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Preface

Purpose

This document provides an overview of the hardware characteristics and specifications for the OGi modem.

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[T402] OG Interface Developer Guide

[T403] AT Interface Developer Guide

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1 Overview

The OGi modem is an L-Band mobile device and provides either an AT interface or an OG interface for command and control. Hardware using an AT interface operates on the IsatData Pro gateway while hardware using an OG interface operates on the ORBCOMM gateway. ORBCOMM's turn-key OEM solutions are intended for early integration into M2M applications.

An OGi modem contains a satellite transceiver and a GNSS receiver, and requires a specific passive antenna. The modem accepts commands and returns responses via a serial interface.

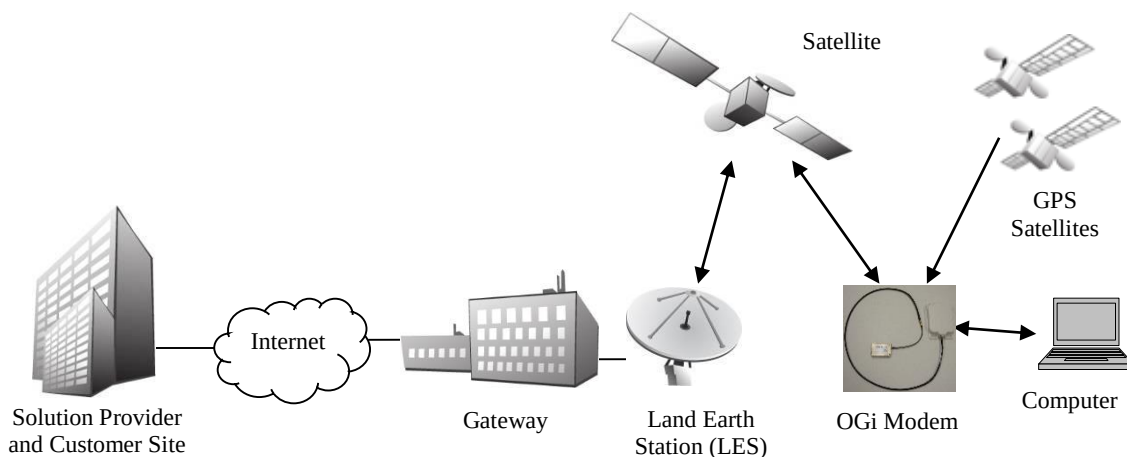
The modem is suitable for both industrial and fixed applications such as:

- Transportation and Distribution
- Fleet management and security
- Asset tracking, monitoring and control

1.1 Overview of the Messaging System

The IsatData Pro service allows OEM Integrators to offer particular applications and/or services to their clients. As shown in Figure 1, the OEM Integrator communicates with the modem through a centralized gateway. The gateway is the communications hub of the system, controlling access to the modem and routing traffic to the modem, regardless of where it is deployed in the world.

Figure 1 Messaging Gateway



Configuration and data retrieval from the modem can be easily accomplished through Internet-based application services provided by OEM Integrators or by integrating existing customer enterprise software to receive information from the Gateway.

IsatData Pro provides the following key features and benefits:

- Two-way communication
- Messaging to a host connected to the modem

- Broadcast messages
- Low latency messaging
- Up to 6,400 bytes from-mobile messages for the AT Interface; up to 6,000 bytes from-mobile messages for the OG Interface
- Up to 10,000 bytes to-mobile messages for the AT Interface; to-mobile messages for the OG Interface are truncated
- Acknowledged messages
- Global service

1.2 OGi Modem

The OGi modem provides easy integration and the highest level of EMI/EMC shielding that reduces integration risk when the modem is co-located with other electronics.

Figure 2 OGi Modem



1.2.1 Remote Antennas

Two passive antenna types are available: a standard antenna (Figure 3) and a low elevation antenna (Figure 3). The standard antenna has an elevation angle of 20 to 90° and the low elevation antenna has an elevation angle of -15 to 90°. The OEM Integrator is responsible for providing a specific RF cable to connect the antenna to the modem.

Both the standard and low elevation antennas are:

- Available with a side or bottom connector
- Sealed for operating in outdoor environments
- Provide four mounting tabs for installation
- Available with an SMA connector
- Available packaged or unpackaged

Figure 3 Antennas**Figure 4 Antenna Bottom Mount (standard antenna shown)**

1.2.2 Unpackaged Antennas

Both antenna types, standard and low elevation, are also available in an unpackaged form. Both feature an IPX connector for connection to the modem and four mounting holes for installation.

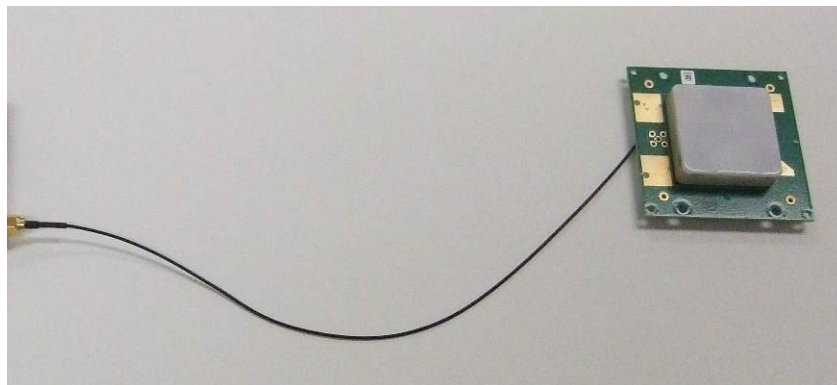
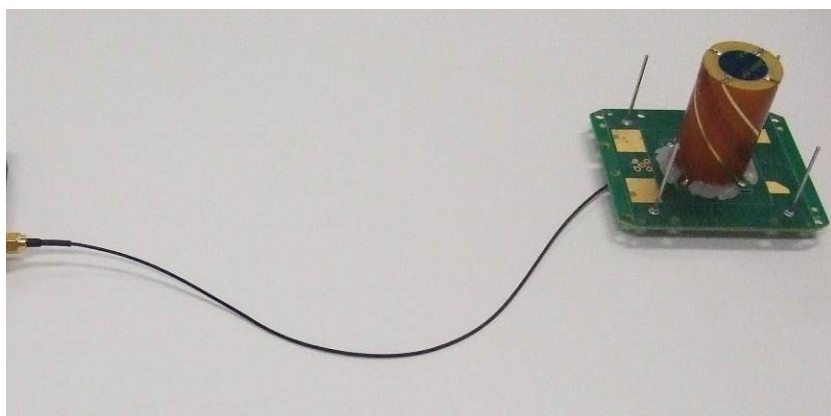
Figure 5 Unpackaged Standard Antenna

Figure 6 Unpackaged Low Elevation Antenna

1.3 Key Features and Benefits

The OGi modem offers the following key features and benefits:

- Designed to be incorporated into an OEM Integrator's solution
- Built-in GNSS receiver to provide position, speed and heading information
- Broad operational temperature range
- IsatData Pro message payload and latency capabilities

1.4 Operating Modes

1.4.1 Satellite Modem

For the most part, the modem operates independently from the host application. The modem operating modes are described in Table 1.

Table 1 Satellite Modem Operating Modes

Operating Mode	Description
Transmit Mode	In transmit mode the modem is transmitting a signal to the gateway.
Receive Mode	In receive mode the modem is attempting or actively listening to the satellite (listening on the bulletin board channel or on a traffic channel).

1.4.2 GNSS Receiver

The GNSS receiver is a module peripheral that is either on or off.

2 Compliance

At this time, all certifications listed in this section are pending for the OGi modems.

Once approved, these certifications and test results will be available to OEM Integrators for use as a baseline for the certification approval of their enclosure.

However, the OEM Integrator is responsible for ensuring that their final enclosure complies with all local regulatory requirements, and electrical and safety codes wherever the enclosures are sold or used. As the OEM Integrator's enclosure contains the OEM Integrator's power supply and possibly other circuitry that affects the modem, the OEM Integrator most likely needs to perform additional testing or repeat some of the tests listed below.

Inmarsat Type Approval

Industry Canada RSS-170

- Pending

FCC Part 25

- CFR Title 47: Telecommunication, Part 25 - Satellite Communications

CE Mark

- EN 301 426

RoHS

- Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)¹

¹ European Union's (EU) Directive 2002/95/EEC "Restriction of Hazardous Substances" (RoHS) in Electronic and Electrical Equipment.

3 Specifications

3.1 Connector

The table below describes the mating connector.

Parameter	Value
Connector	Mini PCI express, 0.8 mm pitch, 52 pin connectors with 26 per side, with gold plated contacts. Several heights are available from multiple vendors. TE Connectivity 1775838-2 FCI 10123908

3.1.1 Pin Designations

Figure 7 shows the pin number designations.

