Wireless Smart Audio Module Datasheet

(A97L)

User Manual

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1. Overview

Linkplay Wireless Smart Audio module–A97L, is our 4rd generation smart audio modules developed to be used in the connected speaker, sound bar and other connected audio devices. It integrates the low power WLAN-BT chip and Allwinner R328 application processor. R328 is a highly integrated dual-core SoC targeted for audio application markets. The R328 integrates a dual-core ARM CortexTM-A7 operating up to 1.2GHz. An extensive set of audio interfaces such as audio codec, I2S/PCM, DMIC, one wire audio (OWA) are included for microphone voice wake-up/recognition/pre-processing/playback applications on connected audio products. In addition, mic activity detector (MAD) supports low power consumption wake-up function to reduce standby power consumption.

To reduce the BOM cost, DDR DRAM die is embedded for the R328. And the R328 comes with extensive connectivity and interfaces, such as USB, SPI, UART, TWI, etc.

Security functions are enabled and accelerated by hardware crypto engine, secure boot and secure efuse, etc. The small footprint with low-power consumption greatly reduces the PCB layout resource.

A97L module supports IEEE 802.11 b/g/n 2.4GHz. It also supports BT5.1 with EDR and BLE.

A97L module also provides USB, I2S, PWM, TWI, PDM, SPI, UART 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.

Features

- Allwinner R328 application processor
- Embedded with DDR DRAM 128MB
- SPI NAND FLASH 128MB
- Support IEEE 802.11 b/g/n
- Support BT5.1 with EDR and BLE

Application

- Connected speaker, sound bar
- Connected audio devices

1.1. Parameter

Type	Items	Performance
Wi-Fi	Certification	WFA101964
	WLAN Standard	IEEE 802.11 b/g/n, Wi-Fi compliant

Wi-Fi (2.4G)	Frequency Range	2.400 GHz ~ 2.497 GHz (2.4 GHz ISM Band)
	Number of Channels	Ch1 ~ Ch14
	Modulation	802.11b: DQPSK, DBPSK, CCK
		802.11g/n: OFDM /64-QAM,16-QAM, QPSK, BPSK
	Output Power	802.11b /11Mbps: 16 dBm ± 1.5 dB @ EVM≤-9dB
		802.11g /54Mbps: 15 dBm ± 1.5 dB @ EVM≤-25dB
		802.11n /MCS7@HT20: 14 dBm ± 1.5 dB @ EVM≤-27dB
	Max EIRP	17.75dBm
	Receive Sensitivity (11b) @8% PER	- 1Mbps PER @ -96 dBm, ±2 dB
		- 2Mbps PER @ -90 dBm, ±2 dB
		- 5.5Mbps PER @ -88 dBm, ±2 dB
		- 11Mbps PER @ -86 dBm, ±2 dB
	Receive Sensitivity (11g) @10% PER	- 6Mbps PER @ -90 dBm, ±2 dB
		- 9Mbps PER @ -88 dBm, ±2 dB
		- 12Mbps PER @ -87 dBm, ±2 dB
		- 18Mbps PER @ -85 dBm, ±2 dB
		- 24Mbps PER @ -83 dBm, ±2 dB
		- 36Mbps PER @ -80 dBm, ±2 dB
		- 48Mbps PER @ -76 dBm, ±2 dB
		- 54Mbps PER @ -73 dBm, ±2 dB
	Receive Sensitivity (11n,20MHz) @10% PER	- MCS=0 PER @ -89 dBm, ±2 dB
		- MCS=1 PER @ -85 dBm, ±2 dB
		- MCS=2 PER @ -84 dBm, ±2 dB
		- MCS=3 PER @ -80 dBm, ±2 dB
		- MCS=4 PER @ -77 dBm, ±2 dB
		- MCS=5 PER @ -75 dBm, ±2 dB
		- MCS=6 PER @ -72 dBm, ±2 dB
		- MCS=7 PER @ -70 dBm, ±2 dB
	Maximum Input Level	802.11b: -10 dBm
		802.11g/n: -20 dBm
	Antenna Reference	External: I-PEX with 3.13 dB peak gain
Bluetooth	Certification	D051564
	Bluetooth Standard	Bluetooth V5.1 of 1, 2 and 3 Mbps
	Antenna Reference	External: I-PEX with 3.13 dBi peak gain
	Frequency Band	2402 MHz ~ 2480 MHz
	Number of Channels	79 channels
	Modulation	FHSS, GFSK, DPSK, DQPSK
	Output Power (Class 1.5)	9.97 dBm (Max EIRP)
	Sensitivity @ BER=0.1% for GFSK (1Mbps)	-86 dBm, typical

	Sensitivity @ BER=0.01% for π/4-DQPSK (2Mbps)	-86 dBm, typical
	Sensitivity @ BER=0.01% for 8DPSK (3Mbps)	-80 dBm, typical
	Maximum Input Level	GFSK (1Mbps): -20dBm
		π/4-DQPSK (2Mbps) : -20dBm
		8DPSK (3Mbps) : -20dBm
Hardware	Work voltage	4.75 - 5.25V（Recommended 5V）
	Work current	150 mA (STA mode)
	Standby current	TBD
	Operating ambient temperature	0℃ ~ 40℃
	Storage temperature	-5℃ ~ 45℃
	Wi-Fi work distance	2.4G 80 meters
	IO Extension	USB, AMIC, LINEOUT, I2S, TWI, PWM, PDM, UART
	Dimension	58PIN,39x30mm

Table1- 1 A97L Module Parameters

2. Hardware Description

2.1. Description of hardware interface

A97L provides the option to connect with customer board through its 58 pins dual-row male connector. The detail is as follows.

