**Test Plan**

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# Overview

*Use the project description from your SOW or Functional Spec to give the reader an overview of your project. Don’t make this section too long, just enough to put the project into context.*

The product is a half-duplex Software-Defined Transceiver that will allow the transmission of signals in both directions, but not simultaneously, within the North American high frequency bands, 3.500MHz - 29.700MHz. The incoming and outgoing signals will be processed on a microprocessor using digital signal processing techniques, rather than hardware, to tune the antennae and apply filtering. The primary goals of the project are efficiency, clarity, and repeatability. A secondary goal will be to create a build kit to facilitate learning and ease of entry to the amateur radio community. This means affordable components and refinements where possible for the sake of simplicity, cost and efficiency.

The first prototype of the finished product will be finished by December 7th, 2018. Moving forward after this date, refinements to the designs will be addressed as well as stretch goals such as a casing and Raspberry Pi compatibility. The Software Defined Radio Transceiver team will be conducting all aspects of the project on the Texas State University campus including research, assembly, testing and troubleshooting. After all necessary research has been done on picking components, designing schematics, and developing the software portion of the design, an acceptable price list will be produced with approvals from Dr. Stapleton and Dr. Aslan. Lastly, construction and testing will commence with each group member working in conjunction with the others to meet deadline requirements and stay within the scope of the project that is further detailed below.

# Features to be tested/not to be tested

## Features to be tested

The following are the major functionalities of the application that need to be tested in the testing process:

### Components will receive either 12V or 5V from power adapter/voltage regulator

*List the features you will test. Include at least all of the features listed in the Functional Spec. Each of these will become a Test Case in Section 4. It is less frustrating to test and make sure chunks of a system work before testing the whole system and having to work backwards to identify the problem.*

### RF amplifier will have gain of 15-20 on 80m band and 12-15 on 20m band

### Radio will only operate at 3.5-4.0MHz and 14.00-14.35MHz

### Transmit power of 18-25mW

### Latency under 100ms

### On/off switch and indicating led

### Clear way to tune frequency via rotary encoder

### Volume control

## Features not to be tested

*List specifically the features you will NOT be testing, and WHY. As an example, you will not test a feature because*

* *It is guaranteed by design*
* *It is an off-the-shelf component*
* *The equipment (or time) does not exist to test the feature*
* *and so on*

### NE612 mixers will receive RF frequencies of 3.50MHz-14.35MHz

* It is guaranteed by design because of the 80m and 20m bandpass filters.

### Lineout gain from Teensy of 13-20dB

* Off-the-shelf component, 13-20dB gain is a Teensy specification.

### Gain of Audio amplifier

* It is an off-the-shelf component.

# Testing Approach

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| *5V/12V Supplied to Components 2.1.1* |  |
| Approach | *Summarize how you will perform the tests. Include the relevant level of detail, such as if the test must be performed at night or underwater. Will others be performing the test for you? Where will it be performed? Be specific.*  12V is guaranteed as it will be supplied by a 12V power adapter but can be tested the same as the 5V supply. The 5V supply will be tested with a digital multimeter by probing the output from the 5V voltage regulator and ground. |
| Pass/Fail Criteria | *Describe the Pass/Fail criteria you will use, and what constitutes success in each case. All criteria must be objective and measurable. For example, “all icons centered” is objective and measurable; “all icons look nice” is not.*  From the 5V voltage regulator, 4.65-5.35V is acceptable. From the 12V adapter, 11.65-12.35V is acceptable. Any values outside of these ranges is unacceptable. |
| Verification Method | *Describe how you will be measuring your criteria. Essentially, how do you know if you succeeded? Will you be checking alignment with your eyes, or with a ruler? Discuss any important limitations of your measuring technique. Your criteria can only be as accurate as your measuring device.*  If the measured values are within the acceptable ranges, then the test will be successful. The digital multimeters being used are accurate to a far greater degree than our pass/fail criteria so that is not a limitation. |

