

# PKE8721DAF Board Specification

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## 1 Product Overview

## 1.1 General Description

The PKE8721DAF development board is designed by Realsil for the PKM8721DAF module. All the module's GPIOs are pin out for the developers to develop and debug the module conveniently. Standard pin headers on both sides can also make operation easier when using bread boards for development and commissioning.

The PKM8721DAF is a multi-radio MCU Module. With the open CPU architecture, customers can develop advanced applications running on the dual-core 32-bit MCU. The radio provides support for Wi-Fi 802.11 a/b/g/n in the 2.4GHz/5GHz band and BLE 5.0 communications. The rich set of peripherals and high performance make it an ideal choice for smart homes, industrial automation, consumer electronics, etc.

The block diagram of PKM8721DAF module is illustrated in Figure 1.

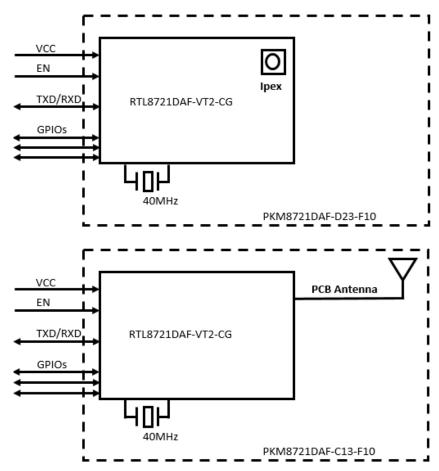


Figure 1. PKM8721DAF Module Block Diagram

#### **1** NOTE

PKM8721DAF-C13-F10 has onboard antenna, PKM8721DAF-D23-F10 has no onboard antenna and uses IPEX. PKM8721DAF-C13-F10 is mainly used to show later in the document.

### 1.2 Characteristics

- Support 802.11 a/b/g/n 1x1, 2.4GHz & 5GHz
- Support 20MHz/40MHz bandwidth, up to the data rate of MCS7
- Support low power beacons listen mode, low power Rx mode, and low power suspends mode(DLPS)
- IEEE 802.11i (WPA, WPA2, WPA3), open, shared key, and pair-wise key authentication services
- TrustZone-M technology for Armv8-M, with Security Attribution Unit (SAU) of up to 8 regions
- Support SWD debug port access protection and prohibition modes



- Support BLE 5.0, both central and peripheral modes
- Support Bluetooth high-power mode (maximum 10dBm)
- Internal co-existence mechanism between Wi-Fi and BT to share the same antenna

## 1.3 Application Solution

- Smart Homes
- Industrial 4.0
- Low-power IoT
- Smart docking and monitor
- Health-care devices
- Wearables
- Portable devices
- Gaming accessories
- Wireless audio
- Smart interactive toys

## 1.4 Main Parameters

Table 1. PKM8721DAF Module Main Parameters

Parameter	Description				
Module Name	PKM871DAF-C13-F10	PKM871DAF-D23-F10			
Module Package	SMD-22	SMD-22			
Module Size	24 ± 0.2mm (L) x 16 ± 0.2mm (W) x 2.8 ± 0.1mm (H)	18 ± 0.2mm (L) x 16 ± 0.2mm (W) x 2.8 ± 0.1mm (H)			
Antenna	On-board PCB antenna	IPEX			
Wi-Fi Frequency Range	<ul> <li>2412MHz ~ 2484MHz (2.4GHz ISM Band)</li> <li>5180MHz ~ 5825MHz (5GHz)</li> </ul>				
Bluetooth	BLE 5.0				
Bluetooth Frequency Range	2402MHz ~ 2480MHz				
Operating Temperature	-40°C to 105°C				
Storage temperature range	-65°C to 150°C, < 90% RH				
Power supply Range	lange (3.3 ± 10%)V, current > 500mA				
Interface	UART/GPIO/ADC/PWM/I2C/I2S/SPI/SWD/USB 2.0 HS/SDIO/IR/Cap-touch/Key-Scan/SWD				
Module Certification	FCC/CE/SRRC				



