

# **WF111 – 802.11 B/G/N MODULE**

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## VERSION HISTORY

Version	Comment
1.0	First public version
1.1	Product codes updated
1.1.1	Added sleep clock specifications
1.1.2	Added frequency variation table

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# 1 Product description

## DESCRIPTION

WF111 is a fully integrated single 2.4GHz band 802.11 b/g/n module, intended for portable and battery powered applications, where Wi-Fi connectivity is needed. WF111 integrates an IEEE 802.11 b/g/n radio, antenna or U.FL antenna connector and SDIO or CSPI host interfaces.

WF111 provides a low cost and simple Wi-Fi solution for devices that run an operating system and a TCP/IP stack on-board, but still offers the benefits of a module – small form factor, easy integration and certifications. Bluegiga also provides WF111 drivers for the Linux operating system.

WF111 has hardware support for Wi-Fi encryption protocols and for various co-existence schemes which enables exceptional performance during simultaneous use of IEEE 802.11 and *Bluetooth* with a single antenna.

## TARGET APPLICATIONS:

- PoS terminals
- RFID and laser scanners
- Wi-Fi internet radios and audio streaming products
- Wireless cameras
- Portable navigation devices
- Portable handheld devices
- Wi-Fi medical sensors
- Wireless picture frames

## KEY FEATURES:

- IEEE 802.11 b/g/n radio
  - Single 2.4 GHz band
  - Symbol rate up to 72.2Mbps
- Integrated antenna or U.FL connector
- Hardware support for WEP, WPA and WPA2 encryption
- Hardware support for Wi-Fi Direct and soft-AP
- Advanced *Bluetooth* coexistence support
- Temperature range: -40°C - +85°C
- SDIO or CSPI host interfaces
- *Fully CE, FCC, IC and South-Korea qualified (in progress)*
- Operating system drivers for Linux

## PHYSICAL OUTLOOK:

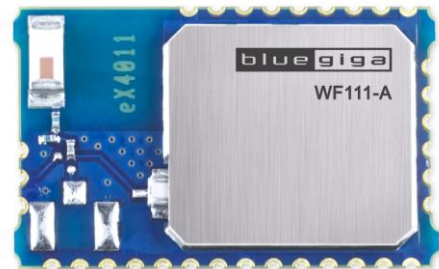


Figure 1: WF111-A

## 2 Ordering Information

### WF111 Product Numbering

**WF1 1 1- X**

Antenna:  
A = Internal antenna  
E = External  
N = RF pin

#### Confirmed products and codes

Product code	Description
WF111-A	WF111 module with internal chip antenna
WF111-E	WF111 module with U.FL connector for external antenna
WF111-N	WF111 module with 50 RF pin (contact <a href="mailto:sales@bluegiga.com">sales@bluegiga.com</a> for availability)
DKWF111	WF111-A SDIO evaluation kit

### 3 Pinout and terminal descriptions

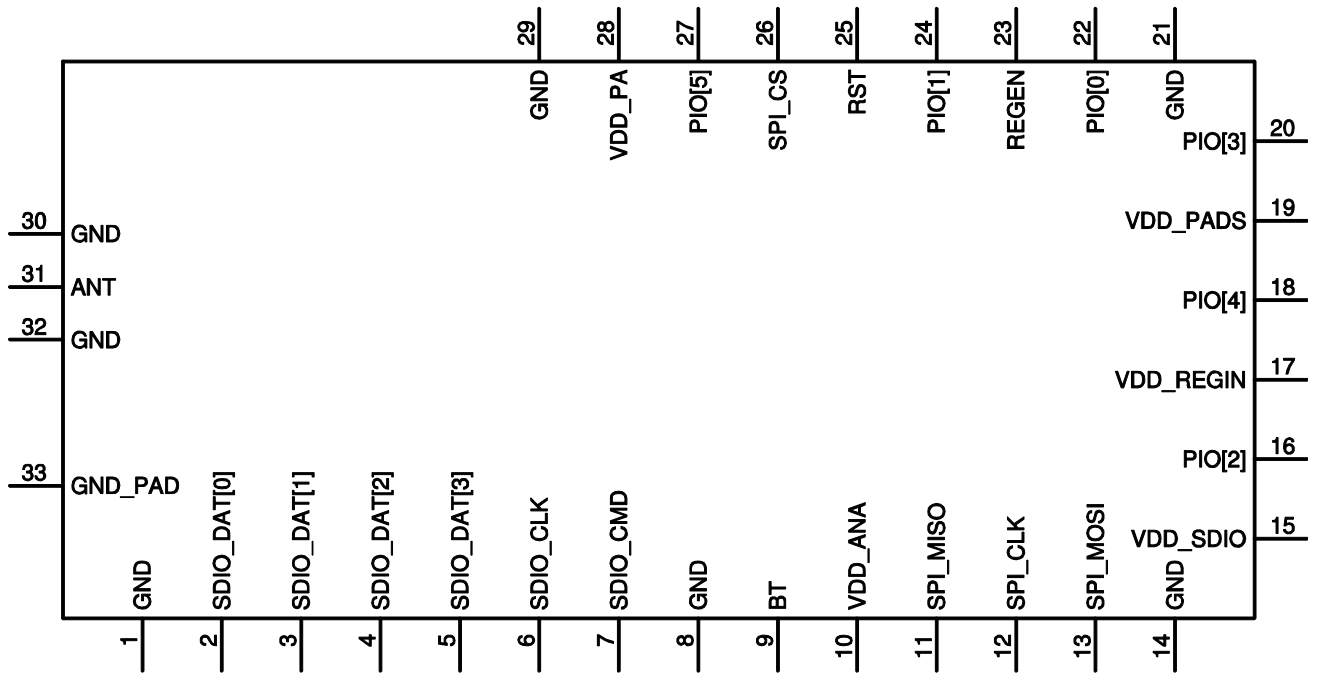


Figure 2: WF111 pinout



POWER SUPPLIES	PIN NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
VDD_REGIN	17	Input for the internal regulators
REGEN	23	Pull high to enable internal voltage regulators (2.0V max)
GND	1, 8, 14, 21, 29, 30, 32	Ground
GND_PAD	33	Thermal pad, on bottom of WF111
VDD_ANA	10	Positive supply for PA control
VDD_PADS	19	Positive supply for the digital interfaces
VDD_SDIO	15	Positive supply for the SDIO interface
VDD_PA	28	Positive supply for the power amplifier

**Table 1: Supply Terminal Descriptions**

PIO PORT	PIN NUMBER	PAD TYPE	DESCRIPTION
PIO[0]	22	Bi-directional, programmable strength internal pull-down/pull-up	Programmable input/output line.  Can be used for <i>Bluetooth</i> co-existence.
PIO[1]	24		
PIO[2]	16		
PIO[3]	20		
PIO[4]	18		
PIO[5]	27		

**Table 2: GPIO Terminal Descriptions**

SDIO/CSPI Interfaces	PIN NUMBER	PAD TYPE	DESCRIPTION	
SDIO_DATA[0]	2	Bi-directional, tri-state, weak internal pull-up	Synchronous data input/output	
SDIO_SPI_DI			SDIO SPI data output	
CSPI_MISO			CSPI data output	
SDIO_DATA[1]	3		Synchronous data input/output	
SDIO_SPI_INT			SDIO SPI interrupt output	
CSPI_INT			CSPI data input	
SDIO_DATA[2]	4		Synchronous data input/output	
SDIO_DATA[3]	5		Bi-directional, weak/strong internal pull-up	Synchronous data input/output
SDIO_SPI_CS#				SDIO SPI chip select, active low
CSPI_CS#		CSPI chip select, active low		
SDIO_CLK	6	Input, weak internal pull-up	SDIO clock	
SDIO_SPI_SCLK			SDIO SPI clock	
CSPI_CLK			CSPI clock	
SDIO_CMD	7	Bi-directional, weak internal pull-up	SDIO data input	
SDIO_SPI_MOSI			SDIO SPI data input	
CSPI_MOSI			CSPI data input	

**Table 3: Host Interface Terminal Descriptions**

OTHER SIGNALS	PIN NUMBER	PAD TYPE	DESCRIPTION
RST	25	Input, weak internal pull-up, active low	System reset
ANT	31	RF, DC blocked	Antenna output on N variant, on A and E variants not connected
BT	9	RF, DC blocked	Bluetooth antenna sharing RF input

**Table 4: Other Terminal Descriptions**

DEBUG SPI INTERFACE	PIN NUMBER	PAD TYPE	DESCRIPTION
SPI_MISO	11	Output, tri-state, weak internal pull-down	Synchronous data output
SPI_CLK	12	Input, weak internal pull-down	Synchronous clock input
SPI_MOSI	13		Synchronous data input
SPI_CS	26		Debug SPI Chip select, active low

**Table 5: Debug SPI Terminal Descriptions**

## 4 Interfaces

### 4.1 Host interfaces

WF111 can be interfaced by the host using SDIO in 1bit or 4bit mode, SDIO SPI or CSR proprietary CSPI connection. The host connection buses can be clocked up to 50MHz.

