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1. Product Information

1.1 Product Description

The YIC51612EBGG-33 embedded LNA enhances the high performance of the MTK positioning engine for industrial applications. It achieves industry-leading sensitivity, accuracy, and TTFF with the lowest power consumption in a compact leadless package. Featuring 99 search channels and 33 simultaneous tracking channels, it acquires and tracks satellites rapidly, even under weak indoor signal conditions. The embedded flash memory provides storage capacity for useful navigation data and supports future updates.

The YIC51612EBGG-33 combines multiple advanced features, such as EASY, AIC, LOCUS, Always Locate™, FLP, Antenna Supervisor, and more. These features help accelerate TTFF, enhance sensitivity, reduce power consumption, and detect antenna status for GPS and GLONASS systems. The module supports various positioning, navigation, and industrial applications, such as autonomous GPS, GLONASS, SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, and GAGAN), QZSS, and AGNSS.

The YIC51612EBGG-33 also supports external active antenna detection and short-circuit protection. The detection and notification of different external active antenna statuses are displayed in NMEA messages, including external active antenna connection, open-circuit antenna, and antenna short-circuit. This allows the host to query the external active antenna statuses in a timely and convenient manner.

EASY technology, a key feature of the YIC51612EBGG-33, is a type of AGNSS. It is capable of collecting and processing all internal aiding information, such as GPS and GLONASS time, ephemeris, last position, etc. The GPS and GLONASS module achieves a very short TTFF in either hot or warm start modes.

The YIC51612EBGG-33 is a SMD-type module with a compact form factor of 16mm × 12mm × 2.6mm. It can be integrated into your applications through the 24-pin pads. It provides essential hardware interfaces for connecting to the main PCB.

Manufactured using lead-free technology and compliant with the RoHS standard, the module features a single patch design and supports an SMT scheme that is twice as efficient during application.

Applications

- Automotive navigation
- Personal positioning
- Fleet management
- Mobile phone navigation
- Marine navigation

1.2 Product Features

- Build on high performance, low-power MediaTek chip set
- Ultra high Track sensitivity: -165dBm
- Extremely fast TTFF at low signal level
- Built-in high gain LNA
- SMD type with stamp holes
- Low power consumption: Max 32mA@3.3V
- Operating voltage: 2.8V to 3.6V
- Operating temperature range:-40 to 85°C
- NMEA-0183 compliant protocol or custom protocol
- Small form factor: 16 x 12.2 x 2.2 mm
- Communication type: UART/TTL
- Support Japan QZSS
- Capable of SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN)
- Up to 10 Hz update rate
- RoHS Compliant (Lead-free)

1.3 Product Specifications

GPS Receiver		
Chip	MediaTek	
Receiver Type	Code 99 search channels, 33 synchronous tracking channels GPS&, QZSS, GALILEO: L1 1575.42MHz C/A GLONASS: L1OF 1602MHz SBAS: WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN	
Sensitivity	Tracking	-165dBm
	Re-acquisition	-156dBm
	Acquisition	-148dBm
TTFF(EASY enabled)	Cold start	15s typ @-130dBm
	Warm start	5s typ @-130dBm
	Hot start	1s typ @-130dBm
TTFF (EASY disabled)	Cold start (Autonomous)	35s typ @-130dBm
	Warm start (Autonomous)	30s typ @-130dBm
	Hot start (Autonomous)	1s typ @-130dBm
Horizontal Position Accuracy (Autonomous)	<2.5m CEP @-130 dBm	
Update Rate	Up to 10Hz,1Hz by default	
Accuracy of 1PPS Signal	Typical accuracy: ±10ns	
	Time pulse width 100ms	
Acceleration Accuracy	Without aid	0.1m/s ²
Dynamic Performance	Maximum altitude	18,000m
	Maximum velocity	515m/s
	Acceleration	4G
UART Port	UART Port: TXD and RXD 9600bps (default), Supports baud rate 4800bps to 115200bps.. UART port is used for NMEA output, MTK proprietary commands input and firmware upgrade	
Temperature Range	Operation temperature	-40°C ~ +85°C
	Storage temperature	-45°C ~ +125°C
Physical Characteristics	Size	16±0.6x12.2±0.2x2.4±0.2mm
	Weight	Approx. 0.9g

1.4 DC Electrical Characteristics

Power Supply Ratings

Parameter	Description	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Vcc	Supply voltage	Voltage must stay within the min/max values, including voltage drop, ripple, and spikes	2.8	3.3	3.6	V
IVCCP	Peak supply current	VCC=3.3V			100	mA
V_BCKP	Backup voltage supply		1.5	3.3	3.6	V
TOPR	Normal operating temperature		-40	25	85	°C

- The figure IVCCP can be used to determine the maximum current capability of power supply.
- Operation beyond the "Operating Conditions" is not recommended and extended exposure beyond the "Operating Conditions" may affect the device's reliability.

Current Consumption:

Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
I _{VCC@Acquisition}	VCC=V BCKP=3.3V		30		mA
I _{VCC@Tracking}	VCC=VBAT=3.3V		32		mA
I _{VCC@Standby}	VCC=VBAT=3.3V		2		mA
I _{BACK@Backup}	VBAT=3.3V		20		uA

The tracking current is tested in the following conditions:

- In Cold Start, 1 minutes after First Fix.
- In Hot Start, 5 seconds after First Fix.

Absolute Maximum Ratings:

Absolute maximum ratings for power supply and voltage on digital pins of the module are listed in the following table.

values within the specified boundaries by using appropriate protection diodes.

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Condition
Supply Voltage	-0.3	4.3	Volt
Backup Battery Voltage (V BCKP)	-0.3	4.3	Volt
Input Voltage at Digital Pins	-0.3	3.6	Volt
Input Power at EX_ANT		15	dBm
Storage Temperature	-55	125	degC

Stressing the device beyond the “Absolute Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage. These are stress ratings only. The product is not protected against over voltage or reversed voltage. If necessary, voltage spikes exceeding the power supply voltage specification, given in table above, must be limited to values within the specified boundaries by using appropriate protection diodes.

2. Block Diagram

The following figure shows a block diagram of YIC51612EBGG-33. It consists of a single chip GNSS IC which includes the RF part and Baseband part, a LNA, a SAW filter, a TCXO, a crystal oscillator.

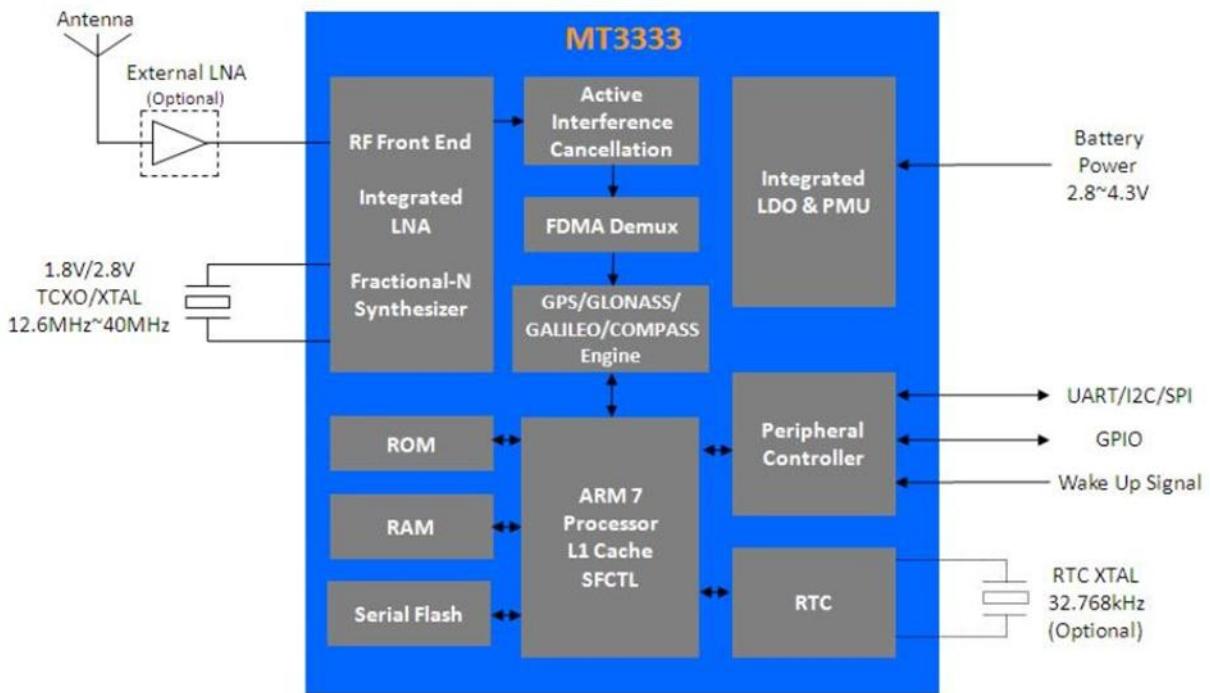


Figure 1: Block Diagram

2.1 Protocols Supported by the Module

Protocol	Type
NMEA	Output, ASCII, 0183, 3.01
PMTK	Input, MTK proprietary protocol

3. Module Pin Assignment

The module is equipped with a 24-pin SMT pad that connects to your application platform. Sub-interfaces included in the pad are described in details in the following chapters

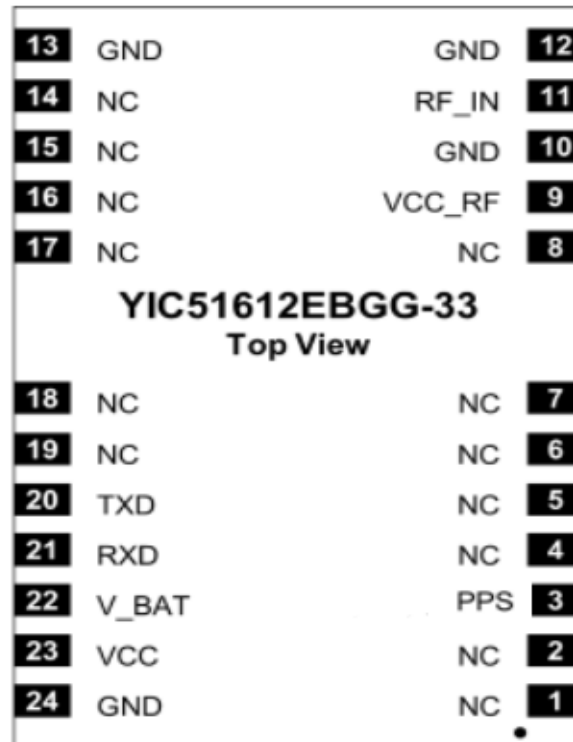


Figure 2: Pin Assignment

3.1 Pin Descriptions

Pin NO.	Pin Name	I/O	DC Characteristics	Remark
1.	NC	N		Not Connect
2.	NC	N		Not Connect
3.	PPS	I/O	VOLmin=-0.3V	One pulse per second. Synchronized at rising edge, the pulse width is 100ms. If unused, keep this pin open.
			VOLmax=0.4V	
			VOHmin=2.4V	
			VOHmax=3.1V	
4.	NC	N		Not Connect
5.	NC	N		Not Connect
6.	NC	N		Not Connect
7.	NC	N		Not Connect
8.	NC	N		Not Connect
9.	VCC_RF	O	Vnom=3.3V	Active antenna power output. Output Voltage RF section. VCC_RF can be selected according to the type of antenna.
10.	GND	G		Ground.
11.	RF_IN	I		External active antenna RF input. Characteristic impedance of 50Ω
12.	GND	G		Ground.
13.	GND	G		Ground.
14.	NC	N		Not Connect
15.	NC	N		Not Connect
16.	NC	N		Not Connect
17.	NC	N		Not Connect
18.	NC	N		Not Connect
19.	NC	N		Not Connect
20.	TXD	O	VOLmin=-0.3V	Transmit data
			VOLmax=0.4V	
			VOHmin=2.4V	
			VOHmax=3.1V	
21.	RXD	I	VILmin=-0.3V	Receive data
			VILmax=0.8V	

			VIHmin=2.0V	
			VIHmax=3.6V	
22.	V_BAT	P	Vmax=3.6V	Backup power supply. Supply power for RTC domain. The VBAT pin can be directly supplied power by battery or connect it to VCC.
			Vmin=1.5V	
			Vnom=3.3V	
23.	VCC	P	Vmax=3.6V	Main power supply. Supply current not less than 100mA.
			Vmin=2.8V	
			Vnom=3.3V	
24.	GND	G		Ground.

