



Part No:

PCS.25.A

Description

Wi-Fi® / Bluetooth® 2.4GHz FR4 SMD Antenna

Features:

2.4GHz FR4 SMD Antenna Dimensions: 15x3x3mm FR4 material SMD Antenna RoHS & Reach Compliant



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1. Introduction



The Taoglas PCS.25.A is an expertly designed 2.4GHz antenna for various Bluetooth® and Wi-Fi® applications. The PCS.25 is an FR4 antenna designed to be mounted via SMD on a PCB, engineered to operate both with, and without copper clearance on all PCB layers, meaning it can be used on boards where space is at a premium. The PCS.25.A has a compact form factor of just 15x3x3mm, allowing it to be used in areas where other antennas that require large keep out areas, several matching components and vast ground planes to operate are currently used.





Top View of PCB with Copper Clearance

Top View of PCB without Copper Clearance

Typical applications that the PCS.25.A is suitable for include wearables, handheld Wi-Fi® devices, keyless entry systems and Smart Telemedicine and healthcare.

Taoglas FR4 antennas can be specifically tuned to customer-specific device environments, subject to NRE and MOQ. Contact your regional Taoglas customer support team to request these services or additional support to integrate and test this antenna's performance in your device.



2. Specifications

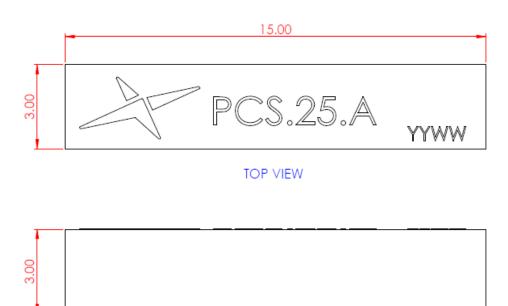
| Wi-Fi Electrical | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Band | Frequency (MHz) | | Efficiency (%) | Average Gain (dB) | Peak Gain (dBi) | Impedance | Polarization | Radiation Pattern | Max. input power |
| Wi-Fi - 2GHz | 2400-2500 | With Clearance | 52 | -2.9 | 2 | 50 Ω | Linear | Omni | 10W |
| | | Without Clearance | 31 | -5.1 | 0.1 | | | | |
| *Tested on 50x50mm ground plane | | | | | | | | | |

| Mechanical | | | | |
|------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Dimensions | 15 x 3 x 3mm | | | |
| Weight | 2g | | | |
| Material | FR4 | | | |

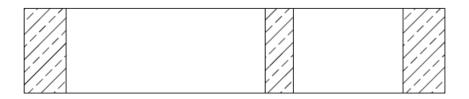
| Environmental | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Temperature Range | -40°C to 85°C | | | |
| Humidity | Non-condensing 65°C 95% RH | | | |
| Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL) | 3 | | | |



3. Mechanical Drawing (in mm)



FRONT VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW



4. Antenna Integration Guide

Following this recommendation on how to optimally integrate the PCS.25.A into you design. This antenna has 3 pads, where one is used for the RF Feed. Taoglas recommends using a minimum of 50x50mm ground plane (PCB) to ensure optimal performance. The antenna should be placed on the corner of the PCB to take advantage of the smaller ground plane.



Top view of Reference Design PCB.

Please find the Integration files in Altium, 2D formats and the 3D model for the PCS.25.A here: https://www.taoglas.com/product/wi-fi-bluetooth-2-4ghz-fr4-chip-antenna/



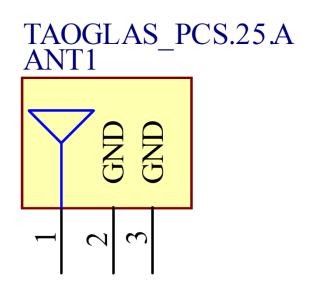
4.1 Schematic Symbol and Pad Definitions



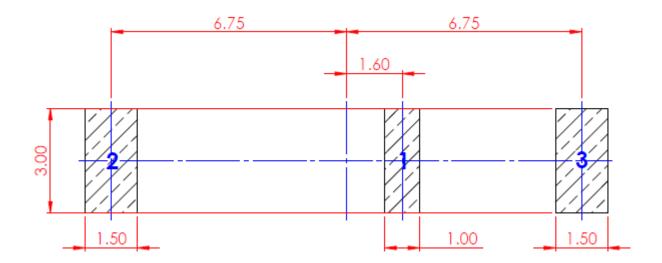
Above is a 3D model of the PCS.25.A on a Reference Design PCB.

