

1. Features

- Antenna for 3G applications including MIMO systems.
- GSM850, GSM900, DCS1800, PCS1900, WCDMA2100
- Small form factor, only 30.0 x 28.5mm
- 1.13mm diameter RF cable with I-PEX MHF connector
- Self-adhesive mounted
- Quick and simple integration minimizes design cycle
- 100mm cable – (other lengths available, MOQs apply)
- Suited to smaller devices such as OBDII

2. Description

Armata is intended for use with 3G applications. It is suitable for small devices with limited space. Designed to work with small host PCB's while still maintaining full coverage of the 3G bands. This product specification shows the performance of the antenna to cover a typical penta-band reception: GSM850/900/1800/1900 and WCDMA.

3. Applications

- OBDII units
- Femto / Pico base stations
- Small Tracker devices
- Remote monitoring
- Machine to Machine communication



4. Part Number

Armata: SRFC011-100



Note. -xxx refers to cable length option:

Part Number	Cable Length
SRFC011-100	100mm

5. General Data

Product name	Armata
Part Number	SRFC011
Frequency	824-960MHz; 1710-2170MHz
Polarization	Linear
Operating temperature	-40°C to 85°C
Environmental condition test	ISO16750-4 5.1.1 /5.1.2
Impedance with matching	50 Ω
Weight	< 0.5 g
Antenna type	FPC Self-adhesive 3M 468P
Dimensions (Antenna)	30 x 28.5 x 0.15 (mm)
Connection	I-PEX MHF1 (20278-112R-13)

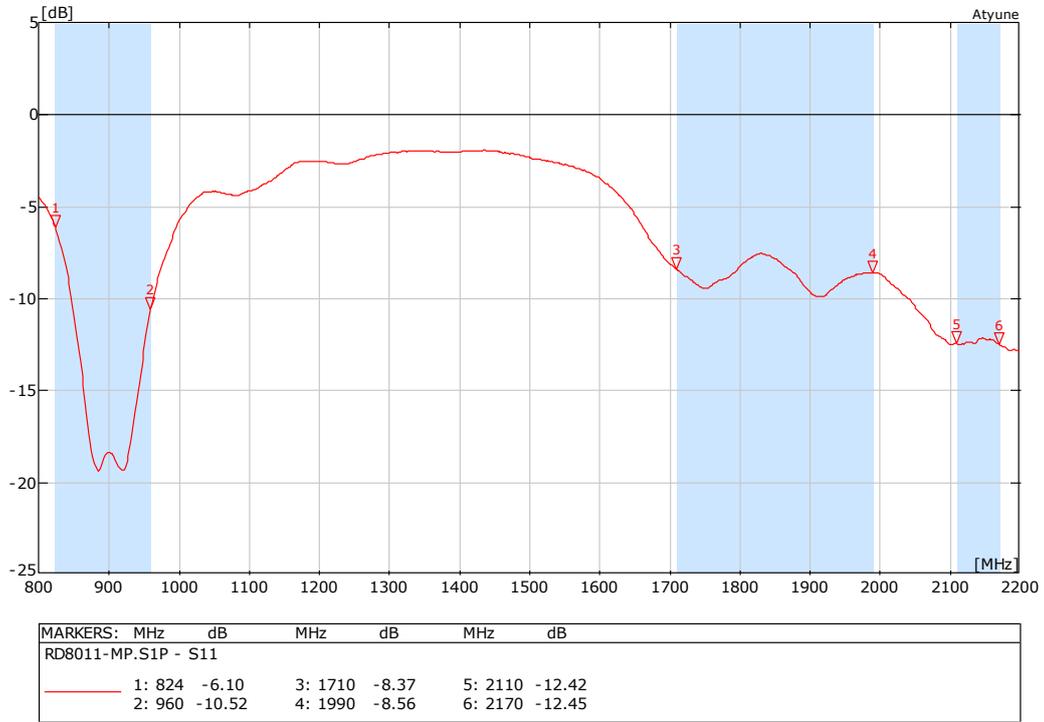
6. RF Characteristics

	824 – 960 MHz	1710 – 1990 MHz	2110 – 2170 MHz
Peak gain	2.46dBi	4.06dBi	3.89dBi
Average gain	-3.79dBi	-2.59dBi	-2.21dBi
Average efficiency	>40%	>55%	>60%
Maximum return loss	-6.0dB	-8.0dB	-12.0dB
Maximum VSWR	2.90:1	2.20:1	1.60:1

