

| Product name | Description | Version |
|---------------|---|---------|
| RTK-1612AD-DR | High-precision untethered dead reckoning module | 0.2 |



1 Introduction

LOCOSYS RTK-1612AD-DR uses an Airoha AG3335AD chip, dual-frequency multi-constellation solution GNSS, providing RTK high precision and sensor fusion solution in one. It not only supports GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO, BEIDOU, and QZSS but also has inertial sensors (3-axis accelerometers and 3-axis gyros) to provide an untethered dead reckoning function.

In addition to DR, an inertial sensor can detect the vehicular dynamics when it is attached firmly on the vehicle. Consequently, abnormal driving behaviors and the vehicle status can be detected and the alarm status will be enabled to remind the users. No requirement of installation orientation and automatic calibration function make it easy to use. With these features, RTK-1612AD-DR can reduce position errors in multipath environment and continue to work where GNSS signals are poor or not available, such as tunnels and indoor parking lots, as well as deliver seamless navigation.

2 Features

- Build on high performance, low-power Airoha AG3335AD chip
- Dual-frequency multi-constellation GNSS RTK positioning and dead reckoning.
- Support GPS, GLONASS, GALILEO, BEIDOU and QZSS
- Capable of SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN)
- Support 135-channel GNSS
- Built-in TDK-42670-P 6-axis MEMS (3-axis gyroscope and 3-axis accelerometer)
- UDR Mode CEP \leq 3% of distance travelled without GNSS
- Alarm statuses detected by VMDS
- No requirement for installation orientation
- Small form factor 16 x 12.2 x 2.4 mm
- SMD type with stamp holes; RoHS compliant

3 Application

- Automotive navigation
- LBS (location Base Service)
- Vehicle Remote Monitoring
- ITS (Intelligent Traffic System)

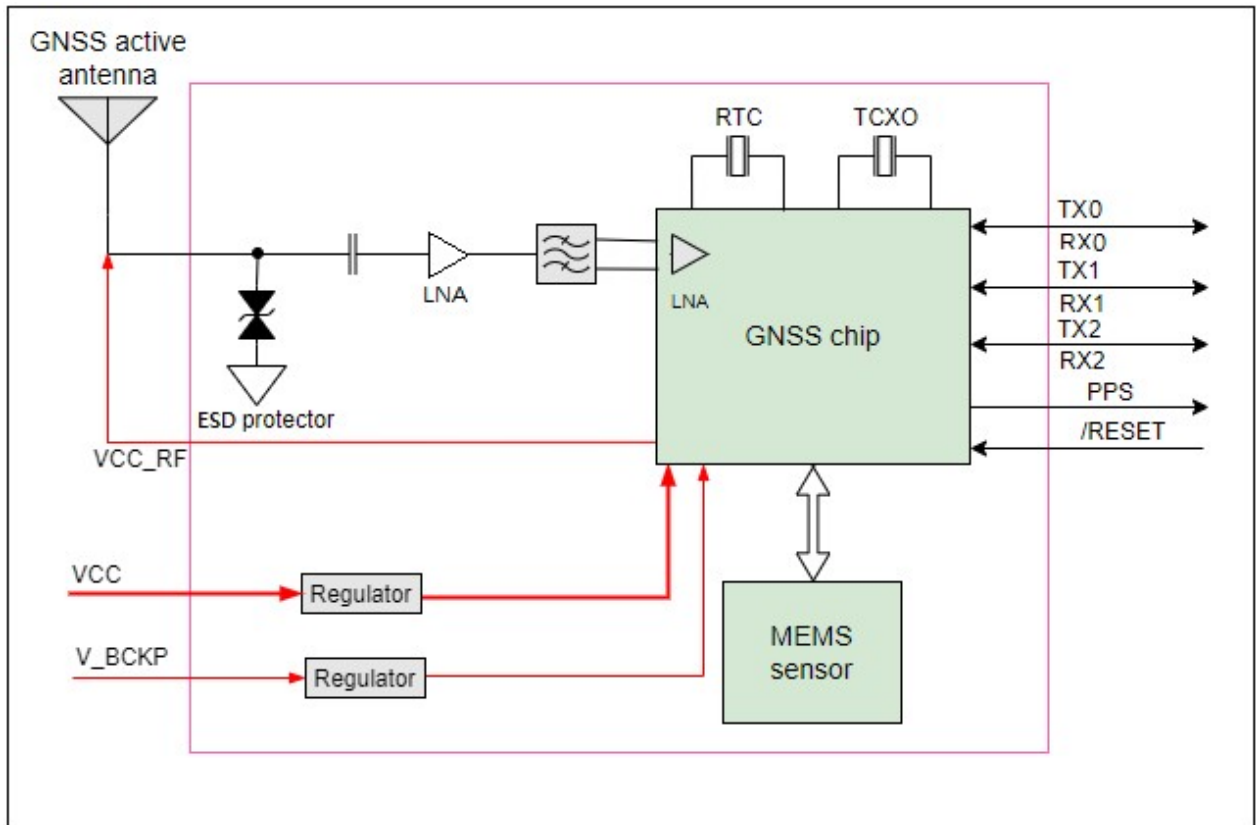


Fig 3-1 System block diagram.

