



# AirPrime EM7355

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# 1: Introduction

The Sierra Wireless EM7355 Embedded Module is an M.2 modem that provides LTE, DC-HSPA+, HSPA+, HSDPA, HSUPA, WCDMA, GSM, GPRS, EDGE, CDMA, and GNSS connectivity for notebook, ultrabook, and tablet computers over several radio frequency bands. The device also supports 2G/3G roaming.

## Accessories

A hardware development kit is available for AirPrime M.2 modules. The kit contains hardware components for evaluating and developing with the module, including:

- Development board
- Cables
- Antennas
- Other accessories

For over-the-air LTE testing, ensure that suitable antennas are used.

## Required connectors

[Table 1-1](#) describes the connectors used to integrate the EM7355 Embedded Module into your host device.

**Table 1-1: Required host-module connectors**

| Connector type      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RF cables           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mate with M.2-spec connectors</li><li>• Three connector jacks</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| EDGE (67 pin)       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Slot B compatible—Per the M.2 standard (<i>PCI Express NGFF (M.2) Electromechanical Specification Revision 0.7</i>), a generic 75 pin position EDGE connector on the motherboard uses a mechanical key to mate with the 67 pin notched module connector.</li><li>• Manufacturers include LOTES (part #APCI0018-P001A01), Kyocera, JAE, Tyco, and Longwell.</li></ul> |
| <a href="#">SIM</a> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Industry-standard connector.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |





## Power supply

The host provides power to the EM7355 through multiple power and ground pins. The host must provide safe and continuous power (via battery or a regulated power supply) at all times; the module does not have an independent power supply, or protection circuits to guard against electrical issues.

For detailed pinout and voltage/current requirements of this module, see the *AirPrime EM7355 Product Technical Specification & Customer Design Guidelines*.

## Module power states

The module has five power states, as described in [Table 2-1](#).

**Table 2-1: Module power states**

| State                              | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Host is powered | Module is powered | USB interface active | RF enabled |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|
| <b>Normal (Default state)</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Module is active</li> <li>Default state. Occurs when VCC is first applied, Full_Card_Power_Off# is deasserted (pulled high), and W_DISABLE#1 is deasserted</li> <li>Module is capable of placing/receiving calls, or establishing data connections on the wireless network</li> <li>Current consumption is affected by several factors, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radio band being used</li> <li>Transmit power</li> <li>Receive gain settings</li> <li>Data rate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>      | ✓               | ✓                 | ✓                    | ✓          |
| <b>Low power ('Airplane mode')</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Module is active</li> <li>Module enters this state:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under host interface control:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host issues AT+CFUN=0 ([1] AT Command Set for User Equipment (UE) (Release 6) (Doc# 3GPP TS 27.007)), or</li> <li>Host asserts W_DISABLE#1, after AT!PCOFFEN=0 has been issued.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Automatically, when critical temperature or voltage trigger limits have been reached)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | ✓               | ✓                 | ✓                    | ✗          |

**Table 2-1: Module power states (Continued)**

| State               | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Host is powered | Module is powered | USB interface active | RF enabled |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|
| <b>Sleep</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal state of module between calls or data connections</li> <li>Module cycles between wake (polling the network) and sleep, at network provider-determined interval.</li> </ul>                                                                   | ✓               | ✓                 | ✗                    | ✗          |
| <b>Off</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host keeps module powered off by asserting Full_Card_Power_Off# (signal pulled low or left floating)</li> <li>Module draws minimal current</li> <li>See <a href="#">Full_Card_Power_Off# and RESET# on page 41</a> for more information.</li> </ul> | ✓               | ✗                 | ✗                    | ✗          |
| <b>Disconnected</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host power source is disconnected from the module and all voltages associated with the module are at 0 V.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                | ✗               | ✗                 | ✗                    | ✗          |

## 3: RF Specifications

The EM7355 operates on the frequency bands listed below.

