

GE865 Hardware User Guide

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1 Overview

The aim of this document is the description of some hardware solutions useful for developing a product with the **Telit GE865-QUAD module**.

In this document all the basic functions of a mobile phone will be taken into account; for each one of them a proper hardware solution will be suggested and eventually the wrong solutions and common errors to be avoided will be evidenced. Obviously this document cannot embrace the whole hardware solutions and products that may be designed. The wrong solutions to be avoided shall be considered as mandatory, while the suggested hardware configurations shall not be considered mandatory, instead the information given shall be used as a guide and a starting point for properly developing your product with the **Telit GE865-QUAD module**. For further hardware details that may not be explained in this document refer to the Telit GE865 Product Description document where all the hardware information is reported.

NOTICE

(EN) The integration of the GSM/GPRS GE865-QUAD cellular module within user application shall be done according to the design rules described in this manual.

(IT) L'integrazione del modulo cellulare GSM/GPRS GE865-QUAD all'interno dell'applicazione dell'utente dovrà rispettare le indicazioni progettuali descritte in questo manuale.

(DE) Die integration des GE865-QUAD GSM/GPRS Mobilfunk-Moduls in ein Gerät muß gemäß der in diesem Dokument beschriebenen Konstruktionsregeln erfolgen

(SL) Integracija GSM/GPRS GE865-QUAD modula v uporabniški aplikaciji bo morala upoštevati projektna navodila, opisana v tem piročniku.

(SP) La utilización del modulo GSM/GPRS GE865-QUAD debe ser conforme a los usos para los cuales ha sido diseñado descritos en este manual del usuario.

(FR) L'intégration du module cellulaire GSM/GPRS GE865-QUAD dans l'application de l'utilisateur sera faite selon les règles de conception décrites dans ce manuel.

(HE) האינטגרציה של המודול הסלולרי GE865-QUAD עם המוצר. את ההנחיות המפורטות במסמך זה בתהליך האינטגרציה של המודם הסלולרי.

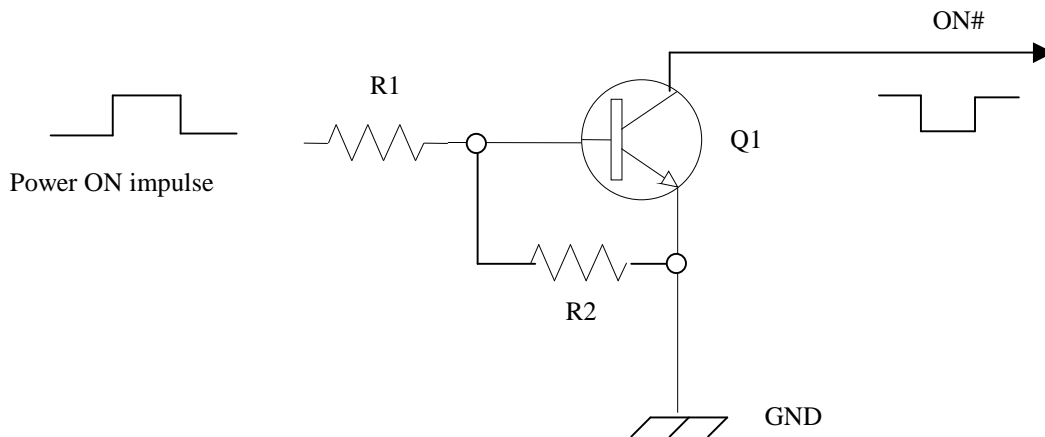
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4 Hardware Commands

4.1 Turning ON the GE865

To turn on the GE865 the pad ON# must be tied low for at least 1 seconds and then released. The maximum current that can be drained from the ON# pad is 0,1 mA. A simple circuit to do it is:



NOTE: don't use any pull up resistor on the ON# line, it is internally pulled up. Using pull up resistor may bring to latch up problems on the GE865 power regulator and improper power on/off of the module. The line ON# must be connected only in open collector configuration.



NOTE: In this document all the lines that are inverted, hence have active low signals are labeled with a name that ends with "#" or with a bar over the name.



TIP: To check if the device has powered on, the hardware line PWRMON should be monitored. After 900ms the line raised up the device could be considered powered on.



4.2 Turning OFF the GE865

The turning off of the device can be done in three ways:

- by software command (see GE865 Software User Guide)
- by hardware shutdown
- by Hardware Unconditional Restart

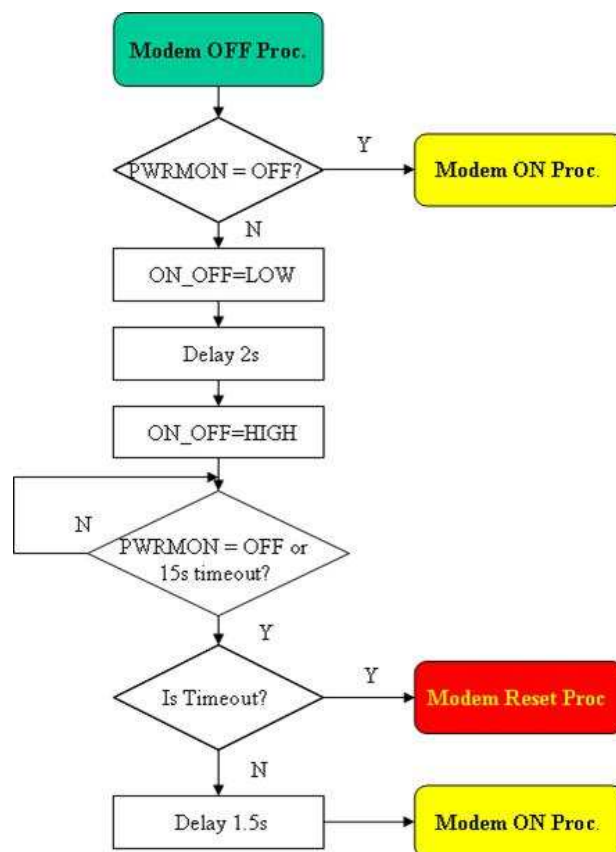
When the device is shut down by software command or by hardware shutdown, it issues to the network a detach request that informs the network that the device will not be reachable any more.

4.2.1 Hardware shutdown

To turn OFF the GE865 the pad ON# must be tied low for at least 2 seconds and then released.

The same circuitry and timing for the power on shall be used.

The device shuts down after the release of the ON# pad.



