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## **OnBoard NB-IoT - Antenna**

### **PRO-OB-585**

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50.00 x 25.00 x 10.00 mm RoHS/RoHS II Compliant MSL Level = 1

#### **Electrical Specification**

Parameter	Specif	Unit	
	NB-IoT	GSM/UMTS	Unit
Operating Frequency	791 – 960, 1710 - 2170		MHz
Return Loss	< -5.8	< -5.1	dB
Polarization	Liı		
Peak Gain	1.9	3.6	dBi
Efficiency	> 51	> 44	⁰∕₀
Impedance	50		Ω

<u>Note</u>: All test measurements were conducted with the antenna on a 120 x 52 mm Evaluation board. Please note that the performance is dependent on the ground plane dimensions, tuning components and application environment.

### **Mechanical Specification**

Parameter		1	Specification	
Antenna Dimension			50.00 x 25.00 x 10.00 mm	
Evaluation board Dimension			120 x 52 mm	
Mounting Type			Surface Mount	

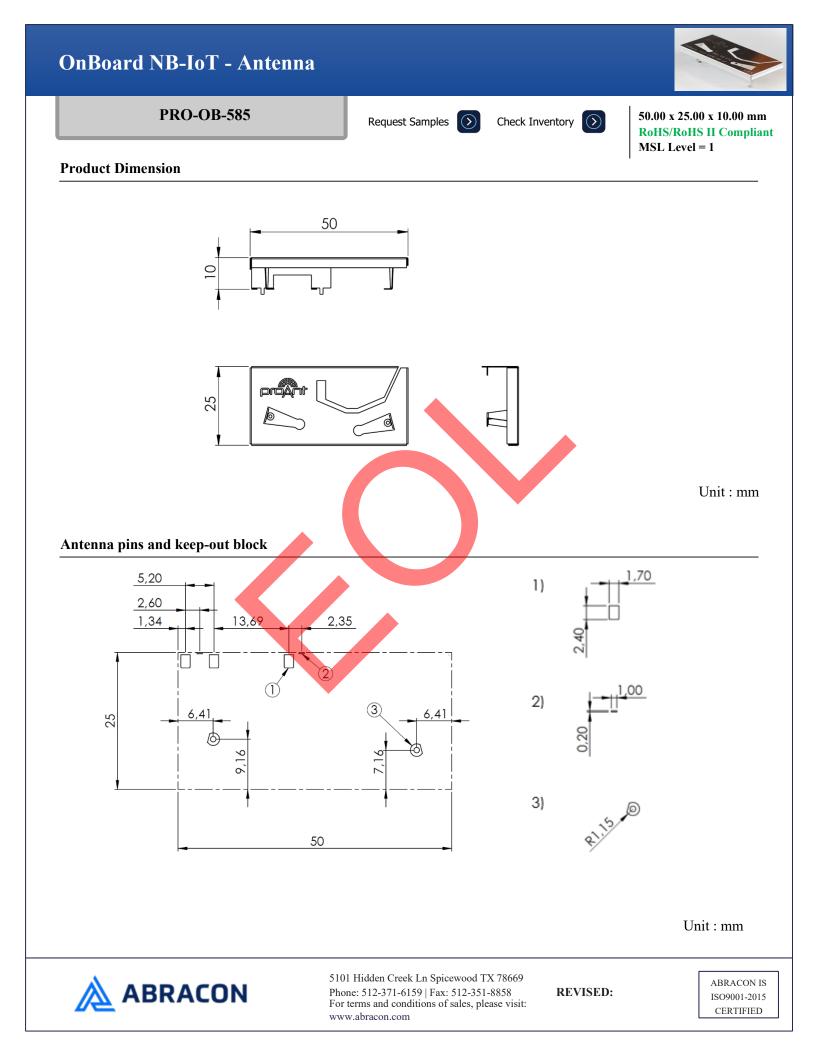
#### **Environmental Specification**

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



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#### **Measurement Setup**

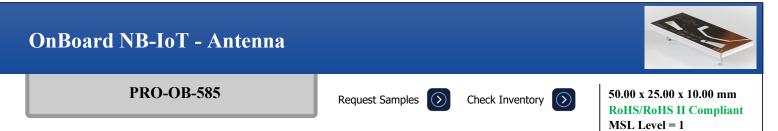
The antenna measurements were done with the OnBoard SMD GSM/NB-IoT evaluation board ( $120 \times 52 \text{ mm}$ ) - measured in free space.





