


## Bluetooth® 4.2 Dual-Mode Module

### Features

- Bluetooth Classic (BR/EDR) and Low Energy (LE)
- Certified to FCC, IC, MIC, KCC, and NCC Radio Regulations
- European R&TTE Directive Assessed Radio Module
- Bluetooth SIG 4.2 Qualified
- Transparent UART mode for seamless serial data over Bluetooth Classic using Serial Port Profile (SPP), and Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) using Generic Attribute (GATT) Profile
- Easily Programmable through ASCII Commands and easily configurable with available PIC® MCU driver library
- Firmware can be upgraded in the field over UART (Flash version)
- Integral Chip Antenna (RN4678) or External Antenna (RN4678U) 
- Integrated Crystal, Internal Voltage Regulator and Matching Circuitry
- Available Configurable I/O Pins for Control or Status Indication
- Supports Apple® iPod Accessory Protocol (iAP2) (only RN4678APL)
- Supports Bluetooth 4.2 LE Secure Connections
- Bluetooth 4.2 LE Data Packet Length Extension
- Small and Compact Surface-Mount Module
- Castellated SMT Pads for easy and reliable PCB mounting
- Ideal for Portable Battery-Operated Devices

### RF/Analog

- Frequency: 2.402 GHz to 2.480 GHz
- RX Sensitivity: -90 dBm (BR/EDR), -92 dBm (LE)
- Class 2 Output Power (+1.5 dBm typical)

### Data Throughput

Data Throughput at 1 Mbps UART Baud Rate:

- BR/EDR: up to 32 Kbps
- LE: up to 7 Kbps

Data Throughput at 115200 bps UART Baud Rate

- BR/EDR: up to 10 Kbps
- LE: up to 6 Kbps

### Operating Conditions

- Operating Voltage Range: 3.3V to 4.2V
- Operating Temperature Range: -20°C to +70°C



### MAC/Baseband/Higher Layer

- Secure AES128 Encryption
- Bluetooth 3.0: GAP, SPP, SDP, RFCOMM and L2CAP
- Bluetooth 4.2: GAP, GATT, ATT, SMP and L2CAP

### Applications

- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Secure Payment
- Home and Security
- Health and Fitness
- Industrial and Data Logger
- LED Lighting (16 configurations)

### Description

The RN4678/RN4678U module is a fully-certified, Bluetooth version 4.2 module available for customers to easily add dual-mode Bluetooth wireless capability to their products. The RN4678/RN4678U is built around Microchip's IS1678 Bluetooth dual-mode chip. Refer to [Section 8.0 "Ordering Information"](#).

The RN4678/RN4678U provides a convenient method for cable replacement for smartphones or tablets for data transfer and control based on the Bluetooth protocols. Data transfer is achieved through the Bluetooth link by sending or receiving data through SPP in Bluetooth (BT) Classic mode and through Transparent UART in the BLE mode. The ASCII interface provides an easy way to learn the operation and to integrate the module with any microprocessor or Microcontroller (MCU) with a UART interface. The RN4678/RN4678U parameters can be configured directly through UART by the host MCU.

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## 1.0 SYSTEM OVERVIEW

### 1.1 Overview



The RN4678/RN4678U module is a fully certified, Bluetooth version 4.2 (BR/EDR/LE) wireless module. It includes an on-board Bluetooth stack, a power management subsystem, a 2.4 GHz transceiver and an RF power amplifier. Customers can embed Bluetooth functionality into any application using the RN4678/RN4678U module.

The RN4678/RN4678U enables rapid product development and faster time to market, and it is designed to provide integrators with the following features:

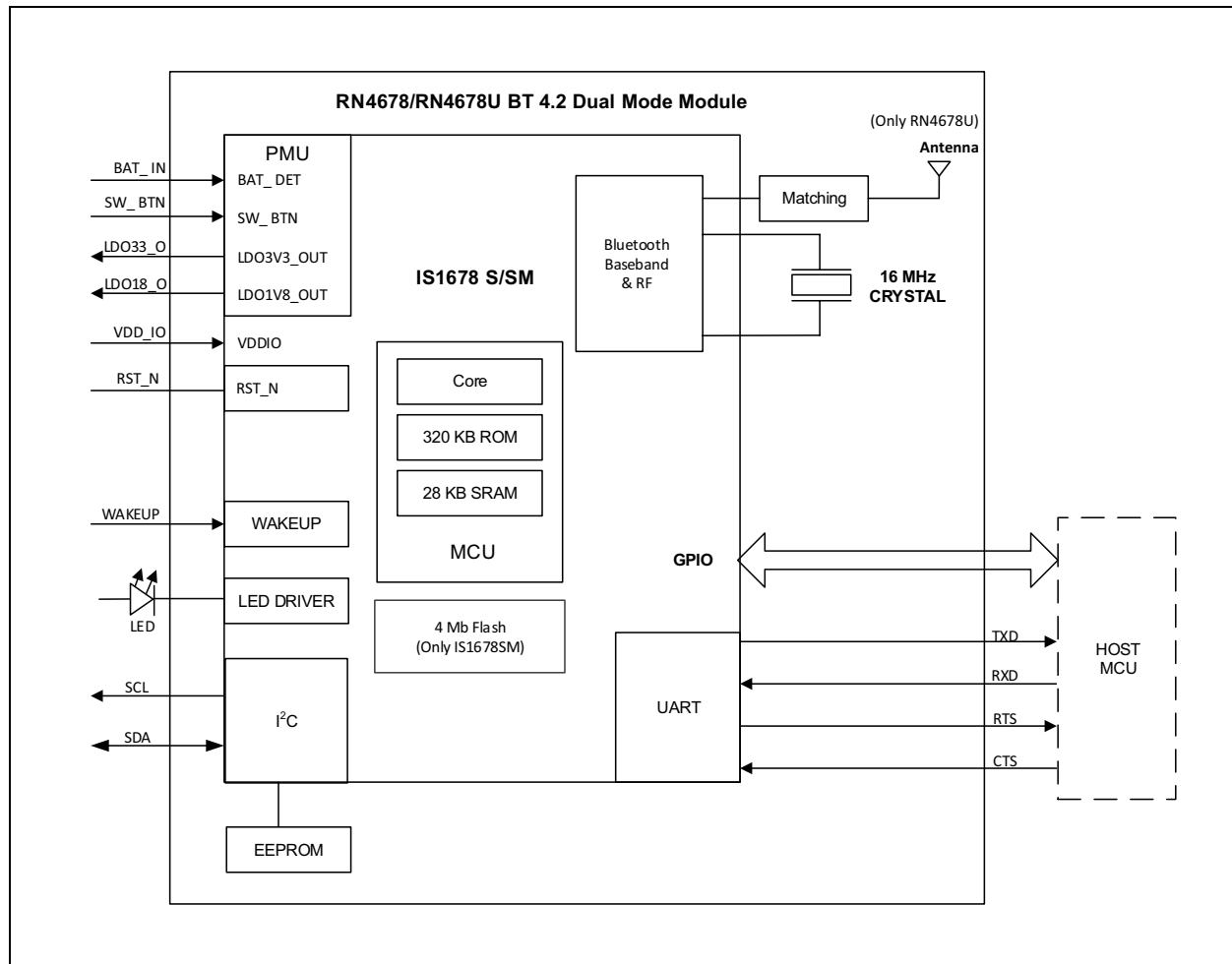
- Simple integration and programming
- Reduced development time
- Superior wireless module with low-cost system
- Interoperability with Bluetooth host
- Wide range of applications

The RN4678 is a complete and fully regulatory certified module with an integral ceramic chip antenna and RF shield.

The RN4678U is a low-cost alternative with RF-out pin (for external antenna) and no RF shield. The integrator is responsible for the antenna, antenna matching, and regulatory certifications.

The RN4678/RN4678U is a small, compact and surface-mounted module with castellated pads for easy and reliable host PCB mounting. It is compatible with standard pick-and-place equipment and can independently maintain a low-power wireless connection. Low power usage and flexible power management maximize the lifetime of the RN4678/RN4678U in battery-operated devices. A wide operating temperature range enables its applications in indoor and outdoor environments. [Figure 1-1](#) illustrates the internal block diagram of the RN4678/RN4678U.

**FIGURE 1-1: RN4678/RN4678U INTERNAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**



# RN4678

Table 1-1 provides the description of the various pins of the RN4678/RN4678U module.

**TABLE 1-1: PIN DESCRIPTION**

RN4678	RN4678U	Symbol	Type	Description
1	—	GND	Power	Ground reference
2	—	GND	Power	Ground reference
3	1	GND	Power	Ground reference
4	2	BAT_IN	Power	Battery Input (3.3V to 4.2V) Main positive supply input Connect to 10 $\mu$ F (X5R/X7R) capacitor
5	3	SW_BTN	DI	Software Button H: Power On L: Power Off
6	4	LDO33_O	Power	Internal 3.3V LDO output, can source no more than 50 mA
7	5	VDD_IO	Power	I/O positive supply input. <i>Internal use only</i> , do not connect to other devices.
8	6	LDO18_O	Power	Internal 1.8V LDO output. <i>Internal use only</i> , do not connect to other devices.
9	7	WAKEUP	DI	Wake-up from Sleep mode (active-low) (internal pull-up)
10	8	PMULDO_O	Power	Power management unit output. <i>Internal use only</i> , do not connect to other devices.
11	9	P0_4	DO	Status Indication pin along with P1_5; refer to <a href="#">Table 2-3</a>
12	10	P1_5	DO	Status Indication pin along with P0_4; refer to <a href="#">Table 2-3</a>
13	11	P1_2/SCL	DO	I <sup>2</sup> C SCL
14	12	P1_3/SDA	DIO	I <sup>2</sup> C SDA
15	13	P1_7/CTS	DIO	Configurable Control or Indication pin or UART CTS (input)
16	14	P0_5	DIO	Configurable Control or Indication pin
17	15	P0_0/RTS	DIO	Configurable Control or Indication pin or UART RTS (output)
18	16	P2_0	DI	System configuration pin. Along with P2_4 and EAN pins, used to set the RN4678/RN4678U in any one of the following three modes: Application mode (for normal operation), Test mode (to change EEPROM values), and Write Flash mode (to enter the new firmware into the module); refer to <a href="#">Table 2-1</a> .
19	17	P2_4	DI	System configuration pin. Along with P2_0 and EAN pins, used to set the module in any one of the following three modes: Application mode (for normal operation), Test mode (to change EEPROM values), and Write Flash mode (to enter new firmware into the module); refer to <a href="#">Table 2-1</a> .
20	18	EAN	DI	External address-bus negative pin. System configuration pin along with P2_0 and P2_4 pins, used to set the module in any of the three modes: Application mode (for normal operation), Test mode (to change EEPROM values), and Write Flash mode (to enter new firmware into the module); refer to <a href="#">Table 2-1</a> . Must be pulled down with 4.7 k $\Omega$ to GND
21	19	RST_N	DI	Module Reset (internal pull up). Apply a pulse of at least 63 ns.
22	20	RXD	DI	UART data input
23	21	TXD	DO	UART data output

**TABLE 1-1: PIN DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)**

RN4678	RN4678U	Symbol	Type	Description
24	22	P3_1	DIO	Configurable Control or Indication pin (Internally pulled-up, if configured as an input)
25	23	P3_2	DIO	Configurable Control or Indication pin (Internally pulled-up, if configured as an input)
26	24	P3_3	DIO	Configurable Control or Indication pin (Internally pulled-up, if configured as an input)
27	25	P3_4	DIO	Configurable Control or Indication pin (Internally pulled-up, if configured as an input)
28	26	P3_6	DIO	Do not connect
29	27	P3_7	DIO	Configurable Control or Indication pin (Internally pulled-up, if configured as an input)
30	28	LED	DO	Status LED, connect to LDO33_0
31	29	GND	Power	Ground reference
—	30	BT_RF	AIO	External antenna connection (50 ohms)
32	—	GND	Power	Ground reference
33	—	GND	Power	Ground reference

**Legend:** A = Analog D = Digital I = Input O = Output

Figure 1-2 and Figure 1-3 illustrate the pin diagrams of the RN4678 and the RN4678U modules, respectively.

