

MEUS Inverted F Antenna Specification

The MEUS WiFi-BLE adapter board uses an integrated Inverted-F antenna. This antenna is designed into the PCB and cannot be modified or removed by the end user. The antenna design was taken directly from App Note DN0007 by Texas Instruments without modification. The specification below is taken from measured results in our lab and directly from the DN0007 App Note.

Antenna Design and Layout:

3.1 Implementation of the Inverted F Antenna

It is important to make an exact copy of the antenna dimensions to obtain optimum performance. The easiest approach to implement the antenna in a PCB CAD tool is to import the antenna layout from either a gerber or DXF file. Such files are included in CC2430DB reference design [1]. The gerber file is called "Inverted_F_Antenna.spl" and the DXF file is called "Inverted_F_Antenna.dxf". If the antenna is implemented on a PCB that is wider than the antenna it is important to avoid placing components or having a ground plane close to the end points of the antenna. If the CAD tool being used doesn't support import of gerber or DXF files, Figure 1 and Table 1 can be used.

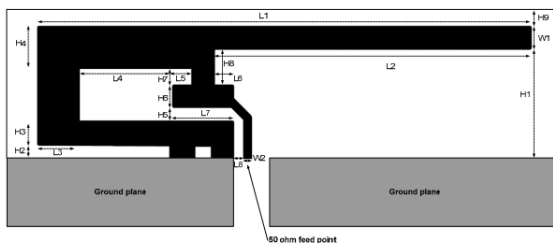


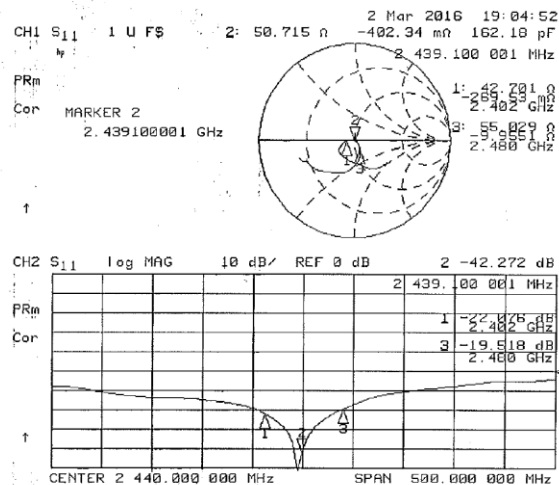
Figure 1. IFA Dimensions

H1	5.70 mm	W2	0.46 mm
H2	0.74 mm	L1	25.58 mm
H3	1.29 mm	L2	16.40 mm
H4	2.21 mm	L3	2.18 mm
H5	0.66 mm	L4	4.80 mm
H6	1.21 mm	L5	1.00 mm
H7	0.80 mm	L6	1.00 mm
H8	1.80 mm	L7	3.20 mm
H9	0.61 mm	L8	0.45 mm
W1	1.21 mm		

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Since there is no ground plane beneath the antenna, PCB thickness will have little effect on the performance. The results presented in this design note are based on an antenna implemented on a PCB with 1 mm thickness.

Measured Antenna Impedance Match and Return Loss:



Antenna Patterns:

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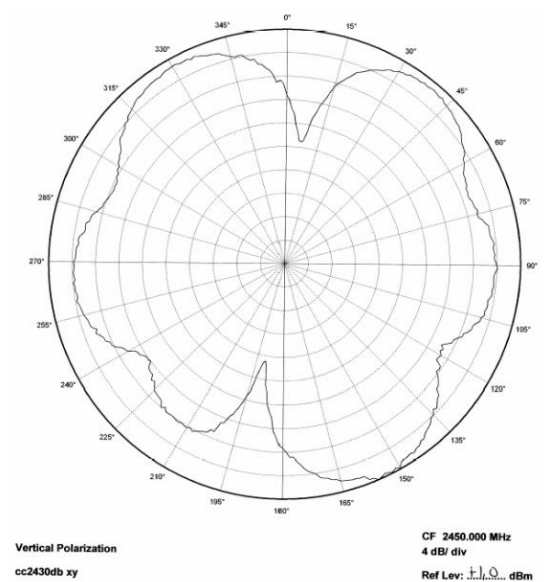


Figure 3. XY Plane Vertical Polarization

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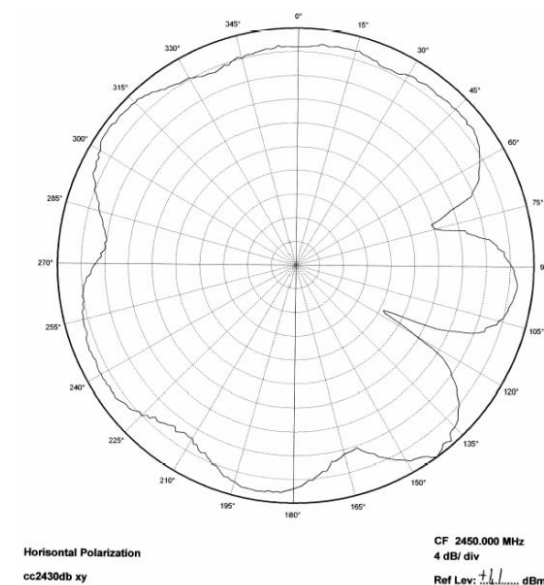


