

# Quectel RM502Q-AE

IoT/eMBB-Optimized

5G Sub-6 GHz M.2 Module



## RM502Q-AE-AA

# Release Notes

### 5G Module Series

Rev. RM502Q-AE-AA\_Firmware\_Release\_Notes\_V1304\_01.201.01.201

Date: 2023-11-16

**Our aim is to provide customers with timely and comprehensive service. For any assistance, please contact our company headquarters:**

**Quectel Wireless Solutions Co., Ltd.**

Building 5, Shanghai Business Park Phase III (Area B), No.1016 Tianlin Road, Minhang District, Shanghai 200233, China

Tel: +86 21 5108 6236

Email: [info@quectel.com](mailto:info@quectel.com)

**Or our local office. For more information, please visit:**

<http://www.quectel.com/support/sales.htm>.

**For technical support, or to report documentation errors, please visit:**

<http://www.quectel.com/support/technical.htm>

Or email to [support@quectel.com](mailto:support@quectel.com).

**Disclaimer**

While Quectel has made efforts to assure the accuracy of this document, unless otherwise provided by valid agreement, Quectel assumes no liability resulting from any inaccuracies or omissions in this document, or from use of the information obtained herein. Quectel reserves the right to make changes to any contents described herein and reserves the right to revise this document and to make changes from time to time in content hereof with no obligation to notify any person of revisions or changes. Before using any updated software, please read this statement carefully. By accessing or using the said software you irrevocably and unconditionally accept and confirm that you agree to be bound by this statement. In the event you disagree with any provision hereof and would not like to be bound by this statement you shall cease use of the said software immediately.

**Duty of Confidentiality**

The Receiving Party shall keep confidential all documentation and information provided by Quectel, except when the specific permission has been granted by Quectel. The Receiving Party shall not access or use Quectel's documentation and information for any purpose except as expressly provided herein. Furthermore, the Receiving Party shall not disclose any of the Quectel's documentation and information to any third party without the prior written consent by Quectel. For any noncompliance to the above requirements, unauthorized use, or other illegal or malicious use of the documentation and information, Quectel will reserve the right to take legal action.

**Copyright**

The information contained here is proprietary technical information of Quectel Wireless Solutions Co., Ltd. Transmitting, reproducing, disseminating and editing this document as well as using the content without permission are forbidden. Offenders will be held liable for payment of damages. All rights are reserved in the event of a patent grant or registration of a utility model or design.

***Copyright © Quectel Wireless Solutions Co., Ltd. 2023. All rights reserved.***

## Contents

|                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Contents .....                      | 2  |
| 1. Release Content .....            | 3  |
| 2. Matters Needing Attention .....  | 3  |
| 3. Release History .....            | 4  |
| 3.1. Firmware Release History ..... | 4  |
| 3.2. New Features .....             | 4  |
| 3.3. Improved Features .....        | 6  |
| 3.4. Known Issues .....             | 10 |
| 4. Functions List.....              | 12 |

Quectel  
Confidential

## 1. Release Content

This document provides the Release Notes for RM502Q-AE-AA. The current firmware includes the following software firmware package.

| Package  | Version                            |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| Firmware | RM502QAEAAAR13A04M4G_01.201.01.201 |

## 2. Matters Needing Attention

| SN  | Item  |
|-----|---|
| [1] | SA MBIM dialing is supported in Windows 10 1903 and above versions.   |
| [2] | SIM card 2 is disabled due to single-card single-standby function, so there is no ESIM interface displayed.   |
| [3] | The new firmware version cannot be downgraded to versions released before RM502QAEAAAR13A03M4G_01.200.01.200, otherwise the module will not be able to work normally.   |
| [4] | To extend the service life of flash, it is recommended that the total number of operations related to powering on/off the module, CFUN switching, SIM card hot swapping, dual-SIM switching, or repeated execution of NVM commands should not exceed 30 times per day.  |
| [5] | It is not recommended to directly modify the pre-set APN profiles. Please create an APN profile after the existed CID number. Suppose you modify the APN profile of IMS, SOS, etc. with added specific attributes, these attributes are hidden after modification, causing the profile to still be unavailable. |
| [6] | During the FOTA upgrade process, it is necessary to ensure the stable power supply of the module. If the power is disconnected during the upgrade, there is a small probability that the flash will be damaged.   |
| [7] | M.2 module is encapsulated without SPI, and SLIC cannot be mounted on the module.   |

