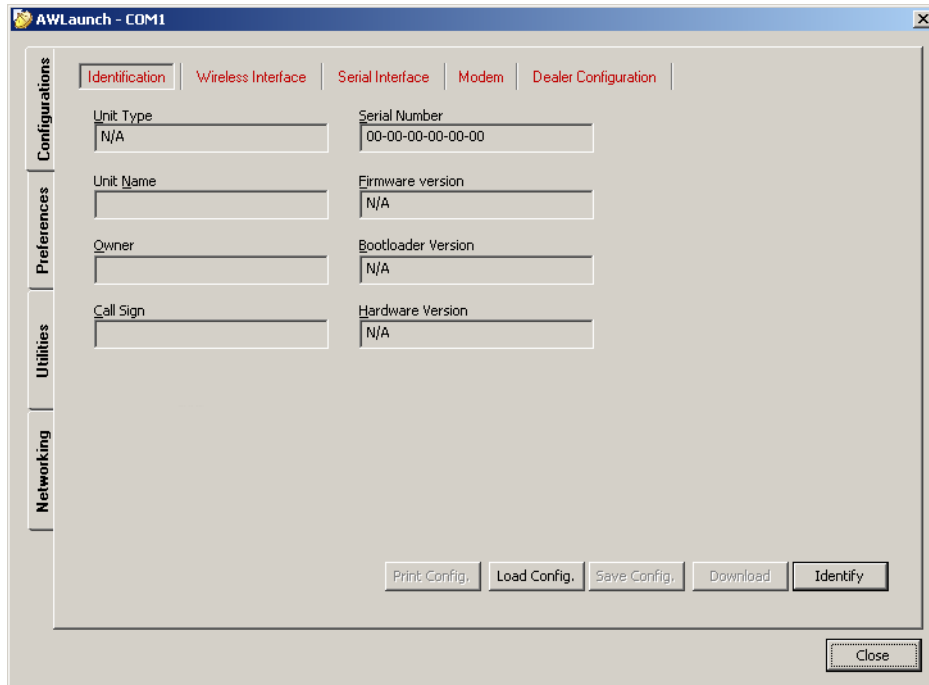
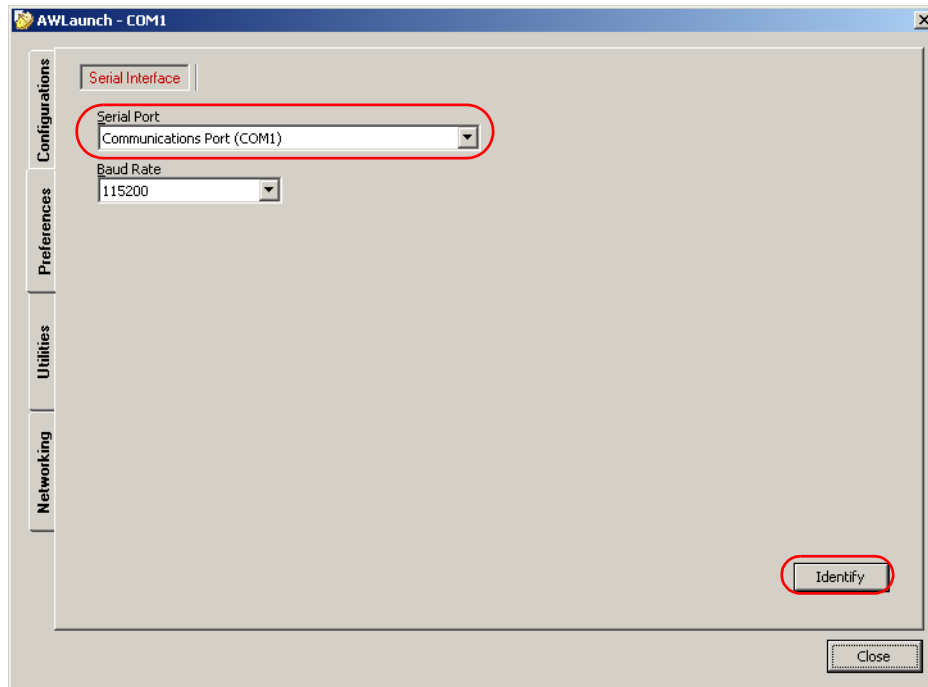