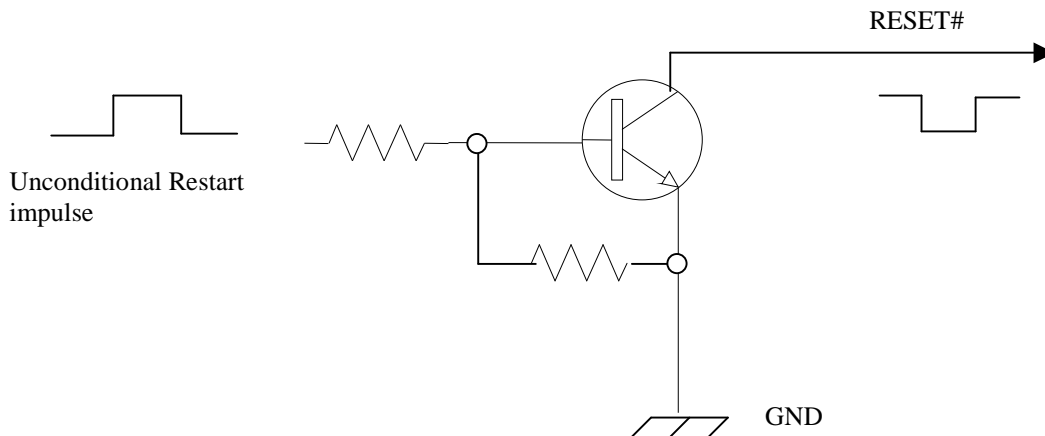
TIP: To check if the device has powered off, the hardware line PWRMON should be monitored. When PWRMON goes low, the device has powered off.



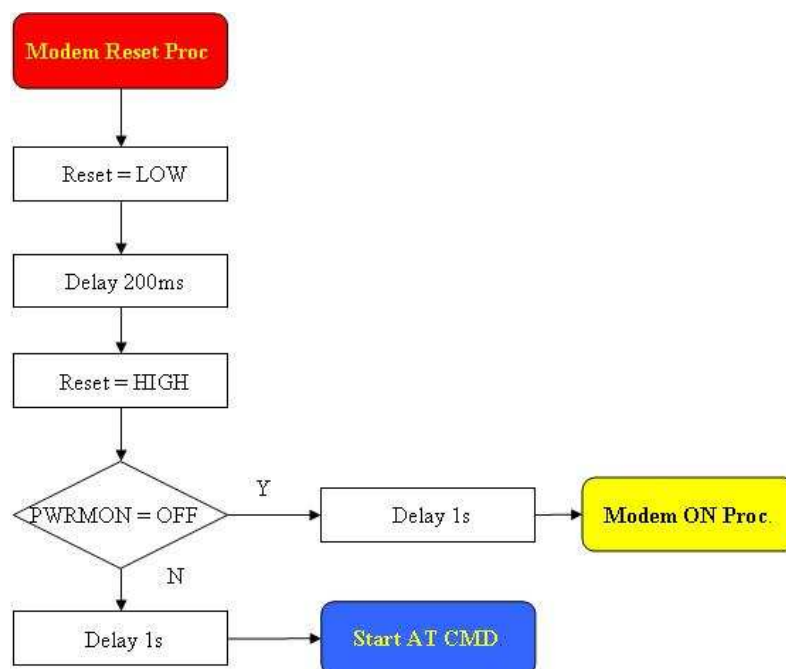
4.2.2 Hardware Unconditional Restart

To unconditionally Restart the GE865, the pad RESET# must be tied low for at least 200 milliseconds and then released.

A simple circuit to do it is:



The following flow chart shows the proper Reset procedure:



NOTE: don't use any pull up resistor on the RESET# line nor any totem pole digital output. Using pull up resistor may bring to latch up problems on the GE865 power regulator and improper functioning of the module. The line RESET# must be connected only in open collector configuration.

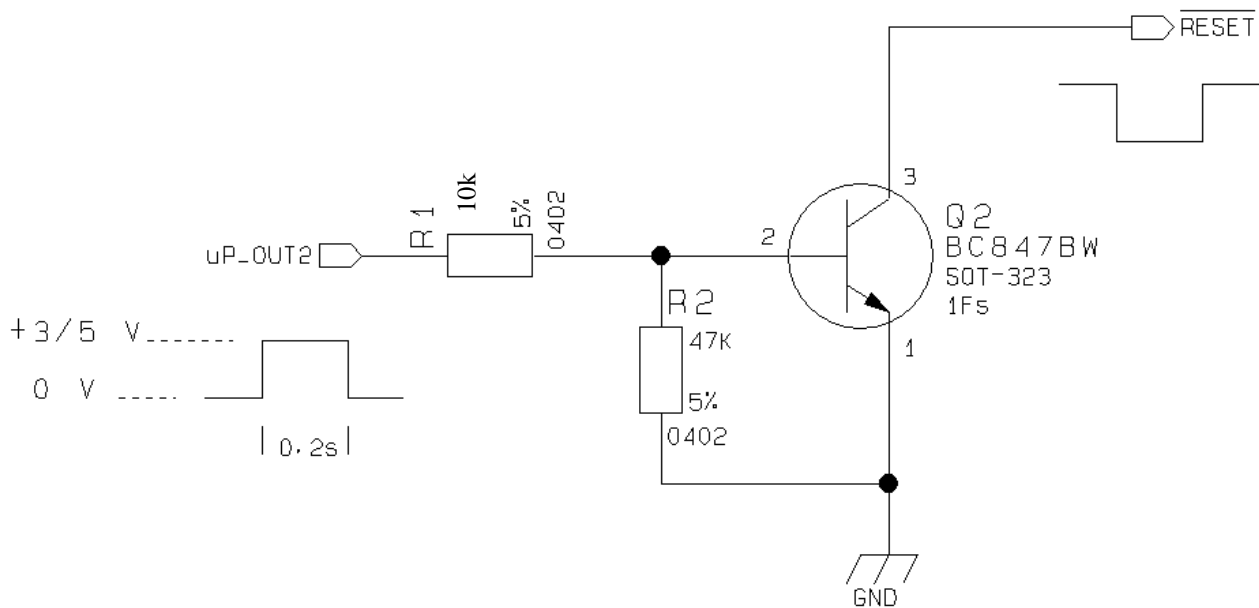




NOTE: *The unconditional hardware Restart should be always implemented on the boards and software should use it as an emergency exit procedure.*

For example:

1- Let's assume you need to drive the RESET# pad with a totem pole output of a +3/5 V microcontroller (uP_OUT2):



NOTE: *The RESET# signal is internally pulled up so the pin can be left floating if not used*



