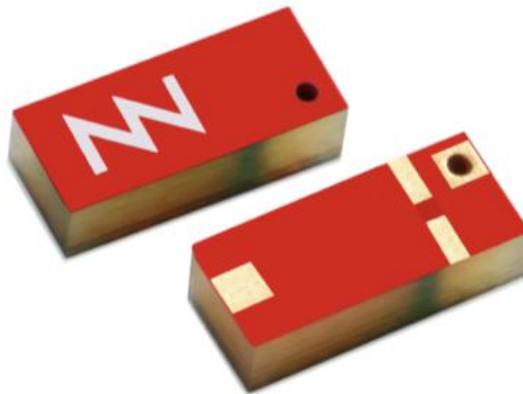


**DUO mXTEND™:
TWO
INDEPENDENT
RADIOS IN THE
SMALLEST
ANTENNA
FOOTPRINT**

DUO mXTEND™

Two independent radios in the smallest antenna footprint



NN03-320

DUO mXTEND™ | IoT Antenna | GNSS+Bluetooth

Operating range: 1500 - 10600 MHz

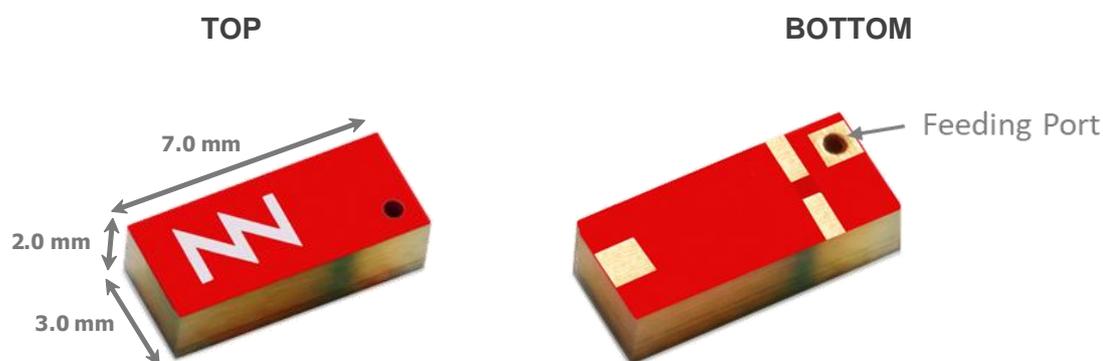
Best for: 1560 - 5000 MHz

Dimensions: 7.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 2.0 mm

What is DUO mXTEND?

DUO mXTEND is a dual-port, chip antenna component designed to embed up to **two independent radios** in the smallest antenna footprint. The chip is designed to combine, for example, Bluetooth and GNSS or Wi-Fi and GNSS into a single package. Due to its Virtual Antenna technology, DUO mXTEND can feature many other wireless services, such as UWB making it the ideal antenna part for **indoor/outdoor tracking devices**.

DUO mXTEND has been engineered so that usually **no ground clearance** around the component is required. Only a minimum clearance underneath the exact footprint of the component is needed to obtain the best radiation efficiency in most cases. Moreover, the component has been designed for **dual-mounting**: either at the *center edge* of your device or at a *corner*, making this antenna *flexible* and *easy* to adapt in a variety of devices and radio configurations.



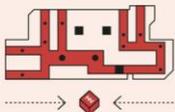
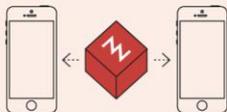
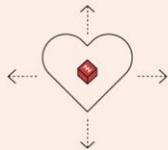
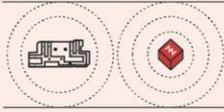
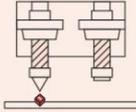
What is DUO mXTEND for?

DUO mXTEND current operating range extends from 1500 MHz up to 10.600 MHz, making it a versatile component to cover any radio application within that range, including **Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and UWB**, but also **5G** and **CBRS**. Its miniature and slim form factor, together with its **no-ground clearance** and **dual-mounting** features makes it the ideal wireless connectivity chip for small indoor/outdoor tracking devices and all kinds of miniature IoT sensors. Due to the minimum footprint and size of the **DUO mXTEND**, embedded massive MIMO (e.g. 8 x 8) devices are a good application, where the density of installed antennas in a PCB is inherently high.

- IoT Asset Trackers
- 5G Routers (MIMO)
- Wi-Fi Routers (MIMO)
- Environmental Sensors
- Personal Gadget Tracker
- Indoor Trackers
- Notebooks/Tablets
- Health sensors
- Animal Trackers
- IoT Developer Kits
- Smart City sensors

What differentiates DUO mXTEND from other chip antennas?

Like every other Virtual Antenna™ product, DUO mXTEND is frequency neutral, meaning that its frequency response is not determined by the antenna component but designed by the electronics engineer through a simple matching circuit. Virtual Antenna™ technology enables packaging the desired multiband performance in the smallest ever form factor, which enables the whole mXTEND range of components featuring a tiny off-the-shelf, surface-mount (SMD) electronic chip package. That makes mXTEND components easy to be integrated in about any IoT device through a shorter and easier design cycle and a much more robust, reliable and costs effective manufacturing process.

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| <p>Off-the-shelf Ready to be delivered 'as is' with no need for customization.</p> | <p>Up to 10 times smaller A booster can be 5³mm³ providing the same connectivity.</p> | <p>Versatility A phone can be designed with several architectures yet still using the same component.</p> | <p>Scalability The 'heart' of the design can be reused across multiple device models.</p> |
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| <p>Modular Modules or standard building blocks can be re-used in the design of multiple devices.</p> | <p>Multiband A single antenna provides connectivity in 2G, 3G and 4G band.</p> | <p>Full performance The same performance in a much smaller, off-the-shelf and versatile component.</p> | <p>Pick & place No manual assembly is needed, only a conventional SMT machine.</p> |

In addition, DUO mXTEND is one of the Virtual Antenna™ products featuring **Variant™** technology, which enables embedding **multiple antenna boosting elements into a single chip**. By embedding both an independent electric and magnetic booster, the chip features two independent ports/feeds that enable sharing the same antenna component by two different radios. This, together with the **no-ground clearance** and **dual-mounting** features, the DUO mXTEND provides all the **flexibility** needed to develop nearly any wireless device **fast**. Use the DUO mXTEND for any wireless IoT or mobile product and save critical space on your PCB, as it covers multiple radio needs for many IoT applications, including, GNSS, or Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, UWB and the high bands of 5G and CBRS, to name a few.

Click and select an application that fits your project:

DUO mXTEND USING TWO PORTS
GNSS + *Bluetooth IoT TRACKER*



(1500 MHz – 2500 MHz)

DUO mXTEND FOR 5G



(3400 MHz – 3800 MHz)

DUO mXTEND FOR UWB



(3100 MHz – 10600 MHz)

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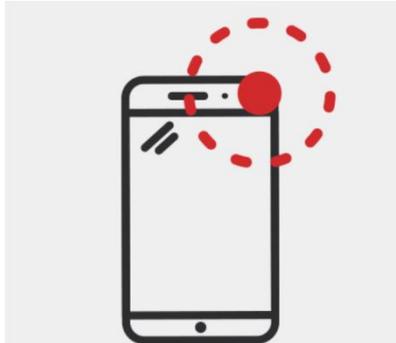
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How to embed a Virtual Antenna

Design with Virtual Antenna in 1-2-3



STEP 1: Place the antenna component

1. Select one corner of your PCB
2. Ensure your ground plane meets the DUO mXTEND clearance area restrictions
3. Respect a keep out space around the booster.
Keep at least 5mm distance from metallic objects

Look [here](#) for an example on placing the DUO mXTEND

STEP 2: Design your matching network

1. Through a combination of inductors & capacitors obtain 50 Ohms of antenna impedance to optimize the transfer of energy to your antenna
2. It is critical to fine-tune your MN throughout the entirety the design process of achieve your desired frequency response



Look [here](#) for an example of a matching network we found in an DUO mXTEND application via simulation

STEP 3: Test your device



1. Perform a field test in which your antenna is placed in its final housing. Fine-tune the MN if needed.
2. Use a network analyzer to adjust mismatch
3. Test the antennas efficiency with an anechoic chamber

Look [here](#) for testing we did on our Evaluation Board, with the DUO mXTEND integrated in our Anechoic Chamber

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DUO mXTEND USING TWO PORTS

GNSS and Bluetooth in a Single Package

The DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster has been specifically designed for providing worldwide Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) and Bluetooth (BT) performance in wireless devices with small space requirements. Here we will compare BeiDou, GPS & Galileo and GLONASS performance operating in conjunction with Bluetooth. Using one of our Evaluation Boards, an example of a common DUO mXTEND[™] placement is seen. Finally, two different matching networks are selected, using both ports, for both GNSS and BT, allowing us to test, obtain, and analyze the VSWR, total efficiency, gain and radiation patterns.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

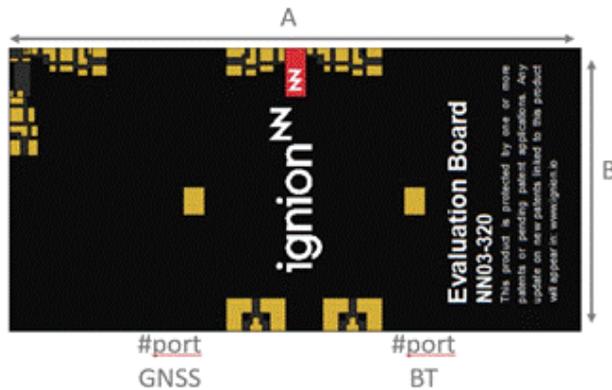
| Technical features | BeiDou | GPS & GALILEO | GLONASS | Bluetooth |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1561MHz | 1575MHz | 1598 – 1606MHz | 2400 – 2500MHz |
| Average Efficiency | > 40% | > 45% | > 50% | > 50% |
| Peak Gain | -1.1 dBi | -1.0 dBi | -1.0 dBi | -0.9 dBi |
| VSWR | < 3:1 | | | |
| Radiation Pattern | Omnidirectional | | | |
| Polarization | Linear | | | |
| Weight (approx.) | 0.11 g. | | | |
| Temperature | -40 to +125 °C | | | |
| Impedance | 50 Ω | | | |
| Dimensions (L x W x H) | 7.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 2.0 mm | | | |

Table 1 – Technical Features. Measures from the Evaluation Board. See Figure 1.

ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE

EVALUATION BOARD

This Evaluation Board (part number: EB_NN03-320-m-GNSS-BT) integrates one DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster to provide operation in four frequency regions, 1561MHz (BeiDou E1 band), 1575 MHz (GPS L1 band and GALILEO E1), from 1598 MHz to 1606 MHz (GLONASS L1 band) and from 2400 MHz to 2500MHz (Bluetooth). A couple of UFL cables connect this dual input/output port solution to the SMA connectors for testing purposes.



| Measure | mm |
|---------|----|
| A | 80 |
| B | 40 |

Tolerance: ±0.2 mm

Material: The Evaluation Boards are built on FR4 substrate. Thickness is 1 mm.

Figure 1 – EB_NN03-320-m-GNSS-BT Evaluation Board providing operation at BeiDou E1 band (1561 MHz), GPS L1 band and GALILEO E1 band (1575 MHz), GLONASS L1 band (from 1598 MHz to 1606 MHz) and Bluetooth (from 2400MHz to 2480MHz). Notice that the clearance area is equal to the DUO mXTEND™ footprint.

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MATCHING NETWORK

DUO mXTEND™ needs two matching networks to connect to your device, a first for the Bluetooth port, a second for the GNSS one (Figure 2). This section describes in (Figure 3) a suitable matching network for DUO mXTEND™ and the resulting product specs when measured in the reference evaluation board (EB_NN03-320-m-GNSS-BT) described in the previous section. Please note that different tracking devices with different form factors, RF ground planes and nearby components may need a different matching network. If you need assistance to design your matching network, please contact support@ignion.io, or try our free-of-charge **NN Wireless Fast-Track** design service, you will get your chip antenna design including a custom matching network for your device in 24h¹. Other related to NN's range of R&D services is available at: <https://www.ignion.io/rdservices/>

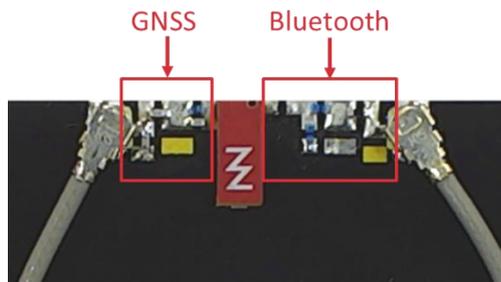


Figure 2 – Matching network distribution in the Evaluation Board (Figure 1).

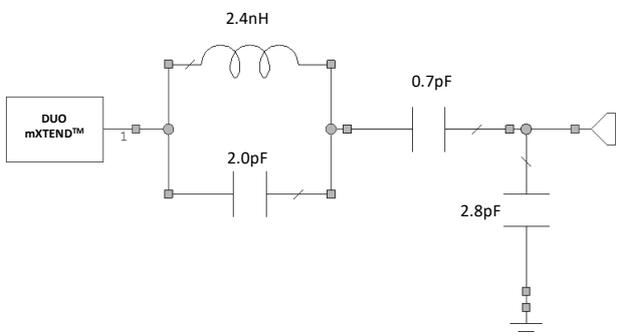
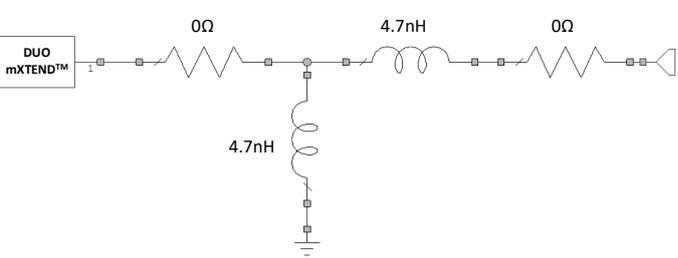
| 1561 MHz – 1606 MHz and 2400 MHz – 2500 MHz | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Figure 3 – Matching network implemented in the Evaluation Board 1 port (Figure 1)

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To ensure optimal results, the use of high-quality factor (Q) and tight tolerance components is highly recommended (e.g. Murata components with part numbers as in Figure 3). The antenna performance is always conditioned by its operating environment so that different devices with different printed circuit board sizes, components nearby the antenna, LCD's, batteries, covers, connectors, etc. affect the antenna performance. Accordingly, it is highly recommended placing pads compatible with 0402 and 0603 SMD components for a matching network as close as possible to the feeding point of the antenna element. Do it in the ground plane area, not in the clearance area. By tuning the matching network in your final design with your final surrounding components (batteries, displays, covers, etc.) you will be able to optimize the antenna performance without changing the antenna part.

VSWR AND TOTAL EFFICIENCY

VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and Total Efficiency versus Frequency (GHz).

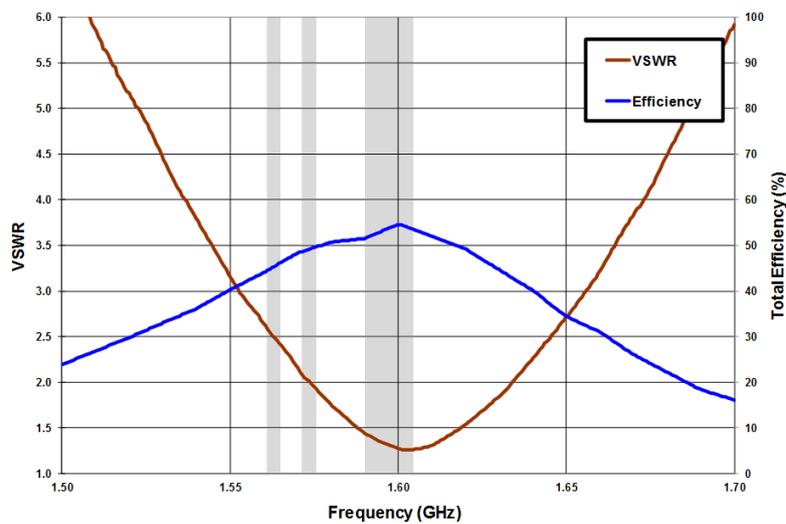


Figure 4 – VSWR and Total Efficiency at BeiDou E1 band (1561 MHz), GPS L1 band and GALILEO E1 band (1575 MHz), GLONASS L1 band (from 1598 to 1606 MHz) (from the Evaluation Board) (**Figure 1**).

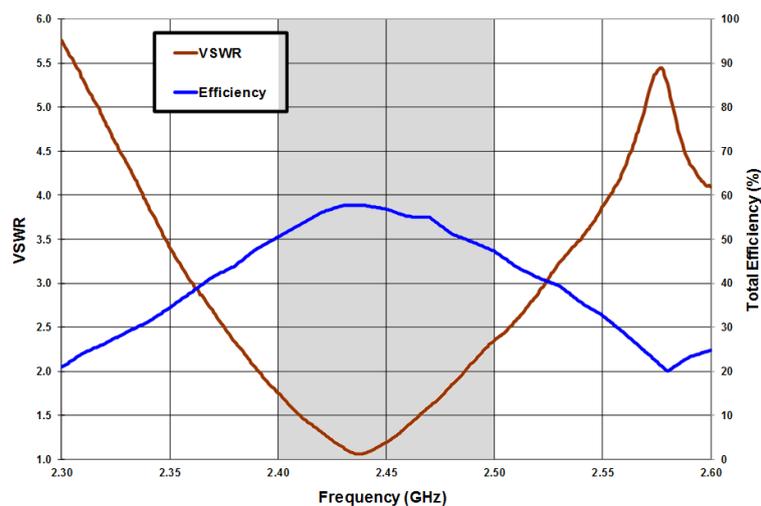


Figure 5 – VSWR and Total Efficiency for the 2400 – 2500 MHz (from the Evaluation Board **Figure 1**).