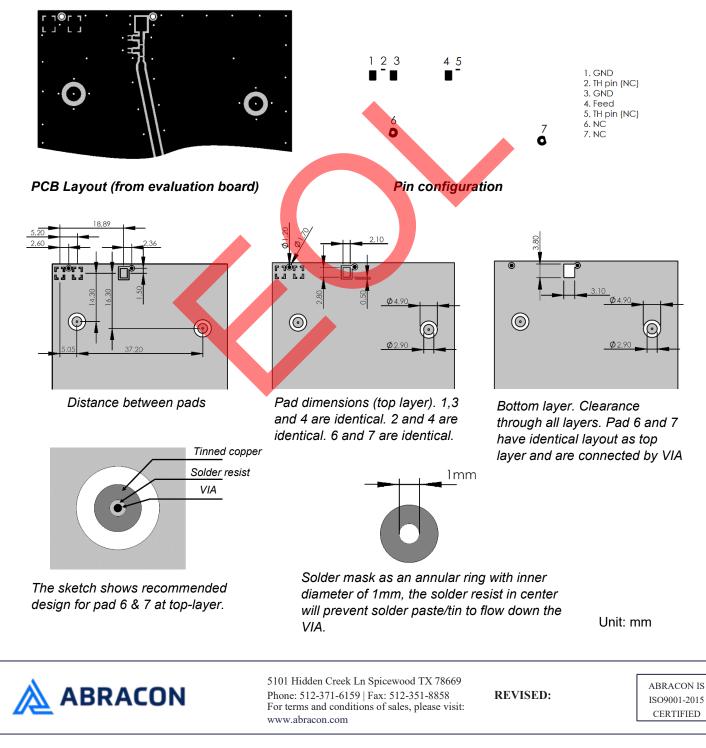
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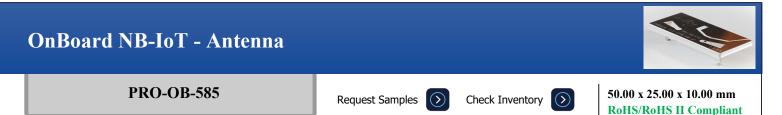
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#### **PCB** Layout

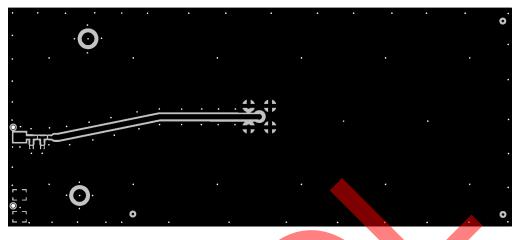
The antenna is developed for optimum performance when mounted on a ground plane and is therefore very suitably mounted on a printed circuit board, where all empty space in the layout shall be filled solid copper. This also means that no ground cutout area is required under the antenna. If there are several layers in the PCB, there is an advantage to add via holes for interconnection of the ground areas. It is also very important that there is a ground clearance around the NC pads and the RF feed pad, through all layers of the PCB. Otherwise there will be capacitive coupling which may detune the antenna.





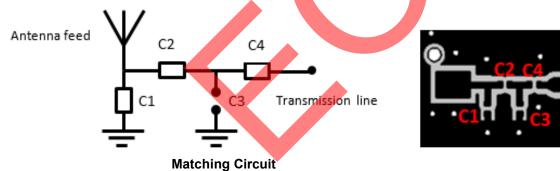
#### **Evaluation Board Outline & Matching Circuit (NB-IoT)**

The evaluation board is developed to simplify antenna testing and evaluation. It has an arbitrary size of  $120 \times 52 \text{ mm}$  and includes an SMA connector. The purpose is to give a reference design for an optimal antenna implementation. The evaluation board can also be used to test other implementations by cutting and soldering the PCB into any device.