Figure 7 Modem Connector Pinout - Top View of Modem (odd numbers)

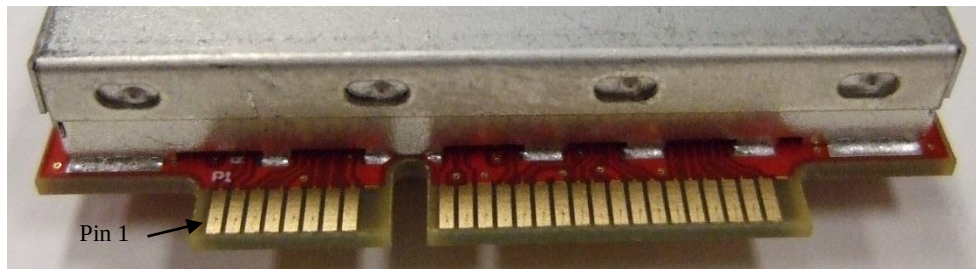
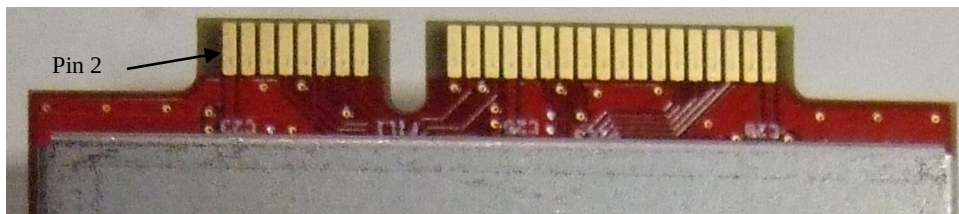


Figure 8 Modem Connector Pinout - Bottom View of Modem (even numbers)



3.1.2 Pin Descriptions

Table 2 contains the modem pin assignments.

Table 2 Modem Electrical Pin Assignment

Pin	Name	I/O	Voltage	Description
1	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
2	MAIN_POWER	I	5.0 – 15.0 VDC	-
3	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
4	GND	-	-	Ground
5	MASTER_RX	I	-	3.3 V logic levels
6	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
7	MASTER_TX	O	-	3.3 V logic levels
8	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect

Pin	Name	I/O	Voltage	Description
9	GND	-	-	Ground
10	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
11	DEBUG_RX	I	-	3.3 V logic levels
12	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
13	DEBUG_TX	O	-	3.3 V logic levels
14	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
15	MASTER_RESET	I	-	High impedance, active low internal 10 k Ω pull-up, pull-down with field effect transistor.
16	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
17	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
18	GND	-	-	Ground
19, 20	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
21	GND	-	-	Ground
22, 23	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
24	MAIN_POWER	I	5.0 – 15.0 VDC	Input voltage
25	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
26	GND	-	-	Ground
27	GND	-	-	Ground
28	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
29	GND	-	-	Ground
30	1PPS	O	3.3 V logic level	Output
31...33	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
34	GND	-	-	Ground
35	GND	-	-	Ground
36...39	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
40	GND	-	-	Ground
41...49	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
50	GND	-	-	Ground
51	Reserved	-	-	Do not connect
52	MAIN_POWER	I	5.0 – 15.0 VDC	Input voltage

3.2 RF Connector

Parameter	Value
Modem RF Connector	MMCX, female (jack) connector
Unpackaged Antenna RF Connector	IPEX (U.FI) SMT receptacle

Parameter	Value
Packed/Remote Antenna RF Connector	SMA female

3.3 RF Connection Specifications

The table below lists the specification for the RF present on the RF connector.

Parameter	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
RF Output	30.5	31.5	32.5	dBm

3.4 Power

The modem has various power pins as shown in Table 2. Power input must always be present on all power pins.

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Units
MAIN_POWER	5	15	VDC

3.4.1 Average Power Consumption

When the modem is on, its default and steady state is satellite communications receive current, unless it is transmitting or acquiring a GPS fix.

Table 3 shows power averages, at room temperature (22°C), taken from startup to registration, for three MAIN_POWER voltage.

Table 3 Typical Power Consumption (current)

Parameter	Current		
	@ 5 VDC	@ 8 VDC	@ 12 VDC
GPS Fix	150 mA	100 mA	70 mA
Satellite communications receive	170 mA	110 mA	80 mA
Transmit	2000 mA	1050 mA	750 mA

3.4.2 Inrush Current

The modem's inrush specifications for MAIN_POWER are shown in the tables below.

	Typical Inrush Current on MAIN_POWER at 5 V		
	Amplitude (mA)	Period (μs)	Charge (μC)
Power Up	500	4000	3000
GPS Power Up	150	500	50
Receive Power Up	200	160	100
Transmit Power Up	3000	3700	3000

	Typical Inrush Current on MAIN_POWER at 12 V		
	Amplitude (mA)	Period (μs)	Charge (μC)
Power Up	700	3000	400
GPS Power Up	80	350	50
Receive Power Up	90	200	60
Transmit Power Up	900	3000	1100

3.5 Serial Interface

The serial defaults to the following settings: 9600 bit/s (8 data, no parity, 1 stop bit) with debug default of 115,200 bit/s (8 data, no parity, 1 stop bit).

The master and debug ports are configurable. Voltages for these ports are 3.3 VDC CMOS logic levels.

Parameter	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
DEBUG_RX input	2.7	3.3	3.6	VDC
MASTER_RX input	2.7	3.3	3.6	VDC
DEBUG_TX output	2.7	3.3	3.6	VDC
MASTER_TX output	2.7	3.3	3.6	VDC

3.5.1 Master Reset

The MASTER_RESET resets the modem to its default startup state. The MASTER_RESET pin is open drain and has an internal 10 KΩ pull-up.

Parameter	Maximum	Units
MASTER_RESET pulled high	3.3	V
MASTER_RESET	<500	μA

3.6 Frequency

The table below lists the modem's operating frequencies.

Parameter	Value
Receive frequency band (to-mobile)	1525 to 1559 MHz, channel bandwidth 5 kHz 1518 to 1525 MHz, channel bandwidth 5 kHz
Transmit frequency band (from-mobile)	1626.5 to 1660.5 MHz, channel bandwidth 2 kHz 1668 to 1675 MHz, channel bandwidth 2 kHz
GNSS Band	GPS L1; GLONASS L1; BeiDou B1

3.7 Antenna Specifications

The antenna is available in two types: standard and low elevation.

3.7.1 Standard Antenna

Parameter	Value
Elevation angle	> 20 degrees elevation
Maximum transmit passive antenna gain	4.5 dBic

3.7.2 Low Elevation Antenna

Parameter	Value
Elevation angle	-15 degrees elevation
Maximum transmit passive antenna gain	2.5 dBic

3.8 Multi-GNSS

Table 4 Multi-GNSS Typical Specifications

Parameter	GPS	GPS/ GLONASS	GPS/BeiDou
Time to First Fix²			
Cold Start	30s	27s	28s
Hot Start	1s	1s	1s
Sensitivity			
Tracking	-163 dBm	-164 dBm	-162 dBm
Hot Start	-156 dBm	-156 dBm	-156 dBm
Cold Start	-147 dBm	-147 dBm	-147 dBm
Accuracy			
Horizontal Position (CEP) ³	-	2.5/2.0 m	-
Velocity	-	0.05 m/s	-
Heading	-	0.3 degrees	-

3.8.1 1PPS Signal

The 1PPS signal is available in the modem. It outputs a pulse per second by default, provided a valid GPS signal is present. If the GPS signal is blocked, the 1PPS stops.

By default the GPS is only on when requested by the application or the network. For constant time updates, the GPS must be on at all times.

3.9 Mechanical Properties

3.9.1 OGi Modem

Parameter	Value
Mass	20 g

² All satellites at -130 dBm

³ CEP, 50%, 24 hours static, -130 dBm, >6 SVs

3.9.2 Packaged Antenna – Standard

Parameter	Value
Mass (excludes cable, side entry version)	360 g
Enclosure Material	Lexan EXL 9330

3.9.3 Packaged Antenna – Low Elevation

Parameter	Value
Mass (excludes cable, side entry version)	367 g
Enclosure Material	Lexan EXL 9330

3.9.4 Unpackaged Antenna – Standard

Parameter	Value
Mass	92 g
UV Resistance	No inherent UV stability

3.9.5 Unpackaged Antenna – Low Elevation

Parameter	Value
Mass	68 g
UV Resistance	No inherent UV stability

3.10 Physical Dimensions

All dimensions are shown in millimeters (mm).

3.10.1 OGi Modem

Figure 9 Top View Dimensions (mm)

