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1 Introduction

This document defines the FCS950R and describes its air interfaces and hardware interfaces, which are connected with your application. The document provides a quickly insight into interface specifications, RF performance, electrical and mechanical details, as well as other related information of the module.

1.1. Special Mark

Table 1: Special Mark

| Mark | Definition |
|-------|--|
| [...] | 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

FCS950R is a low-energy and high-performance IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac Wi-Fi 5 and Bluetooth 4.2 module supporting 2.4 GHz&5 GHz dual-band and 1T1R mode with maximum data transmission rate up to 433.3 Mbps. It provides Wi-Fi functions with an SDIO 3.0 interface, and Bluetooth functions with a UART and a PCM interface.

It is an SMD module with compact packaging. Related information is listed in the table below:

Table 2: Basic Information

| FCS950R | |
|----------------|--|
| Packaging type | LCC |
| Pin counts | 44 |
| Dimensions | (12.0 ±0.15) mm × (12.0 ±0.15) mm × (2.35 ±0.2) mm |
| Weight | Approx. 0.58 g |

2.1. Key Features

Table 3: Key Features

| Basic Information | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Protocol and Standard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wi-Fi protocols: IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac ● Bluetooth protocol: Bluetooth 4.2 ● All hardware components are fully compliant with EU RoHS directive |
| Power Supplies | VBAT Power Supply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3.0–3.6 V ● Typ.: 3.3 V VDD_IO Power Supply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1.62–3.6 V ● Typ.: 1.8/3.3 V |
| Temperature Ranges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Operating temperature ¹: 0 °C to +70 °C ● Storage temperature: -55 °C to +125 °C |
| EVB Kit | FCS950R-M.2 |
| RF Antenna Interface | |
| Wi-Fi/Bluetooth Antenna Interface | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ANT_WIFI/BT ● 50 Ω characteristic impedance |
| Application Interface | |
| Wi-Fi Application Interface | SDIO 3.0 |
| Bluetooth Application Interfaces | UART, PCM |

¹ To meet the normal operating temperature range requirements, it is necessary to ensure effective thermal dissipation, e.g., by adding passive or active heatsinks, heat pipes, vapor chambers, etc. Within this range, the module's indicators comply with IEEE and Bluetooth specification requirements.

2.2. Functional Diagram

The main components of the block diagram are explained below.

1. Main chip
2. Radio frequency
3. Peripheral interfaces

3 RF Performances

3.1. Wi-Fi Performances

Table 4: Wi-Fi Performances

| Operating Frequency | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2.4 GHz: 2.400–2.4835 GHz ● 5 GHz: 5.150–5.850 GHz | | | |
| Modulation | | | |
| DBPSK, DQPSK, CCK, BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, 256QAM | | | |
| Operating Mode | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AP ● STA | | | |
| Transmission Data Rate | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 802.11b: 1 Mbps, 2 Mbps, 5.5 Mbps, 11 Mbps ● 802.11a/g: 6 Mbps, 9 Mbps, 12 Mbps, 18 Mbps, 24 Mbps, 36 Mbps, 48 Mbps, 54 Mbps ● 802.11n: HT20 (MCS 0–7), HT40 (MCS 0–7) ● 802.11ac: VHT20 (MCS 0–8), VHT40 (MCS 0–9), VHT80 (MCS 0–9) | | | |
| Condition (VBAT = 3.3 V; Temp.: 25 °C) | | Typ.; Unit: dBm; Tolerance: ±2 dB | |
| | | Transmitting Power | Receiving Sensitivity |
| 2.4 GHz | 802.11b @ 1 Mbps | 21.5 | -97 |
| | 802.11b @ 11 Mbps | 18 | -89 |
| | 802.11g @ 6 Mbps | 21.5 | -92.5 |
| | 802.11g @ 54 Mbps | 15 | -75 |
| | 802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 0 | 21.5 | -91.5 |
| | 802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 7 | 14 | -72 |

| | | | | |
|-------|-------------------------|---------------|------|-------|
| 5 GHz | 802.11n, HT40 @ MCS 0 | ≤ -5 dB | 21.5 | -89 |
| | 802.11n, HT40 @ MCS 7 | ≤ -28 dB | 14 | -70 |
| | 802.11a @ 6 Mbps | ≤ -5 dB | 16.5 | -90 |
| | 802.11a @ 54 Mbps | ≤ -25 dB | 14 | -72 |
| | 802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 0 | ≤ -5 dB | 16.5 | -89 |
| | 802.11n, HT20 @ MCS 7 | ≤ -27 dB | 13 | -70 |
| | 802.11n, HT40 @ MCS 0 | ≤ -5 dB | 16.5 | -86.5 |
| | 802.11n, HT40 @ MCS 7 | ≤ -27 dB | 13 | -68 |
| | 802.11ac, VHT20 MCS 0 | ≤ -5 dB | 16.5 | -89 |
| | 802.11ac, VHT20 MCS 8 | ≤ -30 dB | 12 | -65 |
| | 802.11ac, VHT40 @ MCS 0 | ≤ -5 dB | 16.5 | -86.5 |
| | 802.11ac, VHT40 @ MCS 9 | ≤ -32 dB | 11 | -62.5 |
| | 802.11ac, VHT80 @ MCS 0 | ≤ -5 dB | 16.5 | -83 |
| | 802.11ac, VHT80 @ MCS 9 | ≤ -32 dB | 11 | -59 |

3.2. Bluetooth Performances

Table 5: Bluetooth Performances

| Operating Frequency | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| 2.400–2.4835 GHz | | |
| Modulation | | |
| GFSK, $\pi/4$ -DQPSK, 8-DPSK | | |
| Operating Mode | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classic Bluetooth (BR + EDR) • Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) | | |
| Condition (VBAT = 3.3 V; Temp.: 25 °C) | Typ.; Unit: dBm; Tolerance: ± 2 dB | |
| | Transmitting Power | Receiving Sensitivity |
| BR | 8.5 | -91 |
| EDR ($\pi/4$ -DQPSK) | 8.5 | -96.5 |
| EDR (8-DPSK) | 8.5 | -97 |
| BLE (1 Mbps) | 5 | -95 |

4 Application Interfaces

4.1. Pin Assignment

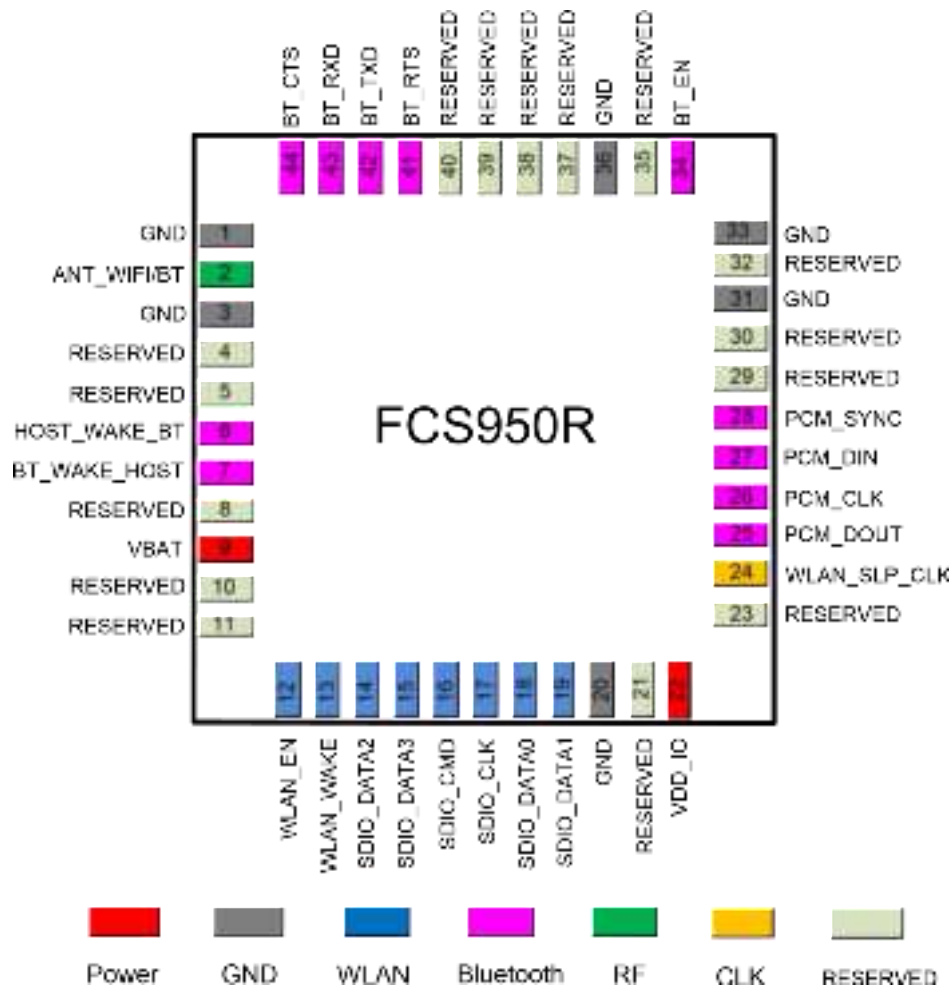


Figure 2: Pin Assignment (Top View)

NOTE

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

4.2. Pin Description

Table 6: I/O Parameter Definition

| Type | Description |
|------|----------------------|
| AIO | Analog Input/Output |
| DI | Digital Input |
| DO | Digital Output |
| DIO | Digital Input/Output |
| PI | Power Input |

DC characteristics include power domain and rate current.

