



User Manual

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When the module is installed in the host device, the FCC 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 removed. If not, a second label must be placed on the outside of the final device that contains the following text: “Contains FCC ID: NKRIMA2”

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- (1) The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users,
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Standalone Condition:

- 10.0 dBi in PCS band
- 7.0 dBi in AWS band
- 7.5 dBi in 700 MHz Band

Assuming collocated with an ordinary WLAN transmitter with 5 dBi antenna gain

- 7.0 dBi in PCS band
- 6.5 dBi in AWS band
- 4.0 dBi in 700 MHz Band

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- 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.

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This equipment complies with FCC/IC 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.

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1. Introduction

The WNC IMA2 series modules include the Altair ALT1250 Cat. M1 baseband, a complete LTE RF front-end, memory, and required circuitry to fulfill 3GPP E-UTRA and AT&T Wireless LTE Cat. M1 UE specifications. The following table enumerates the frequencies supported by the IMA2 series modules.

Band	Uplink (MHz)	Downlink (MHz)
LTE Band 2	1,850–1,910	1,930–1,990
LTE Band 4	1,710–1,755	2,110–2,155
LTE Band 12	699–716	729–746

Table 1-1. Band support

Two SKUs are defined according to GNSS support capacity; refer to Table 1-2 for details.

Module	Power class	GNSS
IMA2	3	✘
IMA2G	3	✔

Table 1-2 SKU description

1.1 General Features

The table below summarizes the IMA2 module features.

General interfaces	• JTAG
	• USIM
	• PCM/I2C/GPIO
	• UART
Supported frequency bands	• LTE Band 2
	• LTE Band 4
	• LTE Band 12
Operating voltage	• V _{CC} (range: 3.3 V–4.2 V)
Packaging	• LGA module
	• 80 pads (15.5 mm × 15.5 mm × 1.96 mm W/O label)
	• RoHS compliant

Table 1-3. General features of the IMA2

Standards compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3GPP Release 13–compliant; software upgradable to Release 14
PHY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category M1: Up to 300 Kbps DL/375 Kbps UL • HD-FDD duplexing support
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power-saving mode
MAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random access procedure in normal subframes • Scheduling request, buffer status reporting, and power headroom reporting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discontinuous reception (eDRX) with long and short cycles
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPv4, IPv6
NAS and above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMS over SG

Table 1-4. LTE-related features of the IMA2

1.2 Architecture

The architecture block diagram of the IMA2 series is presented in Figure 1-1 below.

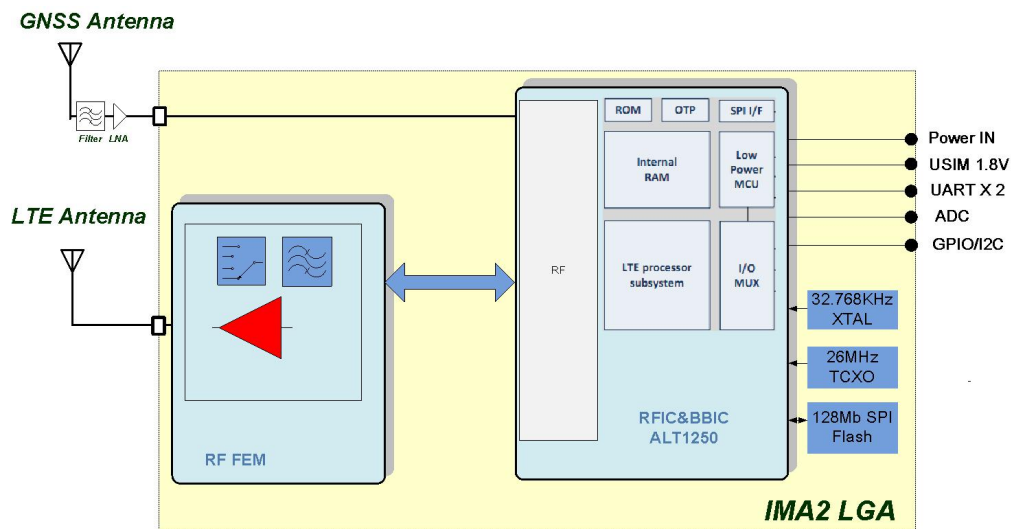


Figure 1-1. IMA2 series block diagram

1.3 Connection Interface

The IMA2 module is an LGA device. All electrical and mechanical connections are made through the 80 pads on the bottom side of the PCB.

1.4 Environmental Specifications and Certifications

1.4.1 Environmental Specifications

The environmental specifications for both operating and storage conditions are defined in the table below.

Condition	Temperature Range	Remark
Normal ambient operating temp. range	-20 °C to 60 °C	Fully functional and complies with 3GPP specifications
Extended ambient operating temp. range	-40 °C to 85°C (TBD)	RF performance may be affected outside normal ambient operating range temp., although the module will still function.
Storage	-40 °C to 85 °C	

Table 1-5. Temperature range

1.4.2 Certifications

The IMA2 module is compliant with the following regulations: PTCRB, FCC, IC, and AT&T TA.

1.4.3 Green Product Compliance

RoHS (2011/65/EU)

2. Pin Definitions

2.1 LGA Module Pin Diagram

The IMA2 LGA module pin layout is illustrated below.

