

Compact Reach Xtend™ (FR05-S1-N-0-102) – Bluetooth®, Zigbee®, 802.11 b/g/n WLAN

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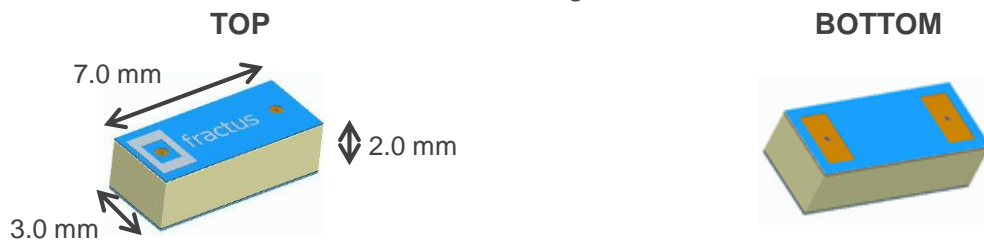
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1. ANTENNA DESCRIPTION

The Compact Reach Xtend™ chip antenna is engineered specifically for Bluetooth®, WLAN 802.11 b/g/n and other wireless devices operating at the ISM 2.4 GHz band. Compact Reach Xtend™ combines small form factor size and high performance to improve the functionality of your wireless devices.

The Compact Reach Xtend™ is a low-cost antenna solution that combines small form factor and high performance with integration flexibility making it ideal for small consumer electronics devices such as wireless headsets and USB dongles.



Material: The Compact Reach Xtend™ antenna is built on glass epoxy substrate.

APPLICATIONS

- Headsets, Headphones
- Medical devices
- Modules WiFi, Bluetooth, Zigbee...
- USB Dongles
- Sensors (bike speed, telemetry...)
- Military
- Digital cameras

BENEFITS

- High efficiency and gain
- Cost-effective
- Small footprint
- Easy to use (pick and place)

2. QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Technical Features	
Frequency Range	2.4 – 2.5 GHz
Average Efficiency	72.2 %
Peak Gain	1.7 dBi
VSWR	< 2:1
Radiation Pattern	Omnidirectional
Weight (approx.)	0.1 g
Temperature	-40 to 85° 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. See Figure 1 and picture on page 6.

Please contact info@fractusantennas.com if you require additional information on antenna integration or optimization on your PCB.

3. ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE

3.1. FRACTUS EVALUATION BOARD

The Fractus configuration used in testing the Compact Reach Xtend™ chip antenna is displayed in Figure 1.

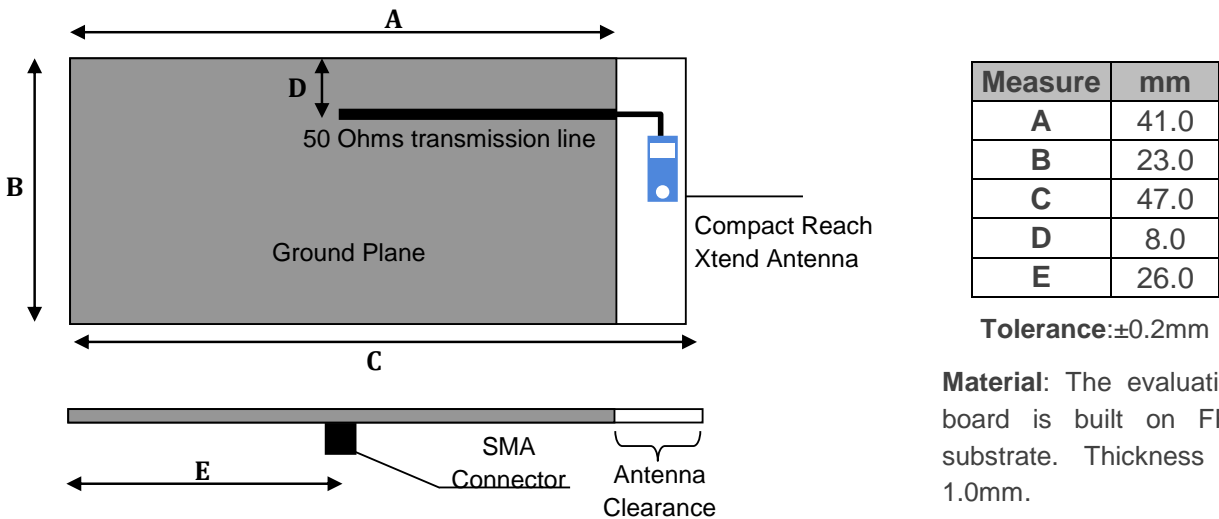


Figure 1 – Compact Reach Xtend™ Evaluation Board.