The circuit symbol for the PCS.25.A is shown below. The antenna has 3 Pads as indicated below.

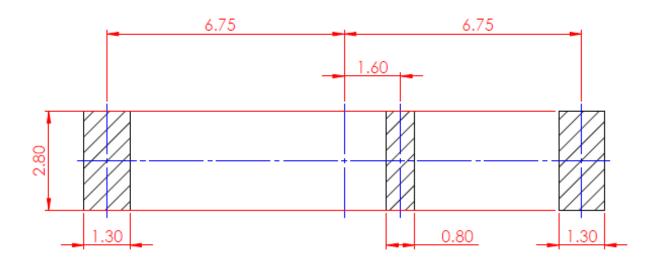
| Pad | Description |
|------|-------------|
| 1 | RF Feed |
| 2, 3 | Ground |



4.2 Antenna Copper Footprint



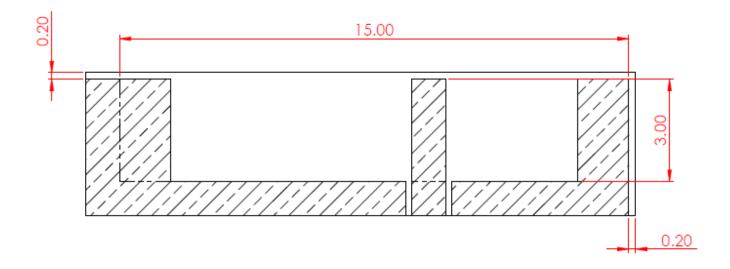
4.3 Top Solder Paste

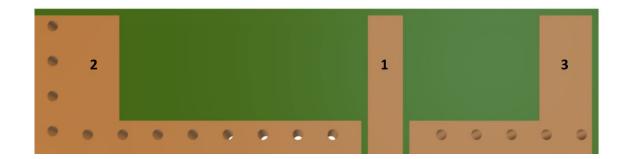




4.4 Copper Keep-out

The footprint and clearance on the PCB must comply with the antenna's specification. The PCB layout shown in the diagrams below demonstrates the PCS.25.A clearance area. The copper keep out area applies to all layers on the PCB. The copper clearance area extends to 3mm in length and 15mm in width around the antenna. The board edge clearance should be a minimum of 0.1mm, example shown below is 0.2mm.

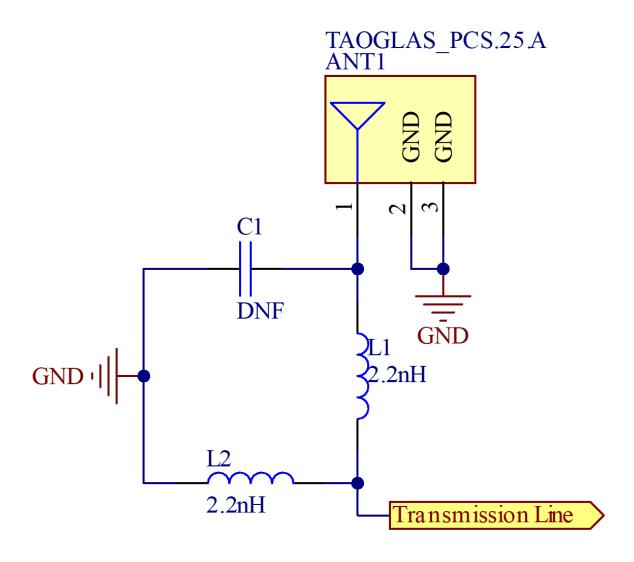






4.5 Evaluation Board

Matching components with the PCS.25.A are required for the antenna to have optimal performance in the spaces specified in the schematic below. Additional matching components may be necessary for your device, Taoglas recommends incorporating extra component footprints, forming a "pi" network, for the PCS.25.A.

