

Product Datasheet AC94502-01

Multiband LTE Terminal Antenna for Smart Utility Applications

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Revision History

| Date | Rev. | Summary of Changes | |
|---------------|------|--|--|
| October 2022 | 1.0 | First version of Preliminary Product Datasheet | |
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1 Multiband LTE Antenna

1.1 Scope and purpose

This document describes the AC94502 terminal antenna and its specifications. It is intended for customers deploying infrastructure for smart utility applications:

- Smart Utility infrastructure
- High-, medium- and low-voltage substations monitoring
- Asset management, attack protection and self-healing grids
- Power plants and industry

1.2 AC94502 features

- Terminal LTE antenna designed for indoor mounting and minimized installation time
- Excellent Multiband coverage: 450-470MHz, 630-960MHz and 1500-4000MHz
- Optimized performance at 450MHz to 470MHz
 - VSWR ≤ 2.0 :1
 - Efficiency up to 85%
- Smart elbow-adapter and 90 deg hinged SMA (M) connector offer multiple degrees of freedom in antenna positioning to find optimum antenna performance.
- Performance robust against cable length variations
- Ground plane size independent
- Performance robust against mounting on conductive and non-conductive surfaces
- RoHS and REACH compliant

1.3 Antenna specifications

| Electrical Specifications | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Frequency Range (MHz) | 450 – 470 | 700 – 960 | 1700 – 4000 | |
| VSWR* | ≤ 2.0:1 | ≤ 3.0:1 | ≤ 2.2:1 | |
| Efficiency [*] (%) | 74 - 85 | 55 - 78 | 73 - 86 | |
| Peak Realized Gain (dBi) | < 2.0 | < 2.9 | < 4.5 (1700-2200) < 6.1 (2200-4000) | |
| Reference Impedance (Ω) | 50 | | | |
| Radiation Pattern | Quasi-omnidirectional | | | |
| Polarization | | Linear | | |
| Max Input Power (W) | | 10 | | |
| * Measured in free space | | | | |

Table 1: AC94502-01 RF specifications

| Table 2: AC94502- | 01 Physical ar | nd Er | nviro | onm | ental | speci | fications | 1 |
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| Mechanical Specifications | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Dimensions W x L x Th (mm) | 47.6 x 274 x 8.8 Right angle | | | |
| | 47.6 x 298 x 8.8 Straight | | | |
| Weight (g) | 75 | | | |
| Connector Type | SMA male | | | |
| Material housing | ABS (housing) and PC (elbow adapter) | | | |
| Recommended torque on SMA | 0.4Nm | | | |
| connector | | | | |
| Max torque on SMA connector | 0.5Nm | | | |
| Enviromental Specifications | | | | |
| Operating Temperature | -40°C to +85°C | | | |
| Material Compliance | RoHS | | | |
| Impact Resistance | IK01 | | | |



Figure 1: AC94502-01 Dimensions

Note: For all dimensions, the ISO 2768-mK standard is followed. For the outer dimensions this means a tolerance of ± 0.5 mm is applicable

1.4 RF Performance Measurements: VSWR in Free Space



Figure 2: AC94502-01 VSWR measurements in the 400MHz – 500MHz range



Figure 3: AC94502-01 VSWR measurements in the 600MHz – 4000MHz range

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1.5 RF Performance Measurements: Total Efficiency in Free Space



Figure 4: AC94502-01 efficiency measurements in the 400MHz – 500MHz range



Figure 5: AC94502-01 efficiency measurements in the 650MHz – 4000MHz range

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1.6 RF Performance Measurements: VSWR on a Cabinet



Figure 6: AC94502 testing conditions on a metal plate (left) and a plastic sheet (right)



Figure 7: VSWR measurements of the AC94502-01 antenna when mounted on a metal plate (blue line) and on a plastic sheet (grey line)

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1.7 RF performance Measurements: Total Efficiency on a Cabinet



Figure 8: Efficiency measurements of the AC94502-01 antenna when mounted on a metal plate (blue line) and on a plastic sheet (grey line)

1.8 Radiation pattern

The tables below shows the typical measured radiation patterns of the AC94502-01 antenna in free space. The patterns are evaluated along the XZ, YZ and XY planes as illustrated in below figure.

Pictures of the test-setup are depicted below.