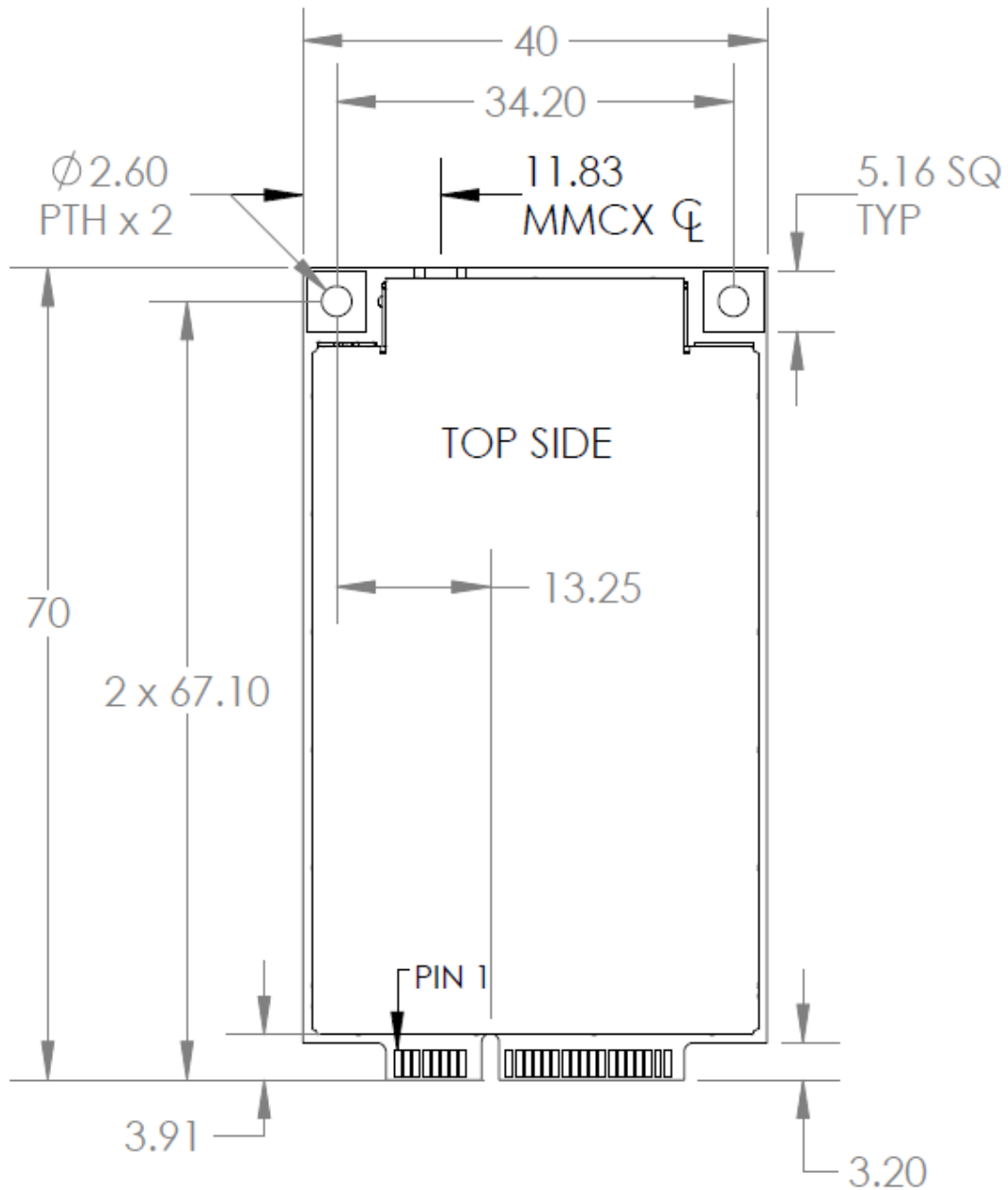
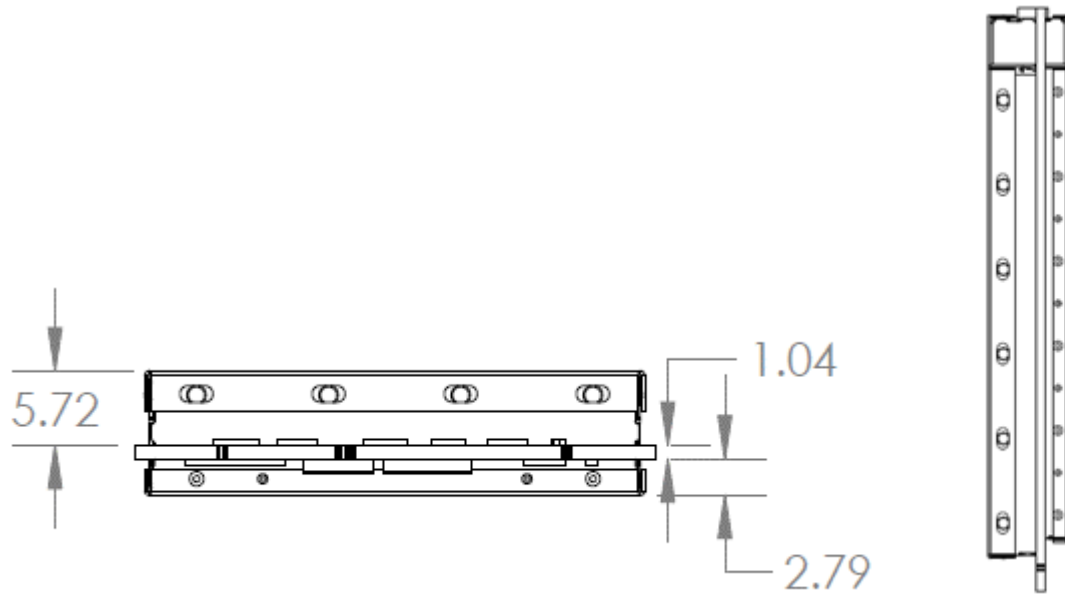
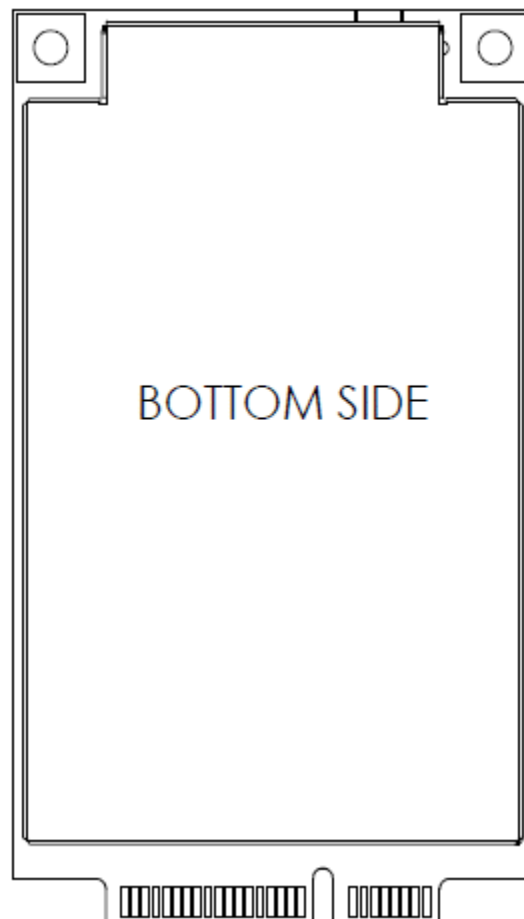


Figure 10 Side Views (mm)**Figure 11 Bottom View**

3.10.2 Packaged Antenna - Standard

Figure 12 Packaged Antenna (Standard and Low Elevation) - Bottom View (mm)

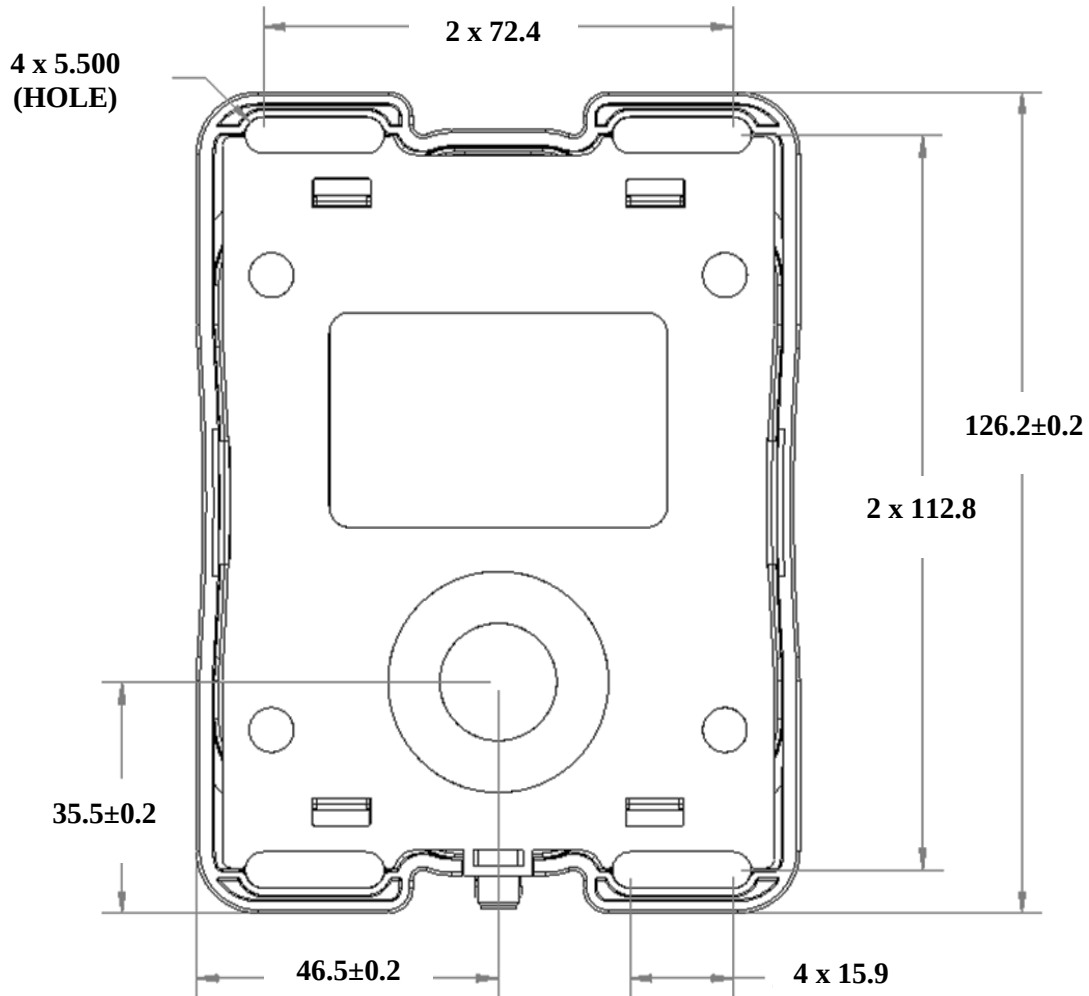


Figure 13 Packaged Standard Antenna Height Dimensions (mm)