5.2 Power Consumption

The GE865-QUAD power consumptions are: **(Preliminary Values)**

| GE865-QUAD | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Mode | Average (mA) | Mode description |
| IDLE mode | | |
| AT+CFUN=1 | 23,9 | Stand by mode; no call in progress |
| AT+CFUN=4 | 22 | Normal mode: full functionality of the module |
| AT+CFUN=0 or AT+CFUN=5 | 2,4 | Disabled TX and RX; module is not registered on the network |
| RX mode | | |
| 1 slot in downlink | 52,3 | GSM Receiving data mode |
| 2 slot in downlink | 65,2 | |
| 3 slot in downlink | 78,6 | |
| 4 slot in downlink | 88,4 | |
| GSM TX and RX mode | | |
| Min power level | 78,1 | GSM Sending data mode |
| Max power level | 200,1 | |
| GPRS (class 10) TX and RX mode | | |
| Min power level | 123,7 | GPRS Sending data mode |
| Max power level | 370,8 | |
| POWER OFF | | |
| Power Off | <26uA | Module Powered Off |

The GSM system is made in a way that the RF transmission is not continuous, else it is packed into bursts at a base frequency of about 216 Hz, and the relative current peaks can be as high as about 2A. Therefore the power supply has to be designed in order to withstand with these current peaks without big voltage drops; this means that both the electrical design and the board layout must be designed for this current flow.

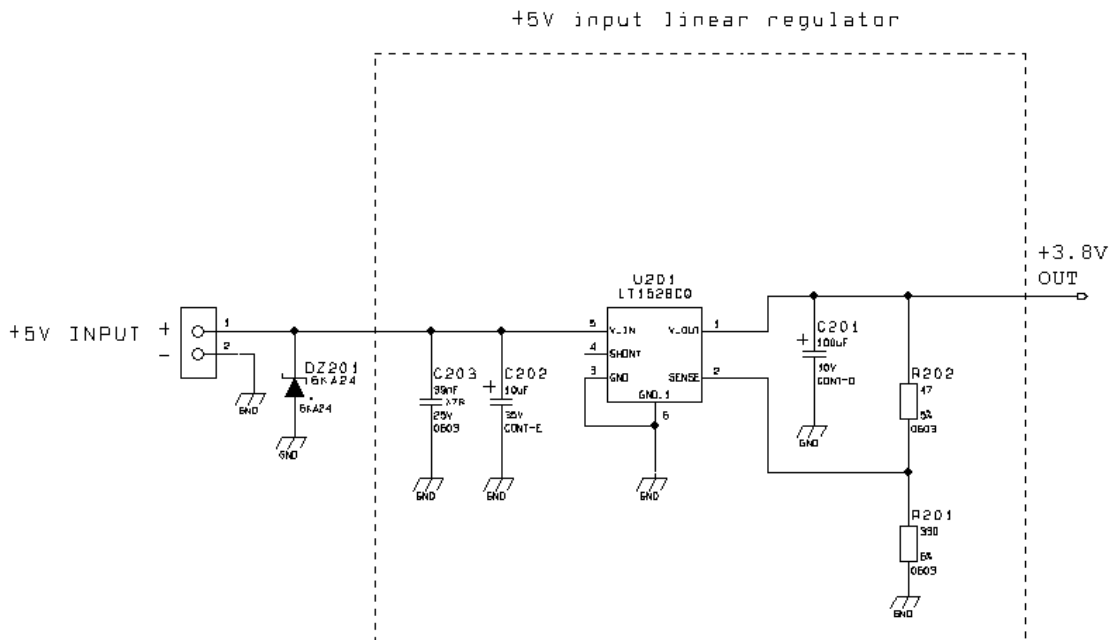
If the layout of the PCB is not well designed a strong noise floor is generated on the ground and the supply; this will reflect on all the audio paths producing an audible annoying noise at 216 Hz; if the voltage drop during the peak current absorption is too much, then the device may even shutdown as a consequence of the supply voltage drop.



TIP: The electrical design for the Power supply should be made ensuring it will be capable of a peak current output of at least 2 A.



An example of linear regulator with 5V input is:



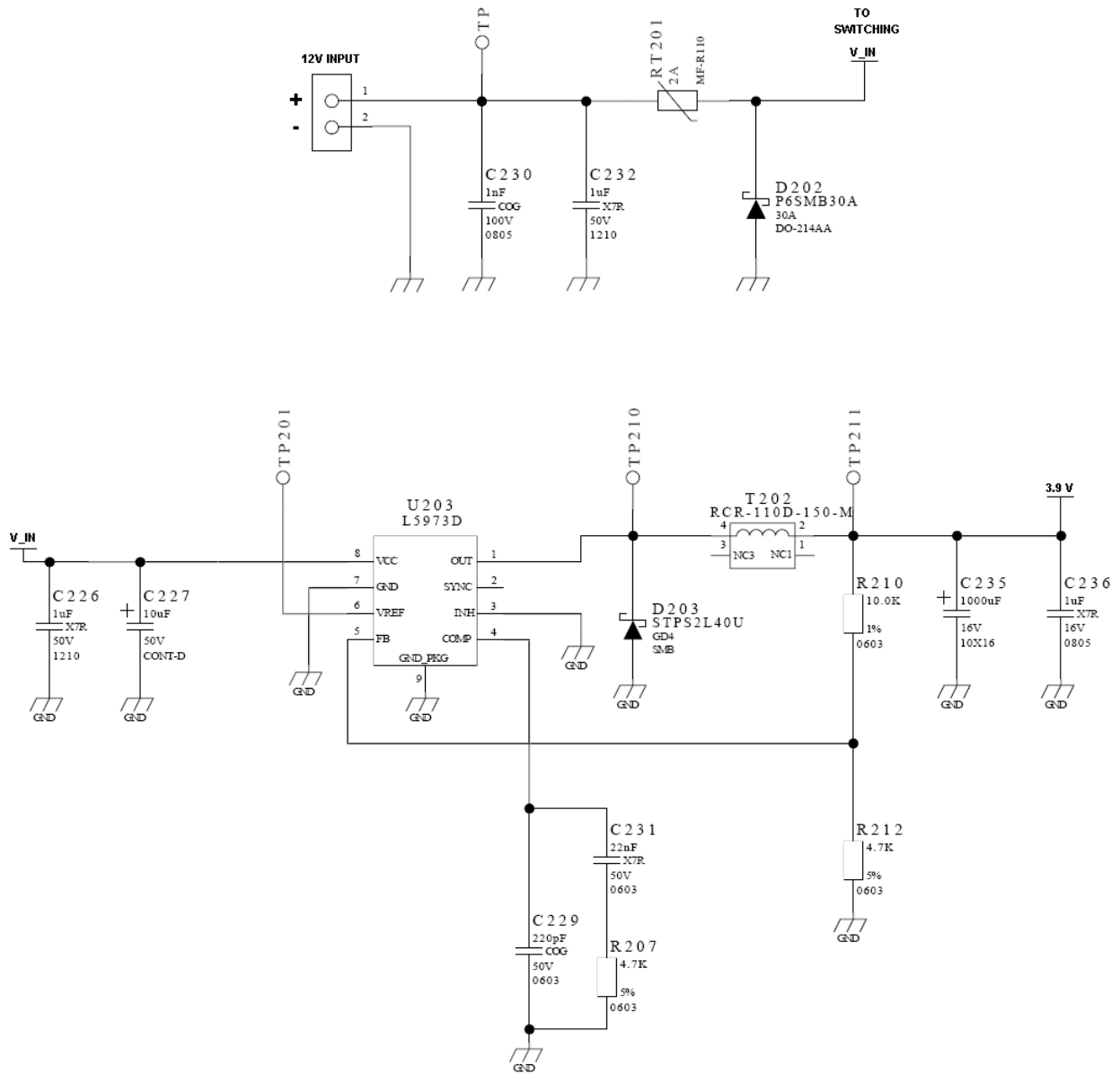
5.3.1.2 + 12V input Source Power Supply Design Guidelines