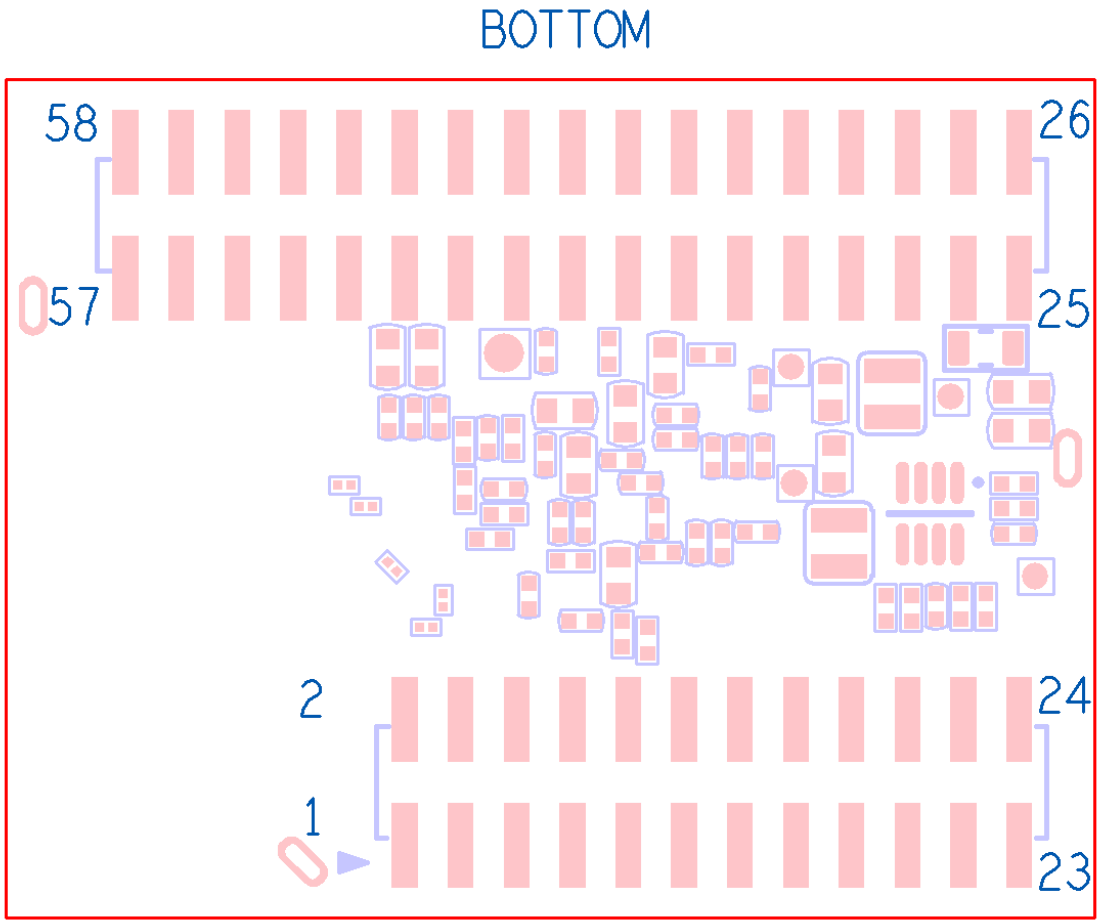

Figure 2- 1 A97L interface pins

Pin description:

Pin No.	Pin Name	Type	Function Description	Remark
1,2,8,10,11,12, 19,20,23,24,25, 26,45,46,57,58	GND	G	Digital ground	GND
27,28	VDD_5V	P	Power supply input > 500mA	
3	USB_DM	AIO	USB Data Signal DM	
4	USB_DP	AIO	USB Data Signal DP	
5	USB_ID/PH8	I	USB ID/GPIO	
6	MBIAS	O	Master Analog Microphone Bias Voltage Output	
7	GPADC2	AI/PU	General Purpose ADC Input Channel 2	Power domain: 1.8V
9	GPADC0	AI/PU	General Purpose ADC Input Channel 0	Internal pull up to 1.8V (Pull-up resistor 10K)
13	MICIN2P	AI	Microphone Positive Input 2	
14	MICIN2N	AI	Microphone Negative Input 2	
15	MICIN1P	AI	Microphone Positive Input 1	
16	MICIN1N	AI	Microphone Negative Input 1	