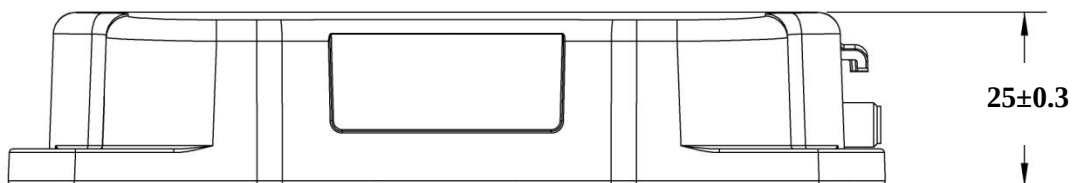


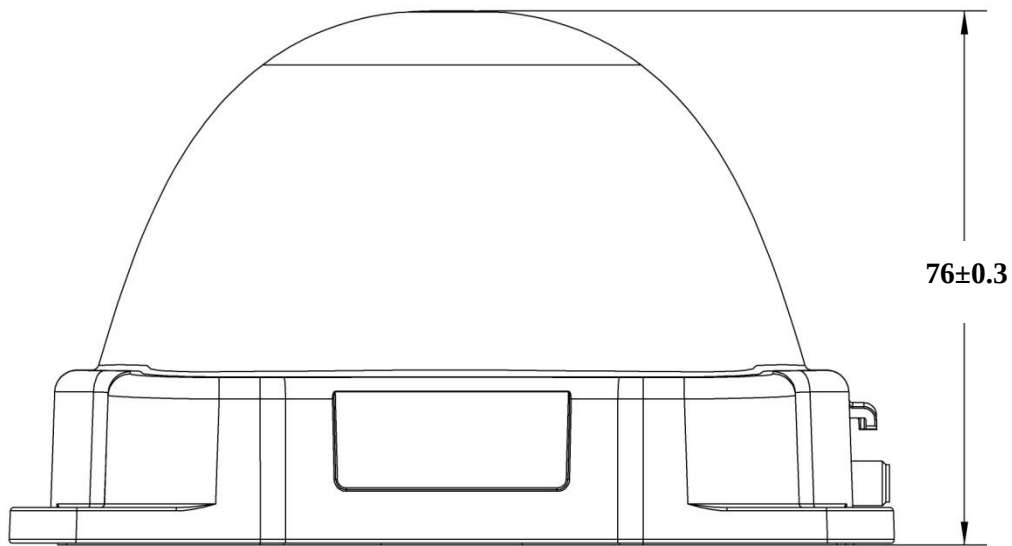
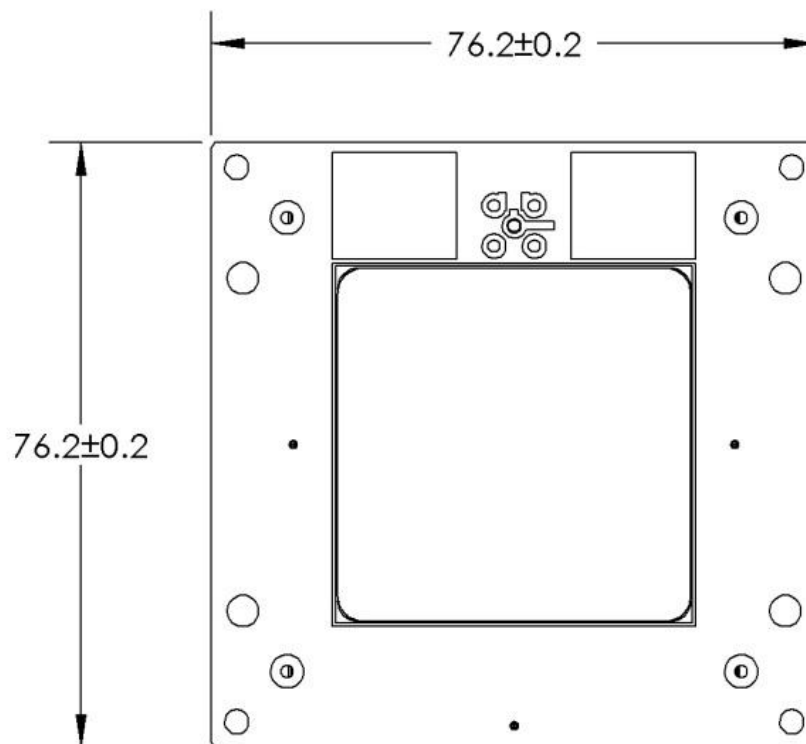
Figure 14 Packaged Low Elevation Antenna Height Dimensions (mm)**Figure 15 Standard Unpackaged Antenna – Top View (mm)**

