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Full attention must be paid to driving at all times in order to reduce the risk of an accident. Using a mobile while driving (even with a handsfree kit) causes distraction and can lead to an accident. Please comply with laws and regulations restricting the use of wireless devices while driving.



Switch off the terminal or mobile before boarding an aircraft. The operation of wireless appliances in an aircraft is forbidden to prevent interference with communication systems. If there is an Airplane Mode, it should be enabled prior to boarding an aircraft. Please consult the airline staff for more restrictions on the use of wireless devices on an aircraft.



Wireless devices may cause interference on sensitive medical equipment, so please be aware of the restrictions on the use of wireless devices when in hospitals, clinics or other healthcare facilities.



Terminals or mobiles operating over radio signal and cellular network cannot be guaranteed to connect in certain conditions, such as when the mobile bill is unpaid or the (U)SIM card is invalid. When emergency help is needed in such conditions, use emergency call if the device supports it. In order to make or receive a call, the terminal or mobile must be switched on in a service area with adequate cellular signal strength. In an emergency, the device with emergency call function cannot be used as the only contact method considering network connection cannot be guaranteed under all circumstances.



The terminal or mobile contains a transceiver. When it is ON, it receives and transmits radio frequency signals. RF interference can occur if it is used close to TV sets, radios, computers or other electric equipment.



In locations with explosive or potentially explosive atmospheres, obey all posted signs and turn off wireless devices such as mobile phone or other terminals. Areas with explosive or potentially explosive atmospheres include fueling areas, below decks on boats, fuel or chemical transfer or storage facilities, and areas where the air contains chemicals or particles such as grain, dust or metal powders.

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1 Introduction

This document defines RG520N-AT module and describes its air interfaces and hardware interfaces which are connected with your applications.

It can help you quickly understand interface specifications, electrical and mechanical details, as well as other related information of the module. The document, coupled with application notes and user guides, makes it easy to design and set up mobile applications with the module.

1.1. Special Marks

Table 1: Special Marks

| Mark | Definition |
|-------|--|
| * | Unless otherwise specified, when an asterisk (*) is used after a function, feature, interface, pin name, AT command, or argument, it indicates that the function, feature, interface, pin, AT command, or argument is under development and currently not supported; and the asterisk (*) after a model indicates that the sample of the model is currently unavailable. |
| [...] | Brackets [...] used after a pin enclosing a range of numbers indicate all pins of the same type. For example, SDIO_DATA[0:3] refers to all four SDIO pins: SDIO_DATA0, SDIO_DATA1, SDIO_DATA2, and SDIO_DATA3. |

2 Product Overview

RG520N-AT is 5G NR/LTE wireless communication module, which provides data connectivity on 5G NR SA and NSA, LTE-FDD networks. It also provides GNSS to meet your specific application demands.

RG520N-AT is an industrial-grade module for industrial and commercial applications only.

The following table shows a brief introduction to the module. For CA and EN-DC configurations, see **document [1]**.

Table 2: Brief Introduction

| Categories | |
|------------|---|
| Package | LGA |
| Pin counts | 392 |
| Dimensions | (44.0 \pm 0.2) mm \times (41.0 \pm 0.2) mm \times (2.75 \pm 0.2) mm |
| Weight | Approx. 11 g |

2.1. Frequency Bands and Functions

Table 3: Wireless Network Type

| Wireless Network Type | RG520N-AT |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5G NR | n2/n5/n12/n14/n29/n30/n66/n77 |
| LTE-FDD | B2/B5/B12/B14/B17/B29/B30/B66 |
| LTE-TDD | - |
| GNSS | GPS/GLONASS/BDS/Galileo/QZSS |

2.2. Key Features

Table 4: Key Features

| Feature | Detail |
|-------------------|---|
| Power Supply | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply voltage: 3.3–4.4 V Typical supply voltage: 3.8 V |
| SMS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text and PDU mode Point-to-point MO and MT SMS cell broadcast SMS storage: ME by default |
| (U)SIM Interfaces | Supports USIM/SIM card: 1.8/2.95 V |
| Audio Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports two digital audio interfaces: PCM and I2S* LTE: AMR/AMR-WB Supports echo cancellation and noise suppression |
| PCM Interfaces | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports two PCM interfaces, one is only used for Bluetooth audio* and the other is used for SLIC or Codec (multiplexed with I2S*) Supports 16-bit linear data format Supports long frame synchronization and short frame synchronization Supports master and slave modes, but must be in master mode for long frame synchronization |
| SPI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a duplex, synchronous and serial communication link with the peripheral devices One SPI that only supports master mode 1.8 V operation voltage with clock frequency up to 50 MHz |
| I2C Interface | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One I2C interface Comply with <i>I2C Specification, Version 3.0</i> Multi-master mode is not supported |
| I2S Interface* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports 16-bit linear data format I2S is a common 4-wire DAI used in Hi-Fi, STB and portable devices The DIN and DOUT traces are used for audio transmission, whilst the bit clock and left/right clock synchronize the link |
| USB Interface | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliant with USB 3.1 and 2.0 specifications, with maximum transmission rates up to 10 Gbps on USB 3.1 and 480 Mbps on USB 2.0 Used for AT command communication, data transmission, GNSS NMEA sentence output, software debugging, firmware upgrade and voice over USB* Supports USB serial driver: Windows 7/8/8.1/10/11, Linux 2.6–5.18, Android 4.x–13.x |
| SDIO Interface | Compliant with SD 3.0 protocol |

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| | Main UART: |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used for AT command communication Baud rate: 115200 bps by default |
| | Debug UART: |
| UART | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used for Linux console and log output Baud rate: 115200 bps |
| | Bluetooth UART*: |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used for Bluetooth communication Baud rate: 115200 bps Supports RTS and CTS hardware flow control |
| PCIe Interface | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliant with PCIe Gen 3, supports two lanes, 8 Gbps per lane Supports RC (Root Complex) mode and EP (End Point) mode Used to connect an external Ethernet IC (MAC and PHY) or Wi-Fi IC |
| eSIM | Optional |
| Network Indication | NET_MODE and NET_STATUS to indicate network connectivity status |
| AT Commands | Compliant with 3GPP TS 27.007, 27.005 and Quectel enhanced AT commands |
| Rx-diversity | 5G NR/LTE |
| Antenna Interfaces | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four cellular antenna interfaces (ANT0/ANT1/ANT2/ANT3) One GNSS antenna interface (ANT_GNSS) 50 Ω impedance |
| Transmitting Power | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTE-FDD: Class 3 (23 dBm ±2 dB) 5G NR: Class 3 (23 dBm ±2 dB) 5G NR n77 HPUE: Class 2 (26 dBm +2/-3 dB) Supports 3GPP Rel-16 Supports waveforms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uplink: CP-OFDM and DFT-s-OFDM Downlink: CP-OFDM Supports modulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uplink: π/2-BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM and 256QAM Downlink: QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM and 256QAM |
| 5G NR Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports DL 4 × 4 MIMO: n2/n5/n12/n14/n30/n66/n77 Supports UL 2 × 2 MIMO ¹: n77 Supports SCS 15 kHz ² and 30 kHz ² Bandwidth supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> n2: 5/10/15/20 MHz n5: 5/10/15/20 MHz n12: 5/10/15 MHz n14: 5/10 MHz n29: 5/10 MHz |

¹ UL 2 × 2 MIMO is only supported in 5G SA mode.

² 5G NR FDD bands only support 15 kHz SCS, and NR TDD bands only support 30 kHz SCS.

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|----------------------------|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - n30: 5/10 MHz - n66: 5/10/15/20/25/30/40 MHz - n77: 10/15/20/25/30/40/50/60/70/80/90/100 MHz ● Supports SA and NSA operation modes ● Supports n77 2T4R SRS in SA mode and 1T4R SRS in NSA mode ● Supports Option 3x, 3a, 3 and Option 2 ● Max. transmission data rates ³: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSA TDD: Max. 3.4 Gbps (DL)/550 Mbps (UL) SA TDD: Max. 2.4 Gbps (DL)/900 Mbps (UL) |
| LTE Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supports FDD ● Supports CA Categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports up to UL CA Cat 18 - Supports up to DL CA Cat 19 ● Supports 1.4/3/5/10/15/20 MHz RF bandwidths ● Supports UL and DL QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM and 256QAM modulations ● Supports DL 4 × 4 MIMO: B2/B5/B12/B14/B17/B30/B66 ● Max. transmission data rates ³: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTE: 1.6 Gbps (DL)/200 Mbps (UL) |
| Internet Protocol Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supports NITZ, PING and QMI protocols ● Supports PAP and CHAP for PPP connections |
| GNSS Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supports dual-band GNSS: L1 and L5 ● Supports GPS, GLONASS, BDS, Galileo and QZSS ● Protocol: NMEA 0183 ● Data update rate: 1 Hz by default |
| Temperature Ranges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Operating temperature range ⁴: -30 to +75 °C ● Extended temperature range ⁵: -40 to +85 °C ● Storage temperature range: -40 to +90 °C |
| Firmware Upgrade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● USB interface or FOTA for firmware upgrade |
| RoHS | All hardware components are fully compliant with EU RoHS directive |

³ The maximum rates are theoretical and the actual values depend on the network configuration.

⁴ To meet this operating temperature range, you need to ensure effective thermal dissipation, for example, by adding passive or active heatsinks, heat pipes, vapor chambers, etc. Within this range, the module can meet 3GPP specifications.

⁵ To meet this extended temperature range, you need to ensure effective thermal dissipation, for example, by adding passive or active heatsinks, heat pipes, vapor chambers, etc. Within this range, the module remains the ability to establish and maintain functions such as voice, SMS, without any unrecoverable malfunction. Radio spectrum and radio network are not influenced, while one or more specifications, such as P_{out} , may undergo a reduction in value, exceeding the specified tolerances of 3GPP. When the temperature returns to the normal operating temperature level, the module will meet 3GPP specifications again.

2.3. Functional Diagram

The following figure shows a block diagram of the module and illustrates the major functional parts.

- Power management
- Baseband
- DDR + NAND flash
- Radio frequency
- Peripheral interfaces

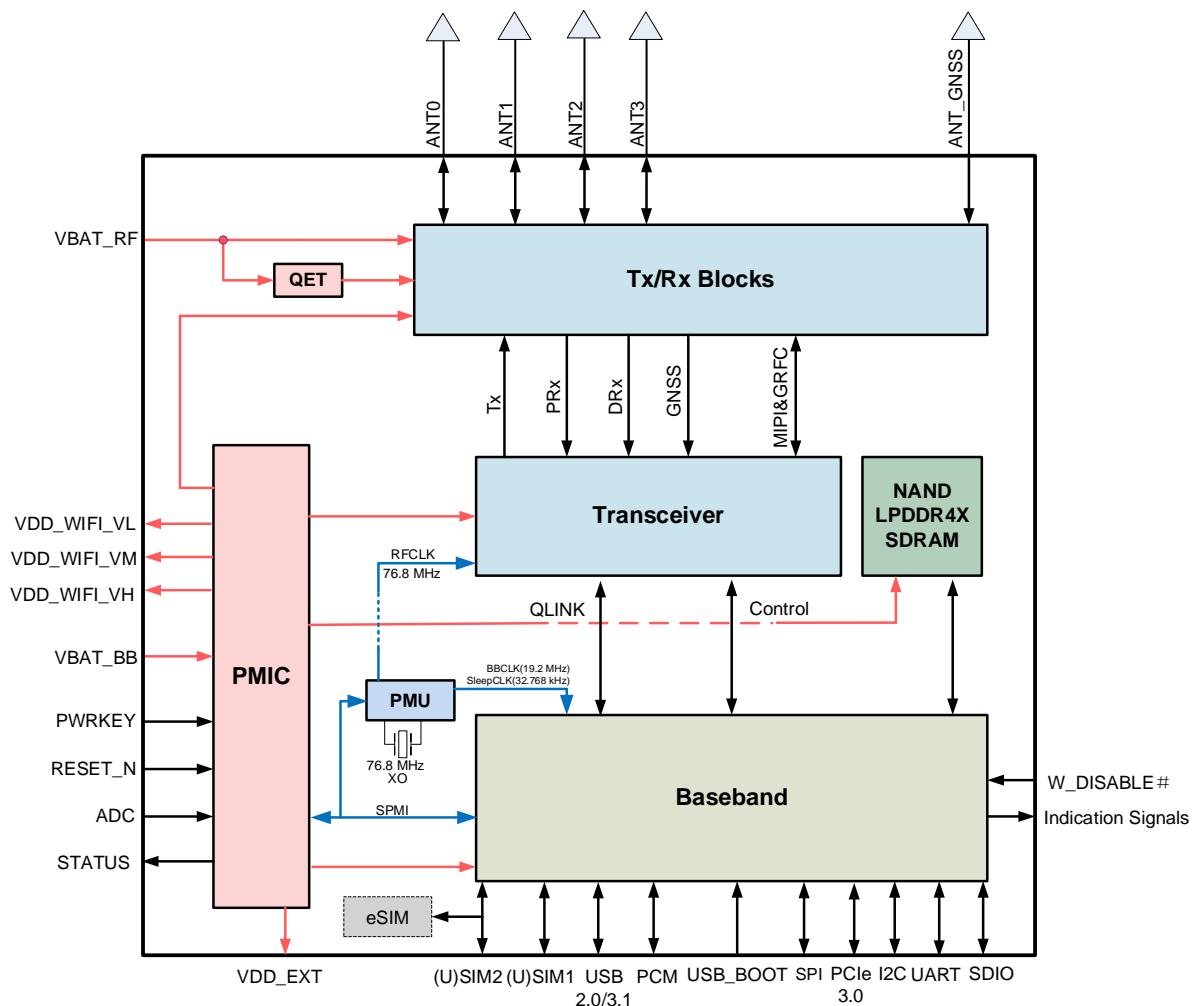


Figure 1: Functional Diagram

2.4. Pin Assignment

The following figure illustrates the pin assignment of the module.

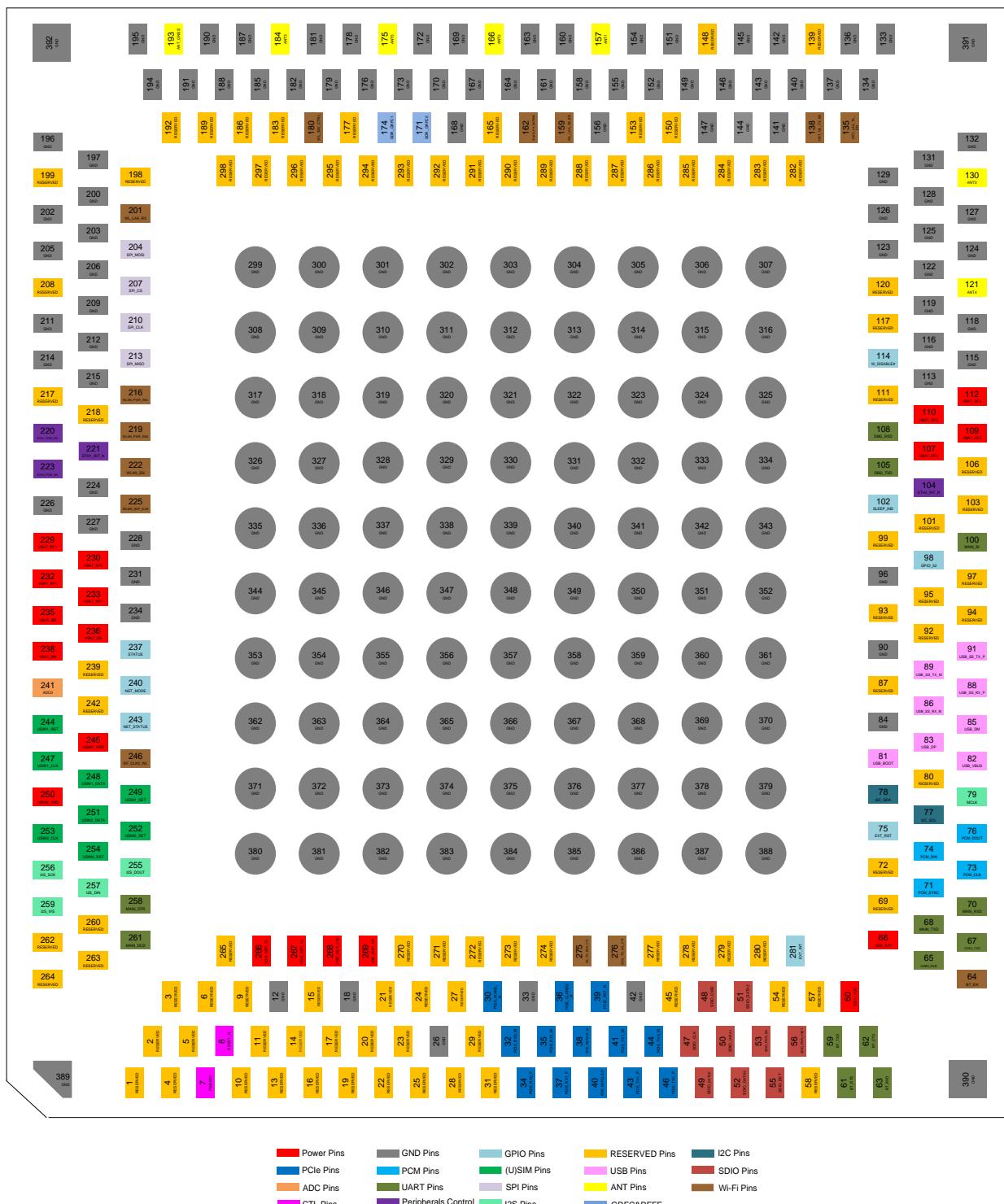


Figure 2: Pin Assignment (Top View)

NOTE

1. Keep all RESERVED or unused pins unconnected.
2. All GND pins should be connected to ground.

2.5. Pin Description

The following table shows the DC characteristics and pin descriptions.

Table 5: I/O Parameters Definition

| Type | Description |
|------|----------------------|
| AI | Analog Input |
| AO | Analog Output |
| AIO | Analog Input/Output |
| DI | Digital Input |
| DO | Digital Output |
| DIO | Digital Input/Output |
| OD | Open Drain |
| PI | Power Input |
| PO | Power Output |

DC characteristics include power domain and rate current.

Table 6: Pin Description

| Power Supply | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|-----|---|--|---------|
| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
| VBAT_BB | 235, 236, 238 | PI | Power supply for the module's baseband part | Vmax = 4.4 V Vmin = 3.3 V Vnom = 3.8 V | |

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----|---|--|--|
| VBAT_RF1 | 229, 230, 232, 233 | PI | Power supply for the module's RF part | Vmax = 4.4 V Vmin = 3.3 V Vnom = 3.8 V | |
| VBAT_RF2 ⁶ | 107, 109, 110, 112 | PI | Power supply for the module's RF part | Vmax = 4.4 V Vmin = 3.3 V Vnom = 3.8 V | |
| VDD_WIFI_VL | 266, 267 | PO | Provides 0.95 V for Wi-Fi/Bluetooth modules | Vnom = 0.95 V I _{max} = 1.7 A | |
| VDD_WIFI_VM | 268 | PO | Provides 1.28 V for Wi-Fi/Bluetooth modules | Vmax = 1.35 V Vnom = 1.28 V I _{max} = 400 mA | Power supply for Wi-Fi/Bluetooth modules. |
| VDD_WIFI_VH | 269 | PO | Provides 1.88 V for Wi-Fi/Bluetooth modules | Vnom = 1.88 V I _{max} = 400 mA | |
| VDD_EXT | 66 | PO | Provides 1.8 V for external circuits | Vnom = 1.8 V I _{max} = 50 mA | Power supply for external GPIO's pull-up circuits. A test point is recommended to be reserved. |
| GND | | | | 12, 18, 26, 33, 42, 84, 90, 96, 113, 115, 116, 118, 119, 122–129, 131–134, 136, 137, 140–147, 149, 151, 152, 154–156, 158, 160, 161, 163, 164, 167–170, 172, 173, 176, 178, 179, 181, 182, 185, 187, 188, 190, 191, 194–197, 200, 202, 203, 205, 206, 209, 211, 212, 214, 215, 224, 226, 227, 228, 231, 234, 299–392 | |

Turn On/Off

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------------------|--------------------|---|
| PWRKEY | 7 | DI | Turns on/off the module | 1.8 V high level | Internally pulled up to 1.8 V. |
| RESET_N | 8 | DI | Resets the module | 1.8 V | Internally pulled up to 1.8 V with a 40 kΩ resistor. A test point is recommended to be reserved if unused. |

Status Indication

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------|--------------------|---------|
| | | | | | |

⁶ VBAT_RF2 should be connected to an external VBAT power supply while Power Class 1.5 (optional) is designed; otherwise, it is only used to connect decoupling capacitors.

| | | | |
|------------|-----|----|--|
| STATUS | 237 | DO | Indicates the module's operation status |
| NET_MODE | 240 | DO | Indicates the module's network registration mode |
| NET_STATUS | 243 | DO | Indicates the module's network activity status |
| SLEEP_IND | 102 | DO | Indicates the module's sleep mode |

USB Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|-------------|---------|-----|---------------------------------|---|--|
| USB_VBUS | 82 | AI | USB connection detect | Vmax = 5.25 V Vmin = 3.3 V Vnom = 5.0 V | For USB connection detect only. A test point must be reserved. |
| USB_DP | 83 | AIO | USB 2.0 differential data (+) | | Requires differential impedance of 90 Ω. USB 2.0 compliant. |
| USB_DM | 85 | AIO | USB 2.0 differential data (-) | | Test points must be reserved. |
| USB_SS_TX_P | 91 | AO | USB 3.1 SuperSpeed transmit (+) | | |
| USB_SS_TX_M | 89 | AO | USB 3.1 SuperSpeed transmit (-) | | Requires differential impedance of 85 Ω. USB 3.1 Gen 2 compliant. |
| USB_SS_RX_P | 88 | AI | USB 3.1 SuperSpeed receive (+) | | |
| USB_SS_RX_M | 86 | AI | USB 3.1 SuperSpeed receive (-) | | |

(U)SIM Interfaces

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|-----------|---------|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| USIM1_VDD | 245 | PO | (U)SIM1 card power supply | 1.8/2.95 V | |

| | | | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| USIM1_DATA | 248 | DIO | (U)SIM1 card data | | |
| USIM1_CLK | 247 | DO | (U)SIM1 card clock | USIM1_VDD 1.8/2.95 V | |
| USIM1_RST | 244 | DO | (U)SIM1 card reset | | |
| USIM1_DET | 249 | DI | (U)SIM1 card hot-plug detect | 1.8 V | If unused, keep it open. |
| USIM2_VDD | 250 | PO | (U)SIM2 card power supply | 1.8/2.95 V | |
| USIM2_DATA | 251 | DIO | (U)SIM2 card data | | |
| USIM2_CLK | 253 | DO | (U)SIM2 card clock | USIM2_VDD 1.8/2.95 V | |
| USIM2_RST | 254 | DO | (U)SIM2 card reset | | |
| USIM2_DET | 252 | DI | (U)SIM2 card hot-plug detect | 1.8 V | If unused, keep it open. |

Main UART

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|-----------|---------|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| MAIN_TXD | 68 | DO | Main UART transmit | | |
| MAIN_RXD | 70 | DI | Main UART receive | | |
| MAIN_RI | 100 | DO | Main UART ring indication | 1.8 V | |
| MAIN_DTR | 258 | DI | Main UART data terminal ready | | |
| MAIN_DCD* | 261 | DO | Main UART data carrier detect | | |

Bluetooth UART*

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| BT_TXD | 59 | DO | Bluetooth UART transmit | | |
| BT_RXD | 63 | DI | Bluetooth UART receive | 1.8 V | |
| BT_RTS | 61 | DI | Request to send signal to the module | | Connect to the peripheral's RTS. |

| | | | | |
|--------|----|----|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BT_CTS | 62 | DO | Clear to send signal from the module | Connect to the peripheral's CTS. |
|--------|----|----|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|

Debug UART

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| DBG_RXD | 108 | DI | Debug UART receive | 1.8 V | Test points must be reserved. |
| DBG_TXD | 105 | DO | Debug UART transmit | | |

I2C Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|------------------|--------------------|--|
| I2C_SCL | 77 | OD | I2C serial clock | | Pull each of them up to VDD_EXT with an external 4.7 kΩ resistor. If unused, keep them open. |
| I2C_SDA | 78 | OD | I2C serial data | 1.8 V | |

I2S Interface*

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| I2S_WS | 259 | DIO | I2S word select | | In master mode, it is an output signal. In slave mode, it is an input signal. |
| I2S_SCK | 256 | DIO | I2S clock | 1.8 V | In master mode, it is an output signal. In slave mode, it is an input signal. |
| I2S_DIN | 257 | DI | I2S data in | | |
| I2S_DOUT | 255 | DO | I2S data out | | |
| MCLK | 79 | DO | Master clock output for codec | | If unused, keep it open. |

PCM Interface*

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| PCM_SYNC | 71 | DIO | PCM data frame sync | 1.8 V | Only used for Bluetooth audio. |

| PCM_CLK | 73 | DIO | PCM clock | If unused, keep them open. |
|-----------------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|---|
| PCM_DIN | 74 | DI | PCM data input | |
| PCM_DOUT | 76 | DO | PCM data output | |
| PCIe Interface | | | | |
| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics |
| PCIE_REFCLK_P | 40 | AIO | PCIe reference clock (+) | In root complex mode, it is an output signal. |
| PCIE_REFCLK_M | 38 | AIO | PCIe reference clock (-) | In endpoint mode, it is an input signal. Requires differential impedance of 85 Ω. |
| PCIE_TX0_M | 44 | AO | PCIe transmit 0 (-) | |
| PCIE_TX0_P | 46 | AO | PCIe transmit 0 (+) | |
| PCIE_TX1_M | 41 | AO | PCIe transmit 1 (-) | |
| PCIE_TX1_P | 43 | AO | PCIe transmit 1 (+) | Requires differential impedance of 85 Ω. |
| PCIE_RX0_M | 32 | AI | PCIe receive 0 (-) | |
| PCIE_RX0_P | 34 | AI | PCIe receive 0 (+) | |
| PCIE_RX1_M | 35 | AI | PCIe receive 1 (-) | |
| PCIE_RX1_P | 37 | AI | PCIe receive 1 (+) | |
| PCIE_CLKREQ_N | 36 | OD | PCIe clock request | In root complex mode, it is an input signal. |
| PCIE_RST_N | 39 | DIO | PCIe reset | 1.8 V In root complex mode, it is an output signal. |
| PCIE_WAKE_N | 30 | OD | PCIe wake up | In endpoint mode, it is an input signal. |
| | | | | In root complex mode, it is an input signal. |

In endpoint mode, it is an output signal.

