

## ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP 868/915 MHz Outdoor LPWA Antenna

The ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP antenna is an outdoor IP67-rated dipole antenna designed for use in 868 MHz and 915 MHz frequency bands for low-power, wide-area (LPWA) applications such as LoRaWAN®, Sigfox® and WiFi HaLow™ as well as ISM and remote control applications.

The ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP provides a ground plane independent dipole antenna solution which mounts permanently to metallic and non-metallic surfaces. The antenna housing is UV stabilized ABS and the antenna connects using an N plug (male pin) connector



### Features

- Performance at 862 MHz to 876 MHz
  - VSWR:  $\leq 1.5$
  - Peak Gain: 3.9 dBi
  - Efficiency: 51%
- Performance at 902 MHz to 930 MHz
  - VSWR:  $\leq 2.4$
  - Peak Gain: 5.2 dBi
  - Efficiency: 51%
- Enhanced heat and chemical resistant UV stabilized antenna housing material
- IP67 rated
- N plug (male pin) connector

### Applications

- Low-power, wide-area (LPWA) applications
  - LoRaWAN®, ITU-T Y.4480
  - Sigfox®
  - WiFi HaLow™ (802.11ah)
- Remote control, monitoring and sensing
- Internet of Things (IoT) devices
- ISM applications

### Ordering Information

| Part Number     | Description   |
|-----------------|---|
| ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP | Outdoor LPWA antenna with N plug (male pin) connector |

Available from Linx Technologies and select distributors and representatives.

Table 1. Electrical Specifications

| Parameter          | 868 MHz            | 915 MHz            |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Frequency Range    | 862 MHz to 876 MHz | 902 MHz to 930 MHz |
| VSWR (max.)        | 1.5                | 2.4                |
| Peak Gain (dBi)    | 3.9                | 5.2                |
| Average Gain (dBi) | -3.0               | -3.0               |
| Efficiency (%)     | 51%                | 51%                |
| Impedance          | 50 $\Omega$        |                    |
| Wavelength         | 1/2-wave           |                    |
| Electrical Type    | Dipole             |                    |
| Polarization       | Linear             |                    |
| Radiation          | Omnidirectional    |                    |
| Max Power          | 2 W                |                    |

Electrical specifications and plots measured with the antenna in a free space orientation.

Table 2. Mechanical Specifications

| Parameter                            | Value                                    |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Connection                           | N plug (male pin)                        |
| Connector Torque Recommended/Maximum | 5 Nm/ 15 Nm                              |
| Operating Temperature Range          | -40 °C to +85 °C                         |
| Ingress Protection Rating (IP)       | IP67 rated                               |
| Antenna Color                        | Black                                    |
| Weight                               | 72.4 g (2.55 oz)                         |
| Dimensions                           | 176.4 mm x Ø21.0 mm (6.94 in x Ø0.83 in) |

## Packaging Information

The ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP antenna is individually placed in a clear polyethylene bag. Plastic bags are placed in a box in quantities of 15 pcs. Boxes are placed in cartons of 180 pcs. Distribution channels may offer alternative packaging options.

## IP (Ingress Protection) Rating

An ingress protection rating (IP rating) refers to the capability of a device to withstand the ingress of dust and/or water under specified conditions. IP rating is typically reserved for marketable product (device) rather than constituent components because design and assembly may affect performance of the device under testing. IP-rated antennas are designed to support the specified level of ingress protection and may be tested in a standalone configuration, however IP testing should be performed on the complete end product to ensure desired performance.

## Product Dimensions

Figure 1 provides dimensions of the ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP.

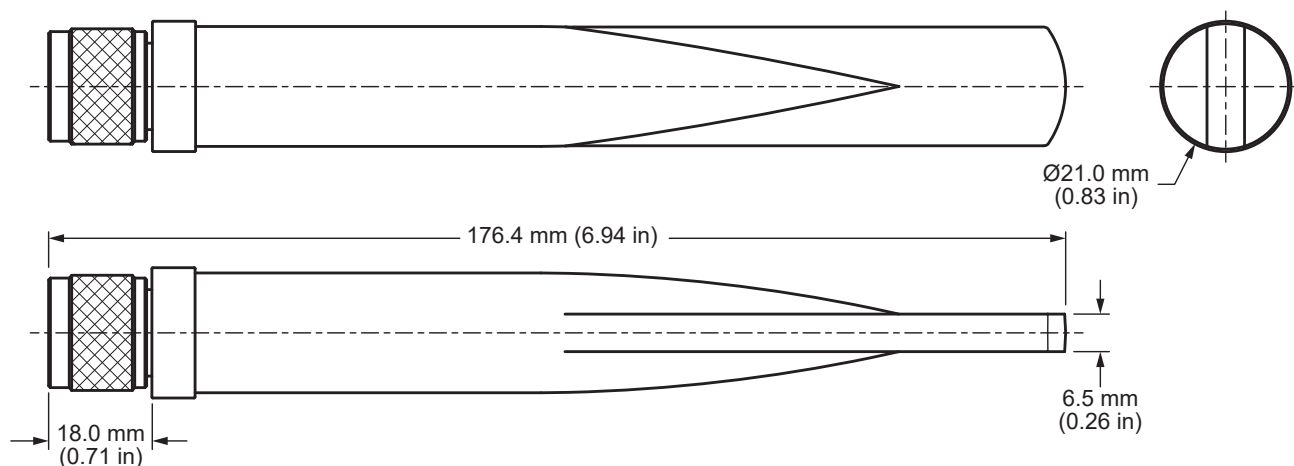


Figure 1. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna Dimensions

## Antenna Orientation

The ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP antenna is characterized in two antenna orientations as shown in Figure 2. The antenna free space orientation characterizes use of an antenna attached to an enclosure-mounted connector which is connected by cable to a printed circuit board. Although the antenna is a dipole not requiring a ground plane for function, characterization at the center of the ground plane (300 mm x 300 mm) provides insight into antenna performance when attached directly to a connector on a metal enclosure. The two orientations represent the most common end-product use cases.

