

Direct Sampling SDR receiver

ColibriDDC

Perfect for remote operation

USER MANUAL

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1 READ IT FIRST

1.1 Congratulations

On behalf of the whole Expert Electronics company, we'd like to thank you for purchasing the ColibriDDC SDR receiver!

The ColibriDDC receiver provides you with amazing versatility, which is why it is very popular among people who's goal is to create a specific setup, preserving a high-quality radio performance.

1.2 Features

A compact ColibriDDC receiver was designed to work on HF band 0.09 to 55 MHz, for better performance you can add the internal BPF-module (160-10M bands). With the help of external filters, ColibriDDC can effectively operate on frequencies up to 800 MHz. LAN interface allows you to use the receiver remotely via LAN cable and to connect several receivers to one PC at the same time, for various projects. Also, you can hook up the receiver with the RaspberryPi3 (with installed ExpertRS software) and use it from any place on the Planet, you just have to have a reliable internet connection.

Note:

- *The basic version of the receiver doesn't include the BPF-module.*
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Main features and capabilities of the receiver

- RX path based on **DDC** (Direct Down-Conversion) architecture
- **ExpertRemote system** provides full remote control of the receiver
- 2 software receivers (each up to 312 kHz) + SubRX for each of them (**4 slices total**) + independent wideband **Bandscope up to 62.5 MHz**
- **ExtCTRL** connector to control external devices with **7 powerful keys** with open collector
- **100 Mbps Ethernet LAN** interface provides fast and reliable connection to PC
- **TCI interface** for seamless connection with third-party software like **SDC** (with its own Skimmer), **LogHX**, **SWISSLOG** and **RUMlog**, more are coming
- Record **IQ channel** with the bandwidth up to **312 kHz**
- **Receiving** in undersampling mode **up to 800 MHz** (requires external BPF)
- High-quality **24-bit audio-DAC** installed for the smallest signal delays
- Low power consumption, 5V / 0.64A
- External reference generator input 10 MHz

- Small size W 65 x H 26 x L 125 mm

PC requirements

- CPU Intel Core i3 1.6 GHz and higher
- 8GB RAM
- Video card, minimum resolution 1024x600, 128 MB, OpenGL 1.5 support and higher
- Local network connector 100 Mbps or 1 Gbps
- The ExpertSDR2 works with Windows 7-10, OS Linux Ubuntu x64 and macOS 10.12 and newer

1.3 Supplied accessories

- ColibriDDC receiver
- Power supply 5V 2A
- Adapter SMA - PL259 (UHF)
- LAN - cable

Additional equipment:

Additionally you can purchase the following devices:

- [BPF-kit](#) for HF bands
- [E-Coder Plus](#), [E-Coder panel](#) or [E-Coder mini kit](#) for convenient remote operation

1.4 Precautions

To prevent any damage to the transceiver, please read these operating rules carefully before attempting to operate on the air.

- Carefully read this manual first, otherwise connecting and operating the ColibriDDC could lead to fatal errors
- Visually inspect the ColibriDDC receiver for the absence of mechanic damages before connecting it to PC
- Before connecting the ColibriDDC to the AC power line, ensure it is grounded. Never use the receiver without grounding!
- It is forbidden to connect the ColibriDDC to PC with the voltage presence on it or in the switched condition
- It is forbidden to use the power supply with the voltage higher than +16 V. **Remember! The the device supplied with AC voltage!**

- If the ColibriDDC was stored in abnormal climatic conditions, it is recommended to keep it in normal operating temperatures for at least 2 hours before switching on
- It is forbidden to use and store the receiver in the dusted rooms and expose it to direct sunlight for a long time
- Before connecting the external devices to connector EXT CTRL read the Manual, learn tables and diagrams of connecting the external devices
- **DO NOT** connect a VGA monitor to EXT CTRL port, you will damage the receiver!
- **Remember!** The transistor switches have limitations of supply voltage and current, going through them. **DO NOT allow polarity reversal!**
- **DO NOT** use the ColibriDDC in temperatures lower than 0°C (32°F) and higher than +50°C (122°F)
- Avoid the exposure of the atmospheric downfalls on the ColibriDDC and never spill any liquids (especially aggressive) on it
- **It is forbidden to use the receiver during storms!**
- **Always disconnect the antenna** from the receiver when not in use, or if there is a danger of atmospheric electricity
- **Don't open the receiver**, it has radio elements, which have high-sensitivity to the static electricity. This document contains all necessary information about the internal design to satisfy the Users' curiosity. To repair the receiver, ask the manufacturer
- Ensure the receiver and any connecting cables are free from the effects of electromagnetic interference and uncontrolled currents and voltages
- Keep the receiver out of the reach of children
- If the receiver emits an abnormal odor, or smoke, **immediately** turn it OFF and remove the power cable. Contact your closest Expert Electronics dealer for advice
- **Always** take great care when transporting the receiver
- Ground the antenna-mast and antenna-feeders to avoid accumulation of atmospheric static electricity on them
- **Always** use ferrite beads on antenna and other cables, connected to the receiver

1.5 ExpertSDR2 Software License Agreement

ExpertSDR2 software is the proprietary product and intellectual property of Expert Electronics. It is forbidden to modify, copy or disclose to third parties ExpertSDR2 software distribution.

Official versions of the software are published on the manufacturers website in section "ColibriDDC receiver / Downloads".

New versions of the ColibriDDC receiver software may have different titles from time to time. This license agreement applies to all new versions of the software and may be supplemented and / or amended unilaterally by Expert Electronics.

The manufacturer reserves the right to alter and / or improve the ColibriDDC receiver software, adding new features and bug fixes. In this regard, the software may be different from the description herein. Ask your closest dealer on the availability of new, more complete version of the User Manual, or look for them on the official website of the manufacturer in the section "ColibriDDC receiver / Documentation".

Users of the ColibriDDC receiver can update the software by themselves, by downloading from the official website of the Expert Electronics company.

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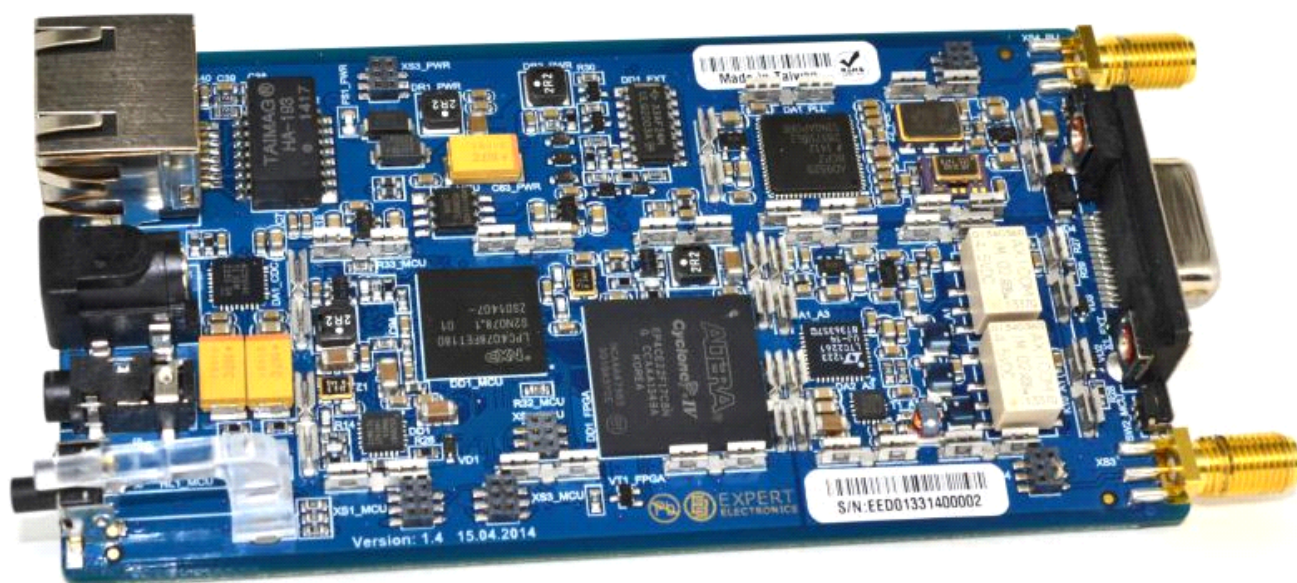
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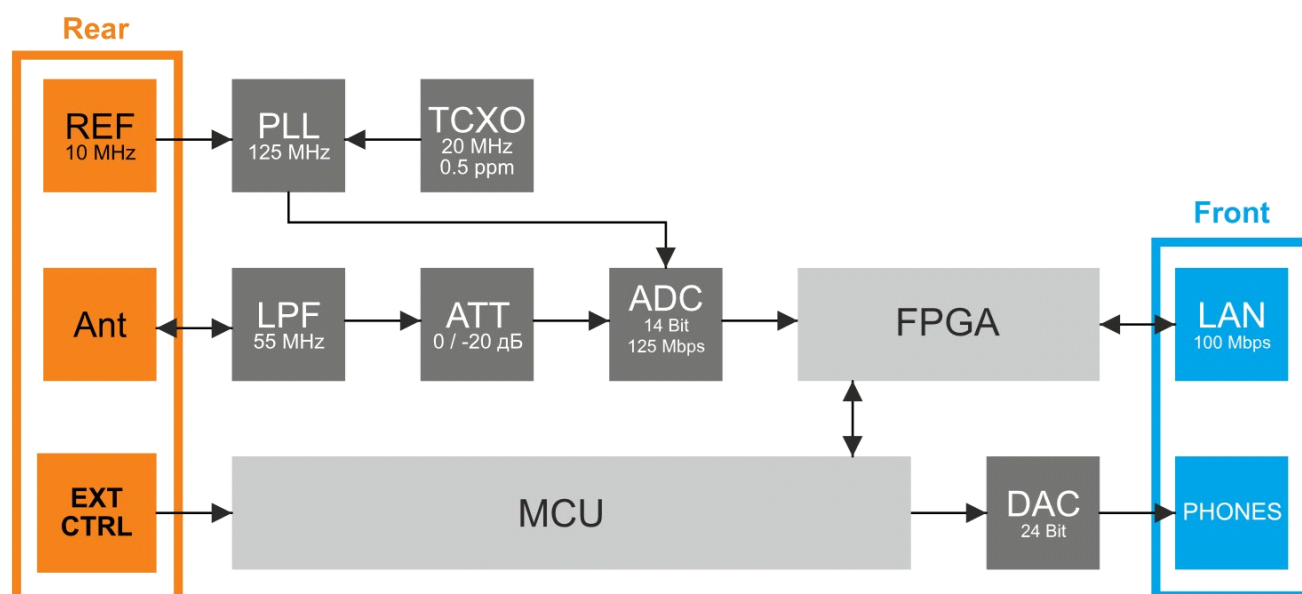
2 HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

ColibriDDC receiver based on the 4-layered, 110x60 mm PCB. All elements are installed on the top layer of the PCB with SMC assembly. The manufacturing process is fully automatic and is carried out by the high-quality Taiwan manufacturers. All functional units of the receiver are placed on the PCB under the shields.



Assembled PCBs are installed in the light, anodized aluminum case. Solid case protects the receiver from the mechanical damages and shields the PCB from the electromagnetic emissions.

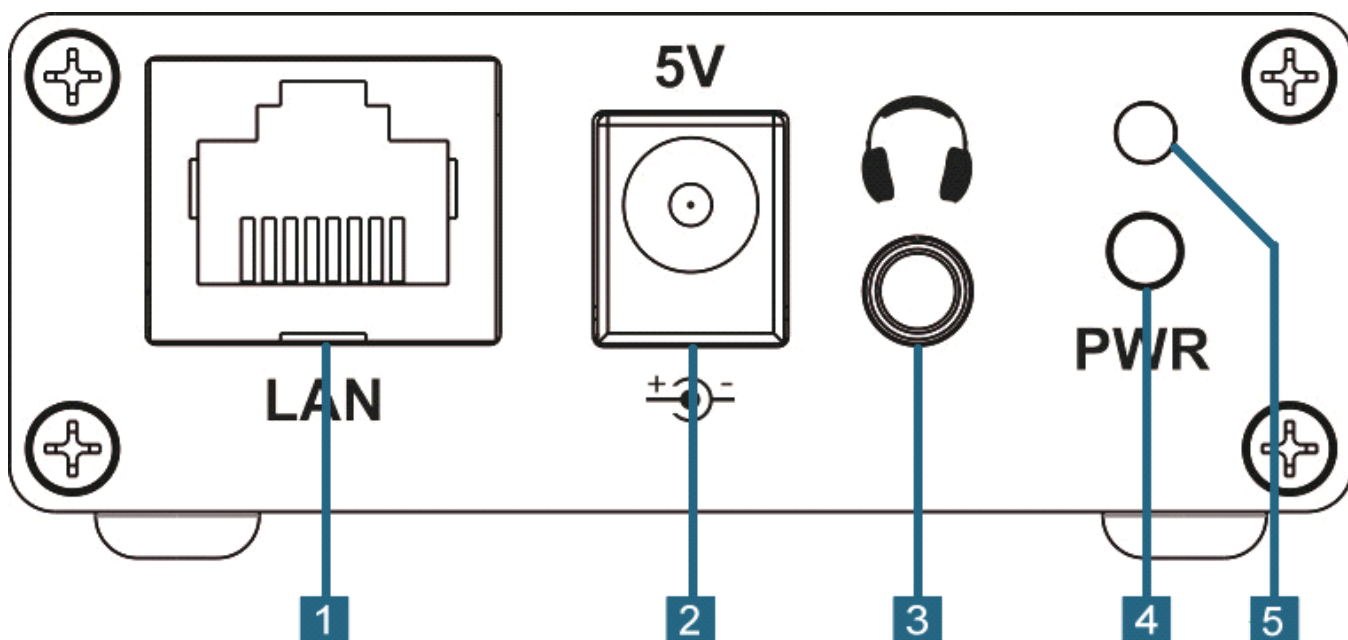
Structural schematics:



Receive path consists of the following functional units:

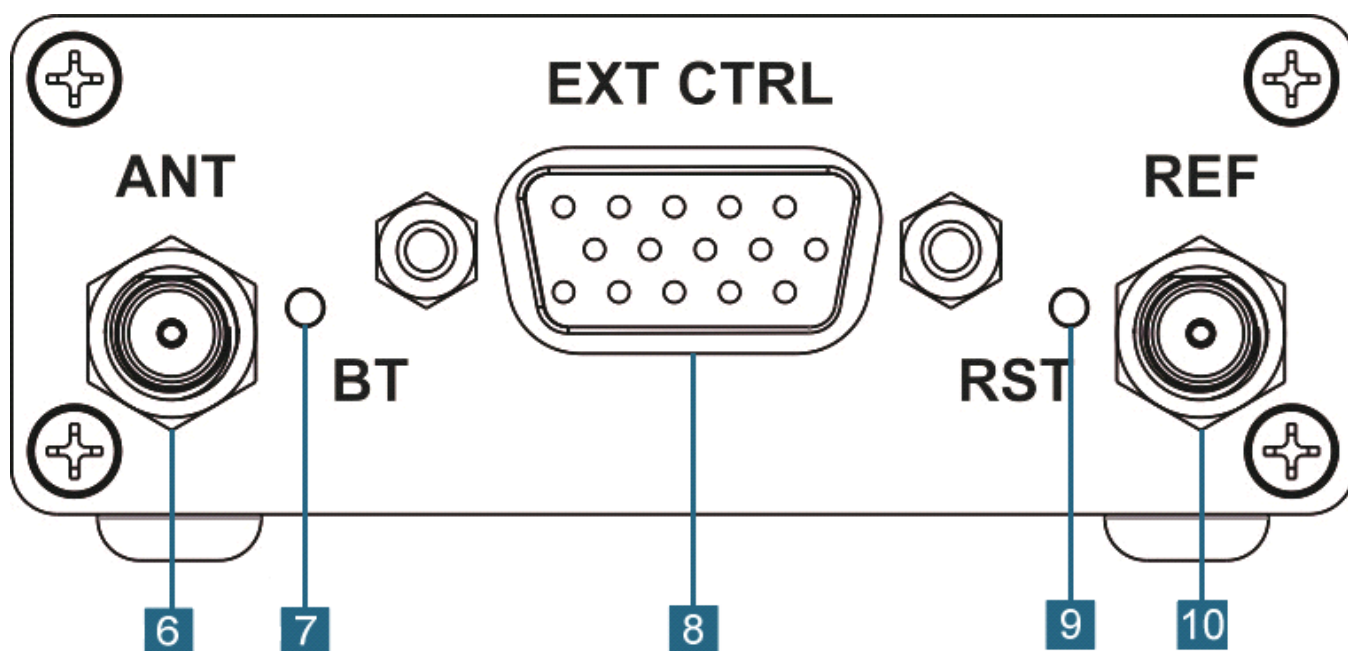
- **Ant** - antenna connector.
- **LPF** - Low Pass Filter with 55 MHz bandwidth. This filter allows to receive the signals from the first Nyquist zone, to eliminate the signals from the second Nyquist zone. This filter is required if you don't use external band filters. You may disable LPF, in this case signals evade the filter and move along the receive path.
- **ATT** - attenuator -20 dB. Attenuator allows to "weaken" signals to eliminate the receiver overload while receiving strong signals. You may disable Attenuator, in this case signals evade the Attenuator.
- **ADC** - high-speed analog-to-digital converter with 125 MHz sample rate and 14-bit resolution. ADC is the heart of the receiver; it performs direct sampling of all signals in the 62.5 MHz bandwidth.
- **FPGA** - Field Programmable Gate Array. It performs all high-speed processing operations. Inside the FPGA happens the first down conversion of signals. It is similar with the first converter in a common super-heterodyne, but all operations processed in a mathematic order with binary logic.
- **MCU** - Microprocessor Control Unit. It is responsible for the data exchange between the receiver and a PC and controls all ColibriDDC systems.
- **LAN** - LAN interface. The data exchange between the ColibriDDC and a PC is carried out via LAN cable with 100 Mbit/sec speed.
- **PLL** - Phased-Locked Loop provides the reference clock frequency 125 MHz to clock ADC. There might be two sources of the reference signal for the PLL: TCXO and external reference oscillator with 10 MHz frequency.
- **TCXO** - Temperature-Compensated Crystal Oscillator with 20 MHz frequency. This is a high-stability oscillator with temperature instability 0.5 ppm.
- **REF** - connector for an external reference oscillator with 10 MHz frequency. Note, that stability and phase frequency of the source of the reference frequency influence the quality of the received signals.
- **EXT CTRL** - connector for controlling of the external devices. The receiver has 7 switches with open collectors, which might be might be configured by the User for each band. For example, you may control band pass filter, antenna switches etc.
- **DAC** - Digital-Analog Converter with 24-bit resolution. This unit performs reverse conversion of digital signals into the analog audio-signals. It generates sound in the filter bandwidth and transfers it to the PHONES connector.