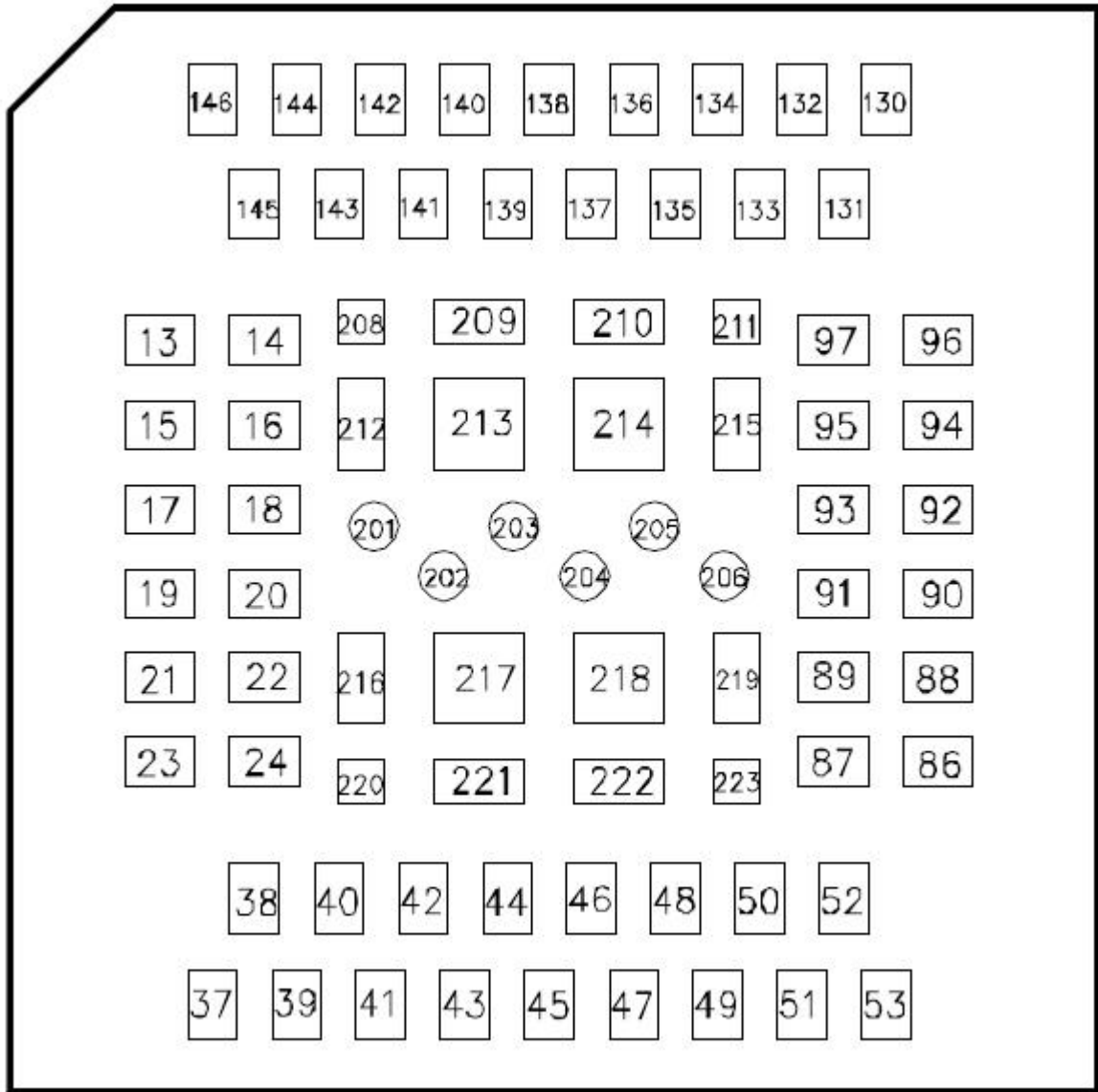


Figure 2-1. IMA2 LGA module pin layout (top view)

2.2 LGA Module Pin Definitions

The signals and all the related details are listed in the below table.

Pin No.	Name	Description
13	GND	Ground
14	GND	Ground
15	Main antenna	Main antenna port
16	GND	Ground
17	GND	Ground
18	GND	Ground
19	GND	Ground
20	GND	Ground
21	RF_GNSS	Antenna for a GNSS receiver
22	GND	Ground
23	GND	Ground
24	GND	Ground
37	Power	Power
38	Power	Power
39	Power	Power
40	Power	Power
41	Power	Power
42	Power	Power
43	PMU_VBACKUP	Power Input for Real Time Clock
44	GND	Ground
45	GND	Ground
46	PCM_FS/GPIO46	General purpose input/output
47	PCM_IN/GPIO47	General purpose input/output
48	PCM_OUT/GPIO48	General purpose input/output
49	PCM_CLK/GPIO49	General purpose input/output
50	GND	Ground
51	GND	Ground
52	I2C1_SCL/GPIO01	General purpose input/output
53	I2C1_SDA/GPIO02	General purpose input/output
86	USB_Dp	USB Data Positive
87	VBUS	VBUS (3.3V)

88	USB_Dn	USB Data Negative
89	UART2_RTS	Request to send for UART 2
90	GND	Ground
91	UART2_CTS	Clear to send for UART 2
92	UART0_CTS	Clear to send for UART 0
93	UART0_TX	Transmit for UART 0
94	UART2_TX	Transmit for UART 2
95	UART0_RX	Receive for UART 0
96	UART2_RX	Receive for UART 2
97	UART0_RTS	Request to send for UART 0
130	ADC1	Analog-to-digital converter
131	ADC2	Analog-to-digital converter
132	GNSS_EN/GPIO08	GNSS external LNA enable/General purpose input/output
133	UIM_VCC	SIM card power
134	UIM DATA	SIM card data line
135	UIM CLK	SIM card clock line
136	UIM RESET	SIM card reset line
137	UIM DETECT	SIM card detect line
138	NC	Not connected
139	GND	Ground
140	GND	Ground
141	WWAN_STATE	Wireless WAN radio state
142	Power on ¹	Power-on of the module (RFU)
143	WAKEUP_OUT	Module wake-up of the host
144	WAKEUP_IN ²	Host wake-up of the module
145	RESET	Hardware reset signal
146	VREF ³	Reference logic voltage (1.8 V voltage)
201	EJ_TCK	EJ_TCK
202	EJ_TDI	EJ_TDI
203	EJ_TDO	EJ_TDO
204	EJ_TMS	EJ_TMS
205	EJ_TRST	EJ_TRST
206	DEBUG_RSTN	Reset pin for the JTAG probe
208	NA	NA
209	NA	NA
210	NA	NA
211	NA	NA

212	GND	Ground
213	GND	Ground
214	GND	Ground
215	GND	Ground
216	GND	Ground
217	GND	Ground
218	GND	Ground
219	GND	Ground
220	NA	NA
221	NA	NA
222	NA	NA
223	NA	NA

Table 2-1. IMA2 module pin definitions

Notes:

- 1: Leave pin 142 floating; the module can turn on automatically when a power supply exists.
- 2: Pin 144 can be used as a wake-up as the module enters deep-sleep status. The default configuration is active high to wake up the LGA module.
- 3: The VREF voltage will turn off when entering the deep sleep state.

3. Electrical Specifications

3.1 Power Supply

The IMA2 module is supplied through the power signal with the following characteristics.

	Direction	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
Power (37–42)	In	3.3 V	3.8 V	4.2 V
VREF	Out	1.71 V	1.8 V	1.89 V
SIM_VCC (1.8 V)	Out	1.71 V	1.8 V	1.89 V

Table 3-1. Power supply

3.2 Power Consumption

This section describes the typical power consumption of the IMA2 (for reference).

Working Mode	Conditions	Result
Power saving mode		
	Floor current	1.7uA
LTE Band 2 working mode		
	Max Tx power without throughput Power voltage 3.8 V; average current	135mA
LTE Band 4 working mode		
	Max Tx power without throughput Power voltage 3.8 V; average current	130mA
LTE Band 12 working mode		
	Max Tx power without throughput Power voltage 3.8 V; average current	151mA
Power On	Conditions	Result
Peak power consumption		
	Power consumption peaks	450mA
Power Off	Conditions	Result
Power off consumption		
	Only the module; no other devices; only RTC functions in deep sleep	1.7uA

Table 3-2. LTE power consumption

3.3 Control Interfaces

This section describes the power on/off, wake-up, and reset interface for controlling the module.

3.3.1 Power-On Signal

This function is not available in the present firmware; the module will be turned on automatically when the power supply exists. Set this pin as “floating” or use 0 Ω as a reserve.

3.3.2 Wake-Up Interface(TBD)

3.3.3 Reset Signal

The Reset Signal is a hardware reset signal to control the system reset directly. You can connect it to a key or a control signal. Reserve a 100k resistor to pull up to VREF and maintain a sufficient physical distance between the reset signal trace and noise and radiating signals on the PCB.

3.4 UART Interface

There are two UART interfaces: a 4-bit for high-speed data transfer, and the UARTs. Definitions of the IMA2 are listed below.