### 3. Release History

#### 3.1. Firmware Release History

| Firmware Release                  | Description     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| RM502QAEAAR13A04M4G_01.201.01.201 | Mass production |
| RM502QAEAAR13A04M4G_01.200.01.200 | Mass production |
| RM502QAEAAR13A03M4G_01.200.01.200 | Mass production |
| RM502QAEAAR13A03M4G_01.001.01.001 | Mass production |
| RM502QAEAAR13A02M4G_01.002.01.002 | Only for sample |
| RM502QAEAAR13A02M4G_01.001.01.001 | Mass production |
| RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | Only for sample |

#### 3.2. New Features

| RM502QAEAAR13A04M4G_01.201.01.201 |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Item                              | Brief Description  |
| GENERAL                           | <p>Added the following commands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AT+QNWCFG="nr5g_mimo_info"</b> to enable or disable the querying of 5G UL and DL MIMO information.</li> <li><b>AT+QRSSI</b> to obtain the RSSI of the current service network of the module.</li> </ul> |
| RM502QAEAAR13A04M4G_01.200.01.200 |  |
| Item                              | Brief Description  |
| /                                 | /  |
| RM502QAEAAR13A03M4G_01.200.01.200 |  |
| Item                              | Brief Description  |
| NETWORK                           | Relevant technical controls have been carried out to restrict normal network registration in regions such as RUS and IRN, thus ensuring that the module can  |

be used only for civilian applications.

**GENERAL**

The new firmware version cannot be downgraded to previous versions, otherwise the module will not be able to work normally.

**GENERAL**

Added the following AT commands:

- **AT+QNWCFG="ledmode"** to set the blinking mode of the network light.
- **AT+QWDSCFG="operator\_reserved\_pco"** to configure PCO.
- **AT+QNWCFG="nr5g\_4mimo\_enable"** to control 4\*MIMO of NR5G bands.
- **AT+QNWCFG="nitz\_ons"** to query PLMN long name and short name from NITZ.

**RM502QAEAAR13A03M4G\_01.001.01.001**

**Item**

**Brief Description**

**GENERAL**

Enabled 5G function of Commercial-Reliance MBN and modified the MBN date to 202210211.

**GENERAL**

Added the following AT commands:

- **AT+QMTPE** to support MTPE.
- **AT+QFOTAPID** to configure the Profile ID used in FOTA upgrade.

**RM502QAEAAR13A02M4G\_01.002.01.002**

**Item**

**Brief Description**

**GENERAL**

Added the following AT commands:

- **AT+QSIMCFG="dual\_slot\_status"** to query related parameters when dual SIM cards were inserted.
- **AT+QCALLCFG="ussd\_config"** to configure the URC reporting format of USSD.

**RM502QAEAAR13A02M4G\_01.001.01.001**

**Item**

**Brief Description**

**NETWORK**

Added **AT+QNWCFG="ul\_data\_path"** to query the uplink data path.

**NETWORK**

Added **AT+QNETRC** to query ESM, EMM and NR5GMM error codes and control the corresponding URC reporting.

**NETWORK**

Added **AT+QNWCFG="clr\_rplmn"** to delete the RPLMN information in the SIM card.

**DFOTA**

Added judgment to limit FOTA URL length to 512 bytes.

**DFOTA**

Added the function of reporting DFOTA upgrade progress on the Debug port.

**GENERAL**

Added **AT+QNWCFG="sysmode"** to query Sysmode and Submode.

**GENERAL**

Supported RTL8211E.

**GENERAL**

Added **AT+QGPAPN** to obtain the current APN.