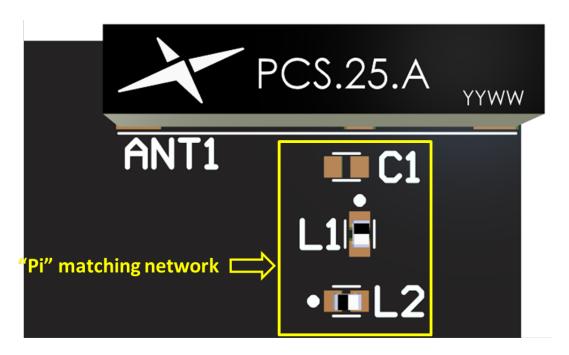


| Designator | Туре | Value | Manufacturer | Manufacturer Part Number |
|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| C1 | Capacitor | Not Fitted | - | - |
| L1, L2 | Inductor | 2.2nH | TDK | MHQ1005P2N2CT000 |

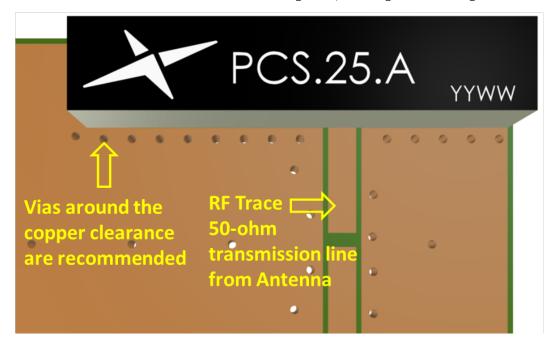


4.6 Antenna Integration

The PCS.25.A should be placed in the corner of the PCB to take advantage of the ground plane. The RF trace must maintain a 50 Ohm transmission line. A "Pi" Matching Network is recommended for the RF transmission line, the values and components for the matching circuit will depend on the tuning needed. Ground vias should be placed around the transmission line and the copper clearance area.



PCS.25.A antenna mounted on a Reference Design PCB, showing "Pi" matching network.

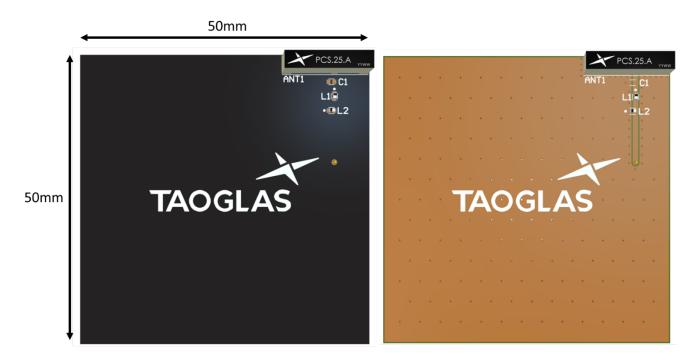


PCS.25.A antenna mounted on a Reference Design PCB, showing transmission line and integration notes.

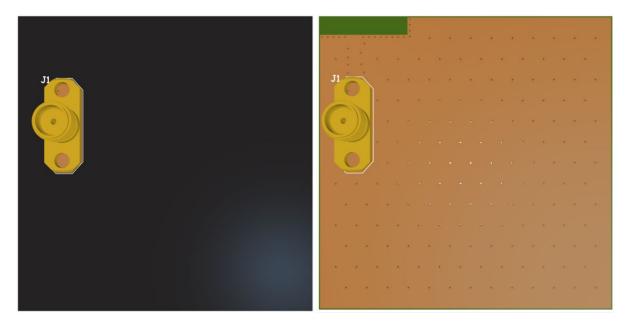


4.7 Final Integration

The top side image shown below highlights the antenna transmission line. Taoglas recommends using a minimum of 50x50mm ground plane (PCB) to ensure optimal performance.