1. UART0 for PPP and AT
2. UART2 for firmware download, recovery mode, and firmware debug view

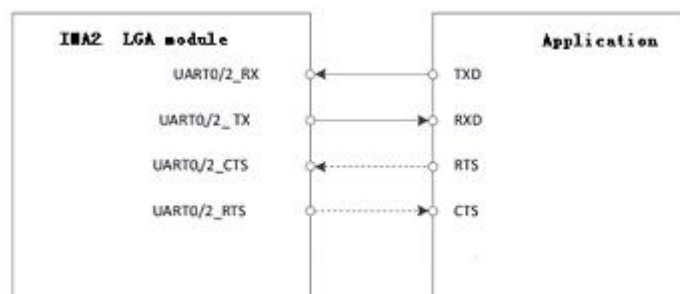


Figure 3-1. UART connection (example)

3.5 UIM Interface

IMA2 modules provide a UIM_DETECT input pin for UIM connectors to detect a UIM card. When a UIM card is present, UIM_DETECT should be high (1.8 V). If a UIM card is absent, UIM_DETECT should be low. Pulling UIM_DETECT to VREF with a 100k resistor is necessary. We recommend placing a 0.1 μF and a 33 pF capacitor between UIM_VCC and the Ground in parallel. We also recommend placing a 33 pF capacitor between UIM_RESET, UIM_CLK, and UIM_DATA and the Ground in parallel. Refer to Figure 5 for details.

We also recommend placing an electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection circuit near the UIM socket as close as possible. The Ground pin of the ESD protection component must be well-connected to the Ground plane.

The following figure shows an example of a UIM card circuit. The default configuration is active High.

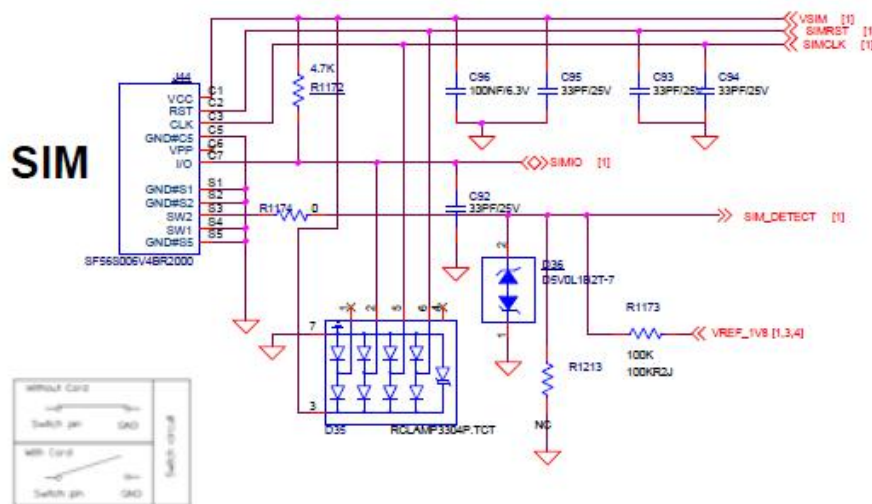


Figure 3-2. UIM card circuit example

3.6 I/O Characteristics

The voltage and current characteristics of the various IO pads of the IMA2 versus IO bank supply voltage are illustrated in the tables below.

Parameter	Drive Strength	Min.	Nom.	Max.	Unit
VIL Input Low Voltage				0.3 × VIO	V
VIH Input High Voltage		0.7 × VIO			V
VOL Output Low Voltage				0.2 × VIO	V
VOH Output High Voltage		0.8 × VIO			V
VH Input Hysteresis		0.1 × VIO			V
IRATED IO Drive Strength	2 mA			12	mA

Table 3-3. DC characteristics for digital IOs, voltage 1.8 V—BIDIR and IN types

3.7 EJTAG Interface

The IMA2 series provides one EJTAG interface; leave JTAG pins floating if not used.

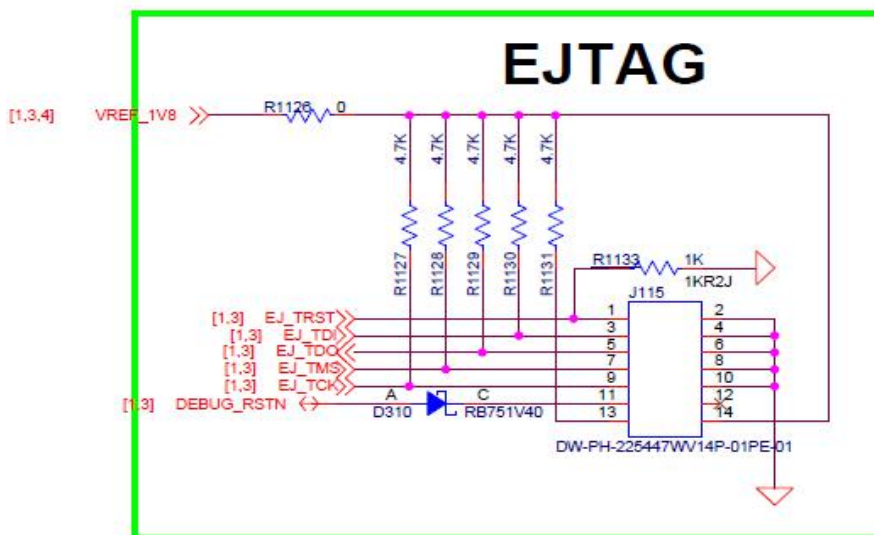


Figure 3-3. EJTAG schematic (example)

3.8 ADC Interface

The IMA2 contains two ADC ports; the characteristics will be updated according to the ALT1250 datasheet in the future.

Table 3-4. ADC characteristics (TBD)

3.9 RF Interface

Each IMA2 module has only one RF pad; developers must connect it via the 50 Ω traces to the main board.

- Main antenna pad (Pin15) – RX/TX path
- RF GNSS pad (Pin21) – GNSS RX path

3.9.1 Bandwidth Support

Band	Bandwidth					
	1.4 MHz	3 MHz	5 MHz	10 MHz	15 MHz	20 MHz
LTE Band 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LTE Band 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LTE Band 12	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-

Table 3-5. Bandwidth support

3.9.2 RF Transmission Specifications

Band	Item	Parameter	Unit	Min.	Typ.	Max.
LTE Band 2	Max. TX Power	20 MHz 1 RBs/QPSK	dBm	20.3	23	25.7
LTE Band 4	Max. TX Power	20 MHz 1 RBs/QPSK	dBm	20.3	23	25.7
LTE Band 12	Max. TX Power	10 MHz 1 RBs/QPSK	dBm	20.3	23	25.7

Table 3-6. Conductive Tx output power

Notes: 1.The RF transmission specification is defined at the LGA pad.
2. Complies with 3GPP test standards.

3.9.3 RF Receiver Specifications

Band	Item	Parameter	Unit	Min.	Typ.	Max.
LTE Band 2	RX Sensitivity	5 MHz with 4 RBs	dBm			-100.3
LTE Band 4	RX Sensitivity	5 MHz with 4 RBs	dBm			-102.3
LTE Band 12	RX Sensitivity	5 MHz with 4 RBs	dBm			-99.3

Table 3-7. Conductive Rx sensitivity—3GPP

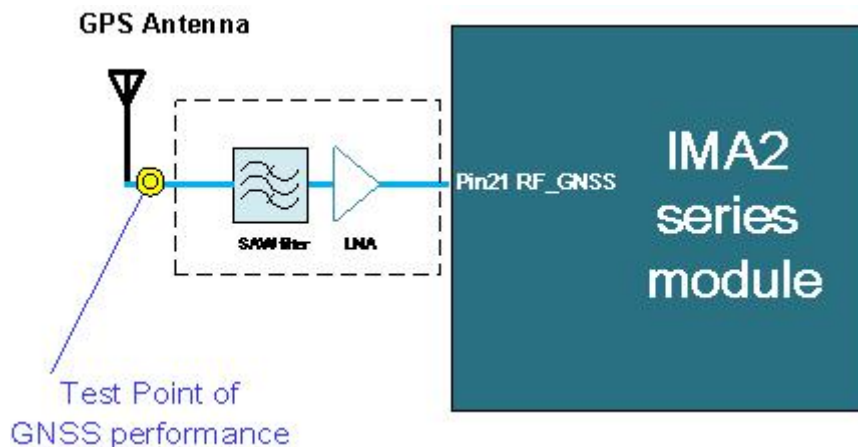
Notes: 1. The RF receiver specification is defined at the LGA pad.
2. Compliant with 3GPP test standards

3.9.4 RF GNSS Receiver Specifications

Test Items	Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.
Cold start TTFF	At -130 dBm	-	36s	-
Hot start TTFF	At -130 dBm	-	2s	-
CEP-50 accuracy	Open sky with -130 dBm input	-	2m	-
Cold start sensitivity	Acquire first with signal level	-	-146	-
Tracking sensitivity (GPS)	Detecting an in-view satellite 50% of the time	-	-160	-
Tracking sensitivity (GLONASS)	Detecting an in-view satellite 50% of the time	-	TBD	-

Table 3-8. Conductive GNSS performance

Note 1: Test points are displayed below.