Table 7: Pin Description

| Power Supply | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
| VBAT | 9 | PI | Main power supply for the module | Vmin = 3.0 V Vnom = 3.3 V Vmax = 3.6 V | It must be provided with sufficient current of at least 0.6 A. |
| VDD_IO | 22 | PI | Power supply for module's I/O pins | Vmin = 1.62 V Vnom = 1.8/3.3 V Vmax = 3.6 V | It must be provided with sufficient current of at least 0.2 A. |
| GND | 1, 3, 20, 31, 33, 36 | | | | |
| Wi-Fi Application Interfaces | | | | | |
| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
| WLAN_EN | 12 | DI | Wi-Fi function enable control | VDD_IO | Active high. If unused, pull it up to VDD_IO with a 100 kΩ resistor. |

| | | | | |
|------------|----|-----|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WLAN_WAKE | 13 | DO | Wi-Fi wakes up host | Active high. |
| SDIO_DATA2 | 14 | - | NC (1-bit mode) | Supports 1-bit or 4-bit mode. |
| | | DIO | SDIO data bit 2 (4-bit mode) | |
| SDIO_DATA3 | 15 | - | NC (1-bit mode) | |
| | | DIO | SDIO data bit 3 (4-bit mode) | |
| SDIO_CMD | 16 | DIO | SDIO command | |
| SDIO_CLK | 17 | DI | SDIO clock | |
| SDIO_DATA0 | 18 | DIO | SDIO data bit 0 | |
| SDIO_DATA1 | 19 | DO | IRQ (1-bit mode) | |
| | | DIO | SDIO data bit 1 (4-bit mode) | |

Bluetooth Application Interfaces

| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
|--------------|---------|-----|--|--------------------|---|
| BT_EN | 34 | DI | Bluetooth enable control | VDD_IO | Active high. If unused, pull it up to VDD_IO with a 100 kΩ resistor. |
| HOST_WAKE_BT | 6 | DI | Host wakes up Bluetooth | | Active high. |
| BT_WAKE_HOST | 7 | DO | Bluetooth wakes up host | | |
| PCM_DOUT | 25 | DO | PCM data output | | |
| PCM_CLK | 26 | DI | PCM clock | | |
| PCM_DIN | 27 | DI | PCM data input | | |
| PCM_SYNC | 28 | DI | PCM data frame sync | | |
| BT_RTS | 41 | DO | Request to send signal from the module | | |
| BT_TXD | 42 | DO | Bluetooth UART transmit | | |

| BT_RXD | 43 | DI | Bluetooth UART receive | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-----|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| BT_CTS | 44 | DI | Clear to send signal to the module | | |
| RF Antenna Interface | | | | | |
| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
| ANT_WIFI/BT | 2 | AIO | Wi-Fi/Bluetooth antenna interface | | 50 Ω characteristic impedance. |
| Other Interface | | | | | |
| Pin Name | Pin No. | I/O | Description | DC Characteristics | Comment |
| WLAN_SLP_CLK | 24 | DI | Wi-Fi sleep clock | VDD_IO | External 32.768 kHz clock input. If unused, keep it open. |
| RESERVED Pins | | | | | |
| Pin Name | Pin No. | | | | Comment |
| RESERVED | 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 21, 23, 29, 30, 32, 35, 37–40 | | | | Keep them open. |

4.3. Power Supply

The module is powered by VBAT, and it should use a power supply chip that can provide sufficient current of at least 0.6 A. To ensure better power supply performance, it is recommended to parallel a 22 μ F decoupling capacitor and three filter capacitors (100 nF, 33 pF and 10 pF) near the module's VBAT pin. Meanwhile, it is recommended to add a TVS near the VBAT to improve the surge voltage bearing capacity of the module. In principle, the longer the VBAT trace, the wider it should be.

The reference circuit for module's power supply is shown in the figure below:

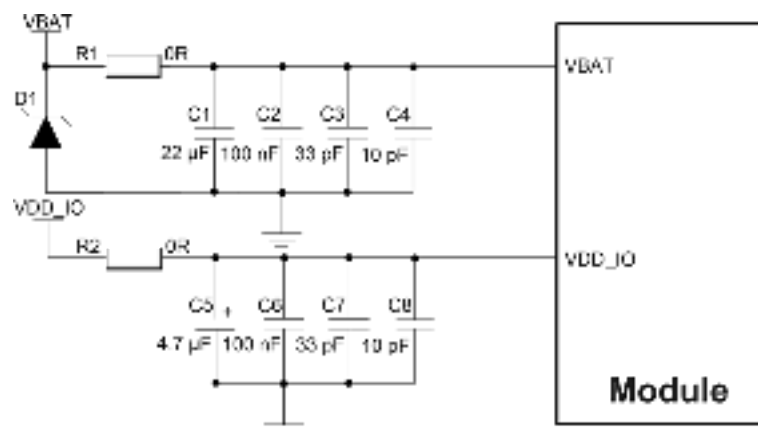


Figure 3: Reference Design for Power Supply

The following figure shows the recommended power-up timing of the module.

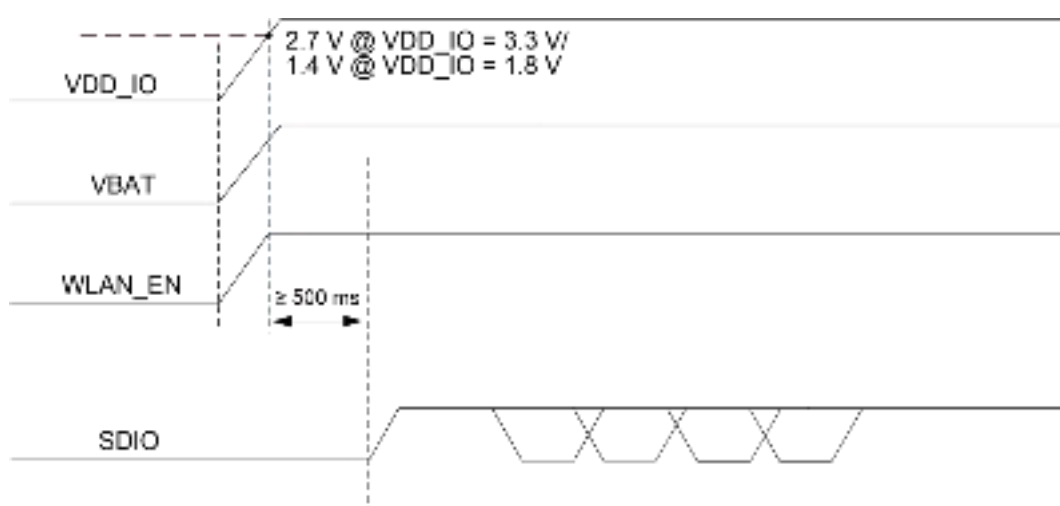


Figure 4: Power-up Timing

4.4. Wi-Fi Application Interfaces

Wi-Fi application interface connection between the module and the host is illustrated in the figure below.

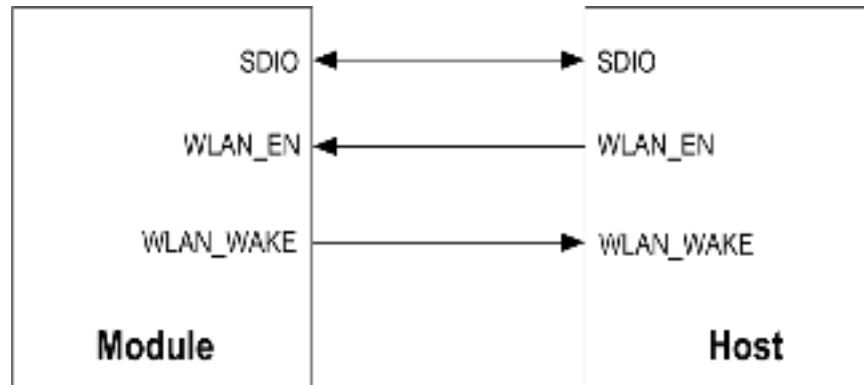


Figure 5: Wi-Fi Application Interface Connection

4.4.1. SDIO Interface

The module supports 1-bit or 4-bit SDIO 3.0 interface. It can detect the SDIO mode of the host automatically when it is connected. SDIO interface connection between the module and the host is illustrated in the following figure.

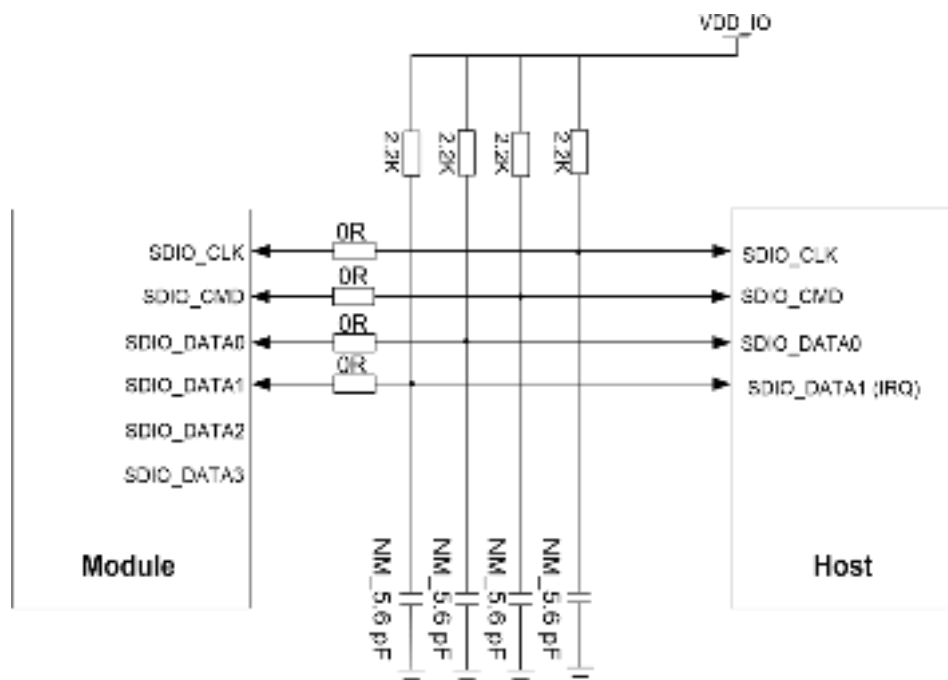


Figure 6: SDIO Interface Connection (1-bit Mode)

