

# AW-CM251NF

## IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac Wireless LAN and Bluetooth Combo Module (M.2 1216)

### Datasheet

Version 1.0

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## 1. General Description

**AzureWave Technologies, Inc.** introduces the pioneer of the IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac WIFI with Bluetooth 5.0 combo M.2 module ---**AW-CM251NF**. The AW-CM251NF IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac PCIE WIFI with Bluetooth 5.0 combo M.2 module is a highly integrated wireless local area network (WLAN) solution to let users enjoy the digital content through the latest wireless technology without using the extra cables and cords. It combines with Bluetooth 5.0 and provides a complete 2.4GHz Bluetooth system which is fully compliant to Bluetooth 5.0 and v2.1 that supports EDR of 2Mbps and 3Mbps for data and audio communications. It enables a **high performance, cost effective, low power, compact solution** that easily fits onto the PCI Express and USB M.2 module.

Compliant with the IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac standard, AW-CM251NF uses Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (**DSSS**), Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (**OFDM**), **BPSK**, **QPSK**, **CCK** and **QAM** baseband modulation technologies.

A high level of integration and full implementation of the power management functions specified in the IEEE 802.11 standard minimize system power requirements by using **AW-CM251NF**.

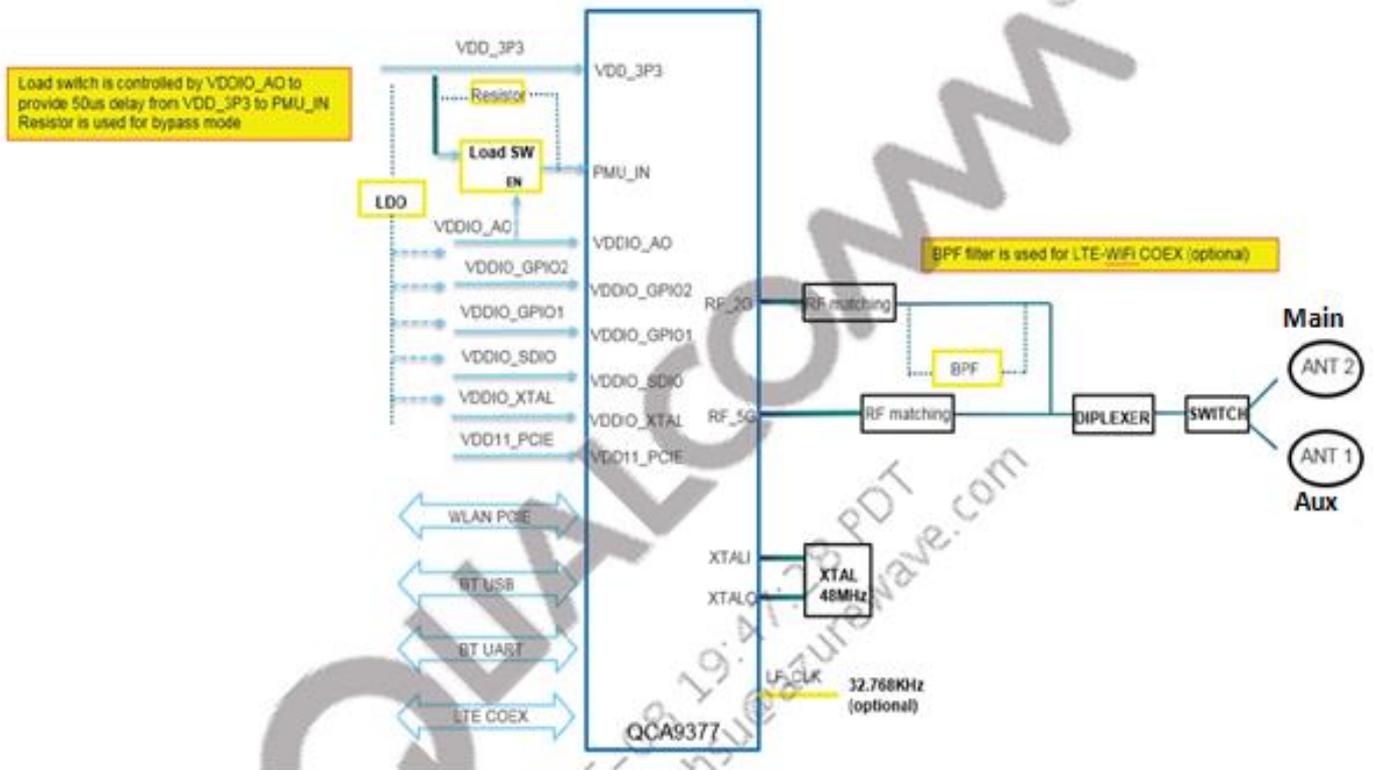
**AW-CM251NF** module adopts **QCA9377** single chip solution. The module design is based on the **QCA9377** solution.

