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VMA444

SI4703 FM TUNER EVALUATION BOARD

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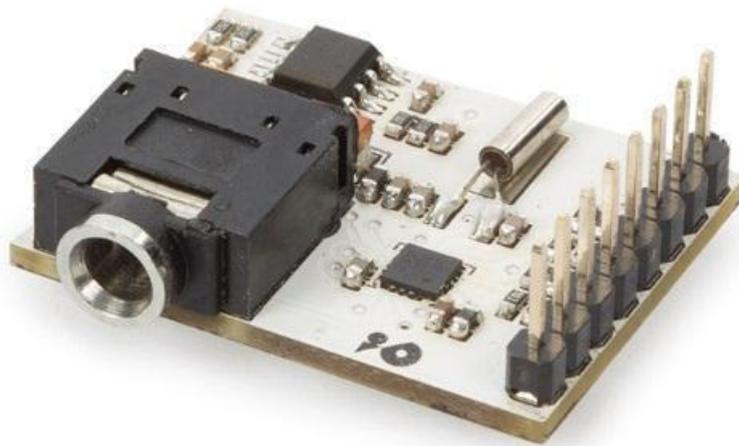
USER MANUAL

1.   Introduction

To all residents of the European Union

Important environmental information about this product

This symbol on the device or the package indicates that disposal of the device after its lifecycle could harm the environment. Do not dispose of the unit (or batteries) as unsorted municipal waste; it should be taken to a specialized company for recycling. This device should be returned to your distributor or to a local recycling service. Respect the local environmental rules.

If in doubt, contact your local waste disposal authorities.

Thank you for choosing Velleman®! Please read the manual thoroughly before bringing this device into service. If the device was damaged in transit, do not install or use it and contact your dealer.

2.   Safety Instructions

- This device can be used by children aged from 8 years and above, and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the device in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the device. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.

- Indoor use only.
  Keep away from rain, moisture, splashing and dripping liquids.

3.   General Guidelines

- Refer to the Velleman® Service and Quality Warranty on the last pages of this manual.
- Familiarise yourself with the functions of the device before actually using it.
- All modifications of the device are forbidden for safety reasons. Damage caused by user modifications to the device is not covered by the warranty.
- Only use the device for its intended purpose. Using the device in an unauthorised way will void the warranty.
- Damage caused by disregard of certain guidelines in this manual is not covered by the warranty and the dealer will not accept responsibility for any ensuing defects or problems.
- Nor Velleman nv nor its dealers can be held responsible for any damage (extraordinary, incidental or indirect) – of any nature (financial, physical…) arising from the possession, use or failure of this product.
- Due to constant product improvements, the actual product appearance might differ from the shown images.
- Product images are for illustrative purposes only.
- Do not switch the device on immediately after it has been exposed to changes in temperature. Protect the device against damage by leaving it switched off until it has reached room temperature.
- Keep this manual for future reference.

4.   What is Arduino®

Arduino® is an open-source prototyping platform based in easy-to-use hardware and software. Arduino® boards are able to read inputs – light-on sensor, a finger on a button or a Twitter message – and turn it into an output – activating of a motor, turning on an LED, publishing something online. You can tell your board what to do by sending a set of instructions to the microcontroller on the board. To do so, you use the Arduino programming language (based on Wiring) and the Arduino® software IDE (based on Processing).

Surf to www.arduino.cc and www.arduino.org for more information.

5. Overview

The VMA444 is a radio and RDS receiver combined with an efficient 150 mW audio amplifier. This module is ideal if you want to create your own clock radio or if you want to add FM functionality to your projects.

interface..I2C
power/logic level .... 3.3-5 V
sensitivity.. 1.7 µ emf
max. output power .... 150 mW (8 Ω)
default gain ....18 dB (8 x) (adjustable)
dimensions ....29 x 22 mm

6. Connections

| VMA444	VMA100
5V	5V
GND	GND
A4	SDIO
A5	SCLK
D2	RST

As with any receiver, the VMA444 needs an antenna. The VMA444 antenna is connected to the grounding of your earphone cable, so an earphone or audio cable has to be plugged in to operate the VMA444 properly.

