

Linkplay Wireless Smart Audio Module (A76)

OEM/Integrators Installation Manual

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NOTE: the module is limited to OEM installation only, separate approval is required for all other operating configurations, including portable configurations and different antenna configurations. When the module is used in host, it must consider FCC/IC required, refer to FCC/IC Radiation Exposure Statement and FCC/IC Warning.

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HISTORY

Version	Date	Description
1.0	01/17/2017	Specification release
1.1	06/15/2017	Add electrical specifications
1.2	07/20/2017	Update VDDRTC current parameters

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1. Overview

Linkplay Wi-Fi Audio module - A76, is our third generation smart audio modules developed to be used in the connected speaker, sound bar and other connected audio devices. It integrates the low power Broadcom BCM43438 Wi-Fi/BT chip and Ingenic X1000E application processor. The CPU is running at 1GHz with hardware engine dedicated for floating point processing and the SIMD instruction acceleration. It supports IEEE 802.11 b/g/n/ac 2.4GHz. It also supports BT4.0 with EDR and BLE.

A76 module also provides USB, I2S, I2C, PWM, AUX in, SD/MMC etc. Interfaces.

The firmware is fully compatible with Apple AirPlay and digital living network alliance (DLNA) streaming standards. It supports Hi-Fi audio up to 192Khz, 24-bit with most popular audio formats. It supports multi-room and multi-channel audio streaming with perfect synchronization.

With this module, you can play the music on your speaker wirelessly from iPhone, iPad , iPod touch, Android devices or PC. More important, it enables the traditional speaker system to become the Internet enabled device through the wired or wireless connection provided by the module. Thus, you could freely playback any Internet audio contents such as music, podcast, radio or either the accompany audio in the movie directly from the Internet.

Feature

- Support IEEE 802.11 b/g/n Wi-Fi 2.4G
- Support BT4.0+EDR and BLE

Application

- Connected speaker, sound bar
- Connected audio devices

1.1. Parameter

	Items	Performance
Wi-Fi	Certification	FCC/CE
	Standard	IEEE 802.11 b/g/n 2.4GHz
	Frequency	2.400GHz - 2.497GHz
	2.4G Transmit	802.11b /CCK : 16 dBm $\pm$ 1.5 dB @ EVM -9dB
		802.11g /64-QAM(R=3/4) : 15 dBm $\pm$ 1.5 dB @ EVM -25dB
		802.11n /64-QAM(R=5/6) : 14 dBm $\pm$ 1.5 dB @ EVM -27dB

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	Modulation	802.11b : DQPSK, DBPSK, CCK
		802.11g/n : 64-QAM, 16-QAM, QPSK, BPSK
	Receive sensitivity 2.4G (typical)	802.11b: 11Mbps PER=8% @ -87 dBm,
		802.11g: 54Mbps PER=10% @ -74 dBm
		802.11n(20MHz) : MCS=7 PER=10% @ -71 dBm,
	Maximum receiver power	802.11b : -10dBm
		802.11g/n : -20dBm
	Antenna	External: I-PEX, antenna gain 0~2 dBi, shared with BT
BT	Version	Bluetooth V4.0
	Frequency	2402 MHz ~ 2480 MHz
	Number of Channel	79
	Modulation	FHSS, GFSK, DPSK, DQPSK
	Transmit (Class1.5)	8 dBm
	Receive sensitivity	@ BER=0.1% for GFSK (1Mbps) -86dBm
		@ BER=0.01% for $\pi/4$ -DQPSK (2Mbps) -86dBm
		@ BER=0.01% for 8DPSK (3Mbps) -80dBm
	Maximum receiver power	GFSK (1Mbps) :-20dBm
		$\pi/4$ -DQPSK (2Mbps) :-20dBm
		8DPSK (3Mbps) :-20dBm
	Antenna	External: I-PEX, antenna gain 0~2 dBi, shared with BT
Hardware	Work voltage	5V
	Work current	TBD
	Standby current	TBD
	Work temperature	-5℃~40℃
	Storage temperature	-40℃~135℃
	Wi-Fi work distance	TBD
	IO Extension	USB, SD/MMC
	Dimension	41.7mm x 32.2mm 56-PIN DIP

Table1-1 Linkplay A76 module parameters

2. Hardware description

2.1. Description of hardware interface

A76 provides the option to connect with customer board through its 56-pins DIP. The detail is as follows.

