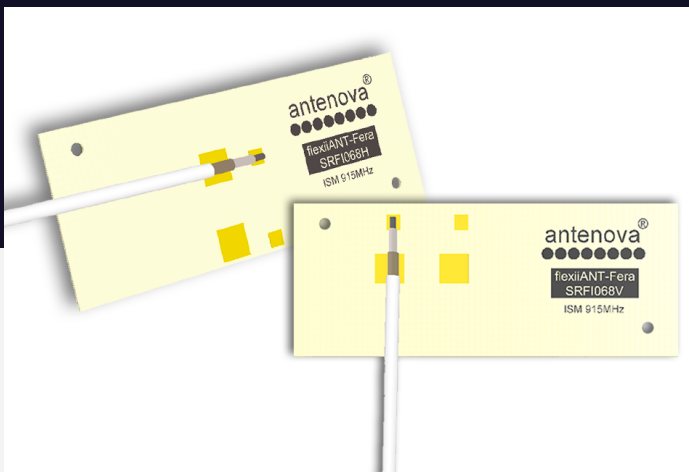


DATASHEET

Fera

SRFI068 • flexiANT®



Features

- Antenna for all 915MHz ISM applications
- Maintains high performance within device: DFI (Designed For Integration)
- 1.13mm diameter RF cable with I-PEX MHF connector
- Self-adhesive mounted
- Quick integration minimizes design cycle
- High performance
- 100mm or 150mm cable – (other lengths available, MOQs apply)

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1. Description

Fera is intended for use for all ISM 915MHz applications. A flexible antenna with cable enables direct connection to the host PCB giving easy integration with plug and play simplicity.

2. Applications

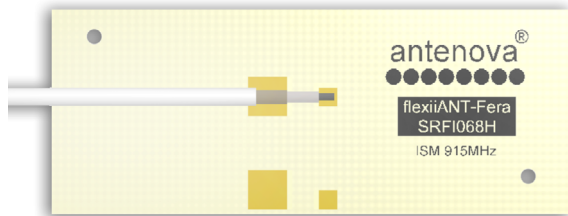
- Remote monitoring
- LoRa and Sigfox networks
- 915 MHz ISM band systems
- Smart meters
- Home automation
- Medical devices

3. General data

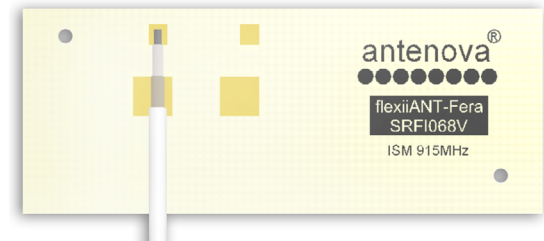
| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FREQUENCY | 902-928MHz |
| POLARIZATION | Linear |
| OPERATING TEMPERATURE | -40°C to +85°C |
| ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION TEST | ISO16750-4 5.1.1./5.1.2 |
| IMPEDANCE | 50 Ω |
| WEIGHT | <0.5g |
| ANTENNA TYPE | FPC Self-adhesive 3M 468MP |
| DIMENSIONS (ANTENNA) | 33.0 x 13.0 x 0.15 (mm) |
| CONNECTION | I-PEX MHF1 (20278-112R-13) |

4. Part number

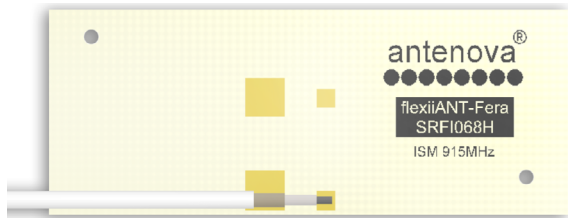
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SRFI068H-100



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FERA HORIZONTAL 150MM
SRFI068H-150



