

P1110-EVAL-01



Lifetime Power[®] Energy Harvesting Development Kit for Battery Recharging User Manual

Overview

The Lifetime Power[®] Energy Harvesting Development Kit for Battery Recharging is a complete demonstration and development platform for recharging batteries wirelessly from RF energy (radio waves). It is designed to be used with an App and is configured for out-of-the-box operation.

The battery recharging boards utilize the P1110B Powerharvester Receiver, which converts RF energy into DC power. Either the PowerSpot[®] transmitter or TX91501-3W transmitter is the source of RF energy, with both operating at 915MHz. Other RF energy sources operating from 850-950 MHz can also be used as power sources (UHF RFID readers for example). The battery recharging boards receive the RF energy, convert it to DC, and charge the onboard batteries.

The kit also includes two BLE radio boards that can be attached to the battery recharging boards. When used in conjunction with the watch or credit card battery recharging boards, the measured charge current and battery voltage are transmitted via Bluetooth to a mobile device and displayed in the included App. This enables the user to test both configurations on battery recharging boards simultaneously.

The P1110-EVB is included in the kit as well. The P1110-EVB contains an evaluation board and antennas to test and develop with the P1110B Powerharvester Receiver. Like the Battery Recharge Boards, it converts RF energy into DC power which can be stored in a battery or capacitor, or used to directly power a circuit. It includes two different antenna configurations.

Contents

The contents of the kit are shown in the image and table below. The kit includes a PowerSpot RF transmitter (with plastic mounting clips), a TX91501 transmitter, an RF energy harvesting evaluation board (P1110-EVB) with two antennas, a smartwatch shaped battery recharging board, a credit card shaped battery recharging board, two coin cell (CR2032) sized radio boards and the necessary power adaptors.



Qty	Item	Description
1	PowerSpot Transmitter (TX-91502-ASSEMBLY)	4-watt, 915 MHz transmitter for power and data with integrated 8dBi antenna and power jack.
1	Power and Data Transmitter (TX91501-3W-ID)	3-watt, 915 MHz transmitter for power and data with integrated 8dBi antenna and two power jacks. Sends a pre-programmed transmitter ID that is received by the P1110B Powerharvester component and can be decoded by an external MCU.
1	P1110 Evaluation Board (P1110-EVB)	Evaluation board (Rev. B) for P1110B Powerharvester Receiver. This board has an SMA connector to attach the antennas and a 10-pin connector for plug in test board WSN-EVAL-01 (not included).
1	Patch antenna (PA-915-01)	915MHz directional antenna with 120-degree reception pattern (included with the P1110-EVB evaluation board).
1	Dipole antenna (DA-915-01)	915MHz omni-directional antenna with 360-degree reception (included with the P1110-EVB evaluation board).
1	Watch Shaped Battery Recharging Board (EVAL-FLEX1-PCB)	Flexible watch-shaped board that contains Powercast energy harvesting technology to recharge the connected 100mAh lithium ion battery. Status LED will turn on when the battery is fully charged.
1	Credit Card Shaped Battery Recharging Board (EVAL-CC1-PCB)	Rigid credit-card sized board that contains Powercast energy harvesting technology to recharge the connected 13mAh lithium ion battery. Status LED will turn on when the battery is fully charged.
2	Radio Boards (EVAL-RB1-PCB)	Radio board that receives the current charge and voltage data from the connected battery recharge board and transmits that data via BLE to the App. Each radio board has its own unique ID and is powered from an included CR2032 coin cell battery.

Set-up and Operation

Installation Overview

The following basic steps are required to operate the kit and are provided as an overview. Detailed installation instructions are provided immediately after this summary.

Battery Recharging

1. Install the App on your Android or iOS device.
2. Pull the tab from the battery housing on the radio board. Connect the radio board to the desired Battery Recharging Board.

NOTE: Orientation is critical. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PLUG IN THE RADIO BOARD BACKWARDS.

3. Plug in the transmitter and point towards the Battery Recharging Board.
4. Observe app data, status and discharge LEDs.

P1110-EVB

1. Connect desired antenna P1110-EVB evaluation board.
2. Set switches/jumpers on P1110-EVB evaluation board.
3. Attach test equipment to desired test points on P1110-EVB evaluation board.
4. Enable a transmitting source.
5. Measure data.