## 2 Electrical Characteristics

Table 2. PKM8721DAF Module Electrical Characteristics

Parameter condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
DC 3.3V Supply Voltage	3.0	3.3	3.6	V
Digital I/O Supply Voltage	1.76	1.8~33	3.6	V
DC 3.3 Rating Current (with internal regulator and integrated CMOS PA)			500	mA
ESD HBM Condition (TA=25°C, conforming to JESD22-A114F)			Class 2	
ESD CDM Condition (TA=25°C, conforming to JESD22-C101F)			Class C2	

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#### NOTE

The PKM8721DAF module is electrostatic sensitive devices (ESD) and requires special ESD precautions typically applied to ESD sensitive components. Proper ESD handling and packaging procedures must be applied throughout the processing, handling, transportation and operation of any application that incorporates the PKM8721DAF module. Do not touch the module by hand or solder with non-anti-static soldering iron to avoid damage to the module.



## 3 RF Performance

## 3.1 Wi-Fi 2.4GHz Band RF Specification

Table 3. Wi-Fi 2.4GHz Transmitter Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	Center channel frequency	2412		2484	MHz
	1 Mbps DSSS		20		dBm
	11 Mbps DSSS		20		dBm
	6 Mbps OFDM		19		dBm
Output power with spectral mask	54 Mbps OFDM		19		dBm
and EVM compliance <sup>[1]</sup>	HT20 MCS0		19		dBm
	HT20 MCS7		19		dBm
	HT40 MCS0		19		dBm
	HT40 MCS7		18		dBm
	6 Mbps OFDM		-30	-5	dB
	54 Mbps OFDM		-34	-25	dB
Tx EVM	HT20 MCS0		-30	-5	dB
IX EVIVI	HT20 MCS7		-34	-27	dB
	HT40 MCS0		-29	-5	dB
	HT40 MCS7		-33	-27	dB
Output power variation		-1.5		1.5	dB
Carrier Suppression			-40	-30	dBc
Harmonia Outnut Bower[2]	2nd Harmonic		-18		dBm/MHz
Harmonic Output Power <sup>[2]</sup>	3rd Harmonic		-22		dBm/MHz
Harmonia Outnut Bower[3]	2nd Harmonic			-50	dBm/MHz
Harmonic Output Power <sup>[3]</sup>	3rd Harmonic			-50	dBm/MHz

#### **NOTE**

- [1] Power level is tested after Digital Pre-Distortion (DPD) enable.
- [2] Harmonic output power is tested at IC port.
- [3] Harmonic output power is measured at RF connector with diplexer (RFDIP1606LB598D1T) and appropriate matching.

Table 4. Wi-Fi 2.4GHz Receiver Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	Center channel frequency	2412	-	2484	MHz
	1 Mbps DSSS		-100		dBm
802.11b	2 Mbps DSSS		-97		dBm
Rx Sensitivity	5.5 Mbps DSSS		-94		dBm
	11 Mbps DSSS		-90.5		dBm
	6 Mbps OFDM		-95		dBm
	9 Mbps OFDM		-93.5		dBm
	12 Mbps OFDM		-92.5		dBm
802.11g	18 Mbps OFDM		-90.5		dBm
Rx Sensitivity	24 Mbps OFDM		-87		dBm
	36 Mbps OFDM		-84		dBm
	48 Mbps OFDM		-79.5		dBm
	54 Mbps OFDM		-78		dBm
	HT20 MCS0		-95		dBm
	HT20 MCS1		-92		dBm
	HT20 MCS2		-90		dBm
802.11n	HT20 MCS3		-87		dBm
Rx Sensitivity	HT20 MCS4		-83.5		dBm
	HT20 MCS5		-79		dBm
	HT20 MCS6		-77.5		dBm
	HT20 MCS7		-76		dBm