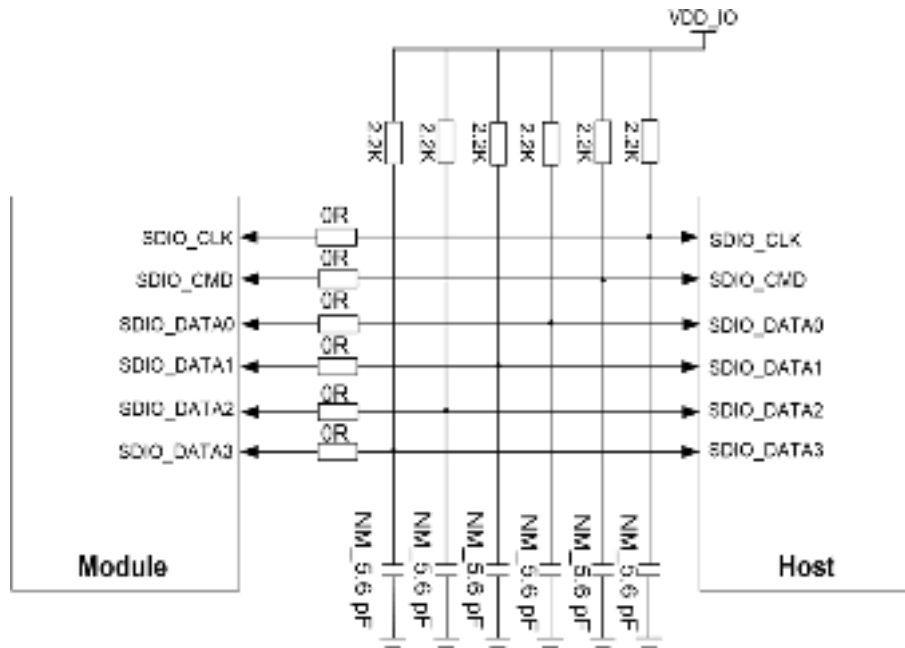


Figure 7: SDIO Interface Connection (4-bit Mode)

To ensure compliance of interface design with the SDIO 3.0 specification, it is recommended to adopt the following principles:

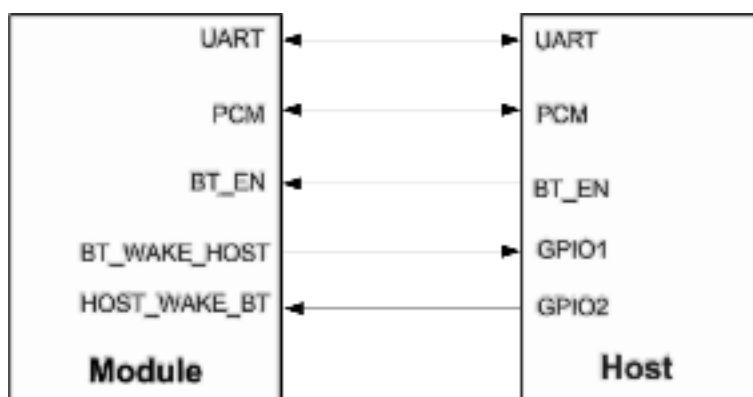
- Add 0 Ω resistors in series and 5.6 pF capacitors (not mounted by default) between the module and the host. All resistors and capacitors should be placed close to the module.
- To avoid the impact of jitter, pull up SDIO signal traces (SDIO_CLK, SDIO_CMD, and SDIO_DATA[0:3]) to VDD_IO with 2.2 kΩ resistors.
- The impedance of SDIO signal trace is 50 Ω ±10 %. Route the SDIO traces in inner layer of the PCB, and surround the traces with ground on that layer and with ground planes above and below. And the SDIO_CLK signal trace should be routed with ground surrounded separately.
- Keep SDIO signals far away from other sensitive circuits/signals such as RF circuits and analog signals, as well as noise signals such as clock signals and DC-DC signals.
- SDIO signal traces (SDIO_CLK and SDIO_DATA[0:3]/SDIO_CMD) need to be equal in length (less than 2.5 mm distance between the traces) and the total routing length of each signal trace is less than 63.5 mm. The total trace inside the module is 11 mm, so the exterior total trace length should be less than 52.5 mm.
- Ensure the SDIO signal traces a complete reference ground and keep them free of stubs. Keep the adjacent trace clearance twice the trace width and the load capacitance of SDIO bus less than 15 pF.
- The vias of SDIO signal traces (SDIO_CLK and SDIO_DATA[0:3]/SDIO_CMD) should be less than 4.

Table 8: SDIO Interface Trace Length Inside the Module (Unit: mm)

| Pin No. | Pin Name | Length |
|---------|------------|--------|
| 16 | SDIO_CMD | 10.90 |
| 17 | SDIO_CLK | 10.87 |
| 15 | SDIO_DATA3 | 10.92 |
| 14 | SDIO_DATA2 | 10.77 |
| 18 | SDIO_DATA0 | 10.85 |
| 19 | SDIO_DATA1 | 10.89 |

4.5. Bluetooth Application Interfaces

Bluetooth application interface connection between the module and the host is illustrated in the figure below.


Figure 8: Bluetooth Application Interface Connection

4.5.1. PCM Interface

The module provides a PCM interface for Bluetooth audio application. It supports the following features:

- Both master and slave modes
- Programmable long/short frame synchronization
- 8-bit A-law/ μ -law, 13/16-bit linear PCM format
- Symbol expansion and zero padding for 8-bit and 13-bit samples

- Fill audio gain to 13-bit sampling
- PCM master clock output: 64 kHz, 128 kHz, 256 kHz or 512 kHz
- SCO/eSCO link

PCM interface timing is shown below:

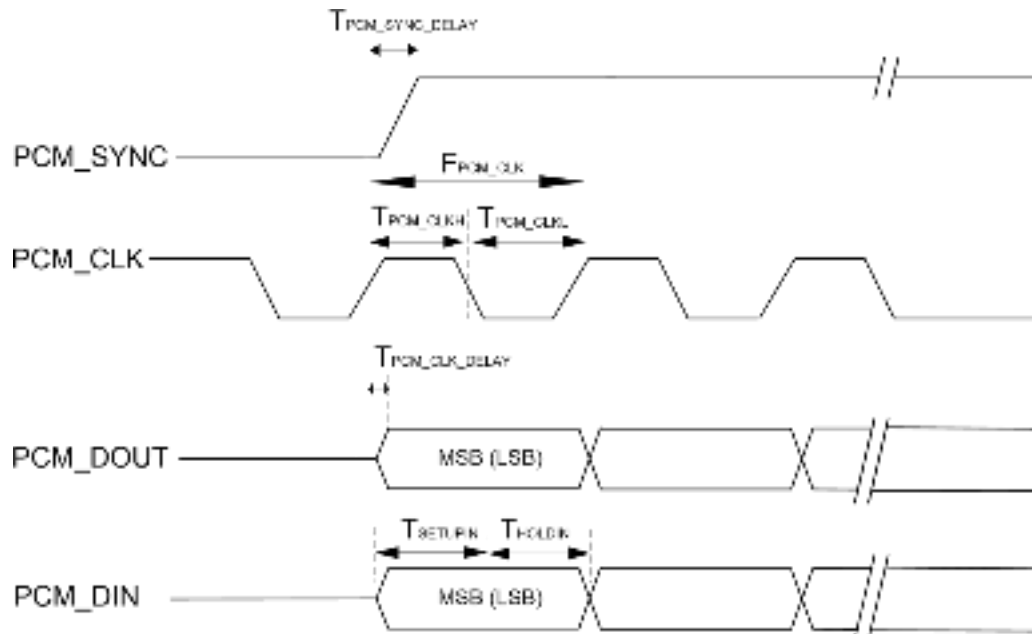


Figure 9: PCM interface Timing (Long Frame Sync)

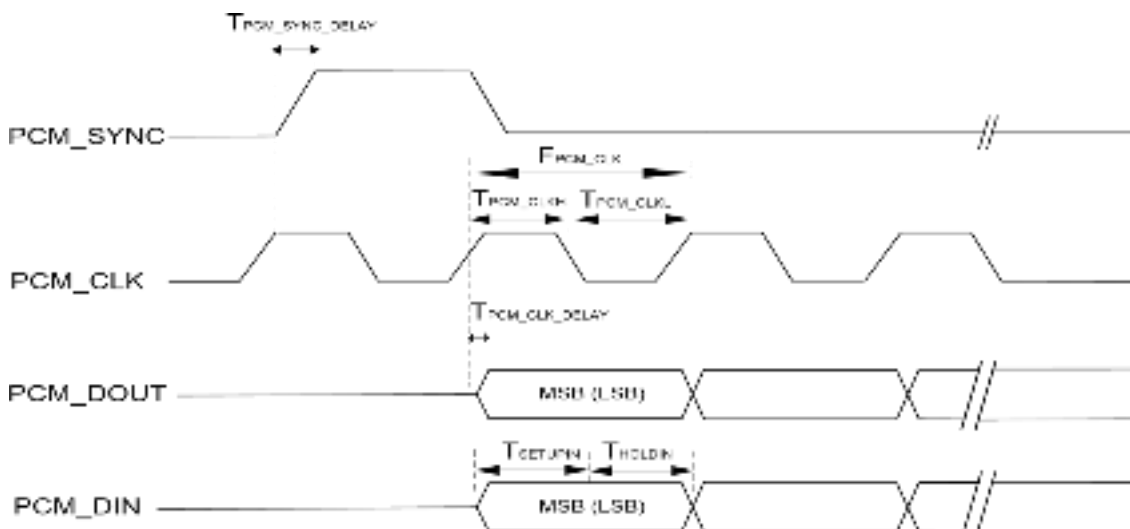


Figure 10: PCM interface Timing (Short Frame Sync)

