

Antenna specification

Manufacturer: Descartes Systems Group
Address: 120 Randall Dr E Waterloo, ON N2V 1C6



Antenna name: AANI-NI-0013

Request Samples



Check Inventory



8.00 x 4.85 x 0.54 mm
RoHS/RoHS II Compliant
MSL Level = 1

Features

- Cost Effective
- Low Profile
- Robust performance even when employed in solutions requiring “potting/coating/over-mold”
- Based on Technology Patented by Abracon
- Highly efficient
- Low Return Loss: < -10.1 dB
- Integration: Along PCB Edge

Applications

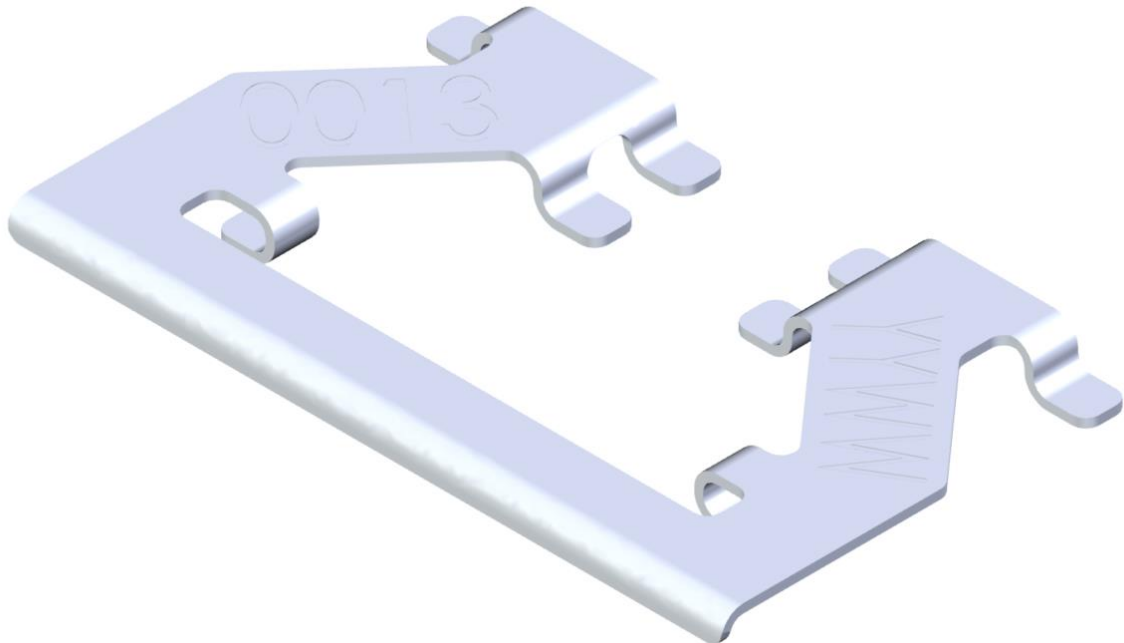
- Bluetooth
- IoT/M2M
- Wearables
- Wireless Remote Control
- Personal Area Networks (PAN)
- Industrial/Commercial equipment

Technology is based on Abracon's intellectual property.

Option: For high volumes (EAU 100k+) see the cost-effective Niche Licensed Product PN: ANE

Product Image

The Stamped Metal Niche Wi-Fi/Bluetooth antenna.



5101 Hidden Creek Ln Spicewood TX 78669
Phone: 512-371-6159 | Fax: 512-351-8858
For terms and conditions of sales, please visit:
www.abracon.com

REVISED: 04-26-24

ABRACON IS
ISO9001-2015
CERTIFIED

Electrical Specification

Parameter	Specification	Unit
Operating Frequency	2400 - 2500	MHz
Return Loss	< -10.1	dB
Polarization	Linear	-
Peak Gain	3.2	dBi
Efficiency	> -1.2 (76)	dB (%)
Impedance	50	Ω