## 2. Key Features

1. High speed wireless connection up to 433Mbps for Wi-Fi
2. 2 antennas to support 1(Transmit) ×1(Receive) diversity technology and Bluetooth 5.0
3. Low power consumption and high performance
4. Enhanced wireless security
5. Fully qualified Bluetooth 5.0
6. Enhanced Data Rate(EDR) compliant for both 2Mbps and 3Mbps supported

## 3. Block Diagram

A simplified block diagram of the AW-CM251NF module is depicted in the figure below.



## 4. Specifications Table

<b>Model Name</b>	<b>AW-CM251NF</b>
<b>Product Description</b>	<b>Wireless LAN &amp; Bluetooth Combo M.2 Module</b>
<b>WLAN Standard</b>	<b>IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac</b>
<b>Bluetooth Standard</b>	<b>Bluetooth 2.1+Enhanced Data Rate (EDR)+ BT5.0</b>
<b>Major Chipset</b>	<b>QCA9377</b>
<b>Host Interface</b>	<b>Wi-Fi : PCI-E M.2, BT : USB</b>
<b>Antenna</b>	<b>Murata Connector Receptacle (20449) 1 (Main) :WiFi→ TX/RX ,BT→ TX/RX 2 (Aux): WiFi→ RX</b>
<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>12mm X 16mm x1.48mm</b>
<b>Wi-Fi VID/PID</b>	<b>168C / 0042</b>
<b>Wi-Fi SVID/SPID</b>	<b>1A3B / 2B51</b>
<b>BT VID/PID</b>	<b>13D3 / 3503</b>
<b>Weight</b>	<b>0.6g</b>
<b>Operating Conditions</b>	
<b>Voltage</b>	<b>power supply for host:3.3V</b>
<b>Temperature</b>	<b>0~70 °C</b>
<b>Storage temperature</b>	<b>-40~105 °C</b>
<b>Electrical Specifications</b>	
<b>Frequency Range</b>	<b>WLAN: 2.4 GHz ISM Bands 2.412-2.472 GHz 5G:4.9~5.925Ghz Bluetooth: 2402~2480MHz</b>
<b>Modulation</b>	<b>DSSS, OFDM, DBPSK, DQPSK, CCK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM,256-QAM for WLAN  GFSK (1Mbps), Π/4 DQPSK (2Mbps) and 8DPSK (3Mbps) for Bluetooth</b>

<p><b>Output Power</b></p>	<p><b>WLAN:</b>              802.11b : 19 +-2dBm (11Mbps)              802.11g : 16 +-2dBm (54Mbps)              802.11n @2.4GHz : 16 +-2dBm (HT20 MCS7)              802.11n @2.4GHz : 15 +-2dBm (HT40 MCS7)              802.11a @5GHz : 13 +-2dBm (54Mbps)              802.11n @5GHz : 12 +-2dBm (HT20 MCS7)              802.11n @5GHz : 10 +-2dBm (HT40 MCS7)              802.11ac @5GHz : 8 +-2dBm (HT80 MCS9)</p> <p><b>BT: -4 ≤ Output Power ≤ 15 dBm (Conductive)</b></p>
<p><b>Receive Sensitivity</b></p>	<p><b>For Main Ant</b>              802.11b: -76 dBm (11Mbps)              802.11g: -65 dBm (54Mbps)              802.11n @2.4GHz: -64 dBm (HT20 MCS7)              802.11n @2.4GHz: -61 dBm (HT40 MCS7)              802.11a @5GHz: -65 dBm (54Mbps)              802.11n @5GHz: -64 dBm (HT20 MCS7)              802.11n @5GHz: -61 dBm (HT40 MCS7)              802.11ac @5GHz: -51 dBm (VHT80 MCS9)</p> <p><b>For Aux Ant</b>              802.11b: -76 dBm (11Mbps)              802.11g: -65 dBm (54Mbps)              802.11n @2.4GHz: -64 dBm (HT20 MCS7)              802.11n @2.4GHz: -61 dBm (HT40 MCS7)              802.11a @5GHz: -65 dBm (54Mbps)              802.11n @5GHz: -64 dBm (HT20 MCS7)              802.11n @5GHz: -61 dBm (HT40 MCS7)              802.11ac @5GHz: -51 dBm (VHT80 MCS9)</p> <p><b>BT: BER &lt; 0.1% (Anritsu 8852B Tx -70 Bm)</b></p>
<p><b>Data Rates</b></p>	<p><b>WLAN</b>              802.11b: 1, 2, 5.5, 11Mbps              802.11a/g: 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54Mbps              802.11n: up to 75Mbps-single              802.11n: up to 150Mbps              802.11ac: up to 96Mbps (20MHz channel)              802.11ac: up to 200Mbps (40MHz channel)              802.11ac: up to 433Mbps (80MHz channel)</p> <p><b>Bluetooth</b>              Bluetooth 2.1+EDR data rates of 1,2, and 3Mbps</p>
<p><b>Security</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ WAPI</li> <li>◆ WEP 64-bit and 128-bit encryption with H/W TKIP processing</li> <li>◆ WPA/WPA2(Wi-Fi Protected Access)</li> <li>◆ AES-CCMP hardware implementation as part of 802.11i security standard</li> </ul>

