

NVC-MDCS42A

Class2 Bluetooth V2.1+EDR Module

Description

NVC-MDCS42A module is a small form factor and highly economic Bluetooth radio module(class 2) that allows OEM to add wireless capability to their products. The module supports multiple interfaces that make it simple to design into fully certified embedded Bluetooth solutions.

With Novacomm's BC:™ programming interfaces, designers can easily customize their applications to support different Bluetooth profiles, such as SPP, OPP, HID and etc. class 2 module supports 3Mbps data rate Transmission for distances up to 10 meters with its integrated on board antenna.

The module is an appropriate product for designers who want to add wireless capability to their products

Features:

- Bluetooth v2.1+EDR,Support sniff and deep sleep mode
- Support different Bluetooth profiles(SPP OPP HID)
- UART and USB programming and data interfaces
- PCM digital audio interfaces
- 8MB on board flash
- SMT pads for easy and reliable PCB mounting
- Built-in on board antenna
- BQB/FCC/CE Certified
- RoHS compliant

Applications

- Cable replacement
- Bar code and RFID scanners
- Measurement and monitoring systems
- Industrial sensors and controls
- Medical devices
- Industrial PCs and laptops

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1. Block Diagram

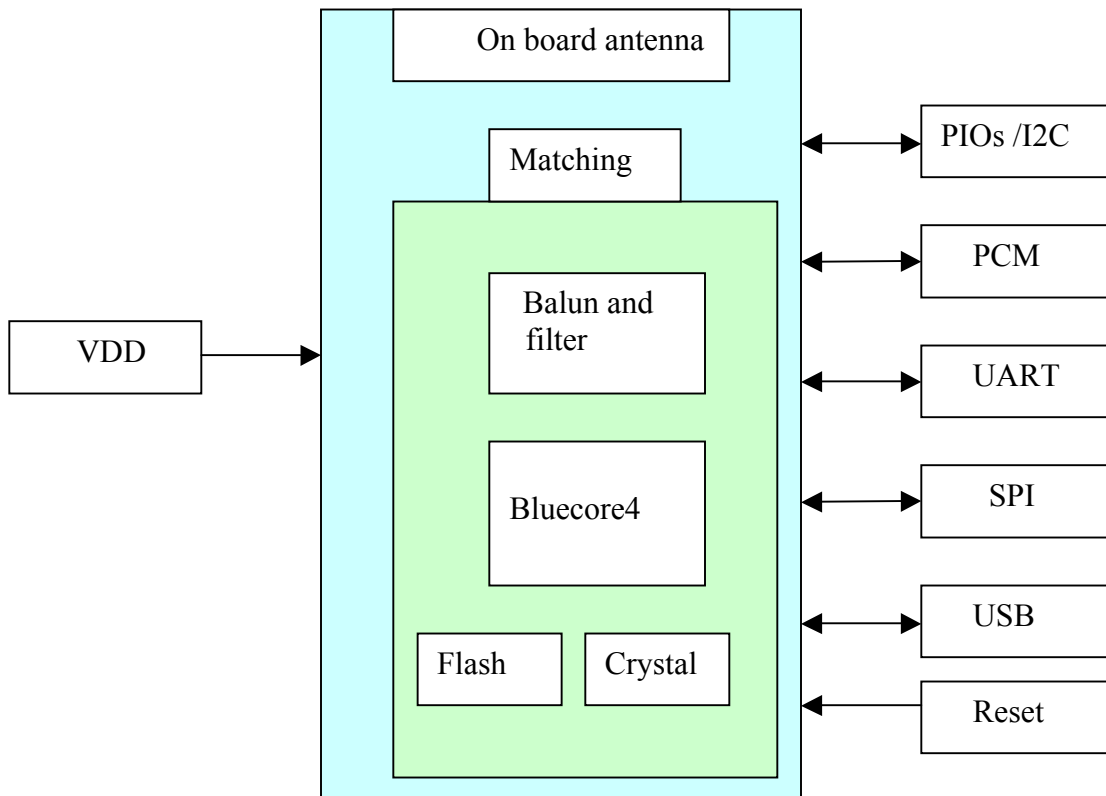


Figure 1: Block Diagram

2. General Specification

Bluetooth Specification	
Standard	Bluetooth2.1+EDR
Profiles	SPP, OPP, HID, detailed profiles depends on the firmware
Frequency Band	2.402GHz ~ 2.480GHz
Maximum Data Rate	30K bytes
Antenna	Multilayer Ceramic Antenna or UFL port
RF Input Impedance	50 ohms
Baseband Crystal OSC	16MHz
Interface	UART, PIO, AIO, USB, SPI, PCM
Sensitivity	-84dBm@0.1%BER
RF TX Power	+4Bm(class2)
Power	
Supply Voltage	3 ~ 3.6V DC
Working Current	Depends on profiles, 22mA typical
Standby Current(Connected)	<2mA
Operating Environment	
Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
Humidity	10%~90% Non-Condensing
Certifications	BQB/FCC/CE
Environmental	RoHS Compliant
Dimension and Weight	
Dimension	25mm×13.40mm×2.2mm
Weight	1.50g

Table 1: General Specification

3. Pin Definition

3.1 Pin Configuration

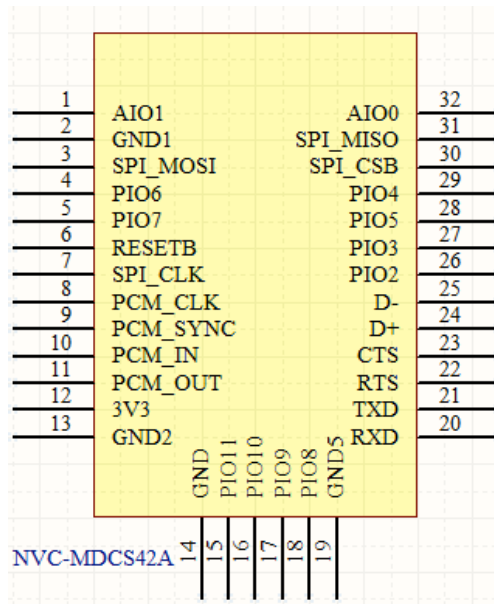


Figure 2: Pin Configuration

3.2 Pin Definition

Pin	Symbol	I/O Type	Description
1	AIO1	Bi-directional	Programmable input/output line
2	GND	Ground	Ground
3	SPI_MOSI	CMOS input, with weak internal pull-down	Serial Peripheral Interface input
4	PIO6	Bi-directional with programmable strength internal pull-up/down	Programmable input/output line
5	PIO7	Bi-directional with programmable strength internal pull-up/down	Programmable input/output line
6	RESETB	CMOS input with weak internal pull-down	Reset if high. Input debounced so must be high for >5ms to cause a reset
7	SPI_CLK	input with weak internal pull-down	Serial Peripheral Interface clock
8	PCM_CLK	Bi-directional	Synchronous Data Clock
9	PCM_SYNC	Bi-directional	Synchronous Data Sync
10	PCM_IN	CMOS Input	Synchronous Data Input
11	PCM_OUT	Bi-directional	Synchronous Data Output
12	3V3	3V3 power input	3V3 power input

13	GND	Ground	Ground
14	GND	Ground	Ground
15	PIO11	Bi-directional with programmable strength internal pull-up/down	Programmable input/output line
16	PIO10	Bi-directional with programmable strength internal pull-up/down	Programmable input/output line
17	PIO9	Bi-directional with programmable strength internal pull-up/down	Programmable input/output line
18	PIO8	Bi-directional with programmable strength internal pull-up/down	Programmable input/output line
19	GND	Ground	Ground
20	UART_RX	CMOS input with weak internal pull-down	UART data input
21	UART_TX	CMOS input with weak internal pull-down	UART data output
22	UART_CTS	CMOS output, tri-state, with weak internal pull-up	UART request to send active low
23	UART_RTS	CMOS output, tri-state, with weak internal pull-up	UART request to send active low
24	USB_D+	Bi-directional	USB data plus with selectable internal 1.5Kohm pull-up resistor
25	USB_D-	Bi-directional	USB data minus
26	PIO2	Bi-directional with programmable strength internal pull-up/down	Programmable input/output line
27	PIO3	Bi-directional with programmable strength internal pull-up/down	Programmable input/output line
28	PIO5	Bi-directional with programmable strength internal pull-up/down	Programmable input/output line
29	PIO4	Bi-directional with programmable strength internal pull-up/down	Programmable input/output line
30	SPI_CSB	CMOS input with weak internal pull-up	Chip select for Synchronous Serial Interface active low
31	SPI_MISO	CMOS output, tri-state, with weak internal pull-down	Serial Peripheral Interface output
32	AIO0	Bi-directional	Programmable input/output line

Table 2: Pin Definition

4. Physical Interfaces

4.1 Power Supply

The transient response of the regulator is important. If the power rails of the module are supplied from an external voltage source, the transient response of any regulator used should be 20µs or less. It is essential that the power rail recovers quickly.