- The desired output for the power supply is 3.8V, hence due to the big difference between the input source and the desired output, a linear regulator is not suited and shall not be used. A switching power supply will be preferable because of its better efficiency especially with the 2A peak current load represented by the GE865.
- When using a switching regulator, a 500kHz or more switching frequency regulator is preferable because of its smaller inductor size and its faster transient response. This allows the regulator to respond quickly to the current peaks absorption.
- In any case the frequency and Switching design selection is related to the application to be developed due to the fact the switching frequency could also generate EMC interferences.
- For car PB battery the input voltage can rise up to 15,8V and this should be kept in mind when choosing components: all components in the power supply must withstand this voltage.
- A Bypass low ESR capacitor of adequate capacity must be provided in order to cut the current absorption peaks, a 100µF tantalum capacitor is usually suited.
- Make sure the low ESR capacitor on the power supply output (usually a tantalum one) is rated at least 10V.
- For Car applications a spike protection diode should be inserted close to the power input, in order to clean the supply from spikes.
- A protection diode should be inserted close to the power input, in order to save the GE865-QUAD from power polarity inversion. This can be the same diode as for spike protection.



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An example of switching regulator with 12V input is in the below schematic (it is split in 2 parts):



SWITCHING REGULATOR



6.3 GSM Antenna - Installation Guidelines

- Install the antenna in a place covered by the GSM signal.
- If the device antenna is located greater than 20cm from the human body and there are no co-located transmitter then the Telit FCC/IC approvals can be re-used by the end product
- If the device antenna is located less than 20cm from the human body or there are no co-located transmitter then the additional FCC/IC testing may be required for the end product (Telit FCC/IC approvals cannot be reused)
- Antenna shall not be installed inside metal cases
- Antenna shall be installed also according Antenna manufacturer instructions.



8 Serial Ports

The serial port on the Telit GE865-QUAD is the core of the interface between the module and OEM hardware.

2 serial ports are available on the module:

- MODEM SERIAL PORT 1 (MAIN)
- MODEM SERIAL PORT 2 (AUX)

8.1 MODEM SERIAL PORT

Several configurations can be designed for the serial port on the OEM hardware, but the most common are:

- RS232 PC com port
- microcontroller UART @ 2.8V - 3V (Universal Asynchronous Receive Transmit)
- microcontroller UART @ 5V or other voltages different from 2.8V

Depending from the type of serial port on the OEM hardware a level translator circuit may be needed to make the system work. The only configuration that doesn't need a level translation is the 2.8V UART.

The serial port on the GE865 is a +2.8V UART with all the 7 RS232 signals. It differs from the PC-RS232 in the signal polarity (RS232 is reversed) and levels. The levels for the GE865 UART are the CMOS levels:

Absolute Maximum Ratings -Not Functional

| Parameter | Min | Max |
|--|-------|-------|
| Input level on any digital pad when on | -0.3V | +3.1V |
| Input voltage on analog pads when on | -0.3V | +3.1V |

Operating Range - Interface levels (2.8V CMOS)

| Level | Min | Max |
|----------------------------|------|-------|
| Input high level V_{IH} | 2.1V | 3.0 V |
| Input low level V_{IL} | 0V | 0.5V |
| Output high level V_{OH} | 2.2V | 3.0V |
| Output low level V_{OL} | 0V | 0.35V |



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The signals of the GE865 serial port are:

| RS232 Pin Number | Signal | GE865-QUAD Pad Number | Name | Usage |
|------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | DCD - dcd_uart | B5 | Data Carrier Detect | Output from the GE865 that indicates the carrier presence |
| 2 | RXD - tx_uart | A4 | Transmit line *see Note | Output transmit line of GE865 UART |
| 3 | TXD - rx_uart | A3 | Receive line *see Note | Input receive of the GE865 UART |
| 4 | DTR - dtr_uart | B3 | Data Terminal Ready | Input to the GE865 that controls the DTE READY condition |
| 5 | GND | C2, C7, E5, E7, G1, G3, G4, G5, H3, H6 | Ground | ground |
| 6 | DSR - dsr_uart | B2 | Data Set Ready | Output from the GE865 that indicates the module is ready |
| 7 | RTS -rts_uart | A1 | Request to Send | Input to the GE865 that controls the Hardware flow control |
| 8 | CTS - cts_uart | A2 | Clear to Send | Output from the GE865 that controls the Hardware flow control |
| 9 | RI - ri_uart | B4 | Ring Indicator | Output from the GE865 that indicates the incoming call condition |

NOTE: According to V.24, RX/TX signal names are referred to the application side, therefore on the GE865 side these signal are on the opposite direction: TXD on the application side will be connected to the receive line (here named TXD/ rx_uart) of the GE865 serial port and viceversa for RX.

TIP: For a minimum implementation, only the TXD and RXD lines can be connected, the other lines can be left open provided a software flow control is implemented.



8.2 RS232 level translation

In order to interface the Telit GE865 with a PC com port or a RS232 (EIA/TIA-232) application a level translator is required. This level translator must:

- invert the electrical signal in both directions;
- change the level from 0/2.8V to +15/-15V .