WWAN/WLAN Application Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|---------------|---------|-----|--|--------------------|--|
| COEX_RXD | 65 | DI | Coexistence UART receive | | Only for Qualcomm platform. Signal interface used for WWAN/WLAN coexistence mechanism. Pin 65 can be multiplexed into SDX2AP_E911 function. |
| COEX_TXD | 67 | DO | Coexistence UART transmit | | Pin 67 can be multiplexed into SDX2AP_STATUS function. For details, contact Quectel Technical Support. |
| HST_LAA_TX_EN | 135 | DO | Notifies LAA/n79 transmission from SDR transceiver to WLAN | 1.8 V | This pin is used for the coexistence of n79 and Wi-Fi 5 GHz. If n79 is needed in your future project with Quectel modules, then this pin should be reserved; otherwise, keep it unconnected. |
| HST_WL_TX_EN | 138 | DI | Notifies WLAN transmission from WLAN to SDR transceiver | | |
| WLAN_PWR_EN1 | 216 | DO | Controls WLAN PA power | | |
| WLAN_PWR_EN2 | 219 | DO | Controls other power of WLAN | | |

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|----|---|---|
| BT_EN | 64 | DO | Bluetooth enable control | |
| WLAN_EN | 222 | DO | WLAN function enable control | |
| WL_SW_CTRL | 180 | DI | 76.8 MHz system clock request | |
| WLAN_SLP_CLK | 225 | AO | 32.768 kHz sleep clock output | |
| RF_CLK3_WL | 246 | AO | 76.8 MHz system clock output | Vmax = 1.08 V Vnom = 1.05 V Vmin = 1.02 V |
| SDX_TO_WL_CTI | 276 | DO | - | Not used by default. Keep it open. |
| WLAN_PA_MUTING | 162 | DO | GPIO from SDX to disable WLAN PA | |
| WL_LAA_AS_EN | 159 | DO | GPIO allows SDR to power on monitoring for WCN when WLAN is sleeping or disabled. | |
| WL_LAA_RX | 201 | DO | Additionally, the control logic in WLAN AON domain allows SDR to control 5G WLAN xLNA (LNA in FEMs). SoC signal to set 5G xLNA to high gains or high isolation when both chains (LAA and 5G WLAN) are active simultaneously. No individual control for each chain. | 1.8 V |
| WL_TO_SDX_CTI | 275 | DI | - | Not used by default. Keep it open. |

SDIO Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------|----|---------|
| | | | | | |

| Characteristics | | | | |
|-----------------|----|-----|--------------------------|--|
| SDIO_VDD | 60 | PI | SDIO power supply | 1.8/2.95 V configurable input. If unused, connect it to VDD_EXT. |
| SDIO_DATA0 | 49 | DIO | SDIO data bit 0 | |
| SDIO_DATA1 | 50 | DIO | SDIO data bit 1 | |
| SDIO_DATA2 | 51 | DIO | SDIO data bit 2 | The power domain of SDIO pins depends on SDIO_VDD. |
| SDIO_DATA3 | 52 | DIO | SDIO data bit 3 | |
| SDIO_CMD | 48 | DIO | SDIO command | If unused, keep them open. |
| SDIO_CLK | 47 | DO | SDIO clock | |
| SDIO_PWR_EN | 53 | DO | SDIO power supply enable | |
| SDIO_PWR_VSET | 56 | DO | SDIO power domain set | |
| SDIO_DET | 55 | DI | SD card detect | 1.8 V Pull it up to VDD_EXT with a 470 kΩ resistor. If unused, keep it open. |

Antenna Interfaces

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----|---|-----------------|
| Antenna 0 interface: | | | | |
| ANT0 | 130 | AIO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5G NR: n77 TRX0 - LTE: LMB_TRX0 & HB_DRX - Rearmed: LMB_TRX0 & HB_TRX1 | |
| Antenna 1 interface: | | | | |
| ANT1 | 157 | AIO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5G NR: n77 DRX MIMO - LTE: LMB_PRX MIMO & HB_DRX - Rearmed: LMB_PRX MIMO & HB_DRX MIMO | 50 Ω impedance. |
| Antenna 2 interface: | | | | |
| ANT2 | 166 | AIO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5G NR: n77 PRX MIMO - LTE: LMB_DRX MIMO & HB_PRX MIMO | |

| | | | |
|----------|-----|-----|---|
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refarmed: LMB_DRX MIMO & HB_PRX MIMO |
| | | | Antenna 3 interface: |
| ANT3 | 184 | AI0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5G NR: n77 TRX1 - LTE: LMB_TRX1 & HB_TRX0 - Refarmed: LMB_TRX1 & HB_TRX0 |
| ANT_GNSS | 193 | AI | GNSS antenna interface: |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - L1/L5 |

Antenna Tuner Control Interfaces*

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|-----------|---------|-----|--|--------------------|----------------------------|
| SDR_GRFC0 | 171 | DO | GRFC interfaces dedicated for external antenna tuner control | | |
| SDR_GRFC1 | 174 | DO | | 1.8 V | If unused, keep them open. |

SPI

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| SPI_CLK | 210 | DO | SPI clock | | |
| SPI_CS | 207 | DO | SPI chip select | | |
| SPI_MISO | 213 | DI | SPI master-in slave-out | 1.8 V | Only master mode is supported. |
| SPI_MOSI | 204 | DO | SPI master-out slave-in | | |

ADC Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| ADC0 | 241 | AI | General-purpose ADC interface | Voltage range: 0–1.875 V | |

Time Service and Repeater Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|--|--------------------|--|
| GPIO_32 | 98 | DO | Supports time service and repeater functions; supports 1PPS pulse output and frame | 1.8 V | <p>The pin can be multiplexed into AP2SDX_STATUS function.</p> <p>For details, contact Quectel Technical</p> |

synchronization

Support.

Other Interface Pins

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|-------------|---------|-----|--|--------------------|---|
| USB_BOOT | 81 | DI | Forces the module into emergency download mode | | A test point is recommended to be reserved. |
| EXT_RST | 75 | DO | External audio reset | | |
| EXT_INT | 281 | DI | External audio interrupt | | |
| W_DISABLE# | 114 | DI | Airplane mode control | | |
| ETH1_PWR_EN | 220 | DO | Ethernet PHY 1 power enable | 1.8 V | |
| ETH2_PWR_EN | 223 | DO | Ethernet PHY 2 power enable | | |
| ETH1_INT_N | 221 | DI | Interrupts input from Ethernet PHY 1 | | |
| ETH2_INT_N | 104 | DI | Interrupts input from Ethernet PHY 2 | | |

RESERVED Pins

| Pin Name | Pin No. | Comment |
|----------|---|------------------------------|
| RESERVED | 1–6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 45, 54, 57, 58, 69, 72, 80, 87, 92–95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 106, 111, 117, 120, 139, 148, 150, 153, 165, 177, 183, 186, 189, 192, 198, 199, 208, 217, 218, 239, 242, 260, 262–265, 270, 271–273, 274, 277–280, 282–298 | Keep these pins unconnected. |

NOTE

RG520N-AT has 5 antenna interfaces (ANT0/ANT1/ANT2/ANT3 + ANT_GNSS).

2.6. EVB Kit

To help you develop applications with the module, Quectel supplies two evaluation boards (5G EVB and RTA001-EV EVB) with accessories to develop or test the module. For more details, see **document [2]**.

NOTE

If QPS615 is matched, please choose RTA001-EV EVB for verification.

3 Operating Characteristics

3.1. Operating Modes

The table below outlines operating modes of the module.

Table 7: Overview of Operating Modes

| Mode | Details |
|----------------------------|--|
| Full Functionality Mode | Idle Software is active. The module is registered on the network and ready to send and receive data. |
| | Voice/Data Network connection is ongoing. In this mode, the power consumption is decided by network setting and data transmission rate. |
| Minimum Functionality Mode | AT+CFUN=0 can set the module to a minimum functionality mode. In this mode, both RF function and (U)SIM card are invalid. |
| Airplane Mode | AT+CFUN=4 or driving W_DISABLE# low can set the module to airplane mode. In this mode, RF function is invalid. |
| Sleep Mode | In this mode, current consumption of the module is reduced to the minimal level. In this mode, the module can still receive paging, SMS, voice call and TCP/UDP data from network. |
| Power Down Mode | In this mode, the VBAT power supply is constantly turned on and the software stops working. |

NOTE

For more details about AT command, see [document \[3\]](#).

3.2. Sleep Mode

DRX of the module is able to reduce the current consumption to a minimum value during sleep mode. The diagram below illustrates the relationship between the DRX run time and the current consumption of the module in this mode.

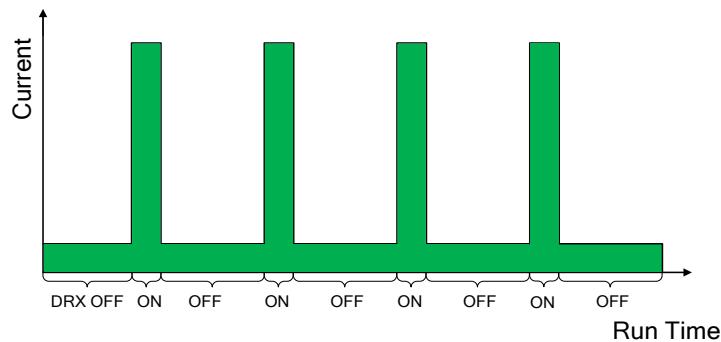


Figure 3: DRX Run Time and Current Consumption in Sleep Mode

3.2.1. UART Application Scenario

If MCU communicates with the module via UART, the following two preconditions should be met to set the module to sleep mode:

- Execute **AT+QSCLK=1** to enable sleep mode.
- Drive **MAIN_DTR** high.

The figure illustrates the connection between the module and MCU.

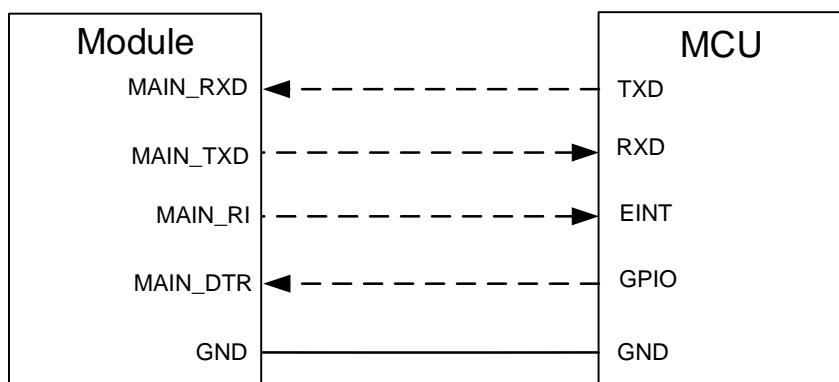


Figure 4: Sleep Mode Application via UART

- Driving **MAIN_DTR** low with the host will wake up the module.

- When the module has a URC to report, MAIN_RI signal will wake up the host. See **Chapter 4.14** for details about RI behavior.

3.2.2. USB Application Scenario

3.2.2.1. USB Application with USB Remote Wakeup Function

If the host supports USB suspend/resume and remote wakeup function, the following three preconditions can make the module enter the sleep mode.

- Execute **AT+QSCLK=1** to enable sleep mode.
- Ensure MAIN_DTR is held at high level or keep it open.
- Ensure the host's USB bus, which is connected with the module's USB interface, enters suspend state.

The following figure illustrates the connection between the module and the host.

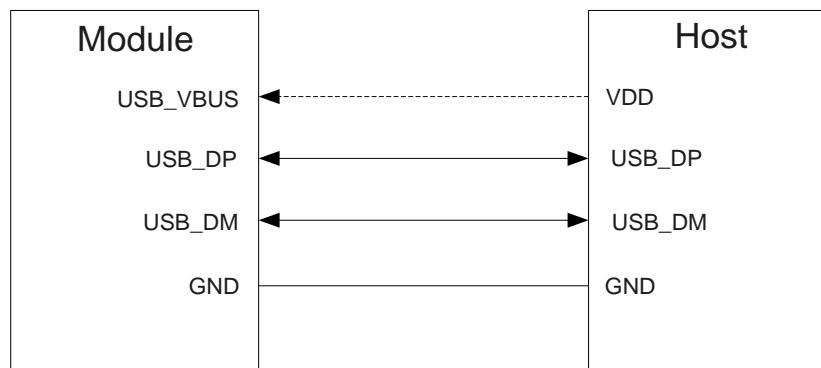


Figure 5: Sleep Mode Application with USB Remote Wakeup

- Sending data to the module through USB will wake up the module.
- When the module has a URC to report, the module will send remote wake-up signals through USB bus to wake up the host.

3.2.2.2. USB Application with USB Suspend/Resume and MAIN_RI Function

If the host supports USB suspend/resume, but does not support remote wakeup function, the MAIN_RI signal is needed to wake up the host.

In this case, the following three preconditions can make the module enter the sleep mode.

- Execute **AT+QSCLK=1** to enable sleep mode.
- Ensure **MAIN_DTR** is held at a high level or keep it open.
- Ensure the host's USB bus, which is connected with the module's USB interface, enters suspend state.

The following figure illustrates the connection between the module and the host.

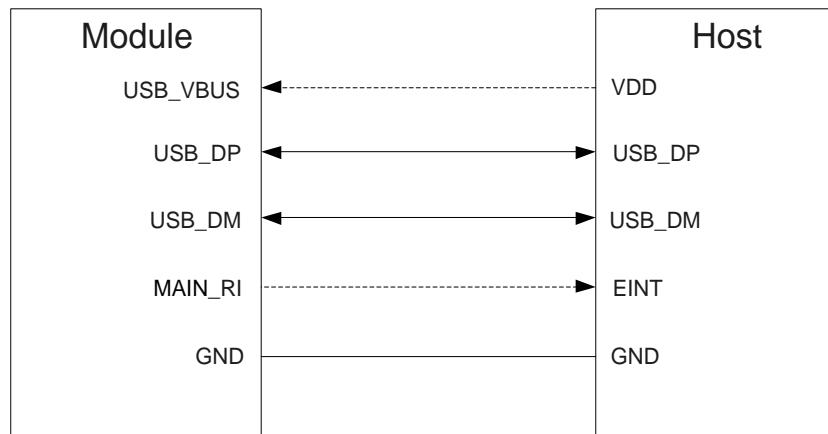


Figure 6: Sleep Mode Application with MAIN_RI

- Sending data to the module through USB will wake up the module.
- When the module has a URC to report, the **MAIN_RI** signal will wake up the host.

3.2.2.3.USB Application without USB Suspend Function

If the host does not support USB suspend function, disconnect **USB_VBUS** with an external control circuit to make the module enter sleep mode.

- Execute **AT+QSCLK=1** to enable sleep mode.
- Ensure the **MAIN_DTR** is held at a high level or keep it open.
- Disconnect **USB_VBUS**.

The figure illustrates the connection between the module and the host.

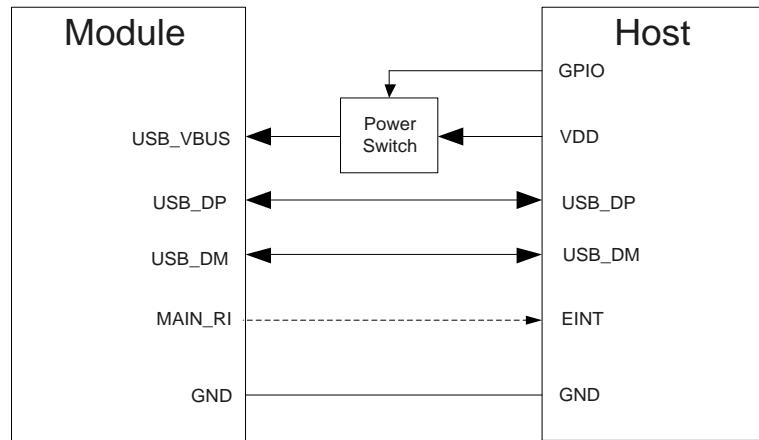


Figure 7: Sleep Mode Application without Suspend Function

Turning on the power switch and supplying power to USB_VBUS will wake up the module.

NOTE

Pay attention to the level match shown in dotted line between the module and the host.

3.3. Airplane Mode

When the module enters airplane mode, the RF function will be disabled, and all AT commands related to it will be inaccessible. This mode can be set via the following ways.

3.3.1. Hardware

The W_DISABLE# pin is pulled up by default. Driving it low will set the module to airplane mode.

3.3.2. Software

AT+CFUN=<fun> provides choices of the functionality level by setting <fun> into 0, 1 or 4.

- **AT+CFUN=0:** Minimum functionality. Both RF and (U)SIM functions are disabled.
- **AT+CFUN=1:** Full functionality mode (default).
- **AT+CFUN=4:** Airplane mode. RF function is disabled.

NOTE

The execution of **AT+CFUN** will not affect GNSS function.

3.4. Power Supply

3.4.1. Power Supply Pins

The module provides 11 VBAT pins dedicated to the connection with the external power supply. There are 3 separate voltage domains for VBAT.

- 4 VBAT_RF1 pins and 4 VBAT_RF2 pins for RF part.
- 3 VBAT_BB pins for baseband part.

Table 8: Pin Definition of Power Supply

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----|---|------|------|------|------|
| VBAT_BB | 235, 236, 238 | PI | Power supply for the module's baseband part | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.4 | V |
| VBAT_RF1 | 229, 230, 232, 233 | PI | Power supply for the module's RF part | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.4 | V |
| VBAT_RF2 ⁷ | 107, 109, 110, 112 | PI | Power supply for the module's RF part | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.4 | V |

3.4.2. Reference Design for Power Supply

The performance of the module largely depends on the power supply design. The continuous current of the power supply should be 3 A at least and the peak current should be 4 A at least.

The following figure shows a reference design for +5 V input power source. The designed output of the power supply is about 3.8 V.

⁷ VBAT_RF2 should be connected to an external VBAT power supply when Power Class 1.5 (optional) is designed; otherwise, it is only used to connect decoupling capacitors.

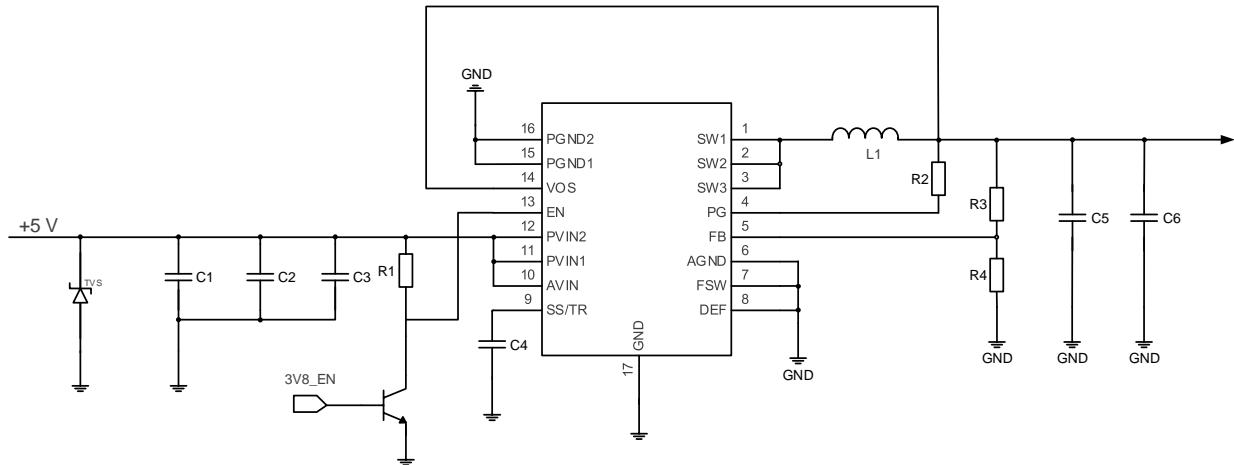


Figure 8: Reference Design of Power Supply

NOTE

1. To avoid corrupting the data in the internal flash, do not switch off the power supply when the module works normally. Only after the module is turned off with PWRKEY or AT command, the power supply can be cut off.
2. If you turn off the module by cutting off the power supply, do not power on the module until the power drops to 0 V, or there is a risk that the module cannot be turned on.

3.4.3. Power Supply Voltage Monitoring

AT+CBC can monitor the VBAT_BB voltage value.

3.4.4. Voltage Stability Requirements

The power supply range of the module is from 3.3 V to 4.4 V. Please make sure the input voltage will never drop below 3.3 V.

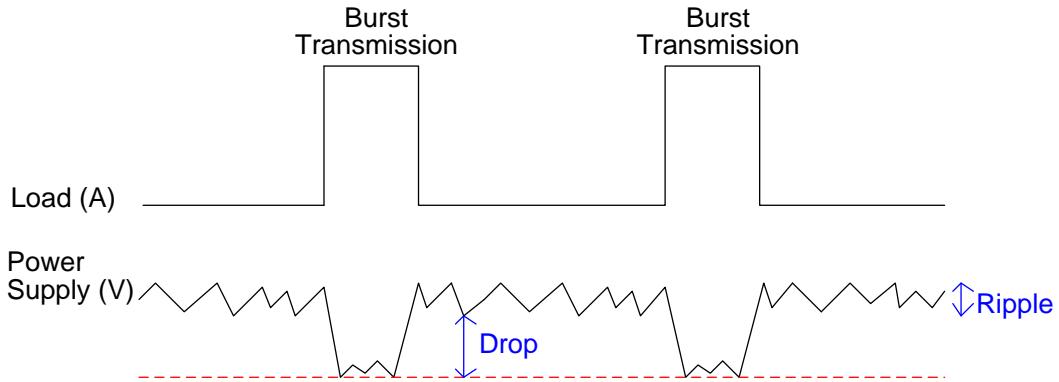


Figure 9: Power Supply Limits during Burst Transmission

To decrease the voltage drop, use a decoupling capacitor of about 100 μ F with low ESR and reserve a decoupling capacitor of about 100 μ F. In addition, a multi-layer ceramic chip (MLCC) capacitor array should also be reserved due to its ultra-low ESR. It is recommended to use 16 ceramic capacitors for composing the MLCC array, and place these capacitors close to VBAT pins. The main power supply from an external application must be a single voltage source and can be expanded to two sub paths with the star structure. The width of VBAT_BB trace should be not less than 2 mm and the width of VBAT_RF1 and VBAT_RF2 trace should be not less than 2 mm. In principle, the longer the VBAT trace is, the wider it should be.

In addition, in order to ensure the stability of the power supply, it is necessary to add a high-power TVS at the front end of the power supply. Reference circuit is shown as below:

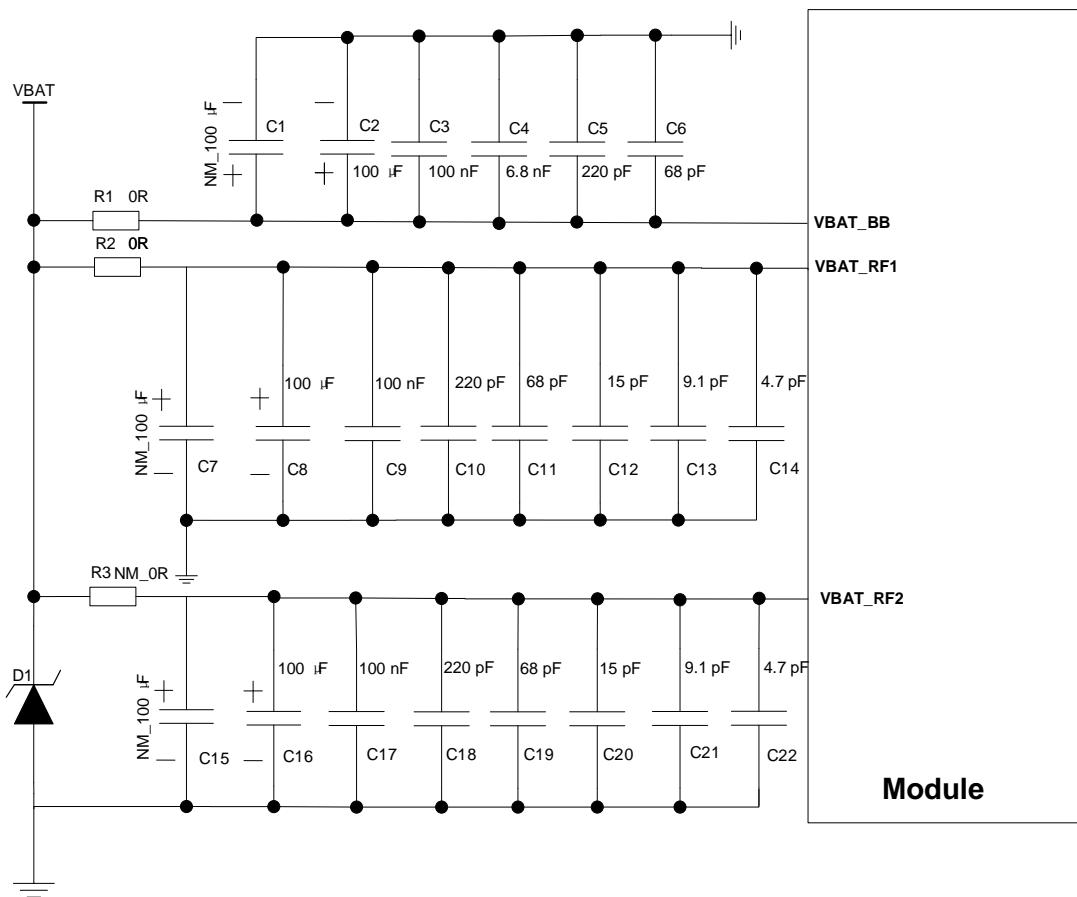


Figure 10: Star Structure of the Power Supply

NOTE

1. Filter capacitors for VBAT_BB include 100 μ F, 100 nF, 6.8 nF, 220 pF and 68 pF, and a 100 μ F is reserved.
2. Filter capacitors for VBAT_RF1 and VBAT_RF2 respectively include 100 μ F, 100 nF, 220 pF, 68 pF, 15 pF, 9.1 pF and 4.7 pF, and a 100 μ F is reserved.
3. R3 needs to be reserved since VBAT_RF2 should be connected to an external VBAT power supply when Power Class 1.5 (optional) is designed.