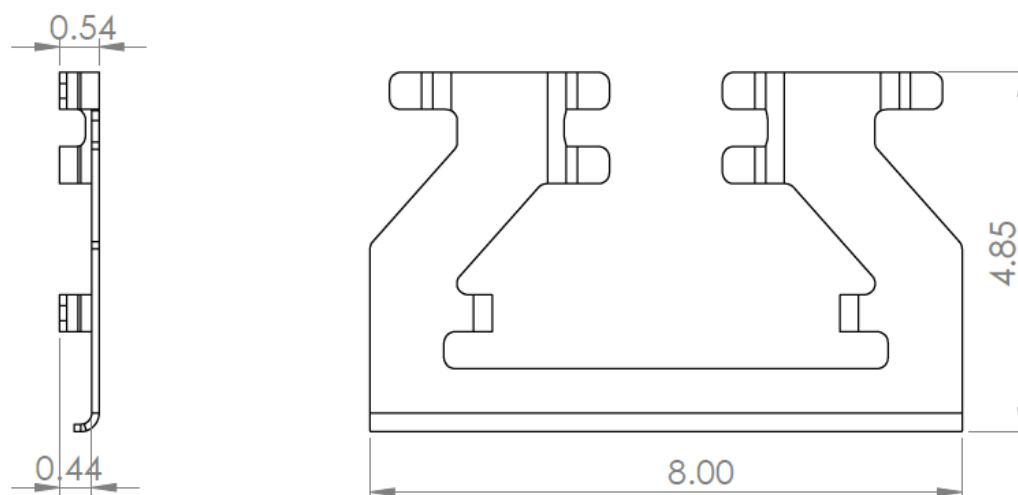
Note: All measurements were conducted on the evaluation board in free space. Performance will vary depending on the ground plane, application, and environment.

Mechanical Specification

Parameter	Specification
Antenna Dimension	8.00 x 4.85 x 0.54 mm
Evaluation Board Ground Dimensions	50 x 20 mm
Mounting Type	Surface Mount

Product Dimensions

The Niche stamped metal antenna is 8.00 x 4.85 x 0.54 mm in size. Drawing is shown by first angle projection.

