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WIFI 6E FLEX CABLED SIDE-FED BALANCED ANTENNA

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WIFI 6E FLEX CABLED SIDE-FED BALANCED ANTENNA

1.0 SCOPE

This Product Specification covers the mechanical, electrical and environmental performances specification for WIFI 6E flex cabled side-fed balanced antenna.

2.0 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

2.1 PRODUCT NAME AND SERIES NUMBER (S)

Product name: WIFI 6E flex cabled side-fed balanced antenna Series Number: 204281

2.2 DESCRIPTION

Series 204281 is a balanced, dipole-type, high efficiency antenna for 2.4/5/6 GHz applications, including Wi-Fi 6E, Bluetooth, Zigbee and others. This antenna is made from poly flexible material with small size 35*11*0.1mm and has double-sided adhesive tape for easy "peel and stick" mounting. This balanced antenna with ground plane independent design offers various cable length options for ease of integration into various devices.

2.3 FEATURES

- Ground plane independent, balanced dual band antenna
- Flex size 35 x 11 x 0.1mm (not contain solder area)
- I-PEX MHF (U.FL compatible) connector (Such as MHF1/MHF4)
- Cable OD1.13mm, 6 standard length options (50/100/150/200/250/300mm)
- Cable and connector can be customized
- RoHS Compliant

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3.0 GENERAL SPECIFICATION

Product name	WIFI 6E flex cabled side-fed balanced antenna.			
Part number		204281		
Frequency	2.4GHz-2.5GHz 5.15GHz-5.85GHz 5.925G 7.125G		Hz 5.925GHz- 7.125GHz	
Polarization	Linear			
Operating with matching		-40°C to 85°C		
Storage with matching		-40°C to 85°C		
RF Power		2 Watts		
Impedance with matching		50 Ohms		
Antenna type		Dipole (Flex)		
Connector type	204281 <mark>0XXX</mark>		204281 1XXX	
	Compatible MHF-1 Compatible MH		Compatible MHF-4	
User Implementation type	Adhesive 3M9077			
Cable diameter	Ø1.13mm			
	50 mm (P/N for 2042810050/2042811050)			
	100 mm (P/N for 2042810100/2042811100)			
	150 mm (P/N for 2042810150/2042811150)			
Cable length	200 mm (P/N for 2042810200/2042811200)			
	250 mm (P/N for 2042810250/2042811250)			
	300 mm (P/N for 2042810300/2042811300)			

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5.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

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Sale Drawing (SD)	SD-2042811050		
Application Guide (AS)	AS-2042810100	Antenna Application and surrounding	
Packing Drawing (PK)	PK-2042810100	Product packaging specifications	

6.0 ANTENNA SPECIFICATION

All measurements are done of the antenna mounted on a PC/ABS material block of 1.5 mm thickness with VNA Agilent E5071C and Over-The-Air (OTA) chamber. All measurements in this document are done with the part no.2042810100 for different cable length.

6.1 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENT

6.1.1 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CABLE LENGHTH 50mm				
P/N	2042810050			
Frequency Range	2.4GHz-2.5GHz	5.15GHz-5.85GHz	5.925-7.125GHz	
Peak Gain (Max)	2.2dBi	3.5dBi	4.8dBi	
Average Total efficiency	>68%	>70%	>54%	
Return Loss	< -10 dB	< -10 dB	< -5 dB	

6.1.2 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CABLE LENGHTH 100mm						
P/N	2042810100					
Frequency Range	2.4GHz-2.5GHz 5.15GHz-5.85GHz 5.925-7.125GHz					
Peak Gain (Max)	2.0dBi	3.3dBi	4.5dBi			
Average Total efficiency	>65% >68% >50%					
Return Loss	< -10 dB	< -10 dB < -10 dB < -5 dB				