**FIGURE 1-2: RN4678 PIN DIAGRAM**

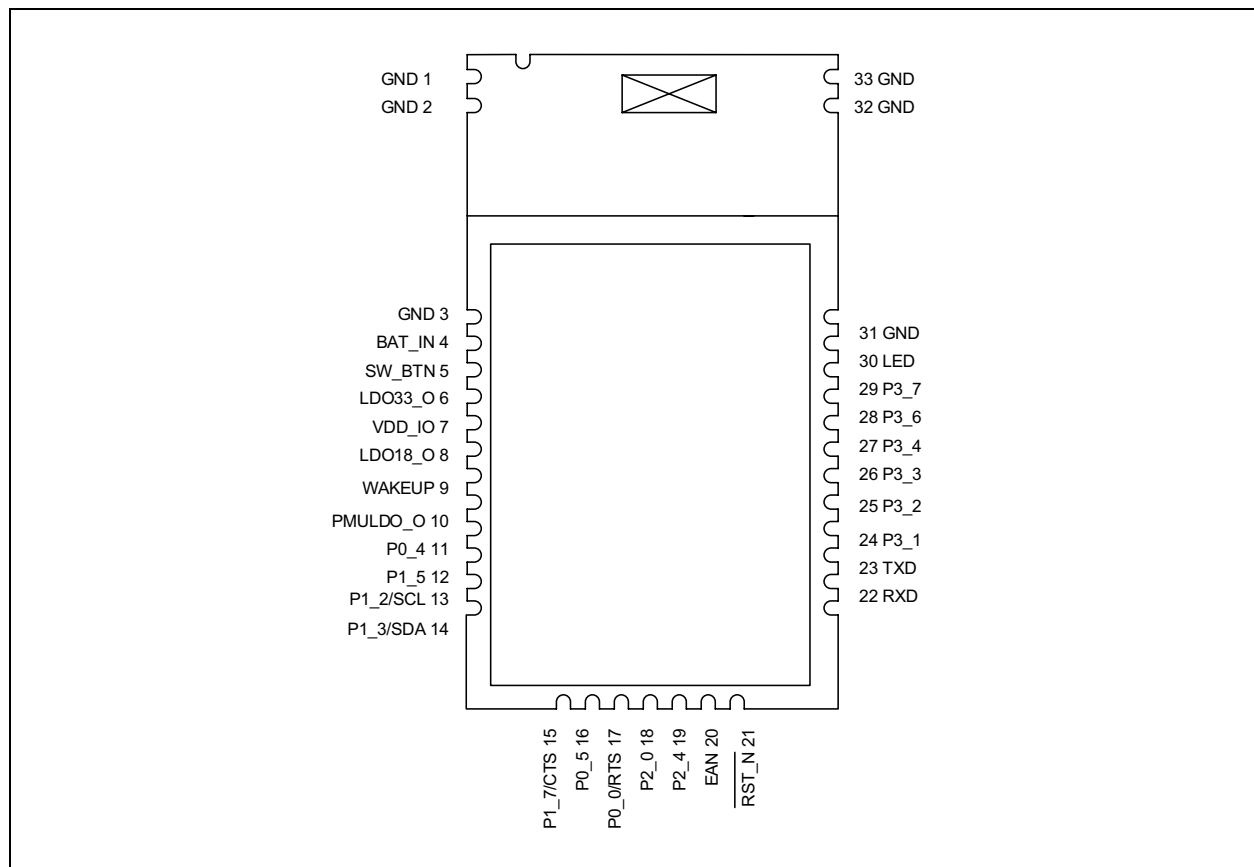
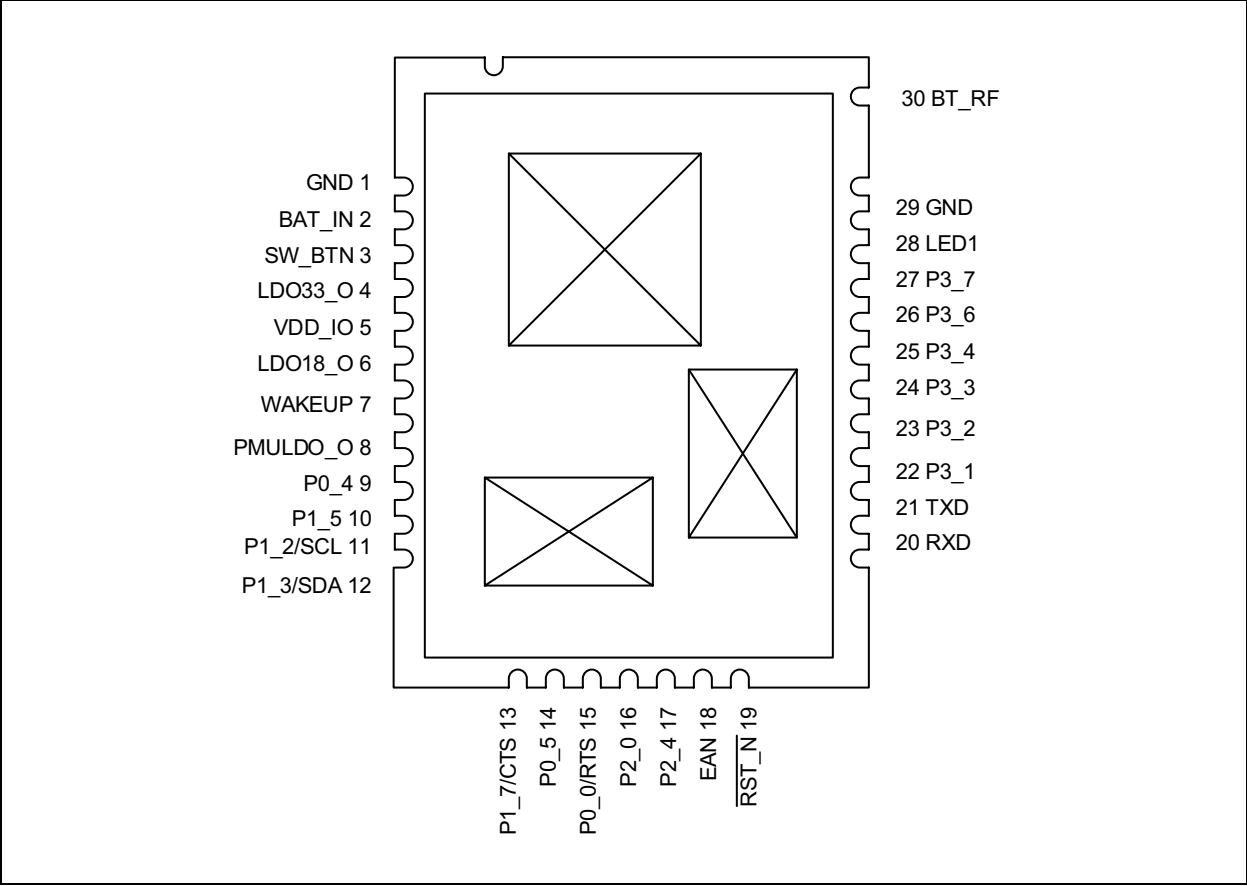


FIGURE 1-3: RN4678U PIN DIAGRAM



## 2.0 APPLICATION INFORMATION

### 2.1 System Configuration

For the I/O pins, P2\_0, P2\_4 and EAN, place the RN4678/RN4678U into Operating mode. Each of these pins have internal pull up and allow configuration settings and firmware to be updated from UART. [Table 2-1](#) provides system configuration details.

**TABLE 2-1: SYSTEM CONFIGURATION SETTINGS**

P2_0	P2_4	EAN	Operational Mode
Low	Low	High	Write FLASH
Low	High	Low	Write EEPROM and test mode
High	High	Low	Normal operational/application mode

### 2.2 Control and Indication I/O Pins

The GPIO pins of the RN4678/RN4678U module can be configured to different functions using the ASCII command interface. [Table 2-2](#) shows the various pins in the RN4678/RN4678U module that are available for configuration and their default configuration settings. [Table 2-3](#) provides details on each of the functions available.

**TABLE 2-2: CONTROL AND INDICATION I/O PIN ASSIGNMENTS**

PIN Symbol	Default Configuration
P0_0	UART_RTS <sup>(1,2)</sup>
P0_5	N/C
P1_7	UART_CTS <sup>(1,2)</sup>
P3_1	INQUIRY CONTROL
P3_2	LINK_DROP_CONTROL (DISCONNECT)
P3_3	UART_RX_IND
P3_4	PAIRING_KEY
P3_7	LOW_BATTERY_IND

**Note 1:** The RTS pin can only be assigned to P0\_0 and the CTS pin can only be assigned to P1\_7.

**2:** The RTS and CTS pins can be configured as GPIOs if flow control is disabled.

**TABLE 2-3: CONFIGURABLE FUNCTIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS**

Function Name	Description
Low Battery Indication	Pin output goes low when the battery level is below a specified level. To set the battery level, UI tool needs to be used.
RSSI Indication	This pin is used to indicate the quality of the link based on the RSSI level. If the RSSI level is lower than the specified values, then the RSSI indication pin goes low.
Link Drop Control	This pin can be used to force the module to drop the current BLE link with a peer device. Pulling the Link Drop pin low will force the disconnect. The pin needs to be pulled low for at least 10 ms.
UART RX Indication	This pin enables communication with the UART when the module is in Low-Power mode. When not in Low-Power mode, the module runs on a 16 MHz clock. If Low-Power mode is enabled on the module by using command <code>SO,1</code> , the module runs on a 32 kHz clock thus reducing power consumption. However, in Low-Power mode, the host MCU cannot communicate with the module via the UART since the UART is not operational. If the user intends to provide data or commands via UART in the Low-Power mode, then the UART_RX_IND pin needs to be pulled low and the user has to wait at least five milliseconds before sending the data. Pulling the UART_RX_IND pin low allows the module to operate the 16 MHz clock and to enable UART.
Pairing Key	This pin can be used to force the module to enter Standby mode. The pin needs to be pulled down for at least 160 ms.
Inquiry Control	This pin forces the module enter Inquiry mode (BT Classic). The pin must be pulled low for at least 240 ms for the device to enter Inquiry mode.
Profile_IND	This pin is used to indicate whether current connection is in BR/EDR (BT Classic), or in Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE). If the Profile_IND pin is high, then the current connection is BR/EDR connection. If low, then the current connection is a BLE connection. This pin is valid only for Link State.

## 2.3 Status Indication I/O Pins

The I/O pins, P1\_5 and P0\_4, are status indicator pins: STATUS\_IND\_1 and STATUS\_IND\_2. Together, these pins provide status indication to the MCUs. Table 2-4 provides status indication of the P1\_5 and P0\_4 pins.

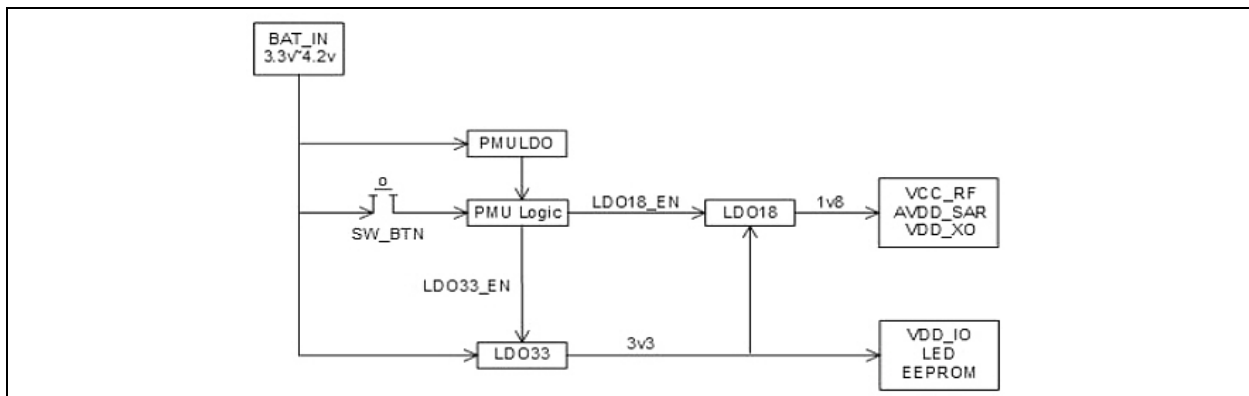
**TABLE 2-4: STATUS INDICATION PINS**

P1_5/STATUS_IND_1	P0_4/STATUS_IND_2	Indication
High	High	Power-On (default setting) and Deep-Sleep state. HH status should be stable for at least 500 ms.
High	Low	Access State
Low	High	Connected
Low	Low	Not connected to peer device

## 2.4 Power Tree

Figure 2-1 illustrates the power tree diagram of the RN4678/RN4678U.

**FIGURE 2-1: POWER TREE DIAGRAM**



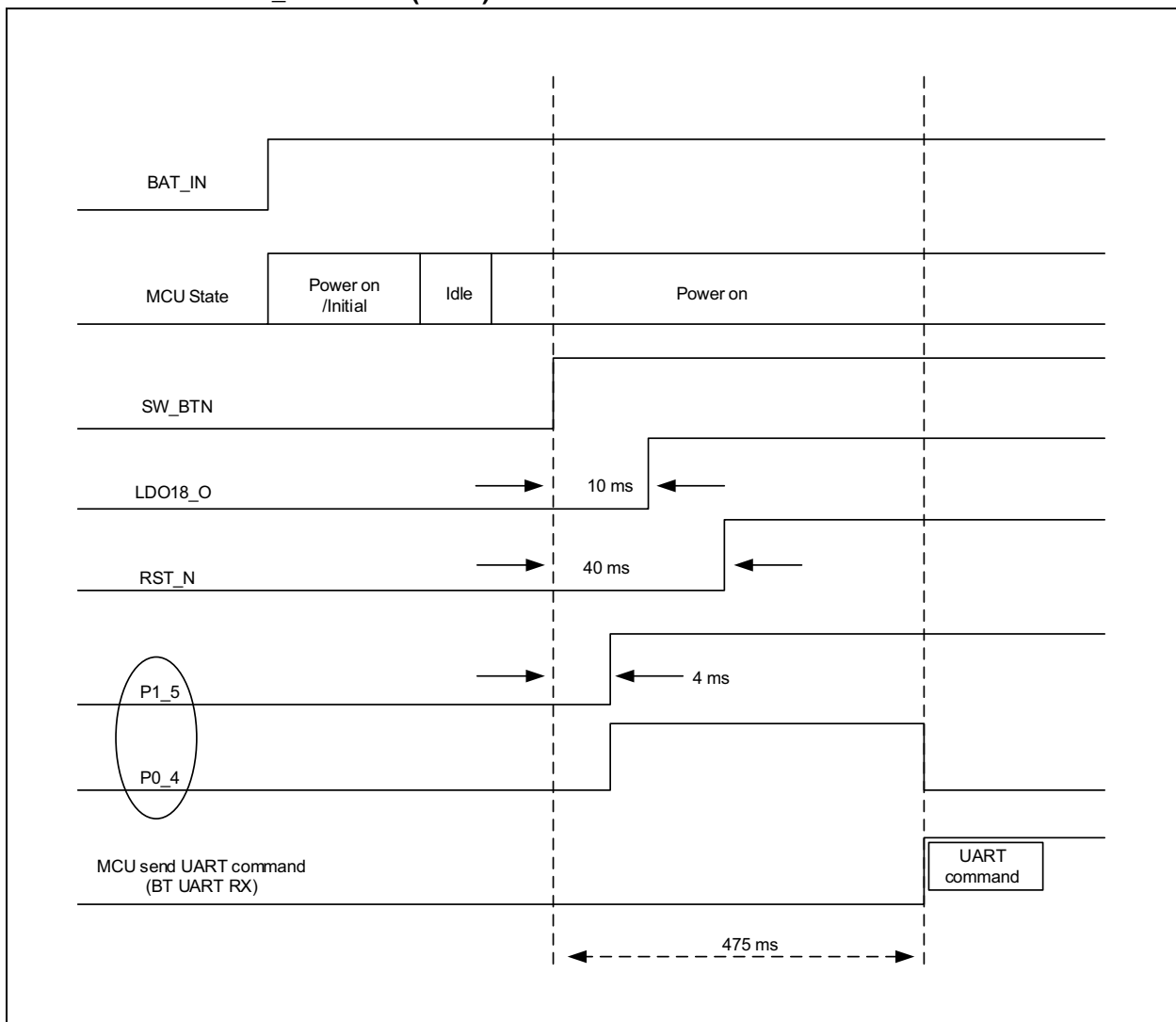


## 2.5 Software Button (SW\_BTN)

The SW\_BTN pin powers the main sections of the module into operation. If the SW\_BTN pin is low, the module is turned OFF. After turning the module ON via the SW\_BTN, the host MCU needs to wait for specific time before sending the first command. The timing diagrams for the SW\_BTN and other related pins and the time delay, provided in the following figures, are required before the host MCU sends the first command.

Figure 2-2 through Figure 2-4 show the timing diagrams for the RN4678/RN4678U with regards to the SW\_BTN and the other relevant pins, in different states of the module.

