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1 Module Overview

1.1 General Description

The PKM8720DF-A00-F10 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.

1.2 Features

Chipset and Memory:

- RTL8720DF-VA1-CG (named RTL8720DF thereafter) chipset embedded, dual-core processor: KM4 up to 200MHz, KM0 up to 20MHz
- KM4 on-chip memory: up to 512KB SRAM
- KM0 on-chip memory: up to 64KB SRAM
- 4MB Flash

Wi-Fi:

- 802.11 a/b/g/n 1x1, 2.4GHz & 5GHz
- Center frequency range of operating channel: 2412MHz ~ 2484MHz, 5180 ~ 5825 MHz
- Support 20MHz/40MHz bandwidth, up to the data rate of MCS7
- Wi-Fi WEP, WPA, WPA2, WPA3, WPS; open, shared key, and pair-wise key authentication services
- Support low power Tx/Rx for short-range application
- Frame aggregation for increased MAC efficiency (A-MSDU, A-MPDU)

Bluetooth Low Energy:

- Bluetooth LE: Bluetooth 5.0
- Speed: 125Kbps, 500Kbps, 1Mbps, and 2Mbps
- Supports LE secure connections
- Supports LE scatternet
- Supports 3 Master links/1 Slave link
- Co-existence RF design between Wi-Fi and Bluetooth

Peripherals:

- 4x UART interface, baud rate up to 6MHz
- 2 x I2C, two speed modes: standard up to 10Kbps, fast up to 400Kbps
- 2 x SDIO Host/SDIO 2.0 Device, clock up to 50MHz
- 3 x SPI Master/Slave, baud rate up to 50MHz
- 13 x PWM with configurable duration and duty cycle from 0 ~ 100%
- 20 x programmable GPIOs
- KM4 and KM0 both have a GDMA controller, each with 6 channels

Antenna Option:

- External antenna

Operating Conditions:

- Operating input voltage: (3.3 ± 10%)V
- Operating ambient temperature: -20°C to 85°C
- Green certification: RoHS/REACH

2 Module Block Diagram

This module includes the chipset, crystal component, R/L/C components, etc.

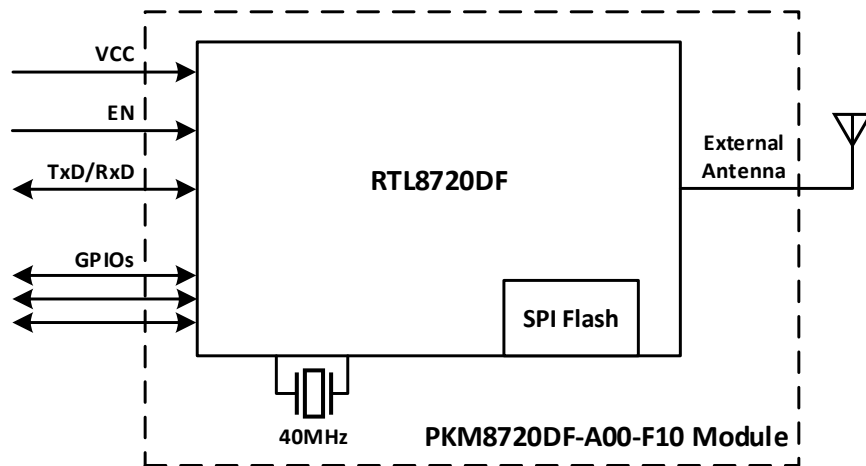


Figure 1. Block Diagram

3 Module Pin Definition

3.1 Module Pin Layout

This module has 44 pins.

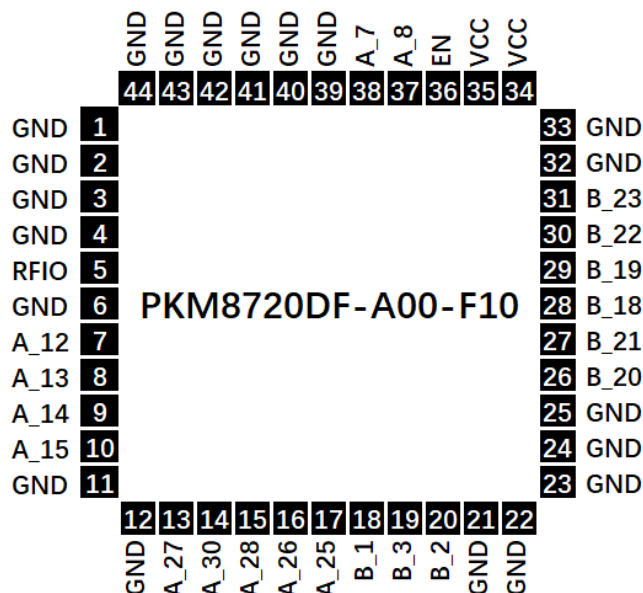


Figure 2. Module Pin Layout (Top View)