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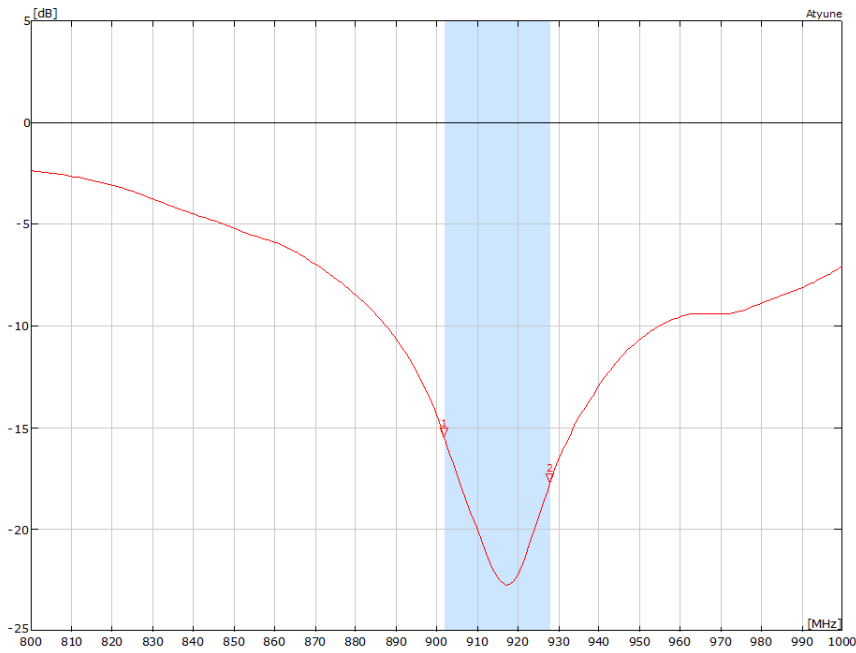
5. RF characteristics

| | 902-928MHZ |
|-----------------------|------------|
| PEAK GAIN | 0.7dBi |
| AVERAGE GAIN (LINEAR) | -4.4dBi |
| AVERAGE EFFICIENCY | >36% |
| MAXIMUM RETURN LOSS | -15dB |
| MAXIMUM VSWR | 1.4:1 |

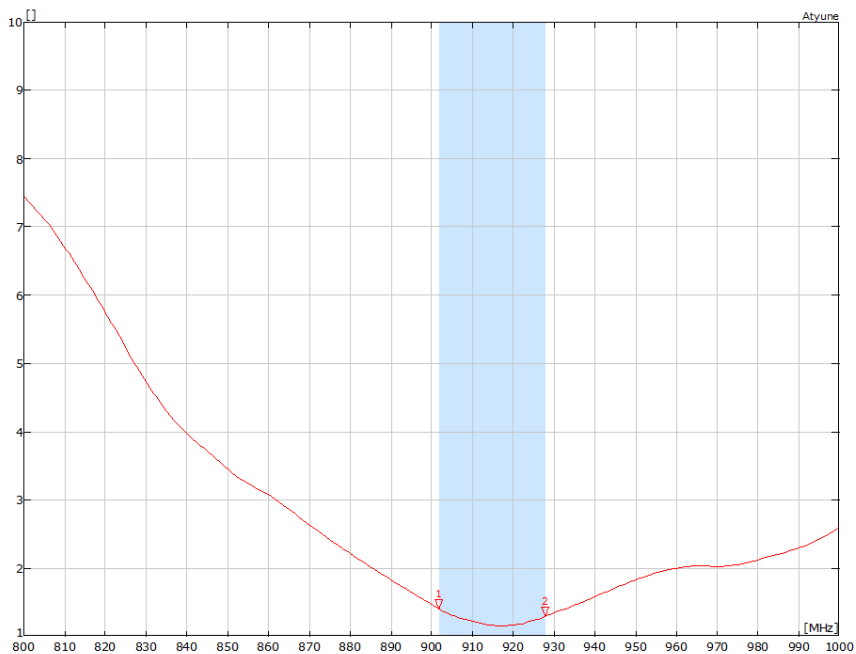
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6. RF performance