	HT40 MCS0	-92	dBm
	HT40 MCS1	-89	dBm
	HT40 MCS2	-87	dBm
	HT40 MCS3	-83.5	dBm
	HT40 MCS4	-80.5	dBm
	HT40 MCS5	-75.5	dBm
	HT40 MCS6	-74	dBm
	HT40 MCS7	-73	dBm
	6Mbps OFDM	0	dBm
	54Mbps OFDM	0	dBm
Mandanian Bandari a Laval	HT20 MCS 0	0	dBm
Maximum Receive Level	HT20 MCS 7	0	dBm
	HT40 MCS 0	0	dBm
	HT40 MCS 7	0	dBm
	11Mbps DSSS	43	dB
	6 Mbps OFDM	44	dB
	54Mbps OFDM	26	dB
Adjacent Channel Rejection	HT20 MCS 0	43	dB
	HT20 MCS 7	23	dB
	HT40 MCS 0	32	dB
	HT40 MCS 7	14	dB

## 3.2 Wi-Fi 5GHz Band RF Specification

Table 5. Wi-Fi 5GHz Transmitter Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	Center channel frequency	5180		5825	MHz
	6 Mbps OFDM		18		dBm
	54 Mbps OFDM		18		dBm
Output power with spectral mask	HT20 MCS0		18		dBm
and EVM compliance <sup>[1]</sup>	HT20 MCS7		17		dBm
	HT40 MCS0		18		dBm
	HT40 MCS7		16		dBm
	6 Mbps OFDM		-30	-5	dB
	54 Mbps OFDM		-32	-25	dB
T., F\/\\ A	HT20 MCS0		-30	-5	dB
Tx EVM	HT20 MCS7		-33	-27	dB
	HT40 MCS0		-30	-5	dB
	HT40 MCS7		-32	-27	dB
Output power variation		-1.5		1.5	dB
Carrier Suppression			-40	-30	dBc
Hammania autout nauran[2]	2nd Harmonic		-28		dBm/MHz
Harmonic output power <sup>[2]</sup>	3rd Harmonic		-30		dBm/MHz
	2nd Harmonic			-50	dBm/MHz
Harmonic output power <sup>[3]</sup>	3rd Harmonic			-50	dBm/MHz

## **NOTE**

- [1] Power level is tested after Digital Pre-Distortion (DPD) enable.
- [2] Harmonic output power is tested at IC port.
- [3] Harmonic output power is measured at RF connector with diplexer (RFDIP1606LB598D1T) and appropriate matching.

Table 6. Wi-Fi 5GHz Receiver Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	Center channel frequency	5180		5825	MHz
902.110	6 Mbps OFDM		-94.5		dBm
802.11a Rx Sensitivity	9 Mbps OFDM		-92.5		dBm
KX Sensitivity	12 Mbps OFDM		-91.5		dBm



	18 Mbps OFDM	-89.5	dBm
	24 Mbps OFDM	-86.5	dBm
	36 Mbps OFDM	-83	dBm
	48 Mbps OFDM	-78.5	dBm
	54 Mbps OFDM	-77	dBm
	HT20 MCS0	-94	dBm
	HT20 MCS1	-91.5	dBm
	HT20 MCS2	-89	dBm
	HT20 MCS3	-86	dBm
	HT20 MCS4	-82.5	dBm
	HT20 MCS5	-78	dBm
	HT20 MCS6	-76.5	dBm
802.11n	HT20 MCS7	-75	dBm
Rx Sensitivity	HT40 MCS0	-91	dBm
	HT40 MCS1	-88.5	dBm
	HT40 MCS2	-85.5	dBm
	HT40 MCS3	-82.5	dBm
	HT40 MCS4	-79	dBm
	HT40 MCS5	-74.5	dBm
	HT40 MCS6	-73	dBm
	HT40 MCS7	-71.5	dBm
	6Mbps OFDM	0	dBm
	54Mbps OFDM	0	dBm
Marrian una Danairea Laval	HT20 MCS0	0	dBm
Maximum Receive Level	HT20 MCS7	0	dBm
	HT40 MCS0	0	dBm
	HT40 MCS7	0	dBm
	6Mbps OFDM	33	dB
	54Mbps OFDM	10	dB
Adiacont Channal Daiactics	HT20 MCS0	29	dB
Adjacent Channel Rejection	HT20 MCS7	10	dB
	HT40 MCS0	29	dB
	HT40 MCS7	11	dB