3.2 Module Pin Description

3.2.1 Pin Description

Table 1. Pin Description

Pin Name	Pin No.	Type	Description
GND	1	P	Ground
GND	2	P	Ground
GND	3	P	Ground
GND	4	P	Ground
RFIO	5	I/O	Wi-Fi/BT External Antenna Interface
GND	6	P	Ground
A_12	7	I/O	GPIOA_12/SPI_MOSI
A_13	8	I/O	GPIOA_13/SPI_MISO
A_14	9	I/O	GPIOA_14/SPI_CLK/UART_RTS
A_15	10	I/O	GPIOA_15/SPI_CS/UART_CTS
GND	11	P	Ground
GND	12	P	Ground
A_27	13	I/O	GPIOA_27/SWD_DAT
A_30	14	I/O	GPIOA_30/PWM
A_28	15	I/O	GPIOA_28/RREF
A_26	16	I/O	GPIOA_26/HSDP
A_25	17	I/O	GPIOA_25/HSDM
B_1	18	I/O	GPIOB_1/UART_TXD
B_3	19	I/O	GPIOB_3/SWD_CLK
B_2	20	I/O	GPIOB_2/UART_RXD
GND	21	P	Ground

GND	22	P	Ground
GND	23	P	Ground
GND	24	P	Ground
GND	25	P	Ground
B_20	26	I/O	GPIOB_20/SDIO_CMD
B_21	27	I/O	GPIOB_21/SDIO_CLK
B_18	28	I/O	GPIOB_18/SDIO_D2
B_19	29	I/O	GPIOB_19/SDIO_D3
B_22	30	I/O	GPIOB_22/SDIO_D0
B_23	31	I/O	GPIOB_23/SDIO_D1
GND	32	P	Ground
GND	33	P	Ground
VCC	34	P	Power Supply
VCC	35	P	Power Supply
EN	36	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High: Enables the chip. ● Low: Module power off.
A_8	37	I/O	GPIOA_8/UART_LOG_RXD
A_7	38	I/O	GPIOA_7/UART_LOG_TXD
GND	39	P	Ground
GND	40	P	Ground
GND	41	P	Ground
GND	42	P	Ground
GND	43	P	Ground
GND	44	P	Ground

NOTE

- *P*: power supply
- *I*: input
- *O*: output

3.2.2 Strapping Pins

This module has 3 strapping pins.

Table 2. Strapping Pin

Pin Name	Pin No.	Default State	Description
A_7	38	Pull up	1: Normal mode (default) 0: Flash download mode
A_27	13	Pull up	1: Normal mode (default) 0: Test mode
A_30	14	Pull up	1: Internal 1.1V regulator works at SPS mode (default) 0: Internal 1.1V regulator works at LDO mode

4 RF Characteristic

4.1 Wi-Fi Radio Standard

Table 3. Wi-Fi Radio Standard

Wi-Fi Wireless Standard	Description
Wi-Fi frequency range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2412MHz ~ 2484MHz (2.4GHz ISM Band) 5180MHz ~ 5825MHz (5GHz)
Wi-Fi wireless standard	IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n
Wi-Fi wireless standard Modulation	DSSS, DBPSK, DQPSK, CCK and OFDM (BPSK/QPSK/16-QAM/64-QAM)
Wi-Fi wireless data rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 802.11a: 6/9/12/18/24/36/48/54 Mbps 802.11b: 1/2/5.5/11 Mbps 802.11g: 6/9/12/18/24/36/48/54 Mbps 802.11n: HT20 MCS0-7, HT40 MCS0-7