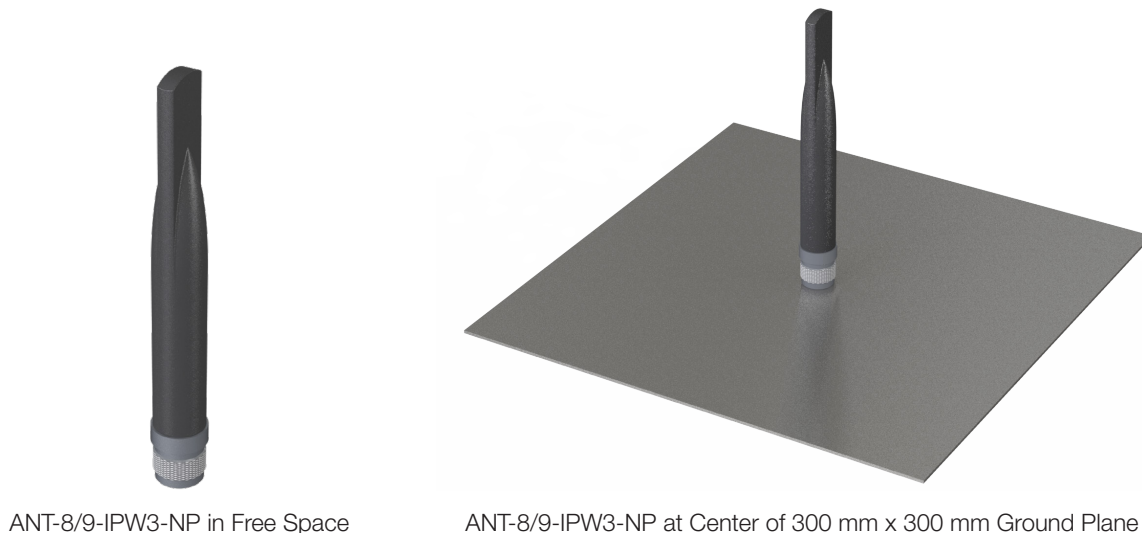


Figure 2. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Test Orientations

### Free Space, No Ground Plane

The charts on the following pages represent data taken with the antenna oriented in free space as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP No Ground Plane (Free Space)

### VSWR

Figure 4 provides the voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR) across the antenna bandwidth. VSWR describes the power reflected from the antenna back to the radio. A lower VSWR value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency. Reflected power is also shown on the right-side vertical axis as a gauge of the percentage of transmitter power reflected back from the antenna.

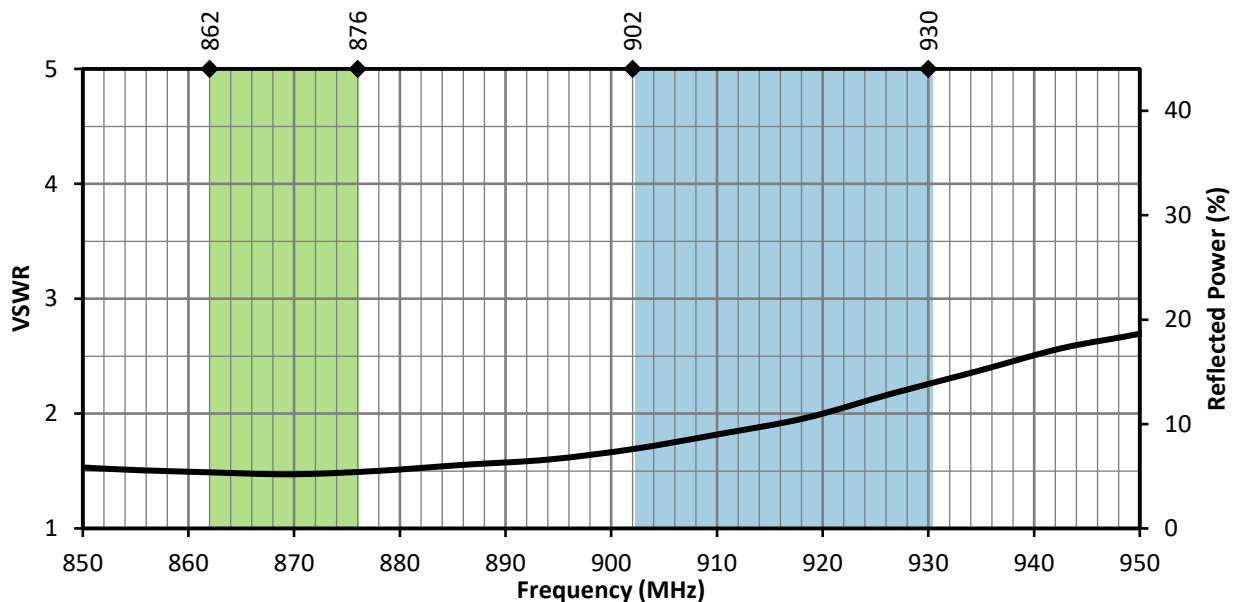


Figure 4. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna VSWR, Free Space

## Return Loss

Return loss (Figure 5), represents the loss in power at the antenna due to reflected signals. Like VSWR, a lower return loss value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency.