6.1. Return loss



6.2. VSWR

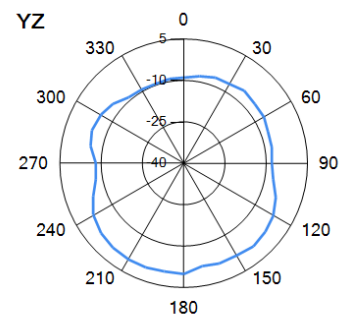
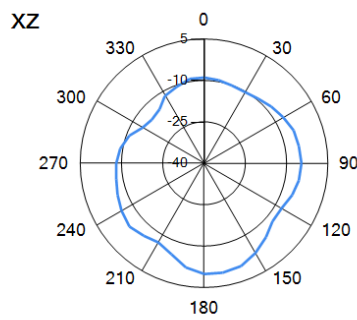
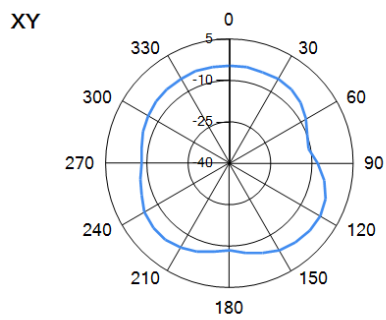
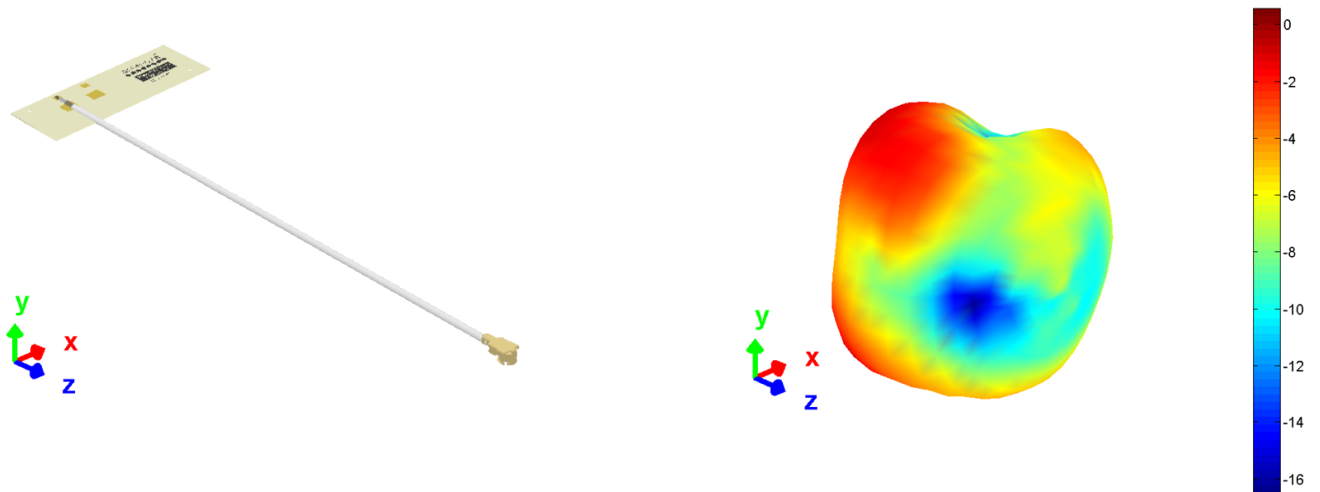