3.5. Turn On

3.5.1. Turn On with PWRKEY

Table 9: Pin Definition of PWRKEY

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PWRKEY | 7 | DI | Turns on/off the module | Internally pulled up to 1.8 V. |

When the module is in power off mode, it can be turned on by driving PWRKEY low for at least 500 ms. It is recommended to use an open-drain/open-collector driver to control PWRKEY. After STATUS pin outputs a high level, PWRKEY can be released.

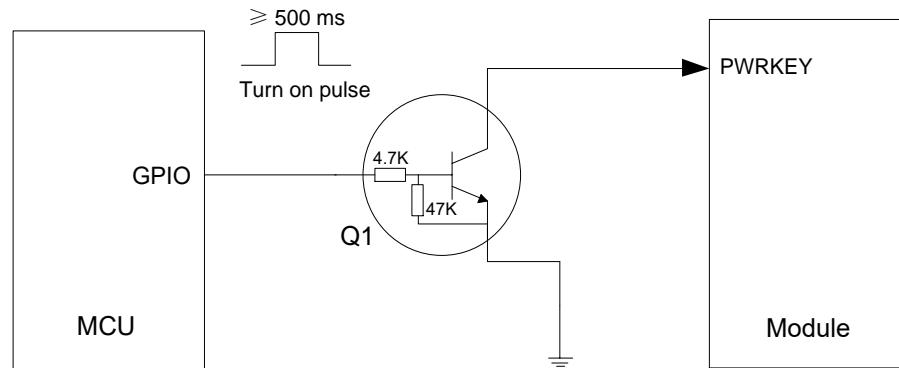


Figure 11: Reference Circuit of Turning on the Module with Driving Circuit

Another way to control PWRKEY is by using a button directly. When pressing the button, an electrostatic strike may generate from finger. Therefore, a TVS component shall be placed near the button for ESD protection.

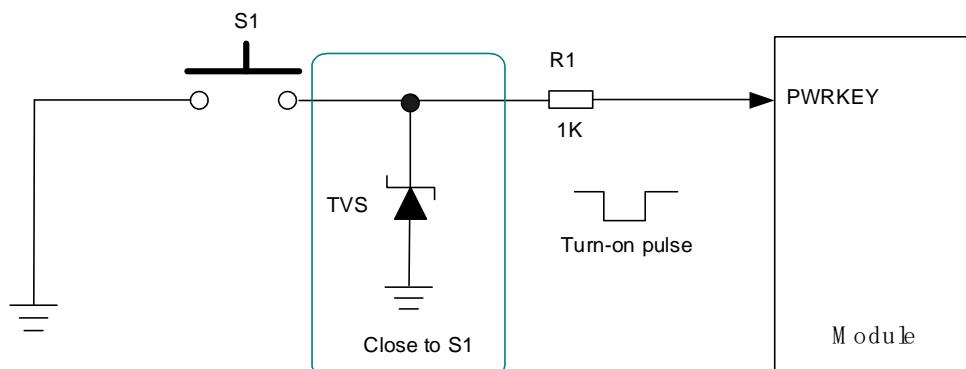


Figure 12: Reference Circuit of Turning on the Module with a Button

The turn-on timing is illustrated in the following figure.

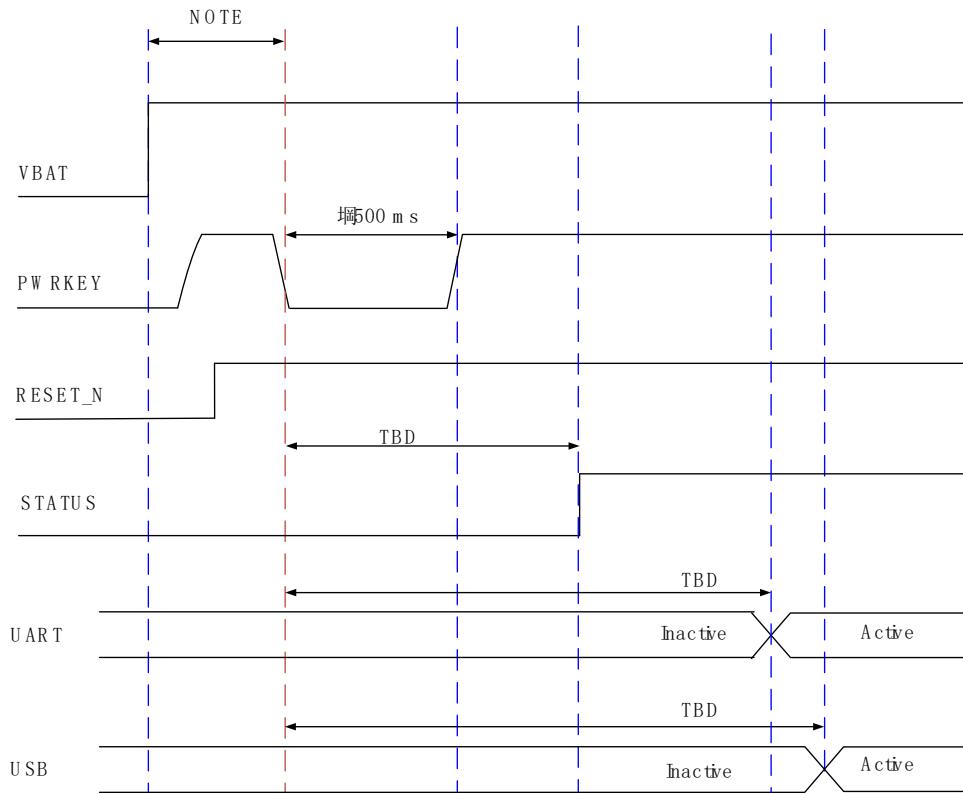


Figure 13: Turn-on Timing

NOTE

Ensure that VBAT is stable for at least 30 ms before pulling down the PWRKEY.

3.6. Turn Off

3.6.1. Turn Off with PWRKEY

Driving PWRKEY low for at least 800 ms, then the module will execute power-down procedure after the PWRKEY is released.

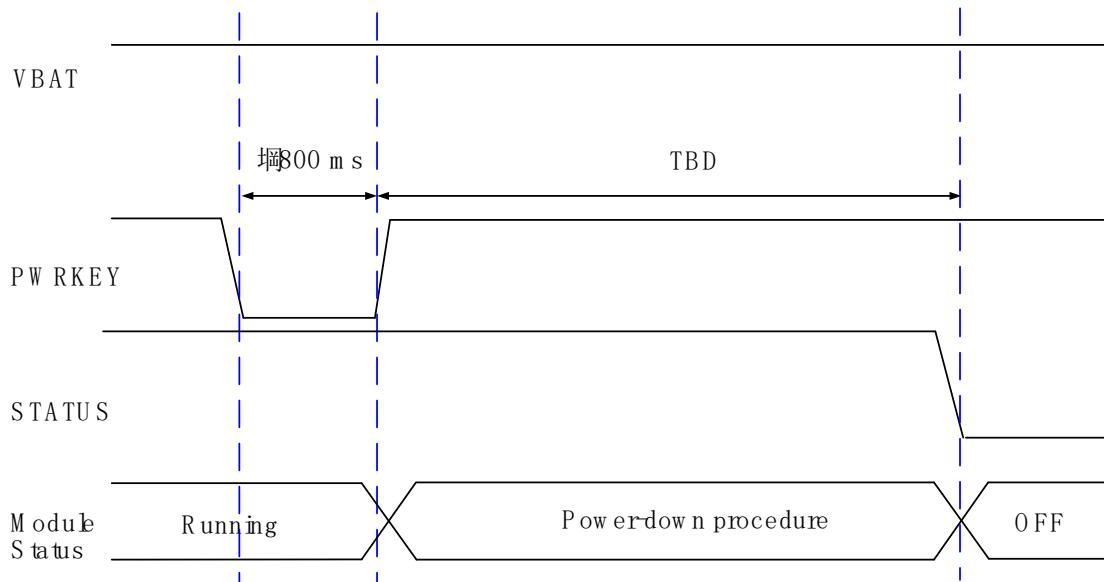


Figure 14: Turn-off Timing

3.6.2. Turn Off with AT Command

It is safe to turn off the module with **AT+QPOWD**, which is similar to turning off the module via PWRKEY.

See **document [3]** for details about **AT+QPOWD**.

NOTE

1. To avoid corrupting the data in the internal flash, do not switch off the power supply to turn off the module when it works normally. Only after the module is turned off with PWRKEY or AT command, the power supply can be cut off.
2. When turning off module with AT command, please keep PWRKEY at a high level after the execution of turn-off command. Otherwise, the module will be turned on after being turned off.

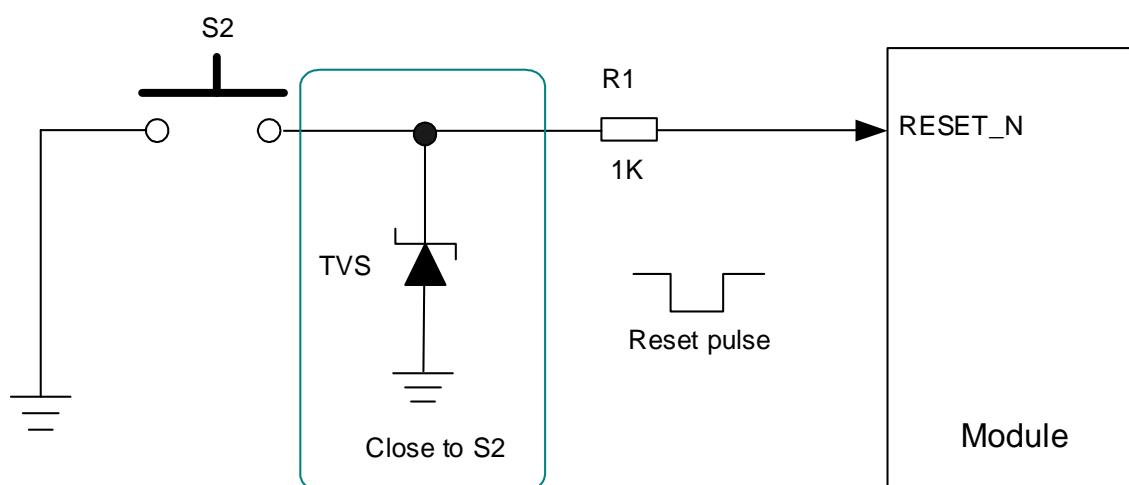
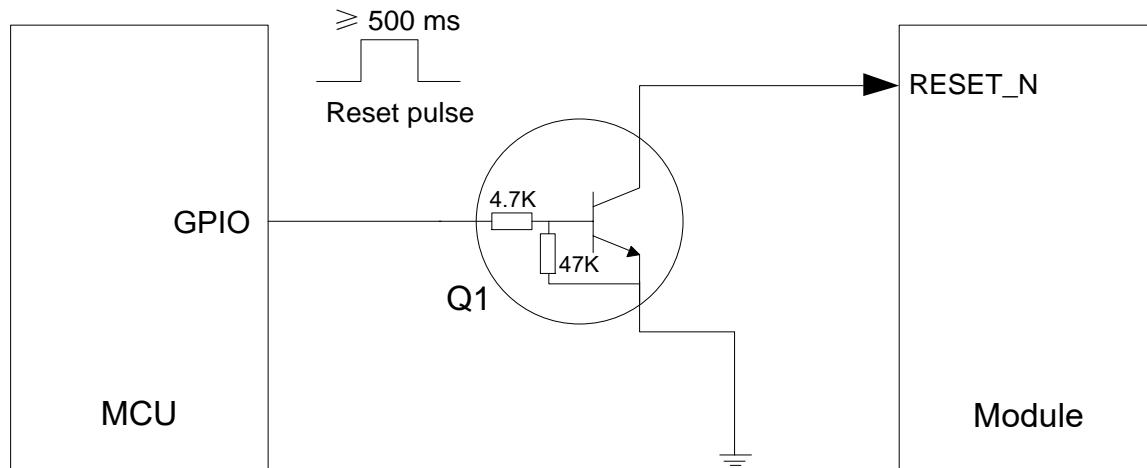
3.7. RESET_N

The module can be reset by driving RESET_N low for at least 500 ms and then releasing it. The RESET_N signal is sensitive to interference, so it is recommended to route the trace as short as possible and surround it with ground.

Table 10: Pin Definition of RESET_N

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------------|--|
| RESET_N | 8 | DI | Resets the module | Internally pulled up to 1.8 V with a 40 kΩ resistor. |

The recommended circuit is the same as the PWRKEY control circuit. An open-drain/open-collector driver or button can be used to control the RESET_N.



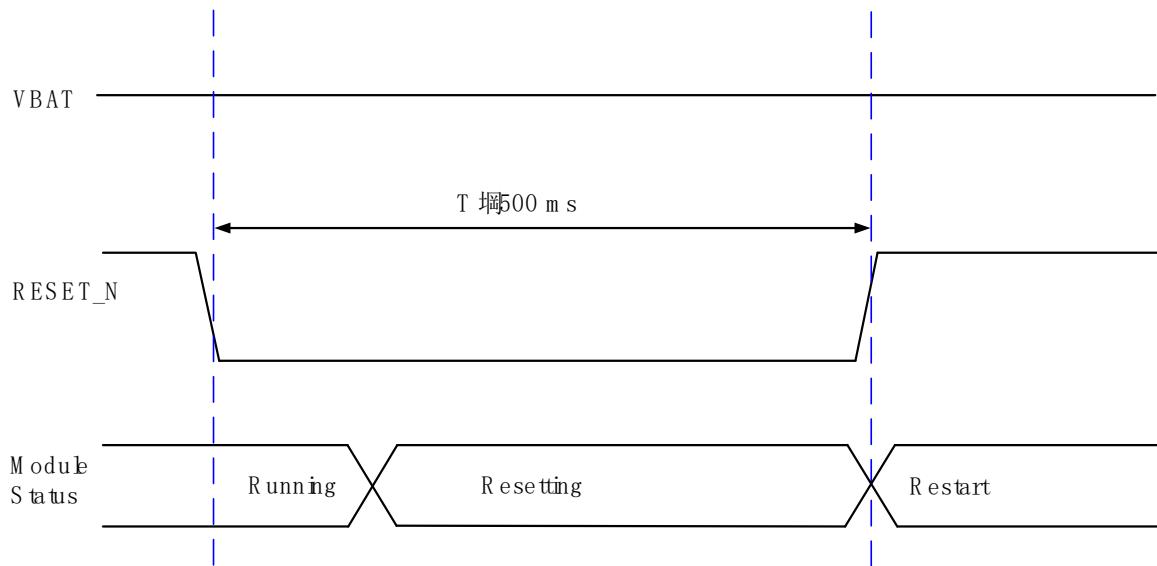


Figure 17: Reset Timing

NOTE

1. Use **RESET_N** only when you fail to turn off the module with **AT+QPOWD** and **PWRKEY**.
2. Ensure that there is no large capacitance on **PWRKEY** and **RESET_N** pins.

4 Application Interfaces

4.1. USB Interface

The module provides one USB interface. The USB interface complies with the USB 3.1 and USB 2.0 specifications, and supports SuperSpeed (10 Gbps) for USB 3.1 Gen 2, high-speed (480 Mbps) and full-speed (12 Mbps) for USB 2.0.

Table 11: Functions of the USB Interface

| Functions | |
|---------------------------|---|
| AT command communication | √ |
| Data transmission | √ |
| GNSS NMEA sentence output | √ |
| Software debugging | √ |
| Firmware upgrade | √ |
| Voice over USB* | √ |

Pin definition of the USB interface is listed as follows:

Table 12: Pin Definition of USB Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------------------------|--|
| USB_VBUS | 82 | AI | USB connection detect | For USB connection detect only. |
| USB_DP | 83 | AIO | USB 2.0 differential data (+) | Requires differential impedance of 90 Ω. |
| USB_DM | 85 | AIO | USB 2.0 differential data (-) | USB 2.0 compliant. |

| | | | |
|-------------|----|----|---------------------------------|
| USB_SS_TX_P | 91 | AO | USB 3.1 SuperSpeed transmit (+) |
| USB_SS_TX_M | 89 | AO | USB 3.1 SuperSpeed transmit (-) |
| USB_SS_RX_P | 88 | AI | USB 3.1 SuperSpeed receive (+) |
| USB_SS_RX_M | 86 | AI | USB 3.1 SuperSpeed receive (-) |

Test points must be reserved for debugging and firmware upgrading in your designs. The following figure shows the reference circuit of USB interface.

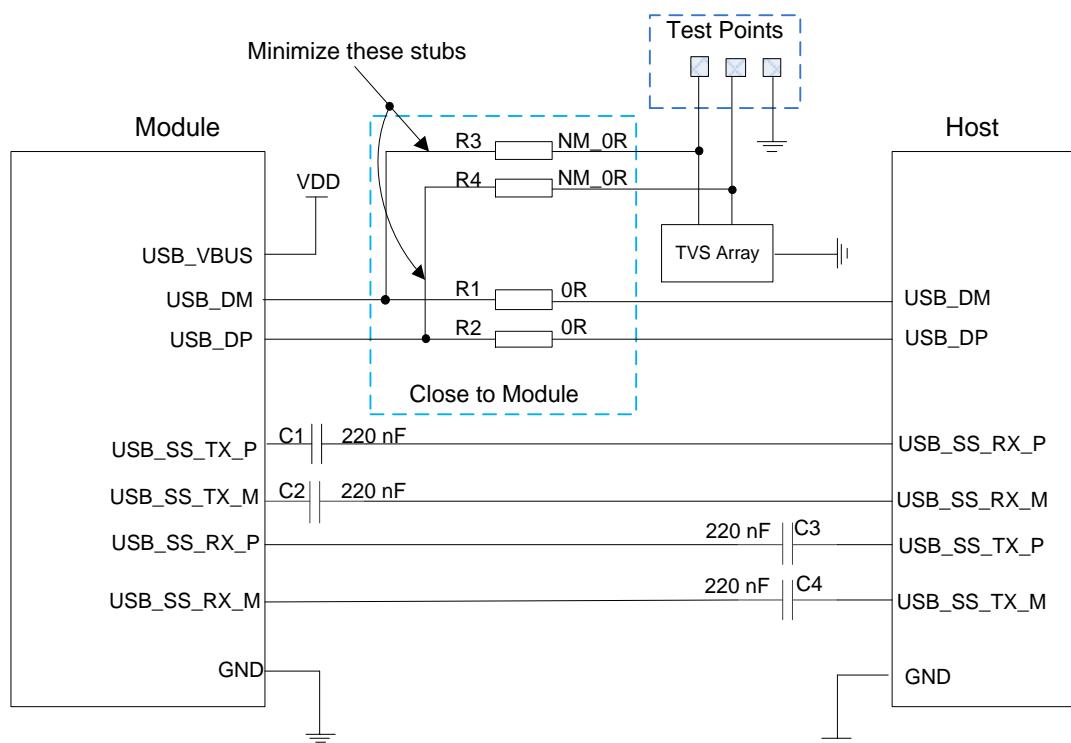


Figure 18: Reference Circuit of USB Application

To ensure the signal integrity of USB data traces, you must place R1, R2, R3, R4, C1 and C2 close to the module, C3 and C4 close to the host, and keep these resistors close to each other. Keep the extra stubs of trace as short as possible.

The following principles should be complied with when designing the USB interface, to meet USB specifications.

- It is important to route the USB signal traces as differential pairs with ground surrounded. The impedance of USB 2.0 differential trace is 90Ω . The impedance of USB 3.1 differential trace is 85Ω .

- For USB 2.0 signal traces, the trace length should be less than 250 mm, and the length matching of each differential data pair (DP/DM) should be less than 2 mm (14 ps). For USB 3.1 signal traces, length matching of each differential data pair (Tx/Rx) should be less than 0.7 mm (5 ps), while the matching between Tx and Rx should be less than 10 mm.
- Do not route signal traces under crystals, oscillators, magnetic devices, PCIe and RF signal traces. It is important to route the USB differential traces in inner-layer of the PCB, and surround the traces with ground on that layer and with ground planes above and below.
- Junction capacitance of the ESD protection components might cause influences on USB data traces, so pay attention to the selection of the components. Typically, the stray capacitance should be less than 1.0 pF for USB 2.0, and less than 0.15 pF for USB 3.1.
- Keep ESD protection components as close to the USB connector as possible.

For more details about the USB specifications, please visit <http://www.usb.org/home>.

Table 13: USB Trace Length in the Module

| Pin No. | Pin Name | Length (mm) | Length Difference (P-M) (mm) |
|---------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 83 | USB_DP | 31.10 | -0.05 |
| 85 | USB_DM | 31.15 | |
| 91 | USB_SS_TX_P | 32.90 | -0.12 |
| 89 | USB_SS_TX_M | 33.02 | |
| 88 | USB_SS_RX_P | 30.90 | -0.17 |
| 86 | USB_SS_RX_M | 30.73 | |

NOTE

Both USB 3.1 interface and PCIe interface support data transmission, and USB 3.1 interface is used by default. If you want to use PCIe interface for communication, set it with **AT+QCFG** via USB or main UART. For more details about AT command, see **document [3]**.

4.2. USB_BOOT

The module provides a USB_BOOT pin. You can pull up USB_BOOT to VDD_EXT before turning on the module, thus the module will enter emergency download mode after being turned on. In this mode, the module supports firmware upgrade over USB interface.

Table 14: Pin Definition of USB_BOOT Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description |
|----------|---------|-----|--|
| USB_BOOT | 81 | DI | Forces the module into emergency download mode |

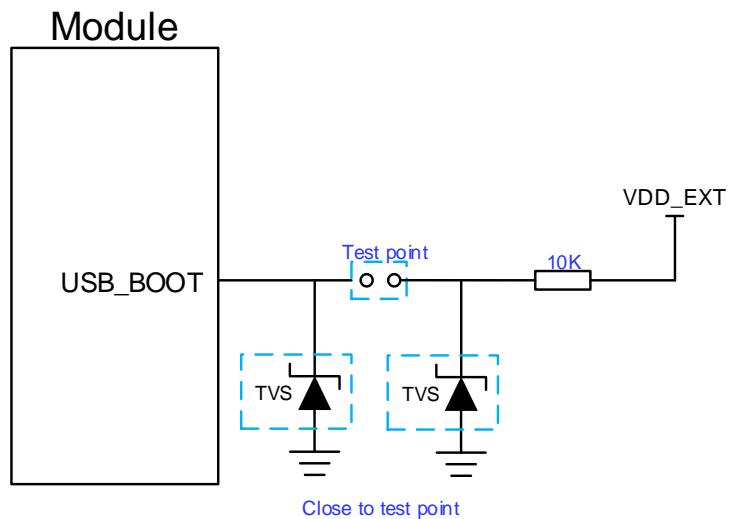


Figure 19: Reference Circuit of USB_BOOT Interface

4.3. (U)SIM Interfaces

(U)SIM interfaces circuitry meets ETSI and IMT-2000 requirements. Both Class B (2.95 V) and Class C (1.8 V) (U)SIM cards are supported, and Dual SIM Single Standby function is supported.

Table 15: Pin Definition of (U)SIM Interfaces

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|------------|---------|-----|---------------------------|--|
| USIM1_VDD | 245 | PO | (U)SIM1 card power supply | Either 1.8 V or 2.95 V is supported and can be identified automatically by the module. |
| USIM1_DATA | 248 | DIO | (U)SIM1 card data | |
| USIM1_CLK | 247 | DO | (U)SIM1 card clock | |
| USIM1_RST | 244 | DO | (U)SIM1 card reset | |

| | | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|------------------------------|--|
| USIM1_DET | 249 | DI | (U)SIM1 card hot-plug detect | 1.8 V power domain. If unused, keep it open. |
| USIM2_VDD | 250 | PO | (U)SIM2 card power supply | Either 1.8 V or 2.95 V is supported and can be identified automatically by the module. |
| USIM2_DATA | 251 | DIO | (U)SIM2 card data | |
| USIM2_CLK | 253 | DO | (U)SIM2 card clock | |
| USIM2_RST | 254 | DO | (U)SIM2 card reset | |
| USIM2_DET | 252 | DI | (U)SIM2 card hot-plug detect | 1.8 V power domain. If unused, keep it open. |

The module supports (U)SIM card hot-plug via the USIM_DET pin, and both high level and low level detection is supported. The function is disabled by default and can be configured via **AT+QSIMDET**. See **document [3]** for more details about the command.

The following figure illustrates a reference design for (U)SIM card interface with an 8-pin (U)SIM card connector.

