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Preface

1.1 About This Document

This document describes the hardware of the FLB 3204 - 4G (Europe) extension card which belongs to the Ewon Flexy family.

The Ewon Flexy family is a range of modular industrial gateway/router and as its name Ewon Flexy suggests, it has been designed to enable numerous different combinations of base units with extension cards.

For additional related documentation and file downloads, please visit www.ewon.biz/support.

1.2 Document History

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<td>IG-0028-00</td>
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<td>HMS</td>
<td>KB-0274-00</td>
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1.4 Trademark Information

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2 Product Summary

The present Installation Guide is focusing on the FLB 3204 - 4G (Europe) extension card which, as such, needs to be inserted in one of the Flexy base units to work.

The base units have their own Installation Guide which can be found in the Related Documents, p. 3.

This guide also addresses shortly how the extension cards integrate the base units as well as some recommendations on how to mount them. See Base Unit Slot Compatibility, p. 10 for more details.
3 Safety, Environmental & Regulatory Information

3.1 Scope

The present heading addresses Safety, Environmental & Regulatory Information about the FLB 3204 - 4G (Europe) extension card.

This extension card belongs to the same compliance frame than the base units. In the present case of a telecommunication extension card, additional directives, standards and instructions apply.

3.2 ESD Damage Prevention

Always use ESD precautions when handling extension cards and / or opened base unit as they contain parts and assemblies susceptible to be damaged by electrostatic discharge (ESD).

The extension card described in this document is a module exposing both sides of an electronic printed circuit board. Therefore, it is packed in an antistatic ESD bag. In order to avoid ESD damage, the product must be handled with the necessary precaution including:

- Grounded ESD protective work surface
- Personnel grounding

3.3 Applicable Directives, Standards and Compliances


The FLB 3204 inserted in a base unit belongs to class A Information Technology Equipment (ITE). In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take appropriate measures.

3.3.1 Applicable European Directives

The FLB 3204 is in conformity with the following EC directives:

- RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU
- RE Directive 2014/53/EU

3.3.2 Applicable Safety Standards

The FLB 3204 is in conformity with the following safety standards:

- IEC / EN 60950-1
- UL 60950-1
- CSA-C22.2 No 60950-1-07
- EN/IEC 62368-1
- UL 62368-1
- CAN 62368-1
3.3.3 Certifications

The FLB 3204 has been certified by authorized bodies:

- UL Certificate of Compliance (COC) # 20190529_E350576
- CB certificate # DK-84039-UL

These certificates can be downloaded as PDF files on the Ewon support web site: www.ewon.biz/support
4  Hardware Description

4.1  Mechanical Layout and Interfaces

![Mechanical layout and interfaces](image)

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>SMA-F Female antenna connector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>SIM card drawer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Backplane connector</td>
</tr>
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4.2  Extension Card Label

4.2.1  Label Location and Included Information

The identification label of the extension cards is placed on the solder side of the PCB.

The different parts of the label are described below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Label</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PN</td>
<td>Part Number (see syntax table below)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SN</td>
<td>Serial Number in the form: <strong>MMMM-YYWW-SSSS-PP</strong>&lt;br&gt;- <strong>MMMM</strong>: MTID (product related)&lt;br&gt;- <strong>YYWW</strong>: Year and week&lt;br&gt;- <strong>SSSS</strong>: Sequential manufacturing order&lt;br&gt;- <strong>PP</strong>: Product type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marks</td>
<td>CE, UL.. certification number and logos if applicable</td>
</tr>
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</table>

![FLB 3204 label](image)
4.2.2 Part Number Structure for Extension Cards

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FL</th>
<th>FL is the prefix for the extensions of the Ewon Flexy family</th>
<th>Only FL (constant)</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>Y</td>
<td>1 alphabetic sign (CAP) Defines the slots of the base module in which the extension card can be inserted.</td>
<td>A 2 first slots only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>B 2 last slots only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>X Any slots Available for Flexy 205 only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>C Any slots.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XXXX_00</td>
<td>The extension card type. The suffix _00 is used for software options.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/S</td>
<td>The suffix might have an optional &quot;/&quot; character It might also be blank or include &quot;S&quot; character =&gt; Indicates compliance with the UL/IEC/EN 60950 standard.</td>
<td></td>
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4.3 Front Panel LEDs

Fig. 3 Front Panel Leds

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Mark</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>STAT</td>
<td>Tricolor: Red / Orange / Green Green ON = Modem is online</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>☛</td>
<td>Reception Signal level Orange ON = level &gt; 1 (poor signal)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>☛☑</td>
<td>Reception Signal level Orange ON = level &gt; 10 (signal ok)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>☛☑☑</td>
<td>Reception Signal level Orange ON = level &gt; 16 (good signal)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The LEDs represent only the signal level and not the type of technology used to perform a connection.