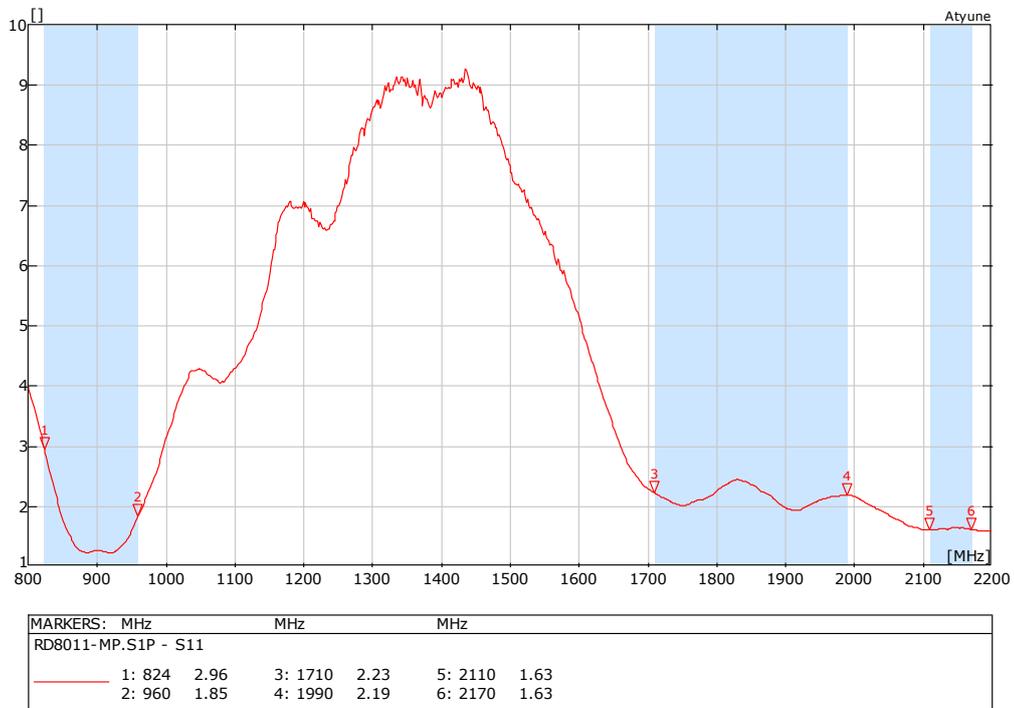
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7. RF Performance