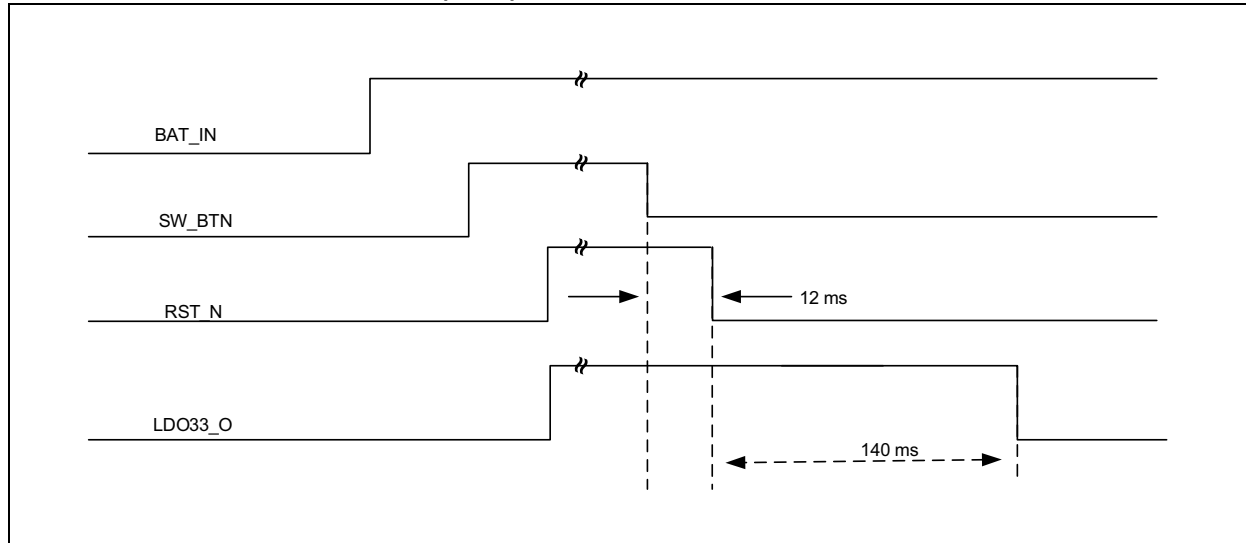
**FIGURE 2-2: SW\_BTN TIME (HIGH) AT APP MODE<sup>(1,2)</sup>**



**Note 1:** Time duration (475 ms) is for reference purpose only. Use the Status Indication pins to verify the exact time when the host MCU can start sending the commands.

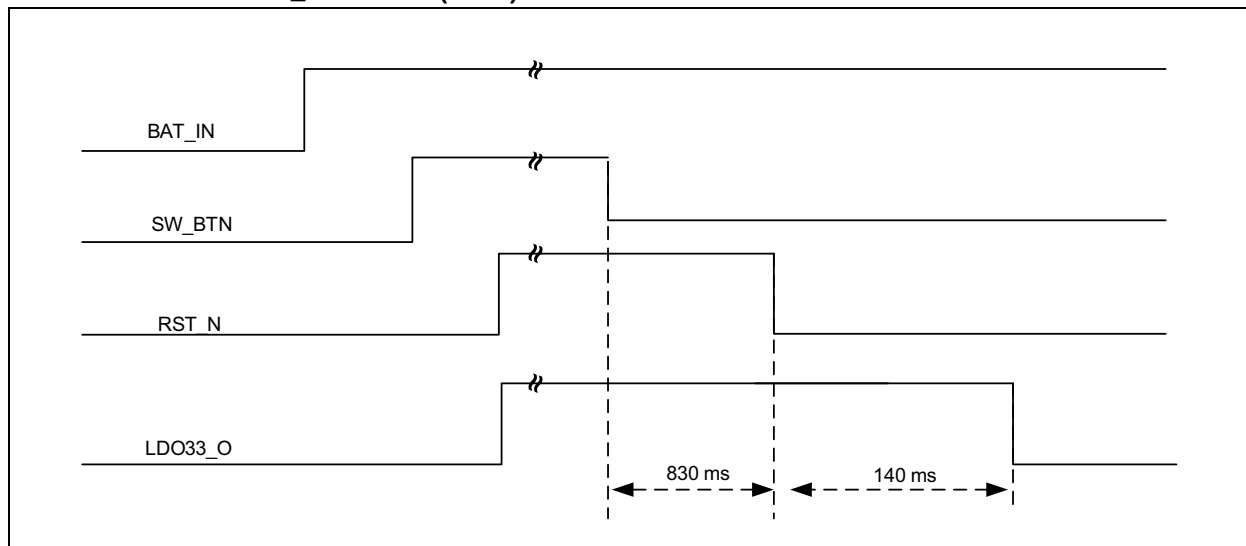
**2:** Reset pin is not connected.

**FIGURE 2-3: SW\_BTN TIME (LOW) AT ACCESS STATES<sup>(1)</sup>**



**Note 1:** Reset pin is not connected.

**FIGURE 2-4: SW\_BTN TIME (LOW) AT LINK STATES<sup>(1,2)</sup>**



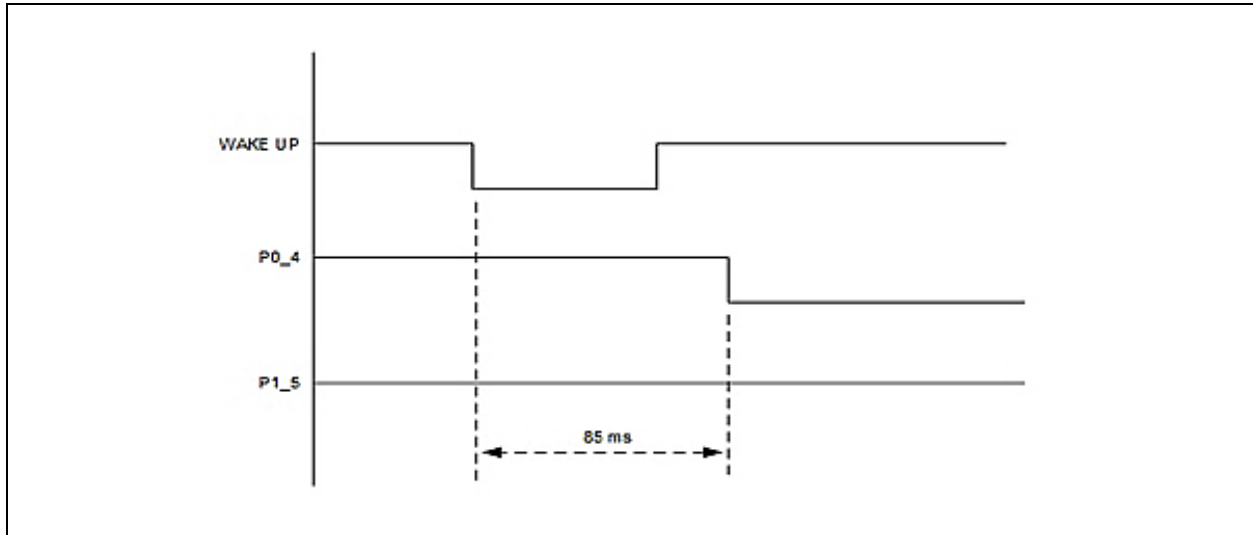
**Note 1:** 830 ms time duration is a typical value measured on iPhone<sup>®</sup> 6 and this time duration can vary from one smart phone to another.

**2:** Reset pin is not connected.

## 2.6 WAKE-UP

The WAKEUP input pin wakes the RN4678/RN4678U module from Deep-Sleep mode. The WAKEUP pin is active-low and puts module in Standby mode. [Figure 2-5](#) illustrates the timing diagram of the RN4678/RN4678U in the Wake-Up mode.

**FIGURE 2-5: WAKE-UP TIME<sup>(1,2)</sup>**



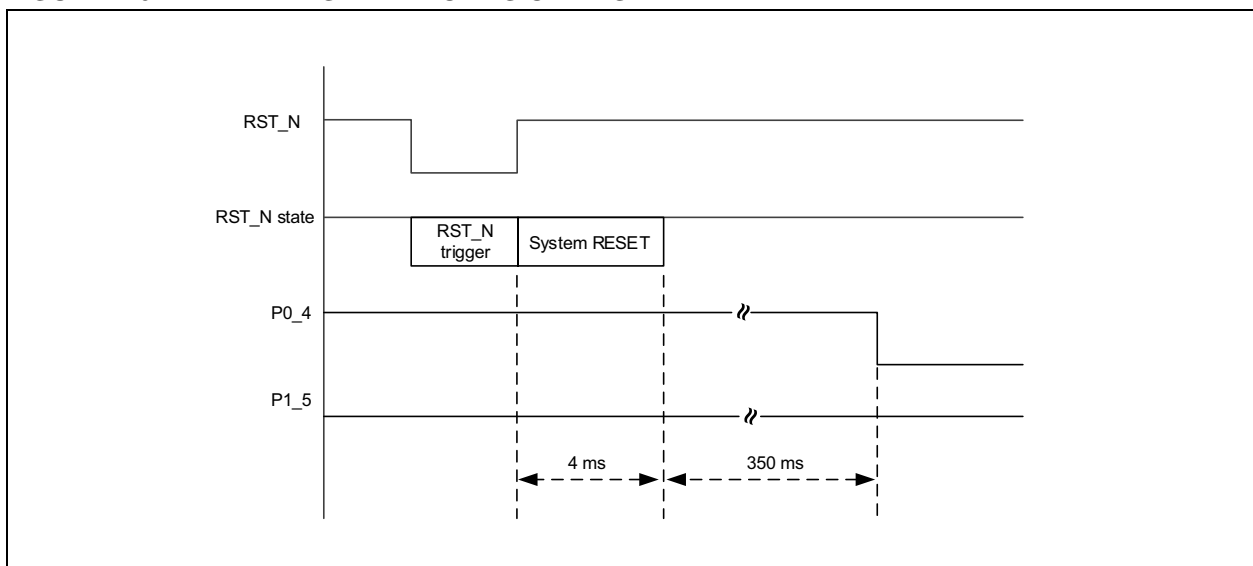
**Note 1:** The 85 ms is for reference time. Use the Status Indication pins to verify the exact results.

**2:** Refer to [Table 2-3](#) for the status of the P0\_4/P1\_5 pin.

## 2.7 External Reset

The RN4678/RN4678U provides an External Reset pin which resets the module. The Reset pin, RST\_N, is active-low. [Figure 2-6](#) shows the timing diagram for the RST\_N pin of the RN4678 module.

**FIGURE 2-6: TIMING WAVEFORMS ON RESET <sup>(1,2)</sup>**



**Note 1:** The RST\_N state trigger must be greater than 63 ns.

**2:** Time duration (350 ms) is for reference purpose only. Use the Status Indication pins to verify the exact results.

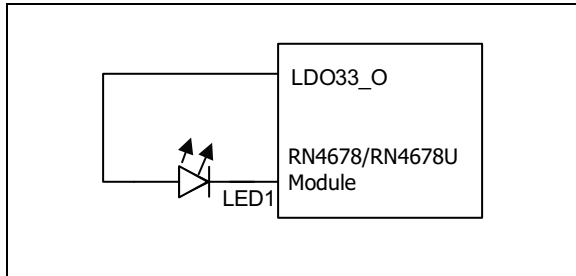
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## 2.8 LED Driver

The RN4678/RN4678U has a dedicated LED driver and the LED can be connected directly to this pin, as shown in Figure 2-7.

The maximum current sourcing for the LED is 5 mA. The brightness of this LED can be configured via an ASCII command.

**FIGURE 2-7: LED DRIVER**



The following are status indications of the LED and each indication is a configurable flashing sequence:

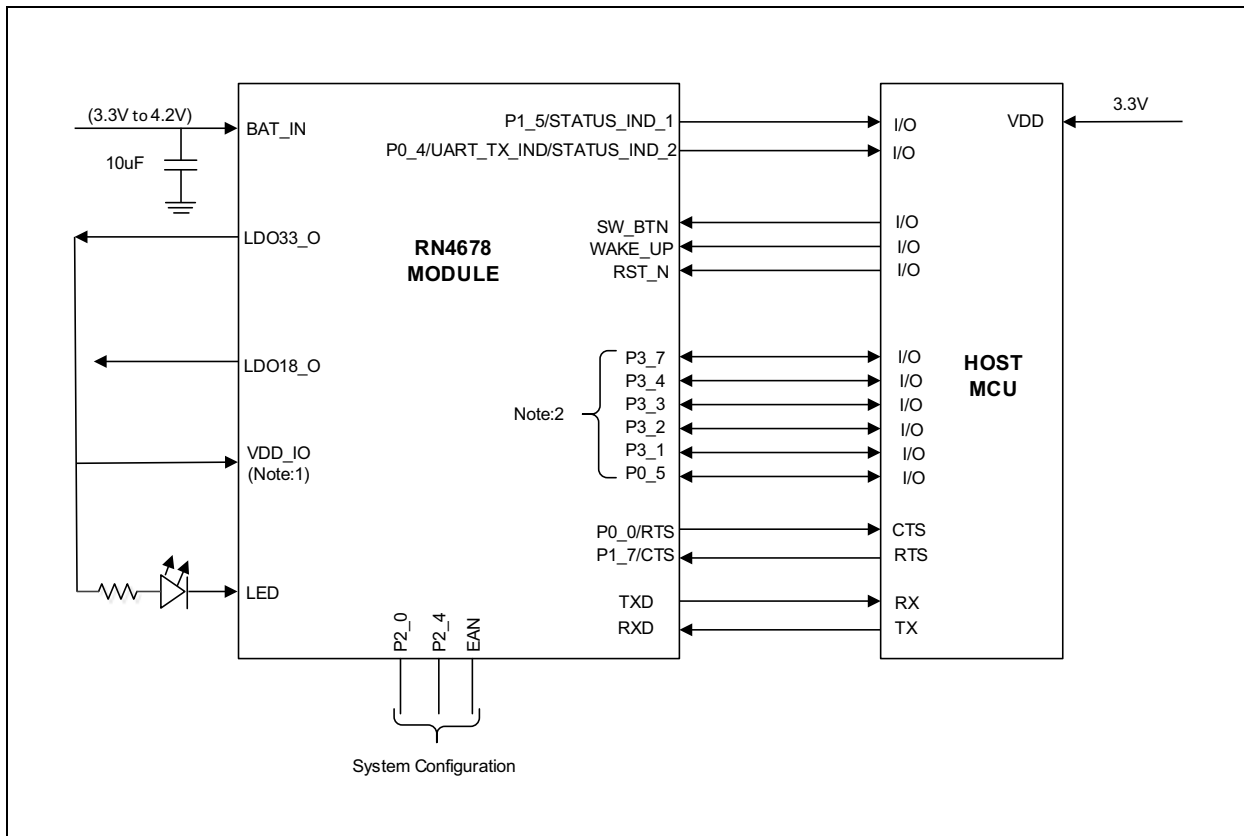
- Standby
- Link Back
- Low Battery
- Inquiry
- Link

## 2.9 Host MCU Interface over UART

Figure 2-8 illustrates an example of UART interface with host MCU and power scheme using 3.3V to the VDD. From the LDO33\_O pin, voltage can be routed to the VDD\_IO pin and the external circuitry including the MCU. This power scheme ensures that the RN4678/RN4678U and the MCU I/O voltages are compatible.

**Note:** The internal 3.3V LDO current source should not exceed 50 mA (maximum).

**FIGURE 2-8: POWER AND MCU INTERFACE EXAMPLE FOR RN4678**



**Note 1:** Ensure that VDD\_IO and MCU VDD voltages are compatible.

**2:** The control and indication ports are configurable

## 2.10 Reference Circuit

Figure 2-9 through Figure 2-12 illustrate the reference schematic of the power supply design implemented for the RN4678/RN4678U.