3.2. VSWR AND EFFICIENCY

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

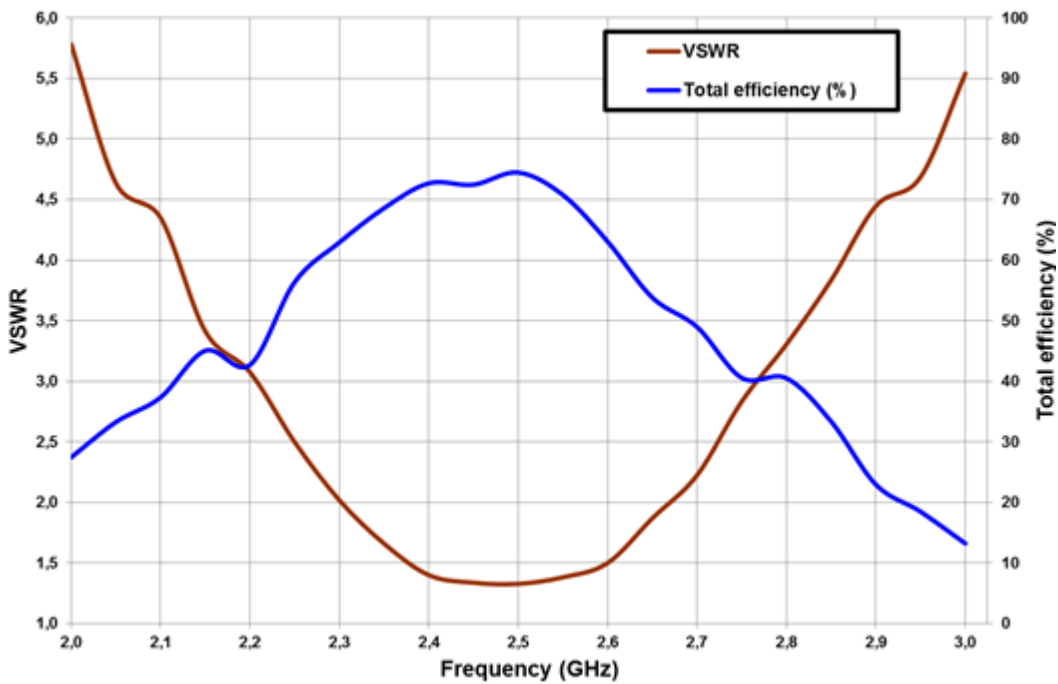
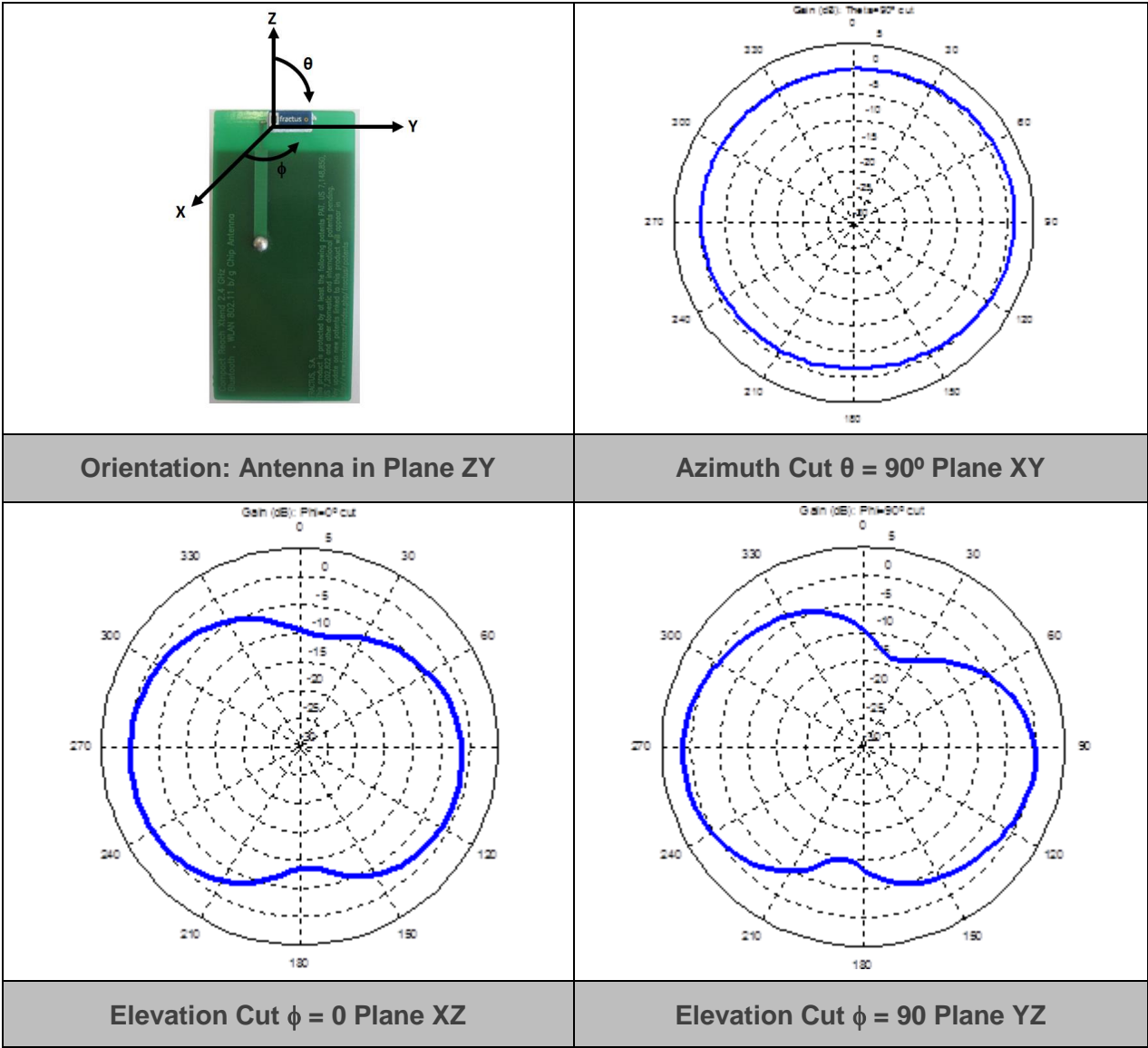