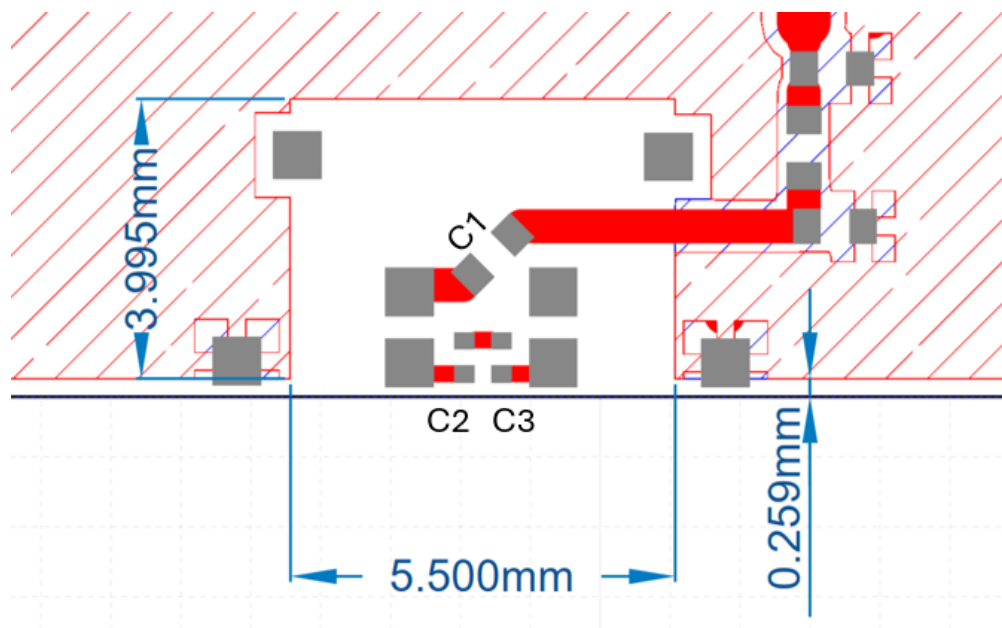


Unit: mm

Antenna Footprint

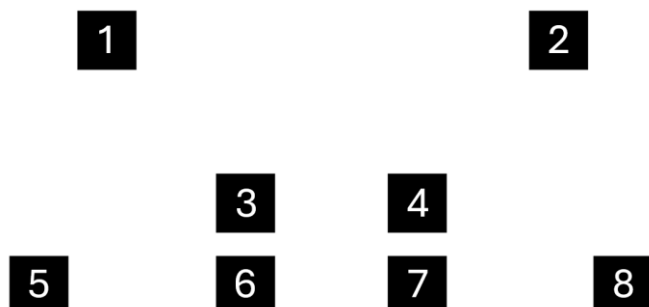
The dimensions of the copper cutout and solder pad positions are shown in the image below. The antenna and the footprint are symmetrical. This means that the antenna can be fed from either side (from the right in the example).

For a detailed antenna footprint example: <https://abracon.com/Support/Footprint/AANI-NI-0013-EVB-Footprint.zip>



Antenna Pin Numbering

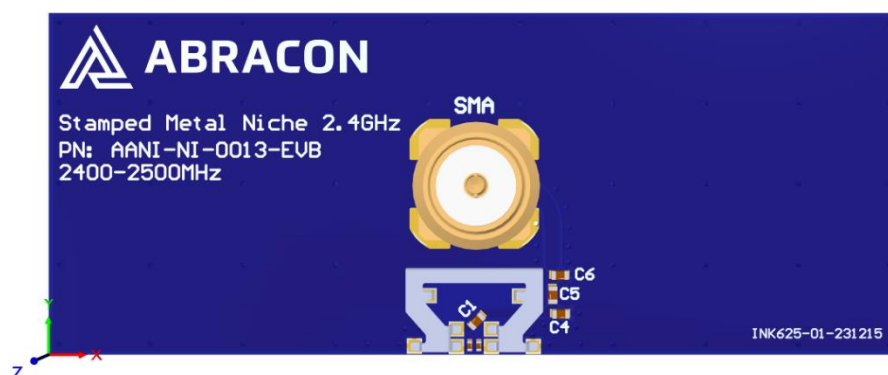
The antenna should be mounted on a ground (GND) plane, keeping the correct clearance area(s). If there are several layers in the PCB, there is an advantage to add vias for smooth interconnection of the ground areas to avoid splits in the ground plane. It is also important that there is ground clearance around the non-connected (NC) pads, through all layers of the PCB. Thanks to symmetry, the antenna can be fed on either pad 3 or 4. Pads 6 and 7 are connected via top load capacitors. Thermal relief connections can be utilized on the GND pads.



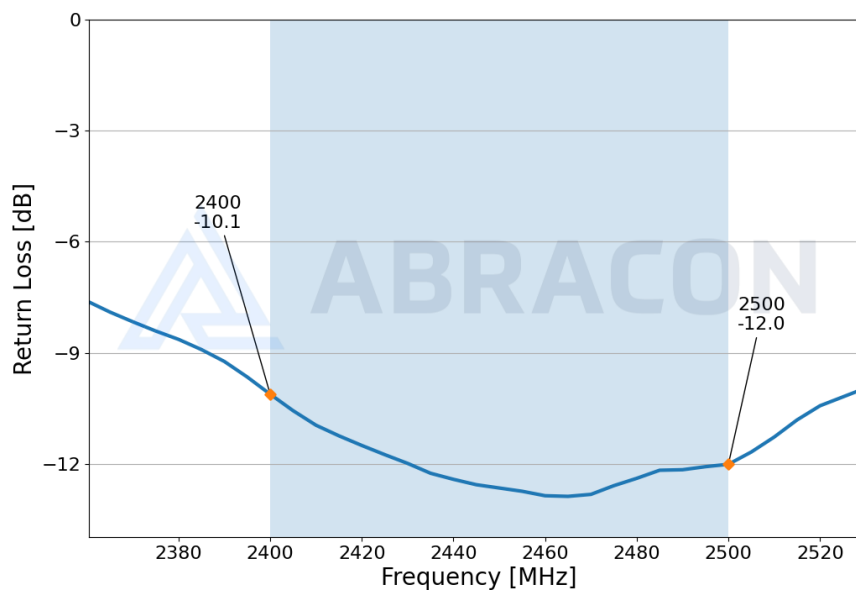
Pin	Feeding from the Right	Feeding from the Left
1	NC	NC
2	NC	NC
3	RF-feed	NC
4	NC	RF-feed
5	GND	GND
6	Top Load	Top Load
7	Top Load	Top Load
8	GND	GND

