

i-FlexPIFATM Mini Series 2400-2480 MHz

Mini Inverted Flexible PIFA Antenna

Datasheet v2.0

Features and Benefits



- Quick and easy installation
- Smallest form factor i-FlexPIFA $^{\text{TM}}$
- Adhesive holds to surface during humidity exposure and hot/cold cycles
- **RoHS-compliant**
- Radiation direction maximized on adhesive side for outward-facing orientation
- Patent Number: 9450307

- Can be installed in the following ways:
 - On different non-conductive surfaces and thicknesses
 - On flat or curved surfaces
 - MIMO array element
 - On the front or top face of an enclosure interior (alternative placement to FlexPIFA)

| Specifications | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Frequency (MHz) | 2400 - 2480 |
| Peak Gain (dBi) | +2.0 |
| Average Efficiency (dB) | >-2.5 |
| VSWR (MHz) | < 2.5:1 |
| Impedance (Ω) | 50 |
| Polarization | Linear |

| Mechanical Specifications | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-----|--|
| Antenna Type | Inverted Ground Flexible Planar Inverted F Antenna (i-FlexPIFA) | | |
| Dimensions – mm (inches) | 35.9 x 11.0 x 2.9 (1.41 x 0.43 x 0.114) | | |
| Weight – g (oz.) | 1.10 (0.039) | | |
| Color | Clear yellow | | |
| Adhesive | 3M 100MP | | |
| Connector Mating Height (max) – mm | MHF1 (U.FL) | 2.5 | |
| | MHF4L | 1.4 | |

| Environmental Specifications | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Operating Temperature – °C (°F) | -40 to +85°C (-40 to +185°F) | |
| Material Substance Compliance | RoHS | |

Configuration

| Part Number | Cable Length | Connector |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| EFG2401A3S-10MHF1 | 100 mm | MHF1 |
| EFG2401A3S-10MH4L | 100 mm | MHF4L |

Note: Specifications are based on the 100mm cable length, standard antenna version with MHF1 / U.FL connector. Varying the cable length or type or connector will cause variations in these antenna specifications.



3 Mechanical Drawing

3.1 Physical Dimensions (in mm) of the EFG2401A with a 100mm Long Cable

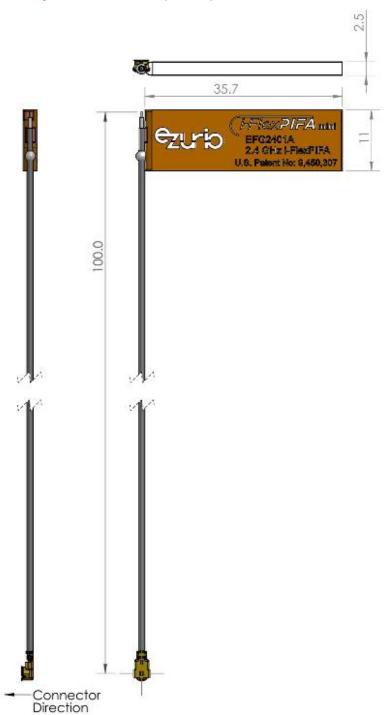


Figure 1: i-FlexPIFA_{mini} mechanical drawing of EFG2401A Antenna



4 Flat Surface Antenna Measurements

Flat surface measurements were performed with the antenna centered on a 1.6 mm-thick plate of polycarbonate.

4.1 VSWR

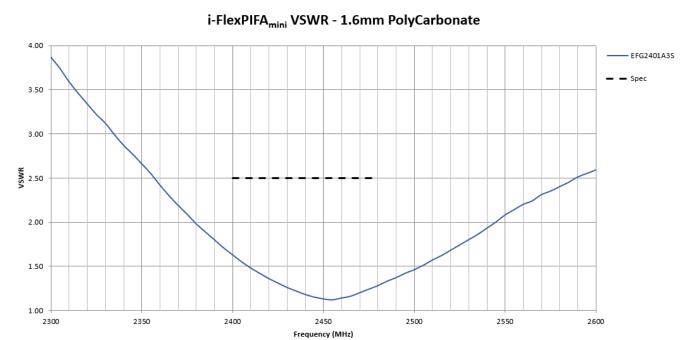


Figure 2: Antenna VSWR measured on a 1.6 mm-thick plate of polycarbonate with a nominal value of 1.27 across the operating frequency

