

NINA-B1 series

Stand-alone Bluetooth low energy modules

Data Sheet

Abstract

This technical data sheet describes the NINA-B1 series stand-alone Bluetooth low energy modules. With embedded Bluetooth low energy profiles and services, these modules are tailored for OEMs who wish to embed their own application on top of the available BLE stack and/or to embed Bluetooth services/attributes on top of the integrated software stack and tools using ARM mbed IDE.



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1 Functional description

1.1 Overview

The NINA-B1 stand-alone Bluetooth low energy (Bluetooth Smart) module is a compact module with very low power consumption and is suitable for applications using coin cell batteries. The Bluetooth low energy stack is embedded in the module. This module is offered in professional grade for applications such as health care, asset tracking, connected cities, home automation, smart energy, manufacturing and telematics. It offers Apple iOS and Google Android connectivity for applications requiring this. The NINA-B1 embeds firmware with the u-blox Serial Port Service for replacing serial cables or accessing UART devices using Bluetooth low energy technology.

The NINA-B1 is tailored for those who wish to embed a customer developed application and/or Bluetooth services/attributes on top of the integrated software stack and tools. The NINA-B1 is a stand-alone product with no additional hardware required. Additional sensors such as temperature sensor, accelerometers, LEDs etc., can be connected directly to the module. The NINA-B1 sample code package includes sample projects for accessing the LEDs, temperature sensor, accelerometers etc., on the application board.

The modules are fully Bluetooth qualified and provide global modular approval. They are also compliant with safety and medical standards.

1.2 Product features

Model	Radio						Interfaces				Power				Connectors	Features						Grade			
	Bluetooth qualification	Bluetooth profiles	NFC for "Touch to Pair"	Maximum radiated output power (EIRP)	Maximum range	Antenna type	UART	SPI and I ² C	GPIO pins	AD converters (ADC)	Power supply: 1.70 - 3.60 V	Current consumption (idle)	Current consumption (TX) @ 0 dBm	Ultra low power	Solder pins	u-blox Low Energy Serial Port Service	GATT server	GATT client	Throughput (kbps)	AT command support	Max number of connections	Over-the-air firmware upgrade	Standard	Professional	Automotive
NINA-B111	v4.2	G	7 dBm	300 m	P	•	•	•	•	•	2 μA	< 7 mA	•	•	•	1	1	55	•	8 ¹	1				
NINA-B112	v4.2	G	6 dBm	280 m	I	•	•	•	•	•	2 μA	< 7 mA	•	•	•	1	1	55	•	8 ¹	1				
NINA-B111*	v4.2	G	• 7 dBm	300 m	P	•	•	19	7	•	2 μA	< 7 mA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	8	•				
NINA-B112*	v4.2	G	• 6 dBm	280 m	I	•	•	19	7	•	2 μA	< 7 mA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	8	•				

* = For customer applications

¹ = Planned feature

Table 1: NINA-B1 series main features summary

1.3 Block diagram

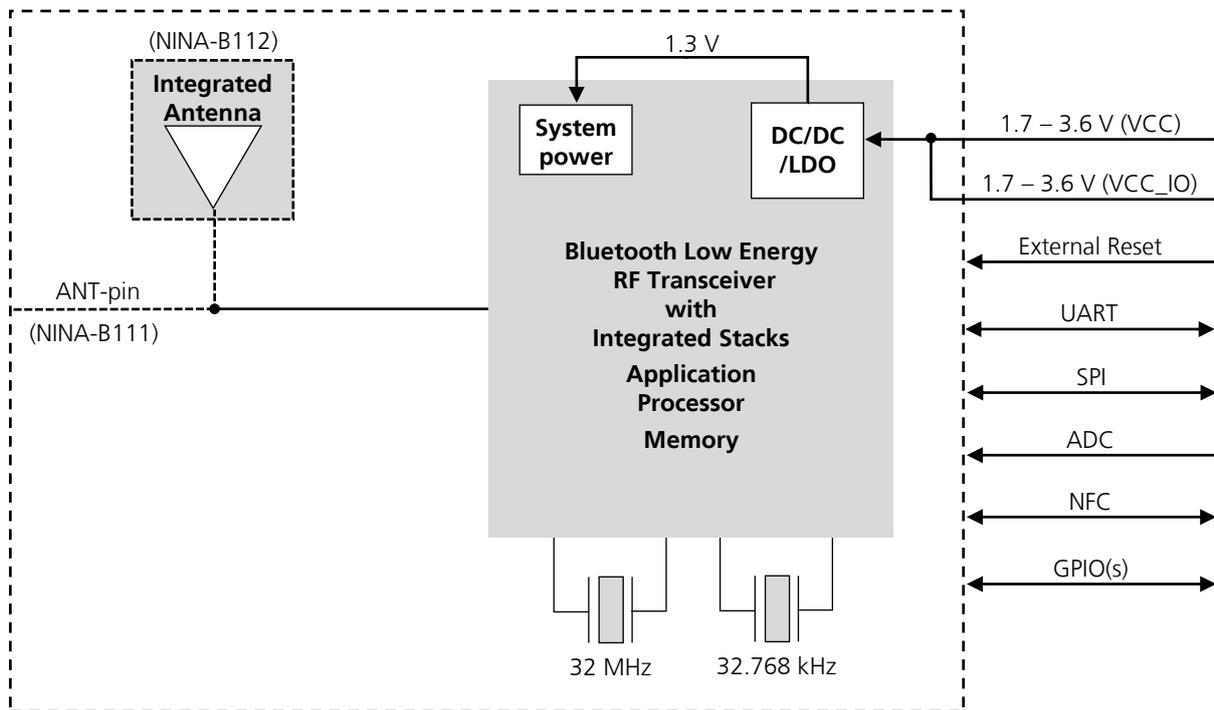


Figure 1: Block diagram of NINA-B1

1.3.1 NINA-B111

The NINA-B111 modules do not use the internal antenna and thus the PCB has been trimmed to allow for a smaller module (10.0 x 10.6 mm). Instead of an internal antenna, the RF signal is available at a module pin for routing to an external antenna or antenna connector.

