

2.4GHz Chip Antenna – Evaluation Kit



AANI-CH-0138-EVB

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Description

The AANI-CH-0138-EVB evaluation kit is designed to provide a means to facilitate engineering evaluation of the “2.4GHz Chip Antenna”: AANI-CH-0138

The kit includes an evaluation board with SMA connector + three additional AANI-CH-0138 antennas for further testing.

Product Image



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Electrical Specification

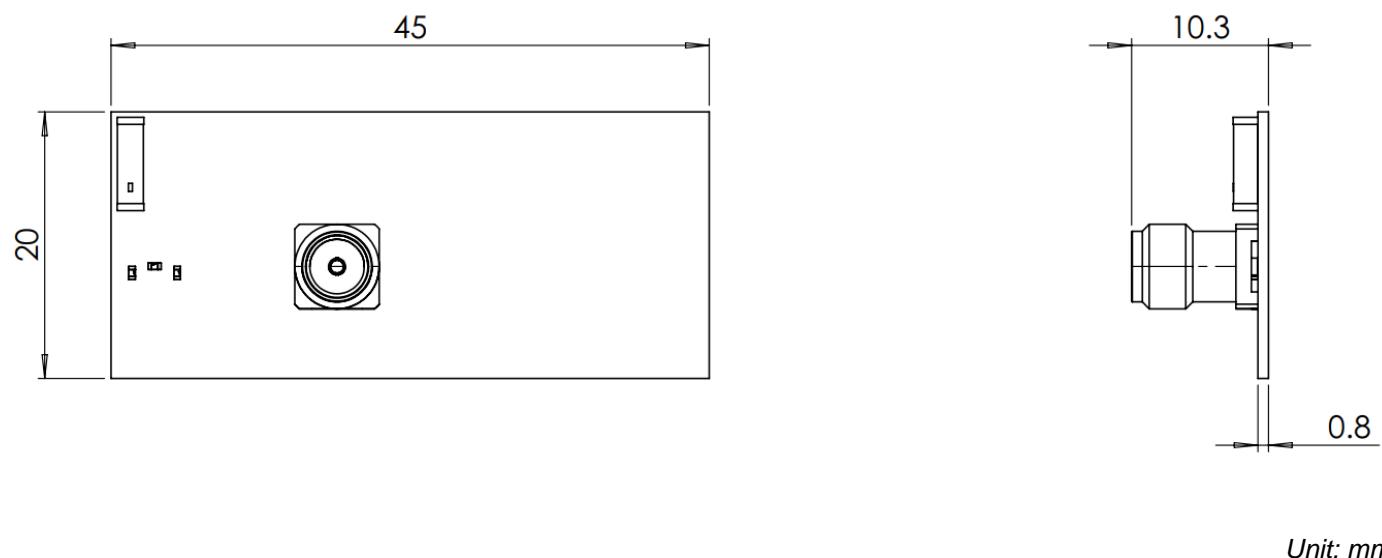
Parameter	Specification	Unit
Operating Frequency Range	2400 – 2500	MHz
Return Loss	< -18.3	dB
VSWR	< 1.3	:1
Polarization	Linear	-
Peak Gain	3.6	dBi
Minimum Total Efficiency	-0.7 (85)	dB (%)
Average Total Efficiency	-0.6 (88)	dB (%)
Maximum Total Efficiency	-0.4 (92)	dB (%)
Impedance	50	Ω
Radiation Pattern	Omni-directional	-
Input Power	< 3	W

Note: All measurements were performed using the evaluation board in a free-space environment. Actual performance may vary depending on factors such as the ground plane, specific application, and surrounding environment.