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6.3. Antenna pattern

6.3.1. 902 MHz – 928 MHz

3D pattern at 915MHz

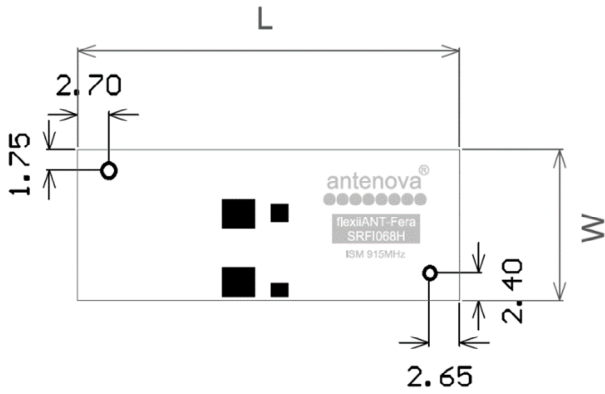


— 915MHz

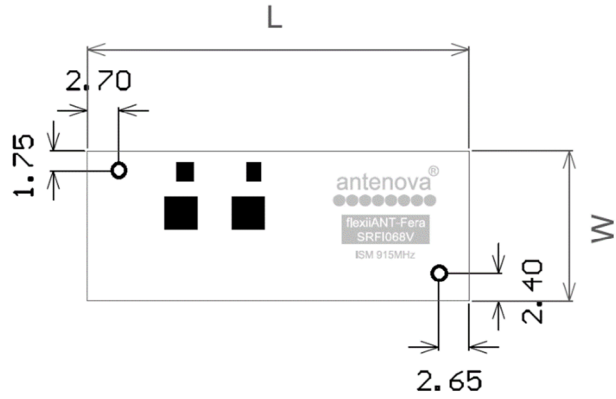
7. Antenna dimensions

7.1. Dimensions FPC section

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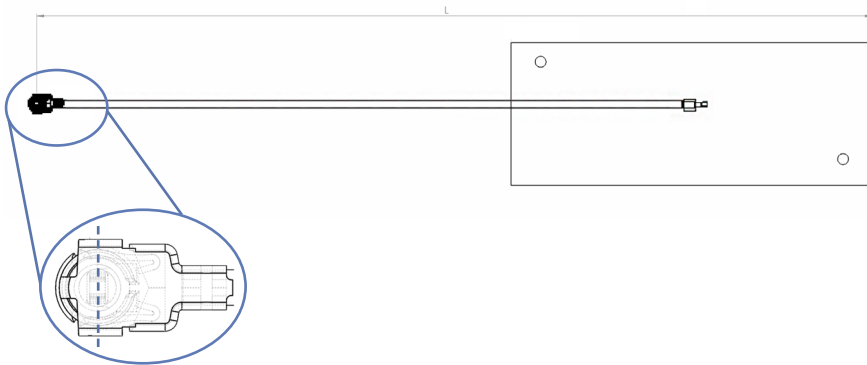


| L | W | T |
|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Length | Width | Thickness |
| 33.0 ±0.2 | 13.0 ±0.2 | 0.15 (nominal) |

All dimensions in (mm)

7.2. Dimensions assembled

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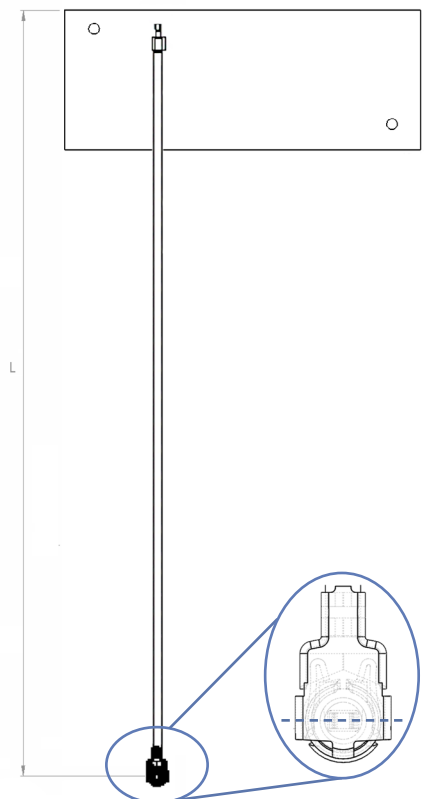


| SRFI068H-100 | SRFI068H-150 | SRFI068V-100 | SRFI068V-150 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Length | Length | Length | Length |
| 115 ±2.0 | 165 ±2.0 | 101.3 ±2.0 | 151.3 ±2.0 |