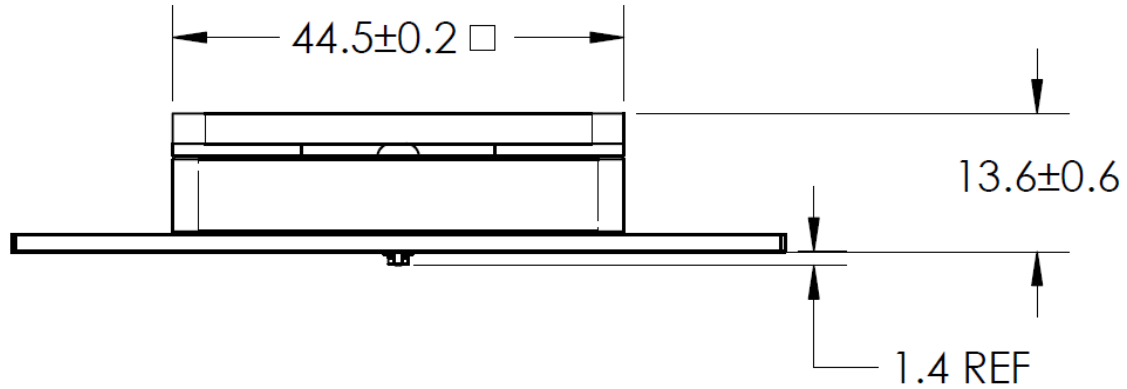
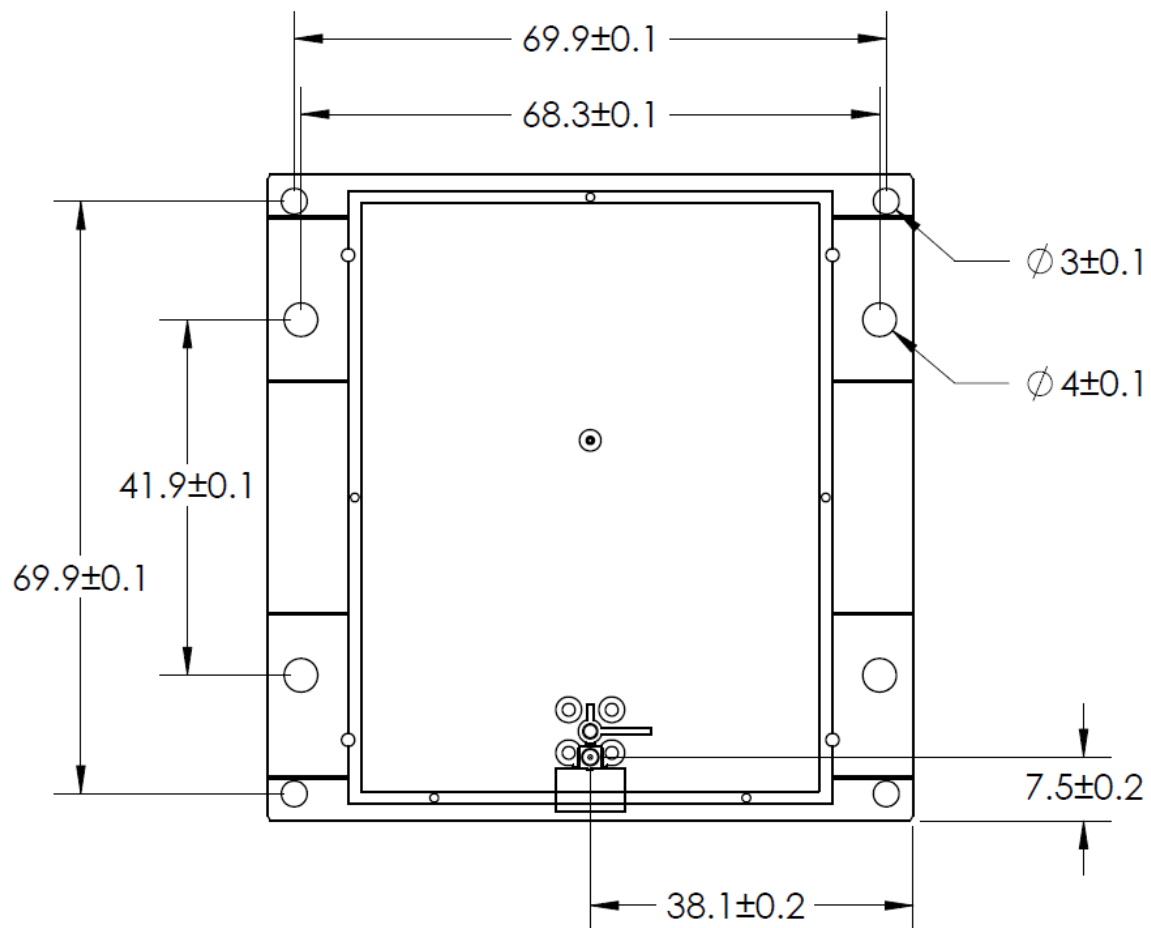
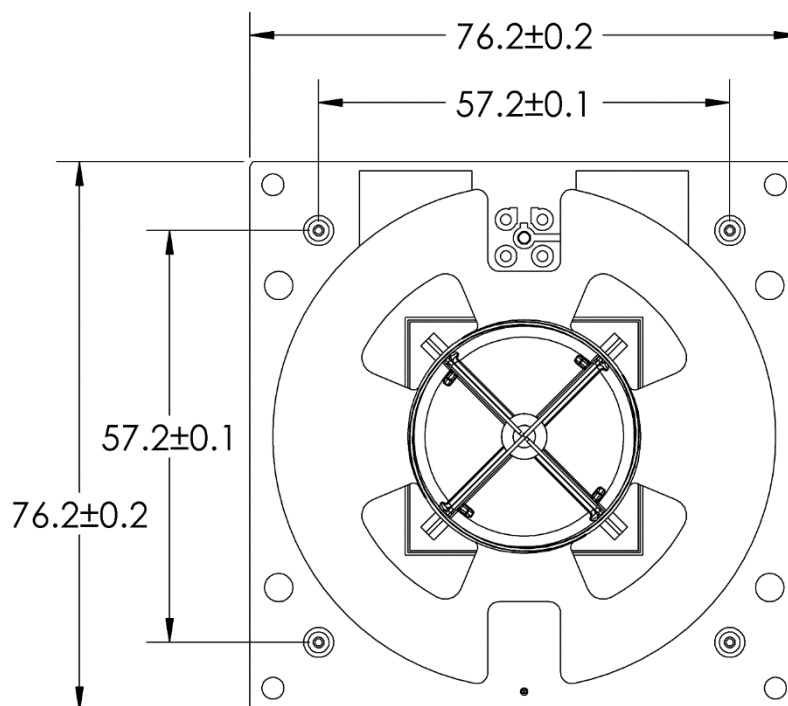
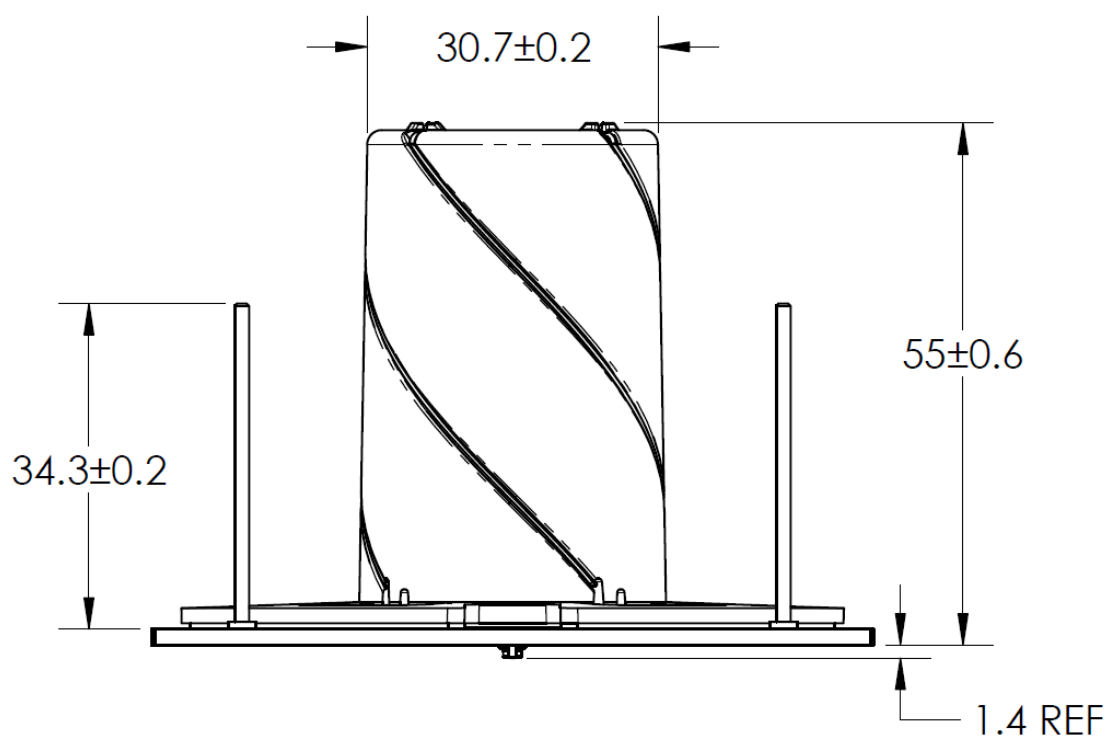
Figure 16 Standard Unpackaged Antenna – Side View (mm)**Figure 17 Unpackaged Antenna (Standard and Low Elevation) – Bottom View (mm)**

Figure 18 Unpackaged Antenna (Low Elevation) – Top View (mm)**Figure 19 Unpackaged Antenna (Low Elevation) – Side View (mm)**

3.11 Environmental⁴

Temperature

Parameter	Value
Operating temperature range	-40°C to +85°C
Storage temperature	-40°C to +85°C

Modem

Parameter	Description
Vibration	The modem meets all its specifications during exposure to random vehicular vibration levels per SAE J1455, section 4.10.4.2 and MIL-STD-810G, section 514.6, fig 514.6C-1.
Mechanical Shock	The modem meets all its specifications after exposure to positive and negative saw tooth shock pulses with peaks of 20G and durations of 11 ms as specified in MIL-STD-810G, section 516.6, Procedure I, section 2.3.2c, 3/axis/(positive and negative direction).

Packaged Antenna

The antenna is an IP67 enclosure that contains no user serviceable parts.

Parameter	Description
Humidity	The packaged antenna meets all its specifications during exposure to 90% relative humidity at +85°C, per the test methodology of SAE J1455, section 4.2.3.
Vibration	The packaged antenna meets all its specifications during exposure to random vehicular vibration levels per SAE J1455, section 4.9.4.2 and MIL-STD-810G, section 514.6, fig 514.6C-1.
Mechanical Shock	The packaged antenna meets all its specifications after exposure to positive and negative saw tooth shock pulses with peaks of 20G and durations of 11 ms as specified in MIL-STD-810G, section 516.6, Procedure I, section 2.3.2c, 3/axis/(positive and negative direction).
Altitude	The packaged antenna meets all of its specifications after a non-operating 12.2 km altitude test as detailed in SAE J1455, section 4.9.3, except with an ambient temperature of -40°C.
Thermal Shock	The packaged antenna meets all of its specifications after a thermal shock test as detailed in SAE J1455, section 4.1.3.2.
Salt Spray Atmosphere	The packaged antenna meets all of its specifications after a salt spray test as detailed in SAE J1455, section 4.3.3.1.
Immersion	The packaged antenna meets all of its specifications after a 6 hour alternating hot/cold salt water immersion test as detailed

⁴ References to SAE J1455 (section 4.1.3.1) refer to the 2006 version.

Parameter	Description
	in SAE J1455, section 4.3.3.2. The remote antenna meets all of its specifications after a 30 minute, 1 m depth fresh water immersion test as detailed in IEC 60529, section 14.2.7.
Exposure to Chemicals and Oils	The packaged antenna meets all of its specifications after a light to moderate splash test as detailed in SAE J1455 section 4.4.3.2, for the following chemicals: - Window Washer Solvent - Gasoline - Diesel Fuel - Fuel Additives - Alcohol - Anti-Freeze Water Mixture - Degreasers - Soap and Detergents - Steam - Waxes - Kerosene - Freon - Spray Paint - Paint Strippers - Ether - Dust Control Agents (magnesium chloride) - Moisture Control Agents (calcium chloride) - Ammonia - Aluminum brightener (acid wash)
Steam Cleaning and Pressure Washing	The packaged antenna meets all of its specifications after a steam cleaning and pressure wash test as detailed in SAE J1455, section 4.5.3.
Fungus	The packaged antenna meets all of its specifications after a fungus test as detailed in SAE J1455, section 4.6.3.
Dust and Sand Bombardment	The packaged antenna meets all of its specifications after a dust and sand bombardment test as detailed in SAE J1455 section 4.7.3. The remote antenna meets the acceptance conditions of IEC 60529 section 13.6.2 after a dust and sand bombardment test as detailed in IEC 60529 section 13.4. The RF connector at the end of the remote antenna cable intended to be mated with the enclosed modem card was not subjected to dust and sand bombardment during the tests.
Drop Test	The packaged antenna meets all its specifications after a handling drop test as specified in SAE J1455 section 4.11.3.1.
Flammability	UL94, IEC 60707, 60695-11-10 and 60695-11-20

Unpackaged Antenna

The unpackaged antenna met the following specifications when mounted to a rigid structure. Note that the rigidity and strength of the mounting structure must be considered to maintain or comply with these specifications.