17	MICIN3P	AI	AEC Positive Signal Input	
18	MICIN3N	AI	AEC Negative Signal Input	
21	LINEOUTN	AO	Differential Mono Negative Output	
22	LINEOUTP	AO	Differential Mono Positive Output	
29	UART0_RX	I	UART0 Data Receive	
30	EFUSE_EN	O	EFUSE power Enable/Disable	Reserved for factory test
31	PH7	I	GPIO	
32	PH6	O	GPIO	
33	TWI1_SDA	IO	TWI1 Serial Data Signal	Internal pull up to 3.3V (Pull-up resistor 10K)
34	USB_SW/PE2	O	USB Bus Switch Control/GPIO	
35	UART3_TX/PH4	O	UART3 Data Transmit/GPIO	
36	UART3_RX/PH5	I	UART3 Data Receive/GPIO	
37	TWI1_SCK	IO	TWI1 Serial Clock Signal	Internal pull up to 3.3V (Pull-up resistor 10K)
38	AUXIN_DET/PH9	I	AUXIN Cable Insert Detection/GPIO	
39	PWM0/PB0	O	Pulse Width Modulation Output Channel 0/GPIO	
40	OWA_OUT	O	One Wire Audio Output	
41	UART0_TX	O	UART0 Data Transmit	
42	I2S1_MCLK	O	I2S1 Master Clock	
43	I2S0_MCLK	O	I2S0 Master Clock	
44	DMIC_CLK	O	Digital Microphone Clock Output	
47	PWM6/PB6	O	Pulse Width Modulation Output Channel 6/GPIO	
48	PWM7/PB7	O	Pulse Width Modulation Output Channel 7/GPIO	
49	I2S0_LRCK	IO	I2S0/PCM0 Left Right Clock	
50	I2S1_BCLK	IO	I2S1/PCM1 Bit Clock	
51	I2S0_BCLK	IO	I2S0/PCM0 Bit Clock	
52	I2S1_LRCK	IO	I2S1/PCM1 Left Right Clock	
53	I2S0_DIN	I	I2S0/PCM0 Serial Data Input	
54	I2S0_DOUT	O	I2S0/PCM0 Serial Data Output	
55	DMIC_DATA1	I	Digital Microphone Data Input	
56	I2S1_DIN	I	I2S1/PCM1 Serial Data Input	

Table 2- 1 Linkplay A97L module pin description

Notes:

1. I：Input

2. O：Output
3. P：Power
4. PU：Internal Pull Up
5. PD：Internal Pull Down
6. AI；Analog Input
7. AO；Analog Output
8. AIO：Analog Input/Output

2.2. Mechanical Dimension

Linkplay A97L module has the dimension of 30mm x 39mm. The detailed layout will be given shortly below.
Unit: mm

2.2.1 A97L module dimension

A97L module uses the patch double row male connector. The male connector and the corresponding female socket are as follows.

Double-row patch male connector dimensions:

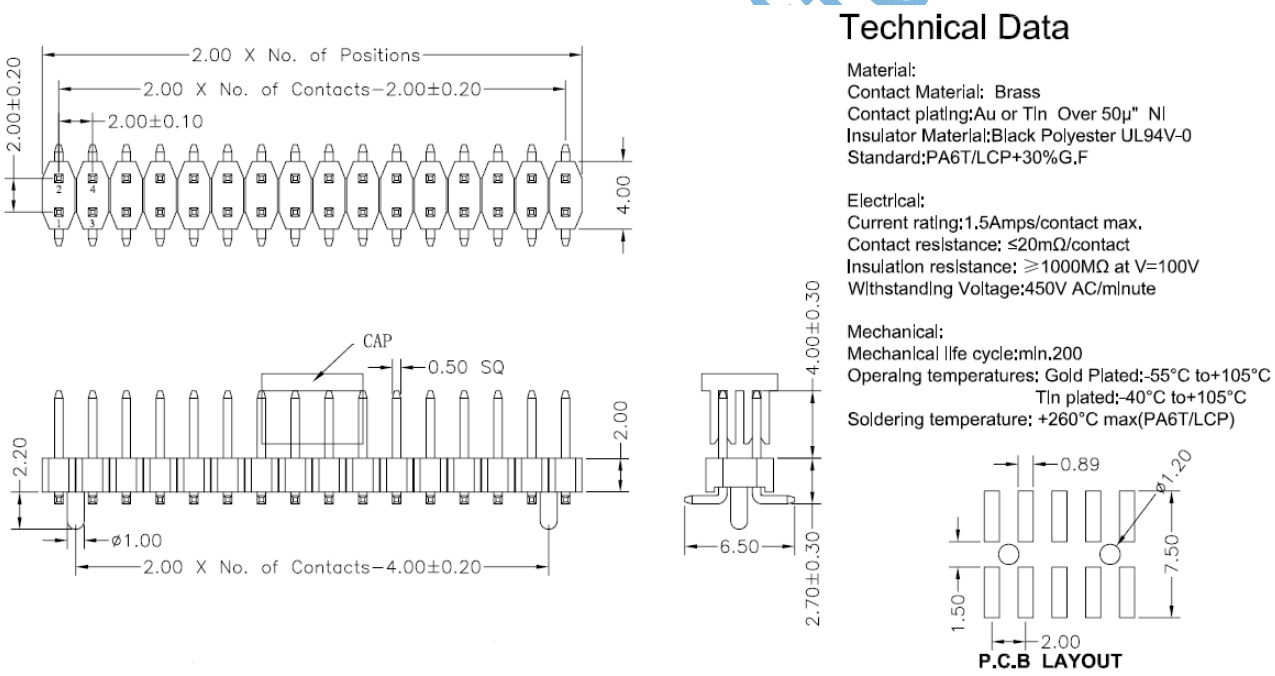

Figure 2- 2 male connector dimensions

Double-row patch female connector dimensions:

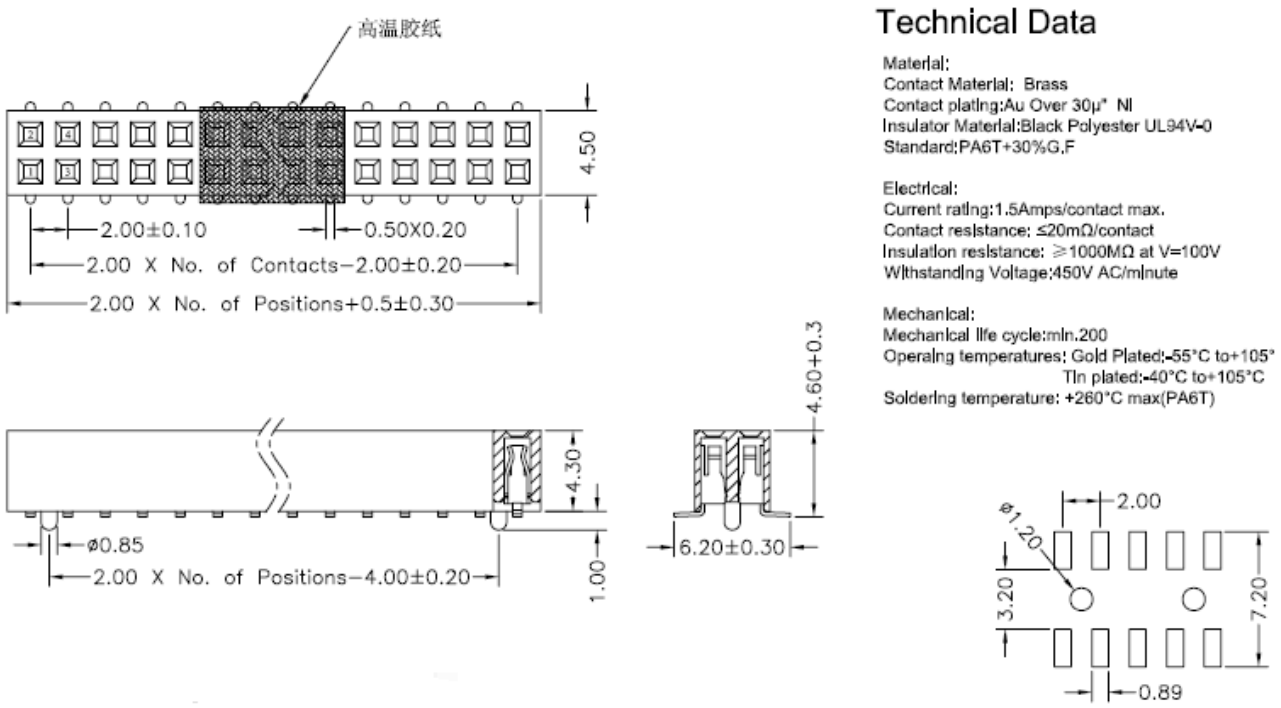

Figure 2- 3 Female Connector Dimensions

We recommend two ways to connect A97L module:

a) A97L module is directly welded to the board. The dimension drawing of A97L module interface is as follows.