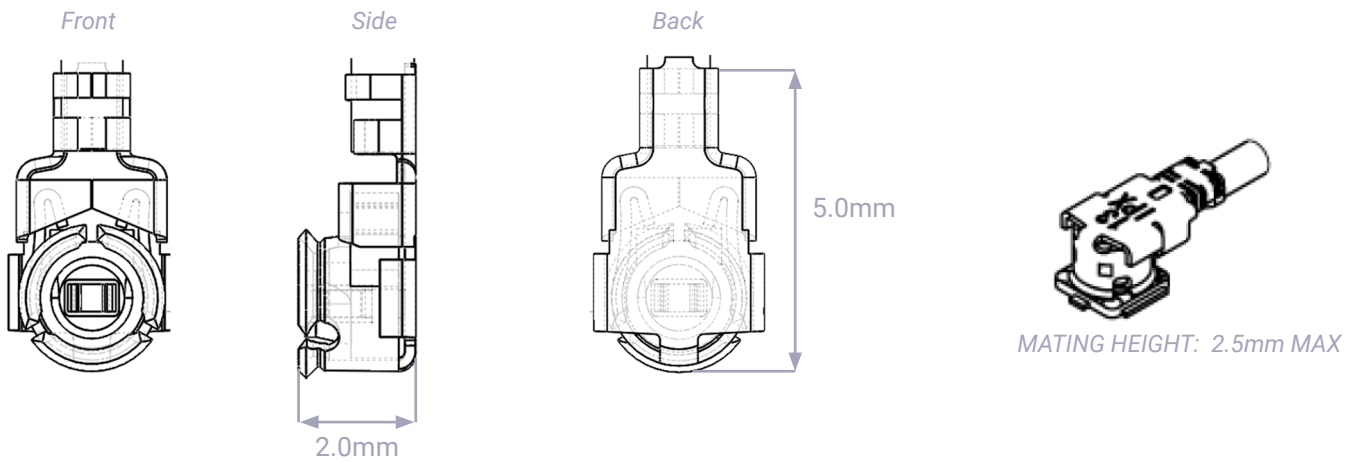
All dimensions in (mm)