4.2 Reset

The module may be reset from several sources: RESET pin, power-on reset, a UART break character or via a software configured watchdog timer.

The RESET pin is an active low reset and is internally filtered using the internal low frequency clock oscillator. A reset will be performed between 1.5 and 4.0ms following RESET being active. It is recommended that RESET be applied for a period greater than 5ms.

At reset the digital I/O pins are set to inputs for bi-directional pins and outputs are tri-state. The PIOs have weak pull-downs.

Pin Name / Group	Pin Status on Reset
USB_DP	Input with PD
USB_DN	Input with PD
UART_RX	Input with PD
UART_CTS	Input with PD
UART_TX	Tri-state output with PU
UART_RTS	Tri-state output with PU
SPI_MOSI	Input with PD
SPI_CLK	Input with PD
SPI_CSB	Input with PU
SPI_MISO	Tri-state output with PD
PCM_CLK	Input with PD
PCM_SYNC	Input with PD
PCM_IN	Input with PD
PCM_OUT	Tri-state with PD
RESETB	Input with PU
PIOs	Input with weak PD
AIOs	Output, driving low

Table 2: Pin Status on Reset

Note: Pull-up (PU) and pull-down (PD) default to weak values unless specified otherwise.

4.3 Digital Audio Interfaces

The module has offered PCM digital audio interface.

PCM is a standard method used to digitize audio (particularly voice) for transmission over digital communication channels. Through its PCM interface, the module has hardware support for continual transmission and reception of PCM data, thus reducing processor overhead for applications. The module offers a bi-directional digital audio interface that routes directly into the baseband layer of the on-chip firmware. It does not pass through the HCI protocol layer.

Hardware on the module allows the data to be sent to and received from a SCO connection. Up to three SCO connections can be supported by the PCM interface at any one time.

The module can operate as the PCM interface master generating an output clock of 128, 256 or 512kHz. When configured as PCM interface slave, it can operate with an input clock up to 2048kHz. The module is compatible with a variety of clock formats, including Long Frame Sync, Short Frame Sync and GCI timing environments.

It supports 13-bit or 16-bit linear, 8-bit μ -law or A-law compressed sample formats at 8k samples/s and can receive and transmit on any selection of three of the first four slots following PCM_SYNC.

The module interfaces directly to PCM audio devices including the following:

- mQualcomm MSM 3000 series and MSM 5000 series CDMA baseband devices
- mOKI MSM7705 four channels A-law and μ -law CODEC
- mMotorola MC145481 8-bit A-law and μ -law CODEC
- mMotorola MC145483 13-bit linear CODEC
- mSTW 5093 and 5094 14-bit linear CODECs

The module is also compatible with the Motorola SSI™ interface.

4.3.1 PCM Interface Master/Slave

When PCM is configured as a master, the module generates PCM_CLK and PCM_SYNC.

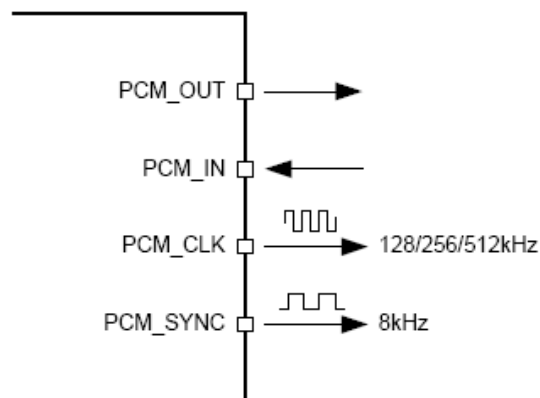


Figure 3: Configured PCM as a Master

When PCM is configured as the slave, the module accepts PCM_CLK rates up to 2048kHz.

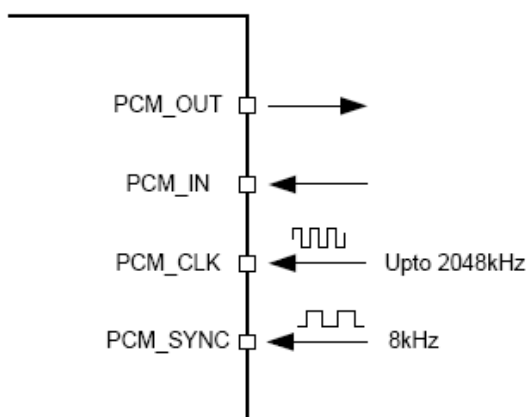


Figure 4: Configured PCM as a Slave

4.3.2 Long Frame Sync

Long Frame Sync is the name given to a clocking format that controls the transfer of PCM data words or samples. In Long Frame Sync, the rising edge of PCM_SYNC indicates the start of the PCM word. When the module is configured as PCM master, generating PCM_SYNC and PCM_CLK, then PCM_SYNC is 8-bits long. When the module is configured as PCM Slave, PCM_SYNC may be from two consecutive falling edges of PCM_CLK to half the PCM_SYNC rate, i.e., 62.5μs long.

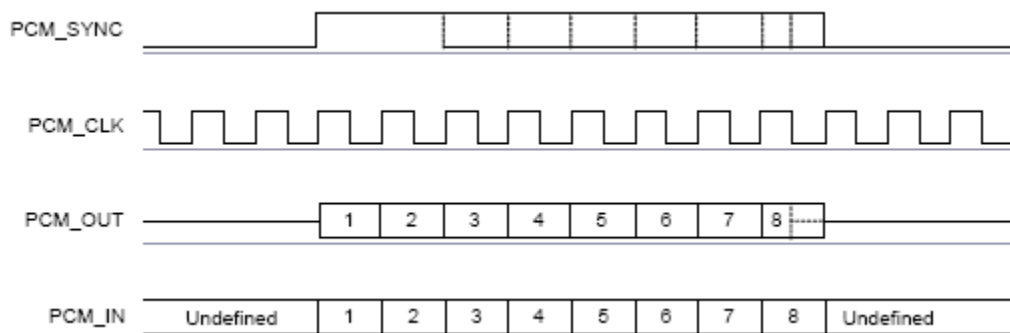


Figure 5: Long Frame Sync (Shown with 8-bit Companded Sample)

4.3.3 Short Frame Sync

In Short Frame Sync, the falling edge of PCM_SYNC indicates the start of the PCM word. PCM_SYNC is always one clock cycle long.