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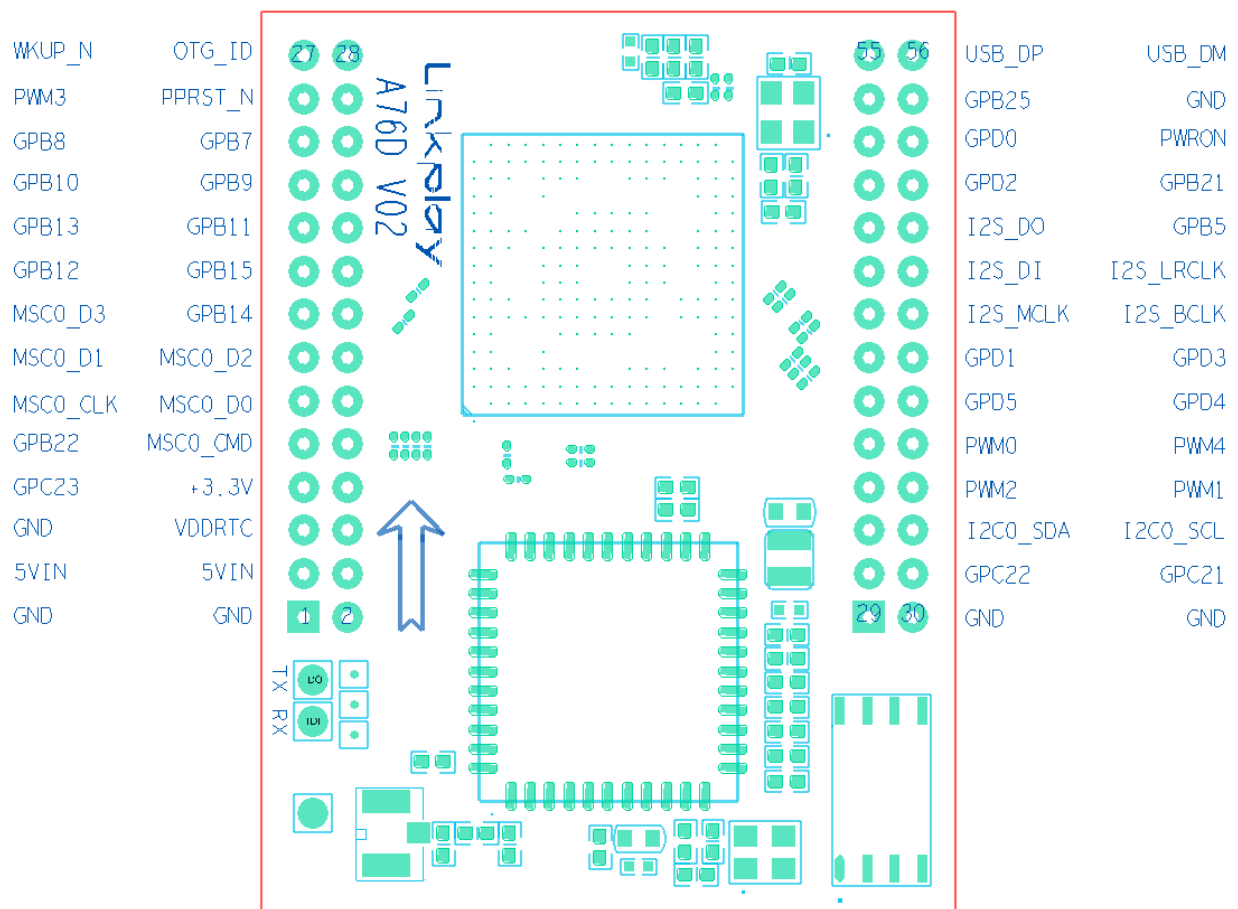


Figure 2-1 A76 interface pins

Pin description:

