Box
LPWAN gateway
User Guide
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1. Introduction

1.1 Product overview

Thanks for choosing MatchX LPWAN products for your IoT applications. The Box includes a set of high-performance hardware and MatchX LPWAN controller software that allows you to manage your IoT devices through web browser or API.

This guide covers the US and EU version of Box, with the MatchX LPWAN controller version 1.0 or above. The main difference between the US and EU version is listed in the Table 1.1:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>US MX1702</th>
<th>EU MX1701</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Band</td>
<td>902-928MHz</td>
<td>863-873MHz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special RX</td>
<td>920-925MHz</td>
<td>865-867MHz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conducted Power</td>
<td>+30dBm</td>
<td>+27dBm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LBT</td>
<td>South Korea</td>
<td>Europe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SF</td>
<td>7-10</td>
<td>7-12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certification</td>
<td>IEC 60950-1</td>
<td>EN 300200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>FCC PART 15.247</td>
<td>EN 301489</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP Rating</td>
<td>IP65</td>
<td>IP65</td>
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Table 1.1: Comparison of US and EU Box

1.1.1 Lora

Box supports LoraWAN protocol that brings up to 20km coverage in open spaces, with superior network capacity that can accommodate more than 65535 nodes in a cell, and larger network coverage.

It supports network roaming and adaptive data rate management, which brings conveniences to system managers for IoT network plan and deployment. Box fully supports LoraWAN V1.0.2 and
can be remotely upgraded for the future versions of LoraWAN. The whole solution is compatible with all the LoraWAN devices. The RX band in some regions is narrower than US and EU version, please refer to the details in Section 3.4.

1.1.2 WiFi
Box augmented WiFi for the on-site device configuration and management. WiFi is used both as an access point and wireless bridge to local network, it provides integrated web interface for LoraWAN device management. Box support 802.11 abgn and runs in 2.4GHz.

1.2 Main Features
Box is the industry’s first IoT gateway that brings breakthroughs in both hardware and software, the network capacity, range coverage, security and device management are enhanced in both US and EU versions.

1.2.1 Hardware
- Maximum +27dBm conducted output power in 868MHz, +30dBm in 915MHz
- -143dBm sensitivity of LoraWAN packets
- FPGA integrated for Listen-Before-Talk AFA
- 580MHz CPU and 128MB RAM, 32MB flash
- 24V passive POE for power supply
- USB-C for debug and management
- Wifi, Ethernet or backhaul

1.2.2 Software
- Supports OpenWrt and LEDE
- Integrated with the most updated packet forwarder
- Supports LoraWAN class A,B,C
- Runs LoraWAN network server and application server locally (optional)
- Firmware upgrade over the air
- Gateway and end device management on-site

Currently Class B support in MatchX cloud is still in beta version, but the hardware is fully prepared for Class B specification, it is expected to have a final Class B support in future cloud upgrade.
1.3 Interface and Connectors

1.3.1 Front panel of Box

The shell part can be removed to connect cables and check the status of the Box. The panel has USB, USB-C and POE connectors and Link status LED.

USB2.0 is used to connect USB disk.
USB-C can be used to debug the Box.

Ethernet port supports 24V passive POE, please pay attention to the voltage rating of the POE injector.

1.3.2 Link activity of Box

Box uses one RGB LED to indicate the activity of the connections. The Table 1.2 describes the LEDs on the Box.
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#### LED Color

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LED Color</th>
<th>Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Flashing Blue</td>
<td>Initializing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steady Blue</td>
<td>Connected to Internet, no LoraWAN is configured</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alternative Blue and Red</td>
<td>Device is busy, don’t unplug power</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flashing Red</td>
<td>No GPS fix</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steady Red</td>
<td>No Internet or no LoraWAN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flashing Green</td>
<td>Configuring Box</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steady Green</td>
<td>Indicates that the Box is well-connected</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 1.2: LED activity of Box

#### 1.3.3 Connector of Box

Antenna 2 is for Lora radio and antenna 1 is for GPS. It is waterproof and has a mounting facility that can mount on the fields, rooftop or the outside wall of a building. The enclosure is made of ASA plastic, which is much more resistant to UV, wind, sand and acid rains.
2. Quick Installation Guide

The Box is pre-configured to connect MatchX network without any need of setup, the installation guide will introduce how to set it up and configure WiFi and Lora parameter.

This device must be professionally installed.