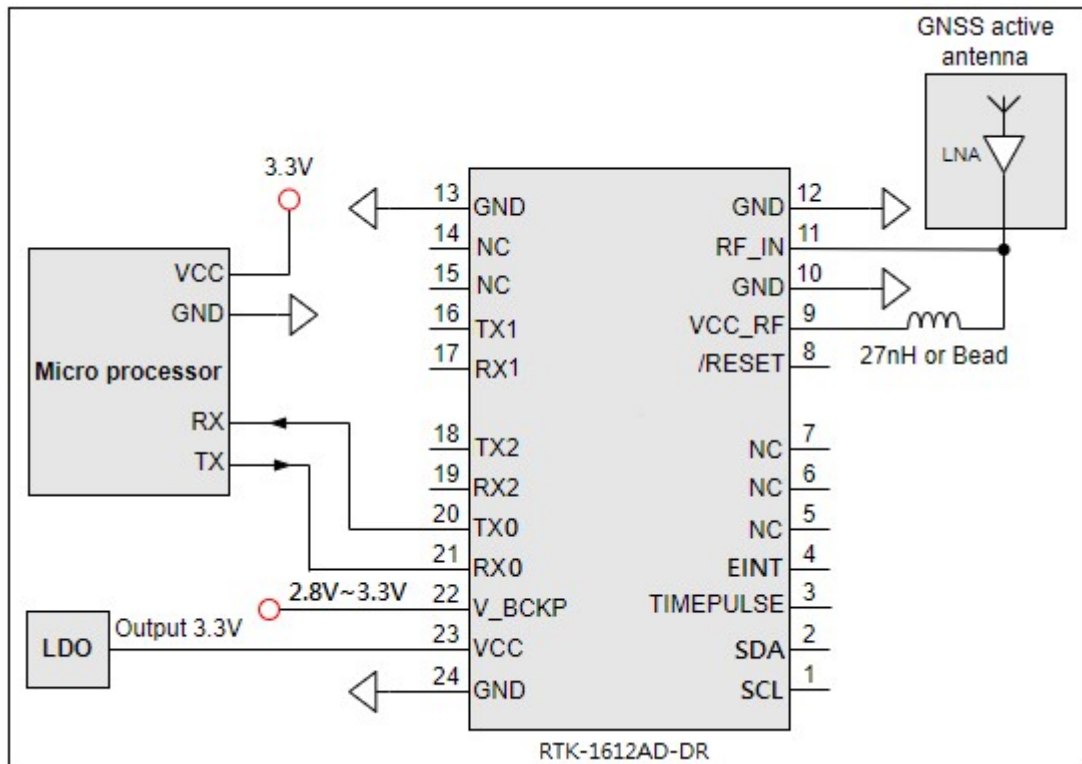


Fig 3-2 Typical application circuit

4 GNSS receiver

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|-------------------|--|--|
| Frequency | GPS/QZSS: L1 C/A, L5C GLONASS: L1OF GALILEO: E1, E5a BEIDOU: B1I, B2a | |
| Channels | Support 135 channels | |
| Update rate | 1Hz default | |
| Sensitivity | Cold start | -148dBm |
| | Hot start | -155dBm |
| | Reacquisition | -158dBm |
| | Tracking | -165dBm |
| Acquisition Time | Hot start (Open Sky) | 1s (typical) |
| | Cold Start (Open Sky) | 24s (typical) |
| Position Accuracy | Autonomous | 1.5m CEP ⁽¹⁾ |
| | RTK | 1cm + 1ppm (horizontal) CEP ⁽¹⁾ 1.5cm + 1ppm (vertical) CEP ⁽¹⁾ |
| | UDR mode | CEP ≤ 3% of distance travelled without GNSS |
| Max. Altitude | < 18,000 m | |
| Max. Velocity | < 500 m/s | |
| Protocol Support | 115200 bps ⁽²⁾ , 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bits (default) | |
| | NMEA 0183 ver. 4.1 | 1Hz: GGA,GLL, RMC |
| | | 0.2 Hz: GSA, and GSV |
| | Proprietary message | 1Hz: PLSATTIT |
| RTCM V3.3 | Message type 1005, 1074, 1084, 1094, 1114, 1124 | |

<Note>

1. 24hr, static, open sky, demonstrated with good dual-frequency active antennas.
2. Both baud rate and output message rate are configurable to be factory default.

5 Software interface

5.1 NMEA output message

Table 5.1-1 NMEA output message

| NMEA record | Description |
|-------------|--|
| GGA | Global positioning system fixed data |
| GLL | Geographic position - latitude/longitude |
| GSA | GNSS DOP and active satellites |
| GSV | GNSS satellites in view |
| RMC | Recommended minimum specific GNSS data |
| VTG | Course over ground and ground speed |

- **GGA--- Global Positioning System Fixed Data**

Table 5.1-2 contains the values for the following example:

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$GNGGA,091250.000,2503.71250,N,12138.74514,E,1,32,0.55,119.0,M,17.2,M,,*7E
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Table 5.1- 2 GGA Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|------------------------|-------------|--------|--|
| Message ID | \$GNGGA | | GGA protocol header |
| UTC Time | 091250.000 | | hhmmss.sss |
| Latitude | 2503.71250 | | ddmm.mmmmm |
| N/S indicator | N | | N=north or S=south |
| Longitude | 12138.74514 | | dddmm.mmmmm |
| E/W Indicator | E | | E=east or W=west |
| Position Fix Indicator | 1 | | See Table 5.1-3 |
| Satellites Used | 32 | | Number of satellite in use |
| HDOP | 0.55 | | Horizontal Dilution of Precision |
| MSL Altitude | 119.0 | meters | Antenna Altitude above/below mean-sea-level (geoid), (in meters) |
| Units | M | meters | Units of antenna altitude, meters |
| Geoidal Separation | 17.2 | meters | |
| Units | M | meters | Units of geoidal separation, meters |
| Age of diff. GNSS data | | second | Null fields when DGPS is not used |
| Diff. Ref. Station ID | | | Differential reference station ID, 0000-1023 |
| Checksum | *7E | | Checksum |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

Table 5.1-3 Position Fix Indicators

| Value | Description |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | No position fix |
| 1 | Autonomous GNSS fix |
| 2 | Differential GNSS fix |
| 4 | RTK fixed |
| 5 | RTK float |
| 6 | Estimated/Dead Reckoning Mode |

● GLL--- Geographic Position – Latitude/Longitude

Table 5.1-4 contains the values for the following example:

\$GNGLL,2503.71193,N,12138.74582,E,094450.000,A,A*47

Table 5.1-4 GLL Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|---------------|-------------|-------|---|
| Message ID | \$GNGLL | | GLL protocol header |
| Latitude | 2503.71193 | | ddmm.mmmmm |
| N/S indicator | N | | N=north or S=south |
| Longitude | 12138.74582 | | dddmm.mmmmm |
| E/W indicator | E | | E=east or W=west |
| UTC Time | 094450.000 | | hhmmss.sss |
| Status | A | | A=data valid or V=data not valid |
| Mode | A | | N = No position fix A = Autonomous GNSS fix D = Differential GNSS fix R = RTK fixed F = RTK float E = Estimated/Dead reckoning fix |
| Checksum | *47 | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

● GSA---GNSS DOP and Active Satellites

Table 5.1-5 contains the values for the following example:

\$GNGSA,A,3,11,195,194,199,08,07,01,27,16,09,23,,1.19,0.64,1.00,1*3F

\$GNGSA,A,3,87,81,76,,,,,,,,,1.19,0.64,1.00,2*0F

\$GNGSA,A,3,,,,,,,,,,,,,1.19,0.64,1.00,3*09

\$GNGSA,A,3,34,24,12,07,11,10,08,38,25,09,13,16,1.19,0.64,1.00,4*02

Table 5.1-5 GSA Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|----------------------|---------|-------|----------------------------------|
| Message ID | \$GNGSA | | GSA protocol header |
| Mode 1 | A | | See Table 5.1-6 |
| Mode 2 | 3 | | See Table 5.1-7 |
| ID of satellite used | 11 | | SV on Channel 1 |
| ID of satellite used | 195 | | SV on Channel 2 |
| | | | |
| ID of satellite used | | | SV on Channel 12 |
| PDOP | 1.19 | | Position Dilution of Precision |
| HDOP | 0.64 | | Horizontal Dilution of Precision |
| VDOP | 1.00 | | Vertical Dilution of Precision |
| GNSS system ID | 1 | | See Table 5.1-8 |
| Checksum | *3F | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

Table 5.1-6 Mode 1

| Value | Description |
|-------|---|
| M | Manually set to operate in 2D or 3D mode |
| A | Automatically switching between 2D or 3D mode |

Table 5.1-7 Mode 2

| Value | Description |
|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | No position fix |
| 2 | 2D fix |
| 3 | 3D fix |

Table 5.1-8 GNSS system ID

| Value | Description |
|-------|-------------|
| 1 | GPS |
| 2 | GLONASS |
| 3 | GALILEO |
| 4 | BEIDOU |
| 6 | IRNSS |

- **GSV---GNSS Satellites in View**

Table 5.1-9 contains the values for the following example:

\$GPGSV,3,1,09,8,71,268,47,27,63,18,49,11,44,191,46,4,41,237,46,1*54

\$GPGSV,3,2,09,16,38,42,42,9,32,279,39,26,22,70,38,31,15,131,36,1*56

\$GPGSV,3,3,09,7,15,320,40,1*6B

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$GPGSV,1,1,04,8,71,268,50,27,63,18,49,9,32,279,43,26,22,70,42,8*6C
$GLGSV,2,1,05,82,63,47,47,83,56,182,36,80,47,9,42,79,33,85,45,1*71
$GLGSV,2,2,05,81,15,27,37,1*71
$GAGSV,1,1,04,08,48,300,43,03,47,025,45,13,36,309,42,05,06,061,34,7*79
$GAGSV,1,1,04,08,48,300,43,03,47,025,47,13,36,309,43,05,06,061,33,1*7B
$GBGSV,5,1,17,12,80,182,47,24,64,5,51,7,58,355,44,3,57,205,45,1*7C
$GBGSV,5,2,17,1,54,141,44,34,52,211,49,9,48,230,45,10,47,316,42,1*79
$GBGSV,5,3,17,26,44,100,47,16,39,207,43,4,38,117,41,2,37,240,41,1*77
$GBGSV,5,4,17,39,37,210,43,6,36,198,41,38,27,173,41,25,18,317,42,1*4E
$GBGSV,5,5,17,35,16,39,40,1*7F
$GBGSV,1,1,02,24,64,5,50,26,44,100,43,4*77
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Table 5.1-9 GSV Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|--|
| Message ID | \$GPGSV | | GSV protocol header GP=GPS/QZSS, GL=GLONSS, GA=GALILEO, GB=BEIDOU, GI=IRNSS. |
| Total number of messages | 3 | | Range 1 to 9 |
| Message number | 1 | | Range 1 to 9 |
| Satellites in view | 09 | | |
| Satellite ID | 8 | | Channel 1 |
| Elevation | 71 | degrees | Channel 1 (Range 00 to 90) |
| Azimuth | 268 | degrees | Channel 1 (Range 000 to 359) |
| SNR (C/No) | 47 | dB-Hz | Channel 1 (Range 00 to 99, null when not tracking) |
| | | | |
| Satellite ID | 4 | | Channel 4 (Range 01 to 196) |
| Elevation | 41 | degrees | Channel 4 (Range 00 to 90) |
| Azimuth | 237 | degrees | Channel 4 (Range 000 to 359) |
| SNR (C/No) | 46 | dB-Hz | Channel 4 (Range 00 to 99, null when not tracking) |
| Signal ID | 1 | | GPS/QZSS: L1 C/A=1, L5Q=8 GLONASS: L1 C/A=1 GALILEO: E1=7, E5a=1 BEIDOU: B1=1, B2a=4 IRNSS: L6=1 |
| Checksum | *54 | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

- **RMC---Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data**

Table 5.1-10 contains the values for the following example:

\$GNRMC,070143.000,A,2503.71317,N,12138.74533,E,0.002,70.50,130220,,,A,V*01

Table 5.1-10 RMC Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|---|
| Message ID | \$GNRMC | | RMC protocol header |
| UTC Time | 070143.000 | | hhmmss.sss |
| Status | A | | A=data valid or V=data not valid |
| Latitude | 2503.71317 | | ddmm.mmmmm |
| N/S Indicator | N | | N=north or S=south |
| Longitude | 12138.74533 | | dddmm.mmmmm |
| E/W Indicator | E | | E=east or W=west |
| Speed over ground | 0.002 | knots | True |
| Course over ground | 70.50 | degrees | |
| Date | 130220 | | ddmmyy |
| Magnetic variation | | degrees | |
| Variation sense | | | E=east or W=west |
| Mode | A | | N = No position fix A = Autonomous GNSS fix D = Differential GNSS fix R = RTK fixed F = RTK float E = Estimated/Dead reckoning fix |
| Navigational status indicator | V | | S = Safe C = Caution U = Unsafe V = Void |
| Checksum | *01 | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

- **VTG---Course Over Ground and Ground Speed**

Table 5.1-11 contains the values for the following example:

\$GNVTG,0.00,T,,M,0.003,N,0.006,K,A*26

Table 5.1-11 VTG Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| Message ID | GNVTG | | VTG protocol header |
| Course over ground | 0.00 | degrees | Measured heading |
| Reference | T | | True |
| Course over ground | | degrees | Measured heading |

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|---|
| Reference | M | | Magnetic |
| Speed over ground | 0.003 | knots | Measured speed |
| Units | N | | Knots |
| Speed over ground | 0.006 | km/hr | Measured speed |
| Units | K | | Kilometer per hour |
| Mode | A | | N = No position fix A = Autonomous GNSS fix D = Differential GNSS fix R = RTK fixed F = RTK float E = Estimated/Dead reckoning fix |
| Checksum | *26 | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

5.2 Proprietary output message

- **PLSATTIT**

Table 5.2-1 contains the values for the following example:

\$PLSATTIT,061030.000,120723,3,2,0,155.54,0.70,-0.41,25.0619348,121.6561793,30.39,-27.99,11.84,0.06,37.00,
21.66,0.0,0.0*2D

Table 5.2- 1 PLSATTIT Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|---------------|------------|-------|--|
| Message ID | \$PLSATTIT | | PLSATTIT protocol header |
| UTC Time | 061030.000 | | hhmmss.sss |
| Date | 120723 | | ddmmyy |
| DR_Stage | 3 | | DR algorithm stage, 0: unknown, 1: initializing, 2: coarse, 3: stable. |
| Static_Status | 2 | | User static status, 0: unknown, 1: static, 2: dynamic |
| Motion_Alarm | 0 | | User motion detection alarm, 0: unknown 1: HARSH_ACCELERATION 2: HARSH_DECELERATION 4: HARSH_TURN 8: HARSH_LANE_CHANGE 16: HORIZONTAL_COLLISION 32: ROLLOVER 64: STABILITY_WARNING 128: EULER_ANOMALY |

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Vehicle_Heading | 155.54 | degree | 0~360 |
| Vehicle_Pitch | 0.70 | degree | -180~180 |
| Vehicle_Roll | -0.41 | degree | ~180~180 |
| Latitude | 25.0619348 | degree | dd.dddddd, latitude in WGS84 |
| Longitude | 121.6561793 | degree | dd.dddddd, longitude in WGS84 |
| Ground_Speed | 30.39 | km/hr | Speed over ground (2D) |
| Velocity_North | -27.99 | km/hr | Velocity in north direction |
| Velocity_East | 11.84 | km/hr | Velocity in east direction |
| Velocity_Down | 0.06 | km/hr | Velocity in down direction |
| Height_WGS84_Ellipsoid | 37.00 | meter | Altitude above WGS84 ellipsoid |
| Height_Mean_Sea_Level | 21.66 | meter | Altitude above mean sea level |
| Reserved1 | 0.0 | | |
| Reserved2 | 0.0 | | |
| Checksum | *2D | | |
| <CR><LF> | | | |

5.3 Proprietary input command

Table 5.3-1 Proprietary input message

| NMEA like record | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| \$PAIR004 | Perform GNSS hot start |
| \$PAIR005 | Perform GNSS warm start |
| \$PAIR006 | Perform GNSS cold start |
| \$PLSC,SETBASEXYZ | Set the base location (reference position) |
| \$PLSC,GETBASEXYZ | Get the base location setting |
| \$PLSC,MCBASE | Set up module as a reference station or as a rover |

- **\$PAIR004 --- Perform GNSS hot start**

Table 5.3-2 contains the values for the following example:

\$PAIR004*3E

Table 5.3-2 PAIR004 Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|------------|-----------|-------|----------------------------|
| Message ID | \$PAIR004 | | \$PAIR004 protocol header |
| Checksum | *3E | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

Response:

\$PAIR001,004,0*3F\r\n ==> Success

- **\$PAIR005 --- Perform GNSS warm start**

Table 5.3-3 contains the values for the following example:

\$PAIR005*3F

Table 5.3-3 PAIR005 Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|------------|-----------|-------|----------------------------|
| Message ID | \$PAIR005 | | \$PAIR005 protocol header |
| Checksum | *3F | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

Response:

\$PAIR001,005,0*3E\r\n ==> Success

- **\$PAIR006 --- Perform GNSS cold start**

Table 5.3-4 contains the values for the following example:

\$PAIR006*3C

Table 5.3-4 PAIR006 Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|------------|-----------|-------|----------------------------|
| Message ID | \$PAIR006 | | \$PAIR006 protocol header |
| Checksum | *3C | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

Response:

\$PAIR001,006,0*3D\r\n ==> Success

- **\$PLSC,SETBASEXYZ --- Set the base location (reference position)**

Table 5.3-5 contains the values for the following example:

\$PLSC,SETBASEXYZ,-3028442.081,4923062.884,2687870.875*03

Table 5.3-5 PLSC,SETBASEXYZ Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|------------|-------------------|--------|--|
| Message ID | \$PLSC,SETBASEXYZ | | \$PLSC,SETBASEXYZ protocol header |
| X | -3028442.081 | Meters | WGS-84 ECEF X-axis coordinate in Meter |
| Y | 4923062.884 | Meters | WGS-84 ECEF Y-axis coordinate in Meter |
| Z | 2687870.875 | Meters | WGS-84 ECEF Z-axis coordinate in Meter |
| Checksum | *03 | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

Response:

\$PLSR,BASEXYZ,-3028442.081,4923062.884,2687870.875*50\r\n ==> Success

- **\$PLSC,GETBASEXYZ --- Get the base location setting**

Table 5.3-6 contains the values for the following example:

\$PLSC,GETBASEXYZ*38

Table 5.3-6 PLSC,GETBASEXYZ Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Message ID | \$PLSC,GETBASEXYZ | | \$PLSC,GETBASEXYZ protocol header |
| Checksum | *38 | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

Response:

\$PLSR,BASEXYZ,-3028442.081,4923062.884,2687870.875*50\r\n ==> Success

- **\$PLSC,MCBASE --- Set up module as a reference station or as a rover**

Table 5.3-7 contains the values for the following example:

\$PLSC,MCBASE,1*26

Table 5.3-7 PLSC,MCBASE Data Format

| Name | Example | Units | Description |
|------------|---------------|-------|--|
| Message ID | \$PLSC,MCBASE | | \$PLSC,MCBASE protocol header |
| Mode | 1 | | 0: set up the board as a rover (default) 1: set up the board as a reference station (Output RTCM3.3 1005, 1074, 1084, 1094, 1124 messages) |
| Checksum | *26 | | |
| <CR> <LF> | | | End of message termination |

Response:

\$PAIR001,604,0*39\r\n ==> Success

\$PLSR,MCBASE,-1*1A\r\n ==> Fail. (The base location does not set yet)