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| GENERAL | Supported NR T+T bands combination.   |
| GENERAL | Disabled the GEA1 algorithm by default.   |
| GENERAL | Added <b>AT+QSVN</b> to obtain IMEISV.  |
| GENERAL | Added <b>AT+QMAP="sfe"</b> to control the software acceleration functionality.  |
| GENERAL | Added <b>AT+QNWCFG="rrc_state"</b> to query the RRC state.  |
| GENERAL | Added <b>AT+QNWCFG="msisdn"</b> to query MSISDN from network.   |
| GENERAL | Added <b>AT+QIMSCFG="ims_status"</b> to query the current IMS registration status and configure whether to enable URC reporting of IMS registration status. |
| SIMCARD | Added <b>AT+QSIMCFG="ATR"</b> to query the ATR value.   |

#### RM502QAEAAAR13A01M4G\_01.001.01.001

| Item        | Brief Description               |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Secure Boot | Enable the Secure Boot function |

### 3.3. Improved Features

#### RM502QAEAAAR13A04M4G\_01.201.01.201

| Item    | Brief Description  |
|---------|--|
| NETWORK | Solved the problem that an error was reported when the length of parameter <b>&lt;APN&gt;</b> in <b>AT+QICSGP</b> was 63 bytes.  |
| NETWORK | Solved the problem that the invalid value returned after the execution of <b>AT+QENG</b> was displayed as -32768 instead of "-". |
| GENERAL | Solved the problem that DHCP Relay could not be used.  |

#### RM502QAEAAAR13A04M4G\_01.200.01.200

| Item    | Brief Description  |
|---------|--|
| NETWORK | Modified the value of <b>&lt;SRS_tx_pwr&gt;</b> in the return result of <b>AT+QNWCFG="lte_tx_pwr"</b> .                              |
| NETWORK | Solved the problem that the registration status queried with <b>AT+CREG/AT+CEREG/AT+CGREG/AT+C5GREG</b> was incorrect in some cases. |
| NETWORK | Solved the problem that <b>AT+QNWLOCK</b> could not take effect in some scenarios.   |
| QMI     | Solved the problem that the module could not properly respond to QMI requests from the host in some suspend scenarios.               |

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| USB     | Solved the problem that there was no response after AT commands were executed via USB AT port when PCIe interface was not recognized.      |
| GENERAL | Solved the problem that there was a sudden change in the Rx traffic value queried by <b>AT+QGDNRCNT</b> when the dial-up was disconnected. |
| GENERAL | Optimized the gateway address assignment policy.   |

#### RM502QAEAAAR13A03M4G\_01.200.01.200

| Item    | Brief Description   |
|---------|---|
| NETWORK | Extended <b>AT+QNWCFG="ssb_beam_id"</b> to add <b>&lt;RSRQ&gt;</b> and <b>&lt;PCID&gt;</b> parameters and obtain all beam information currently measured. |
| GENERAL | Solved the problem that URC could only be sent through the USB AT port, USB modem port and UART1 because the URC reporting ports were limited.            |
| GENERAL | Solved the problem that incorrect result was returned after the execution of <b>AT+QROUTINGBH</b> .   |
| GENERAL | Solved the problem that incorrect values might return by <b>AT+QCFG="CLAT"</b> .  |

#### RM502QAEAAAR13A03M4G\_01.001.01.001

| Item    | Brief Description  |
|---------|--|
| GNSS    | Solved the problem that <b>AT+QGPSCFG="glonassnmeatype"</b> did not take effect after the module was rebooted.                                   |
| NETWORK | Solved the problem that executing <b>AT+QNWINFO</b> under NSA could not return NSA network information.  |
| NETWORK | Optimized the result of <b>AT+QNWPREFCFG="rat_acq_order"</b> to ensure that the returned RATs were all supported by the module.                  |
| GENERAL | Solved the problem that MBIM YB might occur during USB hot swapping.   |
| GENERAL | Extended <b>AT+QSINR</b> to obtain the SINR value in NSA.  |
| GENERAL | Solved the problem that the RSRP and RSRQ values returned by <b>AT+QSCAN</b> in some cases were null.  |
| GENERAL | Solved the problem of incorrect SINR value of LTE cells queried by <b>AT+QENG="servingcell"</b> .  |
| GENERAL | Solved the problem that the operator information queried by <b>AT+COPS=?</b> was incorrect in some cases.  |
| GENERAL | Solved the problem that the module could not work properly after executing <b>AT+QNWPREFCFG</b> and then immediately executing <b>AT+QSCAN</b> . |