**Table 3-1: LTE frequency band support**

| Band         | Frequencies                            |
|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| Band 2       | Tx: 1850–1910 MHz<br>Rx: 1930–1990 MHz |
| Band 4 (AWS) | Tx: 1710–1755 MHz<br>Rx: 2110–2155 MHz |
| Band 5       | Tx: 824–849 MHz<br>Rx: 869–894 MHz     |
| Band 13      | Tx: 777–787 MHz<br>Rx: 746–756 MHz     |
| Band 17      | Tx: 704–716 MHz<br>Rx: 734–746 MHz     |
| Band 25      | Tx: 1850–1915 MHz<br>Rx: 1930–1995 MHz |

**Table 3-2: WCDMA frequency band support<sup>1</sup>**

| Band                    | Frequencies                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Band 1<br>WCDMA 2100    | Tx: 1920–1980 MHz<br>Rx: 2110–2170 MHz |
| Band 2<br>WCDMA 1900    | Tx: 1850–1910 MHz<br>Rx: 1930–1990 MHz |
| Band 4<br>AWS 1700/2100 | Tx: 1710–1755 MHz<br>Rx: 2110–2155 MHz |
| Band 5<br>WCDMA 850     | Tx: 824–849 MHz<br>Rx: 869–894 MHz     |
| Band 8<br>WCDMA 900     | Tx: 880–915 MHz<br>Rx: 925–960 MHz     |

1. WCDMA channel spacing is 5 MHz, but this can be adjusted to optimize performance in a particular deployment scenario.

**Table 3-3: GSM frequency band support**

| Band     | Frequencies                        |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| GSM 850  | Tx: 824–849 MHz<br>Rx: 869–894 MHz |
| EGSM 900 | Tx: 880–915 MHz<br>Rx: 925–960 MHz |

**Table 3-3: GSM frequency band support (Continued)**

| Band     | Frequencies                            |
|----------|----------------------------------------|
| GSM 1800 | Tx: 1710–1785 MHz<br>Rx: 1805–1880 MHz |
| GSM 1900 | Tx: 1850–1910 MHz<br>Rx: 1930–1990 MHz |

**Table 3-4: CDMA frequency band support**

| Band                                              | Frequencies                            |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Band Class 0<br>(Cellular 800 MHz)                | Tx: 824–849 MHz<br>Rx: 869–894 MHz     |
| Band Class 1<br>(PCS)                             | Tx: 1850–1910 MHz<br>Rx: 1930–1990 MHz |
| Band Class 10<br>(Secondary 800 MHz) <sup>1</sup> | Tx: 816–824 MHz<br>Rx: 861–869 MHz     |

1. BC10 subclasses 2 and 3 (system designator C and D) are supported

**Table 3-5: GNSS frequency band support**

| Band                    | Frequencies       |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Narrow-band GPS         | Rx: 1575.42 MHz   |
| Wide-band GPS + GLONASS | Rx: 1565–1606 MHz |

## RF connections

When attaching antennas to the module:

- Use any of the following (or compatible) 2x2 mm RF receptacle connectors to attach antennas to the module’s connection points
- Match coaxial connections between the module and the antenna to 50 Ω.
- Minimize RF cable losses to the antenna; the recommended maximum cable loss for antenna cabling is 0.5 dB.
- To ensure best thermal performance, if possible use the mounting hole to attach (ground) the device to a metal chassis.

*Note: If the antenna connection is shorted or open, the modem will not sustain permanent damage.*

## Shielding

The module is fully shielded to protect against EMI and must not be removed.

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## Antenna and cabling

When selecting the antenna and cable, it is critical to RF performance to match antenna gain and cable loss.

### Choosing the correct antenna and cabling

When matching antennas and cabling:

- The antenna (and associated circuitry) should have a nominal impedance of 50  $\Omega$  with a return loss of better than 10 dB across each frequency band of operation.
- The system gain value affects both radiated power *and* regulatory (FCC, IC, CE, etc.) test results.

### Designing custom antennas

Consider the following points when designing custom antennas:

- A skilled RF engineer should do the development to ensure that the RF performance is maintained.
- If both UMTS and CDMA modules will be installed in the same platform, you may want to develop separate antennas for maximum performance.