Measurement Setup

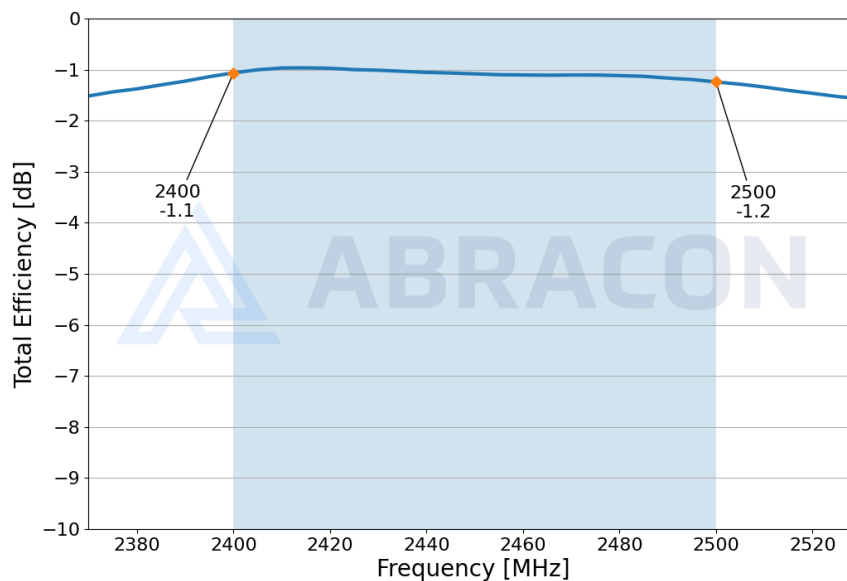
The antenna measurements were all done in free space, with the Niche antenna implemented on its evaluation board that has a PCB size of 50 by 20 (X by Y) mm.



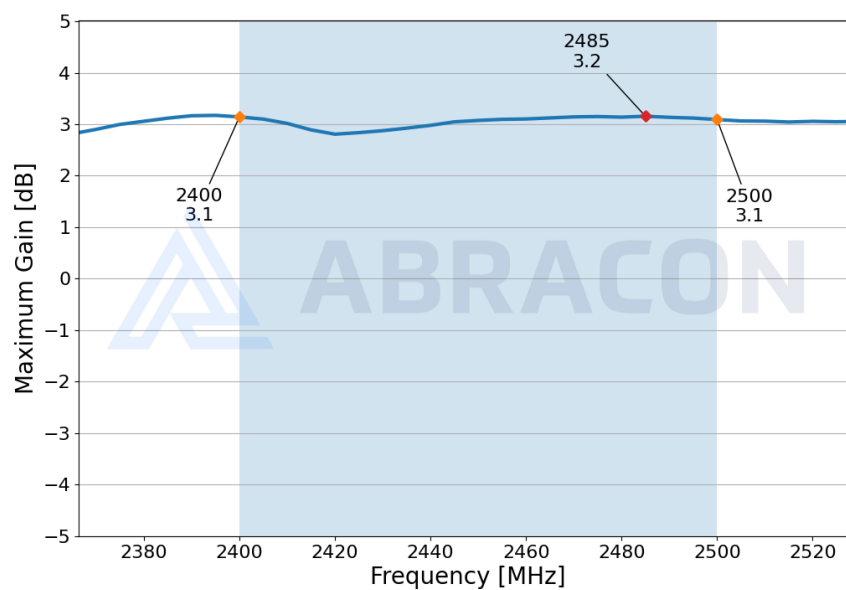
Reflection Characteristics – Return Loss