4.1.1 Wi-Fi 2.4GHz Band RF Transmitter Specification

Table 4. Wi-Fi 2.4GHz Transmitter Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	-	2412	-	2484	MHz
Tx power at the antenna port for the highest power level (25°C)	1 Mbps DSSS	-	20	-	dBm
	11 Mbps DSSS	-	18	-	dBm
	6 Mbps OFDM	-	19	-	dBm
	54 Mbps OFDM	-	17	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS0	-	18	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS7	-	16	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS0	-	18	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS7	-	16	-	dBm
Tx EVM	1 Mbps DSSS	-	8	-	%
	11 Mbps DSSS	-	8	-	%
	6 Mbps OFDM	-	-5	-	dB
	54 Mbps OFDM	-	-25	-	dB
	HT20 MCS0	-	-5	-	dB
	HT20 MCS7	-	-28	-	dB
	HT40 MCS0	-	-5	-	dB
	HT40 MCS7	-	-28	-	dB
Carrier Suppression		-	-	-30	dBc
Harmonic Output Power	2nd Harmonic	-	-	-45	dBm/MHz
	3rd Harmonic	-	-	-45	dBm/MHz

4.1.2 Wi-Fi 2.4GHz Band RF Receiver Specification

Table 5. Wi-Fi 2.4GHz Receiver Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	-	2412	-	2484	MHz
802.11b Rx Sensitivity (8% PER)	1 Mbps DSSS	-	-96	-	dBm
	2 Mbps DSSS	-	-94	-	dBm
	5.5 Mbps DSSS	-	-92	-	dBm
	11 Mbps DSSS	-	-89	-	dBm
802.11g Rx Sensitivity (10% PER)	6 Mbps OFDM	-	-93	-	dBm
	9 Mbps OFDM	-	-92	-	dBm
	12 Mbps OFDM	-	-91	-	dBm
	18 Mbps OFDM	-	-88	-	dBm

	24 Mbps OFDM	-	-85	-	dBm
	36 Mbps OFDM	-	-82	-	dBm
	48 Mbps OFDM	-	-77	-	dBm
	54 Mbps OFDM	-	-75	-	dBm
802.11n Rx Sensitivity (10% PER)	HT20 MCS0	-	-93	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS1	-	-90	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS2	-	-87	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS3	-	-84	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS4	-	-81	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS5	-	-76	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS6	-	-75	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS7	-	-73	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS0	-	-91	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS1	-	-87	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS2	-	-84	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS3	-	-81	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS4	-	-78	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS5	-	-73	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS6	-	-72	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS7	-	-70	-	dBm
Maximum Receive Level	1 Mbps DSSS	-	-	0	dBm
	11 Mbps DSSS	-	-	0	dBm
	6Mbps OFDM	-	-	0	dBm
	54Mbps OFDM	-	-	0	dBm
	MCS 0	-	-	0	dBm
	MCS 7	-	-	0	dBm

4.1.3 Wi-Fi 5GHz Band RF Transmitter Specification

Table 6. Wi-Fi 5GHz Transmitter Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	-	5180	-	5825	MHz
Tx power at the antenna port for the highest power level (25°C)	6 Mbps OFDM	-	17	-	dBm
	54 Mbps OFDM	-	13	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS0	-	15	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS7	-	12	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS0	-	15	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS7	-	12	-	dBm
Tx EVM	6 Mbps OFDM	-	-5	-	dB
	54 Mbps OFDM	-	-25	-	dB
	HT20 MCS0	-	-5	-	dB
	HT20 MCS7	-	-28	-	dB
	HT40 MCS0	-	-5	-	dB
	HT40 MCS7	-	-28	-	dB
Carrier Suppression	-	-	-	-30	dBc

4.1.4 Wi-Fi 5GHz Band RF Receiver Specification

Table 7. Wi-Fi 5GHz Receiver Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	-	5180	-	5825	MHz
802.11g Rx Sensitivity (10% PER)	6 Mbps OFDM	-	-91	-	dBm
	9 Mbps OFDM	-	-91	-	dBm
	12 Mbps OFDM	-	-90	-	dBm
	18 Mbps OFDM	-	-87	-	dBm
	24 Mbps OFDM	-	-84	-	dBm