6 Pin assignment and descriptions



Table 6-1 Pin descriptions

| Pin # | Name | Type | Description | Note |
|-------|-----------|------|---|------|
| 1 | SCL | I/O | Slave I2C clock | |
| 2 | SDA | I/O | Slave I2C data | |
| 3 | TIMEPULSE | O | Time pulse (PPS, default 100ms pulse/sec when GNSS fix is available.) | |
| 4 | EINT | I | Interrupt pin, low level, suspended it when module enters dormant state. Leave unconnected if not used. | |
| 5 | NC | | Not connected | |
| 6 | NC | | Not connected | |
| 7 | NC | | Not connected | |
| 8 | /RESET | I | Reset input. Low active. Leave unconnected if not used. | |
| 9 | VCC_RF | O | Output voltage for active antenna | |
| 10 | GND | P | Ground | |
| 11 | RF_IN | I | GNSS RF signal input. | |
| 12 | GND | P | Ground | |

| | | | | |
|----|--------|---|--|---|
| 13 | GND | P | Ground | |
| 14 | NC | | Not connected | |
| 15 | NC | | Not connected | |
| 16 | TX1 | O | Reserved Debugging port (Idle) | |
| 17 | RX1 | I | Reserved Debugging port (Idle) | |
| 18 | TX2 | O | Standby serial port output | |
| 19 | RX2 | I | Standby serial port input | |
| 20 | TX0 | O | Serial output | 1 |
| 21 | RX0 | I | Serial input | 1 |
| 22 | V_BCKP | P | Backup battery input. Leave it vacant when not in use. If no backup power is available, connect V_BCKP to the main power supply (VCC). | |
| 23 | VCC | P | DC supply input. Must be clean and stable. | |
| 24 | GND | P | Ground | |

<Note>

1. Main interface for NMEA and PAIRMSG messages.

7 DC & Temperature characteristics

7.1 Absolute maximum ratings

| Parameter | Symbol | Ratings | Units |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------|
| DC Supply Input Voltage | VCCabs | 3.6 | V |
| Input Backup Battery Voltage | V_BCKPabs | 3.3 | V |
| Input Power at RF_IN | RF_IN _{MAX} | +20 | dBm |
| Operating Temperature Range | Topr_abs | -40 ~ 85 | °C |
| Storage Temperature Range | Tstg_abs | -55 ~ 100 | °C |

7.2 DC Electrical characteristics

| Parameter | Symbol | Conditions | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---|------|-------------|------|----------|
| DC Supply Input Voltage | VCC | | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.6 | V |
| Input Backup Battery Voltage | V_BCKP | | 2.8 | | 3.3 | V |
| VCC_RF Output Voltage | VCC_RF | | | VCC | | V |
| Supply Current ^{1,2} | I _{ss} | VCC = 3.3V, w/o active antenna, Acquisition Tracking | | 45 56 | | mA mA |
| Backup Battery Current | I _{bat} | V _{IN} = 0V | | 64 (TBR) | | uA |
| VCC_RF Output Current | I _{out} | V _{IN} = 3.3V | | | 30 | mA |
| High Level Input Voltage | V _{IH} | | 2.1 | | 3.6 | V |
| Low Level Input Voltage | V _{IL} | | 0.3 | | 0.7 | V |
| High Level Output Voltage | V _{OH} | | 2.4 | | VCC | V |
| Low Level Output Voltage | V _{OL} | | | | 0.4 | V |

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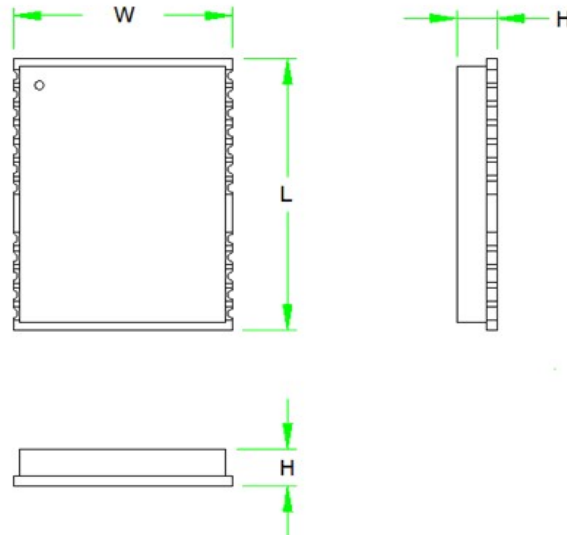
1. Measured when position fix (1Hz) is available and input voltage is 3.3V.
2. The inrush current that occurs at the first power-on or “full cold start” command can be as high as 600mA for 20μs.

7.3 Temperature characteristics

| Parameter | Symbol | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|-----------------------|--------|------|------|------|-------|
| Operating Temperature | Topr | -40 | - | 85 | °C |
| Storage Temperature | Tstg | -55 | 25 | 100 | °C |

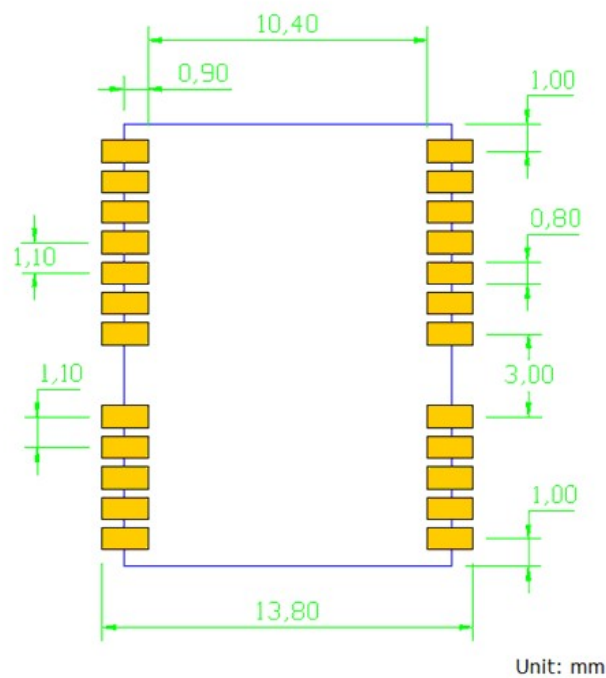
8 Mechanical specification

8.1 Outline dimensions



| Symbol | Min. (mm) | Typ. (mm) | Max. (mm) |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| W | 12.0 | 12.2 | 12.4 |
| L | 15.4 | 16.0 | 16.6 |
| H | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.6 |

8.2 Recommended land pattern dimensions



Note: The recommended land pattern dimensions are shown for reference only, as actual pad layouts may vary depending on application.

9 Installation & Calibration

The module must be rigidly fixed on the vehicle before power-on. No requirement for installation orientation. Do not move the module after power-on. The module is only suitable for vehicle navigation with acceleration less than 4g.

In order to get the better fused navigation, the initialization and calibration steps are suggested in the following.

