

IM51A

4G LTE IOT Modem for RTU32 Series

Data Sheet

40423 v1.05





INTRODUCTION

Before use of LB2 Modules see LB2 User manual.

The Brodersen LB2 modules can be used with RTU32N & RTU32M series. The I/O modules are in two parts, bottom part containing the backplane bus, and top part containing the I/O board and logic. All LB2 I/O modules are hot plug.

The IM51A is an industrial LTE Cat M1 & Cat NB1 & EGPRS Module designed for use with the Brodersen RTU32 Series. The IM51A has a maximum data rate of 375Kbps downlink and 375Kbps uplink.

The IM51A is optimized specifically for Utility and IoT applications, with low power consumption.

Connection management and maintenance is controlled by the RTU logic to provide a wireless network connection for SCADA communications protocols like Modbus TCP, MQTT, IEC60870 or DNP3.

The communication and power interface are via the backplane connectors for the RTU32M and via the front panel USB 2.0 connectors for the RTU32N. The IM51A has a built-in SIM card slot and two external SMA antenna connectors ensure reliable communication links for both data and GPS antennas.

The IM51A has a watchdog interface for hard resetting the modem - allowing a reset to be external or issued from Logic.

BACKPLANE PARTS

| Description | Part Nr. |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| BUS module for SYS-I/O, Start | BB81A |
| BUS module for SYS-I/O, Middle | BB81B |

VERSIONS / ORDERING CODES

Hardware basic version

Order code: IM51A

FEATURE LIST

Benefits and features:

- Industrial terminal
- Cat M1/Cat NB1
- GPRS/EDGE
- USB 2.0 Interface for RTU32N (also power interface)
- Backplane bus for easy connection to RTU32M

- SIM card (Nano) with front access
- Watchdog control interface
- DIN rail mounting

1x 2 way 3.5mm Anytek (Phoenix MC) pluggable spring clamp connector for COM1. The conductor cross sectional area is AWG 16 (1.3mm²). The wire conductor type should be Copper and it must meet the minimum temperature criteria of 105°C.

INTERFACE OVERVIEW

Front view

- Module LED Status
- Modem LED Status
- Nano SIM card slot
- Micro-USB B Data¹
- Micro-USB B Power²
- USB used with RTU32N only.
Note 1: connect RTU32N USB-1
Note 2: connect RTU32N USB-2 if a PS24A/PS48A module is not used.
- External Modem Reset
2 pin spring connector
(10-30V DC input)
- GPS antenna connector
- SMA female
- 4G antenna connector
- SMA female



TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

General:

The IM51A modem is designed for working with the Brodersen RTU32 Series. Modem drivers in the RTU manage and establish connections over LTE or EDGE/GPRS to remote host/Servers. Once a connection is established, a new network connection is available for use by any of the RTU network drivers.

The modem drivers control the connection process and maintain and monitor the connection. The connection process can be configured to be automatic at power up, or it can be controlled from the RTU logic application.



The IM51A has a DC input for triggering the reset watchdog. It is provided to handle problems with network provider systems that occasionally can lockup – where the only way out is a hardware reset (power cycle) of the modem.

The RTU32 supports a wide range of network protocols that include;
TCP/UDP/PPP/FTP/HTTP/NTP/PING/QMI/NITZ/SMTP
MQTT/CMUX/HTTPS/FTPS/SMTPS/SSL

Basic Setup and Configuration:

The modem is enabled from the website configuration page under the Wireless Modem Settings menu. If enabled, the modem will establish a 4G connection automatically - with additional connection control managed by the logic application.

