

OnBoard GSM/NB-IoT - Antenna



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RoHS/RoHS II Compliant
MSL Level = 1

Features

- Support NB -IoT Bands:
- 791 ~ 960 MHz + 1710 ~ 2170 MHz
- Profile of 10 mm
- Mixed Linear Polarization
- Max Gain of 2.3 dBi
- Efficiency > 49%
- Surface Mount
- Durable-Shelf life of up to 10 years

Applications

- LPWA/NB-IoT/4G/LTE/3G/2G/GSM
 - IoT, M2M
 - Industrial
- Infrastructure IoT
- Consumer electronics
- Wireless modules
- Video and surveillance
- Broadband cellular connectivity
- Networking & Telecommunication

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Electrical Specification

Parameter	Specification		Unit
Operating Frequency	791 - 960	1710 - 2170	MHz
Return Loss	< -5.1	< -6.4	dB
Polarization	Mixed Linear		
Peak Gain	2.2	2.3	dBi
Efficiency	> 65	> 49	%
Impedance	50		Ω

Note: All measurements were conducted on the evaluation board in free space. Performance will vary depending on the ground plane, application, and environment.

Mechanical Specification

Parameter	Specification
Antenna Dimension	50.00 x 25.00 x 10.00 mm
Evaluation board Dimension	120 x 52 mm
Mounting Type	Surface Mount

Environmental Specification

Parameter	Specification
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature	
Maximum Temperature	400°C
RoHS Compliance	Yes Compliant with EU directive 2011/65/EU and 2015/863
Shelf life	10 years
MSL	Level 1, unlimited
Mechanical resistance	Immunity to vibrations IEC/EN 60068-2-6, Fc test Immunity to shock IEC/EN 60068-2-27, Ea test



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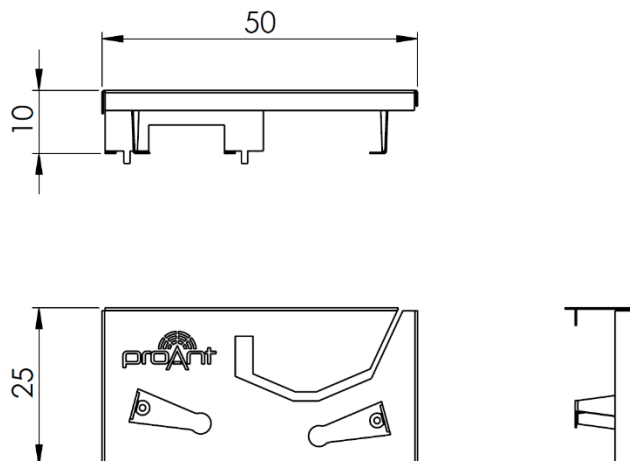


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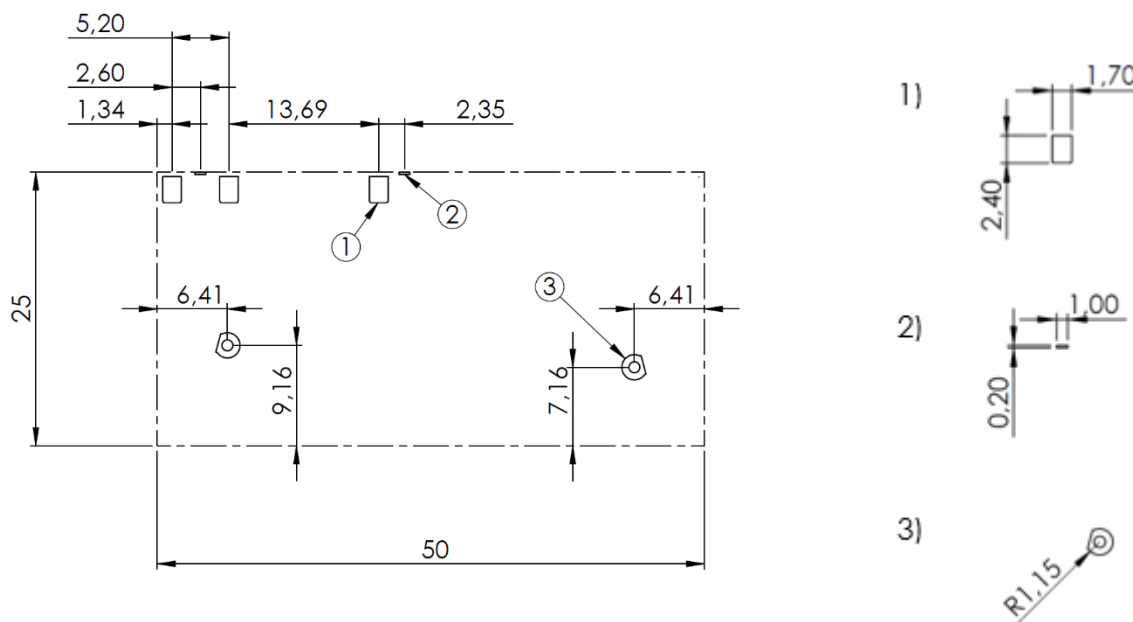
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Product Dimension