## 3.3 Bluetooth LE RF Specification

Table 7. Bluetooth LE Transmitter Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	Center channel frequency	2402	-	2480	MHz
Output Power	At max. power output level		8		dBm
Bluetooth LE 1Mbps					
Carrier Francisco Officet and	Frequency offset <sup>[1]</sup>		±10		kHz
Carrier Frequency Offset and Drift	Frequency drift		±10		kHz
Driit	Max. drift rate		±10		kHz/50us
	Δf1 avg.		250		kHz
Modulation characteristics	Δf2 max.	185			kHz
	Δf1 avg./Δf2 avg.		0.92		
In Daniel Courtier of Francisco	±2MHz offset		-46		dBm
In-Band Spurious Emission	>±3MHz offset		-49		dBm
Bluetooth LE 2Mbps					
0	Frequency offset <sup>[1]</sup>		±30		kHz
Carrier Frequency Offset and Drift	Frequency drift		±10		kHz
Dill	Max. drift rate		±10		kHz/50us
	Δf1 avg.		500		kHz
Modulation characteristics	Δf2 max.	370			kHz
	Δf1 avg./Δf2 avg.		0.93		
In-Band Spurious Emission	±4MHz offset		-48		dBm



	±5MHz offset		-50	dBm
	>±3MHz offset		-50	dBm
Bluetooth LE 125kbps				
Comical Francisco Officet and	Frequency offset <sup>[1]</sup>		±15	kHz
Carrier Frequency Offset and Drift	Frequency drift		±10	kHz
Dillt	Max. drift rate		±10	kHz/50us
NA advitation about attacking	Δf1 avg.		250	kHz
Modulation characteristics	Δf2 max.	185		kHz

**NOTE** 

 $[1] \ {\it Initial carrier frequency offset should be calibrated in MP process in the customer side.}$ 

Table 8. Bluetooth LE Receiver Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	Center channel frequency	2402	2440	2480	MHz
Bluetooth LE 1Mbps				•	
Receiver Sensitivity	PER<30.8%		-99[1]		dBm
Max. Usable Signal	PER<30.8%		0		dBm
C/I co-channel (PER<30.8%)	Co-channel sensitivity		6		dB
C/I 1MHz (PER<30.8%)	Adjacent channel selectivity		-5		dB
C/I 2MHz (PER<30.8%)	2nd adjacent channel selectivity		-48		dB
C/I >= 3MHz (PER<30.8%)	3rd adjacent channel selectivity		-55		dB
C/I Image Channel (PER<30.8%)	Image channel selectivity		-25		dB
C/I Image 1MHz (PER<30.8%)	1MHz adjacent to image channel selectivity		-26		dB
Inter-modulation			-30		dBm
	30MHz to 2000MHz	-30			dBm
0 . (1 111 1. [2]	2003MHz to 2399MHz	-35			dBm
Out-of-band blocking <sup>[2]</sup>	2484MHz to 2997MHz	-35			dBm
	3000MHz to 12.75GHz	-30			dBm
Bluetooth LE 2Mbps		•	•		•
Receiver Sensitivity	PER<30.8%		-95 <sup>[1]</sup>		dBm
Max. Usable Signal	PER<30.8%		0		dBm
C/I co-channel (PER<30.8%)	Co-channel sensitivity		6		dB
C/I 2MHz (PER<30.8%)	Adjacent channel selectivity		-2		dB
C/I 4MHz (PER<30.8%)	2nd adjacent channel selectivity		-43		dB
C/I >= 6MHz (PER<30.8%)	3rd adjacent channel selectivity		-53		dB
C/I Image Channel (PER<30.8%)	Image channel selectivity		-25		dB
C/I Image 2MHz (PER<30.8%)	1MHz adjacent to image channel selectivity		-23		dB
Inter-modulation			-28		dBm
	30MHz to 2000MHz	-30			dBm
Out of hand blocking[2]	2003MHz to 2399MHz	-35			dBm
Out-of-band blocking <sup>[2]</sup>	2484MHz to 2997MHz	-35			dBm
	3000MHz to 12.75GHz	-30			dBm
Bluetooth LE 125kbps					
Receiver Sensitivity	PER<30.8%		-106 <sup>[1]</sup>		dBm
C/I co-channel (PER<30.8%)	Co-channel sensitivity		3		dB
C/I 1MHz (PER<30.8%)	Adjacent channel selectivity		-15		dB
C/I 2MHz (PER<30.8%)	2nd adjacent channel selectivity		-53		dB
C/I >= 3MHz (PER<30.8%)	3rd adjacent channel selectivity		-62		dB
C/I Image Channel (PER<30.8%)	Image channel selectivity		-33		dB
C/I Image 1MHz (PER<30.8%)	1MHz adjacent to image channel selectivity		-35		dB
Bluetooth LE 500kbps	-		•	•	•
Receiver Sensitivity	PER<30.8%		-101[1]		dBm
C/I co-channel (PER<30.8%)	Co-channel sensitivity		4		dB
C/I 1MHz (PER<30.8%)	Adjacent channel selectivity		-9		dB
C/I 2MHz (PER<30.8%)	2nd adjacent channel selectivity		-50		dB