2.1 FRONT PANEL DESCRIPTION



#	Name	Description
1	LAN interface	LAN connector for connection of the ColibriDDC to the local network via the LAN cable.
2	Power supply connector	Connector for the unipolar power supply with +5V and max 1A. Receiver has an internal protection from polarity reversal and supply overload.
3	Headphones jack	Here you may connect headphones with 16-30 Ohm impedance or speakers.
4	Power on/off button	Press the button to power on/off the device.
5	LED indicator, colors: green and yellow	LED is indicating the Network mode: 1. Green LED is blinking - setting up the connection between the receiver and PC. 2. Green LED is constant - the receiver is in the DHCP-client mode 3. Yellow LED is constant - the receiver is in the DHCP-server or Static-IP mode.

2.2 REAR PANEL DESCRIPTION



#	Name	Description
6	SMA connector "female"	Connector for HF and VHF antennas.
7	BT (Boot) button	Button for the emergency firmware update.
8	EXT CTRL connector	Connector for controlling of the external devices
9	Reset IP address button	Press to reset IP address and UDP-port of the receiver to default state, IP: 192.168.16.200, port: 50001.
10	SMA connector "male" external reference oscillator 10 MHz	Connect the reference oscillator which generates signal with the level 10...13 dBm and frequency 10 MHz.

2.2.1 Antenna

Before connecting the antenna, check the integrity of the antenna-feeder path.

For best results, the antenna should have an impedance of 50 Ohm to match the 50 Ohm impedance of the receiver.

The antenna should have an SWR level not worse than 1.5:1. If the SWR is worse than 1.5:1, match the cable and the antenna to the desired level.

Warning!

- ① **Always use E-type ferrite beads on antenna and other cables, connected to the receiver!**

2.2.2 Grounding

To eliminate the risk of electric shock it is essential to use a reliable grounding in the setup with the ColibriDDC receiver.

Warning!

- ① **Never use water or gas pipes for grounding!**
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2.2.3 External Control devices

The ColibriDDC receiver allows you to control external devices via seven electronic keys in the **EXT CTRL** connector.

With the keys you can have direct control of antennas, low-noise preamplifiers and external band pass filters. You can adjust keys' triggers in the software Settings (more details in [EXT CTRL](#) ³⁶).

Note:

- *The Electronic keys have a built-in protection diodes for inductive loads (relays, fans, solenoids, etc.) with a maximum reverse voltage of 75 V and current up to 200 mA. If your inductive load gives a higher reverse current, it is necessary to use an external diode in parallel to the connected load.*
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Warning!

- ① **Never use a VGA cable from your monitor, to connect external devices**
 - ① **Never connect monitors with the VGA interface to the ExtCTRL connector**
 - ① **Incorrect connection of external devices and / or uncontrolled galvanic connections could lead to the malfunctions of the transceiver or its failure!**
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2.2.4 Reference input

A 10 MHz external reference oscillator can be connected to the **REF IN** connector with a coaxial cable.

Set the **Use external reference** checkbox in the ExpertSDR2 menu to use an external reference oscillator (more details in [Device](#) ³⁰ menu).

Signal parameters of the Reference Frequency:

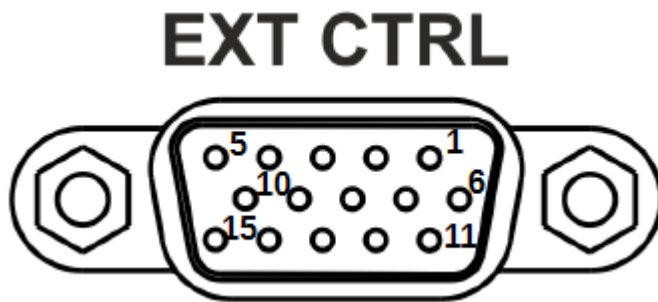
- Reference signal frequency of 10 MHz
 - Reference signal voltage: min. 2.5 V; max. 3.3 V
 - Input impedance of 2 kOhm, 1pF (standard CMOS-input)
 - SMA type connector (female)
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Note:

- Use an external reference oscillator via **REF IN** connector to increase the stability of the receiver's tuning frequency, if ± 0.5 ppm stability is not enough. Also transceiver's frequency synchronization with an external reference oscillator is used when you want to sync several devices with each other, from one reference oscillator.
- The Phase frequency of the transmitted and received signals depends on the phase frequency of the external reference oscillator.

2.3 CONNECTORS PIN-OUT

2.3.1 EXT CTRL



Out #	Output name	Description	Note
1	X1	Programmable key with open collector	Output
2	X4	Programmable key with open collector	Output
3	X7	Programmable key with open collector	Output
4	NC	In reserve.	Input/Output
5	I2	Connection of buttoned detector. Connect to ground. In reserve.	Input
6	CP	Contact of the protective diode	--
7	X3	Programmable key with open collector	Output
8	X6	Programmable key with open collector	Output
9	NC	In reserve.	Input/Output
10	I1	Connection of buttoned detector. Connect to ground. In reserve.	Input
11	X2	Programmable key with open collector	Output
12	X5	Programmable key with open collector	Output

13	X8(PTT)	Programmable key with open collector for control of external PAs PTT	Output
14	+5V	Voltage contact +5V, current up to 100 mA. Attention! Never connect the load with current more than 100 mA, it may fatally damage the receiver. Attention! Never connect external power supplies to this connector, it will seriously damage receiver.	Output
15	GND	Ground	--

Note:

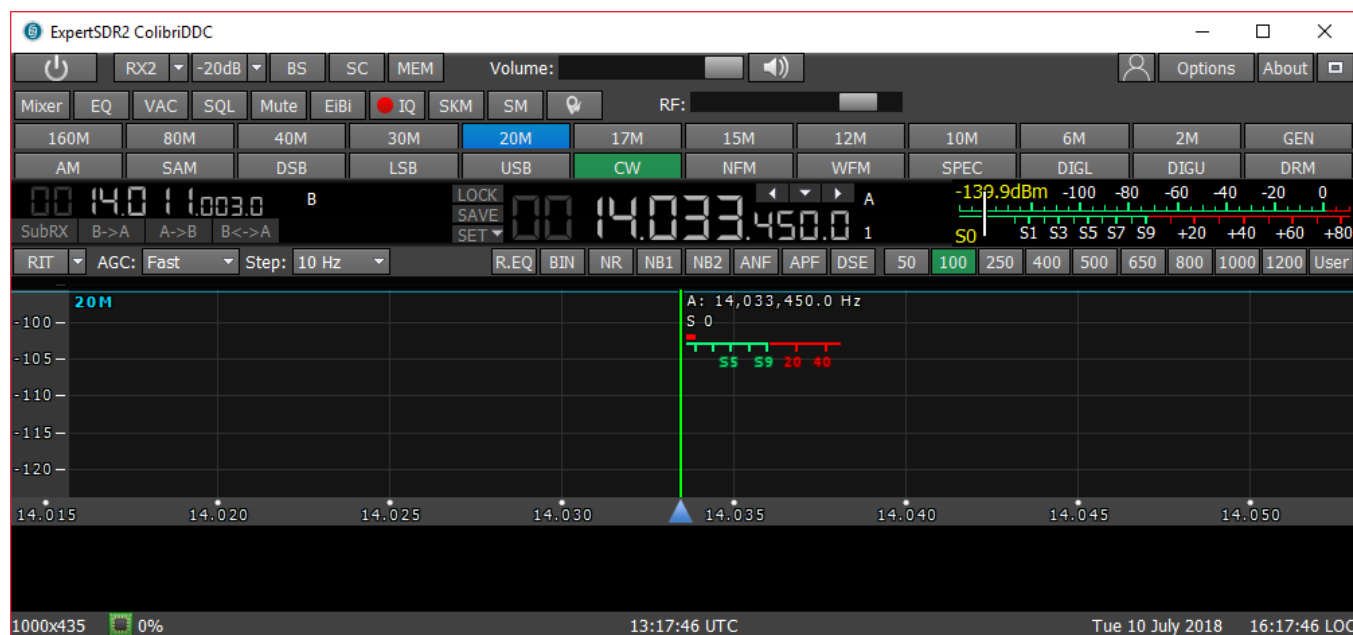
- When an electronic key with open collector triggers, it leads to key's ground connection. Voltage drop equals 0.7V.
- Logic inputs of the buttoned detectors are reserved.

Warning!

- ① While connecting an inductive load (relay, solenoids, fans etc.) to the X1-X8 keys, it's important to connect the protective diode in parallel to the load!

3 ExpertSDR2 SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION

Software settings which won't be mentioned or addressed in this manual, are set by default or provided to the user's self-study and experiments. All the unmentioned settings cannot cause the fatal damage of the ColibriDDC receiver hardware, so you can safely experiment with them. You're dealing with the software-defined radio - SDR, the main settings and signal processing is held in the software.

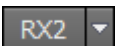


3.1 Global controls panel



This panel consists of the following buttons:

 - the **Start** button switches on/off the ExpertSDR2 software.

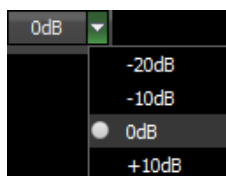
 - enable/disable button of the second software receiver (**RX2**).

 - In the **RX2** drop-down menu, you can select receiver's window configuration.

RX2 window has the same interface as the **RX1**.

Note:

- Two independent software receivers can operate simultaneously only in one Nyquist zone 0-62 MHz or 62-124 MHz or 124-186 MHz and so on up to 800 MHz.



- **Attenuator** level can be set via the drop down menu or by successive presses of the indicator button, which cycles upwards the attenuation coefficient in the following order: -20dB, -10dB, 0dB, +10dB.

Note:

- While using optional BPF-kit, the attenuator and the preamplifier values are stored for each filter and each band accordingly. When the Low Pass Filter (LPF) is enabled for the whole first Nyquist zone, its attenuator/preamplifier level is already stored.
- When you use BPFs along with the **RX2**, the filters are controlled by the **RX1**.
- **Attenuator specifics** : S-meter values and audio level have program compensation when you use the attenuator because signal level on the antenna input is always the same and doesn't depend on the attenuator level. With this solution, a user doesn't need to calculate real values on his own, every time when the -20 dB attenuator is used. Also, he doesn't need to adjust AF or RF level every time when the -20 dB attenuator is used, like in most classic transceivers.

Attenuator influences only receiving dynamic range, S-meter and audio level stay the same. If you disconnect antenna you can see how receiver's noises are changing when you switch the ATT. Receiver's noise level is lower when you select ATT 0 dB, it means that RX sensitivity is higher, but RX noise level is higher when you use ATT -20 dB, it means that RX sensitivity is worse. It is done in the hardware.

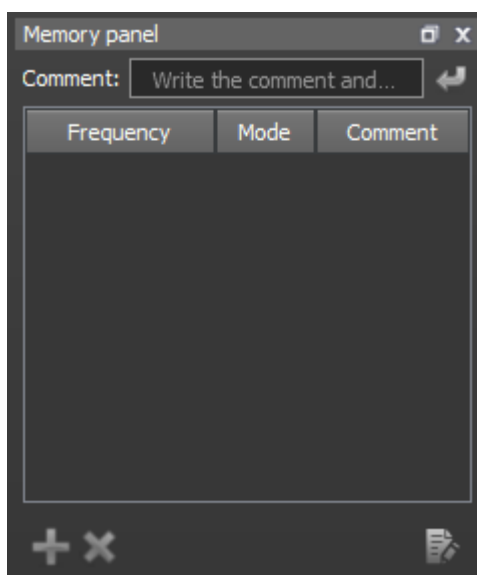
BS - enable/disable the wide **bandscope** in the same Nyquist zone as the **RX1**, from 0 to 62 MHz or 62-124 MHz or 124-186 MHz and so on up to 800 MHz (**BS**).

When you use the **bandscope**, set the **Use LPF** checkbox in the Options > Device menu, for better receiving on 0-55 MHz.

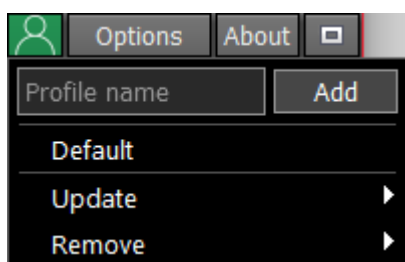
The **bandscope** window can be either adjusted inside the ExpertSDR2 window or can be displayed as the separate window on the second monitor. Navigation and settings of the **bandscope** are similar to the panorama settings of the main receiver.

SC - enable/disable sound output from the PC's sound card (**SC**). It doesn't stop sound output from the front panel, it duplicates output from the PC's sound card.

MEM - enable/disable button of the frequency memory panel (**MEM**).



- **Volume** slider. This setting is stored per band, it affects the LF output on the receiver's front panel and PC's sound card output. Speaker icon has the mute function.



- In the **Profile** manager menu you can:

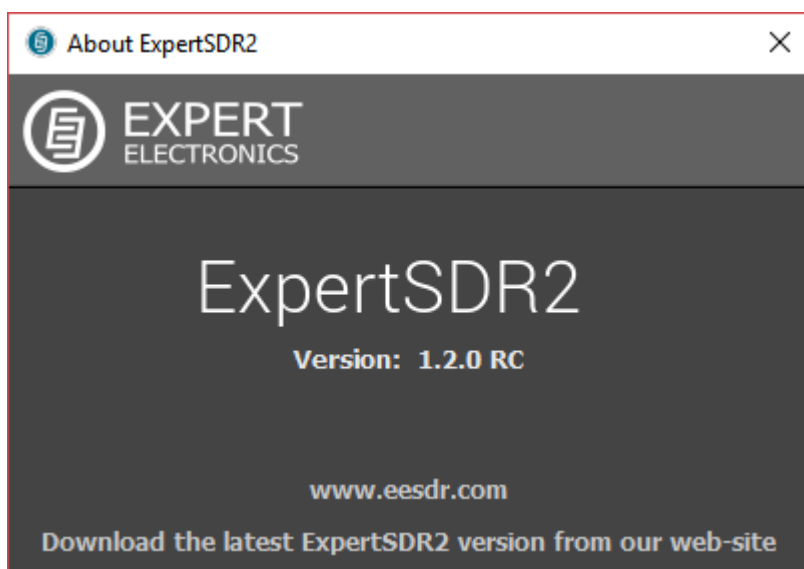
- add a new profile, by entering the name of the profile in the “Profile name” field and pressing **Add** button.
- set the settings of the whole program to the default state, by the **Default** button.
- **Update** the settings of the certain profile from the list to the current settings.
- **Remove** the certain profile from the list.


Note:

- *All new profiles will be stacked up to the drop-down menu as a new line.*
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Options - **Options** menu described [options](#)³⁰.

