Datasheet

ANT-GNCP-CA158L160
Active Ceramic Patch GNSS Antenna

The GNCP-CA158L160 is a global navigation satellite system (GNSS) ceramic patch antenna with integrated low noise amplifier (LNA), supporting GPS, Galileo, GLONASS, Beidou, IRNSS and QZSS systems in the L1/E1/B1 bands. The 15 dB LNA provides high gain with low noise figure of 2.6 dB (typ.). The antenna has a 60 mm cable terminated in a U.FL-type plug (female socket) connector.

Features

- Performance at 1575.42 MHz
  - VSWR: ≤ 2.4
  - Peak Gain: 13.9 dBi
  - Axial Ratio: 5.0 dB
- Directional radiation pattern orthogonal to antenna surface
- Right-hand circularly polarized (RHCP)
- 15 dB (Typ.) LNA
- U.FL-type plug (female socket) compatible with MHF1, AMC, UMCC

Applications

- Global navigation
  - GPS L1
  - Galileo E1
  - GLONASS II L1
  - Beidou B1-BOC
  - IRNSS
  - QZSS L1
- Timing solutions

Ordering Information

Part Number	Description
ANT-GNCP-CA158L160	GNSS ceramic patch antenna with U.FL-type plug (female socket) on 60 mm of 1.13 mm coaxial cable

Available from Linx Technologies and select distributors and representatives.

Table 1. Electrical Specifications, LNA plus Antenna Data

GNCP-CA158L160	Beidou B1	GPS L1, GALILEO E1, GLONASS II L1, Beidou B1-BOC, QZSS L1	Beidou B1-2	GLONASS I L1, GLONASS II L1
Center Frequency	1561.098 MHz	1575.42 MHz	1589.74 MHz	1602 MHz
Frequency Range	1559.05 MHz to 1563.14 MHz	1567.24 MHz to 1583.60 MHz	1587.69 MHz to 1591.79 MHz	1593.31 MHz to 1608.68 MHz
VSWR (max)	3.5	2.4	1.5	1.4
Peak Gain* (dBi)	6.7	13.9	13.9	12.4
Axial Ratio (dBi)	6.4	5.0	6.3	9.4
Noise Figure (dB)	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6

Polarization	RHCP	Impedance	50 Ω
Radiation	Vertical	Electrical Type	Radiating Patch plus LNA
Input Voltage	Min. 2.7 V, Typ. 3.0 V, Max. 3.3 V	Current Consumption @3.0V	Typ. 3.0 mA, Max. 5.0 mA
Operating Temp. Range	-40 °C to +85 °C	Weight	5.7 g (0.20 oz)
Connection	U.FL-type plug (female socket) on 60 mm (2.36 in) of 1.13 mm coaxial cable		
Dimensions	15.0 mm x 15.0 mm x 6.6 mm (0.59 in x 0.59 in x 0.26 in)		

*Applies to antenna, LNA, cable and connector combined.

VSWR

Figure 1 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.