#### 4.1.1 Host selection

WF111 will default to 1-bit SDIO mode. The host interface can be set with 1-bit SDIO or SDIO SPI commands to the required mode. After mode selection, it will then remain in that mode until the module is reset either with the RESET pin or the internal power supply supervisor.

#### 4.1.2 SDIO interface

This is a host interface which allows a Secure Digital Input Output (SDIO) host to gain access to the internals of the chip. All defined slave modes (SPI, SD 1bit, SD 4bit) are provided.

Two functions are supported:

- Function 0 is mandatory function used for SDIO slave configuration. This contains CCCR, FBR and CIS. CCCR registers support sleep and wakeup signaling.
- Function 1 provides access to the IEEE 802.11 functionality. Command IO\_RW\_DIRECT (CMD52) is used to directly access internal registers. IO\_RW\_EXTENDED (CMD53) is used for block transfer to/from module MMU buffers.

Command	SD Mode (1/4 bit)	SDIO SPI Mode
GO_IDLE_STATE (CMD0)	Y	Y
SEND_RELATIVE_ADDR (CMD3)	Y	N
IO_SEND_OP_COND (CMD5)	Y	Y
SELECT/DESELECT_CARD (CMD7)	Y	N
GO_INACTIVE_STATE (CMD15)	Y	N
IO_RW_DIRECT (CMD52)	Y	Y
IO_RW_EXTENDED (CMD53)	Y	Y
CRC_ON_OFF (CMD59)	N	Y

**Table 6: Supported commands per mode**

For more information and detailed descriptions of above functions and commands, see the following specifications:

- SD Specifications Part 1 Physical Layer Specification v.1.10
- SD Specification Part E1 SDIO Specification v.1.10

### 4.1.3 CSR Serial Peripheral Interface (CSPI)

The CSPI is a host interface which shares pins with the SDIO. It contains a number of modifications on the SDIO SPI specification aimed at increasing the host bus efficiency in hosts supporting SPI but not SDIO. The main advantages compared to SDIO SPI are:

- Burst transfer is continuous instead of blocks with CRC
- Timings are deterministic (fixed number of clocks) reducing the required interaction
- 16 bit registers are transferred as a single command instead of two 8 bit writes

MMU buffers are accessed using burst read/writes. The command and address fields are used to select the correct buffer. The CSPI is able to generate an interrupt to the host when a memory access fails. This interrupt line is shared with the SDIO functions.

The CSPI Interface is an extension of the basic SPI Interface, with the access type determined by the following fields:

- 8-bit command
- 24-bit address
- 16-bit burst length (optional). Only applicable for burst transfers into or out of the MMU

#### 4.1.3.1 CSPI read/write cycles

Register read/write cycles are used to access Function 0, Bluetooth acceleration and MCU registers.

Burst read/write cycles are used to access the MMU.

#### 4.1.3.2 CSPI register write cycle

The command and address are locked into the slave, followed by 16bits of write data. An Error Byte is returned on the MISO signal indicating whether or not the transfer has been successful.

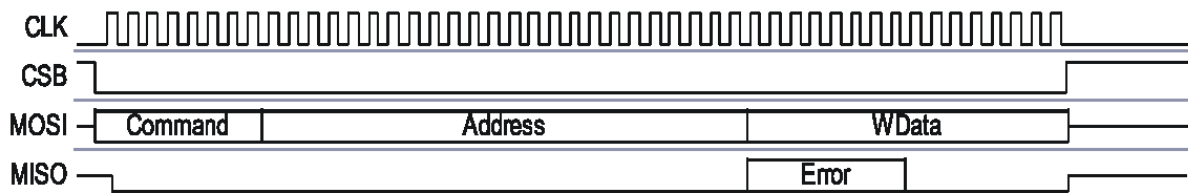


Figure 3: CSPI Register Write Cycle

#### 4.1.3.3 CSPI register read cycle

The command and address field are clocked into the slave, the slave then returns the following:

- Bytes of padding data (MISO held low)
- Error byte
- 16-bits of read data

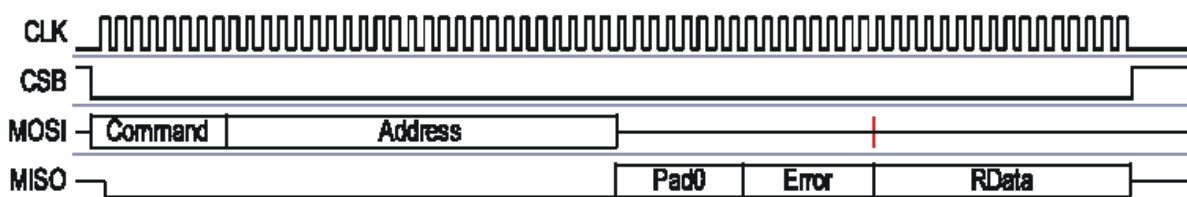


Figure 4: CSPI Register Read Cycle

#### 4.1.3.4 CSPI register burst write cycle

Burst transfers are used to access the MMU buffers. They cannot be used to access registers. Burst read/write cycles are selected by setting the nRegister/Burst bit in the command field to 1.

Burst transfers are byte orientated, have a minimum length of 0 bytes and a maximum length of 64kbytes. Setting the length field to 0 results in no data being transferred to or from the MMU.

As with a register access, the command and address fields are transferred first. There is an optional length field transferred after the address. The use of the length field is controlled by the LengthFieldPresent bit in the Function 0 registers, which is cleared on reset.

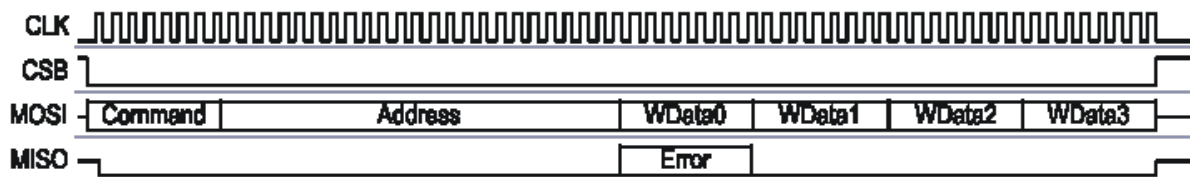


Figure 5: CSPI Burst Write Cycle

#### 4.1.3.5 CSPI register read cycle

Burst reads have a programmable amount of padding data that is returned by the slave. 0-15 bytes are returned as defined in the BurstPadding register. Following this the Error byte is returned followed by the data. Once the transfer has started, no further padding is needed.

A FIFO within SDIO\_TOP will pre-fetch the data. The address is not retransmitted, and is auto-updated within the slave.

The length field is transmitted if LengthFieldPresent in the Function 0 registers is set. In the absence of a length field the CSB signal is used to indicate the end of the burst.

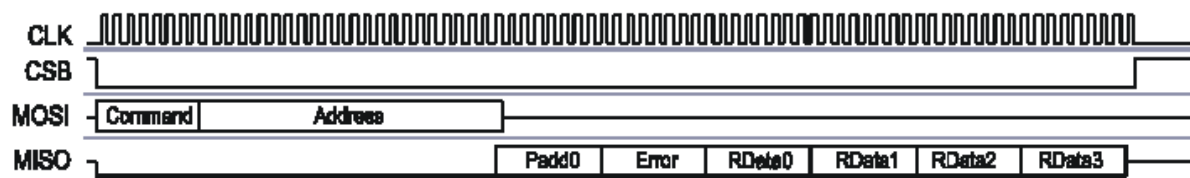


Figure 6: CSPI Burst Read Cycle

#### 4.1.4 SDIO/CSPI deep-sleep control schemes

The module automatically enters deep sleep to minimize power consumption after a while of idling. Deep sleep is the lowest power mode, where the processor, the internal reference (fast) clock, and much of the digital and analogue hardware are shut down. The SDIO communication system however remains on, and is clocked by the host system. During deep sleep only the function 0 is available, while attempts to access Function 1 will likely result in bus timeouts.

