**AT5118 Harsh Environment Transportation Tag**

**Features**
- Harsh-environment durability
- Factory-programmed or field-programmable
- Factory-sealed case
- 1088-bit data storage
- Data encryption and authentication
- Beam-powered for unlimited service life
- Compatible with multiple Amtech®-brand readers and TransCore® Encompass® multiprotocol readers
- Fully compliant with Association of American Railroads (AAR), American Trucking Association (ATA), TransCore Super eGo® (SeGo), and eGo protocols

The AT5118 Harsh Environment Transportation Tag is a beam-powered, field disturbance device used in 915 MHz radio frequency (RF) band applications. It is packaged in a factory-sealed case, which makes this tag ideal for mounting on railcars, vehicle chassis, intermodal containers, or in any environment requiring a durable, weatherproof tag.

The tag’s mutual authentication feature uses hardware-based protection that is more difficult to compromise than software-only protection. Mutual authentication prevents unwanted data from being written to the tag’s protected memory space.

The tag can be factory-programmed, as specified by the customer, or user-programmed in the field using the AP4118 Rail Tag Programmer. The tag has extended data capacity of 1088 bits, including the 20 six-bit alphanumeric characters of data (120 bits) compatible with previous ATA/AAR read-only readers.

The AT5118 Harsh Environment Transportation Tag is beam-powered (a small portion of the RF signal continually energizes the tag’s circuitry) so no internal battery is required. In addition to giving the tag an unlimited service life, this feature limits the tag’s range and reduces the possibility of cross-reads from nearby tags. System discretion is enhanced to within a 5- to 10-foot (1.5- to 3-meter) diameter reading area.

The tag contains electronically programmable circuitry activated by the RF beam, which is broadcast by a system antenna. The tag encodes the signal received from an Amtech®-brand reader system with an identification number or a data message. The encoded signal reflects back (backscatters) to the Amtech reader system. TransCore’s Amtech-brand readers — series AI1200, AI1300, AI1400, AI1600, and the Encompass® series of multiprotocol readers — can read the AT5118 Harsh Environment Transportation Tag.
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**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Frequency Range**
902 to 928 MHz

**Typical Working Range**
5 to 10 ft (1.5 to 3 m)
Range depends on system parameters.

**Polarization**
Parallel with longer side

**MEMORY**

**SeGo Mode**
**Total:** 32 pages, 256 bytes, 2,048 bits
**Unique ID:** 1 page, 8 bytes, 64 bits
**User data, general use:** 20 pages, 168 bytes, 1,344 bits
**User data, AAR:** 17 pages, 136 bytes, 1,088 bits
**Reserved for security authentication:** 11 pages, 88 bytes, 704 bits

**eGo Mode**
**Total:** 128 bytes, 1,024 bits
**Unique ID:** 8 bytes, 64 bits
**User data:** 110 bytes, 880 bits

**ATA Mode**
Up to 20 six-bit alphanumeric characters (120 available bits)

**Security**
The AT5118 Harsh Environment Transportation Tag provides data encryption and authentication.

**POWER REQUIREMENTS**

**Power Source**
Beam powered

**LIFE EXPECTANCY**

**Service Life**
Unlimited

**PHYSICAL**

**Dimensions**
**Size:** 9.3 x 2.38 x 0.69 in. (23.6 x 6.0 x 1.75 cm)
**Weight:** 5.3 oz (150.2 g)

**Case Material**
Weatherproof, sealed, UV-stabilized, gray case

**Mounting Surface**
Any smooth metal surface
Where mounting surface is non-metallic or irregular, the AT5118 Harsh Environment Transportation Tag may be mounted to a metal backplate attached to the surface of the vehicle or object to be tagged.

**Mounting Method**
Rivet Mounting: The AT5118 Harsh Environment Transportation Tag can be mounted directly to any smooth metal surface using blind rivets or TIR-approved fasteners.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

**Operating Temperature**
-40°F to +185°F (-40°C to +85°C)

**Storage Temperature**
-67°F to +212°F (-55°C to +100°C)

**Humidity**
100% relative humidity, condensing

**Vibration**
2 G_{rms}, 10-200 Hz

**Shock, Normal Environment**
30 G, half-sine pulse, 6 ms duration, 3 axes

**STANDARDS**
The AT5118 Harsh Environment Transportation Tag meets the standards for automatic equipment identification (AEI) set by AAR. Fully protocol-compliant with ISO 10374 and ATA standards.

**OPTIONS**

**Factory Programming**
AT5118 Harsh Environment Transportation Tags can be programmed by TransCore to your specifications at the factory.

**ACCESSORIES**

**AP4118 Rail Tag Programmer**
The AT5118 Harsh Environment Transportation Tag can be programmed in the field using the AP4118 Rail Tag Programmer. The AP4118 Rail Tag Programmer contains serial interface logic for connection to a PC host.