Figure 2-4. Main window

4. Open the *Preferences* tab and select the COM port the modem is connected to (Figure 2-5), and click *Identify*.



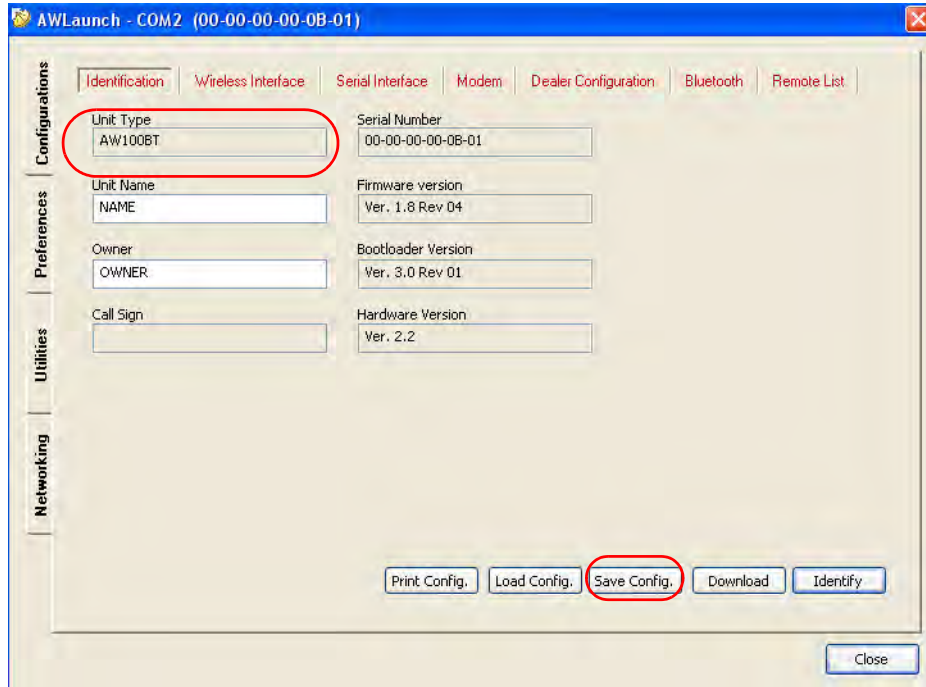
**Figure 2-5. Connect to AWLaunch**

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- Once the connection is established in the *Configurations* tab *Identification* subtab the unit's information will appear (Figure 2-6), i.e. unit serial number, firmware, hardware and boot loader versions:



**Figure 2-6. Identification tab**

- In the *Unit Name* text field the unit's name can be inserted;
- In the *Owner* field the owner's name can be inserted.

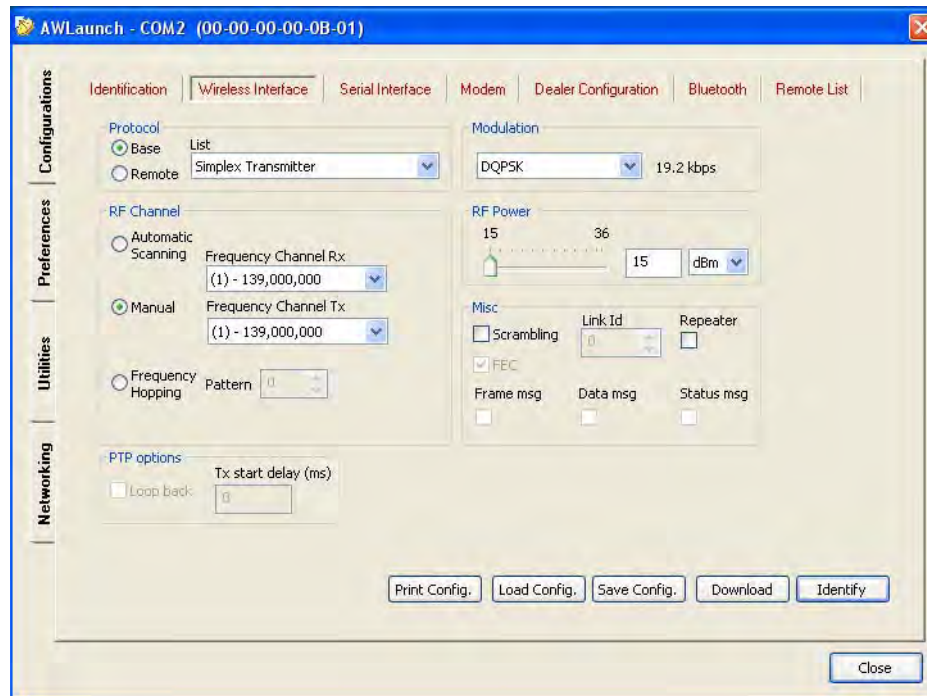
To save the changes click *Save Config.* button.

- In the *Configurations* tab, *Wireless* subtab, set the following parameters (Table 2-1) and click *Identify* (Figure 2-7 on page 21). To save the changes click *Save Config.* button.

**Table 2-1. Modem Parameters for the Wireless Subtab**

Parameter	Base Modem	Remote Modem	Repeater
Protocol	Base Select from the <i>List Simplex Transmitter</i> or <i>PCC transmitter</i> if Pacific crest protocol is used.	Remote Select from the <i>List Simplex Receiver</i> or <i>PCC Receiver</i> if Pacific crest protocol is used.	Remote Select from the <i>List Repeater</i> , if the modem will be used as Repeater, or <i>PCC Repeater</i> , if Pacific crest protocol is used.
Modulation type	Specifies a modulation scheme that will be used by your modem <sup>1</sup> . DQPSK is recommended.		
Forward Error Correction (FEC)	Enable		
Scrambling	Enable	Enable	
RF power	Select the transmission power for the radio modem in the RF modem slider, or type the value in the edit box		

1. For both Base and Remote modems the modulation type must be the same.



**Figure 2-7. Configurations tab. Wireless subtab**

7. In the *Dealer Configuration* subtab set the frequency and channel spacing (Figure 2-8 on page 22). To save the changes click *Save Config.* button.

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- Set the frequency in band 138-174 MHz<sup>1</sup>.