Control of when the module is allowed to enter deep sleep is done via Vendor Unique Register in CCCR in function 0. Wake-up is also initiated through this register. The module will initiate an SDIO interrupt when the wake-up is complete.

#### 4.1.5 CCCR and CIS register defaults

Address	Bits	Field name	Value
0x00	3-0	CCRx: CCCR format version number	0x2(a); CCCR/FBR version 1.20
	7-4	SDIOx: SDIO spec. version	0x3(a); SDIO 2.00
0x01	3-0	SDx: SD format version number	0x1; SD Physical Specification 1.10
0x07	6	SCSI: Support continuous SPI interrupt supported	0x1
0x08	0	SDC: Card supports direct commands during data transfer	0x1; IO_RW_DIRECT can be executed while transfer in progress
	1	SMB: Card supports multiblock	0x1; IO_RW_EXTENDED can be executed in block mode
	2	SRW: Card supports read wait	0x1; Wait signal is supported on SDIO_DAT[2]
	3	SBS: Card supports suspend/resume	0x0; Operations can't be suspended
	4	S4MI: Supports interrupt between data blocks in 4-bit SD	0x0; Block interrupts not supported in 4-bit multi-block transfer
	6	LSC: Card is a low-speed card	0x0; Full-speed card
	7	4BLS: 4-bit support for low-speed cards	0x0; Full-speed card
0x09-0x0B	23-0	Pointer to card's common CIS	0x001000; Pointer to the start of Card Information Structure
0x12	0	SMPC: Support master power control	0x1; Total card current may exceed 200mA (EMPC, SPS and EPS are available)
0x13	0	SHS: Support high-speed	0x1(a); High speed mode supported (enabled by the host via the EHS bit)

**Table 7: SDIO CCCR values, (a) can be modified by software**



Address	Bits	Field name	Value
0x100	3-0	Standard SDIO Function interface code	0x0; No SDIO standard interface supported by this function (no defined interface for IEEE 802.11)
	6	Supports CSA	0x0; No Code Storage Area
0x101	7-0	Extended Standard SDIO Function interface	0x00; No SDIO standard interface supported by this function
0x102	0	SPS	0x1; This function has two power modes which are selected by EPS
0x109-0x10B	23-0	Pointer to standard Function 1 CIS	0x002000; Pointer to the start of the CIS for this function

**Table 8: SDIO FBR values for Function 1**

Address	Field name	Value
0x00	TPL_CODE	0x21; CISTPL_FUNCID: Function identification tuple
0x01	TPL_LINK	0x02; Link to next tuple
0x02	TPLFID_FUNCTION	0x0C; Card function tuple
0x03	TPFLID_SYSINIT	0x00; System init bit mask (not used)
0x04	TPL_CODE	0x22; CISTPL_FUNCE: Function extension tuple
0x05	TPL_LINK	0x05; Link to next tuple
0x06	TPLFE_TYPE	0x00; Type of extended data = Function 0
0x07-0x08	TPLFE_FNO_BLK_SIZE	0x0200; Maximum block size and byte count = 512
0x09	TPLFE_MAX_TRAN_SPEED	0x5A(a); Maximum transfer speed per line = 50 Mbps
0x0A	TPL_CODE	0x20; CISTPL_MANDIF: Manufacturer identification string tuple
0x0B	TPL_LINK	0x04; Link to next tuple
0x0C-0x0D	TPLMID_MAND_CODE	0x032A(a); Card manufacturer code = CSR
0x0E-0x0F	TPLMID_CARD	0x0007(a); Manufacturer information - UniFi CSR6031
0x10	TPL_CODE	0xFF; End-of-chain tuple

**Table 9: SDIO CIS values for Function 0, (a) can be modified by software**

Address	Field name	Value
0x00	TPL_CODE	0x21; CISTPL_FUNCID: Function identification tuple
0x01	TPL_LINK	0x02; Link to next tuple
0x02	TPLFID_FUNCTION	0x0C; Card function tuple
0x03	TPFLID_SYSINIT	0x00; System init bit mask (not used)
0x04	TPL_CODE	0x22; CISTPL_FUNCE: Function extension tuple
0x05	TPL_LINK	0x05; Link to next tuple
0x06	TPLFE_TYPE	0x00; Type of extended data = Function 1-7
0x07	TPLFE_FUNCTION_INFO	0x01(a); FNWUS: Wake up support = 1 (card can wake up host with SDIO clock stopped)
0x08	TPLFE_STD_IO_REV	0x00; No SDIO standard function supported
0x09-0x0C	TPL_CARD_PSN	0x00000000(a); Product serial number
0x0D-0x10	TPLFE_CSA_SIZE	0x00000000; No code storage area
0x11	TPLFE_CSA_PROPERTY	0x00; No code storage area
0x12-0x13	TPLFE_MAX_BLOCK_SIZE	0x0200; Maximum block size and byte count = 512
0x14-0x17	TPLFE_OCR	0x00FF8000(a); 2.7-3.6V operation supported
0x18	TPLFE_OP_MIN_PWR	0x14(a); Minimum operating current = 20mA
0x19	TPLFE_OP_AVG_PWR	0x32(a); Average operating current = 50mA
0x1A	TPLFE_OP_MAX_PWR	0xC8(a); Maximum operating current = 500mA
0x1B	TPLFE_SB_MIN_PWR	0x05(a); Minimum current in standby = 5mA
0x1C	TPLFE_SB_AVG_PWR	0x07(a); Average current in standby = 7mA
0x1D	TPLFE_SB_MAX_PWR	0x0A(a); Maximum current in standby = 10mA
0x1E-0x1F	TPLFE_MIN_BW	0x0BB8(a); Minimum data transfer bandwidth = 3000kBps (24Mbps)
0x20-0x21	TPLFE_OPT_BW	0x1B58(a); Optimum data transfer bandwidth = 7000kBps (54Mbps)
0x22-0x23	TPLFE_ENABLE_TIMEOUT_VAL	0x001F4; Function's timeout after being enabled = 5s
0x24-0x25	TPLFE_SP_AVG_PWR_3.3V	0x0032(a); Average current when operating = 50mA (copy of TPLFE_OP_AVG_PWR)
0x26-0x27	TPLFE_SP_MAX_PWR_3.3V	0x00C8(a); Maximum current when operating = 200mA (copy of TPLFE_OP_MAX_PWR)
0x28-0x29	TPLFE_HP_AVG_PWR_3.3V	0x00C8(a); Average current when operating in higher current mode = 200mA
0x2A-0x2B	TPLFE_HP_MAX_PWR_3.3V	0x015E(a); Maximum current when operating in higher current mode = 350mA
0x2C-0x2D	TPLFE_LP_AVG_PWR_3.3V	0x078(a); Average current when operating in lower current mode = 120mA
0x2E-0x2F	TPLFE_LP_MAX_PWR_3.3V	0x00C8(a); Maximum current when operating in lower current mode = 200mA

0x30	TPL_CODE	0xFF; CISTPL_END: End-of-chain tuple
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**Table 11: SDIO CIS values for Function 1, (a) can be modified by software; current consumption figures are conservative values for the host power control**

## 4.2 Other interfaces

### 4.2.1 Debug SPI interface

A separate SPI bus is provided at the module pads for device access during testing and uploading settings during application development and manufacturing. This interface cannot be used as a host interface. It is recommended to bring these to a header in case RF tests or changes to the stored internal MIB are required after production.