4. Mechanical Information

4.1 Physical Dimensions

Physical dimensions are illustrated in Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2 below.

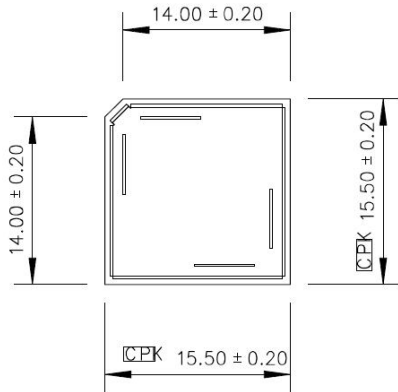


Figure 4-1. Top view

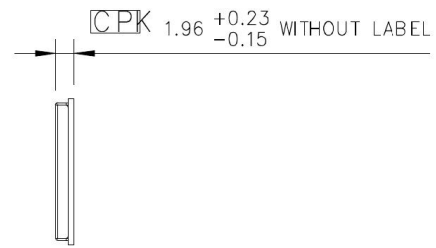


Figure 4-2. Right view

Note: The tolerance of top view dimensions is TBD.

4.2 Pin Dimensions

Pin dimensions are illustrated in Figure 4-3, and Figure 4-4 below.

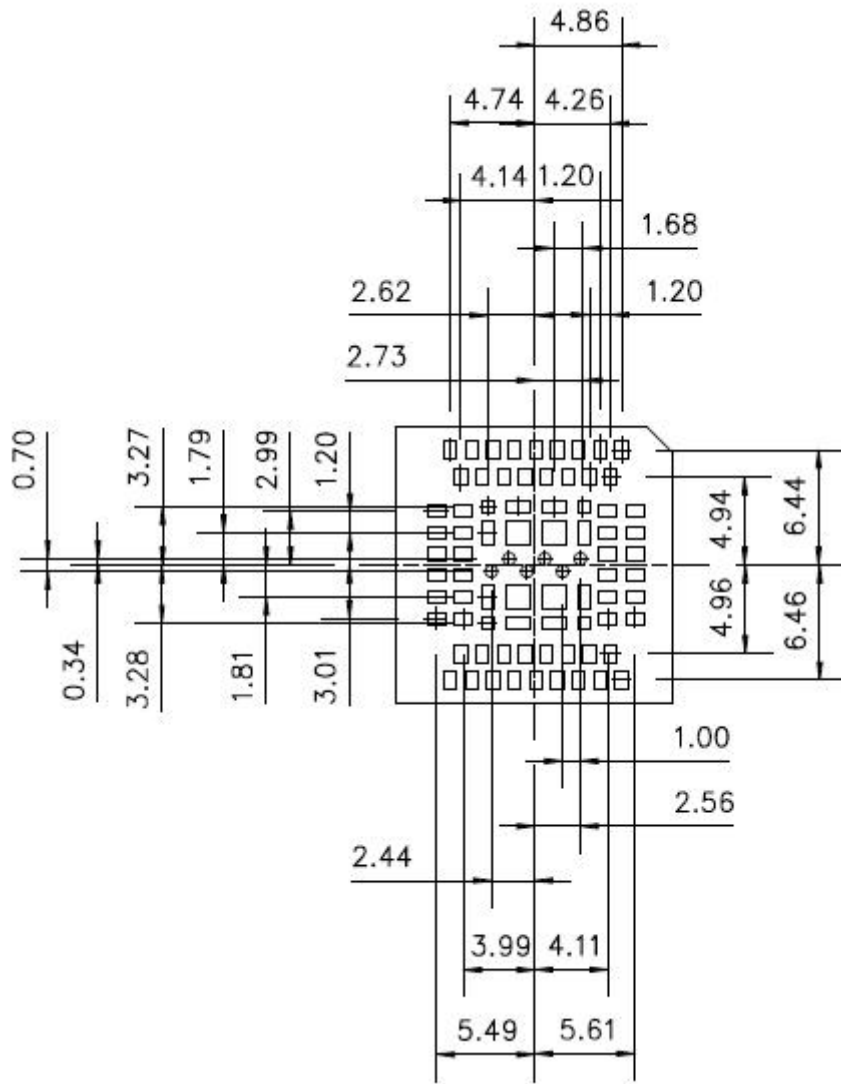


Figure 4-3. PIN dimensions (bottom view)

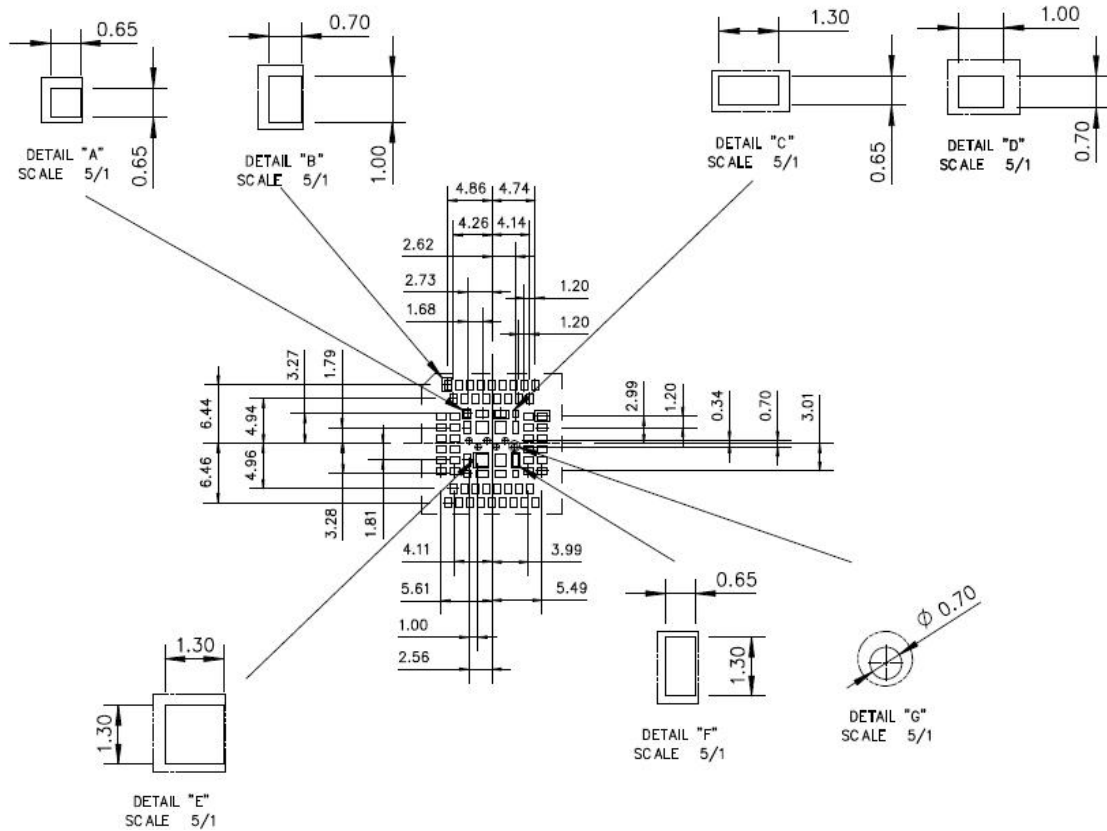


Figure 4-4. Pin dimensions

4.3 Marking Information(TBD)

The IMA2 series module label is illustrated below.