Standard cable lengths for this antenna are 100mm and 150mm

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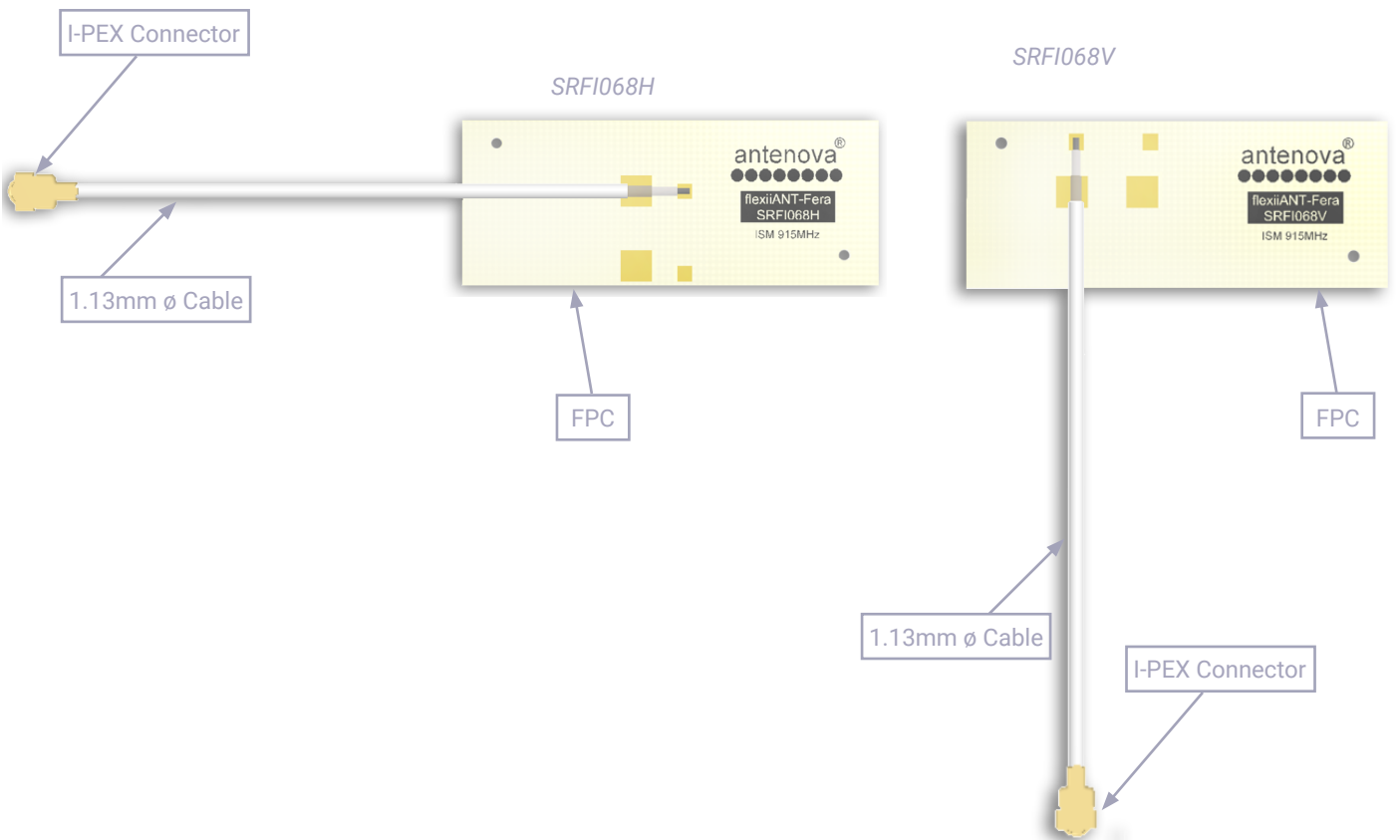
7.3. I-PEX connector MHF1 (20278-112R-13)



| | I-PEX |
|----------|--------------|
| MATERIAL | Copper Alloy |
| PLATING | Ag |

All dimensions in (mm)

7.4. Assembly



8. Electrical interface

8.1. Host interface

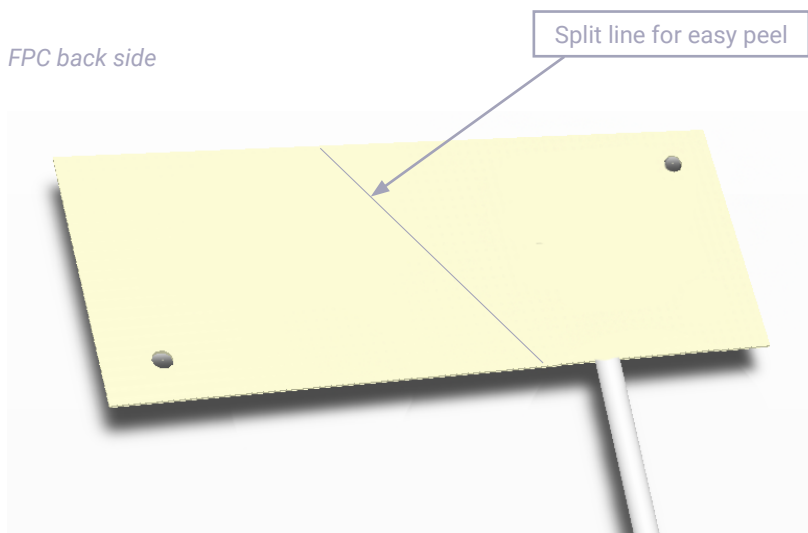
The host PCB requires the mating connector which is the I-PEX MHF (UFL) receptacle. The location should be close to the chip/modules pin for the RF. Any feed from this receptacle should be maintained at 50Ω impedance.