3.2 Power Supply

VCC pin supplies power for BB, RF, I/O, LNA, short protection and antenna detection circuit. The load current of VCC varies according to the VCC level, processor load, the number of tracked satellites and the rate of satellite re-acquisition. Using external active antenna will consume additional 11mA from our module. So it is important to supply sufficient current and make the power clean and stable. VCC supply ripple voltage should meet the requirement: 54mV (RMS) max @f=0 ... 3MHz and 15mV (RMS) max@f >3MHz. You should choose the LDO without built-in output high-speed discharge function to keep long output voltage drop-down period. The decouple combination of 10uF and 100nF capacitor is recommended nearby VCC pin.

The V_BCKP pin supplies power for RTC domain. It should be valid when power on the module. The voltage of RTC domain ranges from 1.5V to 3.6V. In order to achieve a better TTFF, RTC domain should be valid all the time. It can supply power for SRAM memory in RTC domain which contains all the necessary GPS & GLONASS information for quick start-up and a small amount of user configuration variables.

- The module's internal power construction is shown as below.

VCC supplies power for PMU, and VBAT supplies power for RTC domain. TIMER signal highlighted in red in the following figure belongs to RTC domain and can be used to control the power switch on/off.

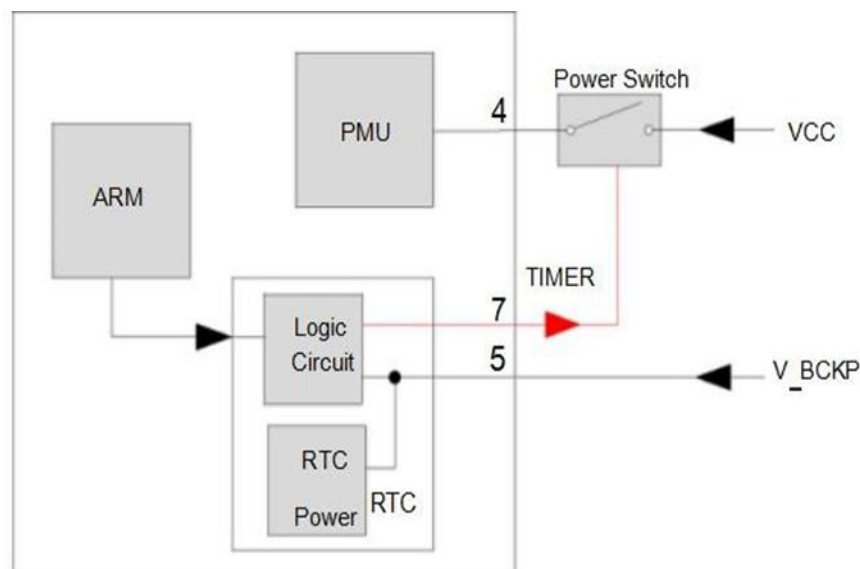


Figure 3 : Internal Power Construction

- Power supply solutions for YIC51612EBGG-33 are listed as the following.

The simplest power circuit for YIC51612EBGG-33 is 3.3V power source connected to VCC pin and V_BCKP pin of the module directly. In this case, once you powered on the module, the full cold start will be implemented.

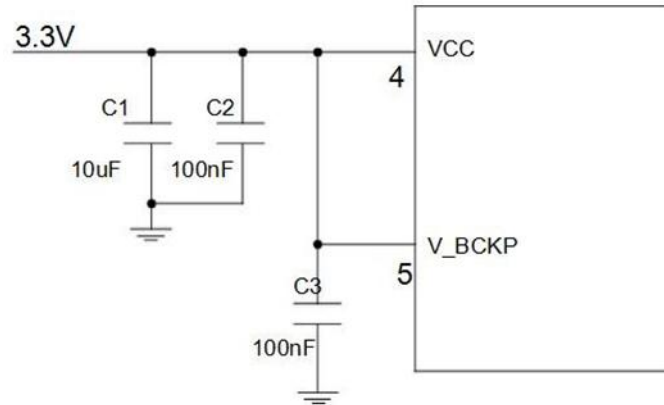


Figure 4: Reference Circuit for Power Supply

If your power supply circuit adopts the design mentioned above, YIC51612EBGG-33 does not support EASY technology and backup mode as well as other modes related to it, e.g. AlwaysLocate™ backup mode.

The other way is feeding V_BCKP through a backup battery directly. The module will enter into backup mode when power source (3.3V) is cut off. Furthermore, it is necessary to add an external charging circuit for rechargeable battery. The detailed schematic (mount R2 with OR to replace Power switch) is shown as there is no charge source when power source (3.3V) is cut off. MS621FE FL11E from Seiko is recommended. The consumption of V_BCKP is as low as 20uA in backup mode.

The schematic with power supply circuit is shown as below. As power source (3.3V) is always valid and the battery is charged continuously, the capacity of the battery can be small. The detailed schematic for power switch circuit is shown in **Figure 5**.

For more details about backup mode, periodic backup mode and AlwaysLocate™ backup mode, please refer to the related chapters.

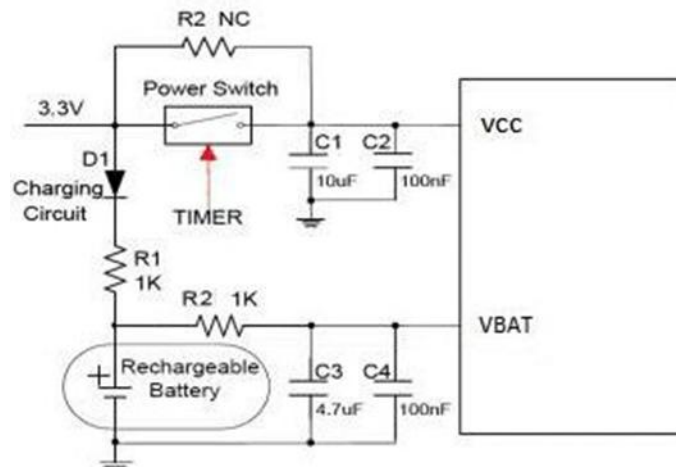


Figure 5: Reference Charging Circuit for Chargeable Battery

VCC does not supply power for RTC domain in YIC51612EBGG-33, so the V_BCKP pin must be powered externally. Furthermore, it is strongly recommended to supply power to V_BCKP through a backup battery, which can ensure YIC51612EBGG-33 supports EASY technology and improves TTF after next restart. For details about TTF, please refer to **chapter1.3**.

3.3 Operating Modes

The table below briefly illustrates the relationship among different operating modes of YIC51612EBGG-33.

Module Status switch

Current Mode	Next Mode					
	Backup	Standby	Full on	Periodic	AlwaysLocate	FLP
Backup	N/A	N/A	Refer to Chapter3.3.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Standby	N/A	N/A	Send any data via UART	N/A	N/A	N/A
Full on	Refer to Chapter3.3.3	PMTK161	N/A	PMTK225	PMTK225	PMTK266
Periodic	N/A	N/A	Refer to Chapter3.3.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Always Locate	N/A	N/A	Refer to Chapter3.3.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
FLP	N/A	N/A	Refer to Chapter3.3.6	N/A	N/A	N/A

3.3.1 Full on Mode

Full on mode includes tracking mode and acquisition mode. Acquisition mode is defined as the module starts to search satellites, determine visible satellites and coarse carrier frequency as well as code phase of satellite signals. When the acquisition is completed, it switches to tracking mode automatically. Tracking mode is defined as the module keeps tracking satellites and demodulates the navigation data from the specific satellites.

When the combination of VCC and V_BCKP is valid, the module will enter into full on mode automatically and follow the default configurations as below. You can refer to **chapter 3.2** about internal power construction to have a good comprehension. You can also use PMTK commands to change the configurations to satisfy your requirements.

Default Configurations

Item	Configuration	Comment
Baud Rate	9600bps	Can be configured as 4800bps~115200bps
Protocol	NMEA	RMC, VTG, GGA, GSA, GSV, GLL and GPTXT (MTK proprietary protocol)
Update Rate	1Hz	Can be configured as 1~10Hz
SBAS	Enable	
AIC	Enable	
LOCUS	Disable	
EASY	Disable	EASY will be disabled automatically when update rate exceeds 1Hz.

3.3.2 Standby Mode

Standby mode is a low-power consumption mode. In standby mode, the internal core and I/O power domain are still active, but RF and TCXO are powered off, and the module stops satellites search and navigation. UART is still accessible through PMTK commands or any other data, but there is no NMEA messages output.

Sending PMTK command “\$PMTK161,0*28” will make YIC51612EBGG-33 enter into standby mode. Sending any data via UART can wake the module up. When the module exits from standby mode, it will use all internal aiding information like GPS&GLONASS time, Ephemeris, Last Position, etc., resulting to the fastest possible TTFF in either Hot or Warm start. The typical standby current consumption in this way is about 1mA @VCC=3.3V.

- When the external active antenna is used, an additional 11mA will be consumed because the VCC still supplies power for external active antenna in standby mode.

3.3.3 Backup Mode

Backup mode consumes lower power than standby mode. In this mode, only the backup supply V_BCKP is powered on while the main supply VCC is switched off by host or the TIMER signal of YIC51612EBGG-33. In order to enter into backup mode autonomously via the TIMER pin, an external switch circuit is necessary. The following figure has shown a typical reference design about the switch circuit for TIMER.