About - **About** button opens the new window with the info about current version of the ExpertSDR2 software:



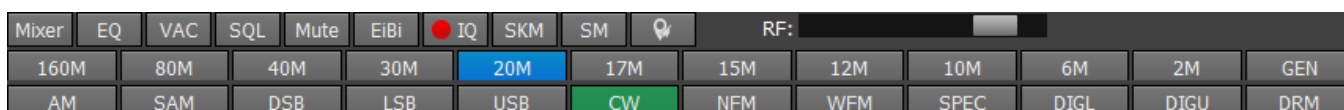
 - pressing the **Fullscreen** mode button will unfold the software window on the whole screen.

3.2 Software receiver settings

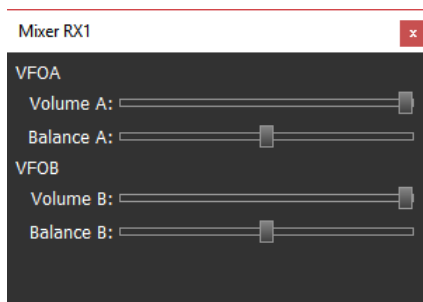


These settings are divided into four logical parts, described below.

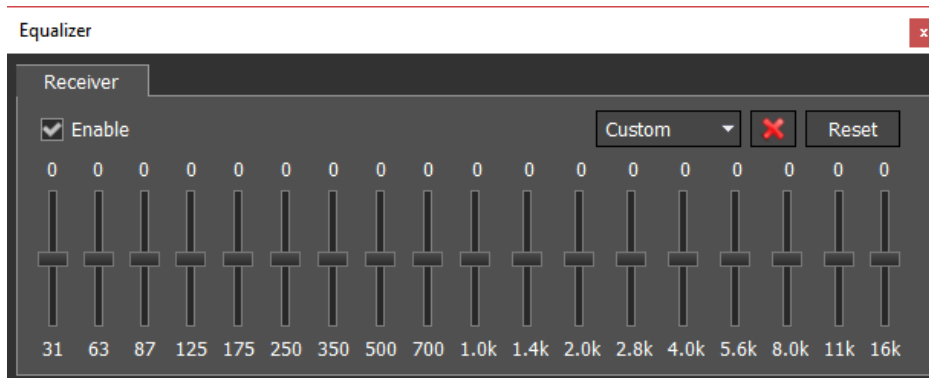
3.2.1 Receiver control panel



Mixer - volume and balance control menu for the first and second receivers separately (**Mixer**). When you use only RX1, the Mixer settings are off, but when you enable the RX2, it activates Mixers for both RXs.



EQ - open the 18-band RX equalizer menu (**EQ**).



VAC - button enables the **VAC** (data exchange via Virtual Audio Cables).

SQL - button enables the squelch (**SQL**). Displayed as the vertical yellow needle on the S-meter. If the air signal - green needle, surpasses the SQL trigger threshold - yellow needle, then you'll hear the sound of the receiving station on the receiver's LF output. If the signal level is lower than the trigger threshold, you'll hear nothing.

Mute - button mutes LF signal (**Mute**).

EiBi - show the HF stations markers on the panorama from the EiBi database (**EiBi**). Hover with the mouse pointer on the station frequency and you'll see its name.



IQ - IQ-files recording is required for storing the RX bandwidth panorama (**IQ**). The file is saved to the C:\Users\User_Name\ExpertSDR2\ExpertSDR2\wave\.

SKM - turn on the CW Skimmer, more details in [CW Skimmer](#)¹⁵⁶ (**SKM**).

SM - bigger S-meter button (**SM**).



- the S-meter window can be separated from the software window and moved to any place on the screen.

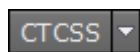
List of the measured parameters:

S-meter - Displays the level of the received signals in the receiver filter bandwidth (in units).



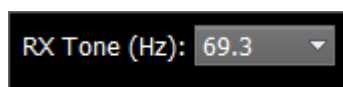
- press this button to clear the panorama of all displayed spots.

When you enable the **NFM** mode, three additional buttons appear:



- **Continuous Tone-Coded Squelch System** button. In some cases, it's required to activate the squelch with the help of the **CTCSS** tones.

You set the **CTCSS** level relatively to your voice signal.



1. Set the NFM mode.
2. Set the receiver's tone frequency in the RX Tone input-box.
3. Press the CTCSS button to activate the CTCSS mode.
4. Receive signals with CTCSS tone.

When you enable the **WFM** mode, one additional button appears:



- when enabled, this function allows the software to automatically detect whether the station is strong or not and lets you listen to it in **stereo** mode.



- **AGC** sensitivity control slider (Automatic Gain Control on classic transceiver). The adjusted level is saved per band.

A panel of mode buttons:



- Amplitude Modulation



- Synchronous Amplitude Modulation

DSB - Double Side Band

LSB - Lower Side Band

USB - Upper Side Band

CW - CW mode. It works in CW-U for all bands. It cannot be changed.

NFM - Narrow FM

WFM - Wide FM, supports receiving of the stereo signals

SPEC - Spectrum mode. Receive the pure signal without any demodulation (panadapter bandwidth). The idea is to receive pure signal then pass it to some special device, via a cable connected to the PHONES audio output of the transceiver or PC audio output, with certain demodulation capabilities

DIGL - Digital Lower Side Band. Connect a third-party software (is not supplied) to the transceiver software for operating in digital modes

DIGU - Digital Upper Side Band. Connect a third-party software (is not supplied) to the transceiver software for operating in digital modes

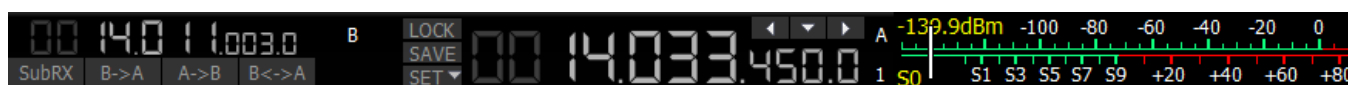
DRM - Digital Radio Mondiale, 10 kHz filter with 5 kHz IF to work with the external decoder of the DRM signals. Connect third-party software (is not supplied) to the transceiver software for decoding of the DRM signals

160M **80M** **40M** **30M** **20M** **17M** **15M** **12M** **10M** **6M** **2M** **GEN**

160M - 2M - amateur bands

GEN - if out of the amateur bands

3.2.2 Frequency and S-meter indicators



Mainly, this panel consists of the visual indicators, like the VFO A/B frequencies, the signal level on the antenna's input (S-meter) and several control buttons.

Displaying elements:



- VFO B frequency indicator (sub-receiver).

Note:

- You won't hear the audio from the VFO B if it is out of the panorama bandwidth.

Sub-receiver control unit:

SubRX **B->A** **A->B** **B<->A** - **SubRX** - enable sub-receiver. If you want to listen to the VFO A and VFO B frequencies simultaneously, use the Sub-receiver.

1. Activate the Sub-receiver by pressing the **SubRX** button.
2. Set the required VFO B frequency.
3. Listen to the VFO A and VFO B frequencies simultaneously.

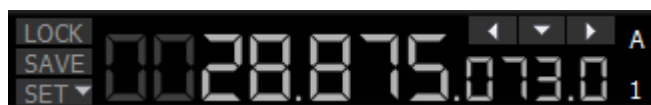
Note:

- You can switch the point and click control on the panorama between VFO A and VFO B receivers, by pressing the middle mouse button. You'll control the RX with the same color to the mouse cursor.
 - When you change the band the **SubRX** is disabled.
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B>A - assign the VFO B frequency to VFO A

A>B - assign the VFO A frequency to VFO B

B<>A - swap frequencies between the VFO A and VFO B



- VFO A frequency indicator (main receiver).

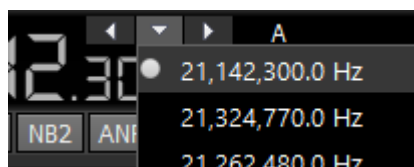
Main receiver control unit:



LOCK - lock the VFO A frequency tuning.

SAVE - save the current VFO A frequency and mode type in the memory panel.

SET - manual frequency input for VFO A or VFO B.



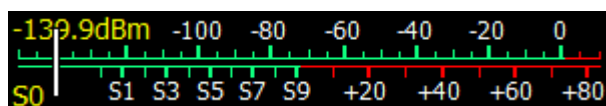
- **Navigation buttons**. The quick memory cells are automatically stored with the frequencies if the receiver stands still over a second. Then those frequencies can be selected in order back and forth, as in an internet browser. The total stack contains 16 cells.



- **Band Stacking Memories** indicator (VFO A only). Each memory slot has a frequency, mode, and filter settings. Each band has three memory slots associated

with it. Successive presses of a band button will cycle through the stored memory slots. It might be useful for quick frequency and mode changes within a band. To replace one memory slot:

1. click the required band button you would like to modify.
2. change the frequency (within a selected band), mode, and filter to the required settings.
3. click the band button again to save the values.

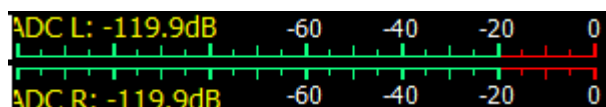


- **S-meter** - by default this scale displays the power level of the signals in the RX filter bandwidth. The scale has two grade types: in S-units and in dBm. The signal strength displayed in dBm to mW (yellow figure) in the top left corner of the S-Meter.

Note:

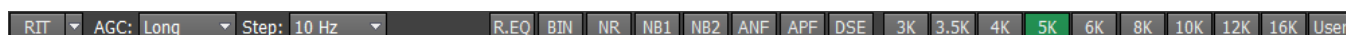
- *S-Meter in the ExpertSDR2 has two different calibrations for HF (0-30 MHz) and VHF (30-300 MHz). HF and VHF signals with the same dBm level have different S-scale values. For example: HF S9 = -73 dBm = 50 μ V (50 Ohm), VHF S9 = -93 dBm = 5 μ V (50 Ohm). S-Meter in the ExpertSDR2 corresponds to the IARU recommendations, each device is calibrated at the manufacturing.*

Click the right mouse button on the S-meter and select the display type for RX or TX:

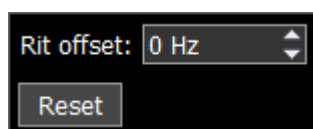


- ADC type displays the power in each quadrature channel (double scale) in RX mode.

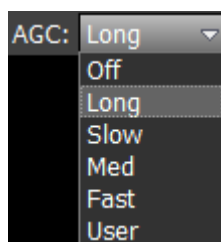
3.2.3 DSP control panel



RIT - Receive Incremental Tuning.



- In the drop-down menu, you can set the frequency offset in Hz. **Reset** - resets the offset value to zero (more details in [RIT](#)⁶⁶).



- **AGC** presets menu. In the drop-down menu, you can select the receiver's AGC preset:

OFF - AGC is off.

LONG - preset with long AGC reaction (approximately 750 ms). Recommended for phone modes.

SLOW - preset with slow AGC reaction (approximately 500 ms). Recommended for phone, digital modes.

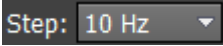
MED - preset with medium AGC reaction (approximately 250 ms). Recommended for CW, digital modes.

FAST - preset with fast AGC reaction (approximately 100 ms). Recommended for CW, digital modes.

USER - preset with custom AGC reaction (by default the slowest 1000 ms).


Note:


- AGC settings influence the quality of the received signal. Be careful selecting the AGC preset or tuning your own preset.
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 - **Step** list allows to change the step of the **mouse wheel** in the range from 0.1 Hz to 100 kHz.

DSP functions:

 - enable the RX equalizer (enabled on the picture).

 - enable the TX equalizer.

 - binaural audio mode (the phasing of the audio signal within the RX filter gives a stereo-like effect).


 - enable the adaptive Noise Reduction to clean the signal from noise interferences.

 - enable the First Noise Blanker for impulse interference.

 - enable the Second Noise Blanker for impulse interference.

Note:

- The NB1 and NB2 algorithms are different. Try each of them to reach the best impulse interference reduction. NB1 and NB2 Noise Blankers can be used simultaneously.
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 - enable Automatic Notch Filter for adaptive rejection of the narrowband interference in the receiving band (interference, carrier signals, CW signals, etc.).

Note:

- If there are no interference, ANF could slightly affect the reception quality of the desired signal. Disable ANF, if you don't need it.
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APF - enable Analog Pick Filter, it creates the triangle filter's AFC (amplitude-frequency characteristic) in the filter bandpass.

DSE - enable Digital Surround Effect for CW signals, it provides a space orientation in stereo phones.

Note:

- This algorithm provides panorama acoustic of the CW signals in the filter bandwidth, depending on their position in the filter:
 - if the received CW signal is in the receive filter bandwidth and lower the tuned frequency, it will be louder in the left phone;
 - if the received CW signal is in the receive filter bandwidth and higher the tuned frequency, it will be louder in the right phone;
 - if the received CW signal is in the receive filter bandwidth and in the middle of the tuned frequency, it will be equally loud in both ears.
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RX filter bandwidth presets. Presets list depends on the mode type:

3K 3.5K 4K 5K 6K 8K 10K 12K 16K User - AM, SAM, DSB, NFM modes (3 - 16 kHz);

1.8K 2K 2.2K 2.5K 2.7K 2.9K 3.0K 3.3K 3.5K User - LSB, USB, DIGL, DIGU modes (1.8 - 3.5 kHz);

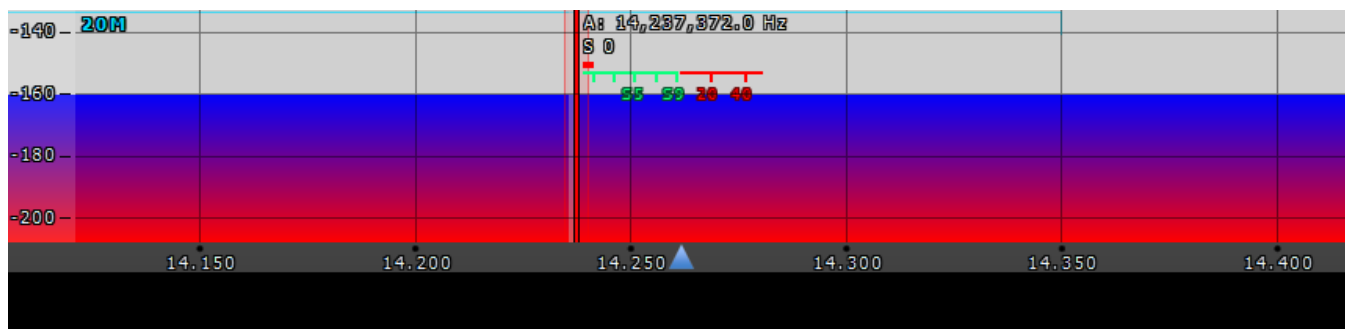
50 100 250 400 500 650 800 1000 1200 User - CW mode (50 - 1200 Hz);

50K 80K 110K 120K 150K 180K 240K 280K 310K User - WFM mode (50 - 310 kHz);

10K - DRM mode (has one fixed bandwidth 10 kHz);

User - user can adjust the RX filter bandwidth by himself (available at any modulation type except DRM).

3.2.4 Panorama description



The panorama consists of two parts separated by the horizontal scale: 1) Spectrum Scope and 2) Waterfall.

3.2.4.1 Spectrum Scope



In this window, you can see the spectrum, with the sample rate from 39 up to 312 kHz (adjustable by User) and the RX filter to tune and listen to the stations.

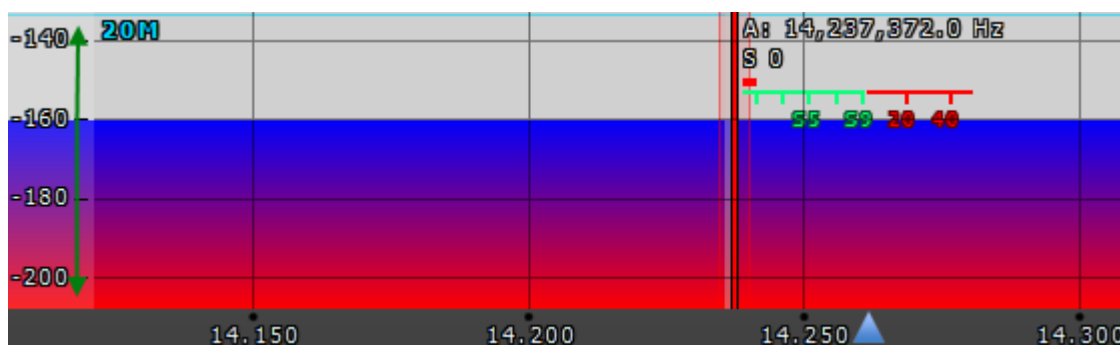
There is a vertical scale on the left side of the spectrum scope, it indicates the power level of signals in dBm. Amateur band indicator displayed as the blue line on top of the graph with the name of the band, it shows the limits of the amateur band.