### Determining the antenna's location

When deciding where to put the antennas:

- Antenna location may affect RF performance. Although the module is shielded to prevent interference in most applications, the placement of the antenna is still very important—if the host device is insufficiently shielded, high levels of broadband or spurious noise can degrade the module's performance.
- Connecting cables between the module and the antenna must have 50  $\Omega$  impedance. If the impedance of the module is mismatched, RF performance is reduced significantly.
- Antenna cables should be routed, if possible, away from noise sources (switching power supplies, LCD assemblies, etc.). If the cables are near the noise sources, the noise may be coupled into the RF cable and into the antenna.

### Disabling the diversity antenna

- For LTE/UMTS bands, use the AT command **!RXDEN=0** to disable receive diversity or **!RXDEN=1** to enable receive diversity.
- For CDMA bands, use the AT command **!DIVERSITY** to enable or disable receive diversity.

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*Note: A diversity antenna is used to improve connection quality and reliability through redundancy. Because two antennas may experience difference interference effects (signal distortion, delay, etc.), when one antenna receives a degraded signal, the other may not be similarly affected.*

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## Ground connection

When connecting the module to system ground:

- Prevent noise leakage by establishing a very good ground connection to the module through the host connector.
- Connect to system ground using the module's mounting hole.
- Minimize ground noise leakage into the RF.  
Depending on the host board design, noise could *potentially* be coupled to the module from the host board. This is mainly an issue for host designs that have signals traveling along the length of the module, or circuitry operating at both ends of the module interconnects.

## Interference and sensitivity

Several interference sources can affect the module's RF performance (RF desense). Common sources include power supply noise and device-generated RF.

RF desense can be addressed through a combination of mitigation techniques ([Methods to mitigate decreased Rx performance on page 15](#)) and radiated sensitivity measurement ([Radiated sensitivity measurement on page 16](#)).

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*Note: The EM7355 is based on ZIF (Zero Intermediate Frequency) technologies. When performing EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility) tests, there are no IF (Intermediate Frequency) components from the module to consider.*

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## Interference from other wireless devices

Wireless devices operating inside the host device can cause interference that affects the module.

To determine the most suitable locations for antennas on your host device, evaluate each wireless device's radio system, considering the following:

- Any harmonics, sub-harmonics, or cross-products of signals generated by wireless devices that fall in the module's Rx range may cause spurious response, resulting in decreased Rx performance.
- The Tx power and corresponding broadband noise of other wireless devices may overload or increase the noise floor of the module's receiver, resulting in Rx desense.

The severity of this interference depends on the closeness of the other antennas to the module's antenna. To determine suitable locations for each wireless device's antenna, thoroughly evaluate your host device's design.

## Host-generated RF interference

All electronic computing devices generate RF interference that can negatively affect the receive sensitivity of the module.

Proximity of host electronics to the antenna in wireless devices can contribute to decreased Rx performance. Components that are most likely to cause this include:

- Microprocessor and memory
- Display panel and display drivers
- Switching-mode power supplies

## Device-generated RF interference

The module can cause interference with other devices. Wireless devices such as AirPrime embedded modules transmit in bursts (pulse transients) for set durations (RF burst frequencies). Hearing aids and speakers convert these burst frequencies into audible frequencies, resulting in audible noise.

## Methods to mitigate decreased Rx performance

It is important to investigate sources of localized interference early in the design cycle. To reduce the effect of device-generated RF on Rx performance:

- Put the antenna as far as possible from sources of interference. The drawback is that the module may be less convenient to use.
- Shield the host device. The module itself is well shielded to avoid external interference. However, the antenna cannot be shielded for obvious reasons. In most instances, it is necessary to employ shielding on the components of the host device (such as the main processor and parallel bus) that have the highest RF emissions.
- Filter out unwanted high-order harmonic energy by using discrete filtering on low frequency lines.
- Form shielding layers around high-speed clock traces by using multi-layer PCBs.
- Route antenna cables away from noise sources.