8.2. Transmission line

- Must have a characteristic impedance of 50Ω.
- Length should be kept to a minimum.
- Is recommended to be a co-planar waveguide: log on to Antenova.com and try our [Transmission line calculator](#) to easily calculate the dimensions most suited to your requirements.
- Should have DC blocking capacitor (e.g. 220pF) placed in line to protect the RF front end.

9. Mechanical fixing

The antenna uses 3M 468MP adhesive on the reverse side of the FPC. The antenna has an easy access split line to peel off to reveal the adhesive side. It is designed for a one time fix to a clean smooth surface. The antenna is keyed with two 1mm locating holes for easy positioning.



10. Antenna integration guide

We recommend the following during the design phase to maximise antenna performance and minimize noise:

- Minimum 4 layer PCB
- Route signals and power internally where possible
- Flood all layers with ground
- Knit ground on all layers together with plenty of vias

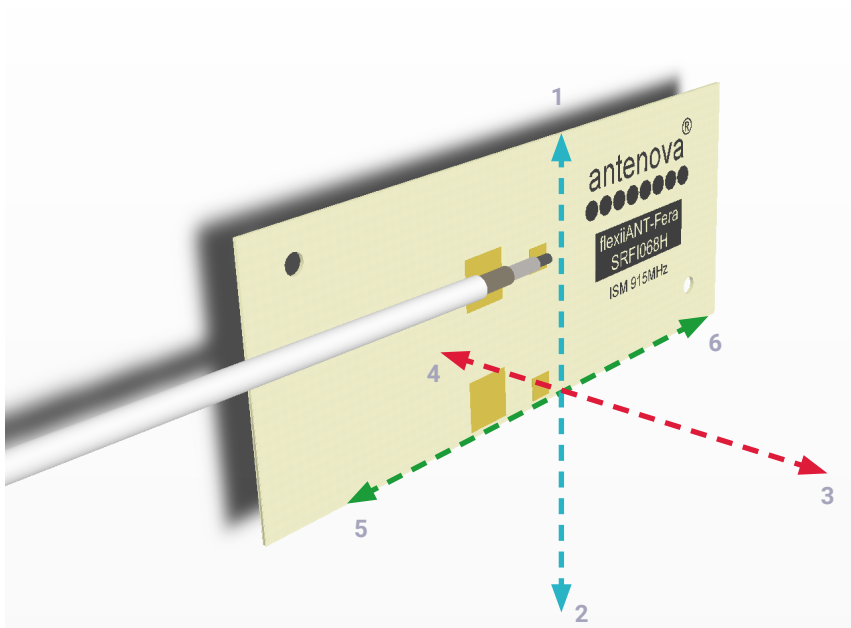
Follow placement guidance carefully, in addition Antenova provide technical support to help you through all stages of your design. Register for an account on <https://ask.antenova.com/> to access technical support.

10.1. Antenna placement

For FPC antennas the host PCB size is not critical to performance, however consideration must be given to placement. Using six spatial directions, as shown below, the antenna should ideally maintain a minimum of three directions free from obstruction in order to radiate effectively. Where there are obstructions (e.g. PCB, metal parts, battery etc.) a minimum clearance should still be maintained. These minimum clearances are described later in this section.

Six spatial directions relative to FPC

Example with 5 spatial directions clear

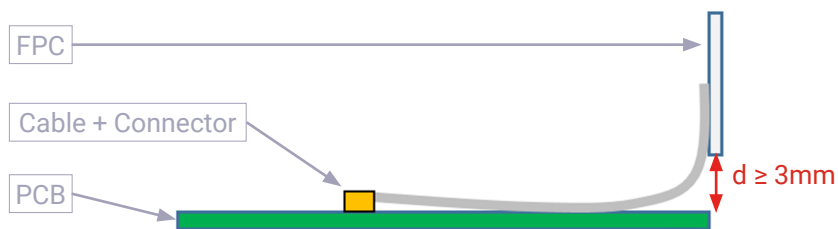


10.2. Orientation of FPC

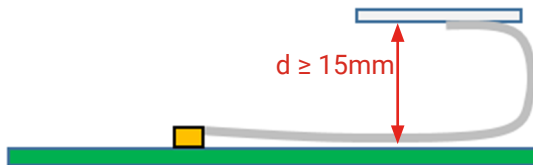
The orientation of the FPC with respect to the host PCB should be defined depending on the unit. The proximity of the GND will have an influence on the antenna so the PCB location relative to the antenna should be considered.