7.1 Return Loss

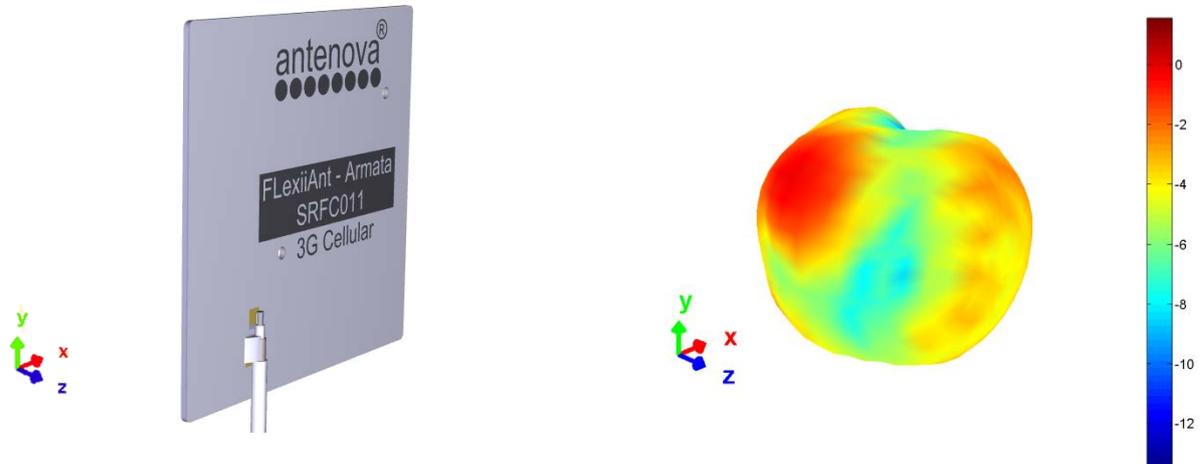


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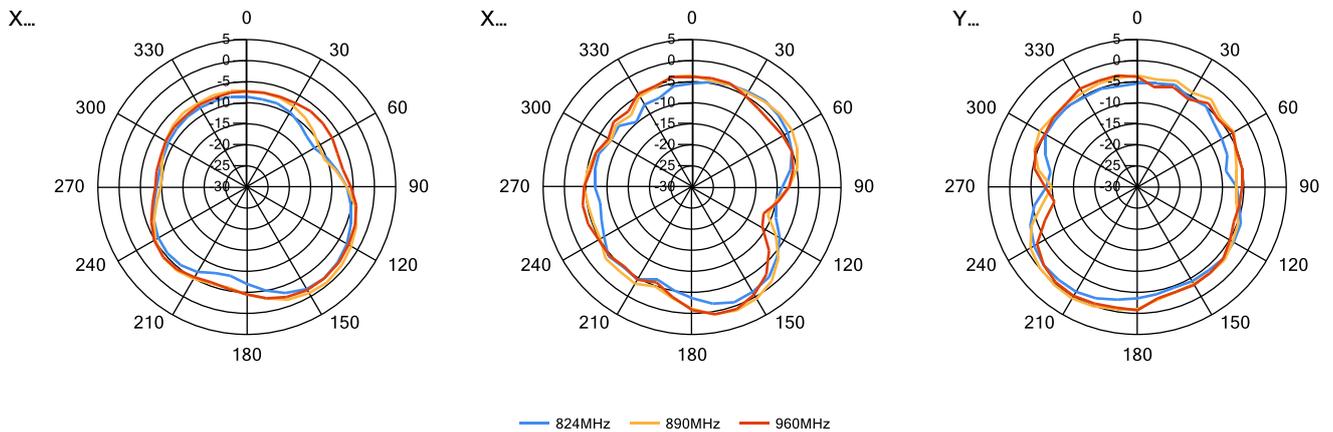
7.3 Antenna patterns

