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RF RECEIVER STR-433 MHz:
The data is received by the RF receiver from the antenna pin and this data is available on the data pins. Two data pins are provided in the receiver module. Thus, this data can be used for further applications.

DC MOTOR:
An electric motor is a machine which converts electrical energy into mechanical energy.

RF TRANSMITTER STT-433 MHz:
- The STT-433 is ideal for remote control applications where low cost and longer range is required.
- The transmitter operates from a 1.5-12V supply, making it ideal for battery-powered applications.
- The transmitter employs a SAW-stabilized oscillator, ensuring accurate frequency control for best range performance.
- The manufacturing-friendly SIP style package and low-cost make the STT-433 suitable for high volume applications.

• Interrupt Recovery from Power-down Mode
• Watchdog Timer
• Dual Data Pointer
• Power-off Flag
Principles of operation:

In any electric motor, operation is based on simple electromagnetism. A current-carrying conductor generates a magnetic field; when this is then placed in an external magnetic field, it will experience a force proportional to the current in the conductor, and to the strength of the external magnetic field. As you are well aware of from playing with magnets as a kid, opposite (North and South) polarities attract, while like polarities (North and North, South and South) repel. The internal configuration of a DC motor is designed to harness the magnetic interaction between a current-carrying conductor and an external magnetic field to generate rotational motion.

Wireless camera:

Wireless cameras are proving very popular among modern security consumers due to their low installation costs (there is no need to run expensive video extension cables) and flexible mounting options; wireless cameras can be mounted/installed in locations previously unavailable to standard wired cameras. In addition to the ease of use and convenience of access, wireless security camera allows users to leverage broadband wireless internet to provide seamless video streaming over-internet. (Model: SP-007AS)

A/V transmitter:

The camera is with 1.2GHZ, with Audio and CMOS and receiver unit with manual frequency adjustment. This wholesale product is already popular with China Tronic customers because of consistent high quality.

- Linear Transmission Distance: 50-100m
- Transmission Signal: Audio, Video
- Receiving Signal: Audio, Video

Technical parameters of transmitting unit:

1. Video Camera Parts: 1/3CMOS, 1/4 Image Sensors
2. System: PAL/CCIR NTSC/EIA
3. Effective Pixel: PAL: 628 x 582, NTSC: 510 x 492
4. Image Area: PAL: 5.78 x 4.19mm, NTSC: 4.69 x 3.45mm
5. Horizontal Definition: 380 Lines
6. Scanning Frequency: PAL/CCIR: 50Hz, NTSC/EIA: 60Hz
7. Minimum Illumination: 3 LUX
8. Sensitivity: +18DB-AGL On-Off
9. Electrical Level Output: 50mW
10. Frequency Output: 1.2Ghz
11. Transmission Signal: Audio, Video
12. Linear Transmission Distance: 50-100m
13. Voltage: DC+9V
14. Current: 300mA
15. Power Dissipation: 640mW
Technical parameters of receiving unit:

- Wireless Audio/Video Receiver
- Receiving Method: CPU Phase-Locked Loop Locking Frequency Points
- 4-Band Automatic Reception Switch
- Reception Sensitivity: +18dB
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- Current: 500mA

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