During the modem boot process, all 4 LEDs are steady orange. If they stay orange, it means the modem card was inserted in a wrong slot. This induces a base unit boot error pattern on its USR LED as well.

If all signal level LEDs are off, it either means that:
- the modem was not configured
- the modem configuration is invalid (including wrong PIN-code)
• there is no signal at all (level 0)
• there is a reception error (level 99)

4.4 Specifications of the FLB 3204

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Value(s)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bands &amp; Frequencies</td>
<td>LTE - 800MHz (B20), 900MHz (B8), 1800MHz (B3), 2100MHz (B1), 2600MHz (B7); UMTS/HSUPA - 900MHz (B8), 2100MHz (B1); GSM/GPRS/EDGE - 900MHz (B8), 1800MHz (B3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tx Output Power</td>
<td>LTE all Bands: Class 3 (0.2W); WCDMA All Bands: Class 3 (0.25W); GSM 900: Class 4 (2W) ; GSM 1800: Class 1 (1W)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Antenna Connector Type</td>
<td>SMA-F Female</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Antenna (not included)</td>
<td>Characteristic Value(s)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Impedance</td>
<td>50 Ohms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VSWR</td>
<td>&lt;= 2:1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input Power</td>
<td>&gt; 24 dBm average power</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tightening Torque</td>
<td>0.5 Nm In the absence of a torque wrench, a soft manual tightening is sufficient.</td>
</tr>
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Device conformity has been tested with the reference antenna: Panorama B4BE-7–271

This device is intended to be used only in fixed applications. The antenna used for this transmitter has to be installed to provide a distance of at least 20 cm from any person and may not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

4.4.1 Isolation Scheme

In the Installation Guide: “eWON Flexy - Base Units” quoted in the Related Documents, details on the isolation scheme of the Flexy base units and the different extension cards can be found.

4.5 Ewon Flexy Extension Card Environmental Conditions

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Characteristics</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Temperature</td>
<td>-25 to +60°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage temperature</td>
<td>-40 to +70°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relative humidity</td>
<td>10 to 95% non-condensing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating altitude</td>
<td>Up to maximum 2000m</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage altitude</td>
<td>Up to maximum 3000m</td>
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1. 4G antenna has to be purchased separately. HMS Industrial Networks SA offers such antenna under “FAC90901_0100” reference.
5 Plug the FLB 3204 into the Base Unit

5.1 Base Unit Slot Compatibility

The FLB 3204 must be inserted in one of the “B” slots of the base unit.

The reference code of the extension cards includes a letter defining their compatibility:

- FLB xxxx: designate cards that fit into “B” slots.

In addition to the card reference, each type of extension card bears a visual compatibility symbol on its front panel:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Design</th>
<th>Slot Type</th>
<th>Flexy 205 Location</th>
<th>Flexy 10x &amp; 20x</th>
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<tr>
<td>ooxx</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>Any slot</td>
<td>2 last slots only</td>
</tr>
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5.1.1 Ewon Flexy 205

As the Flexy 205 has room for 2 slots, the type slot compatibility rule doesn’t apply. The FLB 3204 can be inserted in both slots.

![Position of the “B” Slots on a Flexy 205.](image)

5.1.2 Ewon Flexy 10x & 20x

The FLB 3204 must be inserted in the “B” slots which are the two slots on the far right of the Flexy 10x & 20x.
Plug the FLB 3204 into the Base Unit

Fig. 5  Position of the “B” Slots on a Flexy 10x & 20x.

Cards that fit only in one slot type have a mechanical mistake-proof security to prevent them from being inserted in an incorrect slot type.
5.2 SIM Card Insertion

A SIM card obtained from a wireless phone provider is necessary to communicate through the FLB 3204.

It must be inserted before inserting the extension card in the base unit as there is no external access to the SIM card holder.

The SIM card holder is located on the components side of the extension card. Carefully slide the SIM card in the holder as shown in the picture below. Make sure the card is fully inserted against its arrest, otherwise it could damage both the drawer and the SIM card when the extension card will be inserted in the base unit. Note the position of the cutoff (1) of the SIM card.

![SIM location on the FLB 3204](image-url)
5.3 Extension Card Insertion

5.3.1 How to Insert into the Flexy Base Unit

Wait 30 seconds after turning off the equipment before inserting (or removing) an extension card to avoid possible damage to the base unit and the extension cards.

Remove the slot filler of the location the new card will be inserted. To do so, press on both ends of the cover, note that the hooks are off-centered.