## Radiated Spurious Emissions (RSE)

When designing an antenna for use with AirPrime embedded modules, the host device with an AirPrime embedded module must satisfy the radiated spurious emission (RSE) test cases described in:

- (CDMA) Refer to CDMA standards for receive-only mode, and local regulatory bodies for transmit mode (transmitter is operating).
- CE/ETSI EN 301 908 (WCDMA), test numbers 5.3.1 ('Radiated Emissions (UE)')
- CE/ETSI EN 301 511 (GSM), test 5.2.16 ('Radiated Spurious Emissions - MS allocated a channel'). This test uses the procedure and requirement outlined in 3GPP 51.010 (GSM) section 12.2.1 of the same test name.

Note that antenna impedance affects radiated emissions, which must be compared against the conducted 50-ohm emissions baseline. (AirPrime embedded modules meet the 50-ohm conducted emissions requirement.)

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*Note: GSM spurious emissions are most likely to have RSE issues, but in general, RSE requirements must be met on all models with user-designed antennas.*

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## **Radiated sensitivity measurement**

A wireless host device contains many noise sources that contribute to a reduction in Rx performance.

To determine the extent of any receiver performance desensitization due to self-generated noise in the host device, over-the-air (OTA) or radiated testing is required. This testing can be performed by Sierra Wireless or you can use your own OTA test chamber for in-house testing.



## 4: Regulatory Compliance and Industry Certifications

This module is designed to meet, and upon commercial release, will meet the requirements of the following regulatory bodies and regulations, where applicable:

- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of the United States
- The Certification and Engineering Bureau of Industry Canada (IC)
- The National Communications Commission (NCC) of Taiwan, Republic of China

Upon commercial release, the following industry certifications will have been obtained, where applicable:

- GCF-CC (For Verizon 2G/3G approval)
- PTCRB
- CDG2

Additional certifications may be obtained upon customer request—contact your Sierra Wireless account representative for details.

Additional testing and certification may be required for the end product with an embedded EM7355 modem and are the responsibility of the [OEM](#). Sierra Wireless offers professional services-based assistance to OEMs with the testing and certification process, if required.

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- Where explosive atmospheres may be present including refuelling points, fuel depots, and chemical plants
- Near medical equipment, life support equipment, or any equipment which may be susceptible to any form of radio interference. In such areas, the EM7355 modem **MUST BE POWERED OFF**. Otherwise, the EM7355 modem can transmit signals that could interfere with this equipment.

In an aircraft, the EM7355 modem **MUST BE POWERED OFF**. Otherwise, the EM7355 modem can transmit signals that could interfere with various onboard systems and may be dangerous to the operation of the aircraft or disrupt the cellular network. Use of a cellular phone in an aircraft is illegal in some jurisdictions. Failure to observe this instruction may lead to suspension or denial of cellular telephone services to the offender, or legal action or both.

Some airlines may permit the use of cellular phones while the aircraft is on the ground and the door is open. The EM7355 modem may be used normally at this time.

## Important compliance information for North American users

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*Note: Details are preliminary and subject to change.*

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The EM7355 modem has been granted modular approval for mobile applications. Integrators may use the EM7355 modem in their final products without additional FCC/IC (Industry Canada) certification if they meet the following conditions. Otherwise, additional FCC/IC approvals must be obtained.

1. At least 20 cm separation distance between the antenna and the user's body must be maintained at all times.
2. To comply with FCC/IC regulations limiting both maximum RF output power and human exposure to RF radiation, the maximum antenna gain including cable loss in a mobile-only exposure condition must not exceed:
  - 6.5 dBi in Cellular band
  - 3.0 dBi in PCS band
  - 3.0 dBi in LTE Band 2
  - 6.0 dBi in LTE Band 4
  - 6.5 dBi in LTE Band 5
  - 9.0 dBi in LTE Band 13 (Note: LTE Band 13 is not permitted in Canada.)
  - 9.0 dBi in LTE Band 17 (Note: LTE Band 17 is not permitted in Canada.)
  - 3.0 dBi in LTE Band 25
3. The EM7355 modem may transmit simultaneously with other collocated radio transmitters within a host device, provided the following conditions are met:
  - Each collocated radio transmitter has been certified by FCC/IC for mobile application.
  - At least 20 cm separation distance between the antennas of the collocated transmitters and the user's body must be maintained at all times.

