

Slim Reach Xtend™ (FR05-S1-N-0-104) – Bluetooth®, Zigbee®, 802.11 b/g/n WLAN

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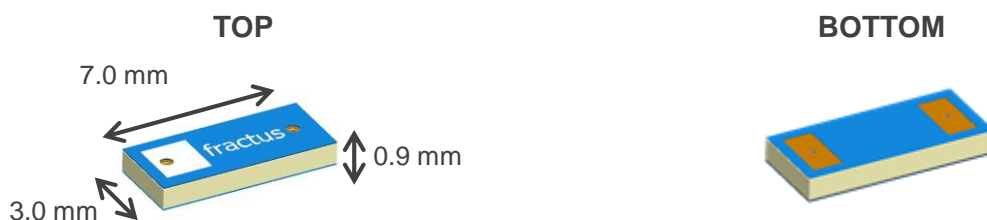
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1. ANTENNA DESCRIPTION

The Slim Reach Xtend™ chip antenna is engineered specifically for wireless headsets using Bluetooth® and other wireless standards operating at the ISM 2.4 GHz band.

The Slim Reach Xtend™ antenna has been designed to resonate at 2.65 GHz in free space conditions. This has been done purposely because the human head and plastic housing produce a frequency downshift of 150-250 MHz in the resonance frequency of the antenna. Based on our research and development in this area, you are not forced to test multiple antennas with different resonant frequencies.



Material: The Slim Reach Xtend™ antenna is built on glass epoxy substrate.

APPLICATIONS

- Headsets
- Modules WiFi, Bluetooth, Zigbee...
- Sensors (data acquisition, etc...)
- RTLS (Real Time Location System)

BENEFITS

- Small footprint and size
- Cost-effective
- Easy-to-use (pick and place)

2. QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Technical Features	
Frequency Range	2.4 – 2.5 GHz
Average Efficiency	61.0 %
Peak Gain	1.1 dBi
VSWR	< 2:1
Radiation Pattern	Omnidirectional
Weight (approx.)	0.02 g
Temperature	-40 to 85° C
Impedance	50 Ω
Dimensions (L x W x H)	7.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 0.9 mm

Table 1 – Technical Features. Measures from the evaluation board (40.0 mm x 20.0 mm x 1.0 mm). See Figure 1 and picture on page 5.

Please contact info@fractusantennas.com if you require additional information on antenna integration or optimization on your PCB.

3. ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE

3.1. FRACTUS EVALUATION BOARD

The Fractus configuration used in testing the Slim Reach Xtend™ chip antenna is displayed in Figure 1.