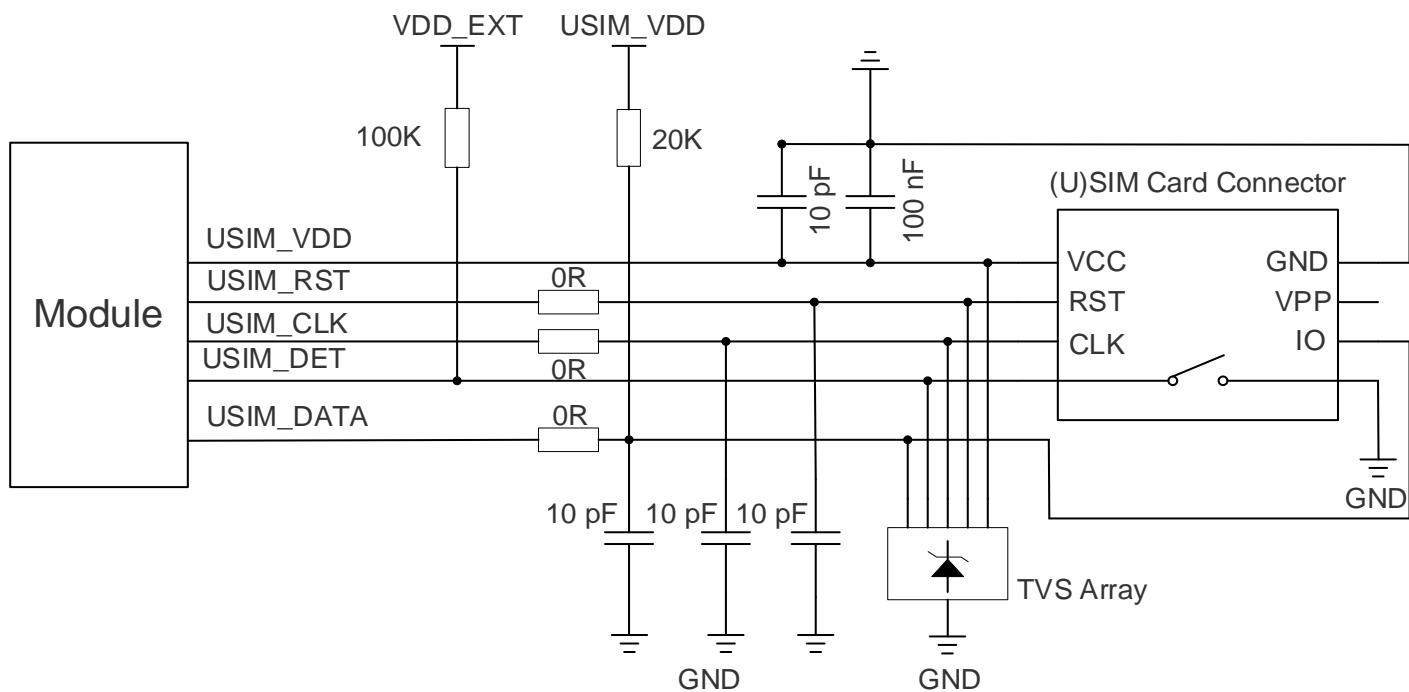


Figure 20: Reference Circuit of (U)SIM Interface with an 8-pin (U)SIM Card Connector

If (U)SIM card detection function is not needed, keep USIM_DET unconnected. A reference circuit for (U)SIM interface with a 6-pin (U)SIM card connector is illustrated in the following figure.

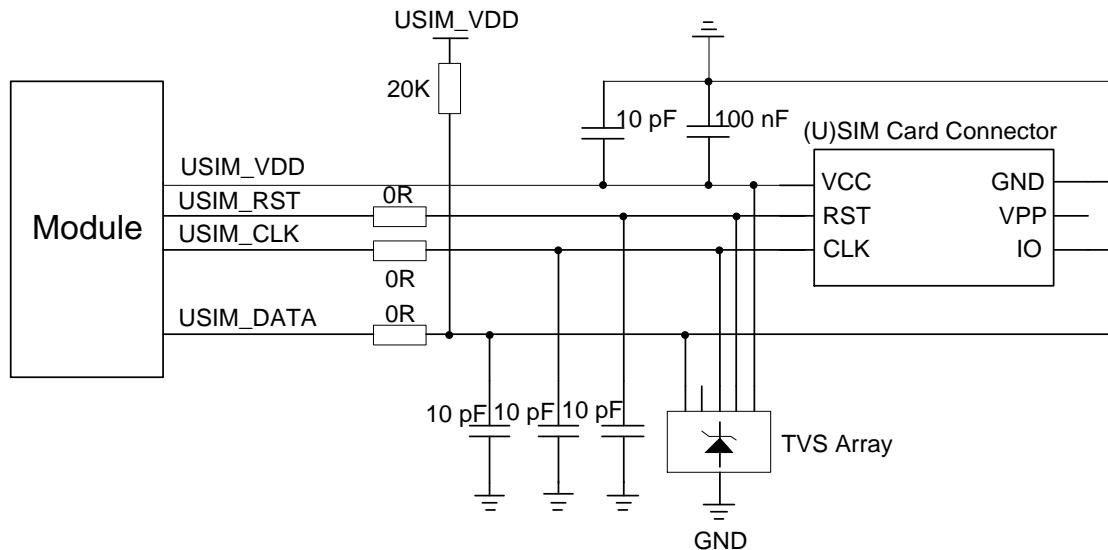


Figure 21: Reference Circuit of (U)SIM Interface with a 6-pin (U)SIM Card Connector

To enhance the reliability and availability of the (U)SIM card in applications, follow the criteria below in (U)SIM circuit design.

- Keep (U)SIM card connector as close as possible to the module. Keep the trace length as short as possible, at most 200 mm.
- Keep (U)SIM card signal traces away from RF and VBAT traces.
- To avoid cross-talk between USIM_DATA and USIM_CLK, keep them away from each other and shield them with ground surrounded.
- To offer better ESD protection, add a TVS array with parasitic capacitance not exceeding 10 pF. Add 0 Ω resistors in series between the module and the (U)SIM card connector so as to suppress EMI spurious transmission and enhance ESD protection. The 10 pF capacitors are used to filter out RF interference.
- The 20 kΩ pull-up resistor on USIM_DATA trace improves anti-jamming capability and should be placed close to the (U)SIM card connector.
- A space has been reserved for eSIM inside the module on the (U)SIM2 interface.
- All these resistors, capacitors and TVS should be close to (U)SIM card connector in PCB layout.

4.4. I2C Interface

The module provides one I2C interface. As an open drain output, it should be pulled up to 1.8 V.

Pin definition is listed as follows:

Table 16: Pin Definition of I2C Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|------------------|---|
| I2C_SCL | 77 | OD | I2C serial clock | Pull them up to VDD_EXT with an external 4.7 kΩ resistor respectively. If unused, keep them open. |
| I2C_SDA | 78 | OD | I2C serial data | |

4.5. I2S Interface*

The module provides one I2S interface.

Pin definition is listed as follows:

Table 17: Pin Definition of I2S Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------------------------|--|
| I2S_WS | 259 | DIO | I2S word select | In master mode, it is an output signal. In slave mode, it is an input signal. |
| I2S_SCK | 256 | DIO | I2S clock | In master mode, it is an output signal. In slave mode, it is an input signal. |
| I2S_DIN | 257 | DI | I2S data in | |
| I2S_DOUT | 255 | DO | I2S data out | |
| MCLK | 79 | DO | Master clock output for codec | If unused, keep it open. |

The following figure shows a reference design of I2S interface with an external codec IC.

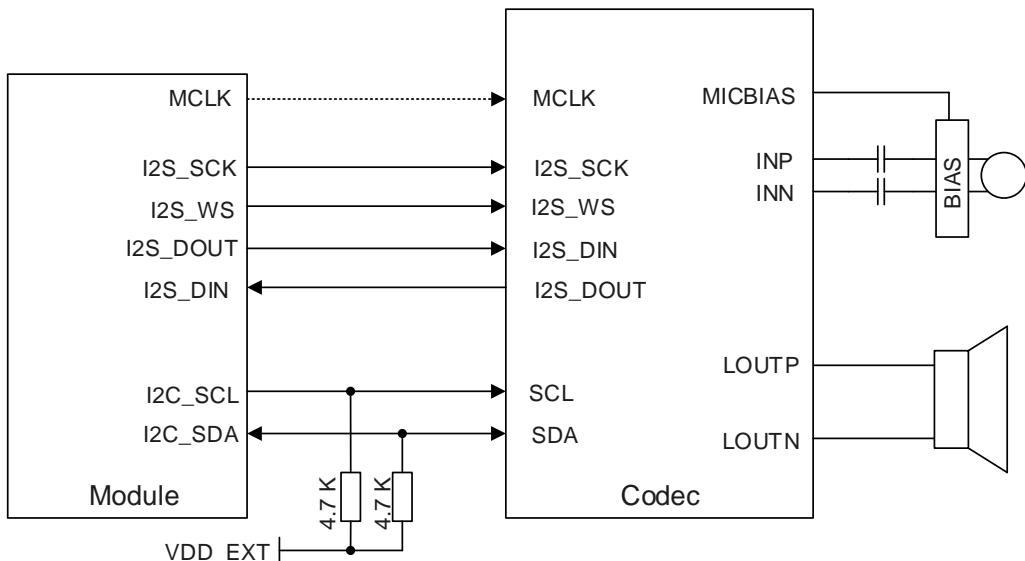


Figure 22: Reference Circuit of I2S Application with Audio Codec

NOTE

The I2S interface can be multiplexed as PCM function and is configured as PCM by default. If you need I2S function, contact Quectel Technical Support.

4.6. PCM Interfaces

The module provides two PCM digital interfaces, one is used for SLIC or Codec (multiplexed with I2S*), the other is only for Bluetooth audio*. PCM interfaces support the following modes:

- Primary mode (short frame synchronization, works as both master and slave)
- Auxiliary mode (long frame synchronization, works as master only)

In primary mode, the data is sampled on the falling edge of the PCM_CLK and transmitted on the rising edge. The PCM_SYNC falling edge represents the MSB. In this mode, the PCM interface supports 256 kHz, 512 kHz, 1024 kHz or 2048 kHz PCM_CLK at 8 kHz PCM_SYNC, and also supports 4096 kHz PCM_CLK at 16 kHz PCM_SYNC.

In auxiliary mode, the data is sampled on the falling edge of the PCM_CLK and transmitted on the rising edge. The PCM_SYNC rising edge represents the MSB. In this mode, PCM interface operates with a 256 kHz, 512 kHz, 1024 kHz or 2048 kHz PCM_CLK and an 8 kHz, 50 % duty cycle PCM_SYNC only.

The module supports 16-bit linear data format. The following figures show the primary mode's timing relationship with 8 kHz PCM_SYNC and 2048 kHz PCM_CLK, as well as the auxiliary mode's timing relationship with 8 kHz PCM_SYNC and 256 kHz PCM_CLK.

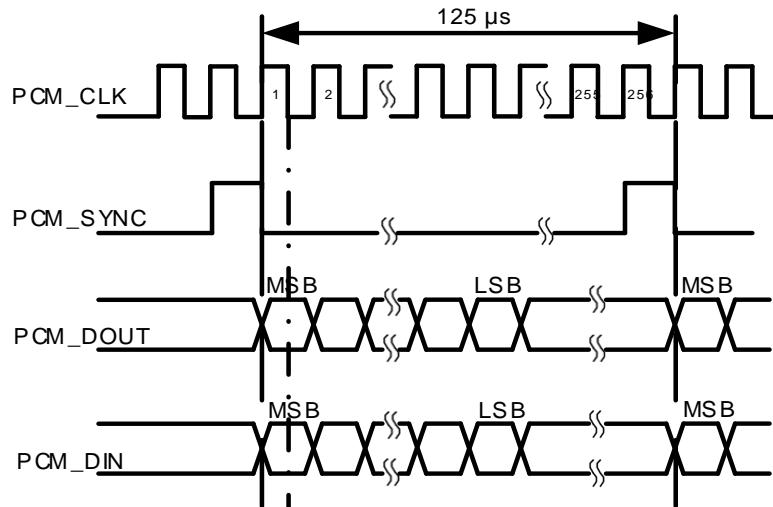


Figure 23: Primary Mode Timing

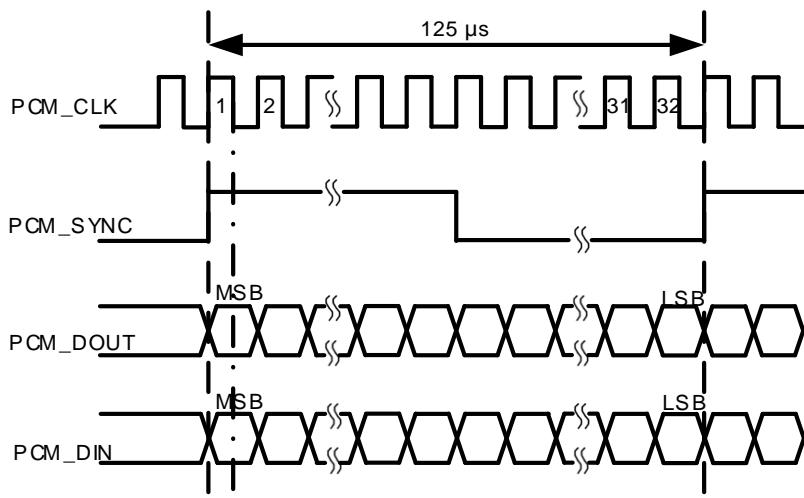


Figure 24: Auxiliary Mode Timing

Clock and mode can be configured via **AT+QDAI**, and the default configuration is master mode using short frame sync format with 2048 kHz PCM_CLK and 8 kHz PCM_SYNC. See **document [3]** about **AT+QDAI** for details.

4.6.1. PCM for SLIC or Codec

The module provides one PCM interface for SLIC or codec, which is multiplexed with I2S interface. Pin definition of PCM for SLIC or codec is as follows:

Table 18: Pin Definition of PCM Interface for SLIC or Codec

| Pin Name | Pin No. | Multiplexed Function | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|----------------------|-----|---------------------|--|
| I2S_WS | 259 | PCM_SYNC | DIO | PCM data frame sync | In master mode, it is an output signal. In slave mode, it is an input signal. |
| I2S_SCK | 256 | PCM_CLK | DIO | PCM clock | In master mode, it is an output signal. In slave mode, it is an input signal. |
| I2S_DIN | 257 | PCM_DIN | DI | PCM data input | |
| I2S_DOUT | 255 | PCM_DOUT | DO | PCM data output | |

The reference design is illustrated as follows:

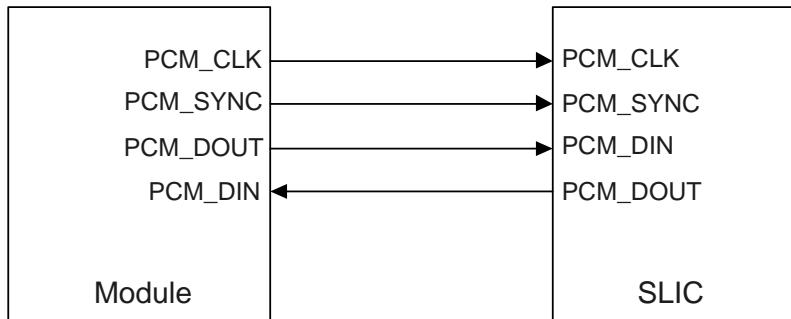


Figure 25: Reference Circuit of SLIC PCM Interface

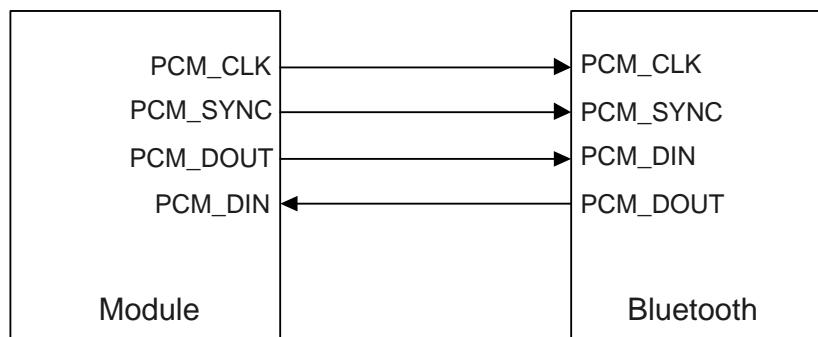
4.6.2. PCM for Bluetooth Audio*

The module provides one PCM interface only for Bluetooth audio. Pin definition of PCM for Bluetooth audio is as follows:

Table 19: Pin Definition of Bluetooth PCM Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|---------------------|----------------------------|
| PCM_SYNC | 71 | DIO | PCM data frame sync | |
| PCM_CLK | 73 | DIO | PCM clock | |
| PCM_DIN | 74 | DI | PCM data input | If unused, keep them open. |
| PCM_DOUT | 76 | DO | PCM data output | |

The reference design is illustrated as follows:

**Figure 26: Reference Circuit of Bluetooth PCM Interface**

4.7. UART

It provides three UART: main UART, debug UART, Bluetooth UART*. The following shows their features:

- Main UART supports 115200 bps baud rate by default. It is used for AT command communication.
- Debug UART supports 115200 bps baud rate. It is used for Linux console and log output.
- Bluetooth UART supports 115200 bps baud rate. It is used for Bluetooth communication. It supports RTS and CTS hardware flow control.

Pin definition of UART is listed as follows:

Table 20: Pin Definition of UART

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|--------------------|---------------------|
| MAIN_TXD | 68 | DO | Main UART transmit | 1.8 V power domain. |

| | | | | |
|-----------|-----|----|--------------------------------------|---|
| MAIN_RXD | 70 | DI | Main UART receive | |
| MAIN_RI | 100 | DO | Main UART ring indication | |
| MAIN_DTR | 258 | DI | Main UART data terminal ready | |
| MAIN_DCD* | 261 | DO | Main UART data carrier detect | |
| BT_TXD* | 59 | DO | Bluetooth UART transmit | |
| BT_RXD* | 63 | DI | Bluetooth UART receive | |
| BT_RTS* | 61 | DI | Request to send signal to the module | Connect to the peripheral's RTS. 1.8 V power domain. |
| BT_CTS* | 62 | DO | Clear to send signal from the module | Connect to the peripheral's CTS. 1.8 V power domain. |
| DBG_RXD | 108 | DI | Debug UART receive | 1.8 V power domain. |
| DBG_TXD | 105 | DO | Debug UART transmit | |

The following figure illustrates the reference design for Bluetooth UART.

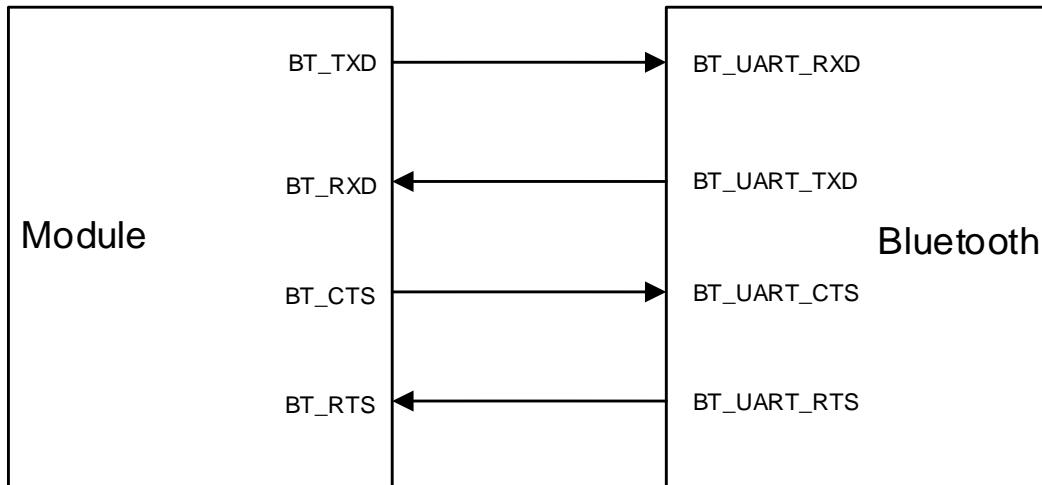


Figure 27: UART Connection

The module provides 1.8 V UART. A voltage-level translator should be used if the application is equipped with a 3.3 V UART.

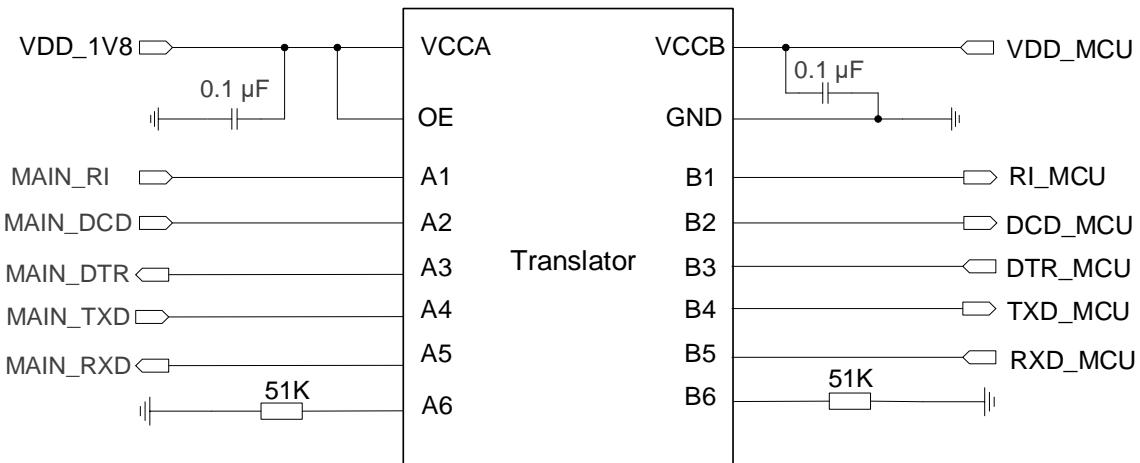


Figure 28: Reference Circuit with a Voltage-level Translator

Another example with transistor circuit is shown as below. For the design of circuits shown in dotted lines, see that shown in solid lines, but pay attention to the direction of connection.

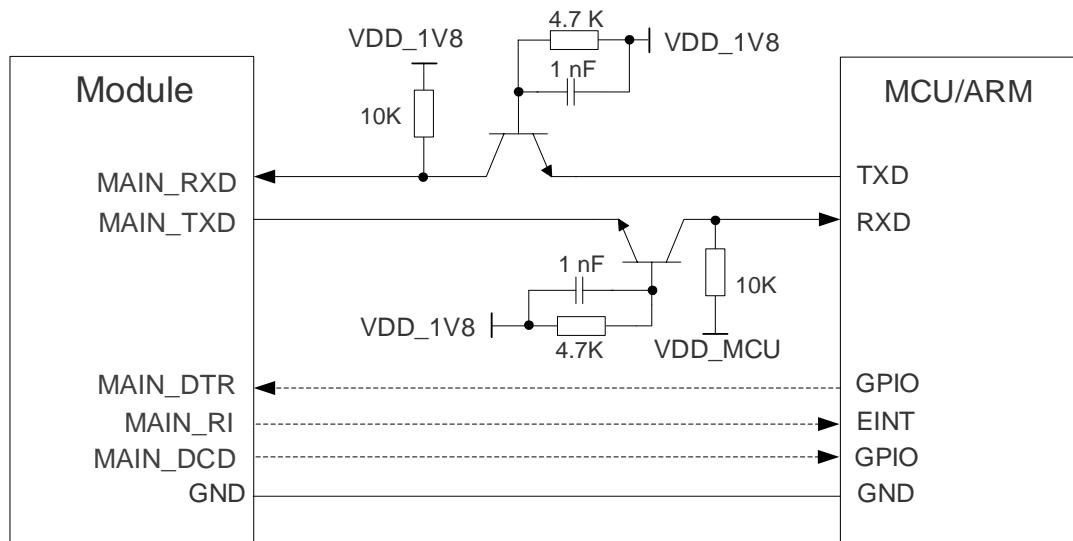


Figure 29: Reference Circuit with Transistor Circuit

NOTE

1. Transistor solution is not suitable for applications with baud rates exceeding 460 kbps.
2. Other baud rates of the main UART are under development.
3. Please note that the module's BT_CTS is connected to the peripheral's CTS, and the module's BT_RTS is connected to the peripheral's RTS.

4.8. SDIO Interface

The module provides one SDIO interface which supports SD 3.0 protocol for SD card connection.

Table 21: Pin Definition of SDIO Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|---------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|---|
| SDIO_VDD | 60 | PI | SDIO power supply | 1.8/2.95 V configurable input. If unused, connect it to VDD_EXT. |
| SDIO_DATA0 | 49 | DIO | SDIO data bit 0 | |
| SDIO_DATA1 | 50 | DIO | SDIO data bit 1 | |
| SDIO_DATA2 | 51 | DIO | SDIO data bit 2 | |
| SDIO_DATA3 | 52 | DIO | SDIO data bit 3 | If unused, keep them open. |
| SDIO_CMD | 48 | DIO | SDIO command | |
| SDIO_CLK | 47 | DO | SDIO clock | |
| SDIO_PWR_EN | 53 | DO | SDIO power supply enable | |
| SDIO_PWR_VSET | 56 | DO | SDIO power domain set | |
| SDIO_DET | 55 | DI | SD card detect | Pull it up to VDD_EXT with a 470 kΩ resistor. If unused, keep it open. |

The following figure illustrates a reference design of SDIO interface.