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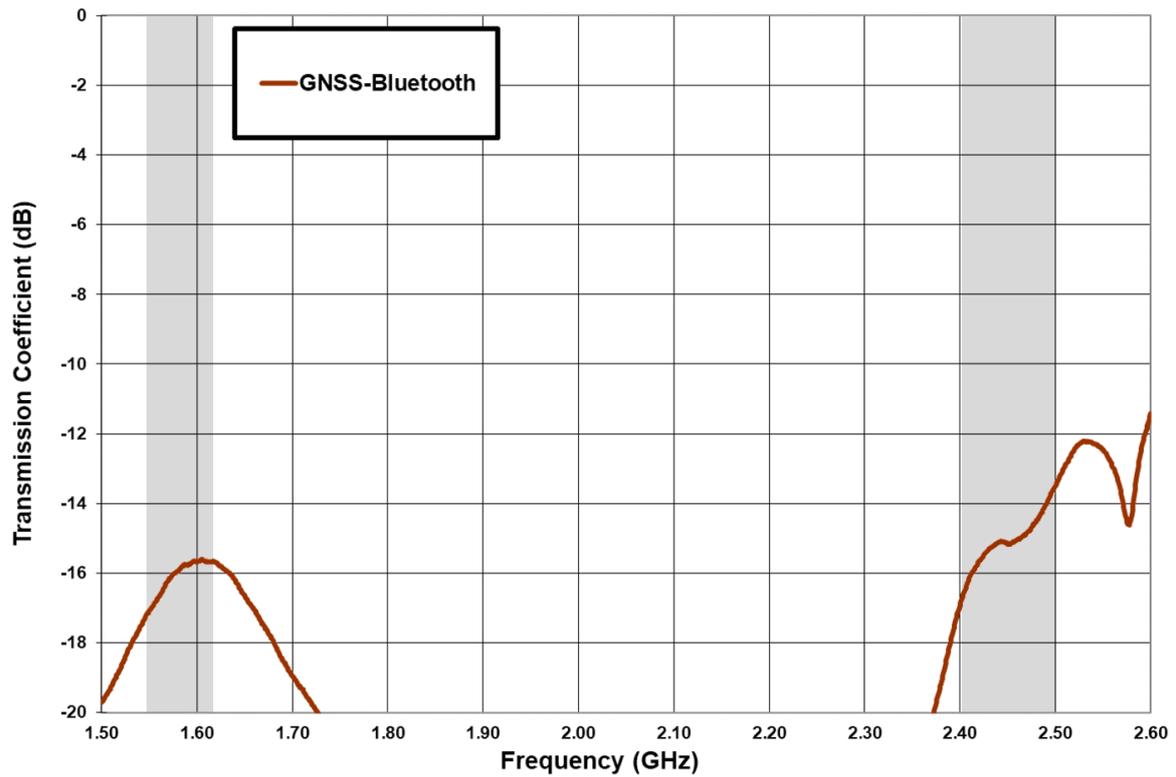
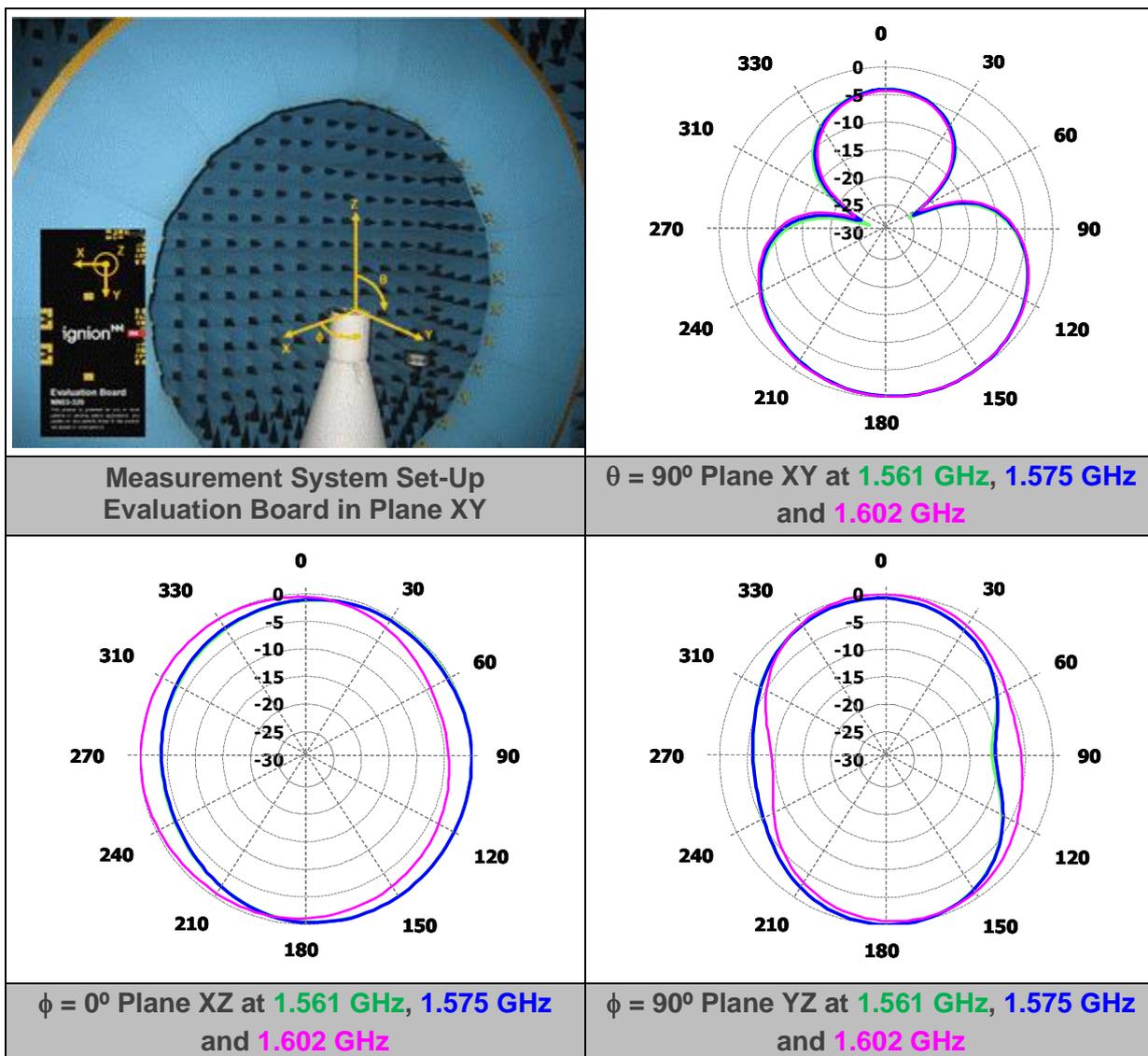


Figure 6 – Transmission coefficient between GNSS (1561 – 1606 MHz) and Bluetooth (2400 – 2500 MHz) from the Evaluation Board (**Figure 1**).

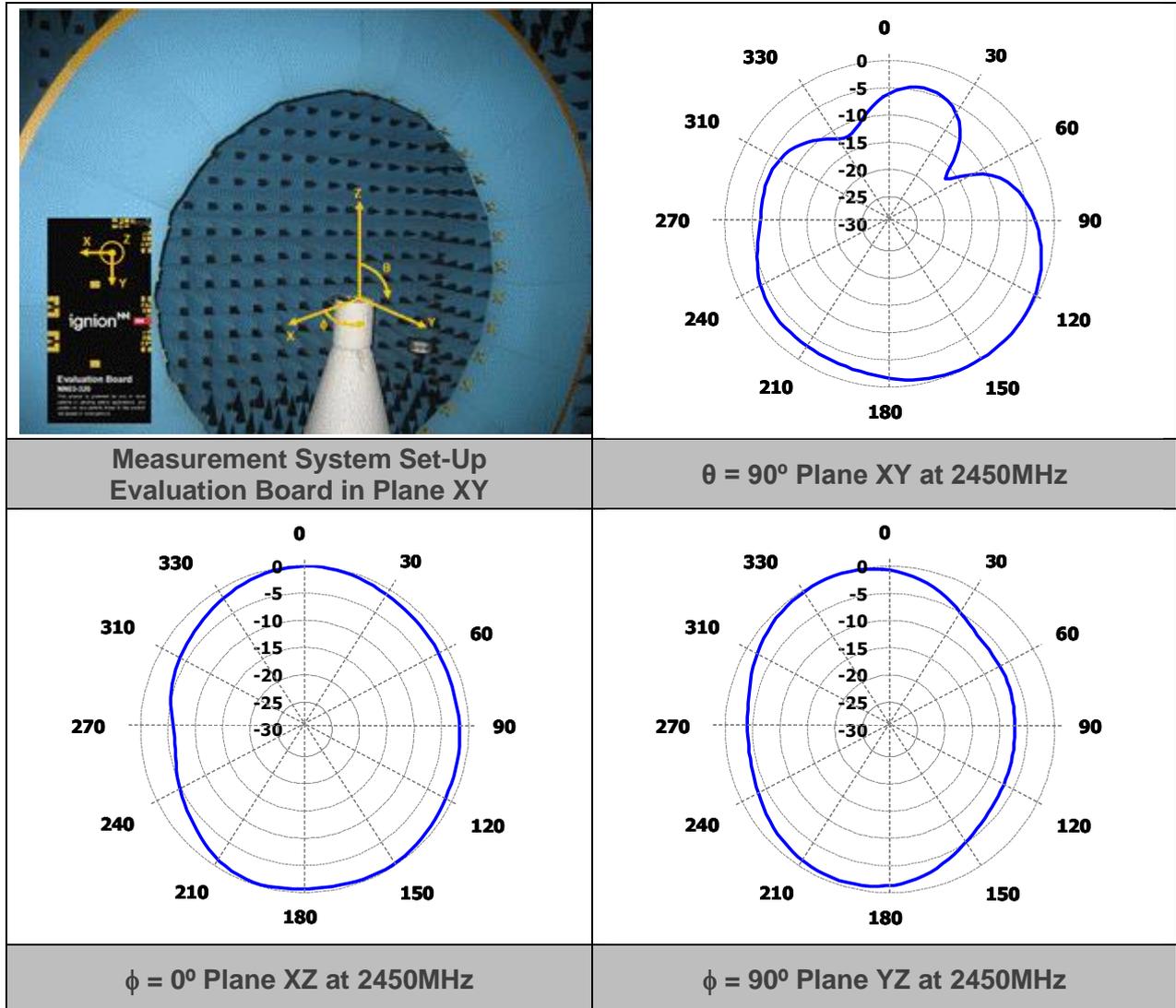
RADIATION PATTERNS (1561MHz, 1575MHz, and 1598 - 1606MHz), GAIN AND EFFICIENCY



| | | | |
|---------|------------|---|-------------------|
| BeiDou | Gain | -1.1 dBi | |
| | Efficiency | 44.6 % | |
| GPS | Gain | -1.0 dBi | |
| | Efficiency | 49.7 % | |
| GLONASS | Gain | Peak Gain | -1.0 dBi |
| | | Average Gain across the band | -1.0 dBi |
| | | Gain Range across the band (min, max) | -1.0 <=> -1.0 dBi |
| | Efficiency | Peak Efficiency | 54.6 % |
| | | Average Efficiency across the band | 53.9 % |
| | | Efficiency Range across the band (min, max) | 53.0 – 54.6 % |

Table 2 – Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the Evaluation Board (Figure 1) for BeiDou E1 (1561 MHz), GPS L1 (1575 MHz) and GLONASS L1 (1598 MHz – 1606 MHz) bands. Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

RADIATION PATTERNS (2400 - 2500 MHz) GAIN, AND EFFICIENCY



| | | |
|------------|---|-----------------------|
| Gain | Peak Gain | -0.9 dBi |
| | Average Gain across the band | -0.9 dBi |
| | Gain Range across the band (min, max) | -1.0 dBi <-> -0.9 dBi |
| Efficiency | Peak Efficiency | 57.7 % |
| | Average Efficiency across the band | 54.1 % |
| | Efficiency Range across the band (min, max) | 47.2 – 57.7 % |

Table 3 – Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency for the Evaluation Board (Figure 1) for Bluetooth (2400 MHz - 2500 MHz). Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

DUO mXTEND for 5G

In this use case the DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster is operating at 5G (3.4GHz-3.8GHz) and is integrated at the center edge of the Evaluation Board. A single matching network is selected allowing us to test, obtain, and analyze the VSWR, total efficiency, gain and radiation patterns. In the following design example DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster does **not** require further **clearance area beyond** its 7 mm x 3 mm **footprint**.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

| Technical features | 3.4 – 3.8 GHz |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Average Efficiency | > 60% |
| Peak Gain | 2.6 dBi |
| VSWR | < 3.0:1 |
| Radiation Pattern | Omnidirectional |
| Polarization | Linear |
| Weight (approx.) | 0.11 g. |
| Temperature | -40 to + 125 °C |
| Impedance | 50 Ω |
| Dimensions (L x W x H) | 7.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 2.0 mm |

Table 4 – Technical Features. Measures from the Evaluation Board. See Figure 7 .