Table 9: PCM Interface Clock Specifications

| Parameter | Description | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| F _{PCM_CLK} | Frequency of PCM_CLK (master) | 64 | - | 512 | kHz |
| F _{PCM_SYNC} | Frequency of PCM_SYNC (master) | - | 8 | - | kHz |
| F _{PCM_CLK} | Frequency of PCM_CLK (slave) | 64 | - | 512 | kHz |
| F _{PCM_SYNC} | Frequency of PCM_SYNC (slave) | - | 8 | - | kHz |
| D | Data size | 8 | 8 | 16 | bits |
| N | Number of slots per frame | 1 | 1 | 1 | slots |

Table 10: PCM Interface Timing

| Parameter | Description | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|
| T _{PCM_CLKH} | High period of PCM_CLK | 980 | - | - | ns |
| T _{PCM_CLKL} | Low period of PCM_CLK | 970 | - | - | ns |
| T _{PCM_SYNC_DELAY} | Delay time from PCM_CLK high to PCM_SYNC high | - | - | 75 | ns |
| T _{PCM_CLK_DELAY} | Delay time from PCM_CLK high to valid PCM DOUT | - | - | 125 | ns |
| T _{SETUPIN} | Set-up time for PCM_DIN valid to PCM_CLK low | 10 | - | - | ns |
| T _{HOLDIN} | Hold time for PCM_CLK low to PCM_DIN invalid | 125 | - | - | ns |

4.5.2. UART

The module supports a Bluetooth HCI (Host Controller Interface) UART defined by Bluetooth 4.2 protocol. It supports hardware flow control (RTS/CTS), and can be used for data transmission with the host. The baud rate, which is 115200 bps by default, can be up to 4 Mbps.

The voltage range of the Bluetooth UART is determined by VDD_IO. It is necessary to monitor the consistency of the voltage range between the host and Bluetooth UART. If necessary, adopt a voltage-level translator.

The UART connection between the module and the host supporting software flow control is as below:

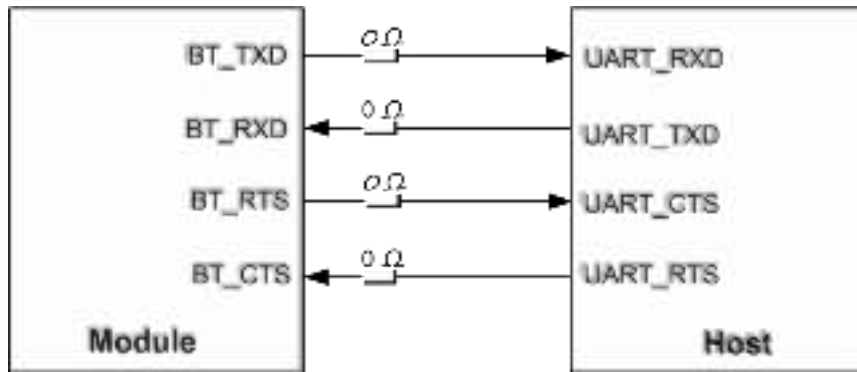


Figure 11: UART Connection with Host Supporting Software Flow Control

The UART connection between the module and the host supporting hardware flow control is as below:

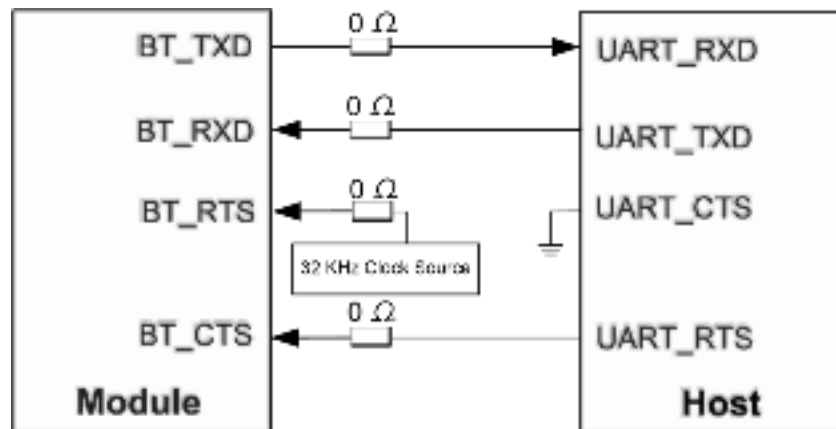


Figure 12: UART Connection with Host Supporting Hardware Flow Control

The UART connection between the module and the host not supporting flow control is as below:

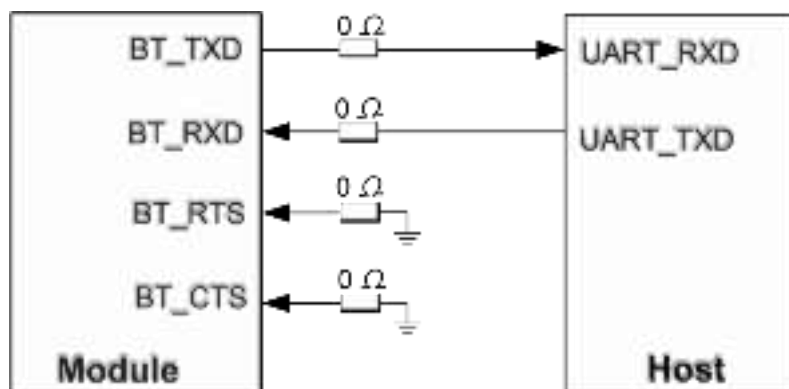


Figure 13: UART Connection with Host Not Supporting Flow Control

NOTE

1. When paired with Quectel's LTE modules, you need to pay attention to the input and output of BT_CTS and BT_RTS.
2. Reserve 0 Ω resistors between the module and host for Bluetooth signaling test.

4.6. RF Antenna Interface

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.

The module provides one RF antenna interface (ANT_WIFI/BT), and the RF port requires 50 Ω characteristic impedance.

4.6.1. Reference Design

A reference circuit for the RF antenna interface is shown below. It is recommended to reserve a π -type matching circuit and add an ESD protection component for better RF performance. Reserved matching components (C1, R1, C2 and D1) should be placed as close to the antenna as possible. C1, C2 and D1 are not mounted by default. The parasitic capacitance of TVS should be less than 0.05 pF and R1 is recommended to be 0 Ω .

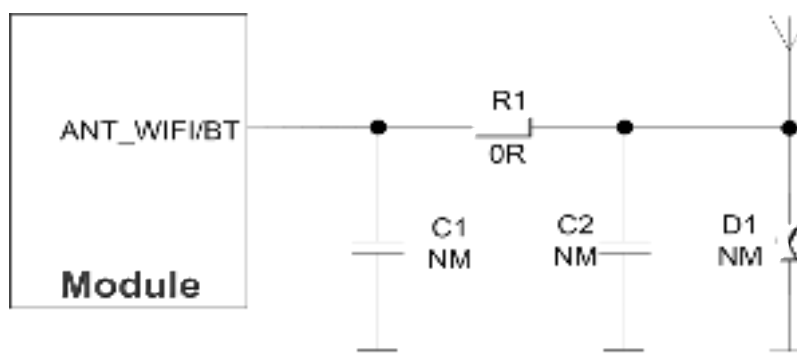


Figure 14: Reference Design of RF Antenna Interface

4.6.2. Antenna Design Requirements

Table 11: Antenna Design Requirements

| Parameter | Requirement ² |
|------------------------------|---|
| Frequency Ranges (GHz) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2.400–2.4835 ● 5.150–5.850 |
| Cable Insertion Loss (dB) | < 1 |
| VSWR | ≤ 2 (Typ.) |
| MAX Gain (dBi) | 1.14 |
| Max Input Power (W) | 50 |
| Input Impedance (Ω) | 50 |
| Polarization Type | Vertical |

4.6.3. RF Routing Guidelines

For user's PCB, the characteristic impedance of all RF traces should be controlled to 50 Ω . 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.

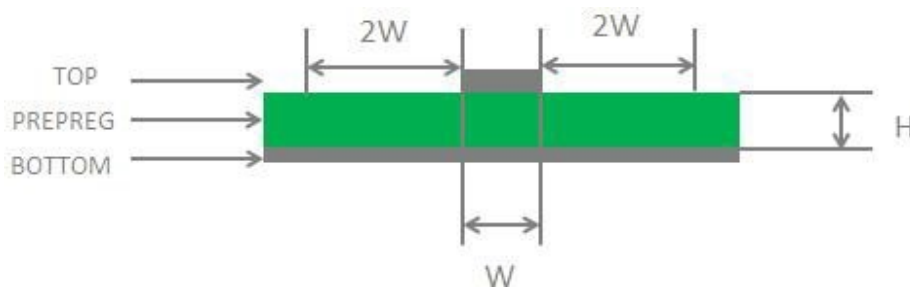


Figure 15: Microstrip Design on a 2-layer PCB

² For more details about the RF performances, see **Chapter 3**.