Pin No.	Pin Name	Type	Function0	Function1
1, 2, 5, 29, 30, 54	GND	Supply	Digital ground	
3, 4	5VIN	Power I	Power supply input > 500mA	
6	VDDRTC	Power I	RTC power supply input < 40uA	
8	+3.3V	Power O	Output for I/O power < 100mA	
7	GPC23	I	SDIO0 card detect, external pull-up required	
9	GPB22	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
10	MSC0_CMD	O	SDIO0 command, external pull-up required	
11	MSC0_CLK	O	SDIO0 clock	
12	MSC0_D0	I/O	SDIO0 data 0, external pull-up required	
13	MSC0_D1	I/O	SDIO0 data 1, external pull-up	

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			required	
14	MSC0_D2	I/O	SDIO0 data 2, external pull-up required	
15	MSC0_D3	I/O	SDIO0 data 3, external pull-up required	
16	GPB14	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
17	GPB12	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
18	GPB15	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
19	GPB13	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
20	GPB11	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
21	GPB10	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
22	GPB9	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
23	GPB8	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
24	GPB7	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
25	PWM3	I/O	Pulse width modulation	GPB6(General purpose input output, external pull-up required)
26	PPRST_N	I	CPU reset, internal pull-up RC delay	
27	WKUP_N	I	Wake-up, internal pull-up	
28	OTG_ID	I	OTG ID signal, internal pull-up	
31	GPC22	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
32	GPC21	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
33	I2C0_SDA	I/O	I2C0 data, internal pull-up	
34	I2C0_SCL	I/O	I2C0 clock, internal pull-up	
35	PWM2	I/O	Pulse width modulation	
36	PWM1	I/O	Pulse width modulation	
37	PWM0	I/O	Pulse width modulation	
38	PWM4	I/O	Pulse width modulation	
39	GPD5	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
40	GPD4	I/O	General purpose input output,	

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			external pull-up required	
41	GPD1	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	I2C2_SDA
42	GPD3	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	UART1_TXD
43	I2S_MCLK	I/O	I2S master clock	
44	I2S_BCLK	I/O	I2S bit clock	
45	I2S_DI	I	I2S data input	
46	I2S_LRCLK	I/O	I2S L/R clock	
47	I2S_DO	O	I2S data output	
48	GPB5	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
49	GPD2	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	UART1_RXD
50	GPB21	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	
51	GPD0	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	I2C2_SCL
52	PWRON	O	Power on output	
53	GPB25	I/O	General purpose input output, external pull-up required	Internal development only
55	USB_DP	I/O	USB data plus	
56	USB_DM	I/O	USB data minus	

Table 2-1 Linkplay A76 module pin description

Notes:

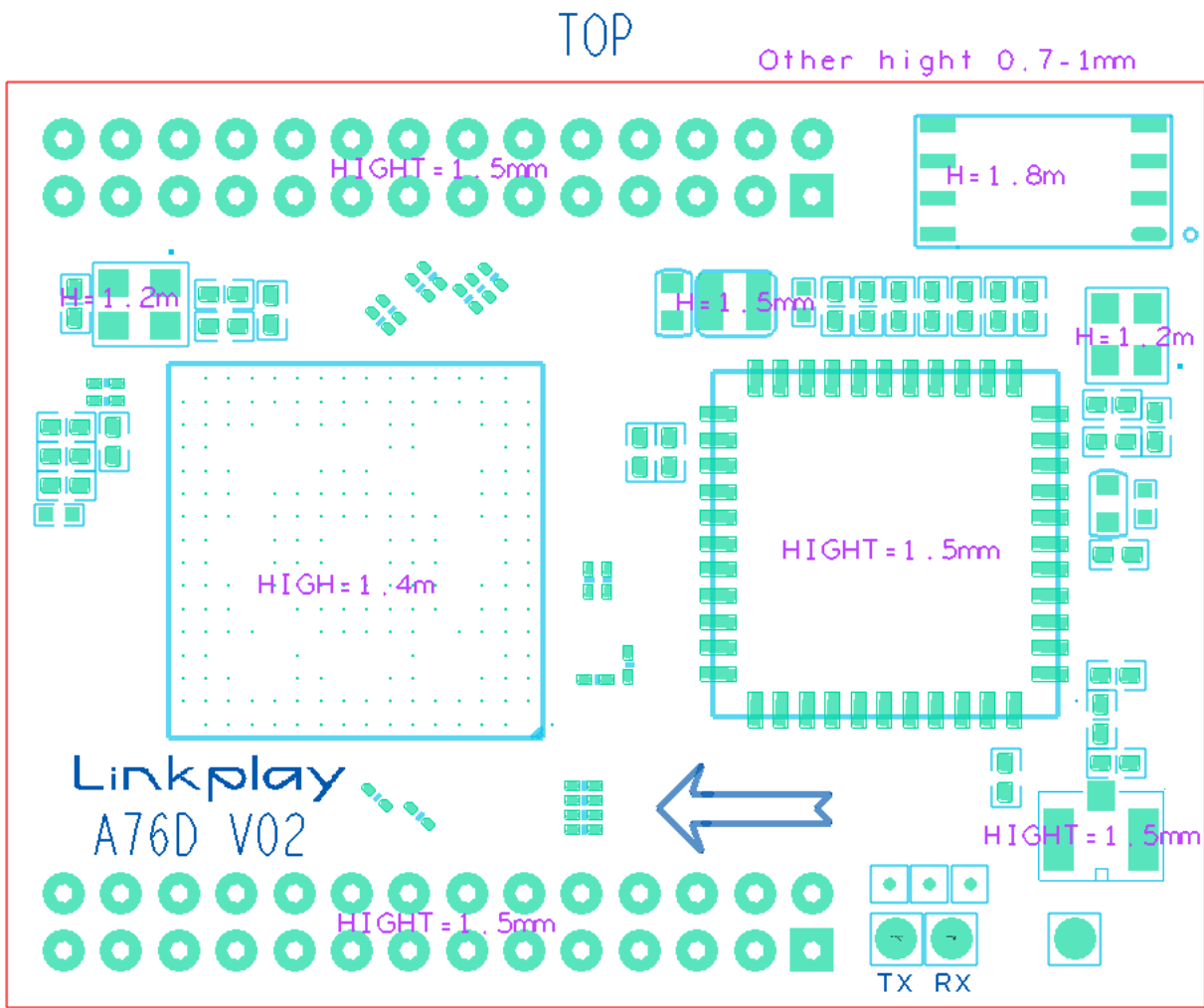
1. I: Input
2. O: Output
3. P: Power
4. PU: Internal Pull Up
5. PD: Internal Pull Down

2.2. Mechanical Dimension

Linkplay A76 module has the dimension of 41.7mm x 32.2mm. The detailed layout will be given shortly below.