EVALUATION BOARD

This Evaluation Board EB_NN03-320-m-5G integrates a UFL cable to connect the DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster with the SMA connector. The DUO mXTEND™ provides operation in the frequency region going from 3.4 GHz to 3.8 GHz (5G band), through a single input/output port.

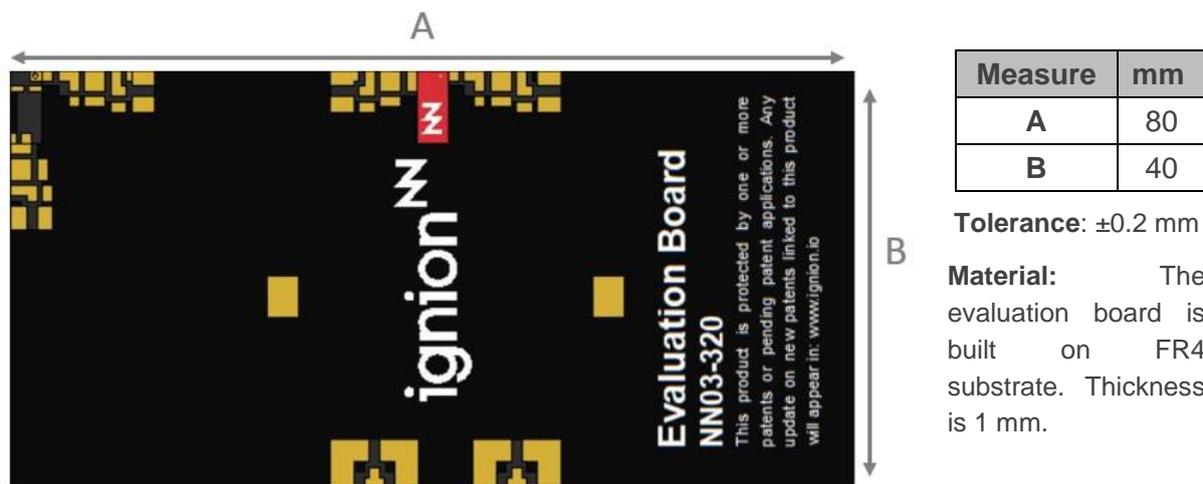


Figure 7 – EB_NN03-320-m-5G. Evaluation Board providing operation at 5G band (from 3.4 GHz to 3.8 GHz). Notice that the clearance area is equal to the DUO mXTEND™ footprint.

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MATCHING NETWORK

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This section will present the proposed matching network and specs measured in the corresponding evaluation board (**Figure 7**) which is an ideal case. Please note that different devices with different ground planes and different components nearby the DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster may need a different matching network. To ensure optimal results, the use of high-quality factor (Q) and tight tolerance components is highly recommended (e.g. Murata components (**Figure**)

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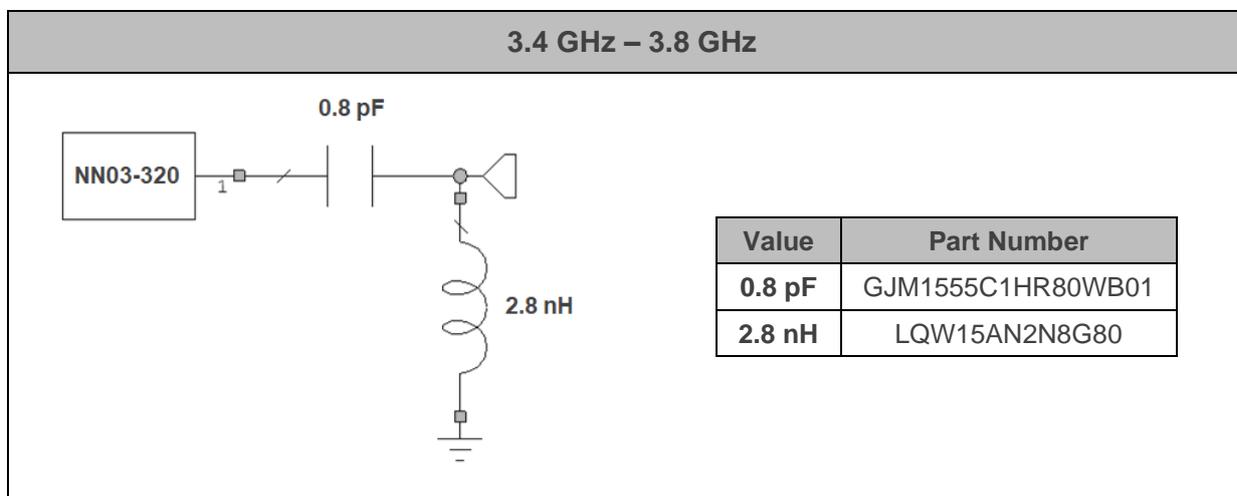


Figure 8 – Matching Network implemented in the evaluation board (**Figure 7**).

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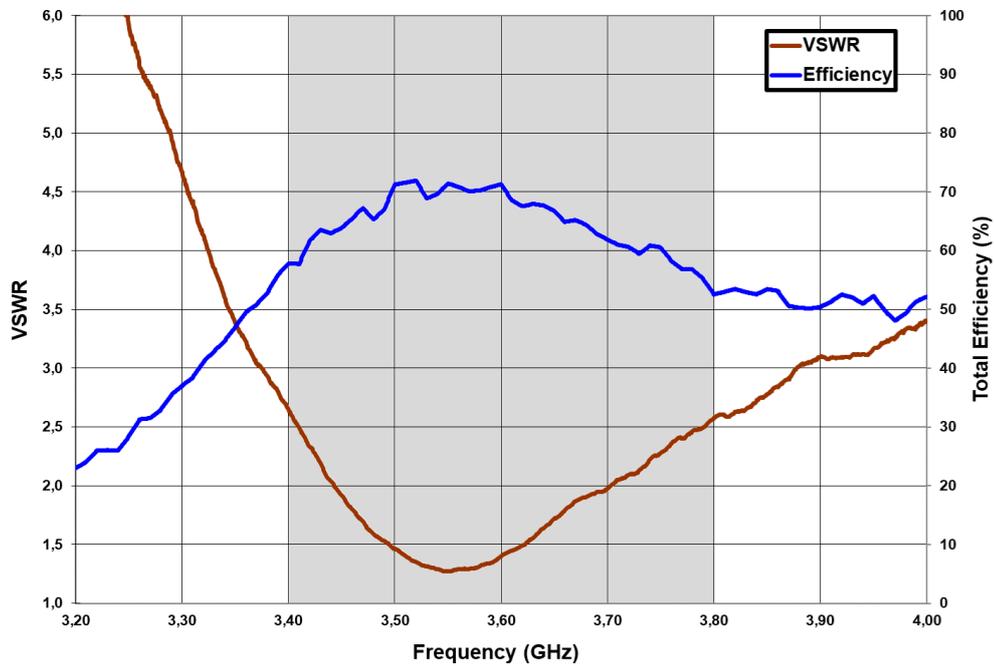


Figure 9 – VSWR and Total Efficiency for 5G band (3.4 – 3.8 GHz) from the evaluation board Figure 7.

RECOMMENDED ANTENNA FOOTPRINT FOR NN03-320

Assuming that the DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster (NN03-320) is placed in the middle of the PCB, see below the recommended footprint dimensions.

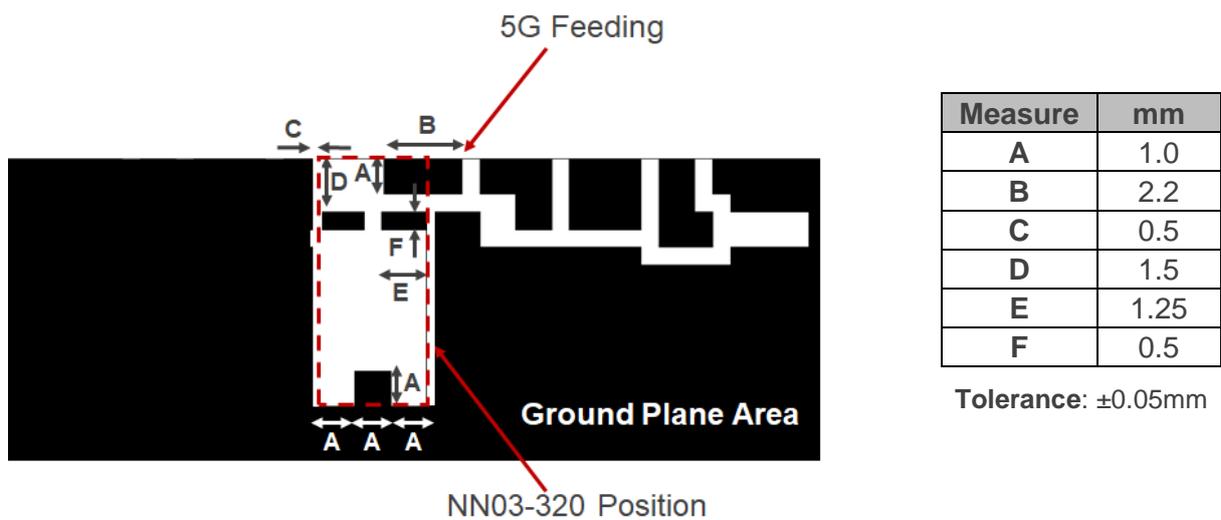


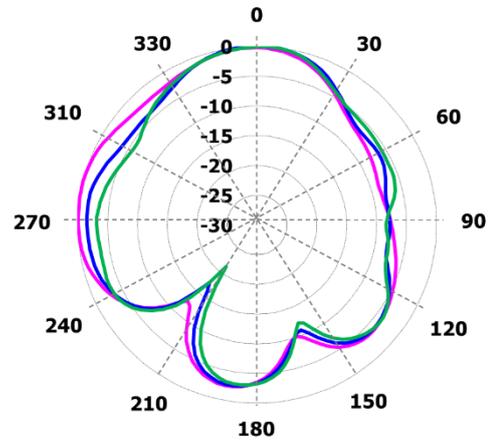
Figure 10 – Footprint dimensions for the NN03-320 in the middle for 5G.