**FIGURE 2-9: RN4678U REFERENCE CIRCUIT**

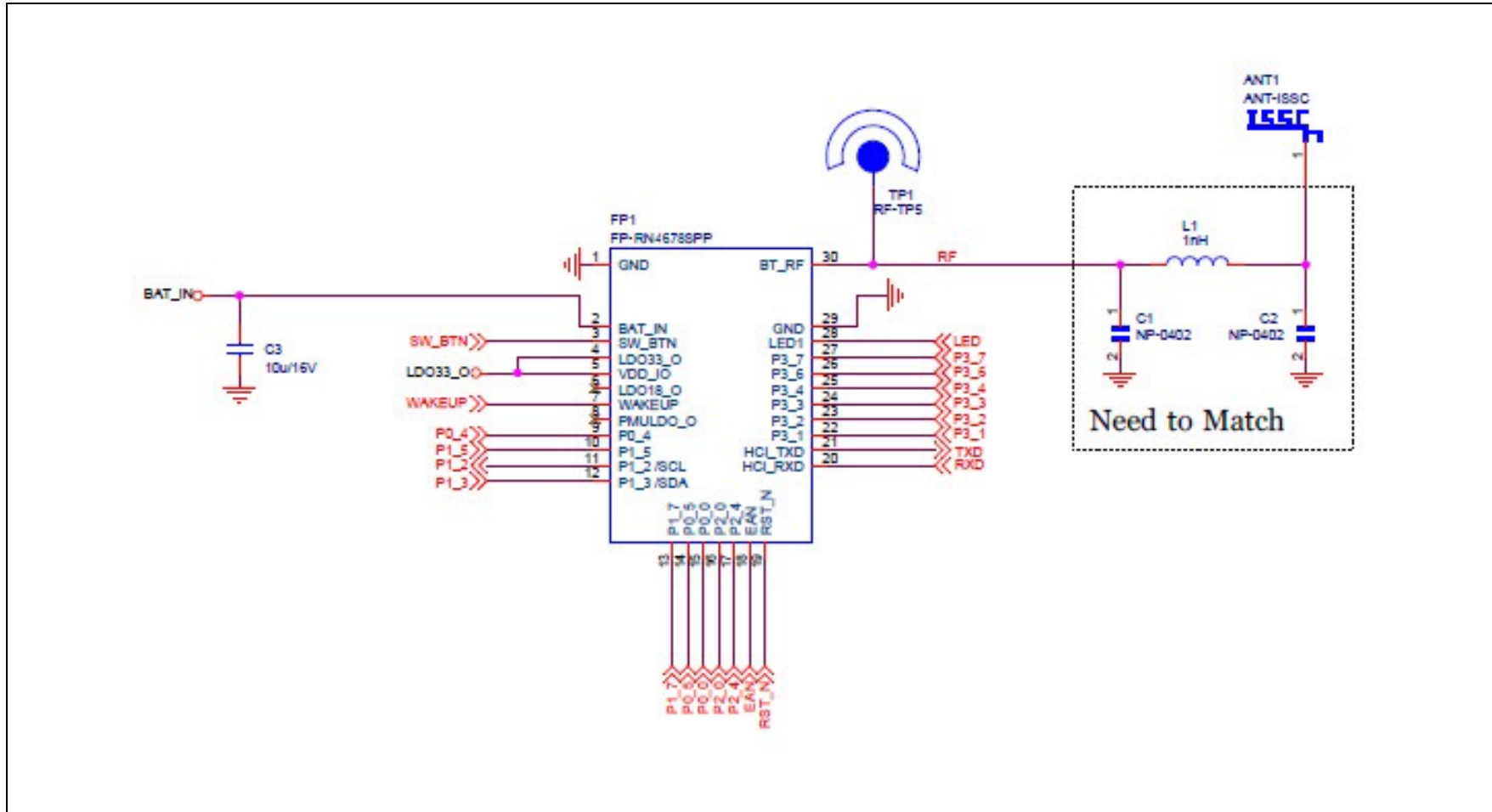
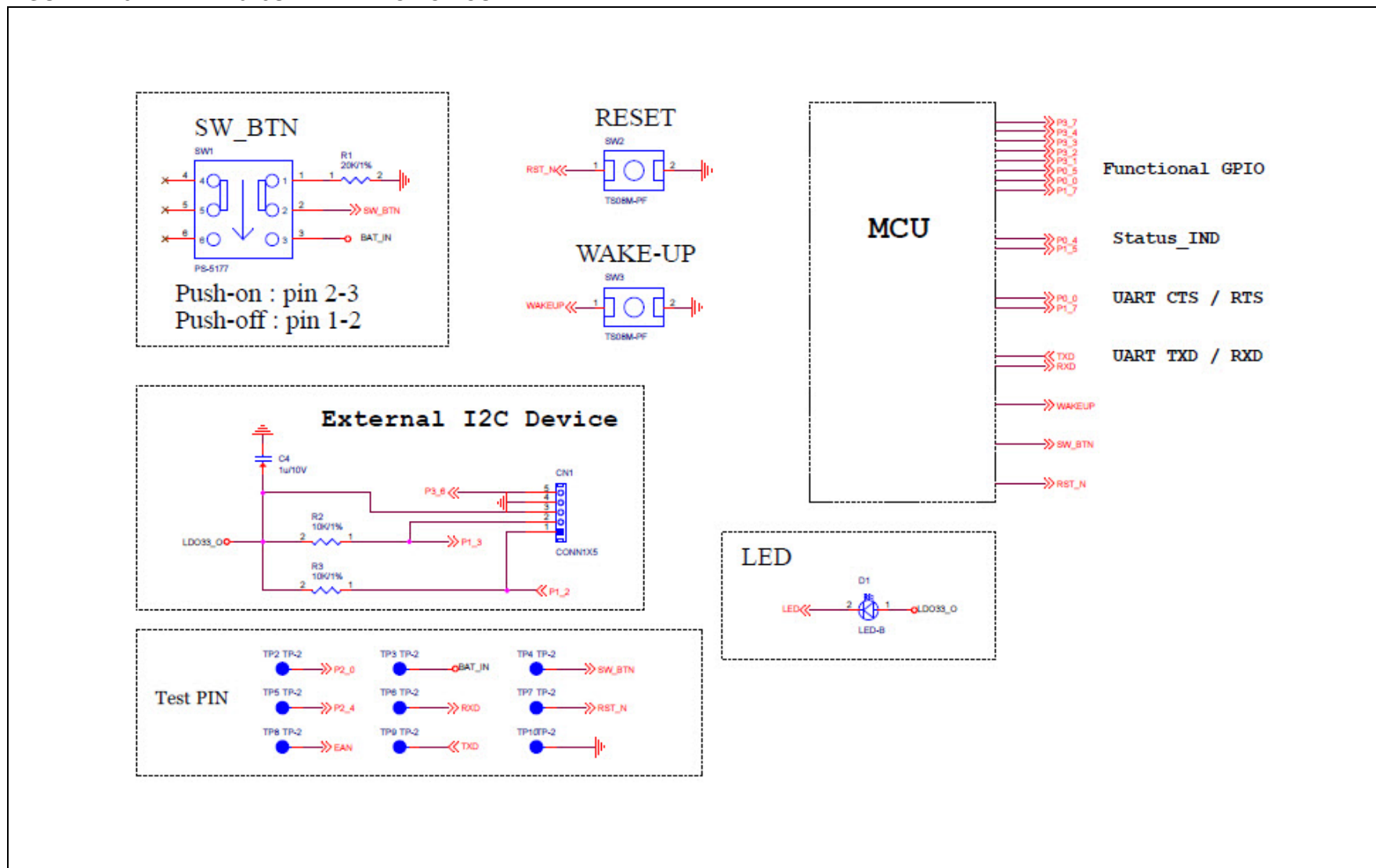
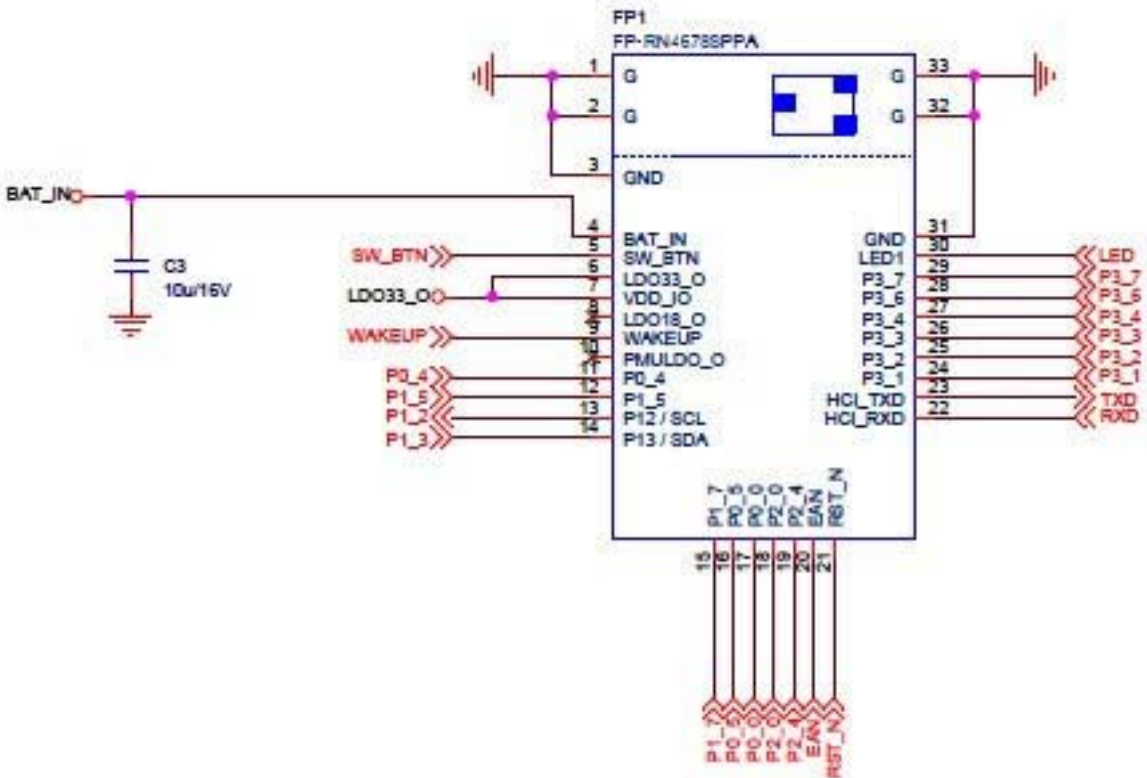
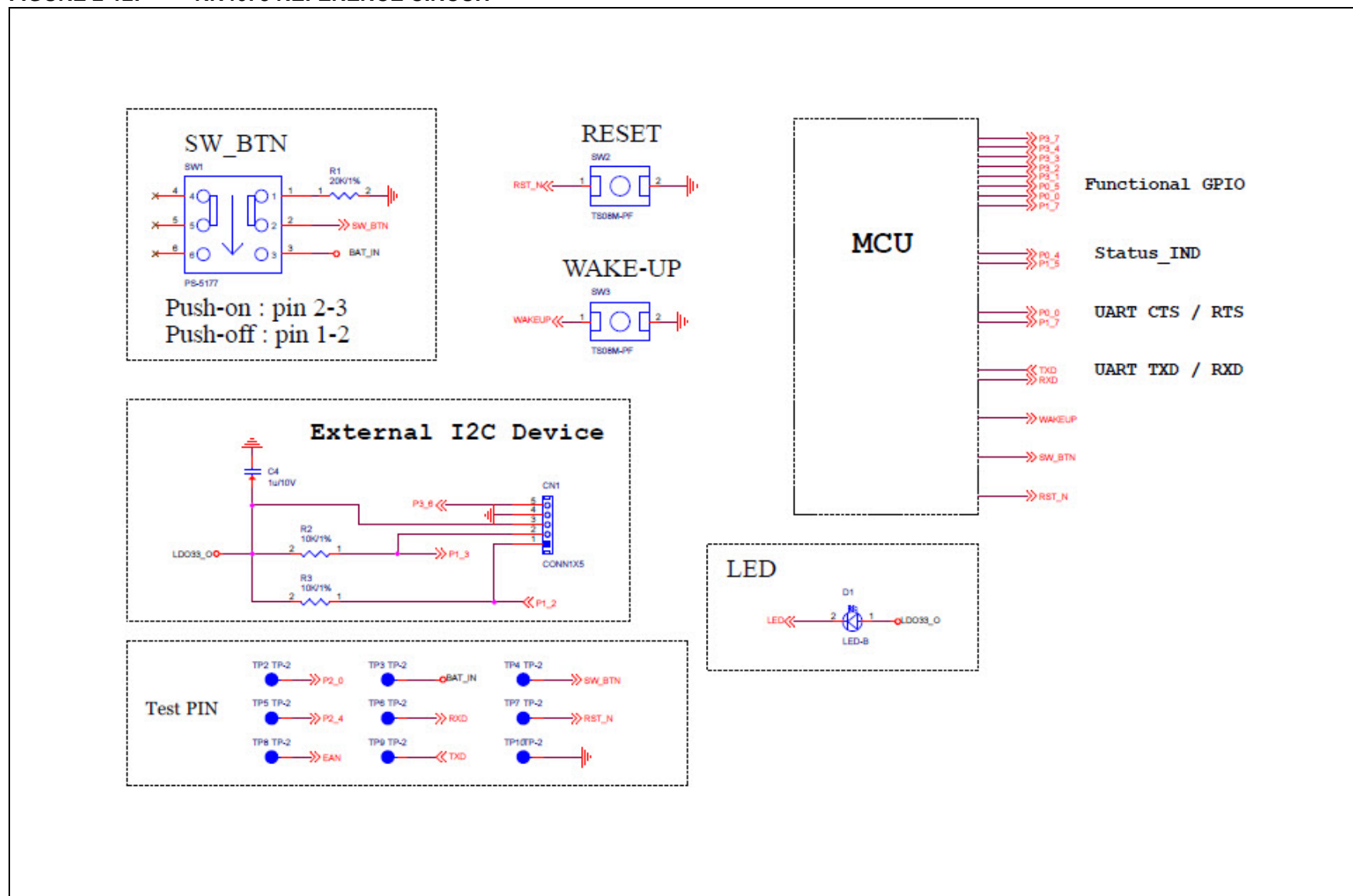


FIGURE 2-10: RN4678U REFERENCE CIRCUIT



**FIGURE 2-11: RN4678 REFERENCE CIRCUIT**



**FIGURE 2-12: RN4678 REFERENCE CIRCUIT**



3.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

This section provides an overview of the electrical characteristics of the RN4678/RN4678U module. Additional information will be provided in future revisions of this document as it becomes available.

Absolute maximum ratings for the RN4678 devices are listed below. Exposure to these maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions, above the parameters indicated in the operation listings of this specification, is not implied.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Ambient temperature under bias .....	-20°C to +70°C
Storage temperature .....	-65°C to +150°C
Voltage on VDD with respect to VSS .....	-0.3V to +3.6V
Maximum output current sunk by any I/O pin.....	12 mA
Maximum output current sourced by any I/O pin.....	12 mA

**Note:** Stresses above those listed under “**Absolute Maximum Ratings**” may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at those or any other conditions, above those indicated in the operation listings of this specification, is not implied. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Table 3-1 through Table 3-7 provide the recommended operating conditions and the electrical specifications of the module.