7.3.1 824 MHz – 960 MHz

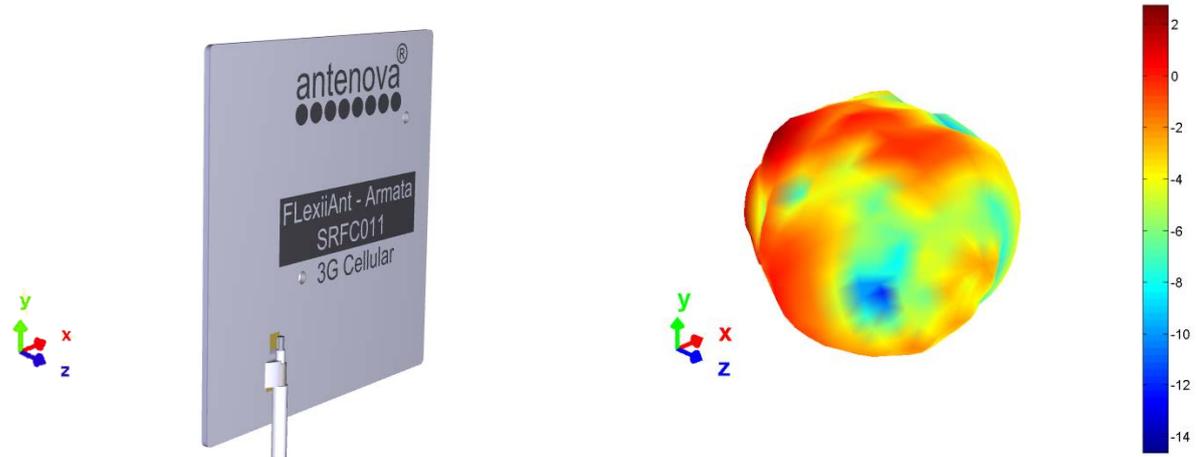


3D pattern at 890 MHz

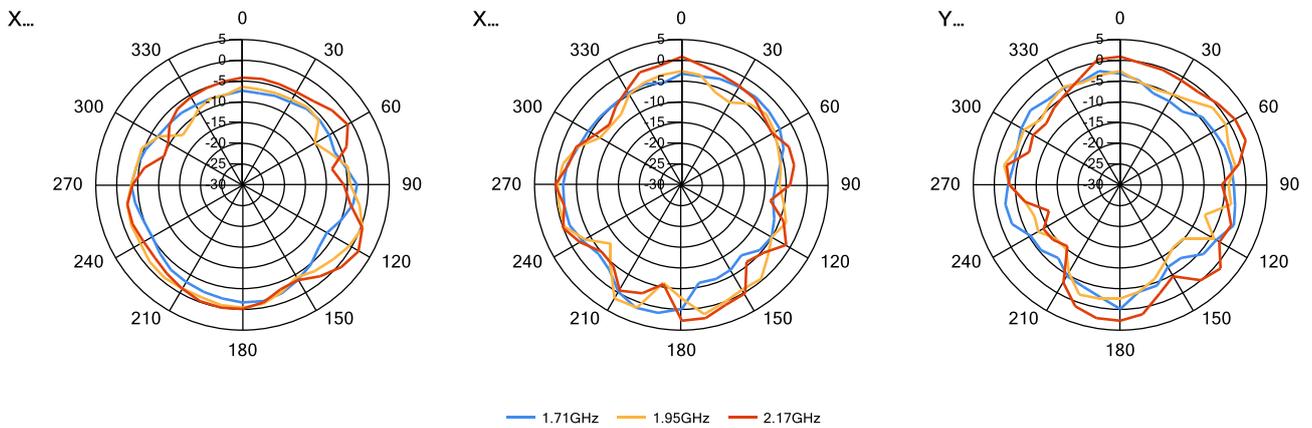
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7.3.2 1710 MHz – 2170 MHz

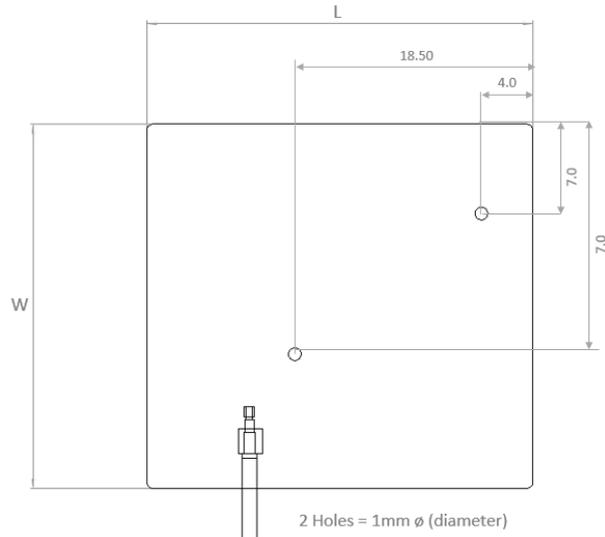


3D pattern at 1950 MHz
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8. Antenna Dimensions