Unit: mm

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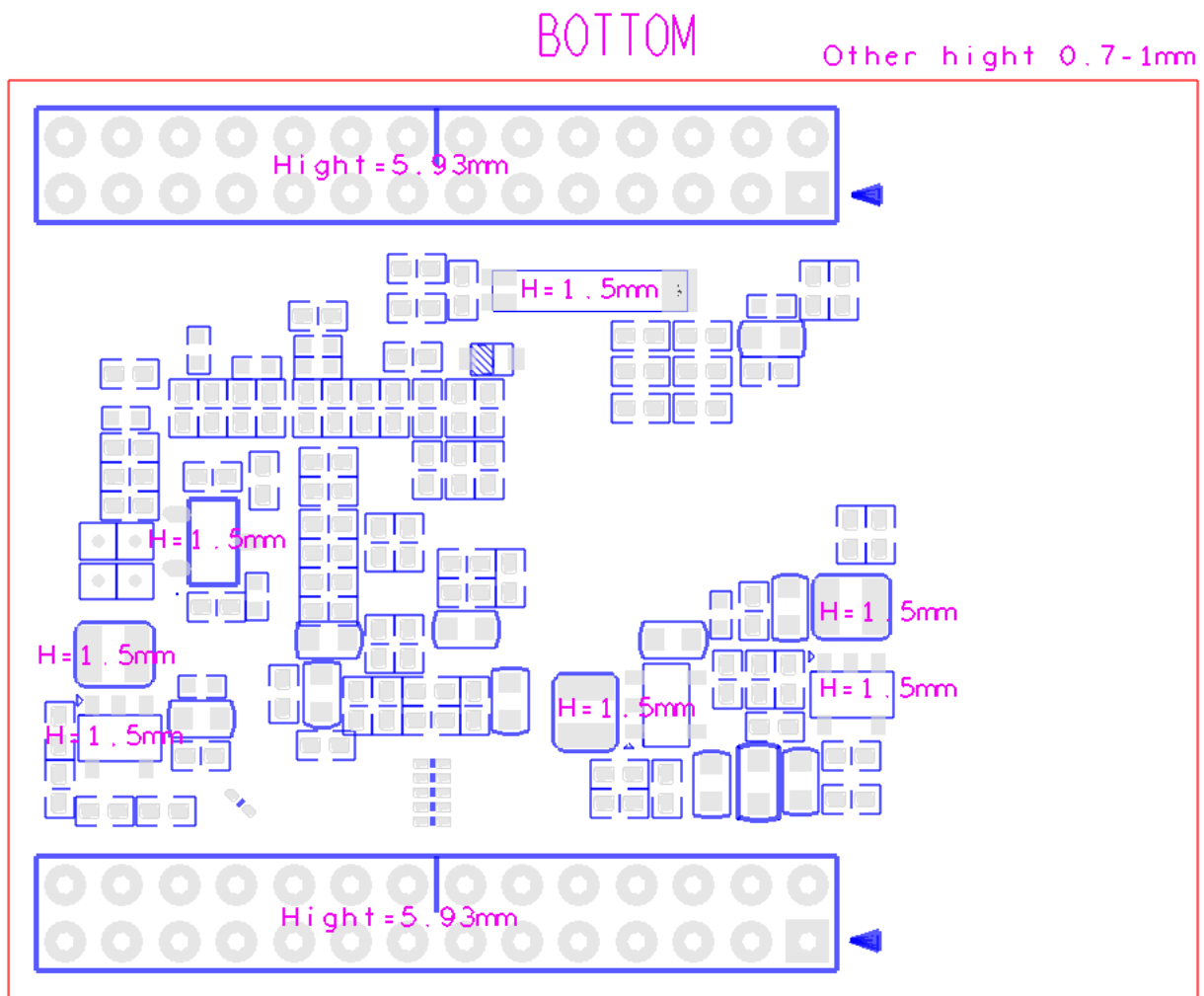


Figure 2-2: Linkplay A76 physical dimension

2.3. External Antenna

A76 uses the external antenna for the best Wi-Fi performance. To use external antenna, please choose the antenna type that meets the requirement of IEEE 802 b/g/n Wi-Fi standard running at 2.4GHz frequency. The detailed parameters are shown in the table below.

Item	Parameter
Frequency range	2.4~2.5GHz
Impedance	50 Ohm
VSWR	2 (Max)
Reflection loss	-10dB (Max)
Connector	I-PEX or populate directly

Table 2-5 External antenna parameters for A76

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2.4. Typical Application

WiFiAudio-A76's typical reference design:

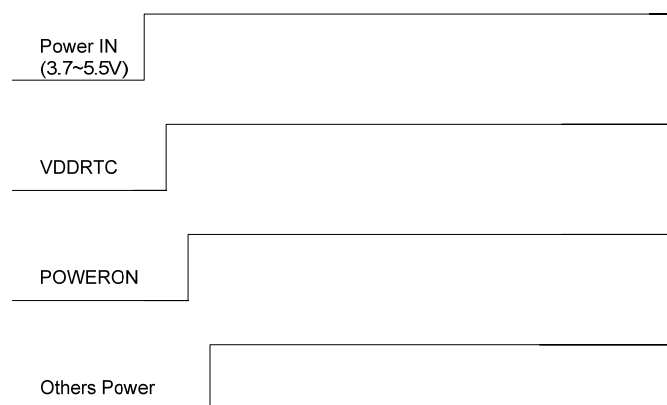
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2.5 Power on Sequence

A76 module has two power domains: VDDRTC and 5VIN. The following is recommended power on sequence.