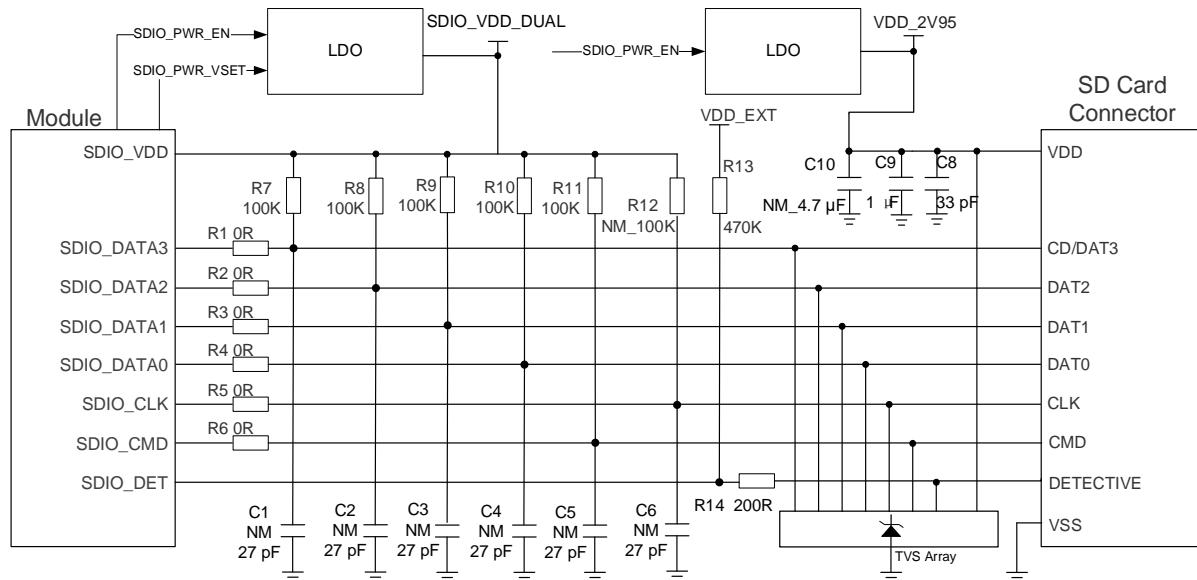


Figure 30: Reference Circuit of SDIO Interface

In SDIO interface design, in order to ensure good communication performance with SD card, the following design principles should be complied with:

- The voltage range of SD power supply VDD_2V95 is 2.7–3.6 V and a sufficient current of up to 0.8 A should be provided. SDIO_VDD_DUAL is an SDIO bus power domain, which can be used for SD card I/O signals pull-up. Note that SDIO_VDD is an input pin of the module.
- To avoid jitter of bus, pull up SDIO_CMD and SDIO_DATA[0:3] to SDIO_VDD_DUAL with resistors R7 to R11. The resistance can be 10–100 kΩ and 100 kΩ is recommended.
- To improve signal quality, add 0 Ω resistors R1 to R6 in series between the module and the SD card connector. The bypass capacitors C1 to C6 are reserved and not mounted by default. All resistors and bypass capacitors should be placed close to the SD card connector.
- For good ESD protection, add ESD protection components with capacitance value less than 1.2 pF on each SD card pin.
- Route the SDIO signal traces at inner layer with ground surrounded. The impedance of SDIO data trace is 50 Ω ($\pm 10\%$).
- Keep SDIO signals far away from other sensitive circuits/signals such as RF circuits, analog signals, as well as noise signals such as clock signals and DC-DC signals.
- Keep the trace length difference between SDIO_CLK and SDIO_DATA[0:3]/SDIO_CMD less than 2 mm and the total routing length less than 50 mm for SDR104 mode. For other speed modes, the trace length difference between SDIO_CLK and SDIO_DATA[0:3]/SDIO_CMD should be less than 6 mm and the total trace routing length less than 150 mm.
- Make sure the adjacent trace spacing is twice the trace width and the load capacitance of SDIO bus should be less than 5.0 pF.
- The DETECTIVE pin of SD card connector must be connected to the module when the SD card function is being used.

Table 22: SDIO Trace Length in the Module

| Pin No. | Pin Name | Length (mm) |
|---------|------------|-------------|
| 49 | SDIO_DATA0 | 33.46 |
| 50 | SDIO_DATA1 | 33.50 |
| 51 | SDIO_DATA2 | 33.15 |
| 52 | SDIO_DATA3 | 33.51 |
| 48 | SDIO_CMD | 34.38 |
| 47 | SDIO_CLK | 33.57 |

4.9. ADC Interface

The module provides one Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC) interface. In order to improve the accuracy of ADC, the trace of ADC interface should be surrounded by ground.

Table 23: Pin Definition of ADC Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------------------------|
| ADC0 | 241 | AI | General-purpose ADC interface |

The voltage value on ADC pin can be read via **AT+QADC=<port>**:

- **AT+QADC=0**: read the voltage value on ADC0

For more details about the AT command, see **document [3]**.

The following table describes the characteristic of the ADC interface.

Table 24: Characteristics of ADC Interface

| Name | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|--------------------|------|------|-------|------|
| ADC0 Voltage Range | 0 | - | 1.875 | V |

| | | | | |
|----------------------|----|--------|---|-----|
| ADC Input Resistance | 10 | - | - | MΩ |
| ADC Resolution | - | 64.879 | - | µV |
| ADC Sample Clock | - | 4.8 | - | MHz |

NOTE

1. The input voltage of ADC should not exceed its corresponding voltage range.
2. It is prohibited to supply any voltage to ADC pin when VBAT is removed.
3. It is recommended to use resistor divider circuit for ADC application.

4.10. SPI

The module provides one SPI which only supports master mode with a maximum clock frequency of up to 50 MHz.

Table 25: Pin Definition of SPI

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|-------------------------|---|
| SPI_CLK | 210 | DO | SPI clock | |
| SPI_CS | 207 | DO | SPI chip select | 1.8 V power domain. Only master mode is supported. |
| SPI_MISO | 213 | DI | SPI master-in slave-out | |
| SPI_MOSI | 204 | DO | SPI master-out slave-in | |

The module provides a 1.8 V SPI. Use a voltage-level translator between the module and the peripheral device if the peripheral device is 3.3 V power domain. The following figure shows the reference design.

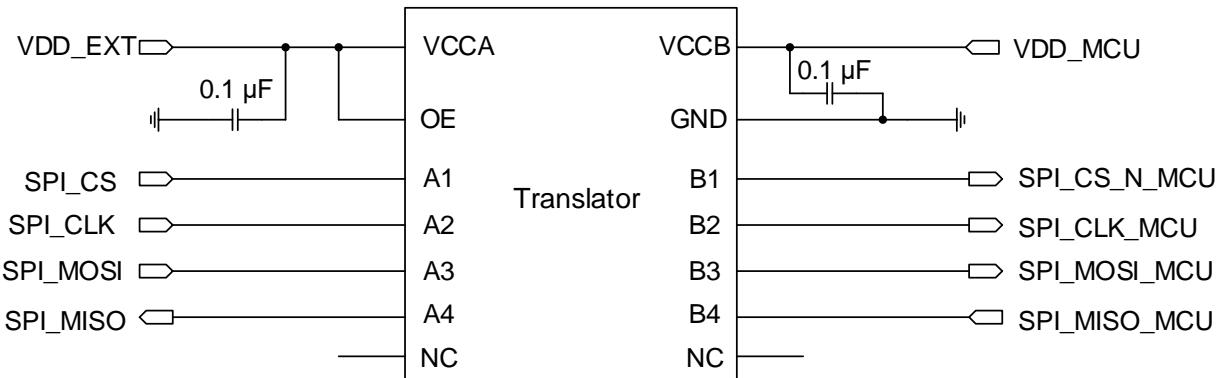


Figure 31: Reference Circuit of SPI with a Voltage-level Translator

4.11. PCIe Interface

The module provides one integrated PCIe (Peripheral Component Interconnect Express) interface. The key features of the PCIe interface are mentioned below:

- *PCI Express Specification Revision 3.0* compliance.
- Data rate at 8 Gbps per lane for PCIe 3.0.
- Used to connect to an external Ethernet IC (MAC and PHY) or Wi-Fi IC.

Table 26: Pin Definition of PCIe Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|---------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|---|
| PCIE_REFCLK_P | 40 | AIO | PCIe reference clock (+) | In root complex mode, it is an output signal. |
| PCIE_REFCLK_M | 38 | AIO | PCIe reference clock (-) | In endpoint mode, it is an input signal. Requires differential impedance of 85 Ω. |
| PCIE_TX0_M | 44 | AO | PCIe transmit 0 (-) | |
| PCIE_TX0_P | 46 | AO | PCIe transmit 0 (+) | Requires differential impedance of 85 Ω. |
| PCIE_TX1_M | 41 | AO | PCIe transmit 1 (-) | If unused, keep them open. |
| PCIE_TX1_P | 43 | AO | PCIe transmit 1 (+) | |
| PCIE_RX0_M | 32 | AI | PCIe receive 0 (-) | |

| | | | | |
|---------------|----|-----|--------------------|--|
| PCIE_RX0_P | 34 | AI | PCIe receive 0 (+) | |
| PCIE_RX1_M | 35 | AI | PCIe receive 1 (-) | |
| PCIE_RX1_P | 37 | AI | PCIe receive 1 (+) | |
| PCIE_CLKREQ_N | 36 | OD | PCIe clock request | 1.8 V power domain. In root complex mode, it is an input signal. In endpoint mode, it is an output signal. |
| PCIE_RST_N | 39 | DIO | PCIe reset | 1.8 V power domain. In root complex mode, it is an output signal. In endpoint mode, it is an input signal. |
| PCIE_WAKE_N | 30 | OD | PCIe wake up | 1.8 V power domain. In root complex mode, it is an input signal. In endpoint mode, it is an output signal. |

The following figure illustrates the PCIe interface connection.

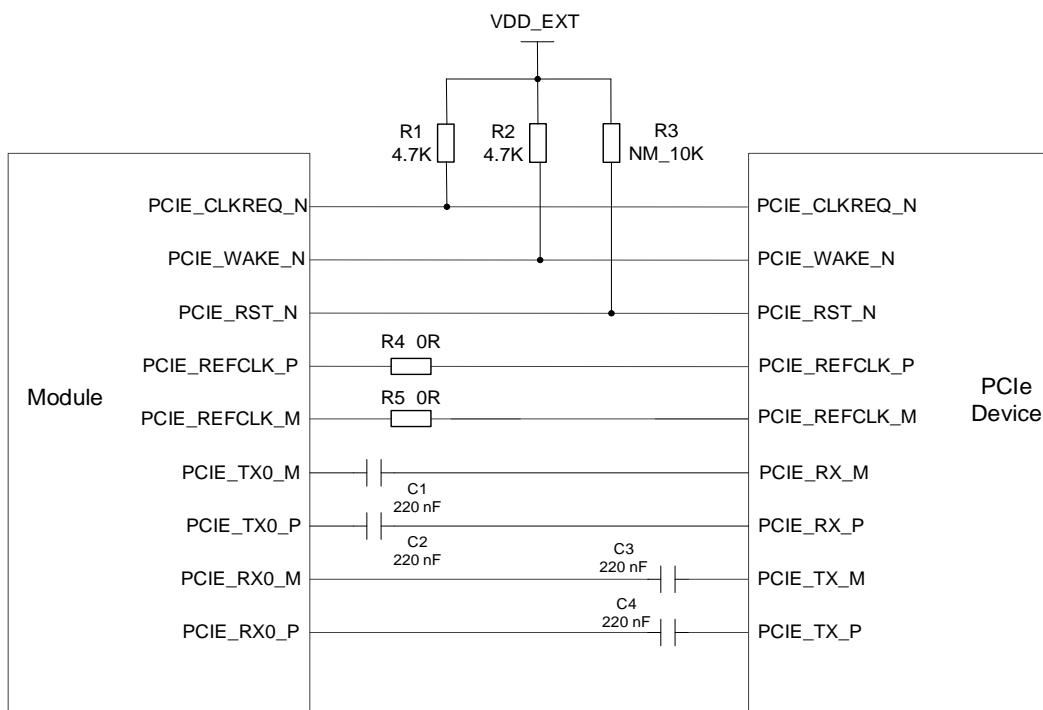


Figure 32: PCIe Interface Connection

The following principles of PCIe interface design should be complied with to meet PCIe specifications.

- Route the PCIe signal traces as differential pairs with ground surrounded. The differential impedance is 72.5–97.5 Ω and 85 Ω is recommended.
- PCIe signals must be protected from noise signals (clocks, DC-DC, RF and so forth). All other sensitive/high-speed signals and circuits must be routed far away from PCIe traces.
- For each differential pair, intra-lane length match should be less than 0.7 mm. The total bus length should be less than 300 mm for PCIe 3.0.
- Inter-lane length match, i.e., the trace length matching between the reference clock (Tx and Rx pairs) is not required.
- The space between Tx and Rx, and the space between PCIe lanes and all other signals, should be larger than 4 times of the trace width.
- PCIe Tx AC coupling capacitors can be placed anywhere along the trace, but better to be placed close to source or connector side to keep good signal integrity of main route on PCB. PCIe Tx AC coupling capacitors should be 220 nF for Gen 3 and 100 nF for Gen 2/Gen 1.
- Ensure not to stagger the capacitors since this will affect the differential integrity of the design and create EMI.
- In the case of trace serpentines, one line of a differential pair must be routed to make up a length delta, then it must be routed at the source (breakout) – this ensures that traces stay differential thereafter.
- To reduce the probability for layer-to-layer manufacturing variation, minimize layer transitions on the main route (in other words, apply layer transitions only at module breakouts and connectors to ensure minimum layer transitions on the main route).

Table 27: PCIe Trace Length in the Module

| Pin No. | Pin Name | Length (mm) | Length Difference (P-M) (mm) |
|---------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 40 | PCIE_REFCLK_P | 7.52 | -0.06 |
| 38 | PCIE_REFCLK_M | 7.58 | |
| 46 | PCIE_TX0_P | 12.87 | -0.03 |
| 44 | PCIE_TX0_M | 12.90 | |
| 43 | PCIE_TX1_P | 10.36 | -0.01 |
| 41 | PCIE_TX1_M | 10.37 | |
| 34 | PCIE_RX0_P | 3.92 | -0.17 |
| 32 | PCIE_RX0_M | 4.09 | |
| 37 | PCIE_RX1_P | 4.88 | 0.03 |

| | | |
|----|------------|------|
| 35 | PCIE_RX1_M | 4.85 |
|----|------------|------|

4.12. Control Signal

Pin definition of control signal is listed as follows:

Table 28: Pin Definition of Control Signal

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description |
|------------|---------|-----|-----------------------|
| W_DISABLE# | 114 | DI | Airplane mode control |

4.12.1. W_DISABLE#

The module provides a W_DISABLE# pin to enable or disable airplane mode through hardware operation. W_DISABLE# is pulled up by default, and driving it low will set the module to airplane mode.

The RF function can also be enabled or disabled through software AT commands.

Table 29: RF Function Status

| Logic Level | AT Command | RF Function | Operating Mode |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| High Level | AT+CFUN=1 | Enabled | Full functionality mode |
| | AT+CFUN=0 | Disabled | Minimum functionality mode |
| | AT+CFUN=4 | Disabled | Airplane mode |
| Low Level | AT+CFUN=0 | | |
| | AT+CFUN=1 | Disabled | Airplane mode |
| | AT+CFUN=4 | | |

4.13. Indication Signals

Pin definition of indication signals is as follows:

Table 30: Pin Definition of Indication Signals

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|------------|---------|-----|--|---------------------|
| NET_MODE | 240 | DO | Indicates the module's network registration mode | |
| STATUS | 237 | DO | Indicates the module's operation status | |
| NET_STATUS | 243 | DO | Indicates the module's network activity status | 1.8 V power domain. |
| SLEEP_IND | 102 | DO | Indicates the module's sleep mode | |

4.13.1. Network Status Indication

These network indication pins can be used to drive network status indication LEDs. The module provides two network indication pins: NET_MODE and NET_STATUS. The following table describes logic level changes in different network status.

Table 31: Working State of the Network Connection Status/Activity Indication

| Pin Name | Status | Description |
|------------|--|------------------------------|
| NET_MODE | Always High | Registered on network |
| | Always Low | Others |
| | Flicker slowly (200 ms High/1800 ms Low) | Network searching |
| | Flicker slowly (1800 ms High/200 ms Low) | Idle |
| NET_STATUS | Flicker quickly (125 ms High/125 ms Low) | Data transmission is ongoing |
| | Always High | Voice calling |
| | Always Low | Minimum functionality mode |

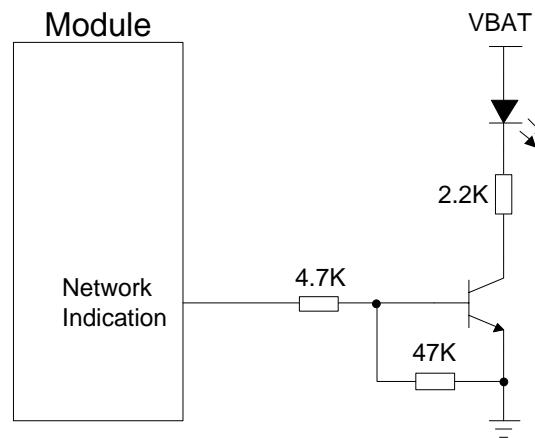


Figure 33: Reference Circuit of the Network Status Indication

4.13.2. STATUS

The STATUS pin indicates the module's operation status. It will output high level when the module is powered on successfully.

A reference circuit is shown as below.

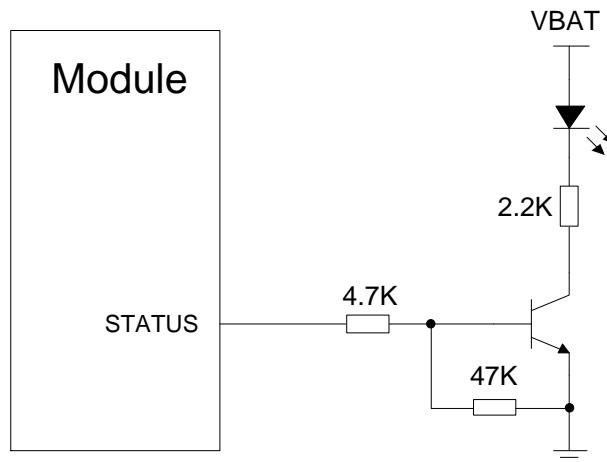


Figure 34: Reference Circuit of STATUS

4.13.3. IPQ Status and Err Fatal Interface

The module provides one IPQ status interface and one err fatal interface for connection between the module and IPQ. Pin definition of IPQ status and err fatal interfaces is as follows:

Table 32: Pin Definition of IPQ Status and Err Fatal Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | Multiplexed Function | I/O | Description |
|----------|---------|----------------------|-----|------------------------|
| COEX_RXD | 65 | SDX2AP_E911 | DO | Module to AP err fatal |
| COEX_TXD | 67 | SDX2AP_STATUS | DO | Module to AP status |
| GPIO_32 | 98 | AP2SDX_STATUS | DI | AP to module status |

The following figure shows a reference design of the module with IPQ GPIOs.

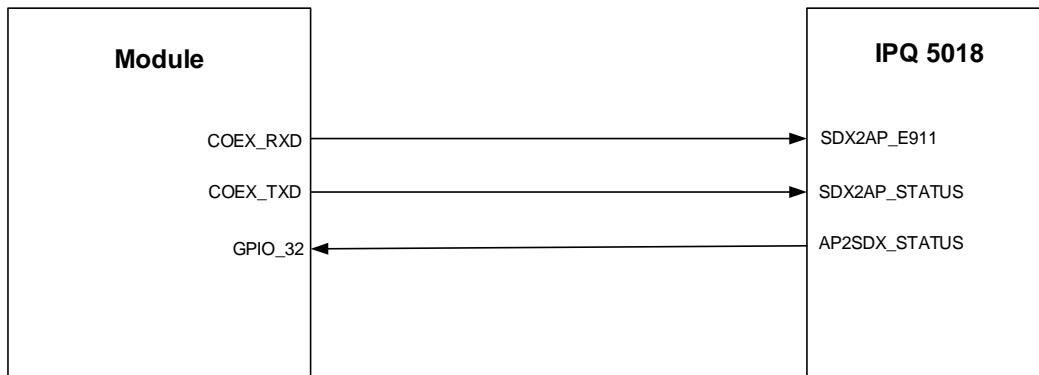


Figure 35: Module with IPQ GPIO Application

NOTE

1. IPQ indicates an application processor, and IPQ5018 is used by default here.
2. For details, contact Quectel Technical Support.

4.14. MAIN_RI

AT+QCFG= "risignaltype", "physical" can be used to configure MAIN_RI behavior. No matter on which port a URC is presented, the URC will trigger the behavior of MAIN_RI pin.

NOTE

The URC can be outputted via UART, USB AT port and USB modem port, which can be set via **AT+QURCCFG**. The default port is USB AT port.

In addition, MAIN_RI behaviors can be configured flexibly. The default behavior of the MAIN_RI is shown as below.

Table 33: Behaviors of MAIN_RI

| State | Response |
|-------|--|
| Idle | MAIN_RI keeps at high level. |
| URC | MAIN_RI outputs 120 ms low pulse when a new URC returns. |

The MAIN_RI behavior can be changed via **AT+QCFCG="urc/ri/ring"**.

4.15. Time Service and Repeater Interface

Time service provides time information for other devices or systems through standard or customized interfaces and protocols. Its basic channels are shortwave, TV signals, cables, networks, satellites, base stations, etc.

Repeater is a kind of wireless signal relay device, which amplifies the base station signal and then transmits it to areas with weak signal coverage, expanding the network coverage.

With GNSS time service and repeater functions, the module can provide 1PPS pulse output, and can execute time service through AT commands based on baseline SIB9 system messages.

Table 34: Pin Definition of Time Service and Repeater Function

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|--|--|
| GPIO_32 | 98 | DO | Supports time service and repeater functions; supports 1PPS pulse output and frame synchronization | 1.8 V power domain. The pin can be multiplexed into AP2SDX_STATUS function. For details, contact Quectel Technical Support. |

NOTE

If GPIO_32 is needed for other purposes, its default function should be disabled in the relevant software configuration.

5 RF Specifications

Appropriate antenna type and design should be used with matched antenna parameters according to specific application. It is required to perform a comprehensive functional test for the RF design before mass production of terminal products. The entire content of this chapter is provided for illustration only. Analysis, evaluation and determination are still necessary when designing target products.

5.1. Cellular Network

5.1.1. Antenna Interfaces & Frequency Bands

Table 35: Pin Definition of Cellular Antenna Interfaces

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|---|-----------------|
| ANT0 | 130 | AIO | Antenna 0 interface: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5G NR: n77 TRX0 - LTE: LMB_TRX0 & HB_DRX - Refarmed: LMB_TRX0 & HB_TRX1 | |
| ANT1 | 157 | AIO | Antenna 1 interface: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5G NR: n77 DRX MIMO - LTE: LMB_PRX MIMO & HB_DRX MIMO - Refarmed: LMB_PRX MIMO & HB_DRX MIMO | |
| ANT2 | 166 | AIO | Antenna 2 interface: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5G NR: n77 PRX MIMO - LTE: LMB_DRX MIMO & HB_PRX MIMO - Refarmed: LMB_DRX MIMO & HB_PRX MIMO | 50 Ω impedance. |
| ANT3 | 184 | AIO | Antenna 3 interface: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5G NR: n77 TRX1 - LTE: LMB_TRX1 & HB_TRX0 - Refarmed: LMB_TRX1 & HB_TRX0 | |

Table 36: Cellular Network Antenna Mapping

| Antenna | LTE | 5G NR | | LB (MHz) | MHB (MHz) | n77 (MHz) |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Refarmed | n77 | | | |
| ANT0 | LMB_TRX0, HB_DRX | LMB_TRX0, HB_TRX1 | TRX0 | 617–894 | 1710–2690 | 3300–4200 |
| ANT1 | LMB_PRX MIMO, HB_DRX MIMO, | LMB_PRX MIMO, HB_DRX MIMO | DRX MIMO | 617–894 | 1710–2690 | 3300–4200 |
| ANT2 | LMB_DRX MIMO, HB_PRX MIMO, | LMB_DRX MIMO, HB_PRX MIMO | PRX MIMO | 617–894 | 1710–2690 | 3300–4200 |
| ANT3 | LMB_TRX1, HB_TRX0 | LMB_TRX1, HB_TRX0 | TRX1 | 617–894 | 1710–2690 | 3300–4200 |

NOTE

1. LTE LMB_TRX1 is activated when 5G NR FDD low/middle bands are supported in NSA mode.
2. TRX0/1 = TX0/1 + PRX/DRX.

5.1.2. Antenna Tuner Control Interfaces*

The module provides two generic RF control interfaces for the control of external antenna tuners.

Table 37: Pin Definition of Antenna Tuner Control Interfaces

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Default Status | Description | Comment |
|-----------|---------|-----|----------------|--|----------------------------|
| SDR_GRFC0 | 171 | DO | PD | GRFC interfaces dedicated for external antenna tuner control | If unused, keep them open. |
| SDR_GRFC1 | 174 | DO | PD | | |

Table 38: Logic Levels of Antenna Tuner Control Interfaces

| Parameter | Min. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------|------|------|------|
| V_{OL} | - | 0.45 | V |
| V_{OH} | 1.35 | - | V |

Table 39: Truth Table of Antenna Tuner Control Interfaces

| GRFC0 Level | GRFC1 Level | Frequency Range (MHz) | Band |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|------|
| Low | Low | TBD | TBD |
| Low | High | TBD | TBD |
| High | Low | TBD | TBD |
| High | High | TBD | TBD |

5.1.3. Tx Power

The following table shows the RF output power of the module.

Table 40: Tx Power

| Mode | Frequency Bands | Max. Tx Power | Min. Tx Power |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| LTE | LTE bands | 23 dBm ± 2 dB (Class 3) | < -40 dBm |
| 5G NR | 5G NR bands | 23 dBm ± 2 dB (Class 3) | < -40 dBm |
| | 5G NR HPUE band (n77) | 26 dBm +2/-3 dB (Class 2) | < -40 dBm |

NOTE

For 5G NR bands, they have different standards for different channel bandwidth, see the specifications as described in **Clause 6.3.1** of *TS 38.101-1* [2].

5.1.4. Rx Sensitivity

The following table shows conducted RF receiving sensitivity of the module.

Table 41: Conducted RF Receiving Sensitivity (Unit: dBm)

| Frequency | Receiving Sensitivity (Typ.) | | | 3GPP Requirement (SIMO) ⁸ |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Primary | Diversity | SIMO ⁸ | |
| LTE-FDD B2 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -94.3 |
| LTE-FDD B5 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -94.3 |
| LTE-FDD B12 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -93.3 |
| LTE-FDD B14 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -93.3 |
| LTE-FDD B17 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -93.3 |
| LTE-FDD B29 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| LTE-FDD B30 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -95.3 |
| LTE-FDD B66 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -95.8 |
| 5G NR FDD n2 (20 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -94.5 |
| 5G NR FDD n5 (20 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -90.8 |
| 5G NR FDD n12 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -93.8 |
| 5G NR FDD n14 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -93.8 |
| 5G NR FDD n29 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| 5G NR FDD n30 (10 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -95.8 |
| 5G NR FDD n66 (40 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -93 |
| 5G NR TDD n77 (100 MHz) | TBD | TBD | TBD | -87.3 |

⁸ For the SIMO receiving sensitivity, LTE bands are tested with 2 Rx antennas, and 5G n2/n30/n66/n77 bands are tested with 4 Rx antennas and 5G n5/n12/n14/n29 bands are tested with 2 Rx antennas.