Mechanical Specification

Parameter	Specification
Evaluation board Dimension	45 x 20 x 10.3 mm

Product Dimensions



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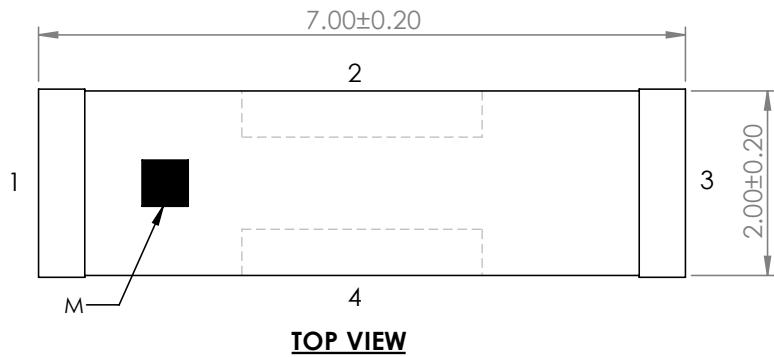


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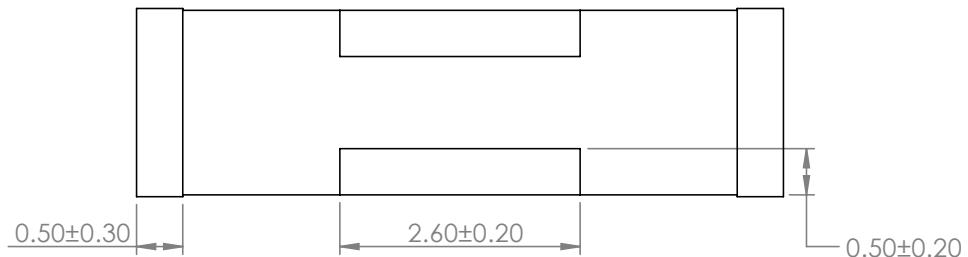
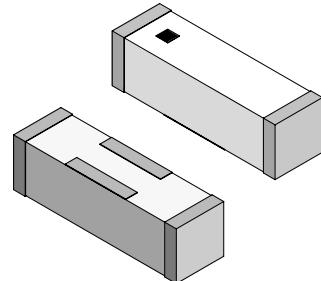
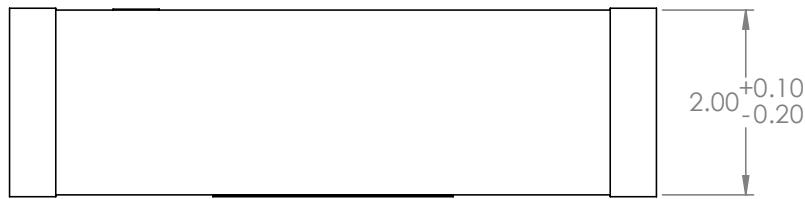


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Antenna Dimensions and Terminal Configuration



