



# 3166 **BLUETOOTH**<sup>®</sup> RUGGED **RAIN**<sup>®</sup> RFID UHF READER

**EXTRA-TOUGH, HIGH PERFORMANCE, LONG RANGE UHF RFID  
READING WITH EPOP-LOQ<sup>®</sup> CONNECTIVITY AND CHARGING**



## Latest Hardware Advances

The new 3166 RAIN RFID UHF Reader boasts TSL's latest hardware innovations and performance improvements, in a more efficient reader with an all-day battery life.

Using the latest generation of Impinj silicon, read rates have been boosted up to 1200 tags per second. Multiple tag operations per tag are possible during an inventory scan - read multiple areas of each tag, or write to or even lock the tag. On reader de-duplication prevents overwhelming the connected host with information.

Support has been added for passive sensor transponders (temperature, strain, humidity, acceleration) from HID and others – contact TSL for information regarding how to utilise these sensor transponders.

Designed to read and write to EPC Class 1 Gen 2 and EPC Class 1 Gen 2V2 tags, the 3166 can also be configured with class leading high performance 2D data scanning to bring unparalleled data collection capabilities to any host it is connected to.

## Single Point Charge Solution

The 3166 Docking Station allows charging of both the 3166 RAIN RFID UHF Reader and a smartphone or handheld terminal attached via an ePop-Loq mount. The unique design can accommodate a wide range of devices from many handheld and smartphone manufacturers. The 3166 Reader boasts a faster ePop-Loq mode than previous TSL readers to accommodate higher tag throughput.

## Tough Impact Resistant Housing

The 3166 Reader from TSL provides high performance UHF RFID reading and writing in an incredibly tough and rugged form factor. The reader

is highly resistant to water, dust and mechanical trauma. A high capacity battery provides non-stop operation of the reader over the full working day.

## Platform Independence

Use existing *Bluetooth* wireless technology enabled<sup>1</sup> host devices including Enterprise Handhelds, Consumer Phones, Tablets and PC's – the 3166 will bring high performance RFID and 2D scanning to all these devices running a wide range of Operating Systems.

In addition to Bluetooth Classic, Bluetooth Low-Energy provides a modern, secure link to even more devices.

Extensive software support is available for a wide range of platforms including code samples, demonstration applications and source code.

## Batch Mode

Transponder EPC readings can optionally be recorded on the embedded storage, meaning that the 3166 RAIN RFID UHF Reader can be used independently of a host device. The 3166 can store up to 500 million\* transponder EPCs - date and time stamped by the on-board Real Time Clock.

## Backwards compatible

The 3166 Rugged *Bluetooth* RAIN RFID UHF Reader is designed to work with existing apps built with TSL SDKs, but with improved performance. TSL's latest ASCII protocol provides the developer with a powerful set of commands that carry out multiple actions locally within the reader. This approach enables multiple tag operations to be executed using simple pre-configured commands which speeds up integration of the reader into applications.

## Features:

### Faster tag read rate

Gathers RFID data at a blistering pace - up to 1200 tags per second

### Longer Operating Times

Up to 34% increase in battery life compared to the previous generation 2166 Reader

### Multiple RF Profiles

- high sensitivity
- maximum read rate
- dynamic switching between modes

### ETSI Upper Band Option

### Bulk encoding feature

### Bluetooth improvements

- Bluetooth Classic speed boost (iOS ~2x speed improvement)
- BLE (Bluetooth Low Energy) enabled - no need for MFI (Apple) app registration
- Independent battery status and device information service

### Hardware and OS Independence

Operates with Android, iOS, Linux, Mac and Windows.

### High Performance Barcode Scanning

An optional barcode engine can be specified to provide 1D and 2D barcode data capture



# 3166 SPECIFICATIONS

## Physical and Environmental Characteristics

Dimensions:	178 x 105 x 172 mm (LxWxH).
Weight:	865 g / 30.5 oz (including battery).
User input:	Single stage trigger.
User feedback:	Speaker, vibration motor, LEDs.
Power:	Rechargeable Lithium Ion removeable battery pack (10.8V, 3.35Ah, 36.2Wh).
Minimum operating time <sup>1</sup> :	Light use <sup>2</sup> : 33.5 hrs Moderate use <sup>3</sup> : 21.5 hrs Heavy use <sup>4</sup> : 12 hrs <sup>5</sup>
Input Rating:	15.0Vdc, 4.34A.
Enclosure materials:	Polycarbonate and TPU.