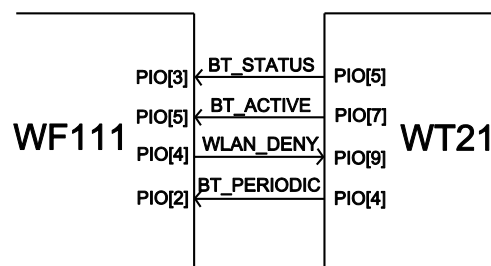
The debug SPI bus has logic levels set by the VDD\_PADS reference supply line.

### 4.2.2 Bluetooth coexistence

Bluetooth coexistence systems allow co-located Wi-Fi and Bluetooth devices to be aware of each other and to avoid simultaneous transfers that would degrade link performance. There are many ways of implementing such connections, from host driver negotiated channel and time sharing, to hardware signalling between the two devices. WF111 supports a number of different coexistence schemes with up to 6 control lines for hardware communication between the two devices.

Wi-Fi and Bluetooth may also use separate antennas, or share a single antenna through a switch and/or a coupler. With a shared antenna, usually two additional signals are needed to control the front end switch. WF111 contains an internal switch for separating Wi-Fi and Bluetooth transmissions as well as a shared low noise amplifier that allows both Wi-Fi and Bluetooth to receive simultaneously using the same amplifier.

For use with CSR-based Bluetooth (BC4 to BC6 with firmware version 21 or later, BC7 and onwards with all versions), Unity-3e+ is recommended as the coexistence scheme. Unity-3e is an enhanced version of the 3-wire Unity-3 –scheme that uses tighter timings and uses the three control lines also for antenna switch control, removing the need for the two separate switch control lines. Unity-3e+, or Unity-3e with Unity+ adds an additional BT\_PERIODIC signal to communicate the need for a periodic transmission from the Bluetooth to the Wi-Fi, allowing a guaranteed low-latency throughput for certain Bluetooth applications despite high Wi-Fi usage. This allows reliable audio connections that would otherwise suffer from the Wi-Fi's higher priority.



**Figure 7: Coexistence signals between WF111 and WT21 Bluetooth module (not showing antenna sharing connection)**

The required MIB values for the coexistence scheme in Figure 7 are:

```
unifiCoexScheme ::= 3
unifiCoexPTABTStatusPIO ::= 3
unifiCoexPTABTInbandPIO ::= -1
unifiCoexPTABTActivePIO ::= 5
unifiCoexPTAWLANDenyPIO ::= 4
unifiCoexPeriodicPIO ::= 2
```