4.2 RETURN LOSS

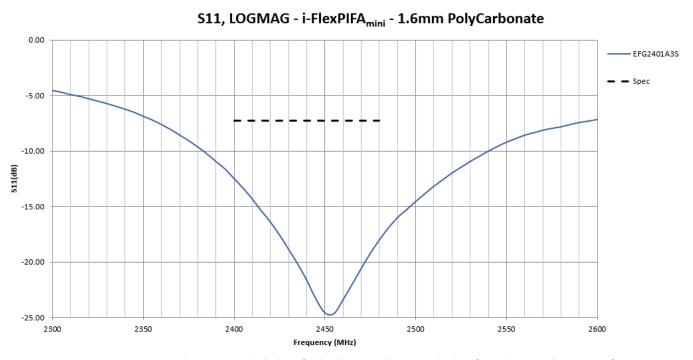


Figure 3: Antenna Return Loss measured on a 1.6 mm-thick plate of polycarbonate with a nominal value of -17.6dB across the operating frequency

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Antenna Chamber Test Setup

Antenna measurements such as VSWR and S11 were measured with an Agilent E5071C vector network analyzer. Radiation patterns were measured with a Rohde & Schwarz ZNB8-4PORT vector network analyzer in a Howland Company 3100 chamber equivalent. Phase center is nine inches above the Phi positioner.

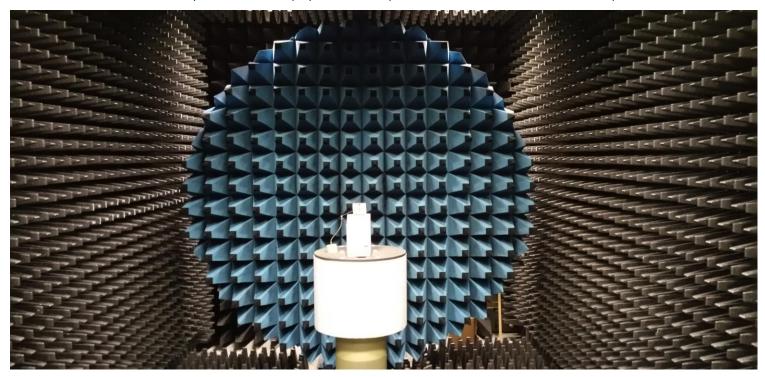


Figure 4: Howland Company 3100 Antenna chamber



6 Antenna Radiation Performance

6.1 FlexPIFA centered on a 1.6 mm-thick plate of polycarbonate

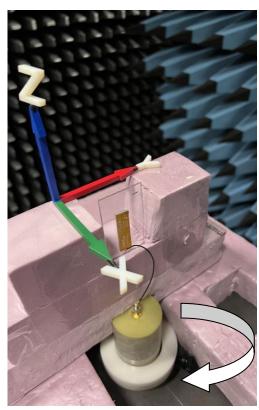
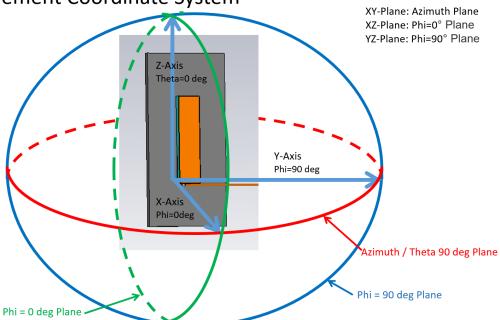


Figure 5: Flat surface setup

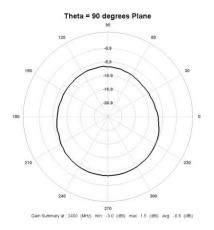
3D Measurement Coordinate System

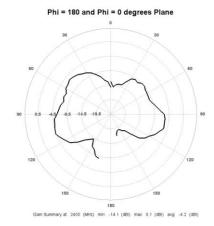


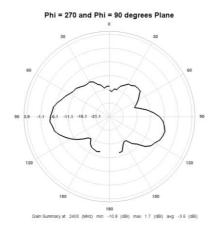


6.2 Radiation Patterns – 2D Plots

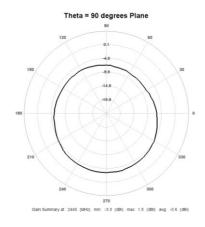
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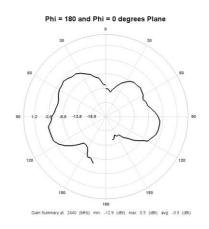