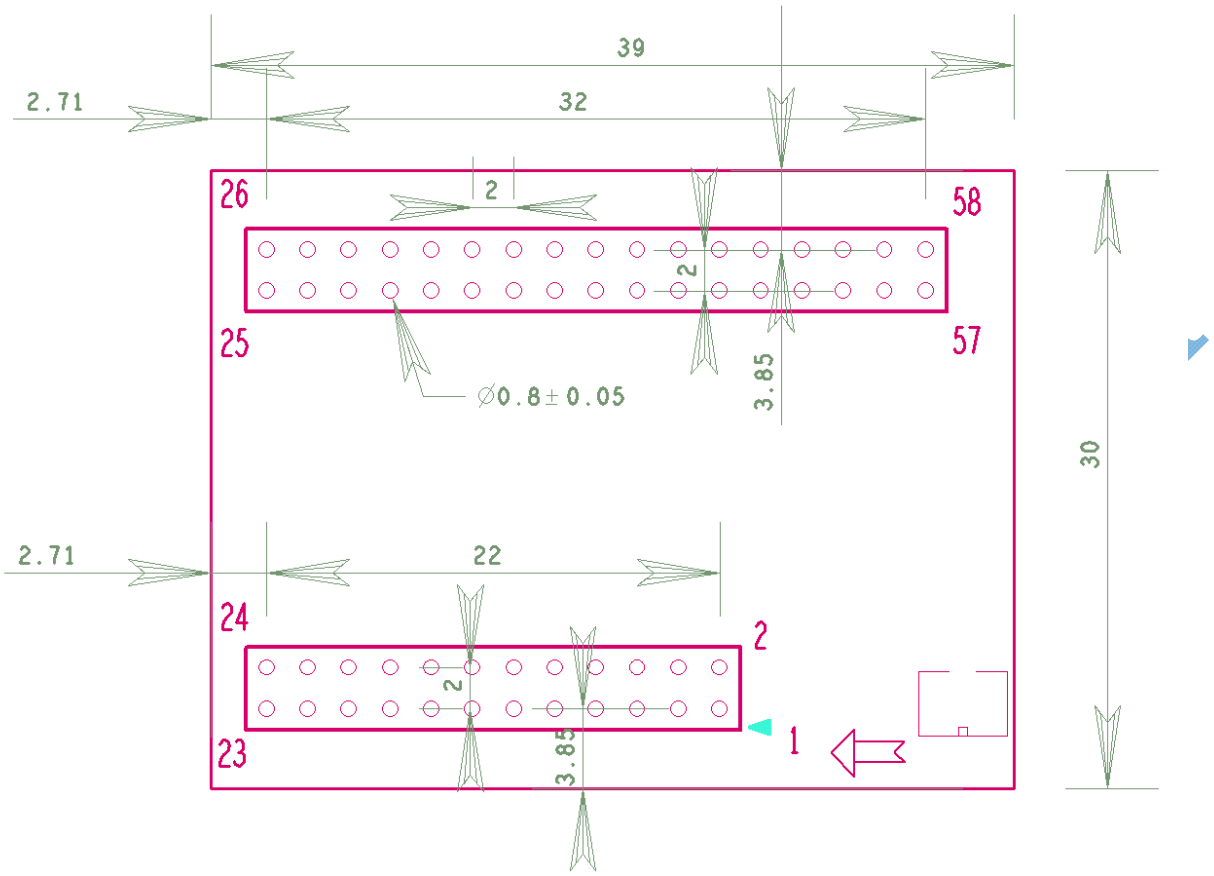

Figure 2-4 A97L connector dimensions

b) Corresponding female head welded on the plate. The recommended layout size of the female head is as follows.