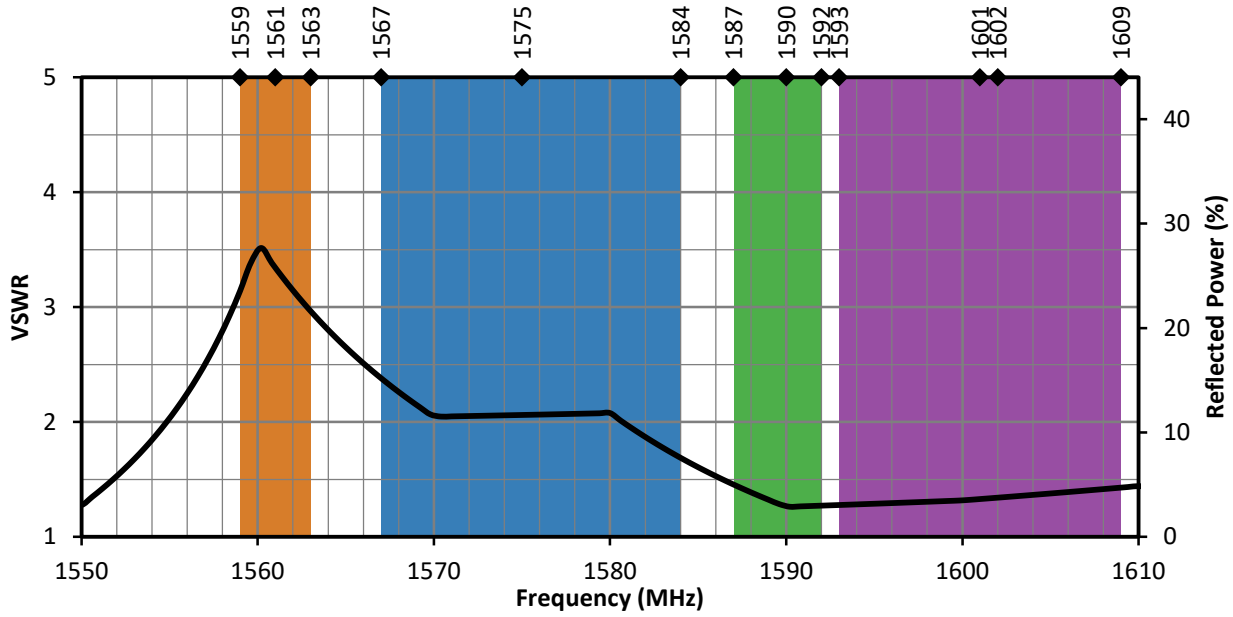


Figure 1. ANT-GNCP-CA158L160 VSWR with Frequency Band Highlights

Return Loss

Return loss (Figure 2), 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.

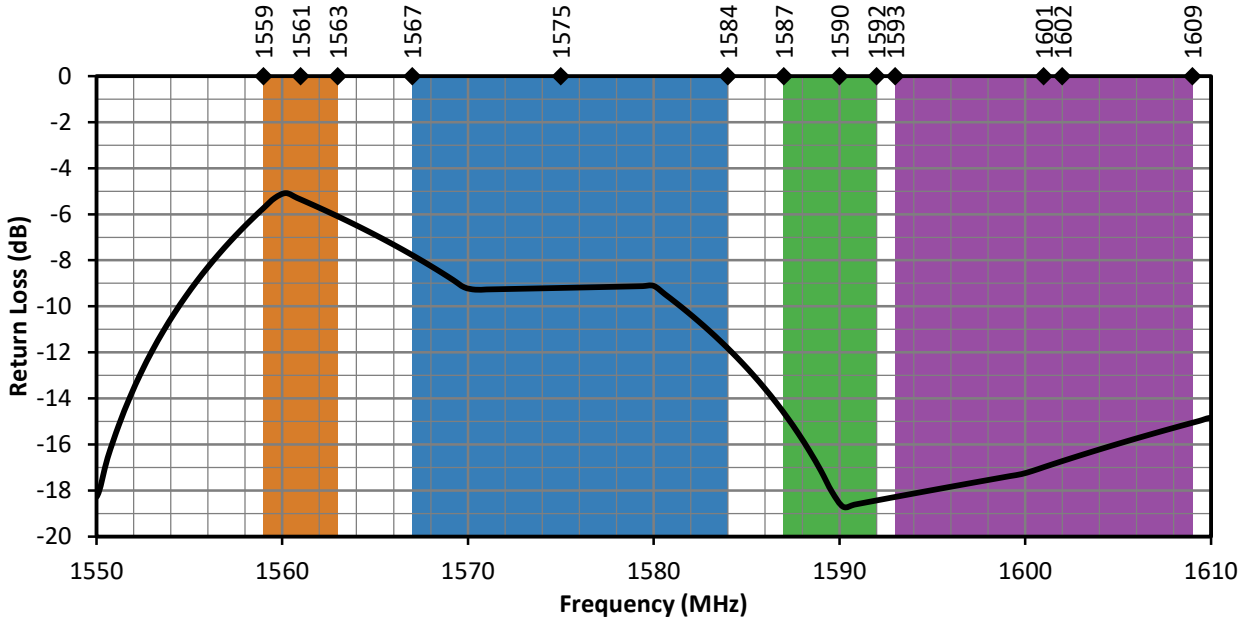


Figure 2. ANT-GNCP-CA158L160 Return Loss with Frequency Band Highlights

Peak Gain

The peak gain across the antenna bandwidth is shown in Figure 3. 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.