Actually, the RS232 UART 16450, 16550, 16650 & 16750 chipsets accept signals with lower levels on the RS232 side (EIA/TIA-562), allowing a lower voltage-multiplying ratio on the level translator. Note that the negative signal voltage must be less than 0V and hence some sort of level translation is always required.

The simplest way to translate the levels and invert the signal is by using a single chip level translator. There are a multitude of them, differing in the number of drivers and receivers and in the levels (be sure to get a true RS232 level translator not a RS485 or other standards).

By convention the driver is the level translator from the 0-2.8V UART to the RS232 level. The receiver is the translator from the RS232 level to 0-2.8V UART.

In order to translate the whole set of control lines of the UART you will need:

- 5 drivers
- 3 receivers

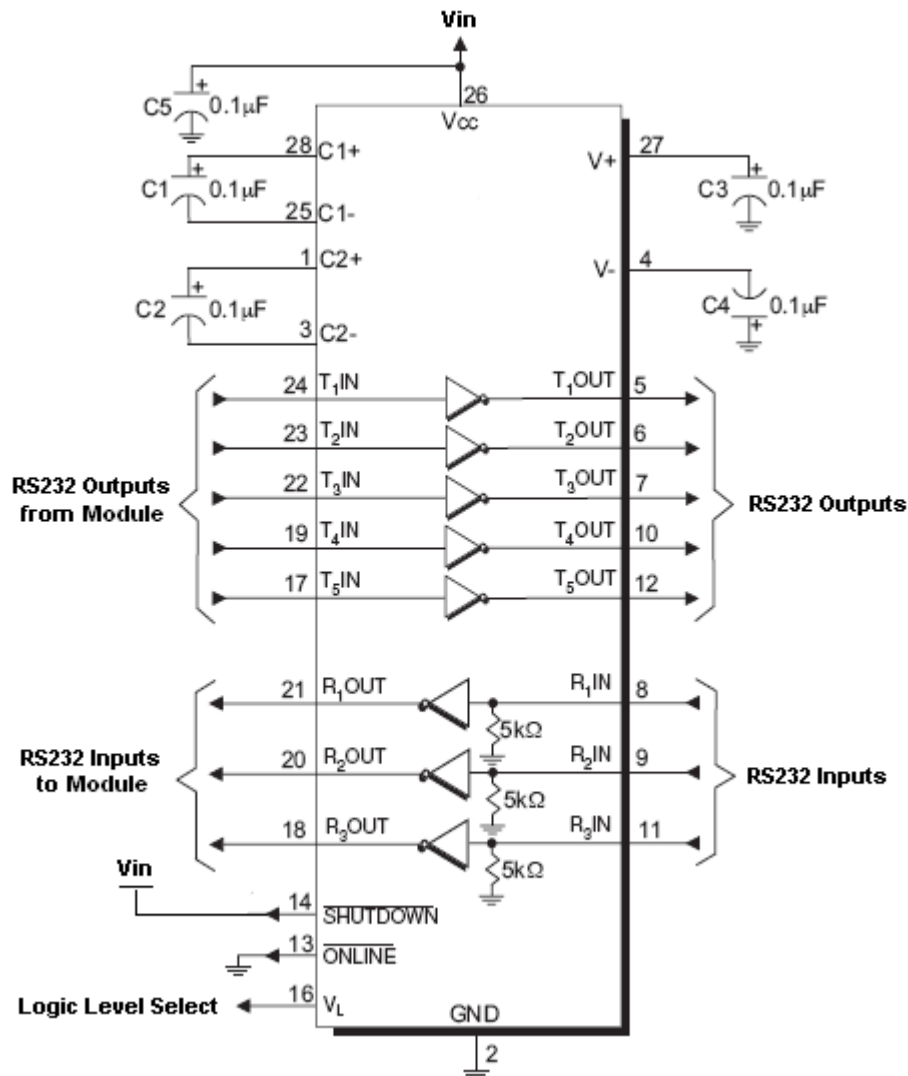


The digital input lines working at 2.8V CMOS have an absolute maximum input voltage of 3.0V; therefore the level translator IC shall not be powered by the +3.8V supply of the module. Instead, it must be powered from a +2.7V / +2.9V (dedicated) power supply.

This is because in this way the level translator IC outputs on the module side (i.e. GE865 inputs) will work at +3.8V interface levels, damaging the module inputs.



An example of level translation circuitry of this kind is:



The example is done with a SIPEX SP3282EB RS232 Transceiver that could accept supply voltages lower than 3V DC.



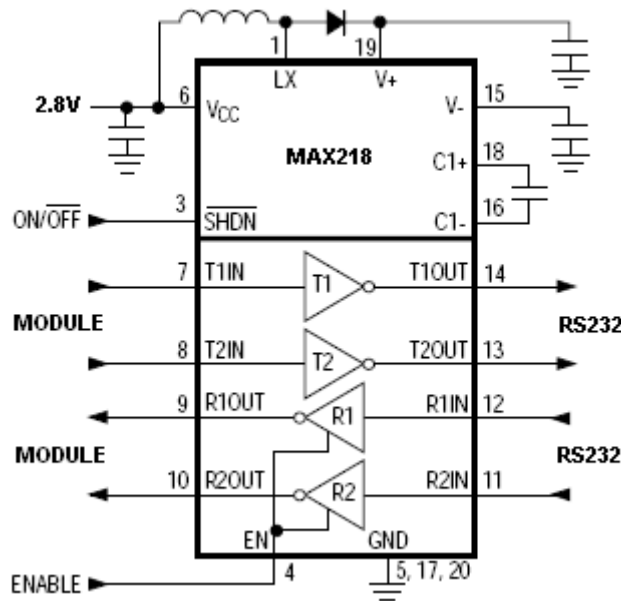
In this case V_{in} has to be set with a value compatible with the logic levels of the module. (Max 2.9V DC). In this configuration the SP3282EB will adhere to EIA/TIA-562 voltage levels instead of RS232 (-5 ~ +5V)



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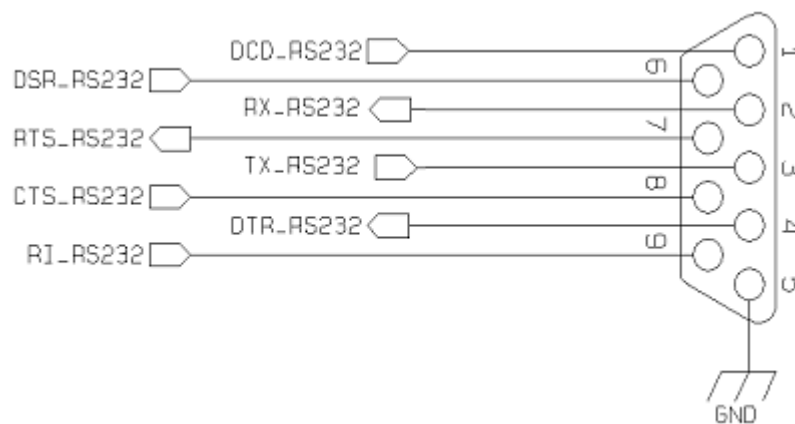
Second solution could be done using a MAXIM transceiver (MAX218) In this case the compliance with RS232 (+-5V) is possible.