**TABLE 3-1: RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS**

Rating		Min.	Typical	Max.
Ambient Operating Temperature Range		-20°C	+25°C	+70°C
Relative Humidity (Operating)		10%	—	90%
Relative Humidity (Storage)		10%	—	90%
ESD	HBM	—	±2 KV	—
	MM	—	±200V	—
HTOL <sup>(1)</sup>		—	1000 hrs	—
Supply Voltage: BAT_IN		3.3V	—	4.2V
Supply Voltage: 1V8, VCC_RF, VDD_XO, AVDD_SAR		1.8V	1.9V	2.1V
SW_BTN		3.3V	—	4.2V
LED1		—	—	3.6V
Reset $V_{TH,res}$ threshold voltage		—	1.6V	—
$V_{IL}$ input logic levels low		-0.3V	—	0.8V
$V_{IH}$ input logic levels high		2.0V	—	3.6V
$V_{OL}$ output logic levels low ( $I_{OI} = 12$ mA)		—	—	0.4V
$V_{OH}$ output logic levels high ( $I_{OH} = 12$ mA)		2.4V	—	—
RF continuous TX mode		—	—	43 mA
RF continuous RX mode		—	—	37 mA

**Note 1:** HTOL life test condition: +125°C, BAT\_IN = 4.2V, LDO33\_O = 3.3V, LDO18\_O = 1.9V.

**TABLE 3-2: 3.3V LDO ELECTRICAL PARAMETERS<sup>(1,2)</sup>**

Parameter	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit
Operating Temperature	-20	—	+70	°C
Output Current ( $V_{IN} = 3.6$ V /load regulation with 100 mV drop)	—	100	—	mA
Quiescent Current ( $V_{IN} = 3.6$ V)	—	150	—	μA

**Note 1:** With 10 μF capacitor at LDO33\_O as the condition for IP verification.

**2:** Output voltage can be calibrated using the MP tool

**TABLE 3-3: PMU LDO<sup>(1,2)</sup>**

Parameter	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit
Operating Temperature	-20	—	+70	°C
Output Current ( $V_{IN} = 3.6$ V /load regulation with 0.3 mV drop)	—	100	—	μA
Quiescent Current ( $V_{IN} = 3.6$ V)	—	120	—	μA

**Note 1:** With 1 μF capacitor at PMULDO\_O as the condition for IP verification.

**2:** Output voltage can be calibrated by using the MP tool.

**TABLE 3-4: SAR-ADC AND BATTERY VOLTAGE DETECTOR**

Parameter	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit
Operating Temperature	-20	—	+70	°C
AVDD_SAR Power Supply	—	1.8	—	V
SAR_BAT Detection <sup>(1)</sup>	3.3	—	4.2	V
Resolution	—	10	—	bit
Operating Current (including bandgap)	—	—	1	mA
Deep-Sleep Current	—	—	1	μA

**Note 1:** SAR\_BAT is connected with BAT\_IN internally for battery voltage detection.

**TABLE 3-5: INTENSITY CONTROLLABLE LED DRIVER**

Parameter	Min.	Typical	Max	Unit
Operating Temperature	-20	—	+70	°C
Open-Drain Voltage	—	—	3.6	V
Current Step	—	0.3	—	mA
Programmable Current Range	0	—	5	mA
Intensity Control	—	16	—	step
Power Down Open-Drain Current	—	—	1	μA
Deep-Sleep Current	—	—	1	μA

**TABLE 3-6: POWER CONSUMPTION-CLASSIC<sup>(1)</sup>**

Test Condition	Current Consumption (avg.) (mA)	Remarks
Standby mode	2.543	—
Deep-Sleep mode	0.187	—
Connected+Sniff, Master (no data)	0.541	No data was transmitted Sniff interval = 500 ms
Connected+Sniff, Slave (no data)	0.551	No data was transmitted Sniff interval = 500 ms
Data, Master	10.67	Data transmitted at 115200 bps; block size = 500
Data, Slave	14.87	Data transmitted at 115200 bps; block size = 500

**Note 1:** Classic BR/EDR and RX\_IND functions are enabled.

**TABLE 3-7: POWER CONSUMPTION-LOW ENERGY<sup>(1,2)</sup>**

Test Condition	Current Consumption (avg.) (mA)	Remarks
Deep-Sleep mode	0.13	—
LE fast advertising	1.21	LE fast advertising interval = 100 ms
	0.88	LE fast advertising interval = 160 ms
	0.48	LE fast advertising interval = 500 ms
	1.72	LE fast advertising interval = 100 ms + Beacon 100 ms
	0.62	LE fast advertising interval = 500 ms + Beacon 500 ms
Reduced power advertising	0.39	LE Reduced Power advertising interval = 961 ms
	1.00	LE Reduced Power advertising interval = 961 ms + Beacon 100 ms
	0.51	LE Reduced Power advertising interval = 961 ms + Beacon 500 ms
Connected (No data)	0.39	Connection interval = 1500 ms
	0.43	Connection interval = 600 ms
Connected (iPhone 6 to module)	0.45	Connection interval = 500 ms
	0.60	Connection interval = 200 ms
Connected (module to iPhone 6)	6.6	Connection interval = 500 ms
	7.0	Connection interval = 200 ms

**Note 1:** Low energy, RX\_IND function is enabled.

**2:** Only low energy

## 4.0 RADIO CHARACTERISTICS

Table 4-1 provides the transmitter performance characteristics of the RN4678/RN4678U module.

**TABLE 4-1: TRANSMITTER PERFORMANCE<sup>(1,2)</sup>**

	Min.	Typical	Max.	Bluetooth Specification	Unit
BDR power	—	1.5	—	-6 ~ +4	dBm
EDR (2M/3M) power	—	-1	—	-6 ~ +4	
LE power	—	0.5	—	-20 ~ +10	

**Note 1:** The RF Transmit power can be calibrated during production by using the MP Tool software and the MT8852 Bluetooth Test equipment.

**2:** Test condition: VCC RF = 1.80V, temperature = 25°C.

Table 4-2 provides the receiver performance characteristics of the RN4678/RN4678U module.

**TABLE 4-2: RECEIVER PERFORMANCE<sup>(1)</sup>**

	Min.	Typical	Max.	Bluetooth Specification	Unit
BDR Sensitivity	—	-90	—	≤-70	dBm
EDR 2M Sensitivity	—	-90	—		
EDR 3M Sensitivity	—	-82	—		
LE Sensitivity	—	-92	—		

**Note 1:** Test condition: VCC RF = 1.80V, temperature = 25°C.

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## 5.0 PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS

Figure 5-1 illustrates the physical dimensions of the RN4678 module.

**FIGURE 5-1: RN4678 MODULE DIMENSIONS**

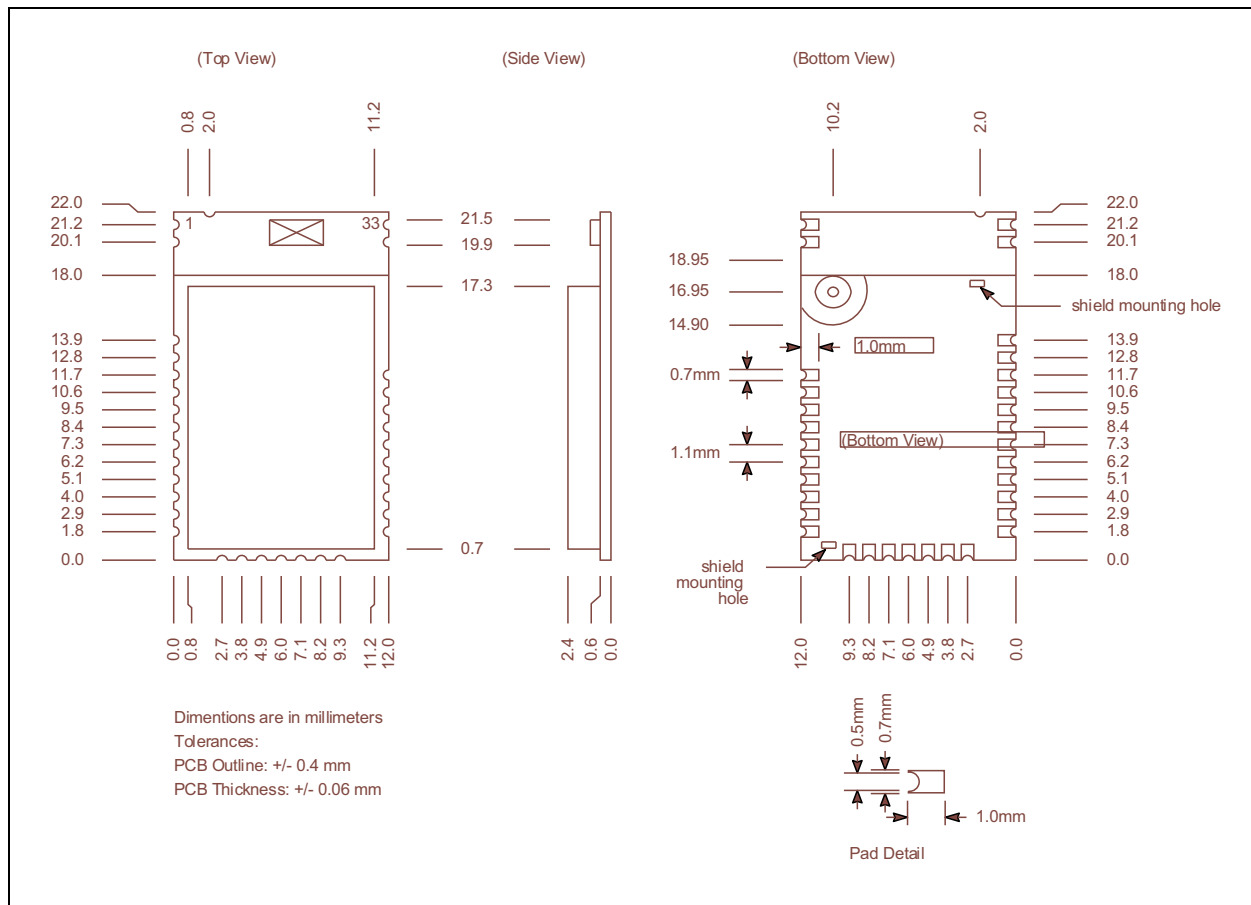


Figure 5-2 illustrates the recommended host PCB foot print.