1.3.2 NINA-B112

The NINA-B112 modules use an integrated antenna mounted on the PCB (10.0 x 14.0 mm). The RF signal pin is not connected to any signal path.

1.4 Product description

Item	NINA-B111	NINA-B112
Bluetooth version	4.2	4.2
Band support	2.4 GHz, 40 channels	2.4 GHz, 40 channels
Maximum conducted output power	+4 dBm	+4 dBm
Maximum radiated output power (EIRP)	+7 dBm (with approved antennas)	+6 dBm
Sensitivity	-95 dBm	-95 dBm
Data rate	1 Mbps GFSK	1 Mbps GFSK
Module size	10.0x10.6 mm	10.0x14.0 mm

Table 2: NINA-B1 series characteristics summary

1.5 AT command support

You can configure NINA-B1 modules through u-blox s-center toolbox software using AT commands. The s-center evaluation software is available free of charge and can be downloaded from the [u-blox](#) website.

1.6 Supported features

Feature	Description
BLE v4.2 stack	Embedded Bluetooth low energy stack for next generation Bluetooth solutions.
GATT based services	The u-blox Low Energy Serial Port Service as well as generic GATT server and GATT client services.
NINA-B11x firmware	Includes the u-blox Serial Port Service and allows configuration of the module using AT commands sent over the UART interface.
Firmware update Over The Air (FOTA)	Firmware module update over a wireless connection using BLE.
Firmware update Over AT command (FOAT)	Firmware module update over AT command interfaces (UART). The feature can be enabled and configured using AT commands.
Power saving	The NINA-B1 series modules support different power saving modes. The power saving configuration is by default disabled, but it can be enabled and configured using AT commands. See section 2.3 and the NINA-B1 series System Integration Manual [1] for more information on the different power saving modes.
Battery monitor	Can be used to read the voltage of the VCC pin and will automatically issue warnings and/or power-down the module if the voltage is too low.
Android connectivity	Supports Bluetooth low energy connections with Android devices (Android 4.3 & higher)
iOS connectivity	Supports Bluetooth low energy connections with iOS devices

Table 3: NINA-B1 main supported features

2 Interfaces

2.1 Power management

2.1.1 Module supply input (VCC)

The NINA-B1 series uses an integrated DC/DC converter to transform the supply voltage presented at the **VCC** pin into a stable system voltage. Due to this, the NINA-B1 modules are compatible for use in battery powered designs.

2.1.2 Digital I/O interfaces reference voltage (VCC_IO)

All modules in the u-blox NINA series provide an additional voltage supply input for setting the I/O voltage level. On the NINA-B1 series modules, the I/O voltage level is the same as the supply voltage and **VCC_IO** is internally connected to the supply input. Therefore only a single supply voltage is needed for NINA-B1, which makes it ideal for battery powered designs.



This may not be the case for modules in the NINA series that will be released in the future. A design that should be pin compatible with other NINA-series modules should keep the VCC and VCC_IO supply rails separate.

2.2 RF antenna interfaces

2.2.1 2.4 GHz Bluetooth low energy (ANT)

The two NINA-B1 model versions have their own 2.4 GHz antenna solutions respectively:

- The NINA-B111 modules provide an antenna pin (**ANT**) with a nominal characteristic impedance of 50 Ω . This pin can be connected to an on-board antenna or antenna connector using a controlled impedance trace. See the NINA-B1 series System Integration Manual [1] for more information.
- The NINA-B112 modules use an integrated antenna solution; no additional components are required. The **ANT** pin is internally disconnected on these models.

2.2.2 Near Field Communication (NFC)

The NINA-B1 series modules include a Near Field Communication interface, capable of operating as a 13.56 MHz NFC tag at a bit rate of 106 kbps. As an NFC tag, data can be read from or written to the NINA-B1 modules using an NFC reader; however the NINA-B1 modules are not capable of reading other tags or initiating NFC communications. Two pins are available for connecting to an external NFC antenna: **NFC1** and **NFC2**. See the NINA-B1 series System Integration Manual [1] for more information and NFC antenna design considerations.

2.3 System functions

The NINA-B1 series modules are power efficient devices capable of operating in different power saving modes and configurations. Different sections of the module can be powered off when not needed and complex wake up events can be generated from different external and internal inputs. The radio part of the module operates independently from the CPU.

The two main power saving modes are:

- Standby mode
- Sleep mode

Depending on the application, the module should spend most of its time in sleep mode to conserve battery life.

2.3.1 Module power-on

NINA-B1 modules can be switched on in one of the following ways and this will cause the module to reboot:

- Rising edge on the VCC pin to a valid supply voltage

- Issuing a reset of the module

A wake up event from sleep mode to active mode can be issued by:

- Changing the state of any digital I/O pin, may be enabled /disabled for each pin.

If waking up from standby mode, an event can also be issued by:

- The on-board Real Time Counter (RTC)
- A programmable digital or analog sensor event. For example, rising voltage level on an analog comparator pin

2.3.2 Module power-off

There is no dedicated pin to power off the NINA-B1 modules. You can configure any GPIO pin to enter or exit the sleep mode (see section 2.3.4), which essentially powers down the module.

An under-voltage (brown-out) shutdown occurs on NINA-B1 modules when the **VCC** supply drops below the operating range minimum limit. If this occurs, it is not possible to store the current parameter settings in the module's non-volatile memory. An over-temperature and under-temperature shutdown can be enabled on NINA-B1 modules, and is initiated if the temperature measured within the module is outside operating conditions. The temperature is measured by an integrated temperature sensor in the radio chip. For more details see the NINA-B1 series System Integration Manual [1].