Top Side (PCS.25.A placement on 50x50mm Reference Design PCB)



Bottom Side



5. Application Note

The following application note shows how to integrate the PCS.25.A into a design without the copper clearance area. This antenna has 3 Pads, where one Pad is used for the RF Feed. Taoglas recommends using a minimum of 50x50mm ground plane (PCB) to ensure optimal performance. The antenna should be placed on the corner of the PCB to take advantage of the ground plane.

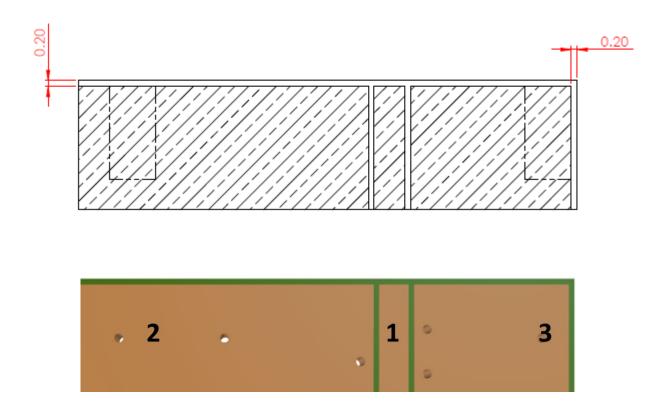


Top view of Reference Design PCB.



5.1 Copper Area

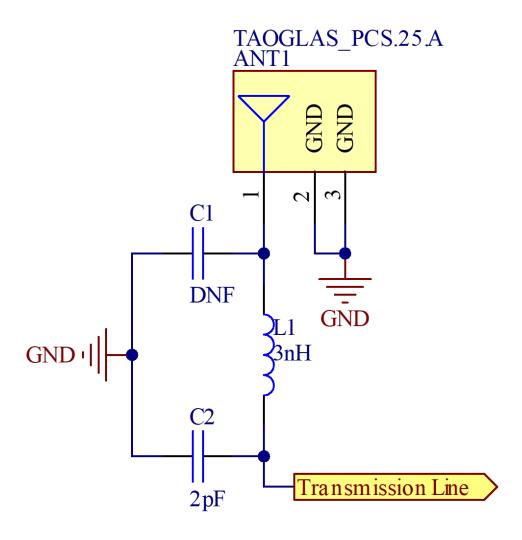
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|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| C1 | Capacitor | Not Fitted | - | - |
| C2 | Capacitor | 2pF | TDK | GRM1555C1H2R0CA01D |
| L1 | Inductor | 3nH | TDK | MHQ1005P3N0BT000 |

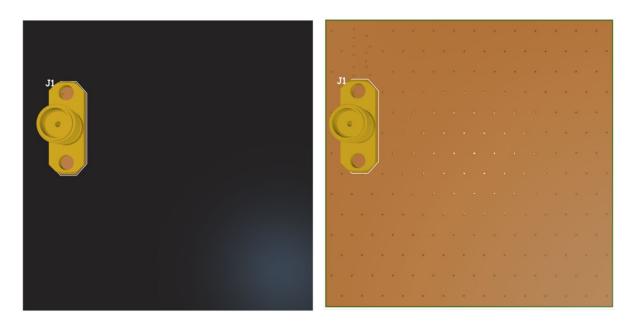


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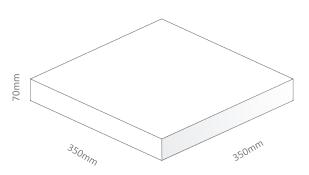


