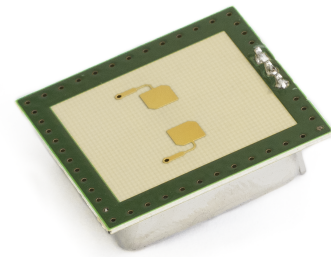


K-LC3 RADAR TRANSCEIVER

Datasheet

Features

- 24 GHz K-band miniature transceiver
- Dual 1 patch circular polarized antenna
- Wide beam aperture 138°/132°
- 10dBm EIRP output power
- 25x25mm² surface, <6mm thickness
- Low cost design
- 3.3V or 5V variant



Applications

- Lowcost general purpose movement detectors
- Security systems
- Ceiling and wall mount surveillance system
- Industrial sensors

Description

K-LC3 is a 2 patch Doppler module with a nearly symmetrical wide beam for low cost short distance applications.

Its typical applications are movement sensors for security, lighting and building automation applications. This module may be an alternative or a complementary sensor for infrared PIR or AIR systems thanks to its outstanding performance/cost ratio.

The module is extremely small and lightweight. With its wide IF bandwidth it opens many new applications.

The unique RFbeam circular polarized antenna forms allows much wider acquisition fields than the traditional linear polarized patch antenna. A powerful starterkit with signal conditioning and visualization is available from RFbeam. Find more informations on www.rfbeam.ch.

Blockdiagram

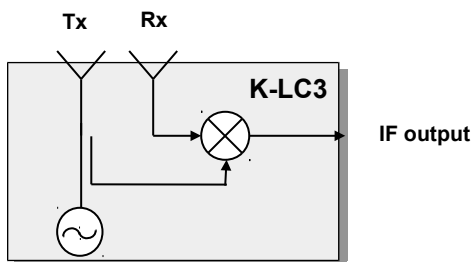


Fig. 1: Block diagram

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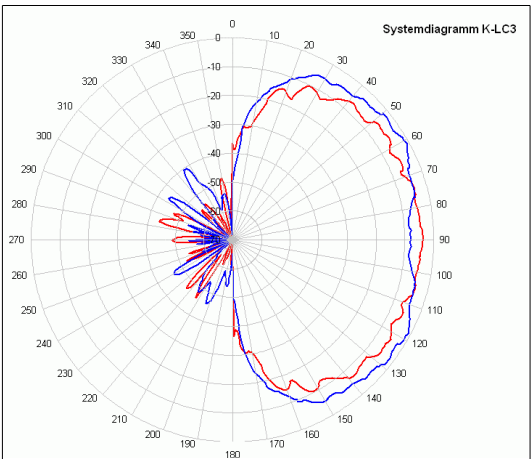
Characteristics

Parameter	Conditions / Notes	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Operating conditions						
Supply voltage	For K-LC3 variant	V_{cc}	4.75	5.0	5.25	V
	For K-LC3_V2 variant	V_{cc}	3.0	3.3	3.6	V
Supply current		I_{cc}		35	65	mA
Operating temperature		T_{op}	-20		+85	°C
Storage temperature		T_{st}	-20		+105	°C
Transmitter						
Transmitter frequency	$T_{amb} = -20^{\circ}\text{C} \dots +85^{\circ}\text{C}$	f_{TX}	24.150	24.200	24.250	GHz
Frequency drift vs temperature	$V_{cc}=5.0\text{V}$, $-20^{\circ}\text{C} \dots +85^{\circ}\text{C}$ ^{Note 1}	Δf_{TX}		-0.9		MHz/°C
Output power	EIRP	P_{TX}		+10		dBm
Spurious emission		P_{spur}		-30		dBm
Turn-on time	Until oscillator stable, $\Delta f_{TX} < 5\text{MHz}$	t_{on}		1	6	μs
Receiver						
Mixer Conversion loss	$f_{IF} = 1\text{kHz}$, IF load = $1\text{k}\Omega$	D_{mixer1}		-6		dB
	$f_{IF} = 20\text{MHz}$, IF load = 50Ω	D_{mixer2}		-11		dB
Antenna Gain	$F_{TX}=24.125\text{GHz}$ ^{Note 2}	G_{Ant}		4.8		dB
Receiver sensitivity	$f_{IF} = 500\text{Hz}$, $B=1\text{kHz}$, $R_{IF} = 1\text{k}\Omega$, $S/N=6\text{dB}$	P_{RX1}		-95		dBm
	$f_{IF} = 1\text{MHz}$, $B=20\text{MHz}$, $R_{IF} = 50\Omega$, $S/N=6\text{dB}$	P_{RX1}		-83		dBm
Overall sensitivity	$f_{IF} = 500\text{Hz}$, $B=1\text{kHz}$, $R_{IF} = 1\text{k}\Omega$, $S/N=6\text{dB}$	D_{system}		-105		dBc
IF output						
IF resistance		R_{IF}		50		Ω
IF frequency range	-3dB Bandwidth, IF load = 50Ω	f_{IF}	0	10	50	MHz
IF noise power	$f_{IF} = 500\text{Hz}$, IF load = 50Ω	$P_{IFnoise1}$		-137		dBm/Hz
	$f_{IF} = 1\text{MHz}$, IF load = 50Ω	$P_{IFnoise2}$		-164		dBm/Hz
IF noise voltage	$f_{IF} = 500\text{Hz}$, IF load = $1\text{k}\Omega$	$U_{IFnoise1}$		-150		dBV/Hz
	$f_{IF} = 500\text{Hz}$, IF load = $1\text{k}\Omega$	$U_{IFnoise1}$		31		nV/√Hz
IF output offset voltage	no object in range	U_{IF}	10		200	mV
Supply rejection	Rejection supply pins to IF output	D_{supply}		26		dB
Antenna						
Antenna type	Right hand circular polarized	RHCP				
Horizontal -3dB beamwidth	E-Plane	W_{ϕ}		138		°
Vertical -3dB beamwidth	H-Plane	W_{θ}		132		°
Horiz. sidelobe suppression		D_{ϕ}		-12		dB
Vertical sidelobe suppression		D_{θ}		-12		dB
Body						
Outline Dimensions				25*25*6		mm ³
Weight				4.5		g
Connector	3pin single row jumper					
ESD Rating						
Electrostatic Discharge	Human body model class 0	V_{ESD}			250	V