Another level adapting method could be done using a standard RS232 Transceiver (MAX3237EAI) adding some resistors to adapt the levels on the GE865 Input lines.

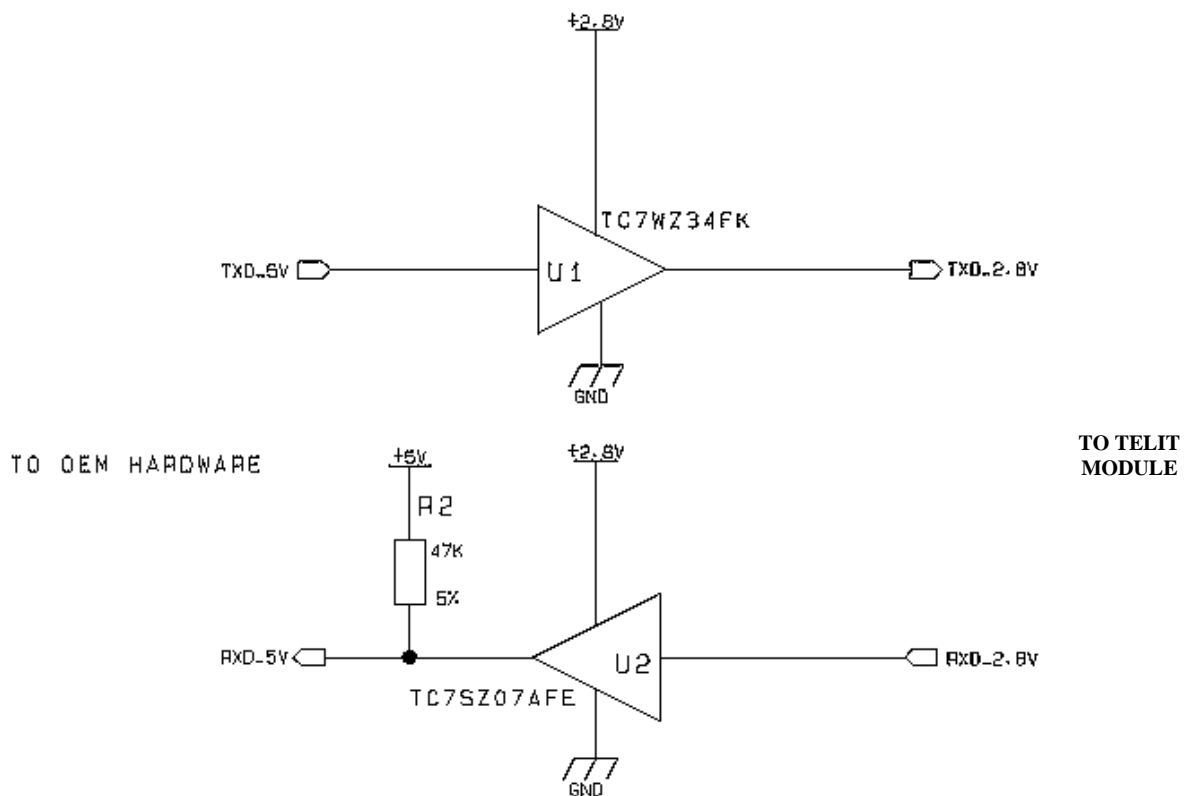
NOTE: In this case has to be taken in account the length of the lines on the application to avoid problems in case of High-speed rates on RS232.

The RS232 serial port lines are usually connected to a DB9 connector with the following layout:



8.3 5V UART level translation

If the OEM application uses a microcontroller with a serial port (UART) that works at a voltage different from 2.8 - 3V, then a circuitry has to be provided to adapt the different levels of the two set of signals. As for the RS232 translation there are a multitude of single chip translators. For example a possible translator circuit for a 5V TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER can be:



TIP: Note that the TC7SZ07AE has open drain output, therefore the resistor R2 is mandatory.



11 General Purpose I/O

The general purpose I/O pads can be configured to act in three different ways:

- input
- output
- alternate function (internally controlled)

Input pads can only be read and report the digital value (high or low) present on the pad at the read time; output pads can only be written or queried and set the value of the pad output; an alternate function pad is internally controlled by the GE865 firmware and acts depending on the function implemented. For Logic levels please refer to chapter 7.

The following GPIO are available on the GE865-QUAD:

| Signal | I/O | Function | Type | Input / output current | Default State | ON_OFF state | State during Reset | Note |
|---------|-----|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| GPIO_01 | I/O | GPIO01 Configurable GPIO | CMOS 2.8V | 1uA/1mA | INPUT | 0 | 0 | |
| GPIO_02 | I/O | GPIO02 Configurable GPIO | CMOS 2.8V | 1uA/1mA | INPUT | 0 | 0 | Alternate function (JDR) |
| GPIO_03 | I/O | GPIO03 Configurable GPIO | CMOS 2.8V | 1uA/1mA | INPUT | 0 | 0 | |
| GPIO_04 | I/O | GPIO04 Configurable GPIO | CMOS 2.8V | 1uA/1mA | INPUT | 0 | 0 | Alternate function (RF Transmission Control) |
| GPIO_05 | I/O | GPIO05 Configurable GPIO | CMOS 2.8V | 1uA/1mA | INPUT | 0 | 0 | Alternate function (RFTXMON) |
| GPIO_06 | I/O | GPIO06 Configurable GPIO | CMOS 2.8V | 1uA/1mA | INPUT | 0 | 0 | Alternate function (ALARM) |
| GPIO_07 | I/O | GPIO07 Configurable GPIO | CMOS 2.8V | 1uA/1mA | INPUT | 0 | 0 | Alternate function (BUZZER) |
| GPIO_08 | I/O | GPIO08 Configurable GPIO | CMOS 2.8V | 1uA/1mA | INPUT | 0 | 0 | |
| GPIO_09 | I/O | GPIO09 Configurable GPIO | CMOS 2.8V | | 1 | 1 | 1 | Open Drain |
| GPIO_10 | I/O | GPIO10 Configurable GPIO | CMOS 2.8V | | 1 | 1 | 1 | Open Drain |

Not all GPIO pads support all these three modes:

- GPIO2 supports all three modes and can be input, output, Jamming Detect Output (Alternate function)
- GPIO4 supports all three modes and can be input, output, RF Transmission Control (Alternate function)
- GPIO5 supports all three modes and can be input, output, RFTX monitor output (Alternate function)
- GPIO6 supports all three modes and can be input, output, alarm output (Alternate function)
- GPIO7 supports all three modes and can be input, output, buzzer output (Alternate function)



11.2 Using a GPIO Pad as INPUT

The GPIO pads, when used as inputs, can be connected to a digital output of another device and report its status, provided this device has interface levels compatible with the 2.8V CMOS levels of the GPIO.