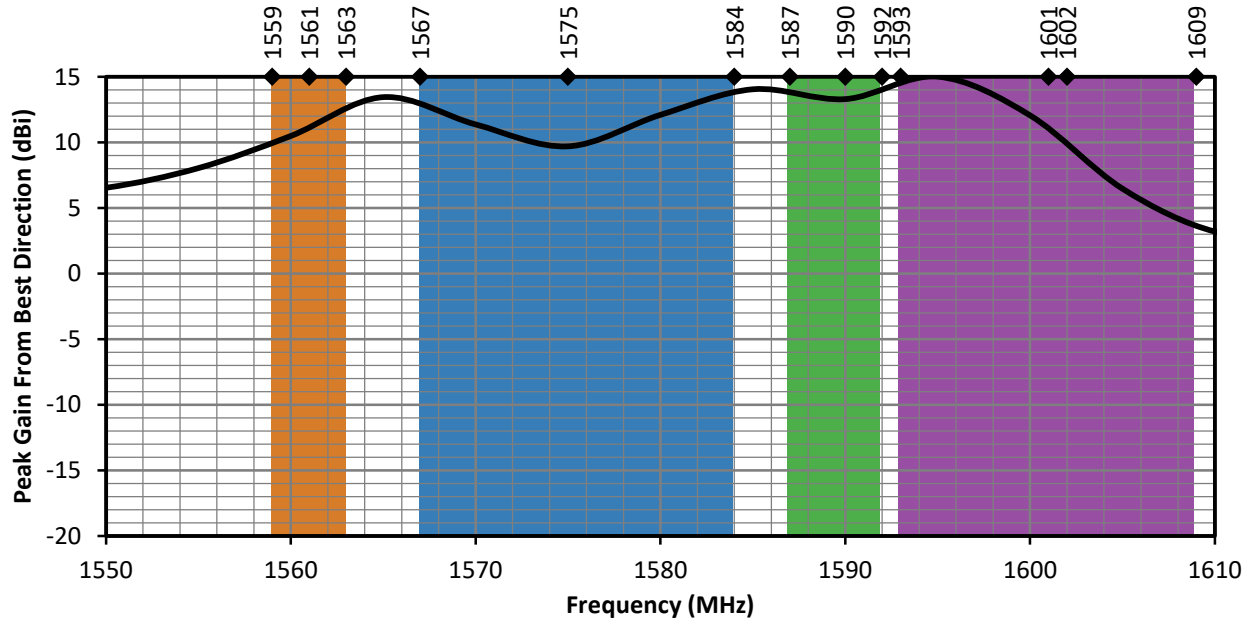


Figure 3. ANT-GNCP-CA158L160 Peak Gain with Frequency Band Highlights

Axial Ratio

Axial ratio provides a measure of the quality of circular polarization of an antenna, the lower the value (in dB), the better the circular polarization. A circularly polarized antenna field comprises two orthogonal E-field components. These fields are ideally of equal amplitude, resulting in an axial ratio equal to unity (0 dB). In practice, no antenna is perfectly circular in polarization, the polarization is elliptical as one field has larger magnitude. As the axial ratio increases the antenna gain degrades away from the main beam orthogonal to the antenna surface. The axial ratio for the ANT-GNCP-CA158L160 antenna is shown in Figure 4.