	36 Mbps OFDM	-	-81	-	dBm
	48 Mbps OFDM	-	-76	-	dBm
	54 Mbps OFDM	-	-74	-	dBm
802.11n Rx Sensitivity (10% PER)	HT20 MCS0	-	-91	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS1	-	-89	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS2	-	-86	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS3	-	-83	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS4	-	-80	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS5	-	-75	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS6	-	-73	-	dBm
	HT20 MCS7	-	-72	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS0	-	-89	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS1	-	-86	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS2	-	-83	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS3	-	-80	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS4	-	-77	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS5	-	-72	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS6	-	-71	-	dBm
	HT40 MCS7	-	-69	-	dBm
Maximum Receive Level	6Mbps OFDM	-	-	0	dBm
	54Mbps OFDM	-	-	0	dBm
	MCS 0	-	-	0	dBm
	MCS 7	-	-	0	dBm

4.2 Bluetooth LE Radio Standard

4.2.1 Bluetooth LE RF Transmitter Specification

Table 8. Bluetooth LE Transmitter Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	-	2402	-	2480	MHz
Tx Output Power	LE1M	-10	4.5	10	dBm
	LE2M				
Modulation Characteristics (LE1M)	$\Delta F1$ Avg.	225	-	275	kHz
	$\Delta F2$ Max.	185	-	-	kHz
	Modulation Index ($\Delta F2$ Avg./ $\Delta F1$ Avg.)	0.8	-	-	
Modulation Characteristics (LE2M)	$\Delta F1$ Avg.	450	-	550	kHz
	$\Delta F2$ Max.	370	-	-	kHz
	Modulation Index ($\Delta F2$ Avg./ $\Delta F1$ Avg.)	0.8	-	-	
Modulation Characteristics Stable Modulation (LE1M)	$\Delta F1$ Avg.	247.5	-	252.5	kHz
	$\Delta F2$ Max.	185	-	-	kHz
	Modulation Index ($\Delta F2$ Avg./ $\Delta F1$ Avg.)	0.8	-	-	
Modulation Characteristics Stable Modulation (LE2M)	$\Delta F1$ Avg.	495	-	505	kHz
	$\Delta F2$ Max.	370	-	-	kHz
	Modulation Index ($\Delta F2$ Avg./ $\Delta F1$ Avg.)	0.8	-	-	

4.2.2 Bluetooth LE RF Receiver Specification

Table 9. Bluetooth LE Receiver Performance Specification

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	-	2402	-	2480	MHz
Rx Sensitivity @30.8% PER	LE1M	-	-99	-	dBm
	LE2M	-	-95	-	

5 Module Electrical Characteristics

5.1 Module Operating Conditions

Table 10. Module Operating Conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
VCC	Power supply voltage	3.0	3.3	3.6	V
Ta	Ambient operating temperature	-20	-	85	°C
Ts	Storage temperature	-40	-	125	°C

5.2 Module DC Characteristics

Table 11. DC Characteristic (3.3V, 25°C)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
VIH	Input-High Voltage	LVTTL	2.0	-	-	V
VIL	Input-Low Voltage	LVTTL	-	-	0.8	V
VOH	Output-High Voltage	LVTTL	2.4	-	-	V
VOL	Output-Low Voltage	LVTTL	-	-	0.4	V
VT+	Schmitt-trigger High Level	-	1.78	1.87	1.97	V
VT-	Schmitt-trigger Low Level	-	1.36	1.45	1.56	V
IIL	Input-Leakage Current	VIN=3.3V or 0	-10	±1	10	μA