<b>Operating System Compatibility</b>	Refer to QCA/Atheros NFA425 regulatory list
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## 5. Electrical Characteristics

### 5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Symbol	Parameter	Maximum	Unit
V <sub>dd33</sub>	Maximum I/O supply voltage	4.0	V
RF <sub>in</sub>	Maximum RF input (reference to 50 Ω)	+10	dBm

### 5.2 PCI Express Bus Interface Characteristics

Signal Name	Mini PCI-E PIN	Type	Driver	PU/DP Resistance
PCIE_RST_L	52	IL	---	---
PCIE_CLKREQ_L	53	OD	---	---

**IL** : Input signals with weak internal pull-down, to prevent signals from floating when left open

**OD**: A digital output signal with open drain

**PD**: Pull down

### 5.3 GPIO Interface Characteristics for BT/WLAN

Signal Name(To chip GPIO PIN)	Mini PCI-E PIN	Type
WLAN_RF_KILL_L	56	Input
BT_RF_KILL_L	54	Input
LED_WLAN_L	6	Output
LED_BT_L	16	Output

**PU**: Pull Up

## 5.4 Recommended Operating Conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Rating	Unit
$V_{dd33}$	I/O voltage	3.135~3.465	V

## 5.5 GPIO DC Characteristics

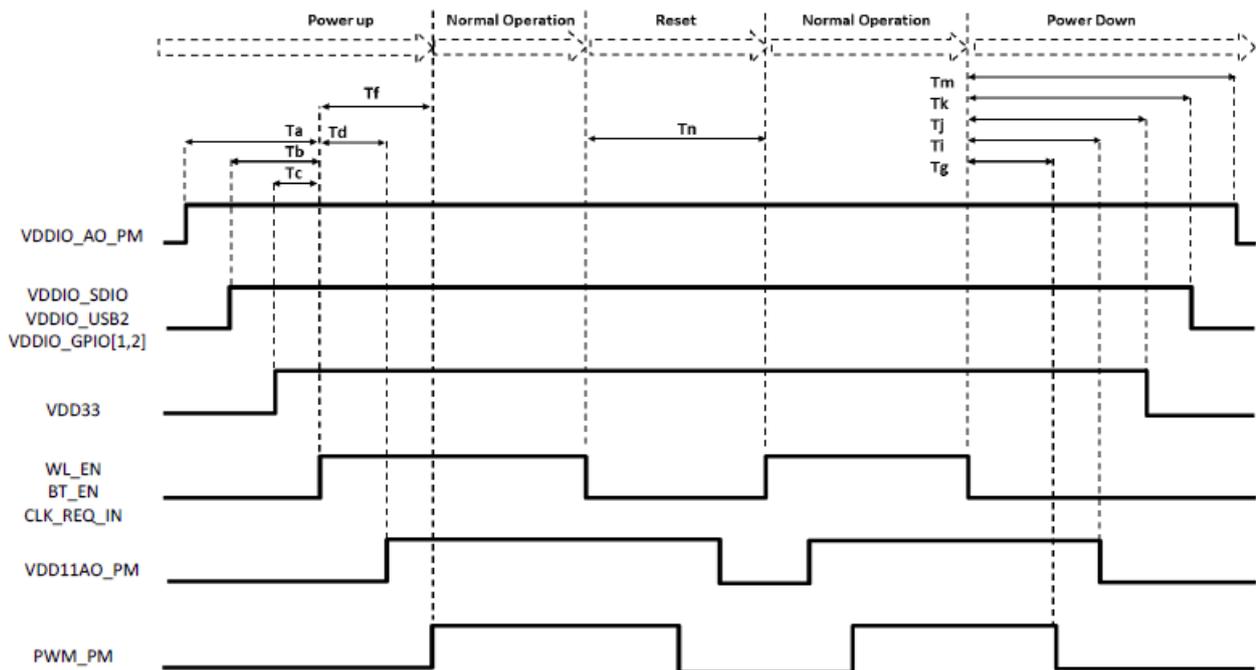
Symbol	Parameter	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
$V_{IH}$	Input high voltage	2.31	--	3.6	V
$V_{IL}$	Input low voltage	-0.3	--	0.99	V
$V_{OH}$	Output high voltage	2.97	--	3.3	V
$V_{OL}$	Output low voltage	0	--	0.33	V