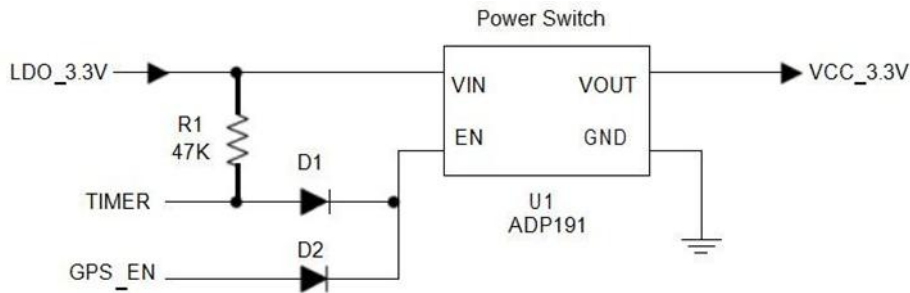


Figure 6: The External Switch Circuit for TIMER

- U1 is an integrated power switch component. The part number ADP191 is recommended. U1 also can be replaced by discrete components.
- TIMER pin also can be used to control the EN pin of a LDO.
- TIMER and GPS_EN signals form an “OR” logic via the Schottky diodes D1 and D2. GPS_EN is a GPIO signal coming from the host.
- TIMER is an open drain output signal. When TIMER pin is used, please pull it high by using an external resistor. R1 is the pull-up resistor for TIMER signal.

Keeping GPS_EN signal low and sending PMTK command “\$PMTK225,4*2F” will make YIC51612EBGG-33 enter into backup mode forever. When this command is executed successfully, TIMER signal will be pulled down to close the power switch, so YIC51612EBGG-33 can go into backup mode as the main power VCC is cut off. For this case, pulling the GPS_EN signal high by host is the only way to wake the module up.

In backup mode, YIC51612EBGG-33 stops to acquire and track satellites. UART is not accessible. But the backed-up memory in RTC domain which contains all the necessary GPS&GLONASS information for quick start up and a small amount of user configuration variables is alive. Due to the backed up memory, EASY technology is available. The typical consumption in backup mode can be as low as 20uA.

As the main power supply for V_BCKP pin is battery. Coin-type rechargeable capacitor such as MS920SE from Seiko can be used and Schottky diode such as RB520S30T1G from ON Semiconductor is recommended to be used here for its low voltage drop.

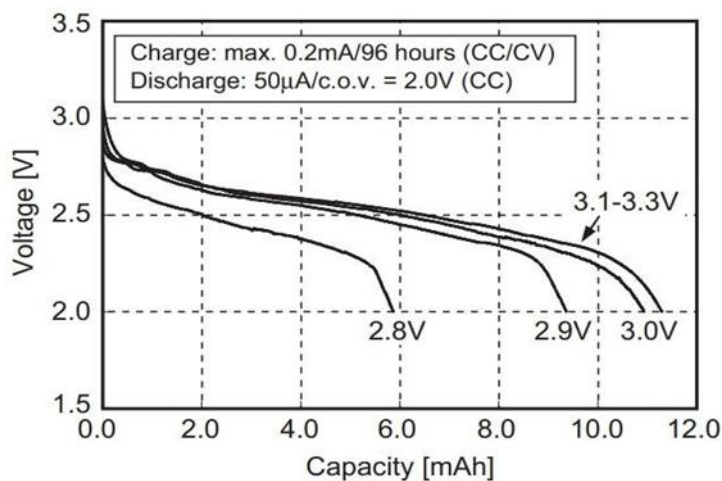


Figure 7: Seiko MS920SE Charge and Discharge Characteristics

3.3.4 Periodic Mode

Periodic mode is a power saving mode of YIC51612EBGG-33 that can control the full on mode and standby/backup mode periodically to reduce power consumption. It contains periodic standby mode and periodic backup mode.

- The format of the command which enables the module to enter into periodic mode is as follows:

PMTK Command Format

Format:

```
$PMTK225,<Type>,<Run_time>,<Sleep_time>,<2nd_run_time>,<2nd_sleep_time>*<checksum>
< CR><LF>
```

Parameter	Format	Description
Type	Decimal	Type=1 for Periodic Backup Mode
		Type=2 for Periodic Standby Mode
Run_time	Decimal	Full on mode period (ms)
Sleep_time	Decimal	Standby/Backup mode period (ms)
2nd_run_time	Decimal	Full on mode period (ms) for extended acquisition in case GPS&GLONASS module's acquisition fails during the Run_time
2nd_sleep_time	Decimal	Standby/Backup mode period (ms) for extended sleep in case GPS&GLONASS module's acquisition fails during the Run_time
Checksum	Hexadecimal	Hexadecimal checksum