6.1.3 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CABLE LENGHTH 150mm					
P/N	2042810150				
Frequency Range	2.4GHz-2.5GHz 5.15GHz-5.85GHz 5.925-7.125GHz				
Peak Gain (Max)	1.8dBi	3.0dBi	4.2dBi		
Average Total efficiency	>62% >65% >46%				
Return Loss	< -10 dB	< -10 dB < -10 dB < -5 dB			

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6.1.4 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CABLE LENGHTH 200mm				
P/N	2042810200			
Frequency Range	2.4GHz-2.5GHz	5.15GHz-5.85GHz	5.925-7.125GHz	
Peak Gain (Max)	1.6dBi	2.8dBi	3.8dBi	
Average Total efficiency	>59%	>60%	>43%	
Return Loss	< -10 dB	< -10 dB	< -5 dB	

6.1.5 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CABLE LENGHTH 250mm				
P/N	2042810250			
Frequency Range	2.4GHz-2.5GHz	5.15GHz-5.85GHz	5.925-7.125GHz	
Peak Gain (Max)	1.5dBi	2.6dBi	3.5dBi	
Average Total efficiency	>56% >55% >40%			
Return Loss	< -10 dB	< -10 dB	< -5 dB	

6.1.6 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CABLE LENGHTH 300mm					
P/N	2042810300				
Frequency Range	2.4GHz-2.5GHz 5.15GHz-5.85GHz 5.925-7.125GHz				
Peak Gain (Max)	1.3dBi	2.3dBi	3.2dBi		
Average Total efficiency	>53% >50% >37%				
Return Loss	< -10 dB	< -10 dB	< -5 dB		

Note that the above antenna performance is measured with just the antenna mounted on a PC/ABS block to similar a free-space condition. When implement into the system, the frequency resonant might be off-tune due to the loading of surrounding components especially metal plane. This off-tune can be compensated through matching. Although module manufacturers specify a peak gain limit, it is based on free-space conditions. The peak gain will be degraded by 1 to 2dBi in the actual implementation as the radiation pattern will change due to the surround components. As such, during selection of antenna, you can select one with high peak gain to compensate for the loss. Molex can offer assistant to choose the best location and best tuning in-order to meet this peak gain requirement.

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6.2 CABLE LOSS

DESCRIPTION	TEST CONDITION	I	REQUIREMENTS	
Frequency Range	2 GHz~7.125GHz	2.0GHz~3.0GHz	5GHz~6GHz	6GHz~7.125G Hz
Attenuation	1m cable measured by VNA5071C	≤3.5dB/m	≤5.5dB/m	≤6.5dB/m

Balance antenna resonance is insensitive to cable's length, but the cable's loss will affect the total efficiency.

7.0 MECHANICAL SPECIFICATION

All measurements in this document are done with the part no.2042810100 for different cable length.

DESCRIPTION	TEST CONDITION	TEST RESULT
Pull Test	 Test machine: Max intelligent load tester Stick the flex antenna on a plastic board, pull cable in axial direction. 	Pull force >8N
Un-mating force (connector)	Solder the receptacle connector to the test board ,then place the board and plug on push-on/pull-off machine, and repeat mating and un-mating 30 cycles at a speed 25±3mm/min. along the mating axis.	Un-mating force : 0.5 kgf min

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8.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATION

DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION
	1.The device under test is kept for 30 mins in an environment with a temperature of -40 $^{\circ}$ C.
	2. Kept for 4 Hours in an environment with a temperature of 85 ℃.
-	3. Kept for 2 Hours in an environment with a temperature of 125 $^\circ\!\mathbb{C}.$
I emperature /Humidity cycling	4. The cycle is repeated until a total of 40 cycles have been completed. Hereafter the conditions are stabilized at room temperature. Transfer temperature 8°C per min.
	5. Parts should meet RF spec before and after test.
	6. No cosmetic problem (No soldering problem; No adhesion problem of glue.)
Temperature Shock	 1. The device under test at -40 °C-125 °C by 100 cycles, Dwell of 30 mins, transition time between Dwell 30 secs (~ 61 mins / cycle) and each item should be measured after exposing them in normal temperature and humidity for 24 h. 2. Parts should meet RF spec before and after test.
	3. No cosmetic problem (No soldering problem; No adhesion problem of glue).
	1.Temperature:125°C, time:1008 hours
High Temperature	2. There is no substantial obstruction to air flow across and around the samples, and the samples are not touching each other
	3. Parts should meet RF spec before and after test.
	4. No cosmetic problem (No soldering problem; No adhesion problem of glue).
Salt mist test	1. The device under test is exposed to a spray of a 5% (by volume) resolution of NACL in water for 2 hours. Thereafter the device under test is left for 1 week in room temperature at a relative humidity of 95%. The cycle is repeated until a total of 2 cycles have been completed. Here after the conditions are stabilized at room temperature.
	2. Parts should meet RF spec before and after test.
	3. No visible corrosion. Discoloration accept.

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9.0 PACKING





10.0 CHANGE HISTORY

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D	2020/06/30	Add 6-7.125GHz frequency range
E	2020/08/26	Version D is invalid, please refer to version E

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WIFI 6E FLEX CABLED SIDE-FED BALANCED ANTENNA

1.0 SCOPE

This specification describes the antenna application and surrounding. The information in this document is for reference and benchmark purposes only. The user is responsible for validating antenna rf performance based on the user's actual implementation.

Antenna illustrations in this document are generic representations. They are not intended to be an image of any antenna listed in the scope.

2.0 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

2.1 PRODUCT NAME AND SERIES NUMBER (S)

Product name: WiFi 6E Flex Cabled Side-fed Balanced Antenna

Series Number: 204281

2.2 DESCRIPTION

Series 204281 is a balanced, dipole-type, high efficiency antenna for 2.4/5/6 GHz applications, including Wi-Fi 6E, Bluetooth, Zigbee and others. This antenna is made from poly flexible material with small size 35*11*0.1mm and has double-sided adhesive tape for easy "peel and stick" mounting. This balanced antenna with ground plane independent design offers various cable length options for ease of integration into various devices.

2.3 PRODUCT STRUCTURE INFORMATION

Please refer to PS-2042810100 for full information.

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3.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

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Product Specification (PS)	PS-2042810100	Product Specification	
Packing Drawing (PK)	PK-2042810100	Product packaging specifications	

4.0 ANTENNA PERFORMANCE

4.1 RF TEST CONDITIONS

All measurements are done of the antenna mounted on a PC/ABS material block of 1.5mm thickness with VNA Agilent E5071C and Over-The-Air (OTA) chamber. All measurements in this document are done with the part no.2042810100 with a cable length of 100mm.



FIGURE4.1.1 ANTENNA LOADED WITH PC/ABS BLOCK OF 1.5 MM THICKNESS

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FIGURE4.1.2 ANTENNA LOADED WITH PC/ABS BLOCK OF 1.5 MM THICKNESS WITH VNA



FIGURE4.1.3 ANTENNA LOADED WITH PC/ABS BLOCK OF 1.5 MM THICKNESS WITH OTA CHAMBER

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4.2 ANTENNA PERFORMANCE

DESCRIPTION	EQUIPMENT	REQUIREMENT		
Frequency Range	VNA E5071C	2.4-2.5GHz	5.15-5.85GHz	5.925- 7.125GHz
Return Loss	VNA E5071C	< -10 dB	< -10 dB	< -5 dB
Peak Gain (Max)	OTA Chamber	2.0dBi	3.3dBi	4.5dBi
Average Total Efficiency	OTA Chamber	>65%	>68%	>50%
Polarization	OTA Chamber		Linear	
Input Impedance	VNA E5071C	50 ohms		

Note that the above antenna performance is measured with just the antenna mounted on a PC/ABS block to similar a free-space condition. When implement into the system, the frequency resonant might be off-tune due to the loading of surrounding components especially metal plane. This off-tune can be compensated through matching. Although module manufacturers specify a peak gain limit, it is based on free-space conditions. The peak gain will be degraded by 1 to 2dBi in the actual implementation as the radiation pattern will change due to the surround components. As such, during selection of antenna, you can select one with high peak gain to compensate for the loss. Molex can offer assistant to choose the best location and best tuning in-order to meet this peak gain requirement.