7. Example

Download the VMA11 – VMA444 – MM100 library from https://github.com/Velleman/VMA11. The easiest way to do this, is using the zip file.
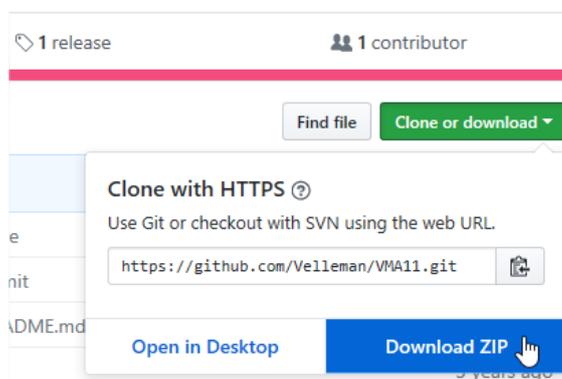
Now, open the Arduino® IDE and add the downloaded VMA11 master zip file.
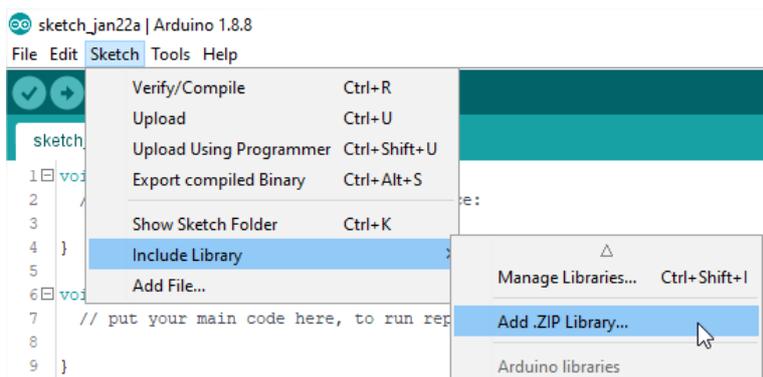
Load the example fm_rds_test sketch.
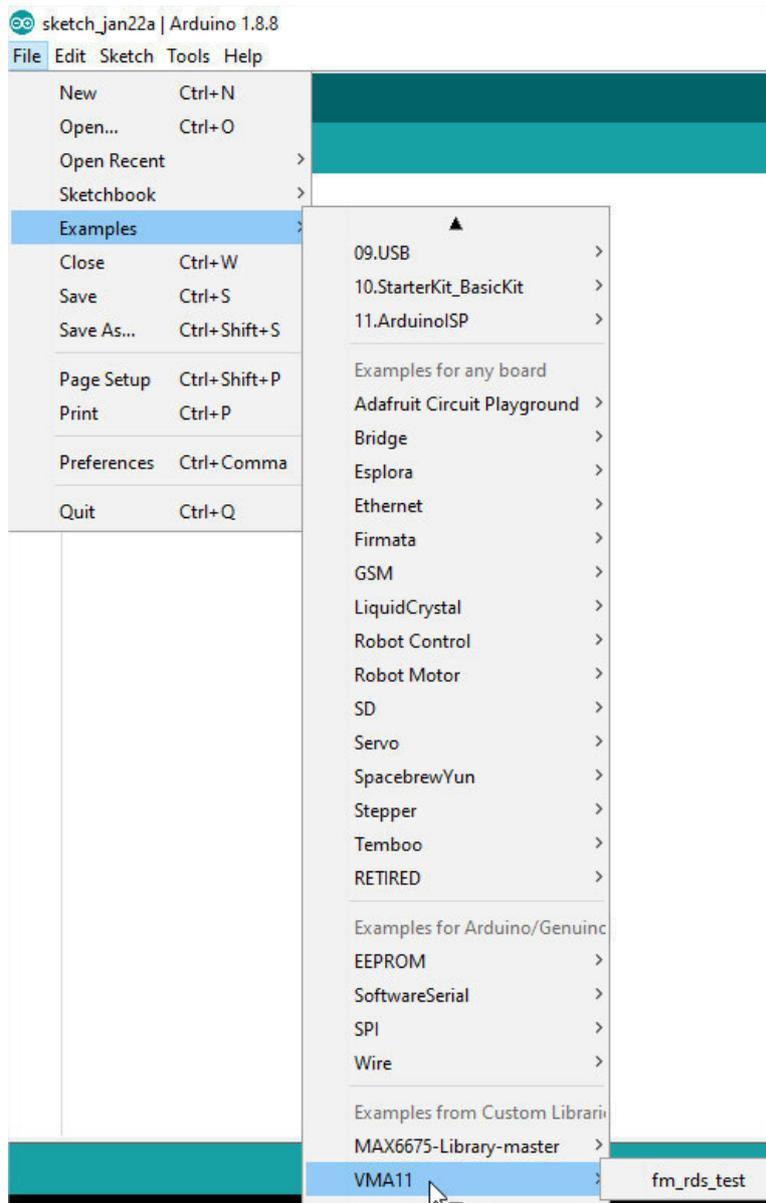
Compile and upload this sketch and listen to the radio! Do not forget the earphones as antenna.
The volume, channel and RDS controls can be found by opening the serial monitor. See the example below:

8. Code

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#include <VMA11.h>
#include <Wire.h>

int resetPin = 2; // these are the connections between VMA444 and the UNO VMA100
int SDIO = A4;
int SCLK = A5;