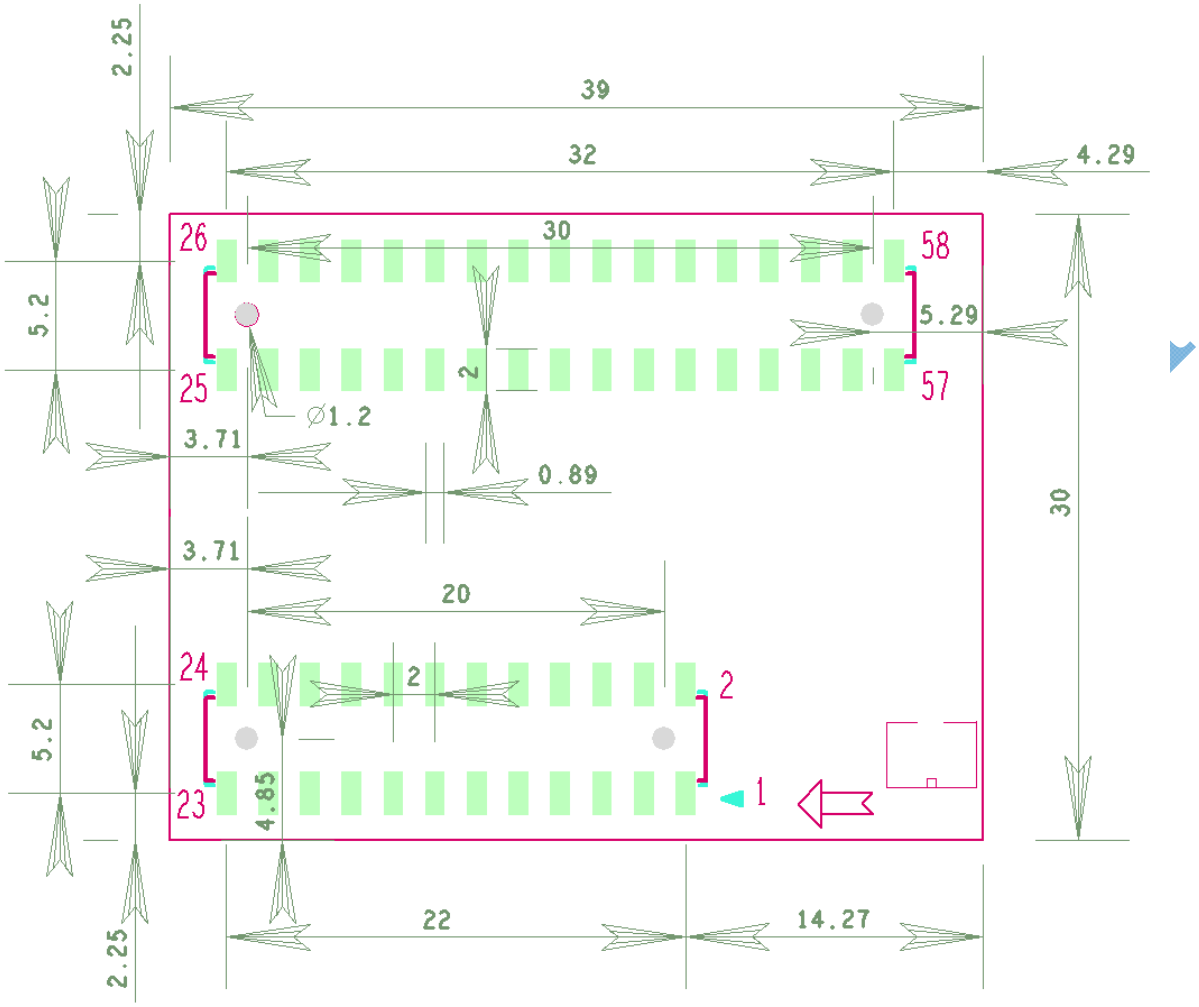

Figure 2- 5 A97L EVB connector dimensions

2.2.1 A97L module Height and View

TOP View

Figure 2- 6 TOP View

TOP Components Height Limit

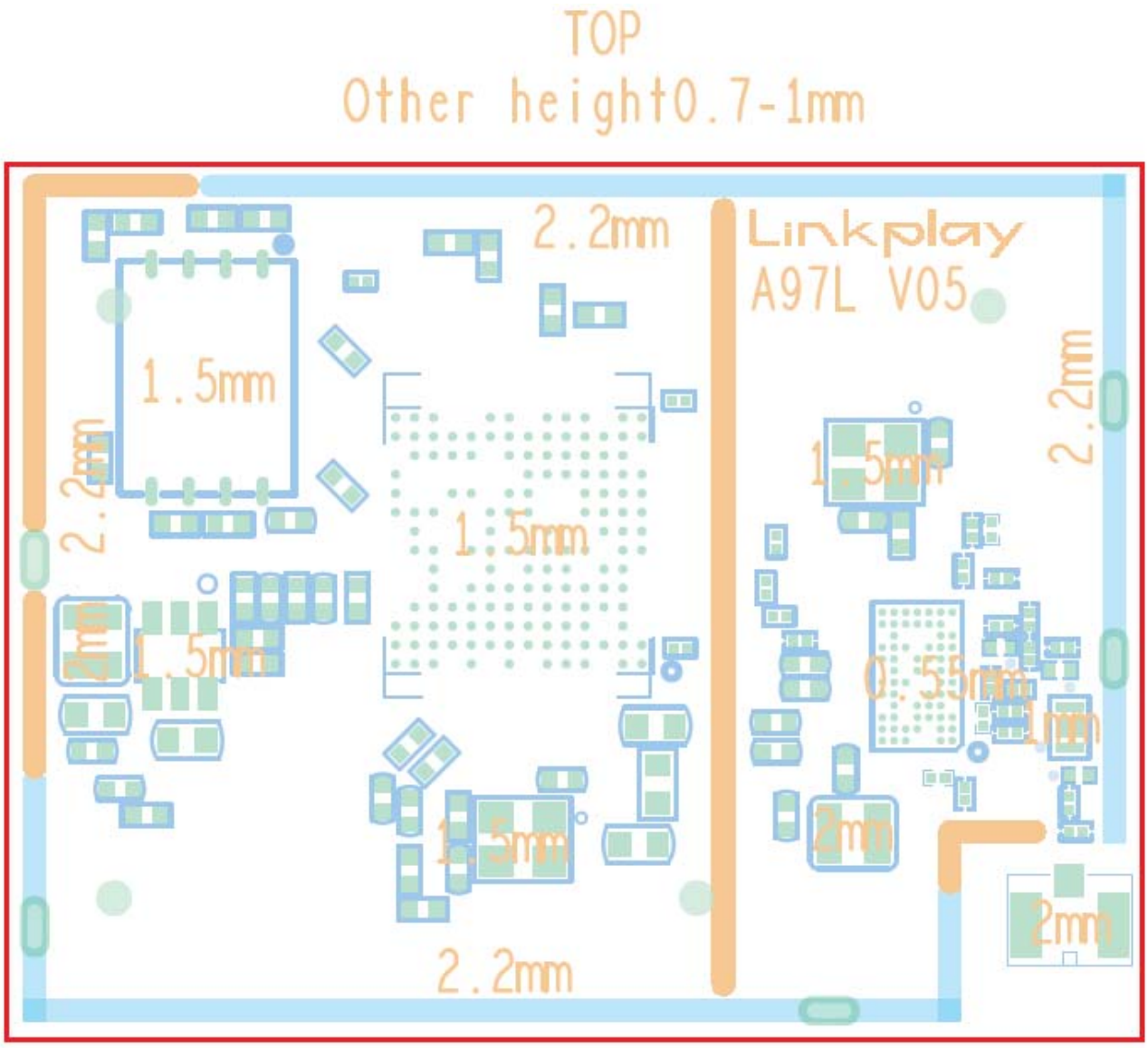

Figure 2- 7 TOP Components Height

Bottom View

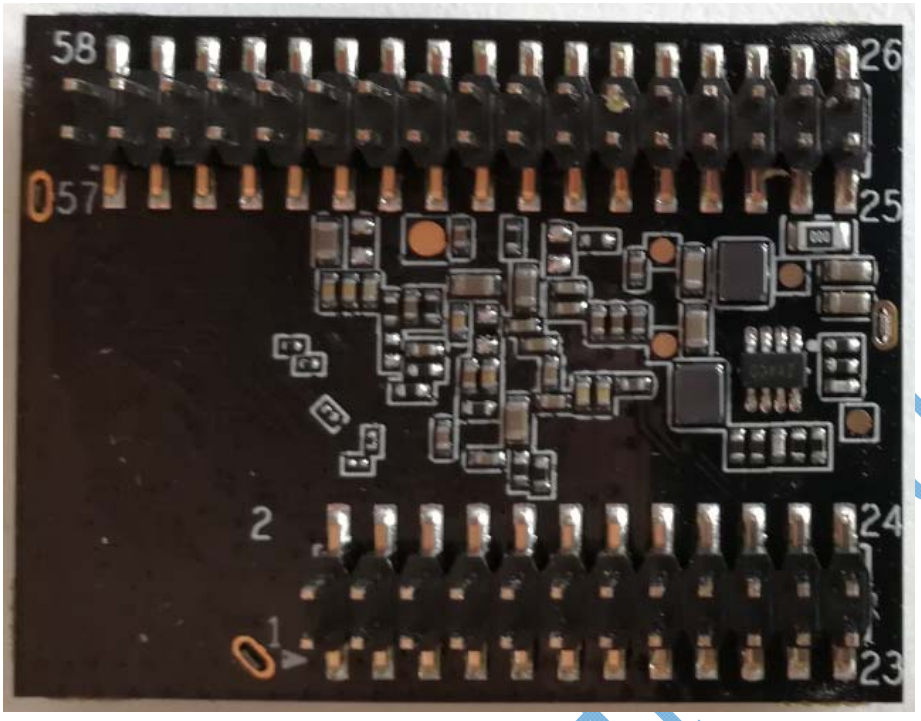

Figure 2- 8 Bottom View

Bottom Components Height Limit

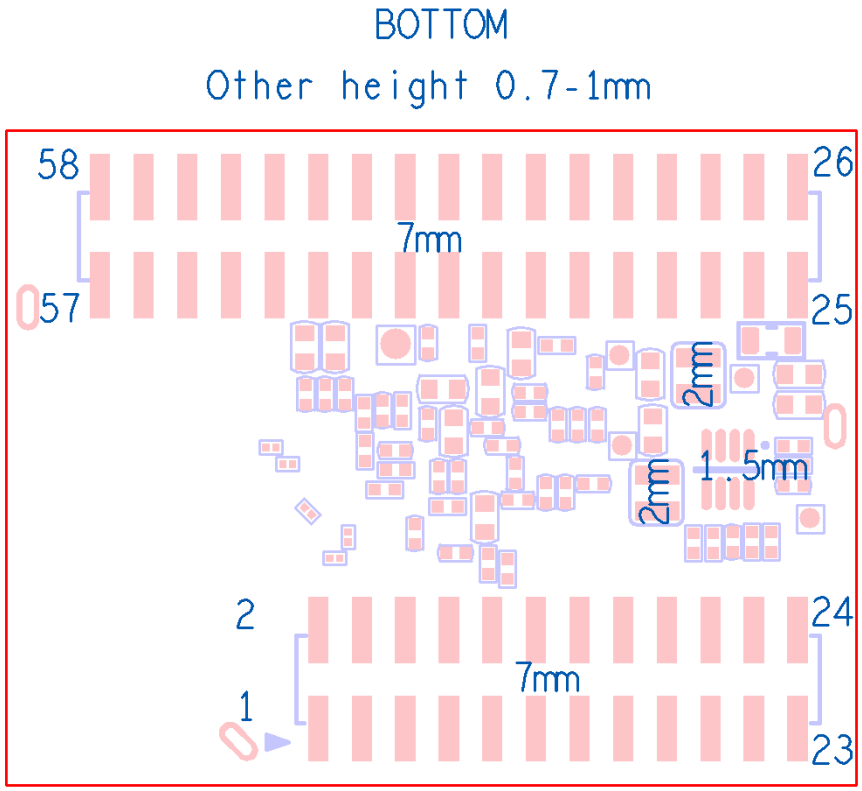

Figure 2- 9 Bottom Components Height

2.3. External Antenna

A97L 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- 2 External antenna parameters for A97LPower on Sequence

2.4. USB OTG 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 ±10%
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- 3 A97L USB design rule

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 5.1： A2DP, AVRCP, HFP, HID profiles
  Support BLE
  Support EDR
- Preset
  With the help of App, you can store the music account token and playlist in the A97L. 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.