2.3.3 Standby mode

Standby mode is one of the power saving modes in NINA-B1 modules that essentially powers down the module but keeps the system RAM intact and allows for a few low power digital interfaces (including SPI) and analog functions to run continuously. It also allows for more complex, autonomous power-up events including periodic RTC events and radio events.

The following events can be used to bring the module out of the standby mode:

- External wake-up events
- Internal wake-up events from RTC, radio, NFC and so on
- Analog or digital sensor event (programmable voltage level or edge detection)

During standby mode, the module is clocked at 32 kHz, which is generated by an internal 32 kHz crystal oscillator.

2.3.4 Sleep mode

Sleep mode is the deepest power saving mode of NINA-B1 modules. During sleep mode, all functionality is stopped to ensure minimum power consumption. The module needs an external event in order to wake up from sleep mode.

The following events can be used to wake up the module out of the sleep mode:

- External event on a digital pin
- External event on a low power comparator pin
- Detection of NFC field

When using the NINA-B11x firmware, the module can be manually switched on or off with proper storage of current settings using the UART **DSR** pin.

The module can be programmed to latch the digital values present at its GPIO pins during sleep. The module will keep the values latched, and a change of state on any of these pins will trigger a wake up to active mode.

The module will always reboot after waking up from the sleep mode; however different sections of the RAM can be configured to remain intact during and after going into the sleep mode.

2.3.5 Module reset

NINA-B1 modules can be reset in one of the following ways:

- Low level on the RESET_N input pin, normally high with internal pull-up. This causes an “external” or “hardware” reset of the module. The current parameter settings are not saved in the module’s non-volatile memory and a proper network detach is not performed.
- Using the AT+CPWROFF command. This causes an “internal” or “software” reset of the module. The current parameter settings are saved in the module’s non-volatile memory and a proper network detach is performed.

2.3.6 Real Time Counter (RTC)

A key system feature available on the module is the Real Time Counter. This counter can generate multiple interrupts and events to the CPU and radio as well as internal and external hardware blocks. These events can be precisely timed ranging from microseconds up to hours, and allows for periodic BLE advertising events etc., without involving the main CPU. The RTC can be operated in power-on and standby modes.

2.4 Serial interfaces

NINA-B1 modules provide the following serial communication interfaces:

- 1x UART interface: 4-wire unbalanced asynchronous serial interface used for AT commands interface, data communication and firmware upgrades using the FOAT feature.
- 3x SPI interfaces: Up to three serial peripheral interfaces can be used simultaneously.
- 2x I2C interfaces: Inter-Integrated Circuit (I2C) interface for communication with digital sensors.



All digital interface pins on the module are shared between the digital and analog interfaces and GPIOs. Any function can be assigned to any pin that is not already occupied.

2.4.1 Asynchronous serial interface (UART)

The UART interface supports hardware flow control and baud-rates up to 1 Mbps. Other characteristics of the UART interface are listed below:

- Data lines (RXD as input, TXD as output) and hardware flow control lines (CTS as input, RTS as output) are provided.
- Hardware flow control or no flow control (default) is supported.
- Power saving indication available on the hardware flow control output (CTS line): The line is driven to the OFF state when the module is not ready to accept data signals.
- Programmable baud-rate generator allows most industry standard rates, as well as non-standard rates up to 1 Mbps.
- Frame format configuration:
 - 8 data bits
 - Even or no-parity bit
 - 1 stop bit
- Default frame configuration is 8N1, meaning eight (8) data bits, no (N) parity bit, and one (1) stop bit.

2.4.2 Serial peripheral interface (SPI)

NINA-B1 supports up to 3 Serial Peripheral Interfaces that can operate in both master and slave mode with a maximum serial clock frequency of 8 MHz in both master and slave modes. The SPI interfaces use 4 signals: **SCLK**, **MOSI**, **MISO** and **CS**. When using the SPI interface in master mode, it is possible to use GPIOs as additional Chip Select (CS) signals to allow addressing of multiple slaves.

2.4.3 I²C interface

The Inter-Integrated Circuit interfaces can be used to transfer or receive data on a 2-wire bus network. The NINA-B1 modules can operate as both master and slave on the I²C bus using both standard (100 kbps) and fast (400 kbps) transmission speeds. The interface uses the **SCL** signal to clock instructions and data on the **SDL** signal.

2.5 GPIO

The NINA-B1 modules are versatile concerning pin-out. If un-configured, there will be 19 GPIO pins in total and no analog or digital interfaces. All digital interfaces or functions must then be allocated to a GPIO pin before use. 7 out of the 19 GPIO pins are analog enabled thus they can have an analog function allocated to them. In addition to the serial interfaces, Table 4 shows the number of digital and analog functions that can be assigned to a GPIO pin.



This list is not final, and functions may be added or removed without notice.

Function	Description	Default NINA pin	Configurable GPIOs
General purpose input	Digital input with configurable edge detection and interrupt generation		Any
General purpose output	Digital output with configurable drive strength, pull-up, pull-down, open-source, open-drain and/or slew rate		Any
Pin disabled	Pin is disconnected from input buffers and output drivers.	All*	Any
Timer/ counter	High precision time measurement between two pulses/ Pulse counting with interrupt/event generation		Any
Interrupt/ Event trigger	Interrupt/event trigger to the software application/ Wake up event		Any
ADC input	8/10/12-bit analog to digital converter		Any analog
Analog comparator input	Compare two voltages, capable of generating wake-up events and interrupts		Any analog
PWM output	Output complex pulse width modulation waveforms		Any
Connection status indication	Indicates if a BLE connection is maintained	BLUE**	Any

* = If left unconfigured

** = If using u-blox NINA-B1 1x firmware

Table 4: GPIO custom functions configuration

2.6 Analog interfaces

7 out of the 19 digital GPIOs can be multiplexed to analog functions. The following analog functions are available for use:

- 1x 8-channel ADC
- 1x Analog comparator*
- 1x Low-power analog comparator*

*Only one of the comparators can be used simultaneously.