#### Evaluation board outline

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



The antenna needs a matching circuit to adjust the resonant frequency balance. When delivered, the evaluation board is tuned for optimum balance at the NB-IoT frequency bands (band 8 and band 20) using four components. The component values for this setup are:

C1 = 1.2 pF (Murata GJM1555C1H1R2WB01)

 $C2 = 0\Omega$ 

C3 = N/A

 $C4 = 0\Omega$ 

Only one matching component is needed for the implementation on the Proant evaluation board, but it is recommended to add component positions when implementing the antenna to your specific application. It is common that the resonant frequency will shift during implementation in an arbitrary device. Therefore, this matching may be changed for compensation of such effects and you may need these extra components. See General Implementation Guidelines section foe mote details.



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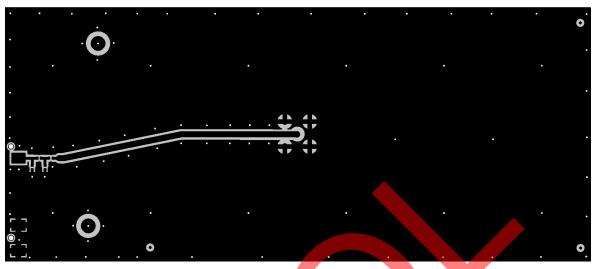
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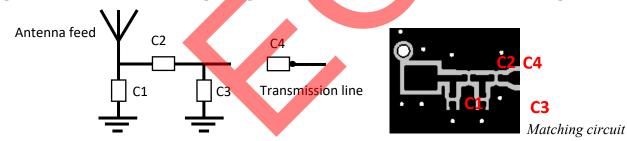
#### **Evaluation Board Outline & Matching Circuit (GSM/UMTS)**

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C1 = 0.9 pF (Murata GJM1555C1HR90WB01)
C2 = 6.8 pF (Murata GJM1555C1H6R8WB01)

C3 = N/AC4 = 2.4nH (Murata LQW15AN2N4B00)

However, it is common that the resonant frequency will shift during implementation in an arbitrary device. Therefore, this matching may be changed for compensation of such effects. This is further described in "General guidelines" section.