P/N: Variable; for the specific customer

S/N: Variable; unique for each module

IMEI: Variable; unique for each module

FCC: TBD

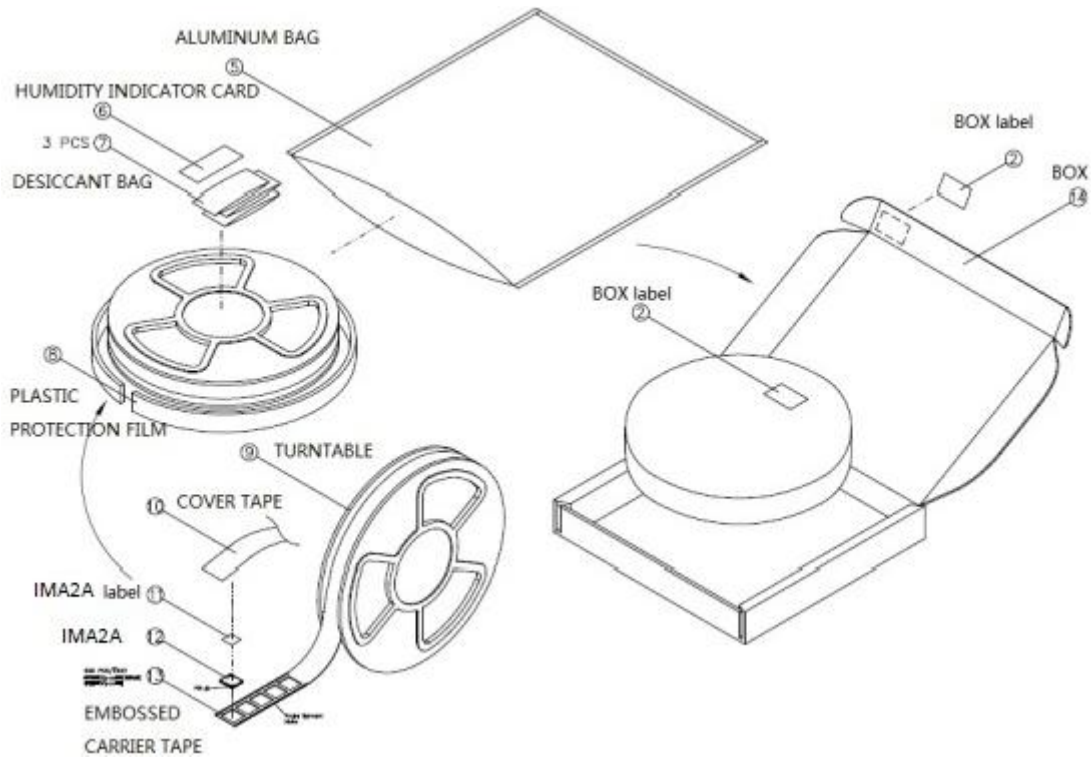
IC: TBD

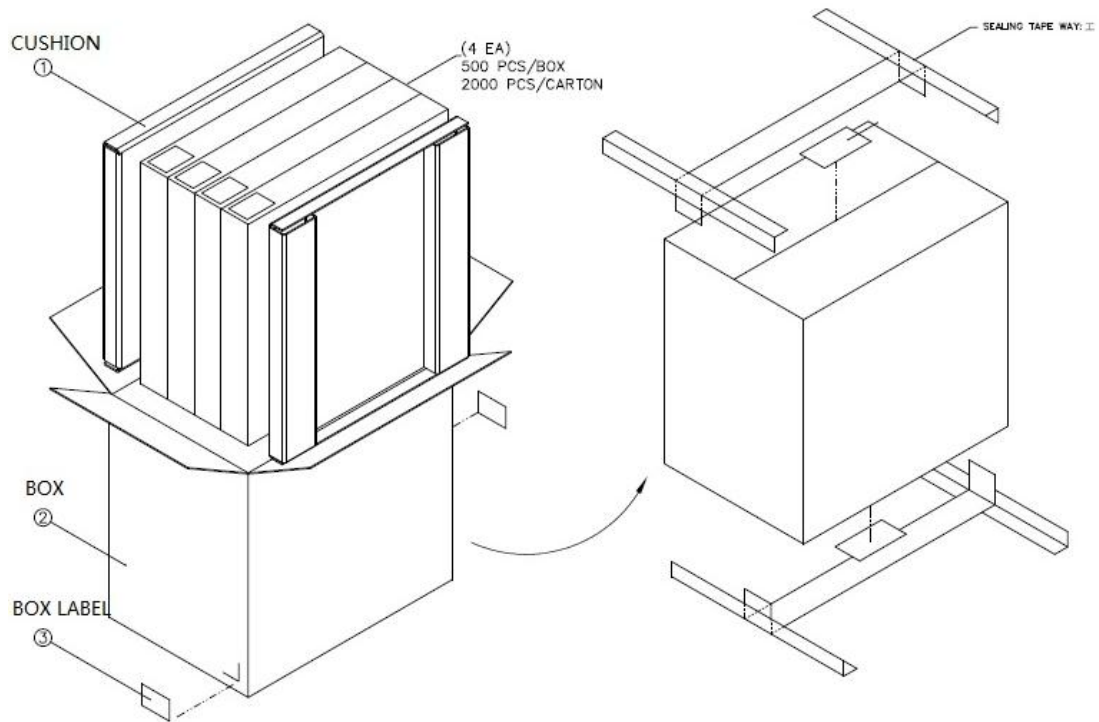
If customers request their own S/Ns and IMEIs, they should inform WNC before production. The S/N and IMEI only can be written once onto each unit.