The FPC will normally be placed in one of the three following options for orientation. In each option a distance (d) is the critical dimension to consider. The diagram below shows the minimum value of (d) for each. Other obstructions may increase this dimension.

Vertical mounted



Co-planar to PCB



Planar to PCB (Same plane)



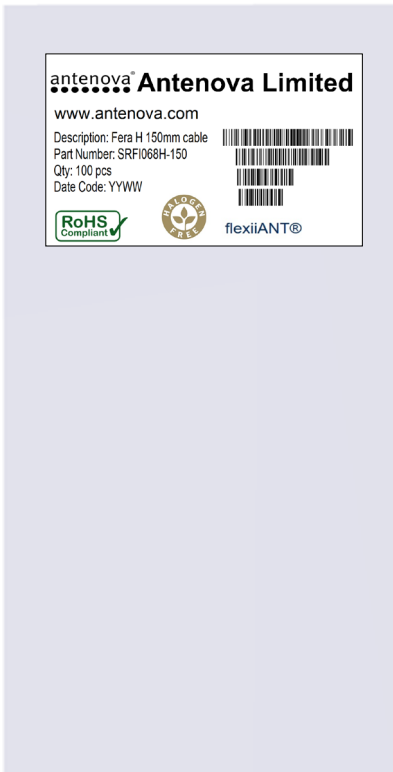
11. Hazardous material regulation conformance

The antenna has been tested to conform to RoHS and REACH requirements. A certificate of conformance is available from Antenova's website.

12. Packaging

The antennas are stored within an anti-static bag of 100 pcs.

100 units per bag (Labelled)

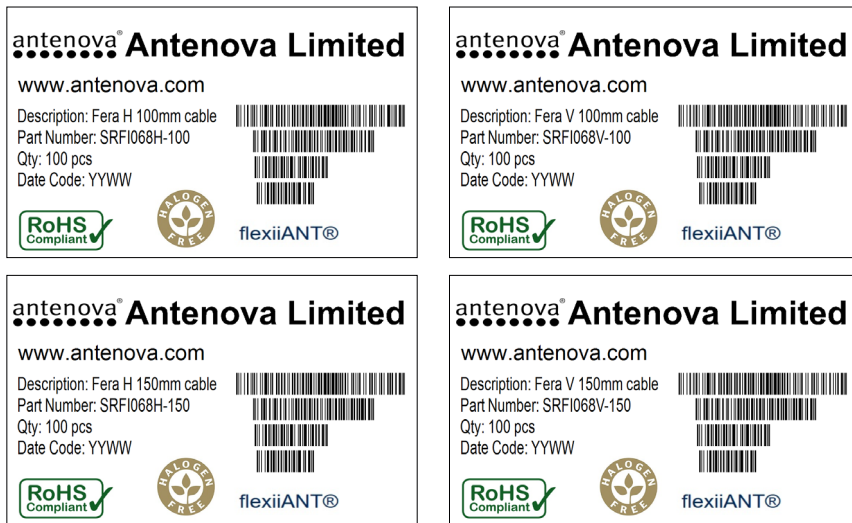


12.1. Optimal storage conditions

| | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TEMPERATURE | -10°C to 40°C |
| HUMIDITY | Less than 75% RH |
| SHELF LIFE | 18 Months |
| STORAGE PLACE | Away from corrosive gas and direct sunlight |
| PACKAGING | Antennas should be stored in unopened sealed manufacturer's plastic packaging. |
| MSL LEVEL | 1 |

Note: The shelf life of the antenna is 18 months, provided the bag of 100 pieces remains factory- sealed.

12.2. Label information



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