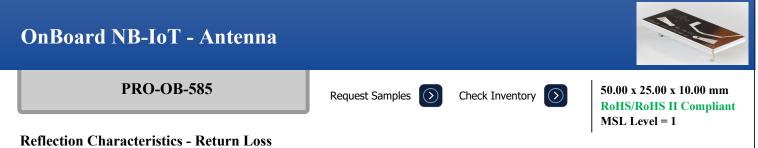


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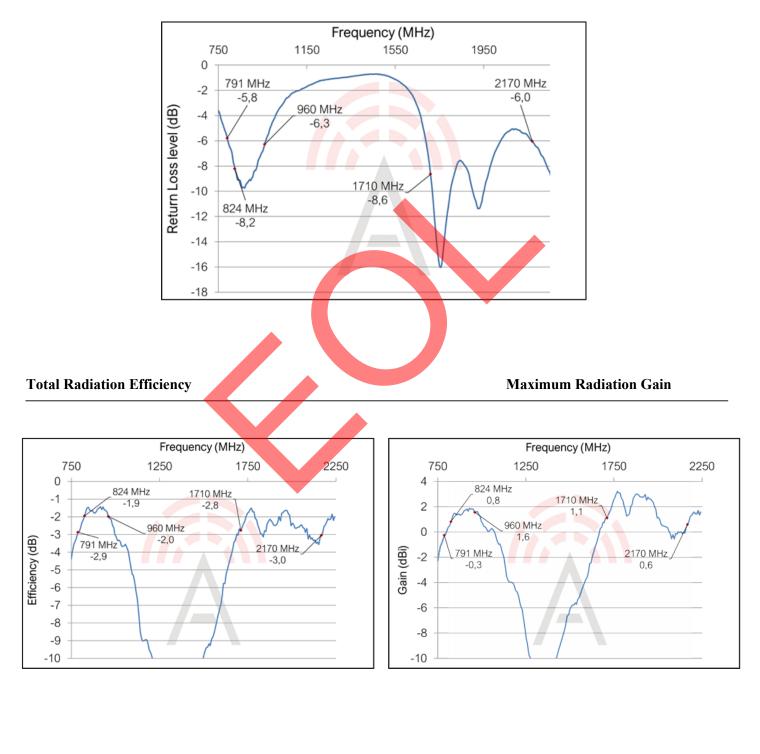
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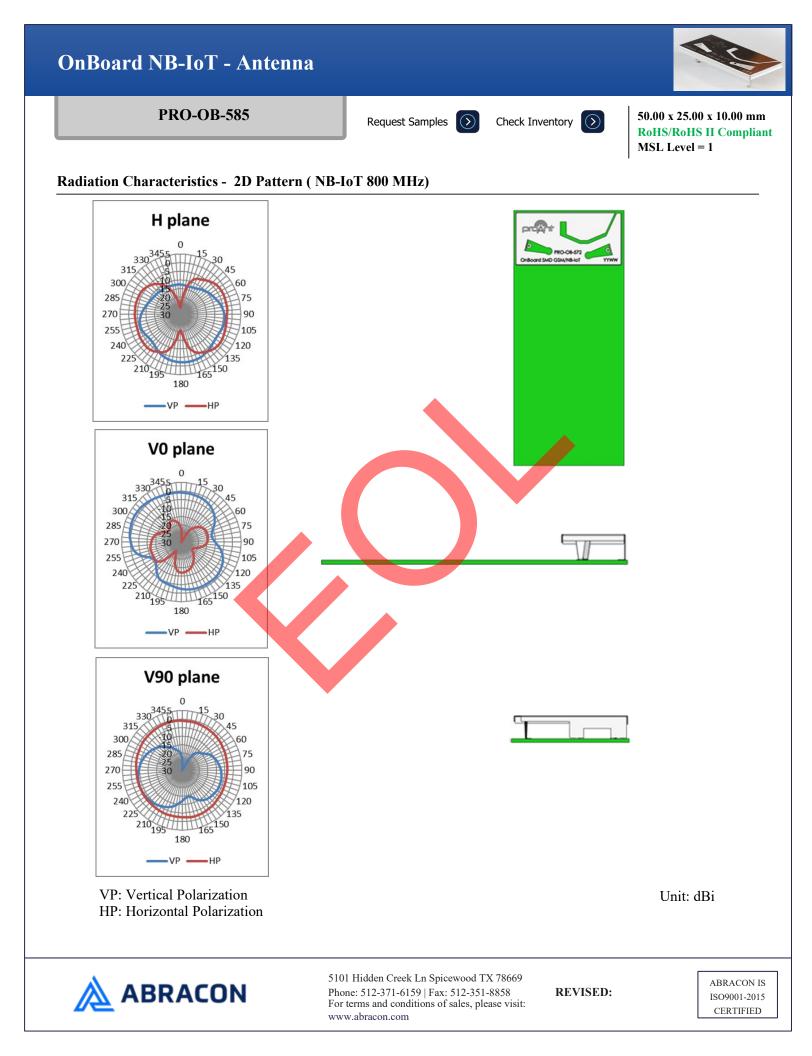
All results are measured with the antenna mounted on the evaluation board.