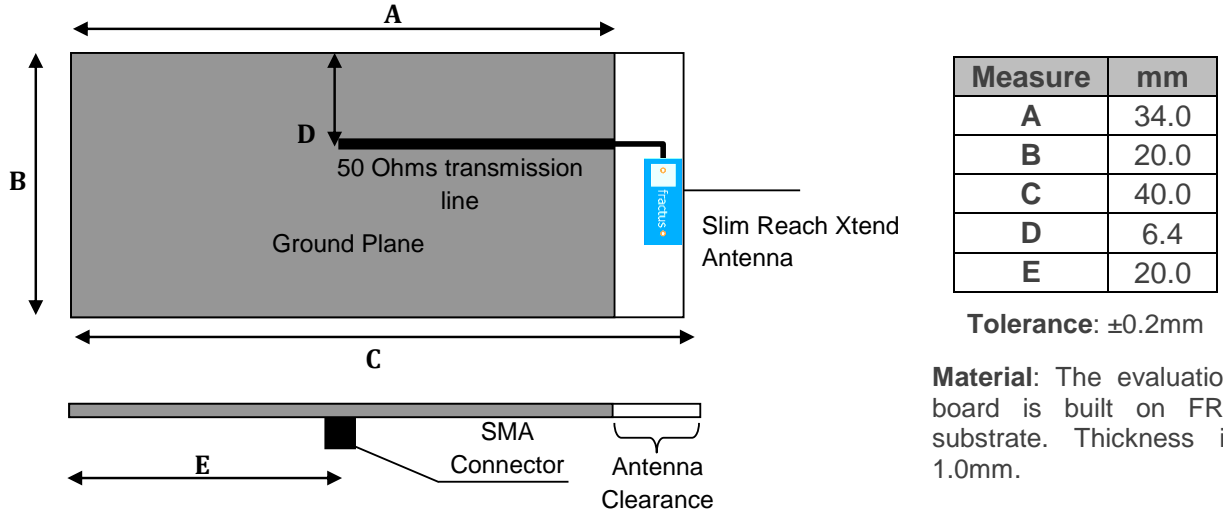


Figure 1 – EB_FR05-S1-N-0-104. Slim Reach Xtend™ Evaluation Board.

3.2. VSWR AND EFFICIENCY

VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and Total Efficiency versus Frequency (GHz).

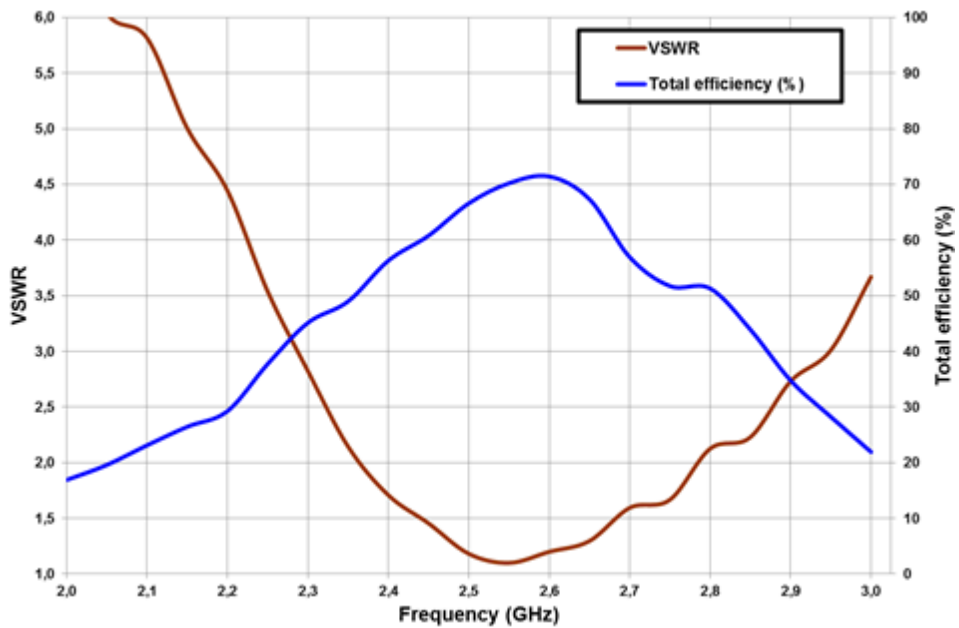
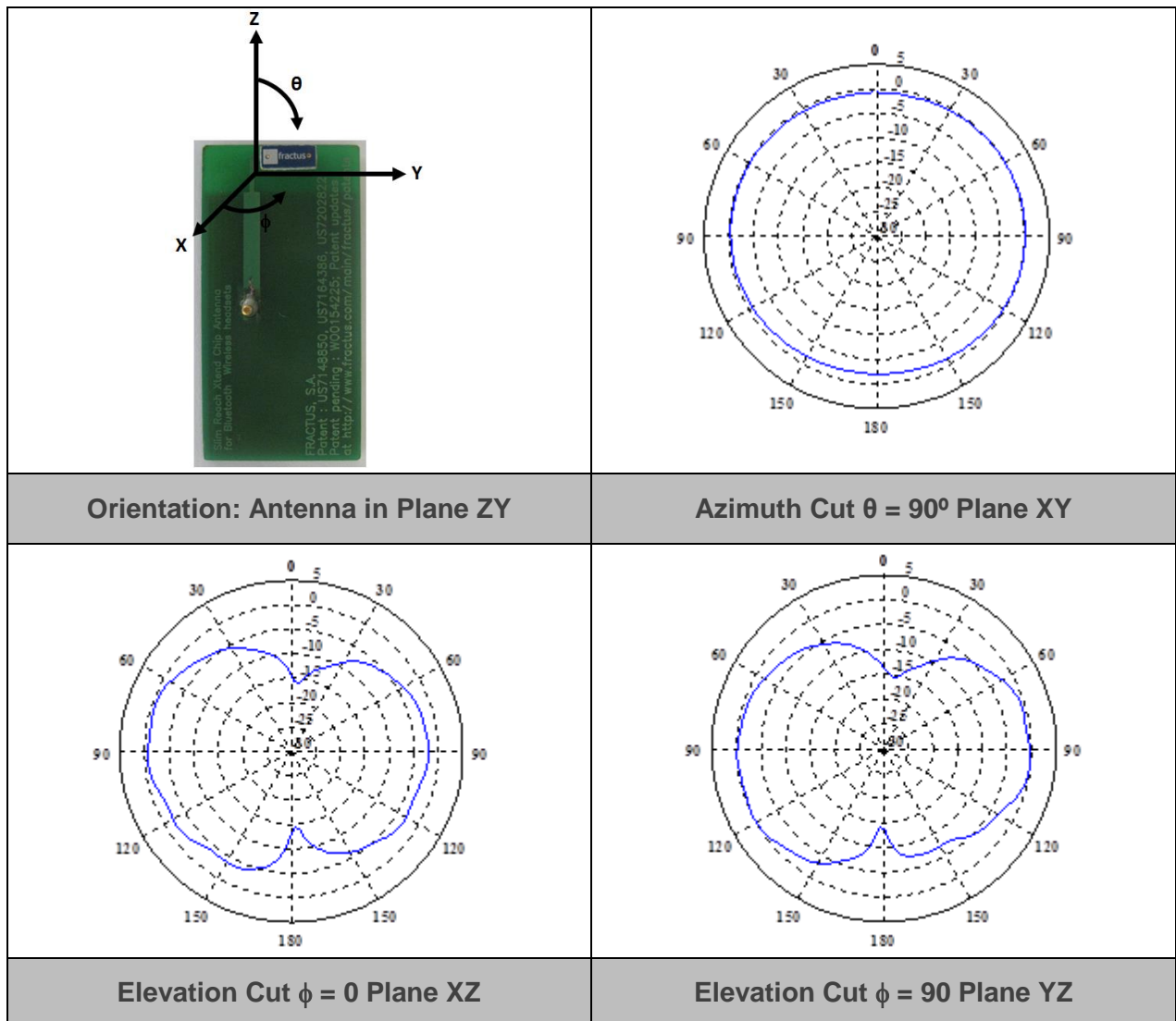