6. Packaging

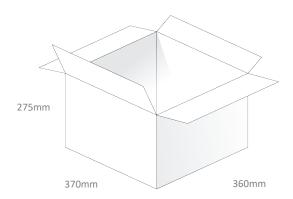
2000pcs PCS.25.A per Reel



2000pcs PCS.25.A per Inner Carton Dimensions: 350*350*70 mm



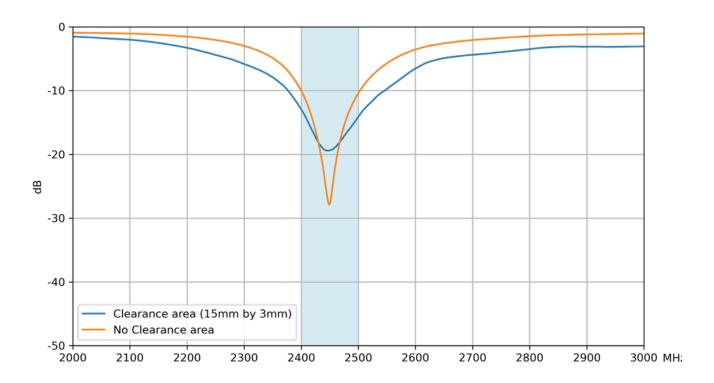
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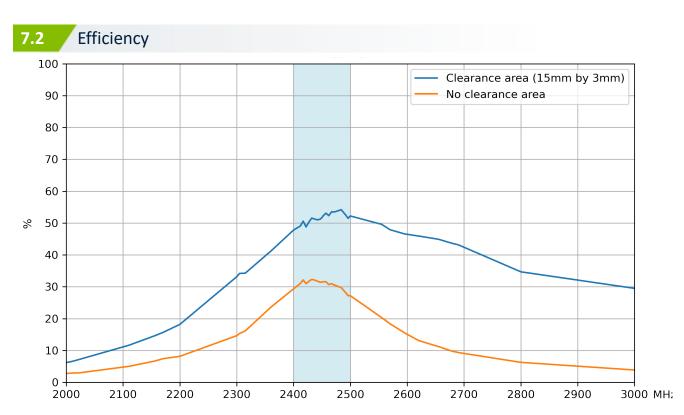




7. Antenna Characteristics

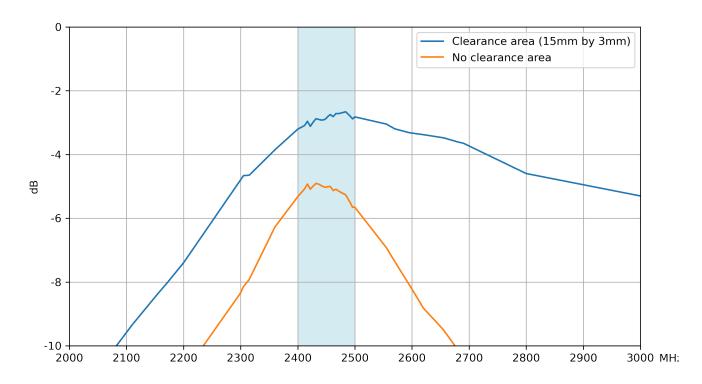
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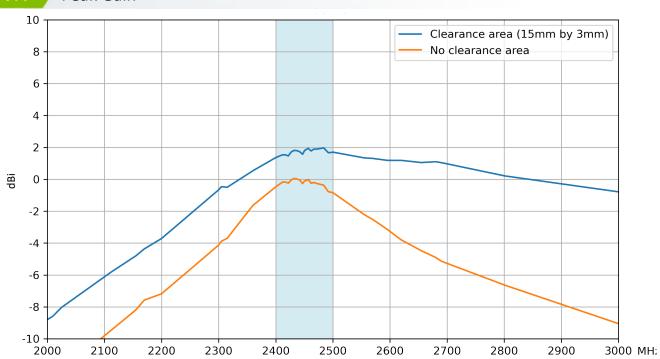