Figure 2 – VSWR and Efficiency (%) vs. Frequency (GHz).

3.3. RADIATION PATTERNS, GAIN AND EFFICIENCY



Gain	Peak Gain	1.7 dBi
	Average Gain across the band	1.2 dBi
	Gain Range across the band (min, max)	0.7 <--> 1.7 dBi
Efficiency	Peak Efficiency	75.7 %
	Average Efficiency across the band	72.2 %
	Efficiency Range across the band (min, max)	68.9 – 75.7 %

Table 2 – Antenna Gain and Efficiency within the 2.4 – 2.5 GHz band. Measures made in the evaluation board and in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

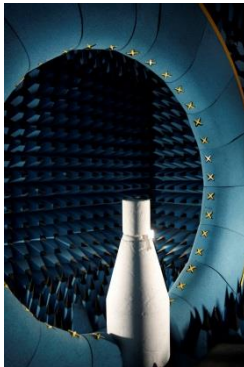
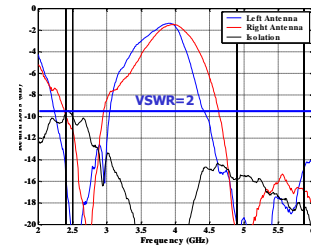
3.4. CAPABILITIES AND MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS

Fractus Antennas specializes in the design and manufacture of optimized antennas for wireless applications, and with the provision of RF expertise to a wide range of clients. We offer turn-key antenna products and antenna integration support to minimize your time requirements and maximize return on investment throughout the product development process. We also provide our clients with the opportunity to leverage our in-house testing and measurement facilities to obtain accurate results quickly and efficiently.