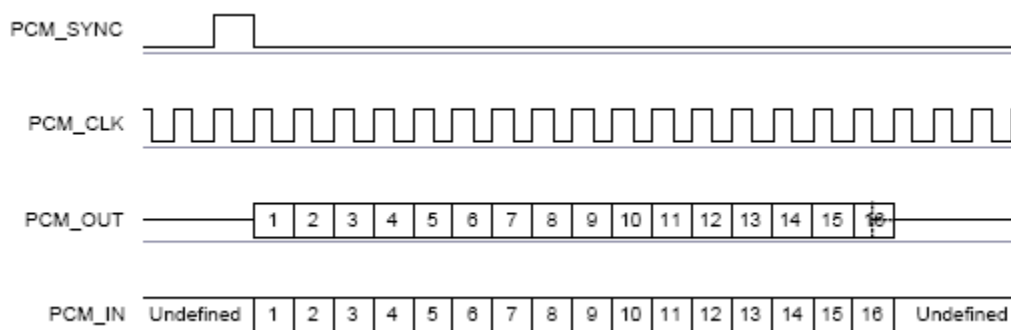


Figure 6: Short Frame Sync (Shown with 16-bit Sample)

As with Long Frame Sync, the module samples PCM_IN on the falling edge of PCM_CLK and transmits PCM_OUT on the rising edge. PCM_OUT may be configured to be high impedance on the falling edge of PCM_CLK in the LSB position or on the rising edge.

4.3.4 Multi-slot Operation

More than one SCO connection over the PCM interface is supported using multiple slots. Up to three SCO connections can be carried over any of the first four slots.

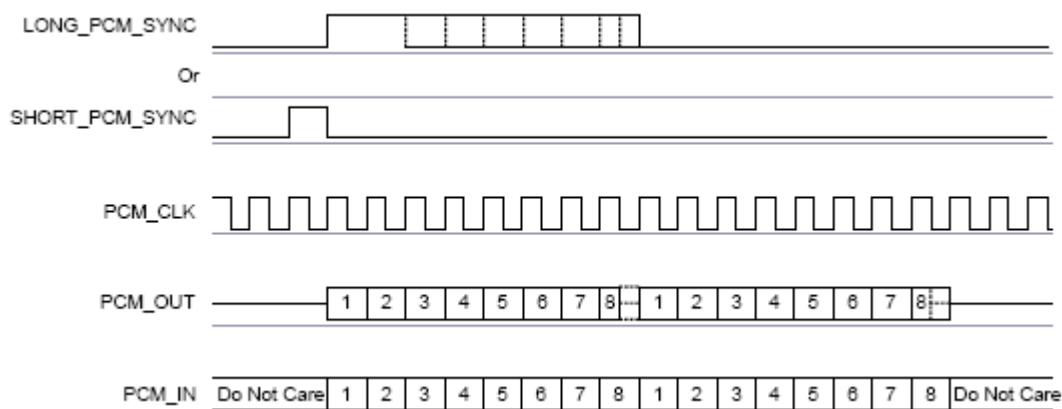


Figure 7: Multi-Slot Operation with Two Slots and 8-bit Companded Samples

4.3.5 GCI Interface

The module is compatible with the General Circuit Interface (GCI), a standard synchronous 2B+D ISDN timing interface. The two 64Kbps B channels can be accessed when this mode is configured.

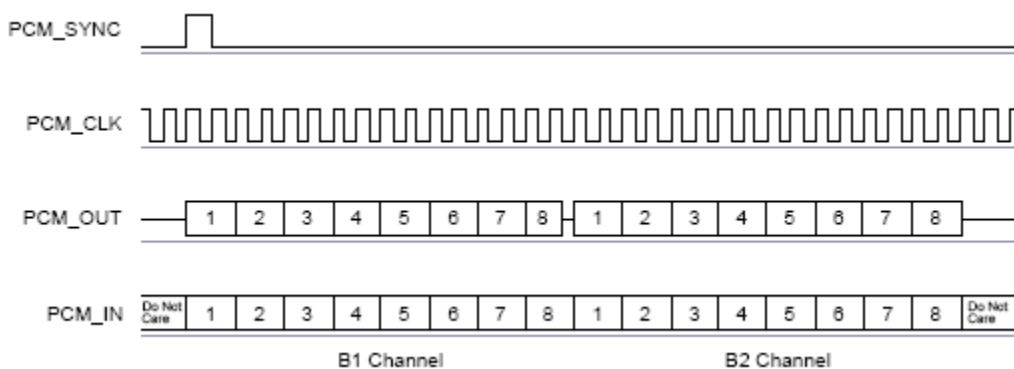


Figure 8: GCI Interface

The start of a frame is indicated by the rising edge of PCM_SYNC and runs at 8kHz. With the module in slave mode, the frequency of PCM_CLK can be up to 4.096MHz.

4.3.6 Slots and Sample Formats

The module can receive and transmit on any selection of the first four slots following each sync pulse. Slot durations can be either 8 or 16 clock cycles. Durations of 8 clock cycles may only be used with 8-bit sample formats. Durations of 16 clocks may be used with 8-bit, 13-bit or 16-bit sample formats. The module supports 13-bit linear, 16-bit linear and 8-bit μ -law or A-law sample formats. The sample rate is 8k samples/s. The bit order may be little or big endian. When 16-bit slots are used, the 3 or 8 unused bits in each slot may be filled with sign extension, padded with zeros or a programmable 3-bit audio attenuation compatible with some Motorola CODECs.

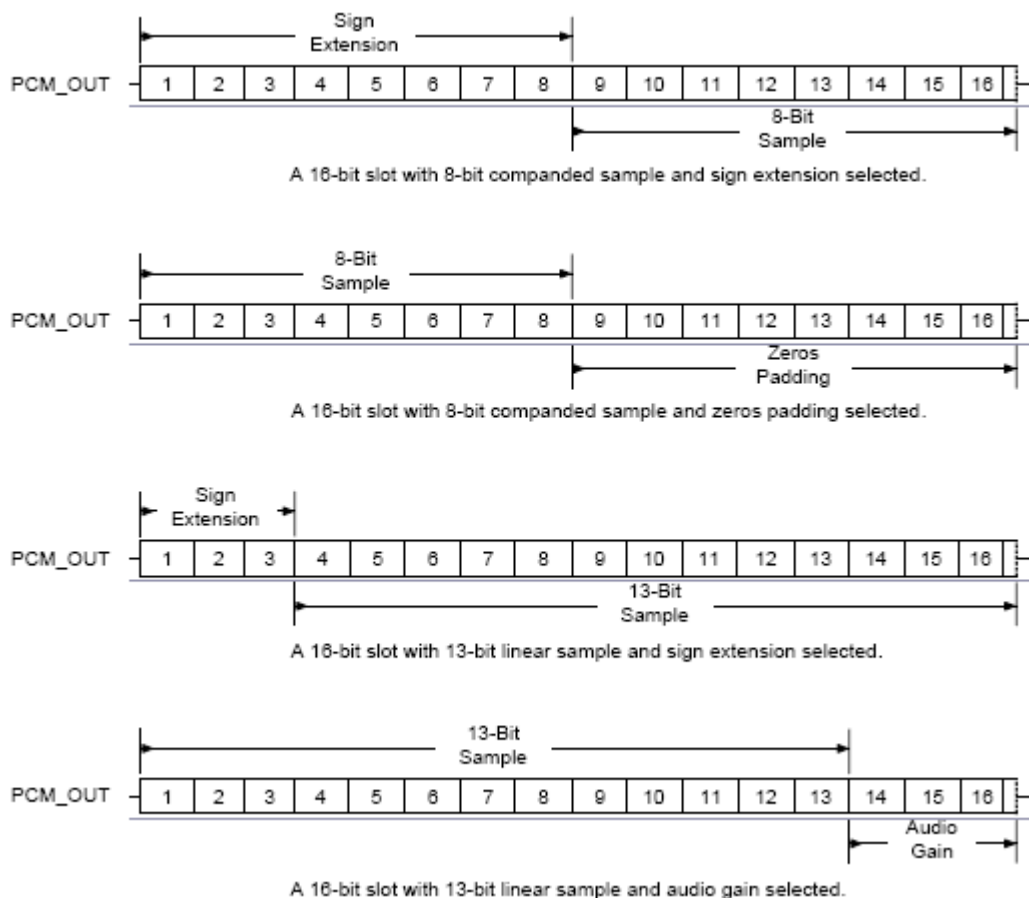


Figure 9: 16-Bit Slot Length and Sample Formats

4.3.7 Additional Features

The module has a mute facility that forces PCM_OUT to be 0. In master mode, PCM_SYNC may also be forced to 0 while keeping PCM_CLK running which some CODECS use to control power down.