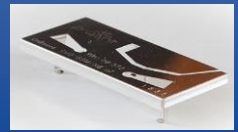


Unit : mm

Antenna pins and keep-out block



Unit : mm



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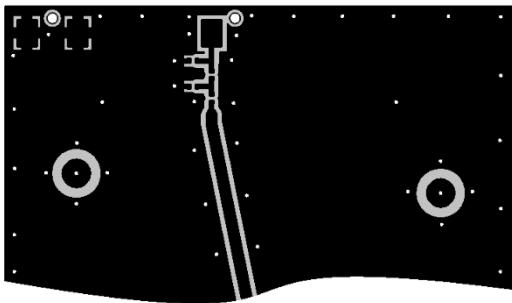
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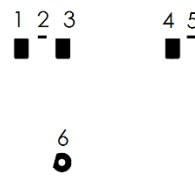
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PCB layout and antenna pin numbering

The antenna uses PIFA technology and should thus be mounted on a ground plane. If there are several layers in the PCB, there is an advantage to add vias for smooth interconnection of the ground areas to avoid splits in the ground plane. It is also important that there is a ground clearance around the NC pads and the RF feed pad, through all layers of the PCB. It is recommended to implement a matching network to optimize the antenna impedance in your application. The components can be positioned under the antenna. See recommendations in the figures below. All units in mm.

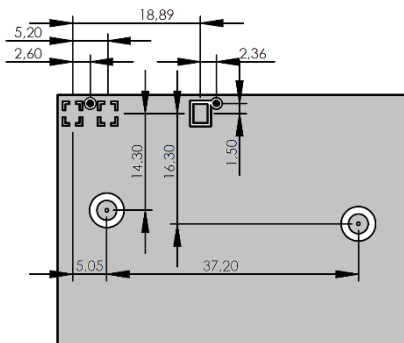


PCB Layout (from evaluation board)

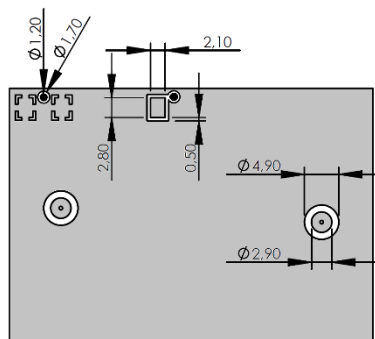


- 1. GND
- 2. TH pin (NC)
- 3. GND
- 4. Feed
- 5. TH pin (NC)
- 6. NC
- 7. NC

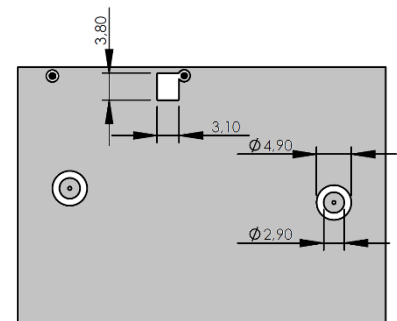
Pin configuration



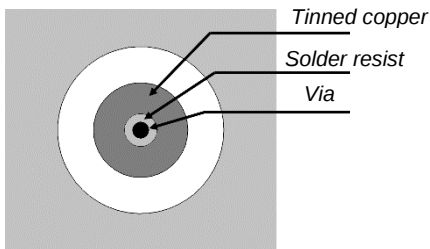
Distance between pads



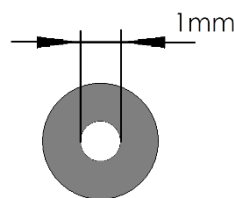
Pad dimensions (top layer). 1,3 and 4 are identical. 2 and 5 are identical. 6 and 7 are identical.