Example

```
$PMTK225,1,3000,12000,18000,72000*16<CR><LF>
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$PMTK225,2,3000,12000,18000,72000*15<CR><LF>
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Sending "\$PMTK225,0*2B" in any time will make the module enter into full on mode from periodic standby mode.

Sending "\$PMTK225,0*2B" just in **Run_time** or **2nd_run_time** can make the module enter into full on mode from periodic backup mode.

- The precondition is that the external switch circuit supports periodic backup mode. For details, please refer to *chapter 3.3.3*.
- Before entering into periodic backup mode, please ensure the GPS_EN signal is low and power supply for VBCKP is alive.

The following figure has shown the operation of periodic mode. When you send PMTK command, the module will be in the full on mode firstly. After several minutes, the module will enter into the periodic mode and follow the parameters set by you. When the module fails to fix the position in **run_time**, the module will switch to **2nd_run_time** and **2nd_sleep_time** automatically. As long as the module fixes the position again, the module will return to **Run_time** and **Sleep_time**.

Please ensure the module is in the tracking state before entering into periodic mode. Otherwise, the module will have a risk of failure to track the satellites. If GPS&GLONASS module is located in weak signal environment, it is better to set a longer **2nd_run_time** to ensure the success of re-acquisition.

The average current value can be calculated by the following formula:

$$I_{\text{periodic}} = (I_{\text{tracking}} \times T1 + I_{\text{standby/backup}} \times T2) / (T1 + T2) \quad T1: \text{Run_time}, T2: \text{Sleep_time}$$

Example

PMTK225,2,3000,12000,18000,72000*15 for periodic mode with 3s in tracking mode and 12s in standby mode.

The average current consumption is calculated below:

$$I_{\text{periodic}} = (I_{\text{tracking}} \times T1 + I_{\text{standby}} \times T2) / (T1 + T2) = (20\text{mA} \times 3\text{s} + 1\text{mA} \times 12\text{s}) / (3\text{s} + 12\text{s}) \approx 4.8 \text{ (mA)}$$

PMTK225,1,3000,12000,18000,72000*16 for periodic mode with 3s in tracking mode and 12s in backup mode. The average current consumption is calculated below:

$$I_{\text{periodic}} = (I_{\text{tracking}} \times T1 + I_{\text{backup}} \times T2) / (T1 + T2) = (20\text{mA} \times 3\text{s} + 0.007\text{mA} \times 12\text{s}) / (3\text{s} + 12\text{s}) \approx 4.0 \text{ (mA)}$$

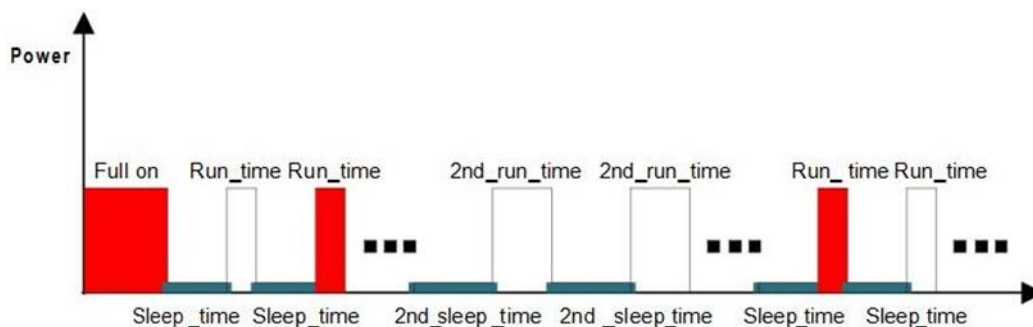


Figure 8: Periodic Mode

3.3.5 AlwaysLocate™ Mode

AlwaysLocate™ is an intelligent power saving mode. It contains AlwaysLocate™ backup mode and AlwaysLocate™ standby mode.

AlwaysLocate™ standby mode allows the module to switch automatically between full on mode and standby mode. According to the environmental and motion conditions, the module can adaptively adjust the full on time and standby time to achieve a balance between positioning accuracy and power consumption. Sending "\$PMTK225,8*23" and the module returning: "\$PMTK001,225,3*35" means the module accesses AlwaysLocate™ standby mode successfully. It will benefit power saving in this mode. Sending "\$PMTK225,0*2B" in any time will make the module back to full on mode.

AlwaysLocate™ backup mode is similar to AlwaysLocate™ standby mode. The difference is that AlwaysLocate™ backup mode can switch between full on mode and backup mode automatically. The PMTK command to enter into AlwaysLocate™ backup mode is "\$PMTK225,9*22". The module can exit from AlwaysLocate™ backup mode by command "\$PMTK225,0*2B" sent just after the module has been waked up from previous backup cycle.

The positioning accuracy in AlwaysLocate™ mode will be somewhat degraded, especially in high speed. The following picture shows the rough power consumption of YIC51612EBGG-33 module in different daily scenes when AlwaysLocate™ mode is enabled.

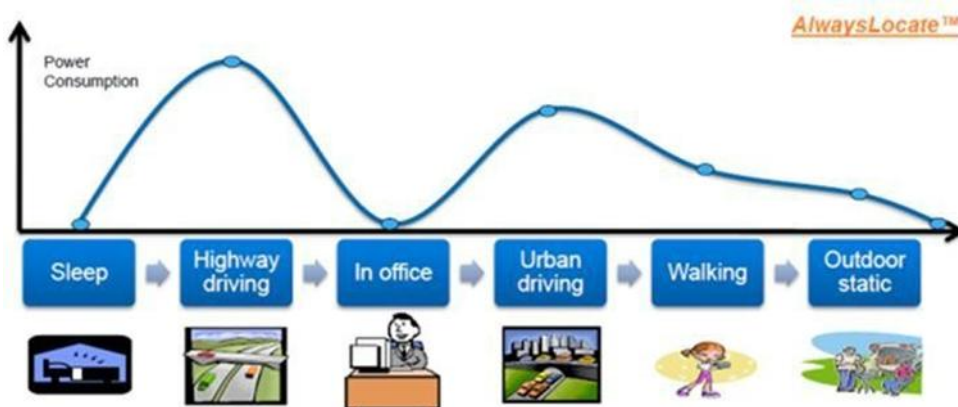


Figure 9: AlwaysLocate™ Mode

Example

The typical average consumption is about 3.5mA in AlwaysLocate™ standby mode and 3.0mA in AlwaysLocate™ backup mode.

- Power consumption is measured under outdoor static mode with patch antenna. Using external active antenna will increase the power consumption.
- Before entering into periodic backup mode, please ensure the GPS_EN signal is low and power supply for V_BCKP is alive.

3.3.6 FLP Mode

The Fitness Low Power (FLP) feature provides low power GPS&GLONASS solution for fitness application. FLP is a duty cycle concept to achieve low power target. It is specifically designed for walking/running/cycling applications.

FLP function is disabled by default. You can enable FLP by SDK or PMTK command. Sending "\$PMTK262,1*29" will enable FLP function, and wait until YIC51612EBGG-33 module gets a valid fix. Then wait at least 60s for YIC51612EBGG-33 to enter FLP mode. FLP function will be disabled after sending "\$PMTK262,0*28".

Average Current for FLP Mode and Tracking Mode of YIC51612EBGG-33.

Scenario	In FLP Mode (mA)	In Tracking Mode (mA)
Static	21.3	32
Walking	20.9	32
Running	20.7	32
Driving	21.4	32

- The EASY and FLP function cannot work at the same time. When you enable FLP by SDK or PMTK command, the EASY function will be disabled automatically.
- SBAS data downloading will be influenced by FLP function. It is suggested that you should disable the SBAS while enabling FLP mode.
- The power consumption is measured in the open sky under different states of motion.
- The current is the average of multiple measurements.

3.4 UART Interface

The module provides one universal asynchronous receiver& transmitter serial port. The module is designed as DCE (Data Communication Equipment), following the traditional DCE-DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) connection. The module and the client (DTE) are connected through the signals shown in the following figure. It supports data baud-rate from 4800bps to 115200bps.

UART port:

TXD: Send data to the RXD1 signal line of DTE.