4.3.8 PCM Timing Information

Symbol	Parameter		Min	Typical	Max	Unit
fmclk	PCL_CLK Frequency	4MHz DDS generation. Selection of frequency is programmable.	-	128	-	kHz
				256		
				512		
		48MHz DDS generation. Selection of frequency is programmable.	2.9		-	kHz
-	PCM_SYNC frequency		-	8		kHz

tmclkh ^(a)	PCM_CLK high	4MHz DDS generation	980	-	-	ns
tmckl ^(a)	PCM_CLK low	4MHz DDS generation	730	-	-	ns
-	PCM_CLK jitter	48MHz DDS generation			21	ns pk-pk
tdmclksynch	Delay time from PCM_CLK high to PCM_SYNC high		-	-	20	ns
tdmclkpout	Delay time from PCM_CLK high to valid PCM_OUT		-	-	20	ns
tdmcklsyncl	Delay time from PCM_CLK low to PCM_SYNC low (Long Frame Sync only)		-	-	20	ns
tdmckhsyncl	Delay time from PCM_CLK high to PCM_SYNC low		-	-	20	ns
tdmcklpoutz	Delay time from PCM_CLK low to PCM_OUT high impedance		-	-	20	ns
tdmckhpoutz	Delay time from PCM_CLK high to PCM_OUT high impedance		-	-	20	ns
tsupinckl	Set-up time for PCM_IN valid to PCM_CLK low		30	-	-	ns
thpinckl	Hold time for PCM_CLK low to PCM_IN invalid		10	-	-	ns

Table 3: PCM Master Timing

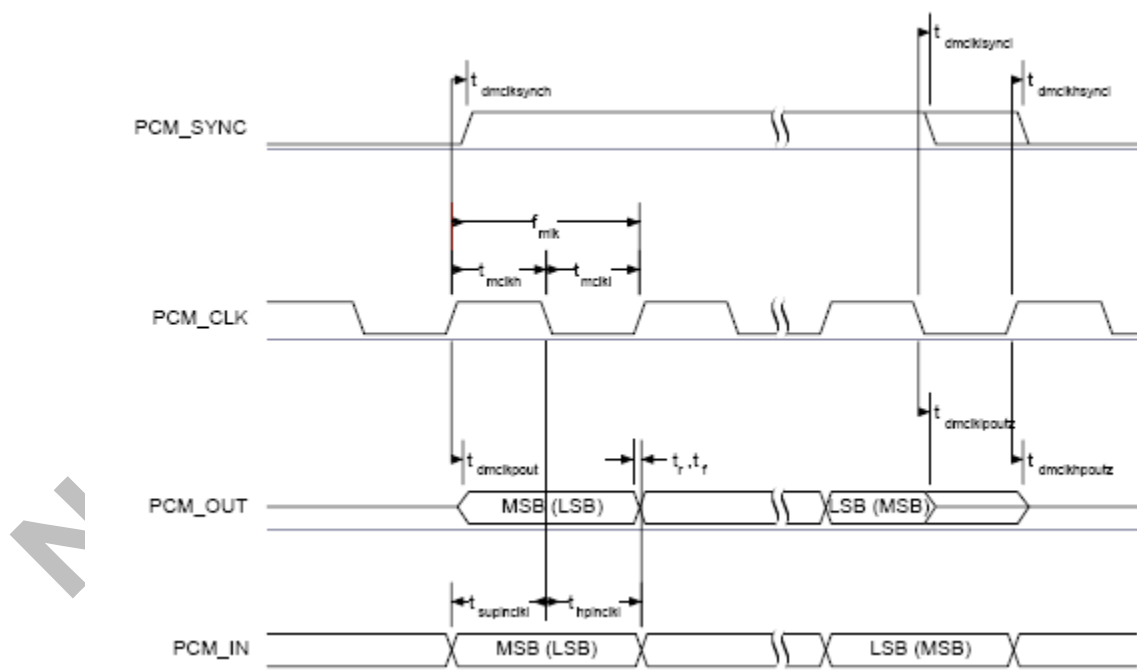


Figure 10: PCM Master Timing Long Frame Sync

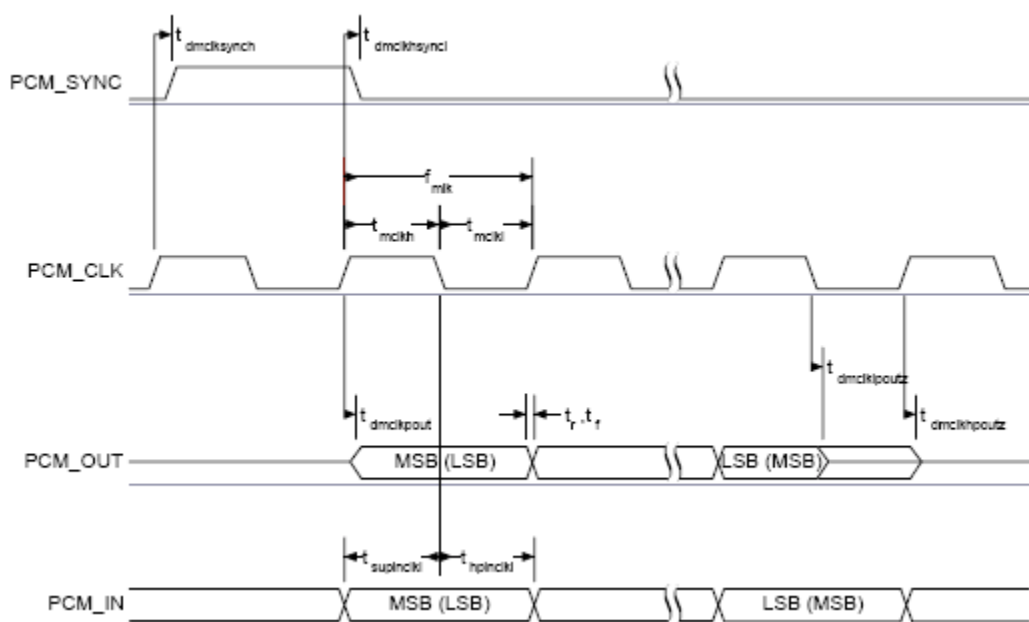


Figure 11: PCM Master Timing Short Frame Sync

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
fsclk	PCM clock frequency (Slave mode: input)	64	-	2048	kHz
fsclk	PCM clock frequency (GCI mode)	128	-	4096	kHz
tsclkl	PCM_CLK low time	200	-	-	ns
tsclkh	PCM_CLK high time	200	-	-	ns
thscclksynch	Hold time from PCM_CLK low to PCM_SYNC high	30	-	-	ns
tsusclksynch	Set-up time for PCM_SYNC high to PCM_CLK low	30	-	-	ns
tdpout	Delay time from PCM_SYNC or PCM_CLK whichever is later, to valid PCM_OUT data (Long Frame Sync only)	-	-	20	ns
tdsclkhout	Delay time from CLK high to PCM_OUT valid data	-	-	20	ns
tdpoutz	Delay time from PCM_SYNC or PCM_CLK low, whichever is later, to PCM_OUT data line high impedance	-	-	20	ns
tsupinsclkl	Set-up time for PCM_IN valid to CLK low	30	-	-	ns
thpinsclkl	Hold time for PCM_CLK low to PCM_IN invalid	30	-	-	ns