C/I >= 3MHz (PER<30.8%)	3rd adjacent channel selectivity	-58	dB
C/I Image Channel (PER<30.8%)	Image channel selectivity	-31	dB
C/I Image 1MHz (PER<30.8%)	1MHz adjacent to image channel selectivity	-29	dB

#### **1** NOTE

- [1] The receiver sensitivity is measured at the chip out, and channels 2440MHz and 2480MHz may have extra degradation due to spurs interference.
- [2] Frequencies where the requirements are not met are called "spurious response frequencies". The number of spurs must not exceed 10 if blocking signal power level is as specified above, and must not exceed 3 if it is reduced to -50dBm.



# 4 Appearance Dimensions

Board dimension:  $46.6 \pm 0.2$ mm (L) x  $25.4 \pm 0.2$ mm (W) x  $3.3 \pm 0.2$ mm (H)

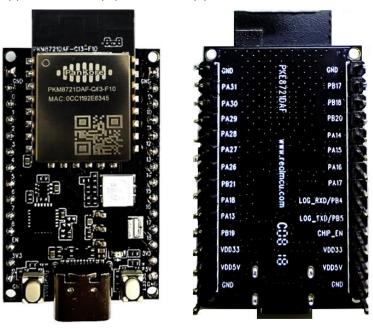


Figure 2. PKE8721DAF-C13-F10 Board Appearance

**Bottom View** 

Top View

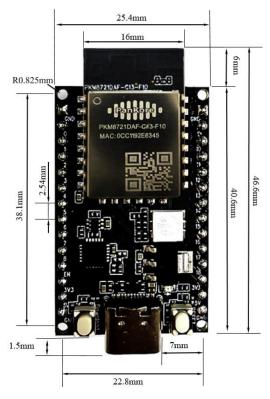


Figure 3. PKE8721DAF-C13-F10 Board Dimensions



## 5 LED and Keys

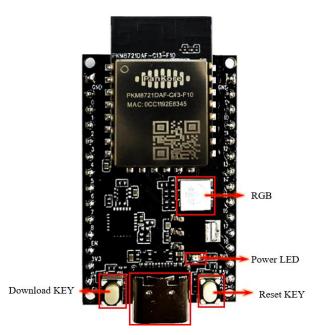


Figure 4. LED and Keys

Table 9. Information of LED and Keys

LED & Keys	Function	Note		
Power LED	3.3 V power light	LED lights up when 3.3V is available.		
RGB	RGB light	The red, blue and green colors are controlled by PA14, PA15 and PA16		
Reset KEY	Reset button			
Download KEY	Set the module to download mode	Follow these steps to enter the download mode:		
		(1) Press and hold the Download KEY		
		(2) Press the Reset KEY and release it		
		(3) Release the Download KEY		



## 6 Pin Definition

The PKE8721DAF development board leads out 19 I/O interfaces. Figure 5 describes the board interfaces, and the pin function definition table is also layout to list the interface definition.