5. Packing Information(TBD)

5.1 Tape-and-Reel Package

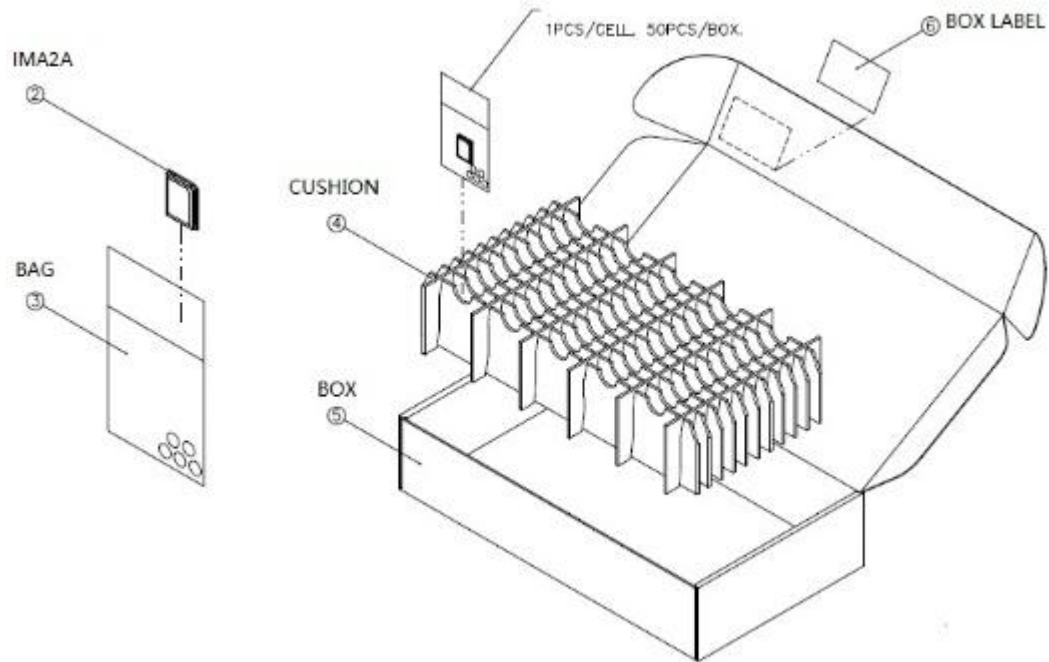
The module is delivered in tape-and-reel packaging based on MPQ (500 pcs./reel; 4 reels/carton).





5.2 Single Packaging for Samples

Samples are packaged at 50 pcs./box. There is no vacuum packaging. Samples must be baked for 8 hours at 85 °C before SMT.



5.3 MSL level

The IMA2 module MSL level is 3.

6. Design Guide

6.1 Power Trace Design

Power trace layout suggestion: At least 22 μF , 0.1 μF , and 100 pF capacitors are required; place the capacitors as close to the power pins as possible. Power trace should possess sufficient line width to withstand its respective current listed in the table below.

Net Name	Peak Current Value for PCB Power Trace Design
Power (37–42) total	1 A
VREF	50 mA
UIM_VCC	30 mA

Table 6-1. Reference current for power trace

Please select the DCDC that can satisfy the output (1 A) as the power supply of the module.

6.2 RF Pad Design

We recommend that a ground not be present under the surface of the RF pads in the layout. Details are included below. Layer 2 has the same exclusion area as Layer 1.

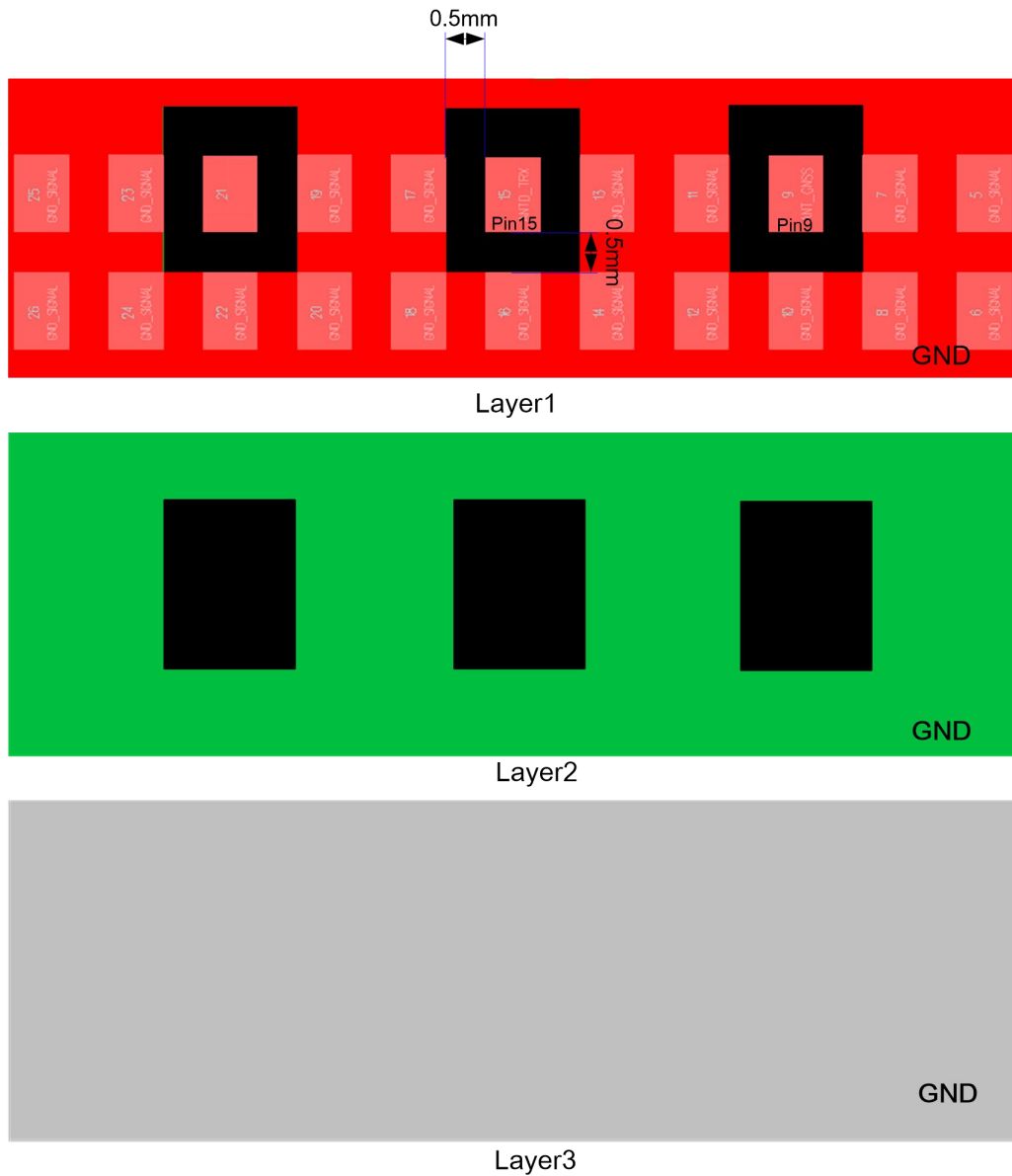
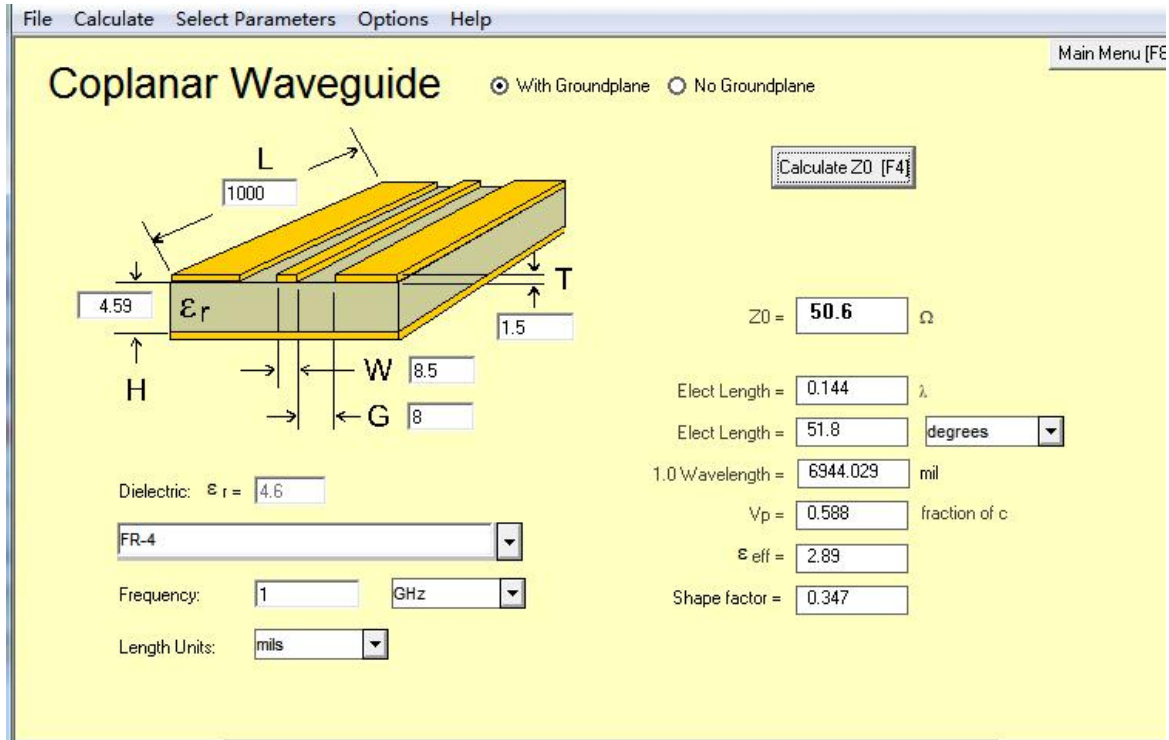