Note 1 Transmit frequency stays within 24.150 to 24.250GHz over the specified temperature range

Note 2 Theoretical value, given by Design

Antenna System Diagram

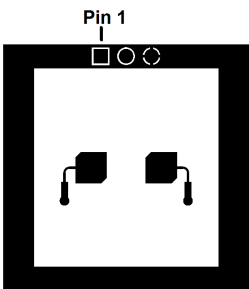


This diagram shows module sensitivity in both azimuth and elevation directions. It incorporates both transmitter and receiver antenna characteristics.

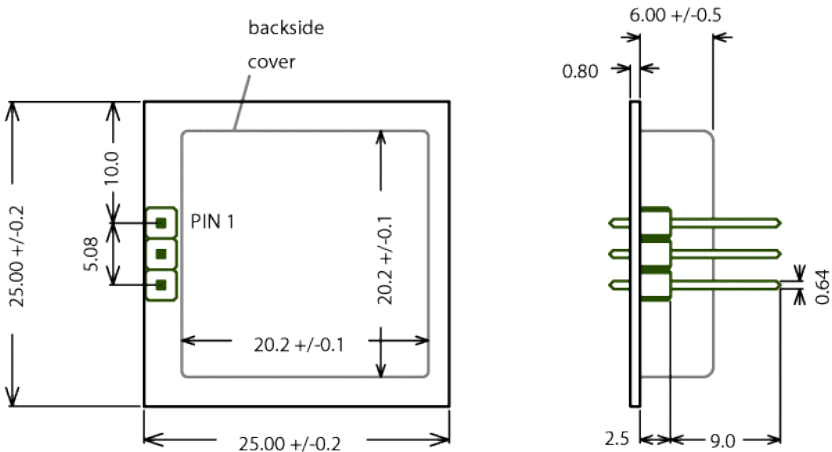
Fig. 2: System diagram

Pin Configuration

Pin	Description	Typical Value
1	VCC	DC supply
2	IF output	load 1kOhm
3	GND	ground



Outline Dimensions



All Dimensions in mm All values given are typical unless otherwise specified.

Fig. 3: Mechanical data

Application Notes

Sensitivity and Maximum Range

The values indicated here are intended to give you a 'feeling' of the attainable detection range with this module. It is not possible to define an exact RCS (radar cross section) value of real objects because reflectivity depends on many parameters. The RCS variations however influence the maximum range only by $\sqrt[4]{\sigma}$.

Maximum range for Doppler movement depends mainly on:

- Module sensitivity	S:	-105dBc (@0.5kHz IF Bandwidth)
- Carrier frequency	f ₀ :	24.125GHz
- Radar cross section RCS ("reflectivity") of the object	σ ¹⁾ :	1m ² approx. for a moving person >50m ² for a moving car

note ¹⁾ RCS indications are very inaccurate and may vary by factors of 10 and more.

The famous "Radar Equation" may be reduced for our K-band module to the following relation:

$$r = 0.0167 \cdot 10^{\frac{-s}{40}} \cdot \sqrt[4]{\sigma}$$

Using this formula, you get an indicative detection range of

- 7 meters for a moving person.
- > 15 meters for a moving car

Please note, that range values also highly depend on the performance of signal processing, environment conditions (i.e. rain, fog), housing of the module and other factors.

For simple detection purposes (security applications e.g.) without the need of speed measurements, range may be enhanced by further reducing the IF bandwidth. With 250Hz bandwidth and a simple comparator, we get already a 12m frontal detection range.

Ordering Information

Ordering number	Supply voltage
K-LC3	5V
K-LC3_V2	3.3V

Datasheet Revision History

Version	Date	Changes
0.1	Apr-2009	initial release
1.0	Mar-2011	Typical transmit frequency = 24.200; range 24.150 .. 24.250 over temp.
1.1	Nov-2018	Changed footer to new address
1.2	Mar-2020	Added ESD information, changed operating temperature and spurious, added ordering informations

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