Radiation Characteristics – Total Efficiency

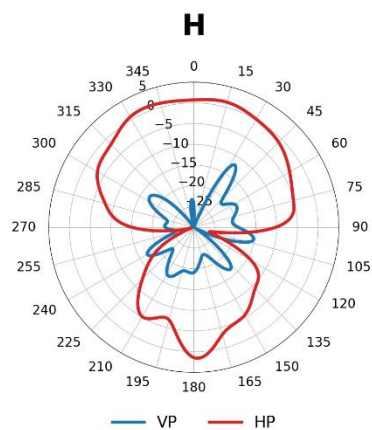


Radiation Characteristics – Maximum Gain

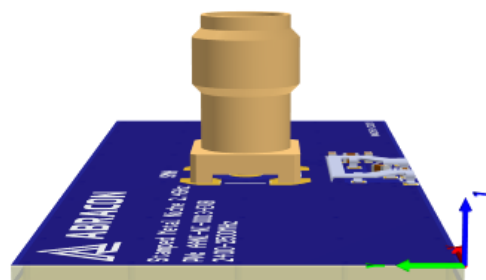
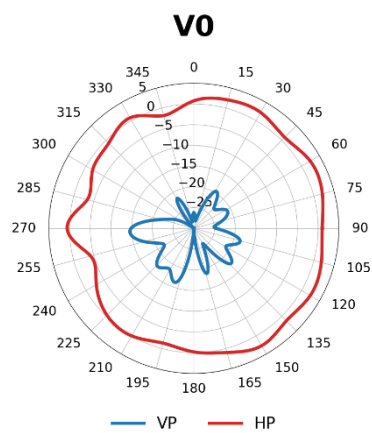


Radiation Characteristics – 2D Pattern @ 2450 MHz

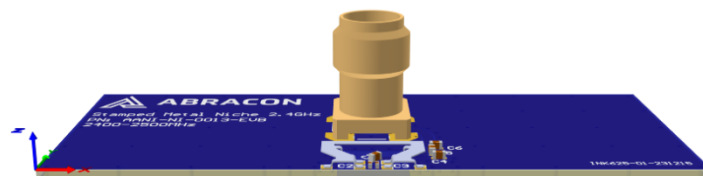
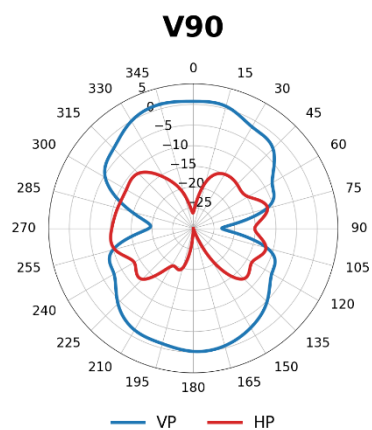
XY-plane:



YZ-plane:



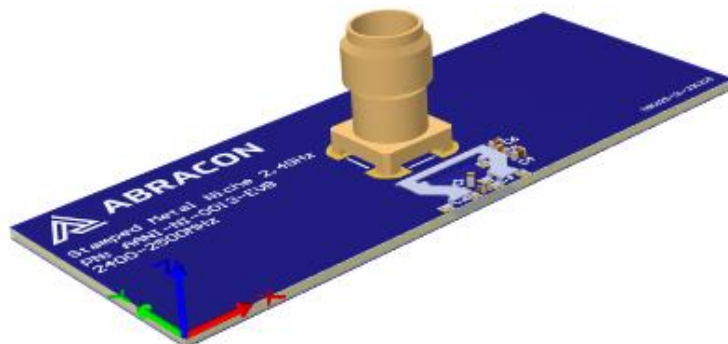
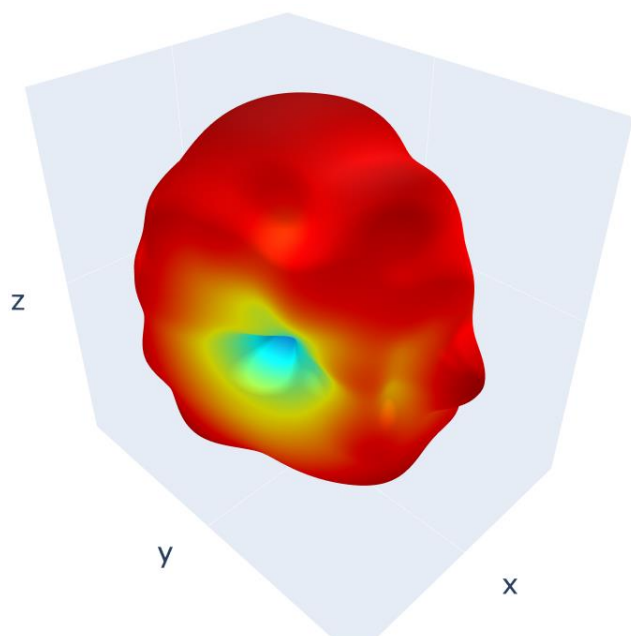
XZ-plane:



VP: Vertical Polarization
HP: Horizontal Polarization

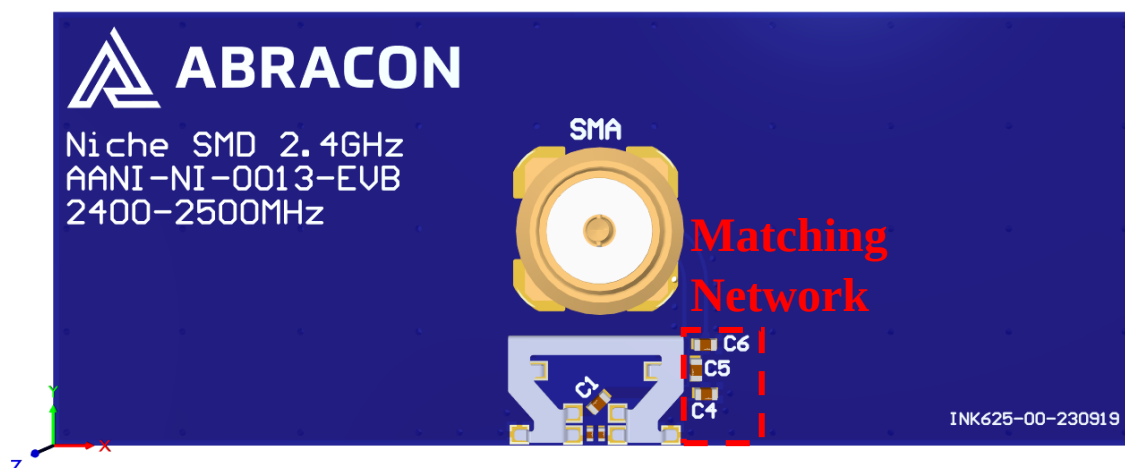
Unit: dBi

Radiation Characteristics – 3D Pattern @ 2450 MHz



Evaluation Board Outline & Matching Circuit

The evaluation board (Abracon P/N: AANI-NI-0013-EVB) is developed to showcase the performance of the Niche stamped metal antenna on a typical PCB and to simplify antenna testing and evaluation. It has a size of 50 x 20 mm and includes an SMA connector. The performance will vary with different PCB sizes. Abracon can offer support to optimize the antenna for specific applications.



The evaluation board has a matching circuit implemented next to the antenna to enable optimization possibilities for the user. The C1 and C4-C6 component footprints are sized for 0402 (1005 metric) SMD components. The C2 and C3 component footprints are sized for 0201 (0603 metric) SMD components.