RX/TX filter position is indicated by the vertical red line. To the right of the line indicated its precise tuning frequency (can be switched off in Options). Below the frequency, you can see the signal level on the S-Meter scale (can be switched off in Options). RX filter bandwidth displayed as the translucent gray area around the tuning frequency. You can listen to everything within this band.

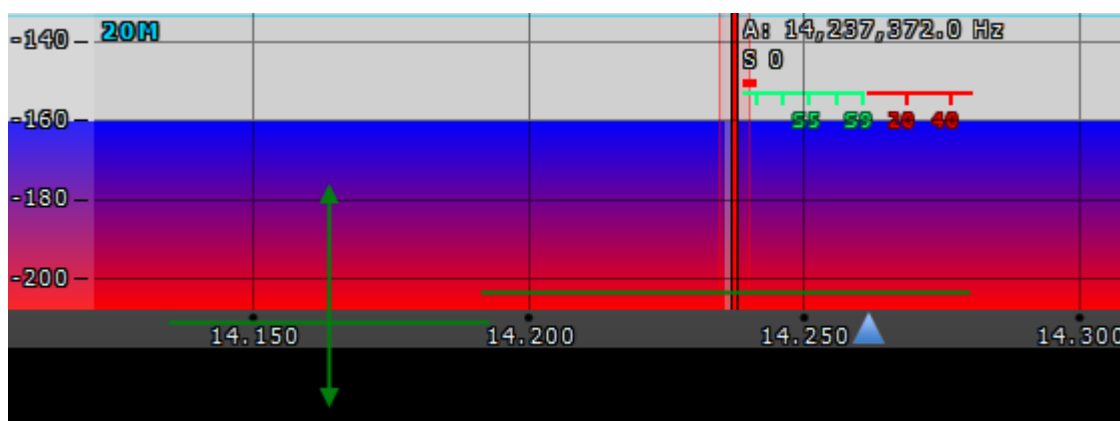
Spectrum is displayed as a line on the spectrum scope, but it also may have a filling color. You can change spectrum rendering mode, line color, filling color, transparency, etc. in the software Options (more details in the [Spectrum tab](#)⁴²).

3.2.4.1.1 Spectrum Scope scaling

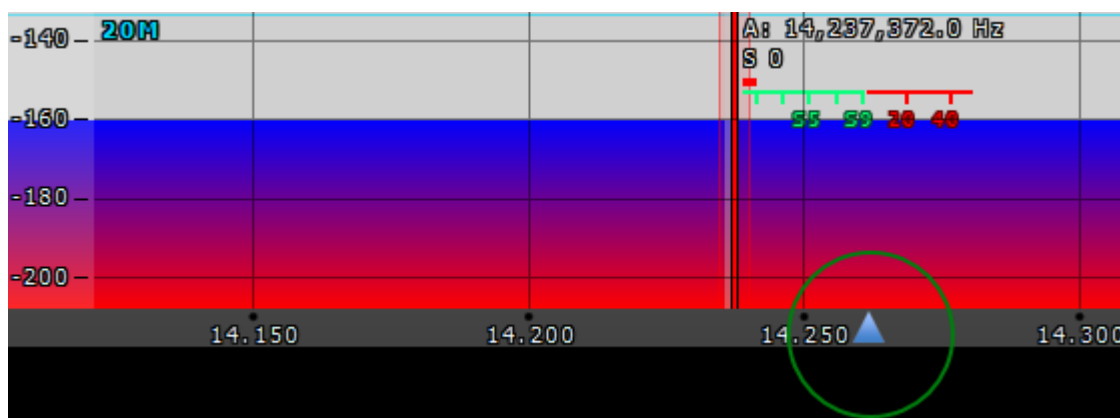
If you move the mouse cursor over the vertical scale a hand will appear. Press and hold the right mouse button, then move it up/down to change the dBm scaling or press and hold the left mouse button, then move it up/down to change the spectrum level.



The horizontal scale between the spectrum scope and waterfall shows the frequency of the certain point on the spectrum. If you move the mouse cursor over the horizontal scale a hand will appear. Press and hold the right mouse button, then move it left/right to zoom in/out the panorama or press and hold the left mouse button, then move it up/down to change the ratio of the spectrum to waterfall.



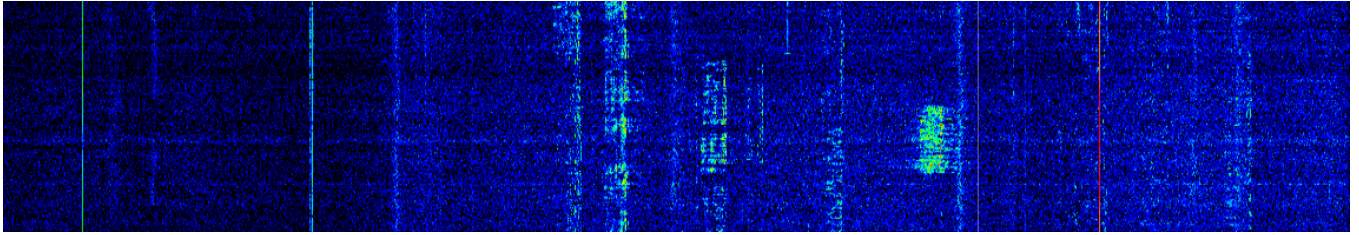
Zoom in/out of the panorama is carried out relative to the **Zoom position** marker.



There are two ways to change the **Zoom position**:

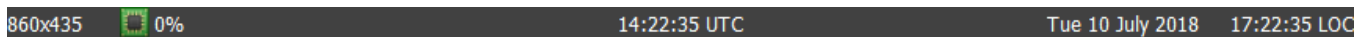
1. Press and hold the left mouse button on the **Zoom marker** and drag it left/right,
2. Click the mouse wheel on the frequency scale.

3.2.4.2 Waterfall



Waterfall graphic - timed spectrum scope in the format: amplitude - brightness, frequency - horizontal, time - vertical. The comfortable settings are set by default, but you can change them if necessary (more details in [Waterfall tab](#)⁴⁴).

3.2.5 Status bar



The status bar displays the following information (from left to right):

- ExpertSDR2 window size in pixels.
- CPU load in percent.
- Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).
- Current date and Local Time.

3.3 Options

For fine tuning of the ExpertSDR2 software press the **Options** button in the top right corner of the software window.

Note:

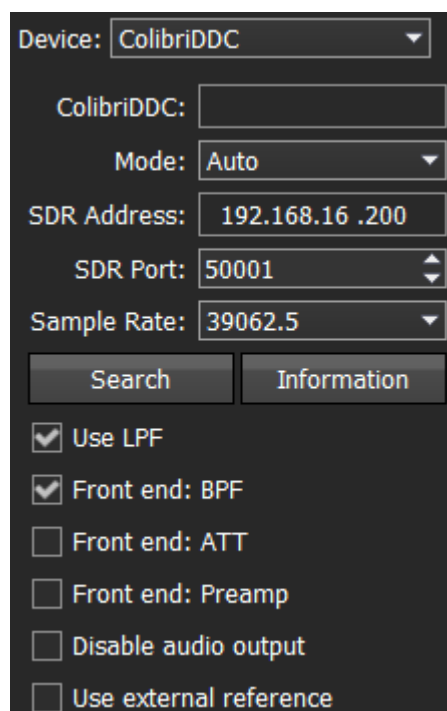
- If you changed anything in the menu and you don't like it, but you forgot the default value, you can reset all setting to default values by simply clicking the **Global Default** button.
 - You can check the changes without leaving the **Options** window, just click the **Apply** button.
 - If you are satisfied with the changes and don't want to change anything else, click the **OK** button to close the **Options** window.
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Warning!

- ① **We recommend you study this section of the manual very carefully because many settings are hidden in the sub-menus.**
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3.3.1 Device menu

In the **Device** menu, you can find software functions of the signal processing and hardware settings.



The screenshot shows the 'Device' menu settings window. It has a dark background with white text. At the top, there is a 'Device:' label followed by a dropdown menu showing 'ColibriDDC'. Below this are several input fields: 'ColibriDDC:' (empty), 'Mode:' with a dropdown showing 'Auto', 'SDR Address:' with the value '192.168.16 .200', 'SDR Port:' with the value '50001' and up/down arrows, and 'Sample Rate:' with a dropdown showing '39062.5'. Below these fields are two buttons: 'Search' and 'Information'. At the bottom, there are six checkboxes: 'Use LPF' (checked), 'Front end: BPF' (checked), 'Front end: ATT' (unchecked), 'Front end: Preamp' (unchecked), 'Disable audio output' (unchecked), and 'Use external reference' (unchecked).

Device - device type menu. Shows that the ExpertSDR2 software works in the ColibriDDC mode.

ColibriDDC - here you can find the serial number of the receiver.

Mode - network mode in the receiver.

SDR Address - IP-address of the receiver, 192.168.16.200 by default.

SDR Port - port number, which is used for the data exchange, locked at 50001.

Sample Rate - IF sample rate, equals the panorama bandwidth. You can select one of four panorama bandwidth values.

Search - search the device in the local network. When you press the **Search** button, software searches for the SDR-device in the network.

Information - button to show you the transceiver serial number, firmware revision, PCB revision and set options.

Note:

- You can use this button to test the connection between the software and SDR module. If the connection is successfully set up - you'll see the receiver's info, if not - nothing will show up.
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Use LPF - Set the **Use LPF** checkbox to enable the wide filter for the whole HF (0...65 MHz) band.

Front end: BPF, **Front end: ATT**, **Front end: Preamp** - optional functions, active only if the additional BPF filters are installed:

BPF - enable BPF for the HF band.

ATT - enable additional attenuator 20dB.

Preamp - enable low-noise preamplifier on 10 dB for HF band.

Disable audio output - disable audio output on the headphones jack.

Use external reference - enable synchronization from an external 10 MHz reference oscillator. Set the **Use external reference** checkbox to enable the REF input on the rear panel of the receiver and use it as a reference input.

3.3.1.1 VAC

If the ExpertSDR2 and digital modes software run on the same computer, they can be connected via a virtual audio cable without wires and sound cards.

VAC	DSP	Ext Ctrl	Expert
Receiver 1			
Receiver 2			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable			
Driver: MME			
RX: Microsoft Sound Mapper - Output			
Sample rate: 44100		Buffer size: 2048	
Channels: 2		Latency: 0	
RX gain: 0 dB			

For each program receiver (RX1, RX2) you can set the virtual audio cable on the corresponding tab **Receiver 1** and **Receiver 2**.

Enable - set the Enable checkbox to enable virtual audio cable.

Driver - select the audio cable's or sound card driver type.

RX - select the output for the audio signal received by the ExpertSDR2, which can be transferred to the third-party software via VAC.

- **Sample rate** - sampling frequency.
- **Buffer size** - size of the buffer.
- **Channels** - select the amount of the sound card's or virtual audio cable used channels.
- **Latency** - signal delay time.
- **RX gain** - additional signal amplifying in the virtual audio cable's RX path in dB.

Note:

- *Before enabling the VAC, make sure all settings for audio devices are correct.*
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3.3.1.2 DSP

On the **DSP** tab you can see the AGC's and Digital Signals Processing settings.

There are two types of settings in the drop-down menu:

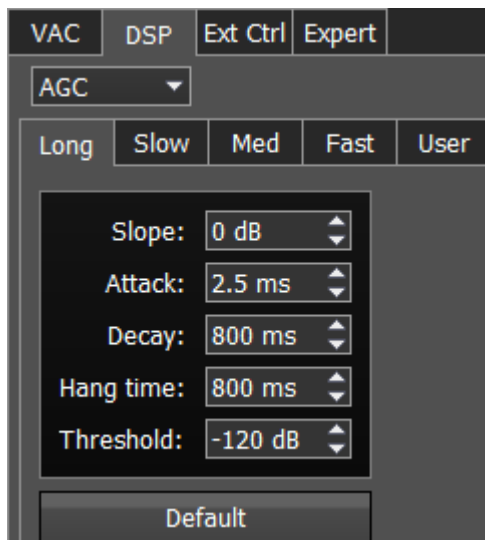
AGC - receiver's AGC settings.

DSP - digital processing filter's settings.

Receiver's AGC settings

There you can find fine AGC settings. AGC settings are divided by the processing speed on **Long, Slow, Med, Fast** and **User**.

Each settings type has its own tab and differs from others in terms of Attack, Decay and Hang time.

**AGC** parameters:

Slope - set the slope of the transfer characteristic.

Attack - when a signal gets stronger, this value determines how quickly the AGC will decrease gain.

Decay - when a signal gets weaker, this value determines how quickly the AGC will increase gain.

Hang time - signal recovery time.

Threshold - AGC trigger threshold.

Default - reset AGC setting to the default level. Press the Default button if you set wrong AGC values and don't like the result. Each AGC tab has a Default button.

Digital processing filter's settings.

There you can find fine the settings of the receiver's digital processing filters. DSP functions clear the signal from abnormal noises and crosstalk. These are the standard functions:

The screenshot shows the 'DSP' settings panel in ExpertSDR2. At the top, there are tabs for 'VAC', 'DSP', 'Ext Ctrl', and 'Expert', with 'DSP' selected. Below the tabs is a 'DSP' dropdown menu. The panel is organized into a grid of settings:

- NR (Noise Reduction):** Taps: 80, Delay: 45, Rate: 0.000010, Leak: 0.001000. A 'Default' button is at the bottom.
- ANF (Auto Notch Filter):** Taps: 65, Delay: 45, Rate: 0.002500, Leak: 0.000100. A 'Default' button is at the bottom.
- CW APF (Analog Peak Filter for CW):** Gain: 30 dB, Quality: 5. A 'Default' button is at the bottom.
- SSB APF (Analog Peak Filter for SSB):** Gain: 12 dB, Quality: 1.0, Frequency: 500 Hz. A 'Default' button is at the bottom.
- Filter taps:** SSB: 1537, AM/NFM: 1537, DIGL/DIGU: 1537, CW: 1537. A 'Default' button is at the bottom.
- Noise blanker:** Threshold NB1: 2.65, Threshold NB2: 2.48. 'Default' buttons are next to each threshold.
- DSE (Digital Signal Enhancement):** Quality: 140, a 'Swap channels' checkbox, and a 'Default' button.
- WFM (Wide Frequency Modulation):** A 'USA' checkbox.
- DIG Offset:** DIGL: 1500 Hz, DIGU: 2200 Hz.

NR - Noise Reduction, removes the white noise. This is a special adaptive filter, which removes any abnormal noises from the air in the RX filter band.

ANF - Auto Notch filter, removes the carrier signals. This is a special adaptive filter, which removes any periodical signals from the air in the RX filter band.

- **Taps** - filter taps, determines the quality of the filter functionality.
- **Delay** - trigger delay time.
- **Rate** - set the adaptation rate of the filter.
- **Leak** - set the signal's level.

APF - Analog peak filter for CW and SSB mode. Provides a more comfortable listening of the CW signals by amplifying the CW signal in the center of the receive filter (triangle filter's AFC (amplitude-frequency characteristic) in the filter bandpass).

- **Gain** - Analog peak-filter amplifying factor.
- **Quality** - Analog peak-filter quality (slope sharpness).
- **Frequency** - central frequency of the voice signal.

Filter taps - receiver's filter taps for SSB, AM/NFM, DIGL/DIGU, CW modes, by default 1537.

The higher the receiver's filter taps value, the more rectangular the filter's shape, but it also increases the signal pass delay. That is why the user should find the best settings for himself, between acceptable filter slopes steepness and signal delay. Optimal filter taps are set by default.

Noise blanker - removes impulse interference. Noise blanker parameters:

- **Threshold NB 1, 2** - filter trigger threshold. Set the required filter 1, 2 trigger thresholds, depends on the interference level.

Note:

- *NB has a threshold, set it to cut pulse noise if it surpasses the threshold. As a rule, pulse noise is a high-amplitude and short in time signal, with an amplitude much higher than useful signal. If it will be cut from the mix of signals the useful signal won't be corrupted. For correct operation, the threshold level should be adjusted higher than useful signals. In this case, NB will work perfectly. If the threshold will have the same level as useful signals or lower, the NB will try to cut useful signals and you'll hear and see distorted signals in phones and spectrum scope. If noises have white spectrum (not pulse) with low level (lower than useful signals), the NB cannot be used in this case, use NR.*
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DSE - Digital Surround Effect for CW signals. Provides a space orientation in stereo phones, stations from lower frequencies are louder in the left channel, stations from higher frequencies are louder in the right channel. The signal in the filter's center is equally heard in both channels of stereo phones.

- **Quality** - DSE filter quality. The higher the quality value the stronger the function's effect.
- **Swap channels** - swap right and left receiver's channels. Set the Swap channels checkbox for correct DSE functionality, if required. Correct functionality - slowly increasing the receiver tuning frequency, while receiving the CW signal, sounds as if CW signal moves from the right to the left channel.