Wireless Modem Settings

☒ Enable Wireless Modem

Modem Connection

Access Point Name (APN): Internet
Phone Number: 9394
Username: 9394
Password: 9394
Use as default route: ☒
Log activity to system log: ☐

Security Settings

Unencrypted password (PAP): ☐
Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP): ☒
Microsoft CHAP (MS-CHAP): ☒
Microsoft CHAP Version 2 (MS-CHAP v2): ☒
Microsoft MPPE Encryption: ☐

Route Settings

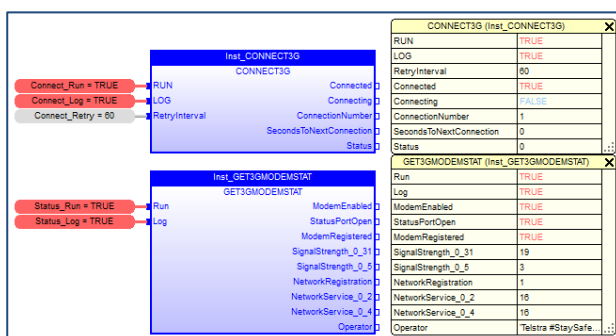
IP address: 10.173.227.1

Modem Connection Status

Wireless Modem: Detected
Wireless Local IP Address: 10.173.227.1
Wireless Remote IP Address: 10.64.68.39
Wireless IP Mask: 255.255.255.255

Configuration Web Page - with an active connection

The logic application has Function Blocks to manage the starting and stopping of the modem connection and to access modem diagnostic information, including registration status and signal strength.



Logic Blocks - with an active connection

COMMUNICATION STANDARDS

Cat M1/Cat NB1:

LTE FDD: B1/B2/B3/B4/B5/B8/B12/B13/B18/
B19/B20/B26/B28

LTE TDD: B39 (For Cat M1 Only)

EGPRS:

850/900/1800/1900MHz

Data Speeds:

Cat M1: Max. 375Kbps (DL), Max. 375Kbps (UL)

Cat NB1: Max. 32Kbps (DL), Max. 70Kbps (UL)

EDGE: Max. 296Kbps (DL), Max. 236.8Kbps (UL)

GPRS: Max. 107Kbps (DL), Max. 85.6Kbps (UL)

SMS:

Point-to-point MO and MT

SMS Cell Broadcast

Text and PDU Mode

GPS:

GNSS: GPS/GLONASS/BeiDou/Gallileo

Antenna Conn. (Data & GPS): SMA Female.

SIM Card: Nano SIM card

ELECTRICAL

Module power supply:

Internal: From backplane bus

External: 5VDC \pm 5 %

Module current consumption (from backplane bus)

- Idle state - Cat M1: 16mA @ 12V

- Idle state - Cat NB1: 19mA @ 12V

- Maximum - Cat M1: 330mA @ 12V

- Maximum - Cat NB1: 450mA @ 12V

Power consumption @LTE Cat M1 (Typical):

Idle State: 230mW

Maximum: 4W

Power consumption @LTE Cat NB1 (Typical):

Idle State: 190mW

Maximum: 5.4W

Output transmission Power: Max. 23dBm

Sensitivity:

-107dBm @Cat M1, 1.4MHz Bandwidth CE Mode A

-113dBm @Cat NB1, CE Level 0

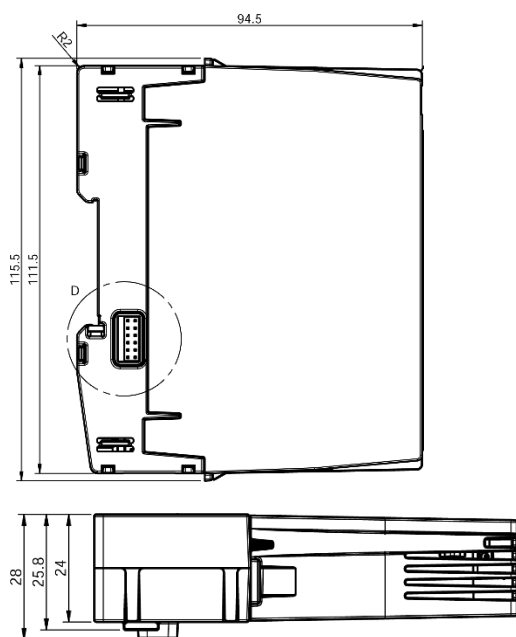
**Watchdog interface:**

Apply 10-60VDC to activate the watchdog.

