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Release Notes

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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	RM502QAEAAR13A04M4G_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 RM502QAEAAR13A03M4G_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
RM502QAEAAAR13A04M4G_01.201.01.201	Mass production
RM502QAEAAAR13A04M4G_01.200.01.200	Mass production
RM502QAEAAAR13A03M4G_01.200.01.200	Mass production
RM502QAEAAAR13A03M4G_01.001.01.001	Mass production
RM502QAEAAAR13A02M4G_01.002.01.002	Only for sample
RM502QAEAAAR13A02M4G_01.001.01.001	Mass production
RM502QAEAAAR13A01M4G_01.001.01.001	Only for sample

3.2. New Features

RM502QAEAAAR13A04M4G_01.201.01.201

Item	Brief Description
GENERAL	<p>Added the following commands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AT+QNWCFG="nr5g_mimo_info" to enable or disable the querying of 5G UL and DL MIMO information. ● AT+QRSSI to obtain the RSSI of the current service network of the module.

RM502QAEAAAR13A04M4G_01.200.01.200

Item	Brief Description
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RM502QAEAAAR13A03M4G_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	<p>Added the following AT commands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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	<p>Added the following AT commands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AT+QMTP to support MTPE. ● AT+QFOTAPI to configure the Profile ID used in FOTA upgrade.

RM502QAEAAR13A02M4G_01.002.01.002

Item	Brief Description
GENERAL	<p>Added the following AT commands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 AT+QSVN to obtain IMEISV.
GENERAL	Added AT+QMAP="sfe" to control the software acceleration functionality.
GENERAL	Added AT+QNWCFG="rrc_state" to query the RRC state.
GENERAL	Added AT+QNWCFG="msisdn" to query MSISDN from network.
GENERAL	Added AT+QIMSCFG="ims_status" to query the current IMS registration status and configure whether to enable URC reporting of IMS registration status.
SIMCARD	Added AT+QSIMCFG="ATR" 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 <APN> in AT+QICSGP was 63 bytes.
NETWORK	Solved the problem that the invalid value returned after the execution of AT+QENG 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 <SRS_tx_pwr> in the return result of AT+QNWCFG="lte_tx_pwr" .
NETWORK	Solved the problem that the registration status queried with AT+CREG/AT+CEREG/AT+CGREG/AT+C5GREG was incorrect in some cases.
NETWORK	Solved the problem that AT+QNWLOCK 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 AT+QGDNRCNT when the dial-up was disconnected.
GENERAL	Optimized the gateway address assignment policy.

RM502QAEALAR13A03M4G_01.200.01.200

Item	Brief Description
NETWORK	Extended AT+QNWCFG="ssb_beam_id" to add <RSRQ> and <PCID> 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 AT+QROUTINGBH .
GENERAL	Solved the problem that incorrect values might return by AT+QCFG="CLAT" .

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Item	Brief Description
GNSS	Solved the problem that AT+QGPSCFG="glonassnmeatype" did not take effect after the module was rebooted.
NETWORK	Solved the problem that executing AT+QNWINFO under NSA could not return NSA network information.
NETWORK	Optimized the result of AT+QNWPREFCFG="rat_acq_order" 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 AT+QSINR to obtain the SINR value in NSA.
GENERAL	Solved the problem that the RSRP and RSRQ values returned by AT+QSCAN in some cases were null.
GENERAL	Solved the problem of incorrect SINR value of LTE cells queried by AT+QENG="servingcell" .
GENERAL	Solved the problem that the operator information queried by AT+COPS=? was incorrect in some cases.
GENERAL	Solved the problem that the module could not work properly after executing AT+QNWPREFCFG and then immediately executing AT+QSCAN .

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

GENERAL	Optimized the processing logic of AT+QCAINFO so that there were returned value only after executing the command when the network is connected.
GENERAL	Solved the problem of not supporting the query of the uplink frequency of LTE under NSA with AT+QNWCFG="freq_info" .
GENERAL	Solved the problem that the return value of AT+QNWCFG="ctrl_plane_dly" was incorrect in NSA mode.
GENERAL	Extended AT+QENDC to add parameter and to support URC reporting.
DFOTA	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.

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

NETWORK	Solved the problem that AT+QSCAN could not get LTE cell information.
NETWORK	Displayed AT+QSCAN to support querying LTE cell bandwidth information and 5G cell SSB SCS information.
GENERAL	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.
GENERAL	Solved the probabilistic problem of frequent network disconnection and reconnection caused by frequent dial-up failures in private network.
GENERAL	Solved the problem that the AT port could not work properly after configuring to report the URC through all ports.
GENERAL	Extended AT+QGPAPN to support querying IP address and other information.
GENERAL	Modified AT+QGPAPN to adapt it to NSA.
GENERAL	Optimized the IMEI anti-tampering function.
GENERAL	Solved the problem that only one APN could be queried through AT+QGPAPN after multiple data call under SA.
GENERAL	Solved the problem that the configuration would be rewritten after configuring <enable> of AT+QCFG="pdp/duplicatechk" and then restarted the module.
GENERAL	Solved the problem of incorrect APN configurations for 5G-ATT and Telstra_Australia_Commercial MBN.
GENERAL	Solved the problem that no URC +C5GREG: <stat> was reported when the module switched from LTE to NR5G after configuring AT+C5GREG=1 .
GENERAL	Optimized the compatibility of the module with the RTL8125 PHY.
GENERAL	Solved the problem that <APN_name> returned by AT+QNWCFG="lte_ambr" was x.
GENERAL	Solved the problem that the caller number could not be recognized under the German network.
GENERAL	Updated the MBN of Telstra_Australia_Commercial, and the updated date was 202201111.
GENERAL	Solved the problem of AT+QSPN returning wrong information on limited service.
GENERAL	Optimized the command set of AT+QETH to support Ethernet PHY attribute configurations of PCIe interface.
GENERAL	Modified the Tx power of B38/B40/B41/B42/B43 to 26 dBm compliant to PC2.
GENERAL	Solved the problem that <stat> of the currently registered operator in the returned result of AT+COPS=? was incorrect when the module was registered on 5G SA.
GENERAL	Optimized AT+QMAP="LANIP" to make it take effect immediately.
GENERAL	Solved the problem that AT+QNWCFG="clr_rplmn" could not clear RPLMN when you used certain SIM cards.

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

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Item	Brief Description
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3.4. Known Issues

Item	Bug Description
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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: Quectel_LTE&5G_QFirehose_Linux&Android_V1.4.5.3.zip

Quectel-CM Tool: Quectel_QConnectManager_Linux_V1.6.0.26.zip

QLog Tool: Quectel_QLog_Linux&Android_V1.5.zip

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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	/

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