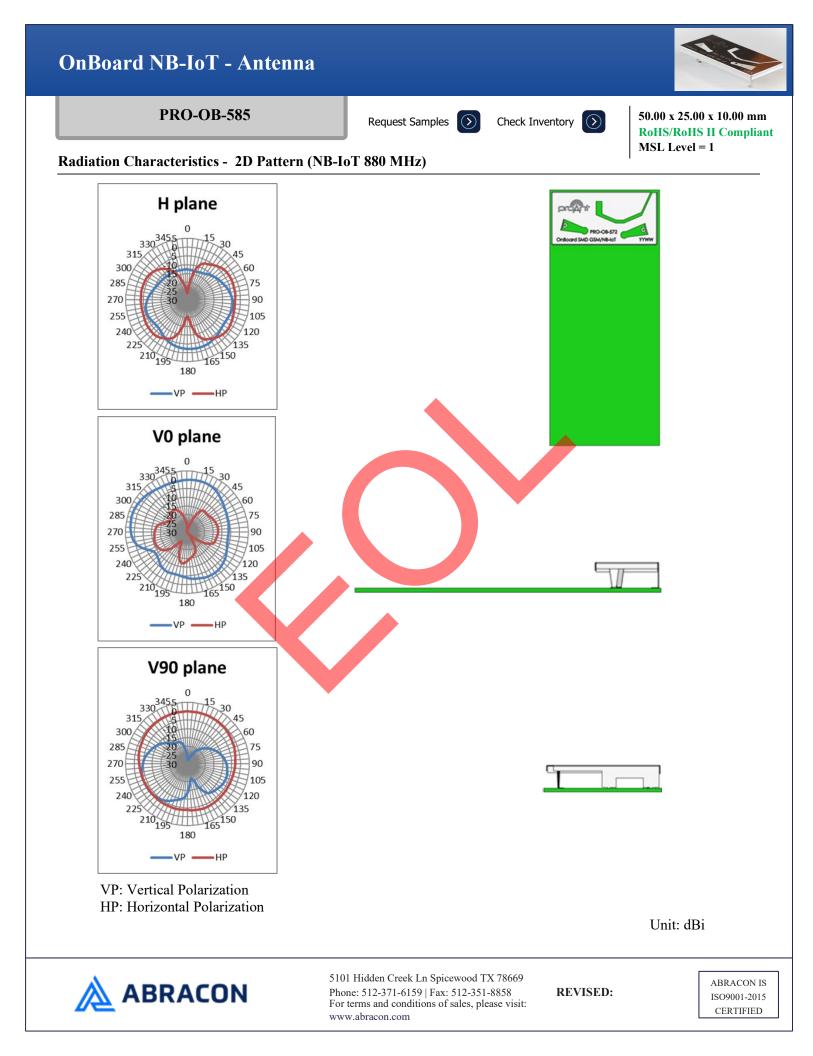


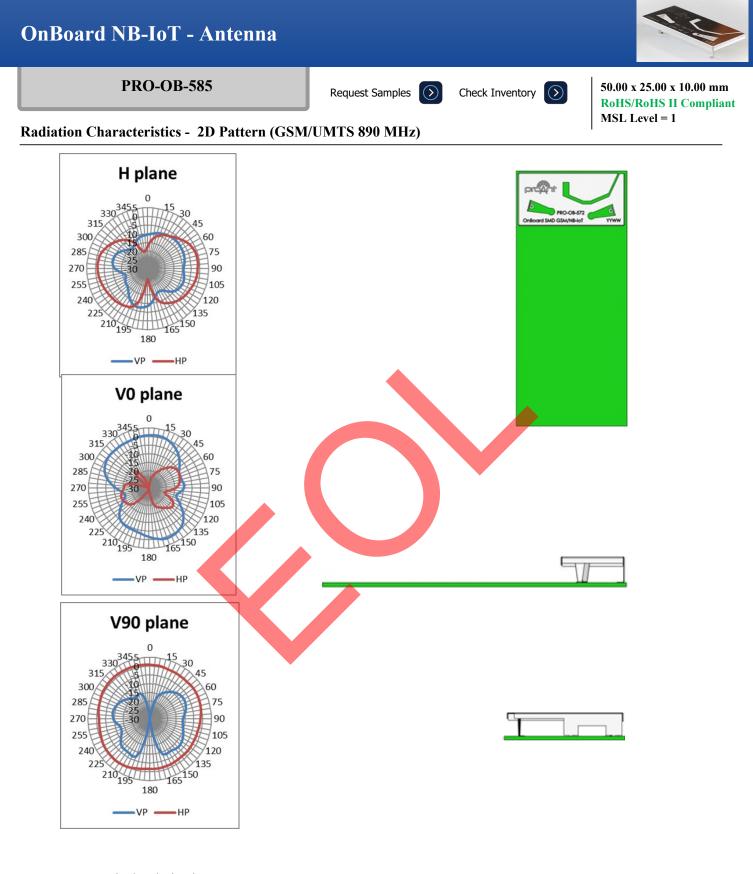


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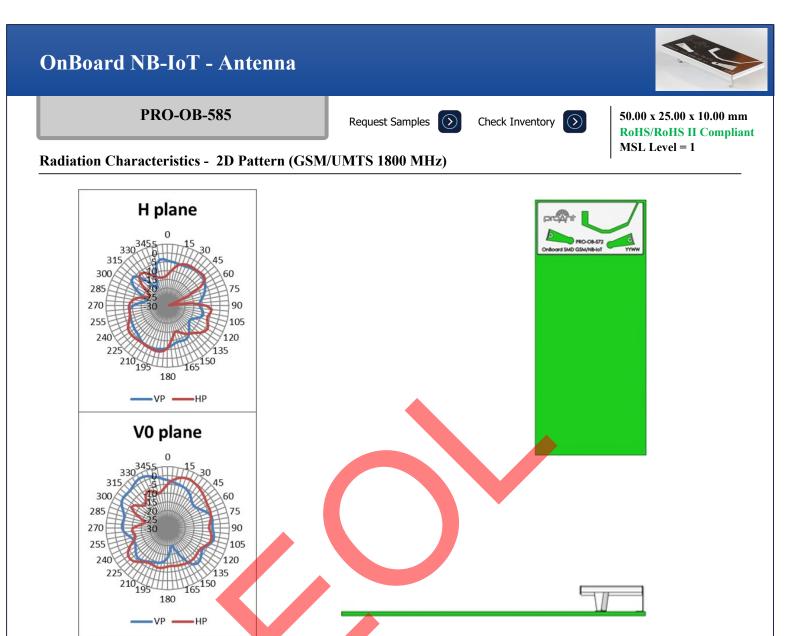