Separated/Safe Extra Low Voltage (SELV) limits:

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|------------|-------|
| VAC (RMS) | 30V |
| VAC (Peak) | 42.4V |
| VDC | 60V |

Note: The SELV limits relies on input supply and all connected voltages

Mechanical

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| Mounting | DIN 35 |
| Width | 24 mm |
| Height | 111.5 mm |
| Depth | 94.5 mm |
| Weight | 102 grams |

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Ambient operating temperature range | -25°C to +75°C |
| Ambient operating temperature range | -40°C to +85°C |
| Marked degree of protection | IP20 |
| Humidity | 0...99.8% |
| Ventilation Restrictions | No |
| Pollution degree | 2 |

STANDARDS**EMC:**

- **IEC 61000-6-2:** EMC - Immunity standard for industrial environments
- **IEC 61000-6-4:** EMC - Emission standard for industrial environments
- **IEC 50121-4:** Railway applications - EMC - Emission and immunity of the signalling and telecommunications apparatus

Safety:

- **IEC 60950-1:** Safety requirements for Information technology equipment
- **IEC 61010-1:** Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use

Environmental:

- **IEC 60068-2-1:** Environmental testing - Cold
- **IEC 60068-2-2:** Environmental testing - Dry heat
- **IEC 60068-2-30:** Environmental testing - Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)
- **IEC 60068-2-78:** Environmental testing - Damp heat, steady state
- **IEC 60068-2-6:** Environmental testing - Vibration (sinusoidal)
- **IEC 60068-2-27:** Environmental testing – Shock



MODULE LED STATUS

A dual color (red/yellow) LED is provided on the module which indicates the module status (according to the table below):

| Status | Yellow | Red |
|--|--------|-----|
| Normal operating | ON | OFF |
| Module is not configured / communication error | OFF | ON |
| No module power | OFF | OFF |

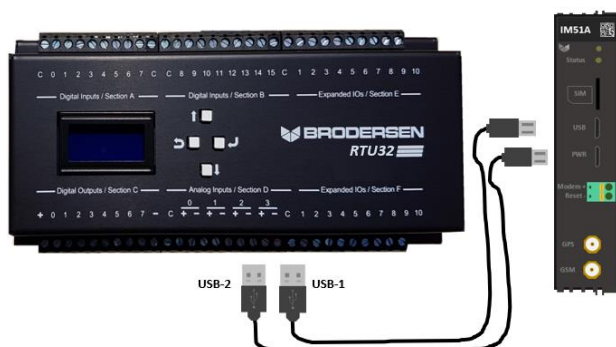
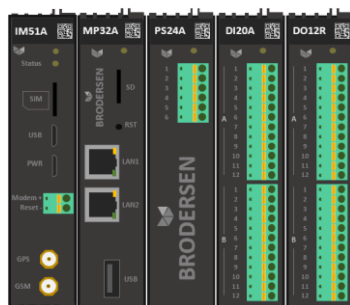
MODEM LED STATUS:

| Status | Yellow | |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| | ON | OFF |
| Steady Flash: No Telcom Connection | 2 sec | 2 sec |
| Slow Flash Off: Telcom Connected | 1.8 sec | 200 msec |
| Fast Flash Off: IP Connected | 0.8 sec | 200 msec |

IM51A CONNECTION

The IM51A connects to the left of the RTU32M CPU module.

The IM51A can also 'stand-alone' with the RTU32N, via 2x USB connections as shown below.



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Follow the national safety regulation (IEC 61010-1). ⚠
- Only skilled person is allowed to install and operate the modules.
- Modules can only be mounted in an end-use enclosure which provides protection against fire, electrical and mechanical hazards.
- If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.