Parameter	Description
Vibration	The unpackaged antenna meets all its specifications during exposure to random vehicular vibration levels per SAE J1455, section 4.9.4.2 and MIL-STD-810G, section 514.6, fig 514.6C-1.
Mechanical Shock	The unpackaged antenna meets all its specifications after exposure to positive and negative saw tooth shock pulses with peaks of 20G and durations of 11 ms as specified in MIL-STD-810G, section 516.6, Procedure I, section 2.3.2c, 3/axis/(positive and negative direction).
Altitude	The unpackaged antenna meets all of its specifications after a non-operating 12.2 km altitude test as detailed in SAE J1455, section 4.9.3, except with an ambient temperature of -40°C.
Thermal Shock	The unpackaged antenna meets all of its specifications after a thermal shock test as detailed in SAE J1455, section 4.1.3.2.

3.12 Mobile Identification Number

Each modem has a *mobile ID* used to register it on the IsatData Pro network. The mobile ID is a 15-digit alphanumeric identifier in the format NNNNNNNNSKYXXXX.

Figure 20 shows the location of label.

Figure 20 Mobile ID Location



4 Integration Guidelines

This section contains a number of guidelines to assist the OEM Integrator in building their enclosure. It must be recognized that this section provides guidelines only and each OEM Integrator must use their own discretion to finish the integration approach that works for them.

4.1 Regulatory Guidelines

The OEM Integrator must recognize the importance of regulatory requirements for their integrated design. These requirements can have a major impact on the product design functioning and schedule. Further, as the regulatory requirements can be quite complex, ORBCOMM recommends that OEM Integrators always seek the advice of a regulatory expert prior to starting integration. This advice allows the OEM Integrator to properly plan and schedule design and test requirements.

When the regulatory tests are defined, it is also important to identify authorized test labs that are qualified to perform the required tests. Prior to a design, critical tests should be identified. It is recommended that the OEM Integrator pretest any high risk critical specifications early in the design stage.

4.2 Compliance

Refer to section 2 for compliance information.

4.2.1 Reference Power Supply

The internal power supply operates between 5.0 and 15.0 VDC. A full RF output requires an input voltage above the minimum operating voltage.

4.2.2 Review Process

The OGi modem integration can be challenging as the modem is a sensitive receiver that has stringent emission specifications.

To help minimize integration risk, ORBCOMM recommends that the OEM Integrator consult with ORBCOMM and review the mechanical integration prior to starting a detailed design.

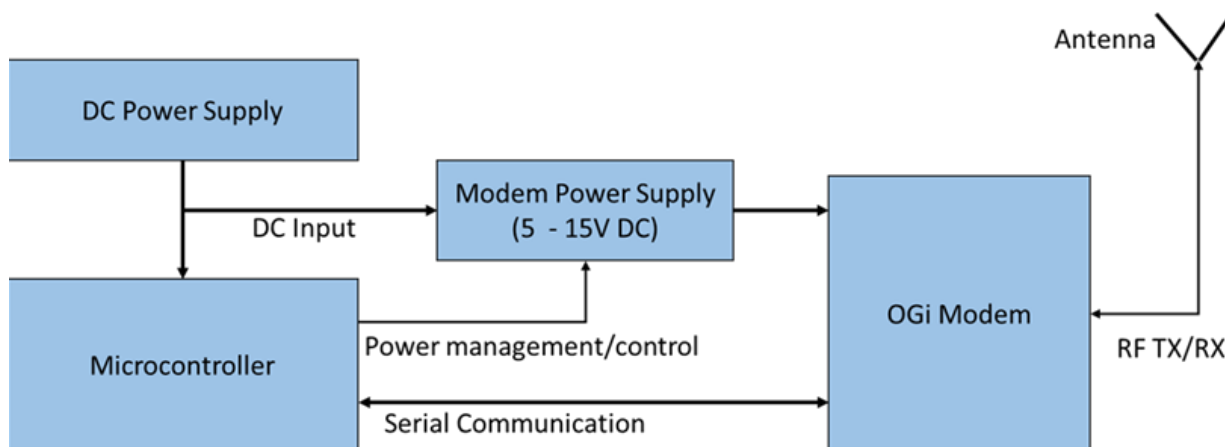
4.3 EMI/EMC Guidelines

The modem and antenna form a highly sensitive receiver that can receive very weak satellite or GNSS signals. The highly sensitive receiver can also pick up noise or other interference. Components such as processors and support circuitry should be shielded with good quality shielding. It is also recommended that RF coupling/bypass capacitors be added to the power supply rail, as close as possible to the modem's power pin. Digital interface devices should be shielded, and care must be taken to ensure the digital interface cable does not run close to the antenna.

4.3.1 Typical Integration

The modem is intended to be used in a larger system. The system must provide adequate power (low noise and relatively high current) and must possess an electrical signaling mechanism compatible with the modem. Ensure that the custom designed circuit board does not create undesirable signals that can impact the performance of the modem. An external antenna is required to complete the modem design.

Figure 21 Typical OEM Integrator Modem Design



4.3.2 Antenna Cable Guidelines

The OEM Integrator is responsible for designing a custom-made RF cable to connect antenna and modem. The following recommendations provide some guidelines for RF cable selection:

Application	Cable Type	Connector	Max. Total Loss at 1.6 GHz	Cable Example
Packaged/Remote Antenna cable	RF Coaxial 50 Ω	MMCX male/SMA male	1.5 dB	LMR195
Unpackaged Antenna Cable	RF Coaxial 50 Ω	MMCX male/IPEX plug male	0.5 dB	-

4.3.2.1 General Guidelines for Antenna Positioning

Antenna placement is important. When positioning the antenna consider EMI performance of the integration product and visibility to the sky.

Depending on the EMI performance of the integration product, the satellite antenna may need to be placed a distance away from the integration product.

The antenna must be positioned such that it has a good view of the sky and there is no metal/circuit board nearby to interfere with or block the antenna.

4.3.3 Host Shielding

In a typical integration, the modem is controlled by microcontroller.

The microcontroller and supporting circuitry, such as memory, high speed data/address bus, clock references and power supply sources are normally noisy and could potentially

affect the highly sensitive satellite or GPS receiver performance if the antenna is placed too close to the circuitry.

The following guidelines are provided when building a microcontroller using the modem.

- Microcontroller and circuitry should be fully shielded.
- Digital interfaces such as serial ports, USBs and I²C along with their tracks should be shielded.
- Avoid running any digital interface connector and cable close to the antenna. Do not route any metal or cable above the ground plane of the antenna card or above the antenna.

4.3.4 Decoupling

The following are recommendations for the power supply and digital lines to reduce emissions that could be picked up by the modem.

- RF decoupling/bypass capacitors (22pF 0403 or 33pF 0603 typical) be added as close as possible to the modem's power pin on the power supply rail of the processor and high speed digital circuitry.
- RF decoupling/bypass capacitors added on the interface power rails.

4.4 Maximum Current

It is recommended that the power supply be designed with a margin to supply the maximum current required by the modem. Refer to sections 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 for maximum current and inrush current requirements when designing a power supply.

4.5 Enclosure Design

The modem is not designed for outdoor environments. Consequently, the enclosure typically requires a robust environmentally sealed enclosure that can house the modem.

The following guidelines are recommended for the enclosure design.

- An IP67 rating⁵ or better for outdoor use.
- Use enclosure materials that are transparent to L-Band (1-2 GHz) radio signals.
- Lexan Resin EXL 9330 is a common recommended enclosure material, but there are many other suitable materials.
- The unpackaged standard antenna is supplied with a dielectric cap, a piece of plastic over the ceramic patch antenna that helps to negate the effects of different enclosure materials on the performance of the antenna. With the dielectric cap, the standard unpackaged antenna can be placed as close as desired to the adjacent enclosure material.
- The unpackaged low elevation antenna is less sensitive to enclosure material selection and does not require a dielectric cap.

⁵ IEC 60529

- Do not use metallic paint or tinting that may be conductive.

4.5.1 Label Guidelines

The label on the modem includes its mobile ID. If the modem is placed inside of an enclosure that is not intended to be opened, an exterior label must be affixed to the enclosure, in a visible location.

When integrating the modem into an enclosure, you must do one of the following:

- Provide visibility of the modem through a window.
- Provide an easy way to get to the modem when an access panel or door is removed.
- Place a label on the outside of the final enclosure that contains the following information:
 - A copy of the ORBCOMM logo
 - Text that indicates the enclosure contains a transmitter
 - The mobile ID
 - A list of all valid certifications (for example, ETSI, Industry Canada, etc.)

With this information on the enclosure, installers can readily identify the required information.

4.5.2 Mating Connector Guidelines

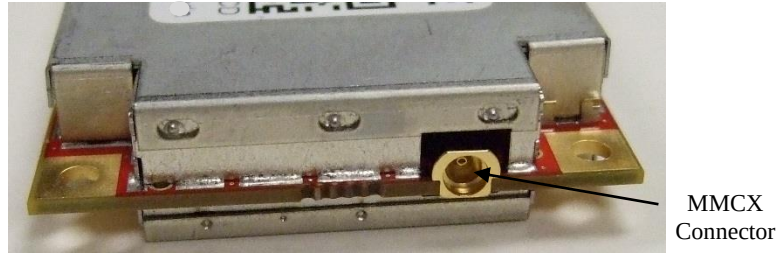
Refer to section 3.1 for connector guidelines.

4.6 Modem Mounting Guidelines

As shown in Figure 22 the modem has a hole in each corner of the enclosure sized for M2.5 hardware to secure the modem to an application card or other environmental enclosure surface.