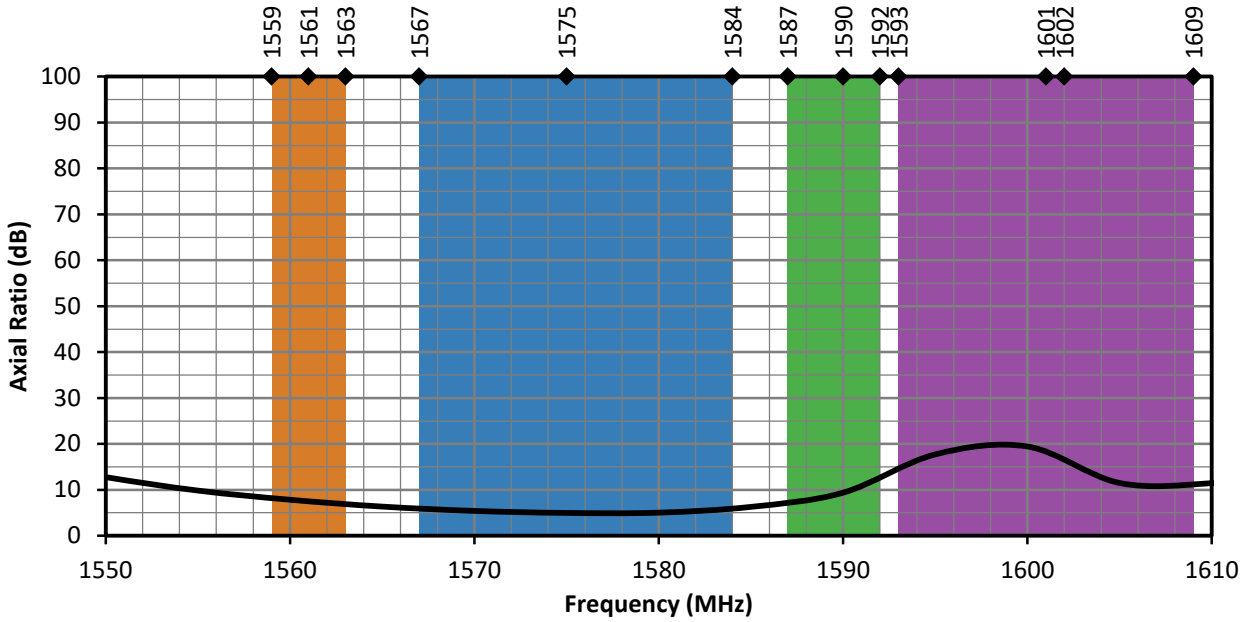
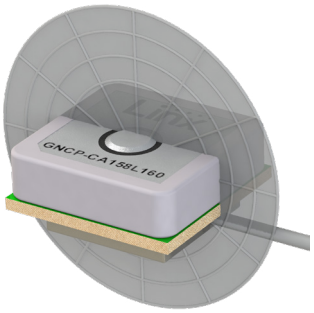


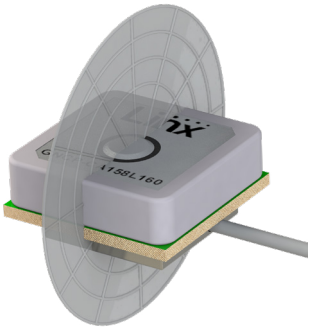
Figure 4. ANT-GNCP-CA158L160 Antenna Axial Ratio with Frequency Band Highlights

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 for an edge straight orientation are shown in Figure 5 using polar plots covering 360 degrees. The antenna graphic at the top of the page 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.



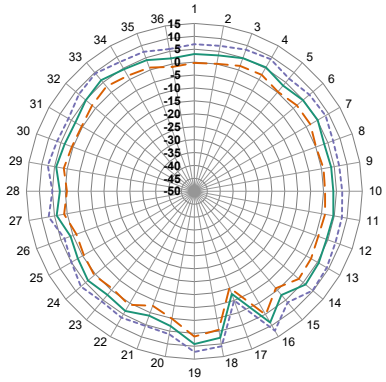
XZ-Plane Gain



YZ-Plane Gain

XY-Plane Gain

1559.05 MHz to 1563.14 MHz (1561 MHz)



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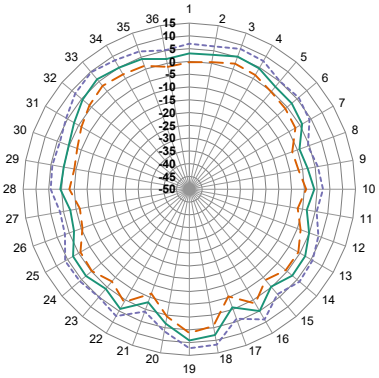