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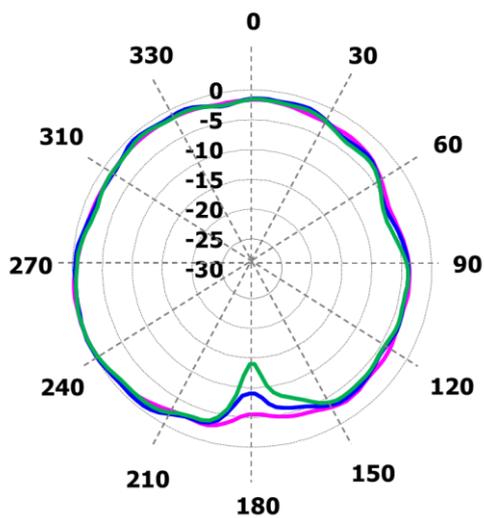
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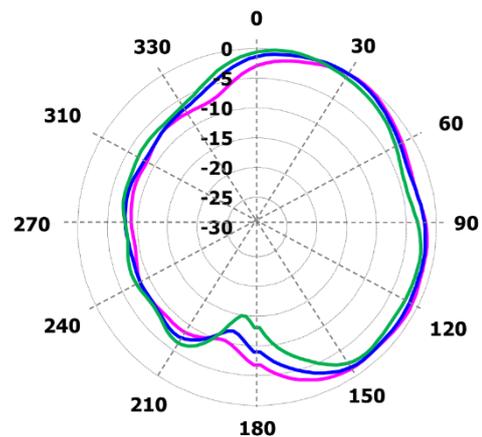
Measurement System Set-Up
Evaluation Board in Plane XY



$\theta = 90^\circ$ Plane XY at 3.4 GHz, 3.6 GHz and 3.8 GHz



$\phi = 0^\circ$ Plane XZ at 3.4 GHz, 3.6 GHz and 3.8 GHz



$\phi = 90^\circ$ Plane YZ at 3.4 GHz, 3.6 GHz and 3.8 GHz

| | | | |
|----|------------|---|-----------------|
| 5G | Gain | Peak Gain | 2.6 dBi |
| | | Average Gain across the band | 2.2 dBi |
| | | Gain Range across the band (min, max) | 1.7 <=> 2.6 dBi |
| | Efficiency | Peak Efficiency | 71.9 % |
| | | Average Efficiency across the band | 64.9 % |
| | | Efficiency Range across the band (min, max) | 52.55 – 71.9 % |

Table 5 – Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the evaluation board (**Figure 7**) for 3.4GHz-3.8GHz band. Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber

DUO mXTEND for UWB

The DUO mXTEND™ can be used to operate all common **UWB** frequency bands in a single port configuration, namely **bands 1-14** ranging from: **3.1GHz up to 10.6GHz**. Using one of our Evaluation Boards, an example of a common DUO mXTEND™ placement is seen. Finally, two different matching network options are shown, for both LFR and HFR, allowing us to test, obtain, and analyze the VSWR, total efficiency, gain and radiation patterns and compare the two frequency ranges.

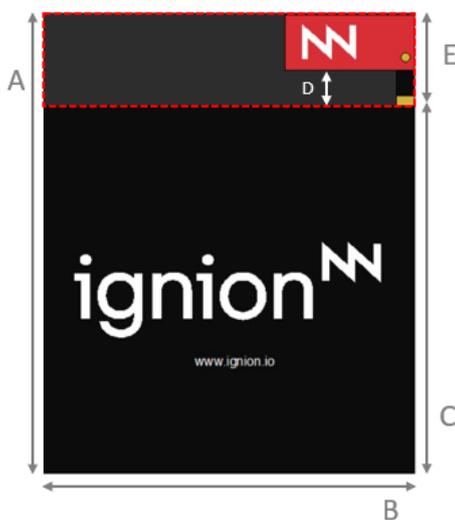
QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

| Technical features | Option 1 UWB (LFR) | Option 2 UWB (HFR) |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | 3.1 – 4.8 GHz | 6.0 – 10.6 GHz |
| Average Efficiency | > 80% | > 80% |
| Peak Gain | 2.3 dBi | 3.6 dBi |
| VSWR | < 2.6:1 | < 4.0:1 |
| Radiation Pattern | Omnidirectional | |
| Polarization | Linear | |
| Weight (approx.) | 0.11 g. | |
| Temperature | -40 to + 125 °C | |
| Impedance | 50 Ω | |
| Dimensions (L x W x H) | 7.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 2.0 mm | |

Table 6 – Technical Features. Measures from the Evaluation Board. See **Figure 11**

EVALUATION BOARD UWB

The Evaluation Board EB_NN03-320-UWB integrates the DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster to provide operation in the frequency region going from 3.1 GHz to 10.6 GHz, through a single input/output port.



| Measure | mm |
|---------|------|
| A | 25.0 |
| B | 20.0 |
| C | 20.0 |
| D | 2.0 |
| E | 5.0 |

Tolerance: ± 0.2 mm

D: Distance between the DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster and the ground plane.

Material: The Evaluation Board is built on FR4 substrate. Thickness is 1 mm.

Clearance Area: 20.0 mm x 5.0 mm (B x E)

Figure 11 – EB_NN03-320-UWB. Evaluation Board providing operation at UWB (from 3.1 GHz to 10.6 GHz).

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MATCHING NETWORK

DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster needs a matching network to connect to your UWB RF module. This section presents the proposed matching network and specifications obtained in the corresponding Evaluation Board (**Figure 11** which is an ideal case. Thanks to its versatility the DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster can be easily tuned to cover different regions of the UWB spectrum through just the proper adjustment of the matching network. The excellent tuning capabilities of the DUO mXTEND[™] makes it ideal to avoid unnecessary product redesigns each time your product specifications and operating frequencies vary. It allows you to easily adapt your design to different applications, market segments, and devices through just the proper design of the matching network by maintaining the same antenna part.

Two different options with two different matching networks are presented herein to illustrate this flexibility. The first one is used to properly tune the antenna performance to UWB channels ranging from 3.1-4.8GHz (Option 1). The second one can be used to cover channels operating from 6.0-10.6GHz (Option 2).

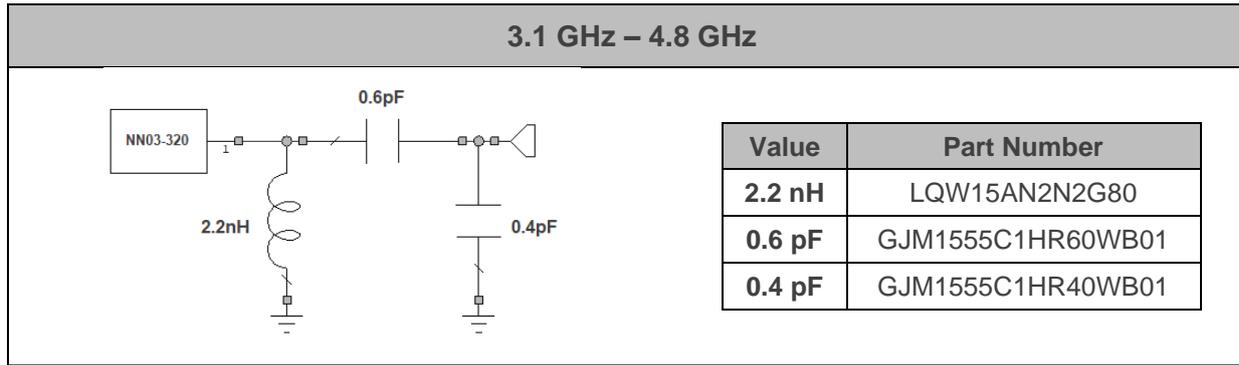


Figure 12 – Matching network implemented in the Evaluation Board (**Figure 11**) for covering the low frequency region from 3.1GHz to 4.8GHz.

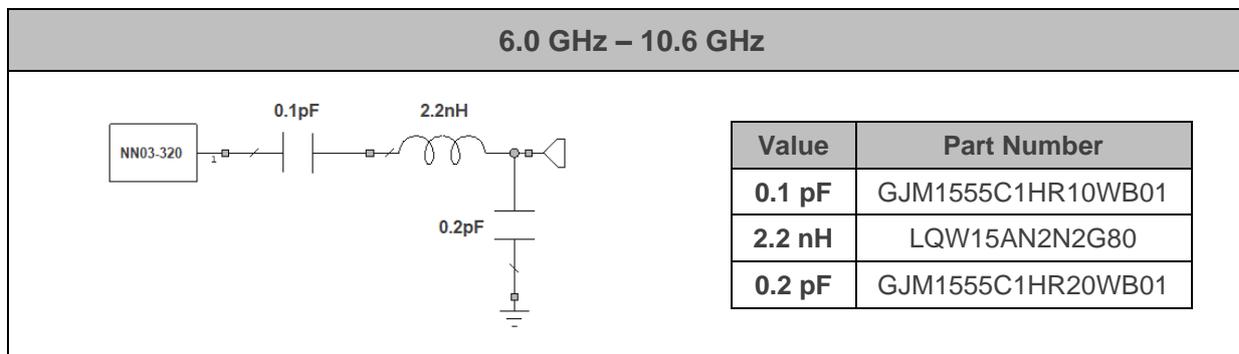


Figure 13 – Matching network implemented in the Evaluation Board (**Figure 11**) covering the high frequency region from 6.0GHz to 10.6GHz.