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## 6 Power Sequence

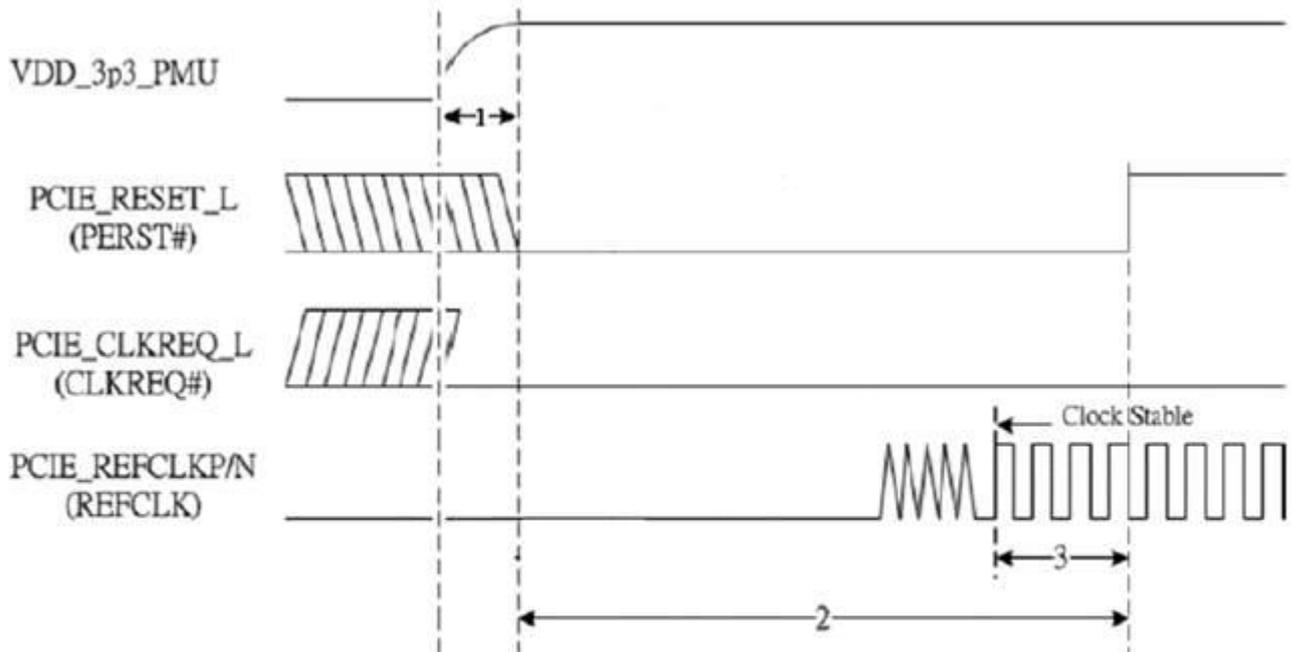
Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
VDD33_	3.3 V supply	3.135	3.3	3.465	V
VBUCK33_PM	1.1 V switcher supply from internal 1.1 V PMU	3.135	3.3	3.465	V
VDD11_PM	1.1 V voltage from internal 1.1 V PMU	1.045	1.1	1.155	V
VDDIO_	Voltage supply	1.71	1.8 or 3.3	3.46	V
VDD11_	1.1 V supply from internal 1.1 V PMU	1.045	1.1	1.155	V
VDD11D	1.1 V supply for digital from internal 1.1 V PMU	1.045	1.1	1.155	V
$T_{CP}$	For QCA9377-3 device variant For QCA9377-5 device variant For QCA9377-7 device variant	-40 0 -40	- - -	85 70 85	°C
$T_{CASE}$	Case temperature	0	-	115	°C
$\Psi_{siJT}$	Junction to the top center of the package thermal resistance	-	-	TBD	°C/W