Figure 2 – VSWR and Efficiency (%) vs. Frequency (GHz).

NOTE: the frequency performance is centred in between 2.4 GHz and 2.5 GHz in headset designs. The effect of the device casing and the human body are taken into account.

3.3. RADIATION PATTERNS, GAIN AND EFFICIENCY

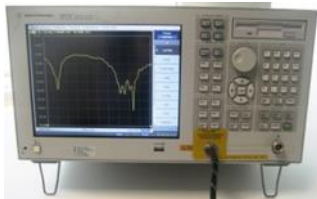


Gain	Peak Gain	1.1 dBi
	Average Gain across the band	0.7 dBi
	Gain Range across the band (min, max)	0.4 <-> 1.1 dBi
Efficiency	Peak Efficiency	66.0 %
	Average Efficiency across the band	61.0 %
	Efficiency Range across the band (min, max)	57.0 – 66.0 %

Table 2 – Antenna Gain and Efficiency within the 2.4 – 2.5 GHz band. Measures made in the evaluation board and in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

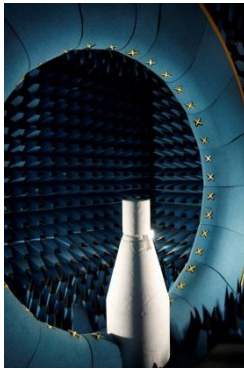
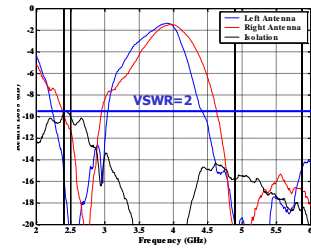
3.4. CAPABILITIES AND MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS

Fractus Antennas specializes in the design and manufacture of optimized antennas for wireless applications, and with the provision of RF expertise to a wide range of clients. We offer turn-key antenna products and antenna integration support to minimize your time requirements and maximize return on investment throughout the product development process. We also provide our clients with the opportunity to leverage our in-house testing and measurement facilities to obtain accurate results quickly and efficiently.



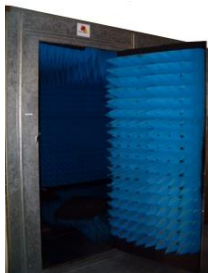
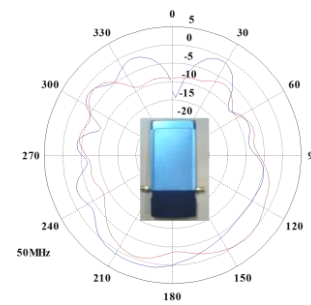
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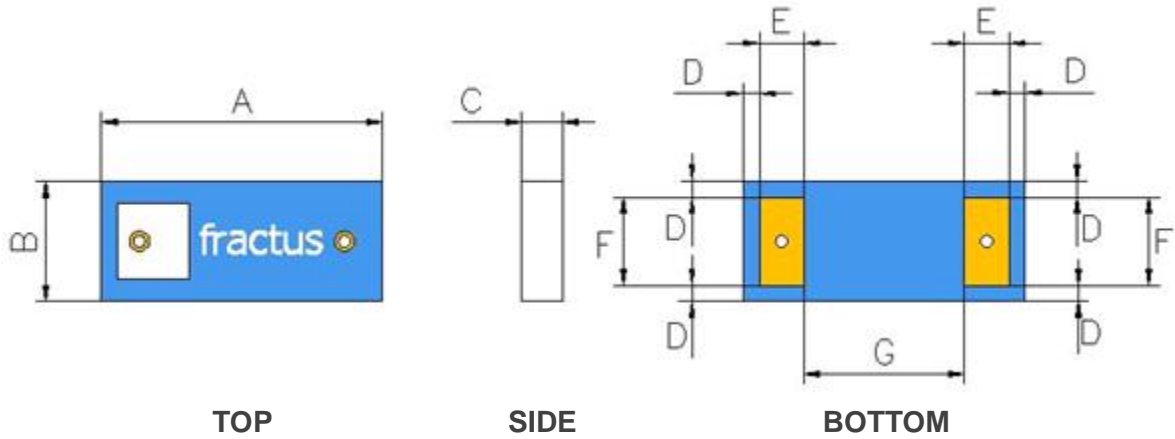
Radiation
Pattern
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Efficiency



Anechoic chambers and full equipped in-house lab

4. MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

4.1. DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES



The white square located on the top side of the antenna indicates the feed pad.

Measure	mm	Measure	mm
A	7.0 ± 0.2	E	1.1 ± 0.1
B	3.0 ± 0.2	F	2.2 ± 0.1
C	0.9 ± 0.2	G	4.0 ± 0.2
D	0.4 ± 0.15		

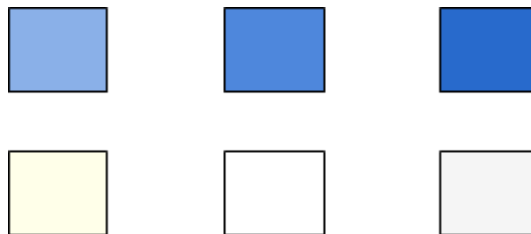
Figure 3 – Antenna Dimensions and Tolerances.