Note:

- *DSE effect cannot be heard in mono phones.*
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WFM - Wide FM standard:

- **USA** - set this checkbox to listen to WFM stations in the USA or South Korea.

DIG offset - frequency offset, use when you operate in digital modes.

Whether to use frequency or not depends on the digital mode software. Look for tips in the instruction for your digital mode software.

Default - press to return settings to the default state. Each settings category has the Default button. Press the Default button if you set wrong values and don't like the result.

3.3.1.3 Ext Ctrl

To control external devices, the receiver has a special connector **Ext Ctrl**. The **Ext Ctrl** connector output consists of the keys with open collector.

The best way to use this feature is to switch the narrow-band filters, also, you may arrange your own antenna switch, having only one relay.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
160M:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
60M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2M:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GEN:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Enable - checkbox to enable control of the electronic keys.

1...7 - electronic keys numbers.

160...2, GEN - electronic key enable checkbox on the corresponding band.

Note:

- On the picture above, you can see the example of using the keys in the 160M, 80M and 60M bands for both RX and TX modes.

While working on the 160M band in the RX mode, #1 key is enabled, if turn to TX mode, #1 key is still active.

While turning on 80M band, #2 key will be enabled (#1 key will be disabled), it is active in both RX and TX modes.

While turning on 60M band, #3 key will be enabled (#2 key will be disabled), it is active in both RX and TX modes.

3.3.1.4 Expert

On the **Expert** tab you can see the fine hardware settings of the receiver.

Here you may set a new IP address and access port of the receiver. User can change these settings according to His LAN settings, but make sure that the required IP address is available.

VAC DSP Ext Ctrl Expert

Set Static IP Address: 192.168.16 .100 New Port: 50001 Set IP Address

Network mode: DHCP Auto Set

Frequency coefficient: 0.000000

Firmware update

Push WRITE button after changing coefficients.

Default Read Write

Note:

- All settings in this tab are stored in the receiver's energy independent memory.
- After setting the required values, set/unset checkboxes, press the **Write** button to save the settings.
- To read the current settings state from the memory, press the **Read** button. Auto-read happens with every software launch.

Set static IP Address - an input box to enter new IP Address.

New Port - an input box to enter the New Port.

Set IP Address - a button to activate the new values of the IP address and Port.

Network mode - network mode of the receiver:

Static IP - you set a **Static IP** address for the receiver, it always be available via this address.

DHCP server - receiver works in the **DHCP server** mode and can assign two IP addresses at max.

DHCP client - receiver works in the **DHCP client** mode, i.e. its IP address depends on the network where the receiver is connected.

DHCP Auto - at the beginning receiver works in the **DHCP client** mode, if it doesn't receive an IP address for a minute, receiver switches into the **DHCP server** mode, with a static IP address, by default the receiver has an IP address 192.168.16.100. This mode is set by default.

Frequency coefficient - Correction menu of the receiver's frequency tuning.

Set the coefficient value so that the receiver's tuning frequency would be equal to the real frequency of the received signal.

Note:

- *Correction of the displayed frequency could be made according to the time signals on the 4.996MHz, 9.996MHz or 14.996MHz (preferably) frequencies, where you can find easily tracked pulse signals. If they do not match with the tuned frequency, adjust the **coefficient** till the frequency match.*
 - *The higher the frequency of the used time signal, the higher calibration accuracy.*
 - *Calibration should be performed with the maximum panorama zoom and maximum FFT size of the panorama (more detail about FFT size in [Spectrum](#) ^{D42}).*
 - *After you set the frequency correction coefficient, press the **Write** button.*
 - *The devices are calibrated at the manufacturing by default, additional calibration is not required.*
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Frequency

Firmware Update - Button for manual firmware update in the receiver.

Press the **Firmware update** button to initialize firmware update process.

Default - Default hardware settings button.

Press the **Default** button to return to the default settings.

Read - Read the hardware settings from the receiver's memory.

Press the **Read** button to read the hardware settings from the receiver's memory.

Write - Store the hardware settings.

Press the **Write** button to store the hardware settings in the receiver's memory.

3.3.2 Sound card menu

In the **Sound card** menu you can see the settings of the audio devices, which can be used with the receiver.

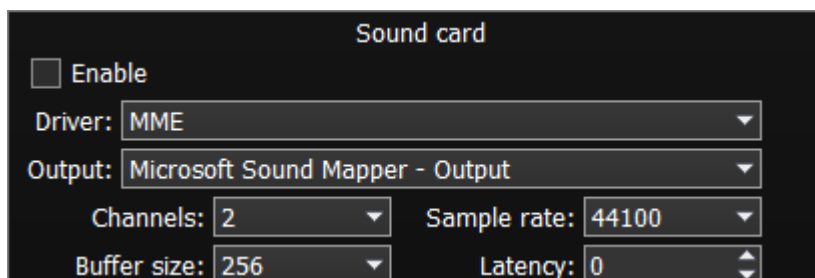
The audio signal output is carried out via the **PHONES** connector on the front panel of the receiver. If you use the receiver remotely, you may use PC's sound card for the audio signal output, which will be simultaneous with audio output from the receiver.

3.3.2.1 Sound card

In the **Sound card** category, you can see the sound card settings.

Note:

- Signal output delay via the sound card can reach 250-500 ms. It can be adjusted with buffer size (smaller values equal lower delay) or selecting different Audio driver (MME - the biggest latency / WDMKS - moderate latency / ASIO - minimal latency).



- **Enable** - Checkbox to enable PC's sound card.
Set the **Enable** checkbox to enable sound output via the sound card.
- **Driver** - Select the sound card's driver type.
- **Output** - Select the sound card's physical output.
- **Channels** - Select the amount of active sound card's channels.
- **Sample rate** - Sampling frequency.
- **Buffer size** - Buffer size.
- **Latency** - signal delay time.

Note:

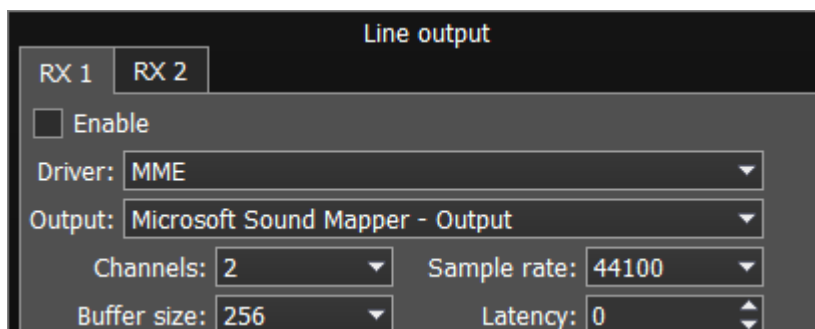
- Before you'll enable the **Sound card** by the **Enable** checkbox, make sure that all sound devices settings are set correctly.

3.3.2.2 Line output

In the **Line output** category you can see the settings of the sound card or virtual audio cables, which could be used for linear sound output, separately for RX1 and RX2 receivers.

Note:

- Sound output via the **Line output** will be simultaneous with the sound output from the receiver.
 - **Line output** volume has a constant max value and cannot be changed by the operator.
 - As a rule sound output via the **Line output** is used for recording communications in contests and other purposes.
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There are two tabs with identical settings for RX1 and RX2 receivers, in the **Line output** category, let's look at one of them.

- **Enable** - Checkbox to enable **Line output**.
Set the **Enable** checkbox to enable **Line output**.
- **Driver** - Choose the sound device' driver type.
- **Output** - Choose the sound device' physical output.
- **Channels** - Choose the amount of active sound device' channels.
- **Sample rate** - Sampling frequency.
- **Buffer size** - Buffer size.
- **Latency** - signal delay time.

Note:

- Before you'll enable the **Line output** by the **Enable** checkbox, make sure that all sound devices settings are set correctly.
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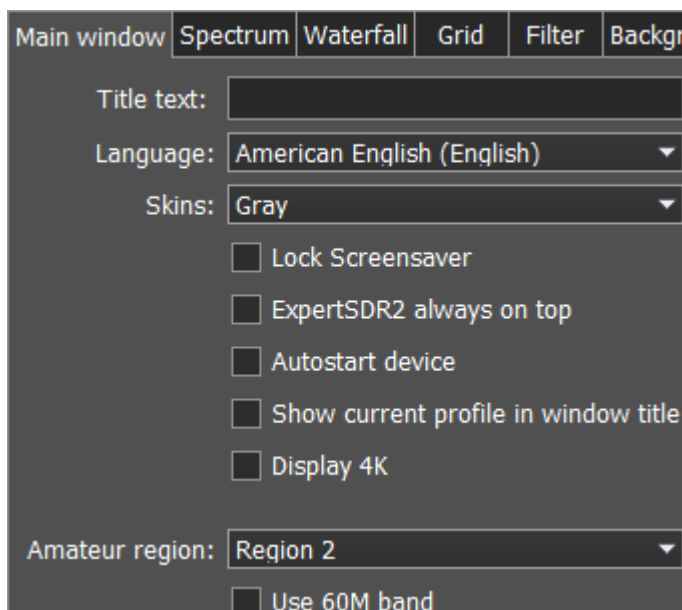
3.3.3 Display menu

In the **Display** menu you can see the settings of the transceiver's software display. Display settings are placed according to their functionality:

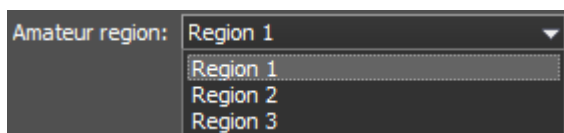
- **"Main window"** tab
- **"Spectrum"** tab
- **"Waterfall"** tab
- **"Grid"** tab
- **"Filter"** tab
- **"Background"** tab

3.3.3.1 Main window

On the **Main window** tab, you can see the settings of the receiver's software main window display.



- **Title text** - Input box to enter the title.
Enter your call-sign or other information in the **Title text** box, it will always be displayed in the software title.
- **Language** - Interface language menu.
Select the required language from the list.
- **Skins** - Software color theme menu.
Select the required software color theme from the list.
- **Lock Screensaver** - Lock screen-saver checkbox.
Set the **Lock Screensaver** checkbox to block the display turn off by the Windows OS.
Recommended checkbox setting - on.
- **ExpertSDR2 stays on top** - On top checkbox.
Set the **ExpertSDR2 stays on top** checkbox to see ExpertSDR2 window constantly on top of other windows.
Recommended checkbox setting - off.
- **Autostart device** - Receiver's autostart checkbox.
Set the **Autostart device** checkbox to automatically start the receiver after the launch of the software.
Recommended checkbox setting - on.
- **Show current profile in window title** - Display the current profile in the software window title.
Set the **Show current profile in window title** checkbox to display the current profile (if the profile is on) in the software window title.
- **Display 4K** - display mode for 4K monitors.
- **Amateur region** - Amateur region menu.
Select the region you are currently in, in the Amateur region menu.



It affects the position of the amateur bands in the software.

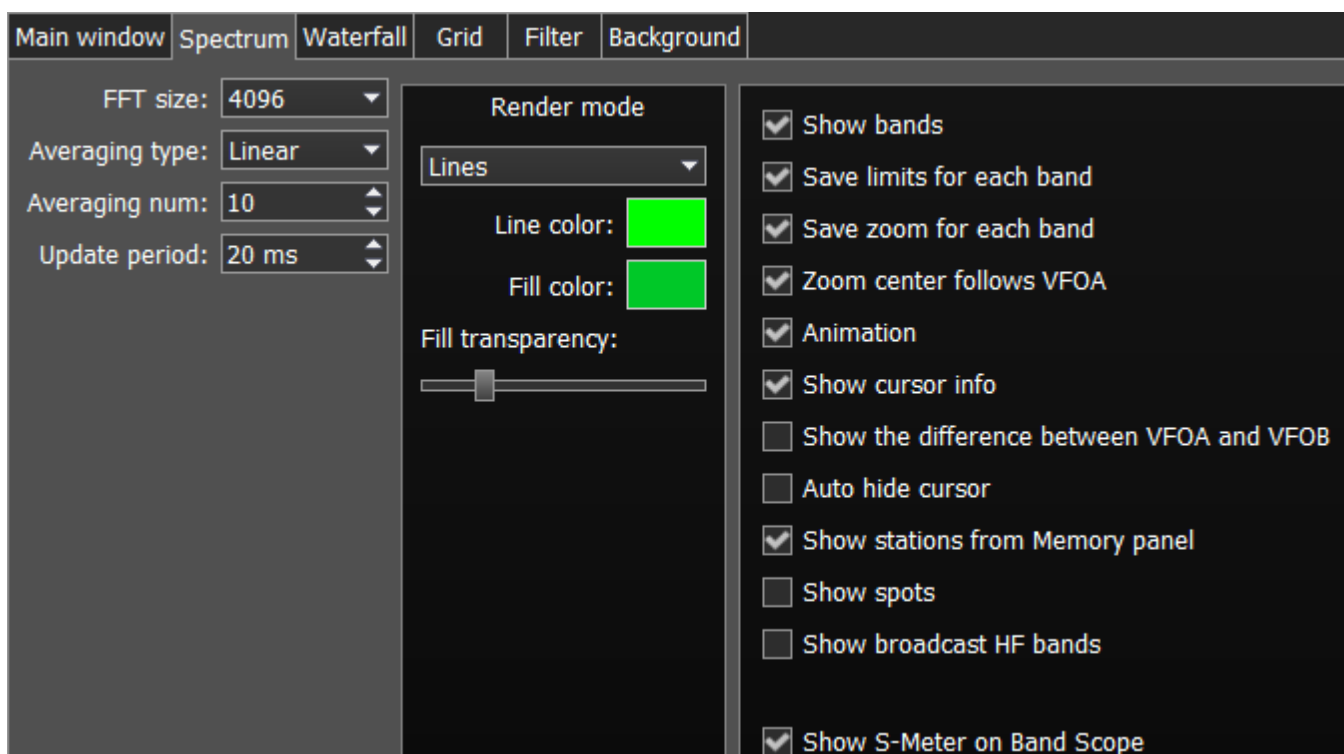
- **Use 60M band** - set the **Use 60M band** checkbox to enable 60M band.

Note:

- After you select the amateur region and/or set/unset the checkbox Use 60M band you'll see the notification window, that the settings will be applied after the restart of the software. Restart the software.

3.3.3.2 Spectrum

On the **Spectrum** tab you can see the receiver's spectrum settings.



- **FFT size** - Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) size of the spectrum scope.
Select the required FFT size. The higher FFT size, the higher spectrum scope resolution by frequency, along with the higher processor load.
- **Averaging type** - Spectrum scope averaging type menu.
Select the averaging type from the list: Linear, root-mean-square (Rms), Exponential, which suits you best.
- **Averaging num** - A number of samples for averaging.
Set the required amount of samples for averaging. The bigger a number of samples, the slower the spectrum will change on the graph.

- **Update period** - Spectrum scope update period.

Set the required specter's graph update period. The bigger the number, the more FPS on the spectrum scope, along with the higher processor load.

Render mode - Spectrum render mode: lines, gradient.

Set the required specter render mode.

- **Line color** - Spectrum scope line color.

Select the required line color from the palette.

- **Fill color** - Fill color of the spectrum scope lower area.

Select the required fill color from the palette.

- **Fill transparency** - Transparency slider for the spectrum scope lower area filling.

Set the required filling transparency level.

- **Show bands** - Show amateur bands borders.

Set the **Show bands** checkbox to show amateur bands borders at the top of the spectrum scope (blue line).

- **Save limits for each band** - Save spectrum scope amplitude limits for each band.

Set the **Save limits for each band** checkbox to enable the software to save set spectrum scope limits for each band.

- **Save zoom for each band** - Save spectrum scope zoom settings for each band.

Set the **Save zoom for each band** checkbox to enable the software to save spectrum scope zoom settings for each band.

- **Zoom center follows VFOA** - Zoom center marker locked on the VFOA position on the spectrum scope.

Set the **Zoom center follows VFOA** checkbox to enable the zoom center marker lock on the VFOA position.

- **Animation** - Spectrum scope animation while transitioning between bands.

Set the **Animation** checkbox to enable animation.

- **Show cursor info** - Show frequency and dB level of the cursor position.

Set the **Show cursor info** checkbox to enable info display near the cursor on the spectrum scope.

- **Show the difference between VFOA and VFOB** - Show the difference between VFOA and VFOB.

Set the **Show the difference between VFOA and VFOB** checkbox to display the difference between VFOA and VFOB near the cursor.