## Performance Characteristics

RFID engine:	TSL custom module with embedded Impinj E710.
Communication protocols:	TSL ASCII 3 parameterised command set.
Memory:	Embedded 32GB* storage memory - store up to 500 million date and time stamped EPCs
Compatible Host devices (Bluetooth):	Any <i>Bluetooth</i> Host <sup>6</sup> supporting the Serial Port Profile (SPP) or Human Interface Device (HID) profile (Android, iOS, Linux, Mac, Windows). <a href="#">Comparison of Bluetooth modes for TSL UHF Readers.</a>
Compatible Host devices (USB):	Any USB host with USB CDC support (Windows, Linux, Mac, Android).

## Environmental

Operating Temp.:	-20°C to 55°C (-4°F to 131°F).
Charging Temp.:	5°C to 40°C (41°F to 104°F).
Storage Temp.:	Less than 1 month at at -20 to +60°C (-4°F to 140°F). Less than 3 months at -20°C to +45°C (-4°F to 113°F). Less than 1 year at -20°C to +20°C (-4°F to 68°F).
Humidity:	5% to 85% non-condensing.
Drop Spec:	1.8m.
Tumble:	1500 0.5 metre tumbles at room temperature (3,000 cycles).
Environmental Sealing:	IP67.
Electrostatic Discharge (ESD):	± 15kVdc air discharge; ± 8kVdc contact discharge.
MIL-STD 810F:	Meets and exceeds applicable MIL-STD 810F for drop, tumble and sealing.

## RFID Performance

Standards supported:	EPC Class 1 Gen 2 v2
Nominal read range <sup>7</sup> :	Up to 9 m (29.5 ft).
Nominal write range <sup>7</sup> :	Up to 4 m (13.1 ft).
Field:	110-degree forward facing (approx.) measured from front of device.
Antenna:	Circularly Polarised.

Frequency Range:	EU: 865-868MHz, 916-919MHz US: 902-928MHz
Maximum Output Power:	Up to 30 dBm (region dependent) + 4.0 dBiC Antenna.

## Barcode Scanning

Optional 2D Barcode Engine:	Optional TSL custom 2D Barcode Scan Engine module.		
Sensor Resolution:	1280 x 960 pixels, rolling shutter		
Field of View:	Horizontal: 44.5°, vertical: 33.5°		
Focal Distance:	From front of engine: 15.24 cm (6 in.)		
Aiming LED:	Green LED		
Illumination:	1 warm white LED		
Symbologies Supported:	1D: All major codes 2D: PDF417, MicroPDF417, Composite, RSS, TLC-39, Datamatrix, QR code, Micro QR code, Aztec, MaxiCode Postal Codes: US PostNet, US Planet, UK Postal, Australian Postal, Japan Postal, Dutch Postal (KIX).		
Ranges <sup>8</sup> :	<b>Barcode</b>	<b>Near</b>	<b>Far</b>
	5 mil Code 39	6.1 cm	24.1 cm
	5 mil Code 128	7.1 cm	22.9 cm
	6.67 mil PDF 417	6.1 cm	20.3 cm
	10 mil DataMatrix	7.4 cm	21.6 cm
	100% UPCA	4.6 cm	49.5 cm
	15 mil QR	3.0 cm	29.2 cm
	20 mil QR	3.0 cm	35.6 cm

## Communication

Bluetooth:	Bluetooth v4.2 compliant (v5.1 compatible)
Bluetooth GATT Services:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Device Information Service</li> <li>Battery Service</li> <li>HID over GATT</li> <li>Serial over GATT (TSL)</li> </ul>
Bluetooth Frequency Range:	2.4 - 2.4835 GHz.
Bluetooth Profiles:	SPP Profile, HID Profile, Apple iAP2, Bluetooth Low Energy.
Bluetooth Range <sup>9</sup> :	Up to 100m.
Bluetooth Pairing:	Simple Secure Pairing, NFC OOB Pairing.
Direct USB	Connection via ePop-Loq cases (separate purchase).