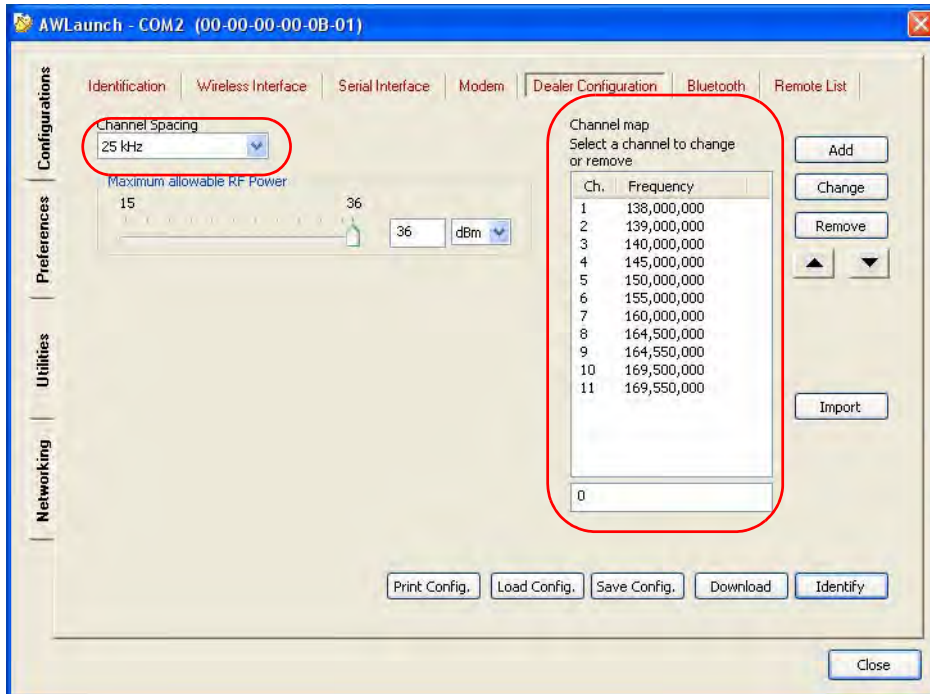


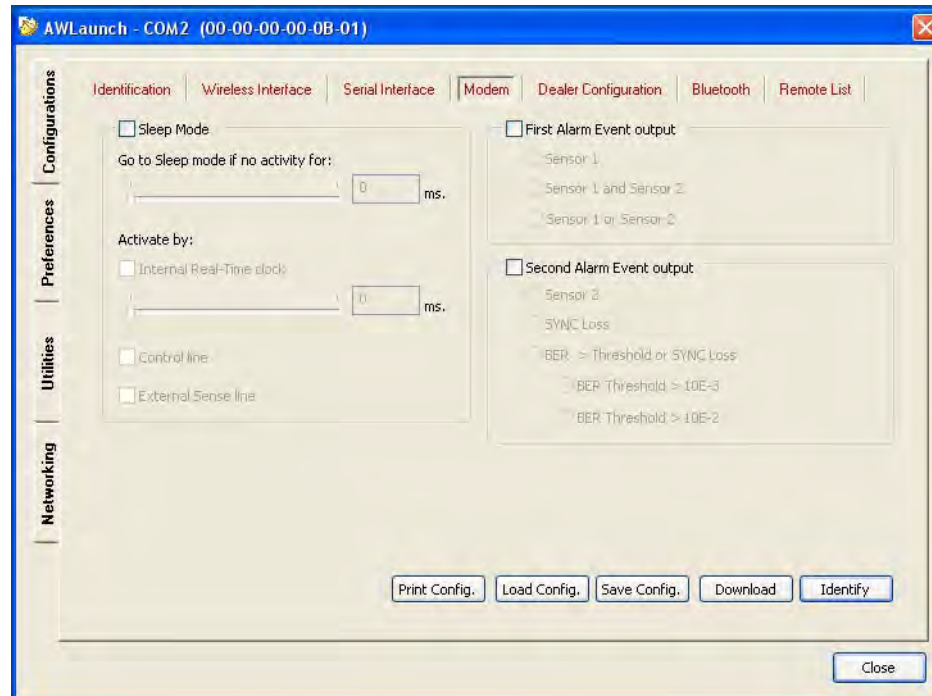
Figure 2-8. Dealer Configuration tab

8. When finished, click *Close*.

1. For both Base and Remote modems the frequency must be the same.

## 2.5.1. Sleep Mode and Alarm settings

The sleep mode and alarm settings can be configured in the *Modem* subtab of the *Configurations* tab (Figure 2-9).



**Figure 2-9. Configurations tab. Modem subtab**

To configure the sleep mode set the period of inactivity in milliseconds and how the modem will be activated: using internal real-time clock, command line, or internal sense line.

The First and second Event Output control allow routing the alarms and the inputs from remote sensors to the first and second event outputs.