RXD: Receive data from the TXD1 signal line of DTE.

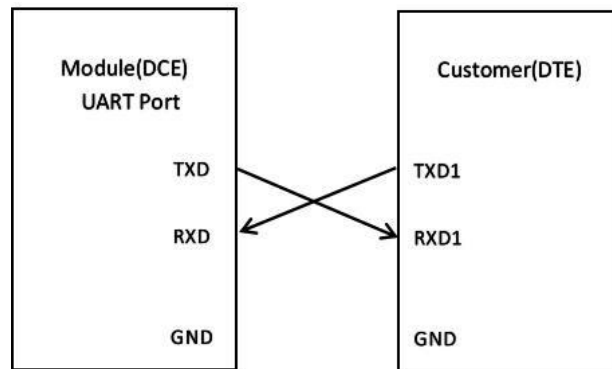


Figure 10: Connection of Serial Interfaces

This UART port has the following features:

- UART port can be used for firmware upgrade, NMEA output and PMTK proprietary commands input.
- The default output NMEA type setting is RMC, VTG, GGA, GSA, GSV, GLL and GPTXT (MTK proprietary protocol).
- UART port supports the following data rates:
4800, 9600, 14400, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200bps.
The default setting is 9600bps, 8 bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit.
- Hardware flow control and synchronous operation are not supported.

The UART port does not support the RS-232 level but only CMOS level. If the module's UART port is connected to the UART/RS-232 port of a computer, it is necessary to add a level shift circuit between the module and the computer. Please refer to the following figure.

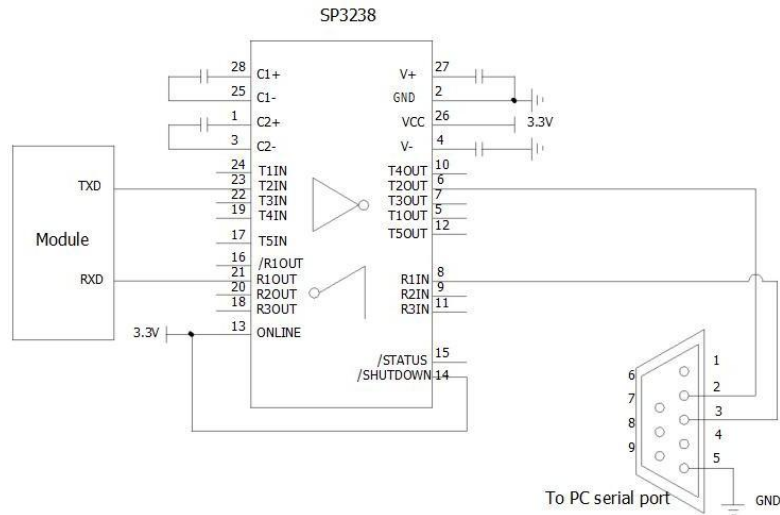


Figure 11 : RS-232 Level Shift Circuit

3.5 EASY Technology

EASY technology works as embedded software which can accelerate TTFF by predicting satellite navigation messages from received ephemeris. The GPS&GLONASS engine will calculate and predict orbit.

information automatically up to 3 days after first receiving the broadcast ephemeris, and then save the predicted information into the internal memory. GPS&GLONASS engine will use the information for positioning if no enough information from satellites, so the function is helpful for positioning and TTFF improvement.

The EASY function can reduce TTFF to 5s in warm start. In this case, RTC domain should be valid. In order to get enough broadcast ephemeris information from GPS&GLONASS satellites, the GPS&GLONASS module should receive the information for at least 5 minutes in good signal conditions after fixing the position.

EASY function is enabled by default. Command “\$PMTK869,1,0*34” can be used to disable EASY.

3.6 Multi-tone AIC

YIC51612EBGG-33 provides an advanced technology called multi-tone AIC (Active Interference Cancellation) to reject RF interference which comes from other active components on the main board.

Up to 12 multi-tone AIC embedded in the module can provide effective narrow -band interference and jamming elimination. The GPS&GLONASS signal could be recovered from the jammed signal, which can ensure better navigation quality. AIC is enabled by default, closing it will save about 1mA @VCC=3.3V consumption. The following commands can be used to set AIC.

Enable AIC function: "\$PMTK 286,1*23".

Disable AIC function: "\$PMTK 286,0*22".

3.7 LOCUS

YIC51612EBGG-33 supports the embedded logger function called LOCUS. It can log position information to the internal flash memory automatically when this function is enabled by sending PMTK command "\$PMTK183,0*22". Due to this function, the host can go to sleep to save power consumption and does not need to receive the NMEA information all the time. The module can provide a log capacity of more than 16 hours.

The detail procedures of this function are illustrated bellow:

- The module has fixed the position (only 3D_fixed is available);
- Sending PMTK command "\$PMTK184,1*22" to erase internal flash;
- Sending PMTK command "\$PMTK185,0*22" to start log;
- Module logs the basic information (UTC time, latitude, longitude and height) every 15 seconds to internal flashmemory;
- Stop logging the information by sending "\$PMTK185,1*23";
- Host can get the data from the module via UART by sending "\$PMTK622,1*29".

The raw data which host gets has to be parsed via LOCUS parser code provided by YIC. For more details, please contact YIC technical supports.

3.8 PPS VS. NMEA

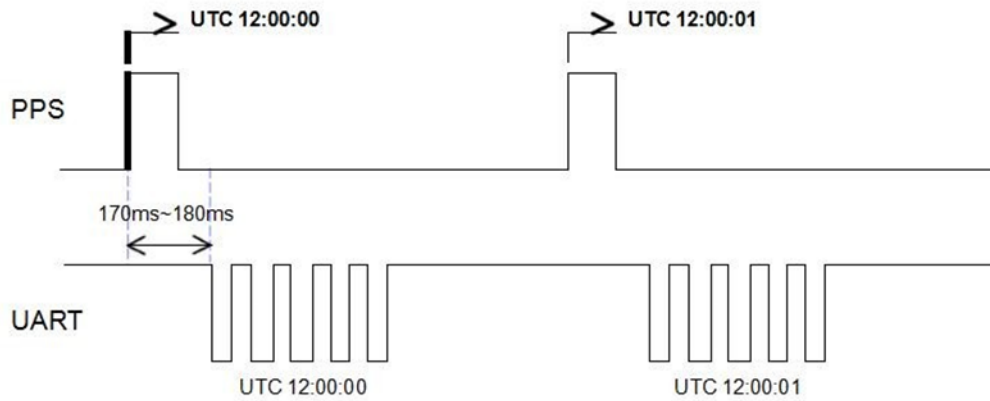


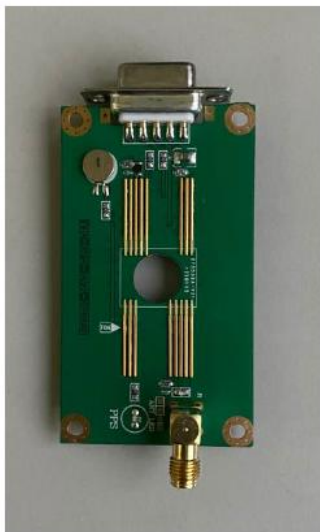
Figure 12: PPS VS. NMEA Timing

This feature only supports 1Hz NMEA output and baud rate at 14400~115200bps. At baud rate of 9600 and 4800bps, it only supports RMC NMEA sentence. Because at low baud rate, per second transmission may exceed one second if there are many NMEA sentences output. You can enable this function by sending "\$PMTK255,1*2D", and disable the function by sending "\$PMTK255,0*2C".

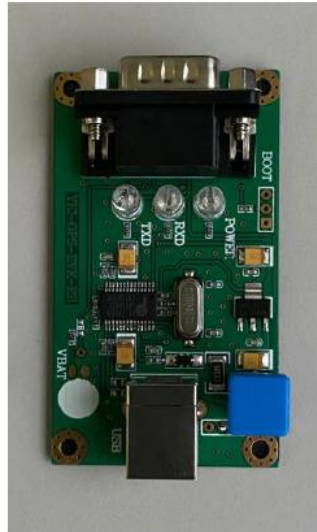
3.9 Evaluation Kit (YIC EVK-1612EB)

In order to help engineers to use YIC51612EBGGB in the design stage, YIC supplies the EVK Kit including Evaluation Board (EVB) with micro USB serial cable, Adaptor board and GNSS External Active Antenna.

The main function of EVK is to assist engineers to immediately test and optimize software and hardware designs in order to accelerate the completion of the best product.



Main Board



Adaptor Board



USB Cable



ATGG4336M

GNSS External Active Antenna (GPS, QZSS, GLONASS, Galileo and SBAS)

4. Antenna Consideration

The YIC51612EBGG-33 GPS&GLONASS receiver is designed for supporting the active antenna or passive antenna connected with pin RF_IN. The gain of active antenna should be no less than 15dB. The maximum noise figure should be no more than 2.5dB and output impedance is at 50 Ohm.

4.1 External Active Antenna

The following figure is a typical reference design with active antenna. In this mode, DC on the VCC_RF pin is powered by VCC and supplies power to the external active antenna.

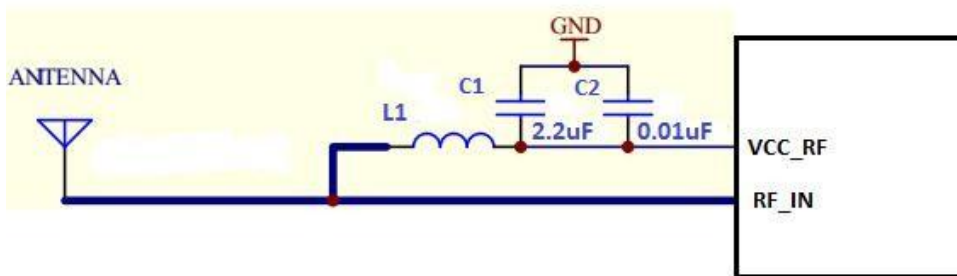


Figure 13: Reference Design for Active Antenna

C1, C2, L1 is used for power supply and filtering effect to the external active antenna, RF_IN antenna to a circuit part (BOLD line) for high frequency micro strip line, PCB in the design of this part of the line to calculate the characteristic impedance of the high-frequency line according to the principle of high frequency wiring.

- Requirements: this section of the line in the 1575.42MHz frequency characteristic impedance requirement is 50 ohm.

Table 7: Recommended Active Antenna Specification

Antenna type	Specification
Active Antenna	Center frequency: 1575.42MHz
	Band width: >5MHZ
	VSWR: <2 (Typ.)
	Polarization: RHCP or Linear