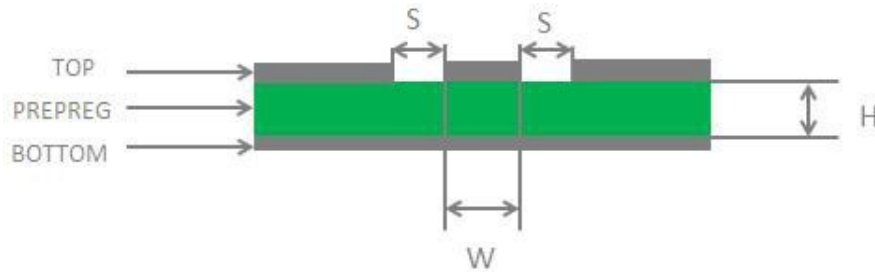


Figure 16: Coplanar Waveguide Design on a 2-layer PCB

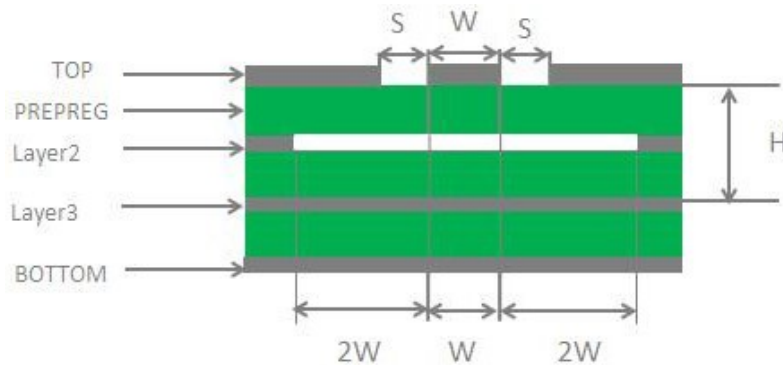


Figure 17: Coplanar Waveguide Design on a 4-layer PCB (Layer 3 as Reference Ground)

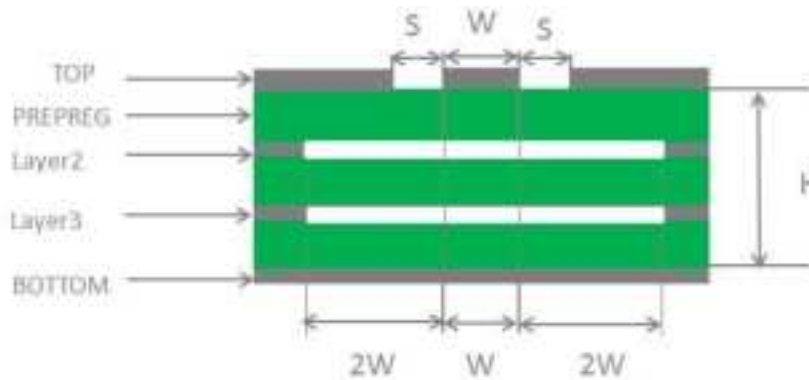


Figure 18: Coplanar Waveguide Design on a 4-layer PCB (Layer 4 as Reference Ground)

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

- Use an impedance simulation tool to 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 [1]**.

4.6.4. RF Connector Recommendation

If RF connector is used for antenna connection, it is recommended to use the U.FL-R-SMT connector provided by Hirose.

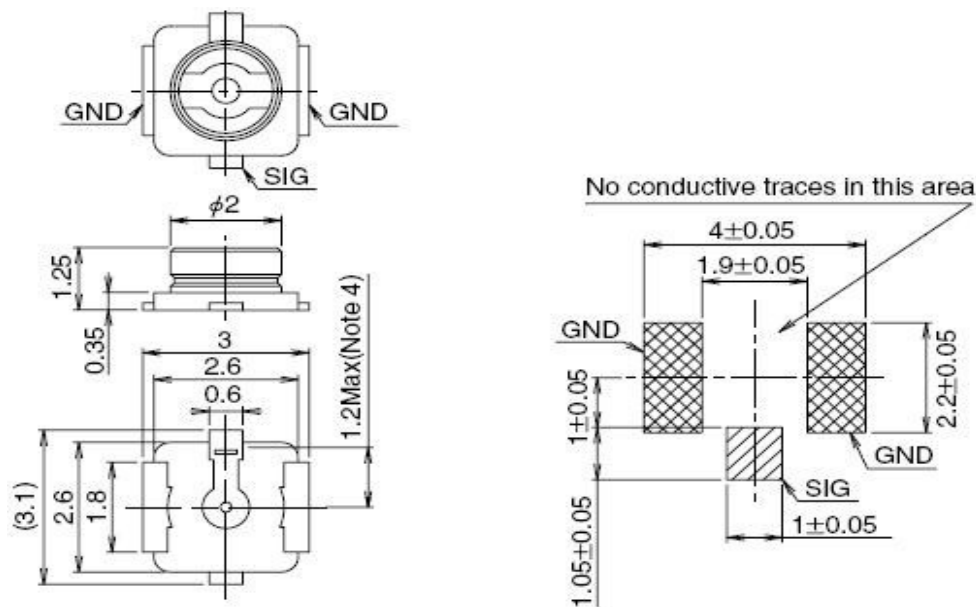


Figure 19: Dimensions of the Receptacle (Unit: mm)

U.FL-LP series mated plugs listed in the following figure can be used to match the U.FL-R-SMT connector.

| Part No. | U.FL-LP-040 | U.FL-LP-066 | U.FL-LP(V)-040 | U.FL-LP-062 | U.FL-LP-088 |
|------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| Mated Height | 2.5mm Max. (2.4mm Nom.) | 2.5mm Max. (2.4mm Nom.) | 2.0mm Max. (1.9mm Nom.) | 2.4mm Max. (2.3mm Nom.) | 2.4mm Max. (2.3mm Nom.) |
| Applicable cable | Dia. 0.81mm Coaxial cable | Dia. 1.13mm and Dia. 1.32mm Coaxial cable | Dia. 0.81mm Coaxial cable | Dia. 1mm Coaxial cable | Dia. 1.37mm Coaxial cable |
| Weight (mg) | 53.7 | 59.1 | 34.8 | 45.5 | 71.7 |
| RoHS | YES | | | | |

Figure 20: Specifications of Mated Plugs

The following figure describes the space factor of mated connectors.

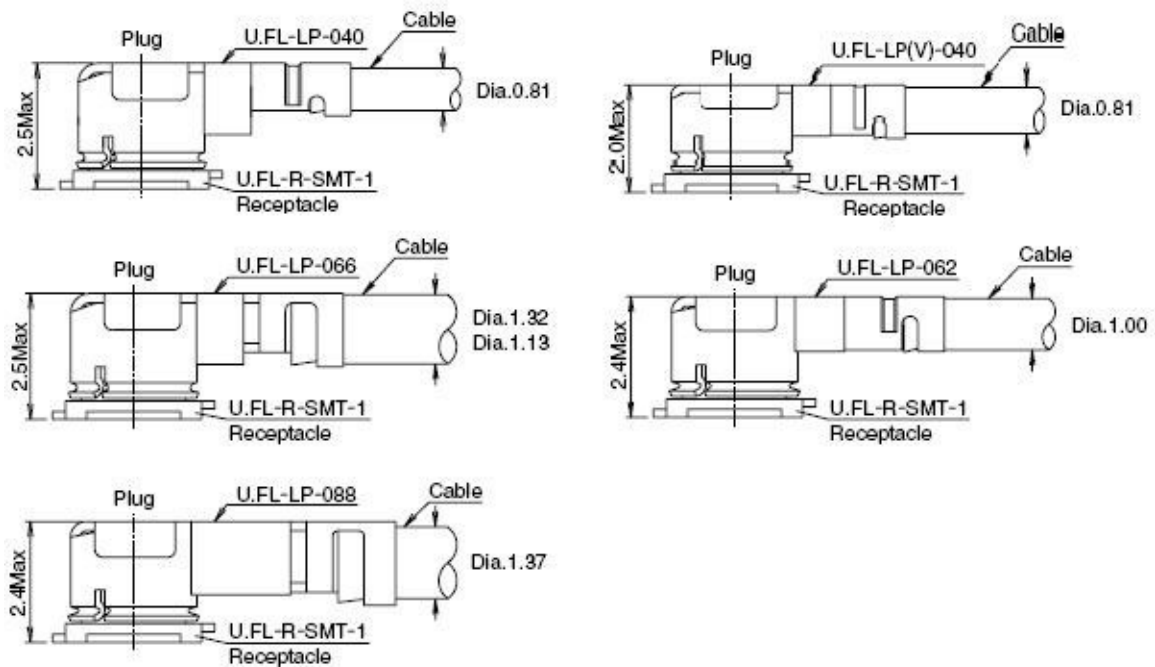


Figure 21: Space Factor of Mated Connectors (Unit: mm)

For more details, please visit <https://www.hirose.com>.

5 Electrical Characteristics & Reliability

5.1. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Table 12: Absolute Maximum Ratings (Unit: V)

| Parameter | Min. | Max. |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| VBAT | 0 | 3.6 |
| VDD_IO | 0 | 3.6 |
| Voltage at Digital Pins | 0 | 3.6 |

5.2. Power Supply Ratings

Table 13: Module Power Supply Ratings (Unit: V)

| Parameter | Description | Condition | Min. | Typ. | Max. |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--|------|---------|------|
| VBAT | Main power supply for the module | The actual input voltages must be kept between the minimum and maximum values. | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| VDD_IO | Power supply for module's I/O pins | - | 1.62 | 1.8/3.3 | 3.6 |

5.3. Power Consumption

5.3.1. Wi-Fi Power Consumption

Table 14: Power Consumption in Low Power Modes

| Mode | Typ. | Unit |
|-------------|------|------|
| Light Sleep | TBD | TBD |
| Deep Sleep | TBD | TBD |
| DTIM1 | TBD | TBD |
| DTIM3 | TBD | TBD |
| OFF | TBD | TBD |