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| *RF Amplifier Gain 2.1.2* |  |
| Approach | The amplifier will be powered by a DC power source supplying 12V while an input signal of frequency varying from 3.5MHz to 4.0MHz and 14.00MHz to 14.35Mhz and a set amplitude will be supplied by a function generator. The output of the amplifier will be fed into an oscilloscope where the gain can be observed in the amplitude of the output sine wave. |
| Pass/Fail Criteria | A minimum gain of 15 will be considered acceptable at 3.5-4.0MHz while a gain of 12 will be acceptable at 14.00-14.35MHz. |
| Verification Method | The gain will be observed at the output of the amplifier. It will be verified by dividing the output amplitude of the signal by the original input amplitude. The resulting number will be our gain. |

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| *Radio will only operate at 3.5-4.0MHz and 14.00-14.35MHz 2.1.3* |  |
| Approach | The receiving portion of the radio will have 80m and 20m bandpass filters to filter out noise from the rest of the spectrum, these will be tested by doing a frequency sweep will an oscilloscope to insure that no frequencies outside of those bands are received. The transmit portion of the radio will be tested by transmitting to an off-the-shelf HF receiver that can verify the correct transmission. |
| Pass/Fail Criteria | It will be considered unacceptable if the radio transmits or receives frequencies outside of the 80m and 20m bands. Reception and transmission limited to only these frequency ranges is acceptable. |
| Verification Method | When doing the frequency sweep on the bandpass filters, we will expect the amplitude of the output signal to drop off outside of the desired frequency ranges. For the transmit portion, the HF receiver should not receive any transmissions outside of the desired frequency ranges. Since this will be controlled by software, we expect the cutoff to be at exactly the limits of the 80m and 20m bands. |

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| *Transmit Power of 18-25mW 2.1.4* |  |
| Approach | A transmission will be produced by the radio while a digital multimeter probes the output to observe if the power is 18mW at a minimum, but more will be acceptable and welcomed. |
| Pass/Fail Criteria | The anticipated power is 18-25mW, less than this is unacceptable. More is acceptable but not more than 31mW as this may indicate that something is not right within the device. |
| Verification Method | The current and voltage will be measured at the output of the radio and multiplied together in order to determine the power being transmitted. |

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| *Latency Under 100ms 2.1.5* |  |
| Approach | The radio will be probed at the input (microphone) and output (antenna) by an oscilloscope displaying both signals. A time stamp will be taken when an input signal is produced and then taken again when an output is seen. |
| Pass/Fail Criteria | Latency under 100ms will be considered acceptable, more than this is considered failing. |
| Verification Method | The difference in the two time stamps will be the recorded latency. The oscilloscope is able to measure much smaller time frames so the test equipment should not be a limiting factor. |

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| *On/Off Switch and Indicating LED 2.1.6* |  |
| Approach | A digital multimeter will be used to probe the power supply node after the switch while a DC power supply is connected and on. |
| Pass/Fail Criteria | If the switch is on, either 12V or 5V will be seen on the miltimeter and the LED should be illuminated in order to pass. If the switch is off, no voltage should be able to be measured and the LED should be off. Anything other than these results is considered unacceptable. |
| Verification Method | If the switch is off, then 0V should be measured and the LED should be observed in an off state. If the switch is on, then some voltage (12V or 5V) should be measured and the LED should be observed in an on state. |

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| *Clear way to alter frequency 2.1.7* |  |
| Approach | We will introduce 5 people that have not seen or used our device before and time how long it takes them to identify the method to alter the frequency. |
| Pass/Fail Criteria | If it takes 3 or less seconds, the tuning method is clear. If it takes more, then it will be considered unclear. |
| Verification Method | The test subjects will be timed from the moment that the device is unveiled. Because this measurement is being taken by hand, it is not expected to be extremely accurate, therefore, up to 3.5s will be acceptable with 3s being the ideal goal. The purpose is to show that the UI is simple and understandable. |

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| *Volume Control 2.1.8* |  |
| Approach | The speaker will output a signal while the volume control knob is adjusted from the minimum to maximum volume. A decibel meter application on a smart phone will be used to observe the change in output from the speaker. |
| Pass/Fail Criteria | At the minimum volume, 0dB should be measured. At the maximum volume, no more than 45dB should be measured. |
| Verification Method | As the volume control is turned up, the decibel meter app should show a steady increase from 0dB to the maximum volume our speaker can output without exceeding 45dB. |