Figure 9: X, Y and Z coordinates indicating the radiation pattern evaluation planes



Figure 10: Test chamber pictures for antenna radiation properties measurements

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Table 3: Radiation Patterns of AC94502-01

| Frequencies (MHz) | $\varphi = 0^{0}$ [X,Z] | φ = 90 ⁰ [Y,Z] | ϑ = 90 ⁰ [X,Y] |
|----------------------|--|--|--|
| 450 MHz | 30° 0° 330° 30° 50° 50° 30° 90° 0° 50° 90° 0° 50° 90° 0° 50° 90° 0° 50° 90° 0° 50° 90° 0° 50° 90° 0° 0° 0° 90° 0° 0° 90° 0° 0° 90° 0° 0° 0° 90° 0° 0° 90° 0° 0° 90° 0° 0° 90° 0 | 30° 0° 330° 50° 330° 90° 0° 330° 90° 0° 90° 0° 30° 30° 30° 30° 30° 20° 30° 2 | 0° 30° 0° 330° 30° 30 |
| 470 MHz | 90° 0° 330° 330° 300° 2270° 36 90° 0° 0° 330° 300° 225 36 30° 225 36 30° 2270° 2240° | 90° 0° 0° 330° 60° 0° 0° 330° 10° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 10° 0° 0° 0° 0° 10° 0° 0° 0° 0° 10° 0° 0° 0° 0° 10° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 10° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 10° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 10° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 10° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 10° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0° 0 | 90° 0° 330° 10° 90° 0° 330° 10° 10° 10° 10° 10° 10° 10° 1 |
| 700 MHz | 0° 0° | 0° 0° 30° 0° 330° 30° $30^$ | 0° 0° |
| 900 MHz | 30° 0° 330° -5 -5 -70 -20 -20 -20 -20 -20 -20 -20 -20 -20 -2 | 90° 120° 150° 180° 1 | 0° 0° 00° 00° 00° 00° 00° 00° 0 |

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2 Product Handling

2.1 Assembly Recommendations

The AC94502-01 is designed to support indoor installation conditions. The antenna can be mounted on a router/CPE or a cabinet as illustrated in below table. The cabinet walls can be metallic or non-conductive.

Direct PCB Mount Cabinet Mount

Table 4: Assembly recommendations of the AC94502-01 antenna

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2.2 Mounting Options

The 90 deg hinged SMA (M) connector and corresponding elbow adapter of the AC94502-01 have been designed to support multiple degrees of freedom as illustrated in below figures.



Figure 11: Illustrations of the three stands (0deg, 45deg and 90deg) supported by the elbow adapter.



Figure 12: Illustrations of three out of the multiple mounting angles supported by the SMA connector. Any other angle can be defined by the user when tightening the SMA connector.

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2.3 Mounting Guidelines

It is recommended to keep the near-field region surrounding the antenna free of metal objects.

The metal-free area is illustrated in the figure below by the light-blue shaded circles with a 50cm radius for both direct PCB mount and cabinet mount configuration.



Cabinet Mount Configuration

Figure 13: Illustration of the recommended clearances around the AC94502-01 when mounted on a PCB (Top) or a Cabinet (Bottom)

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3 Product Marking & Ordering Information

3.1 Product Marking

The housing of the AC94502-01 will have no markings.

3.2 Packaging

The AC94502-01 will be packed in dedicated trays or bubble bags and delivered in a carton box containing 100 samples as illustrated in the figure below. Larger quantities (i.e., \geq 100 pcs) will therefore be shipped in multiple orders of 100 samples.



Figure 14: Packaging dimensions of the AC94502-01

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3.3 Ordering Information

Orders should be placed at orders@antennacompany.com.

For purchase orders please state: Part number, description, quantity and price.

| Part Number | Description | MOQ [pcs] |
|-------------|--|-----------------|
| AC94502-01 | Multi-band indoor LTE antenna for Smart Utility Applications | Multiple of 100 |

3.4 Environmental Compliances

The AC94502-01 product complies with all international norms as listed in below table.

| Region | Regulation | Reference | Compliant |
|--------|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| US | US EPA Toxic Substances Control Act amended December 2020 Declaration | TSCA Section 6(h) | ~ |
| US | California Proposition 65 Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 Declaration | | \checkmark |
| EU | RoHS 3 | EU 2015/863 | \checkmark |
| EU | EU REACH | EU 1907/2006 | \checkmark |
| WW | Responsible Minerals Initiatives | | \checkmark |
| EU | Persistent Organic Pollutants | (EU) 2019/1021 | \checkmark |
| EU | Packaging Directive | 94/62/EC | \checkmark |
| EU | PFOA Free | 2006/122/ECOF | \checkmark |
| US | UL Mark | UL 94-HB | \checkmark |
| WW | Salt spray | MIL-STD 810F/ASTM B117 | \checkmark |

Table 6: AC94502-01 environmental compliance overview

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