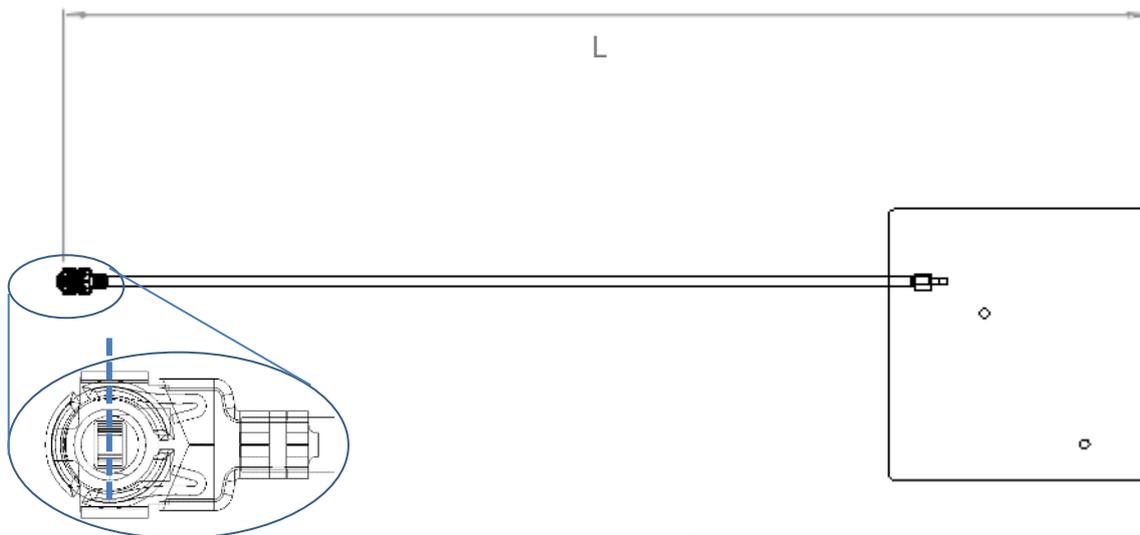
8.1 Dimensions FPC section



L	W	T
Length	Width	Thickness
30.0 ±0.2 (mm)	28.5 ±0.2 (mm)	0.15 (mm) nominal

All dimensions in mm

8.2 Dimensions assembled



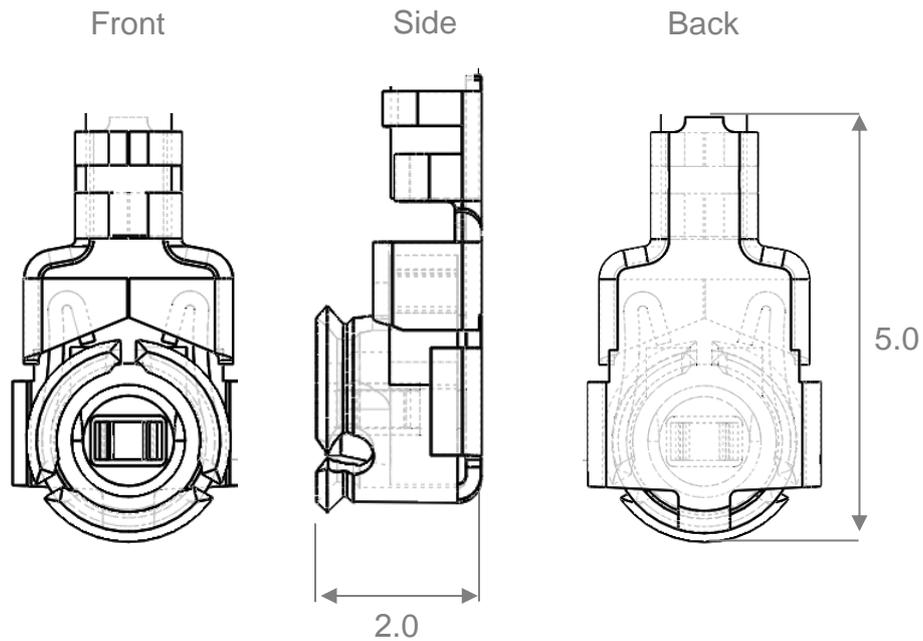
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122 ±2.0 (mm)

The standard cable length for this antenna is 100mm (other lengths are available, MOQs apply)

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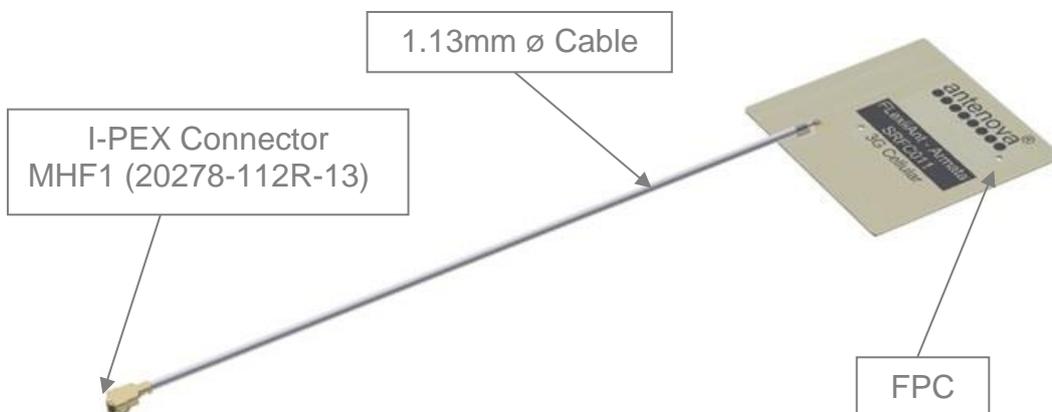
8.3 I-PEX Connector MHF1 (20278-112R-13)

I-PEX	
Material	Copper Alloy
Plating	Ag



All dimensions in mm

8.4 Assembly



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9. Electrical Interface

9.1 Host Interface

The host PCB requires the mating connector which is the I-PEX MHF (UFL) receptacle. The location should be close to the chip/modules pin for the RF. Any feed from this receptacle should be maintained at 50Ω impedance.