# Test Cases

*This section is the most important - it is where you list each test specifically, how it will be done, and what will be measured or examined.* ***You must have a test case for each feature listed in the Functional Specification.***

*A test might cover multiple features. You may have multiple test cases if a listed feature is broad (e.g. environmentally resistant). A test case might require multiple tests if the feature is a statistic (e.g. 95% success over 100 trials).*

*“Tested By” lists the people responsible for conducting the test. This will usually be team members, unless someone else is required.*

*Make the Name of each test clear so that it can be understood why it matters to the larger project.*

*The Description is a summary and needs to match description in the Testing Approach section.*

*List the components of your project that you are testing in the “Items to be Tested” box.*

*For the input and output, consider what the test is doing and the expected outcome.*

*List the resources (materials, consumables, equipment, etc.) required to perform all necessary testing. All resources should be accounted for, even if they use the same resources as another test case. You do not need to list the components of your project in this space.*

*For the procedural steps, make the Description more concrete. Describe the steps in a relevant level of detail. Think of it like a recipe from a cookbook. If the way a step is performed is critical to the test, it may require more detail. Add more steps as necessary.*

*This form is an example and is one size fits all.*

# Test Case #1: 5V/12V Supplied to Components

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| **Tested By:** | | Samuel Hussey | |
| **Test Case Number** | | 1 | |
| **Test Case Name** | | Power supply network | |
| **Test Case Description** | | **12V is guaranteed as it will be supplied by a 12V power adapter but can be tested the same as the 5V supply. The 5V supply will be tested with a digital multimeter by probing the output from the 5V voltage regulator and ground.** | |
| **Item(s) to be tested** | | | |
| 1 | 12V power adapter | | |
| 2 | 5V voltage regulator | | |
| **Specifications** | | | |
| **Input** | | | **Expected**  **Output/Result** |
| 120V @ 60Hz | | | 5V/12V DC |
| **Resources Required** | | | |
| 1 | Digital multimeter | | |
| 2 | Electrical outlet | | |
| 3 | DMM probes | | |
| **Procedural Steps** | | | |
| 1 | Plug the 12V power adapter into an outlet and into the transceiver | | |
| 2 | Turn the transceiver on | | |
| 3 | Probe from the output of the 12V adapter to ground and observe the reading | | |
| 4 | Probe from the output of the 5V regulator to ground and observe the reading | | |

# Test Case #2: Amplifier Gain

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| **Tested By:** | | Zachary Schneiderman | |
| **Test Case Number** | | 2 | |
| **Test Case Name** | | RF Amplifier Gain | |
| **Test Case Description** | | **The amplifier will be powered by a DC power source supplying 12V while an input signal of frequency varying from 3.5MHz to 4.0MHz and 14.00MHz to 14.35Mhz and a set amplitude will be supplied by a function generator. The output of the amplifier will be fed into an oscilloscope where the gain can be observed in the amplitude of the output sine wave.** | |
| **Item(s) to be tested** | | | |
| 1 | RF amplifier | | |
| **Specifications** | | | |
| **Input** | | | **Expected**  **Output/Result** |
| 10mV peak @ 3.5MHz-4.0MHz  10mV peak @ 14.00MHz-14.35MHz | | | Gain of 15-20  Gain of 12-15 |
| **Resources Required** | | | |
| 1 | 12V DC power source | | |
| 2 | Function generator | | |
| 3 | Mixed signal oscilloscope | | |
| **Procedural Steps** | | | |
| 1 | Connect 12V source to power input of amplifier and turn on | | |
| 2 | Connect function generator to signal input of amplifier and set to 10mV peak at 3.5MHz | | |
| 3 | Connect oscilloscope to amplifier output and turn on | | |
| 4 | Take reading from oscilloscope while sweeping frequency up to 14.35MHz | | |
| 5 | Observe peak voltage readings on oscilloscope within 80m and 20m band regions | | |
| 6 | Divide output amplitudes by input amplitude to observe gain | | |