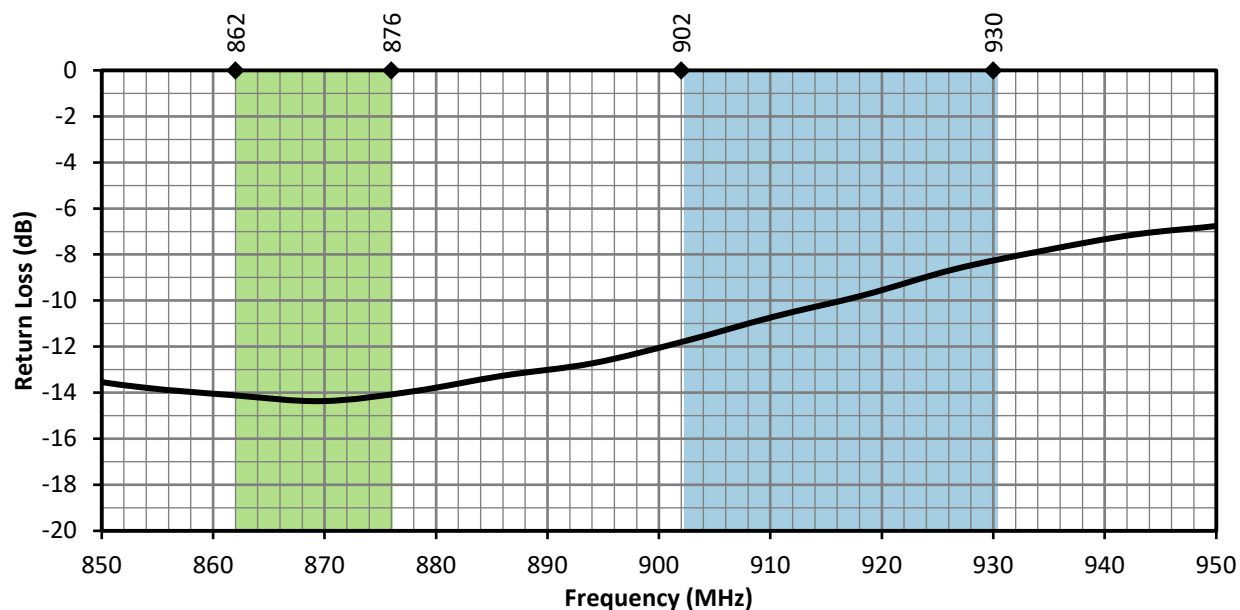


Figure 5. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna Return Loss, Free Space

## Peak Gain

The peak gain across the antenna bandwidth is shown in Figure 6. Peak gain represents the maximum antenna input power concentration across 3-dimensional space, and therefore peak performance, at a given frequency, but does not consider any directionality in the gain pattern.

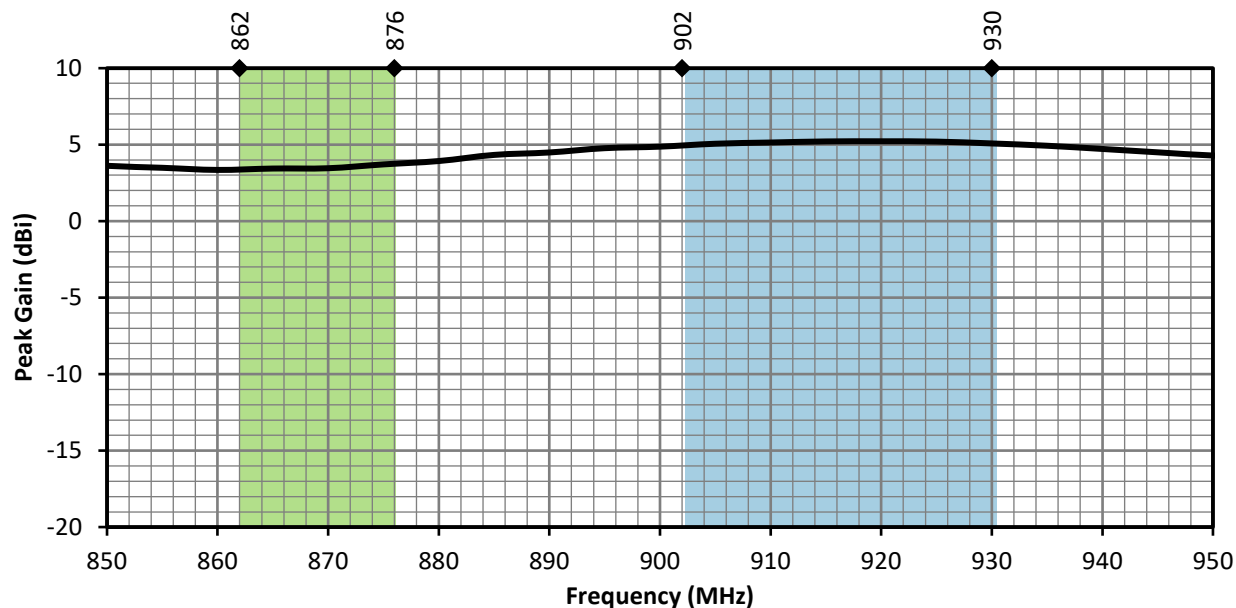


Figure 6. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna Peak Gain, Free Space

### Average Gain

Average gain (Figure 7), is the average of all antenna gain in 3-dimensional space at each frequency, providing an indication of overall performance without expressing antenna directionality.