- The output power and antenna gain must not exceed the limits and configurations stipulated in the following table.

| Device                 | Technology                           | Band | Frequency (MHz) | Maximum conducted power (dBm) | Maximum antenna gain (dBi) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| EM7355 Embedded Module | LTE                                  | 2    | 1850–1910       | 24                            | 3                          |
|                        |                                      | 4    | 1710–1755       | 24                            | 6                          |
|                        |                                      | 5    | 824–849         | 24                            | 3                          |
|                        |                                      | 13   | 777–787         | 24                            | 6                          |
|                        |                                      | 17   | 704–716         | 24                            | 6                          |
|                        |                                      | 25   | 1850–1915       | 24                            | 3                          |
|                        | UMTS                                 | 2    | 1850–1910       | 24                            | 3                          |
|                        |                                      | 4    | 1710–1755       | 24                            | 6                          |
|                        |                                      | 5    | 824–849         | 24                            | 3                          |
|                        | GSM                                  | 850  | 824–849         | 33                            | 3                          |
|                        |                                      | 1900 | 1850–1910       | 30                            | 3                          |
|                        | CDMA                                 | BC0  | 824–849         | 25                            | 3                          |
|                        |                                      | BC1  | 1850–1910       | 25                            | 3                          |
|                        |                                      | BC10 | 816–823.975     | 25                            | 3                          |
|                        | Collocated transmitters <sup>1</sup> | WLAN |                 | 2400–2500                     | 29                         |
|                        |                                      |      | 5150–5850       | 29                            | 5.0                        |
| WiMAX                  |                                      |      | 2300–2400       | 29                            | 5.0                        |
|                        |                                      |      | 2500–2700       | 29                            | 5.0                        |
|                        |                                      |      | 3300–3800       | 29                            | 5.0                        |
| BT                     |                                      |      | 2400–2500       | 15                            | 5.0                        |

1. Valid collocated transmitter combinations: WLAN+BT; WiMAX+BT.  
(WLAN+WiMAX+BT is not permitted.)

4. A label must be affixed to the outside of the end product into which the EM7355 modem is incorporated, with a statement similar to the following:
  - **This device contains FCC ID: N7NEM7355**  
**Contains transmitter module IC: 2417C-EM7355 where 2417C-EM7355 is the module's certification number.**
5. A user manual with the end product must clearly indicate the operating requirements and conditions that must be observed to ensure compliance with current FCC/IC RF exposure guidelines.

The end product with an embedded EM7355 modem may also need to pass the FCC Part 15 unintentional emission testing requirements and be properly authorized per FCC Part 15.

**Note:** If this module is intended for use in a portable device, you are responsible for separate approval to satisfy the SAR requirements of FCC Part 2.1093 and IC RSS-102.