This figure shows the required powerup/down and reset sequences for the QCA9377 device using 3.3 V (external).



The QCA9377 device requires the following powerup sequence:

1. VDDIO\_AO\_PM and VDDIO\_XTAL are tied to first I/O rail available
2. VDDIO\_SDIO/GPIO1/GPIO2 (3.3 V)
3. All 3.3 V rails



See 1. TPVRAMP 2. TPVPGI and 3. TPERST-CLK timing requirement.

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Units
TPVRAMP	Power Supply Ramp on 3.3V		100	mS
TPVPGI	Power(VDD_3p3_PMU) valid to PERST# Input inactive	10		mS
TPERST-CLK	REFCLK stable before PERST# inactive	100		µS

To power down the device, the following sequence is required:

1. All 3.3 V rails
2. VDDIO\_SDIO/GPIO1/GPIO2 (3.3 V)
3. VDDIO\_AO\_PM and VDDIO\_XTAL

NOTE: The following can be tied together:

VDDIO\_SDIO, VDDIO\_GPIO1, and VDDIO\_GPIO2

VDDIO\_AO\_PM, VDDIO\_XTAL, and VDDIO\_SDIO, VDDIO\_GPIO1, and VDDIO\_GPIO2

## 7 Power Consumption

### WiFi

#### Static Test

Mode	Disable ASPM		L1 Mode	
	2.4G	5G	2.4G	5G
WLAN RF OFF	31.8		11.9	
No connection with wireless AP	AVG	36.6	16.4	
	MAX	103.4	79.9	
Connection AP	AVG	38.1	20.1	19.8
	MAX	101.2	78.0	89.1

Unit: mA

Note:

1. WLAN RF OFF is switch Airplane mode.
2. Connect AP mode is in 11n HT40 for 2.4g and 11ac VHT80 for 5g.

#### Dynamic Test

Band (GHz)	Mode	BW (MHz)	Link Speed	Transmit		Receive	
				Max.	Avg.	Max.	Avg.
2.4	802.11b	20	11M	244.0	239.7	101.2	99.6
	802.11g	20	54M	201.4	195.3	113.1	108.1
	802.11n	20	65M	192.5	181.9	89.3	85.7
		40	150M	223.2	206.5	260.3	133.9
5	802.11a	20	54M	268.2	255.1	146.6	144.5
	802.11ac	20	86.7M	373.4	345.9	156.7	127.5
		40	200M	325.6	247.2	148.0	142.5
		80	433.3M	293.1	232.2	173.5	166.0

Unit: mA

### BT

No.	Mode	Voltage=VDD 3.3 V	
		Max.	Avg.
1	Bluetooth RF Off		1.6
2	No Connection with any BT device	14.6	2.7
3	Connect BT Device	24.3	12.1
4	Transmit by BER 2.1	36.2	35.0
5	Receiver by BER 2.1	26.1	25.7