5.1.5. Reference Design

It is recommended to reserve a π -type matching circuit for better RF performance, and the π -type matching components (like C1, R1, and C2) should be placed as close to the antenna as possible. The capacitors are not mounted by default.

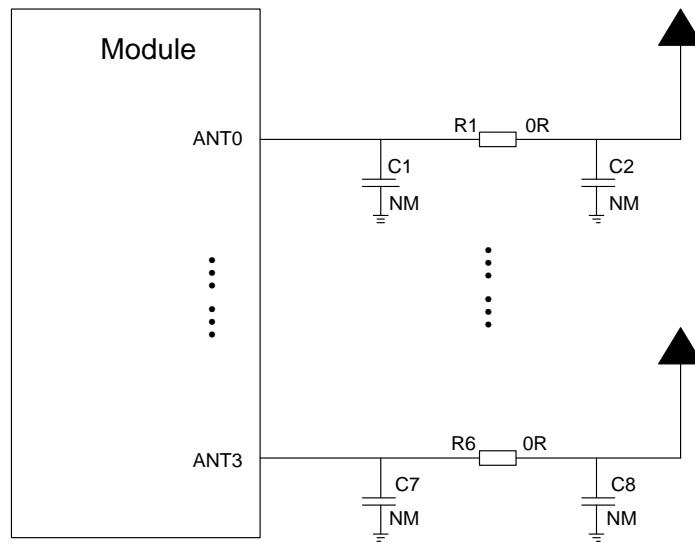


Figure 36: Reference Circuit for Cellular Antenna Interfaces

NOTE

1. Use a π -type circuit for all the antenna circuits to facilitate future debugging.
2. Keep the impedance of the cellular antennas (ANT0–ANT3) traces as $50\ \Omega$ when routing.
3. Keep at least 15 dB isolation between cellular antennas to improve the receiving sensitivity, and at least 20 dB isolation between 5G NR UL MIMO antennas.
4. The isolation between each antenna trace on PCB is recommended to be more than 75 dB.
5. Keep digital circuits such as switch mode power supply, (U)SIM card, USB interface, camera module, display connector and SD card away from the antenna traces.

5.2. GNSS

The module includes a fully integrated global navigation satellite system solution that supports GPS, GLONASS, BDS, Galileo and QZSS.

The module supports standard NMEA 0183 protocol, and outputs NMEA sentences via USB interface (data update rate: 1–10 Hz, 1 Hz by default).

By default, the module's GNSS function is disabled. It must be enabled via **AT+QGPS=1**. For more details about GNSS function's technology and configurations, see **document [4]**.

5.2.1. Antenna Interface & Frequency Bands

The following table shows the pin definition, frequency, and performance of GNSS antenna interface.

Table 42: Pin Definition of GNSS Antenna Interface

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|---------|-----|------------------------|-----------------|
| ANT_GNSS | 193 | AI | GNSS antenna interface | 50 Ω impedance. |

Table 43: GNSS Frequency

| Type | Frequency | Unit |
|---------|--|------|
| GPS | 1575.42 ±1.023 (GPS L1) 1176.45 ±10.23 (GPS L5) | |
| GLONASS | 1597.5–1605.8 | |
| Galileo | 1575.42 ±2.046 (E1) 1176.45 ±10.23 (E5a) | MHz |
| BDS | 1561.098 ±2.046 | |
| QZSS | 1575.42 (L1) 1176.45 (L5) | |

5.2.2. GNSS Performance

Table 44: GNSS Performance

| Parameter | Description | Conditions | Typ. | Unit |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|------|------|
| | Acquisition | | TBD | |
| Sensitivity (GNSS) | Reacquisition | Autonomous | TBD | dBm |
| | Tracking | | TBD | |
| TTFF (GNSS) | Cold start | | TBD | |
| | @ open sky | XTRA enabled | TBD | s |

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Warm start | Autonomous | TBD |
| @ open sky | XTRA enabled | TBD |
| Hot start | Autonomous | TBD |
| @ open sky | XTRA enabled | TBD |
| Accuracy (GNSS) | CEP-50 | Autonomous TBD @ open sky |
| | | m |

NOTE

1. Tracking sensitivity: the minimum GNSS signal power at which the module can maintain lock (keep positioning for at least 3 minutes continuously).
2. Reacquisition sensitivity: the minimum GNSS signal power required for the module to maintain lock within 3 minutes after loss of lock.
3. Acquisition sensitivity: the minimum GNSS signal power at which the module can fix position successfully within 3 minutes after executing cold start command.

5.2.3. Reference Design

The following is the reference circuit of GNSS antenna.

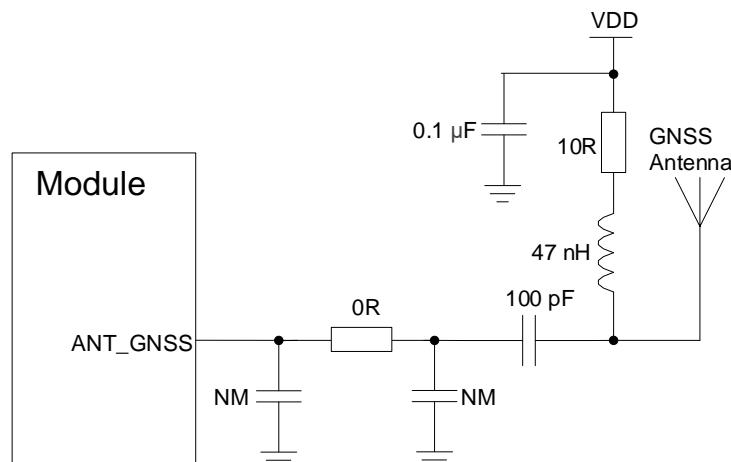


Figure 37: Reference Circuit of GNSS Antenna

NOTE

1. An external LDO can be selected when supplying power according to the active antenna

requirement.

2. If the module is designed with a passive antenna, then the VDD circuit is not needed.
3. Keep the characteristic impedance for ANT_GNSS trace as 50Ω .
4. Place the π -type matching components as close to the antenna as possible.
5. Keep digital circuits such as (U)SIM card, USB interface, camera module, display connector and SD card away from the antenna traces.
6. The isolation between each antenna trace on PCB is recommended to be more than 75 dB.
7. Keep at least 15 dB isolation between GNSS and cellular antennas to improve the receiving sensitivity.

5.3. RF Routing Guidelines

For user's PCB, the characteristic impedance of all RF traces should be controlled to 50Ω . The impedance of the RF traces is usually determined by the trace width (W), the materials' dielectric constant, the height from the reference ground to the signal layer (H), and the spacing between RF traces and grounds (S). Microstrip or coplanar waveguide is typically used in RF layout to control characteristic impedance. The following are reference designs of microstrip or coplanar waveguide with different PCB structures.

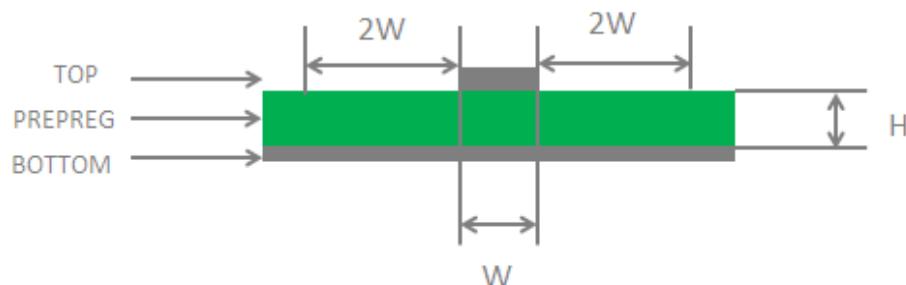


Figure 38: Microstrip Design on a 2-layer PCB

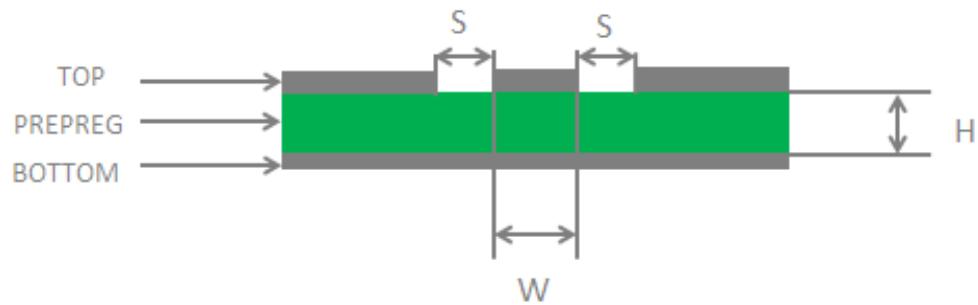


Figure 39: Coplanar Waveguide Design on a 2-layer PCB

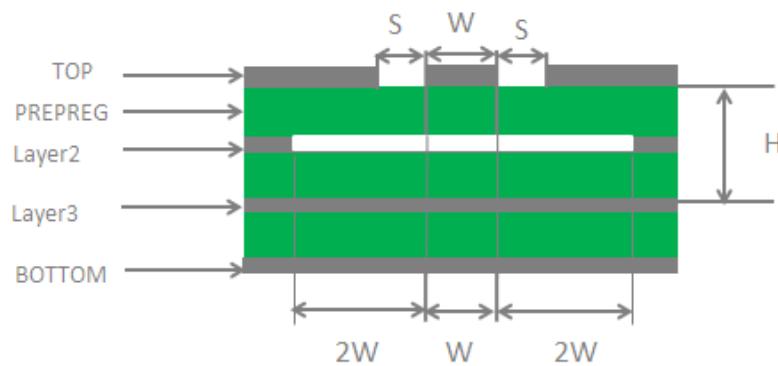


Figure 40: Coplanar Waveguide Design on a 4-layer PCB (Layer 3 as Reference Ground)

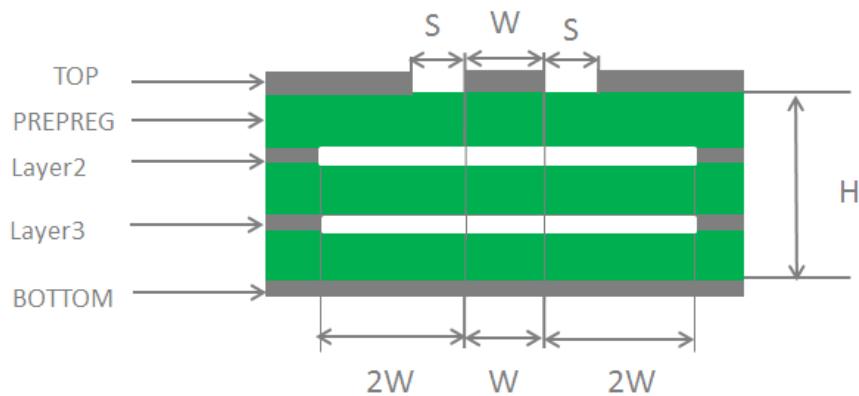


Figure 41: Coplanar Waveguide Design on a 4-layer PCB (Layer 4 as Reference Ground)

To ensure RF performance and reliability, follow the principles below in RF layout design:

- Use an impedance simulation tool to accurately control the characteristic impedance of RF traces to $50\ \Omega$.
- The GND pins adjacent to RF pins should not be designed as thermal relief pads, and should be fully connected to ground.
- The distance between the RF pins and the RF connector should be as short as possible and all the right-angle traces should be changed to curved ones. The recommended trace angle is 135° .
- There should be clearance under the signal pin of the antenna connector or solder joint.
- The reference ground of RF traces should be complete. Meanwhile, adding some ground vias around RF traces and the reference ground could help to improve RF performance. The distance between the ground vias and RF traces should be not less than twice the width of RF signal traces ($2 \times W$).
- Keep RF traces away from interference sources, and avoid intersection and paralleling between traces on adjacent layers.

For more details about RF layout, see [document \[5\]](#).

5.4. Antenna Design Requirements

Table 45: Antenna Design Requirements

| Antenna Type | Requirements |
|--------------|--|
| GNSS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Frequency range: L1: 1559–1609 MHz L5: 1166–1187 MHz● Polarization: RHCP or linear● VSWR: ≤ 2 (Typ.)● Passive antenna gain: > 0 dBi |
| 5G NR/LTE | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● VSWR: ≤ 2● Efficiency: $> 30\%$● Gain: 1 dBi● Max input power: 50 W● Input impedance: $50\ \Omega$● Polarization: Vertical● Cable insertion loss:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- < 1 dB: LB (< 1 GHz)- < 1.5 dB: MB (1–2.3 GHz)- < 2 dB: HB (> 2.3 GHz) |

NOTE

It is recommended to use a passive GNSS antenna when LTE B14 is supported, as the use of active

antenna may generate harmonics which will affect the GNSS performance.

5.5. RF Connector Recommendation

The receptacle dimensions are illustrated as below.

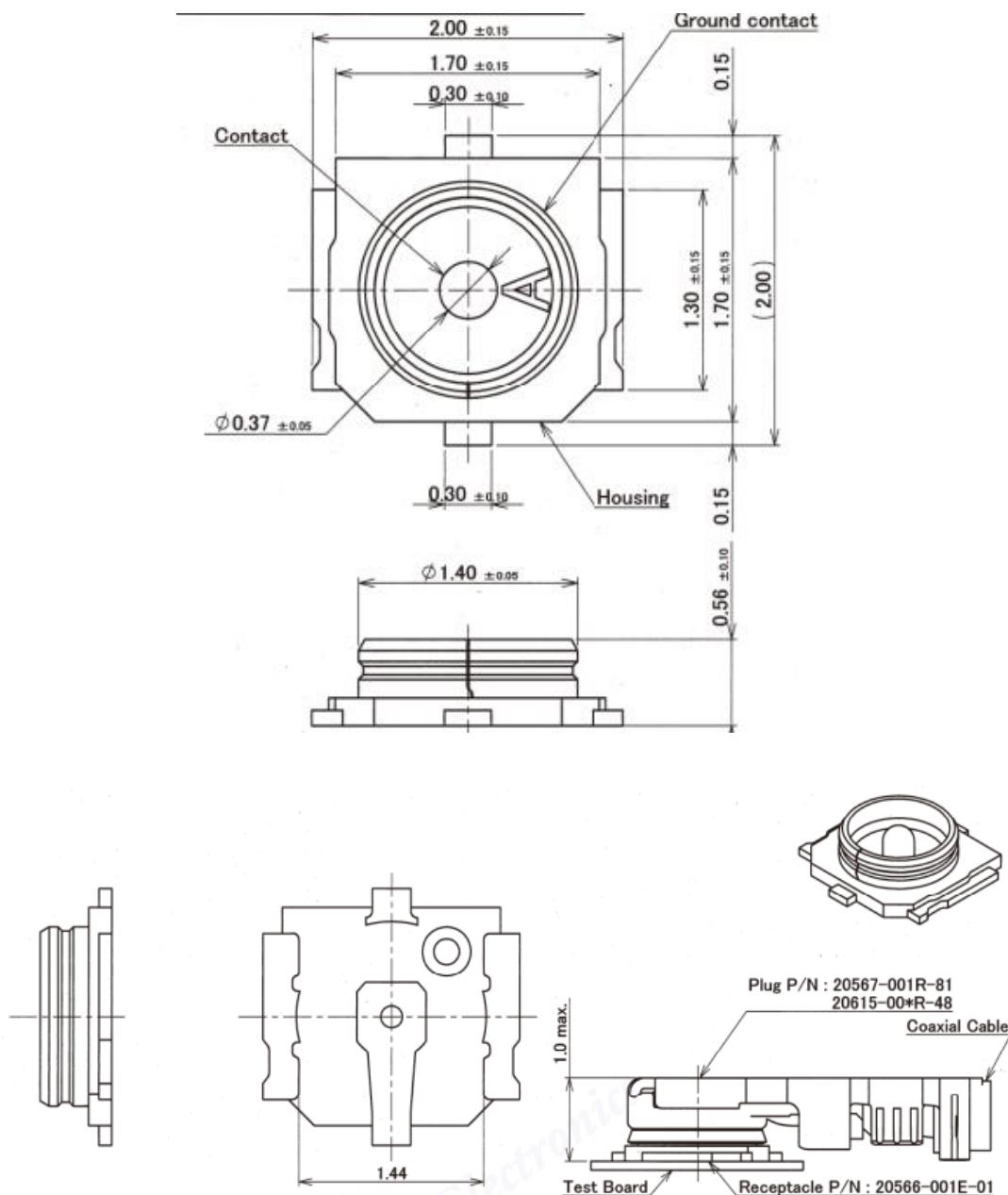


Figure 42: Dimensions of the Receptacles (Unit: mm)

The following figure shows the dimensions of mated plugs using $\phi 0.81$ mm coaxial cables.

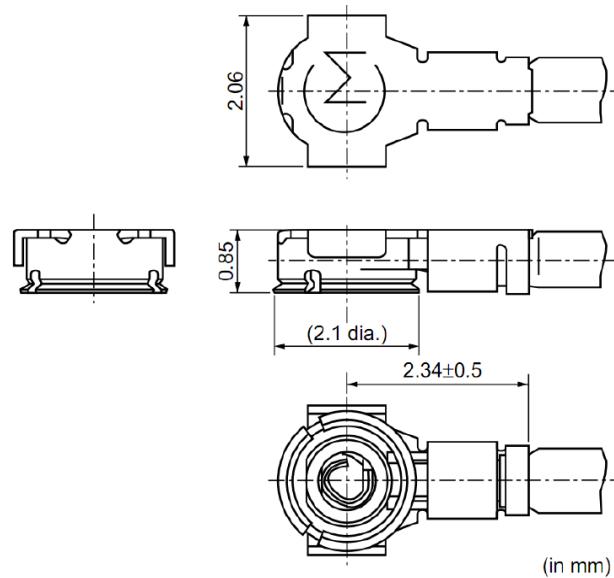


Figure 43: Dimensions of Mated Plugs Using Ø0.81 mm Coaxial Cables (Unit: mm)

5.5.1. Recommended RF Connector for Installation

5.5.1.1. Assemble Coaxial Cable Plug Manually

The illustration for plugging in a coaxial cable plug is shown below, $\theta = 90^\circ$ is acceptable, while $\theta \neq 90^\circ$ is not.

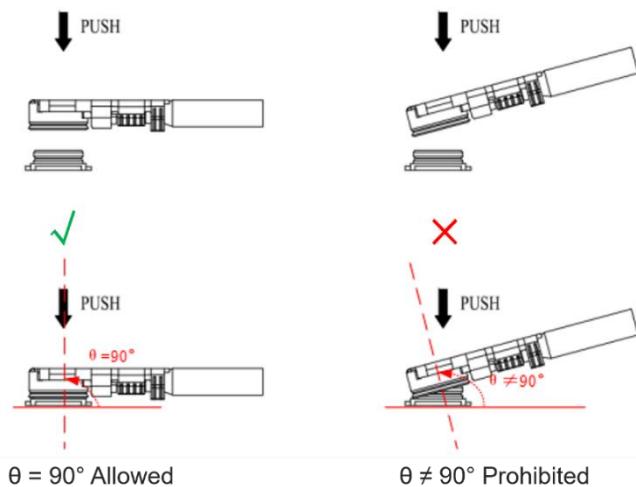


Figure 44: Plug in a Coaxial Cable Plug

The illustration of pulling out the coaxial cable plug is shown below, $\theta = 90^\circ$ is acceptable, while $\theta \neq 90^\circ$ is not.

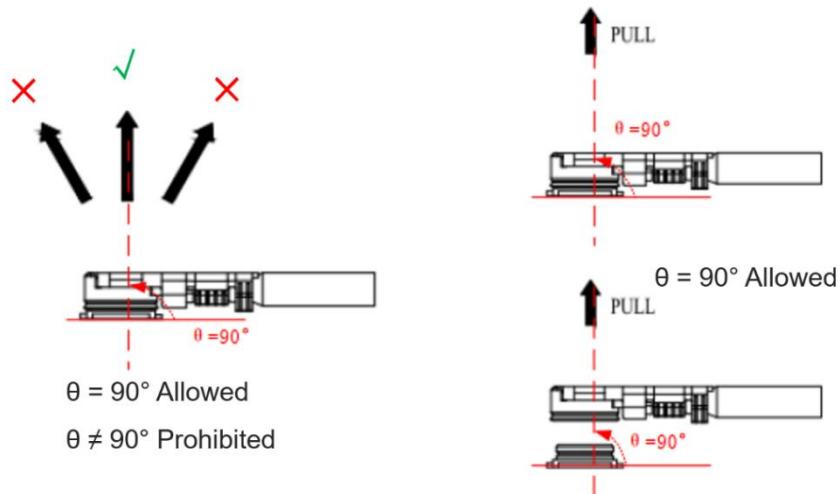


Figure 45: Pull out a Coaxial Cable Plug

5.5.1.2. Assemble Coaxial Cable Plug with Jig

The pictures of installing the coaxial cable plug with a jig is shown below, $\theta = 90^\circ$ is acceptable, while $\theta \neq 90^\circ$ is not.

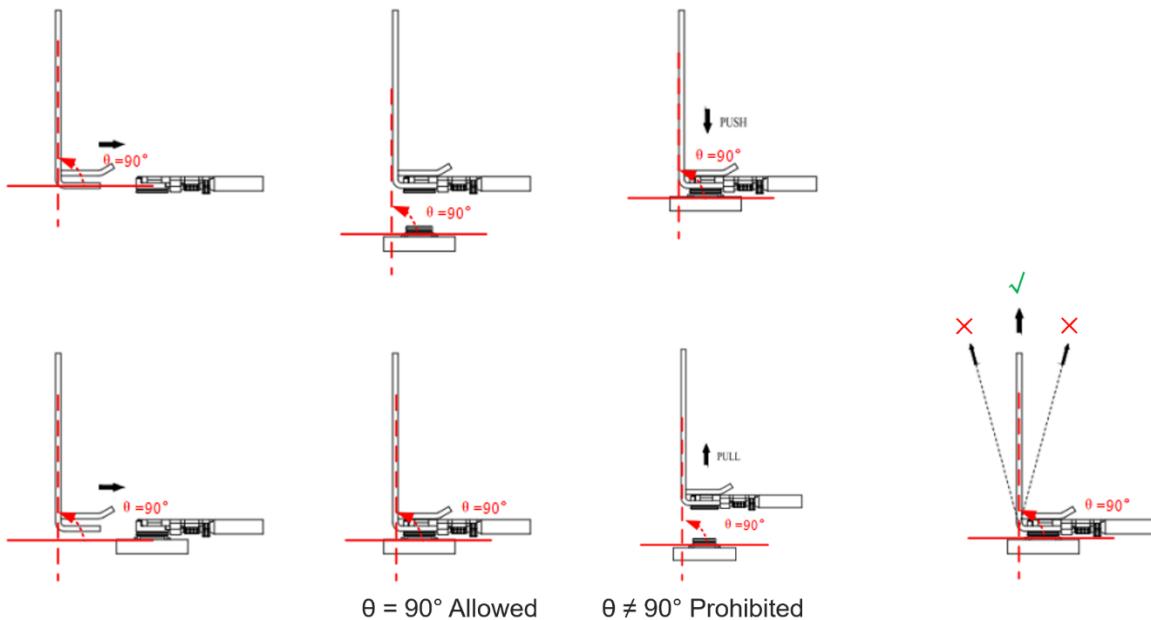


Figure 46: Install the Coaxial Cable Plug with Jig

5.5.2. Recommended Manufacturers of RF Connector and Cable

RF connectors and cables by I-PEX are recommended. For more details, visit <https://www.i-pex.com>.

6 Electrical Characteristics and Reliability

6.1. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Absolute maximum ratings for power supply and voltage on digital and analog pins of the module are listed in the following table.

Table 46: Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Parameter | Min. | Max. | Unit |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| VBAT_RF/VBAT_BB | -0.5 | 6.0 | V |
| USB_VBUS | -0.3 | 5.5 | V |
| Peak Current of VBAT_BB | - | 0.32 | A |
| Peak Current of VBAT_RF | - | 3.2 | A |
| Voltage at Digital Pins | -0.5 | 2.2 | V |
| Voltage at ADC0 | -0.5 | 2.2 | V |

6.2. Power Supply Ratings

Table 47: Module Power Supply Ratings

| Parameter | Description | Condition | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------|---------------------|--|------|------|------|------|
| VBAT | VBAT_BB and VBAT_RF | The actual input voltages must be kept between the minimum and maximum | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.4 | V |

values.