# Test Case #3: Radio will only operate at 3.5-4.0MHz and 14.00-14.35MHz 2.1.3

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| **Tested By:** | | James Bell | |
| **Test Case Number** | | 3 | |
| **Test Case Name** | | Operating Frequency Regions | |
| **Test Case Description** | | **The receiving portion of the radio will have 80m and 20m bandpass filters to filter out noise from the rest of the spectrum, these will be tested by doing a frequency sweep will an oscilloscope to insure that no frequencies outside of those bands are received. The transmit portion of the radio will be tested by transmitting to an off-the-shelf HF receiver that can verify the correct transmission.** | |
| **Item(s) to be tested** | | | |
| 1 | 80 meter bandpass filter | | |
| 2 | 20 meter bandpass filter | | |
| 3 | Teensy 3.6 | | |
| **Specifications** | | | |
| **Input** | | | **Expected**  **Output/Result** |
| Signals ranging from 3.0MHz to 30.0MHz | | | Reception/transmission of 3.5-4.0MHz and 14.00-14.35MHz only |
| **Resources Required** | | | |
| 1 | HF receiver | | |
| 2 | Function generator | | |
| 3 | Mixed signal oscilloscope | | |
| **Procedural Steps** | | | |
| 1 | Connect function generator to input and oscilloscope to output of 80m bandpass filter | | |
| 2 | Do a frequency sweep from 3.0MHz to 30.0MHz, observe if any undesired frequencies appear at the output | | |
| 3 | Repeat with 20m bandpass filter | | |
| 4 | With entire transceiver assembled, attempt to transmit at varying frequencies within and outside of the 80m and 20m band plans | | |
| 5 | Observe on off-the-shelf HF receiver if any undesired transmissions are received | | |

# Test Case #4: Transmit power of 18-25mW

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| **Tested By:** | | Samuel Hussey | |
| **Test Case Number** | | 4 | |
| **Test Case Name** | | Transmission Power | |
| **Test Case Description** | | **A transmission will be produced by the radio while a digital multimeter probes the output to observe if the power is 18mW at a minimum, but more will be acceptable and welcomed.** | |
| **Item(s) to be tested** | | | |
| 1 | Teensy 3.6 | | |
| **Specifications** | | | |
| **Input** | | | **Expected**  **Output/Result** |
| Audio input through microphone | | | An output signal of 18mW minimum but no more than 31mW |
| **Resources Required** | | | |
| 1 | Digital multimeter | | |
| 2 | 12V DC power supply | | |
| **Procedural Steps** | | | |
| 1 | Turn radio on and send an audio transmission through the microphone | | |
| 2 | While transmitting, use DMM to measure current at output | | |
| 3 | Repeat step 2 while measuring voltage | | |
| 4 | Use observed values to calculate output power | | |
| 5 | Repeat test over entire range of 80m and 20m bands to insure power output is consistent | | |

# Test Case #5: Latency under 100ms

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| **Tested By:** | | Zachary Schneiderman | |
| **Test Case Number** | | 5 | |
| **Test Case Name** | | Total Latency | |
| **Test Case Description** | | **The radio will be probed at the input (microphone) and output (antenna) by an oscilloscope displaying both signals. A time stamp will be taken when an input signal is produced and then taken again when an output is seen.** | |
| **Item(s) to be tested** | | | |
| 1 | All components within transceiver | | |
| **Specifications** | | | |
| **Input** | | | **Expected**  **Output/Result** |
| Audio input through microphone | | | Signal transmission in under 100ms from start of input |
| **Resources Required** | | | |
| 1 | Mixed signal oscilloscope | | |
| 2 | 12V DC power supply | | |
| **Procedural Steps** | | | |
| 1 | Connect oscilloscope to base of microphone input and output of the radio | | |
| 2 | Change oscilloscope settings to display both signals simultaneously | | |
| 3 | Input an audio signal and take a time stamp of the reading | | |
| 4 | Take a time stamp of instance that output signal appears on display | | |
| 5 | Record the difference between the two to acquire total latency and insure it is under 100ms | | |