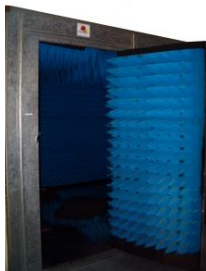
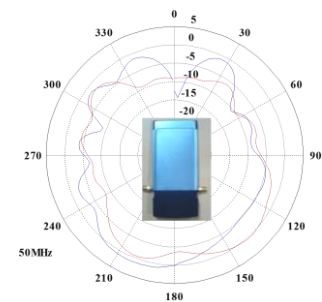
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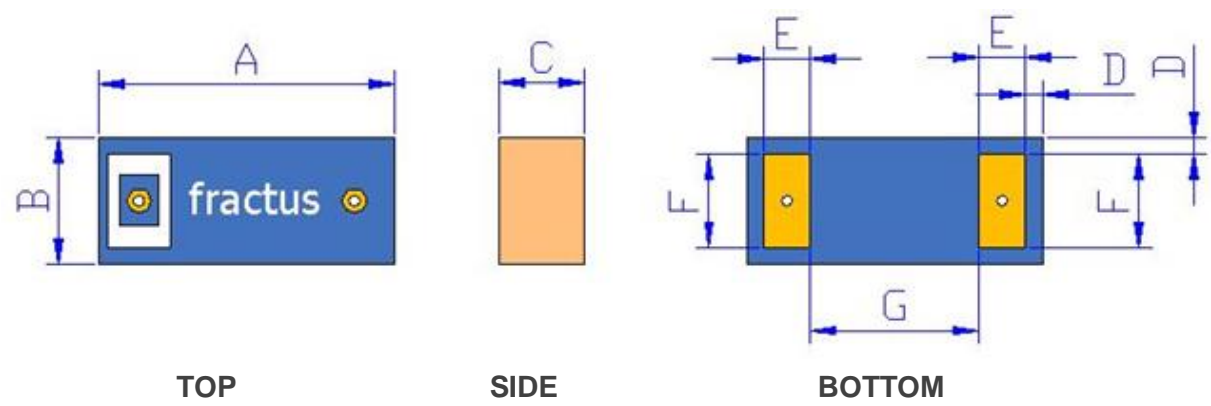
Radiation
Pattern
&
Efficiency



Anechoic chambers and full equipped in-house lab

4. MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

4.1. DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES



The white square located on the top side of the antenna indicates the feed pad.

Measure	mm	Measure	mm
A	7.0 ± 0.2	E	1.1 ± 0.1
B	3.0 ± 0.2	F	2.2 ± 0.1
C	2.0 ± 0.2	G	4.0 ± 0.2
D	0.4 ± 0.15		

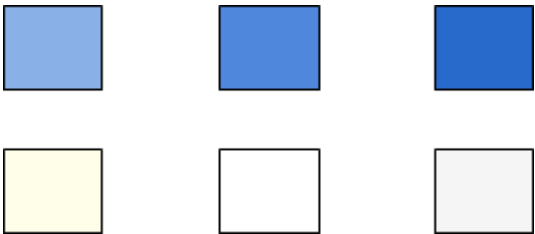
Figure 3 – Antenna Dimensions and Tolerances.

Fractus Compact Reach Xtend™ chip antenna is compliant with the restriction of the use of hazardous substances (RoHS).

The RoHS certificate can be downloaded from www.fractusantennas.com.

4.2. SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE INK

Next figure shows the correct colors of the antenna:



Acceptable color range

4.3. ANTENNA FOOTPRINT

This antenna footprint applies for the reference evaluation board described on page 6 of this User Manual. Feeding line dimensions over the clearance zone described in Figure 4 apply for a 1.0 mm thickness FR4 PCB.