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|----------|-----------------------|-----|-----|------|---|
| USB_VBUS | USB connection detect | 3.3 | 5.0 | 5.25 | V |
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6.3. Power Consumption

Table 48: Power Consumption

| Mode | Conditions | Band/Combinations | Current | Unit |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|------|
| Power-off | Power off | - | 150 | µA |
| RF Disabled | AT+CFUN=0 (USB 3.0 suspend) | - | 4 | mA |
| | AT+CFUN=4 (USB 3.0 suspend) | - | 4.1 | mA |
| Sleep State | SA FDD PF = 64 (USB 3.0 suspend) | - | 9.3 | mA |
| | SA TDD PF = 64 (USB 3.0 suspend) | - | 9.3 | mA |
| Idle State | SA PF = 64 (USB 2.0 active) | - | 40 | mA |
| | SA PF = 64 (USB 3.0 active) | - | 60 | mA |
| LTE | LTE LB @ 23 dBm | B5 | TBD | mA |
| | LTE MB @ 23 dBm | B2 | TBD | mA |
| | LTE HB @ 23 dBm | B30 | TBD | mA |
| LTE CA | DL 3CA, 256QAM | | | |
| | UL 1CA, 256QAM | CA_2A-5A-66A | TBD | mA |
| | Tx power @ 23 dBm | | | |
| 5G SA (1 Tx) | 5G NR LB @ 23 dBm | n12 | TBD | mA |
| | 5G NR MB @ 23 dBm | n66 | TBD | mA |
| | 5G NR HB @ 23 dBm | n30 | TBD | mA |
| 5G SA (2 Tx) | 5G NR UHB @ 26 dBm | n77 | TBD | mA |
| | 5G NR UL 2 x 2 MIMO @ 26 dBm | n77 | TBD | mA |

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|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----|----|
| | DL 2CA, 256QAM | | | |
| 5G SA CA | UL 1CA, 256QAM | CA_n77C | TBD | mA |
| | Tx power @ 26 dBm | | | |
| | LTE DL, 256QAM | | | |
| | LTE UL QPSK | | | |
| LTE + 5G EN-DC | NR DL, 256QAM | DC_2A-n77 | TBD | mA |
| | NR UL QPSK | | | |
| | LTE Tx Power @ 23 dBm | | | |
| | NR Tx Power @ 23 dBm | | | |

6.4. Digital I/O Characteristics

Table 49: 1.8 V I/O Requirements

| Parameter | Description | Min. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------|---------------------|------|------|------|
| V_{IH} | Input high voltage | 1.26 | 2.1 | V |
| V_{IL} | Input low voltage | -0.3 | 0.54 | V |
| V_{OH} | Output high voltage | 1.35 | - | V |
| V_{OL} | Output low voltage | - | 0.45 | V |

Table 50: (U)SIM 1.8 V I/O Requirements

| Parameter | Description | Min. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------|---------------------|------|------|------|
| USIM_VDD | Power supply | 1.65 | 1.95 | V |
| V_{IH} | Input high voltage | 1.26 | 2.1 | V |
| V_{IL} | Input low voltage | -0.3 | 0.36 | V |
| V_{OH} | Output high voltage | 1.44 | - | V |

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|-----------------|--------------------|---|-----|---|
| V _{OL} | Output low voltage | - | 0.4 | V |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|-----|---|

Table 51: (U)SIM 2.95 V I/O Requirements

| Parameter | Description | Min. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------------|---------------------|------|------|------|
| USIM_VDD | Power supply | 2.7 | 3.05 | V |
| V _{IH} | Input high voltage | 2.06 | 3.25 | V |
| V _{IL} | Input low voltage | -0.3 | 0.59 | V |
| V _{OH} | Output high voltage | 2.36 | - | V |
| V _{OL} | Output low voltage | - | 0.4 | V |

6.5. ESD Protection

Static electricity occurs naturally and it may damage the module. Therefore, applying proper ESD countermeasures and handling methods is imperative. For example, wear anti-static gloves during the development, production, assembly and testing of the module; add ESD protection components to the ESD sensitive interfaces and points in the product design.

Table 52: Electrostatics Discharge Characteristics (Temperature: 25–30 °C, Humidity: 40 ±5 %)

| Tested Interfaces | Contact Discharge | Air Discharge | Unit |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------|
| VBAT, GND | ±5 | ±10 | kV |
| All Antenna Interfaces | ±4 | ±8 | kV |
| Other Interfaces | ±0.5 | ±1 | kV |

6.6. Operating and Storage Temperatures

Table 53: Operating and Storage Temperatures

| Parameter | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Operating Temperature Range ⁹ | -30 | +25 | +75 | °C |
| Extended Temperature Range ¹⁰ | -40 | - | +85 | °C |
| Storage temperature range | -40 | - | +90 | °C |

6.7. Thermal Dissipation

The module offers the best performance when all internal IC chips are working within their operating temperatures. When the IC chip reaches or exceeds the maximum junction temperature, the module may still work but the performance and function (such as RF output power, data rate.) will be affected to a certain extent. Therefore, the thermal design should be maximally optimized to ensure all internal IC chips always work within the recommended operating temperature range.

The following principles for thermal consideration are provided for reference:

- Keep the module away from heat sources on your PCB, especially high-power components such as processor, power amplifier, and power supply.
- Maintain the integrity of the PCB copper layer and drill as many thermal vias as possible.
- Follow the principles below when the heatsink is necessary:
 - Do not place large size components in the area where the module is mounted on your PCB to reserve enough place for heatsink installation;
 - Attach the heatsink to the shielding cover of the module; In general, the base plate area of the heatsink should be larger than the module area to cover the module completely;
 - Choose the heatsink with adequate fins to dissipate heat;
 - Choose a TIM (Thermal Interface Material) with high thermal conductivity, good softness and good wettability and place it between the heatsink and the module;
 - Fasten the heatsink with four screws to ensure that it is in close contact with the module to prevent the heatsink from falling off during the drop, vibration test, or transportation.

⁹ To meet this operating temperature range, you need to ensure effective thermal dissipation, for example, by adding passive or active heatsinks, heat pipes, vapor chambers, etc. Within this range, the module can meet 3GPP specifications.

¹⁰ To meet this extended temperature range, you need to ensure effective thermal dissipation, for example, by adding passive or active heatsinks, heat pipes, vapor chambers, etc. Within this range, the module remains the ability to establish and maintain functions such as voice, SMS, without any unrecoverable malfunction. Radio spectrum and radio network are not influenced, while one or more specifications, such as P_{out} , may undergo a reduction in value, exceeding the specified tolerances of 3GPP. When the temperature returns to the normal operating temperature level, the module will meet 3GPP specifications again.

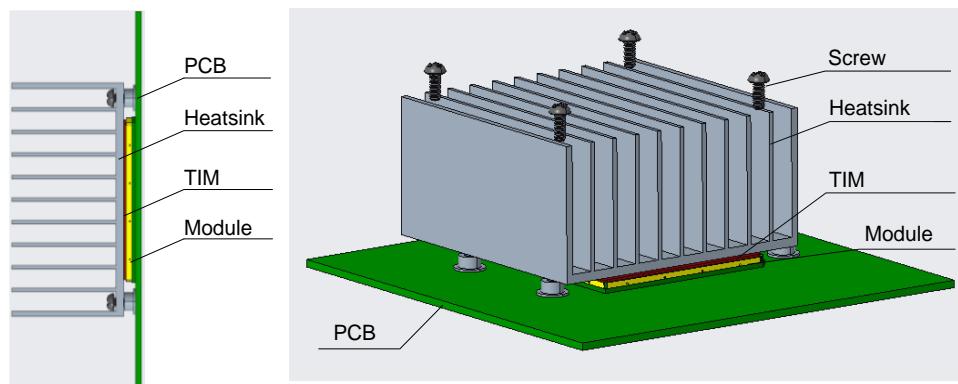


Figure 47: Placement and Fixing of the Heatsink

7 Mechanical Information

This chapter describes the mechanical dimensions of the module. All dimensions are measured in millimeter (mm), and the dimensional tolerances are ± 0.2 mm unless otherwise specified.

7.1. Mechanical Dimensions

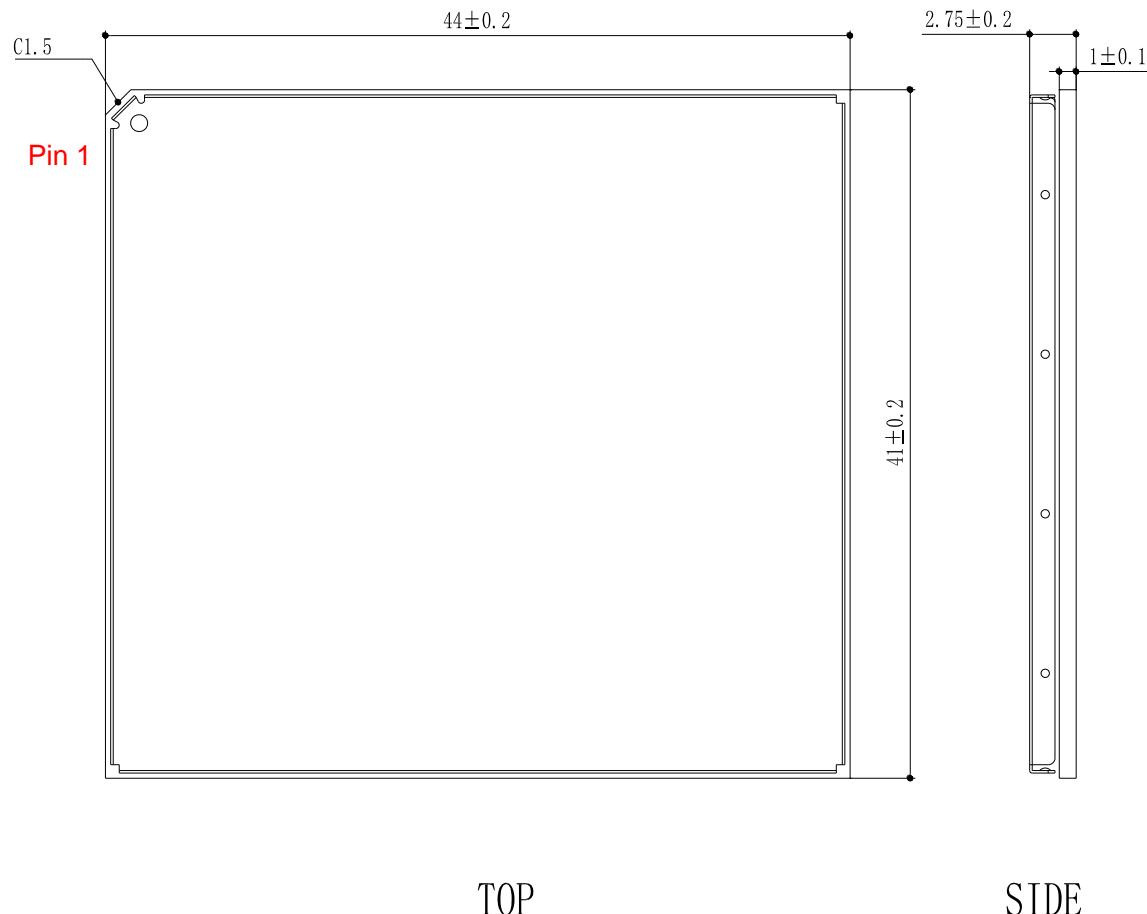


Figure 48: Module Top and Side Dimensions

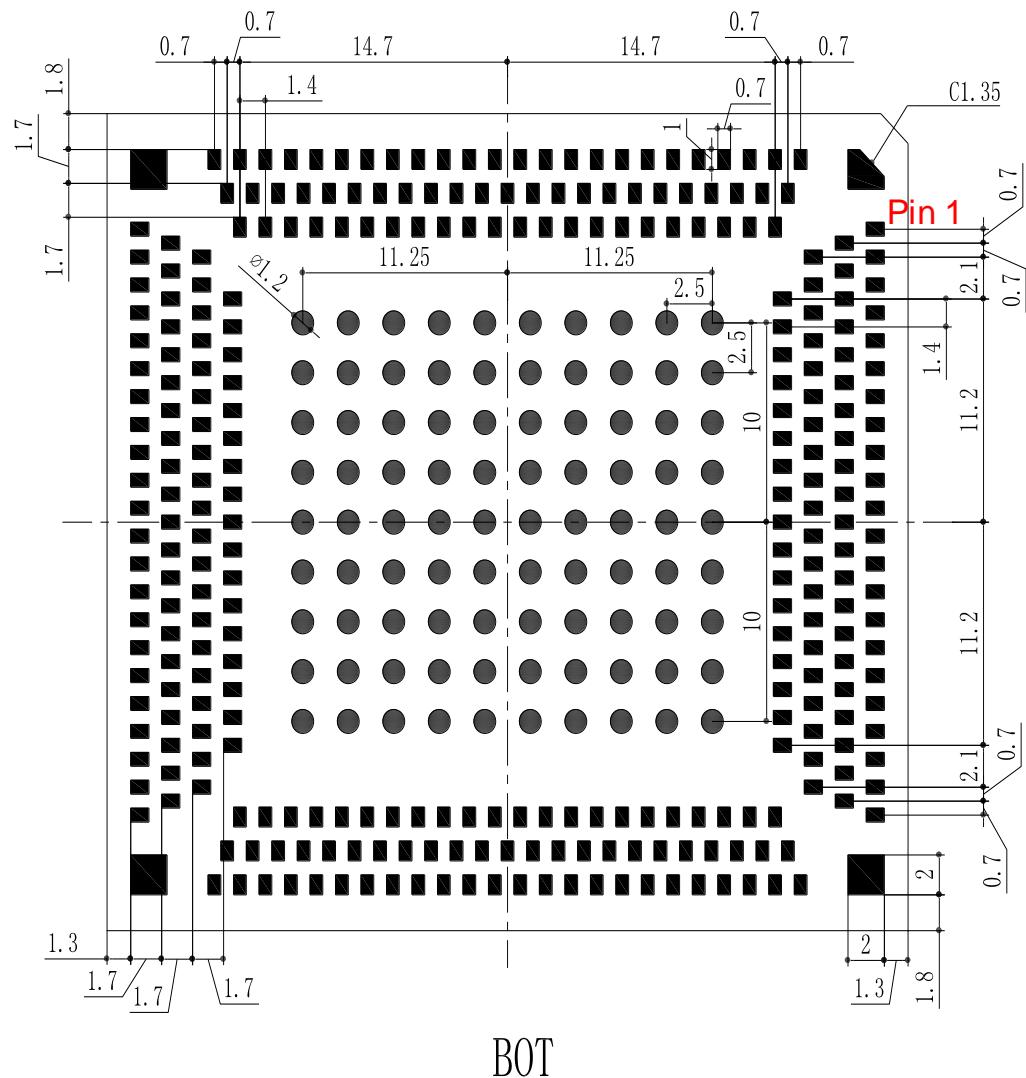


Figure 49: Module Bottom Dimensions (Bottom View)

NOTE

The package warpage level of the module conforms to the *JEITA ED-7306* standard.

7.2. Recommended Footprint

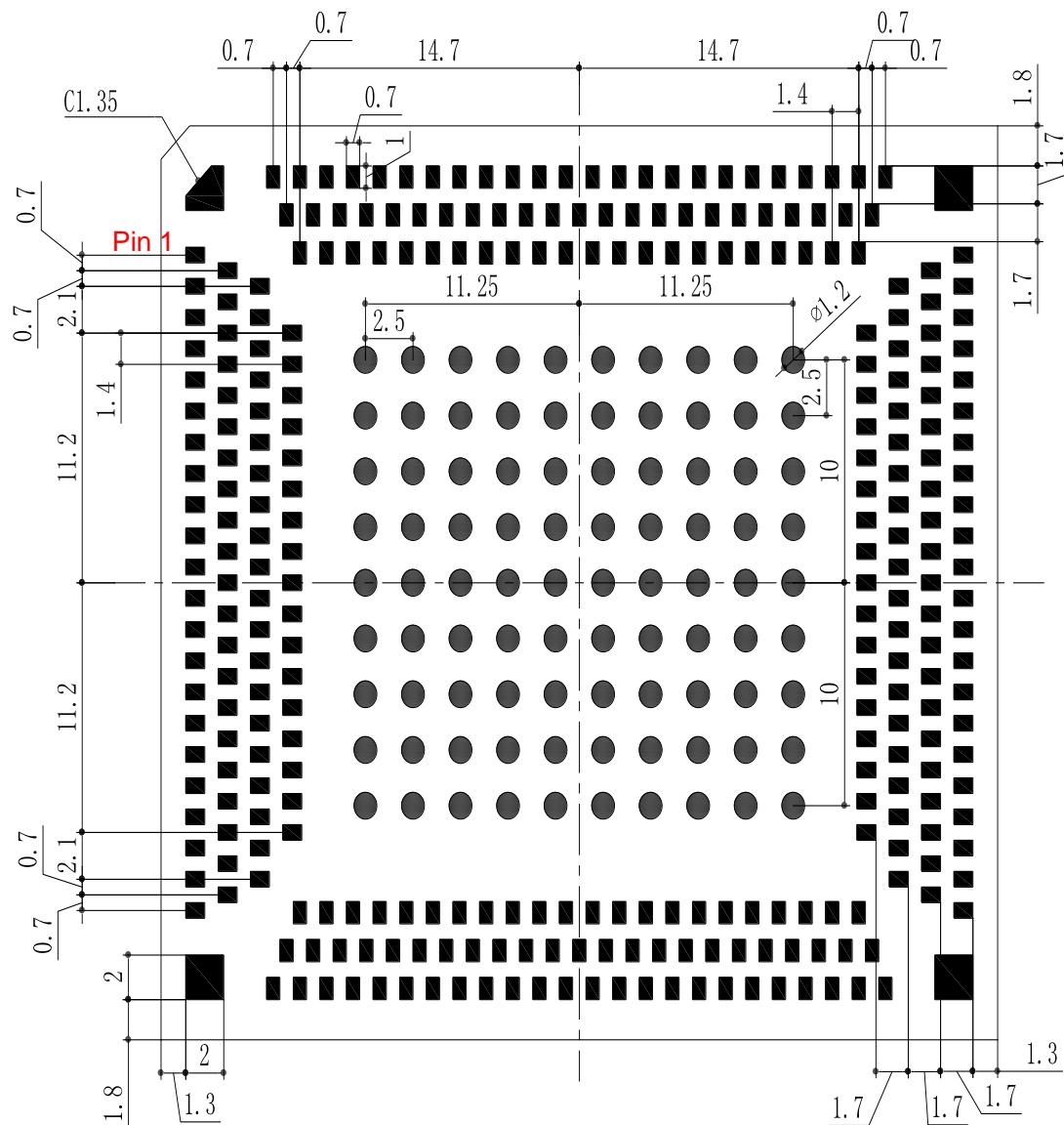


Figure 50: Recommended Footprint

NOTE

1. Keep at least 3 mm between the module and other components on the motherboard to improve soldering quality and maintenance convenience.
2. To keep the reliability of the mounting and soldering, keep the motherboard thickness as at least 1.2 mm.

7.3. Top and Bottom Views

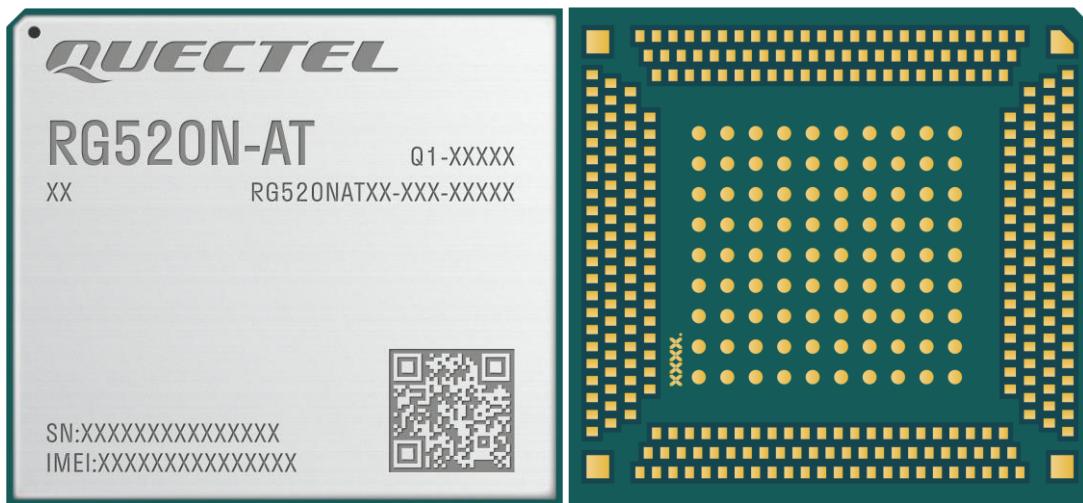


Figure 51: Top & Bottom Views

NOTE

Images above are for illustration purpose only and may differ from the actual module. For authentic appearance and label, please refer to the module received from Quectel.

8 Storage, Manufacturing & Packaging

8.1. Storage Conditions

The module is provided in vacuum-sealed packaging. MSL of the module is rated at 3. The storage requirements are shown below.

1. Recommended Storage Condition: the temperature should be 23 ± 5 °C and the relative humidity should be 35–60 %.
2. Shelf life (in a vacuum-sealed packaging): 12 months in Recommended Storage Condition.
3. Floor life: 168 hours ¹¹ in a factory where the temperature is 23 ± 5 °C and relative humidity is below 60 %. After the vacuum-sealed packaging is removed, the module must be processed in reflow soldering or other high-temperature operations within 168 hours. Otherwise, the module should be stored in an environment where the relative humidity is less than 10 % (e.g., a dry cabinet).
4. The module should be pre-baked to avoid blistering, cracks and inner-layer separation in PCB under the following circumstances:
 - The module is not stored in Recommended Storage Condition;
 - Violation of the third requirement mentioned above;
 - Vacuum-sealed packaging is broken, or the packaging has been removed for over 24 hours;
 - Before module repairing.
5. If needed, the pre-baking should follow the requirements below:
 - The module should be baked for 8 hours at 120 ± 5 °C;
 - The module must be soldered to PCB within 24 hours after the baking, otherwise it should be put in a dry environment such as in a dry cabinet.

¹¹ This floor life is only applicable when the environment conforms to *IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033*. It is recommended to start the solder reflow process within 24 hours after the package is removed if the temperature and moisture do not conform to, or are not sure to conform to *IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033*. And do not unpack the modules in large quantities until they are ready for soldering.

NOTE

1. To avoid blistering, layer separation and other soldering issues, extended exposure of the module to the air is forbidden.
2. Take out the module from the package and put it on high-temperature-resistant fixtures before baking. If shorter baking time is desired, see *IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033* for the baking procedure.
3. Pay attention to ESD protection, such as wearing anti-static gloves, when touching the module.

8.2. Manufacturing and Soldering

Push the squeegee to apply the solder paste on the surface of stencil, thus making the paste fill the stencil openings and then penetrate to the PCB. Apply proper force on the squeegee to produce a clean stencil surface on a single pass. To guarantee module soldering quality, the thickness of stencil for the module is recommended to be 0.15–0.18 mm. For more details, see **document [6]**.

The recommended peak reflow temperature should be 235–246 °C, with 246 °C as the absolute maximum reflow temperature. To avoid damage to the module caused by repeated heating, it is strongly recommended that the module should be mounted only after reflow soldering for the other side of PCB has been completed. The recommended reflow soldering thermal profile (lead-free reflow soldering) and related parameters are shown below.

Temp. (°C)

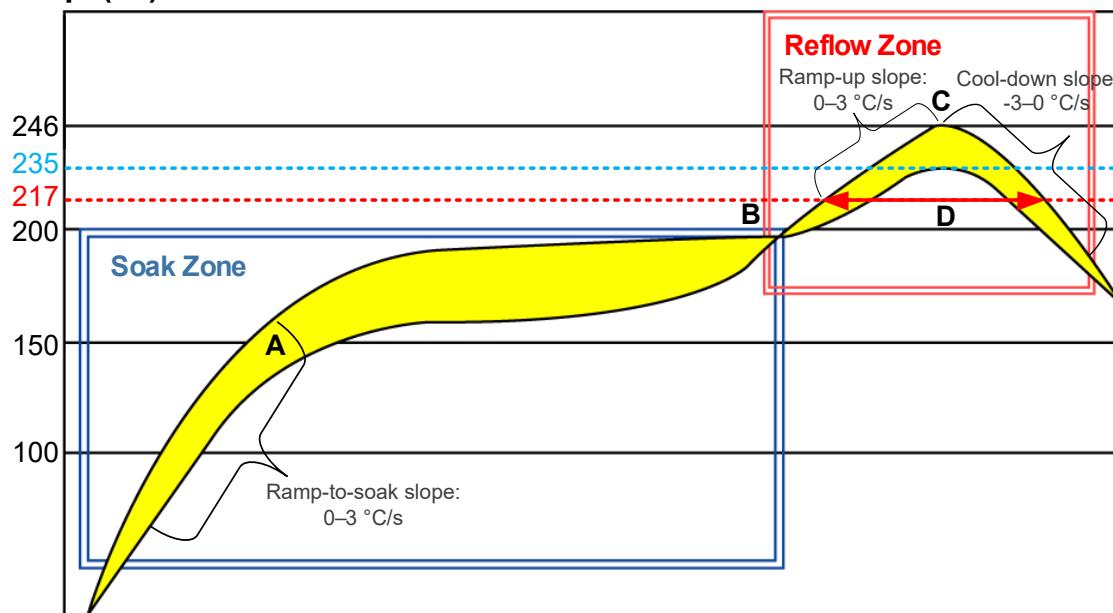


Figure 52: Recommended Reflow Soldering Thermal Profile

Table 54: Recommended Thermal Profile Parameters

| Factor | Recommended Value |
|--|-------------------|
| Soak Zone | |
| Ramp-to-soak slope | 0–3 °C/s |
| Soak time (between A and B: 150 °C and 200 °C) | 70–120 s |
| Reflow Zone | |
| Ramp-up slope | 0–3 °C/s |
| Reflow time (D: over 217°C) | 40–70 s |
| Max. temperature | 235–246 °C |
| Cool-down slope | -3–0 °C/s |
| Reflow Cycle | |
| Max. reflow cycle | 1 |

NOTE

1. The above profile parameter requirements are for the measured temperature of the solder joints. Both the hottest and coldest spots of solder joints on the PCB should meet the above requirements.
2. If a conformal coating is necessary for the module, do NOT use any coating material that may chemically react with the PCB or shielding cover, and prevent the coating material from flowing into the module.
3. Avoid using ultrasonic technology for module cleaning since it can damage crystals inside the module.
4. Due to the complexity of the SMT process, contact Quectel Technical Support in advance for any situation that you are not sure about, or any process (e.g. selective soldering, ultrasonic soldering) that is not mentioned in **document [6]**.

8.3. Packaging Specifications

This chapter describes only the key parameters and process of packaging. All figures below are for reference only. The appearance and structure of the packaging materials are subject to the actual delivery.