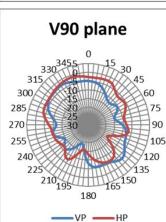
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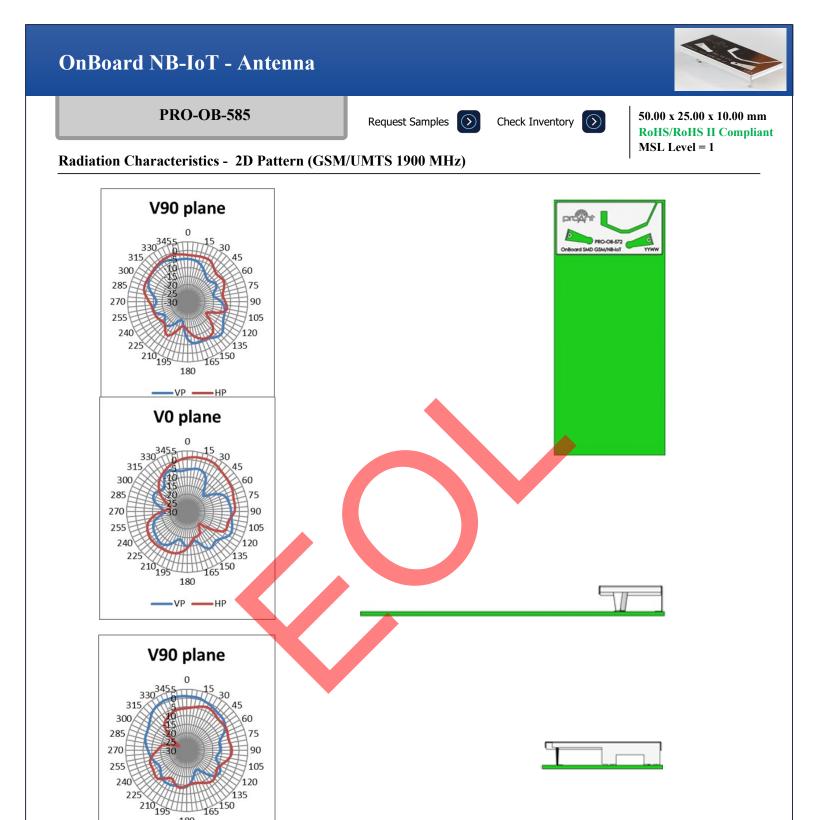