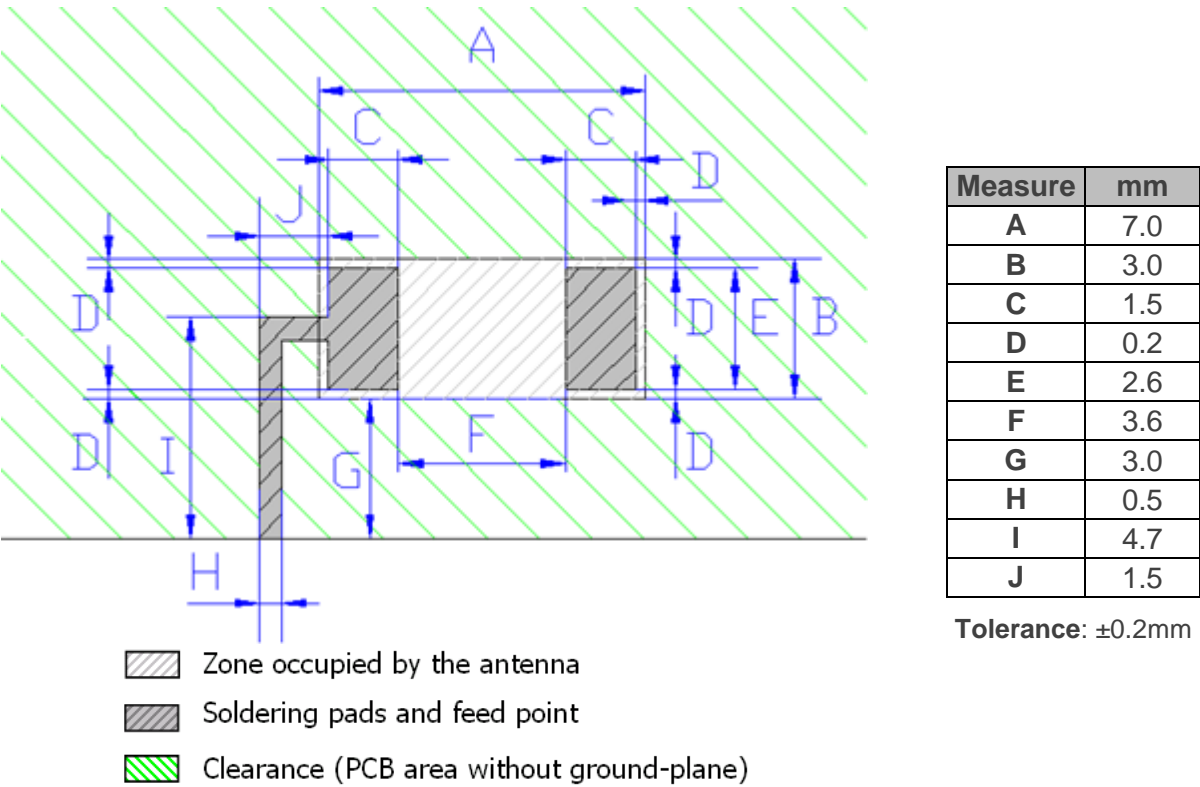


Figure 4 – Antenna Footprint Details.

Other PCB form factors and configurations may require a different feeding configuration, feeding line dimensions and clearance areas. If you require support for the integration of the antenna in your design, please contact info@fractusantennas.com

5. MATCHING NETWORK

The specs of a Fractus Antennas standard antenna are measured in their evaluation board, which is an ideal case. In a real design, components nearby the antenna, LCD's, batteries, covers, connectors, etc affect the antenna performance. This is the reason why it is highly recommended placing pads compatible with 0402 and 0603 SMD components for a PI matching network as close as possible to the antenna feeding point. Do it in the ground plane area, not in the clearance area. This is a degree of freedom to tune the antenna once the design is finished and taking into account all elements of the system (batteries, displays, covers, etc).

6. ASSEMBLY PROCESS

Figure 5 shows the back and front view of the Compact Reach Xtend™ chip antenna, and indicates the location of the feeding point and the mounting pads:

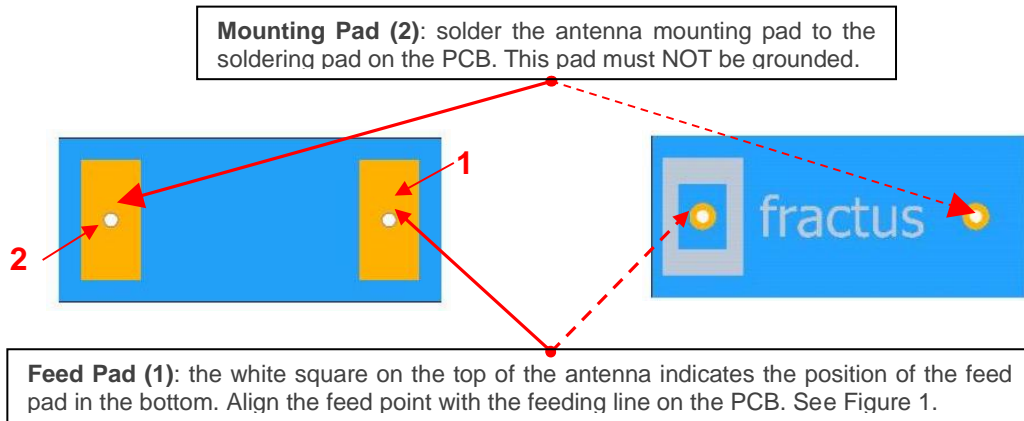


Figure 5 – Pads of the Fractus Compact Reach Xtend™ chip antenna.