If the digital output of the device to be connected with the GPIO input pad has interface levels different from the 2.8V CMOS, then it can be buffered with an open collector transistor with a 47K pull up to 2.8V.

11.3 Using a GPIO Pad as OUTPUT

The GPIO pads, when used as outputs, can drive 2.8V CMOS digital devices or compatible hardware. When set as outputs, the pads have a push-pull output and therefore the pull-up resistor may be omitted.

11.4 Using the RF Transmission Control GPIO4

The GPIO4 pin, when configured as RF Transmission Control Input, permits to disable the Transmitter when the GPIO is set to Low by the application.

In the design is necessary to add a pull up resistor (47K to PWRMON);

11.5 Using the RFTXMON Output GPIO5

The GPIO5 pin, when configured as RFTXMON Output, is controlled by the GE865 module and will rise when the transmitter is active and fall after the transmitter activity is completed.

For example, if a call is started, the line will be HIGH during all the conversation and it will be again LOW after hanged up.

The line rises up 300ms before first TX burst and will became again LOW from 500ms to 1sec after last TX burst.



11.6 Using the Alarm Output GPIO6

The GPIO6 pad, when configured as Alarm Output, is controlled by the GE865 module and will rise when the alarm starts and fall after the issue of a dedicated AT command.

This output can be used to power up the GE865 controlling microcontroller or application at the alarm time, giving you the possibility to program a timely system wake-up to achieve some periodic actions and completely turn off either the application and the GE865 during sleep periods, dramatically reducing the sleep consumption to few μA .

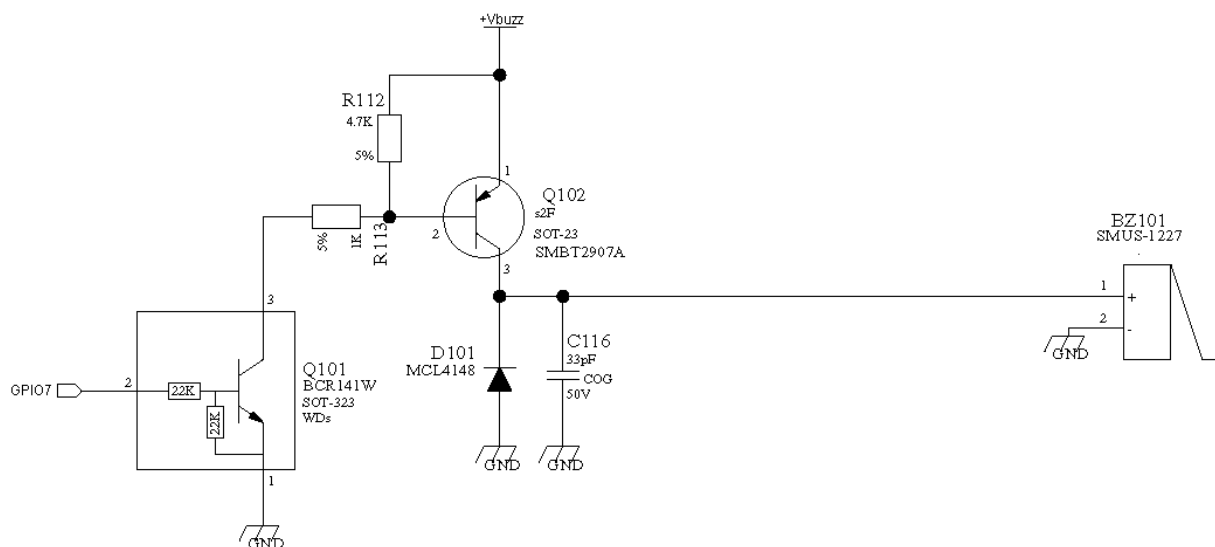
In battery-powered devices this feature will greatly improve the autonomy of the device.

11.7 Using the Buzzer Output GPIO7

The GPIO7 pad, when configured as Buzzer Output, is controlled by the GE865 module and will drive with appropriate square waves a Buzzer driver.

This permits to your application to easily implement Buzzer feature with ringing tones or melody played at the call incoming, tone playing on SMS incoming or simply playing a tone or melody when needed by your application.

A sample interface scheme is included below to give you an idea of how to interface a Buzzer to the GPIO7:



NOTE: To correctly drive a buzzer a driver must be provided, its characteristics depend on the Buzzer and for them refer to your buzzer vendor.



12.1.2 Enabling DAC

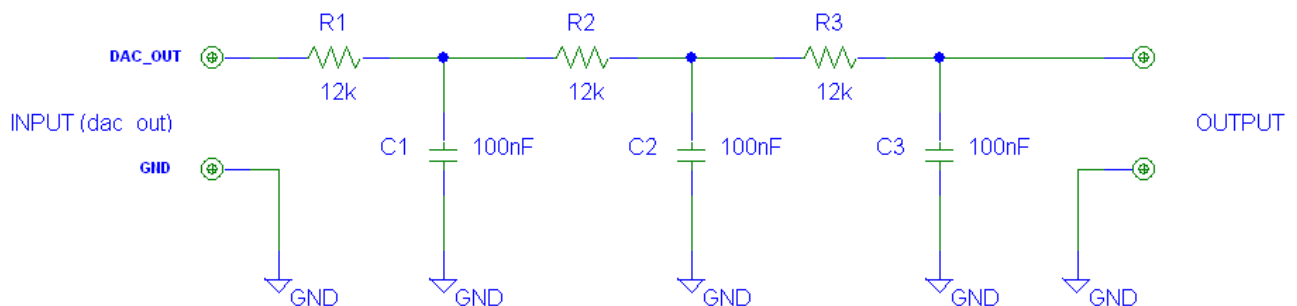
An AT command is available to use the DAC function.
The command is **AT#DAC[=<enable>[,<value>]]**

<value> - scale factor of the integrated output voltage (0..1023 - 10 bit precision)
it must be present if **<enable>=1**

Refer to SW User Guide or AT Commands Reference Guide for the full description of this function.