Fractus Slim Reach Xtend™ chip antenna is compliant with the restriction of the use of hazardous substances (RoHS).

The RoHS certificate can be downloaded from www.fractusantennas.com.

4.2. SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE INK

Next figure shows the correct colors of the antenna:



Acceptable color range

4.3. ANTENNA FOOTPRINT

This antenna footprint applies for the reference evaluation board described on page 5 of this User Manual. Feeding line dimensions over the clearance zone described in Figure 4 apply for a 1.0 mm thickness FR4 PCB.

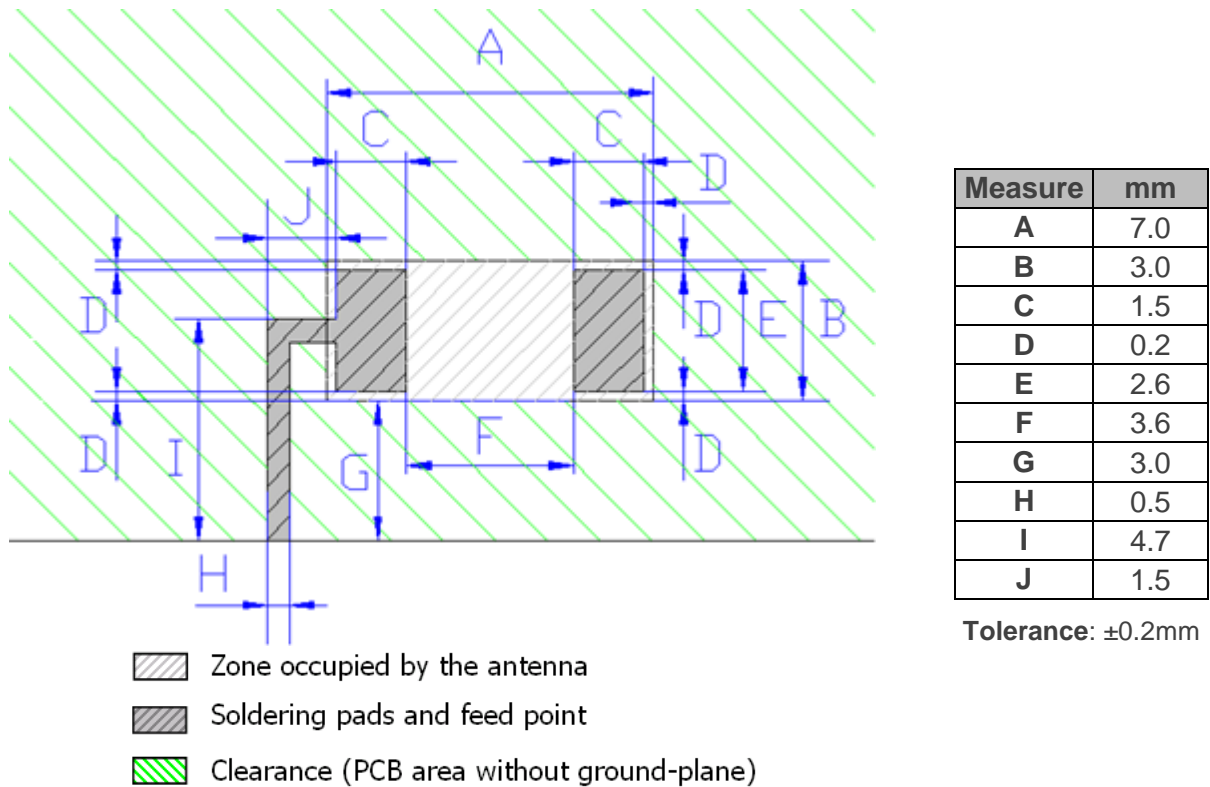


Figure 4 – Antenna Footprint Details.