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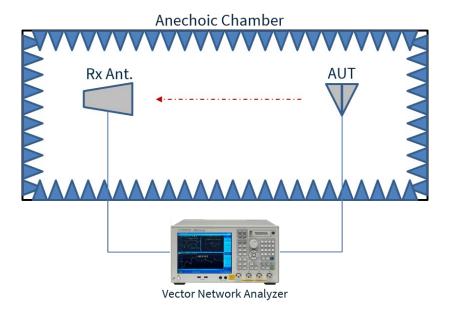
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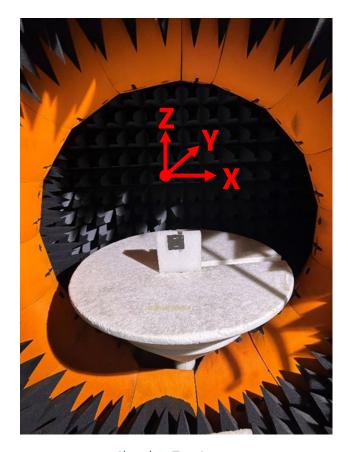




8. Radiation Patterns

8.1 Test Setup

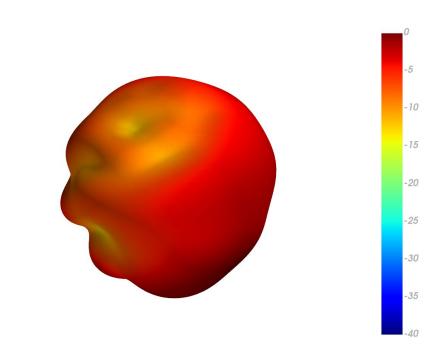


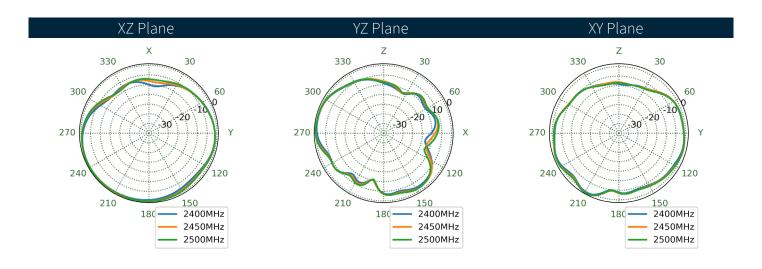


Chamber Test Setup



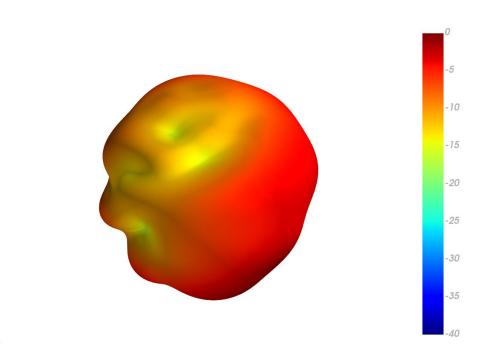
Patterns with clearance at 2450MHz 8.2

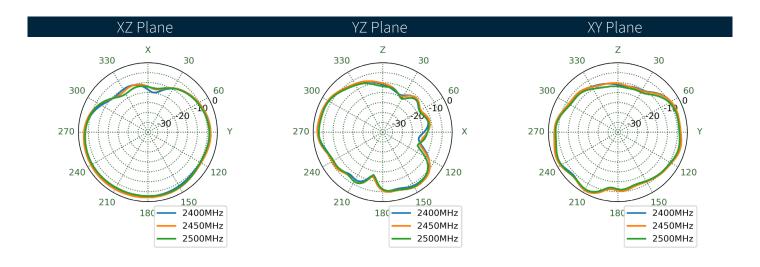






8.3 Patterns with no clearance at 2450MHz







Changelog for the datasheet

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| Notes: | Updated antenna integration guide and datasheet flow. |
| Author: | Gary West |

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Date: | 2023-09-12 | |
| Notes: | Initial Release | |
| Author: | Cesar Sousa | |





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