- A. Power on the module and wait GNSS position fix in the open sky environment.
- B. Stay still for about 180 second or more.
- C. Drive straight for 500 meters with the speed > 10 km/h and < 50 km/h in the open sky environment.
- D. Drive around the block with the speed > 10 km/h and < 50 km/h in the open sky environment.
- E. The system ready flag in the message “\$PAIRMSG” shows if the fused PVT is ready.

The EVK must be rigidly fixed on the vehicle before it power-on. It does not have the requirement for installation orientation. Do not move the EVK after power-on. The EVK is only suitable for vehicle navigation with an acceleration of less than 4G.

| Phase | Procedure | Indicator of success |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Empty Calibrated data (if needed) | Power on the EVK module Waiting 500msec Input command: \$PAIR782*37 to delete the fusion content saved in NVRAM | |
| IMU initialization | Stay stationary under good GNSS signal reception conditions for at least 180 seconds. | \$PAIRMSG,90,hhmmss.sss,1*CS |
| IMU-mount alignment calibration | Drive on a straight road at speed above 10 km/h and < 50 km/h for at least 5 minutes in the open sky environment. Accelerate and decelerate more than 5 times linearly during the drive. | \$PAIRMSG,90,hhmmss.sss,2*CS |
| INS initialization with attitude | With speed above 10 km/h and < 50 km/h complete 2 or more 90-degree left and right turns in the open sky environment. | \$PAIRMSG,90,hhmmss.sss,3*CS |

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| INS initialization maintain | Before powering off, make static Input command: \$PAIR781*34 to save current fusion content to NVRAM and complete the INS initialization conserve and the latest position save. |
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10 Antenna Consideration

The RTK-1612AD-DR is designed to use with an active antenna, or a passive antenna with higher antenna gain. Passive ceramic patch antenna is low-cost and provides good sensitivity. With a 50-ohm impedance and larger size ceramic patch antenna also with higher antenna gain design as Figure 10.1 can be connected directly to the RF input of the module. Usually, the ceramic patch antenna mounted on the reverse side of the RTK-1612AD-DR PCB is to reduce the possibility of picking up digital noise. To improve signal reception performance, use a larger ground plane under the patch antenna if possible; the more significant the ground plane, the larger the overall antenna gain. The center frequency of the ceramic patch antenna changes with ground plane size. For optimal L1+L5 operation, the frequency bandwidth of the antenna needs to cover 1174MHz ~ 1179MHz and 1561MHz ~ 1606MHz respectively, when it is mounted on the PCB. Therefore, ask the ceramic patch antenna supplier to select or tune a patch antenna that best matches the customer's PCB.

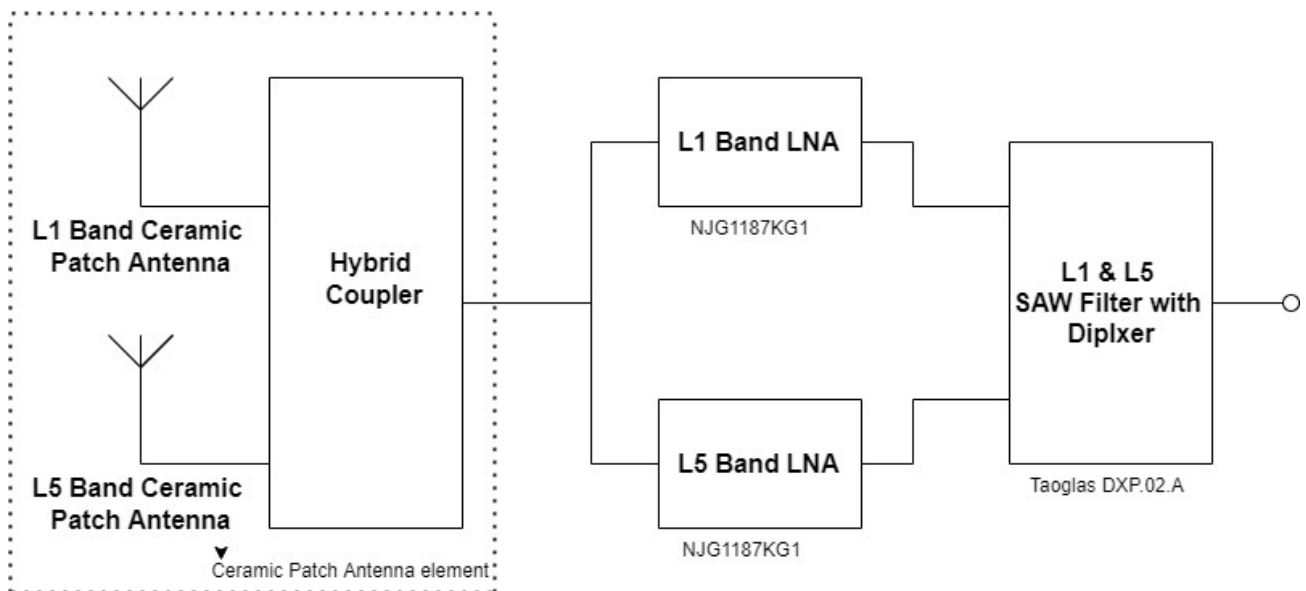


Fig10-1 A reference design for ceramic patch antenna working with LNA & SAW filter

An active antenna is a standalone device that integrates with a passive patch antenna, built-in LNA, saw filter, and cable to the module with high gain and good performance. Customers do not need to consider designing a complex dual-band antenna themselves, which may include dual-band patch antennas, L1 and L5 band LNAs, L1 and L5 band saw filters, hybrid couplers and matching circuits. An active antenna usually costs more than a passive patch antenna, but the performance in low signal environments is generally better than a passive one. It is also easier to implement than the customer's own design antenna.

| Antenna Type | Passive | Active |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| GPS & QZSS Frequency (MHz) | 1575.42 +/- 2 (L1) 1176.45 +/- 6 (L5) | 1575.42 +/- 2 (L1) 1176.45 +/- 6 (L5) |

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|-------------------------|--|--|
| BDS Frequency (MHz) | 1561 .098+/- 2 (B1) 1176.45+/- 2 (B2) | 1561 .098+/- 2 (B1) 1176.45+/- 2 (B2) |
| GLONASS Frequency (MHz) | 1602 +/- 4 (L1) | 1602 +/- 4 (L1) |
| GALILEO Frequency (MHz) | 1575.42 +/- 2 (E1) 1176.45 +/- 6 (E5) | 1575.42 +/- 2 (E1) 1176.45 +/- 6 (E5) |
| VSWR | < 2 (typical) | < 2 (typical) |
| Polarization | RHCP | RHCP |
| Antenna Gain | > 0dBi | > -2dBi |
| LNA Gain | | 20dB (typical) |
| Noise Figure | | < 1.5dB |
| Total Gain | | > 18dBi |