2.6.1 ADC

The Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) can sample up to 200 kHz using different inputs as sample triggers. It supports 8/10/12-bit resolution. Any of the 8 analog inputs can be used both as single-ended inputs and as differential pairs for measuring the voltage across them. The ADC supports full 0 V to VCC input range.

2.6.2 Comparator

The comparator compares voltages from any analog pin with different references as shown in Table 5. It supports full 0 V to VCC input range and can generate different software events to the rest of the system.

2.6.3 Low power comparator

The low-power comparator operates in the same way as the normal comparator, with some reduced functionality. It can be used during sleep mode as a wake up source.

2.6.4 Analog pin options

Table 5 shows the supported connections of the analog functions.



An analog pin may not be simultaneously connected to multiple functions.

Analog function	Can be connected to
ADC single-ended input	Any analog pin or VCC
ADC differential input	Any analog pin or VCC pair
Comparator IN+	Any analog pin
Comparator IN-	Pin 24 or 25, VCC, 1.2 V, 1.8 V, 2.4 V
Low-power comparator IN+	Any analog pin
Low-power comparator IN-	Pin 24 or 25, 1/16 to 15/16 VCC in steps of 1/16 VCC

Table 5: Possible uses of analog pin

2.7 NINA-B11x firmware features



This section describes the available features when using the u-blox NINA-B11x firmware. For additional information, see the u-blox Short Range AT Commands Manual [3].

2.7.1 System status signals

The RED, GREEN and BLUE pins are used to signal the system status according to Table 6. They are active low and are intended to be routed to an RGB LED.

Mode	Status	RGB LED Color	GREEN	BLUE	RED
Data mode	IDLE	Green	LOW	HIGH	HIGH
Command mode	IDLE	Orange	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Data mode, Command mode	CONNECTING*	Purple	HIGH	LOW	LOW
Data mode, Command mode	CONNECTED*	Blue	HIGH	HIGH	LOW

* = LED flashes on data activity

Table 6: System status indication

2.7.2 System control signals

The following input signals can be used to control the system.

- **RESET_N** is used to reset the system, see section 2.3.5.
- **SWITCH_1** is used to enter the bootloader or to restore the UART serial settings to their default values.
- **SWITCH_2** can be used to open a BLE connection to a peripheral device.
- If both **SWITCH_1** and **SWITCH_2** are driven low during start up, the system will restore all settings to their factory defaults.

2.7.3 UART signals

In addition to the normal **RXD**, **TXD**, **CTS**, and **RTS** signals, the NINA-B11x firmware adds the **DSR** and **DTR** pins to the UART interface. Note that they are not used as originally intended, but to control the state of the NINA module. Depending on the current configuration, the **DSR** can be used to:

- Enter command mode
- Disconnect and/or toggle connectable status
- Enable/disable the rest of the UART interface
- Enter/wake up from sleep mode

3 Pin definition

3.1 Pin assignment

The pin-out described in Figure 2 below is an example pin-out that shows the module in an unconfigured state. Alternatively, if you use the u-blox NINA-B11x firmware, refer to the pin-out in section 3.2.

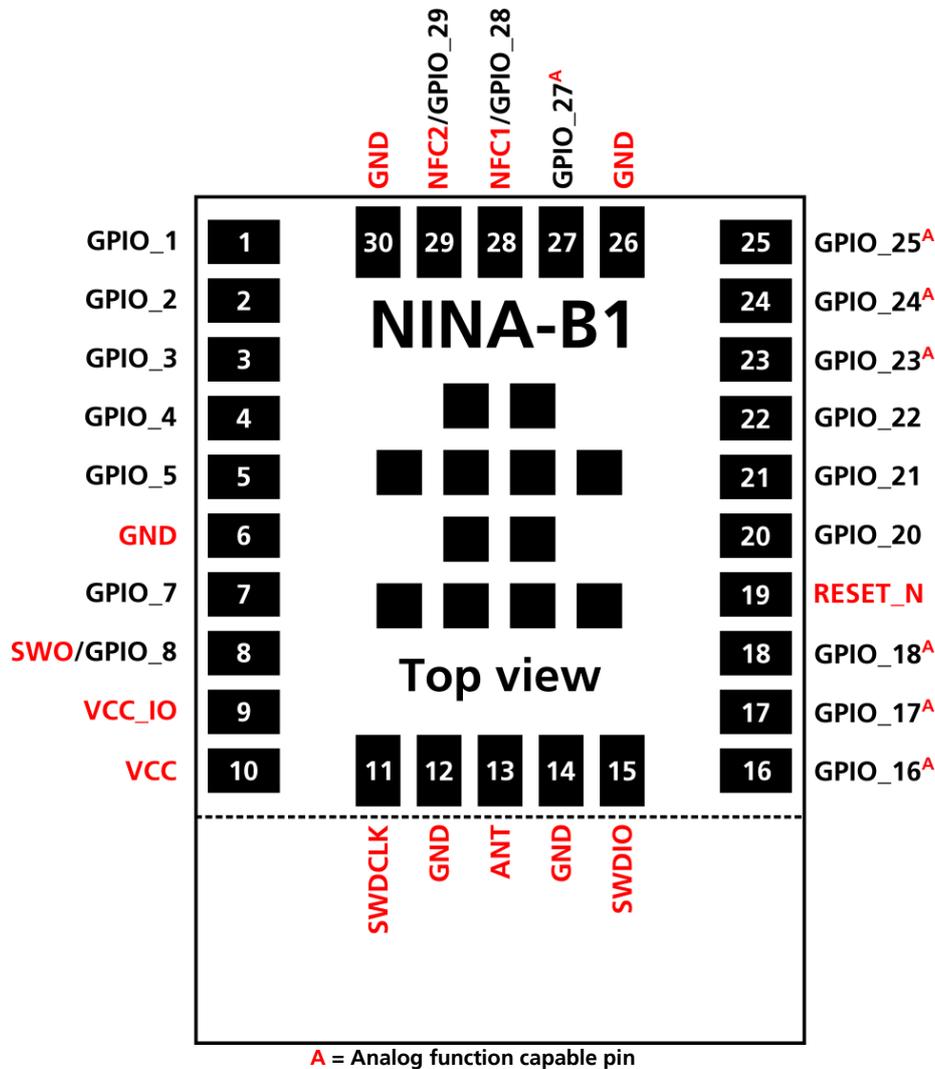


Figure 2: NINA-B1 series pin assignment (top view)