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4.3 RETURN LOSS PLOT

All measurements in this document are done with a cable length of 100mm.



FIGURE 4.3.1 RETURN LOSS OF ANTENNA AT 2.4GHZ BAND IN FREE SPACE







4.4 EFFICIENCY PLOT

All measurements in this document are done with a cable length of 100mm.



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FIGURE 4.4.2 EFFICIENCY OF ANTENNA AT 5GHZ BAND IN FREE SPACE



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4.5 RADIATION PATTERN

All measurements in this document are done with a cable length of 100mm.

































5.0 ASSEMBLY GUIDELINE

The flex antenna comes with an adhesive 3m9077 for assemble onto the plastic wall of the system. The surface should be smooth with ra<1.6um and need to clean the surface before sticking this product. The antenna cannot be placed on a metallic surface.

5.1 CABLE BENDING

During the assembly of the antenna in a device, the cable needs to be positioned away from the antenna flex to achieve best performance. The cable must be away from the Flex edge at least 5mm as shown in figure 5.2.1. If the cable bends into the antenna flex, the antenna performance will be degraded.





6.0 RF PERFORMANCE AS A FUNCTION OF IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 ANTENNA RF PERFORMANCE AS A FUNCTION OF DIFFERENT LOCATIONS WITH PARALLEL PLANE GROUND

Four locations with parallel plane ground have been evaluated and these locations are shown in figure 6.1.1. The plane ground size is 90mm*90mm and we move the plane ground to four locations for each test. The antenna performance is better with larger distance between antenna and parallel plane ground. The minimum distance between antenna and plane ground is recommended to be 15mm to achieve acceptable RF performance.



FIGURE 6.1.1 FOUR LOCATIONS WITH PARALLEL PLANE GROUND

Ground Size: 90mm*90mm;

Location 1: Distance between antenna and plane (GAP) ground is about 5mm; Location 2: Distance between antenna and plane (GAP) ground is about 10mm; Location 3: Distance between antenna and plane (GAP) ground is about 15mm; Location 4: Distance between antenna and plane (GAP) ground is about 20mm.

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FIGURE 6.1.2 RETURN LOSS OF ANTENNA AT 2.4GHZ BAND AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITH PARALLEL PLANE GROUND



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FIGURE 6.1.4 EFFICIENCY OF ANTENNA AT 2.4GHZ BAND AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITH PARALLEL PLANE GROUND



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FIGURE 6.2.2 RETURN LOSS OF ANTENNA AT 2.4GHZ BAND AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITH VERTICAL PLANE GROUND



FIGURE 6.2.3 RETURN LOSS OF ANTENNA AT 5GHZ BAND AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITH VERTICAL PLANE GROUND

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FIGURE 6.2.4 EFFICIENCY OF ANTENNA AT 2.4GHZ BAND AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITH VERTICAL PLANE GROUND



FIGURE 6.2.5 EFFICIENCY OF ANTENNA AT 5GHZ BAND AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITH VERTICAL PLANE GROUND

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6.3 ANTENNA RF PERFORMANCE AS A FUNCTION OF DIFFERENT DISTANCES WITH PARALLEL PLANE GROUND

Four locations with the parallel plane ground have been evaluated and these locations are shown in figure 6.3.1. The plane ground size is 90mm*90mm and we move the plane ground to four locations for each test. The antenna performance is better with larger distance between the antenna and the parallel plane ground. The minimum distance between the antenna and the plane ground is recommended to be 5mm to achieve acceptable RF performance.