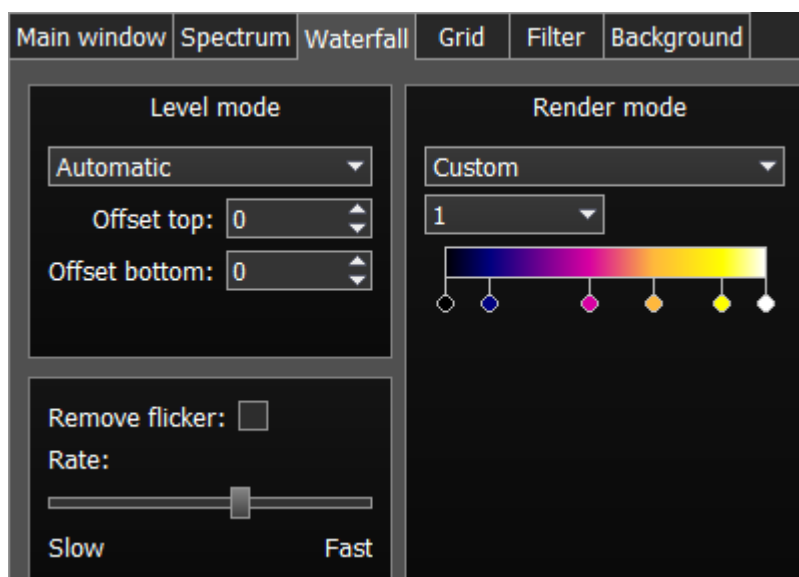
- **Auto hide cursor** - Automatically hide the cursor from the spectrum scope.

Set the **Auto hide cursor** checkbox to let the cursor disappear after idle 2 seconds.

- **Show stations from Memory panel** - Show the stations previously stored in the frequency memory.
Set the **Show stations from Memory panel** checkbox to show on the spectrum scope previously stored stations as markers (blue dots in the top area of the spectrum scope). When rollover the station's marker you'll see the commentary.
- **Show spots** - Show spots from the CW Skimmer on the spectrum scope.
Set the **Show spots** checkbox to show spots from the CW Skimmer on the spectrum scope as a markers with call-signs.
- **Show broadcast HF bands** - enable for display of broadcast HF bands on panorama and Band Scope.
- **Show S-Meter on Band Scope** - Show the S-Meter on the Band Scope.
Set the **Show S-Meter on Band Scope** checkbox to show the S-Meter on the Band Scope for each VFO.

3.3.3.3 Waterfall

On the **Waterfall** tab you can see the receiver's waterfall settings.



- **Level mode** - Waterfall bright menu.
Select the bright mode from the list: Automatic, Synchronous.
Automatic mode depends on air signals and set offset in the settings below.
Synchronous mode depends on the set limits of the spectrum amplitude.
- **Offset top** - Offset input box by the top dB level relatively to signals level.
Set the offset in the **Offset top** box to determine the maximum brightness relatively to the max signals' levels.
- **Offset bottom** - Offset input box by the bottom dB level relatively to signals level.
Set the offset in the **Offset bottom** box to determine the minimum brightness relatively to the min signals' levels.

- **Render mode** - waterfall render mode menu: Rainbow, Monochrome, Custom. Select the required color render of the waterfall, depending on your choice or tasks. In the Custom mode, you have three colors presets: 1,2,3 and User adjustable mode.

In the User preset there are 6 color markers at maximum. Double click of the left mouse button on the color marker opens the color menu, double click of the right mouse button on the color marker delete it. Double click of the left mouse button on the empty space adds the color marker.

- **Remove flicker** - Checkbox to remove the waterfall flickers.

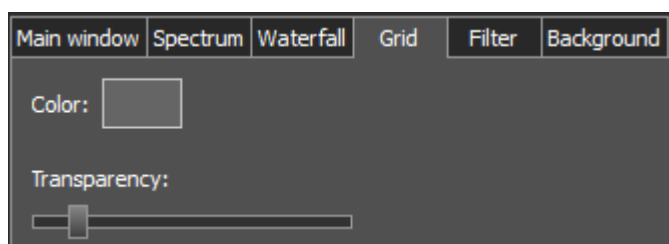
Set the **Remove flicker** checkbox to get rid of the texture flickers in the waterfall, also it slightly clears the waterfall from air noises.

- **Rate** - Waterfall movement speed slider.

Set the **Rate** slider according to the required waterfall movement speed.

3.3.3.4 Grid

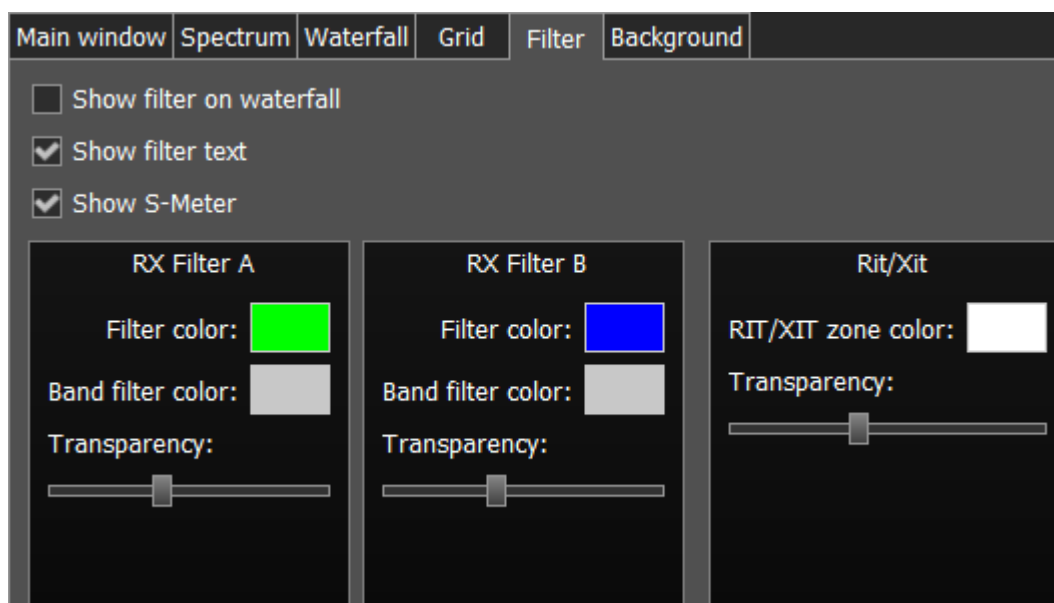
On the **Grid** tab you can see the spectrum scope grid display settings.



- **Color** - Color of the spectrum scope grid.
Select the required grid color from the palette.
- **Transparency** - Grid transparency slider.
Set the required grid transparency by moving the slider.

3.3.3.5 Filter

On the **Filter** tab you can set the required color of filters and the necessity to display the additional text information.



- **Show filter on waterfall** - Show receiver(s) filter on the waterfall.
Set the **Show filter on waterfall** checkbox to show receiver(s) filter on the waterfall.
- **Show filter text** - Show text info near the receiver's filter on the spectrum.
Set the **Show filter text** checkbox to display filter's tuned frequency, signal level in S-units etc. in the used filter bandwidth.
- **Show S-Meter** - Enable animated S-Meter near the receivers' filter on the spectrum.
Set the **Show S-Meter checkbox** to display S-Meter near the receiver's filter.

In the **RX Filter A**, **RX Filter B** categories displayed filters' color and transparency settings.

- **Filter color** - Filter's frequency color menu.
Choose the required filter's tuned frequency color from the palette.
- **Band filter color** - Filter's bandwidth color menu.
Choose the required filter's bandwidth color from the palette.
- **Transparency** - Filter's transparency slider.
Set the required filter's transparency.

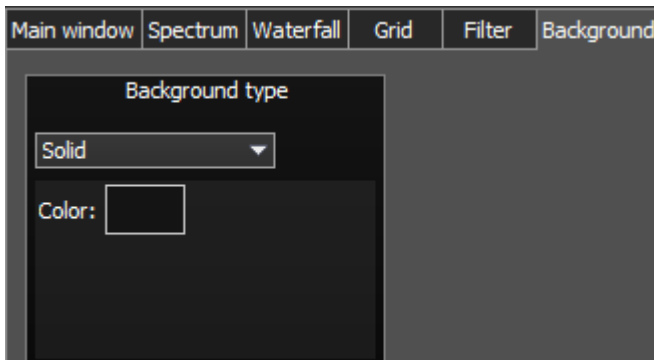
In the **Rit/Xit** category displayed RIX active zone settings.

- **Rit/Xit zone color** - RIX active zone color menu.
Choose the required RIX active zone color from the palette.
- **Transparency** - RIX zone transparency slider.
Set the required RIX zone transparency.

3.3.3.6 Background

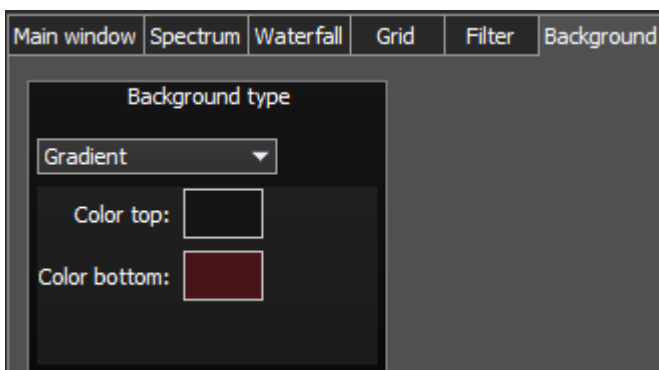
On the **Background** tab you can see the spectrum scope background settings.

Background type - Spectrum scope background type menu: **Solid**, **Gradient**, **Image**.
Select in the **Background type** menu spectrum scope background render type.



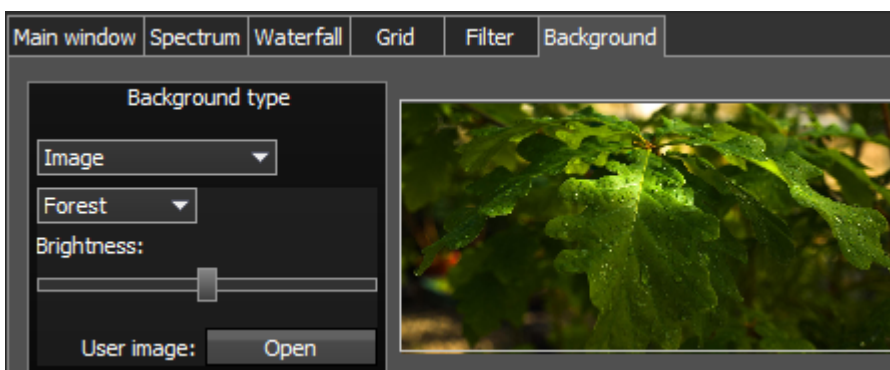
In the **Solid** mode available settings are:

- **Color** - Background color menu.
Choose the required background color from the palette.



In the **Gradient** menu available settings are:

- **Color top** - Top gradient color of the background.
Choose the required top gradient color from the palette.
- **Color bottom** - Bottom gradient color of the background.
Choose the required bottom gradient color from the palette.



In the **Image** menu available settings are:

- **Image menu** - Image presets menu (Forrest, Bubbles, Space, Water, User).
Pick the required image from the menu or lock one of your own images.
- **Brightness** - Background image brightness slider.
Set the required background image brightness.
- **User image** - Choose the required image to be displayed on the background.
Press the **Open** button, in the opened window choose the image file to set as the background.

Note:

- *If the image file wasn't chosen previously via the **Open** button, then if you choose the User image in the presets list it'll open the window to choose the image file.*
 - *Supported files types: png, jpg, jpeg, bmp.*
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3.3.4 CAT menu

In the **CAT** menu, you can see the CAT-system settings. CAT-system is the transceiver's exchange interface with external devices and software.

CAT-interface is used for control the receiver from a third-party software. This could be contest logs, digital modes decoder-software, SAT-tracker etc. RX1 and RX2 have independent settings and could be controlled separately via the CAT-protocol.

There are two ways to use the ColibriNANO with an external transceiver:

3.3.4.1 ECATv1

ExpertSDR2 software has the **ECATv1** protocol, use it to synchronize the ColibriDDC and your transceiver via [RigSync](#) software.

ECATv1 - exchange protocol compatible with TS-480 transceiver. This protocol allows to exchange data with an external devices and software via COM-port.

The screenshot shows the 'ECATv1' protocol settings window. At the top, 'Protocol:' is set to 'ECATv1'. Below this, there are two tabs: 'RX 1' and 'RX 2'. The 'RX 1' tab is selected. The settings for 'RX 1' are as follows: 'Enable CAT' is unchecked, 'View log' is unchecked, 'Port name:' is an empty dropdown, 'Parity:' is set to 'None', 'Data:' is set to '8', 'Stop bit:' is set to '1', and 'Baud rate:' is set to '9600'. At the bottom, there are three checkboxes: 'Enable SubRX control (FR command)' is checked, 'Antenna switch control' is unchecked, and 'Global volume control' is unchecked.

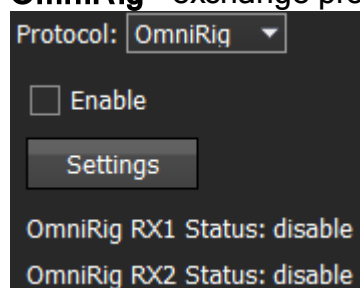
RX1 tab contains CAT-system settings via COM-ports. **RX2** settings are the same as **RX1**.

- **Enable CAT** - Checkbox to enable control of the receiver via the CAT-system.
- **Port name** - COM-port number.
- **Parity** - Parity.
- **Data** - Amount of data in bits.
- **Stop bit** - Amount of stop bits.
- **Baud rate** - Port speed.
- **Enable SubRX control (FR command)** - Checkbox to enable control of the sub-receiver via the CAT-system.
Set the **Enable SubRX control (FR command)** checkbox to enable the control of the sub-receiver via the CAT-system.
- **Antenna switch control** - checkbox to enable control of the antenna switch via the CAT-system. Set the **Antenna switch control** checkbox to enable the control of the antenna switch via the CAT-system. Useful for the Ham Radio Deluxe software.
- **Global volume control** - When this checkbox is enabled, you control the global volume with the Volume slider, on the top of the software window, from the CAT-system. Recommended when you use one RX or VFO A only, SubRX is disabled.
- **View log** - display CAT command log.

3.3.4.2 OmniRig

There is an experimental function to synchronize ColibriNANO with an external transceiver via the [OmniRig](#) software.

OmniRig - exchange protocol via the OmniRig software.



Note:

- Using the OmniRig software you can send a limited set of control commands.
- Available control commands:
 - Set VFO frequency, if no VFOB in the CAT protocol;
 - Set VFO A frequency;
 - Set VFO B frequency;
 - Enable receiver's RIT offset;

- Set RIT offset; - Reset RIT offset;
 - Enable transceiver's XIT offset;
 - Set mode type;
 - Enable SPLIT.
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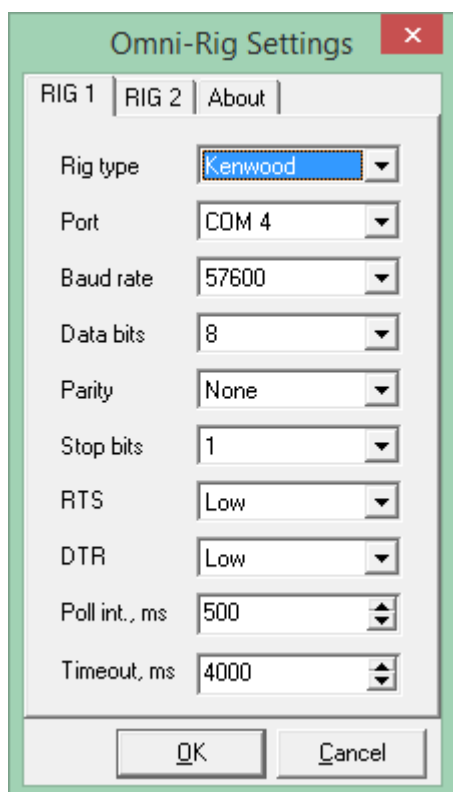
In the **OmniRig** menu you can find the settings of the OmniRig software.

Enable - set the **Enable** checkbox to control the receiver via the OmniRig software.

Settings - press the **Settings** button to open the OmniRig software settings.

Note:

- If the ExpertSDR2 software uses OmniRig protocol to exchange data with an external contest log software, which also uses OmniRig, then COM-port and other settings in the OmniRig software are not required. Select in the OmniRig settings any idle COM-port in the system, to avoid conflict.
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OmniRig RX1 Status - RX1 receiver and OmniRig connection status.

OmniRig RX2 Status - RX2 receiver and OmniRig connection status.