No.	Terminal Name
1	FEED
2	NC
3	FEED
4	NC
M	MARK



Unit: mm



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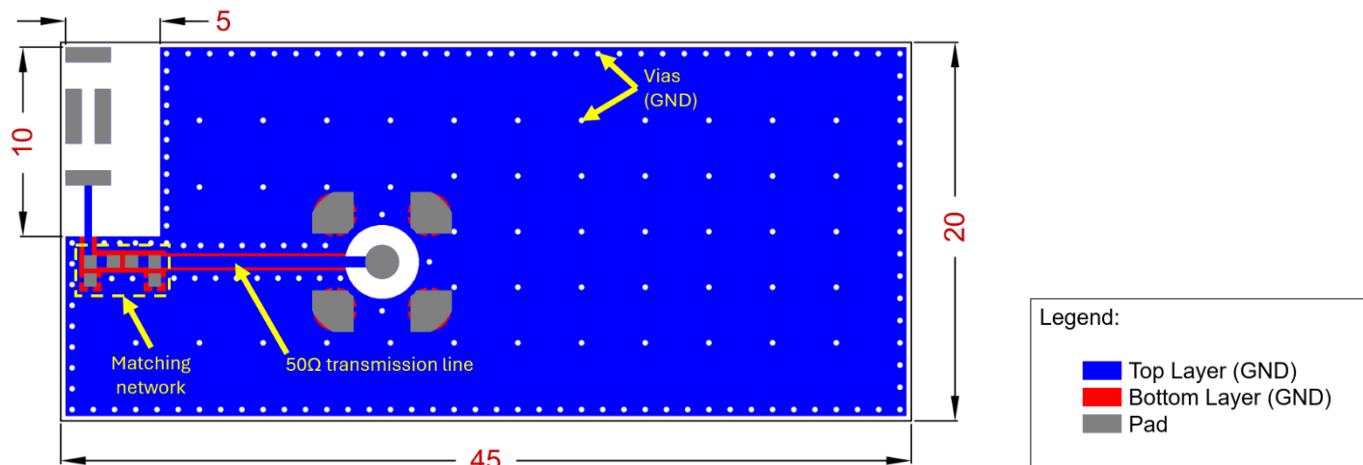
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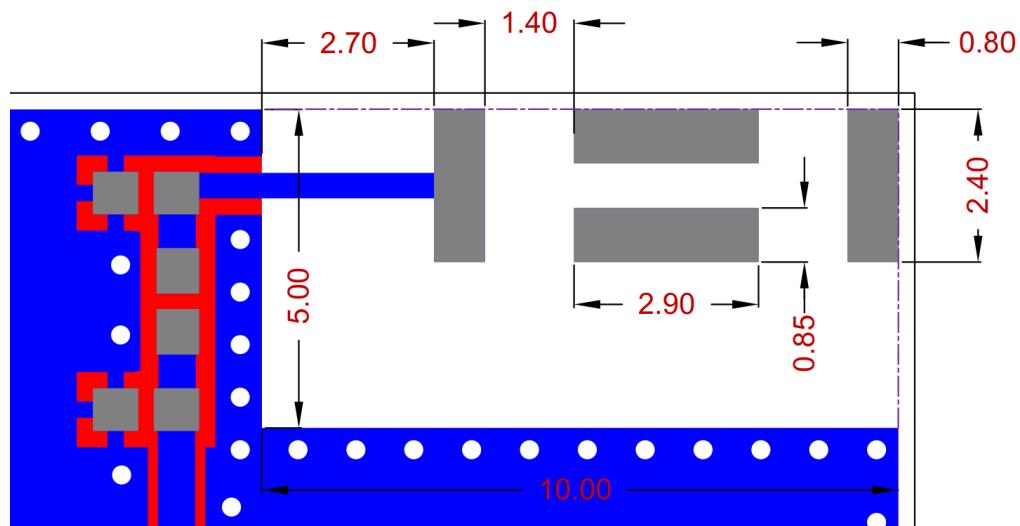
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Recommended PCB layout

If there are several layers in the PCB, there is an advantage to add vias for smooth interconnection of the ground areas to avoid splits in the ground plane. It is also important that the ground clearance is respected through **all layers** of the PCB. It is recommended to implement a matching network to optimize the antenna impedance in your application.



Detailed view of antenna pads and copper clearance:



Transmission Line

The transmission line should be kept as short as possible and be designed to have a characteristic impedance of 50Ω. Abracon recommends using a Co-Planar Waveguide with Ground (CPWG), which dimensions can be derived by any trusted calculator, using the correct input for PCB materials and layer stack-up.



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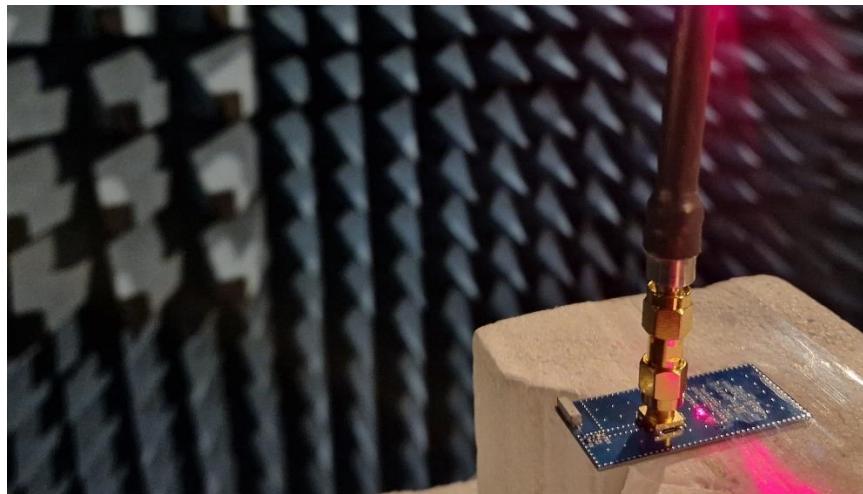
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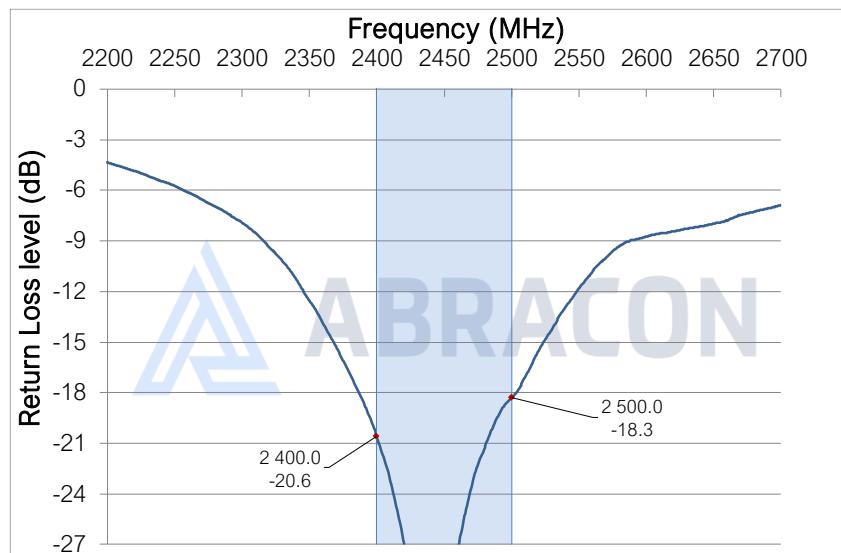
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Measurement Setup