**Note:** This feature is not supported in current firmware version.

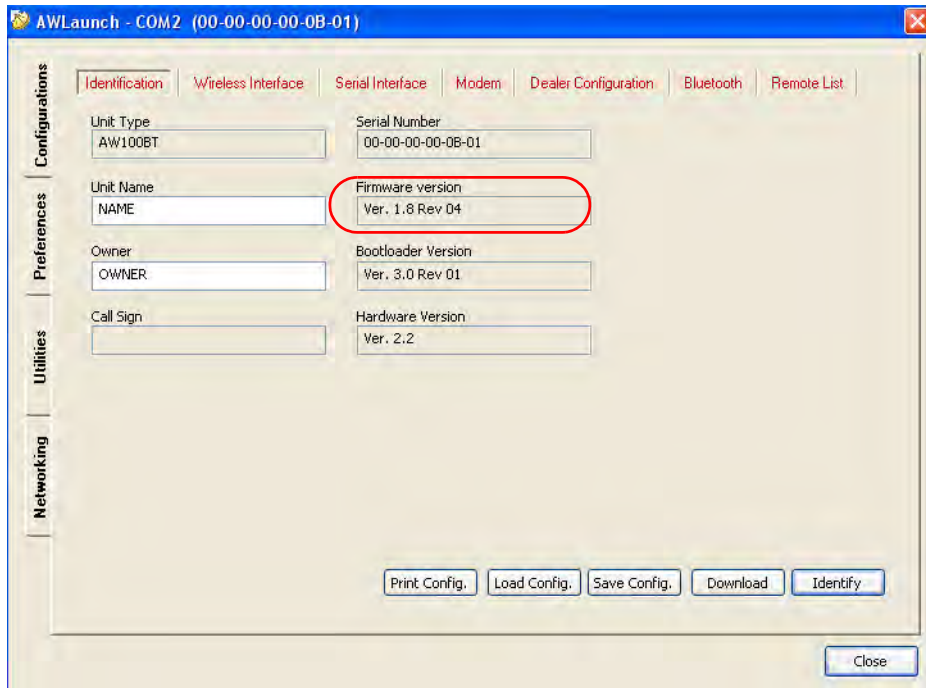
## Configuration

Checking Firmware Version  
Sleep Mode and Alarm settings

## 2.6. Checking Firmware Version

Use AWLaunch to check the firmware version of your AW100BT.

1. Select *Identification* subtab of *Configurations* tab;
2. Press *Identify* button (note that you may not press *Identify* button if identification process has been complete successfully once);



**Figure 2-10. Identification subtab**

This tab lists important information about the hardware accessories and software properties. This list includes the following, which you will need if you contact ArWest Communications or your dealer:

- Unit Type
  - Unit Name
  - Modem Serial Number
  - Firmware Version
  - BootLoader Version
  - Hardware Version
3. Click *Close* to quit AWLaunch.

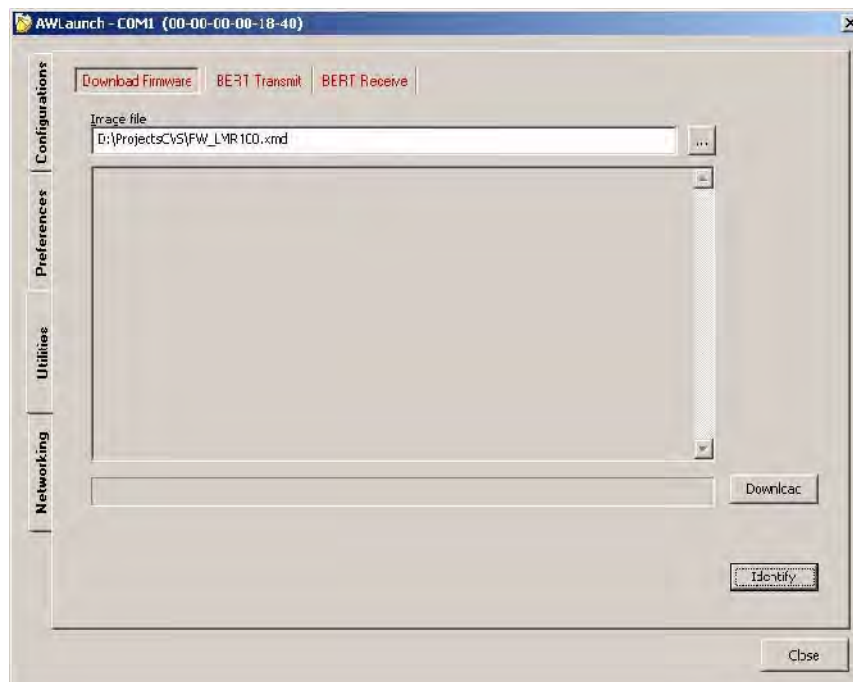


## 2.7. Loading New Firmware

Use the latest firmware version, available for download from the ArWest website [www.arwestcom.com](http://www.arwestcom.com), to ensure your modem has the most recent updates.

The modem uses AWLaunch to load firmware onto the modem. For more information, refer to the *AWLaunch Software Manual*, available on the ArWest website. To upgrade the firmware of radio modem the following steps must be performed:

1. Download the new firmware package to your computer.
2. Connect your modem and computer. See “Connecting AW100BT and Computer” on page 16 for this procedure.
3. Select *Download Firmware* subtab of *Utilities* tab;
4. Press *Identify* button (note that you may not press *Identify* button if identification process has been complete successfully once);
5. Press *Browse* button and select the firmware file which you want to download;
6. Press *Download* button (the downloading process may take a few minutes).



**Figure 2-11. Download Firmware**

7. Wait until the new firmware version loading will be complete.
8. Click *Close* to quit AWLaunch.

## **Configuration**

Loading New Firmware

Sleep Mode and Alarm settings

# COMMAND LINE INTERFACE

The built-in user-friendly Command Line Interface (CLI) allows user to perform a full configuration of the unit and read the statistics and alarm status. It is the most powerful tool to configure the unit. It makes changes to all possible settings that system will not be able to determine automatically.

The CLI commands allow user to configure and reconfigure the unit's settings. The user configuration parameters that could be changed through the CLI are:

- Data Port Settings
  - Baud Rate
  - Data Bits (8, 7)
  - Parity (Odd, Even, None)
  - Flow control (None or RTS/CTS)
- Alarm Settings
- Radio Operation Modes
- Sleep modes
  - On/Off
  - Activate by internal real-time clock
  - Activate through RTS/CTS lines
  - Activate by external sense lines
  - Activate by any combination of the parameters mentioned before

**Note:** The unit's configuration that is set or modified through the CLI will be lost after unit's reboot, unless the saving operation is used to store a new setting in the unit's configuration file.

The CLI commands also provide filing operations, which include:

- Downloading
  - Unit's Configuration files
  - Software Images
- Uploading Unit's Configuration files
- Saving into the configuration files the configuration parameters modified through the CLI.