9.2 Transmission Line

All transmission lines should be designed to have a characteristic impedance of 50Ω.

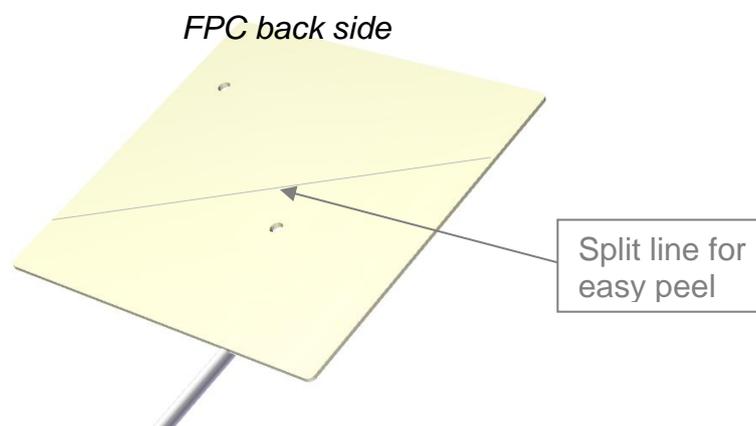
- The length of the transmission lines should be kept to a minimum
- Any other parts of the RF system like transceivers, power amplifiers, etc, should also be designed to have an impedance of 50 Ω

Once the material for the PCB has been chosen (PCB thickness and dielectric constant) a coplanar transmission line can easily be designed using any of the commercial software packages for transmission line design. For the chosen PCB thickness, copper thickness and substrate dielectric constant, the program will calculate the appropriate transmission line width and gaps on either side of the feed.

A DC blocking capacitor should be placed in line to protect the RF front end.

10. Mechanical Fixing

The antenna uses 3M 468MP adhesive on the reverse side of the FPC. The antenna has an easy access split line to peel off to reveal the adhesive side. It is designed for a one time fix to a clean smooth surface.



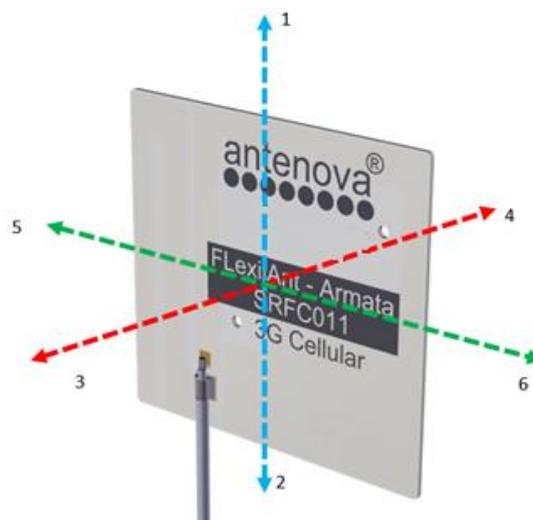
11.0 Antenna Integration Guide

11.1 Placement

For placing the FPC antenna within a device, the host PCB size is not a factor like with PCB mounted antennas. However placement still needs to follow some basic rules, as any antenna is sensitive to its environment.

Use the six spatial directions shown below as a guide. The antenna FPC section should ideally maintain a minimum of three directions free from obstructions to be able to operate effectively. The other directions will have obstacles in their paths - these directions still require a minimum clearance. These minimum clearances are further defined in this section. The plastic case is not included in this, only metal objects/components that will obstruct or come in close proximity to the antenna.