Table 15: Power Consumption in Non-signalling Mode (Unit: mA)

| Condition | | | I _{VBAT} | I _{VDD_IO} |
|-----------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2.4 GHz | 802.11b | Tx @ 1 Mbps | 355 | 0.06 |
| | | Tx @ 11 Mbps | 340 | 0.101 |
| | 802.11g | Tx @ 6 Mbps | 279 | 0.086 |
| | | Tx @ 54 Mbps | 212 | 0.25 |
| | 802.11n | Tx HT20 @ MCS 0 | 270 | 0.12 |
| | | Tx HT20 @ MCS 7 | 200 | 0.263 |
| | | Tx HT40 @ MCS 0 | 268 | 0.12 |
| | | Tx HT40 @ MCS 7 | 177 | 0.348 |
| | 802.11a | Tx @ 6 Mbps | 375 | 0.082 |
| | | Tx @ 54 Mbps | 269 | 0.244 |
| 5 GHz | 802.11n | Tx HT20 @ MCS 0 | 345 | 0.85 |
| | | Tx HT20 @ MCS 7 | 244 | 0.26 |
| | | Tx HT40 @ MCS 0 | 334 | 0.117 |

| | | | |
|----------|------------------|-----|-------|
| 802.11ac | Tx HT40 @ MCS 7 | 215 | 0.34 |
| | Tx VHT20 @ MCS 0 | 345 | 0.085 |
| | Tx VHT20 @ MCS 8 | 237 | 0.272 |
| | Tx VHT40 @ MCS 0 | 333 | 0.117 |
| | Tx VHT40 @ MCS 9 | 203 | 0.365 |
| | Tx VHT80 @ MCS 0 | 307 | 0.17 |
| | Tx VHT80 @ MCS 9 | 176 | 0.407 |

5.3.2. Bluetooth Power Consumption

Table 16: Power Consumption in Non-signalling Mode

| Mode | Tx Power (Typ.) | I _{VDD_IO} | I _{VBAT} |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| BR | 4 dBm | 112 mA | TBD |
| EDR ($\pi/4$ -DQPSK) | 4 dBm | 110 mA | TBD |
| EDR (8-DPSK) | 4 dBm | 110 mA | TBD |
| BLE (1 Mbps) | 4 dBm | 115 mA | TBD |

5.4. Digital I/O Characteristics

Table 17: VDD_IO High Level I/O Requirements (Unit: V)

| Parameter | Description | Min. | Max. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------|------|
| V _{IH} | High-level input voltage | 2.0 | 3.6 |
| V _{IL} | Low-level input voltage | - | 0.9 |
| V _{OH} | High-level output voltage | 2.97 | 3.3 |
| V _{OL} | Low-level output voltage | 0 | 0.33 |

Table 18: VDD_IO Low Level I/O Requirements (Unit: V)

| Parameter | Description | Min. | Max. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------|------|
| V _{IH} | High-level input voltage | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| V _{IL} | Low-level input voltage | - | 0.8 |
| V _{OH} | High-level output voltage | 1.62 | 1.8 |
| V _{OL} | Low-level output voltage | 0 | 0.18 |

5.5. 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.

5.6. 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, etc.) 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.

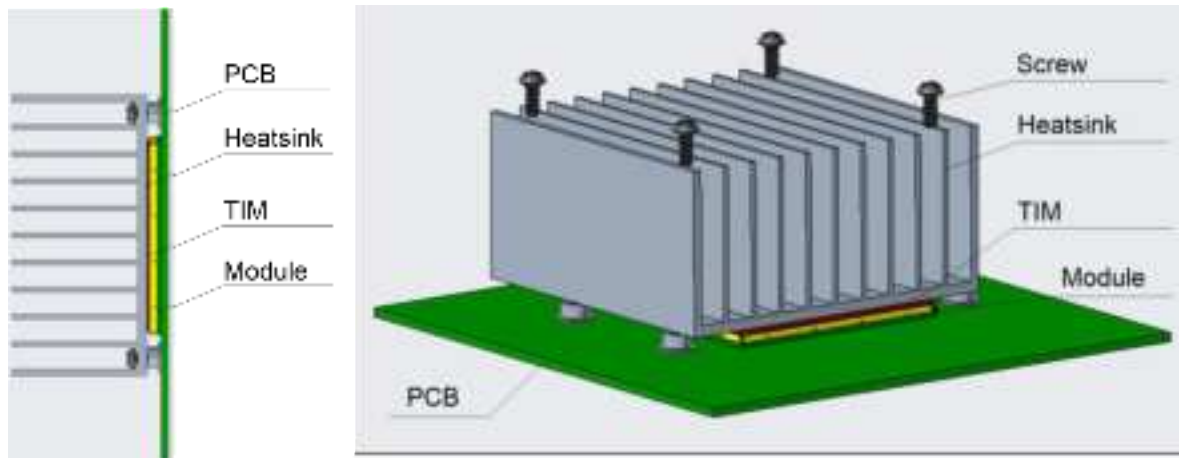


Figure 22: Placement and Fixing of the Heatsink

6 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.

6.1. Mechanical Dimensions

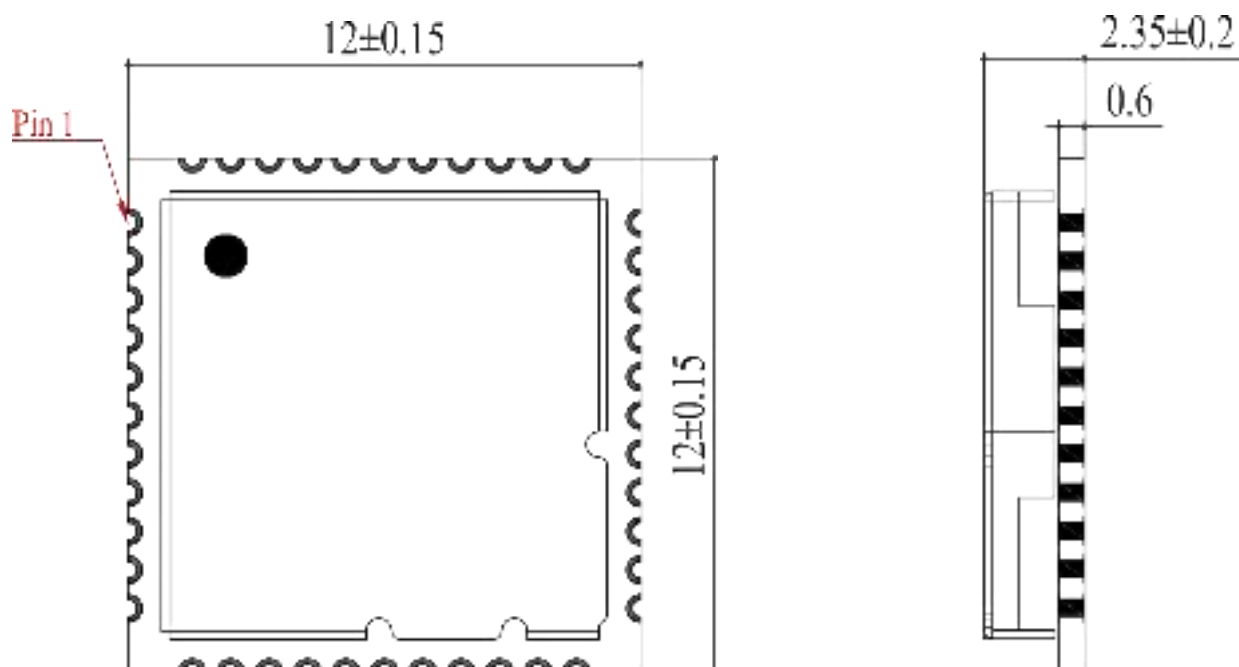


Figure 23: Top and Side Dimensions

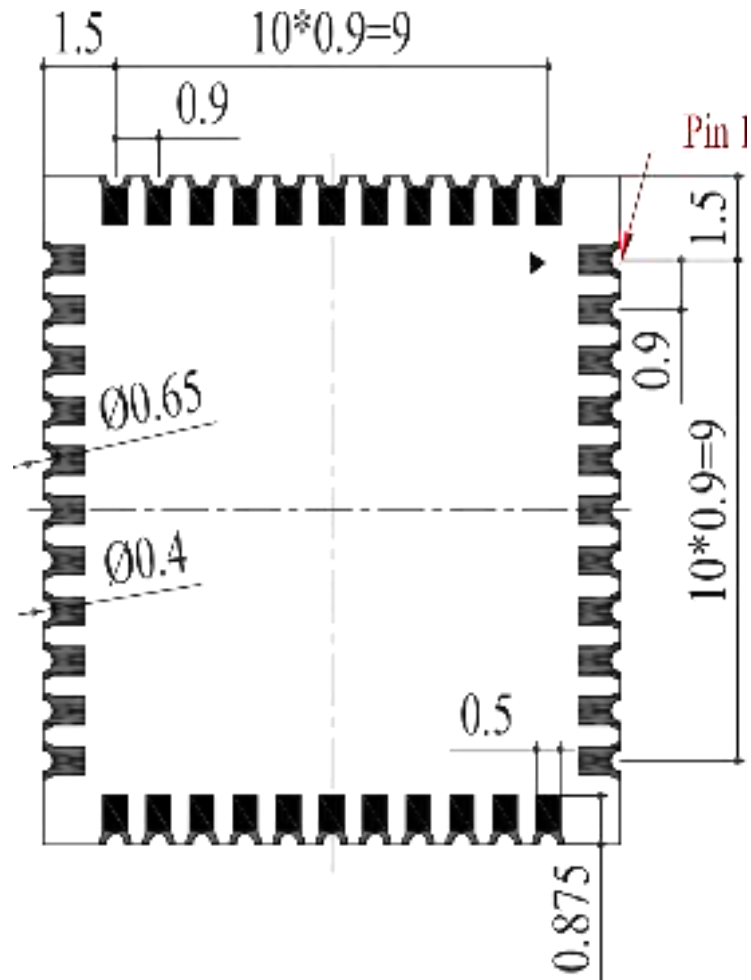


Figure 24: Bottom Dimensions (Bottom View)