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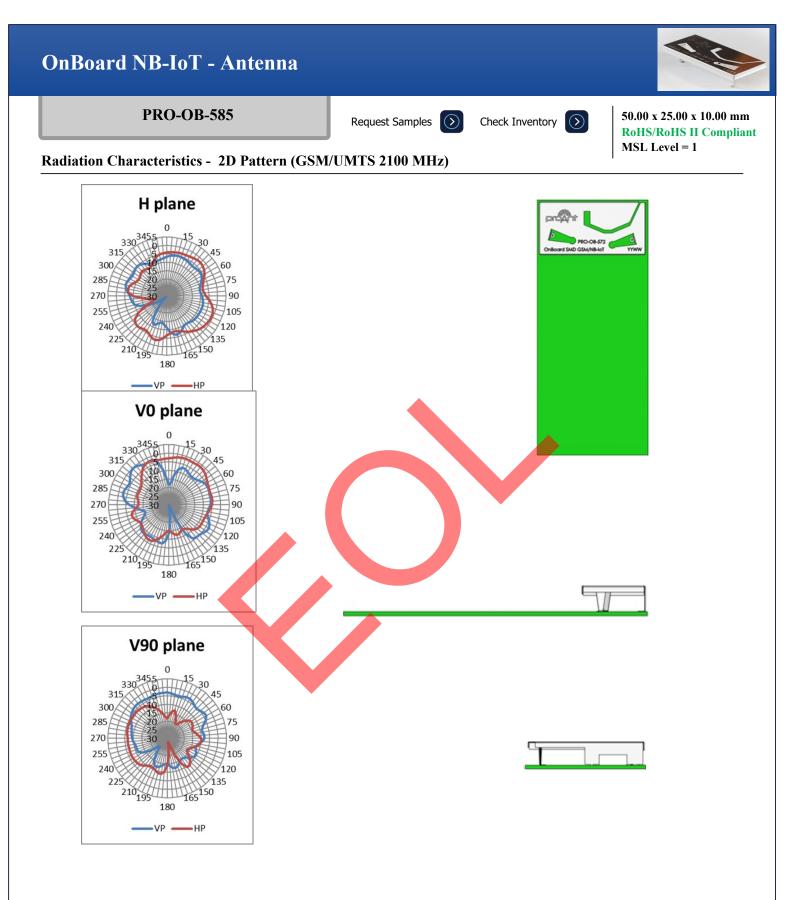


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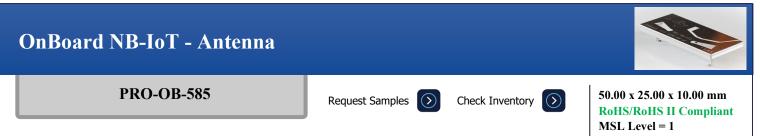


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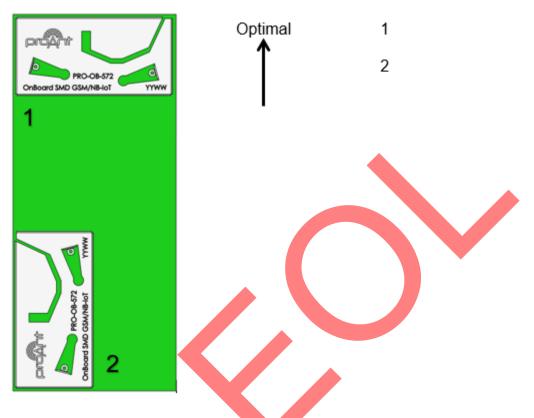
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#### **General Implementation Guidelines**

The antenna can be positioned in different ways, although there are some positions which are more beneficial. Below picture shows a typical PCB with two possible antenna positions. The positions have been arranged according to the best general fit.



The antenna should be aligned with the PCB edge if possible. It is also important to align pin 1, 2, 3 and 4 along the outer side of the PCB, and even more preferably close to a corner.