Unit: mA

## 8 Pin Definition

### Pin Description

Pin No.	Definition	Basic Description	Type
1	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
2	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
3	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
4	3.3V	3.3V power supply	P
5	3.3V	3.3V power supply	P
6	GND	GROUND	GND
7	RESERVED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
8	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
9	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
10	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
11	COEX1	LTE_UART_RXD	IN
12	COEX2	LTE_UART_TXD	OUT
13	COEX3	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
14	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
15	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
16	RESERVED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
17	GND	GROUND	GND
18	RESERVED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
19	RESERVED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
20	GND	GROUND	GND
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23	GND	GROUND	GND
24	RESERVED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
25	RESERVED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
26	GND	GROUND	GND
27	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
28	W_DISABLE1#	Turn off WLAN RF analog and front-end. Active low.	IN
29	PEWAKE#	Open Drain active Low signal. This signal is used to request that the system return from a sleep/suspended state to service a function initiated wake event.	OUT
30	CLKREQ#	Reference clock request	OUT
31	PERST#	PCI Express reset with weak pull-down	IN
32	GND	GROUND	GND
33	REFCLKn0	Differential reference clock.	IN
34	REFCLKp0	Differential reference clock.	IN
35	GND	GROUND	GND
36	PETn0	Differential transmit.	OUT
37	PETp0	Differential transmit.	OUT
38	GND	GROUND	GND
39	PERn0	Differential receive.	IN
40	PERp0	Differential receive.	IN
41	GND	GROUND	GND
42	VENDOR DEFINED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
43	VENDOR DEFINED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
44	VENDOR DEFINED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
45	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating

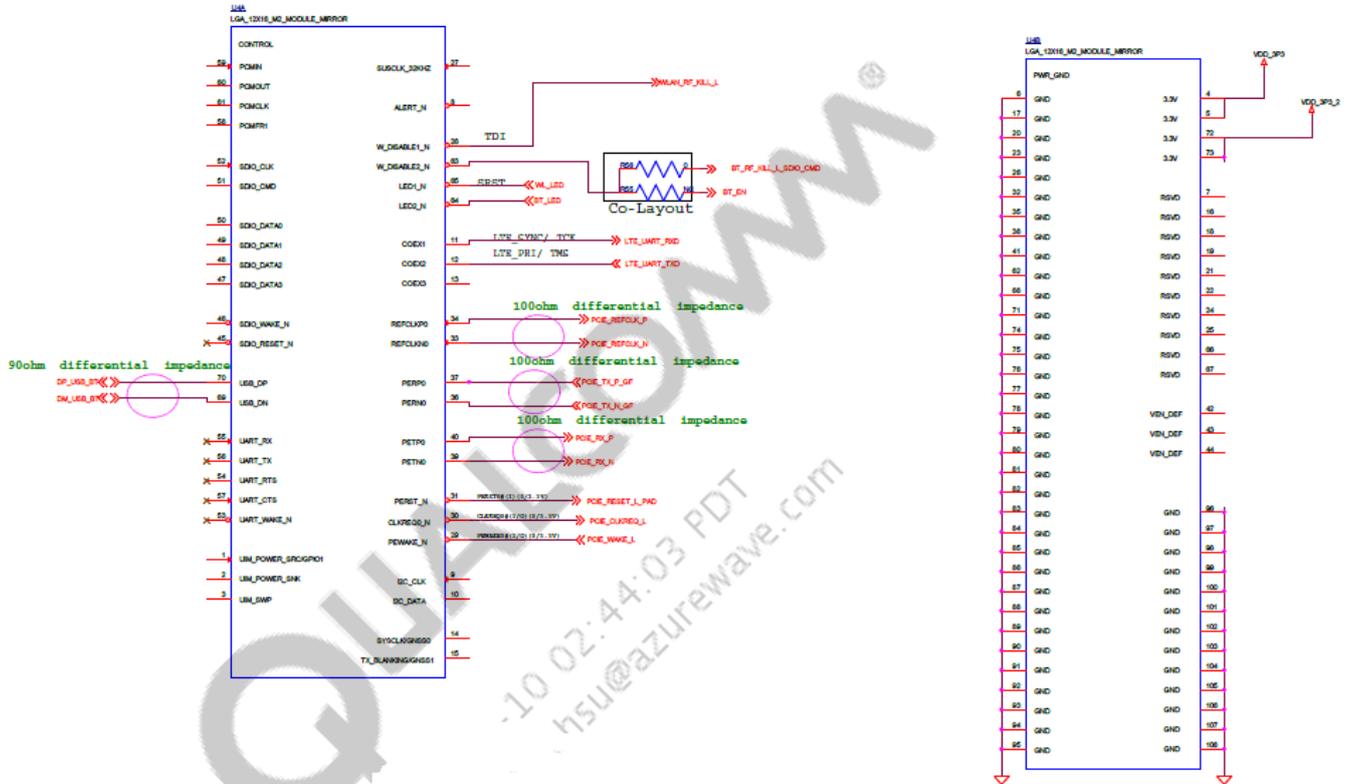
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60	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
61	NC	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
62	GND	GROUND	GND
63	W_DISABLE2#	Turn off BT RF analog and front-end. Active low.	IN
64	LED2#	BT led function	OUT
65	LED1#	WL led function	OUT
66	RESERVED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
67	RESERVED	Floating Pin, No connect to anything.	Floating
68	GND	GROUND	GND
69	USB_D-	DM_USB_BT	IN/OUT
70	USB_D+	DP_USB_BT	IN/OUT
71	GND	GROUND	GND