The corresponding PSKEYs for the WT21 are:

```
PSKEY_LC_COMBO_DISABLE_PIO_MASK (0x0028) = 0x0200 0x0000 0x0000
PSKEY_LC_COMBO_DOT11_CHANNEL_PIO_BASE (0x002A) = 0x0011
PSKEY_LC_COMBO_DOT11_ESCO_RTX_PRIORITY ( 0x0050) = 0x0001
PSKEY_LC_COMBO_DOT11_PULL_DISABLE_MASK (0x005A) = 0x0200
PSKEY_LC_COMBO_DOT11_PERIODIC_PIO_MASK (0x005C) = 0x0010 0x0000
PSKEY_LC_COMBO_DOT11_T1 (0x005E) = 0x0043
PSKEY_LC_COMBO_DOT11_T2 (0x005F) = 0x000A
PSKEY_TXRX_PIO_CONTROL (0x0209) = 0x0001
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For other coexistence schemes, please contact Bluegiga technical support.

### 4.2.3 Configurable I/O pads

A number of programmable bi-directional input/outputs (I/O) are provided. PIO[0:5] logic levels are referred to the VDD\_PADS supply line.

PIO lines can be configured through software to implement various automated functions or as generic inputs or outputs. As inputs the lines can be configured to have either weak or strong pull-ups or pull-downs. All PIO lines are configured as inputs with weak pull-downs at reset.

In addition to the coexistence functions, any of the PIO lines can be configured as interrupt request lines, wake-up lines from sleep modes, status led drivers with multiple internally generated modes, general I/O pins controlled by the host, or as a 32.768 kHz sleep clock input.

For further information, please contact Bluegiga technical support.

**Note: All unused signals can be left floating.**

## 5 Clock generation

WF111 uses an internal 26 MHz crystal as the RF reference clock. All WF111 internal digital clocks except sleep timing are generated using phase locked loops, which are locked to the 26 MHz reference clock.

### 5.1 32.768 kHz external reference clock

The module contains an integrated RC oscillator for sleep timing. If more accurate timing is required, an external 32.768 kHz clock can be applied to a PIO pin configured as a clock input to implement a more accurate sleep clock. The Wi-Fi packet timing is derived from the 26MHz crystal and so is unaffected by tolerances in the sleep clock.

The pin chosen as a clock input is an ordinary digital input and the clock waveform should be a logic level square wave. Configuring an input as a clock input requires a setting in the MIB.

For further information, please contact Bluegiga technical support.

## 6 Power Control and Regulation

### 6.1 Power Control and Regulation

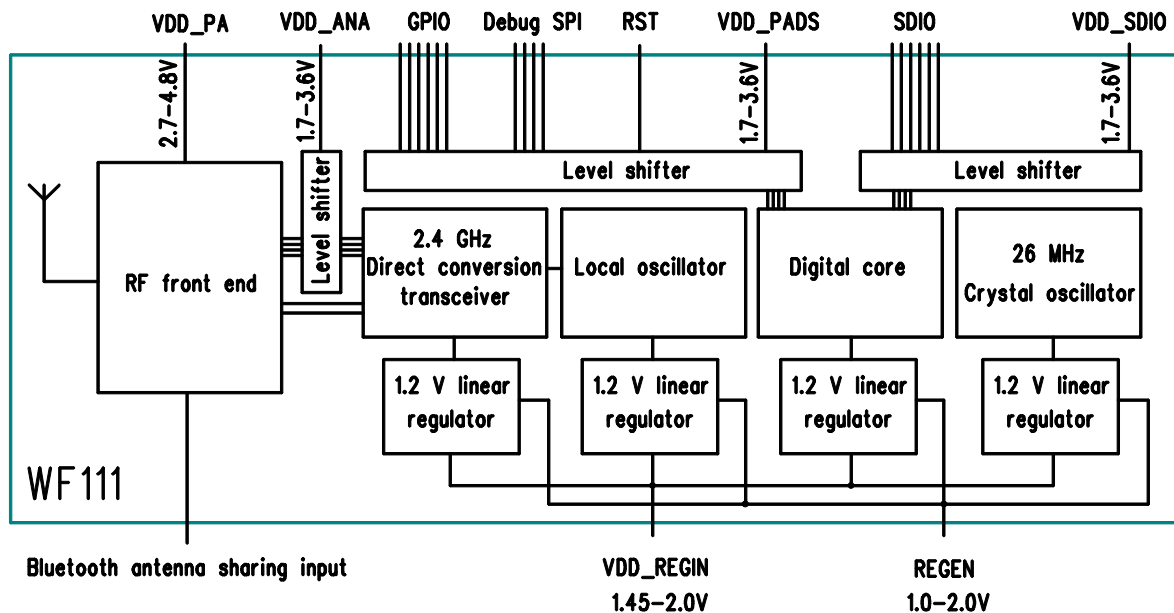


Figure 8: System block diagram

WF111 contains four linear regulators supplying clean voltages for the different parts of the system. All of them produce a 1.2V output voltage, and are fed from a common input, VDD\_REGIN. This input can be supplied with a voltage between 1.45-2.0V, typically 1.5V or 1.8V. The VDD\_REGIN supply should be relatively clean of ripple and switching spikes in order to avoid degrading the RF performance.

WF111 also needs four other supply lines connected in addition to VDD\_REGIN:

- VDD\_PADS provides a reference voltage for matching voltage levels of the host system to the GPIO pins used for Bluetooth coexistence and other functions. This can range from 1.7V to 3.6V. The current drawn from this supply is negligible.
- VDD\_SDIO provides a reference voltage for matching voltage levels of the host system to the SDIO connection. This can range from 1.7V to 3.6V. The current drawn from this supply depends on bus usage, but with no active data transfer will be negligible.
- VDD\_ANA provides a reference voltage for communication between the Wi-Fi chip and the power amplifier. This should be between 1.7V and 3.6V. The current drawn from this supply is negligible.
- **Note for WF111 engineering sample version without RF shield:**
  - VDD\_ANA provides a reference voltage for communication between the Wi-Fi chip and the power amplifier. This should be between 2.7V and 3.6V. The current drawn from this supply is negligible. In the production version, the voltage range for VDD\_ANA has been extended for more flexible supplying.
- VDD\_PA is a separate supply voltage for the Wi-Fi power amplifier. This supply will draw considerable currents in pulses and should be bypassed with a relatively large capacitor close to the module, and the power traces should be relatively wide. This voltage can range from 2.7V to 4.8V making use

directly from a single lithium cell possible. A higher supply voltage will not affect the power amplifiers current draw significantly.

These voltages are not tied to each other and any combination of supply voltages within the specified limits can be used.

In a 3.3V logic level host system all other supplies would usually be tied to the 3.3V supply, with a separate regulator providing the 1.45-2.0V supply for the Wi-Fi core. A switch mode regulator with 1.5V output is recommended for minimum power consumption. Please see the example schematic in this datasheet.

In a 1.8V logic level host system, all other supplies can be connected to the 1.8V supply rail except VDD\_PA which should be connected to a 2.7-4.8V supply.

**Note for WF111 engineering sample version without RF shield:**

**In a 1.8V logic level host system VDD\_PA would be connected to a 2.7-4.8V supply, VDD\_ANA to a 2.7-3.6V supply and the rest of the supplies to the 1.8V supply rail.**

The higher voltage supplies should be powered before or at the same time as the core supply line, i.e. the VDD\_REGIN should be powered up last. Powering the core first may lead to the GPIO and SDIO blocks booting into an inaccessible state.

External high frequency bypassing of the supply lines is not required.

**Note: All supply voltages and ground lines must be connected.**

## 6.2 REGEN

The regulator enable pin REGEN is used to enable the WF111. REGEN enables the regulators of the digital and analog core supply voltages.

The pin is active high, with a logic threshold of around 1V, and has a weak pull-down. REGEN can tolerate voltages up to 2.0V, and may be connected directly to the internal voltage regulator input (VDD\_REGIN) to permanently enable the device. Part of the regulators can also be disabled by firmware in power saving modes. The VDD\_REGIN supply can also be externally switched off while leaving the other supply voltages powered.