The antenna performance is always conditioned by its operating environment. Different devices with different printed circuit board sizes, components nearby the antenna, LCD's, batteries, covers, connectors, etc. may need a different matching network. Accordingly, it is highly recommended placing pads compatible with 0402 and 0603 SMD components for a matching network as close as possible to the feeding point of the antenna element in the ground plane area, not in the clearance area. This provides a degree of freedom to tune the DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster once the design is finished and taking into account all elements of the system (batteries, displays, covers, etc.). To ensure optimal results, the use of high-quality factor (Q) and tight tolerance components is highly recommended (e.g. Murata components (Figure 12)).

If you need assistance to design your matching network, please contact support@ignion.io, or if you are designing a **different device size** or a **different band of the UWB spectrum**, we **can assist you** in less than 24 hours. Please, try our free-of-charge¹ **NN Wireless Fast-Track** design service (<https://www.ignion.io/fast-track-project/>), you will get your chip antenna design including a custom matching network for your device in 24h³. Other related to NN's range of R&D services is available at: <https://www.ignion.io/rdservices/>

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VSWR AND TOTAL EFFICIENCY

VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and total efficiency versus frequency (GHz).

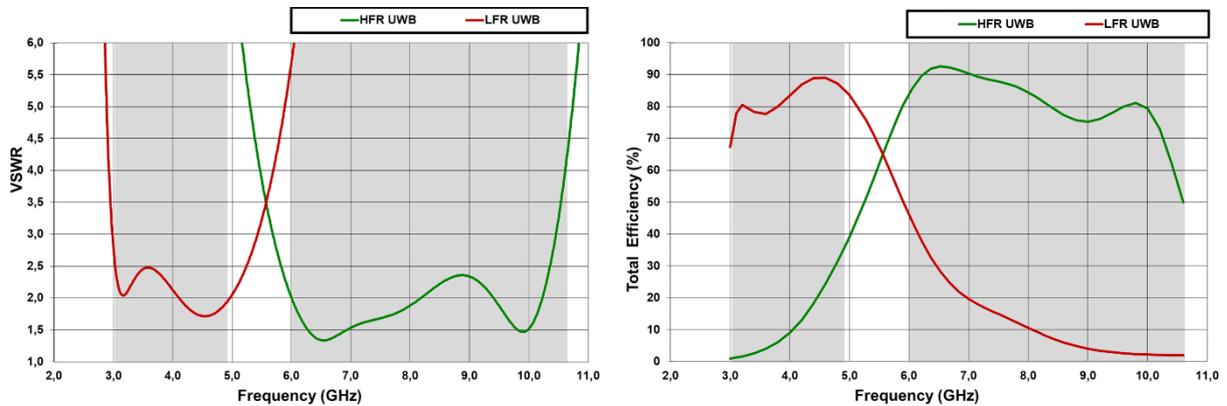


Figure 14 – VSWR and total efficiency for the UWB LFR (3.1GHz – 4.8GHz) and for the UWB HFR (6.0GHz – 10.6GHz) from the Evaluation Board (**Figure 11**) with the matching networks gathered in **Figure 12** (LFR UWB) and **Figure 13** (HFR UWB), respectively. Simulated results obtained with CST.

RECOMMENDED ANTENNA FOOTPRINT FOR NN03-320

The DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster (NN03-320) can be placed close to a corner or the PCB or close to the center of the longitudinal PCB edge. See below the recommended footprint dimensions when it is placed close to a corner of the PCB with the feeding line aligned with the longest side of the board according to the Evaluation Board (**Figure 11**)

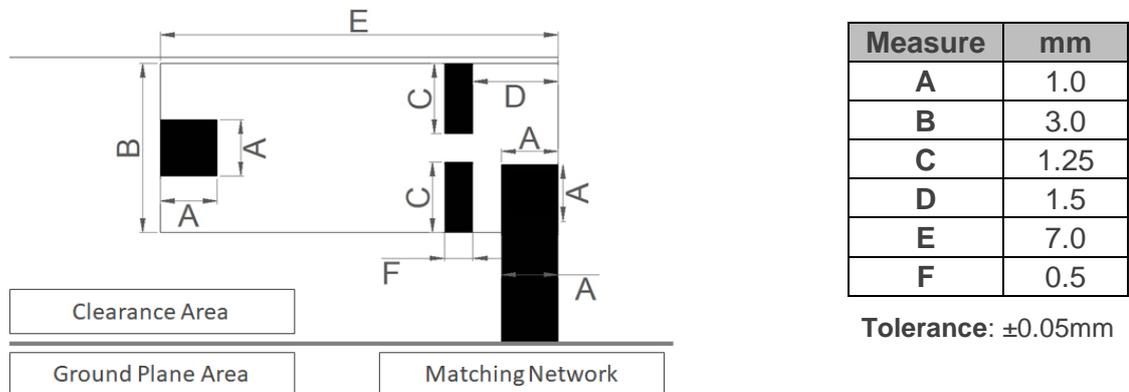
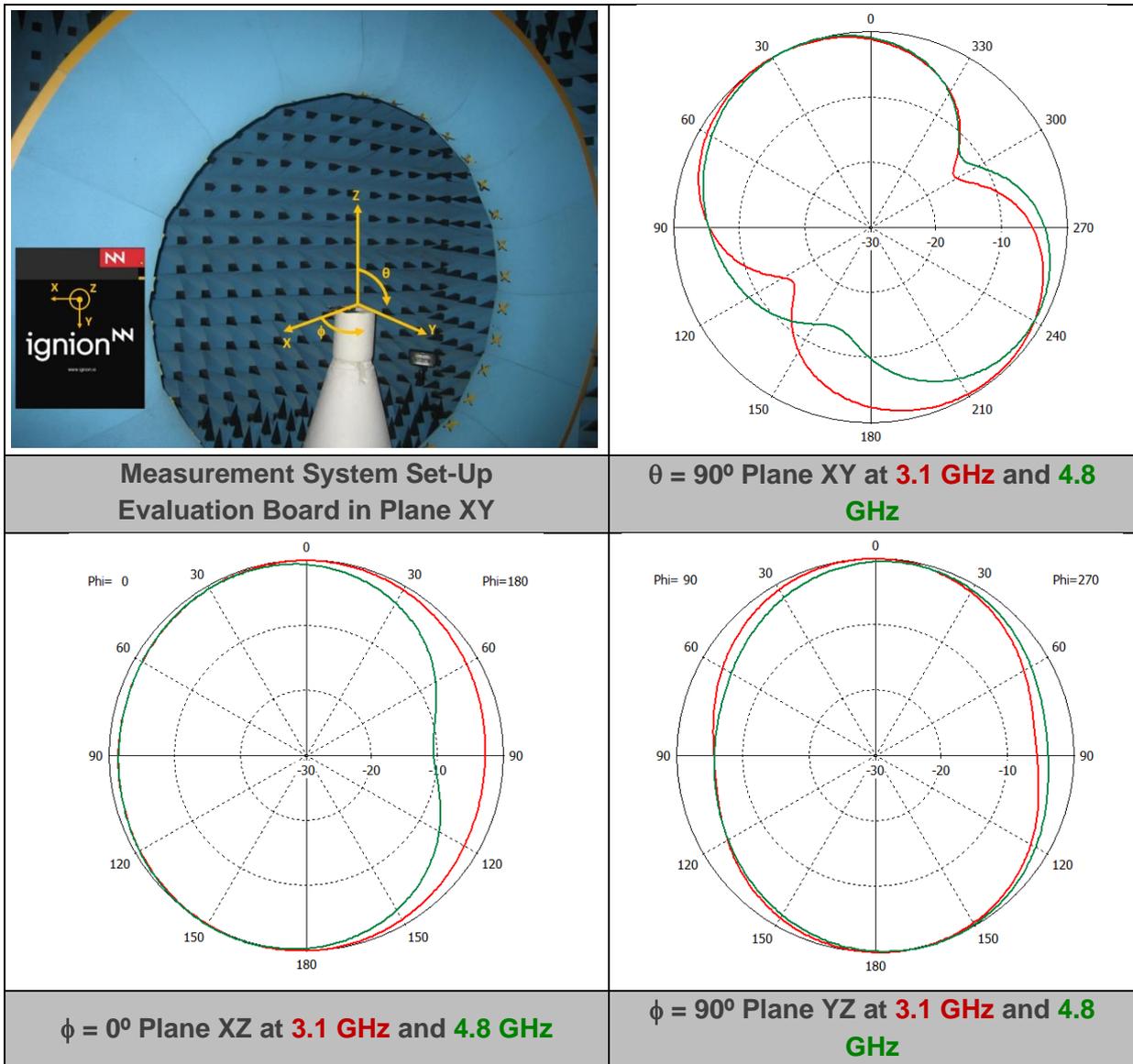


Figure 15 – Footprint dimensions for the NN03-320 in the corner for UWB.