All digital or analog functions described in this data sheet may be freely assigned to any GPIO pin. Analog functions are limited to analog capable pins. Signals marked red in Figure 2 are not freely assignable but locked to a specific pin.



GPIO pins 16, 17, 18 and 20 are connected to pins located close to the radio part of the RF chip. It is recommended to avoid using these pins for high speed digital interfaces or sinking/sourcing large currents through them. Doing so may affect RF performance.



Do not apply an NFC field to the NFC pins when they are configured as GPIOs as it can cause permanent damage to the module. When driving different logic levels on these pins in GPIO mode, a small current leakage will occur. Ensure that they are set to the same logic level before entering into any power saving modes. See section 4.2.6 for more information.

No.	Name	I/O	Description	nRF52 pin	Remarks
1	GPIO_1	I/O	General purpose I/O	P0.08	
2	GPIO_2	I/O	General purpose I/O	P0.11	
3	GPIO_3	I/O	General purpose I/O	P0.12	
4	GPIO_4	I/O	General purpose I/O	P0.13	
5	GPIO_5	I/O	General purpose I/O	P0.14	
6	GND	-	Ground		
7	GPIO_7	I/O	General purpose I/O	P0.16	
8	SWO/GPIO_8	I/O	Serial Wire debug trace data output	P0.18	May be used as a GPIO
9	VCC_IO	I	Module I/O level voltage input		Must be connected to VCC on NINA-B1
10	VCC	I	Module supply voltage input		1.7-3.6 V range
11	SWDCLK	I	Serial Wire Debug port clock signal		
12	GND	-	Ground		
13	ANT	I/O	Tx/Rx antenna interface		50 Ω nominal characteristic impedance, only used with NINA-B111 modules
14	GND	-	Ground		
15	SWDIO	I/O	Serial Wire Debug port data signal		
16	GPIO_16	I/O	Analog function enabled GPIO	P0.28	Pin is analog capable, use as low drive, low frequency GPIO only
17	GPIO_17	I/O	Analog function enabled GPIO	P0.29	Pin is analog capable, use as low drive, low frequency GPIO only
18	GPIO_18	I/O	Analog function enabled GPIO	P0.30	Pin is analog capable, use as low drive, low frequency GPIO only
19	RESET_N	I/O	System reset input	P0.21	Active low
20	GPIO_20	I/O	General purpose I/O	P0.31	Low drive, low frequency I/O only
21	GPIO_21	I/O	General purpose I/O	P0.07	
22	GPIO_22	I/O	General purpose I/O	P0.06	
23	GPIO_23	I/O	Analog function enabled GPIO	P0.05	Pin is analog capable
24	GPIO_24	I/O	Analog function enabled GPIO	P0.02	Pin is analog capable
25	GPIO_25	I/O	Analog function enabled GPIO	P0.03	Pin is analog capable
26	GND	-	Ground		
27	GPIO_27	I/O	Analog function enabled GPIO	P0.04	Pin is analog capable
28	NFC1/GPIO_28	I/O	NFC pin 1 (default)	P0.09	May be used as a GPIO
29	NFC2/GPIO_29	I/O	NFC pin 2 (default)	P0.10	May be used as a GPIO
30	GND	-	Ground		

Table 7: NINA-B1 series pin-out

3.2 Pin assignment in the NINA-B11x firmware

The pin-out as shown in Figure 3 describes the pin configuration used in the u-blox NINA-B11x firmware.