Bottom layer. Clearance through all layers. Pad 6 and 7 have identical layout as top layer and are connected by via



The sketch shows recommended design for pad 6 & 7 at top-layer.



Solder mask as an annular ring with inner diameter of 1 mm, the solder resist in center will prevent solder paste/tin to flow down the via.

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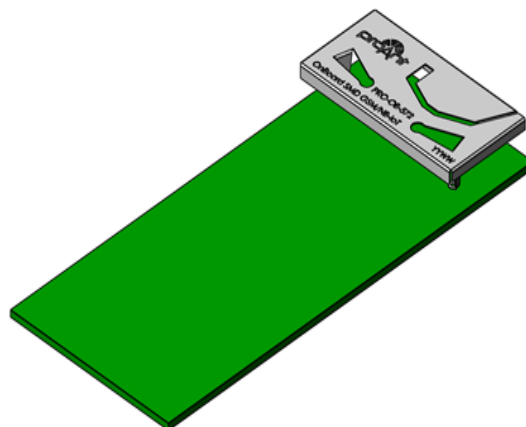
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Measurement Setup

The antenna measurements were all done in free space with the OnBoard SMD GSM/NB-IoT evaluation board (PRO-EB-575) that has a PCB size of 120 x 52 mm.



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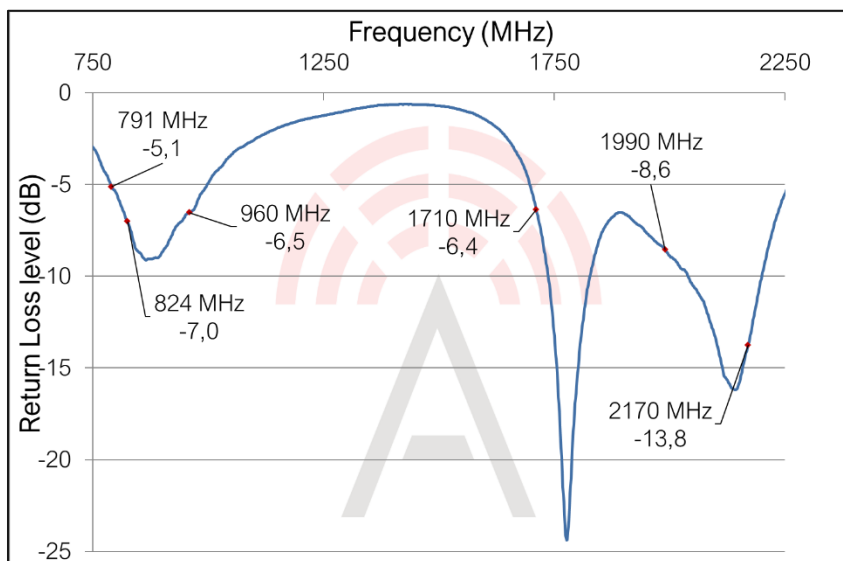


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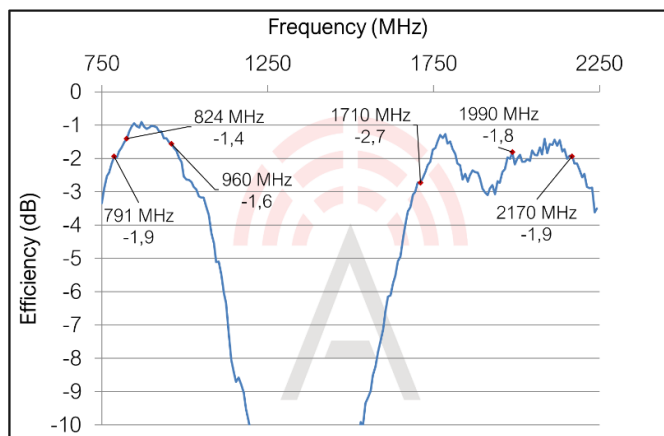