Figure 4. XY Plane Horizontal Polarization

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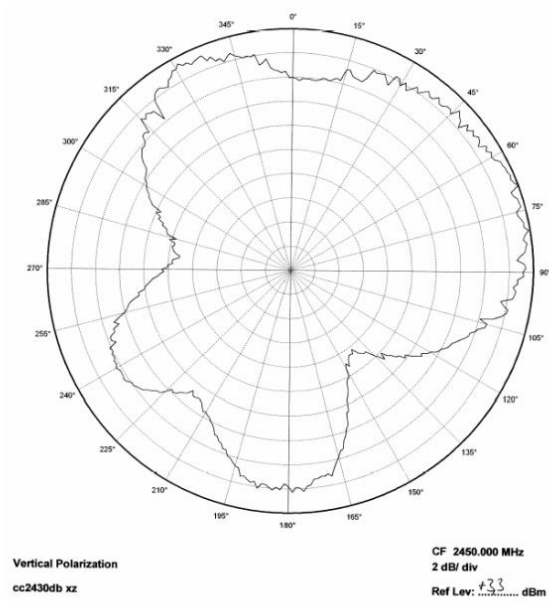


Figure 5. XZ Plane Vertical Polarization

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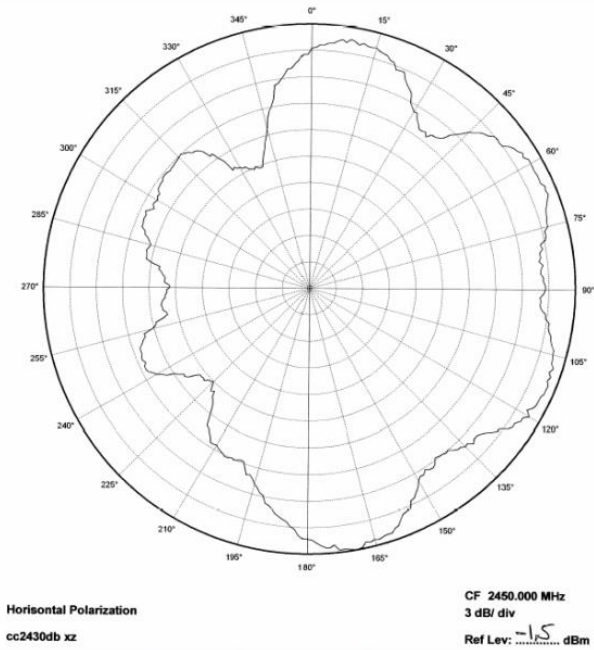


Figure 6. XZ Plane Horizontal Polarization

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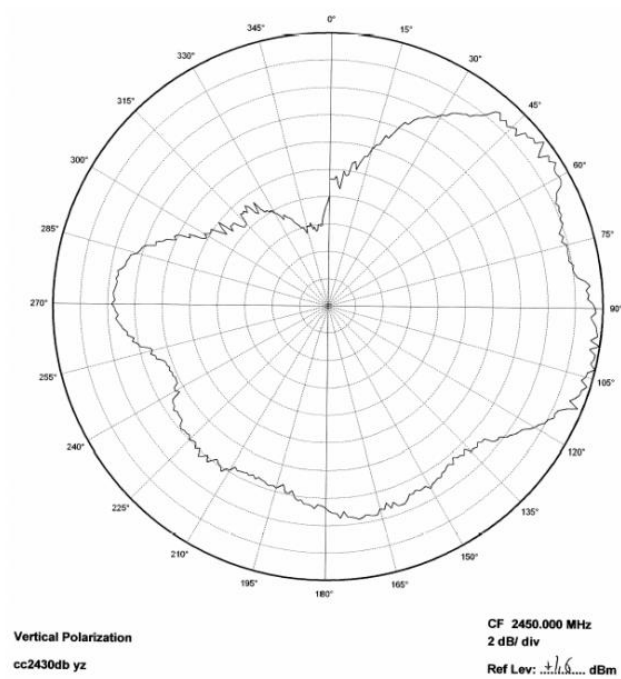


Figure 7. YZ Plane Vertical Polarization

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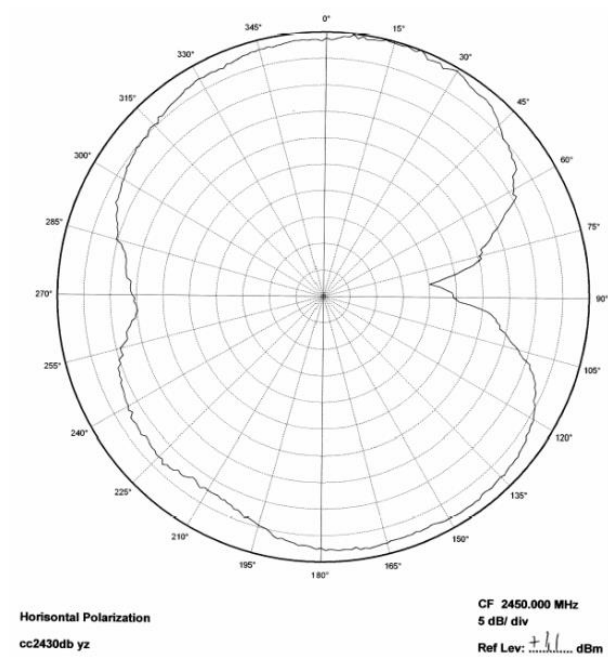


Figure 8. YZ Plane Horizontal Polarization

Summary of Antenna Performance:

The PCB antenna presented in this document performs well for all frequencies in the 2.4 GHz ISM band. Except for two narrow dips, the antenna has an omni directional radiation pattern in the plane of the PCB. These properties will ensure stable performance regardless of operating frequency and positioning of the antenna. Table 2 lists the most important properties for the inverted F antenna.

Gain in XY Plane	1.1 dB
Gain in XZ Plane	3.3 dB
Gain in YZ Plane	1.6 dB
Reflection	< -15 dB
Antenna Size	25.7 x 7.5 mm

Table 2. Summary of the Properties of the IFA