FIGURE 5-2: RN4678 RECOMMENDED PCB FOOTPRINT

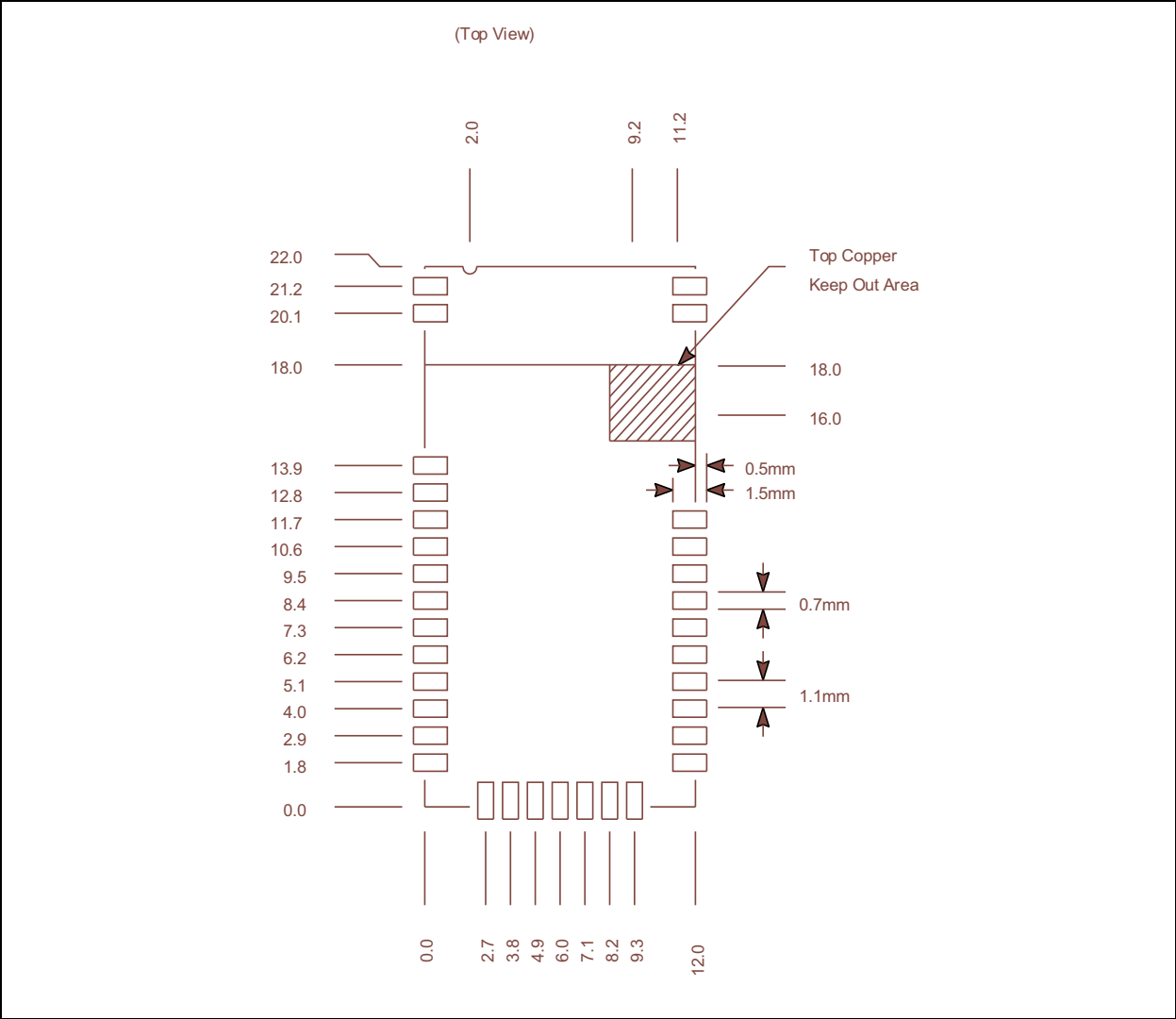


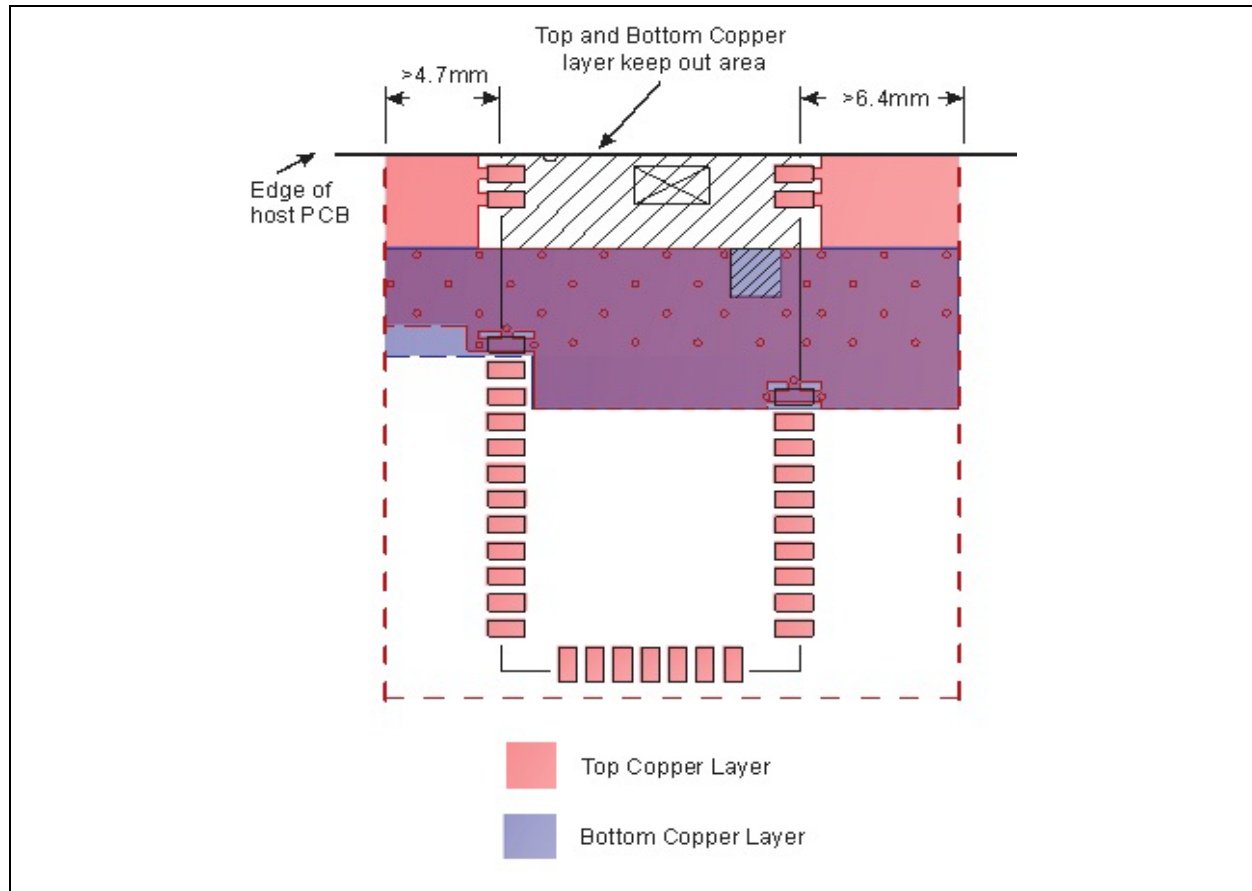


Figure 5-3 illustrates the recommendations for mounting the RN4678 on the host PCB, and it also shows the minimum ground plane area to the left and right of the module for the best antenna performance.

Avoid top copper layer near the test pin area. When designing the host PCB, the areas under the antenna should not contain any top, inner or bottom copper

layer. A low-impedance ground plane will ensure best radio performance (best range and lowest noise). The ground plane can be extended beyond the minimum recommended as needed for the host PCB EMC noise reduction. For best range performance, keep all external metal at least 31 mm away from the ceramic chip antenna.

**FIGURE 5-3: RN4678 HOST PCB MOUNTING SUGGESTION**



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Figure 5-4 illustrates the physical dimensions of the RN4678U module.

FIGURE 5-4: RN4678U MODULE DIMENSIONS

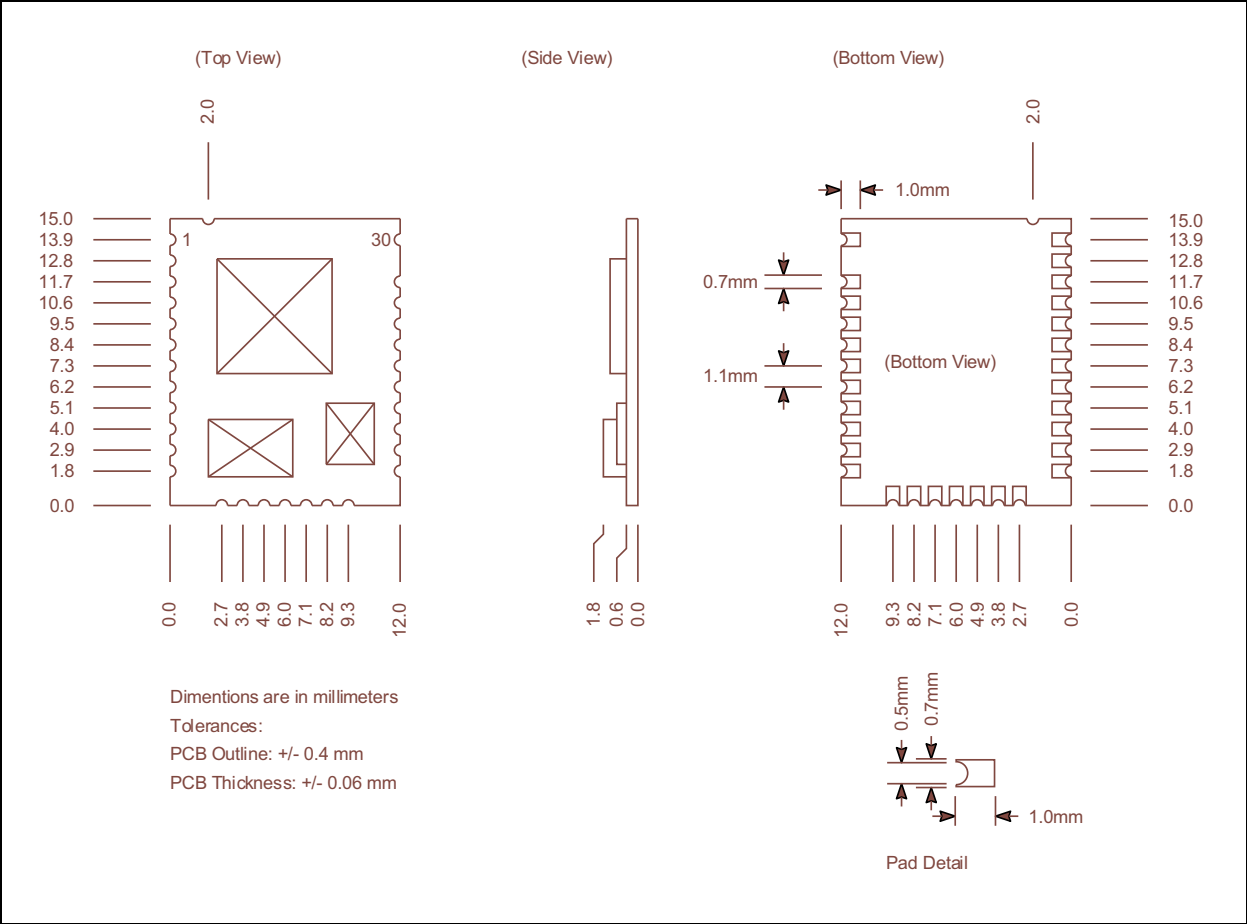


Figure 5-5 illustrates the recommended host PCB foot print.

**FIGURE 5-5: RN4678U RECOMMENDED PCB FOOTPRINT**

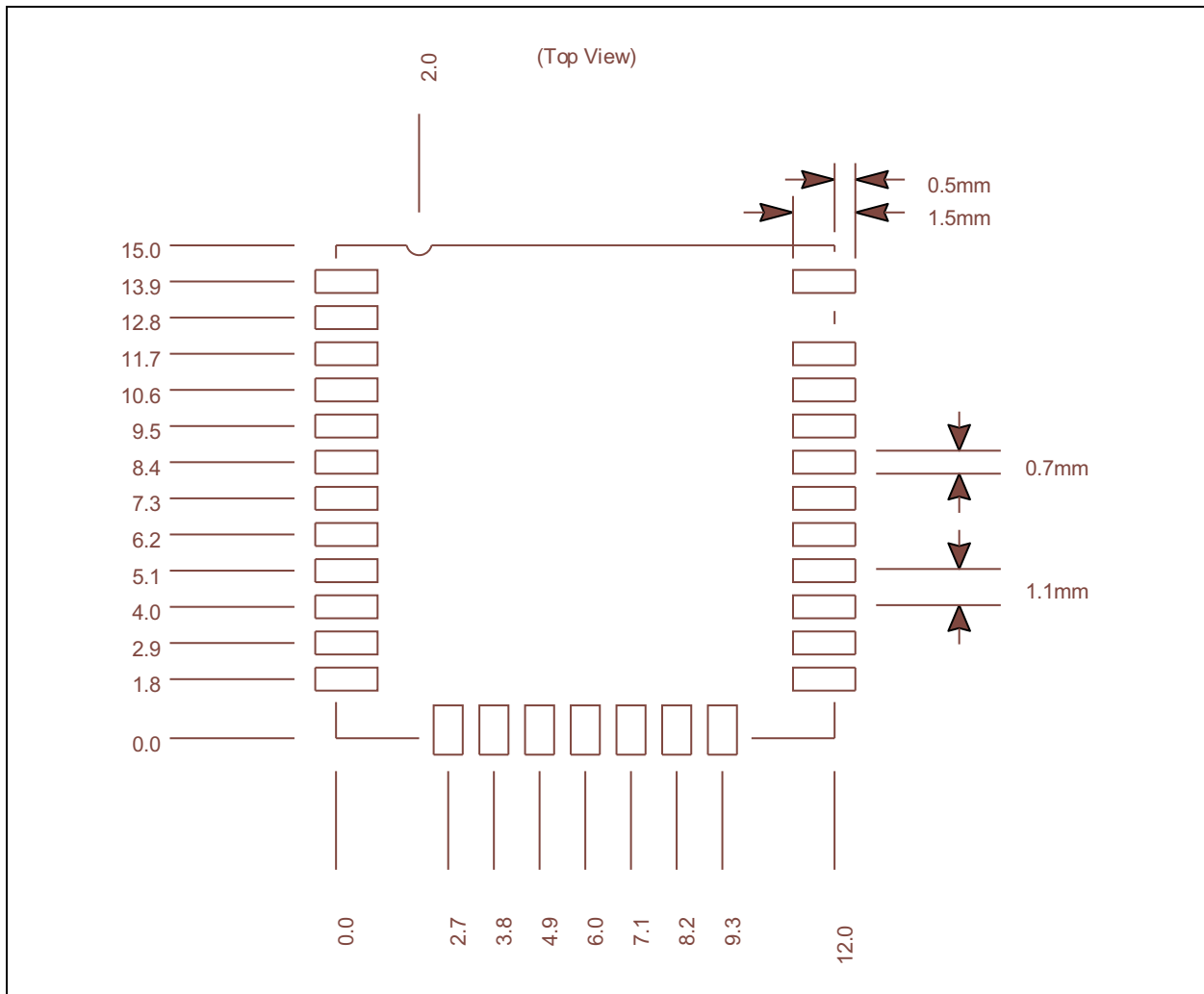
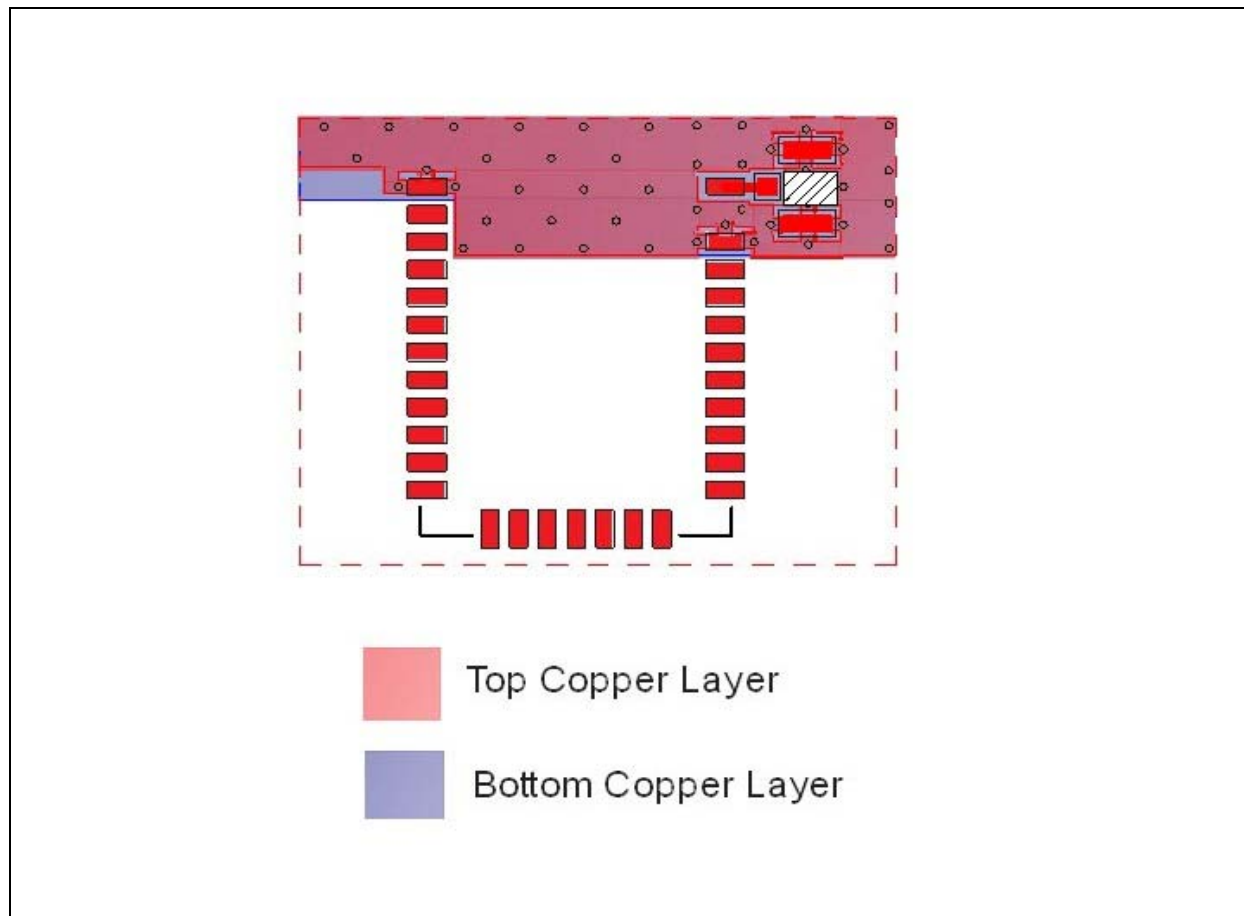


Figure 5-6 illustrates the recommended mounting details for the RN4678U module and recommended layout of the host PCB.