The standard tuning for the evaluation board is the following (can be replaced by equivalent):

C1 = 0.4 pF (GJM1555C1HR40WB01)

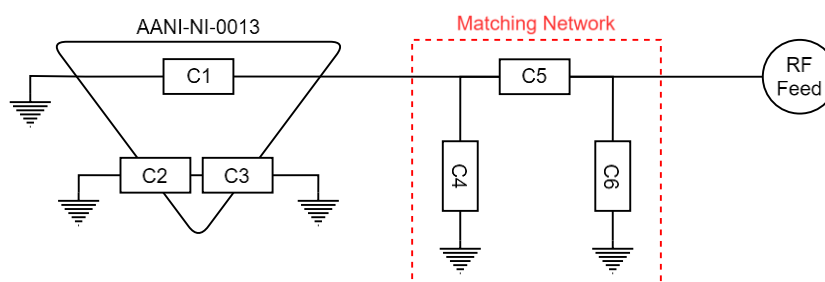
C2 = 0.7 pF (GJM0335C1HR70WB01)

C3 = 0.8 pF (GJM0335C1HR80WB01)

C4 = Not mounted

C5 = Zero Ohm (KOA Speer RK73Z1ETTP)

C6 = Not mounted

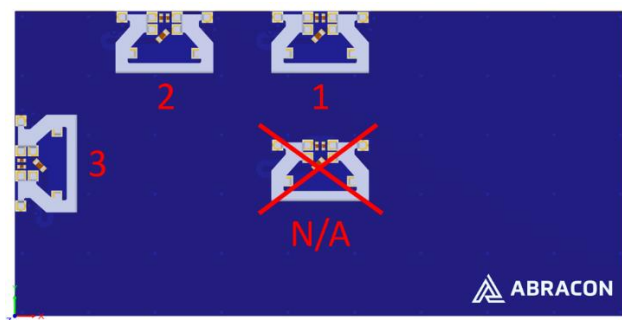


However, it is common that the resonant frequency will shift during implementation in an arbitrary device. Therefore, this matching may be changed with other values/components/brands for compensation of such effects. This is further described in the General Implementation Guidelines section below.

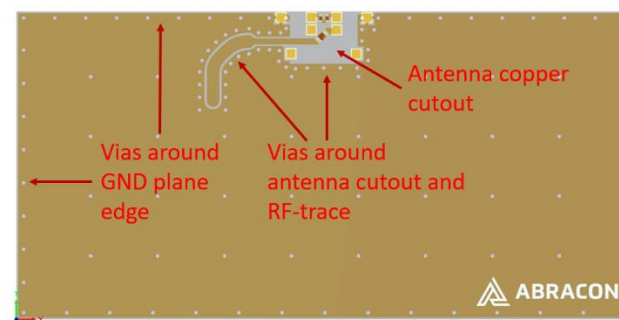
General Implementation Guidelines for the Niche Stamped Metal Antenna

The antenna can be positioned in different ways, although there are some positions which are more beneficial. The left picture shows a typical PCB with examples on different antenna positions. The optimal position is option 1. Options 2 and 3 are also possible. The antenna must be placed along the PCB edge, i.e., it cannot be placed in the middle. Option 2 or 3 may be the best option for larger PCBs ($> 50 \times 20$ mm).

Antenna Positions:



Antenna cutout & via-structure:



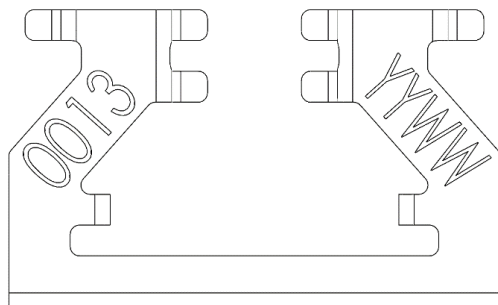
The rectangular copper cutout in the footprint needs to go through all the layers in the PCB stackup, meaning that there cannot be copper on any layer in this area. It is also recommended to have a good via-structure around the cutout and the edge of the ground plane, see the right image above.