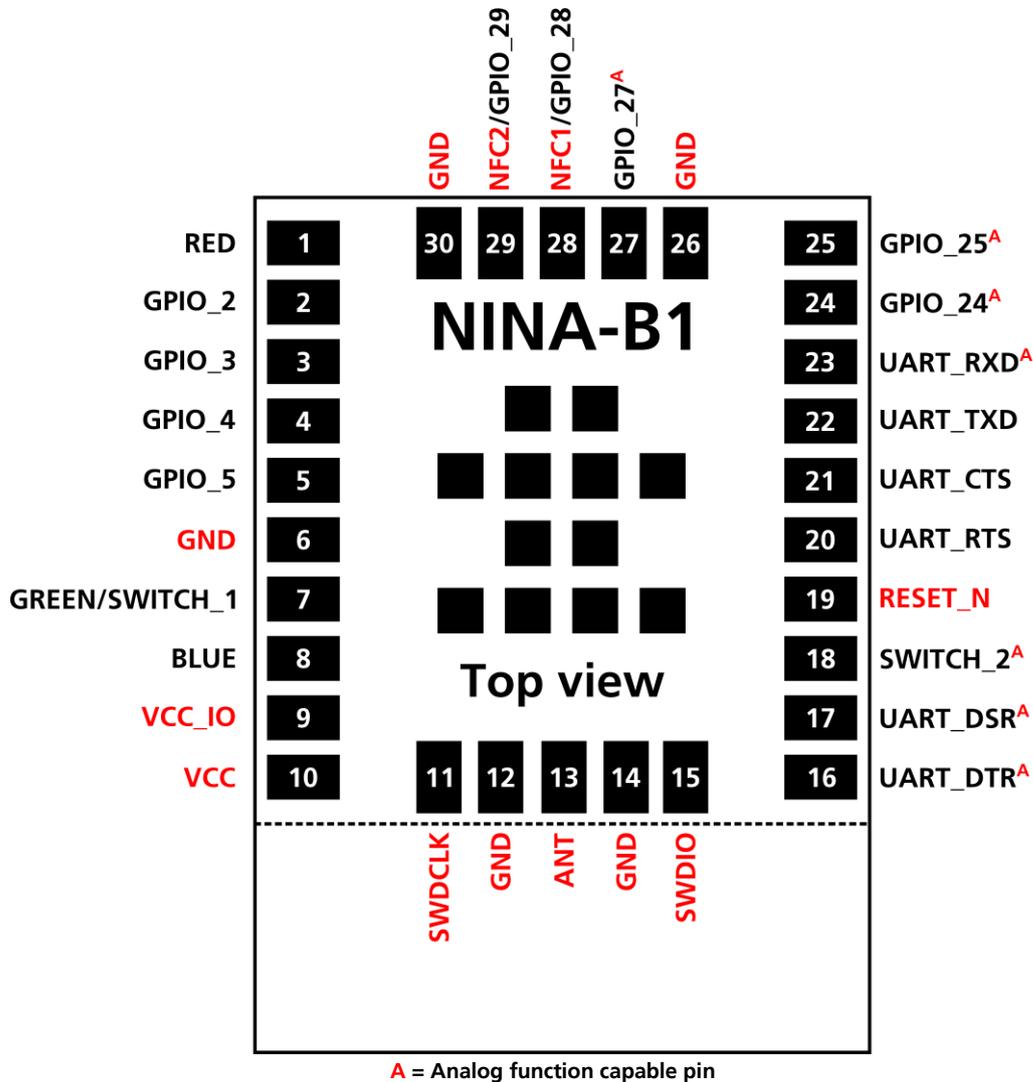


Figure 3: NINA-B1 series pin assignment (top view) while using u-blox NINA-B11x firmware

It is required to follow this pin layout when using the u-blox NINA-B11x firmware. No additional interfaces can be added.

Do not apply an NFC field to the NFC pins when they are configured as GPIOs as it can cause permanent damage to the module. When driving different logic levels on these pins in GPIO mode, a small current leakage will occur, ensure that they are set to the same logic level before entering into any power saving modes. See section 4.2.6 for more information.

No.	Name	I/O	Description	Remarks
1	RED	O	RED system status signal	Active low, should be routed to an RGB LED
2	GPIO_2	I/O	General purpose I/O	
3	GPIO_3	I/O	General purpose I/O	
4	GPIO_4	I/O	General purpose I/O	
5	GPIO_5	I/O	General purpose I/O	
6	GND	-	Ground	
7	GREEN/SWITCH_1	I/O	This signal is multiplexed: GREEN: System status signal. SWITCH_1: Enter bootloader, restore UART serial settings.	Active low. GREEN: Should be routed to an RGB LED. SWITCH_1: Can be held low during reset and released during/after boot to either enter bootloader or restore serial settings. See section 2.7 for more information.
8	BLUE	O	BLUE system status signal	Active low, should be routed to an RGB LED
9	VCC_IO	I	Module I/O level voltage input	Must be connected to VCC on NINA-B1
10	VCC	I	Module supply voltage input	1.7-3.6 V range
11	RSVD	-	RESERVED pin	Leave unconnected
12	GND	-	Ground	
13	ANT	I/O	Tx/Rx antenna interface	50 Ω nominal characteristic impedance, only used with NINA-B111 modules
14	GND	-	Ground	
15	RSVD	-	RESERVED pin	Leave unconnected
16	UART_DTR	O	UART data terminal ready signal	Used to indicate system status
17	UART_DSR	I	UART data set ready signal	Used to change system modes
18	SWITCH_2	I	Connect to peripheral device	Active low, see section 2.7 for more information
19	RESET_N	I	External system reset input	Active low
20	UART_RTS	O	UART request to send control signal	Used only when hardware flow control is enabled
21	UART_CTS	I	UART clear to send control signal	Used only when hardware flow control is enabled
22	UART_TXD	O	UART data output	
23	UART_RXD	I	UART data input	Pin is analog capable
24	GPIO_24	I/O	General purpose I/O	Pin is analog capable
25	GPIO_25	I/O	General purpose I/O	Pin is analog capable
26	GND	-	Ground	
27	GPIO_27	I/O	Analog function enabled GPIO	Pin is analog capable
28	NFC1/GPIO_28	I/O	NFC pin 1 (default)	May be used as a GPIO
29	NFC2/GPIO_29	I/O	NFC pin 2 (default)	May be used as a GPIO
30	GND	-	Ground	

Table 8: NINA-B1 series NINA-B11x firmware pin-out

4 Electrical specifications

Stressing the device above one or more of the ratings listed in the Absolute maximum rating section may cause permanent damage. These are stress ratings only. Operating the module at these or at any conditions other than those specified in the Operating conditions section of this document should be avoided. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Operating condition ranges define those limits within which the functionality of the device is guaranteed. Where application information is given, it is advisory only and does not form part of the specification.

4.1 Absolute maximum ratings

Symbol	Description	Condition	Min	Max	Unit
VCC	Module supply voltage	Input DC voltage at VCC pin	-0.3	3.9	V
V_DIO	Digital pin voltage	Input DC voltage at any digital I/O pin	-0.3	3.9	V
P_ANT	Antenna power	Input RF power at antenna pin		+10	dBm

Table 9: Absolute maximum ratings

The product is not protected against overvoltage or reversed voltages. If necessary, voltage spikes exceeding the power supply voltage specification, given in table above, must be limited to values within the specified boundaries by using appropriate protection devices.