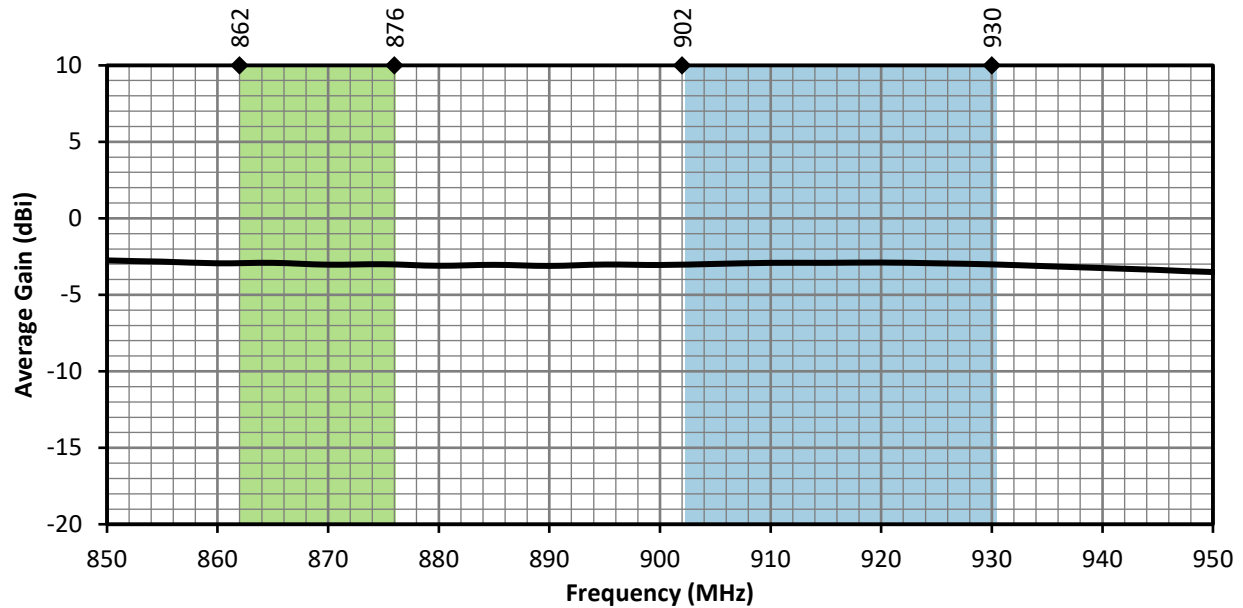


Figure 7. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna Average Gain , Free Space

### Radiation Efficiency

Radiation efficiency (Figure 8), shows the ratio of power delivered to the antenna relative to the power radiated at the antenna, expressed as a percentage, where a higher percentage indicates better performance at a given frequency.

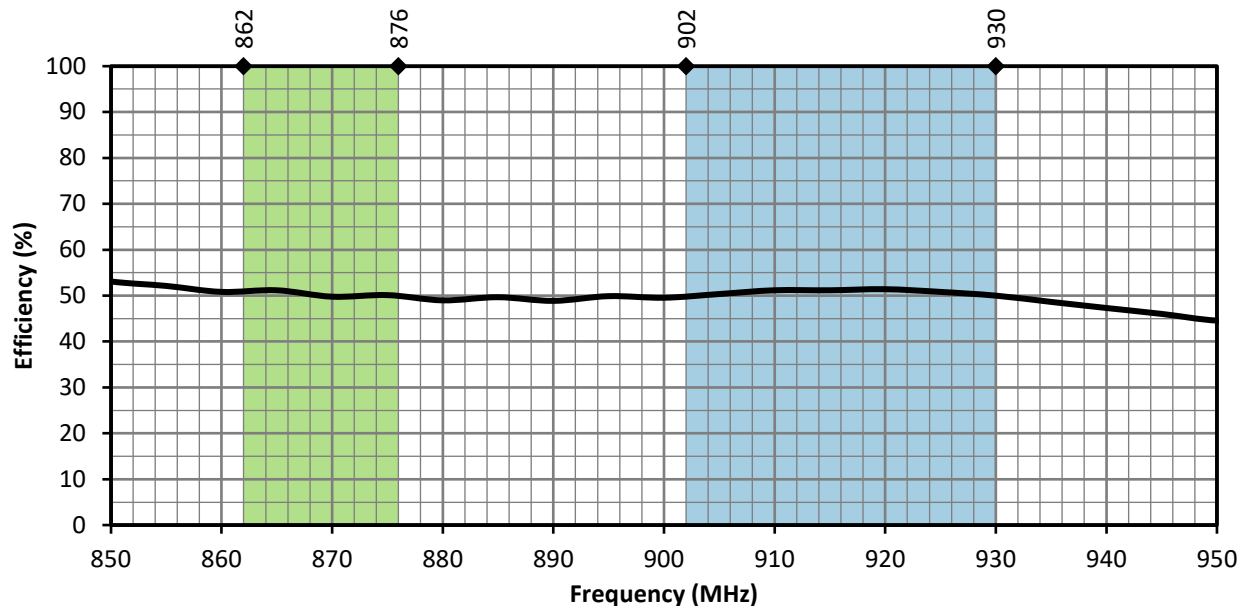


Figure 8. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna Radiation Efficiency , Free Space