NOTE

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

6.2. Recommended Footprint

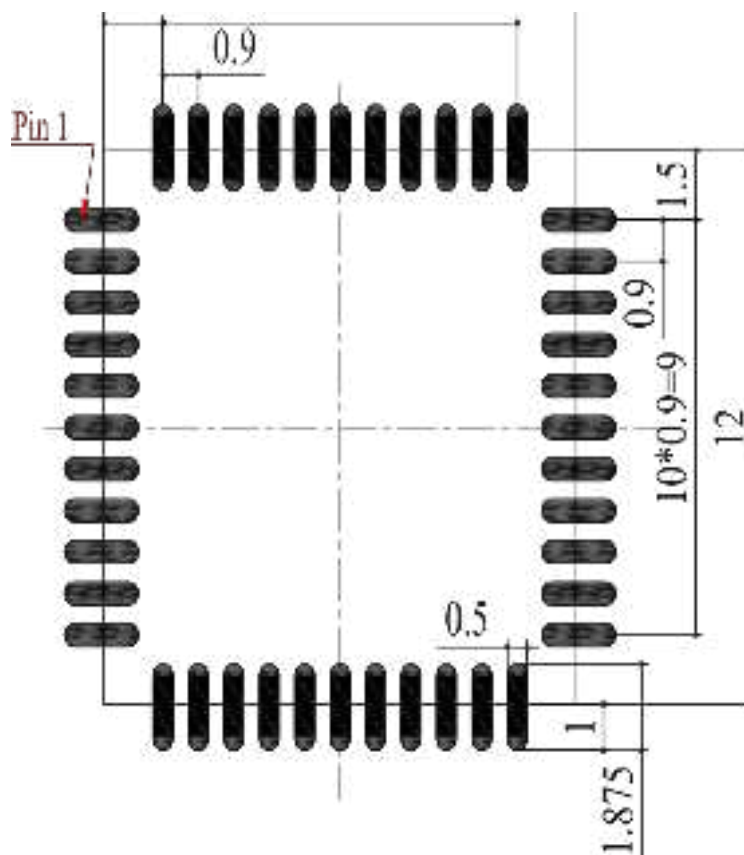


Figure 25: Recommended Footprint

NOTE

Keep at least 3 mm between the module and other components on the motherboard to improve soldering quality and maintenance convenience.

6.3. Top and Bottom Views



Figure 26: Top and 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.

7 Storage, Manufacturing & Packaging

7.1. Storage Conditions

The module is provided with vacuum-sealed packaging. MSL of the module is rated as 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 ³ 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.

³ 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*. 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 modules.

7.2. 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 [2]**.

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 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.

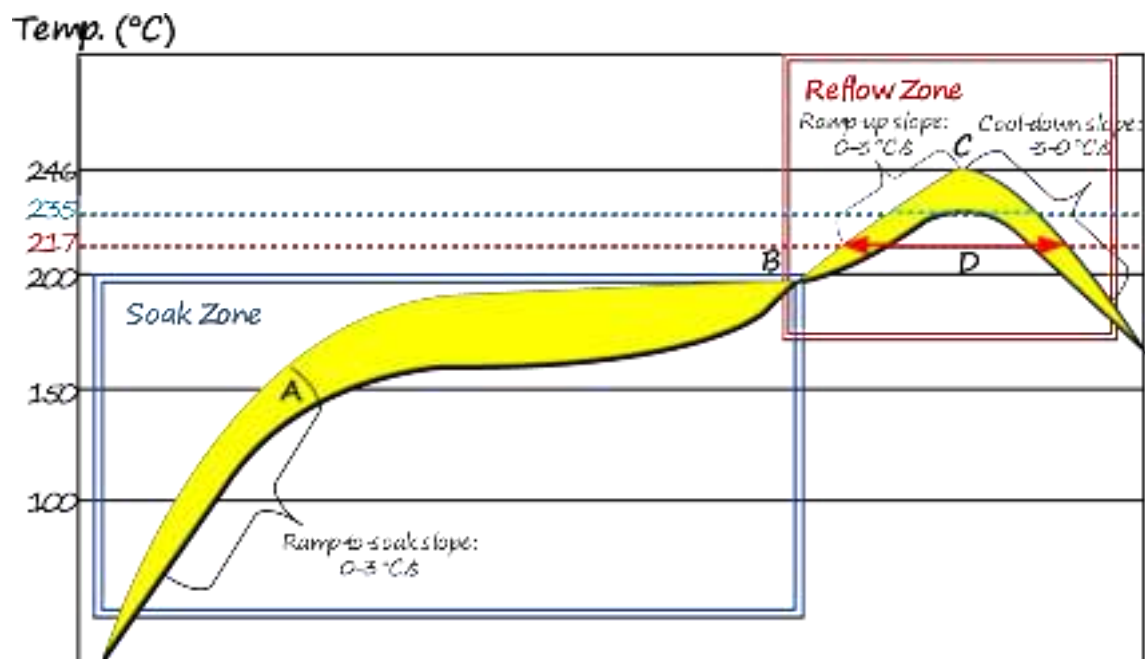


Figure 27: Recommended Reflow Soldering Thermal Profile

Table 19: Recommended Thermal Profile Parameters

| Factor | Recommendation 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. During manufacturing and soldering, or any other processes that may contact the module directly, NEVER wipe the module's shielding can with organic solvents, such as acetone, ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, trichloroethylene, etc. Otherwise, the shielding can may become rusted.
3. The shielding can for the module is made of Cupro-Nickel base material. It is tested that after 12 hours' Neutral Salt Spray test, the laser engraved label information on the shielding can is still clearly identifiable and the QR code is still readable, although white rust may be found.
4. 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.
5. Avoid using ultrasonic technology for module cleaning since it can damage crystals inside the module.
6. Due to the complexity of the SMT process, please 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 [2]**.

7.3. 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:

7.3.1. Carrier Tape

Dimension details are as follow:

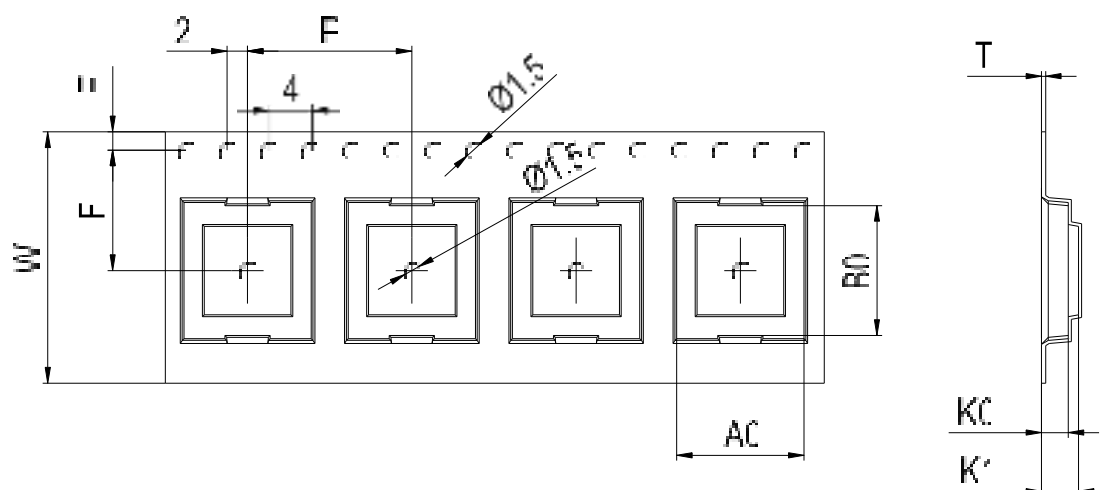


Figure 28: Carrier Tape Dimension Drawing

Table 20: Carrier Tape Dimension Table (Unit: mm)

| W | P | T | A0 | B0 | K0 | K1 | F | E |
|----|----|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 24 | 16 | 0.35 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 11.5 | 1.75 |

7.3.2. Plastic Reel

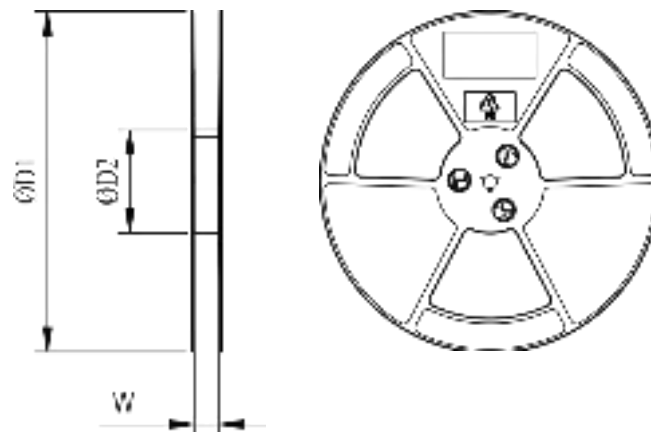


Figure 29: Plastic Reel Dimension Drawing

Table 21: Plastic Reel Dimension Table (Unit: mm)

| $\phi D1$ | $\phi D2$ | W |
|-----------|-----------|------|
| 330 | 100 | 24.5 |