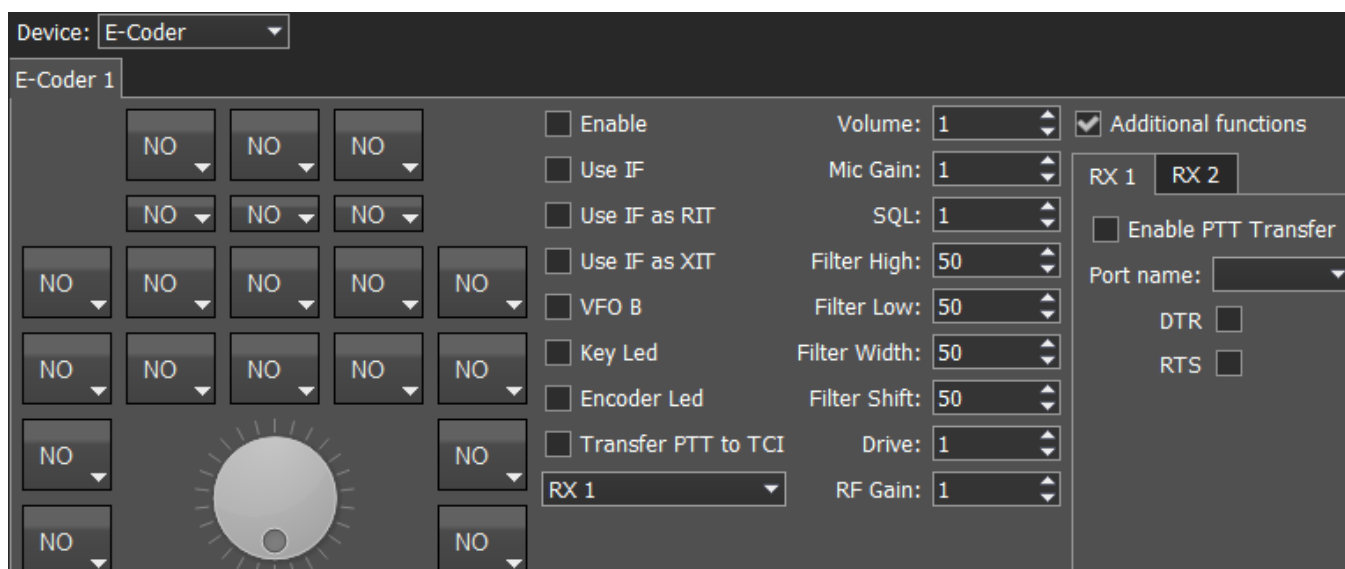
3.3.5 Panel menu

In the **Panel** menu you can see the settings of the E-Coder control panel.

In the drop-down Device menu, you can select the type of the connected control panel. In the meantime only one type is available - E-Coder.

Note:

- If there are several E-Coder panels connected to the PC with ColibriDDC, you'll see several tabs **E-Coder 1** , **E-Coder 2** etc. with identical settings for each panel, in the **Panel** menu.



In the left part of the menu you can see the schematic picture of the E-Coder panel with buttons and knobs. Press any button, you'll see the list of the available functions.

Note:

- The list of the available functions is constantly growing. Keep track of the software updates.
- You can make a request to add a new function on the control button.

The following functions may be assigned to the E-Coder panel buttons:

Unused - button is unused.

Main:

AGC Up/Down - AGC type switching.

Band Up/Down - band switching.

Filter Up/Down - receiver's filter switching.

Mode Up/Down - mode switching.

Preamp Up/Down - preamp or attenuator level switching.

Start/Stop - start/stop the ExpertSDR2.

RX ANT - enable/disable receive antenna.

Step Up/Down - change the tuning step.

WF - enable/disable **Wide Filter**. Filter for all Nyquist zone. If in the **Device** menu settings, you set **Auto enable** checkbox, then you don't need this function on the panel.

Zoom In/Out - spectrum zoom modes switching.

VFO/RX2:

A>B - assign the frequency from heterodyne VFO A to heterodyne VFO B.

B>A - assign the frequency from heterodyne VFO B to heterodyne VFO A.

B<>A - frequency exchange between VFO A and VFO B.

Change VFO A/VFO B - switching between VFO A and VFO B.

IF as RIT - tune the RIT offset by moving the filter over the panorama.

LOCK - lock the frequency tuning.

RX2 On/Off - enable/disable RX2.

RIT On/Off - enable/disable RIT offset.

RIT Reset - reset RIT offset to 0.

Sub RX On/Off - enable/disable SubRX.

Switch DDS/IF - tuning the frequency by moving the filter over the panorama, in other words changing the digital IF, or when filter stands still and spectrum moves, this is the central frequency tuning.

Switch Receiver - switching between software RX1 and RX2. The main knob will tune the frequency of one of the receivers.

While you operate both RX1 and RX2, usually you need to listen to either only one of them or both of them, but in different channels (left / right). To do that we added special functions to the E-Coder panel, which set the mixer for both RXs.

Audio:

Listen both RX1, RX2 - default settings, both RXs have equal volume in both channels.

Listen RX1 only - listen to the RX1 in both channels.

Listen RX2 only - listen to the RX2 in both channels.

Listen RX1 in left channel, RX2 in right - listen to the RX1 in the left channel and RX2 in the right channel.

Listen RX1 in right channel, RX2 in left - listen to the RX1 in the right channel and RX2 in the left channel.

Similar settings were added for VFOs:

Listen both VFO A/B - default settings, both VFOs have equal volume in both channels.

Listen VFO A only - listen to the VFO A in both channels.

Listen VFO B only - listen to the VFO B in both channels.

Listen VFO A in left channel, VFO B in right - listen to the VFO A in the left channel and VFO B in the right channel.

Listen VFO A in right channel, VFO B in left - listen to the VFO A in the right channel and VFO B in the left channel.

Mute - switch off the sound.

Switch RX and mute former - change the software receiver and mute former one.

Voice recording - enable/disable voice recording.

Volume Up/Down - volume adjustment.

DSP:

ANF - enable/disable auto notch filter.

APF - enable/disable analog pick filter.

BIN - enable/disable binaural mode.

NR - enable/disable noise reduction.

NB1 - enable/disable noise blanker 1.

NB2 - enable/disable noise blanker 2.

SQL - enable/disable squelch.

The following functions may be assigned on the E-Coder panel knobs:

Unused - encoder is unused.

Volume - volume adjustment.

SQL - squelch threshold adjustment.

Filter Low/High - tuning the frequency of the low/high filter's front.

Filter Width - adjusting the filter width.

Filter Shift - shifting the filter's central frequency.

IF - tuning the frequency by moving the filter over the panorama.

RF Gain - RF Gain control.

RIT Offset - adjusting the RIT Offset.

In the right part of the menu you can see the main panel settings:

Enable - enable E-Coder panel control.

Use IF - frequency tuning by moving the filter over the panorama.

Use IF as RIT - tuning by IF when the RIT offset is on.

VFO B - enable sub-receiver.

Key Led - enable backlit keypad.

Encoder Led - enable backlit encoder.

RX1/RX2 menu - switching between RX1 and RX2 receivers, or assign an exact E-Coder panel to your receiver.

Volume - set the volume change step, per knob's clack.

SQL - set the squelch threshold change step, per knob's clack.

Filter High - set the filter's high limit change step, per knob's clack.

Filter Low - set the filter's low limit change step, per knob's clack.

Filter Width - set the filter's width change step, per knob's clack.

Filter Shift - set the filter's shift change step, per knob's clack.

RF Gain - set the RF gain step, per knob's clack.

There are three LEDs on the E-Coder panel, from left to right:

1) Lights **green** when the VFO B is active

2) Lights **red** when on TX

3) Lights **orange** when the RX2 is active

3.3.6 Features menu

In the **Features** menu you can set other programs to be launched along with the ExpertSDR2.

Select the programs to launch together with ExpertSDR2:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Prog 1	✗	arguments:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prog 2	✗	arguments:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prog 3	✗	arguments:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prog 4	✗	arguments:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prog 5	✗	arguments:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prog 6	✗	arguments:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prog 7	✗	arguments:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prog 8	✗	arguments:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prog 9	✗	arguments:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prog 10	✗	arguments:	<input type="text"/>

Enable checkbox - Enable autorun.

Set the **Enable** checkbox in front of the corresponding program in the list.

Program 1-10 - program's button.

Press the **Prog X** button to open the File explorer and select .exe file of the required program.

Delete button - Delete program.

Press the **Delete** button if you want to remove a program from the autorun list.

Arguments - Argument input box.

Enter some text in the **arguments** input box for the corresponding program.

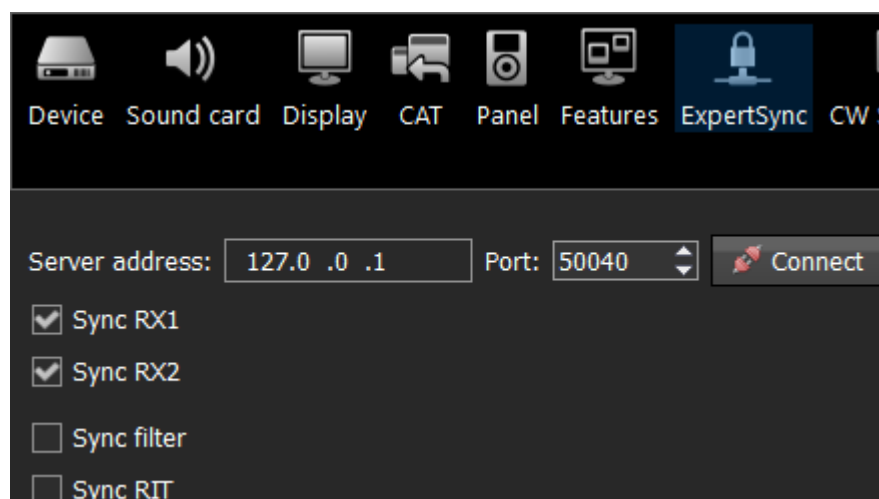
Note:

- Arguments allow to the same program to be launched with different settings files etc.
- Read an instruction for your software, to know which arguments are supported.

3.3.7 ExpertSync menu

In the **ExpertSync** menu you can see the network synchronization settings between the ColibriDDC and other Expert Electronics devices.

This interface allows you to synchronize the tuning frequency and mode type between several Expert Electronics devices via the ExpertSync software ([you may download it from here](#)).



- **Server address** - ExpertSync server IP address.
Enter the ExpertSync server IP address. If the the ExpertSync server is launched on the transceiver's PC, then the address will be 127.0.0.1.
- **Port** - Data exchange port.
Enter the exchange port number in the **Port** input box.
- **Connect** - Start the connection.
Press the **Connect** button to launch the connection between the transceiver's software and ExpertSync. Blue indicator means there is a connection.
- **Sync RX1** - RX1 receiver sync button.
Set the **Sync RX1** checkbox to synchronize the RX1 receiver with the remote RX1 receiver.

- **Sync RX2** - RX2 receiver sync button.
Set the **Sync RX2** checkbox to synchronize the RX2 receiver with the remote RX2 receiver.
- **Sync filter** - set the **Sync filter** checkbox to synchronize the filter bandwidth with the other device connected via the ExpertSync software.
- **Sync RIT** - set the **Sync RIT** checkbox to synchronize the receive frequency offset (RIT) with the other device connected via the ExpertSync software.

3.3.8 CW Skimmer menu

In the **CW Skimmer** menu, you can see the connection settings between the receiver software and CW Skimmer software or Internet server-spotter.

Settings in the **CW Skimmer** menu has two identical tabs RX1 and RX2 with connection settings for each software receiver, let's take a look at one of them.

The screenshot shows the 'RX 2' tab selected in the CW Skimmer menu. The interface includes a 'Connect' button, input fields for 'Address' (set to 'localhost'), 'Port' (set to '7300'), 'Callsign', and 'Password'. Below these are settings for 'RX IQ Output', including an 'Enable' checkbox, 'Driver' (set to 'MME'), 'Output' (set to 'Microsoft Sound Mapper - Output'), 'Channels' (set to '2'), 'Sample rate' (set to '48000'), 'Buffer size' (set to '2048'), and 'Latency' (set to '0'). There are also checkboxes for 'Sync frequency' and 'Tune frequency from CW Skimmer'. On the right, there is a 'Telnet Log' section with a large text area and a 'Clear' button at the bottom.

- **Connect** - Button to launch the connection with the CW Skimmer software or Internet server-spotter.
Press the **Connect** button, after adjusting all settings, to make a connection with the CW Skimmer software or Internet server-spotter.
- **Address** - IP address or DNS name of the CW Skimmer/server.
Enter this 127.0.0.1 address or localhost, if you want to connect to the CW Skimmer, which is installed on the transceiver's PC.
- **Port** - Data exchange port.
Enter the exchange port number in the **Port** input box.
- **Callsign** - Callsign input box.
Enter your callsign if the server requires it.

- **Password** - Password.

Enter the password if the server requires it.

To transfer the IQ signal in the CW Skimmer you need to adjust the settings of the audio device in the **RX IQ output** category, it consists of:

Enable checkbox - Enable the IQ signal transfer from the ExpertSDR2 to the CW Skimmer.

- **Driver** - Audio device driver type.
- **Output** - Audio device physical output.
- **Channels** - Amount of the used channels of the audio device.
- **Sample rate** - Sampling frequency.
- **Buffer size** - Buffer size.
- **Latency** - Signal delay time.

Note:

- *If CW Skimmer is installed on the receiver's PC, then for the signal output you need to use Virtual Audio Cable.*
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- **Sync frequency** - set the **Sync frequency** to synchronize the CW Skimmer frequency with ExpertSDR2 frequency.
- **Tune frequency from CW Skimmer** - CW Skimmer set the ExpertSDR2 frequency. Set the **Tune frequency from CW Skimmer** to tune the ExpertSDR2 frequency by the mouse click on the station in the CW Skimmer.

3.3.9 Shortcuts menu

In the **Shortcuts** menu, you can see the shortcut key combinations settings.

With the key combinations, you can control the receiver from your keyboard.

Note:

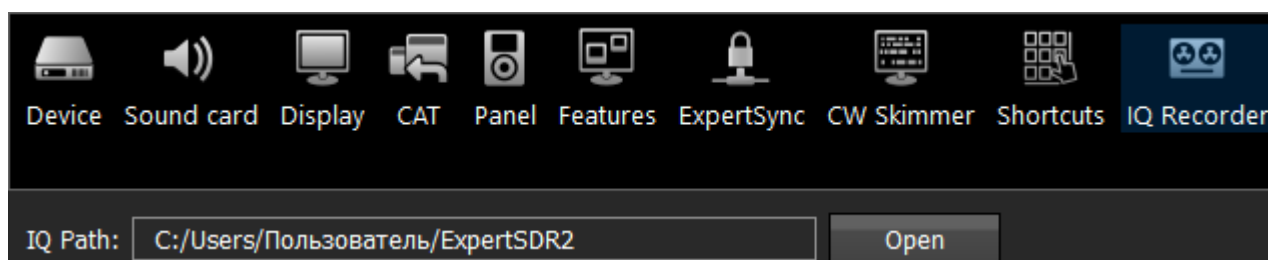
- *Shortcuts will be active only if the receiver's software window is in focus.*
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable			
Command	Shortcut	Shortcut RX1	Shortcut RX2
Start Software	Press shortcut		
Options	Press shortcut		
RX2	Press shortcut		
Bandscope	Press shortcut		
Memory Panel	Press shortcut		
Increase Sample Rate	Press shortcut		
Decrease Sample Rate	Press shortcut		
Set RX Antenna	Press shortcut		
Set TX Antenna	Press shortcut		
Mute	Press shortcut	Press shortcut	Press shortcut
RF Gain Up		Press shortcut	Press shortcut
RF Gain Down		Press shortcut	Press shortcut

- **Enable** - Enable shortcuts.
Set the **Enable** checkbox to activate assigned shortcuts.
- **Command** - Functions column.
In the **Command** column displayed all receiver's functions available for shortcuts.
- **Shortcut** - Main shortcuts column.
In the **Shortcut** column you can set the main receiver's functions.
- **Shortcut RX1** - RX1 receiver shortcuts column.
In the **RX1 shortcut** column you can set RX1 receiver functions.
- **Shortcut RX2** - RX2 receiver shortcuts column.
In the **RX2 shortcut** column you can set RX2 receiver functions.
- **Press shortcut** - Shortcut button.
Press the **Shortcut** button, then press the key combination on the keyboard.
- To delete a shortcut, press the Del button on the keyboard.