The module adopts carrier tape packaging and details are as follow:

8.3.1. Carrier Tape

Dimension details are as follow:

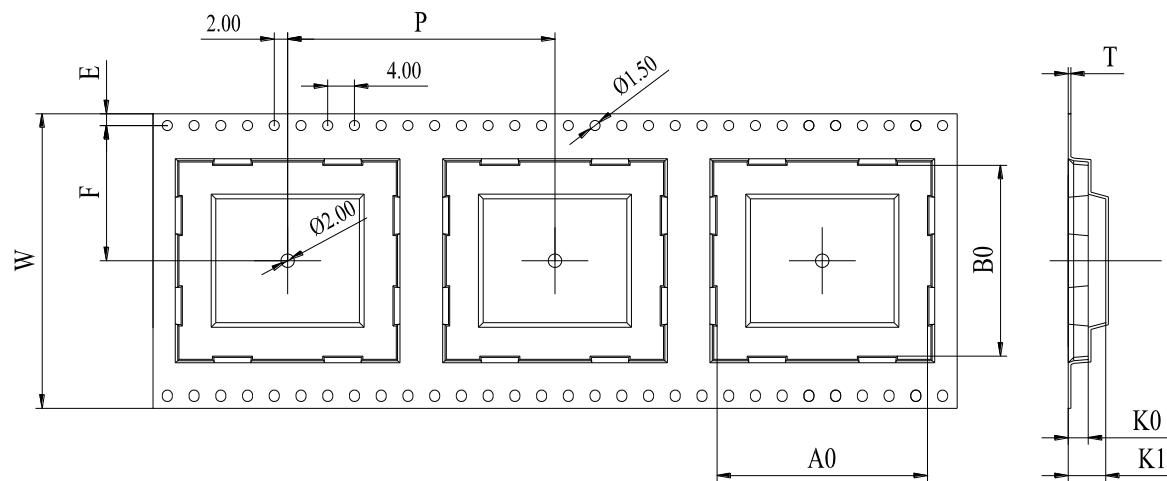


Figure 53: Carrier Tape Dimension Drawing

Table 55: Carrier Tape Dimension Table (Unit: mm)

| W | P | T | A0 | B0 | K0 | K1 | F | E |
|----|----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 72 | 56 | 0.4 | 44.7 | 41.7 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 34.2 | 1.75 |

8.3.2. Plastic Reel

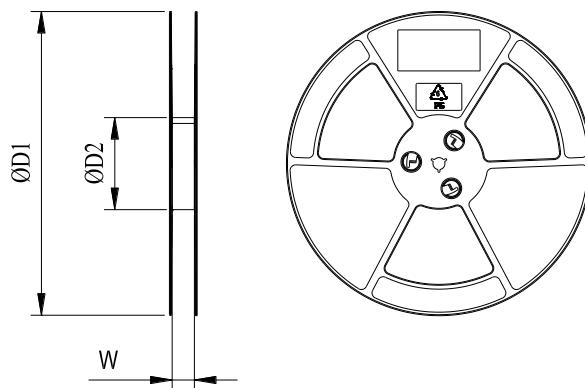


Figure 54: Plastic Reel Dimension Drawing

Table 56: Plastic Reel Dimension Table (Unit: mm)

| $\phi D1$ | $\phi D2$ | W |
|-----------|-----------|------|
| 380 | 180 | 72.5 |

8.3.3. Mounting Direction

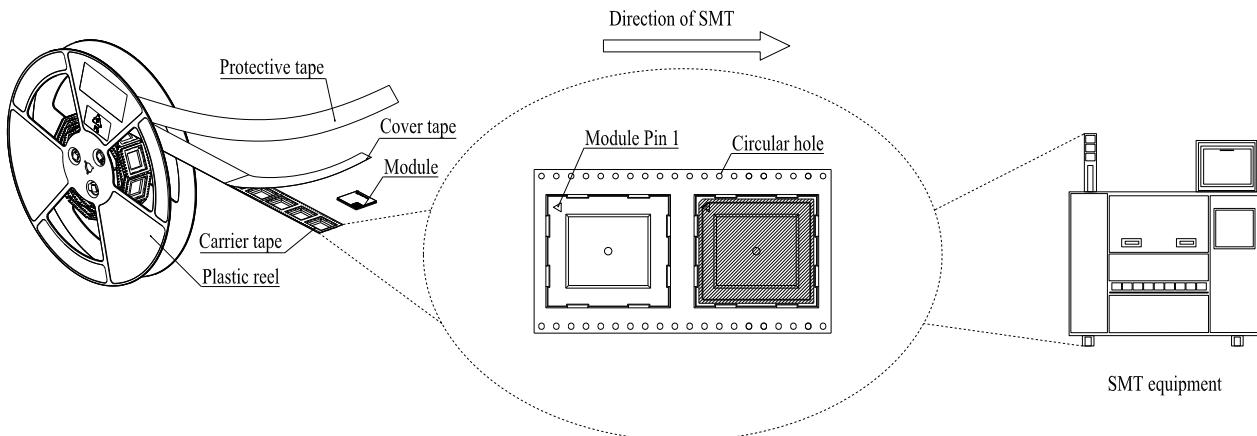
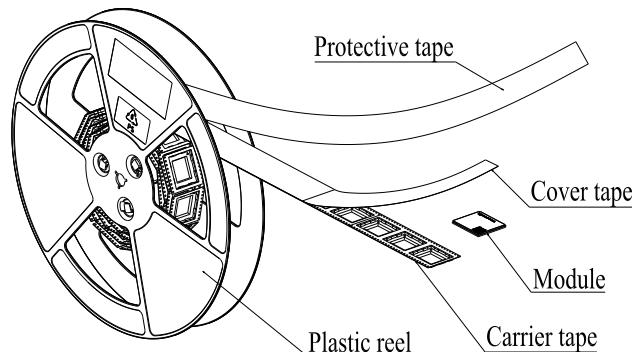


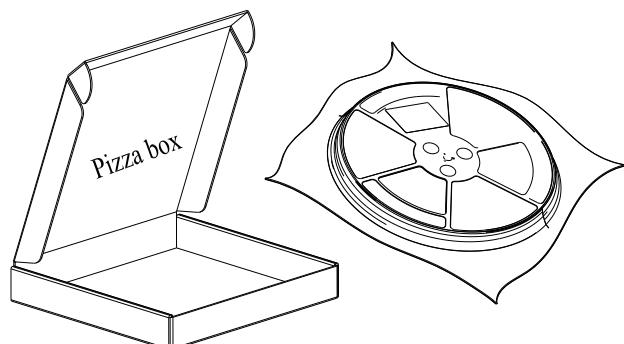
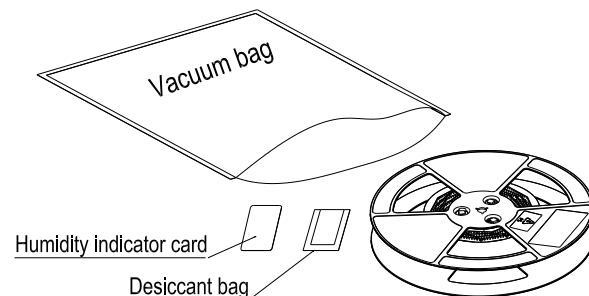
Figure 55: Mounting Direction

8.3.4. Packaging Process



Place the module into the carrier tape and use the cover tape to cover it; then wind the heat-sealed carrier tape to the plastic reel and use the protective tape for protection. 1 plastic reel can load 200 modules.

Place the packaged plastic reel, 1 humidity indicator card and 1 desiccant bag into a vacuum bag, vacuumize it.



Place the vacuum-packed plastic reel into the pizza box.

Put 4 packaged pizza boxes into 1 carton box and seal it. 1 carton box can pack 800 modules.

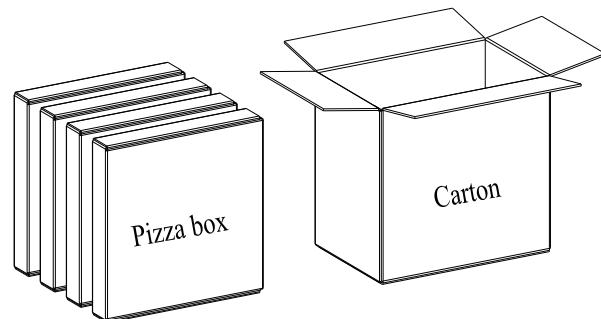


Figure 56: Packaging Process

9 Appendix A References

Table 57: Related Documents

| Document Name |
|---|
| [1] Quectel_RG520N-AT_CA&EN-DC_Features |
| [2] Quectel_RTA001-EV_EVB_User_Guide |
| [3] Quectel_RG520N&RG52xF&RG530F&RM520N&RM530N_Series_AT_Commands_Manual |
| [4] Quectel_RG520N&RG52xF&RG530F&RM520N&RM530N_Series_GNSS_Application_Note |
| [5] Quectel_RF_Layout_Application_Note |
| [6] Quectel_Module_SMT_Application_Note |

Table 58: Terms and Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 1PPS | 1 Pulse Per Second |
| ADC | Analog-to-Digital Converter |
| AMR-WB | Adaptive Multi-Rate Wideband |
| AON | Active Optical Network |
| AP | Application Processor |
| BDS | BeiDou Navigation Satellite System |
| bps | Bits Per Second |
| BPSK | Binary Phase Shift Keying |
| CA | Carrier Aggregation |

| | |
|------------|--|
| CTS | Clear To Send |
| CP-OFDM | Cyclic Prefix-Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing |
| DAI | Digital Audio Interface |
| DC-HSDPA | Dual-carrier High Speed Downlink Packet Access |
| DDR | Double Data Rate |
| DFT-s-OFDM | Discrete Fourier Transform-Spread-Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing |
| DL | Downlink |
| DRX | Discontinuous Reception |
| DTR | Data Terminal Ready |
| EN-DC | E-UTRA New Radio Dual Connectivity |
| ESD | Electrostatic Discharge |
| E-UTRA | Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access |
| FDD | Frequency Division Duplex |
| FEM | Front-End Module |
| FOTA | Firmware Over-The-Air |
| GLONASS | Global Navigation Satellite System (Russia) |
| GNSS | Global Navigation Satellite System |
| GPS | Global Positioning System |
| GRFC | General RF Control |
| HB | High Band |
| HPUE | High Power User Equipment |
| HSDPA | High Speed Downlink Packet Access |
| HSPA | High Speed Packet Access |
| HSUPA | High Speed Uplink Packet Access |
| IC | Integrated Circuit |

| | |
|------|---|
| I2C | Inter-Integrated Circuit |
| I2S | Inter-IC Sound |
| I/O | Input/Output |
| LAA | License Assisted Access |
| LB | Low Band |
| LED | Light Emitting Diode |
| LGA | Land Grid Array |
| LNA | Low Noise Amplifier |
| LTE | Long Term Evolution |
| MAC | Media Access Control |
| MB | Middle Band |
| MHB | Middle/High Band |
| MIMO | Multiple Input Multiple Output |
| MO | Mobile Originated |
| MT | Mobile Terminated |
| NR | New Radio |
| NSA | Non-Stand Alone |
| PA | Power Amplifier |
| PAP | Password Authentication Protocol |
| PC | Personal Computer |
| PCB | Printed Circuit Board |
| PCIe | Peripheral Component Interconnect Express |
| PCM | Pulse Code Modulation |
| PDU | Protocol Data Unit |
| PHY | Physical Layer |

| | |
|------|---|
| PRX | Primary Receive |
| ps | Picosecond |
| QAM | Quadrature Amplitude Modulation |
| QPSK | Quadrature Phase Shift Keying |
| QZSS | Quasi-Zenith Satellite System |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| RHCP | Right Hand Circularly Polarized |
| Rx | Receive |
| SA | Stand Alone |
| SCS | Sub-Carrier Space |
| SD | Secure Digital |
| SIB | System Information Block |
| SIMO | Single Input Multiple Output |
| SMS | Short Message Service |
| SoC | System on a Chip |
| SPI | Serial Peripheral Interface |
| SRS | Sounding Reference Signal |
| STB | Set Top Box |
| TDD | Time Division Duplexing |
| TRX | Transmit & Receive |
| TTFF | Time to First Fix |
| Tx | Transmit |
| UART | Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter |
| UHB | Ultra High Band |
| UL | Uplink |

| | |
|--------|--------------------------------------|
| URC | Unsolicited Result Code |
| USB | Universal Serial Bus |
| (U)SIM | Universal Subscriber Identity Module |
| VBAT | Voltage at Battery (Pin) |
| Vmax | Maximum Voltage |
| Vmin | Minimum Voltage |
| Vnom | Nominal Voltage |
| VSWR | Voltage Standing Wave Ratio |
| WLAN | Wireless Local Area Network |
| WWAN | Wireless Wide Area Network |

10 Appendix B Operating Frequencies

Table 59: Operating Frequencies (5G)

| 5G | Duplex Mode | Uplink Operating Frequency | Downlink Operating Frequency | Unit |
|-----|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------|
| n1 | FDD | 1920–1980 | 2110–2170 | MHz |
| n2 | FDD | 1850–1910 | 1930–1990 | MHz |
| n3 | FDD | 1710–1785 | 1805–1880 | MHz |
| n5 | FDD | 824–849 | 869–894 | MHz |
| n7 | FDD | 2500–2570 | 2620–2690 | MHz |
| n8 | FDD | 880–915 | 925–960 | MHz |
| n12 | FDD | 699–716 | 729–746 | MHz |
| n13 | FDD | 777–787 | 746–756 | MHz |
| n14 | FDD | 788–798 | 758–768 | MHz |
| n18 | FDD | 815–830 | 860–875 | MHz |
| n20 | FDD | 832–862 | 791–821 | MHz |
| n24 | FDD | 1626.5–1660.5 | 1525–1559 | MHz |
| n25 | FDD | 1850–1915 | 1930–1995 | MHz |
| n26 | FDD | 814–849 | 859–894 | MHz |
| n28 | FDD | 703–748 | 758–803 | MHz |
| n29 | SDL | - | 717–728 | MHz |
| n30 | FDD | 2305–2315 | 2350–2360 | MHz |
| n34 | TDD | 2010–2025 | 2010–2025 | MHz |
| n38 | TDD | 2570–2620 | 2570–2620 | MHz |

| | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|-----|
| n39 | TDD | 1880–1920 | 1880–1920 | MHz |
| n40 | TDD | 2300–2400 | 2300–2400 | MHz |
| n41 | TDD | 2496–2690 | 2496–2690 | MHz |
| n46 | TDD | 5150–5925 | 5150–5925 | MHz |
| n47 | TDD | 5855–5925 | 5855–5925 | MHz |
| n48 | TDD | 3550–3700 | 3550–3700 | MHz |
| n50 | TDD | 1432–1517 | 1432–1517 | MHz |
| n51 | TDD | 1427–1432 | 1427–1432 | MHz |
| n53 | TDD | 2483.5–2495 | 2483.5–2495 | MHz |
| n65 | FDD | 1920–2010 | 2110–2200 | MHz |
| n66 | FDD | 1710–1780 | 2110–2200 | MHz |
| n67 | SDL | - | 738–758 | MHz |
| n70 | FDD | 1695–1710 | 1995–2020 | MHz |
| n71 | FDD | 663–698 | 617–652 | MHz |
| n74 | FDD | 1427–1470 | 1475–1518 | MHz |
| n75 | SDL | - | 1432–1517 | MHz |
| n76 | SDL | - | 1427–1432 | MHz |
| n77 | TDD | 3300–4200 | 3300–4200 | MHz |
| n78 | TDD | 3300–3800 | 3300–3800 | MHz |
| n79 | TDD | 4400–5000 | 4400–5000 | MHz |
| n80 | SUL | 1710–1785 | - | MHz |
| n81 | SUL | 880–915 | - | MHz |
| n82 | SUL | 832–862 | - | MHz |
| n83 | SUL | 703–748 | - | MHz |
| n84 | SUL | 1920–1980 | - | MHz |
| n85 | FDD | 698–716 | 728–746 | MHz |

| | | | | |
|------|-----|---------------|-------------|-----|
| n86 | SUL | 1710–1780 | - | MHz |
| n89 | SUL | 824–849 | - | MHz |
| n90 | TDD | 2496–2690 | 2496–2690 | MHz |
| n91 | FDD | 832–862 | 1427–1432 | MHz |
| n92 | FDD | 832–862 | 1432–1517 | MHz |
| n93 | FDD | 880–915 | 1427–1432 | MHz |
| n94 | FDD | 880–915 | 1432–1517 | MHz |
| n95 | SUL | 2010–2025 | - | MHz |
| n96 | TDD | 5925–7125 | 5925–7125 | MHz |
| n97 | SUL | 2300–2400 | - | MHz |
| n98 | SUL | 1880–1920 | - | MHz |
| n99 | SUL | 1626.5–1660.5 | - | MHz |
| n257 | - | 26.50–29.50 | 26.50–29.50 | GHz |
| n258 | - | 24.25–27.50 | 24.25–27.50 | GHz |
| n260 | - | 37.00–40.00 | 37.00–40.00 | GHz |
| n261 | - | 27.50–28.35 | 27.50–28.35 | GHz |

Table 60: Operating Frequencies (2G + 3G + 4G)

| 2G | 3G | 4G | Duplex Mode | Uplink Operating Frequency | Downlink Operating Frequency | Unit |
|---------|--------|----|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------|
| - | B1 | B1 | FDD | 1920–1980 | 2110–2170 | MHz |
| PCS1900 | B2/BC1 | B2 | FDD | 1850–1910 | 1930–1990 | MHz |
| DCS1800 | B3 | B3 | FDD | 1710–1785 | 1805–1880 | MHz |
| - | B4 | B4 | FDD | 1710–1755 | 2110–2155 | MHz |
| GSM850 | B5/BC0 | B5 | FDD | 824–849 | 869–894 | MHz |
| - | B6 | - | FDD | 830–840 | 875–885 | MHz |

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| - | B7 | B7 | FDD | 2500–2570 | 2620–2690 | MHz |
| EGSM900 | B8 | B8 | FDD | 880–915 | 925–960 | MHz |
| - | B9 | B9 | FDD | 1749.9–1784.9 | 1844.9–1879.9 | MHz |
| - | B10 | B10 | FDD | 1710–1770 | 2110–2170 | MHz |
| - | B11 | B11 | FDD | 1427.9–1447.9 | 1475.9–1495.9 | MHz |
| - | B12 | B12 | FDD | 699–716 | 729–746 | MHz |
| - | B13 | B13 | FDD | 777–787 | 746–756 | MHz |
| - | B14 | B14 | FDD | 788–798 | 758–768 | MHz |
| - | - | B17 | FDD | 704–716 | 734–746 | MHz |
| - | - | B18 | FDD | 815–830 | 860–875 | MHz |
| - | B19 | B19 | FDD | 830–845 | 875–890 | MHz |
| - | B20 | B20 | FDD | 832–862 | 791–821 | MHz |
| - | B21 | B21 | FDD | 1447.9–1462.9 | 1495.9–1510.9 | MHz |
| - | B22 | B22 | FDD | 3410–3490 | 3510–3590 | MHz |
| - | - | B24 | FDD | 1626.5–1660.5 | 1525–1559 | MHz |
| - | B25 | B25 | FDD | 1850–1915 | 1930–1995 | MHz |
| - | B26 | B26 | FDD | 814–849 | 859–894 | MHz |
| - | - | B27 | FDD | 807–824 | 852–869 | MHz |
| - | - | B28 | FDD | 703–748 | 758–803 | MHz |
| - | - | B29 | FDD ¹² | - | 717–728 | MHz |
| - | - | B30 | FDD | 2305–2315 | 2350–2360 | MHz |
| - | - | B31 | FDD | 452.5–457.5 | 462.5–467.5 | MHz |
| - | - | B32 | FDD | - | 1452–1496 | MHz |
| - | B33 | B33 | TDD | 1900–1920 | 1900–1920 | MHz |
| - | B34 | B34 | TDD | 2010–2025 | 2010–2025 | MHz |

¹² Restricted to E-UTRA operation when carrier aggregation is configured. The downlink operating band is paired with the uplink operating band (external) of the carrier aggregation configuration that is supporting the configured Pcell.

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| - | B35 | B35 | TDD | 1850–1910 | 1850–1910 | MHz |
| - | B36 | B36 | TDD | 1930–1990 | 1930–1990 | MHz |
| | B37 | B37 | TDD | 1910–1930 | 1910–1930 | MHz |
| - | B38 | B38 | TDD | 2570–2620 | 2570–2620 | MHz |
| - | B39 | B39 | TDD | 1880–1920 | 1880–1920 | MHz |
| - | B40 | B40 | TDD | 2300–2400 | 2300–2400 | MHz |
| - | - | B41 | TDD | 2496–2690 | 2496–2690 | MHz |
| - | - | B42 | TDD | 3400–3600 | 3400–3600 | MHz |
| - | - | B43 | TDD | 3600–3800 | 3600–3800 | MHz |
| - | - | B44 | TDD | 703–803 | 703–803 | MHz |
| - | - | B45 | TDD | 1447–1467 | 1447–1467 | MHz |
| - | - | B46 | TDD | 5150–5925 | 5150–5925 | MHz |
| - | - | B47 | TDD | 5855–5925 | 5855–5925 | MHz |
| - | - | B48 | TDD | 3550–3700 | 3550–3700 | MHz |
| - | - | B50 | TDD | 1432–1517 | 1432–1517 | MHz |
| - | - | B51 | TDD | 1427–1432 | 1427–1432 | MHz |
| - | - | B52 | TDD | 3300–3400 | 3300–3400 | MHz |
| - | - | B65 | FDD | 1920–2010 | 2110–2200 | MHz |
| - | - | B66 | FDD ¹³ | 1710–1780 | 2110–2200 | MHz |
| - | - | B67 | FDD | - | 738–758 | MHz |
| - | - | B68 | FDD | 698–728 | 753–783 | MHz |
| - | - | B69 | FDD | - | 2570–2620 | MHz |
| - | - | B70 | FDD ¹⁴ | 1695–1710 | 1995–2020 | MHz |
| - | - | B71 | FDD | 663–698 | 617–652 | MHz |

¹³ The range 2180–2200 MHz of the DL operating band is restricted to E-UTRA operation when carrier aggregation is configured.

¹⁴ The range 2010–2020 MHz of the DL operating band is restricted to E-UTRA operation when carrier aggregation is configured and Tx-Rx separation is 300 MHz. The range 2005–2020 MHz of the DL operating band is restricted to E-UTRA operation when carrier aggregation is configured and Tx-Rx separation is 295 MHz.

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| - | - | B72 | FDD | 451–456 | 461–466 | MHz |
| - | - | B73 | FDD | 450–455 | 460–465 | MHz |
| - | - | B74 | FDD | 1427–1470 | 1475–1518 | MHz |
| - | - | B75 | FDD | - | 1432–1517 | MHz |
| - | - | B76 | FDD | - | 1427–1432 | MHz |
| - | - | B85 | FDD | 698–716 | 728–746 | MHz |
| - | - | B87 | FDD | 410–415 | 420–425 | MHz |
| - | - | B88 | FDD | 412–417 | 422–427 | MHz |

OEM/Integrators Installation Manual

Important Notice to OEM integrators 1. This module is limited to OEM installation ONLY. 2. This module is limited to installation in mobile or fixed applications, according to Part 2.1091(b). 3. The separate approval is required for all other operating configurations, including portable configurations with respect to Part 2.1093 and different antenna configurations 4. For FCC Part 15.31 (h) and (k): The host manufacturer is responsible for additional testing to verify compliance as a composite system. When testing the host device for compliance with Part 15 Subpart B, the host manufacturer is required to show compliance with Part 15 Subpart B while the transmitter module(s) are installed and operating. The modules should be transmitting and the evaluation should confirm that the module's intentional emissions are compliant (i.e. fundamental and out of band emissions). The host manufacturer must verify that there are no additional unintentional emissions other than what is permitted in Part 15 Subpart B or emissions are complaint with the transmitter(s) rule(s). The Grantee will provide guidance to the host manufacturer for Part 15 B requirements if needed.

Important Note

notice that any deviation(s) from the defined parameters of the antenna trace, as described by the instructions, require that the host product manufacturer must notify to Quectel that they wish to change the antenna trace design. In this case, a Class II permissive change application is required to be filed by the USI, or the host manufacturer can take responsibility through the change in FCC ID (new application) procedure followed by a Class II permissive change application

End Product Labeling

When the module is installed in the host device, the FCC ID label must be visible through a window on the final device or it must be visible when an access panel, door or cover is easily re-moved. If not, a second label must be placed on the outside of the final device that contains the following text: "Contains FCC ID: XMR2023RG520NAT" The FCC ID can be used only when all FCC compliance requirements are met.

Antenna

- (1) The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users,
- (2) The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna.

In the event that these conditions cannot be met (for example certain laptop configurations or co-location with another transmitter), then the FCC authorization is no longer considered valid and the FCC ID cannot be used on the final product. In these circumstances, the OEM integrator will be responsible for re-evaluating the end product (including the transmitter) and obtaining a separate FCC authorization.

To comply with FCC regulations limiting both maximum RF output power and human exposure to RF radiation, maximum antenna gain (including cable loss) must not exceed

Manual Information to the End User

The OEM integrator has to be aware not to provide information to the end user regarding how to install or remove this RF module in the user's manual of the end product which integrates this module. The end user manual shall include all required regulatory information/warning as show in this manual

Federal Communication Commission Interference Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment. This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

List of applicable FCC rules

This module has been tested and found to comply with part 22, part 24, part 27, part 90, part 96 requirements for Modular Approval.

The modular transmitter is only FCC authorized for the specific rule parts (i.e., FCC transmitter rules) listed on the grant, and that the host product manufacturer is responsible for compliance to any other FCC rules that apply to the host not covered by the modular transmitter grant of certification. If the grantee markets their product as being Part 15 Subpart B compliant (when it also contains unintentional-radiator digital circuitry), then the grantee shall provide a notice stating that the final host product still requires Part 15 Subpart B compliance testing with the modular transmitter installed.

This device is intended only for OEM integrators under the following conditions: (For module device use)

- 1) The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users, and
- 2) The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna.

As long as 2 conditions above are met, further transmitter test will not be required. However, the OEM integrator is still responsible for testing their end-product for any additional compliance requirements required with this module installed.

Radiation Exposure Statement

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment.

This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20 cm between the radiator & your body.