The radiation measurements were all done in an anechoic chamber with the antenna implemented on its evaluation board (Abracron AANI-CH-0138-EVB) that has a PCB size of 45 x 20 mm:



Reflection Characteristics – Return Loss



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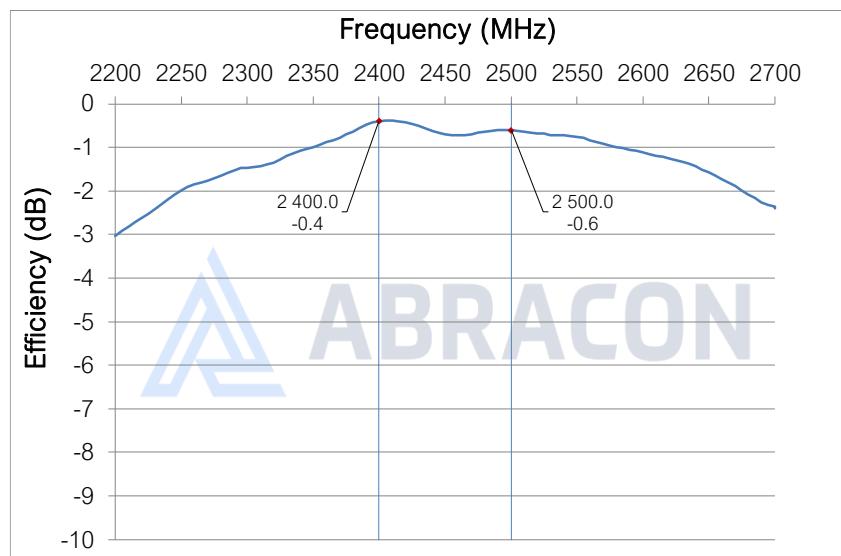


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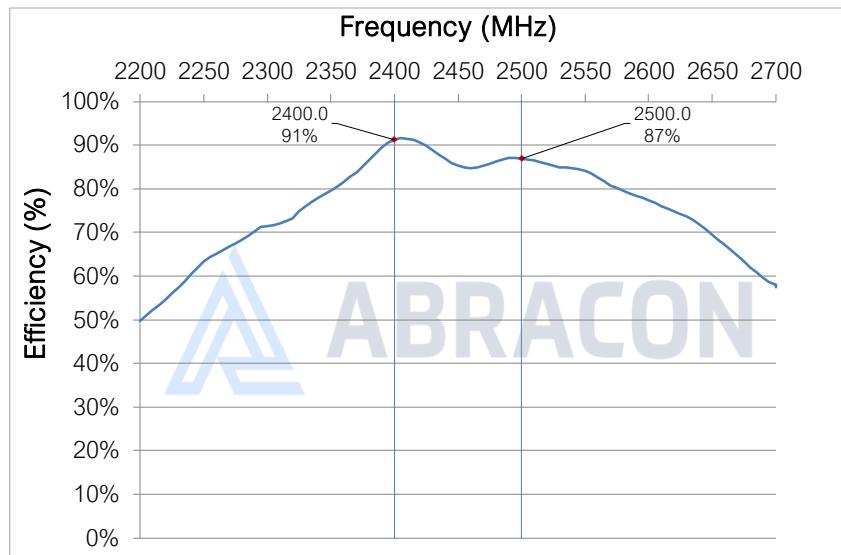
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Radiation Characteristics – Total Efficiency (dB)