VMA11 radio(resetPin, SDIO, SCLK);
int channel;
int volume;
char rdsname[9];
char rdsrt[65];
char previousRadioText[65];
uint8_t lastChar;
void setup()
{
  Serial.begin(9600);
  Serial.println("\n\nVMA11 Test Sketch");
  Serial.println("===========================");
  Serial.println("a b    Favourite stations");
  Serial.println("+ -    Volume (max 15)");
  Serial.println("u d    Seek up / down");
  Serial.println("r      Listen for RDS Data (15 sec timeout)");
  Serial.println("R      Listen for RDS Data (15 sec timeout)");
  Serial.println("Send me a command letter.");


  radio.powerOn();
  radio.setVolume(1);
  volume=1;
  radio.setChannel(1021);

  memset(previousRadioText,0,65);
  memset(rdsrt,0,65);
}

void loop()
{
  if(radio.readRDSRadioText(rdsrt))
  {

    if(strcmp(rdsrt,previousRadioText))
    {
      Serial.println(rdsrt);
      strcpy(previousRadioText,rdsrt);
    }

  }
  if (Serial.available())
  {
    char ch = Serial.read();
    if (ch == 'u')
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  {
    channel = radio.seekUp();
    displayInfo();
  }
  else if (ch == 'd')
  {
    channel = radio.seekDown();
    displayInfo();
  }
  else if (ch == '+')
  {
    volume ++;
    if (volume >=16) volume = 15;
    radio.setVolume(volume);
    displayInfo();
  }
  else if (ch == '-')
  {
    volume --;
    if (volume < 0) volume = 0;
    radio.setVolume(volume);
    displayInfo();
  }
  else if (ch == 'a')
  {
    channel = 1015; // Rock FM
    radio.setChannel(channel);
    displayInfo();
  }
  else if (ch == 'b')
  {
    channel = 925; // KBCO in Boulder
    radio.setChannel(channel);
    displayInfo();
  }
  else if (ch == 'r')
  {
    // The calling of readRDS and printing of rdsname really need
    // to be looped to catch all of the data...
    // this will just print a snapshot of what is in the Si4703 RDS buffer...
    radio.readRDSRadioStation(rdsname);
    Serial.println(rdsname);
  }
  else if (ch == 'R')
  {
    // The calling of readRDS and printing of rdsrt really need
    // to be looped to catch all of the data...
    // this will just print a snapshot of what is in the Si4703 RDS buffer...
    //Serial.println("RDS listening - screen");

    radio.readRDS(rdsname,rdsrt,&lastChar);
    Serial.println(rdsrt);
  }
}
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}

void displayInfo()
{
  Serial.print("Channel:"); Serial.print(channel);
  Serial.print(" Volume:"); Serial.println(volume);
}
```

9.   More Information

For more information about the VMA444, please visit www.velleman.eu.

RED Declaration of Conformity

Hereby, Velleman NV declares that the radio equipment type VMA444 is in compliance with Directive 2014/53/EU.

The full text of the EU declaration of conformity is available at the following internet address: www.velleman.eu.

Velleman® Service and Quality Warranty

Since its foundation in 1972, Velleman® acquired extensive experience in the electronics world and currently distributes its products in over 85 countries.

All our products fulfil strict quality requirements and legal stipulations in the EU. In order to ensure the quality, our products regularly go through an extra quality check, both by an internal quality department and by specialized external organisations. If, all precautionary measures notwithstanding, problems should occur, please make appeal to our warranty (see guarantee conditions).

General Warranty Conditions Concerning Consumer Products (for EU):

• All consumer products are subject to a 24-month warranty on production flaws and defective material as from the original date of purchase.

• Velleman® can decide to replace an article with an equivalent article, or to refund the retail value totally or partially when the complaint is valid and a free repair or replacement of the article is impossible, or if the expenses are out of proportion.

You will be delivered a replacing article or a refund at the value of 100% of the purchase price in case of a flaw occurred in the first year after the date of purchase and delivery, or a replacing article at 50% of the purchase price or a refund at the value of 50% of the retail value in case of a flaw occurred in the second year after the date of purchase and delivery.

• **Not covered by warranty:**
- all direct or indirect damage caused after delivery to the article (e.g. by oxidation, shocks, falls, dust, dirt, humidity...), and by the article, as well as its contents (e.g. data loss), compensation for loss of profits;

- consumable goods, parts or accessories that are subject to an aging process during normal use, such as batteries (rechargeable, non-rechargeable, built-in or replaceable), lamps, rubber parts, drive belts... (unlimited list);

- flaws resulting from fire, water damage, lightning, accident, natural disaster, etc.…;

- flaws caused deliberately, negligently or resulting from improper handling, negligent maintenance, abusive use or use contrary to the manufacturer's instructions;

- damage caused by a commercial, professional or collective use of the article (the warranty validity will be reduced to six (6) months when the article is used professionally);

- damage resulting from an inappropriate packing and shipping of the article;

- all damage caused by modification, repair or alteration performed by a third party without written permission by Velleman®.

• Articles to be repaired must be delivered to your Velleman® dealer, solidly packed (preferably in the original packaging), and be completed with the original receipt of purchase and a clear flaw description.

• Hint: In order to save on cost and time, please reread the manual and check if the flaw is caused by obvious causes prior to presenting the article for repair. Note that returning a non-defective article can also involve handling costs.

• Repairs occurring after warranty expiration are subject to shipping costs.

• The above conditions are without prejudice to all commercial warranties.

The above enumeration is subject to modification according to the article (see article's manual).