Other PCB form factors and configurations may require a different feeding configuration, feeding line dimensions and clearance areas. If you require support for the integration of the antenna in your design, please contact info@fractusantennas.com.

5. MATCHING NETWORK

The specs of a Fractus Antennas standard antenna are measured in their evaluation board, which is an ideal case. In a real design, components nearby the antenna, LCD's, batteries, covers, connectors, etc affect the antenna performance. This is the reason why it is highly recommended placing pads compatible with 0402 and 0603 SMD components for a PI matching network as close as possible to the antenna feeding point. Do it in the ground plane area, not in the clearance area. This is a degree of freedom to tune the antenna once the design is finished and taking into account all elements of the system (batteries, displays, covers, etc).

6. ASSEMBLY PROCESS

Figure 5 shows the back and front view of the Slim Reach Xtend™ chip antenna, and indicates the location of the feeding point and the mounting pads:

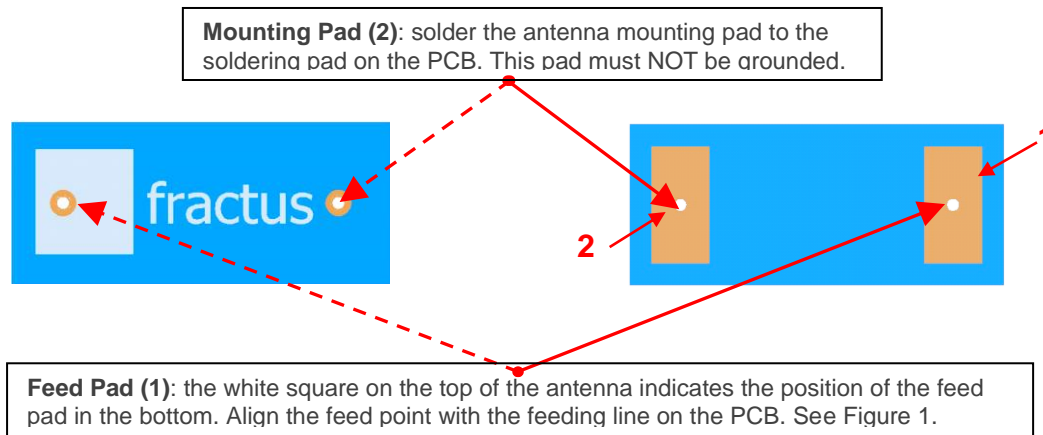


Figure 5 – Pads of the Fractus Slim Reach Xtend™ chip antenna.

As a surface mount device (SMD), this antenna is compatible with industry standard soldering processes. The basic assembly procedure for this antenna is as follows:

1. Apply a solder paste to the pads of the PCB. Place the antenna on the board.
2. Perform a reflow process according to the temperature profile detailed in Table 3, Figure 7 on page 11.
3. After soldering the antenna to the circuit board, perform a cleaning process to remove any residual flux. Fractus Antennas recommends conducting a visual inspection after the cleaning process to verify that all reflux has been removed.

The drawing below shows the soldering details obtained after a correct assembly process:

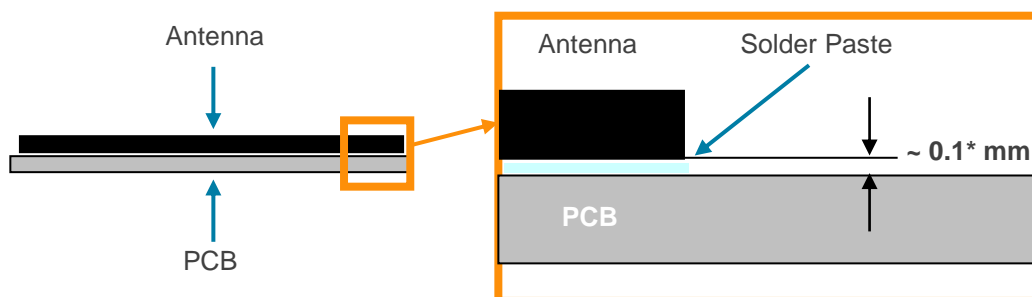


Figure 6 – Soldering Details.

