

SECURE, POWERFUL WIRELESS ENGINE FOR YOUR IOT DESIGN



Building on Laird's expertise with Nordic from the BL600 and BL652 series comes the most powerful yet - the BL654 series! It provides OEMs with the maximum design flexibility and performance. A complete multi-protocol embedded wireless offering with exceptional processing capability, all at a micro power budget.

Powered by **Nordic's nRF52840** silicon, the small form factor BL654 modules, DVKs and USB Dongle provide for a secure, robust BLE and **Cortex -M4F** CPU for any OEM's product design. The BL654 provides you with maximum development flexibility with programming options for the **Nordic SDK**, a simple, intuitive **AT Command Set**, as well as Laird's own **smartBASIC** environment.

The BL654 series brings out all nRF52840 hardware features and capabilities including **USB access**, up to **5.5V** supply considerations, and **802.15.4 (Thread)** implementation. Complete regulatory certifications enable faster time to market and reduced development risk completes Laird's simplification of your next Bluetooth design!

- **Bluetooth v5** Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) plus **NFC**
- **802.15.4** functionality (Thread & ZigBee via Nordic SDK)
- **Widest range of configurable interfaces:** UART, I2C, SPI, ADC, GPIO, PWM, IREQ, USB, and NFC
- Industrial Temp Rating (-40° to +85° C)
- **Ultra-Small footprint** (15mm x 10mm x 2.2mm)
- BLE Peripheral/Central roles with DTM embedded
- **2Mbps & LE Long Range:** Support for 2Mbps, 1Mbps, & 125kps coded
- **Hostless operation** – Internal MCU reduces BOM
- **Powerful Core** Cortex-M4F (1Mbit Flash, 256k RAM)
- Built on years of experience with Nordic (BL600 & BL652 Series)
- **Fully featured development kit** everything needed to start BLE development
- **Application Design Choice:** Leverage Laird's *smartBASIC*, simple AT Command Set or utilize Nordic SDK directly.
- **USB Dongle option:** Packaged USB Adapter – bring full Bluetooth v5 connectivity to ANY device with a virtual COM port capability

Note: Nordic SDK is not supported on the BL654 USB dongle, part #451-00003.

FEATURES AT A GLANCE

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TRULY HOSTLESS OPERATION FOR AUTOMATED USE CASES
Combine on-module MCU, *smartBASIC* and simultaneous central/peripheral role support for a powerful hostless solution for sensor applications.
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SPEED TO MARKET
Easily write event-driven, automated applications, no toolchain required with *smartBASIC*. Or utilize the Nordic SDK directly – design your way
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EXTREMELY EFFICIENT POWER MANAGEMENT
Customize to balance throughput with power usage, enabled by ultra-low power sleep mode.
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GLOBAL APPROVALS – MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME
Carries several modular FCC, IC, CE, RCM, MIC and Bluetooth SIG approvals.
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PERSONAL SUPPORT FROM DESIGN TO MANUFACTURE
Laird's industry-renowned support is passionate about helping you speed your design to market.

APPLICATION AREAS

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IoT Devices and Sensors
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Beacons and Proximity Applications
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Secure Medical Peripherals
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Industrial Monitoring

KEY SPECIFICATIONS

CATEGORY	FEATURE	SPECIFICATION	
Wireless Specification	Bluetooth®	v5 – Single-Mode (Peripheral and Central Roles)	
	Thread®	802.15.4 stack provided via Nordic SDK	
	Frequency	2.402 - 2.480 GHz	
	Transmit Power	+ 8 dBm (maximum). Configurable down to -40 dBm	
	Receive Sensitivity		-95 dBm (typical @ BLE 1 Mbps)
			-92 dBm (typical @ BLE 2 Mbps)
			-103 dBm (typical @ BLE 125 kbps)
	Link Budget	103 dB (@ BLE 1 Mbps), 111 db (@ BLE 125kbps)	
Antenna Options	PCB Trace antenna or IPEX MHF4 RF Connector		
Raw Data Rates (Air)	1 Mbps, 2 Mbps, 125kbps		
Host Interface and Peripherals	UART Interface	TX, RX, CTS, RTS, DTR, DSR, DCD, RI possible in <i>smartBASIC</i> (GPIO) Default: 115200, N, 8, 1. Configurable from 1200 bps to 1 Mbps	
	USB Interface	2 pins - CDC/Audio/HID & Mass storage virtual interfaces	
	Other	48 multifunction GPIO's that can provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 UART (4 GPIO pins each) ▪ 8 ADC channels (1 pin each) ▪ 2 I2C (2 GPIO pins each) ▪ 4 SPI Master (4 GPIO pins including CS each) ▪ 1 QSPI (6 GPIO pins) ▪ 2 PDM (2 GPIO pins each) ▪ 2 I2S (5 GPIO pins) ▪ 2 GPIO pins for 32.768kHz crystal ▪ 2 GPIO pins for NFC ▪ PWM output on 16 pins ▪ FREQ output on 16 pins 	
Key BLE Features	Bluetooth Low Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GATT Client & GATT Server – Any Adopted / Custom Services ▪ Central / Peripheral Roles. ▪ Up to 20 BLE connections ▪ BLE Mesh ▪ CODED PHY ▪ 2M PHY ▪ LE Advertising Extensions ▪ LE Secure Connections ▪ Data Packet Length Extensions ▪ LE Privacy v1.2 ▪ LE Ping ▪ vSP – Virtual Serial Port 	
Programmability Options	<i>smartBASIC</i>	On-board BASIC programming language	
	AT Command Set	Simple AT 'Hayes style' command protocol	
	Nordic SDK	Software / Support available from Nordic directly Note: <i>Nordic SDK is not supported on the BL654 USB dongle, part #451-00003.</i>	
FW upgrade		Via UART or JTAG	
Supply Voltage		1.7V – 5.5V	
Power Consumption	Current	Max Peak Radio Current (@ +8dBm TX) – 14.1mA (DCDC at 3V)	
		Max Peak Radio Current (@ 0dBm TX) – 4.9mA (DCDC at 3V)	
		Standby Doze – 3.1µA	
		Deep Sleep –0.4µA (external signal wake up)	
Physical	Dimensions	15mm x 10mm x 2.2mm (Modules)	
		18.39 mm x 50.74 mm x 11mm (USB Adapter)	
Environmental	Temp Range	-40°C to +85°C	
Miscellaneous	Lead Free	Lead-free and RoHS compliant	
	Development Kit	Development board and free software tools	
Development Tools	Utilities	UwTerminalX (Multi-platform)	
		Android and iOS applications	
		UART firmware upgrade	
Qualifications	Bluetooth®	Complete Declaration ID	
Regulator	Approvals	FCC / IC / CE / MIC / RCM - All BL654 Series	

For full specifications on BL654 modules, please see the appropriate datasheet.

PART #	DESCRIPTION
451-00001	Bluetooth v5 + 802.15.4 + NFC Module – Integrated Antenna (Tape / Reel)
451-00002	Bluetooth v5 + 802.15.4 + NFC Module – IPEX MHF4 Antenna Connector (Tape / Reel)
451-00001C	Bluetooth v5 + 802.15.4 + NFC Module – Integrated Antenna (Cut Tape)
451-00002C	Bluetooth v5 + 802.15.4 + NFC Module – IPEX MHF4 Antenna Connector (Cut Tape)
451-00003	Intelligent USB Bluetooth v5 Adapter
455-00001	Development Board for Bluetooth v5 + 802.15.4 + NFC Module – Integrated Antenna
455-00002	Development Board for Bluetooth v5 + 802.15.4 + NFC Module – IPEX MHF4 Antenna Connector