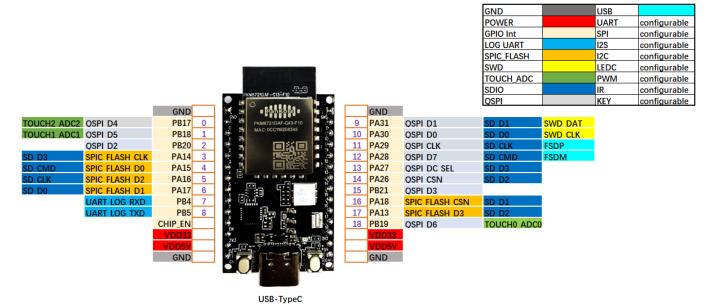


Figure 5. PKE8721DAF Board Interface Description

Table 10. PKE8721DAF Board Pin Definition

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description	
0	PB17	QSPI_D4/TOUCH2_ADC2/ TIM9_TRIG	
1	PB18	QSPI_D5/TOUCH1_ADC1/ TIM8_TRIG	
2	PB20	QSPI_D2/SWD_CLK/ TIM9_TRIG	
3	PA14	SPIC_FLASH_CLK/SD_D3	
4	PA15	SPIC_FLASH_D0/SD_CMD	
5	PA16	SPIC_FLASH_D2/SD_CLK	
6	PA17	SPIC_FLASH_D1/SD_D0/ TIM9_TRIG	
7	PB4	UART_LOG_RXD	
8	PB5	UART_LOG_TXD	
9	PA31	QSPI_D1/SD_D1/SWD_DAT/ TIM8_TRIG/UART_TX (Default)	
10	PA30	QSPI_D0/SD_D0/SWD_CLK/ TIM9_TRIG/ UART_RX (Default)	
11	PA29	QSPI_CLK/SD_CLK/FSDP	
12	PA28	QSPI_D7/SD_CMD/FSDM	
13	PA27	QSPI_DC_SEL/SD_D3	
14	PA26	QSPI_CSN/SD_D2	
15	PB21	QSPI_D3/SWD_DAT/ TIM8_TRIG	
16	PA18	SPIC_FLASH_CSN/SD_D1/ TIM8_TRIG	
17	PA13	SPIC_FLASH_D3/SD_D2	
18	PB19	QSPI_D6/TOUCH0_ADC0	

#### **NOTE**

All I/O can be configured as UART/SPI/LEDC/I2S/I2C/PWM/IR/KEY/DMIC (PA30 is default UART RX; PA31 is default UART TX); Detail Available pin refer to " PKM8721DAF\_pin\_mux\_v1.0.xlsx " table



# 7 Schematic Diagram & Layout

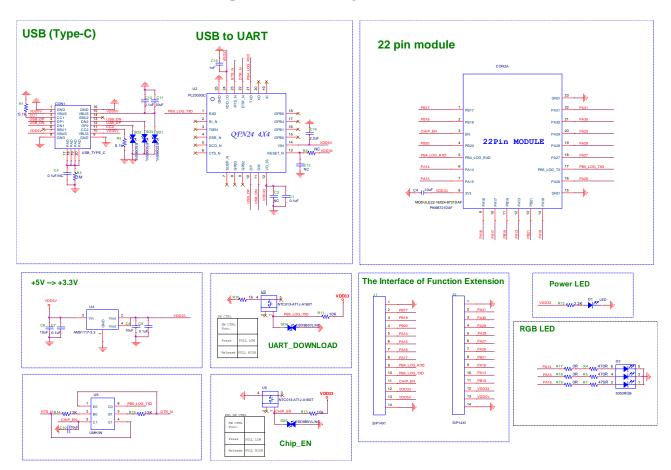


Figure 6. PKE8721DAF Schematic Diagram

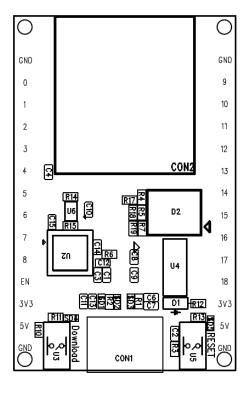


Figure 7. PKE8721DAF Layout



# 8 Package Information

The PKE8721DAF development board is packaged for inserted pearl cotton with electrostatic bags.



# **Revision History**

Data	Revision	Summary
2024-10-30	1.0	Initial release
2025-02-21	1.1	Module block diagram modification.
2025-04-17	1.2	Modify the EVB silkscreen in chapter 4.
2025-09-25	1.3	Correct some formats