A low-impedance ground plane will ensure the best radio performance (best range, lowest noise). Pin 30 (BT\_RF) is a 50 ohm connection to an external antenna connector, a PCB trace antenna or a component (ceramic chip) antenna through a host PCB with 50 ohm

impedance and micro-strip trace. This trace can be extended to include passive parts for antenna attenuation padding, impedance matching or to provide test posts. It is recommended that the micro-strip trace be as short as possible for minimum loss and better impedance matching. If the micro-strip trace is longer, it should be a 50 ohm impedance.

**FIGURE 5-6: RN4678U HOST PCB MOUNTING SUGGESTION**



## 6.0 REFLOW PROFILE

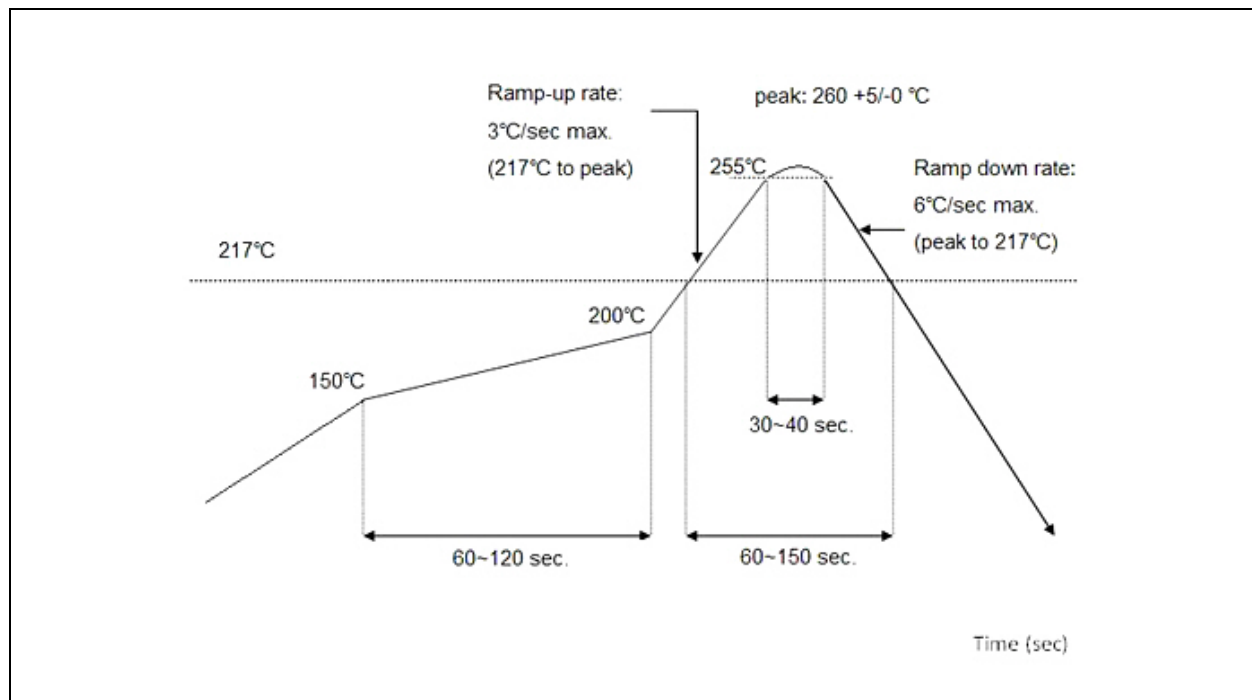
The RN4678/RN4678U should be assembled using a standard lead-free reflow profile, IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020. The RN4678/RN4678U can be soldered to the host PCB by using the standard leaded and lead-free solder reflow profile.

To avoid damage to the module, follow these recommendations:

- Follow solder reflow recommendations provided in Microchip Technology Application Note "AN233 Solder Reflow Recommendation (DS00233)".
- Refer to the solder paste data sheet for specific reflow profile recommendations.
- Do not exceed the peak temperature ( $T_P$ ) of 250°C.
- Use no-clean flux solder paste.
- Do not wash as moisture can be trapped under the shield.
- Use only one flow. If the PCB requires multiple flows, apply the module on the final flow.

- Standard: IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020
  - Condition: Preheat: 150~200 °C for 60~120 seconds.
  - Average ramp-up rate (217 °C to peak): 3 °C /sec max.
  - Temperature maintained above 217 °C: 60~150 seconds.
  - Time within 5°C of peak temperature: 30 ~ 40 seconds.
  - Peak temperature: 260 +5/-0 °C .
  - Ramp-down rate (peak to 217): 6 °C /sec. max.
  - Time 25 °C to peak temperature: 8 minutes max.
  - Cycle interval 5 minutes.

**FIGURE 6-1: REFLOW PROFILE**



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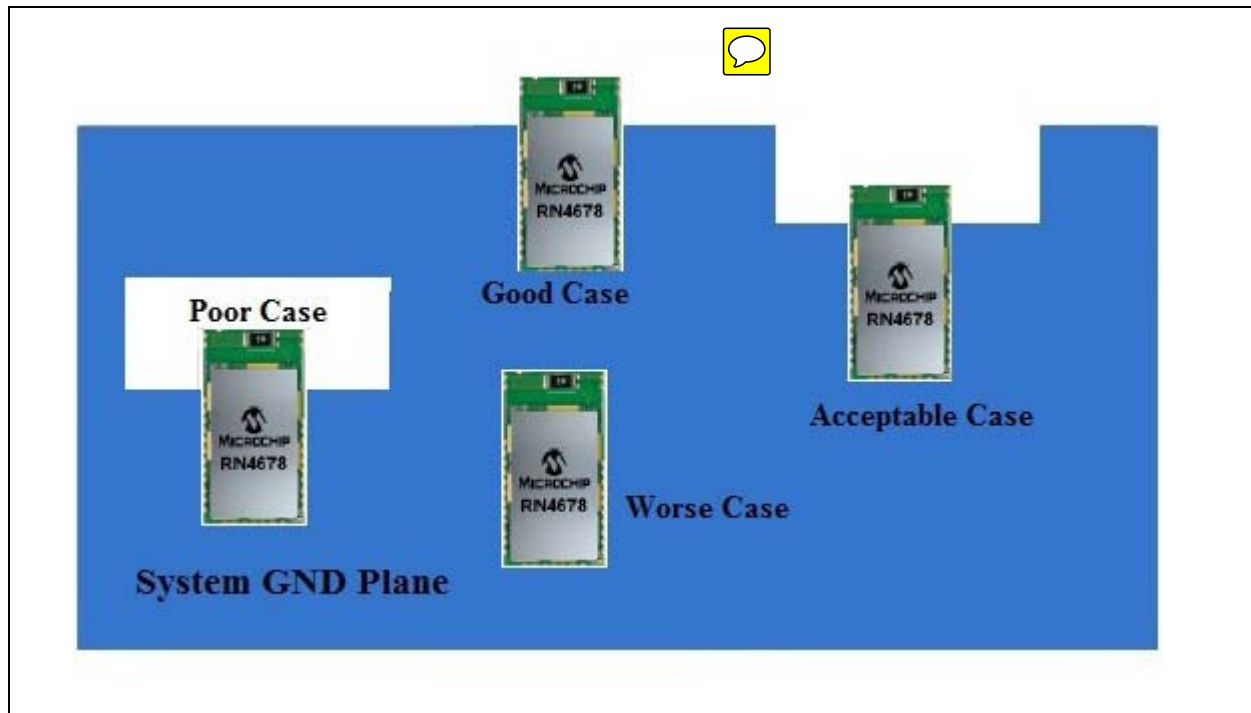
## 7.0 MODULE PLACEMENT

For a Bluetooth wireless product, the antenna placement affects the performance of the whole system. The antenna requires free space to radiate the RF signal and it cannot be surrounded by the ground plane. Microchip recommends that the areas underneath the antenna on the host PCB should not contain copper on top, inner or bottom layer.

Figure 7-1 illustrates an example of good and poor antenna placement on a host PCB with ground plane.

The ground plane can be extended beyond the minimum recommended as required for the main PCB EMC noise reduction. For the best range performance, keep all external metal away from the ceramic chip antenna, that is minimum 15 mm away.

**FIGURE 7-1: MODULE PLACEMENT EXAMPLES**



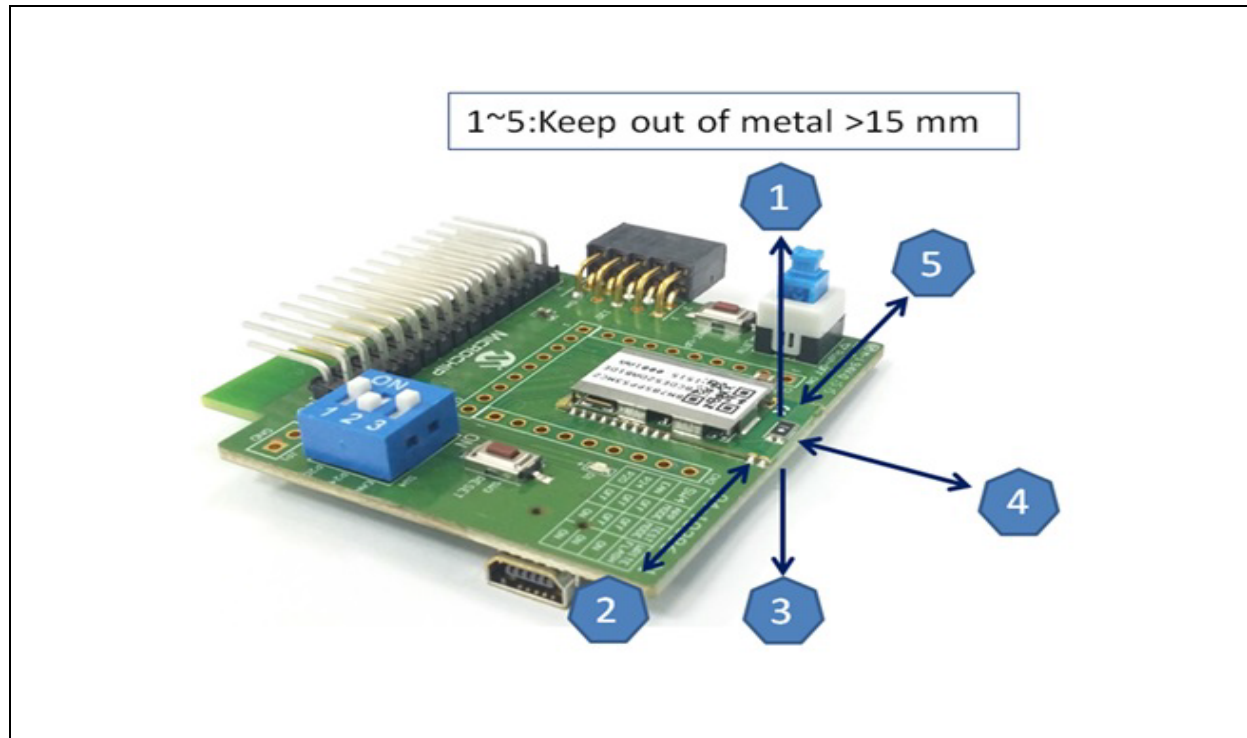
**TABLE 7-1: RECOMMENDED ANTENNA**

Description	Manufacturer Part Number	Manufacturer
ANT ANT3216A063R2400A PIFA 2.4 GHz L3.2W1.6	ANT3216A063R2400A	YAGEO

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Figure 7-2 illustrates the RN4678/RN4678U module mounted on the RN4678 Evaluation Board (EVB). It also shows the recommended keep out area for the antenna.

**FIGURE 7-2: KEEP OUT AREA RECOMMENDED FOR ANTENNA**



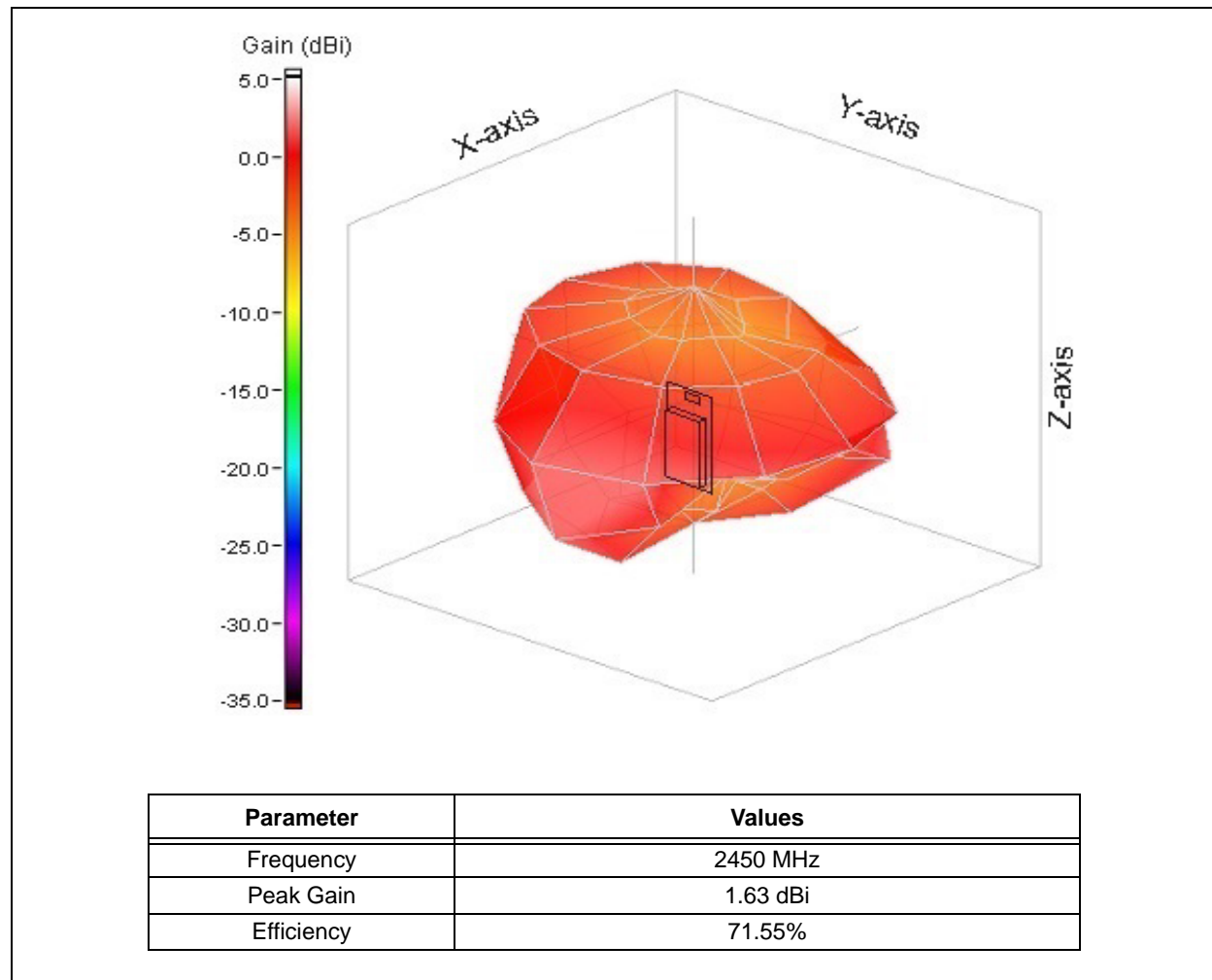
**Note:** For additional information on free space for antenna placement design, refer to the design rule document of the antenna manufacturer.