	Noise figure: <1.5dB
	Gain (antenna): >-2dBi
	Gain (embedded LNA): 20dB (Typ.)
	Total gain: >18dBi(Typ.)

4.2 Recommended Antenna

4.2.1 External Active Antenna : ATGG series

ATGG4336M



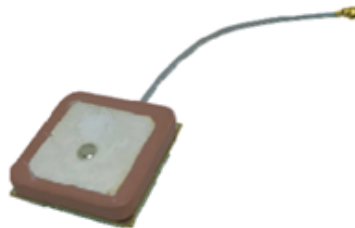
4.2.2 Internal Active Antenna : ATIGG series

ATIGG2540

ATIGG1840

ATIGG1540-1

ATIGG1040-1



4.2.3 Internal Patch Antenna :

ATPGD1590R2540A

ATPG1590R2540A

ATPG1590R1840A

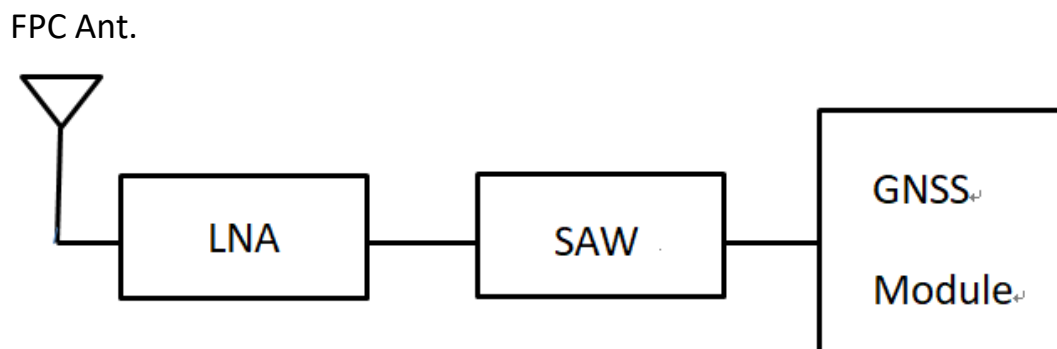
*ATPG1590R1540A

*ATPG1590R1040A



4.2.4 FPC antenna

*ATIFGGBL5-4020



*For antennas smaller than 18×18 mm or FPC designs, it is recommended to integrate an LNA to improve gain and enhance reception performance.

5. PCB Layout Guidelines

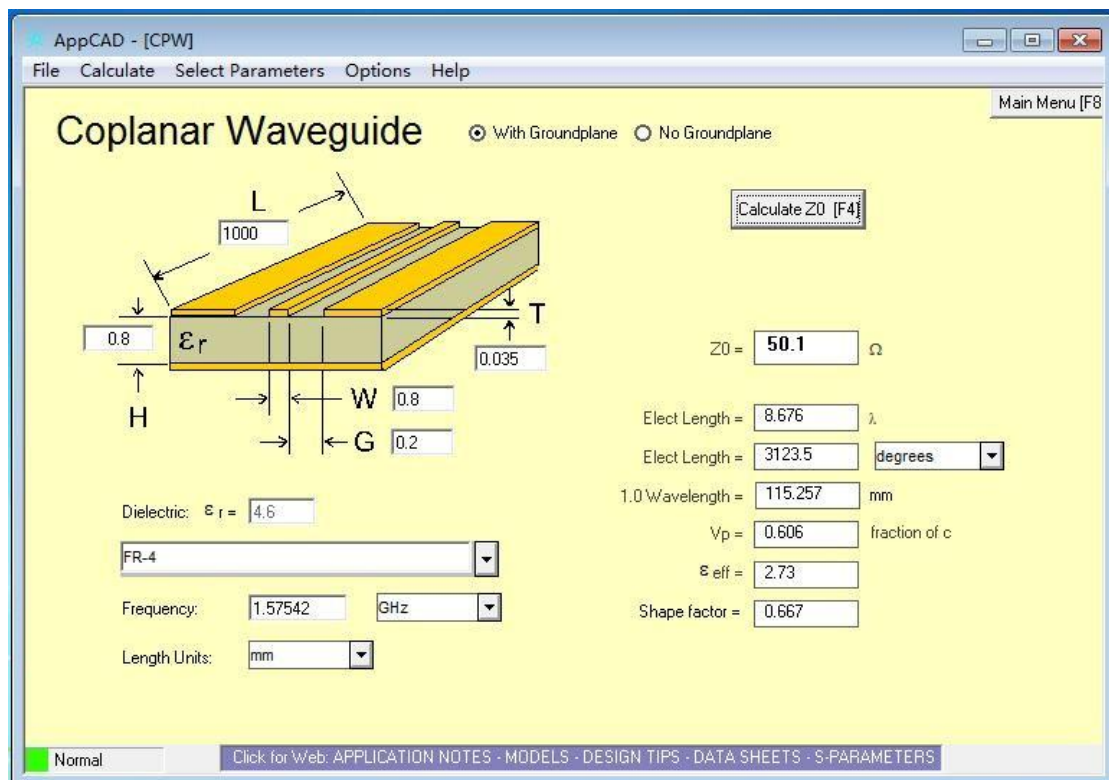
5.1 Separate RF and digital circuits into different PCB regions.

It is necessary to maintain 50-ohm impedance throughout the entire RF signal path. Try keeping the RF signal path as short as possible.

Do not route the RF signal line near noisy sources such as digital signals, oscillators, switching power supplies, or other RF transmitting circuit. Do not route the RF signal under or over any other components (including YIC51612EBGGB), or other signal traces. Do not route the RF signal path on an inner layer of a multi-layer PCB to minimize signal loss. Avoid sharp bends for RF signal path. Make two 45-deg bends or a circular bend instead of a single 90-degree bend if needed.

Avoid vias with RF signal path whenever possible. Every via adds inductive impedance. Vias are acceptable for connecting the RF grounds between different layers. Each of the module's ground pins should have short trace tying immediately to the ground plane below through a via.

The bypass capacitors should be low ESR ceramic types and located directly adjacent to the pin they are for.



Antenna Design

- The RF Front End part generally needs to be placed in a different mask cover (separated) from the Transceiver chip. If other PAs are used, the above requirements must also be followed.
- Inductors should be placed to avoid mutual coupling as much as possible
- The complementary paths of each group of I/O differential pairs can be as symmetrical as possible to ensure excellent phase balance and common mode rejection.
- If necessary, it is recommended to clear the metal layers under all devices and traces to ensure smaller parasitic capacitance.
- RF matching components and traces should be isolated from other circuits and traces as much as possible using GND copper.
- In addition to ensuring 50 ohm impedance control, the layout of the TX and RX lines should also be as short as possible. This can minimize line losses, which is also very important. In addition (for example), in terms of Layer distribution, the TX line can go through the TOP layer, refer to the GND of Layer 2. The RX line can go through Layer 4, refer to the GND plane of Layer 3 and Layer 5

5.2 Antenna Placement on PCB Design Guide (If the design uses patch antenna)

The radiation characteristic of antenna depends on various factors, such as the size, shape of PCB and dielectric constant of components nearby. It is recommended to follow the rules listed below.

- keep the module & Antenna at least 6mm away from the nearest edge of the mother board, that is, it is better to be placed in the center of the mother board.

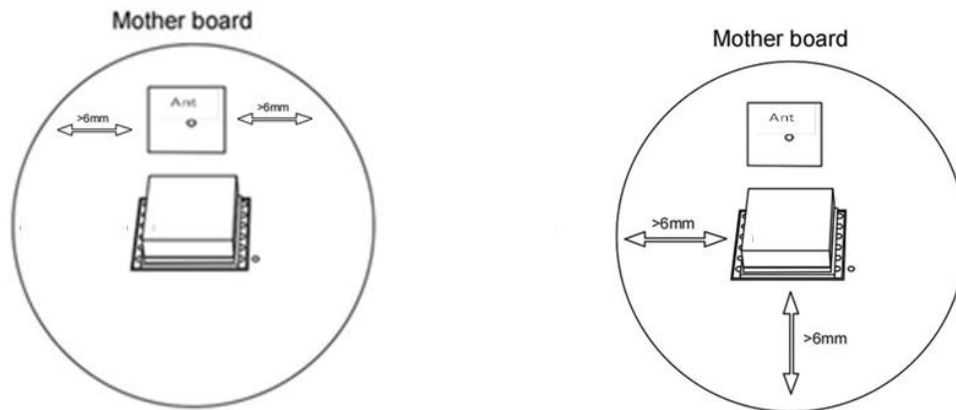


Figure 14: Recommended Distance between Module and Mother Board Edges

- Make sure the antenna points to the sky.
- The performance of embedded patch antenna depends on the actual size of the ground plane around the module. It is recommended to design a 35mm×35mm ground plane as shown below. Meanwhile, do not put any components especially tall components in the areas whenever possible. (Interfering vias is not allowed either).

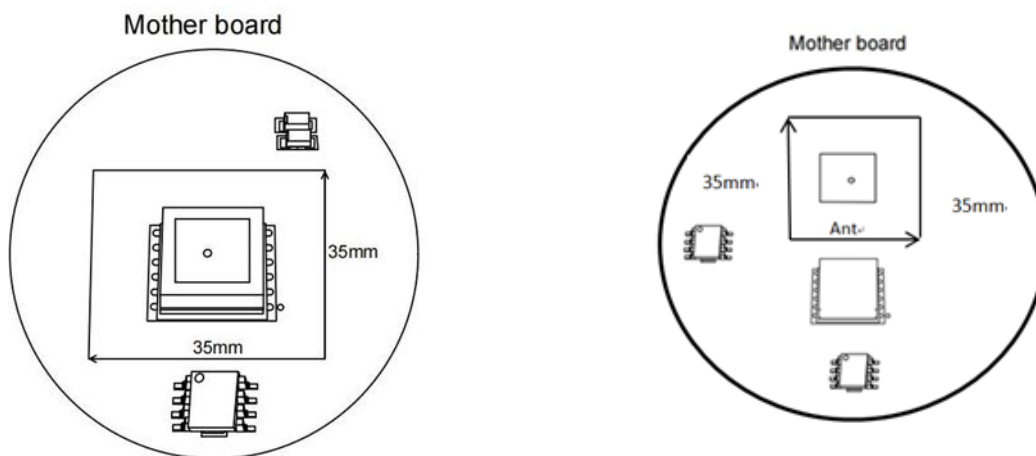


Figure 15: Recommended Ground Plane

- Keep the patch antenna at least 13mm away from other tall metal components. Otherwise, the antenna performance will be affected.

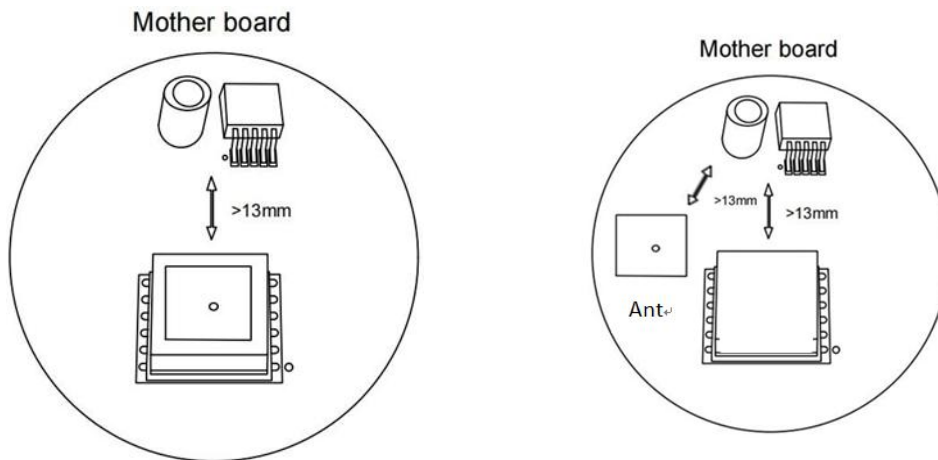


Figure 16: Recommended Distance between Module and Tall Metal Components

- Make sure the microcontroller, crystal, and other high speed components and interfaces are placed on the opposite side of the module and GPS antenna, and keep them away from the module as far as possible, such as in diagonal position of the mother board.

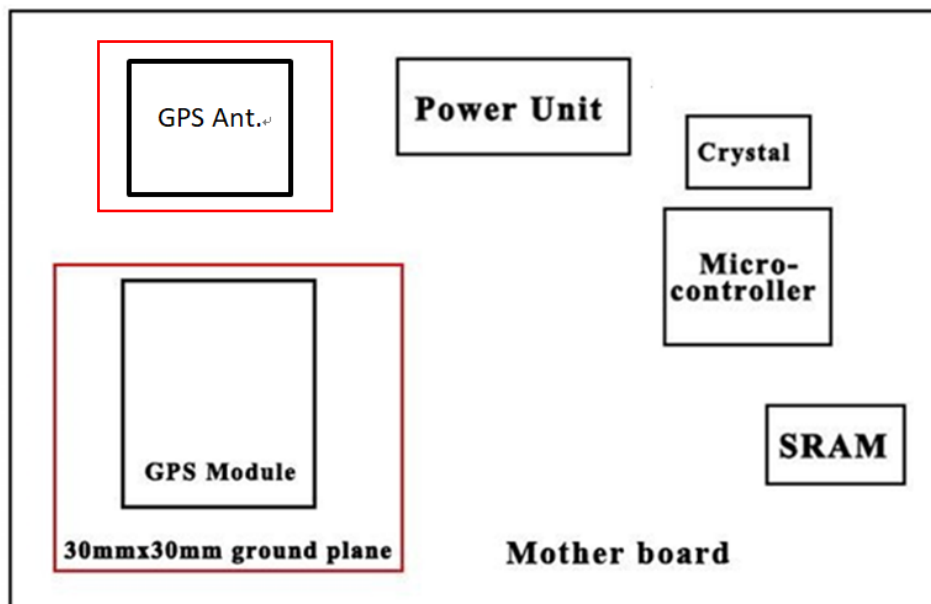


Figure 17: Recommended Placement of GNSS Antenna and Module

- Make sure interfering signals (USB, Crystal, etc.) are in inner layer and shielded by ground plane, and keep them and their vias far away from the module.
- Make sure RF system such as BT/WIFI/GSM is on the opposite side of the module, and keep them away from the module & Antenna as far as possible, such as in diagonal position of the board.

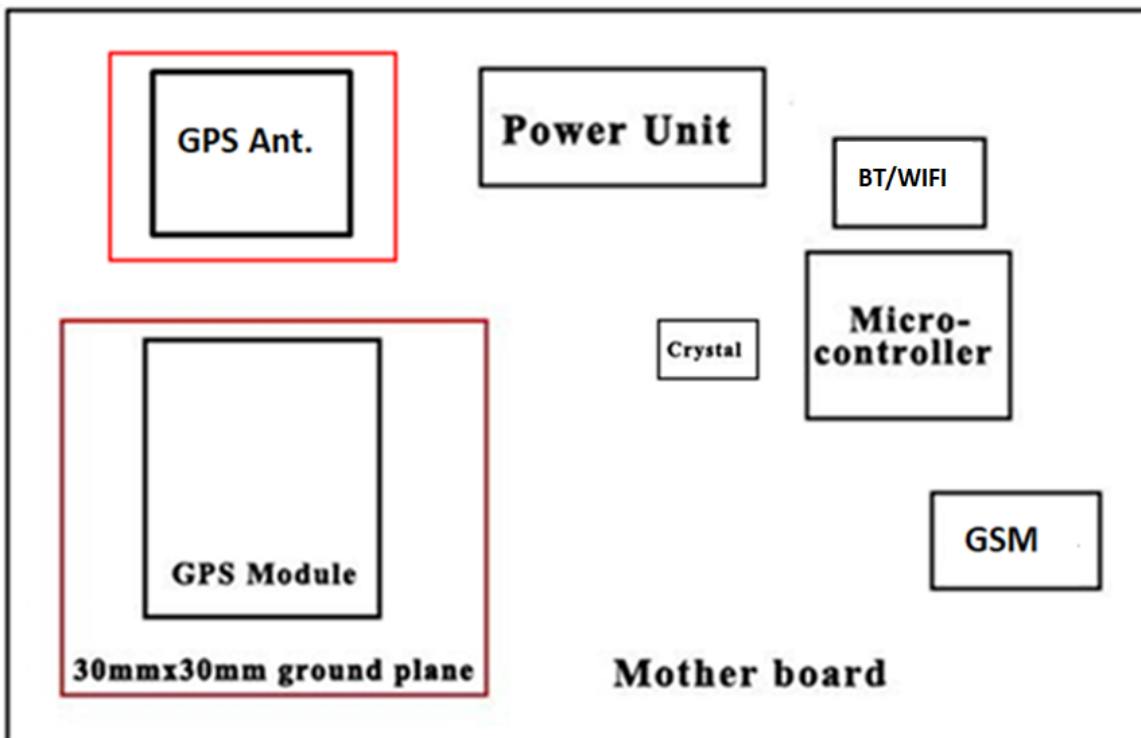


Figure 18: Recommended Placement of GNSS Module with RF System

- Keep DC/DC far away from the module
- Device enclosure should be made of non-metal materials especially for those which are around antenna area. The minimum distance between antenna and enclosure is 3mm.
- The RF part of GPS & GLONASS & Beidou module is sensitive to temperature. please keep them away from heat-emitting circuit.
- It is recommended to reserve an integrate ground layer to isolate GPS & GLONASS & Beidou module from others.
- Module's enclosure material choice has a significant impact on module's performance. Any metallization or conductive materials as flat cables above module antenna or at close vicinity can degrade GPS signals significantly or eliminate it completely. Plastic materials with high dielectric constant and dielectric loss affect antenna frequency response and its return loss. Preferable materials are those used for RADOMs and special plastics for RF applications.

5.3 External Active Antenna Circuit

The following figure is a typical reference design with active antenna. In this mode, DC on the RF_IN pin is powered by VCC_RF Pin and supplies power to the external active antenna.