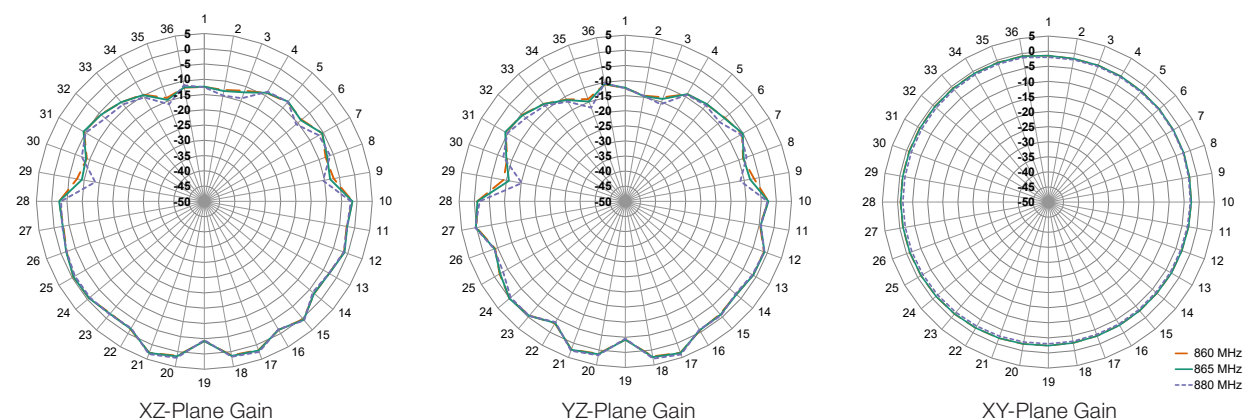
## Radiation Patterns

Radiation patterns provide information about the directionality and 3-dimensional gain performance of the antenna by plotting gain at specific frequencies in three orthogonal planes. Antenna radiation patterns (Figure 9), are shown using polar plots covering 360 degrees. The antenna graphic above the plots provides reference to the plane of the column of plots below it. Note: when viewed with typical PDF viewing software, zooming into radiation patterns is possible to reveal fine detail.

### Radiation Patterns - Free Space



### 862 MHz to 876 MHz (868 MHz)



### 902 MHz to 930 MHz (915 MHz)

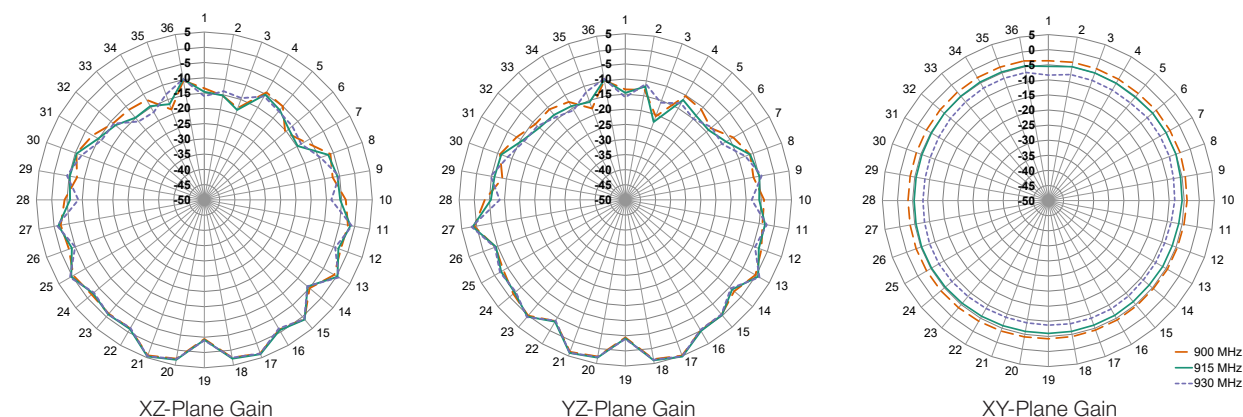


Figure 9. Radiation Patterns for ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna, Free Space

### Center of Ground Plane

The charts on the following pages represent data taken with the antenna oriented at the center of the 300 mm x 300 mm ground plane as shown in Figure 10.

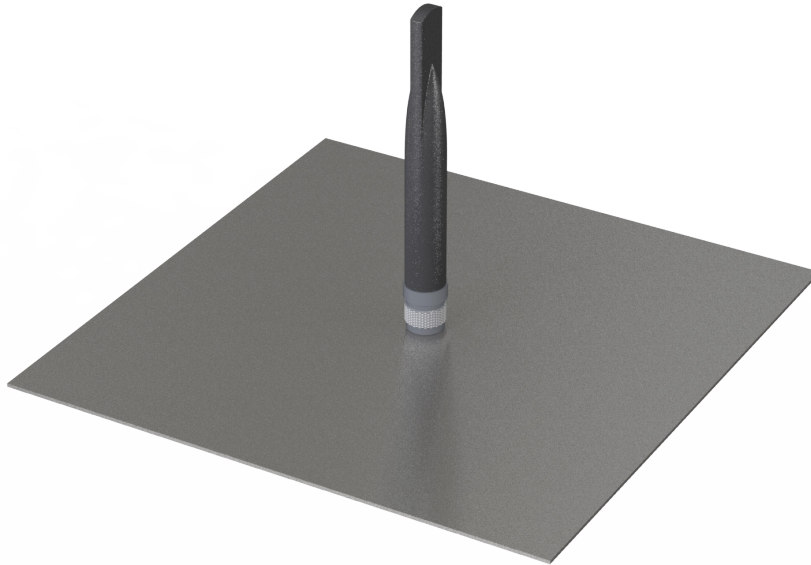


Figure 10. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP at Center of Ground Plane

### VSWR

Figure 11 provides the voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR) across the antenna bandwidth. VSWR describes the power reflected from the antenna back to the radio. A lower VSWR value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency. Reflected power is also shown on the right-side vertical axis as a gauge of the percentage of transmitter power reflected back from the antenna.