Note: For more detail on the P1110-EVB evaluation board setup see

<http://www.powercastco.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/p1110-evb.pdf>

Step-by-Step Installation

Battery Recharging Board

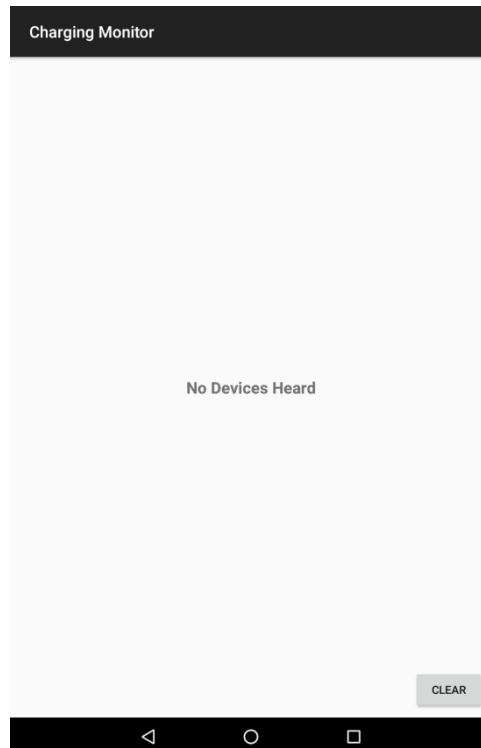
1. Install the App on your Android or iOS device.

On the Apple or Google Play app store, search for Powercast. Find and install the App called Charging Monitor.



Charging Monitor
Powercast

Make sure Bluetooth is enabled on your device. Launch the App. Your screen should look like the image below.



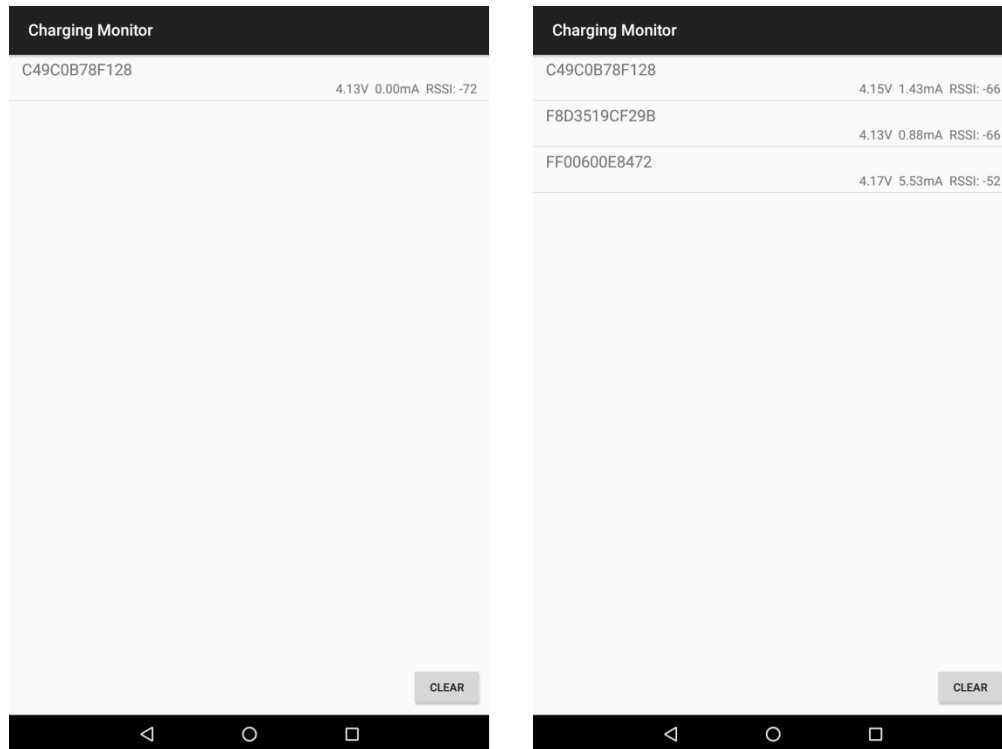
2. Connect the radio board to the desired Battery Recharging Board.

The radio board is equipped with a 10 pin connector, as is each of the Battery Recharging boards. Pull the one time use tab from the radio board to power it on. Connect the radio board to the desired Battery Recharging Board as shown below. **Orientation is critical. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PLUG IN THE RADIO BOARD BACKWARDS.** The radio boards are powered separately so that they do not draw power from the battery that is being recharged.



The Radio Boards correctly connected to the Battery Recharging Boards

Press the wakeup button on the radio board momentarily (1 second) by gently squeezing the radio board and battery recharging board together (opposite end as the connector). This will begin transmitting the charging data to the app. The app will automatically receive the data. No pairing is required. Your screen should now look like the image on the left below.