#### RM502QAEAAAR13A02M4G\_01.002.01.002

| Item    | Brief Description  |
|---------|--|
| NETWORK | Solved the problem that the SINR value of 5G secondary cell under NSA queried with <b>AT+QENG="servingcell"</b> was incorrect. |



|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Optimized the processing logic of <b>AT+QCAINFO</b> so that there were returned value only after executing the command when the network is connected.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem of not supporting the query of the uplink frequency of LTE under NSA with <b>AT+QNWCFG="freq_info"</b> .  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that the return value of <b>AT+QNWCFG="ctrl_plane_dly"</b> was incorrect in NSA mode.   |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Extended <b>AT+QENDC</b> to add parameter and to support URC reporting.  |
| <b>DFOTA</b>   | Solved the problem that after the module was upgraded by DFOTA, after downloading the differential package, the USB port could not be recognized after the port was disconnected, and solved the problem that after the upgrade was completed, the USB port could be recognized, and the upgrade progress was not reported by URCs during the whole process. |

**RM502QAEAR13A02M4G\_01.001.01.001**

| <b>Item</b>    | <b>Brief Description</b>   |
|----------------|--|
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Solved the problem that incorrect PLMN information was returned after executing <b>AT+QSCAN</b> .                                      |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Extended <b>AT+QSCAN</b> to support querying more parameters under LTE.  |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Solved the problem that after disabling NSA, you can still query the NSA information with <b>AT+QENG</b> .                             |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Extended <b>AT+QCAINFO</b> to support NSA and SA.  |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Optimized <b>AT+QSRP</b> to support querying RSRP under NSA.   |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Solved the problem that <b>AT+QNWCFG="lte_band_priority"</b> reported an error when the LTE band priority was not configured.          |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Solved the problem that the camped cells of <b>AT+QENG="servingcell"</b> was not displayed when the SIM card was not inserted.         |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Extended <b>AT+QCAINFO</b> to add parameters <b>&lt;ul_configured&gt;</b> , <b>&lt;ul_bandwidth&gt;</b> and <b>&lt;ul_earfcn&gt;</b> . |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Solved the problem of abnormal return values when executing <b>AT+QENG="servingcell"</b> under NSA.                                    |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Solved the problem of abnormal return values when executing <b>AT+QCAINFO</b> .  |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Solved the problem that the MCC and MNC returned by <b>AT+QNETINFO="servingcell"</b> were invalid values.                              |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Optimized <b>AT+QSRP</b> by returning -32768 to indicate an invalid value.   |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Solved the problem that <b>AT+QENG="servingcell"</b> returned an invalid <b>&lt;ARFCN&gt;</b> under NSA.                               |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Optimized the judgment of <b>AT+COPS</b> on the ENDC registration result.  |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Solved the problem that <b>AT+QSCAN=3,1</b> did not display 5G cell information in some cases.   |

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Solved the problem that <b>AT+QSCAN</b> could not get LTE cell information.  |
| <b>NETWORK</b> | Displayed <b>AT+QSCAN</b> to support querying LTE cell bandwidth information and 5G cell SSB SCS information.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that the MPDN rule was not deleted when the module was powered off, which affected the module configuration when it was powered on the next time.               |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the probabilistic problem of frequent network disconnection and reconnection caused by frequent dial-up failures in private network.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that the AT port could not work properly after configuring to report the URC through all ports.   |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Extended <b>AT+QGPAPN</b> to support querying IP address and other information.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Modified <b>AT+QGPAPN</b> to adapt it to NSA.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Optimized the IMEI anti-tampering function.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that only one APN could be queried through <b>AT+QGPAPN</b> after multiple data call under SA.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that the configuration would be rewritten after configuring <b>&lt;enable&gt;</b> of <b>AT+QCFG="pdp/duplicatechk"</b> and then restarted the module.           |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem of incorrect APN configurations for 5G-ATT and Telstra_Australia_Commercial MBN.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that no URC <b>+C5GREG: &lt;stat&gt;</b> was reported when the module switched from LTE to NR5G after configuring <b>AT+C5GREG=1</b> .                          |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Optimized the compatibility of the module with the RTL8125 PHY.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that <b>&lt;APN_name&gt;</b> returned by <b>AT+QNWCFG="lte_ambr"</b> was x.   |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that the caller number could not be recognized under the German network.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Updated the MBN of Telstra_Australia_Commercial, and the updated date was 20220111.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem of <b>AT+QSPN</b> returning wrong information on limited service.   |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Optimized the command set of <b>AT+QETH</b> to support Ethernet PHY attribute configurations of PCIe interface.  |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Modified the Tx power of B38/B40/B41/B42/B43 to 26 dBm compliant to PC2.   |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that <b>&lt;stat&gt;</b> of the currently registered operator in the returned result of <b>AT+COPS=?</b> was incorrect when the module was registered on 5G SA. |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Optimized <b>AT+QMAP="LANIP"</b> to make it take effect immediately.   |
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that <b>AT+QNWCFG="clr_rplmn"</b> could not clear RPLMN when you used certain SIM cards.  |