4. Module Environmental and Package

4.1Environmental Ratings

The environmental ratings are shown as following table.

Characteristic	Value	Units	Conditions/Comments
Storage Temperature	-5 ~ 45	℃	
Relative humidity	Less than 60	%	Storage

	Less than 80	%	Operation

Table 4-1 A97L Environmental Ratings

4.2. Electrostatic Discharge Specifications

Extreme caution must be exercised to prevent electrostatic discharge (ESD) damage. Proper use of wrist and heel grounding straps to discharge static electricity is required when handling these devices. Always store unused material in its antistatic packaging.

ESD Specifications

Type	Symbol	Condition	ESD Rating	Unit
ESD Handling	ESD_HAND_HBM	Human Body Model Contact Discharge per JEDEC EID/JESD22-A114	1000	V
Machine Model (MM)	ESD_HAND_MM	Machine Model Contact	30	V
CDM	ESD_HAND_CDM	Charged Device Model Contact Discharge per JEDEC EIA/JESD22-C101	300	V

Table 4-2 ESD Specifications

CE Statement:

RF exposure information: The Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) level has been calculated based on a distance of d=20 cm between the device and the human body. To maintain compliance with RF exposure requirement, use product that maintain a 20cm distance between the device and human body.

Do not use the device in the environment at too high or too low temperature,
never expose the device under strong sunshine or too wet environment.
The suitable temperature for the product and accessories is 0℃-40℃.

This product can be used across EU member states.

EU Regulatory Conformance

Hereby, Linkplay Technology Inc. Corporation declares that this device is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 2014/53/EU.

CE

Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Radiation Exposure Statement
When using the product, maintain a distance of 20cm from the body to ensure compliance with RF exposure requirements.

FCC 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.

NOTE: The manufacturer is not responsible for any radio or TV interference caused by unauthorized modifications or changes to this equipment. Such modifications or changes could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

NOTE: 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 or more 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.

This device is intended only for OEM integrators under the following conditions:
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. As long as the two conditions above are met, additional transmitter testing will not be required. However, the OEM integrator is still responsible for testing their end-product for any additional compliance requirements required for the installed module.

Important Note:
In the event that these conditions cannot be met (for example certain laptop configurations or co-location with another transmitter), then the Federal Communications Commission of the U.S. Government (FCC) and the Canadian Government authorizations are no longer considered valid and the FCC ID and IC ID cannot be used on the final product. In these circumstances, the OEM integrator shall be responsible for re-evaluating the end-product (including the transmitter) and obtaining a separate FCC and IC authorization in the U.S. and Canada.

OEM Integrators - End Product Labeling Considerations:

This transmitter module is authorized only for use in device where the antenna may be installed such that 20 cm may be maintained between the antenna and users. The final end product must be labeled in a visible area with the following: “Contains, FCC ID: 2ANOG-A97L. The grantee's FCC ID can be used only when all FCC compliance requirements are met.

OEM Integrators - End Product Manual Provided to the End User:

The OEM integrator shall not provide information to the end user regarding how to install or remove this RF module in end product user manual. The end user manual must include all required regulatory information and warnings as outlined in this document.

EU Declaration of Conformity

Number

Wireless Smart Audio Module_A97L_DOC

Name and address of the Manufacturer

Linkplay Technology Inc.
8F-8036, Qianren Building, No.7, Yingcui Road, Jiangning District, Nanjing, China

This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer.

Object of the declaration

A97L is Wireless Smart Audio Module which incorporate WIFI,BT technologies.

The object of the declaration described above is in conformity with the relevant Union harmonisation legislation

Directive RED: 2014/53/EU

and other Union harmonization legislation where applicable:

RoHS directive: 2015/863/EU amending 2011/65/ EU
WEEE directive: 2012/19/EU

References to the relevant harmonised standards used or references to the other technical specifications in relation to which conformity is declared.

EN IEC 62368-1:2020+A11:2020;
ETSI EN 301 489-1 V2.2.3;
ETSI EN 301 489-17 V3.2.4;
ETSI EN 300 328 V2.2.2;
EN 62311:2020;

The Notified Body	**Performed**
Name: Phoenix Testlab Number: 0700	Applicable Modules: B+C

And issued the EU-type examination certificate

Certificate number:

This product can be used across EU member state.

Description of accessories and components, including software, which allow the radio equipment to operate as intended and covered by the DoC

Hardware version	V05
Software version	Linkplay.4.3.235732
Antenna	External rod antenna

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Software version note:Some software updates will be released by the manufacturer to fix some bug or enhance some function after placing on the market. All versions released by the manufacturer have been verified and still compliance with the related rules. All RF parameters (e.g.: frequency range, output power) are not accessible to the user, and can't be changed by the user.

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Nanjing 13/09/2021
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