Radiation Characteristics – Total Efficiency (%)



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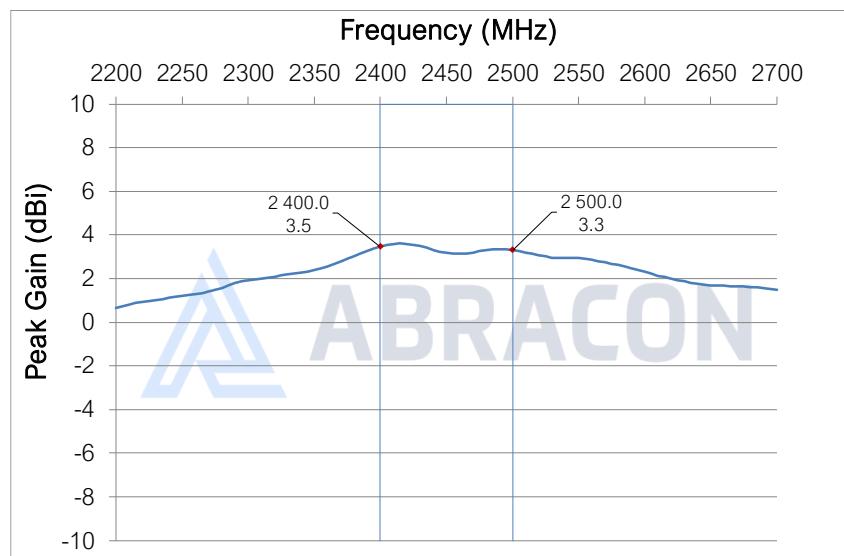


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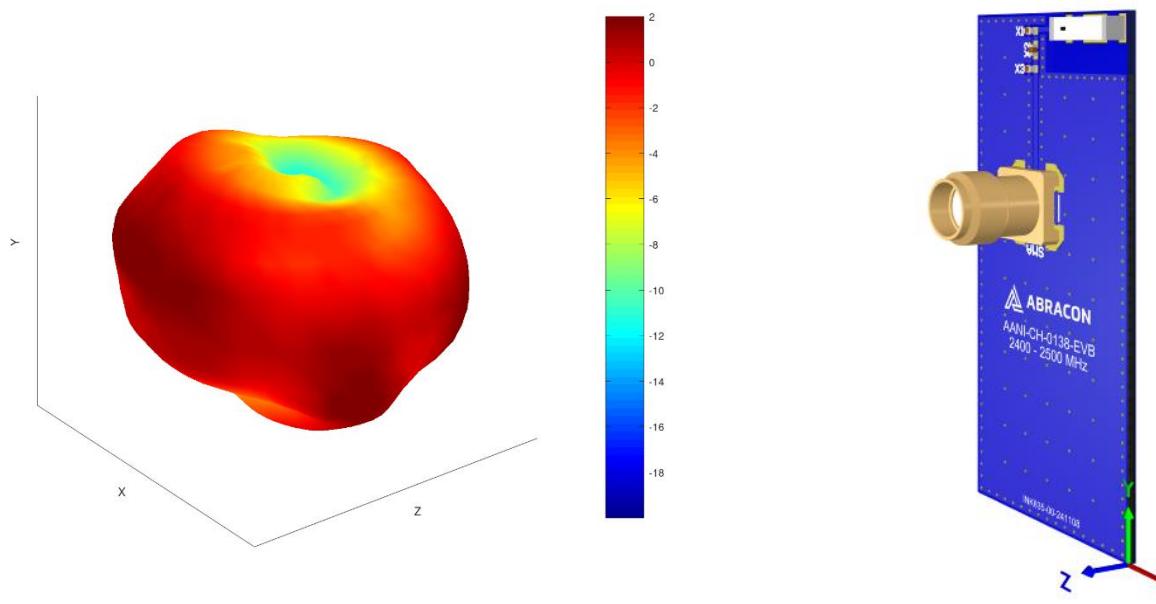
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Radiation Characteristics – Maximum Gain