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>GENERAL</b> | Solved the problem that the SIM card could not be recognized after enabling Secure Boot and deleting the simlock configuration file.                               |
| <b>GNSS</b>    | Solved the problem of no NMEA sentence output when <b>AT+QGPS=2</b> was entered in the situation that the return value <plane> of <b>AT+QGPSCFG="plane"</b> was 0. |
| <b>GNSS</b>    | Solved the problem that the GNSS function was disabled after the module woke up from sleep.  |
| <b>LWM2M</b>   | Solved the problem that LwM2M could not start normally after you executed <b>AT+CFUN=1,1</b> and the module was rebooted.  |
| <b>SIMCARD</b> | Solved the problem that the SMS center address remained the same when you switched the SIM cards to a different operator in hot-swap mode.                         |
| <b>SIMCARD</b> | Solved the problem of returning ERROR due to insufficient QMI memory resources after executing <b>AT+CGLA</b> .  |
| <b>SIMCARD</b> | Solved the problem of failure to open the SIM channel when the eSIM did not activate the profile.  |
| <b>USB</b>     | Solved the problem that the USB GSI interface failed to connect to the IPA pipe with low probability.  |

RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G\_01.001.01.001

| Item | Brief Description |
|------|-------------------|
| /    | /                 |

### 3.4. Known Issues

| Item | Bug Description |
|------|-----------------|
| /    | /               |

#### NOTE

Verification Environment is shown below. For more details, please contact Quectel Technical Support.

For Windows,

USB Driver: Quectel\_LTE&5G\_Windows\_USB\_Driver\_V2.2.4.zip

Qflash Tool: QFlash\_V5.3

For Linux,

QMI\_WWAN Driver: Quectel\_Linux&Android\_QMI\_WWAN\_Driver\_V1.2.2.zip

GobiNet Driver: Quectel\_Linux&Android\_GobiNet\_Driver\_V1.6.3.zip

PCIE Driver: Quectel\_Linux\_PCIE\_MHI\_Driver\_V1.3.5.zip

QFirehose Tool: Quetel\_LTE&5G\_QFirehose\_Linux&Android\_V1.4.5.3.zip

Quetel-CM Tool: Quetel\_QConnectManager\_Linux\_V1.6.0.26.zip

QLog Tool: Quetel\_QLog\_Linux&Android\_V1.5.zip

---

Quetel  
Confidential

## 4. Functions List

| Category           | Item               | Supported Version (Since)         | Note |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Basic Function     | SMS                | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
|                    | NETWORK            | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
| Protocol Function  | QMI                | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
|                    | LwM2M              | RM502QAEAAR13A02M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
| Interface Function | USB                | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
|                    | MBIM               | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
|                    | RmNet              | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
|                    | PCIE               | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
| Locate Function    | AGPS               | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
| Upgrade Function   | DFOTA              | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
| SIM Function       | (U)SIM Detection   | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
| Special Function   | RF RX FTM          | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
|                    | RF TX FTM          | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
|                    | Low Power          | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
|                    | Thermal Mitigation | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |
| 5G Function        | 5G                 | RM502QAEAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001 | /    |

## About Quectel

Quectel Wireless Solutions is the leading global supplier of cellular and GNSS modules, with a broad product portfolio covering the most recent wireless technologies of 5G, LTE/LTE-A, NB-IoT/LTE-M, UMTS/HSPA(+), GSM/GPRS and GNSS. As a professional IoT (Internet of Things) technology developer and cellular module supplier, Quectel is able to provide one-stop services for IoT cellular modules. Quectel products have been widely applied in IoT/M2M fields including smart payment, telematics and transport, smart energy, smart cities, security, wireless gateways, industry, healthcare, agriculture, and environment monitoring.