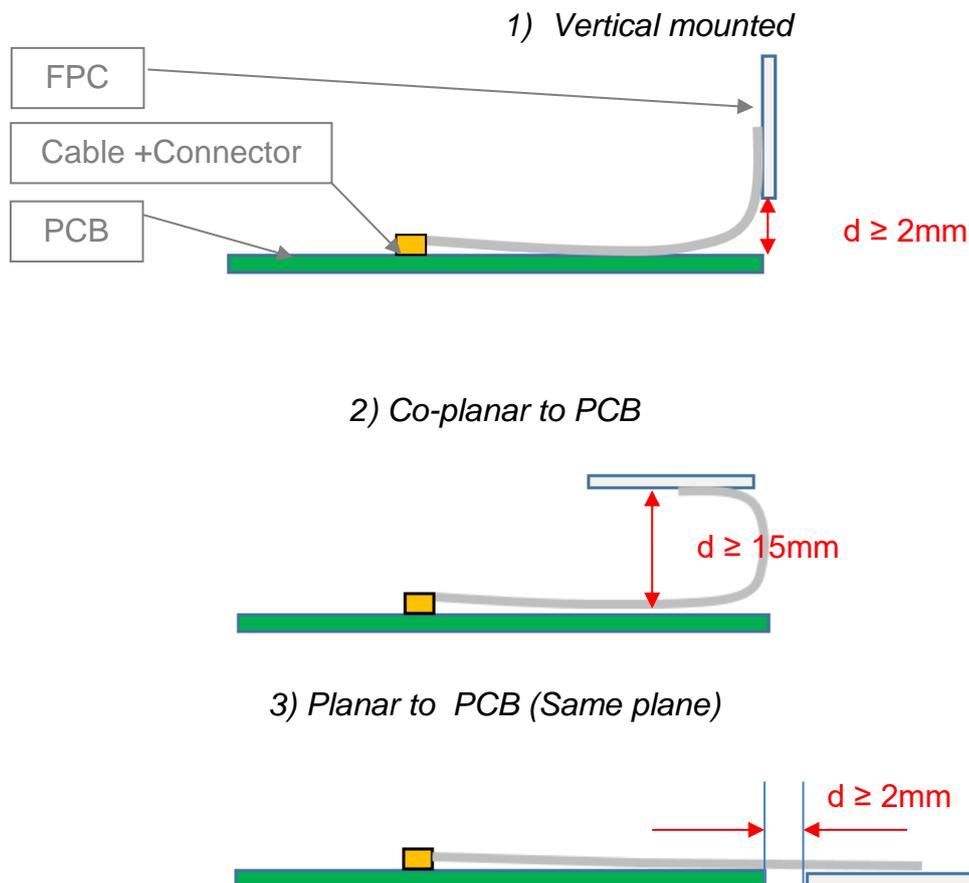
Six spatial directions relative to FPC



11.2 Orientation of FPC

The orientation of the FPC with respect to the host PCB should be defined depending on the unit. The proximity of the GND will have an influence on the antenna so the PCB location relative to the antenna should be considered.

The FPC will normally be placed in one of the three following options for orientation. In each option a distance (d) is the critical dimension to consider. The diagram below shows the minimum value of (d) for each. Other obstructions may increase this dimension.