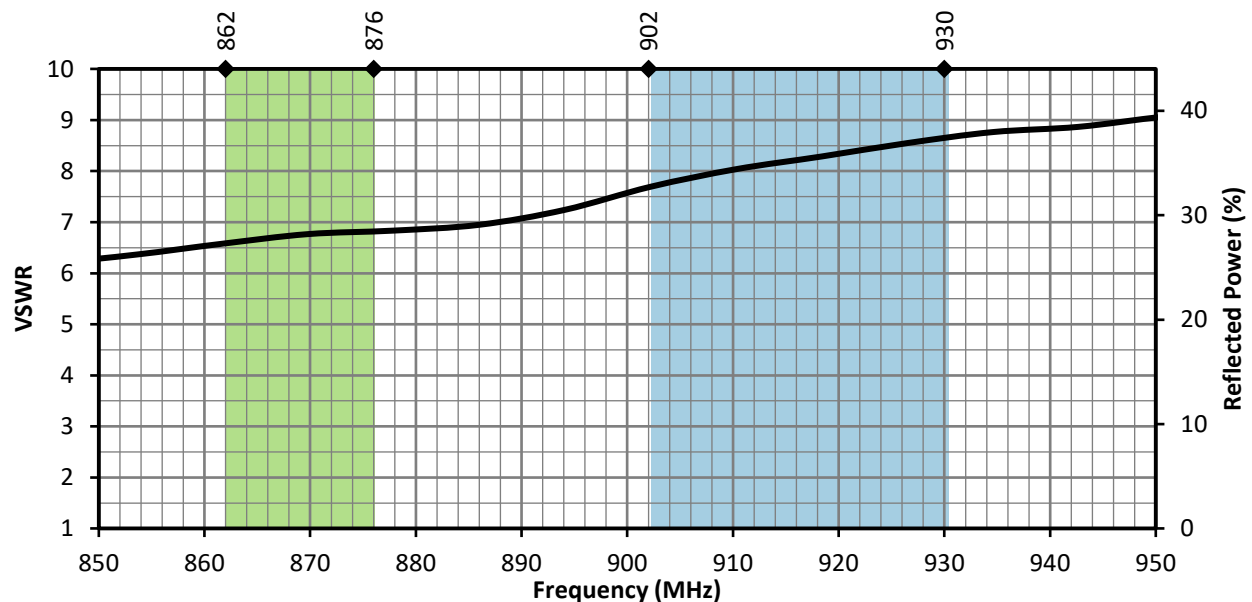


Figure 11. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna VSWR, Center of Ground Plane



## Return Loss

Return loss (Figure 12), represents the loss in power at the antenna due to reflected signals. Like VSWR, a lower return loss value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency.

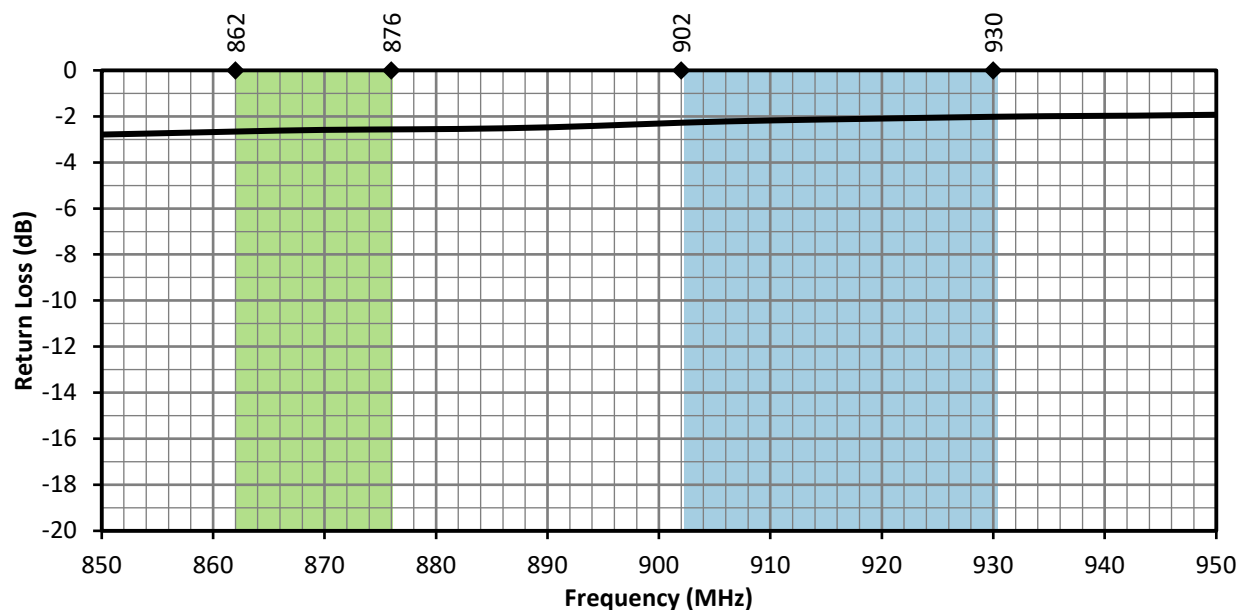


Figure 12. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna Return Loss, Center of Ground Plane

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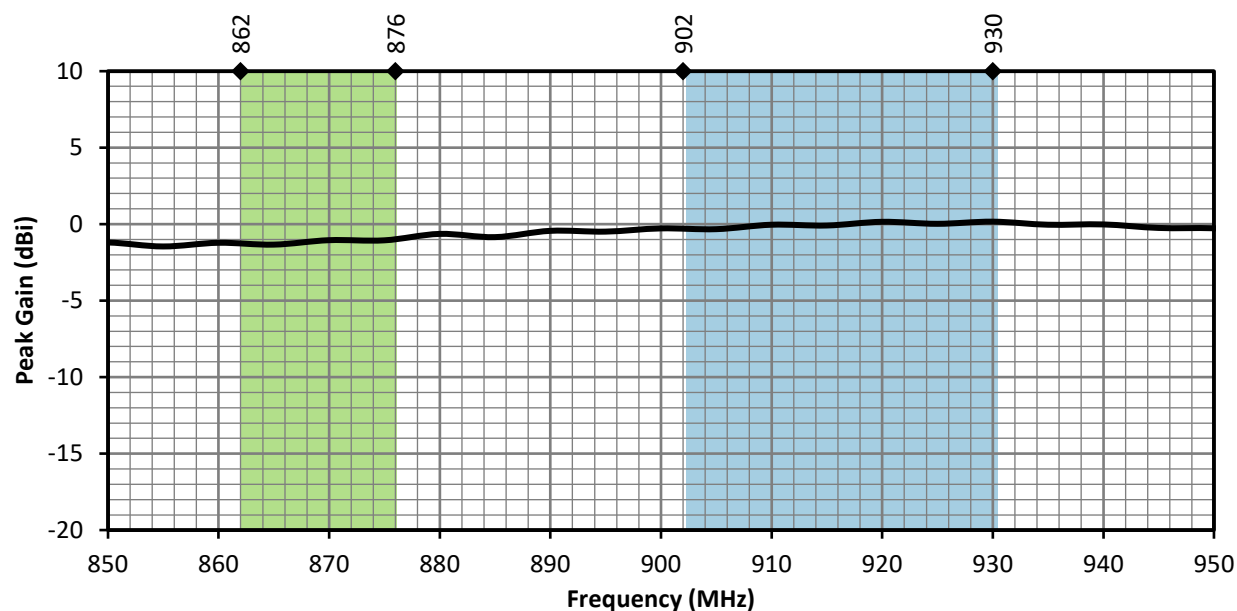