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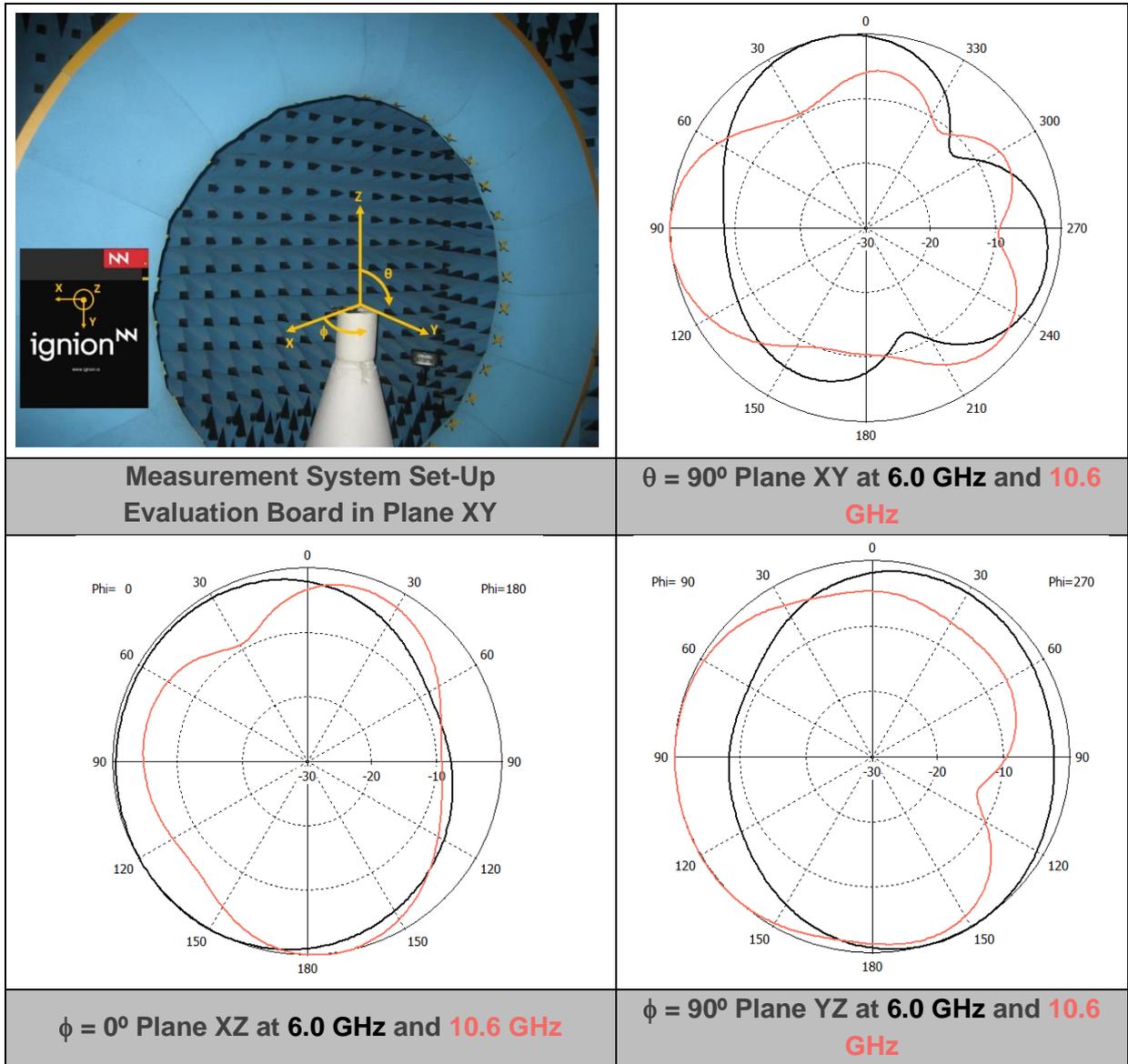
RADIATION PATTERNS UWB (3.1 to 4.8 GHz), GAIN, AND EFFICIENCY



| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| LFR UWB 3.1-4.8GHz | Gain | Peak Gain | 2.3 dBi |
| | | Average Gain across the band | 1.7 dBi |
| | | Gain Range across the band (min, max) | 1.1 <-> 2.3 dBi |
| | Efficiency | Peak Efficiency | 89.0 % |
| | | Average Efficiency across the band | 83.0 % |
| | | Efficiency Range across the band (min, max) | 77.7 – 89.0 % |

Table 7 – Antenna gain and total efficiency from the Evaluation Board (Figure 11) for 3.1GHz – 4.8GHz with the matching network of Figure 12. Simulated results obtained with CST.

RADIATION PATTERNS UWB (6.0 to 10.6 GHz), GAIN, AND EFFICIENCY

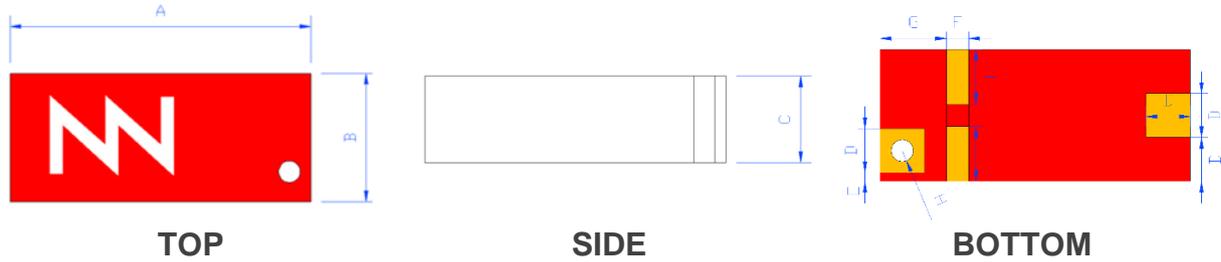


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| HFR UWB 6.0-10.6GHz | Gain | Peak Gain | 3.6 dBi |
| | | Average Gain across the band | 3.0 dBi |
| | | Gain Range across the band (min, max) | 1.5 <-> 3.6 dBi |
| | Efficiency | Peak Efficiency | 92.6 % |
| | | Average Efficiency across the band | 82.2 % |
| | | Efficiency Range across the band (min, max) | 50.0 – 92.6 % |

Table 8 – Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the Evaluation Board (Figure 11) for 6.0GHz – 10.6GHz band considering the matching network in Figure . Simulated results obtained with CST.

MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

DIMENSIONS, TOLERANCES, AND RoHS



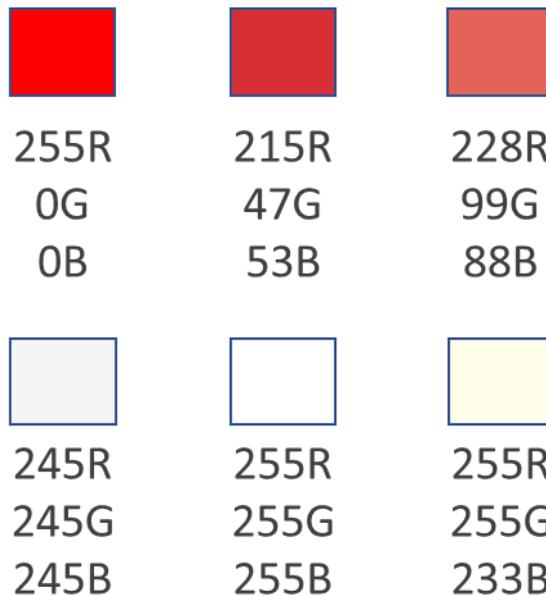
| Dimension | mm | Dimension | mm |
|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| A | 7.0 ± 0.2 | B | 3.0 ± 0.2 |
| C | 2.0 ± 0.1 | D | 1.0 ± 0.15 |
| E | 0.2 ± 0.1 | F | 0.5 ± 0.1 |
| G | 1.5 ± 0.1 | H | R0.25 ± 0.1 |
| I | 1.25 ± 0.1 | | |

Figure 16 – DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster dimensions and tolerances.

The DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster NN03-320 is compliant with the restriction of the use of hazardous substances (RoHS). For more information, please contact info@ignion.io.

COLOR RANGE FOR THE INK

Next figure shows the range of the colors in the DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster:



ANTENNA FOOTPRINT

See below the recommended footprint dimensions for the DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster NN03-320.

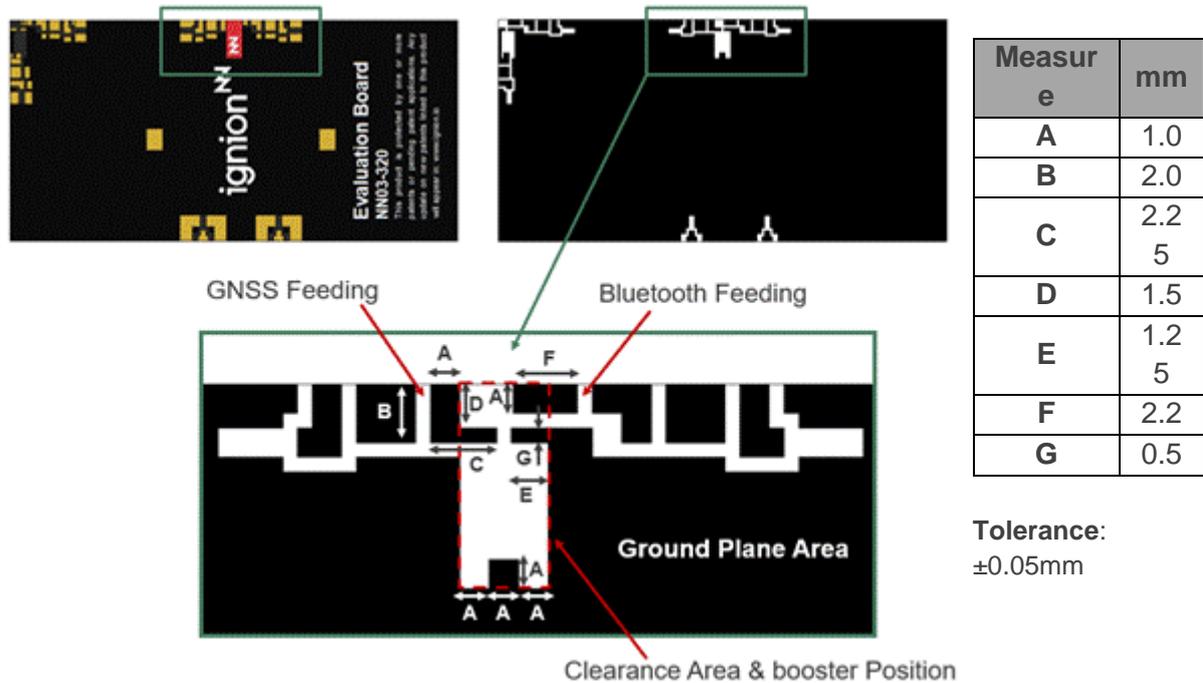


Figure 17 – Footprint dimensions for the DUO mXTEND™ (NN03-320) antenna booster.

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ASSEMBLY AND MANUFACTURING

Figure 18 shows the back and front views of the DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster (NN03-320).