The charging data will be sent to the app for a period of 10 minutes before going to sleep. Press the wakeup button again to begin another 10 minute period of data transmission. If you wish to end the data transmission earlier than 10 minutes simply press the button on the radio board again. The radio board will go to sleep.

The device ID is shown as well as the charge information; the battery voltage level, the charging current, and the received signal strength indicator (strength of the Bluetooth signal). If more than one radio board is used, the app will populate the next line with the other radio boards ID and charging information, as shown in the right image above.

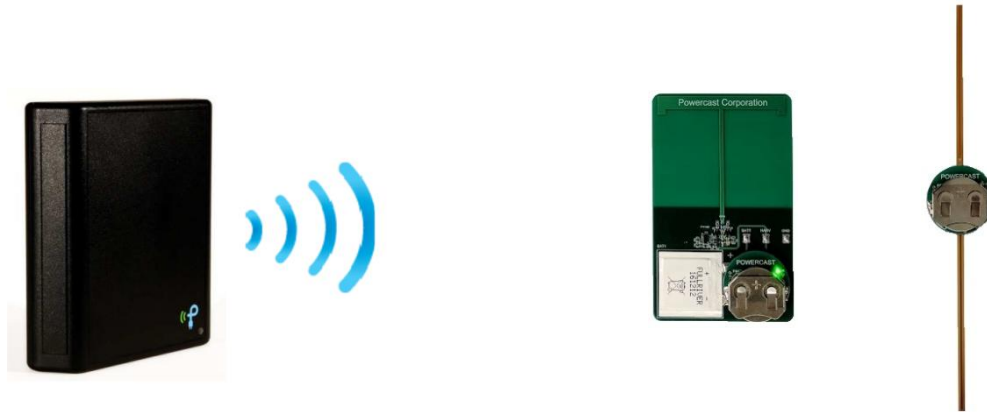
For DISCHARGING the onboard Lithium cell, see step 4.

When disconnecting the radio board from the Watch Battery Recharging board, do not pull on the antenna as this could damage the board.

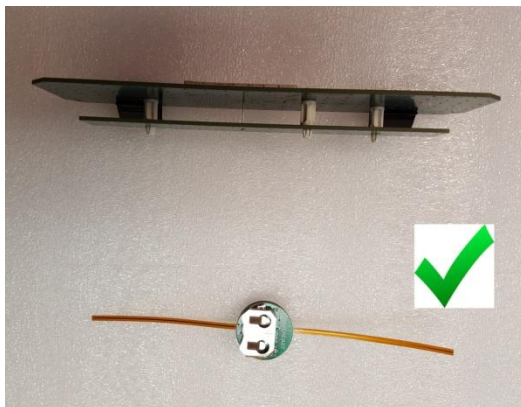
Note: The Battery Recharging boards will still function without the radio board connected, however charge data will not be transmitted.

3. Turn on the transmitter and point towards the Battery Recharging Board.

Plug in the TX91501 Powercaster Transmitter or the PowerSpot Transmitter and point it toward the Battery Recharging boards. Place the Battery Recharging boards at an initial distance of 1 to 2 feet from the transmitter. The app will automatically update with the new charging values.



Note: Orientation of the Battery Recharging Boards in relation to the transmitting source matters. Properly aligning the transmitting and receiving antennas will give the best performance. The correct alignment is shown below:



Note: For the P1110-EVB: As a precaution, do not operate the transmitter within 12 inches of the evaluation board when the patch antennas are attached. Please see the transmitter user's manual for operating details.

3. Attach test equipment to the test points of interest.

4. Enable a transmitting source.

Plug in the TX91501 Powercaster Transmitter or the PowerSpot Transmitter and point it toward the P1110-EVB evaluation board. The line-of-sight range when using the included patch antennas is around 40-45 feet, and less for the dipole antenna.

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5. Measure data.

Note: Operating the evaluation board on a ground plane such as an anti-static protection mat on a lab bench may cause significant signal attenuation.

To test the proper function of the P1110-EVB Evaluation Board use the following settings or see the instructions for the P1110-EVB at:

<http://www.powercastco.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/p1110-evb-1.pdf>

J1: Antenna connected

JP1: C3 connected

S2: LED

The LED will blink when sufficient power is available. The blinking rate is faster when closer to the transmitter and slower when further from the transmitter.

Documentation

Powercast

All documentation and software can be obtained through the following page:

<http://www.powercastco.com/documentation/>

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