# Test Case #6: On/Off switch and indicating LED

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| **Tested By:** | | James Bell | |
| **Test Case Number** | | 6 | |
| **Test Case Name** | | Power On/Off | |
| **Test Case Description** | | **A digital multimeter will be used to probe the power supply node after the switch while a DC power supply is connected and on.** | |
| **Item(s) to be tested** | | | |
| 1 | Power switch | | |
| 2 | Indicating LED | | |
| 3 | 12V power adapter | | |
| **Specifications** | | | |
| **Input** | | | **Expected**  **Output/Result** |
| 12V DC | | | 5V/12V if switch is on, 0V if switch is off |
| **Resources Required** | | | |
| 1 | 120V @ 60Hz | | |
| 2 | Digital multimeter | | |
| **Procedural Steps** | | | |
| 1 | With the switch in the off position, plug the power adapter into outlet | | |
| 2 | Using DMM, probe power supply network at 12V source and 5V regulator to insure no power is being supplied | | |
| 3 | Turn the switch to the on position and repeat step 2 to insure that 12V is being supplied by the adapter while only 5V is leaving the regulator | | |

# Test Case #7: Clear way to tune frequency

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| **Tested By:** | | James Bell | |
| **Test Case Number** | | 7 | |
| **Test Case Name** | | Simplicity of UI | |
| **Test Case Description** | | **We will introduce 5 people that have not seen or used our device before and time how long it takes them to identify the method to alter the frequency.** | |
| **Item(s) to be tested** | | | |
| 1 | Rotary encoder | | |
| 2 | LCD display | | |
| 3 | User interface | | |
| **Specifications** | | | |
| **Input** | | | **Expected**  **Output/Result** |
| 5 participants who have not seen the device before | | | Ability to locate rotary encoder and understand its function within 3 seconds |
| **Resources Required** | | | |
| 1 | 5 willing participants | | |
| 2 | Timer | | |
| **Procedural Steps** | | | |
| 1 | Introduce each participant to the radio whilst it is hidden from view | | |
| 2 | Uncover the radio and have the participant locate the rotary encoder while understanding that this is the means to tune frequency | | |
| 3 | Begin timing | | |
| 4 | Stop timing when participant locates rotary encoder and LCD display | | |

# Test Case #8: Volume Control

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| **Tested By:** | | Zachary Schneiderman | |
| **Test Case Number** | | 8 | |
| **Test Case Name** | | Volume Control | |
| **Test Case Description** | | **The speaker will output a signal while the volume control knob is adjusted from the minimum to maximum volume. A decibel meter application on a smart phone will be used to observe the change in output from the speaker.** | |
| **Item(s) to be tested** | | | |
| 1 | Audio Shield | | |
| 2 | Speaker | | |
| 3 | Audio amplifier | | |
| **Specifications** | | | |
| **Input** | | | **Expected**  **Output/Result** |
| Audio signal through microphone | | | 0-45dB from speaker |
| **Resources Required** | | | |
| 1 | Decibel meter | | |
| **Procedural Steps** | | | |
| 1 | Turn radio on and input an audio signal through the microphone | | |
| 2 | Fix speaker near decibel meter and insure that no sound is being measured when volume is off | | |
| 3 | Turn volume control up gradually to maximum and observe if decibel meter registers change in sound from speaker. | | |

# Testing Schedule

*The testing schedule is a guideline to help you think about the order you will be testing features. If one feature depends on a different feature, tool, part, or person, make sure that they are planned accordingly. If a test case requires multiple tests, the test date may be a range of dates. Early testing helps you to gauge your progress and identify areas that need work.*

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| Test Dates | Test Case Number | Test Name | Responsible Engineers |
|  | #1 | Power supply network | Samuel Hussey |
|  | #2 | RF Amplifier Gain | Zachary Schneiderman |
|  | #3 | Operating Frequency Regions | James Bell |
|  | #4 | Transmission Power | Samuel Hussey |
|  | #5 | Total Latency | Zachary Schneiderman |
|  | #6 | Power On/Off | James Bell |
|  | #7 | Simplicity of UI | James Bell |
|  | #8 | Volume Control | Zachary Schneiderman |