4.1.1 Maximum ESD ratings

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit	Remarks
ESD sensitivity for all pins except ANT pin			4	kV	Human body model according to JEDEC JS001
			750	V	Charged device model according to JESD22-C101

Table 10: Maximum ESD ratings

NINA-B1 series modules are Electrostatic Sensitive Devices and require special precautions while handling. See section 8.4 for ESD handling instructions.

4.2 Operating conditions

Unless otherwise specified, all operating condition specifications are at an ambient temperature of 25°C and a supply voltage of 3.0 V.

Operation beyond the specified operating conditions is not recommended and extended exposure beyond them may affect device reliability.

4.2.1 Operating temperature range

Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
Storage temperature	-40	+85	°C
Operating temperature	-40	+85	°C

Table 11: Temperature range

4.2.2 Supply/Power pins

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
VCC	Input supply voltage	1.7	3.0	3.6	V
t_RVCC	Supply voltage rise time			60	ms
VCC_ripple	VCC input noise peak to peak, 10 - 100 KHz			100	mV
	VCC input noise peak to peak, 100 KHz - 1 MHz			50	mV
	VCC input noise peak to peak, 1 - 3 MHz			25	mV
VCC_IO	I/O reference voltage		VCC		V

Table 12: Input characteristics of voltage supply pins

4.2.3 Current consumption

Table 13 shows the typical current consumption of a NINA-B1 module, independent of the firmware used.

Mode	Condition	Typical	Peak
Sleep	No clocks running, no RAM data retention	300 nA	
Sleep	No clocks running, 64 kB RAM data retention	620 nA	
Standby	RTC and 64 kB RAM data retention. System running on 32.768 kHz clock from crystal.	2.2 μ A	
Active	CPU running benchmarking tests @ 64 MHz clock speed, all interfaces idle	3.7 mA	
Active	Radio RX only	5.4 mA	
Active	Radio TX only, +0dBm output power	5.3 mA	

Table 13: Module VCC current consumption

Table 14 shows the current consumption during some typical use cases when using the NINA-B11x firmware:

Mode	Condition	Average	Peak
Active	Advertising 1s periods with +4 dBm output power and 31 bytes payload, CPU and UART interface is running	1.8 mA	12 mA
Standby	Advertising 1s periods with +4 dBm output power and 31 bytes payload	26 μ A	9.3 mA
Standby	One advertisement event (4.7 ms), +4 dBm output power and 31 bytes payload	3.4 mA	9.3 mA
Active	Connected as peripheral, connection events 30 ms periods, +4 dBm output power and 0 bytes payload, CPU and UART interface is running	1.8 mA	9.2 mA
Standby	Connected as peripheral, connection events 30 ms periods, +4 dBm output power and 0 bytes payload	140 μ A	9.2 mA
Sleep	UART DSR pin is used to enter sleep mode. No RAM retention	300 nA	2.6 mA

Table 14: Current consumption during typical use cases

4.2.4 RF performance

Parameter	Test condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Receiver input sensitivity	Conducted at 25 °C		-95		dBm
Output power	Conducted at 25 °C		+4	+6	dBm

Table 15: RF performance

4.2.5 RESET_N pin

Pin name	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Remarks
	Low-level input	0		0.3*VCC	V	
RESET_N	Internal pull-up resistance		13		kΩ	
	RESET duration			55	ms	Time taken to release a pin reset.

Table 16: RESET_N pin characteristics

4.2.6 Digital pins

Pin name	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Remarks
	Input characteristic: Low-level input	0		0.3*VCC	V	
	Input characteristic: high-level input	0.7*VCC		0	V	
Any digital pin	Output characteristic: Low-level output	0		0.4	V	Normal drive strength
		0		0.4	V	High drive strength
	Output characteristic: High-level output	VCC-0.4		VCC	V	Normal drive strength
		VCC-0.4		VCC	V	High drive strength
GPIO_28, GPIO_29	Leakage current		2	10	μA	When driven to different logic levels