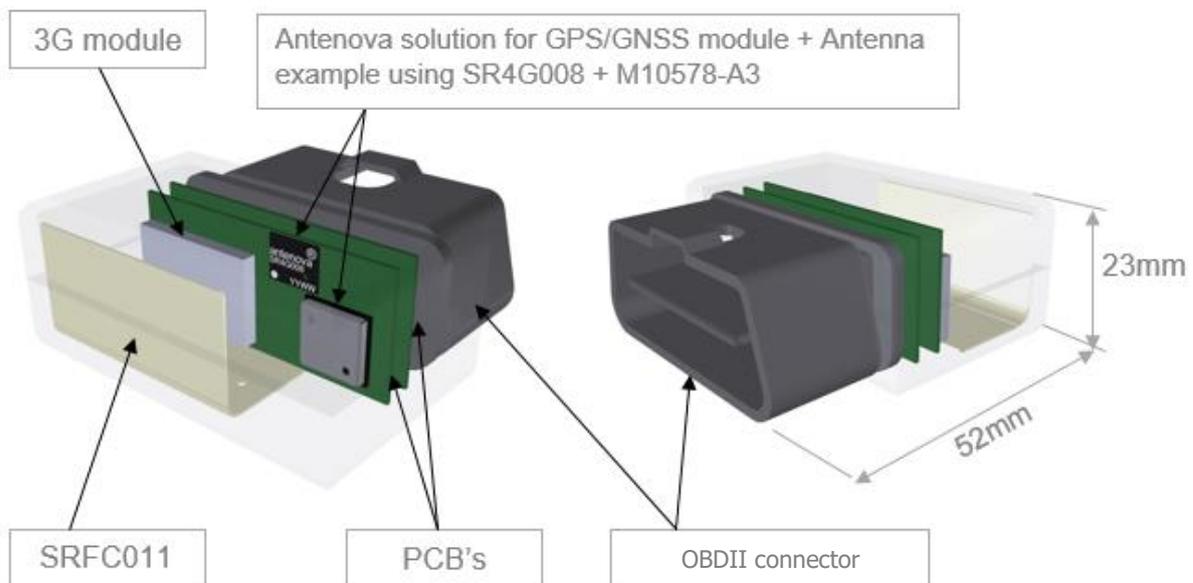
11.3 Host PCB size

SRFC011 is designed specifically for smaller devices. The host PCB size has a large effect on the performance. It is recommended for the host PCB to be $<1600\text{mm}^2$. For any PCB which is larger it is advised to use Antenna SRFC025 as a suitable cellular FPC.

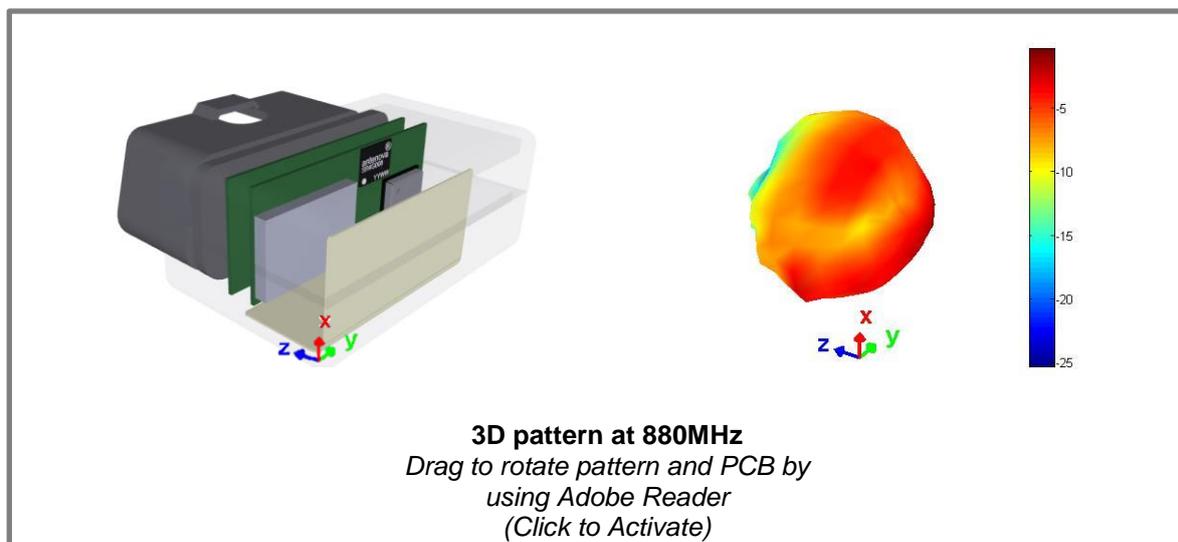
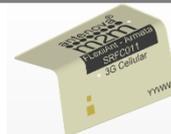
11.4 Device Integration Example

An example of integration within an OBDII unit is shown below. A simplified design highlights the antenna's integration. The FPC is shown adhered to the inside of the device's plastic housing. The length of the cable is sufficient to allow ease of assembly when produced (SRFC011-100).

Due to the limited internal space the FPC is adhered between two surfaces. The maximum allowable distance between the FPC and the PCBs is maintained.



The FPC is adhered with a 90 degree bend to fit within the limited space



12. Hazardous Material Regulation Conformance

The antenna has been tested to conform to RoHS requirements. A certificate of conformance is available from Antenova's website.

13. Packaging

The antennas are stored in individual plastic (PE) bags. Then stored within a second bag of 100 pcs.

Single antenna per bag



100 units per second bag (Labelled)



13.1 Optimal Storage Conditions

Temperature	-10°C to 40°C
Humidity	Less than 75% RH
Shelf life	18 Months
Storage place	Away from corrosive gas and direct sunlight
Packaging	Antennas should be stored in unopened sealed manufacturer's plastic packaging.

The shelf life of the antenna is 18 months, provided the bag of 100 pieces remains factory sealed.

13.2 Label Information



Quality statements

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