## 5: Acronyms

Table 5-1: Acronyms and definitions

| Acronym or term  | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1xEV-DO</b>   | Single Carrier (1X) EVolution – Data Only. A high-speed standard for cellular <a href="#">packet</a> data communications. Supports Internet connections with data rates up to 3.1 Mbps (downlink from the network) and 1.8 Mbps (uplink to the network). Average data rates are roughly: for Rev. A: 600 1300 kbps (downlink from the network) and 300 400 kbps (uplink to the network); for Rev. 0: 400 700 kbps (downlink from the network) and 40 80 kbps (uplink to the network). Actual speed depends on the network conditions. Compare to <a href="#">1X</a> . |
| <b>1X</b>        | Single Carrier (1X) Radio Transmission Technology. A high-speed standard for cellular <a href="#">packet</a> data communications. Supports Internet connections with data rates up to 153 kbps (simultaneously in each direction—downlink and uplink). Actual speed depends on the network conditions. Compare to <a href="#">1xEV-DO</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>3GPP</b>      | 3rd Generation Partnership Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>8PSK</b>      | Octagonal Phase Shift Keying                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>AGC</b>       | Automatic Gain Control                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>A-GPS</b>     | Assisted GPS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>A-GNSS</b>    | Assisted GNSS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>API</b>       | Application Programming Interface                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>BER</b>       | Bit Error Rate—A measure of receive sensitivity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>BLER</b>      | Block Error Rate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>bluetooth</b> | Wireless protocol for data exchange over short distances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>CAIT</b>      | CDMA Air Interface Tool                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>CDG</b>       | CDMA Development Group—a consortium of companies that develop and promote the products and services for <a href="#">CDMA</a> wireless systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>CDMA</b>      | Code Division Multiple Access. A wideband spread spectrum technique used in digital cellular, personal communications services, and other wireless networks. Wide channels (1.25 MHz) are obtained through spread spectrum transmissions, thus allowing many active users to share the same channel. Each user is assigned a unique digital code, which differentiates the individual conversations on the same channel.                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>CQI</b>       | Channel Quality Indication                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>COM</b>       | Communication port                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>CS</b>        | Circuit-switched                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>CW</b>        | Continuous waveform                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

Table 5-1: Acronyms and definitions (Continued)

| Acronym or term | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>dB</b>       | Decibel = $10 \times \log_{10} (P1/P2)$<br><i>P1 is calculated power; P2 is reference power</i><br><br>Decibel = $20 \times \log_{10} (V1/V2)$<br><i>V1 is calculated voltage, V2 is reference voltage</i>                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>dBm</b>      | A logarithmic (base 10) measure of relative power (dB for decibels); relative to milliwatts (m). A dBm value will be 30 units (1000 times) larger (less negative) than a dBW value, because of the difference in scale (milliwatts vs. watts).                                                                                                                       |
| <b>DC-HSPA+</b> | Dual Carrier HSPA+                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>DCS</b>      | Digital Cellular System<br>A cellular communication infrastructure that uses the 1.8 GHz radio spectrum.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>DL</b>       | Downlink (network to mobile)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>DUN</b>      | Dial-Up Networking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>DRX</b>      | Discontinuous Reception                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>DSM</b>      | Distributed Shared Memory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>DUT</b>      | Device Under Test                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>EDGE</b>     | Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>eHRPD</b>    | Evolved High Rate Packet Data—Enhances traditional <a href="#">1xEV-DO</a> to enable <a href="#">LTE</a> to CDMA handover.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>EIRP</b>     | Effective (or Equivalent) Isotropic Radiated Power                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>EMC</b>      | Electromagnetic Compatibility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>EMI</b>      | Electromagnetic Interference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>ERP</b>      | Effective Radiated Power                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>ESD</b>      | Electrostatic Discharge                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>FCC</b>      | Federal Communications Commission<br>The U.S. federal agency that is responsible for interstate and foreign communications. The FCC regulates commercial and private radio spectrum management, sets rates for communications services, determines standards for equipment, and controls broadcast licensing. Consult <a href="http://www.fcc.gov">www.fcc.gov</a> . |
| <b>FDMA</b>     | Frequency Division Multiple Access                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>FER</b>      | Frame Error Rate—A measure of receive sensitivity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>firmware</b> | Software stored in ROM or EEPROM; essential programs that remain even when the system is turned off. Firmware is easier to change than hardware but more permanent than software stored on disk.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>FOTA</b>     | Firmware Over The Air—Technology used to download firmware upgrades directly from the service provider, over the air.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>FOV</b>      | Field Of View                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