Cutting power to the core will fully shut down the module internal processors and returning power will cause a power-on reset, requiring a full initialization of the module.

The REGEN pin will not disable system blocks not supplied by the core supply, meaning the coexistence interface and the SDIO Function 0 are available even when the core is powered off.

## 6.3 RESET

WF111 may be reset from several sources: RESET pin, power-on reset, via software configured watchdog timers as well as through the SDIO/CSPI host interface.

The RESET pin is an active low reset and is internally filtered using the internal low frequency clock oscillator. A reset is performed between 1.5 and 4.0ms following RESET being active. It is recommended that RESET be applied for a period greater than 5ms.

The power-on reset occurs when the core supply (generated by the internal 1.2V linear regulator) falls below typically 1.05V and is released when core voltage rises above typically 1.10V. At reset regardless of the source the digital I/O pins are set to a high impedance state with weak pull-downs, except RESET and DEBUG\_SPI\_CS# which have a weak pull-up. The host connection interface is only reset by the RESET pin or a power-on reset.

A power-on reset can be achieved through powering down the digital core by either externally cutting the VDD\_REGIN supply or giving a low pulse to the REGEN-pad. If REGEN is connected to the host system for powering down the module, or a separate core power switch is implemented, the RESET pin can be tied permanently to a supply voltage line.



Following a reset, WF111 automatically generates internally the clocks needed for safe boot-up of the internal processors. The crystal oscillator is then configured by software with the correct input frequency.

## 7 Example Application Schematic

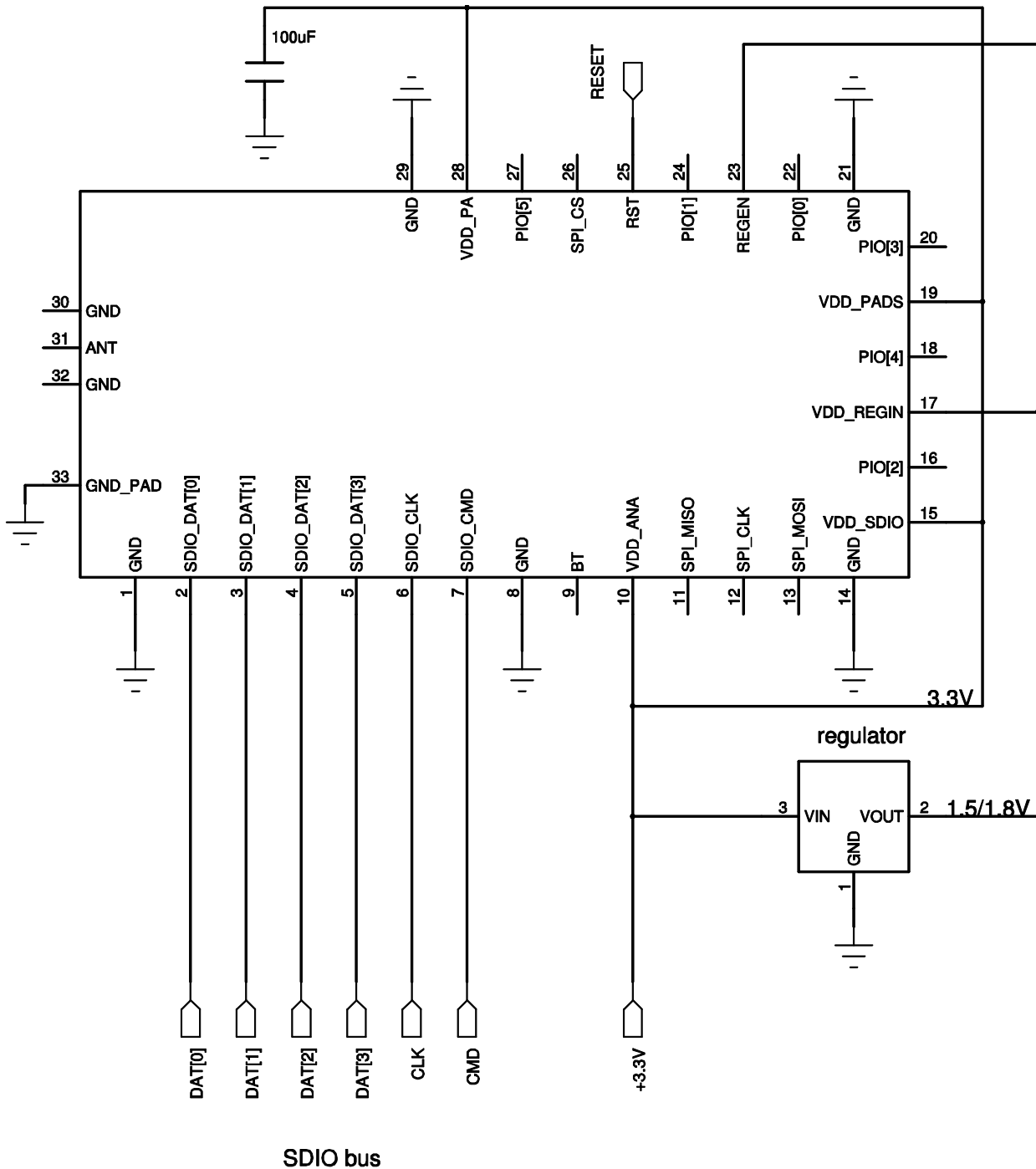
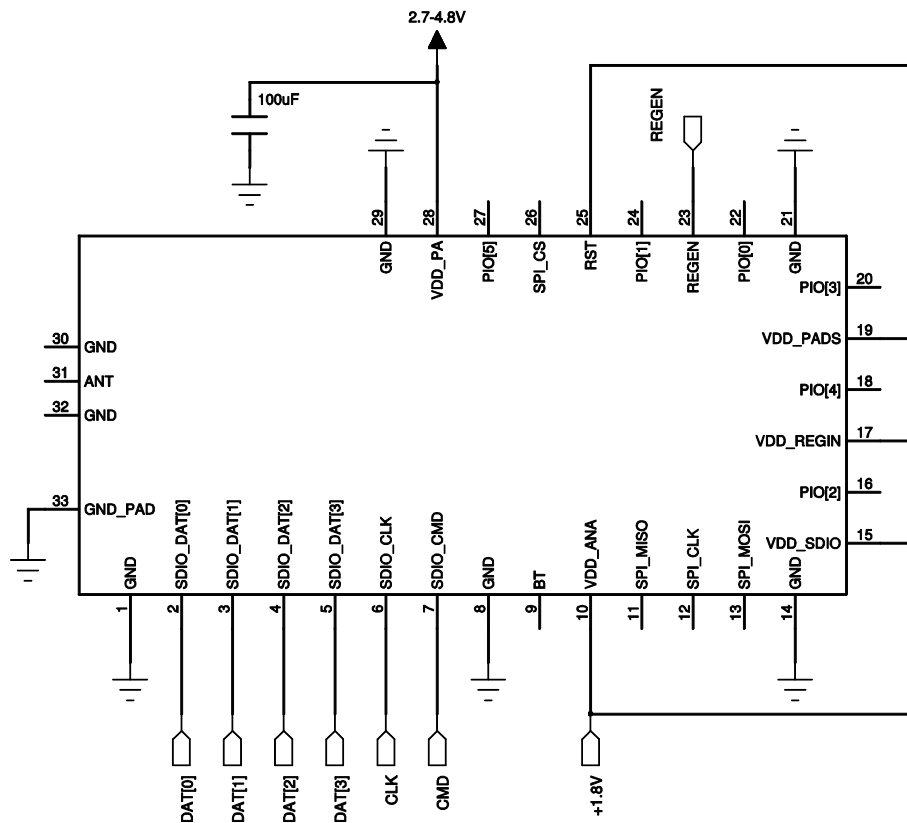


Figure 9: An example application circuit with SDIO host connection, 3.3V level host logic and 1.5/1.8V core supply, REGEN hard wired to the core supply and RST pad used to reset the module (Note: with N-variant ANT-pad and associated grounds would also be connected)



SDIO bus

Figure 10: An example application circuit with SDIO host connection, 1.8V level host logic and a separate power amplifier supply, RST hard wired to the core supply and REGEN pad used to power off and reset the module (Note: with N-variant ANT-pad and associated grounds would also be connected)(Note: engineering samples will require VDD\_ANA to be 2.7-3.6V)

## 8 Wi-Fi radio

### 8.1 Wi-Fi receiver

The receiver features direct conversion architecture. Sufficient out-of-band blocking specification at the Low Noise Amplifier (LNA) input allows the receiver to be used in close proximity to Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) and Wideband Code Division Multiple Access (W-CDMA) cellular phone transmitters without being desensitized. High-order baseband filters ensure good performance against in-band interference.

### 8.2 Wi-Fi transmitter

The transmitter features a direct IQ modulator. Digital baseband transmit circuitry provides the required spectral shaping and on-chip trims are used to reduce IQ modulator distortion. Transmitter gain can be controlled on a per-packet basis, allowing the optimization of the transmit power as a function of modulation scheme.

The internal Power Amplifier (PA) has a maximum output power of +15dBm for IEEE 802.11g/n and +17dBm for IEEE 802.11b. The module internally compensates for PA gain and reference oscillator frequency drifts with varying temperature and supply voltage.

### 8.3 Antenna switch for *Bluetooth* coexistence

WF111 supports sharing the integrated antenna or antenna connector with a *Bluetooth* device through the BT\_RF pad. The module contains a bypass switch to route the *Bluetooth* signal directly to the antenna, and supports using the internal LNA for *Bluetooth* reception. The switch is controlled through the coexistence interface.

## 9 Electrical characteristics

### 9.1 Absolute maximum ratings

Rating	Min	Max	Unit
Storage temperature	-40	85	°C
VDD_PADS, VDD_ANA, VDD_SDIO	-0.4	3.6	V
VDD_REGIN, REGEN	-0.4	2.5	V
VDD_PA	-0.4	6	V
Other terminal voltages	VSS+0.3	VDD+0.3	V

Table 10: Absolute Maximum Ratings

### 9.2 Recommended Operating Conditions

Rating	Min	Max	Unit
Operating temperature range (a)	-40	85	°C
VDD_PADS, VDD_SDIO, VDD_ANA	1.7	3.6	V
Engineering samples: VDD_ANA*	2.7	3.6	V
VDD_PA	2.7	4.8	V
VDD_REGIN	1.45	2	V

Table 11: Recommended Operating Conditions

(a) The module will heat up depending on use, at high transmit duty cycles the maximum operating temperature may need to be derated. See chapter 13.4

\*) This applies to WF111 modules with no RF shield.

### 9.3 Input/Output terminal characteristics

Digital Terminals	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Input Voltage Levels</b>				
V <sub>IL</sub> input logic level low 1.7V ≤ VDD ≤ 3.6V	-0.3	-	0.25*Vdd	V
V <sub>IH</sub> input logic level low 1.7V ≤ VDD ≤ 3.6V	0.625*Vdd	-	VDD+0.3	V
<b>Output Voltage Levels</b>				
V <sub>OL</sub> output logic level low 1.7V ≤ VDD ≤ 3.6V, (I <sub>o</sub> = 4.0 mA)	-	-	0.4	V
V <sub>OH</sub> output logic level low 1.7V ≤ VDD ≤ 3.6V, (I <sub>o</sub> = -4.0 mA)	0.75*Vdd	-	Vdd	V
<b>Input Tri-state Current with:</b>				
Strong pull-up	-150	-40	-10	μA
Strong pull-down	10	40	150	μA
Weak pull-up	-5	-1	-0.33	μA
Weak pull-down	0.33	1	5	μA
I/O pad leakage current	-1	0	1	μA
Pad input capacitance	1	-	5	pF

**Table 12: Digital terminal electrical characteristics**

	Min	Typ	max	
Frequency	32.748	32.768	32.788	kHz
Deviation @25°C	-20		+20	ppm
Deviation over temperature	-150		+150	ppm
Duty cycle	30	50	70	%
Rise time			50	ns
Input high level	0.625Vdd		Vdd+0.3	V
Input low level	-0.3		0.25Vdd	V

**Table 13: External sleep clock specifications**

## 10 RF Characteristics

	Min	max	
Channel	1	13	Note: channel 14 can be set but proper operation is not guaranteed and its use should be avoided.
Frequency	2412	2472	MHz

**Table 14: Supported frequencies**

Standard	Supported bit rates