11 Reel Packing information

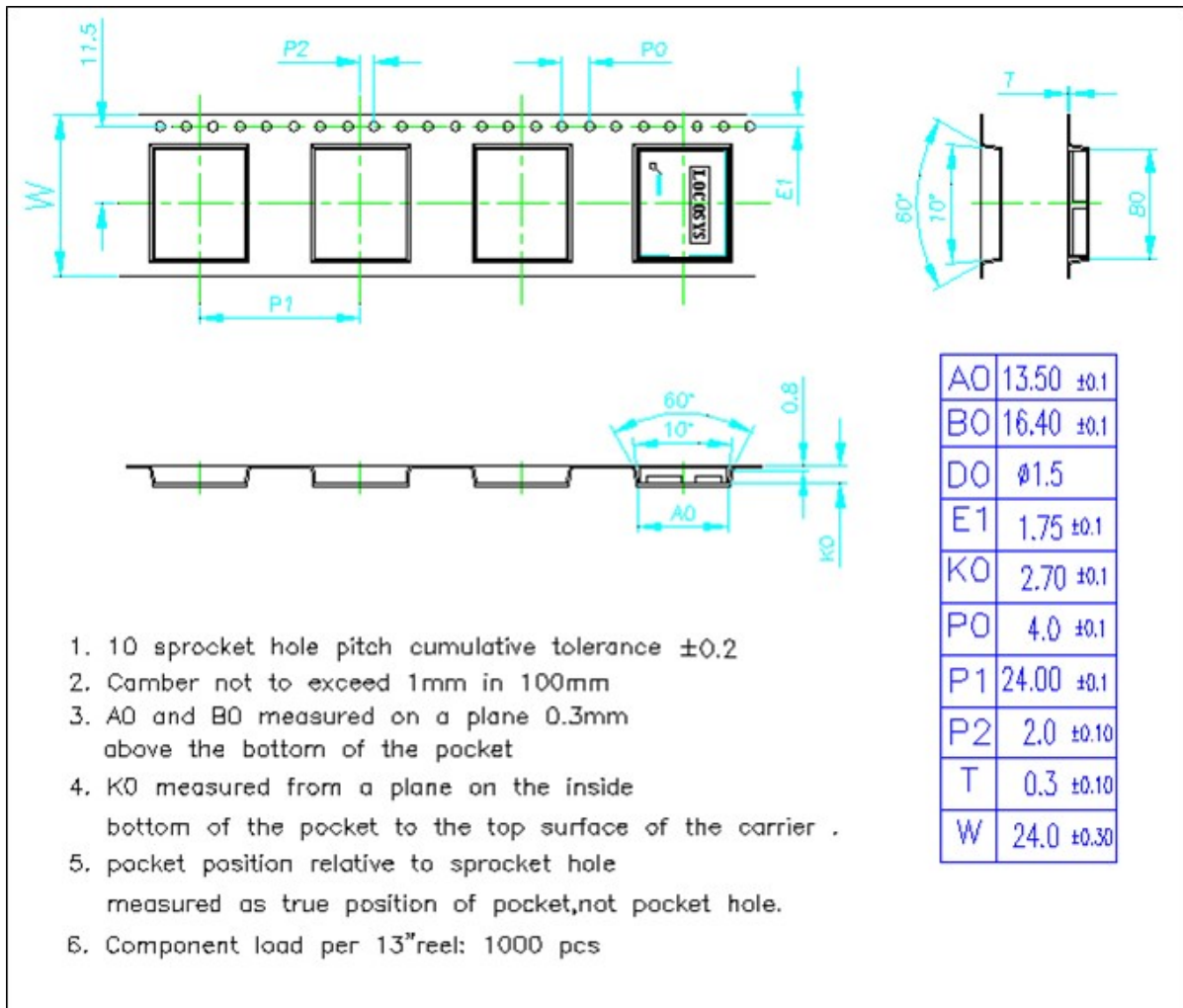
11.1 ESD precaution

GNSS modules are electrostatic sensitive devices. Handling the modules without proper ESD protection may result in severe damage to them. ESD protection must be implemented throughout the processing, handling and even when the modules are being returned for repair.