### 3.1. Command Line Interface Convention

The following convention is implemented in AW100BT Command Line Interface (CLI):

- The Carriage Return/Line Feed (CR/LF, 0x0D/0x0A) is a command delimiter.
- The Carriage Return/Line Feed (CR/LF, 0x0D/0x0A) is a reply delimiter followed by the “CLI>” prompt if Echo option is On.
- The Carriage Return/Line Feed (CR/LF, 0x0D/0x0A) is a reply delimiter if Echo option is Off (default option).
- The 2-digit number followed by “@” in the unit's reply indicates the error code (refer to Table 3 for description), if Echo Off is selected, otherwise the error message is displayed.
- A successfully performed command is replied by @00 code, if Echo Off is selected, otherwise the set value is replied.
- A command with the certain [Parameter Name] and blank [Parameter List] displays the current settings for a given parameter.
- To set the mode ordered by CLI commands as permanent User Setting (the setting automatically selected for the boot-up unit) the SAVE command must be asserted.
- A command followed by “/F” option displays the Parameters in the predefined frame format. The display frame format is unique for each command supporting “/F” option.

**Table 3-1. Command Line Interface Error Codes**

Error Code	Short Description
0x01	Command Syntax Error. A command followed by “/?” displays a command usage.
0x02	The parameter has a format error. A command with the certain [Parameter Name] followed by “/?” displays the format and range of the variable.
0x03	The parameter is out of allowed range. A command with the certain [Parameter Name] followed by “/?” displays the format and range of the variable.
0x04	The command is not valid for specific radio model. To display the list of available commands, the HELP command must be used.
0x05	Unspecified Error

## 3.1.1. Software Switching to Command Mode

On power-up the radio modem is in data-mode. To switch to command mode the special byte-sequences with special meanings are used:

- Escape-Sequence: “+++” with 20 ms guard time before and after the command characters
- Escape-Acknowledge: “@00<CR><LF>”

20 ms toggling on CTS control line needed to acknowledge switching from Data to Command mode and vice versa.

### Happy Flow

1. In data-mode the unit starts looking for the Escape-sequence if there is no data from DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) for more than 20 ms (Start Guard Time).
2. If the unit detects the Escape-Sequence:
  - The transmitter continues sending over the air the data received from DTE before Escape-Sequence and buffers the data from DTE;
  - The Receiver immediately stops forwarding to DTE the data received over the air and buffers it instead.
3. The radio unit waits for 20 ms and then sends Escape-Acknowledge to DTE if there is no data from DTE during 20 ms of Stop Guard Time.
4. The unit goes to command mode and discards Escape-Sequence from input buffer. The modem is immediately ready to receive commands. At the same time it continues buffering the data received over the air since step 2.

### Escape-Sequence in Data

During its waiting in step 3, the unit receives data from DTE:

- The unit sends buffered Escape-Sequence from DTE to the air;
- The unit sends all buffered data received from the air since step 2 to DTE and stays in data-mode (i.e. transmits data received from DTE over the air – including the just received, unexpected, data and forwards data received over the air to DTE.)

## Command Line Interface

Networking Commands

Hardware Switching to Command Mode

### 3.1.2. Hardware Switching to Command Mode

As alternative to Software Switching, the switching through the MP/DP (Data Terminal Ready, DTR) control line can be used. To set Command Mode, the DTE must assert DTR signal active and then passive. By falling edge of DTR signal the unit goes to command mode and then sends Escape-Acknowledge to DTE (“@00<CR><LF>”).

20 ms toggling on CTS control line needed to acknowledge switching from Data to Command mode and vice versa.

**Note:** The powered up radio modem by default goes to Data Mode regardless of DTR control line polarity.

### 3.1.3. Switching to Data Mode

- DTE sends the CLI command “DATAMODE<CR><LF>” to the unit.
- Unit answers with Escape-Acknowledge („@00<CR><LF>“) and immediately goes to datamode, so that the DTE can start sending data as soon as the Escape-Acknowledge has been received.
- If no valid CLI commands received from DTE within 1 minute, the unit will automatically switch back to data-mode.

## 3.2. Networking Commands

### 3.2.1. LINK

The LINK command is responsible for configuring radio’s operation mode. It has parameters listed below.

**Note:** In parentheses is shown firmware version, which supports this parameter. If the firmware version is not specified, it means that this parameter is supported in both versions.

LINK [*Parameter Name*] [*Parameters List*] [/?]

Parameter Name	Parameter List
PROT	1 - "Simplex Receiver", a default setting for Remote units 2 - "Simplex Transmitter" 3 - Reserved for future use 4 - Reserved for future use 5 - Reserved for future use 6 - Reserved for future use 7 - "TRMB Receiver" (used with GMSK modulation, Trimble compatible) 8 - "TRMB Transmitter" (used with GMSK modulation, Trimble compatible) 9 - "Transparent w/EOT" Repeater (used with GMSK and 4FSK, Pacific Crest compatible) 10 - "Repeater" (ArWest Proprietary Simplex) 11 - "TRMB Repeater" (used with GMSK modulation, Trimble compatible) 12 - "Transparent w/EOT" Receiver (used with GMSK and 4FSK modulation, Pacific Crest compatible) 13 - "Transparent w/EOT" Transmitter (used with GMSK and 4FSK modulation, Pacific Crest compatible) 14 - "STL Receiver" (used with 4FSK modulation, Satel compatible) 15 - "STL Transmitter" (used with 4FSK modulation, Satel compatible)
MOD	1 - DBPSK 2 - DQPSK, a default settings 3 - D8PSK 4 - D16QAM 5 - GMSK 6 - 4FSK
SPACE	Sets channel spacing: 0 - 25kHz, a default setting 1 - 12.5kHz 2 - 6.25kHz 3 - 20kHz
PWRB / PWRW	(25 - 46) / (320 - 3500) - RF output Power in dBm / mW
FHOP	(0 - 32) - Frequency Hoping Pattern number LINK FHOP command can be processed only if the Channel Map (up to 32 channels)
SCRAM	0 - No Scrambling (a default setting) (1 - 255) - Seed for Pseudo-Random Sequence Generator
FEC	0 - Disable Forward Error Correction (FEC), a default setting 1 - Enable Reed-Solomon encoding
RTR	Base Unit 0 - No Retransmission in the wireless cluster 1 - There is Repeater Remote Unit 0 - Auto Detect (Base or Repeater) 1 - Receive from Repeater 2 - Receive from Base