Table 4: PCM Slave Timing

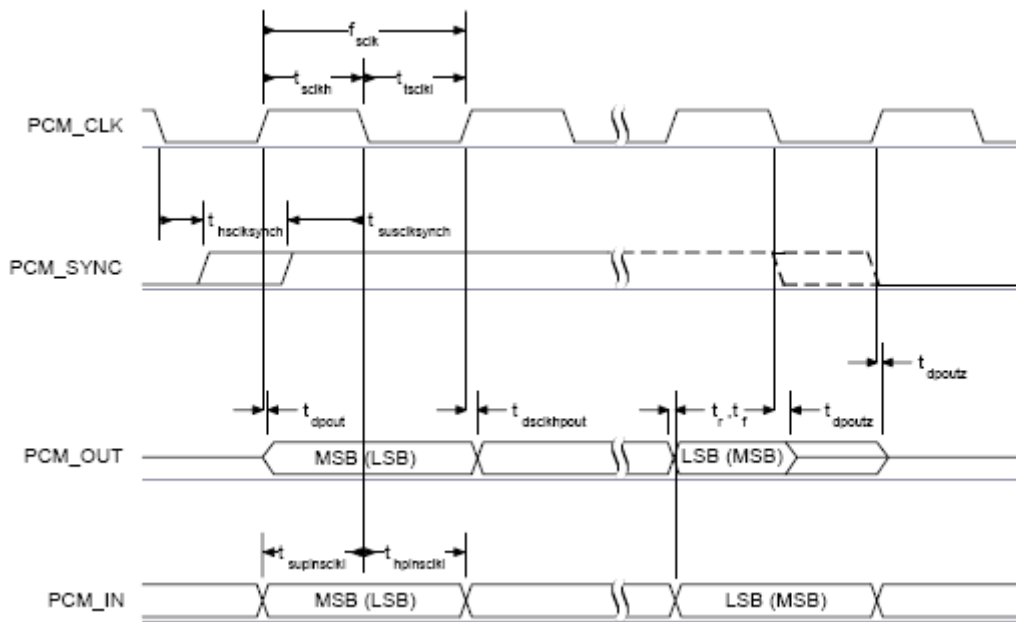


Figure 12: PCM Slave Timing Long Frame Sync

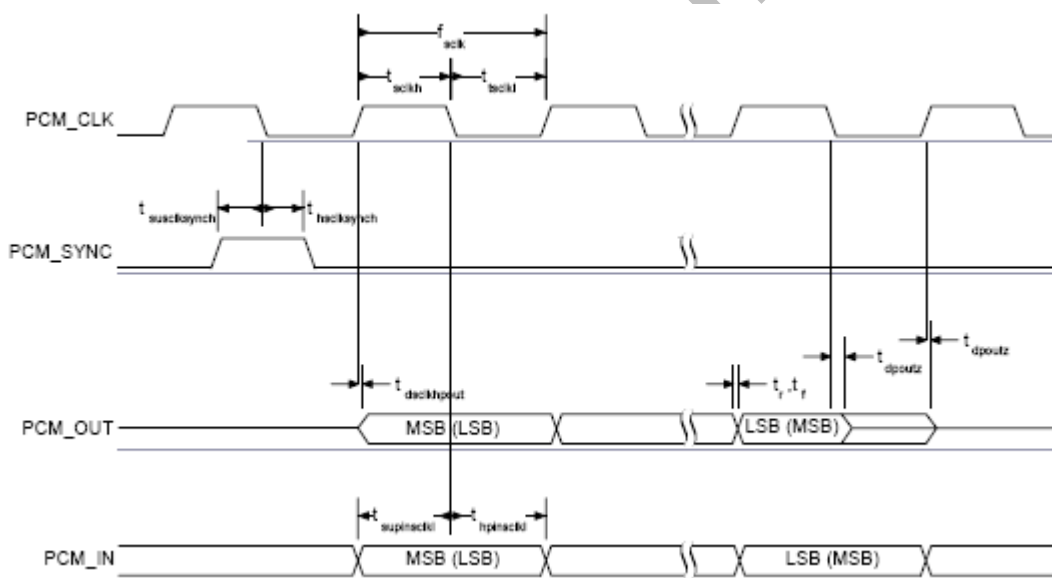


Figure 13: PCM Master Timing Short Frame Sync

4.4 RF Interface

The module integrates a balun filter. The user can connect a 50ohms antenna directly to the RF port.

4.5 General Purpose Analogue IO

The general purpose analogue IO can be configured as ADC inputs by software. Do not connect them if not use.

4.6 General Purpose Digital IO

The general purpose digital IO can be configured by software to have various functions such as button, LED or interrupt signals to host controller. Do not connect them if not use.

4.7 Serial Interfaces

4.7.1 UART

This is a standard Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (UART) interface for communicating with other serial devices. Four signals UART_TX, UART_RX, UART_CTS, and UART_RTS are used to implement the UART function, UART_CTS, UART_RTS can be used to implement hardware flow control. PIO2 and PIO3 can be configured as DTR and RTS.

Parameter		Possible Values
Baud Rate	Minimum	1200 baud ($\leq 2\%$ Error)
		9600 baud ($\leq 1\%$ Error)
	Maximum	3M baud ($\leq 1\%$ Error)
Flow Control		RTS/CTS or None
Parity		None, Odd or Even
Number of Stop Bits		1 or 2
Bits per Byte		8

Table 5: Possible UART Settings

4.7.2 USB

There is a full speed (12M bits/s) USB interface for communicating with other compatible digital devices. The module acts as a USB peripheral, responding to request from a master host controller, such as a PC.

The module features an internal USB pull-up resistor. This pulls the USB_DP pin weakly high when module is ready to enumerate. It signals to the USB master that it is a full speed (12Mbit/s) USB device. The USB internal pull-up is implemented as a current source, and is compliant with section 7.1.5 of the USB specification v1.2. The internal pull-up pulls USB_DP high to at least 2.8V when loaded with a $15k\Omega \pm 5\%$ pull-down resistor (in the hub/host) when $VDD = 3.1V$. This presents a Thevenin resistance to the host of at least 900Ω . Alternatively, an external $1.5k\Omega$ pull-up resistor can be placed between a PIO line and DP on the USB cable.

4.7.2.1 Self-Powered Mode

In self-powered mode, the module is powered from its own power supply and not from the VBUS (5V) line of the USB cable. It draws only a small leakage current (below 0.5mA) from

VBUS on the USB cable. This is the easier mode for which to design, as the design is not limited by the power that can be drawn from the USB hub or root port. However, it requires that VBUS be connected to module via a resistor network (R_{vb1} and R_{vb2}), so the module can detect when VBUS is powered up. The module will not pull USB_DP high when VBUS is off.

Self-powered USB designs (powered from a battery or LDO) must ensure that a PIO line is allocated for USB pull-up purposes. A $1.5k\Omega$ 5% pull-up resistor between USB_DP and the selected PIO line should be fitted to the design. Failure to fit this resistor may result in the design failing to be USB compliant in self-powered mode. The internal pull-up in the module is only suitable for bus-powered USB devices, e.g., dongles.

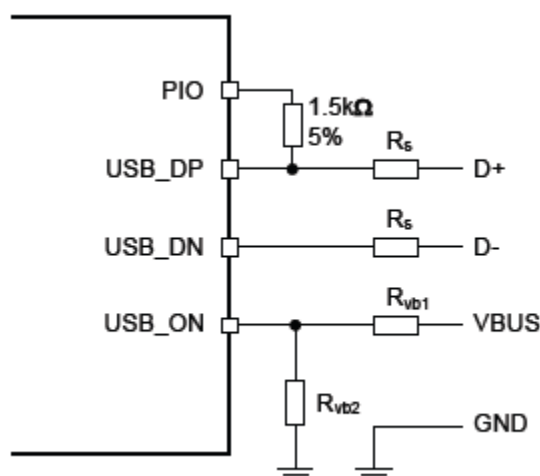


Figure 14: USB Connections for Self-Powered Mode

Note:

USB_ON is shared with the module PIO terminals.