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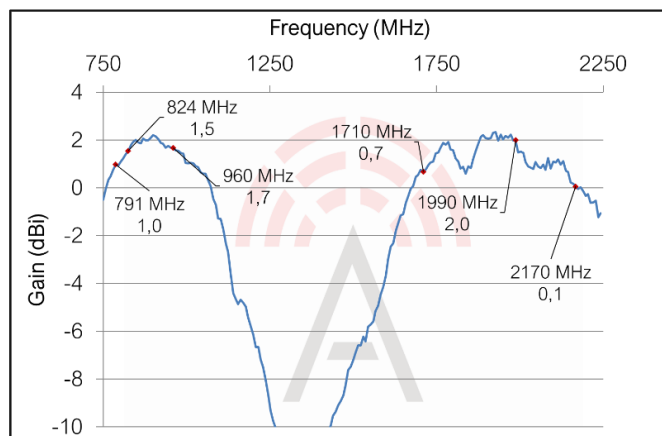
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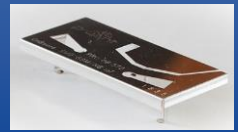
Total Radiation Efficiency



Maximum Radiation Gain



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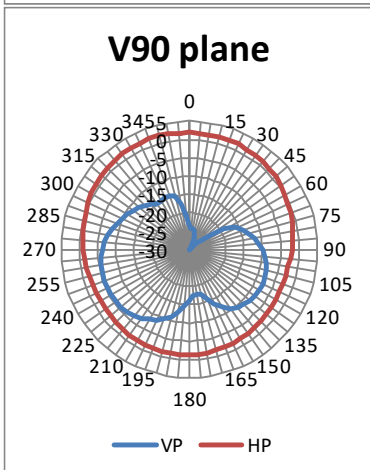
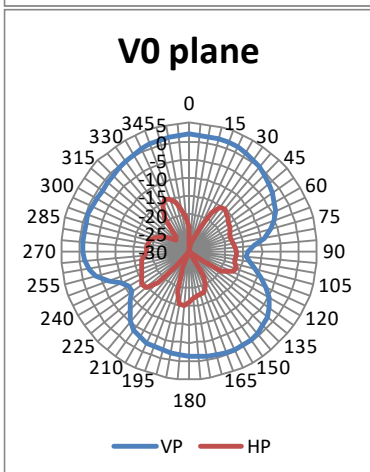
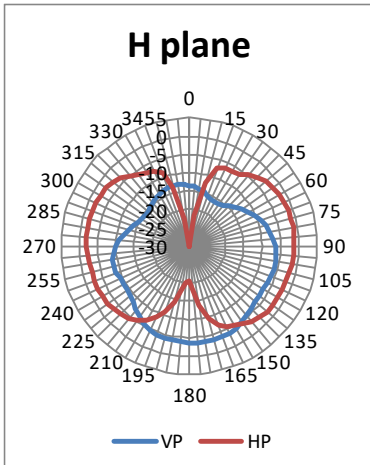


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Radiation Characteristics - 2D Pattern (890 MHz)



VP: Vertical Polarization
HP: Horizontal Polarization



Unit: dBi



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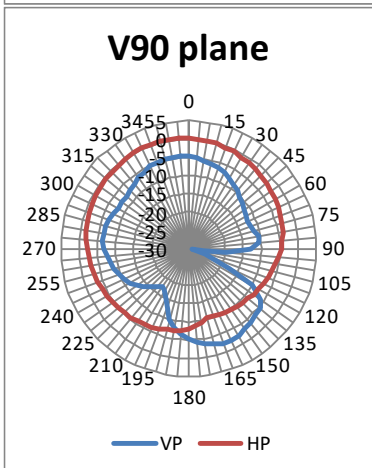
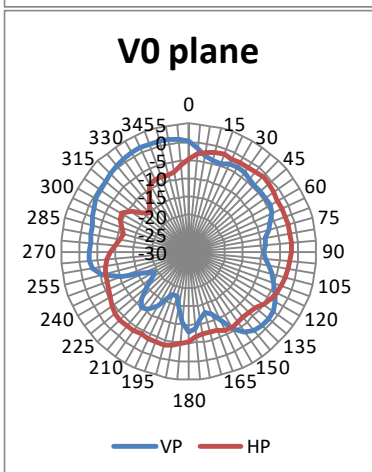
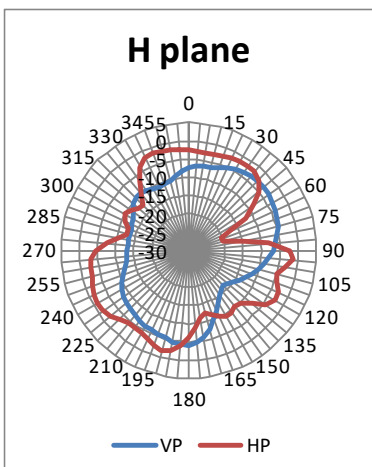