**Note:** The frequency defined by CHAN parameter is not valid if Frequency Hoping mode is selected.

In the Frequency Hoping mode, the Frequency Pattern generator must generate the random numbers smaller than the number of frequencies listed in the unit's frequency list.

## Command Line Interface

Serial Interfacing Commands

DPORT

# 3.3. Serial Interfacing Commands

## 3.3.1. DPORT

The DPORT is an object that responsible for data port interface configurations like Bit Rate, Flow Control, etc.

DPORT [*Parameter Name*] [*Parameters List*] [/?]

Parameter Name	Parameter List
RATE	0 – Maintenance Port baud rate, a default setting 1 – 1200 baud 2 – 2400 baud 3 – 4800 baud 4 – 9600 baud 5 – 14400 baud 6 – 19200 baud 7 – 38400 baud 8 – 57600 baud 9 – 115200 baud, a default setting
BITS	Set number of bits in one byte (8 or 7) 8 is a default setting
PARITY	0 – None, a default setting 1 – Odd 2 – Even
FLOW	0 – None, a default setting 1 – Not used 2 – HW (RTS/CTS)
RS	0 - RS232, a default setting 1 - RS485 2 - RS422 use save, boot commands to activate modification
DATATX	0 - UART, a default setting 1 - USB 2 - BT
DATARX	0 - UART, a default setting 1 - USB 2 - BT

The response of command without *Parameter Name* indicates all values:

RATE =0

BITS =8

PARITY =NONE

FLOW =NONE

DTR =0

RS =RS232

DATATX =UART

DATARX =UART, BT



### 3.3.2. MPORT

The MPORT is an object that responsible for maintenance serial port interface configurations such as data rate and number of bits in a byte.

MPORT [*Parameter Name*] [*Parameters List*] [/?]

Parameter Name	Parameter List
RATE	0 – Auto. 1 – 1200 baud 2 – 2400 baud 3 – 4800 baud 4 – 9600 baud 5 – 14400 baud 6 – 19200 baud 7 – 38400 baud 8 – 57600 baud 9 – 115200 baud, a default setting

**Note:** ArWest radio modem’s does not support data flow and parity on the maintenance serial port. The radio modem with none-dedicated maintenance serial port must keep CTS line always active in MPORT mode (DP/MP is low).

## 3.4. Special Commands

### 3.4.1. BOOT

The factory software image and default configuration is set for the new unit. The BOOT command is intended to reboot the unit using specified software image and selected configuration.

BOOT IMAGE

BOOT CFG

The BOOT command with no parameters selects the user settings defined by the prior “parameterized” BOOT commands.

### 3.4.2. HELP

The HELP command types the list of all available commands:

HELP- Display this usage

BOOT- Reboot the unit

LINK- Set RF Link Operation Mode

DPORT- Set Data Port Configuration

MPORT- Set Maintenance Port Configuration

ALARM- Alarm Indication and Alarm Control Configuration

## Command Line Interface

### Special Commands

#### SAVE

SLEEP- Set Sleep Mode Configuration  
STATE- Display Status and Statistics  
SAVE- Save Current Configuration into Configuration File  
INFO- Display Product ID along with Hardware/Software Versions  
ATI- Display Product ID along with Hardware/Software Versions  
MAP- Operates with Channel Map  
DATAMODE- Exit Command Mode  
[COMMAND] /?- Display Command Usage

### 3.4.3. SAVE

The SAVE command is intended to store the unit's currently used configuration into the User Configuration file. The configuration stored in the User Configuration file is activated by automatically after unit's reboot.

### 3.4.4. SLEEP

The SLEEP command determines the sleep mode parameters. The sleeping AW435BT can be activated by real-time CLK, DTR/RTS lines, and command received through TTL inputs. The user can select one, two, or all three conditions.

SLEEP [*Parameter Name*] [*Parameters List*] [/?]

Parameter Name	Parameter List
CLK	0 – Do not activate by internal real-time clock (1 – 255) – Activate by internal real-time clock after 100 to 25500 msec of sleeping
HW	0 – Do not activate through DTR/RTS lines 1 – Activate through DTR/RTS lines
TTL	0 – Do not activate by external sense lines 1 – Activate by external sense lines
GTS	0 – Disable Sleep mode (default) (1 – 255) – Go to sleep mode if there is no activity in 10 to 2550 msec

## 3.5. Diagnostics and Identification Commands

### 3.5.1. INFO

The INFO command is used to retrieve the Radio ID along with its Hardware version, the loaded real-time software version/revision and BootLoader's version/revision.

INFO [*Parameter Name*] [*Parameters List*] [/?]