## 7.1 RN4678 Ceramic Chip Antenna

The RN4678 contains an integral ceramic chip antenna. [Figure 7-3](#) illustrates the antenna radiation pattern of the ceramic chip antenna on the RN4678.

**FIGURE 7-3: RN4678 ANTENNA RADIATION PATTERN**



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## 8.0 ORDERING INFORMATION

Table 8-1 provides ordering information for the RN4678/RN4678U module.

**TABLE 8-1: ORDERING INFORMATION**

Device	Microchip IC	Antenna	Description	Shield	Regulatory Certification	Ordering Number
RN4678-V/RM100	IS1678SM-151	On-board	BT4.2 Dual Mode, Class 2	Yes	FCC, IC, CE, MIC, KCC, NCC, JRF	RN4678-V/RM100-0002AA
RN4678U-V/RM100	IS1678SM-151	External	BT4.2 Dual Mode, Class 2	No	No	RN4678U-V/RM100-0002AA
RN4678APL-V/RM100	IS1678SM-151	On-board	BT4.2 Dual Mode, Class 2, Use with Apple MFI	Yes	FCC, IC, CE, MIC, KCC, NCC, JRF	RN4678APL-V/RM100-0002AA

Go to <http://www.microchip.com> for current pricing and a list of distributors carrying Microchip products.

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## 9.0 REGULATORY APPROVAL

This section outlines the regulatory information for the RN4678 module for the following countries:

- United States
- Canada
- Europe
- Japan
- Korea
- Taiwan
- Other Regulatory Jurisdictions

### 9.1 United States

The RN4678 module has received Federal Communications Commission (FCC) CFR47 Telecommunications, Part 15 Subpart C “Intentional Radiators” single-modular approval in accordance with Part 15.212 Modular Transmitter approval. Single-modular transmitter approval is defined as a complete RF transmission sub-assembly, designed to be incorporated into another device, that must demonstrate compliance with FCC rules and policies independent of any host. A transmitter with a modular grant can be installed in different end-use products (referred to as a host, host product, or host device) by the grantee or other equipment manufacturer, then the host product may not require additional testing or equipment authorization for the transmitter function provided by that specific module or limited module device.

A host product itself is required to comply with all other applicable FCC equipment authorization regulations, requirements, and equipment functions that are not associated with the transmitter module portion. For example, compliance must be demonstrated: to regulations for other transmitter components within a host product; to requirements for unintentional radiators (Part 15 Subpart B), such as digital devices, computer peripherals, radio receivers, etc.; and to additional authorization requirements for the non-transmitter functions on the transmitter module (i.e., Verification or Declaration of Conformity) as appropriate (e.g., Bluetooth and Wi-Fi transmitter modules may also contain digital logic functions).

### 9.1.1 LABELING AND USER INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The RN4678 module has been labeled with its own FCC ID number, and if the FCC ID is not visible when the module is installed inside another device, then the outside of the finished product into which the module is installed must also display a label referring to the enclosed module. This exterior label can use wording as follows:

Contains Transmitter Module  
FCC ID: A8TBM78ABCDEFGH  
or  
Contains FCC ID: A8TBM78ABCDEFGH

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

A user's manual for the product should include the following statement:

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy, and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Additional information on labeling and user information requirements for Part 15 devices can be found in KDB Publication 784748 available at the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) Laboratory Division Knowledge Database (KDB)

<http://apps.fcc.gov/oetcf/kdb/index.cfm>.

## 9.1.2 RF EXPOSURE

All transmitters regulated by FCC must comply with RF exposure requirements. KDB Publication 447498 General RF Exposure Guidance provides guidance in determining whether proposed or existing transmitting facilities, operations or devices comply with limits for human exposure to Radio Frequency (RF) fields adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Output power listed is conducted. This grant is valid only when the module is sold to OEM integrators and must be installed by the OEM or OEM integrators. This transmitter is restricted for use with the specific antenna(s) tested in this application for Certification and must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitters within a host device, except in accordance with FCC multi-transmitter product procedures. This module is approved for installation into mobile or/and portable host platforms.

## 9.1.3 HELPFUL WEB SITES

Federal Communications Commission (FCC):  
<http://www.fcc.gov>

FCC Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) Laboratory Division Knowledge Database (KDB):  
<http://apps.fcc.gov/oetcf/kdb/index.cfm>

## 9.2 Canada

The RN4678 module has been certified for use in Canada under Industry Canada (IC) Radio Standards Specification (RSS) RSS-Gen and RSS-247. Modular approval permits the installation of a module in a host device without the need to recertify the device.

### 9.2.1 LABELING AND USER INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Labeling Requirements (from Section 3.1, RSS-Gen, Issue 4, November 2014): The host device shall be properly labeled to identify the module within the host device.

Modular Devices (from RSP-100 - Issue 10, Section 7): The Industry Canada certification label of a module shall be clearly visible at all times when installed in the host device, otherwise the host device must be labeled to display the Industry Canada certification number of the module, preceded by the words "Contains transmitter module", or the word "Contains", or similar wording expressing the same meaning, as follows:

Contains transmitter module IC: 12246A-BM78SPPS5M2
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User Manual Notice for License-Exempt Radio Apparatus (from Section 8.4, RSS-Gen, Issue 4, November 2014): User manuals for license-exempt radio apparatus shall contain the following or equivalent notice in a conspicuous location in the user manual or alternatively on the device or both:

This device complies with Industry Canada's license-exempt RSSs. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
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- |   |
|---|
| (1) This device may not cause interference; and<br>(2) This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device. |
|---|

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes:
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|--|
| (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage;<br>(2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement. |
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## 9.2.2 RF EXPOSURE

All transmitters regulated by IC must comply with RF exposure requirements listed in RSS-102 - Radio Frequency (RF) Exposure Compliance of Radiocommunication Apparatus (All Frequency Bands).

### 9.2.3 HELPFUL WEB SITES

Industry Canada: <http://www.ic.gc.ca/>

## 9.3 Europe

The RN4678 module is an R&TTE Directive assessed radio module that is CE marked and has been manufactured and tested with the intention of being integrated into a final product.

The RN4678 module has been tested to R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC Essential Requirements for Health and Safety (Article (3.1(a)), Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) (Article 3.1(b)), and Radio (Article 3.2) and are summarized in [Table 9-1](#) and [Table 9-1](#) European Compliance Testing. A Notified Body Opinion has also been issued. All test reports are available on the RN4678/RN4678U product web page at <http://www.microchip.com>.

The R&TTE Compliance Association provides guidance on modular devices in document **Technical Guidance Note 01** available at [http://www.rtteca.com/html/download\\_area.htm](http://www.rtteca.com/html/download_area.htm).

**Note:** To maintain conformance to the testing listed in [Table 9-1](#), the module shall be installed in accordance with the installation instructions in this data sheet and shall not be modified.

When integrating a radio module into a completed product the integrator becomes the manufacturer of the final product and is therefore responsible for demonstrating compliance of the final product with the essential requirements of the R&TTE Directive.

### 9.3.1 LABELING AND USER INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The label on the final product which contains the RN4678 module must follow CE marking requirements. The R&TTE Compliance Association **Technical Guidance Note 01** provides guidance on final product CE marking.

### 9.3.2 ANTENNA REQUIREMENTS

From R&TTE Compliance Association document Technical Guidance Note 01:

Provided the integrator installing an assessed radio module with an integral or specific antenna and installed in conformance with the radio module manufacturer's installation instructions requires no further evaluation under Article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive and does not require further involvement of an R&TTE Directive Notified Body for the final product. [Section 2.2.4]

The European Compliance Testing listed in Section [Table 9-1 European Compliance Testing for RN4678](#) was performed using the integral ceramic chip antenna.

### 9.3.3 HELPFUL WEB SITES

A document that can be used as a starting point in understanding the use of Short Range Devices (SRD) in Europe is the European Radio Communications Committee (ERC) Recommendation 70-03 E, which can be downloaded from the European Radio Communications Office (ERO) at: <http://www.ero.dk/>.

Additional helpful web sites are:

- Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (R&TTE):  
[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/rtte/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/rtte/index_en.htm)
- European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT):  
<http://www.cept.org/>
- European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI):  
<http://www.etsi.org>
- European Radio Communications Office (ERO):  
<http://www.ero.dk/>
- The Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment Compliance Association (R&TTE CA):  
<http://www.rtteca.com/>

**TABLE 9-1: EUROPEAN COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR RN4678**

Certification	Standards	Article	Laboratory	Report Number
Safety	EN 60950-1:2006 / A11:2009 / A1:2010 / A12:2011 / A2:2013	(3.1(a))	TUV Rheinland, Taiwan	10052799 001
Health	EN 300 328 V1.9.1 / EN 62479:2010			10052796 001 & 10052797 001
EMC	EN 301 489-1 V1.9.2	(3.1(b))		10052437 001
	EN 301 489-17 V2.2.1			
Radio	EN 300 328 V1.9.1	(3.2)		10052796 001 & 10052797 001
Notified Body Opinion	<b>CE0197</b>			10048937 001

## 9.4 Japan

The RN4678 module has received type certification and is labeled with its own technical conformity mark and certification number as required to conform to the technical standards regulated by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) of Japan pursuant to the Radio Act of Japan.

Integration of this module into a final product does not require additional radio certification provided installation instructions are followed and no modifications of the module are allowed. Additional testing may be required:

- If the host product is subject to electrical appliance safety (for example, powered from an AC mains), the host product may require Product Safety Electrical Appliance and Material (PSE) testing. The integrator should contact their conformance laboratory to determine if this testing is required.
- There is a voluntary Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) test for the host product administered by VCCI: [http://www.vcci.jp/vcci\\_e/index.html](http://www.vcci.jp/vcci_e/index.html)

### 9.4.1 LABELING AND USER INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The label on the final product which contains the RN4678 module must follow Japan marking requirements. The integrator of the module should refer to the labeling requirements for Japan available at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) website.

The RN4678 module is labeled with its own technical conformity mark and certification number. The final product in which this module is being used must have a label referring to the type certified module inside:

Contains transmitter module with certificate number:



### 9.4.2 HELPFUL WEB SITES

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC): <http://www.tele.soumu.go.jp/e/index.htm>

Association of Radio Industries and Businesses (ARIB): <http://www.arib.or.jp/english/>

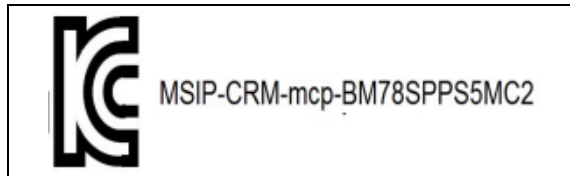
## 9.5 Korea

The RN4678 module has received certification of conformity in accordance with the Radio Waves Act. Integration of this module into a final product does not require additional radio certification provided installation instructions are followed and no modifications of the module are allowed.

### 9.5.1 LABELING AND USER INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The label on the final product which contains the RN4678 module must follow KC marking requirements. The integrator of the module should refer to the labeling requirements for Korea available on the Korea Communications Commission (KCC) website.

The RN4678 module is labeled with its own KC mark. The final product requires the KC mark and certificate number of the module:



### 9.5.2 HELPFUL WEB SITES

Korea Communications Commission (KCC): <http://www.kcc.go.kr>

National Radio Research Agency (RRA): <http://rra.go.kr>



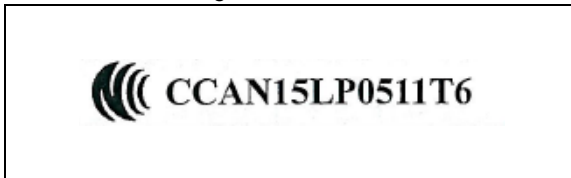
## 9.6 Taiwan

The RN4678 module has received compliance approval in accordance with the Telecommunications Act. Customers seeking to use the compliance approval in their product should contact Microchip Technology sales or distribution partners to obtain a Letter of Authority.

Integration of this module into a final product does not require additional radio certification provided installation instructions are followed and no modifications of the module are allowed.

### 9.6.1 LABELING AND USER INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The RN4678 module is labeled with its own NCC ID number, and if the NCC ID is not visible when the module is installed inside another device, then the outside of the device must also display a label referring to the enclosed module. This exterior label can use wording such as the following:



The user's manual should contain below warning (for RF device) in traditional Chinese:

**注意！**

依據 低功率電波輻射性電機管理辦法

第十二條 經型式認證合格之低功率射頻電機，

非經許可，

公司、商號或使用者均不得擅自變更頻率、加大功率或變更原設計之特性及功能。

第十四條 低功率射頻電機之使用不得影響飛航安全及干擾合法通信；

經發現有干擾現象時，應立即停用，並改善至無干擾時方得繼續使用。

前項合法通信，指依電信規定作業之無線電信。

低功率射頻電機須忍受合法通信或工業、科學及醫療用電波輻射性

電機設備之干擾。

### 9.6.2 HELPFUL WEB SITES

National Communications Commission (NCC):

<http://www.ncc.gov.tw>.

## 9.7 Other Regulatory Jurisdictions

Should other regulatory jurisdiction certification be required by the customer, or the customer need to recertify the module for other reasons, a certification utility is available. For further regulatory Certification Utility and documentation, contact your local Microchip Technology sales office.

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## **APPENDIX A: REVISION HISTORY**

### **Revision A (June 2016)**

This is the initial released version of the document.

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- Distributor or Representative
- Local Sales Office
- Field Application Engineer (FAE)
- Technical Support

Customers should contact their distributor, representative or Field Application Engineer (FAE) for support. Local sales offices are also available to help customers. A listing of sales offices and locations is included in the back of tRN4678his document.

**Technical support is available through the web site at:** <http://microchip.com/support>

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

To order or obtain information, for example, on pricing or delivery, refer to the factory or the listed sales office.

<u>PART NO.</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>RM</u>	<u>XXX</u>	Example: RN4678-V/RM100: Various temperature
Device	Temperature Range	Package	Firmware Revision Number	
<div>Device: RN4678: Ceramic Chip Antenna RN4678U: External Antenna</div> <div>Temperature Range: V = -20°C to +70°C (Various)</div> <div>Package: RM = Radio Module</div>				
<div>Note 1: Tape and Reel identifier only appears in the catalog part number description. This identifier is used for ordering purposes and is not printed on the device package. Check with your Microchip Sales Office for package availability with the Tape and Reel option.</div>				

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**Note the following details of the code protection feature on Microchip devices:**

- Microchip products meet the specification contained in their particular Microchip Data Sheet.
- Microchip believes that its family of products is one of the most secure families of its kind on the market today, when used in the intended manner and under normal conditions.
- There are dishonest and possibly illegal methods used to breach the code protection feature. All of these methods, to our knowledge, require using the Microchip products in a manner outside the operating specifications contained in Microchip's Data Sheets. Most likely, the person doing so is engaged in theft of intellectual property.
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