π model match network :

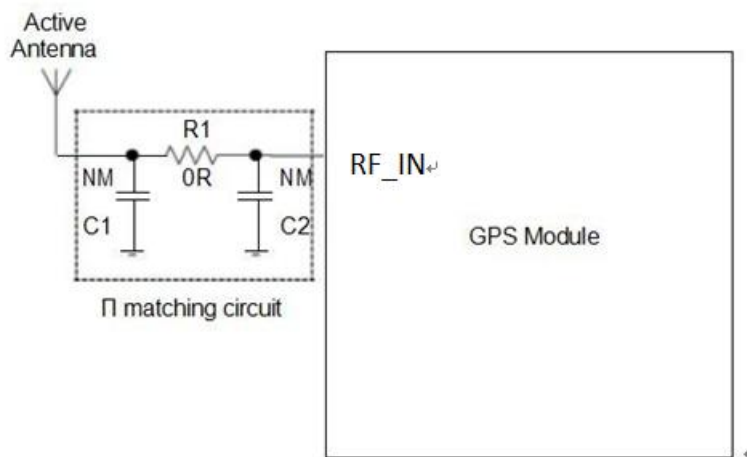


Figure 19: Reference Design for Active Antenna

C1, R1, C2 are reserved matching circuit for antenna impedance modification. By default, C1 and C2 are not mounted; R1 is 0 ohm. In this mode, R1 must not be capacitance, as current will stream through R1 to the active antenna. C1 and C2 must not be inductance or resistance to avoid short circuit.

The impedance of RF trace line in main PCB should be controlled as 50 Ohm, and the trace length should be kept as short as possible.

The following figure is a typical reference design with active antenna. In this mode, DC on the RF_IN pin is powered by VCC_RF Pin and supplies power to the external active antenna.

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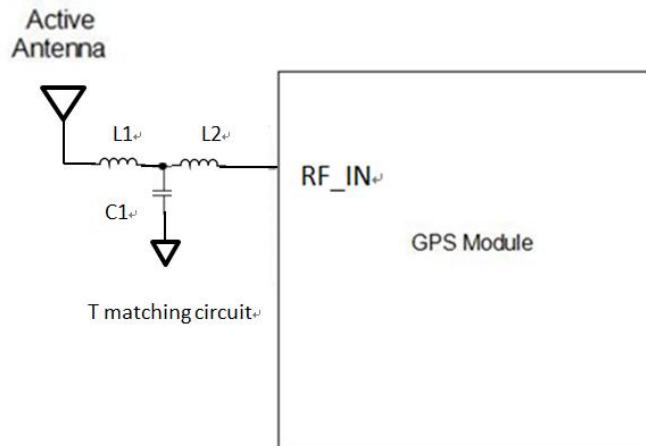


Figure 20: Reference Design for Active Antenna

L1, C1, L2 are reserved matching circuit for antenna impedance modification. By default, C1 is not mounted; L1 and L2 are 0 H.

The impedance of RF trace line in main PCB should be controlled as 50 Ohm, and the trace length should be kept as short as possible.

6. Electrical, Reliability and Radio Characteristics

6.1 Electrostatic Discharge

YIC51612EBGG-33 is an ESD sensitive device. ESD protection precautions should still be emphasized. Proper ESD handling and packaging procedures must be applied throughout the processing, handling and operation of any application.

The ESD bearing capability of the module is listed in the following table. Note that you should add ESD components to module pins in particular applications.

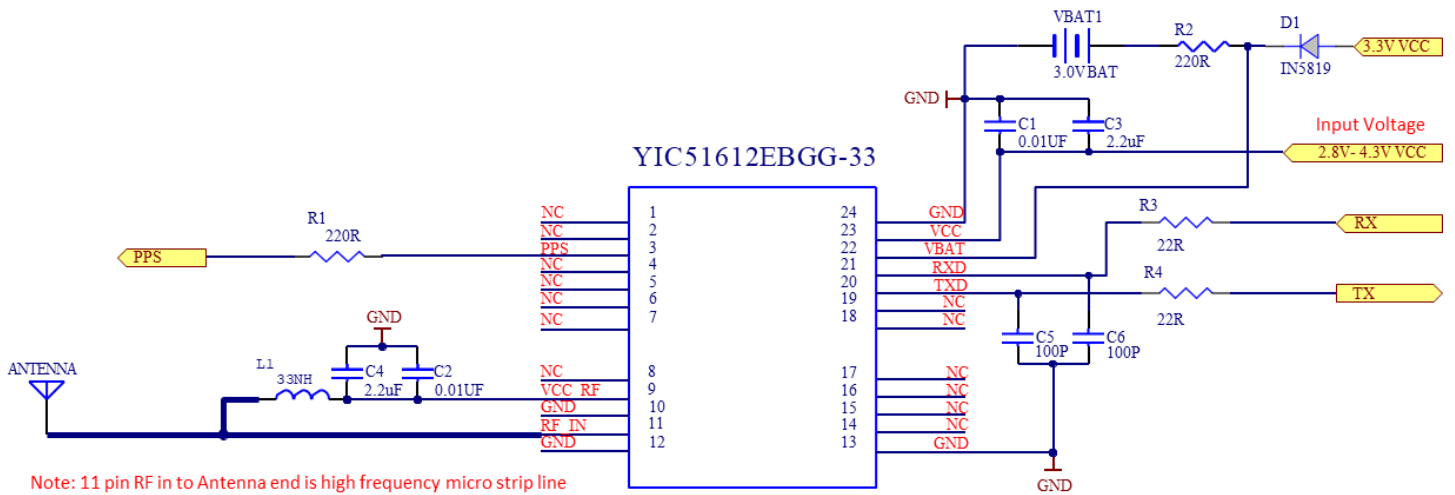
ESD Endurance Table (Temperature : 25°C, Humidity: 45%)

Pin	Contact Discharge	Air Discharge
EX_ANT	±5KV	±10KV
Patch Antenna	±5KV	±10KV
VCC	±5KV	±10KV
UART	±3KV	±6KV
Others	±2KV	±4KV

6.2 Reliability Test

Test Item	Conditions	Standard
Thermal Shock	-30°C...+80°C, 144 cycles	GB/T 2423.22-2002 Test Na IEC 68-2-14 Na
Damp Heat, Cyclic	+55°C; >90% Rh 6 cycles for 144 hours	IEC 68-2-30 Db Test
Vibration Shock	5~20Hz, 0.96m2/s3; 20~500Hz, 0.96m2/s3-3dB/oct, 1hour/axis; no function	2423.13-1997 Test Fdb IEC 68-2-36 Fdb Test
Heat Test	85°C, 2 hours, operational	GB/T 2423.1-2001 Ab IEC 68-2-1 Test
Cold Test	-40°C, 2 hours, operational	GB/T 2423.1-2001 Ab IEC 68-2-1 Test
Heat Soak	90°C, 72 hours, non-operational	GB/T 2423.2-2001 Bb IEC 68-2-2 Test B
Cold Soak	-45°C, 72 hours, non-operational	GB/T 2423.1-2001 A IEC 68-2-1 Test

7. Application Circuit:(Example)



Note: 11 pin RF in to Antenna end is high frequency micro strip line
The frequency characteristic impedance of 1.575GHz is 50 ohms

8. Mechanical Dimensions

This chapter describes the mechanical dimensions of the module

8.1 Mechanical Dimensions of the Module

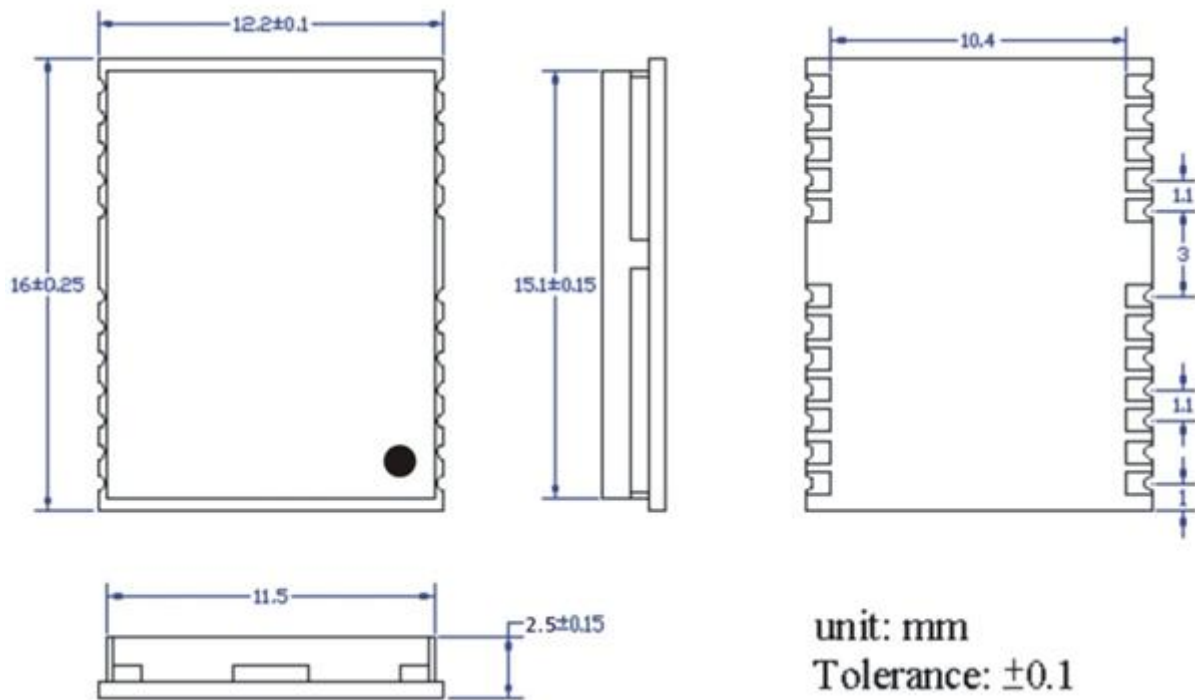


Figure 21: Top and Bottom View Dimensions (Unit: mm)

9. Manufacturing, Packaging and Ordering Information

9.1 Assembly and Soldering

YIC51612EBGG-33 is intended for SMT assembly and soldering in a Pb-free reflow process on the top side of the PCB. It is suggested that the minimum height of solder paste stencil is 100um to ensure sufficient solder volume. Pad openings of paste mask can be increased to ensure proper soldering and solder wetting over pads. It is suggested that the peak reflow temperature is 235~245°C (for SnAg3.0Cu0.5 alloy). The absolute maximum reflow temperature is 260°C. To avoid damage to the module when it is repeatedly heated, it is suggested that the module should be mounted after reflow soldering for the other side of PCB has been completed. Recommended reflow soldering thermal profile is shown below:

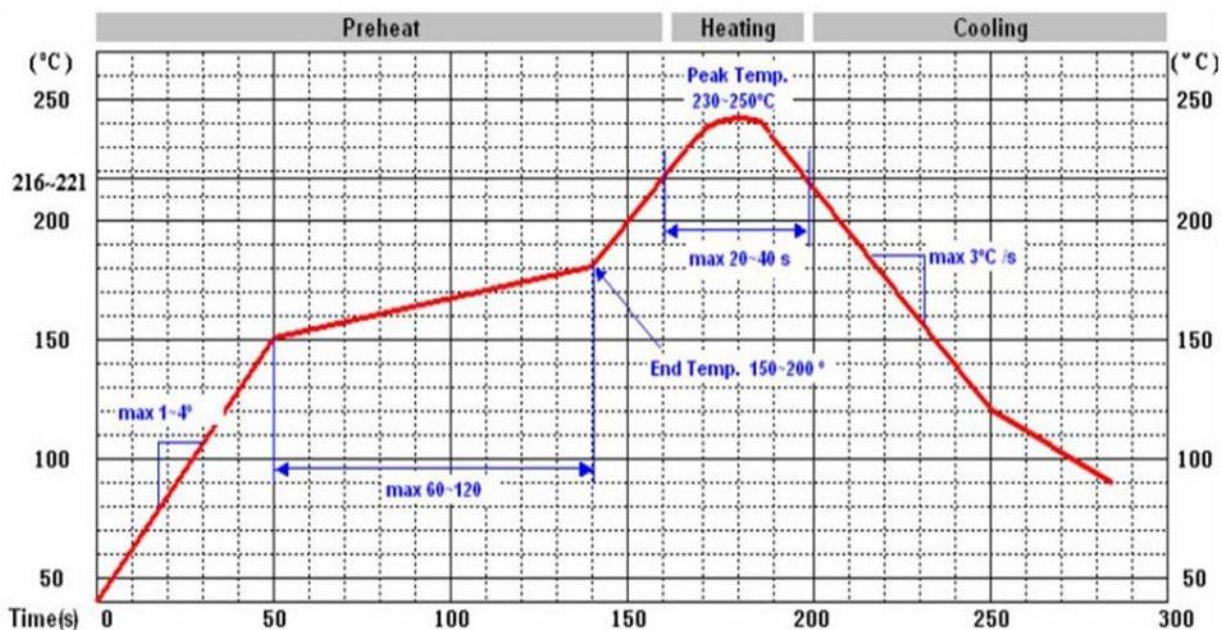


Figure 22: Recommended Reflow Soldering Thermal Profile

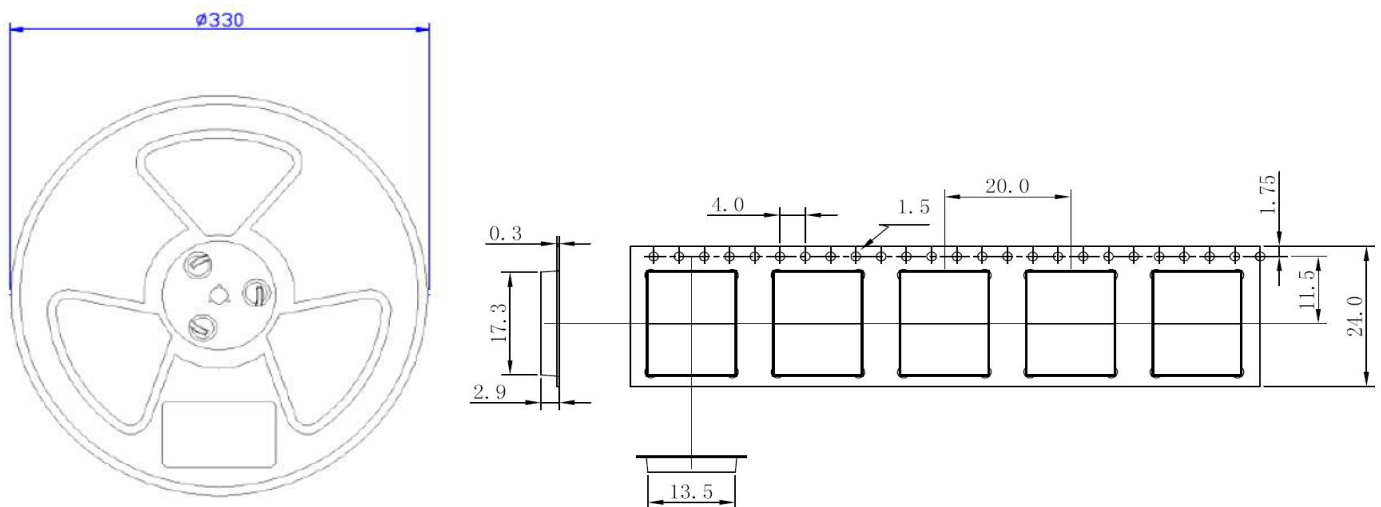
9.2 Moisture Sensitivity

YIC51612EBGG-33 is sensitive to moisture. To prevent YIC51612EBGG-33 from permanent damage during reflow soldering, baking before reflow soldering is required in following cases:

- Humidity indicator card: One or more indicating spots are no longer blue.
- The seal is opened and the module is exposed to excessive humidity.

YIC51612EBGG-33 should be baked for 192 hours at temperature $40^{\circ}\text{C}+5^{\circ}\text{C}/-0^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $<5\%$ RH in low-temperature containers, or 24 hours at temperature $125^{\circ}\text{C}\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ in high-temperature containers. Care should be taken that the plastic tape is not heat resistant. YIC51612EBGG-33 should be taken out from the tape before preheating; otherwise, the tape maybe damaged by high-temperature heating.

9.3 Tape and Reel Packaging



- Unit: mm
- 1000 pcs per reel, total length: 20 m

10. NMEA 0183 Protocol

The NMEA protocol is an ASCII-based protocol, Records start with a \$ and with carriage return/line feed. GPS&GLONASS specific messages all start with \$GPxxx/\$GLxxx where \$GNxxx is a three-letter identifier of the message data that follows. NMEA messages have a check sum, which allows detection of corrupted data transfers.

10.1 Location mode configuration instructions

Pattern	Instructions	NMEA Output
GPS	\$PMTK353,1,0*36	GPRMC.GPGGA.GPGSV.GPGSA.GPGLL.GPVTG
GLONASS	\$PMTK353,0,1*36	GLRMC.GLGGA.GLGSV.GLGSA.GLGLL.GLVTG
GPS+GLONASS	\$PMTK353,1,1*37	GNRMC.GNGGA.GPGSV.GLGSV.GPGSA.GLGSA.GNGLL.GNVTG

Single system or dual system positioning mode can be selected through the configuration instructions:

Instruction configuration instructions

- The YIC51612EBGG-33 Initialization location mode for GPS+GLONASS dual mode,
Output data: \$GNRMC. \$GNGGA. \$GPGSV. \$GLGSV. \$GPGSA. \$GLGSA.\$GNGLL. \$GNVTG

10.2 GGA-Global Positioning System Fixed Data

\$xxGGA, 161229.487,3723.2475,N, 12158.3416,W, 1,07,1.0,9.0,M.0000*18

Table 1: GGA Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$xxGGA		GGA protocol header
UTC Position	161229.487		hhmmss.sss
Latitude	3723.2457		ddmm.mmmm