Parameter Name	Parameter List
ID	Product ID: ID50 - HPT104BT ID57 - AW100BT
SN	Six bytes Serial Number (SN)
HW	1.0 - hardware version in numeric "Major.Minor" format
SW	Ver. 1.0 Rev. A - displays software's version in numeric "Major.Minor" format and revision in numeric format (range from 01 to 99) for engineering releases and alphabetic format (A to Z) for manufacturing releases
BL	Ver. 1.0 Rev. A - displays BootLoader's version in numeric "Major.Minor" format and revision in numeric format (range from 01 to 99) for engineering releases and alphabetic format (A to Z) for manufacturing releases
BT	Bluetooth serial number

The INFO command without *Parameter Name* indicates all values:

```
AW100BT VHF Transceiver, ArWest
Product ID =57
S/N =0000000123BB
Hardware =Ver. 3.3
Software =Ver. 1.8 Rev 04 B24
BootLoader =Ver. 3.0 Rev 03
BT addr =00:18:D7:00:3C:C7
```

### 3.5.2. STATE

The STATE command is used to check the state of the wireless link, the unit in the link, and the alarm control lines. To specify a radio unit (local or remote), the CONNECT command must be used in prior of STATE command using.

STATE [*Parameter Name*] [*Parameters List*] [/?]

Parameter Name	Parameter List
RSSI	-15 to -137 dBm - Indicates the Receive Signal Strength in dBm

## Command Line Interface

Diagnostics and Identification Commands

STATE

Parameter Name	Parameter List
BER	0 to 9.9E-3 - Indicates the BER level
FREQ	138.000000 to 174.000000 MHz - Displays the central frequency of the operating channel
TEMP	-30.C to 100.C. Displays the temperate inside of enclosure.
SYNC	0 - if link is not established yet 1 - indicates the link established
MODE	AUTO/FHOP/FIXED
VHPA	VCC V
BT	ON/OFF

The STATE command without *Parameter Name* indicates all values as shown below:

```
RSSI =-141 dBm
BER =0E-0
FREQ =435.000000 MHz
CHAN =-4
TEMP =32
SYNC =0
MODE =FIXED
VHPA =11.75 V
BT =ON
```

# SPECIFICATIONS

## A.1. AW100BT VHF Modem Specifications

The following sections provide specifications for the modem and its internal components.

### A.1.1. General Radio Specifications

**Table A-1. General Radio Specifications**

Parameter	Specification
Operating Frequency Range	138 - 174 MHz (EU) 150 - 174 MHz (USA) 138 - 144;148-174 MHz (Canada)
Channel Spacing	25/12.5/6.25 kHz (USA, Canada) 25/20/12.5 kHz (EU)
Data Rate (25/20/12.5/6.25 kHz Channel Spacing)	9600/7500/4800/2400 bps – DBPSK/GMSK 19200/15000/9600/4800 bps – DQPSK/4FSK 28800/22500/14400/7200 bps – D8PSK 38400/30000/19200/9600 bps – D16QAM
System Gain for DBPSK modulation (Antenna gain is not included)	161 dB (for 25 kHz Channel Spacing) 163 dB (for 12.5 kHz Channel Spacing) 164 dB (for 6.25 kHz Channel Spacing)
Roaming Speed for DBPSK modulation	75 mph / 120 km/h
Modulation	GMSK/4FSK/DBPSK/DQPSK/D8PSK/D16QAM
Nominal Impedance	50 Ohms
End to End delay	60 ms
Communication Mode	Time Division Duplex (TDD) Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)
Maximum Distance Range	16 miles / 26 km
Serial port	Serial (RS-232) up to 115200 bps. Serial port configurable as RS-232 and RS-422, or RS-485
USB	USB 2.0 device port (12 Mbps)
Bluetooth	Bluetooth V2.0 Class 2 supporting SPP Slave and Master Profiles
Bluetooth Antenna	Embedded

## Specifications

AW100BT VHF Modem Specifications  
Environmental Specifications

### A.1.2. Environmental Specifications

Table A-2 lists the modem's environmental specifications.

**Table A-2. Environmental Specifications**

Parameter	Specification
Temperature	Operating $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$ Storage $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$
Environmental	IP 66
Dimensions (H x W x D)	146 mm x 75 mm x 44 mm
Weight	488 g
Power Supply Voltage	+9 to +36 VDC nominal
Power Consumption (Average)	18W / 2W / 0.01W –Transmit / Receive / Sleep
Housing/Color	Aluminum / Two-tone ArWest Green / Gray
VHF Antenna Connector	TNC, 50 $\Omega$

### A.1.3. Transmitter Specifications

Table A-3 lists the transmitter specifications.

**Table A-3. Transmitter Specifications**

Parameter	Specification
Output Power USA, Canada	15 dBm to 36 dBm in 1 dB steps (32mW to 4W)
EU	15 dBm to 36 dBm in 1 dB steps (32mW to 2W)
Output Power Control Accuracy	$\pm 1.5$ dB (at normal test conditions)
Carrier Frequency Stability	$\pm 1.5$ ppm initial stability over temp with $\pm 3.0$ ppm aging/year
Max. Frequency Error	$\pm 1.0$ kHz (at normal test conditions) $\pm 1.5$ kHz (under extreme test conditions)
Adjacent Channel Power (Conducted) 25/12.5/6.25 kHz CS USA, Canada 25/20/12.5 kHz CS EU	Part §90.210 (C, D, E) Clause 4.2.4 EN 300 113-2 (60 dBc)
Spurious Emission (Conducted)	-36 dBm (9 kHz – 1GHz) -30 dBm (1GHz – 4 GHz)
Spurious Emission (Radiated)	-36 dBm (9 kHz to 1 GHz) -30 dBm (1 GHz to 4 GHz)

## A.1.4. Receiver Specifications

Table A-4 lists the receiver specifications.