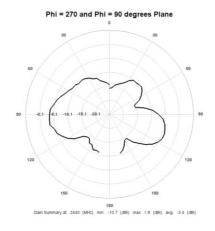




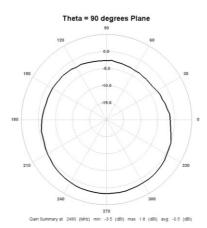
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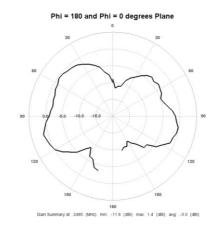


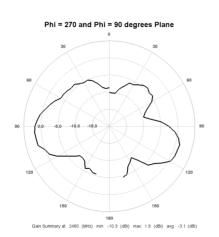




6.2.3 2D Plots at 2480 MHz









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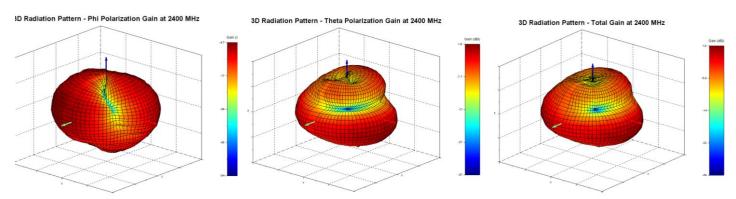


Figure 6: Phi polarization, Theta polarization and, and total gain plots – 2400 MHz

6.3.2 3D Plots at 2440 MHz

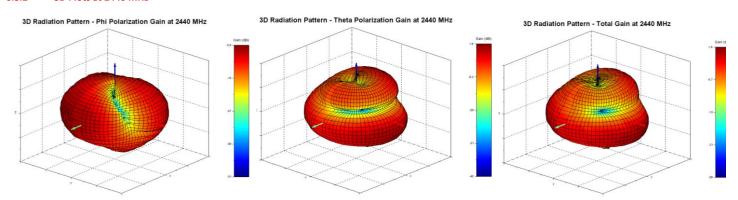


Figure 7: Phi polarization, Theta polarization and, and total gain plots – 2440 MHz

6.3.3 3D Plots at 2480 MHz

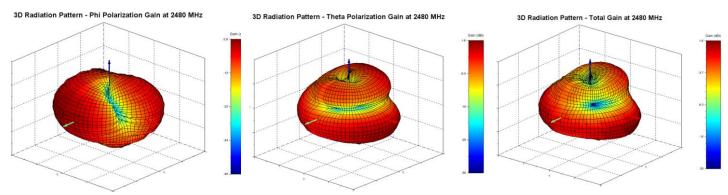


Figure 8: Phi polarization, Theta polarization and, and total gain plots – 2480 MHz



6.4 Efficiency

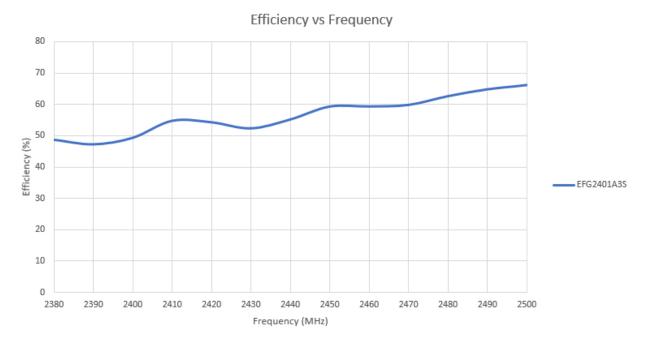


Figure 9: Antenna Efficiency measured on a 1.6 mm-thick plate of polycarbonate with a nominal value of -2.5dB across the operating frequency



6.5 **Antenna Gain**

Total Gain vs. Frequency (as per IEEE definition)

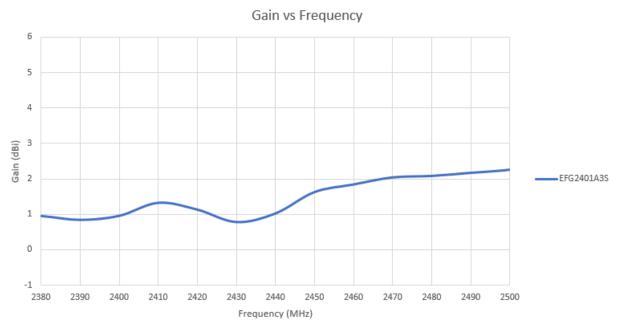


Figure 10: Antenna Gain measured on a 1.6 mm-thick plate of polycarbonate with a nominal value of 1.4dBi across the operating frequency