It shall also be highlighted that plastic and metal parts in the near proximity of antennas may influence the antenna tuning and/or performance. This aspect should be noted as a general guideline for all antennas. The effects are difficult to estimate without detailed information, but it is common that a plastic housing above the antenna shifts the resonant frequency down. It is recommended to measure the antenna in the actual device after implementation and to implement a matching network on the antenna feed to adjust for the potential frequency shift.

The Stamped Metal Niche antenna shows great performance when potted compared to other antenna solutions and has also shown good performance in proximity of metal and other harsh antenna environments.

Part Marking

The top marking of the antenna is arranged according to the following illustration:



“YYWW” is the date code:

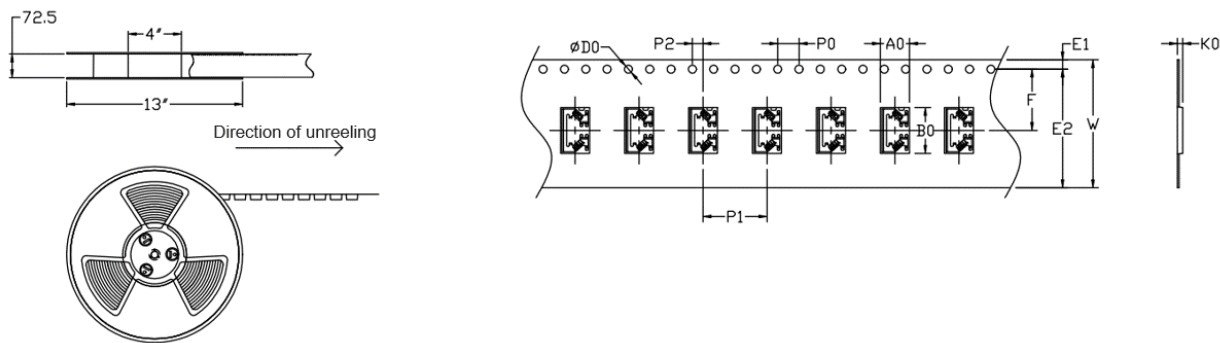
YY = Year

WW = Week

“0013” is the product ID (AANI-NI-0013)

Packaging Information

The antenna is delivered on tape and reel according to the following specifications.



1. 10 sprocket hole pitch cumulative tolerance ± 0.2
2. Camber not to exceed 1mm in 100mm
3. A0 and B0 measured on a plane 0.30mm above the bottom of the pocket
4. K0 measured from a plane on the inside bottom of the pocket to the top surface of the carrier .
5. pocket position relative to sprocket hole measured as true position of pocket, not pocket hole.
6. Component load per 13" reel: 3300 pcs
7. Packing: specification follow the norm EIA-481

A ₀	5.45 ± 0.1
B ₀	8.60 ± 0.1
D ₀	$\phi 1.5^{+0.10}_{-0.00}$
E ₁	1.75 ± 0.1
F	11.5 ± 0.15
K ₀	1.04 ± 0.1
P ₀	4.0 ± 0.1
P ₁	12.0 ± 0.1
P ₂	2.0 ± 0.15
T	0.3 ± 0.05
W	24.0 ± 0.3

Unit: mm (unless otherwise noted)

Carton box size: 35 x 35 x 40cm

No. of reel per box: 13 reels

Weight per box: about 10kg

Qty per box: 42900pcs

ATTENTION: Abracon LLC's products are Commercial-Off-The-Shelf ('COTS'), which are designed, intended, and validated for use in commercial, industrial, and automotive applications. The customer is responsible for testing and verifying the performance of an Abracon solution to meet their system-level requirements.



5101 Hidden Creek Ln Spicewood TX 78669
 Phone: 512-371-6159 | Fax: 512-351-8858
 For terms and conditions of sales, please visit:
www.abracon.com

REVISED: 04-26-24

ABRACON IS
 ISO9001-2015
 CERTIFIED