Radiation Characteristics – 3D Pattern @ 2450 MHz



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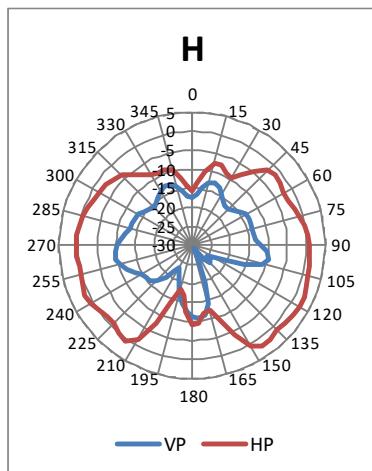
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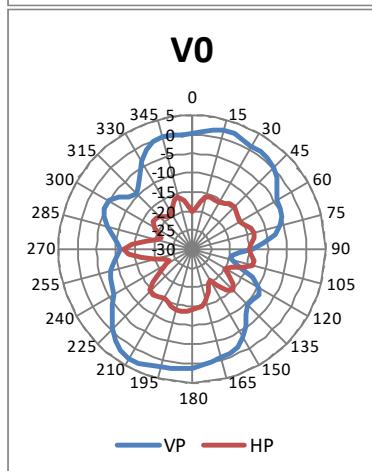
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Radiation Characteristics – 2D Pattern @ 2450 MHz

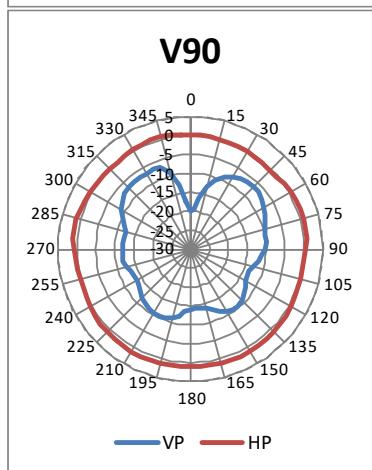
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YZ-plane:

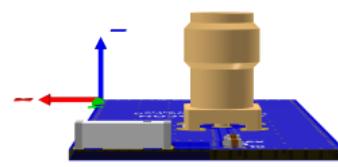
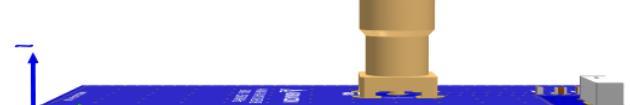
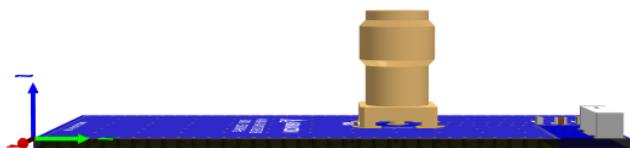


XZ-plane:



VP: Vertical Polarization
HP: Horizontal Polarization

Unit: dBi



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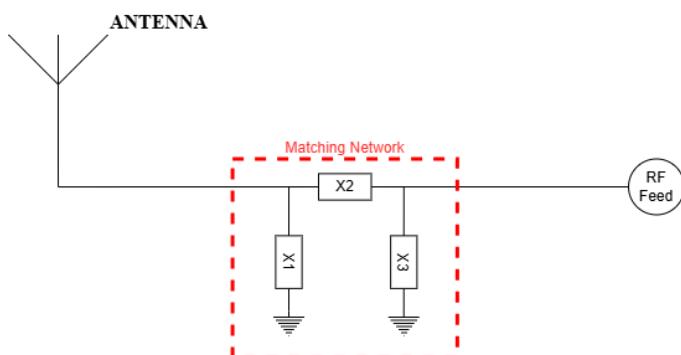
Evaluation Board Outline & Matching Circuit

The evaluation board (Abracon AANI-CH-0138-EVB) is developed to simplify antenna testing and evaluation. It has an arbitrary size of 45 x 20 mm and includes an SMA connector. The purpose is to give a reference design for an optimal antenna implementation. The evaluation board can also be used to test other implementations by cutting and soldering the PCB into any device.