NOTE(*): Solder paste thickness after the assembly process will depend on the thickness of the soldering stencil mask. A stencil thickness equal to or larger than **127 microns (5 mils)** is required.

The Fractus Slim Reach Xtend™ antenna should be assembled following either Sn-Pb or Pb-free assembly processes. According to the Standard **IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020C**, the temperature profile suggested is as follows:

Phase	Profile features	Pb-Free Assembly (SnAgCu)
RAMP-UP	Avg. Ramp-up Rate (T _{smax} to T _p)	3 °C / second (max.)
PREHEAT	- Temperature Min (T _{smin}) - Temperature Max (T _{smax}) - Time (t _{smin} to t _{smax})	150 °C 200 °C 60-180 seconds
REFLOW	- Temperature (T _L) - Total Time above T _L (t _L)	217 °C 60-150 seconds
PEAK	- Temperature (T _p) - Time (t _p)	260 °C 20-40 seconds
RAMP-DOWN	Rate	6 °C/second max
Time from 25 °C to Peak Temperature		8 minutes max

Table 3 – Recommended soldering temperatures.

Next graphic shows temperature profile (grey zone) for the antenna assembly process in reflow ovens.

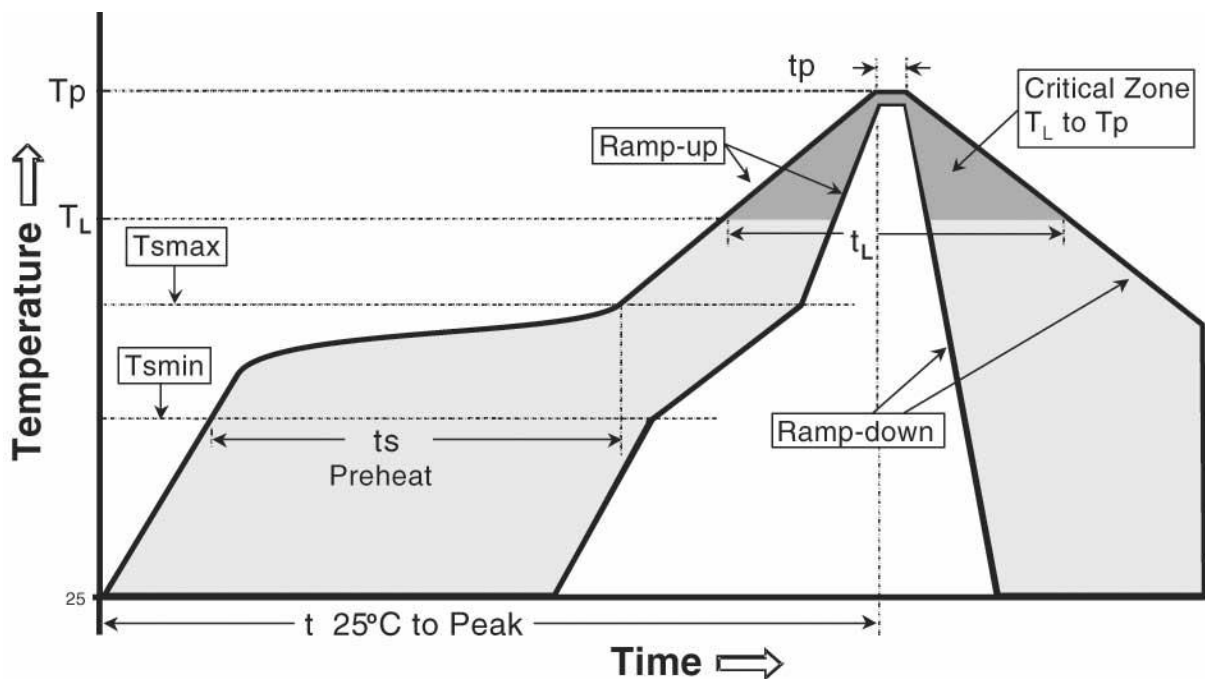


Figure 7 – Temperature profile.