Peak Gain from Theta and Phi Polarization vs. Frequency

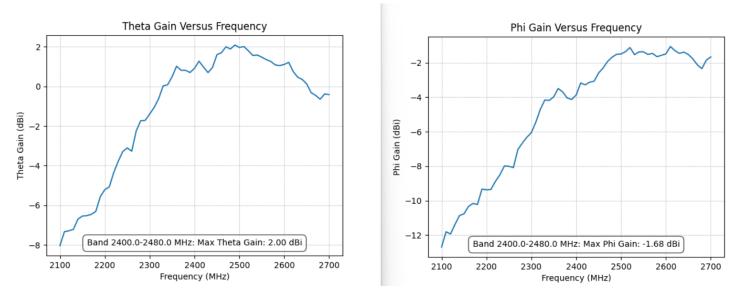


Figure 11: Peak Theta Polarization Gain and Phi Polarization Gain vs Frequency, measured on a 1.6mm-thick plate of polycarbonate



7 Antenna Placement & Keep Out Region

7.1 Antenna Placement

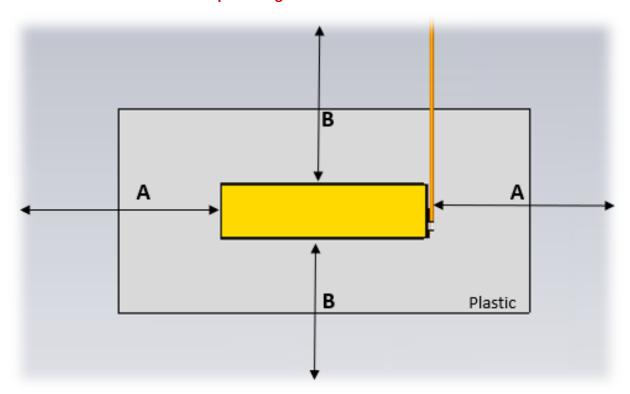
The i-FlexPIFA is designed to be attached to dielectric surfaces encountered in plastic packaging of wireless communications devices. The nominal attachment surface used in its design and characterization is an 80 mm x 40 mm, 1.6-millimeter thick, Polycarbonate sheet.

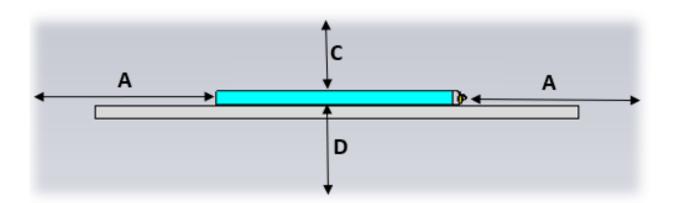
The VSWR of the i-FlexPIFA_{mini} is shown below for the following materials and thicknesses <u>outside</u> of these specifications:

| 2.4GHz i-FlexPIFA _{mini} | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Material | thickness(mm) | Max VSWR |
| Polycarbonate | 1.0 | 2.5 |
| Polycarbonate | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Polycarbonate | 3.1 | 2.1 |
| Polycarbonate | 6.1 | 2.8 |
| ABS | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| ABS | 3.3 | 1.9 |
| Nylon | 1.6 | 1.4 |
| Nylon | 3.2 | 2.4 |
| Acrylic | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Acrylic | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| Delrin | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Delrin | 3.1 | 2.4 |
| FR4 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| FR4 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| PETG | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| PETG | 2.8 | 2.1 |
| Polypropylene | 1.6 | 2.1 |
| Polypropylene | 3.2 | 1.5 |
| Polyetherimide | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Polyetherimide | 3.3 | 2.5 |
| PVC Tube OD 61mm | 4.5 | 2.9 |
| PVC Tube ID 52mm | 4.5 | 1.5 |



7.2 Antenna Conductive Material Keep Out Region





| Keep Out Region Distance (mm) | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|----|
| Α | В | С | D |
| 5 | 5 | 3 | 10 |

Notes:

- Antenna is designed to be mounted on polycarbonate with a nominal thickness of 2.25mm (1.5mm 3mm)
- Diagram is not to scale



8 Product Labeling History

Rev 2.0 - Initial Production Release



9 Revision History

| Version | Date | Notes | Approver |
|---------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 0.1 | 16 Nov 2023 | Preliminary Release | Adam Engelbrecht |
| 1.0 | 8 Apr 2024 | Initial Release | Adam Engelbrecht |
| 2.0 | 14 Aug 2024 | Ezurio rebranding | Dave Drogowski |



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