The evaluation board has a matching circuit implemented next to the antenna. This is aimed to enable optimization possibilities for the user. The component positions are sized for 0402 (1005 metric) SMD components.

The antenna requires a matching circuit to fine-tune the resonant frequency and achieve optimal balance. The evaluation board is pre-tuned for optimal performance in the 2.4–2.5 GHz range using the components listed below (equivalents may be used):



X1 = 7.3 nH (Murata LQW15AN7N3G00)

X2 = 6.7 nH (Murata LQW15AN6N7B00)

X3 = Not mounted

However, it is common that the resonant frequency will shift during implementation in an arbitrary device. Therefore, this matching may be changed with other values/components/brands for compensation of such effects. This is further described in the General Implementation Guidelines section below.

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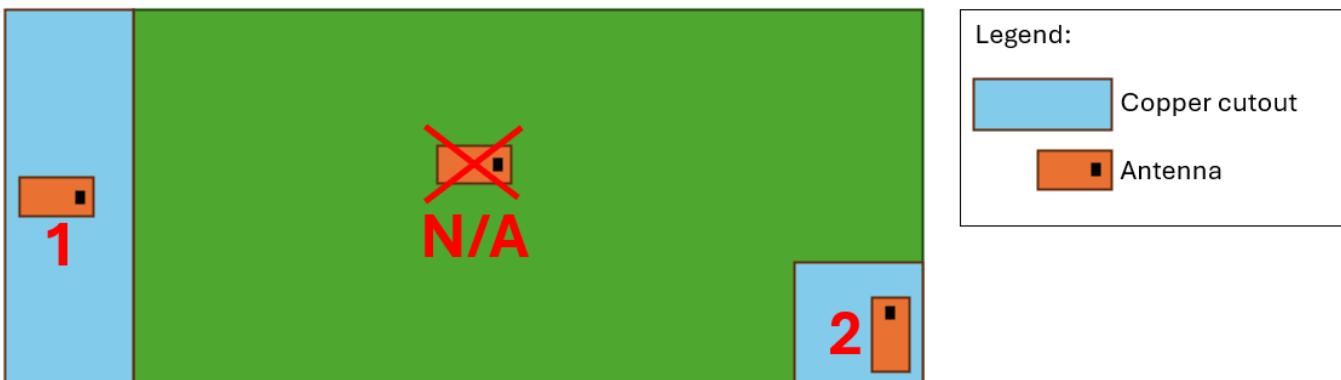
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General Implementation Guidelines

The antenna can be positioned in different ways, although there are some positions which are more beneficial. The below illustration shows a typical PCB with examples on different antenna positions:



The rectangular copper cutout in the footprint must extend through all layers of the PCB stack-up, ensuring there is **no copper on any layer in this area**. Additionally, a robust via structure around the cutout and along the edge of the ground plane is highly recommended for optimal performance.

It is important to note that plastic and metal parts in close proximity to antennas may significantly affect antenna tuning and performance. For instance, a plastic housing above the antenna often causes the resonant frequency to shift downward. Since such effects are challenging to predict without detailed design information, it is recommended to measure the antenna performance in the final device after implementation. To compensate for potential frequency shifts, implementing a matching network on the antenna feed is advisable.

Another general consideration for surface-mounted antennas relates to PCB population. Electrical components placed near the antenna may impact its tuning and radiation performance. To mitigate this, components in the surrounding area should be positioned below a topographical slope. This slope should begin at the PCB level near the antenna's designated keep-out zone and gradually increase in height as distance from the antenna grows.

For technical assistance, please contact [Abracon online support](#) through our online support platform.

Packaging

The evaluation kit consists of one complete evaluation board + three additional AANI-CH-0138 antennas.

One evaluation kit per Box

34 Boxes per Carton

Dimension of the Box: 15 x 10 x 4 cm

Dimension of the Carton: 43 x 34 x 19 cm

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