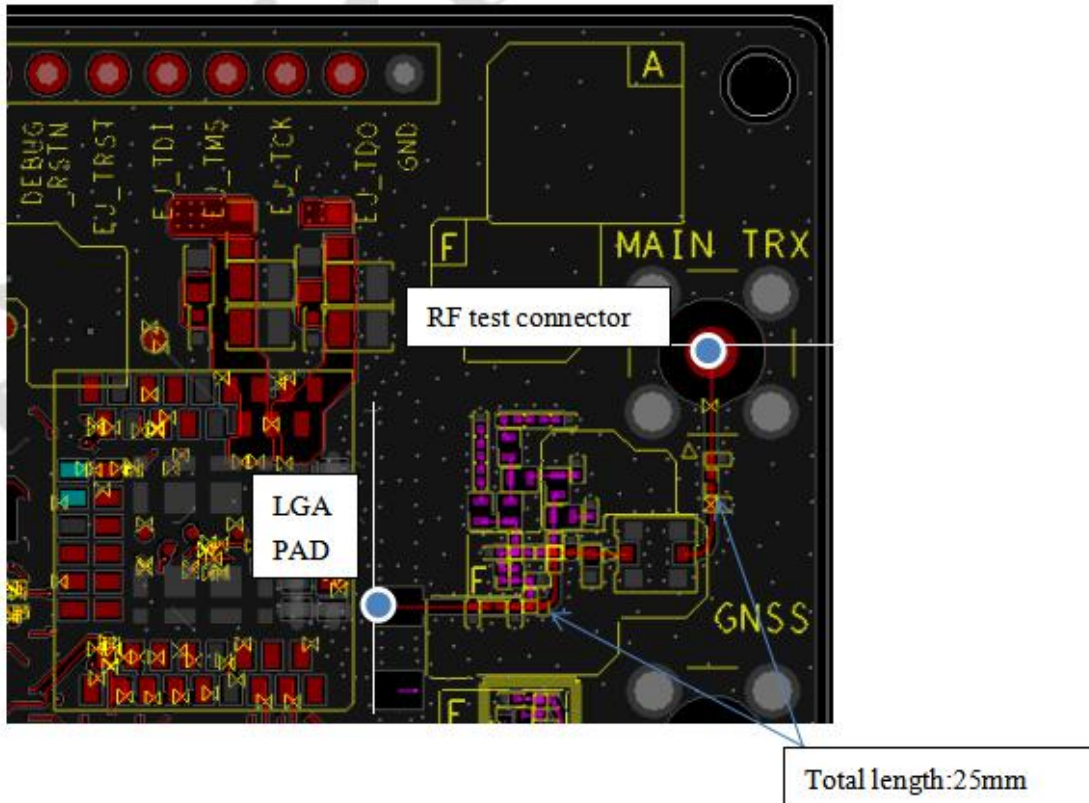
Figure 6-1. Sample RF pad layout

The RF trace between RF pads and antenna should be as short as possible with 50ohm characteristic impedance.

The characteristic impedance depends on the dielectric of PCB, the track width and the ground plane spacing. Coplanar Waveguide type is required. The detail simulation is as below.



The RF trace of the test board which was used in the FCC test is defined as below.





6.3 RF Matching Guide

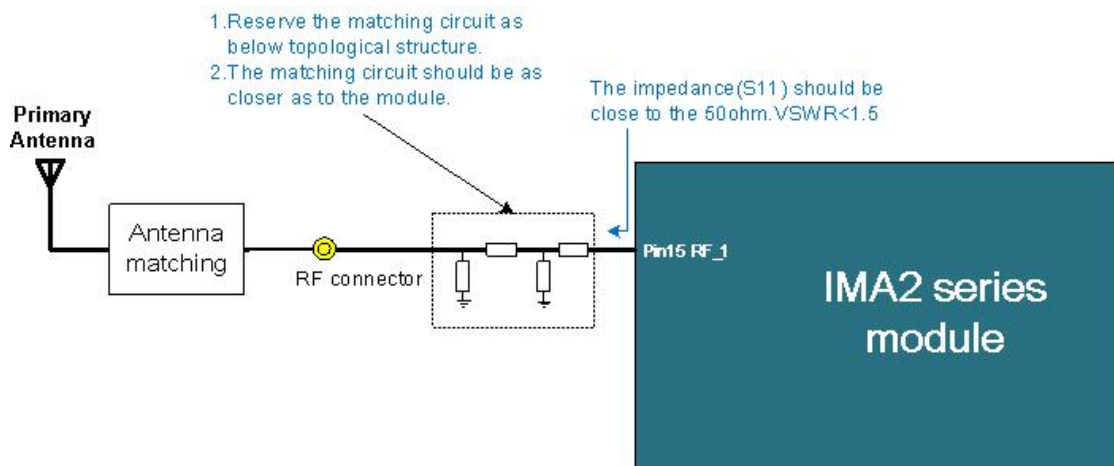
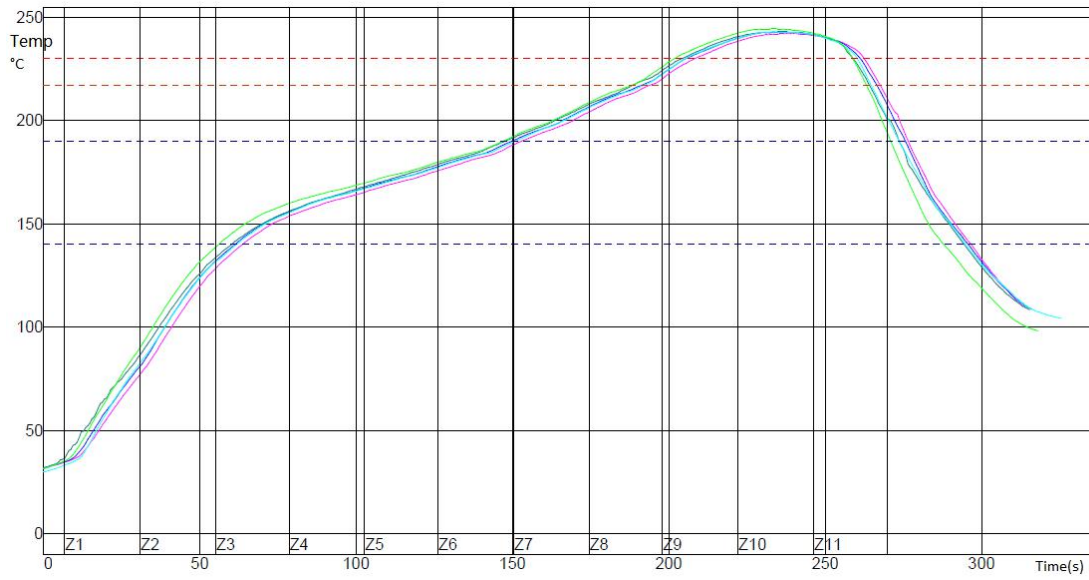


Figure 6-2. RF matching guide

6.4 Mounting Considerations(TBD)

This section details the recommended reflow profile when the module is mounted onto other boards.