![Fig. 7 Remove the slot fillers](image)

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Hooks to be pressed are off-centered. Press while pulling upwards</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>This metal tag soldered on the PCB acts as mistake-proof security (mating stop in housing). Doesn't apply on Flexy 205.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Insert the extension card carefully and slide it down until the hook clicks. Make sure the card is completely inserted.

**DO NOT insist** if a resistance is felt when trying to insert the card. This can occur if the extension card is inserted in a wrong slot type. In such case, check slot compatibility of the relevant extension card.

Boot the unit for the inserted extension cards to be detected. The web interface of the Flexy base unit has a diagnostic page showing the extension cards in their order of detection (from left to right).

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If an extension card is inadvertently forced in a wrong slot, the base unit will detect the misplaced card and will not complete its boot process. Therefore, the unit will not be accessible through its LAN interface. The slot error is returned by the USR LED. (red ON 1 sec, OFF 0.5 sec).
5.3.2 Insertion of Multiple FLB 3204

Detection Order

The boot sequence of the base unit includes an automated detection of the inserted extension cards. This detection is done sequentially, slot per slot starting from left to right (when holding the base unit with its logo on the right side).

Software Compatibility

The base unit allows the insertion of multiple extension cards, sometimes of the same type. Some configurations including multiple extension cards, even if mechanically acceptable, are not supported by the embedded software. Cards in excess are ignored during the automated detection process which means that the base unit and its running extension cards will operate normally.

The Flexy firmware currently supports up to 1 FLB 3204.

The ignored card(s) will appear in the Diagnostic > Status > System Info > System but they will not be functional.

![Order of the Extension Cards](image)

The picture above shows an example of a configuration that would be OK mechanically and power wise but would not be supported by the firmware.

During the boot process, the first 2 serial port extension cards are detected and both can be used.

In case of 2 single Ethernet cards, these 2 cards are also detected but the second Ethernet card is not supported by the firmware and cannot be used. The presence of this “ignored” card in the base unit does not alter the operation of the base unit itself nor does it alter its “accepted” extension cards.

5.3.3 Power Requirements

The “Power Requirements” concept doesn’t apply to Flexy 205 and its inserted extension cards.

The internal power converter of the Flexy base units has been dimensioned to cover a broad range of different combinations of extension cards. Users should make sure the total power
Plug the FLB 3204 into the Base Unit

Demand of the extension cards does not exceed the capabilities of the base unit. That is why the notion of “Energy Points” has been introduced.

The Installation Guide “eWON Flexy - Base Units” includes a section giving the Available Energy Points of each type of base unit.

The power requirements of each extension card is expressed in Energy Demand Points. This number is meant to check whether the balance with the Available Energy Points of a given base unit with extension cards is OK or not.

The Energy Demand Points of the FLB 3204 is 8

The Installation Guide of the “eWON Flexy - Base Units” also includes examples of practical power balance calculations.
6 Powering on the Base Unit with its Extension Cards

When the base unit is powered on, it takes approximately 25 seconds for the unit to go through its self-test procedure. The slots in which the extension cards have been inserted and their type are detected during this process.

If the boot process completes normally, the following LED status should be observed:

- Base unit: **USR** LED flashing green slowly
- Extension card: None

![Warning]

If the **USR** LED of the base unit is flashing red, it might be because the extension card was improperly inserted (for example in a wrong slot).
Check Card Detection on the Embedded Web Page

7.1 Connecting to the Embedded Web Server

Configure the network parameters to set the computer being used to reach the web interface on the same IP range than the LAN of the Ewon device.

Once both devices are in the same IP range, connect the PC to one of the LAN port of the Ewon device.

Open an Internet browser and access the homepage of the Ewon device by typing the LAN IP address in the URL field (the default address is http://10.0.0.53).

A dialog box will pop-up asking for credentials. Default ones are:

- login: adm
- password: adm

For security reasons, changing the default password adm is an absolute requirement. To change it, from the menu bar, click on Setup > Users and double click on the adm entry to edit and save its password.

7.2 Detected Cards Displayed in the System Page

Once connected to the embedded web pages of the Ewon device, the homepage displays the system status including detected extension cards.

To access in details the system status summary, click on Diagnostic > Status > System Info > System.

7.3 Modem Information Displayed in the Information Page

Extended information about the modem - including manufacturer, type and modem firmware version - is available in the Info page. The path to the Info page is: Diagnostic > Status > System Info > Info.
For more general & technical information concerning the antenna that can be combined with the FLB 3204, refer to the Knowledge Base: “Omni-directional antenna 4G - 3G - 2G” quoted in the Related Documents, p. 3.