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FIGURE 6.3.2 RETURN LOSS OF ANTENNA AT 2.4GHZ BAND AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITH PARALLEL PLANE GROUND



FIGURE 6.3.3 RETURN LOSS OF ANTENNA AT 5GHZ BAND AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITH PARALLEL PLANE GROUND

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FIGURE 6.3.4 EFFICIENCY OF ANTENNA AT 2.4GHZ BAND AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITH PARALLEL PLANE GROUND



FIGURE 6.3.5 EFFICIENCY OF ANTENNA AT 5GHZ BAND AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITH PARALLEL PLANE GROUND

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7.0 THE ANTENNA PERFORMANCE VARIATION WITH CABLE LENGTH

7.0.1 CABLE LOSS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TEST CONDITION	REQUIREMENT		
7.0.1.1	Frequency Range	2 GHz~7.125GHz	2GHz~3GHz	5GHz~6GHz	6-7.125GHz
7.0.1.2	Attenuation	1m cable measured by VNA5071C	≪3.5dB/m	≪5.5dB/m	≪6.5dB/m

7.0.2 CABLE LENGTH AFFECT THE ANTENNA PERFORMANCE

Balance antenna resonance is insensitive by cable length, but the cable loss will affect the total efficiency. Refer to 7.0.1

7.0.3 FOR EXAMPLE

Base on the 100mm cable performance, we can mostly compute the 300mm cable's.

	100mm	n cable		300mm cable	
Frequency (MHz)	Efficiency (dB)	Efficiency (%)	cable loss	Efficiency (dB)	Efficiency (%)
	Х		X-LOSS=Y	Y	
2400	-1.91	64.44	0.2m*3.5dB/m	-2.61	54.85
2420	-1.66	68.21		-2.36	58.06
2440	-1.55	69.92		-2.25	59.52
2460	-1.56	69.74		-2.26	59.36
2480	-1.79	66.18		-2.49	56.33
2500	-1.94	64.02		-2.64	54.49
5150	-1.72	67.25	0.2*5.5dB/m	-2.72	53.42
5200	-1.49	71.00		-2.49	56.40
5250	-1.46	71.40		-2.46	56.71
5300	-1.62	68.86		-2.62	54.69
5350	-1.56	69.89		-2.56	55.52
5400	-1.53	70.30		-2.53	55.84
5450	-1.53	70.32		-2.53	55.85
5500	-1.67	68.08		-2.67	54.08
5550	-1.51	70.63		-2.51	56.10
5600	-1.59	69.40		-2.59	55.13
5650	-1.76	66.66		-2.76	52.95
5700	-1.75	66.78		-2.75	53.04
5750	-1.76	66.67		-2.76	52.96
5800	-1.84	65.48		-2.84	52.01
5850	-2.13	61.21		-3.13	48.62
5925	-2.32	58.63		-3.42	45.51
5950	-2.10	61.68		-3.20	47.88

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	100mm cable			300mm cable	
Frequency (MHz)	Efficiency (dB)	Efficiency (%)	cable loss	Efficiency (dB)	Efficiency (%)
6000	-2.14	61.03	X-LOSS=Y	Y	
6100	-2.58	55.19	0.2*6.5dB/m	-3.44	45.24
6200	-2.51	56.15		-3.88	40.92
6300	-2.43	57.15		-3.81	41.62
6400	-2.64	54.40		-3.73	42.37
6500	-2.35	58.23		-3.94	40.33
6600	-2.81	52.41		-3.65	43.17
6700	-3.05	49.59		-4.11	38.85
6800	-3.46	45.06		-4.35	36.76
6900	-3.63	43.32		-4.76	33.40
7000	-3.32	46.55		-4.93	32.11
7100	-3.36	46.12		-4.62	34.51
7125	-3.33	46.47		-4.66	34.19

The data is just for your reference, all accurate performance should be according to the test results in the OTA chamber

8.0 CHANGE HISTORY

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REV	DATA	DESCRIPTION		
D	2020/06/30	Update file layout and add 6-7.125GHz band		
E	2020/08/26	Version D is invalid, please refer to version E		

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