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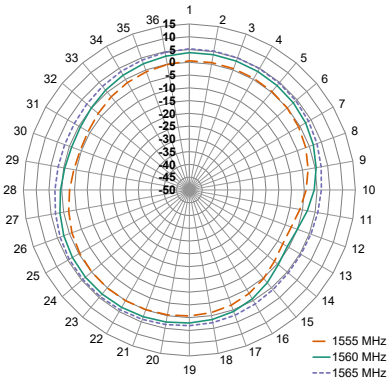

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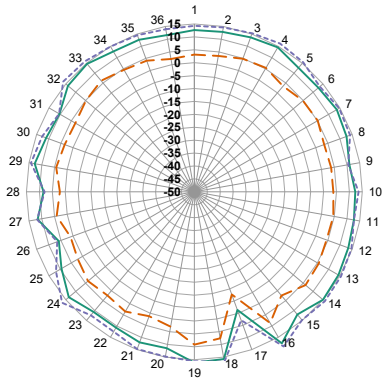

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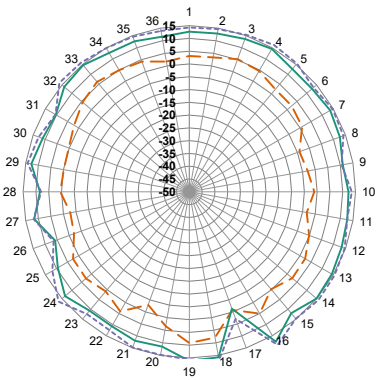

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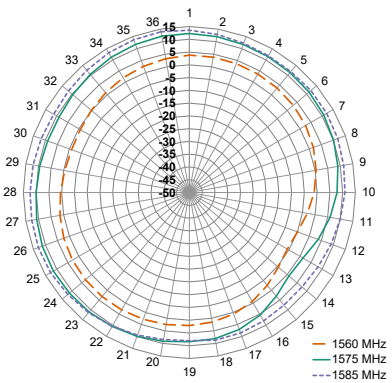
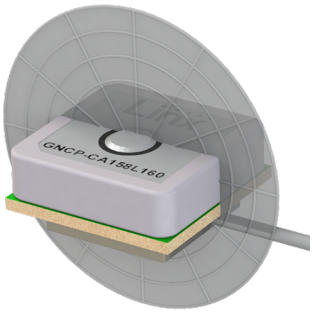


XY-Plane Gain

Radiation Patterns



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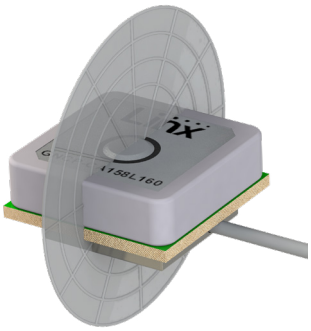

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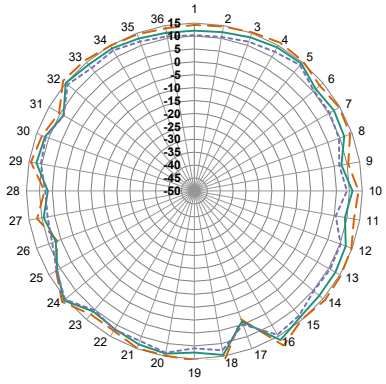
1587.69 MHz to 1591.79 MHz (1590 MHz)



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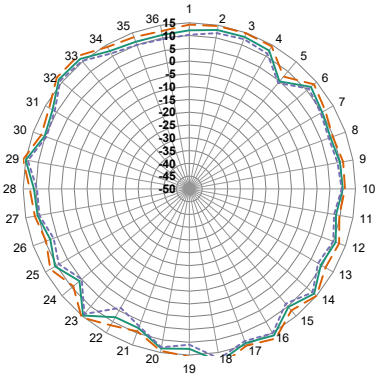