Figure 22 Modem Mounting Holes





The modem inserts into the connector at an angle, and is held in place with screws and standoffs that match the connector height. The standoffs and screws generally interface to a ground connection on the host board. Mounting screws should be properly tightened to 0.80 N-m (7 pound-inches) of torque or as per the specifications of the connector Manufacturer.

4.7 Unpackaged Antenna Mounting Guidelines

As shown in Figure 17 the unpackaged antenna has a set of four holes sized for M3.5 hardware to secure the antenna to an environmental enclosure surface. A second set of holes at the corner of the card can be used for mounting with #4 hardware, but the holes are tight fitting and tolerances need to be considered, so SkyWave recommends the larger hole set for mounting.

5 Antenna Installation

The following section contains ORBCOMM's recommended installation guidelines for installing the antenna. It is recommended that the OEM Integrator include these in the installation guidelines for end users.

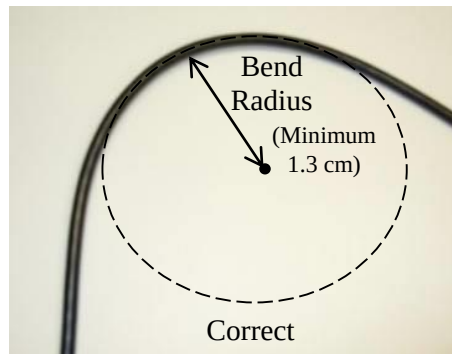
5.1 Antenna Mounting Guidelines

CAUTION *Mount the antenna at least 20 cm away from humans.*



The following guidelines for mounting the remote antenna also apply to an OEM Product that includes the unpackaged antenna where applicable.

- For fixed installations ensure that the antenna is pointing toward the equator, facing south if in the Northern Hemisphere and facing north if in the Southern Hemisphere, and its line of sight to the sky (satellite) is clear of obstructions.
- For a mobile installation, mount the antenna at the highest point on the vehicle or vessel where it has a clear view of the sky (satellite) in all directions.
- Do not mount the antenna near metal objects. The antenna can communicate with the satellite through fiberglass, but not through metal. Metal causes interference if it is above the antenna and within 10.2 cm from the top of the antenna. Respect the 20° or -15° elevation angle requirement with metallic object. Ensure that the antenna is at least 1.3 cm higher than the metallic surface in cases where it must be mounted next to a vertical metallic surface.
- Ensure that any paint above the antenna is non-metallic and non-metallic flake, if the installation is under fiberglass or composite wind fairings.
- Mount the antenna on a surface that does not exceed the antenna's maximum operating temperature. Locating the antenna where temperatures exceed the recommended range might compromise performance.
- Do not mount the antenna close to an exhaust pipe due to the excessive heat and the potential for the exhaust pipe causing satellite blockage.
- Do not mount the antenna close to air horns or any tractor roof hardware (for example, emergency lights) that could interfere with satellite communications.
- Mount the antenna on the driver's side of the vehicle, if possible, when there is a possibility of strikes by overhanging tree branches.
- Do not drill any holes before checking that you have room for the bend radius of the low loss coax cable. For reliable operation, do not go below a bend radius of 1.3 cm. Measure the bend radius of the cable as shown in Figure 23.

Figure 23 Antenna Cable Bend Radius

- Mount on a surface that is free from dirt, grime, water and grease to avoid damaging the mounting surface or the vehicle's paint.
- Mount so that the cable end faces the rear of the vehicle.

5.2 Mount a Remote Antenna

Two mounting options are available for the remote packaged satellite antennas: screw mount or silicone mount. OEM Integrators, who have included an unpackaged antenna within their product, should apply any packaged antenna restrictions mentioned in this section, to the mounting of their own product.

5.2.1 Screw Mount

If mounting a remote antenna the following tools and materials are required:

- Drill
- M4 hardware
- Outdoor waterproof adhesive sealant (silicone)

To mount the antenna, follow the steps below.

1. Find a location for the remote antenna following the guidelines provided in Section 5.1.
2. Use the mounting template (APPENDIX A) or the antenna as a template, to mark the location of the mounting holes.

CAUTION



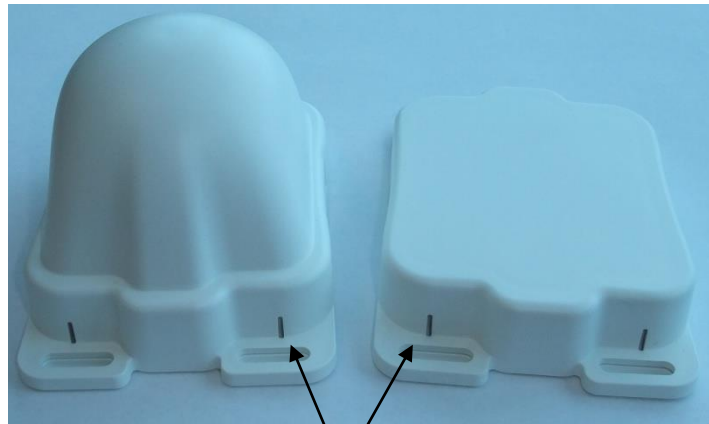
Cable management and connector strain relief MUST be incorporated in the installation. Secure the cable no more than 15 cm from the antenna enclosure and at regular intervals along its length as part of the installation to prevent cable wear and eliminate strain on the terminal connector. Damage to the terminal connector interface or cable might otherwise result leading to hardware failure.

3. Drill the mounting holes using the drill.
4. Apply waterproof sealing compound, such as RTV silicone, around the drill holes so water does not seep into the asset.

CAUTION *Adhesive or silicone cannot block the air vent features shown in Figure 24.*



Figure 24 Air Vent Feature



Do Not Block These Features

5. Secure the antenna in place with self-tapping screws or machine screws and nuts depending on access to the mounting surface. The remote antenna might also be mounted using adhesive or a high strength outdoor grade silicone when mounting holes are not an option in the mounting surface.

Note: *The recommended torque specification is approximately finger tight plus a 45 degree rotation using an 8 mm wrench.*

CAUTION *Cable management and connector strain relief MUST be incorporated in the installation. Secure the cable no more than 15 cm from the enclosure and at regular intervals along its length as part of the installation to prevent cable wear and eliminate strain on the terminal connector. Damage to the connector interface or cable might otherwise result leading to hardware failure.*



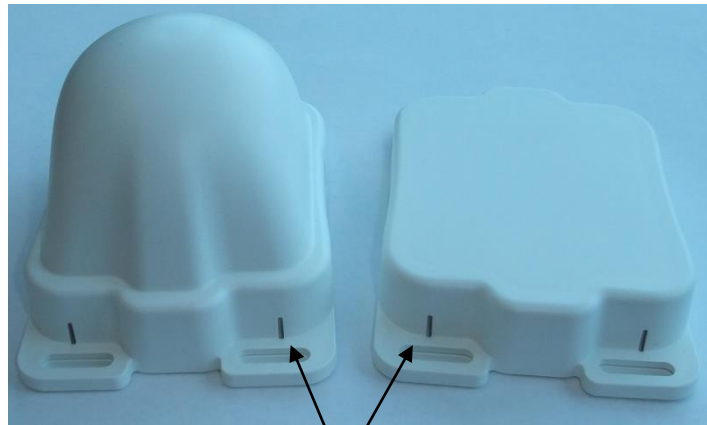
5.2.2 Adhesive Mount

The remote antenna might also be mounted using adhesive or a high strength outdoor grade silicone when mounting holes are not an option in the mounting surface.

Refer to the adhesive manufacturer's recommendations for application temperature, application conditions, compatible bonding materials, and minimum curing times when working with an adhesive. Failure to follow the manufacturer's guidelines could result in the remote antenna separating from the mounting surface.

CAUTION *Adhesive or silicone cannot block the air vent features shown in Figure 25.*



Figure 25 Air Vent Feature

Do Not Block These Features

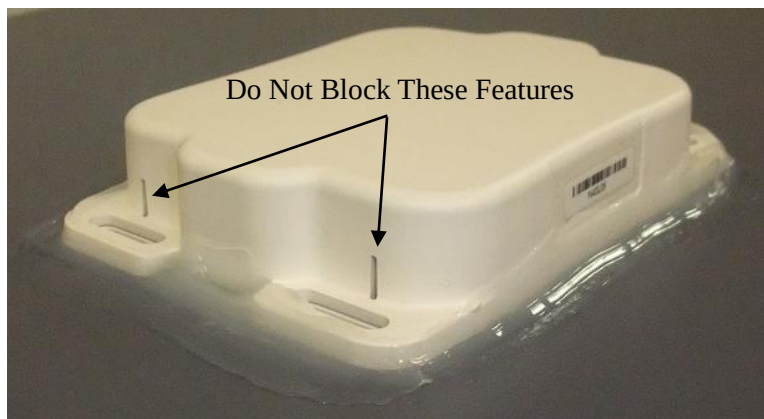
5.2.2.1 Silicone Side Connector Mount

The following tools and materials are required if mounting a side cabled remote antenna with silicone.

- Outdoor rated silicone adhesive sealant (GE RTV 108)
- Isopropyl alcohol or an equivalent

To mount the antenna:

1. Find a location for the remote antenna following the guidelines provided in Section 5.1.
2. Clean the asset surface with isopropyl alcohol or an equivalent product that does not leave a residue.
3. Apply silicone around the hole in the asset and to the bottom surface of the remote antenna and position onto the assets surface.
4. Apply a generous bead of silicone around the entire perimeter of the remote antenna enclosure. The two vertical slots shown in Figure 26 are vent features and must not be filled with silicone.