6 Module Schematics

6.1 Module Internal Schematics

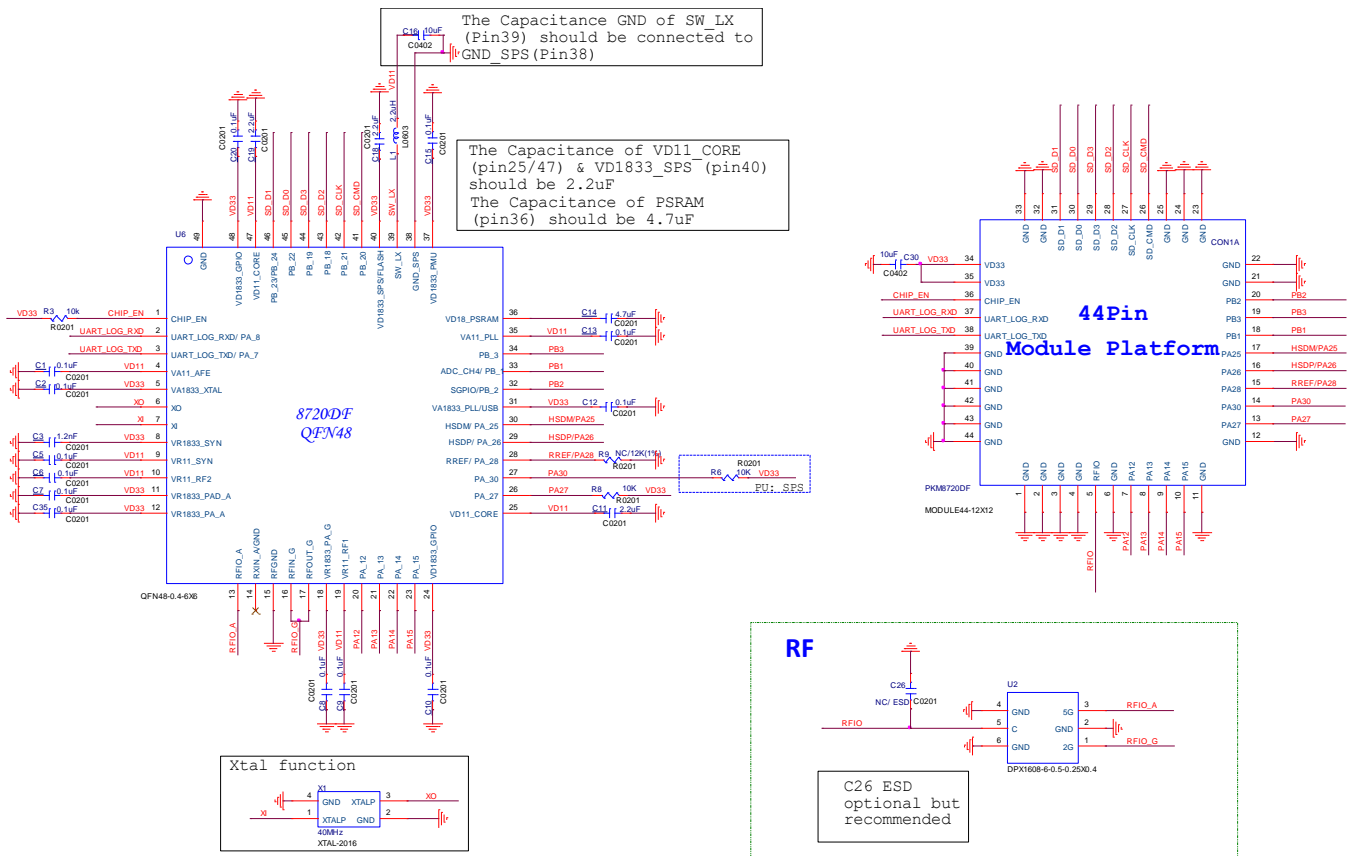


Figure 3. Module internal schematics

6.2 Module Reference Schematics

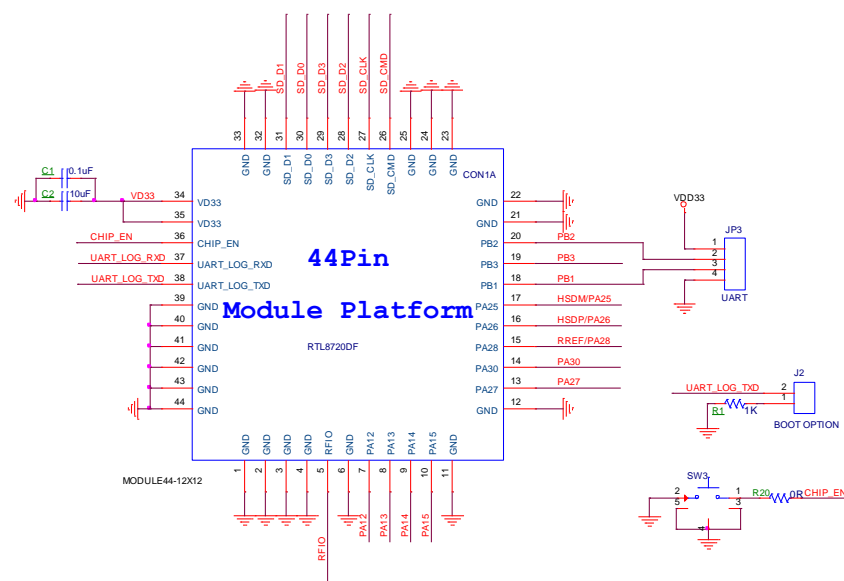


Figure 4. Module Reference schematics

7 Physical Dimensions

Module dimension: $12 \pm 0.2\text{mm}$ (L) x $12 \pm 0.2\text{mm}$ (W) x $2.5 \pm 0.1\text{mm}$ (H)

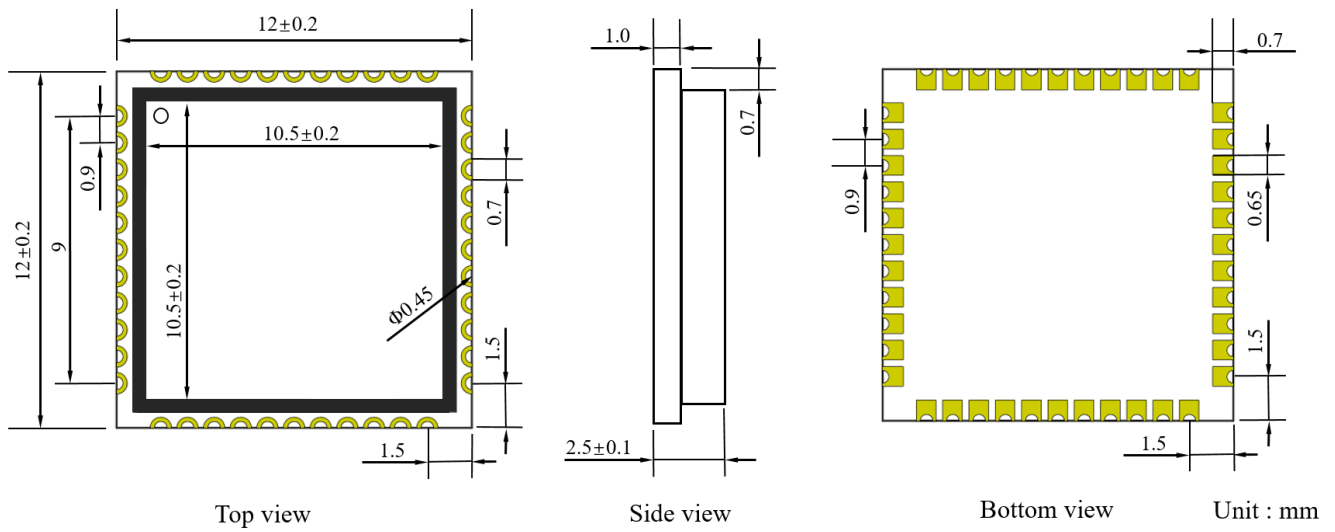


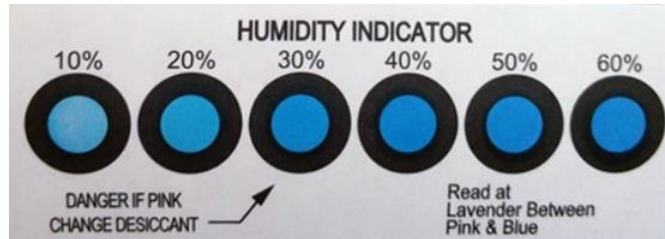
Figure 5. Module Physical Dimensions

8 Product Handling

8.1 Storage Conditions

The storage conditions for a delivered module:

- Moisture sensitive level (MSL): 3
- Calculated shelf life in sealed bag: 12 months at <40°C and <90% relative humidity (RH)
- Peak package body temperature: 260°C
- A humidity indicator card (HIC) in the packaging bag.



- After bag is opened, the module that will be subjected to reflow solder or other high temperature process must be
 - Mounted within: 168 hours of factory conditions ≤30°C/60% RH, or
 - Stored per J-STD-033
- The module needs to be baked in the following cases:
 - The packaging bag is damaged before unpacking.
 - There is no humidity indicator card (HIC) in the packaging bag.
 - After unpacking, circles of 10% and above on the HIC become pink.
 - The total exposure time has lasted for over 168 hours since unpacking.
 - More than 12 months have passed since the sealing of the bag.
- If baking is required, refer to IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033 for bake procedure.