Identifier	Value	Function
R_s	27Ω Nominal	Impedance matching to USB cable
R_{vb1}	$22k\Omega$ 5%	VBUS ON sense divider
R_{vb2}	$47k\Omega$ 5%	VBUS ON sense divider

Table 6: USB Interface Component Values

4.7.2.2 Bus-Powered Mode

In bus-powered mode, the application circuit draws its current from the 5V VBUS supply on the USB cable. The module negotiates with the PC during the USB enumeration stage about how much current it is allowed to consume. For Class 2 Bluetooth applications, FLC recommends that the regulator used to derive 3.3V from VBUS is rated at 100mA average current and should be able to handle peaks of 120mA without foldback or limiting. In bus-powered mode, the module requests 100mA during enumeration. For Class 1 Bluetooth applications, the USB power descriptor should be altered to reflect the amount of power

required. This is higher than for a Class 2 application due to the extra current drawn by the Transmit RF PA. When selecting a regulator, be aware that VBUS may go as low as 4.4V. The inrush current (when charging reservoir and supply decoupling capacitors) is limited by the USB specification. See USB Specification v1.1, section 7.2.4.1. Some applications may require soft start circuitry to limit inrush current if more than 10 μ F is present between VBUS and GND.

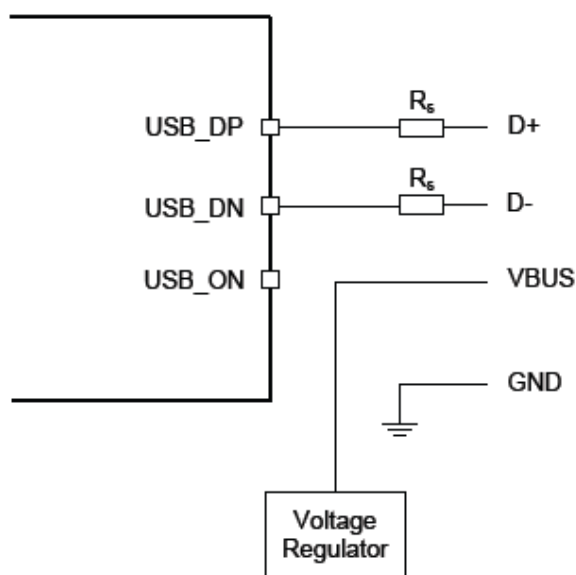


Figure 15: USB Connections for Bus-Powered Mode

4.7.3 I²C

PIO5, PIO7 and PIO6 can be used to form a master I²C interface. The interface is formed using software to drive these lines. It is suited only to relatively slow functions such as driving a LCD, Keyboard, scanner or EEPROM. In the case, PIO lines need to be pulled up through 2.2Kohm resistors.

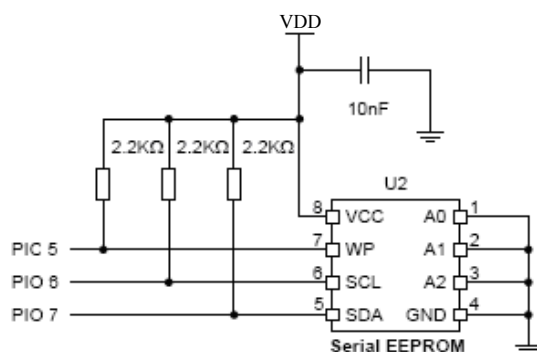


Figure 16: Example EEPROM Connection with I²C Interface

4.7.4 SPI

The synchronous serial port interface (SPI) can be used for system debugging. It can also be used for in-system programming for the flash memory within the module. SPI interface uses

the SPI_MOSI, SPI_MISO, SPI_CSB and SPI_CLK pins. Testing points for the SPI interface are reserved on board in case that the firmware shall be updated during manufacture.

The module operates as a slave and thus SPI_MISO is an output of the module. SPI_MISO is not in high-impedance state when SPI_CSB is pulled high. Instead, the module outputs 0 if the processor is running and 1 if it is stopped. Thus the module should NOT be connected in a multi-slave arrangement by simple parallel connection of slave SPI_MISO lines. The SPI interface is needed when debugging the Bluetooth functions so please leave test points/pads as shown in **Figure 17** on PCB.

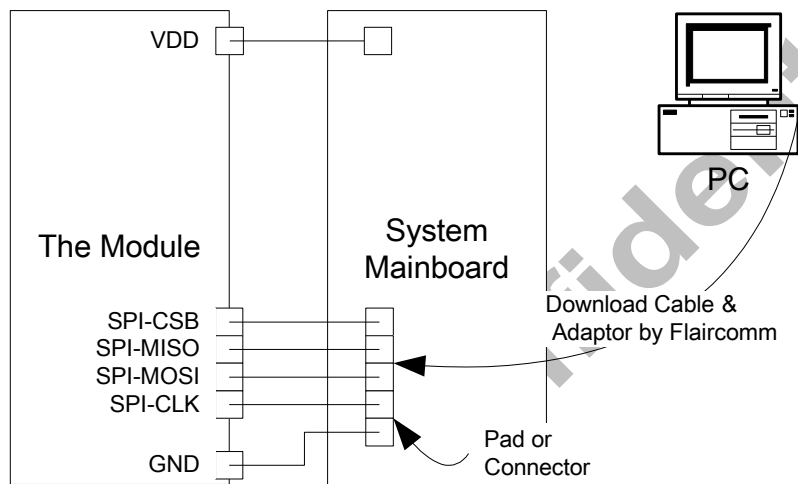


Figure 17: Design SPI for In-System Programming and Debug

5. Electrical Characteristic

5.1 Absolute Maximum Rating

Rating	Min	Max	Unit
Storage Temperature	-40	+120	°C
Operating Temperature	-40	+85	°C
PIO/AIO Voltage	-0.4	+3.6	V
VDD Voltage	-0.4	+3.7	V
USB_DP/USB_DN Voltage	-0.4	+3.6	V
Other Terminal Voltages except RF	-0.4	VDD+0.4	V

Table 7: Absolute Maximum Rating Recommended Operating Conditions

5.2 Recommend operation conditions

Operating Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Storage Temperature	-40	--	+85	°C
Operating Temperature Range	-20	--	+70	°C
VDD Voltage	+3	+3.3	+3.6	V

Table 8: Recommended Operating Conditions

5.3 Power consumptions

Operating Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Radio On ⁺ (Discovery)		23		mA
Radio On ⁺ (Inquiry window time)		35		mA
Connected (Deep sleep disable, sniff enable)	1.4	3	11	mA
Connected (Deep sleep enable, sniff enable)	0.04	2.4	11	mA
Connected with data transfer	3	10	15	mA

Table 9: Power consumptions

Note :

Sniff mode ----- In Sniff mode, the duty cycle of the slave's activity in the piconet may be reduced. If a slave is in active mode on an ACL logical transport, it shall listen in every ACL slot to the master traffic, unless that link is being treated as a scatternet link or is absent due to hold mode. With sniff mode, the time slots when a slave is listening are reduced, so the master shall only transmit to a slave in specified time slots. The sniff anchor points are spaced regularly with an interval of Tsniff.