2.1 Software environment

To configure the Box, users will need to have the following software environment:

- Windows system with SSH client or iOS/Linux distributions with terminal
- Web browser like Chrome or Firefox
- Mobile browser like Chrome or Safari
- MatchX network account

2.2 Hardware environment

- WiFi or Ethernet connection
- Laptop or PC
- Mobile phone
- LoraWAN compatible end device

2.3 Connection

Here we only illustrate the POE power supply method, and the USB-C power option is not discussed here. Users can find the POE power supply inside the package, and the corresponding plug that specific to the country or region.
Firstly connect to power cords from your wall sockets or panel sockets to POE, then connect the RJ45 cable from your Internet modem/switch/wall port, or any 3G/4G router to the POE’s port labeled with "LAN". Next, grab a RJ45 cable and connect from the POE’s port labeled with "POE" to Box. Box can also use any 2.4GHz WiFi as a backhaul while powered by POE.

2.4 Mounting

2.4.1 Wall Mounting

The screws and screw anchors are included in the package, users can drill two 6mm hole on the wall and apply screw anchors to them.

- Determine the place of mount, should be a even surface
- Mark two holes that are going to be drilled, the distance is 32.2mm, should be horizontally aligned
- Drill two 6mm hole, apply screw anchors and screws
- Adjust the screw space
- Mount Box to the screws
2.4 Mounting

2.4.2 Pole mounting

To mount Box to a pole, users can find the stainless steel clamps in the package. The steps are:
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- Determine the place of mount, should be a round pole
- Position the Box to the place, and fasten the stainless steel clamp.

2.5 Surge protection and Shielded Ethernet cable

It is recommended to use the shielded RJ45 cable to connect the Box, in order to protect the device from thunder and electricity surge. Both shielded FTP and S-FTP cable from Cat5e are recommended.

2.6 Setup

The Box will be automatically connected to MatchX cloud after the Internet is connected. This guide will illustrate how to connect to the Box and configure it.

2.6.1 WiFi connection

Users need to have a laptop or a PC that has WiFi connectivities, then after the Box is powered on, the SSID that in a format "MatchX_Box_xxxx" will be available for connection. The default password is S/N of the device. After connected, users can use their web browser to configure the wifi backhaul at 192.168.8.1. The following picture shows the interface of WiFi connection.
2.6 Setup

2.6.2 Ethernet connection

In this case users should have connection to LAN by either an Ethernet cable or WiFi, and they should know the IP address of the BOX in their LAN.

In this example we assume that the IP address that obtained by Box is 172.16.1.180, and we connect from the LAN through web browser to the IP address in LAN. Here users can configure the WIFI AP and backhaul setting.

![Ethernet connection screenshot]

2.6.3 LPWAN server setting

With the MatchX LPWAN cloud account, users can register their Box on the website, and remotely configure the device. It is also convenient to get the data out of the MatchX Sticks from
either MQTT data stream or the reporting tool. The above figure shows the registration of the MatchX Box using the S/N or MAC address and its physical location.

The following figure shows the device configuration page of the Box, where users can check the GPS status, runtime statistics like CPU, WiFi and Flash. The RSSI histogram is displayed upon the click of the button. Usually the RSSI scan takes 5 mins.

It is also possible to modify the Lora configuration file, just by clicking the Edit config button, the Lora configuration file is editable for the users.
The Box is designed for better LPWAN performance and manageability. In this chapter we briefly introduce the specifications for both hardware and software.

3.1 Hardware environment

Box is mainly designed for network operators, it can both be deployed outdoor and indoor, the enclosure is made of weather-resistant material. It is much more durable than the normal plastics. The hardware specification is listed in the table blow:

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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>CPU</td>
<td>MT7688AN 580MHz MIPS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memory</td>
<td>128MB DDR2 RAM/ 32MB FLASH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GPS</td>
<td>UBlox Max 7Q</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LAN</td>
<td>10/100 Mbit LAN with 24V POE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interface</td>
<td>USB-C with GPIO, USB 2.0 and reset</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enclosure</td>
<td>ASA plastic, anti-UV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Size</td>
<td>78 x 340 x 30mm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating Temperature</td>
<td>-40°C to 85°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power</td>
<td>3.5W in average, peak 6W</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 3.1: Key hardware specifications

3.2 Software environment

To facilitate the network deployment, we have included a lot of good features, which include:

- Open source operating system
- LoraWAN network server and application server running inside of Box
3.3 RF performance

There are several RF systems in Box, which include Lora, WiFi and GPS. In this section we will briefly introduce the performance of these systems.