Table 5-1: Acronyms and definitions (Continued)

| Acronym or term       | Definition                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>FSN</b>            | Factory Serial Number—A unique serial number assigned to the mini card during manufacturing.                                                   |
| <b>GCF</b>            | Global Certification Forum                                                                                                                     |
| <b>GLONASS</b>        | Global Navigation Satellite System—A Russian system that uses a series of 24 satellites in middle circular orbit to provide navigational data. |
| <b>GMSK</b>           | Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying modulation                                                                                                       |
| <b>GNSS</b>           | Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GPS plus GLONASS)                                                                                         |
| <b>GPRS</b>           | General Packet Radio Service                                                                                                                   |
| <b>GPS</b>            | Global Positioning System<br>An American system that uses a series of 24 satellites in middle circular orbit to provide navigational data.     |
| <b>GSM</b>            | Global System for Mobile Communications                                                                                                        |
| <b>Host</b>           | The device into which an embedded module is integrated                                                                                         |
| <b>HSDPA</b>          | High Speed Downlink Packet Access                                                                                                              |
| <b>HSPA+</b>          | Enhanced HSPA, as defined in 3GPP Release 7 and beyond                                                                                         |
| <b>HSUPA</b>          | High Speed Uplink Packet Access                                                                                                                |
| <b>Hz</b>             | Hertz = 1 cycle/second                                                                                                                         |
| <b>IC</b>             | Industry Canada                                                                                                                                |
| <b>IF</b>             | Intermediate Frequency                                                                                                                         |
| <b>IMEI</b>           | International Mobile Equipment Identity                                                                                                        |
| <b>IMS</b>            | IP Multimedia Subsystem—Architectural framework for delivering IP multimedia services.                                                         |
| <b>inrush current</b> | Peak current drawn when a device is connected or powered on                                                                                    |
| <b>inter-RAT</b>      | Radio Access Technology                                                                                                                        |
| <b>IOT</b>            | Interoperability Testing                                                                                                                       |
| <b>IS</b>             | Interim Standard.<br>After receiving industry consensus, the TIA forwards the standard to ANSI for approval.                                   |
| <b>IS-2000</b>        | 3G radio standards for voice and data (CDMA only)                                                                                              |
| <b>IS-95</b>          | 2G radio standards targeted for voice (cdmaONE)                                                                                                |
| <b>LED</b>            | Light Emitting Diode.<br>A semiconductor diode that emits visible or infrared light.                                                           |
| <b>LHCP</b>           | Left-Hand Circular Polarized                                                                                                                   |
| <b>LNA</b>            | Low Noise Amplifier                                                                                                                            |

Table 5-1: Acronyms and definitions (Continued)

| Acronym or term | Definition                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>LPM</b>      | Low Power Mode                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>LPT</b>      | Line Print Terminal                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>LTE</b>      | Long Term Evolution—a high-performance air interface for cellular mobile communication systems.                                                          |
| <b>MCS</b>      | Modulation and Coding Scheme                                                                                                                             |
| <b>MHz</b>      | Megahertz = 10e6 Hz                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>MEID</b>     | Mobile Equipment Identifier—The unique second-generation serial number assigned to the minicard for use on the wireless network.                         |
| <b>MIMO</b>     | Multiple Input Multiple Output—wireless antenna technology that uses multiple antennas at both transmitter and receiver side. This improves performance. |
| <b>NAS/AS</b>   | Network Access Server                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>NC</b>       | No Connect                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>NIC</b>      | Network Interface Card                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>NMEA</b>     | National Marine Electronics Association                                                                                                                  |
| <b>OEM</b>      | Original Equipment Manufacturer—a company that manufactures a product and sells it to a reseller.                                                        |
| <b>OFDMA</b>    | Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access                                                                                                            |
| <b>OMA DM</b>   | Open Mobile Alliance Device Management—A device management protocol.                                                                                     |
| <b>OTA</b>      | 'Over the air' (or radiated through the antenna)                                                                                                         |
| <b>PA</b>       | Power Amplifier                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>packet</b>   | A short, fixed-length block of data, including a header, that is transmitted as a unit in a communications network.                                      |
| <b>PCB</b>      | Printed Circuit Board                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>PCS</b>      | Personal Communication System<br>A cellular communication infrastructure that uses the 1.9 GHz radio spectrum.                                           |
| <b>PDN</b>      | Packet Data Network                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>PMI</b>      | Pre-coding Matrix Index                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>PSS</b>      | Primary synchronisation signal                                                                                                                           |
| <b>PST</b>      | Product Support Tools                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>PTCRB</b>    | PCS Type Certification Review Board                                                                                                                      |
| <b>QAM</b>      | Quadrature Amplitude Modulation.<br>This form of modulation uses amplitude, frequency, and phase to transfer data on the carrier wave.                   |
| <b>QMI</b>      | Qualcomm MSM/Modem Interface                                                                                                                             |