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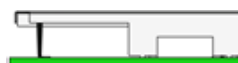


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Radiation Characteristics – 2D Pattern (1800 MHz)



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HP: Horizontal Polarization



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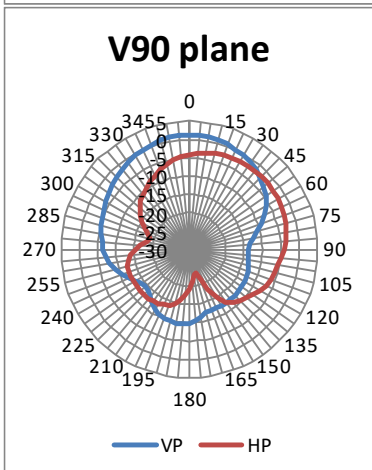
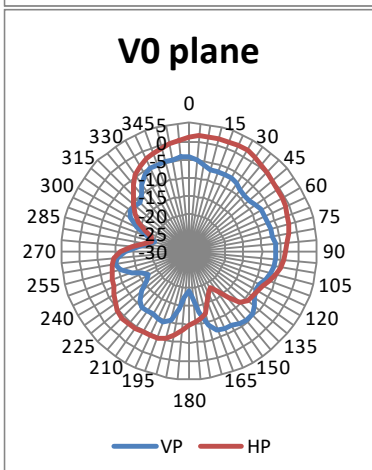
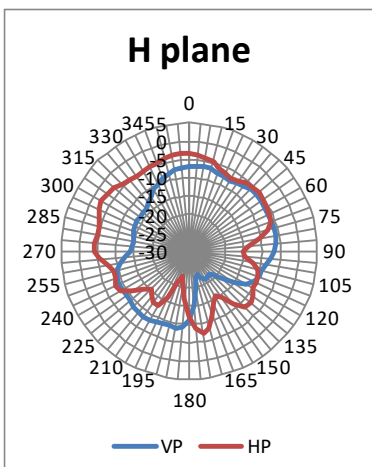


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Radiation Characteristics - 2D Pattern (1900 MHz)



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HP: Horizontal Polarization



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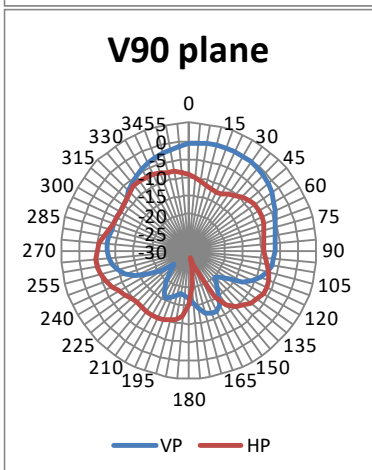
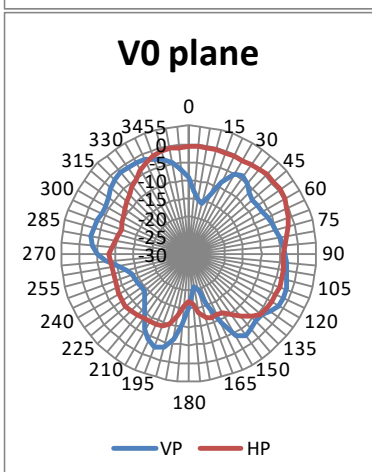
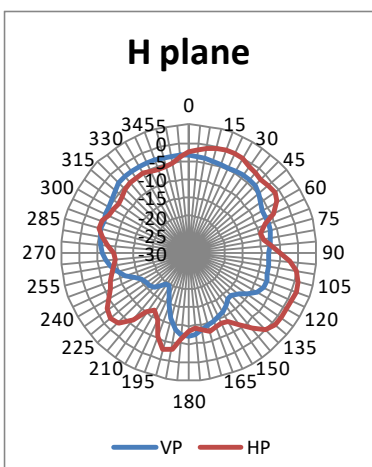


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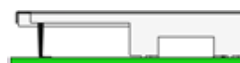


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Radiation Characteristics – 2D Pattern (2100 MHz)