7. PACKAGING

The Fractus Slim Reach Xtend™ chip antenna is available in tape and reel packaging.

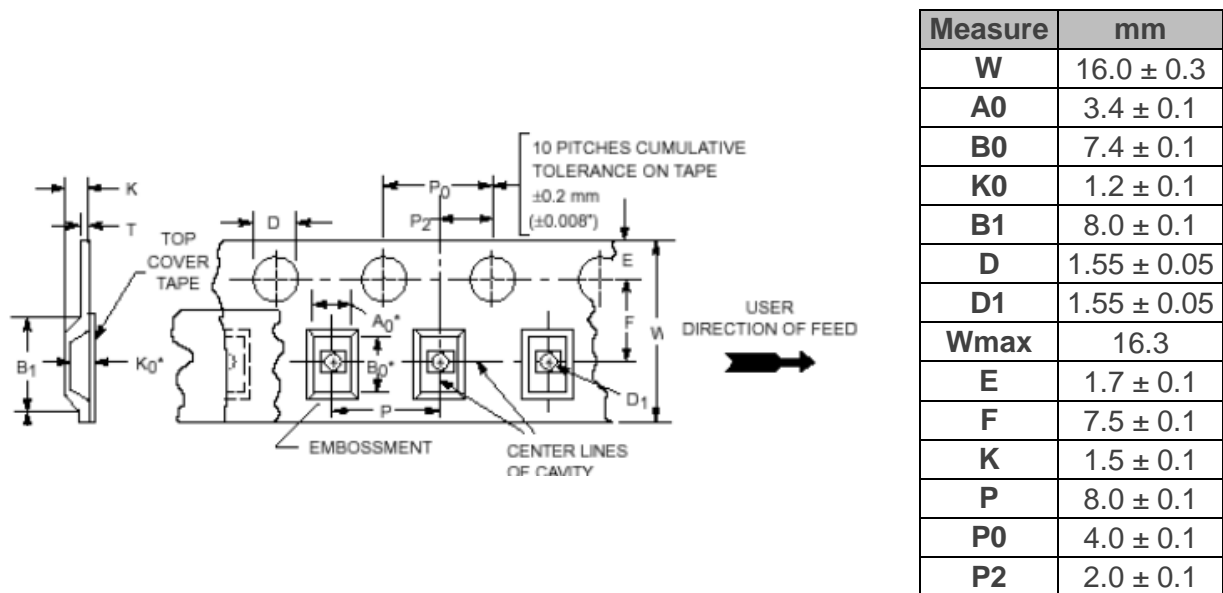
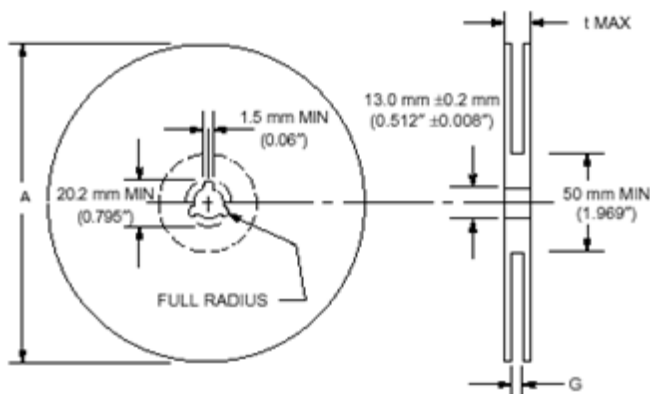


Figure 8 – Tape Dimensions and Tolerances.



Figure 9 – Image of the tape.



Measure	mm
A max	330.0 ± 1.0
G	17.5 ± 0.2
t max	21.5 ± 0.2

Reel Capacity: 2500 antennas

Figure 10 – Reel Dimensions and Capacity.