<sup>1</sup> Minimum operating time figures are based on new units that have been stored, charged and operated within the stated Environmental Specifications. Units stored over 3 months must be recharged every 3 months. Number of transponders in the environment affects minimum operating time.

<sup>2</sup> Light Use: Continuous RFID inventories for 20s of every 120s

<sup>3</sup> Moderate Use: Continuous RFID inventories for 10s of every 30s

<sup>4</sup> Heavy Use: Continuous RFID inventories for 59s of every 60s

<sup>5</sup> When operating in the "Eco" battery saver mode.

<sup>6</sup> Compatible *Bluetooth* stack required in the Host device

<sup>7</sup> Tag Read/Write performance is dependent on tag type, items tagged, number of tags in the field and other radio and environmental factors

<sup>8</sup> Artificial lighting can affect scanning performance

<sup>9</sup> Open field

## Peripherals and Accessories

External interface:	8-way sealed connector with gold plated contacts.
Bundled items:	Battery.
Other accessories available:	Docking Station with power supply and Mini USB cable. Adapter mounts for a variety of smartphones and handheld terminals.

## Regulatory

Regions	EU (CE), USA (FCC), Canada (see page 4 for details)
FCC ID	S6J3166
IC	8948A-3166
EMC	EN 55032: 2015+A11:2020, Class A EN 6100-3-2: 2014, Class A EN IEC 61000-3-2: 2019+A1:2021, Class A EN 61000-3-3: 2013+A1:2019+A2:2021 EN 55035: 2017+A11:2020 EN 301 489-1 V2.2.3 (2019-11) EN 301 489-3 V2.3.2 (2023-01) EN 301 489-17 V3.2.4 (2020-09) 47 CFR FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Class A ANSI C63.4-2014 ANSI C63.4a-2017 ICES-003: 2020 Issue 7, Class A ICES-Gen: 2018 Issue 1 +A1:2021 ANSI C63.4-2014 amended as per ANSI C63.4a-2017
RF	EN 302 208 V3.3.1 (2020-08) 47 CFR FCC Part 15, Subpart C (Section 15.247) ANSI C63.10-2013 Canada RSS-247 Issue 3, August 2023 Canada RSS-Gen Issue 5, Amendment 2, February 2021 ANSI C63.10-2013
RF Exposure	EN 50566:2017 EN 62209-2:2010/A1:2019 IEC 62209-2:2010/AMD1:2019 EN 50663:2017 EN 62479:2010 EN 50364:2018 EN 62369-1:2009 IEEE Std 1528:2013 KDB 865664 D01 v01r04 KDB 865664 D02 v01r02 KDB 447498 D01 v06 ISED RSS-102 Issue 5:2015/AMD1:2021 IEC/IEEE 62209-1528:2020
Electrical Safety	IEC 62368-1:2018 UL 62368-1:2019 CSA C22.2 No. 62368-1:19
Environmental	IEC 60529 Edition 2.2 2013-08 (IP67) <b>2011/65/EU (RoHS 2)</b> Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment <b>2015/863 (RoHS 3)</b> Amendment to Annex II of 2011/65/EU

## Warranty

The TSL 3166 reader is warranted against manufacturing defects for a period of one year (12 months) from date of shipment, provided the product remains unmodified and is operated under normal and proper conditions.

Full warranty information can be downloaded from the TSL website at [www.tsl.com/warranty](http://www.tsl.com/warranty).

## Terms

"Made for iPod," "Made for iPhone," and "Made for iPad" mean that an electronic accessory has been designed to connect specifically to iPod, iPhone, or iPad, respectively, and has been certified by the developer to meet Apple performance standards. Apple is not responsible for the operation of this device or its compliance with safety and regulatory standards. Please note that the use of this accessory with iPod, iPhone, or iPad may affect wireless performance.