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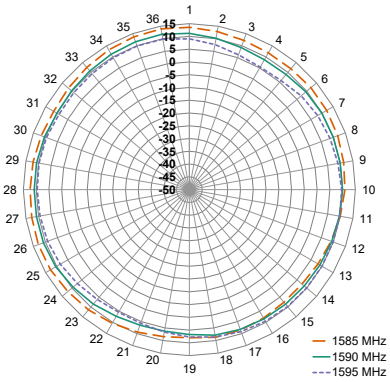

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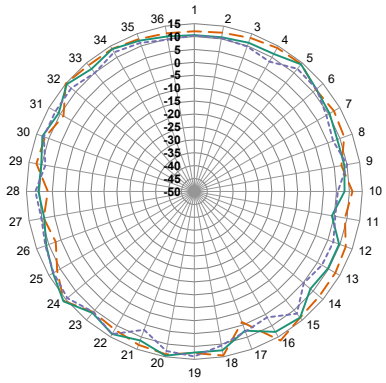
1593.31 MHz to 1608.68 MHz (1601 MHz)



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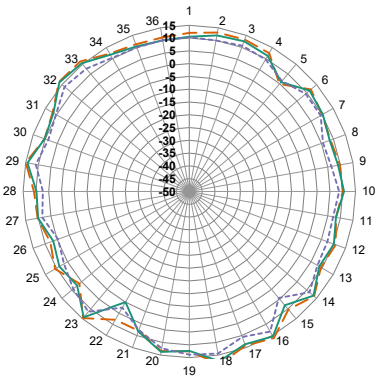

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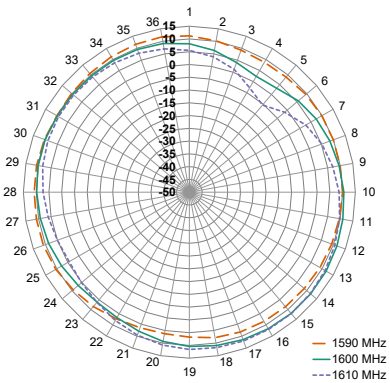

XY-Plane Gain

Figure 5. ANT-GNCP-CA158L160 Radiation Patterns

Product Dimensions

Figure 6 provides dimensions of the ANT-GNCP-CA158L160.

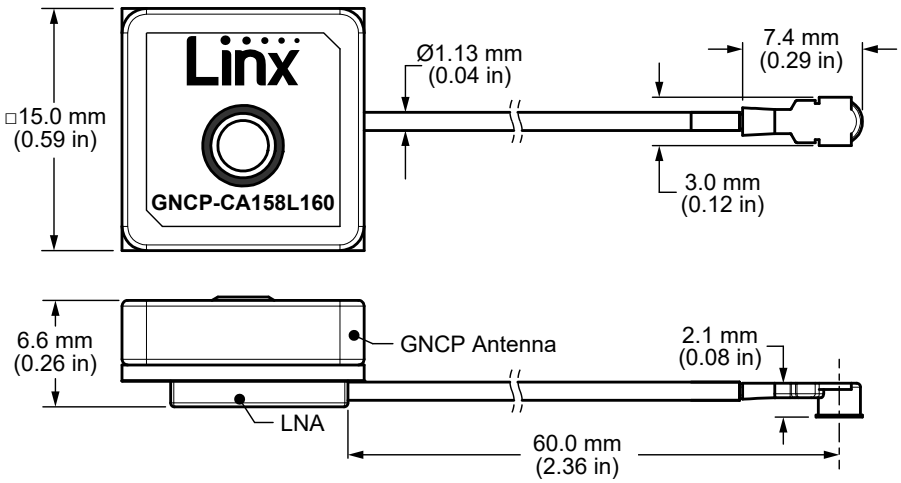

Figure 6. ANT-GNCP-CA158L160 Antenna Dimensions

Mounting

The ANT-GNCP-CA158L160 may be mounted by soldering the LNA base to a printed circuit board (PCB) - see application note, AN-00504 on the Linx website for more information. Alternatively, the antenna may be mounted by mechanical means (e.g. bracket, not included) or using an adhesive patch (not included).

Packaging Information

The ANT-GNCP-CA158L160 antenna is packaged in a protective plastic tray in quantities of 30. Antenna trays are bundled and packaged in a carton of 540 antennas. Distribution channels may offer alternative packaging options.

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