 **NOTE: The DAC frequency is selected internally. D/A converter must not be used during POWERSAVING.**

12.1.3 Low Pass Filter Example



12.3.4 Debug of the GE865 in production

To test and debug the mounting of the GE865, we strongly recommend to foreseen test pads on the host PCB, in order to check the connection between the GE865 itself and the application and to test the performance of the module connecting it with an external computer. Depending by the customer application, these pads include, but are not limited to the following signals:

- TXD
- RXD
- ON/OFF
- RESET
- GND
- VBATT
- TX_AUX
- RX_AUX
- PWRMON
- SERVICE

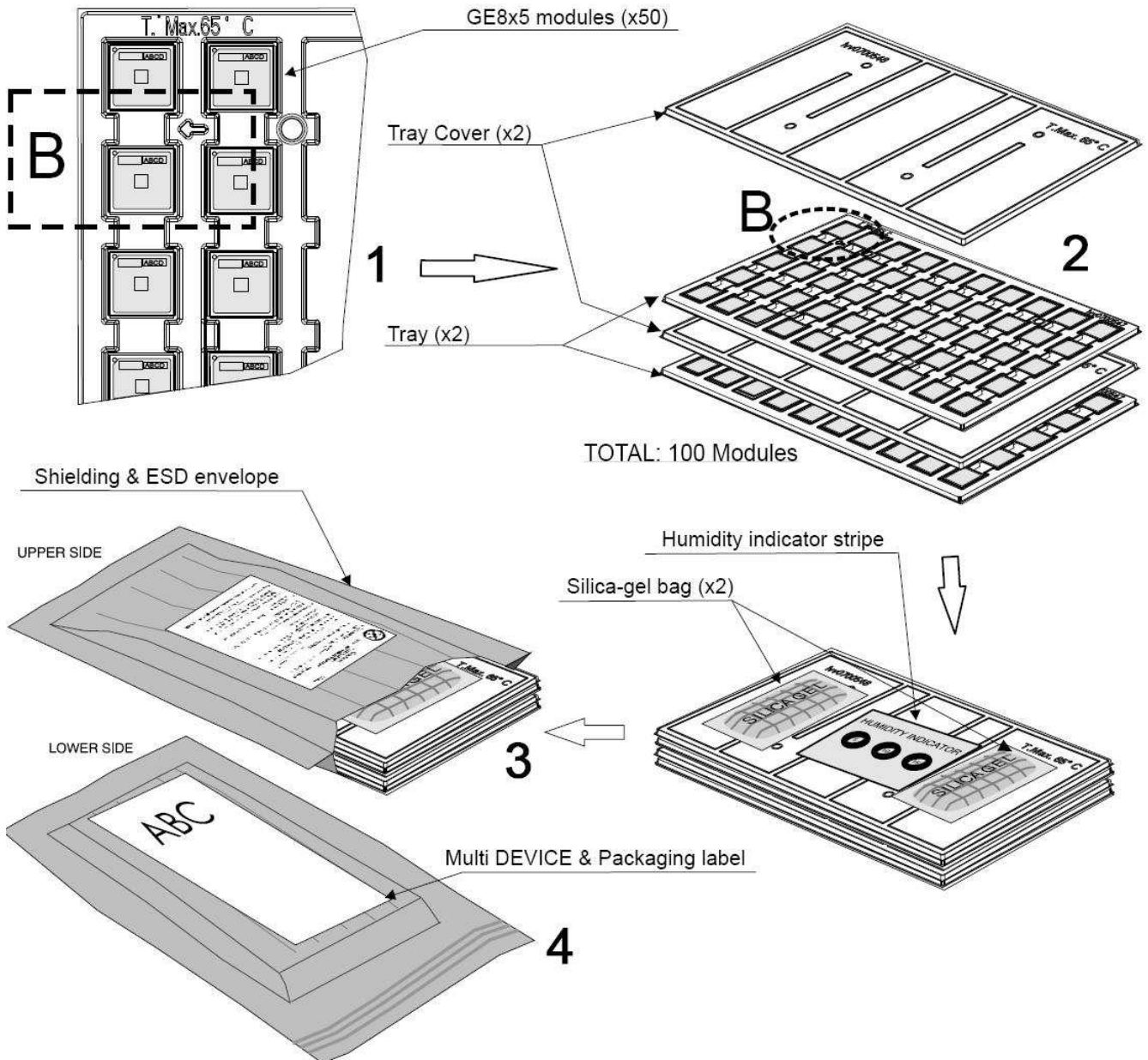
12.3.5 Stencil

Stencil's apertures layout can be the same of the recommended footprint (1:1), we suggest a thickness of stencil foil $\geq 120\mu\text{m}$.



12.4 Packing system

The **Telit GE865 modules** are packaged on trays of **50** pieces each. This is especially suitable for the GE865 according to SMT processes for pick & place movement requirements.



NOTE: These trays can withstand at the maximum temperature of 65°C .



14 SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

READ CAREFULLY

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

- Where it can interfere with other electronic devices in environments such as hospitals, airports, aircrafts, etc
- Where there is risk of explosion such as gasoline stations, oil refineries, etc

It is responsibility of the user to enforce the country regulation and the specific environment regulation.

Do not disassemble the product; any mark of tampering will compromise the warranty validity.

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

The product has to be handled with care, avoiding any contact with the pins because electrostatic discharges may damage the product itself. Same cautions have to be taken for the SIM, checking carefully the instruction for its use. Do not insert or remove the SIM when the product is in power saving mode.

The system integrator is responsible of the functioning of the final product; therefore, care has to be taken to the external components of the module, as well as of any project or installation issue, because the risk of disturbing the GSM network or external devices or having impact on the security. Should there be any doubt, please refer to the technical documentation and the regulations in force.

Every module has to be equipped with a proper antenna with specific characteristics. The antenna has to be installed with care in order to avoid any interference with other electronic devices and has to guarantee a minimum distance from the body (20 cm). In case of this requirement cannot be satisfied, the system integrator has to assess the final product against the SAR regulation.

The European Community provides some Directives for the electronic equipments introduced on the market. All the relevant information's are available on the European Community website:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/rtte/dir99-5.htm>

The text of the Directive 99/05 regarding telecommunication equipments is available, while the applicable Directives (Low Voltage and EMC) are available at:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/electr_equipment/index_en.htm