802.11b	1, 2, 5.5, 11Mbps
802.11g	6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54Mbps
802.11n, HT, 20MHz, 800ns	6.5, 13, 19.5, 26, 39, 52, 58.5, 65Mbps
802.11n, HT, 20MHz, 400ns	7.2, 14.4, 21.7, 28.9, 43.3, 57.8, 65, 72.2Mbps

**Table 15: Supported modulations**

802.11b	Typ	802.11g	Typ	802.11n short GI	Typ	802.11n long GI	Typ
1 Mbps	-97 dBm	6 Mbps	-92 dBm	6.5 Mbps	-91 dBm	7.2 Mbps	-92 dBm
2 Mbps	-95 dBm	9 Mbps	-91 dBm	13 Mbps	-87 dBm	14.4 Mbps	-90 dBm
5.5 Mbps	-93 dBm	12 Mbps	-89 dBm	19.5 Mbps	-85 dBm	21.7 Mbps	-87 dBm
11 Mbps	-89 dBm	18 Mbps	-87 dBm	26 Mbps	-82 dBm	28.9 Mbps	-84 dBm
		24 Mbps	-84 dBm	39 Mbps	-78 dBm	43.3 Mbps	-80 dBm
		36 Mbps	-80 dBm	52 Mbps	-74 dBm	57.8 Mbps	-75 dBm
		48 Mbps	-75 dBm	58.5 Mbps	-71 dBm	65 Mbps	-72 dBm
		54 Mbps	-73 dBm	65 Mbps	-68 dBm	72.2 Mbps	-69 dBm

**Table 16: Receiver sensitivity**

Modulation type	Min	Typ	Max	
802.11b	+16	+17	+17.6	dBm
802.11g	+14	+15	+15.6	dBm
802.11n	+14	+15	+15.6	dBm

**Table 17: Transmitter output power at maximum setting**

Operating mode	Min	Typ	Max	
TX loss	-2.5	-3	-3.5	dB
RX gain (using internal LNA)	8	10	12	dB
Internal LNA noise figure		2.0	2.5	dB

**Table 18: BT antenna sharing interface properties**

	Typ	Max	802.11 limit (total error)	
Variation between individual units	+/-5	+/-10	+/-25	ppm
Variation with temperature	+/-3	+/-10	+/-25	ppm

**Table 19: Carrier frequency accuracy**



## 11 Power Consumption

Operating mode	VDD_PA/peak	VDD_PA/typ	VDD_REGIN/peak	VDD_REGIN/typ
Transmit (802.11b, 1M, +17dBm)	248 mA	190 mA	240 mA	100 mA
Transmit (802.11b, 1M, +8dBm)		144 mA		90 mA
Transmit (802.11g, 54M, +15dBm)		154 mA		104 mA
Receive, no data	12 mA	10.5 mA	240 mA	114 mA
Deep sleep		16 $\mu$ A		75 $\mu$ A

**Table 20: Current consumption during specific operating modes**

Operating mode	Bit rate	Throughput (limited)	Current/3.3V
Transmit/802.11n	65 Mbps	12 Mbps	144 mA
Transmit/802.11g	18 Mbps	5.9 Mbps	192 mA
Transmit/802.11b	11 Mbps	4.8 Mbps	192 mA
Transmit/802.11b	1 Mbps	920 kbps	184 mA
Transmit/802.11n	72.2 Mbps	1 Mbps	74 mA*
Transmit/802.11g	54 Mbps	1 Mbps	78 mA
Transmit/802.11g	18 Mbps	1 Mbps	86 mA
Transmit/802.11b	11 Mbps	1 Mbps	94 mA
Transmit/802.11b	2 Mbps	1 Mbps	158 mA
Receive	72 Mbps	16.5 Mbps	88 mA
Receive	72 Mbps	1 Mbps	70 mA*
Idle, associated			3.2 mA**
Idle, non-associated			0.6mA

**Table 21: Average current consumption in normal use with various constant throughputs measured from evaluation board test point (Preliminary)**

\*) **Note 1:** The module draws about 70mA in idle mode without power saves enabled. With default power save timing settings transferring short packets with short intervals will not allow the Wi-Fi core to go to a power save mode, and the average consumption will approximate 70mA when the relative duration of actual transfers is

minimal. However, when longer packets are transferred with longer intervals, the Wi-Fi core will be able to sleep during the interval, reducing power consumption considerably.

**\*\* Note 2:** Idle current when associated varies considerably, with 1mA to 8mA measured with different access points in a noisy office environment.

## 12 Physical Dimensions

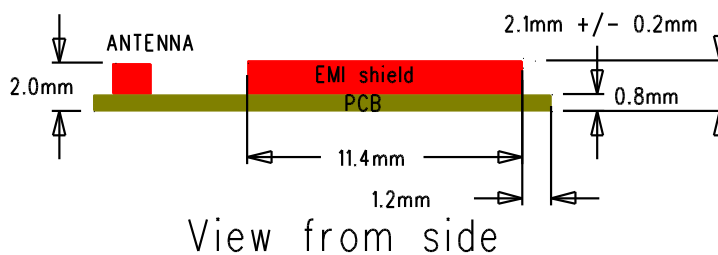
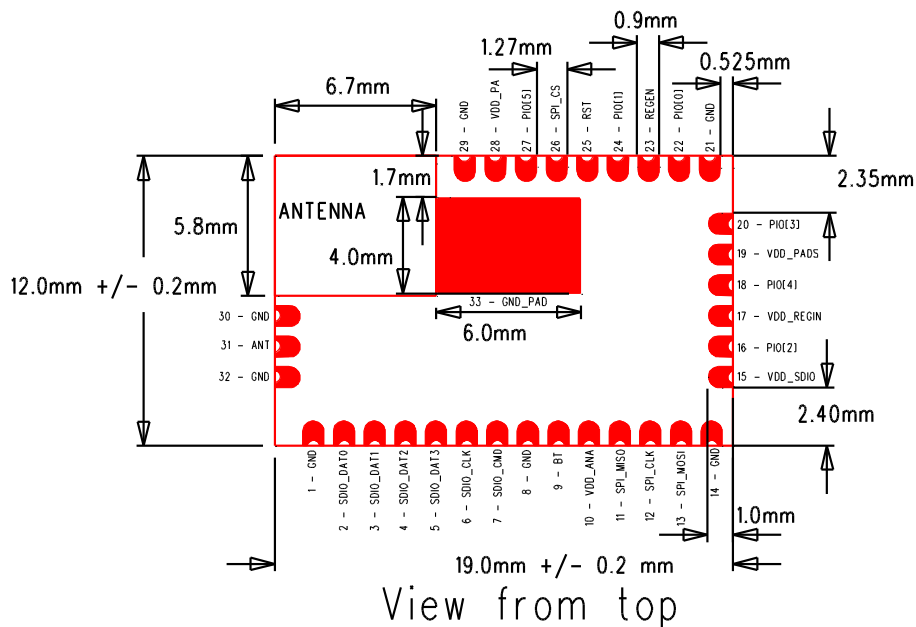


Figure 11: Physical dimensions

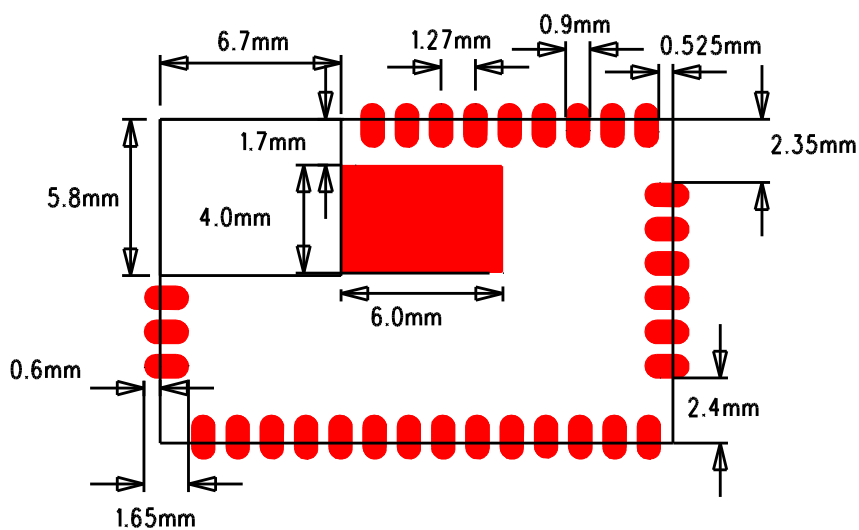


Figure 12: WF111 recommended PCB land pattern

## 13 Layout Guidelines

### 13.1 WF111-A

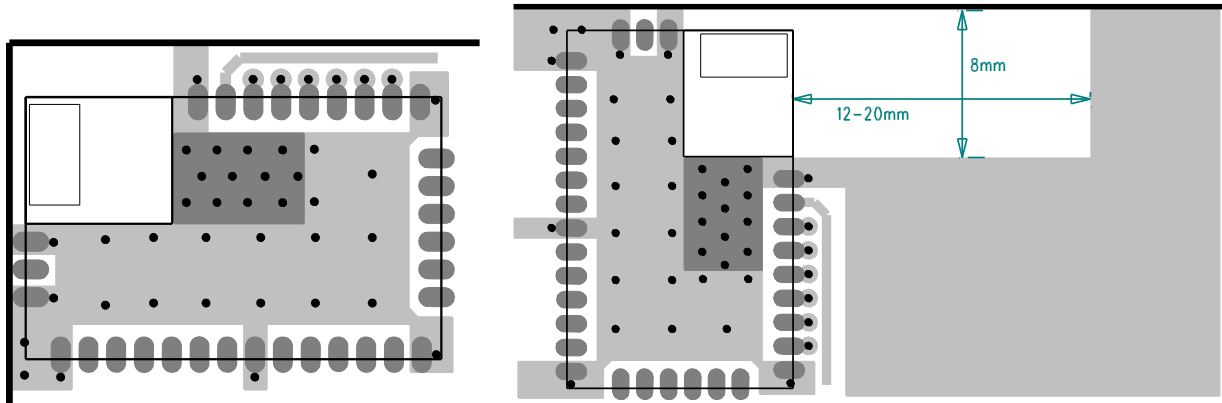


Figure 13: Recommended layouts, on board corner and on board edge

See figure 13: recommended layout for the suggested module layout. The impedance matching of the antenna is designed for a layout similar to the module evaluation board. For an optimal performance of the antenna the layout should strictly follow the layout example shown in figure 8 and the thickness of FR4 should be between 1 and 2 mm, preferably 1.6mm.

Any dielectric material close to the antenna will change the resonant frequency and it is recommended not to place a plastic case or any other dielectric closer than 5 mm from the antenna.

ANY metal in close proximity of the antenna will prevent the antenna from radiating freely. It is recommended not to place any metal or other conductive objects closer than 20 mm to the antenna except in the directions of the ground planes of the module itself.

For optimal performance, place the antenna end of the module outside any metal surfaces and objects in the application, preferably on the device corner. The larger the angle in which no metallic object obstructs the antenna radiation, the better the antenna will work.

**DO NOT place WF111-A in the middle of the application board.** Even with a board cutout around the antenna the range will be bad.

The three pads on the antenna end of the WF111-A can be connected to the ground or left unsoldered.

### 13.2 WF111-E

RF output can be taken directly from the U.FL connector of the module, and no antenna clearances need to be made for the module. The three pads on the antenna end of the module can be connected to the ground or left unsoldered.

### 13.3 WF111-N

Antenna connection is routed to pad 31. Pads 30 and 32 beside the antenna connection should be properly connected to the ground plane. No antenna clearances are needed for the module itself. The antenna trace should be properly impedance controlled and kept short.

## 13.4 Thermal considerations

The WF111 module may at continuous full power transmit consume up to 1 W of DC power, most of which is drawn by the power amplifier. Most of this will be dissipated as heat. In any application where high ambient temperatures and constant transmissions for more than a few seconds can occur, it is important that a sufficient cooling surface is provided to dissipate the heat.

**The thermal pad in the bottom of the module must be connected to the application board ground planes by soldering.** The application board should provide a number of vias under and around the pad to conduct the produced heat to the board ground planes, and preferably to a copper surface on the other side of the board in order to dissipate the heat into air.

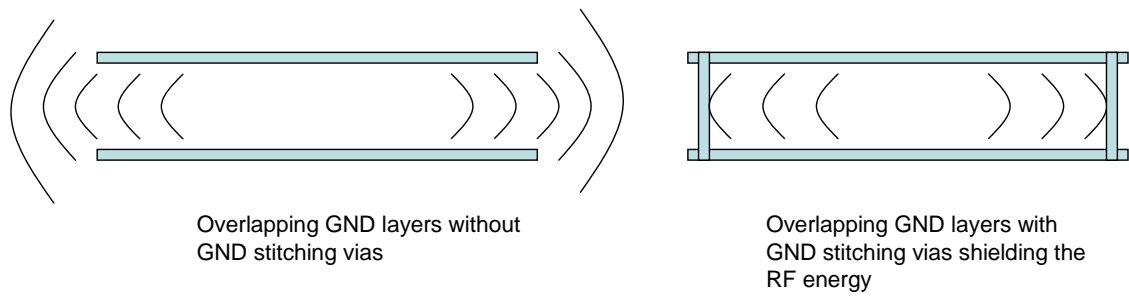