72	3.3V	3.3V power supply	P
73	3.3V	3.3V power supply	P
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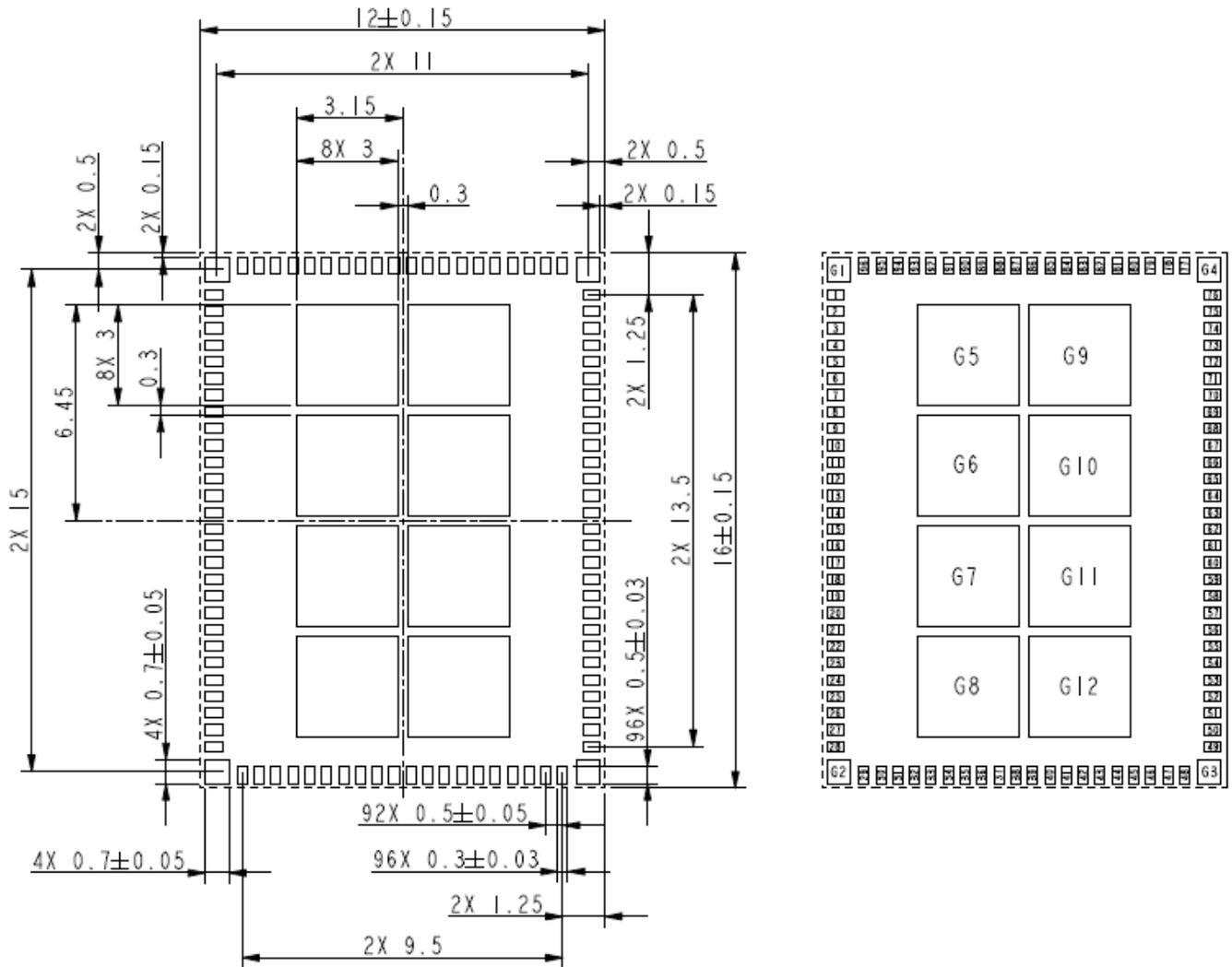
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## 10 PCB Layout Footprint