VP: Vertical Polarization
HP: Horizontal Polarization



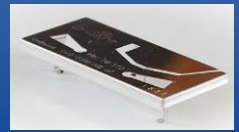
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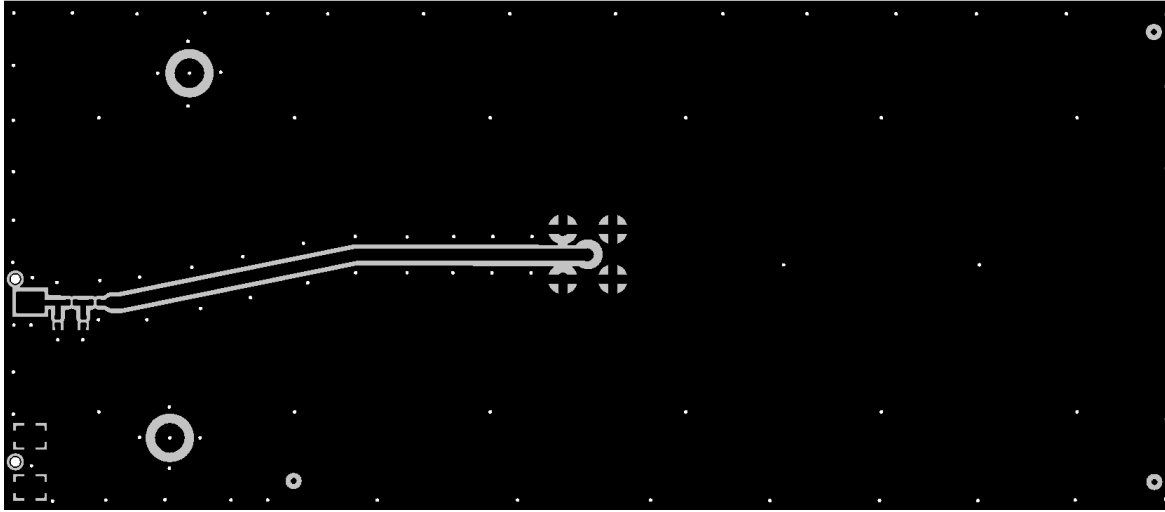
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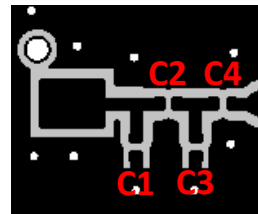
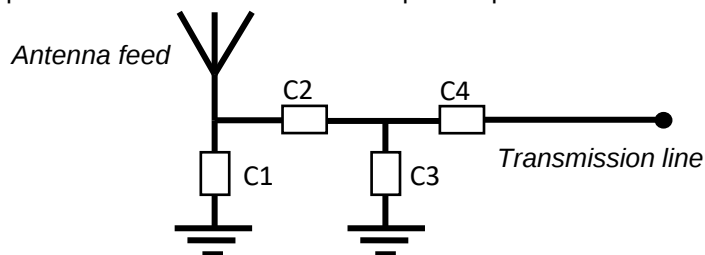
Evaluation Board Outline & Matching Circuit

The evaluation board (PRO-EB-575) is developed to simplify antenna testing and evaluation. It has an arbitrary size of 120 x 52 mm and includes an SMA connector. The purpose is to give a reference design for an optimal antenna implementation. The evaluation board can also be used to test other implementations by cutting and soldering the PCB into any device.



Evaluation board outline

The evaluation board has a matching circuit implemented next to the antenna. This is aimed to enable optimization possibilities for the user. The component positions are sized for 0402 (1005 metric) SMD components.



Matching circuit

The antenna needs a matching circuit to adjust the resonant frequency balance. When delivered, the evaluation board is tuned for optimum balance at the GSM/UMTS frequency bands using the following (can be replaced by equivalent):

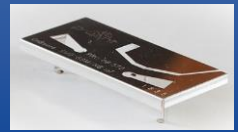
C1 = 0.9 pF (Murata GJM1555C1HR90WB01)

C3 = N/A

C2 = 6.8 pF (Murata GJM1555C1H6R8WB01)

C4 = 2.4 nH (Murata LQW15AN2N4B00)

However, it is common that the resonant frequency will shift during implementation in an arbitrary device. Therefore, this matching may be changed with other values/components/brands for compensation of such effects. This is further described in the General Implementation Guidelines section below.