As a surface mount device (SMD), this antenna is compatible with industry standard soldering processes. The basic assembly procedure for this antenna is as follows:

1. Apply a solder paste to the pads of the PCB. Place the antenna on the board.
2. Perform a reflow process according to the temperature profile detailed in Table 3, Figure 7 on page 12.
3. After soldering the antenna to the circuit board, perform a cleaning process to remove any residual flux. Fractus Antennas 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:

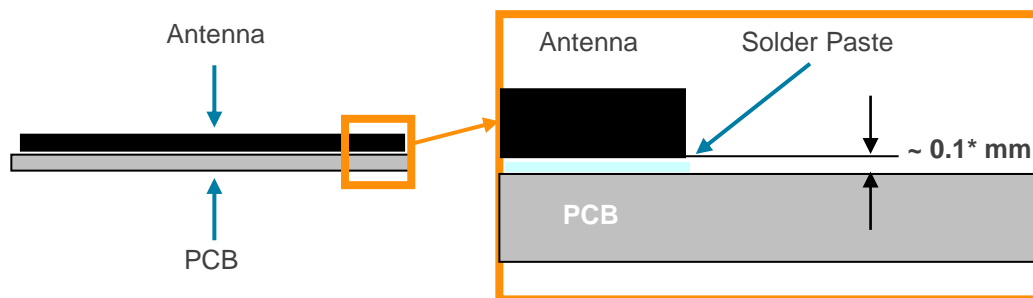


Figure 6 – Soldering Details.

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

The Fractus Compact Reach Xtend™ antenna should be assembled following either Sn-Pb or Pb-free assembly processes. 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 3 – Recommended soldering temperatures.

Next graphic shows temperature profile (grey zone) for the antenna assembly process in reflow ovens.

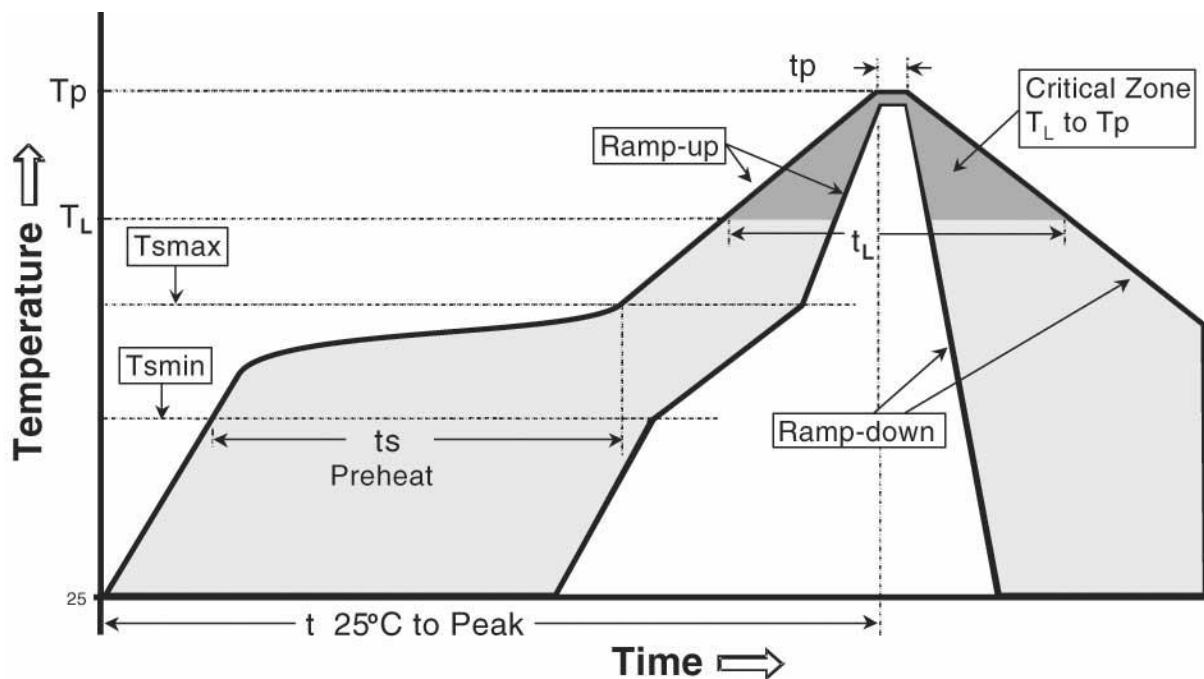


Figure 7 – Temperature profile.