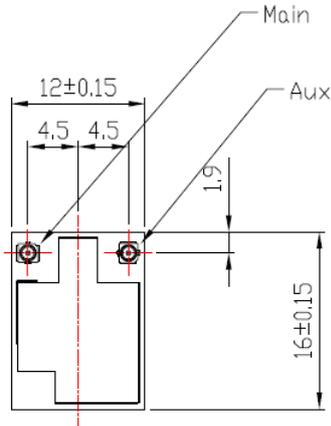
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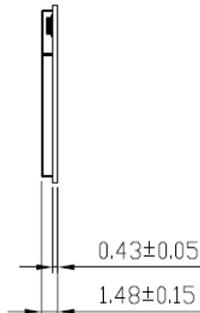
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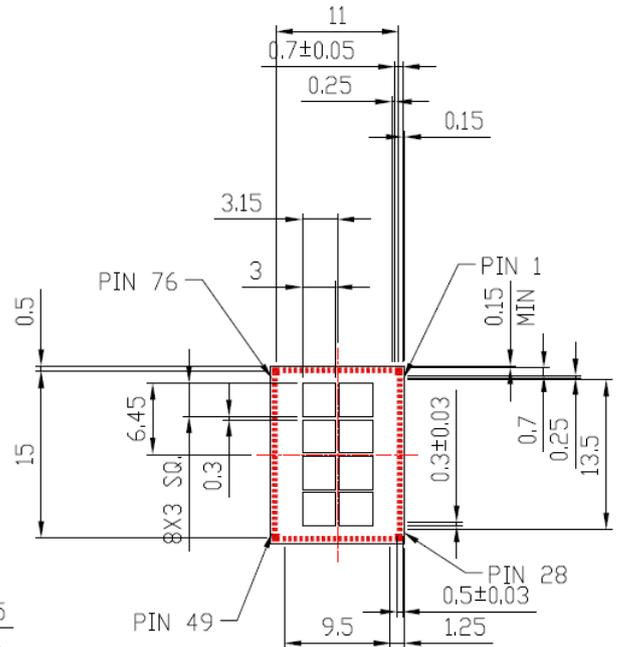
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Top View



Right View

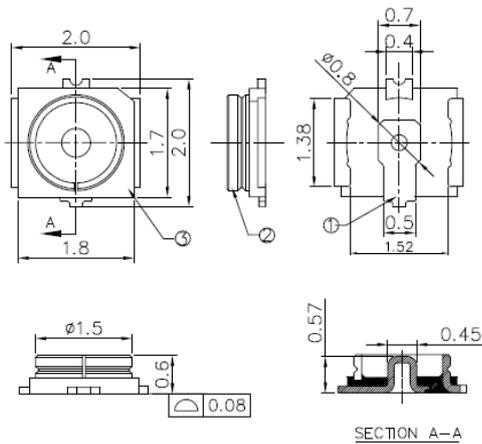


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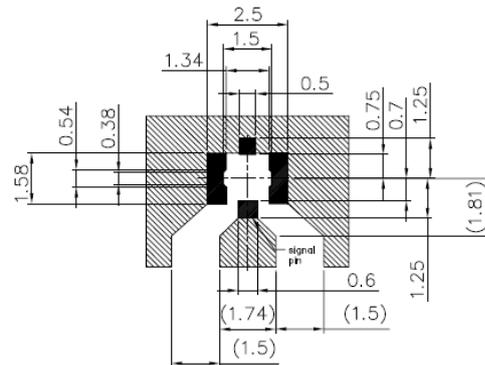


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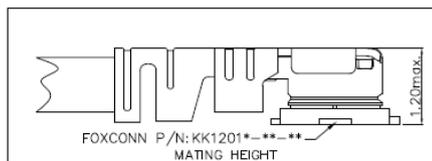
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SECTION A-A



 Electrode  
 P.C.B.A Layout



ITEMS	DESCRIPTION
③	HOUSING LCP
②	SHELL SELECTIVITY PLATING
①	SIGNAL PIN GOLD PLATING

X±	X'±	UNITS	mm	NAME(NTENDED USE)	FOXCONN
.X± 0.20	.X'±	MATL		RF HEADER	HON HAI PRECISION IND. CO.,LTD.
.XX± 0.10	.XX±	FINISH		PART NO.(INTENDED USE)	TAIPEI, TAIWAN, R.O.C.
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