There are three I/O pins in RTC power domain:

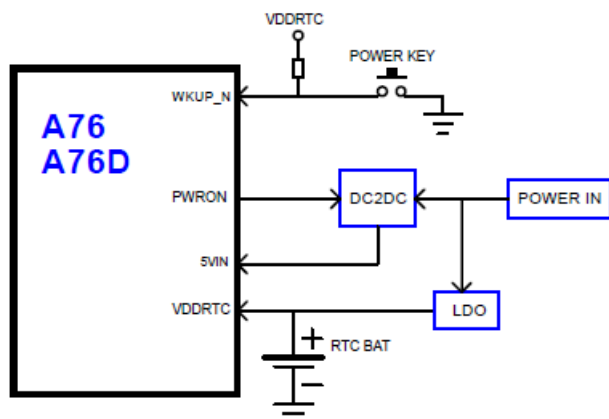
1. PPRST_N: Power on reset and hardware reset signal input
2. WKUP_N: Power on signal input
3. PWRON: Power on signal output to turn on DCDC/LDO/Power switches

Note: There is an R-C delay circuit on A76 for power on reset sequence, so you may consider PPRSET_N only as HW reset.

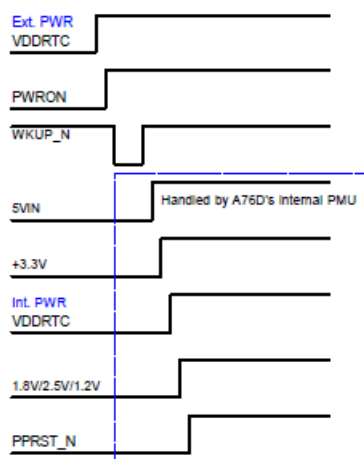
The following are two power on sequences for typical applications

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Typical Application 1



Power ON Sequence 1

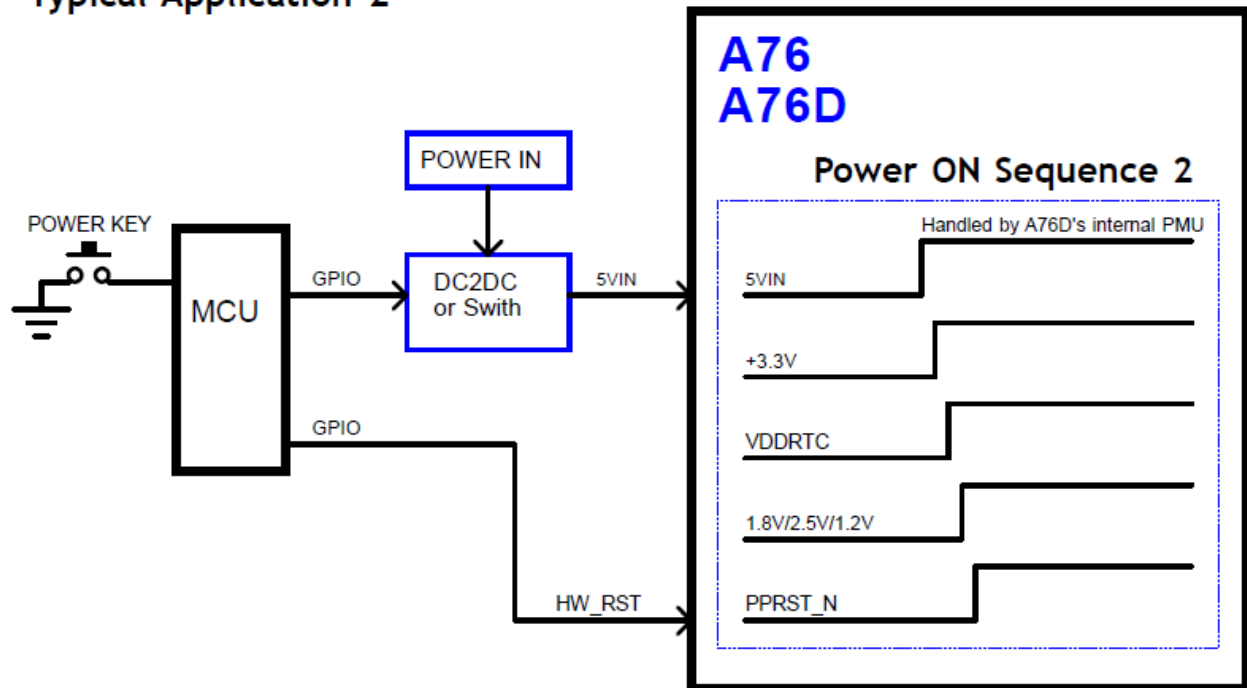


Power on Sequence #1:

- Step 1: Input 1.8V~3.3V power from DC IN or Battery to “VDDRTC” pin, then RTC power domain turns active
- Step 2: Input a pulse (low level active, more than 160ms) to “WKUP_N” pin
- Step 3: Once A76 gets this pulse , it will continuously output a high level signal from PWNON pin to turn on every DCDC/LDO
- Step 4: DCDC on, 5V power supply to A76 5VIN pin
- Step 5:A76 generate every power voltage needed inside the module
- Step 6:A76 generate power-on reset inside the module, system boot up

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Typical Application 2



Power on sequence #2: (Apply to the user case that there is external MCU in the system)

Step 1: MCU turn on the DC/DC and 5V power supply to A76 through “5VIN”

Step 2:A76 generate every power voltage needed inside the module.

Step3:A76 generate power-on reset inside the module and system boot up.

Note 1: Once 5VIN power is stable, current drain from “VDDRTC” pin is no longer exist, A76 will generate a voltage supply to VDDRTC power domain itself, on purpose of reducing power consumption of RTC battery.

Note 2: During the process of system power-on, every signal connected to A76(I2S,I2C,GPIO,UART etc..) should configured as GPIO and set to High-Z or input mode. Please strictly avoid high level signals on these traces, otherwise it may cause wrong power sequence and system boot up failed.

2.6 USB Host Port

Please follow the design rule below to populate the USB host interface:

Item	Parameter
Signal Group	USB
Topology	Differential Pair Point-to-Point
Reference Plane	Ground Referenced
Characteristic Trace Impedance (Zo)	90 Ω $\pm$ 10%

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Trace Width	4 mils
Serpentine Spacing(center to center)	8.5 mils
Minimum Isolation Spacing to Clock Signals	50 mils
Minimum Isolation Spacing to Low-Speed Signals	20 mils
Minimum Isolation Spacing to other USB Pair	20 mils
Total Length (with package length)	< 8000 mils
Maximum Recommended Via Count	2 (per side)
DM to DP Length Matching(with package length)	Match total length to within ± 10 mils

Table 2-2 A76 USB design rule

3. Electrical Specifications

3.1. Absolute Maximum Ratings

The absolute maximum ratings for the processors are listed in Table 3-1. Do not exceed these parameters or the part may be damaged permanently. Operation at absolute maximum ratings is not guaranteed.

Table 3-1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
Storage Temperature	-40	135	°C
Operation Temperature	-5	40	°C
5VIN power supplies voltage	-0.5	5.3	V
Input voltage to VDDRTC supplied non-supply pins	-0.5	3.6	V
Maximum ESD stress voltage, Human Body Model; Any pin to any supply pin, either polarity, or Any pin to all non-supply pins together, either polarity. Three stresses maximum.		2000	V

3.2. Recommended operating conditions

The recommended operating conditions are listed in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2 Recommended operating conditions for power supplies

Symbol	Description	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
5VIN	Power supply input	3.7	5.0	5.25	V
VDDRTC	RTC power supply input	3.0	3.3	3.6	V

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3.3 Power consumption

The consumption of various operating conditions are listed in Table 3-3.

Table 3-3 Operating conditions for power consumption

Mode	Power			Unit
	Function on	Connected w/o data transmission	Data transmission	
BLE on only	58-61	58-64	58-62	mA
A2DP on only	58-60	57-60	66-70	mA
BLE+A2DP ON	57-61	58-63	67-70	mA
BLE+A2DP off	57-60			mA
Wi-Fi ON	99-111 (Soft AP)	63-109	65-115	mA
Wi-Fi off	60			mA
Hibernation	3			mA

3. Software Introduction

3.1. Feature list

- “Easy Setup” to setup your network, with the help of one button of your device, you can connect the device to your home router quickly.
- Music stream protocol
Support Spotify Connect, Airplay, DLNA and QPlay protocol
- Amazon Alexa
- Music content
Support iHeartRadio, Napster/Rhapsody, Tidal, Deezer, vTune, Qobuz, Audible, Radio.de, NPR, Ximalaya, Qingting FM, QQ FM, Douban FM inside, with the help of App, you can search, stream, playback and preset the musics of the above music services.
- Multiroom
Support multiroom.
Support Airplay, Spotify, Bluetooth, Aux-in multiroom playback.
- Music format
HTTP/HTTPS/RTSP/MMS/TS protocol
HLS/ASX/M3U playlist format
MP3/AAC/FLAC/ALAC/WMA/APE/OGG codec
- BT
Support 4.2: A2DP, AVRCP, HFP, HID profiles
Support BLE

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Support EDR

- Preset

With the help of App, you can store the music account token and playlist in the A76. Then the end user can play the playlist by the button/voice or timer even without the App.