5.4 Input/output Terminal Characteristics

5.4.1 Digital Terminals

Supply Voltage Levels	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Input Voltage Levels				
V_{IL} input logic level low	-0.4	-	+0.8	V
V_{IH} input logic level high	0.7VDD	-	VDD+0.4	V
Output Voltage Levels				
V_{OL} output logic level low, $I_{OL} = 4.0\text{mA}$	-	-	0.4	V
V_{OH} output logic level high, $I_{OH} = -4.0\text{mA}$	VDD-0.2	-	-	V
Input and Tri-state Current				
With strong pull-up	-100	-40	-10	μA
With strong pull-down	10	40	100	μA
With weak pull-up	-5	-1.0	-0.2	μA
With weak pull-down	-0.2	+1.0	5.0	μA
I/O pad leakage current	-1	0	+1	μA
C_I Input Capacitance	1.0	-	5.0	pF

Table 10: Digital Terminal

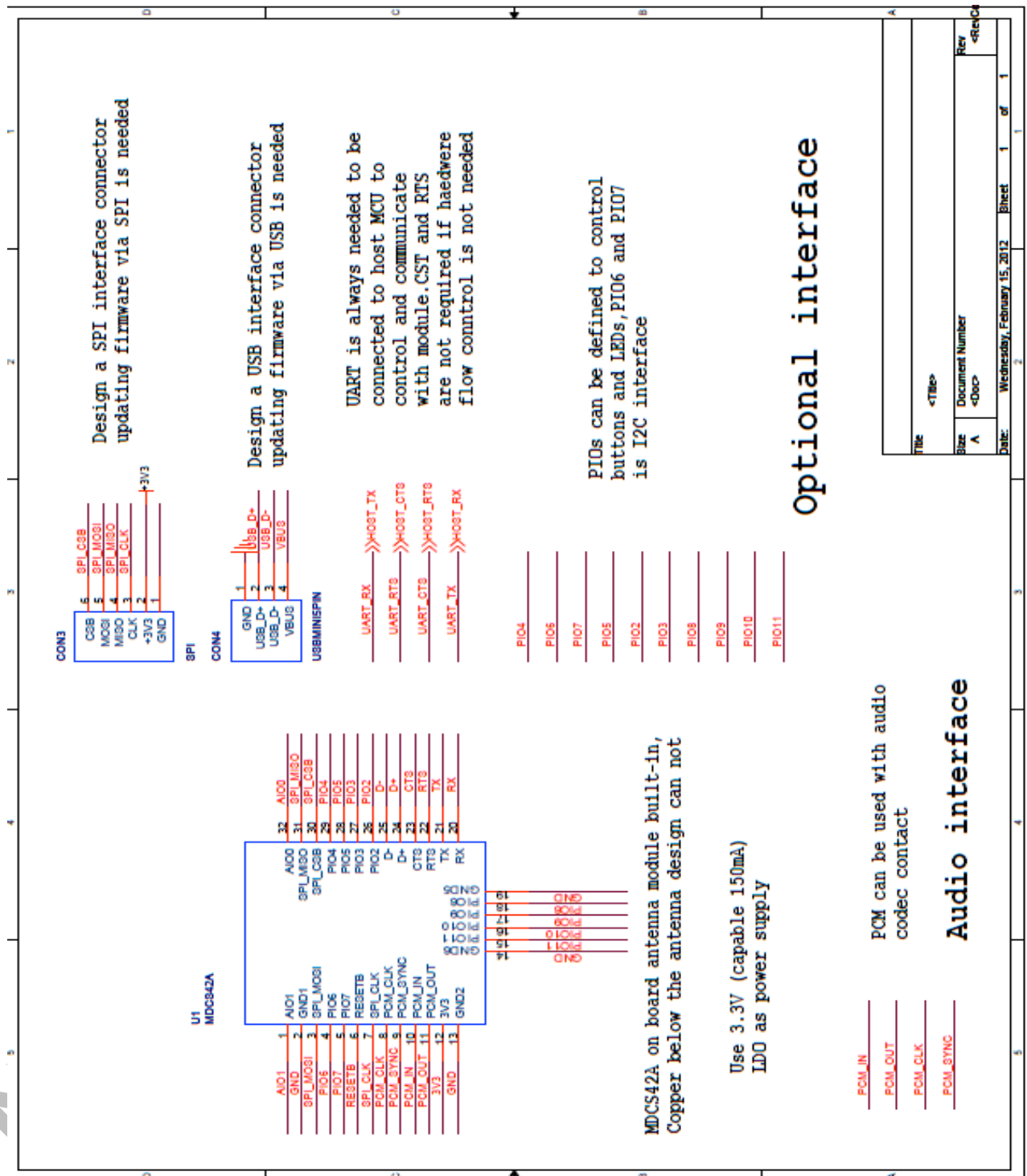
5.4.2 USB

USB Terminals	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Input Threshold				
V_{IL} input logic level low	-	-	0.3VDD	V
V_{IH} input logic level high	0.7VDD	-	-	V
Input Leakage Current				
$\text{GND} < V_{IN} < \text{VDD}^{(a)}$	-1	1	5	μA
C_I Input capacitance	2.5	-	10.0	pF
Output Voltage Levels to Correctly Terminated USB Cable				
V_{IL} output logic level low	0.0	-	0.2	V
V_{IH} output logic level high	2.8	-	VDD	V

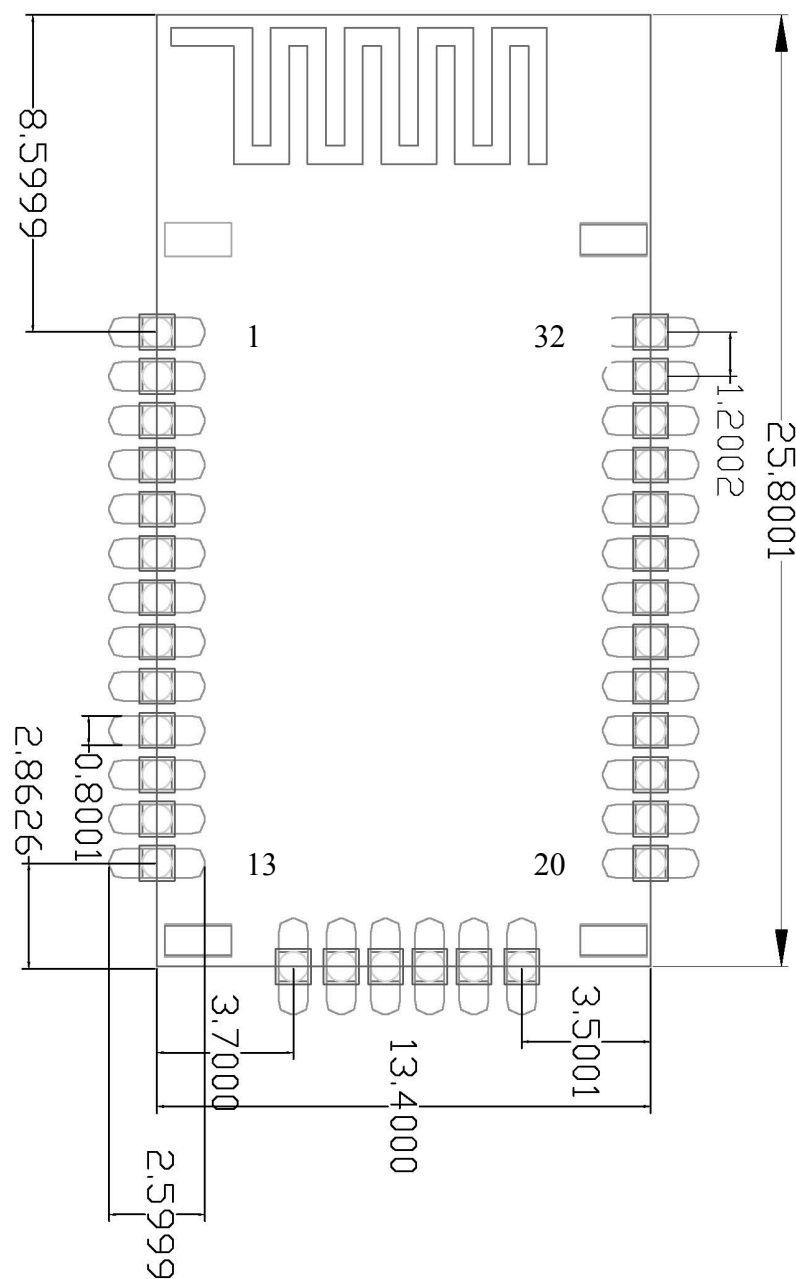
Table 11: USB Terminal

(a) Internal USB pull-up disabled

6. Reference Design



7. Mechanical Characteristic



Dimensioning unit: mm

Figure 19: Mechanical Characteristic (Top View)

8. Recommended PCB Layout and Mounting Pattern

A very important factor in achieving maximum Bluetooth performance is the placement of a module with on-board antenna designs onto the carrier board and corresponding PCB layout. There should be no any trace, ground and vias in the area of the carrier board underneath the module's on-board antenna section as indicated in **Figure 20**. Antenna portion of the module must be placed at least 20mm away from any metal part and the antenna should not be covered by any piece of metal. The antenna of the module **MUST** be kept as far from potential noise sources as possible and special care must also be taken with placing the module in proximity to circuitry that can emit heat. The RF part of the module is very sensitive to temperature and sudden changes can have an adverse impact on performance.