Figure 13. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna Peak Gain, Center of Ground Plane

### Average Gain

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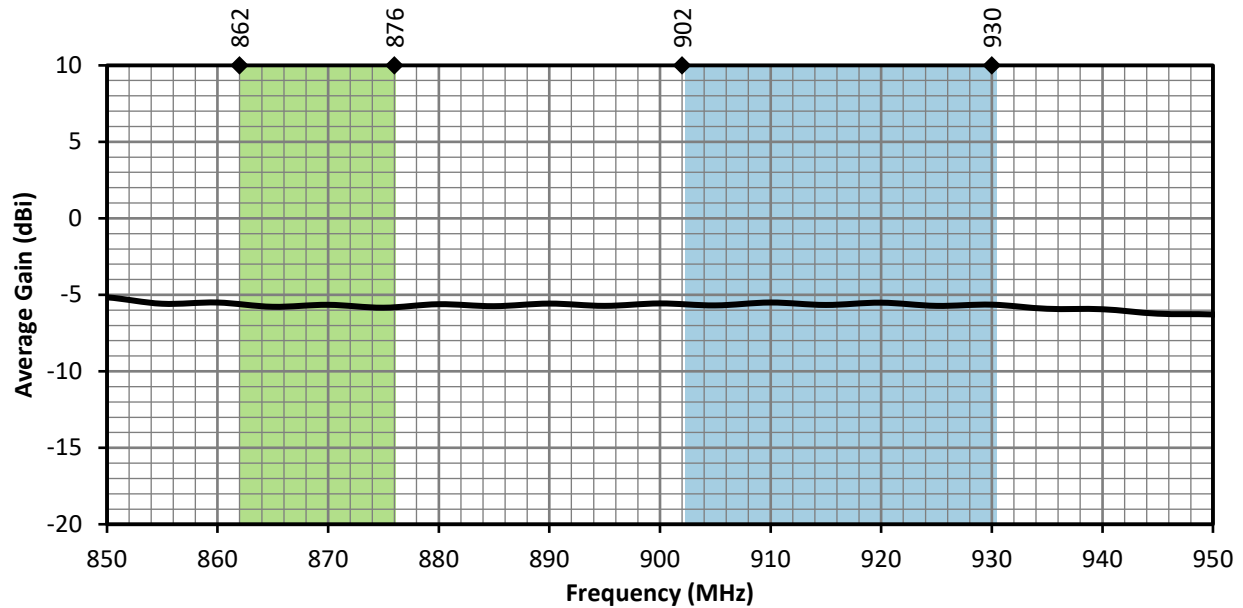


Figure 14. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna Average Gain , Center of Ground Plane