Table 5-1: Acronyms and definitions (Continued)

| Acronym or term            | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>QOS</b>                 | Quality of Service                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>QPSK</b>                | Quadrature Phase-Shift Keying                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>QPST</b>                | Qualcomm Product Support Tools                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>RAT</b>                 | Radio Access Technology                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>RF</b>                  | Radio Frequency                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>RI</b>                  | Ring Indicator                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>roaming</b>             | A cellular subscriber is in an area where service is obtained from a cellular service provider that is not the subscriber's provider.                                                                                     |
| <b>RSE</b>                 | Radiated Spurious Emissions                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>RSSI</b>                | Received Signal Strength Indication                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SDK</b>                 | Software Development Kit                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SED</b>                 | Smart Error Detection                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sensitivity (Audio)</b> | Measure of lowest power signal that the receiver can measure.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Sensitivity (RF)</b>    | Measure of lowest power signal at the receiver input that can provide a prescribed BER/BLER/SNR value at the receiver output.                                                                                             |
| <b>SG</b>                  | An LTE signaling interface for SMS ("SMS over SGs")                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SIB</b>                 | System Information Block                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SIM</b>                 | Subscriber Identity Module. Also referred to as USIM or UICC.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>SIMO</b>                | Single Input Multiple Output—smart antenna technology that uses a single antenna at the transmitter side and multiple antennas at the receiver side. This improves performance and security.                              |
| <b>SISO</b>                | Single Input Single Output—antenna technology that uses a single antenna at both the transmitter side and the receiver side.                                                                                              |
| <b>SKU</b>                 | Stock Keeping Unit—identifies an inventory item: a unique code, consisting of numbers or letters and numbers, assigned to a product by a retailer for purposes of identification and inventory control.                   |
| <b>SMS</b>                 | Short Message Service.<br>A feature that allows users of a wireless device on a wireless network to receive or transmit short electronic alphanumeric messages (up to 160 characters, depending on the service provider). |
| <b>S/N</b>                 | Signal-to-noise (ratio)                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>SNR</b>                 | Signal-to-Noise Ratio                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>SOF</b>                 | Start of Frame—A USB function.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>SSS</b>                 | Secondary synchronisation signal.                                                                                                                                                                                         |

Table 5-1: Acronyms and definitions (Continued)

| Acronym or term | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUPL</b>     | Secure User Plane Location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>TIA/EIA</b>  | Telecommunications Industry Association / Electronics Industry Association. A standards setting trade organization, whose members provide communications and information technology products, systems, distribution services and professional services in the United States and around the world. Consult <a href="http://www.tiaonline.org">www.tiaonline.org</a> . |
| <b>TIS</b>      | Total Isotropic Sensitivity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>TRP</b>      | Total Radiated Power                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>UDK</b>      | Universal Development Kit (for PCI Express Mini Cards)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>UE</b>       | User Equipment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>UICC</b>     | Universal Integrated Circuit Card (Also referred to as a SIM card.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>UL</b>       | Uplink (mobile to network)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>UMTS</b>     | Universal Mobile Telecommunications System                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>USB</b>      | Universal Serial Bus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>USIM</b>     | Universal Subscriber Identity Module (UMTS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>VCC</b>      | Supply voltage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>VSWR</b>     | Voltage Standing Wave Ratio                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>WAN</b>      | Wide Area Network                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>WCDMA</b>    | Wideband Code Division Multiple Access (also referred to as UMTS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>WLAN</b>     | Wireless Local Area Network                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>ZIF</b>      | Zero Intermediate Frequency                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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