3.2. App support

- iOS App
>= iOS6.1, suggest iOS10 and above
- Android App
>= Android 4.3.3
- Quick customization
With the help of the Linkplay compile server, you can change the brand and some strings, change the logo and some pictures to get a customization App.

3.3. Certifications

Linkplay can help you to finish follow certifications::

- Wi-Fi Logo
- BQB
- Amazon Alexa
- MFI
- Spotify Connect
- DLNA
- QPlay

4. Module picture and package

1) A76 module picture (insert later)

Notes:

Linkplay: Linkplay logo

A76: Module No.

V01: MP version of A76 module

2) Delivery

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Notes:

One tray = 30pcs

One box = 15 trays

On box in total: $15 \times 30\text{pcs} = 450\text{pcs}$

FCC Radiation Exposure Statement:

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. End users must follow the specific operating instructions for satisfying RF exposure compliance.

Note 1: This module certified that complies with RF exposure requirement under mobile or fixed condition, this module is to be installed only in mobile or fixed applications.

A mobile device is defined as a transmitting device designed to be used in other than fixed locations and to generally be used in such a way that a separation distance of at least 20 centimeters is normally maintained between the transmitter's radiating structure(s) and the body of the user or nearby persons. Transmitting devices designed to be used by consumers or workers that can be easily re-located, such as wireless devices associated with a personal computer, are considered to be mobile devices if they meet the 20 centimeter separation requirement.

A fixed device is defined as a device is physically secured at one location and is not able to be easily moved to another location.

Note 2: Any modifications made to the module will void the Grant of Certification, this module is limited to OEM installation only and must not be sold to end-users, end-user has no manual instructions to remove or install the device, only software or operating procedure shall be placed in the end-user operating manual of final products.

Note 3: Additional testing and certification may be necessary when multiple modules are used.

Note 4: The module may be operated only with the antenna with which it is authorized. Any antenna that is of the same type and of equal or less directional gain as an antenna that is authorized with the intentional radiator may be marketed with, and used with, that intentional radiator.

Note 5: To ensure compliance with all non-transmitter functions the host manufacturer is responsible for ensuring compliance with the module(s) installed and fully operational. For example, if a host was previously authorized as an unintentional radiator under the Declaration of Conformity procedure without a transmitter certified module and a module is added, the host manufacturer is responsible for ensuring that the after the module is installed and operational the host continues to be compliant with the Part 15B unintentional radiator requirements. Since this may depend on the details of how the module is integrated with the host, Linkplay Technology Inc.. shall provide guidance to the host manufacturer for compliance with the Part 15B requirements.

Note 6: FCC ID label on the final system must be labeled with “Contains FCC ID: 2ANOG-A76D” or “Contains transmitter module FCC ID: 2ANOG-A76D”.

FCC Warning

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.

NOTE: Any changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

IC WARNING

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.

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, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radio électrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

IC Radiation Exposure Statement:

This module and its antenna(s) must not be co-located with any other transmitters except in accordance with IC multi-transmitter product procedures. Referring to the multi-transmitter policy, multiple-transmitter(s) and module(s) can be operated simultaneously without reassessment permissive change.

Cet appareil et son antenne (s) ne doit pas être co-localisé ou fonctionner en association avec une autre antenne ou transmetteur.

This equipment complies with IC RSS-102 radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20cm between the radiator & your body.

Cet équipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux rayonnements IC établies pour un environnement non contrôlé. Cet équipement doit être installé et utilisé avec un minimum de 20cm de distance entre la source de rayonnement et votre corps.

This module is limited to OEM installation only and must not be sold to end-users, end-user has no manual instructions to remove or install the device, only software or operating procedure shall be placed in the end-user operating manual of final products. Additional testing and certification may be necessary when multiple modules are used.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

The final end product must be labeled in a visible area with the following " Contains IC: 23153-A76F ".