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

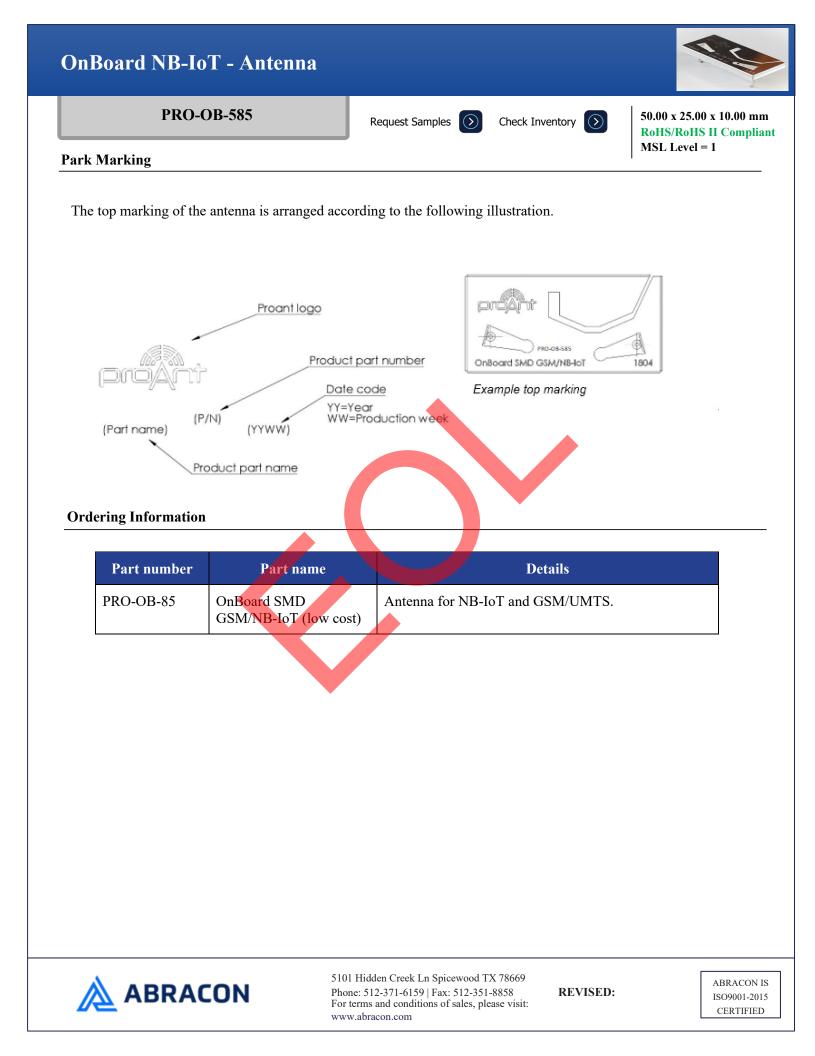
Another general aspect on surface mounted antennas is regarding the PCB population. If other electrical components are positioned in the surrounding area of the antenna, some impact on the antenna tuning and radiated performance may be expected. It is recommended that such components are distributed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

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



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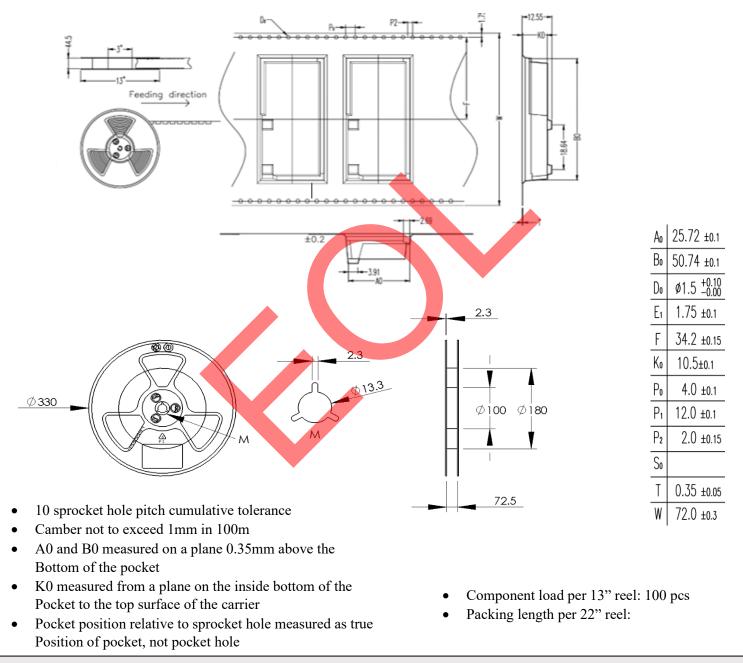
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#### Packaging

The antenna is delivered on tape and reel according to following specifications. The quantity per 13" reel is 100 pcs.



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