7.3.3. Mounting Direction

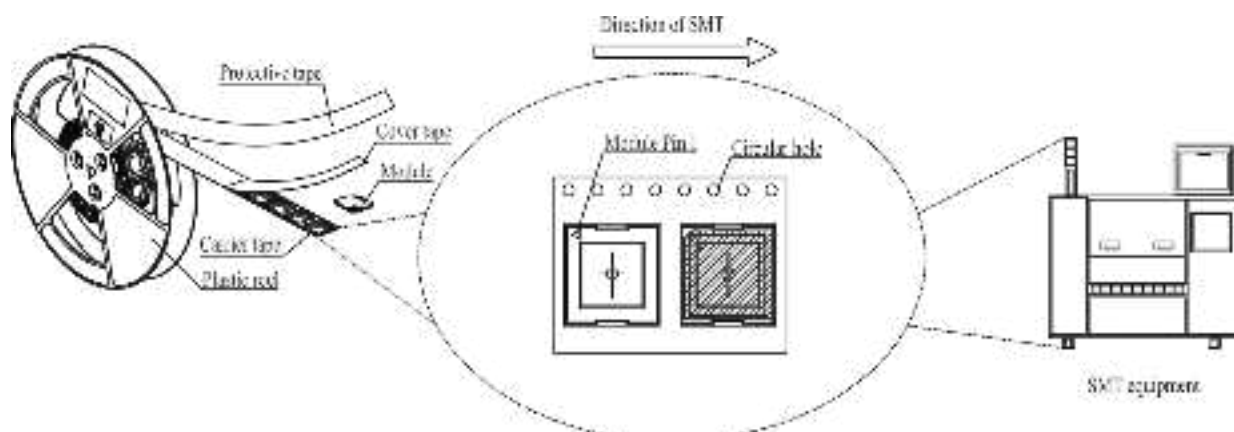
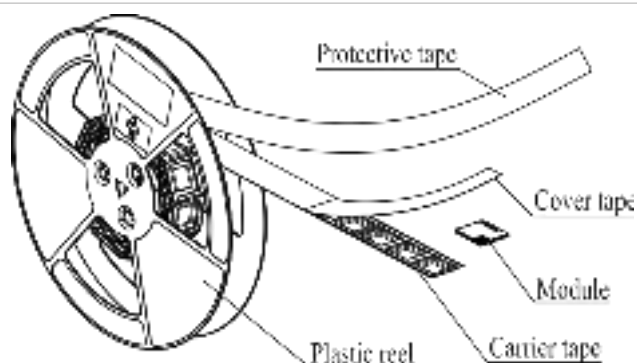


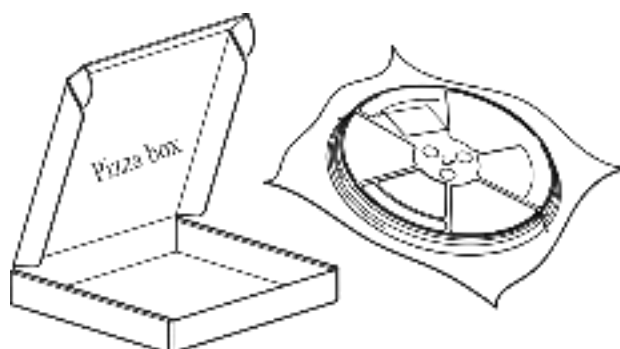
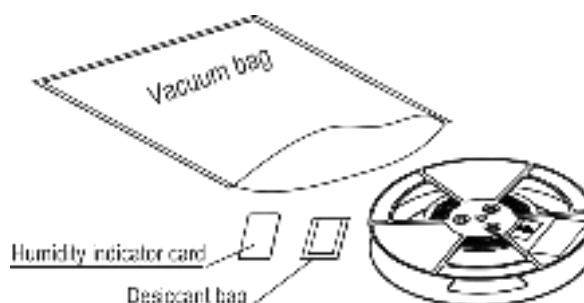
Figure 30: Mounting Direction

7.3.4. 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 500 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 2000 modules.

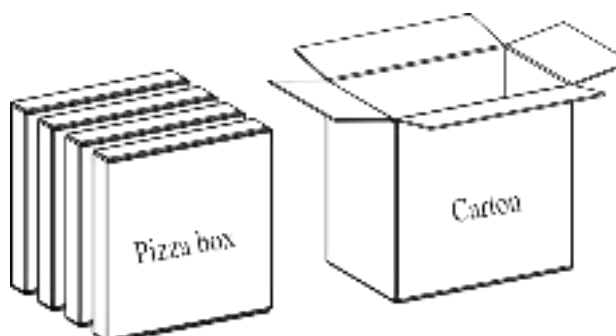


Figure 31: Packaging Process

8 Appendix References

Table 22: Related Documents

| Document Name |
|---|
| [1] Quectel_RF_Layout_Application_Note |
| [2] Quectel_Module_SMT_Application_Note |

Table 23: Terms and Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|--|
| 1T1R | One Transmit One Receive |
| AP | Access Point |
| BLE | Bluetooth Low Energy |
| BPSK | Binary Phase Shift Keying |
| BR | Basic Rate |
| CCK | Complementary Code Keying |
| CTS | Clear To Send |
| DBPSK | Differential Binary Phase Shift Keying |
| DPSK | Differential Phase Shift Keying |
| DQPSK | Differential Quadrature Phase Shift Keying |
| DTIM | Delivery Traffic Indication Message |
| EDR | Enhanced Data Rate |
| eSCO | Extended Synchronous Connection-Oriented |
| ESD | Electrostatic Discharge |

| | |
|------|---|
| EVM | Error Vector Magnitude |
| GFSK | Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying |
| GND | Ground |
| GPIO | General-Purpose Input/Output |
| HCI | Host Controller Interface |
| HT | High Throughput |
| IEEE | Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers |
| I/O | Input/Output |
| IRQ | Interrupt Request |
| LCC | Leadless Chip Carrier (package) |
| LSB | Least Significant Bit |
| LTE | Long-Term Evolution |
| Mbps | Million Bits Per Second |
| MCS | Modulation and Coding Scheme |
| MSB | Most Significant Bit |
| MSL | Moisture Sensitivity Levels |
| NC | Not Connected |
| PCB | Printed Circuit Board |
| PCM | Pulse Code Modulation |
| QAM | Quadrature Amplitude Modulation |
| QPSK | Quadrature Phase Shift Keying |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| RoHS | Restriction of Hazardous Substances |
| RTS | Request to Send |
| Rx | Receive |

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|-----------|---|
| RXD | Receive Data |
| SCO | Synchronous Connection-Oriented |
| SDIO | Secure Digital Input/Output |
| SMD | Surface Mount Device |
| SMT | Surface Mount Technology |
| STA | Station |
| TBD | To Be Determined |
| Tx | Transmit |
| TXD | Transmit Data |
| TVS | Transient Voltage Suppressor |
| UART | Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter |
| VBAT | Voltage at Battery (Pin) |
| VHT | Very High Throughput |
| V_{IH} | High-level Input Voltage |
| V_{IL} | Low-level Input Voltage |
| V_{max} | Maximum Voltage |
| V_{min} | Minimum Voltage |
| V_{nom} | Nominal Voltage |
| V_{OH} | High-level Output Voltage |
| V_{OL} | Low-level Output Voltage |
| VSWR | Voltage Standing Wave Ratio |

9 Warning

9.1. Important Notice to OEM integrators

Product Marketing Name: Quectel FCS950R

1. This module is limited to OEM installation ONLY.
2. This module is limited to installation in fixed applications, according to Part 2.1091(b).
3. This module has been tested and found to comply with the limits for Part 15.247 & 15.407 of the FCC Rules.

4. 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 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 Wireless Solutions Co., Ltd.. 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/IC 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: XMR2023FCS950R" The FCC ID can be used only when all FCC mpliance requirements are met.

Antenna Installation

- (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.
- (3) Only antennas of the same type and with equal or less gains as shown below may be used with this module.

| Operating Band | Frequency (MHz) | Antenna Type | Antenna P/N | Antenna Gain (dBi) |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Bluetooth | 2400~2483.5 | Dipole | YE0038AA | 0.73 dBi |
| 2.4G WiFi | | | | 0.73 dBi |
| 5G WiFi | 5150~5850 | | | 5150~5250 MHz: 1.14 dBi |
| | | | | 5250~5350 MHz: 1.14 dBi |
| | | | | 5470~5725 MHz: 1.14 dBi |
| | | | | 5725~5850 MHz: 1.14 dBi |

Other types of antennas and/or higher gain antennas may require additional authorization for operation.

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/IC 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/IC authorization. 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.

9.2. FCC Statement

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.

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.

9.3. IC Statement

IRSS-GEN

"This device complies with Industry Canada's licence-exempt RSSs. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause interference; and (2) This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device." or "Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :

1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage; 2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement."

Déclaration sur l'exposition aux rayonnements RF

L'autre utilisé pour l'émetteur doit être installé pour fournir une distance de séparation d'au moins 20 cm de toutes les personnes et ne doit pas être colocalisé ou fonctionner conjointement avec une autre antenne ou un autre émetteur.

Radio frequency radiation exposure statement

The other one used for the transmitter must be installed at a distance of at least 20 cm from all personnel and must not be shared or operated together with any other antenna or transmitter.

The host product shall be properly labeled to identify the modules within the host product.

The Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada certification label of a module shall be clearly visible at all times when installed in the host product; otherwise, the host product must be labeled to display the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada certification number for the module, preceded by the word "Contains" or similar wording expressing the same meaning, as follows:

"Contains IC: 10224A-2023FCS950R" or "where: 10224A-2023FCS950R is the module's certification number". Le produit hôte doit être correctement étiqueté pour identifier les modules dans le produit hôte.

L'étiquette de certification d'Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada d'un module doit être clairement visible en tout temps lorsqu'il est installé dans le produit hôte; sinon, le produit hôte doit porter une étiquette indiquant le numéro de certification d'Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada pour le module, précédé du mot «Contient» ou d'un libellé semblable exprimant la même signification, comme suit:

"Contient IC: 10224A-2023FCS950R" ou "où: 10224A-2023FCS950R est le numéro de certification du module".

i. the device for operation in the band 5150–5250 MHz is only for indoor use to reduce the potential for harmful interference to co-channel mobile satellite systems;

ii. for devices with detachable antenna(s), the maximum antenna gain permitted for devices in the bands 5250-5350 MHz and 5470-5725 MHz shall be such that the equipment still complies with the e.i.r.p. limit;

iii. for devices with detachable antenna(s), the maximum antenna gain permitted for devices in the band 5725-5850 MHz shall be such that the equipment still complies with the e.i.r.p. limits as appropriate;

iv. Omnidirectional antenna is recommended