Figure 26 Apply Silicone to Remote Antenna

5. Place some weight on the remote antenna while the silicone cures.

CAUTION

Cable management and connector strain relief MUST be incorporated in the installation. Secure the cable no more than 15 cm from the antenna enclosure and at regular intervals along its length as part of the installation to prevent cable wear and eliminate strain on the terminal connector. Damage to the terminal connector interface or cable might otherwise result leading to hardware failure.

5.2.2.2 Silicone Bottom Connector Mount

The following tools and materials are required if mounting a remote bottom connector antenna with silicone.

- Outdoor rated silicone adhesive sealant (GE RTV 108)
- 5/16" or 8 mm wrench
- Drill
- 12 to 19 mm drill bit for a straight SMA cable connector
- 29 mm minimum drill bit (hole saw) for right angle SMA cable connector
- Isopropyl alcohol or an equivalent

To mount the antenna:

1. Find a location for the remote antenna following the guidelines provided in Section 5.1.
2. Drill a 12 to 19 mm hole in the asset surface (Figure 27) when using a straight SMA cable connector. For a right angle SMA cable connector, drill a minimum hole diameter of 29 mm.

Refer to the note in step 7 if the right angle hole is considered too large.

Figure 27 Drill Mounting Hole



3. Clean the asset surface with isopropyl alcohol or an equivalent product that does not leave a residue.
4. Insert the cable through the hole, from inside the asset, and thread the cable connector onto the antenna. Torque the connector finger tight plus a 45 degree rotation using an 8 mm wrench.

Figure 28 Attach Cable to Antenna

5. Apply silicone around the hole in the asset and to the bottom surface of the remote antenna.

Figure 29 Apply Silicone to Hole in Asset

6. Lower the remote antenna onto the mounting surface.
The straight SMA cable connector can be lowered straight down onto the mounting surface.

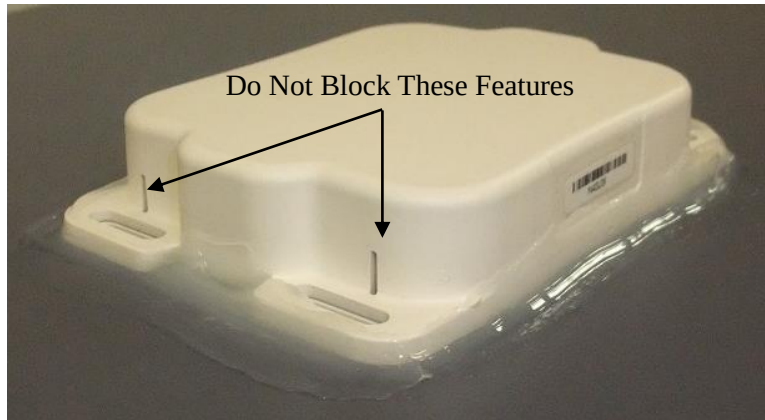
The right angle SMA cable connector, not shown, must be pivoted down onto the mounting surface to fit the right angle cable and connector through a larger clearance hole. Additional care is required with this installation to ensure the right angle cable and connector does not smear the silicone around the clearance hole when attempting to pivot the antenna into position.
7. Apply a generous bead of silicone around the entire perimeter of the remote antenna enclosure. The two vertical slots shown in Figure 26 are vent features and must not be filled with silicone.

Note: *If the large clearance hole required for the right angle SMA cable connector is considered too large, you have the option to use a smaller clearance hole in the mounting surface and install the cable from inside the asset after the antenna has been adhered with silicone.*

In this case, first confirm there is enough room from inside the asset to thread the SMA cable connector by hand and clearance for the wrench to apply the final torque.

Also note that the silicone used to mount the antenna must be fully cured before the cable can be installed from the inside otherwise the seal and mounting are compromised.

Figure 30 Apply Silicone to Terminal



8. Place some weight on the remote antenna while the silicone cures.

CAUTION



Cable management and connector strain relief MUST be incorporated in the installation. Secure the cable no more than 15 cm from the antenna enclosure and at regular intervals along its length as part of the installation to prevent cable wear and eliminate strain on the terminal connector. Damage to the terminal connector interface or cable might otherwise result leading to hardware failure.

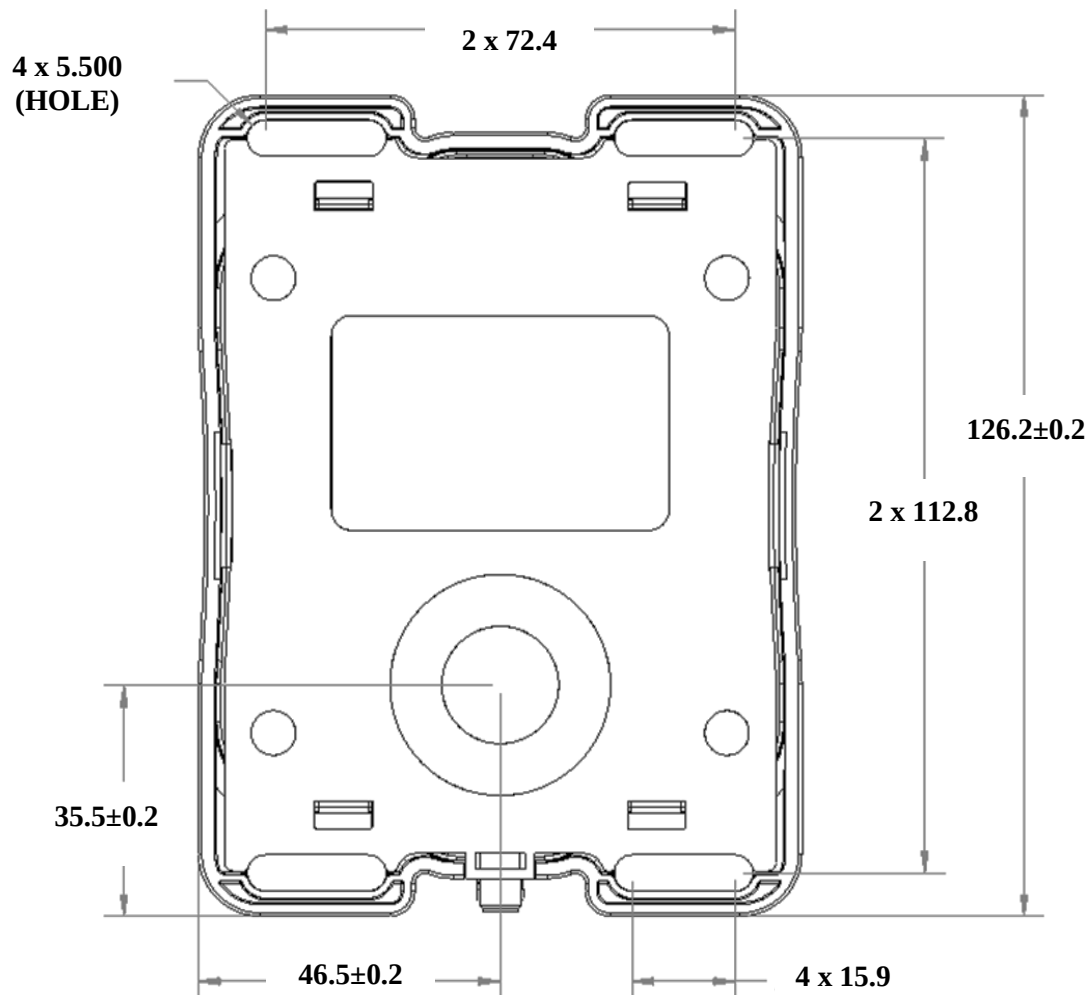
APPENDIX A Order Part Numbers

Description	Part Number
OGi modem with embedded antenna	L900-300
OGi modem with remote standard antenna	L900-301
Packaged Antennas	Part Number
Standard (side mount SMA connector, no cable)	ST100368-NSA
Standard (bottom mount SMA connector, no cable)	ST100368-NSB
Low Elevation (side mount SMA connector, no cable)	ST100369-NSA
Low Elevation (bottom mount SMA connector, no cable)	ST100369-NSB
Unpackaged Antennas	Part Number
Standard (passive antenna)	ST100425-001
Low Elevation (passive antenna)	ST100426-001
Contact your Account Executive for additional products and ordering codes	

APPENDIX B Remote Antenna Template

CAUTION Before drilling check the template against actual hardware for dimensional accuracy. If it is not correct, **DO NOT USE THIS TEMPLATE.**

CAUTION Cable management and connector strain relief **MUST** be incorporated in the installation. Secure the cable no more than 15 cm from the antenna enclosure and at regular intervals along its length as part of the installation to prevent cable wear and eliminate strain on the connector. Damage to the connector interface or cable may otherwise result leading to hardware failure.



Acronyms/Glossary

CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DC	direct current
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
GND	ground
GPS	Global Positioning System. A satellite-based system that allows the modem to determine the longitude and latitude (and hence the location) of a monitored mobile device.
I/O	input/output
IC	Industry Canada
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
N-m	Newton-Meters
PCB	printed circuit board
PPS	pulse per second
R&TTE	Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment
RF	radio frequency
RoHS	Restriction of Hazardous Substances
Rx	receive
Tx	transmit
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter

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