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## MOUNTS

Connect Enterprise Hand-Held Terminals using ePop-Loq mounts:








### Accessories

### Part Numbers

1166/2166/3166 Docking Station Kit, 65W PSU and Mini USB lead	1166-CRD-01-KIT
Line Cord (UK Plug, 1m)	IEC-1M-UK
Line Cord (US Plug, 1.8m)	IEC-1.8M-US
Line Cord (EU Plug, 1.8m)	IEC-1.8M-EU
Line Cord (AUS/NZ Plug, 2m)	IEC-2M-AU-NZ
1166/2166/3166 External Battery Charger. Includes PSU and UK Line Cord	1166-BC-UK
1166/2166/3166 External Battery Charger. Includes PSU and US Line Cord	1166-BC-US
1166/2166/3166 External Battery Charger. Includes PSU and EU Line Cord	1166-BC-EU
1166/2166/3166 External Battery Charger. Includes PSU and AUS/NZ Line Cord	1166-BC-AU-NZ
Spare Battery - Rechargeable Lithium Polymer for 1166/2166/3166 UHF Reader	1166-00-BA-3000

### TSL RFID Apps

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[RFID Explorer  
www.tsl.com/apps/rfid-explorer](http://www.tsl.com/apps/rfid-explorer)
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[RFID Tag Finder  
www.tsl.com/apps/rfid-tag-finder](http://www.tsl.com/apps/rfid-tag-finder)
- 
[RFID Web Wedge  
www.tsl.com/apps/rfid-web-wedge](http://www.tsl.com/apps/rfid-web-wedge)
- 
[RFID Scan Scan Write  
www.tsl.com/apps/rfid-scan-scan-write](http://www.tsl.com/apps/rfid-scan-scan-write)
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[TSL Reader Configuration  
www.tsl.com/apps/tsl-reader-configuration](http://www.tsl.com/apps/tsl-reader-configuration)

# 3166 PART NUMBERS

Countries	Part Numbers	Notes
<b>ETSI Lower Band</b>		
Albania Andorra Austria Belgium Bhutan Bosnia & Herzegovina Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Falkland Islands Finland France French Guiana	Georgia (Licence Required) Germany Greece Greenland Guernsey Guadeloupe Hungary Iceland Ireland Italy Jersey Latvia Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg Macedonia	Malta Martinique Monaco Montenegro Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Romania Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland UAE United Kingdom
	With 2D barcode imager: <a href="#">3166-ES1</a>  No barcode imager: <a href="#">3166-EX1</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ETSI Lower Band</li> <li>Operating frequency: 865 – 868 MHz</li> <li>4 Channels</li> </ul>
<b>ETSI Upper Band</b>		
Albania Austria Bulgaria Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland	France Hungary Ireland Liechtenstein* Lithuania Luxembourg Malta Moldova	North Macedonia Norway Slovakia Slovenia Sweden Switzerland* United Kingdom
	With 2D barcode imager: <a href="#">3166-ES1-UP</a>  No barcode imager: <a href="#">3166-EX1-UP</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ETSI Upper Band</li> <li>Operating frequency: 916 - 919MHz</li> <li>Each country listed may have further restrictions/requirements - the latest GS1 list (that TSL is aware of at date of publication) is: <a href="#">Overview of UHF Frequency Allocations (November 2022)</a></li> </ul>
<small>*Limited implementation of 2018/1538/EU</small>		
<b>FCC</b>		
Bangladesh Canada Colombia Ecuador El Salvador	Guam Guatemala Northern Mariana Islands Puerto Rico United States of America	
	With 2D barcode imager: <a href="#">3166-AS1-US</a>  No barcode imager: <a href="#">3166-AX1-US</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FCC</li> <li>Operating frequency: 902 – 928 MHz</li> <li>50 Channels</li> </ul>
Australia and New Zealand	<a href="#">3166-AS1-AU-NZ</a> <a href="#">3166-AX1-AU-NZ</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operating frequency: 918 – 926 MHz (TBC)</li> <li>12 Channels (TBC)</li> </ul>

If you are interested in purchasing for a country/region that is not listed above, please contact [enquiries@tsl.com](mailto:enquiries@tsl.com) for assistance.

## ABOUT TSL



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Technology Solutions UK Ltd (TSL), part of HID, is a leading manufacturer of high performance mobile RFID readers used to identify and track products, assets, data or personnel.

For over two decades, TSL has delivered innovative data capture solutions to Fortune 500 companies around the world using a global network of distributors and system integrators. Specialist in-house teams design all aspects of the finished products and software ecosystems, including electronics, firmware, application development tools, RF design and injection mould tooling.

TSL is an ISO 9001:2015 certified company.



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