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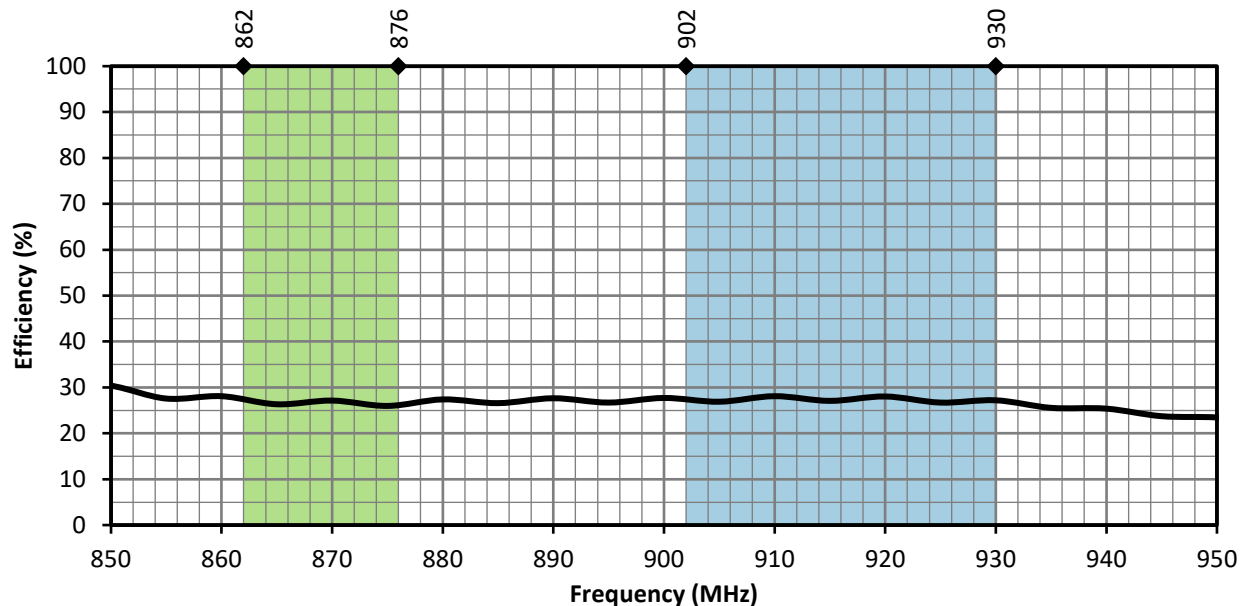
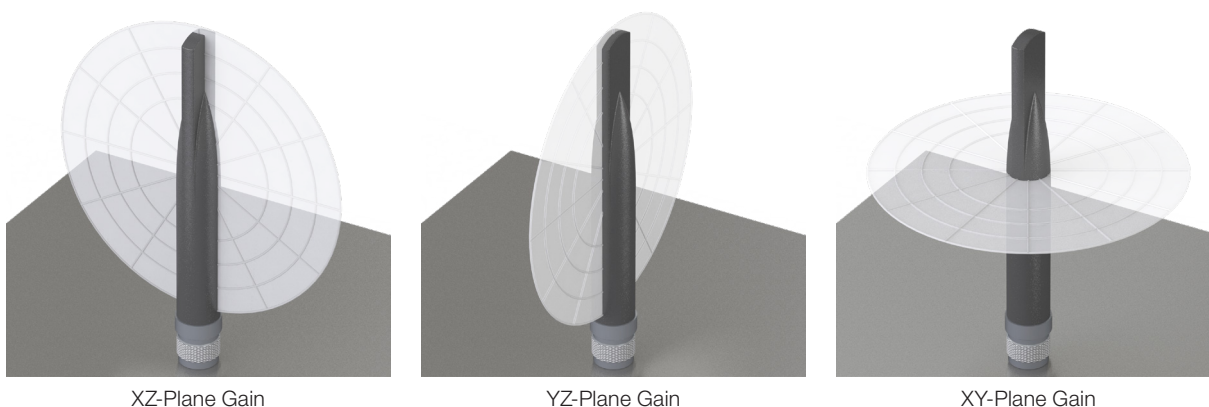


Figure 15. ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna Radiation Efficiency , Center of Ground Plane

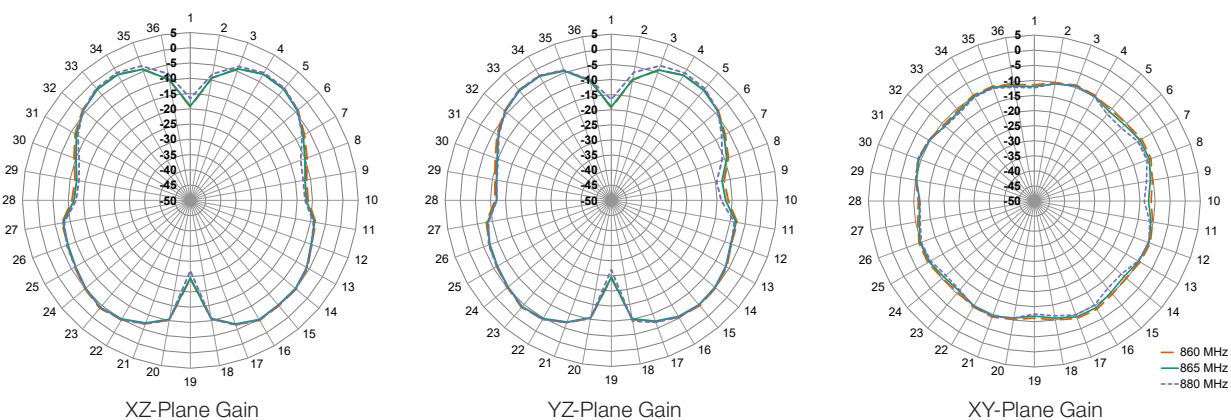
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### Radiation Patterns - Center of Ground Plane



### 862 MHz to 876 MHz (868 MHz)



### 902 MHz to 930 MHz (915 MHz)

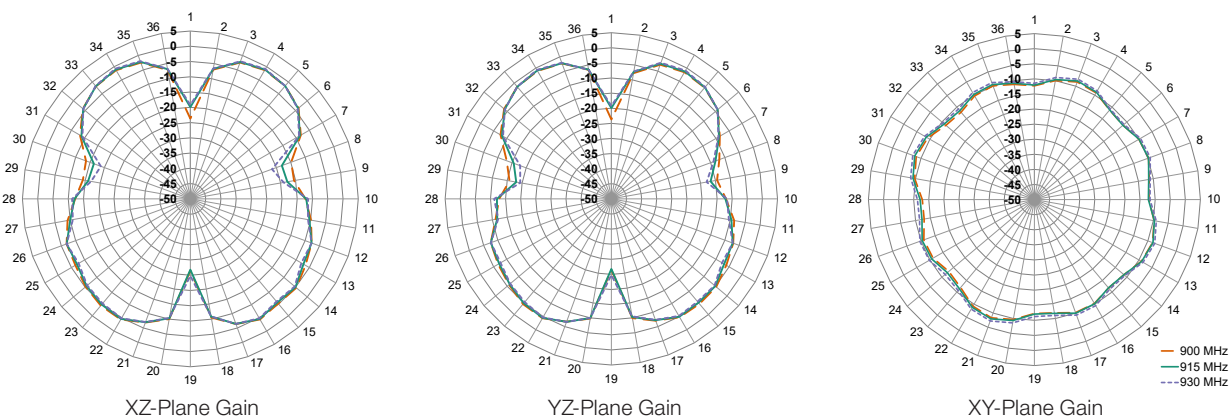


Figure 16. Radiation Patterns for ANT-8/9-IPW3-NP Antenna,  
Center of Ground Plane

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