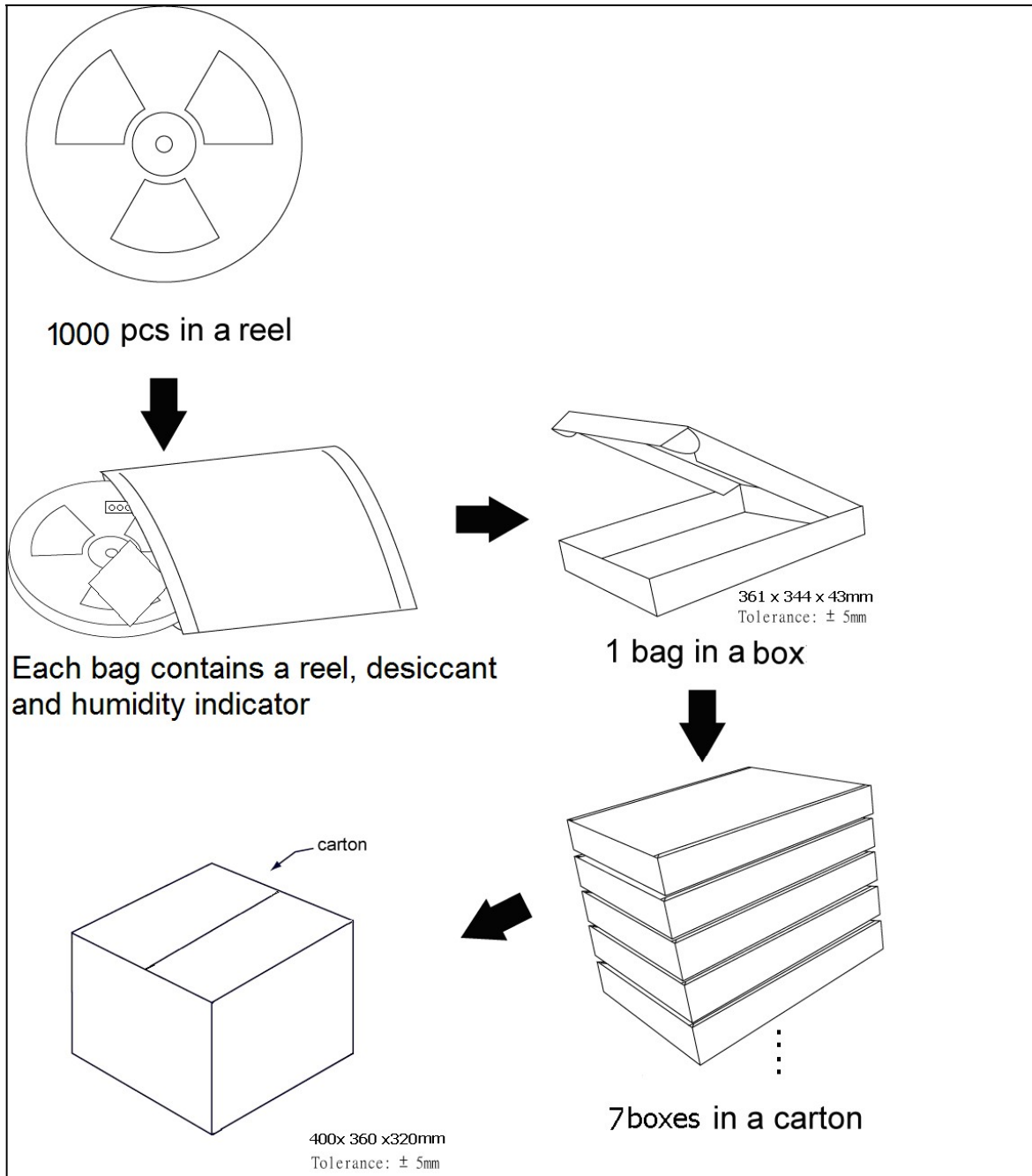
11.2 Packaging

The modules are sealed in a moisture barrier ESD bag with the appropriate units of desiccant and a humidity indicator card. It should not be opened until the modules are ready to be soldered onto the application.

11.2.1 Packaging



11.2.2 Box packaging



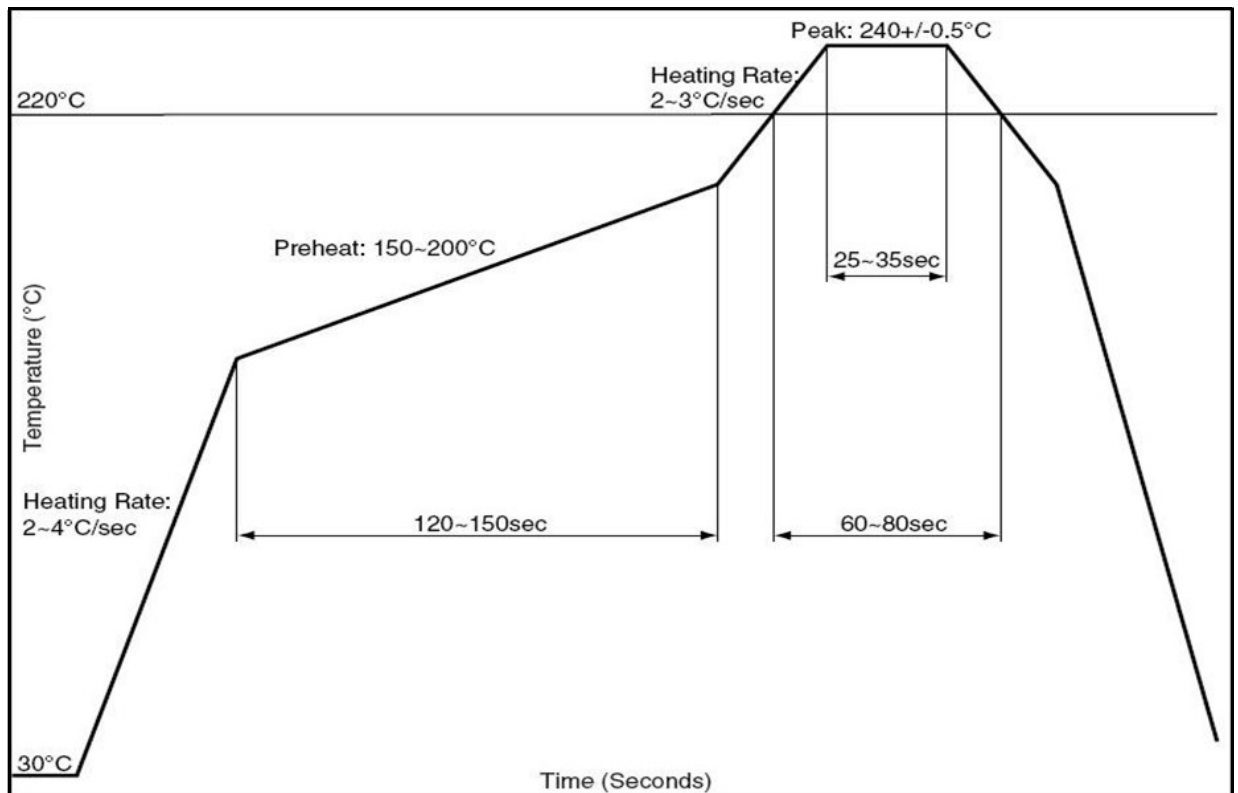
11.3 Moisture sensitivity level

The moisture sensitivity level of the module is 3. After the sealed bag is opened, modules should be mounted within 168 hours at factory conditions of $\leq 30^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 60% RH or stored at $\leq 20\%$ RH.

The modules require baking before mounting if above conditions are not met. If baking is required, the modules without the tape and reel may be baked for:

- a. 192 hours at $40^{\circ}\text{C} + 5^{\circ}\text{C} / -0^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $< 5\%$ RH
- b. 24 hours at $125^{\circ}\text{C} + 5^{\circ}\text{C} / -0^{\circ}\text{C}$

11.4 Reflow soldering



Note the module mounted to the top side (first reflow side) may fall off during reflow soldering of the bottom side.

Document change list

Revision 0.1

- Draft release on Nov. 22, 2022.

Revision 0.2 (August 10, 2023)

- Add the GLL and PLSATTIT output in the section 4.
- Removed the PAIRMSG in the section 4.
- Removed the \$PAIRMSG、\$PINVMSLOPE、\$PINVMATTIT、\$PINVMIMU in section 5.2.
- Add the PLSATTIT in section 5.2.
- Removed the \$PAIR780、\$PAIR781、\$PLSC,MEMS、\$PLSC,VER、\$PAIR007 in section 5.3.