N/S indicator	N		N=north or S=south
Longitude	12158.3416		dddmm.mmmm
E/W Indicator	W		E=east or W=west
Position Fix Indicator	1		See Table 1-1
Satellites Used	07		Range 0 to 12
HDOP	1.0		Horizontal Dilution of Precision
MSL Altitude	9.0	meters	
Units	M	meters	
Geoids Separation		meters	
Units	M	meters	
Age of Diff.Corr.		second	Null fields when DGPS is not Used
Diff.Ref.Station ID	0000		
Check sum	*18		
<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

Table 1-1: Position Fix Indicators

Value	Description
0	Fix not available or invalid
1	GPS&GLONASS SPS Mode, fix valid
2	Differential GPS&GLONASS, SPS Mode, fix valid
3	GPS&GLONASS PPS Mode, fix valid

10.3 GLL-Geographic Position – Latitude/Longitude

\$xxGLL , 3723.2475, N,12158.3416, W,161229.487, A*2C

Table 2: GLL Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$xxGLL		GLL protocol header
Latitude	3723.2475		ddmm.mmmm
N/S Indicator	N		N=north or S=south
Longitude	12158.3416		dddmm.mmmm
E/W Indicator	W		E=east or W=west
UTC Position	161229.487		hhmmss.sss
Status	A		A=data valid or V=data not valid
Check sum	*2C		
<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

10.4 GSA-GNSS DOP and Active Satellite

\$xxGSA , A, 3, 07, 02, 26,27, 09, 04,15, , , , , 1.8,1.0,1.5*33

Table 3: GSA Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message	\$xxGSA		GSA protocol header
Mode 1	A		See Table 3-2
Mode 2	3		See Table 3-3
Satellite Used	07		Sv on Channel 1
Satellite Used	02		Sv on Channel 2
...
Satellite Used			Sv on Channel 66
PDOP	1.8		Position Dilution of Precision
HDOP	1.0		Horizontal Dilution of Precision
VDOP	1.5		Vertical Dilution of Precision
Check sum	*33		
<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

Table3-2: Mode 1

Value	Description
1	Fix not available
2	2D
3	3D

Table 3-3: Mode 2

Value	Description
M	Manual-forced to operate in 2D or 3D mode
A	Automatic-allowed to automatically switch 2D/3D

10.5 GSV-GNSS Satellites in View

\$xxGSV , 2, 1, 07, 07, 79,048, 42, 02, 51,062, 43, 26, 36,256, 42, 27, 27, 138,42*71

\$xxGSV, 2, 2, 07, 09, 23,313, 42, 04, 19, 159, 41, 15,12,041, 42*41.

Table 4: GSV Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$xxGSV		GSV protocol header
Number of Message	2		Range 1 to 3
Message Number	1		Range 1 to 3
Satellites in View	07		
Satellite ID	07		Channel 1(Range 1 to 66)
Elevation	79	degrees	Channel 1(Maximum 90)
Azinmuth	048	degrees	Channel 1(True, Range 0 to 359)
SNR(C/NO)	42	dBHz	Range 0 to 99,null when not tracking
...			...
Satellite ID	27		Channel 4(Range 1 to 66)
Elevation	27	degrees	Channel 4(Maximum 90)
Azimuth	138	degrees	Channel 4(True, Range 0 to 359)
SNR(C/NO)	42	dBHz	Range 0 to 99, null when not tracking
Check sum	*71		
<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

- Depending on the number of satellites tracked multiple messages of GSV data may be required

10.6 RMC-Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data

\$xxRMC, 161229.487, A, 3723.2475, N, 12158.3416, W, 0.13,309.62, 120598,, *10

Table 5: RMC Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$xxRMC		RMC protocol header
UTS Position	161229.487		hhmmss.sss
Status	A		A=data valid or V=data not valid
Latitude	3723.2475		ddmm.mmmm
N/S Indicator	N		N=north or S=south
Longitude	12158.3416		dddmm.mmmm
E/W Indicator	W		E=east or W=west
Speed Over Ground	0.13	Knots	
Course Over	309.62	Degrees	True
Ground			
Date	120598		Dummy
Magnetic variation		Degrees	E=east or W=west
Check sum	*10		
<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

10.7 VTG-Course Over Ground and Ground Speed

\$xxVTG, 309.62, T, M, 0.13, N, 0.2, K*6E

Table 6: VTG Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$xxVTG		VTG protocol header
Course	309.62	Degrees	Measured heading
Reference	T		True
Course		Degrees	Measured heading
Reference	M		Magnetic
Speed	0.13	Knots	Measured horizontal speed
Units	N		Knots
Speed	0.2	Km/hr	Measured horizontal speed
Units	K		Kilometer per hour
Check sum	*6E		
<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

11. Appendix References

Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
AGNSS	Assisted GNSS
AIC	Active Interference Cancellation
CEP	Circular Error Probable
DGPS	Differential GPS
EASY	Embedded Assist System
EGNOS	European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service
EPO	Extended Prediction Orbit
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge
GPS	Global Positioning System
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GGA	GNSS Fix Data
GLL	Geographic Position – Latitude/Longitude
GLONASS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GSA	GNSS DOP and Active Satellites
GSV	GNSS Satellites in View
HDOP	Horizontal Dilution of Precision
I/O	Input / Output
Kbps	Kilo Bits Per Second
LNA	Low Noise Amplifier
MSAS	Multi-Functional Satellite Augmentation System
MOQ	Minimum Order Quantity
NMEA	National Marine Electronics Association
PDOP	Position Dilution of Precision
PMTK	MTK Proprietary Protocol
PPS	Pulse Per Second
PRN	Pseudo Random Noise Code
QZSS	Quasi-Zenith Satellite System
RHCP	Right Hand Circular Polarization
RMC	Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data
SBAS	Satellite-based Augmentation System
SAW	Surface Acoustic Wave
SPDT	Single-Pole Double-Throw
TTF	Time To First Fix
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver & Transmitter
VDOP	Vertical Dilution of Precision
VTG	Course over Ground and Ground Speed, Horizontal Course and Horizontal Velocity
WAAS	Wide Area Augmentation System
Inom	Nominal Current
Imax	Maximum Load Current
Vmax	Maximum Voltage Value
Vnom	Nominal Voltage Value

Vmin	Minimum Voltage Value
VIHmax	Maximum Input High Level Voltage Value
VIHmin	Minimum Input High Level Voltage Value
VILmax	Maximum Input Low Level Voltage Value
VILmin	Minimum Input Low Level Voltage Value
VImax	Absolute Maximum Input Voltage Value
VImin	Absolute Minimum Input Voltage Value
VOHmax	Maximum Output High Level Voltage Value
VOHmin	Minimum Output High Level Voltage Value
VOLmax	Maximum Output Low Level Voltage Value
VOLmin	Minimum Output Low Level Voltage Value