7. PACKAGING

The Fractus Compact Reach Xtend™ chip antenna is available in tape and reel packaging.

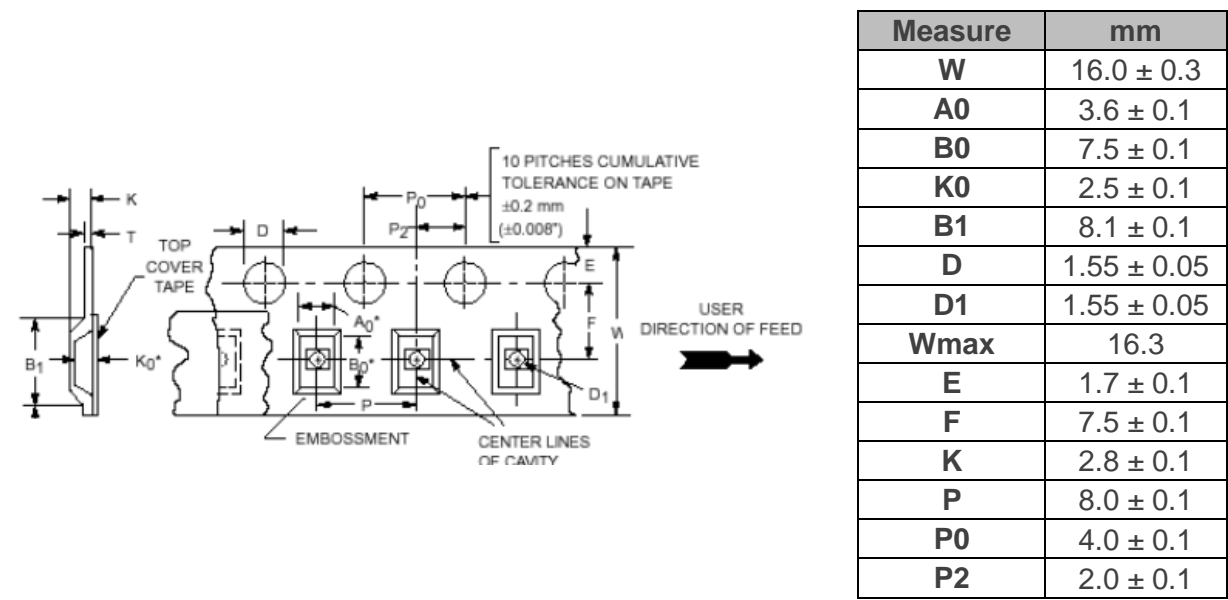


Figure 8 – Tape Dimensions and Tolerances.

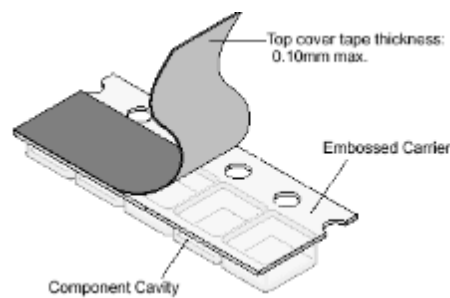
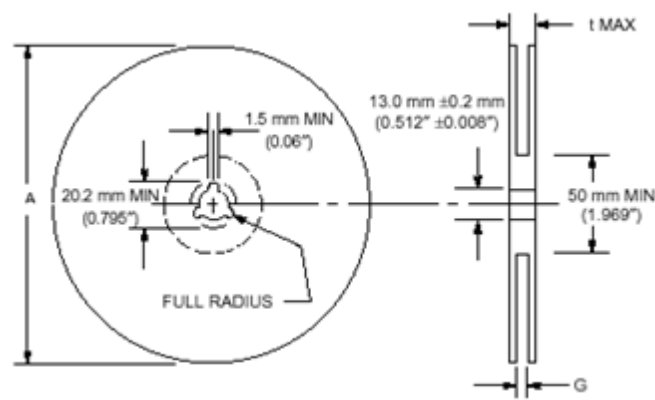


Figure 9 – Images of the tape.



Measure	mm
A max	330.0 ± 1.0
G	17.5 ± 0.2
t max	21.5 ± 0.2

Reel Capacity: 2500 antennas

Figure 10 – Reel Dimensions and Capacity.

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