3.3.10 IQ Recorder menu

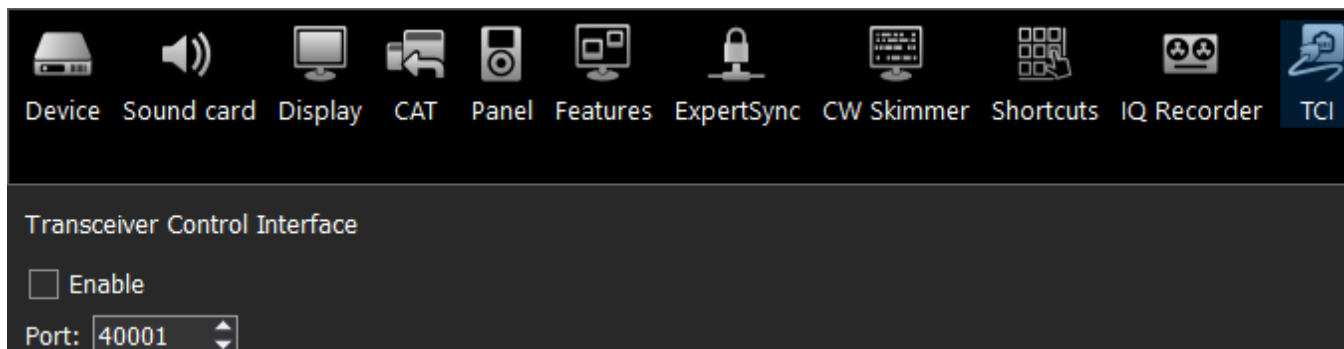
In the **IQ Recorder** menu, you can select a folder where you will store IQ recordings.



This is the first step on a way to a complete IQ Player.

3.3.11 TCI menu

In the **TCI** menu, you can select a port for TCI connection of ExpertSDR2 with a third-party software, with TCI support, and set the **Enable** checkbox.

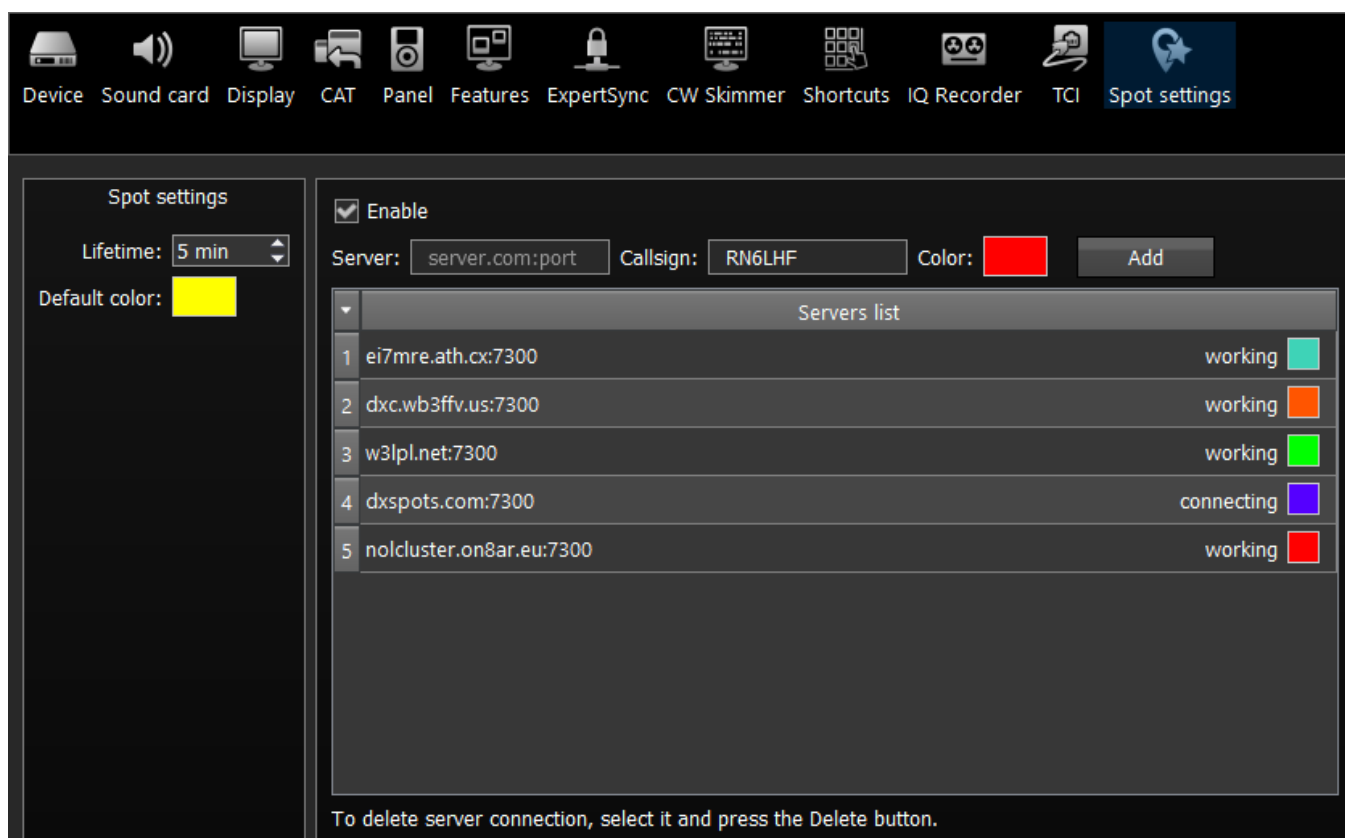


TCI - Transceiver Control Interface was developed by Expert Electronics company, for simple and still advanced connection between the ExpertSDR2 and third-party software. TCI has all required control commands similar to CAT system, but even more, it can transfer IQ-streams from the ExpertSDR2 to clients (third-party software such as signal Skimmers, etc) via local network and the Internet, CW macroses and Audio In/Out streams for digital modes (will be added soon). TCI is the universal multi-client interface (you can connect it to Loggers, Skimmers, PAs, Antenna switches etc. at the same time).

<https://github.com/maksimus1210/TCI> - link to the list of files with the description of the interface in English and Russian and source code of the demo-client software with TCI support.

3.3.12 Spot settings menu

In the **Spot settings** menu, you can adjust spot settings you receive from CW Skimmer and telnet clusters.



In the **Spot settings** section (left part of the menu) you can set up **Lifetime** and **Default color** for spots received from CW Skimmer.

In the right half of the menu you can add connections to telnet clusters to receive spots. To add a cluster, enter a server address (you may find examples on this website <http://www.dxcluster.info/telnet/index.php>), enter your callsign and select a certain color, press the **Add** button, it's done.

To delete a server connection, select it and press the Delete button on your keyboard.

Note:

- Don't forget to enable the **Show spots** checkbox in the [Spectrum tab](#) ⁴².
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4 TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

4.1 Receiver

Characteristic	Value
RX frequency range, MHz	0.01...55 (0.01...62.5)
RX frequency range in undersampling mode, MHz	0.01...800
ADC type	LTC2261-14
RF ADC clock frequency, MHz	125
RF ADC resolution, bit	14
Built-in audio DAC resolution, bit	24
Independent software receivers	2 (+2 SubRX)
Sample rate for each receiver, kHz	39; 78; 156; 312 @ 24 bit
Sensitivity in CW mode, bandwidth 500 Hz	1...62.5 MHz: 0.07 μ V 62.5...180 MHz: 0.5 μ V 180...800 MHz: 1...3 μ V
Noise floor, dBm	-130
Blocking Dynamic Range (BDR) on HF, dB	110
Blocking Dynamic Range (BDR) on VHF, dB	106
Local oscillator (TCXO), ppm	20 MHz; +/- 0.5 ppm
Local attenuator, dB	-20 dB; 0 dB

ColibriDDC has an LPF for HF bands: 0-60 MHz (Chebyshev I - 7 Order)

Optional HF octave BPF parameters:

- 1.73-2.6 MHz (Chebyshev I - 7 Order)
- 2.6-4.3 MHz (Chebyshev I - 3 Order)
- 4.3-6.5 MHz (Chebyshev I - 3 Order)
- 6.5-7.9 MHz (Chebyshev I - 3 Order)
- 7.9-13.0 MHz (Chebyshev I - 3 Order)
- 13.0-15.9 MHz (Chebyshev I - 3 Order)
- 15.9-21.0 MHz (Chebyshev I - 3 Order)
- 21.0-30.0 MHz (Chebyshev I - 3 Order)

ATT -20 dB

Preamp +10 dB

4.2 Other

Characteristic	Value
Dimensions L x W x H, cm (inches)	12.5 x 6.5 x 2.6 (4.41 x 2.52 x 0.94)
Weight, kg (lbs)	0.16 (0.66 lbs)
DC voltage range, V	4.5...5.5
Current consumption, A	0.64
Maximum power consumption, W	3.2
Operating temperature, °C (°F)	0...+50 (+32...+122)

5 RECEIVER OPERATIONS

This chapter describes all basic receiver functionality.

5.1 Local operation

Connect the receiver to the PC

To launch the ColibriDDC receiver you need:

- Power supply (supplied with the receiver). Recommended characteristics: min 10W, max 5V, min 1A.
- Personal computer.
- LAN-cable - Ethernet connection between PC and the receiver (supplied with the receiver);
- Antenna, tuned on the HAM bands, has to have impedance around 50 Ohm for those bands, where you plan to operate.

ColibriDDC receiver doesn't require any special drivers. All data exchange between the receiver and PC is carried out via the LAN interface.

Before you install the receiver software, you need to properly setup the LAN connection.

There are several ways to connect the receiver to PC:

- **A:** Connect the receiver to PC, via the Ethernet connection, without setting up the static IP address on PC.

In this case, after you launch the receiver it searches for the available IP address in the set sub-net for 30 seconds. If no address was found, the receiver switches to the DHCP mode, i.e. it gives the IP addresses to PC in the set sub-net and makes connection to the given IP address.

- **B:** Connect the receiver to PC, via the Ethernet connection and manually set the static IP address of the PC - 192.168.16.X.

In this case, after you launch the receiver it searches for the available IP address in the set sub-net and makes the connection.

Let's take a deeper look at each case.

A:

- Connect the receiver to PC with LAN-cable, supplied with the receiver.
- Connect the power supply cable.

- Launch the receiver.
- Wait 30 seconds, until the green LED stops blinking and will flash **yellow**.
- Make sure that your net settings are set to automatically receive the IP address.
- Launch the ExpertSDR2 software and press the **Options** button.
- Set up your Device settings and press **Search** button, you'll see the window with an available ColibriDDC receiver, press the **Use** button in front of it, save the settings.
- Press the **Start** button in the ExpertSDR2.

B1:

- Connect the receiver to PC with LAN-cable, supplied with the receiver.
- Set the static IP address 192.168.16.X in Windows 7/8/10. Launch the receiver.
- Launch the ExpertSDR2 software and press the **Options** button.
- Set up your Device settings and press **Search** button, you'll see the window with an available ColibriDDC receiver, press the **Use** button in front of it, save the settings.
- Press the **Start** button in the ExpertSDR2.

B2:

If you have a local net with different IP address than 192.168.16.xxx and you need to change the IP address of the receiver.

- Connect the receiver to PC with LAN-cable, supplied with the receiver.
- Set the static IP address in Windows 7/8/10. Launch the receiver.
- Launch the ExpertSDR2 software and press the **Options** button.
- Change the ColibriDDC IP address.
- Connect the receiver to the local net via the LAN-cable.
- Now every PC in the local net can operate the receiver.

5.2 Remote operation

Over the following [link](#) you may find the manual which thoroughly describes how to operate the ColibriDDC receiver remotely.

5.3 Frequency Tuning

There are several ways of the **frequency tuning**:

- **Fine tuning.**

More accurate tuning can be performed by rotating the mouse wheel with the accuracy specified in the **STEP** menu.

- **Quick tuning by the mouse click.**

On the spectrum, scope mouse cursor looks like the crosshair. Alongside this cursor displayed the exact frequency and dBm level in the certain point. The RX filter moves to this position by the click of the left mouse button.

Note:

- If the **Sub-receiver** or **SPLIT** mode is enabled, to use the **Quick tuning by the mouse click** with the **VFO A** or **VFO B** press the **mouse wheel** on the panorama. The mouse cursor color will change to match the controlled receiver - color of the mouse cursor also match the receiver's tuning line.
 - Use both the **Quick tuning by the mouse click** and **Fine tuning** modes. Click on the station and perform a fine tuning with the wheel if you slightly missed.
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- **Dragging the RX filter over the spectrum scope.**

Press and hold the left mouse button on the filter, then drag it left/right to the required position.

- **Moving the spectrum, the RX filter stands still.**

Press and hold the right mouse button anywhere on the spectrum, then move the spectrum, the filter will not change its position relatively to the spectrum. Tuning is carried out with the current **STEP** value.

- **Moving the spectrum, the RX filter moves along.**

Press and hold the right mouse button anywhere on the filter and move it left/right.

Note:

- *Basically, this is not a way of tuning. It allows observing the air outside the panorama window, not changing the tuning frequency.*
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- **Click on the digit of the frequency indicator.**

Left button - increase value; right button - decrease value; wheel - all digits on the right become zero.

- **Rotate mouse wheel on the digit of the frequency indicator.**

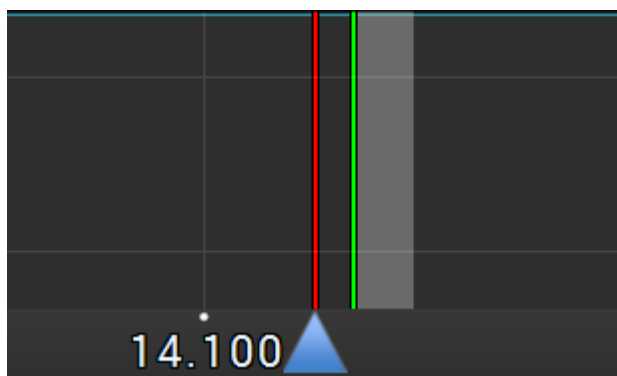
Rotate forward - increase value; rotate backward - decrease the value.

- **Synchronous tuning by the click on the bandscope.**

Hover the mouse cursor on the required place on the bandscope and click left mouse button - RX filter will move to the required location on both bandscope and panorama.

5.4 RIT

RIT offset means that signal receiving will be held on a frequency + Rit offset. Offset is displayed as a translucent band on the spectrum scope. Tuned frequency displayed as the red line. RX frequency displayed as the green line with the filter band (on the picture you can see USB mode).



The following values will be displayed below the main receiver's frequency indicator:

RIT: - the frequency offset.

L: and **H:** - low and high filter's edges frequencies.

O: - mouse cursor frequency inside the filter.

To change the filter bandwidth: move the mouse cursor over the filter edge, it will be highlighted, then drag the edge with the left mouse button.

When the **RIT** is enabled, frequency tuning changes a bit:

Press and hold the left mouse button inside the RX filter to move it over the panorama.

Press and hold the left right button inside the RX filter to move the whole panorama with the filter.

Press and hold the middle mouse button inside the RX filter then move the mouse cursor out of the filter bandwidth, the **O:** indicator will show the frequency difference between the mouse cursor and the RX filter.

Note:

- If the **RIT** offset wasn't reset, when you disable the **RIT** its state will be saved. When you activate the **RIT** next time, the offset will equal the previous value.
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5.5 Digital modes operation

The ColibriDDC receiver allows you to operate in digital modes with the help of the certain programs (which are not provided by the manufacturer).

Note:

- *More information about the ColibriDDC operation in digital modes will be explained in the new version of the User Manual.*
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6 RESET DEFAULT SETTINGS

Sometimes you may need to reset IP address and ports of the receiver, to do that follow the steps below:

1. Switch off the receiver with the **PWR** button;
2. Press and hold the **RST** button on the rear panel of the receiver, you will hear a light click;
3. Switch on the receiver with the **PWR** button. The **LED** will blink different colors (**green** and **yellow**);
4. Release the **RST** button;
5. Wait until the **LED** turns to constant **green** light, it means the reset went successfully.

After the reset procedure the receiver will have the default IP-address 192.168.16.200 and port 50001.

In case there is something wrong with the device, but you cannot connect with it to figure it out, you may try to do a “deep” reset:

1. Switch off the receiver with the **PWR** button;
2. Press and hold **BT** and **RST** buttons simultaneously;
3. Switch on the receiver with the **PWR** button. The **LED** will blink different colors (**green** and **yellow**);
4. Release **RST** and **BT** buttons;
5. **LED** will blink with green light, launch the ExpertSDR2, press the **red** Start button, receiver will update the firmware.
6. Wait until the **LED** turns to constant **green** light, it means the reset went successfully.

When the receiver is switched on, the **RST** button won't be active. Pressing it doesn't have any effect.

Warning!

Do not switch off the receiver with the PWR button while LED is blinking.

7 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

We Expert Electronics LLC declare that ColibriDDC receiver has been tested in accordance to essential protection requirements of Council Directive 2014/30/EU and found the test results indeed meet the limitation of the relevant test standards listed below:

EMC

EN 301 489-1: V 1.9.2 (2011)

EN 301 489-15: V 1.2.1 (2002)

Type of Equipment: Base Station

Equipment Class: B

RoHS Directive

Expert Electronics LLC confirms that we place on the market products sourced from suppliers who have confirmed that their products are RoHS compliant. Expert Electronics LLC declares that this equipment complies with the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.

Waste Disposal

The device may not be disposed of with household waste! This device complies with EU Directive on Electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE regulation) and will therefore not be disposed of with household waste. Dispose of the device to your local collection points for electronic equipment!