NOTE

Level and body temperature are defined by IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020.

8.2 Production Instructions

- The PKM8720F-A00-F10 module can be packaged with the SMT process according to the customer's PCB designed to be SMT-packaged. After being unpacked, the module must be soldered within 24 hours. Otherwise, it needs to be put into the drying cupboard where the relative humidity is not greater than 10%; or it needs to be packaged again under vacuum and the exposure time needs to be recorded (the total exposure time cannot exceed 168 hours).
 - SMT devices needed:
 - ◆ Moulder
 - ◆ SPI
 - ◆ Reflow soldering machine
 - ◆ Thermal profiler
 - ◆ Automated optical inspection (AOI) equipment
 - Baking devices needed:
 - ◆ Cabinet oven
 - ◆ Anti-electrostatic and heat-resistant trays
 - ◆ Anti-electrostatic and heat-resistant gloves
- Baking settings:
 - Temperature: 40°C and ≤ 5% RH for reel package and 125°C and ≤5% RH for tray package (use the heat-resistant tray rather than a plastic container)
 - Time: 168 hours for reel package and 12 hours for tray package
 - Alarm temperature: 50°C for reel package and 135°C for tray package
 - Production-ready temperature after natural cooling: < 36°C
 - Re-baking situation: If a module remains unused for over 168 hours after being baked, it needs to be baked again.
 - If a batch of modules is not baked within 168 hours, do not use the wave soldering to solder them. Because these modules are Level-3 moisture-sensitive devices, they are very likely to get damp when exposed beyond the allowable time. In this case, if they are soldered at high temperatures, it may result in device failure or poor soldering.
- In the whole production process, take electrostatic discharge (ESD) protective measures.

- To guarantee the passing rate, it is recommended to use the SPI and AOI to monitor the quality of solder paste printing and mounting.

8.3 Recommended Oven Temperature Curve

There are some differences between the set temperatures and the actual temperatures. All the temperatures listed in this datasheet are obtained through actual measurements.

For the SMT process, set oven temperatures according to Figure 6.

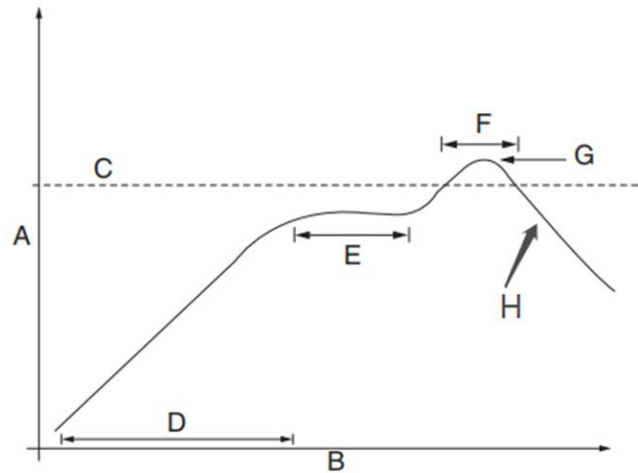


Figure 6. Reflow Soldering Curve Diagram

- D: Rising speed = $(1 \sim 3)^{\circ}\text{C/s}$, $20^{\circ}\text{C} \sim 150^{\circ}\text{C}$, 60s ~ 90s
- E: Average preheating temperature = $150^{\circ}\text{C} \sim 200^{\circ}\text{C}$, 60s ~ 120s
- F: Temperature fluctuation $> 217^{\circ}\text{C}$, 50s to 70s; peak temperature = $235^{\circ}\text{C} \sim 245^{\circ}\text{C}$
- H: Drop speed = $(1 \sim 4)^{\circ}\text{C/s}$

NOTE

Adjust the balance time to ensure the rationalization treatment of gas when tin paste solves. If there are too much gaps on the PCB board, increase the balance time. Considering that the product is long placed in the welding area, to prevent components and bottom plate from damage.

Revision History

Data	Revision	Change Note
2022-11-04	1.0	Initial release
2024-08-27	1.1	Change contact email