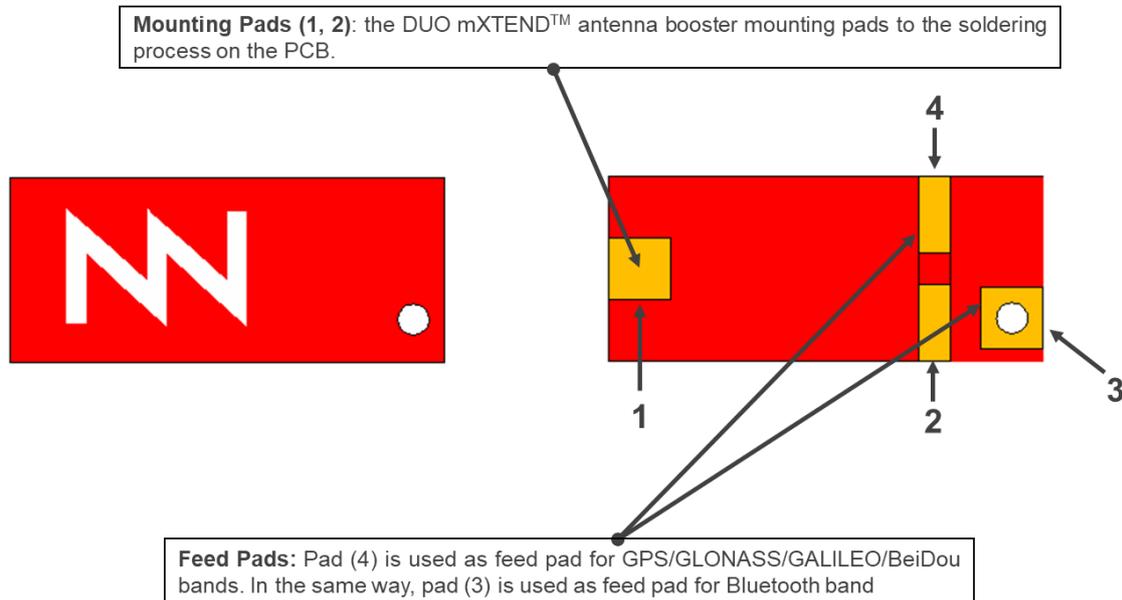


Figure 18 – Pads of the DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster NN03-320.

As a surface mount device (SMD), the DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster is compatible with industry standard soldering processes. The basic assembly procedure for the DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster is as follows:

1. Apply a solder paste on the pads of the PCB. Place the DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster on the board.
2. Perform a reflow process according to the temperature profile detailed in Table 9, Figure 20.
3. After soldering the DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster to the circuit board, perform a cleaning process to remove any residual flux. Ignion recommends conducting a visual inspection after the cleaning process to verify that all reflux has been removed.

The drawing below shows the soldering details obtained after a correct assembly process:

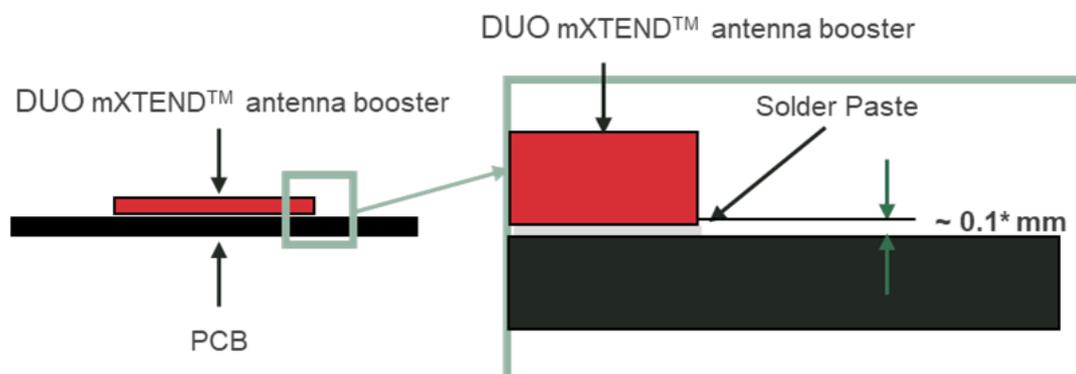


Figure 19 – Soldering Details.

NOTE(*): Solder paste thickness after the assembly process will depend on the thickness of the soldering stencil mask. A stencil thickness equal or larger than 127 microns (5 mils) is required.

The DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster (NN03-320) can be assembled following the Pb-free assembly process. According to the Standard **IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020C**, the temperature profile suggested is as follows:

| Phase | Profile features | Pb-Free Assembly (SnAgCu) |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| RAMP-UP | Avg. Ramp-up Rate (T _{smax} to T _p) | 3 °C / second (max.) |
| PREHEAT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temperature Min (T_{smin}) - Temperature Max (T_{smax}) - Time (t_{smin} to t_{smax}) | 150 °C 200 °C 60-180 seconds |
| REFLOW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temperature (T_L) - Total Time above T_L (t_L) | 217 °C 60-150 seconds |
| PEAK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temperature (T_p) - Time (t_p) | 260 °C 20-40 seconds |
| RAMP-DOWN | Rate | 6 °C/second max |
| Time from 25 °C to Peak Temperature | | 8 minutes max |

Table 9 – Recommended soldering temperatures.

Next graphic shows temperature profile (grey zone) for the DUO mXTEND[™] antenna booster assembly process reflow ovens.

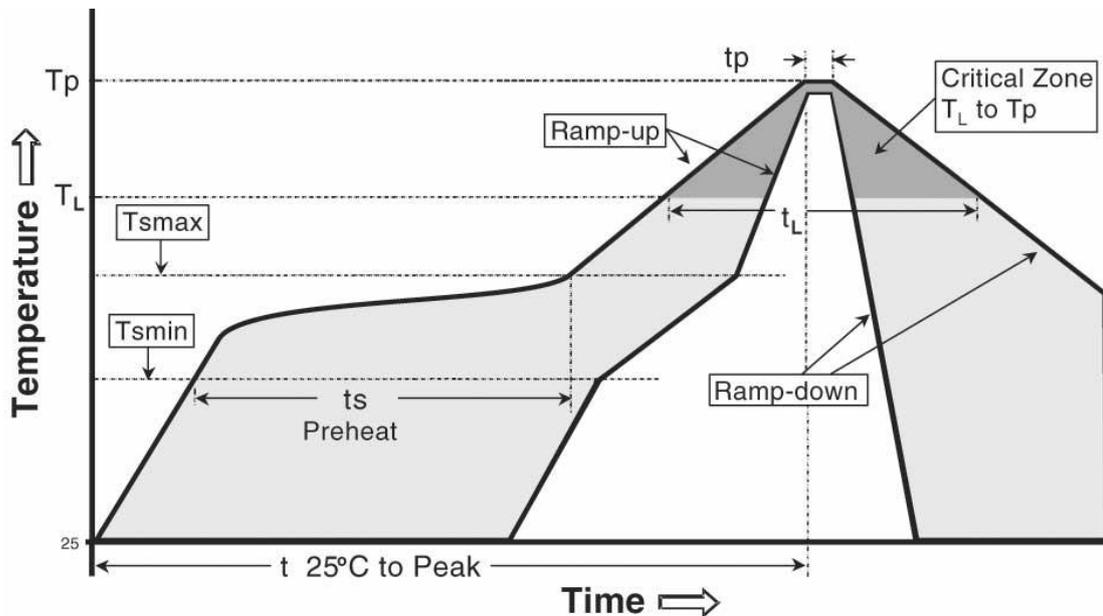
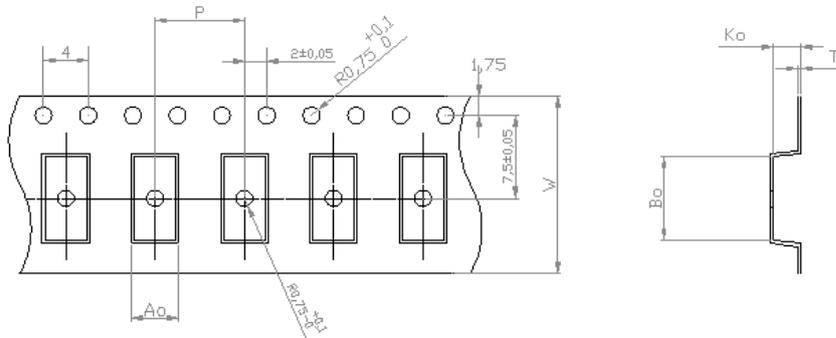


Figure 20 – Temperature profile.

PACKAGING

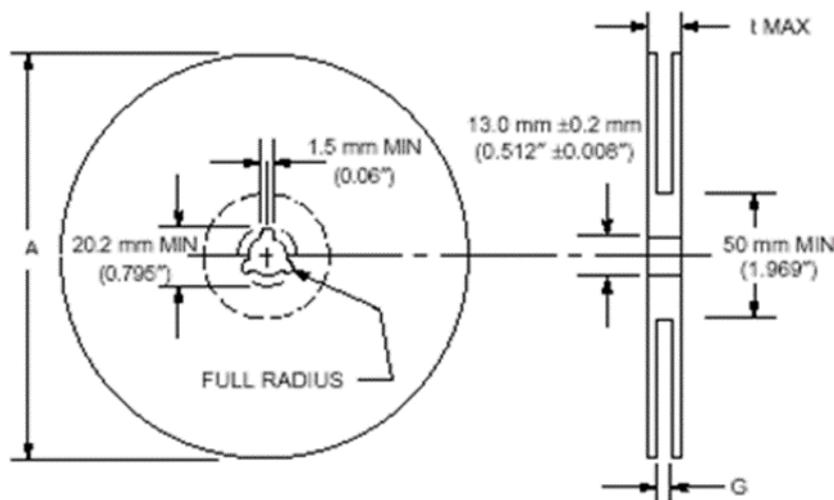
The DUO mXTEND™ antenna booster NN03-320 is delivered in tape and reel packaging.



| Measure | mm |
|---------|------------|
| A0 | 3.6 ± 0.1 |
| B0 | 7.5 ± 0.1 |
| K0 | 2.5 ± 0.1 |
| W | 16.0 ± 0.3 |
| P | 8.0 ± 0.1 |
| T | 0.3 ± 0.05 |

Figure 21 – Tape dimensions and tolerances.

REEL DIMENSIONS



| Measure | mm |
|---------|------------|
| A | 330 ± 1.0 |
| G | 16.4 ± 0.1 |
| t max | 20.4 ± 0.1 |

Reel Capacity: 2500 pcs

Figure 22 – Reel dimensions and capacity.

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