Temp. Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Upper temp. region	160	175	175	175	180	180	215	230	250	255	240
Lower temp. region	160	175	175	175	180	180	215	230	250	255	240
Conveyer band speed	90 cm/minute										



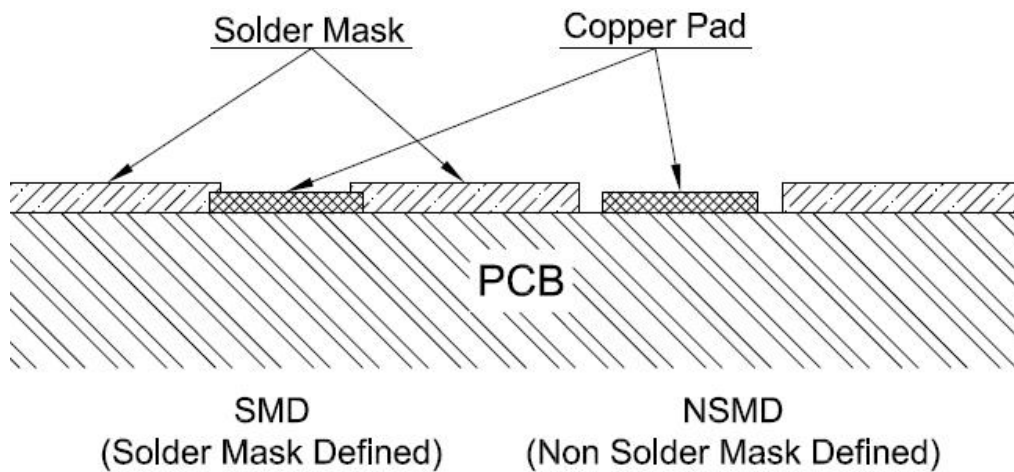
PWI = 91%	U13-1	U13-4	J45-2	U29-2	J44-3	Temp. Difference
Preheat from 140–190°C						
	89.22	88.45	87.27	89.00	90.95	3.68
	10%	5%	-1%	9%	20%	
Melt-out Time/230°C						
	54.12	55.80	54.72	55.01	56.98	2.86
	41%	58%	47%	50%	70%	
Max Temp						
	242.12	242.73	243.00	242.88	244.45	2.33
	21%	27%	30%	29%	45%	
Total Time/217°C						
	73.89	75.48	75.89	72.9	75.31	2.99
	-44%	-38%	-36%	-48%	-39%	
Gradient1 (100–150°C)						
	1.85	1.88	1.84	1.9	1.93	0.09
	23%	25%	23%	27%	29%	

Process limit:

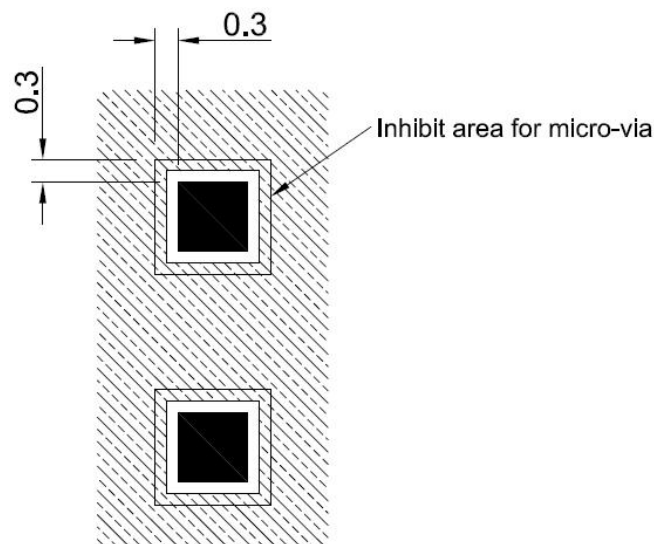
Solder Paste	Lead-free		
Profile feature	Min.	Max.	Unit
Gradient1 (Target = 1.5) (100 °C–150 °C) (Time period = 20 s)	0	3	°C/S
Preheat time from 140 °C to 190 °C	70	105	S
Time maintained above 230 °C	40	60	S
Peak package body temperature	230	250	°C
Time maintained above 217 °C	60	110	S

6.5 PCB Pad Design

We recommend a non-solder mask with defined (NSMD) type for the solder pads of the PCB on which IMA2 modules will be mounted. This type of design enables high soldering reliability during the SMT process.



We recommend not placing via or micro-via that is not covered by solder resistance within 0.3 mm around the pads unless it carries the same signal of the pad itself. Refer to the following figure.



Only blind holes are allowed in the pad. Through holes are not allowed.

6.6 LTE Power Saving Mode

Note: Details will be provided in a future revision of this document.

7.0 Safety Recommendations

Be sure use of this product is allowed in the country and in the environment required. Use of this product may be dangerous and must be avoided in the following areas:

- Where it may interfere with other electronic devices in environments such as hospitals, airports, and aircraft
- Where there is a risk of explosion such as gasoline stations and oil refineries

The user is responsible for compliance with the legal and environmental regulations of their location of use.

Do not disassemble the product; any evidence of tampering will compromise the warranty's validity.

We recommend following the instructions of the hardware user guides for a correct wiring of the product. The product must be supplied with a stabilized voltage source, and the wiring must conform to relevant security and fire-prevention regulations.

This product must be handled with care; avoid any contact with the pins because electrostatic discharge may damage the product. Exercise the same level of caution regarding the UIM card; carefully check the instructions for its use. Do not insert or remove the UIM when the product is in power-saving mode.

The system integrator is responsible for the functioning of the final product; therefore, care must be taken for the external components of the module as well as for project or installation issues—there may be a risk of disturbing the GSM network or external devices or of impacting device security. If you have any questions, refer to the technical documentation and the relevant regulations in force.

Every module must be equipped with a proper antenna with specific characteristics. The antenna must be installed with care in order to avoid any interference with other electronic devices.

8.Initialisms

Initialisms and Definitions

Initialism	Definition
AC	Alternating current
DC	Direct current
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
GND	Ground
GPIO	General purpose input output
I/O	Input/output
IoT	Internet of Things
I2C	Inter-integrated circuit
LGA	Land grid array
LTE	Long Term Evolution
N/A	Not/applicable
OS	Operating system
PIN	Personal identification number
SIM	Subscriber identity module
SPI	Serial peripheral interface
UART	Universal asynchronous receiver-transmitter
UIM	User identity module
USB	Universal serial bus
Vref	Voltage reference
RFU	Reserved for future use
HD-FDD	Half Duplex-FDD
WNC	Wistron NeWeb Corporation