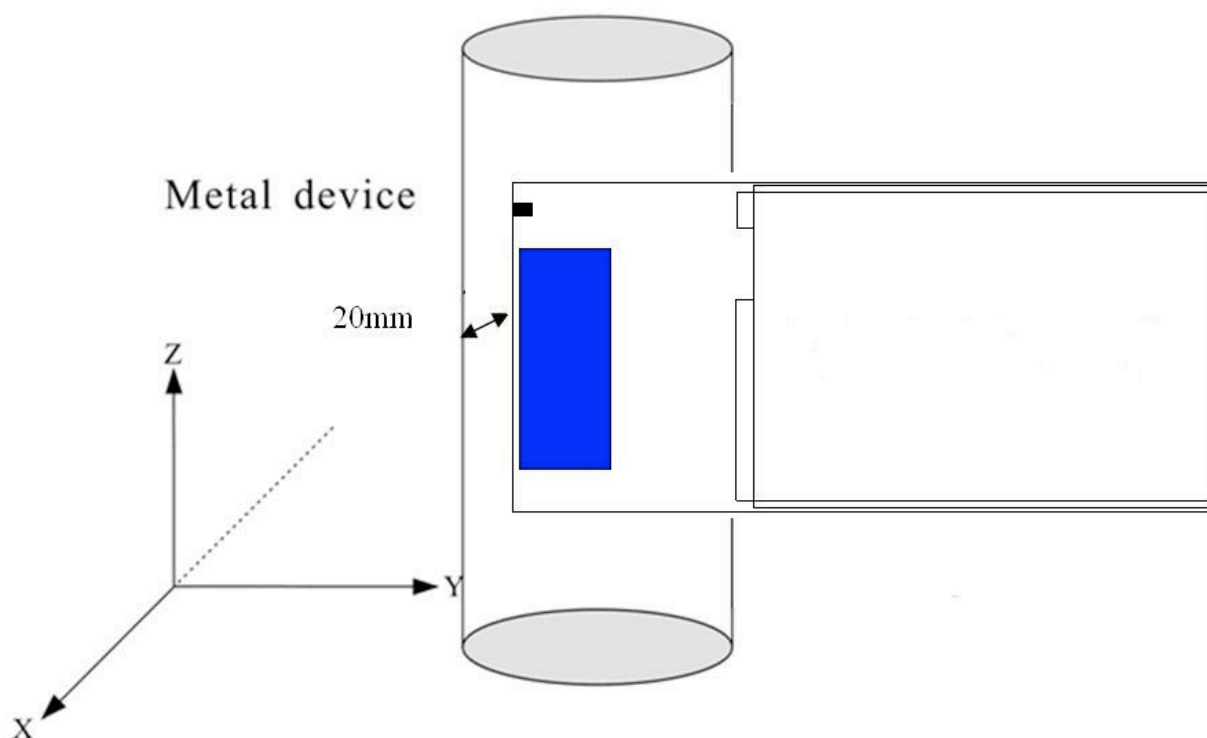


Figure 20: Leave 20mm Clearance Space from the Module Built-in chip Antenna

9. Recommended Reflow Profile

The soldering profile depends on various parameters necessitating a set up for each application. The data here is given only for guidance on solder reflow.

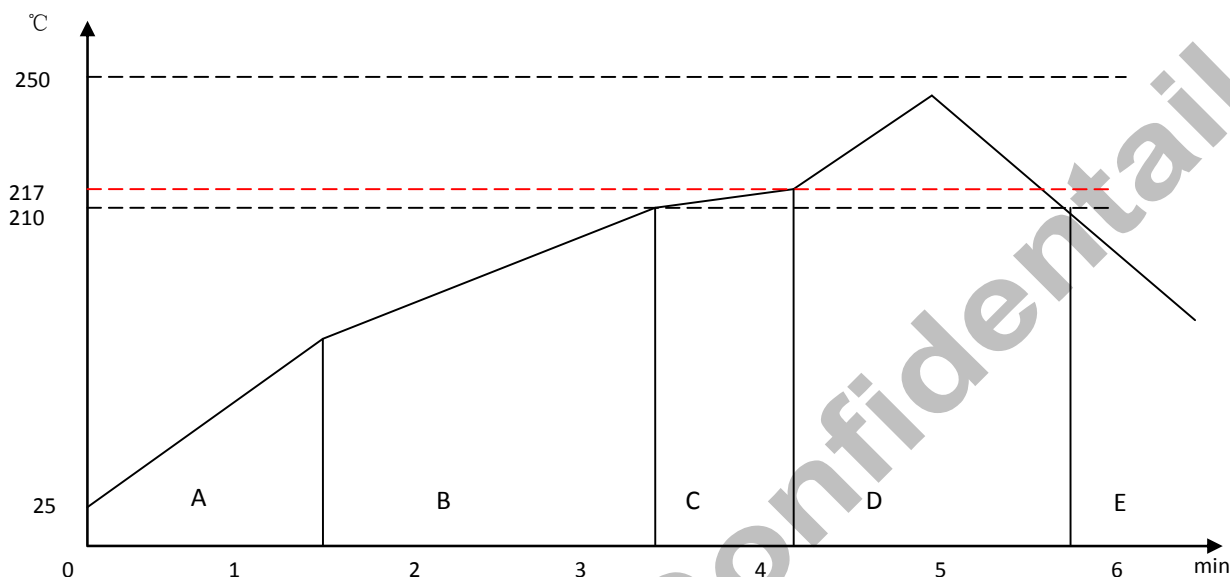


Figure 21: Recommended Reflow Profile

Pre-heat zone (A) — This zone raises the temperature at a controlled rate, **typically 0.5 – 2 °C/s**. The purpose of this zone is to preheat the PCB board and components to 120 ~ 150 °C. This stage is required to distribute the heat uniformly to the PCB board and completely remove solvent to reduce the heat shock to components.

Equilibrium Zone 1 (B) — In this stage the flux becomes soft and uniformly encapsulates solder particles and spread over PCB board, preventing them from being re-oxidized. Also with elevation of temperature and liquefaction of flux, each activator and rosin get activated and start eliminating oxide film formed on the surface of each solder particle and PCB board. **The temperature is recommended to be 150° to 210° for 60 to 120 second for this zone.**

Equilibrium Zone 2 (c) (optional) — In order to resolve the upright component issue, it is recommended to keep the temperature in 210 – 217 ° for about 20 to 30 second.

Reflow Zone (D) — The profile in the figure is designed for Sn/Ag3.0/Cu0.5. It can be a reference for other lead-free solder. The peak temperature should be high enough to achieve good wetting but not so high as to cause component discoloration or damage. Excessive soldering time can lead to intermetallic growth which can result in a brittle joint. The recommended peak temperature (T_p) is 230 ~ 250 °C. The soldering time should be 30 to 90 second when the temperature is above 217 °C.

Cooling Zone (E) — The cooling rate should be fast, to keep the solder grains small which will give a longerlasting joint. **Typical cooling rate should be 4 °C.**