For Lora, the transmission and receive performance are listed in Table 3.2:

For WiFi, Table 3.3 listed the performance, and GPS is listed in Table 3.4. The GPS’s performances are in accordance with the models’ data sheets.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TX</td>
<td>Maximum +27dBm in 868 version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TX</td>
<td>Maximum +30dBm in 915 version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RX</td>
<td>-128dBm at SF7BW125</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RX</td>
<td>-143dBm at SF12BW125</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Table 3.2: Lora RF performance

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RF</td>
<td>1T1R 150Mbps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protocol</td>
<td>IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TX Power</td>
<td>+19dBm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RX Sensitivity</td>
<td>-91.5dBm</td>
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</table>

Table 3.3: WiFi RF performance

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tracking</td>
<td>-160dBm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cold Start</td>
<td>-147dBm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 3.4: GPS RF performance

3.4 RX Filter for narrow band regions(IN/HK/SIN/THA)

Different regions like Thailand, Singapore, India and Hongkong just allocate 2-5MHz to ISM usage, which usually near the LTE/CDMA bands. In order to prevent the receiver desensitization and saturation, the following filters are used in RX path.
3.4 RX Filter for narrow band regions (IN/HK/SIN/THA)

920-925MHz RX filter for Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam

865-867MHz RX filter for India
3.5 Antenna Performance

The performance of the GPS antenna 1 is listed in the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Frequency range</td>
<td>1574 - 1606MHz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Impedance</td>
<td>50ohms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VSWR</td>
<td>&lt;1.2:1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Max gain</td>
<td>2.5dbi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Polarization</td>
<td>Vertical</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Radiation Pattern</td>
<td>Omni-directional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connector</td>
<td>SMA(M)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Length</td>
<td>108mm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP Rating</td>
<td>IP65</td>
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Table 3.5: GPS Antenna performance

The performance of the Lora antenna 2 is listed in the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Frequency range</td>
<td>863-873MHz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Or</td>
<td>902-928MHz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Impedance</td>
<td>50ohms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VSWR</td>
<td>&lt;1.2:1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Max gain</td>
<td>2.5dbi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Polarization</td>
<td>Vertical</td>
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<tr>
<td>Radiation Pattern</td>
<td>Omni-directional</td>
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<tr>
<td>Connector</td>
<td>SMA(M)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Length</td>
<td>108mm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP Rating</td>
<td>IP65</td>
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Table 3.6: Lora Antenna performance
### Operational frequencies

The operational frequencies in European countries is listed in the table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Operational Frequency band</th>
<th>Maximum e.r.p.</th>
<th>Channel access and occupation rules (e.g. Duty cycle or LBT + AFA)</th>
<th>Band number from EC Decision 2013/752/EU [1.3]</th>
<th>Class 1 sub-class number according Decision 2000/299/EU [2]</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>K 863 MHz to 865 MHz</td>
<td>25 mW e.r.p.</td>
<td>≤ 0.1% duty cycle or polite spectrum access</td>
<td>46a</td>
<td>66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L 865 MHz to 868 MHz</td>
<td>+6.2 dBm/100 kHz</td>
<td>≤ 1% duty cycle or polite spectrum access</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>67</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M 868.0 MHz to 868.6 MHz</td>
<td>25 mW e.r.p.</td>
<td>≤ 1% duty cycle or polite spectrum access</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>N 868.7 MHz to 869.2MHz</td>
<td>25 mW e.r.p.</td>
<td>≤ 0.1% duty cycle or polite spectrum access</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P 869.4 MHz to 869.65 MHz</td>
<td>500 mW e.r.p.</td>
<td>≤ 10% duty cycle or polite spectrum access</td>
<td>54b</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q 869.7 MHz to 870.0 MHz</td>
<td>5 mW e.r.p.</td>
<td>No requirement</td>
<td>56a</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The rest of frequency plans in US, Australia, India, Korea and the rest of the world can be found on MatchX website.
Thanks for purchasing MatchX Box LPWAN gateway, it carries the most advanced IoT technology with a plug-and-play design. With the default package users can easily setup an IoT LPWAN. The package includes the following items:

- Box (1 pcs)
- Antenna (2 pcs)
- 30mm M6 Screw anchor, M4 Screw (3 sets)
- Stainless Steel Clamp (1 pcs)
- 24V POE (1 pcs)
- Power cords (1 pcs)
**FCC Statement**

1. 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.

   (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

2. Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

**NOTE:** The manufacturer is not responsible for any radio or TV interference caused by unauthorized modifications to this equipment. Such modifications could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance of 20 cm between the radiator and your body.
IC Statement

This device complies with RSS-210 of Industry Canada.

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.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :

(1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et

(2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

CE statement

RF exposure information: The Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) level has been calculated based on a distance of $d=20$ cm between the device and the human body. To maintain compliance with RF exposure requirement, use product that maintain a 20cm distance between the device and human body.

Hereby, MatchX declares that the radio equipment type MX1701 is in compliance with Directive 2014/53/EU and Directive 2011/65/EU.

The full text of the EU declaration of conformity is available at the following internet address: www.matchx.io/resources