**Table A-4. Receiver Specifications**

Parameter	Specification
Noise Figure	3 dB
Receiver Sensitivity (BER 1x10 <sup>-4</sup> , 25 kHz CS)	DBPSK -116 dBm 25kHz / -117 dBm 12.5kHz DQPSK -115 dBm 25kHz / -116 dBm 12.5kHz D8PSK -110 dBm 25kHz / -111 dBm 12.5kHz D16QAM -106 dBm 25kHz / -107 dBm 12.5kHz GMSK -113 dBm 25kHz / -114 dBm 12.5kHz
Dynamic Range	-115 to -15 dBm
Max. Input Signal Level	-10 dBm
Co-channel Rejection	-8 dB for 25 kHz Channel Spacing -12 dB for 12.5 kHz Channel Spacing -16 dB for 6.25 kHz Channel Spacing
Adjacent Channel Selectivity	70 dB for 25 kHz Channel Spacing 60 dB for 12.5 kHz Channel Spacing 50 dB for 6.25 kHz Channel Spacing

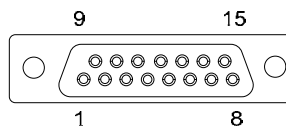
## A.2. Compliance

Parameter	Specification
FCC	Part 90
Industry Canada	RSS-119
R&TTE	ETSI EN 300 113-2; ETSI EN 301 489-5; EN 60950-1:2006

## A.3. Connector Specifications

### DB15 Connector

This provides DB15 connectivity for the AW100BT with a DB9 for connection to a PC/CE Device for configuration.



**Figure A-1. DB15 Connector**

## Specifications

Connector Specifications

Receiver Specifications

This connector provides DB15 connectivity for the AW100BT with DTE. About using and configuration RS-485 please contact ArWest support.

**Table A-5. DB15 Connector Specifications**

Number	Signal Name	Dir	Details
1	DCD_OUT	O	Data Carrier Detect (RS-232)
2	DTR_OUT	O	Data Terminal Ready (RS-232)
3	RX+/CTS_IN	I	Receive Data positive line (RS-422)/ Clear to Send (RS-232)
4	RX-/RX_IN	I	Receive Data negative line (RS-422)/ Receive Data (RS-232)
5	PWR_IN	I	+9 to +36 VDC Power Input
6	USB_PWR	I	Power Input line (USB)
7	Ground	-	Power Ground
8	PWR_IN	I	+9 to +36 VDC Power Input
9	DSR_IN	I	Data Set Ready (RS-232)
10	TX+/RTS_OUT	O	Transmit Data positive line (RS-422) / Request to Send (RS-232)
11	TX-/TX_OUT	O	Transmit Data negative line (RS-422) / Transmit Data (RS-232)
12	Ground	-	Power Ground
13	USB_D+	I/O	Positive line (USB)
14	USB_D-	I/O	Negative line (USB)
15	Ground	-	Power Ground

## External Antenna RF Connector

The external antenna connector type is a TNC RF connector AEP Connectors 6001-7051-003.



# **VHF RADIO USAGE**

Many countries require a license for radio users (such as the United States of America). Be sure you comply with all local laws while operating a VHF radio.

Surveying in RTK mode has made VHF the most popular choice for communications between base and rover receivers. Know the strengths and weaknesses of this technology to get the best use out of your receiver.

The quality and strength of the VHF signals translates into range for VHF communications.

The system's range will greatly depend on the local conditions. Topography, local communications and even meteorological conditions play a major role in the possible range of RTK communications.

If needed, use a scanner to find clear channels for communication.

## VHF Radio Usage

# **SAFETY WARNINGS**

Read these instructions.

- Keep these instructions.
- Heed all warnings.
- Follow all instructions.
- Clean only with a damp cloth.
- Do not block any of the ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, or has been dropped.
- Apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing and no objects filled with liquids, shall be placed on the apparatus.

## Safety Warnings

### General Warnings

## C.1. General Warnings

AW100BT is a wireless device used in a mobile application, at least 100 cm from any body part of the user or nearby persons.

**Note:** Minimum separation distance of 100 cm between the antenna and persons must be maintained.

This product should never be used:

- Without the user thoroughly understanding operator's manual.
- After disabling safety systems or altering the product.
- With unauthorized accessories.
- Contrary to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

**DANGER: THE AW100BT SHOULD NEVER BE USED IN DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTS.**

# **WARRANTY TERMS**

ArWest electronic equipment are guaranteed against defective material and workmanship under normal use and application consistent with this Manual. The equipment is guaranteed for the period indicated, on the warranty card accompanying the product, starting from the date that the product is sold to the original purchaser by ArWest' Authorized Dealers<sup>1</sup>.

During the warranty period, ArWest will, at its option, repair or replace this product at no additional charge. Repair parts and replacement products will be furnished on an exchange basis and will be either reconditioned or new. This limited warranty does not include service to repair damage to the product resulting from an accident, disaster, misuses, abuse or modification of the product.

Warranty service may be obtained from an authorized ArWest warranty service dealer. If this product is delivered by mail, purchaser agrees to insure the product or assume the risk of loss or damage in transit, to prepay shipping charges to the warranty service location and to use the original shipping container or equivalent. A letter should accompany the package furnishing a description of the problem and/or defect.

The purchaser's sole remedy shall be replacement as provided above. In no event shall ArWest be liable for any damages or other claim including any claim for lost profits, lost savings or other incidental or consequential damages arising out of the use of, or inability to use, the product.

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1. The warranty against defects in ArWest battery, charger, or cable is 90 days.



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