The module internal thermal resistance should in most cases be negligible compared to the thermal resistance from the module into air, and common equations for surface area required for cooling can be used to estimate the temperature rise of the module. **Only copper planes on the circuit board surfaces with a solid thermal connection to the module ground pad will dissipate heat.** For an application with high transmit duty cycles (low bit rate, high throughput, long bursts or constant streaming) the maximum allowed ambient temperature should be reduced due to inherent heating of the module, especially with small fully plastic enclosed applications where heat transfer to ambient air is low due to low thermal conductivity of plastic.

The module measured on the evaluation board exhibits a temperature rise of about 25°C above ambient temperature when continuously transmitting IEEE 802.11b at full power with minimal off-times and no collision detection (a worst case scenario regarding power dissipation). An insufficiently cooled module will rapidly heat beyond operating range in ambient room temperature.

## 13.5 EMC considerations

Following recommendations helps to avoid EMC problems arising in the design. Note that each design is unique and the following list do not consider all basic design rules such as avoiding capacitive coupling between signal lines. Following list is aimed to avoid EMC problems caused by RF part of the module.

- Do not remove copper from the PCB more than needed. For proper operation the antenna requires a solid ground plane with as much surface area as possible. Use ground filling as much as possible. Connect all grounds together with multiple vias. Do not leave small floating unconnected copper areas or areas connected by just one via, these will act as additional antennas and raise the risk of unwanted radiations.
- Do not place a ground plane underneath the antenna. The grounding areas under the module should be designed as shown in Figure 13: Recommended layout.
- When using overlapping ground areas use conductive vias separated max. 3 mm apart at the edge of the ground areas. This prevents RF from penetrating inside the PCB. Use ground vias extensively all over the PCB. All the traces in (and on) the PCB are potential antennas. Especially board edges should have grounds connected together at short intervals (stitching) to avoid resonances.
- Avoid current loops. Keep the traces with sensitive, high current or fast signals short, and mind the return current path, having a short signal path is not much use if the associated ground path between the ends of the signal trace is long. Remember, ground is also a signal trace. The ground will conduct the same current as the signal path and at the same frequency, power and sensitivity.
- Split a ground plane ONLY if you know exactly what you are doing. Splitting the plane may cause more harm than good if applied incorrectly. The ground plane acts as a part of the antenna system. Insufficient ground planes or large separate sensitive signal ground planes will easily cause the coupled transmitted pulses to be AM-demodulated by semiconductor junctions around the board, degrading system performance.



**Figure 14:** Use of stitching vias to avoid emissions from the edges of the PCB

## 14 Soldering Recommendations

WF111 is compatible with industrial standard reflow profile for Pb-free solders. The reflow profile used is dependent on the thermal mass of the entire populated PCB, heat transfer efficiency of the oven and particular type of solder paste used. Consult the datasheet of particular solder paste for profile configurations.

Bluegiga Technologies will give following recommendations for soldering the module to ensure reliable solder joint and operation of the module after soldering. Since the profile used is process and layout dependent, the optimum profile should be studied case by case. Thus following recommendation should be taken as a starting point guide.

- Refer to technical documentations of particular solder paste for reflow profile configurations
- Avoid using more than one flow.
- Reliability of the solder joint and self-alignment of the component are dependent on the solder volume. Minimum of 150 $\mu$ m stencil thickness is recommended.
- Aperture size of the stencil should be 1:1 with the pad size.
- A low residue, “no clean” solder paste should be used due to low mounted height of the component.
- If the vias used on the application board have a diameter larger than 0.3mm, it is recommended to mask the via holes at the module side to prevent solder wicking through the via holes. Solders have a habit of filling holes and leaving voids in the thermal pad solder junction, as well as forming solder balls on the other side of the application board which can in some cases be problematic.

## 15 Certifications

WF111 is compliant to the following specifications:

### 15.1 Wi-Fi

TBD

### 15.2 CE

TBD

### 15.3 FCC

TBD

### 15.4 IC

TBD

### 15.5 Qualified Antenna Types for WF111-E

This device has been designed to operate with the antennas listed below, and having a maximum gain of 2.14 dBi. Antennas not included in this list or having a gain greater than 2.14 dBi are strictly prohibited for use with this device. The required antenna impedance is 50 ohms.

Qualified Antenna Types for WF111-E	
Antenna Type	Maximum Gain
Dipole	2.14 dBi

**Table 22: Qualified Antenna Types for WF111-E**

Any antenna that is of the same type and of equal or less directional gain as listed in table above can be used without a need for retesting. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that permitted for successful communication. Using an antenna of a different type or gain more than 2.14 dBi will require additional testing for FCC, CE and IC. Please, contact [support@bluegiga.com](mailto:support@bluegiga.com) for more information.

### 15.6 Specific absorption rate (SAR)

If the end product is in a typical use-case used within a range of 20cm from the human body, a SAR measurement has to be made for the end product.



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