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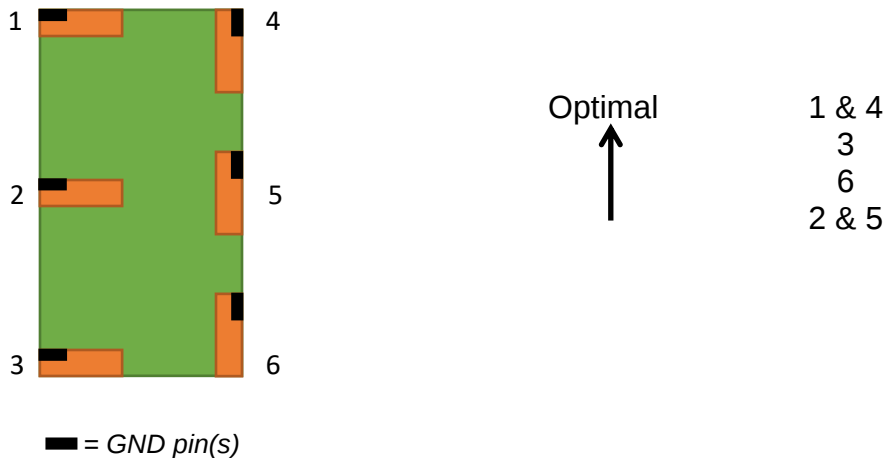
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General Implementation Guidelines

The antenna can be positioned in different ways, although there are some positions which are more beneficial. Below picture shows a typical PCB with examples on different antenna positions. The optimal position is option 1 or 4.



The antenna should be aligned with the PCB edge if possible, preferably with the GND pin(s) close to a corner.

The antenna enables that small electrical components are mounted inside the antenna keep-out block. This is a space-efficient solution which has very little influence on the performance. It may have an impact on the antenna tuning, but is fully possible if there is limited space on the PCB.

Another general aspect on surface mounted antennas is regarding the PCB population. If other electrical components are positioned in the surrounding area of the antenna, some impact on the antenna tuning and radiated performance may be expected. It is recommended that such components are distributed below a topographical slope that starts on PCB level at the antenna keep-out block, and slowly increases the height.

It shall also be highlighted that plastic and metal parts in the near proximity of antennas may influence the antenna tuning and/or performance. This aspect should be noted as a general guideline for all antennas. The effects are difficult to estimate without detailed information, but it is common that a plastic housing above the antenna shifts the resonant frequency down. It is recommended to measure the antenna in the actual device after implementation.

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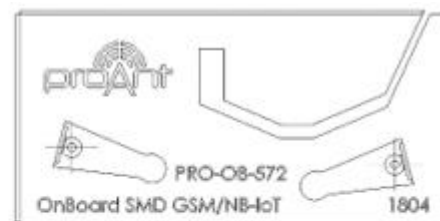
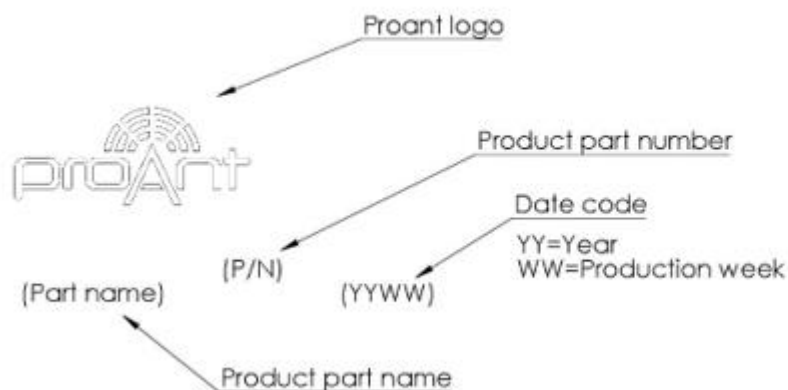
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Part Marking

The top marking of the antenna is arranged according to the following illustration.



Example top marking

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PRO-OB-572	OnBoard SMD GSM/NB-IoT	Antenna for NB-IoT and GSM/UMTS
PRO-EB-575	Evaluation board, OnBoard SMD GSM/NB-IoT	Evaluation board with PRO-OB-572 for NB-IoT and GSM/UMTS applications.

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