Table 17: Digital pin characteristics

5 Mechanical specifications

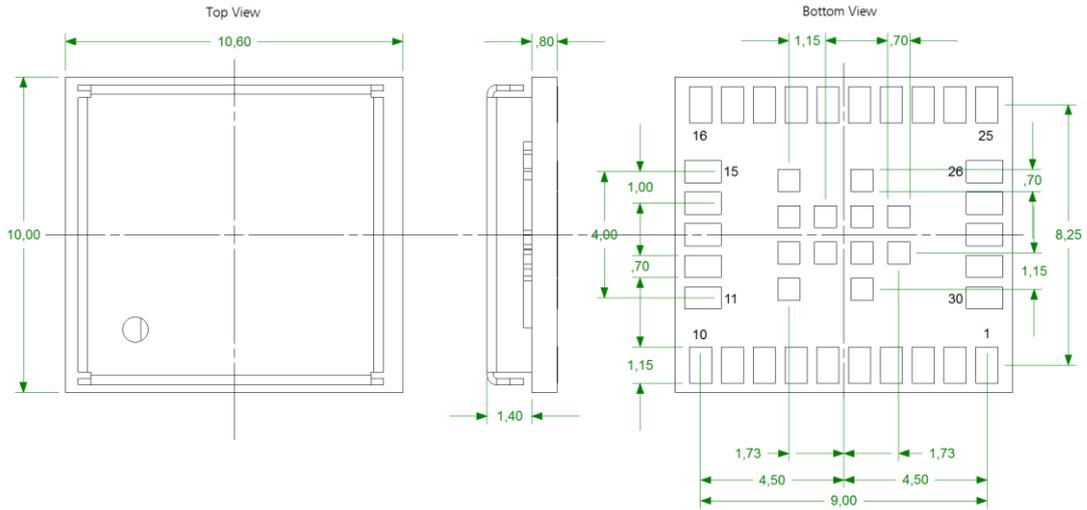


Figure 4: NINA-B111 module dimensions

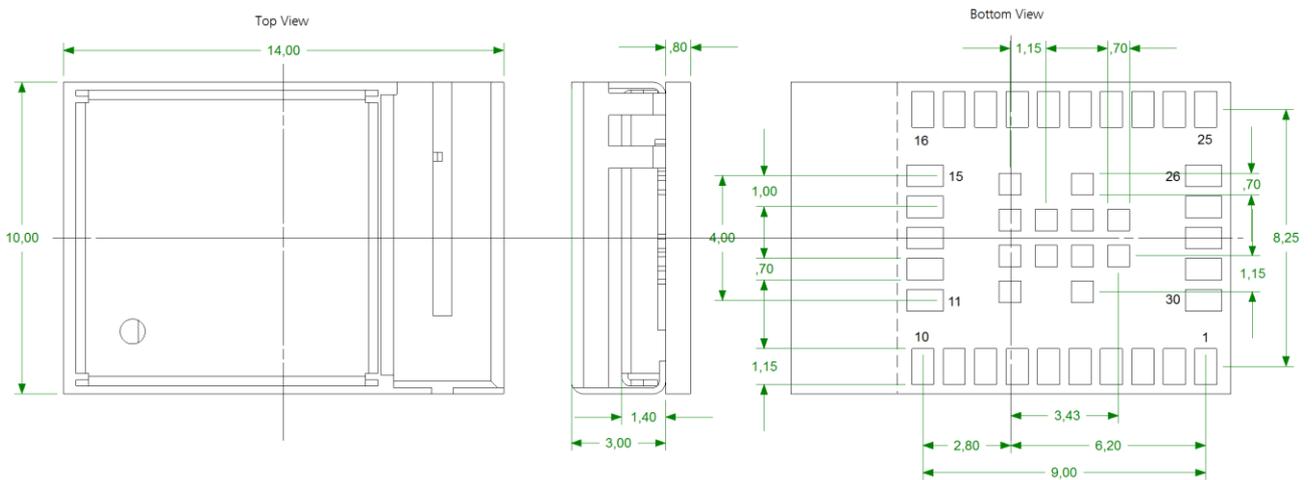


Figure 5: NINA-B112 module dimensions

6 Qualification and approvals

6.1 Compliance with the RoHS directive



The NINA-B1 series modules comply with the "Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and the Council on the Restriction of Use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment" (RoHS).

No natural rubbers, hygroscopic materials, or materials containing asbestos are employed.

6.2 European Union regulatory compliance

The NINA-B1 series modules conform to the product specifications listed in Table 18. See the NINA-B1 Declaration of Conformity [4] for more information.

	Category	Standard
R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC	Effective use of frequency spectrum	EN 300 328 V1.9.1
		EN 302 291-1
		EN 302 291-2
	EMC	EN 301 489-1
		EN 301 489-3
		EN 301 489-17
		EN 60950
Medical Electrical Equipment Prevention (RoHS Article 4.1)	EN 60601-1-2	
	EN 50581	

Table 18: NINA-B1 ETSI conformity

6.3 Safety Compliance

In order to fulfill the safety standard EN 60950-1, the NINA-B1 series modules must be supplied with a Class-2 Limited Power Source.

6.4 FCC and IC Compliance

6.4.1 IC compliance

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s).

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause interference, and
2. This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be chosen in such a way that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that is necessary for successful communication.

This equipment complies with IC RSS-102 radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with a minimum distance of 20 cm between the radiator and your body.

6.4.2 Conformité aux normes d'IC

Cet appareil est conforme à la(aux) norme(s) RSS sans licence d'Industry Canada.

Son utilisation est soumise aux deux conditions suivantes:

1. Cet appareil ne doit pas causer d'interférences et
2. il doit accepter toutes interférences reçues, y compris celles susceptibles d'avoir des effets indésirables sur son fonctionnement.

Conformément aux réglementations d'Industry Canada, cet émetteur radio ne peut fonctionner qu'à l'aide d'une antenne dont le type et le gain maximal (ou minimal) ont été approuvés pour cet émetteur par Industry Canada. Pour réduire le risque d'interférences avec d'autres utilisateurs, il faut choisir le type d'antenne et son gain de telle sorte que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (p.i.r.e) ne soit pas supérieure à celle requise pour obtenir une communication satisfaisante.

Cet équipement respecte les limites d'exposition aux rayonnements IC RSS-102 définies pour un environnement non contrôlé. Il doit être installé et utilisé en maintenant une distance minimum de 20 cm entre le radiateur et votre corps.

6.4.3 FCC statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.



This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that the interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

The NINA-B1 series modules are for OEM integrations only. The end-user product will be professionally installed in such a manner that only the authorized antennas are used.

For NINA-B111 an external antenna connector (U.FL. connector) reference design (see the NINA-B1 series System Integration Manual [1]) is available and must be followed to comply with the NINA-B1 FCC/IC modular approval.

Any changes or modifications NOT explicitly APPROVED by u-blox could cause the module to cease to comply with FCC rules part 15, and thus void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

6.4.3.1 Cautions



Any changes or modifications could cause the module to cease to comply with FCC rules part 15 and thus void the user's authority to operate the equipment.



§15.407 statement; in case of absence of information to transmit or operational failure, the NINA-B1 module will automatically discontinue transmission.

6.4.4 Labeling requirements for end product

For an end product using the NINA-B1 modules there must be a label containing, at least, the following information:

This device contains
 FCC ID: XPYNINAB1
 IC: 8595A-NINAB1

The label must be affixed on an exterior surface of the end product such that it will be visible upon inspection in compliance with the modular approval guidelines developed by the FCC.

In accordance with 47 CFR § 15.19, the end product shall bear the following statement in a conspicuous location on the device:

"This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions;

- (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation."

When the device is so small or for such use that it is not practicable to place the statement above on it, the information shall be placed in a prominent location in the instruction manual or pamphlet supplied to the user or, alternatively, shall be placed on the container in which the device is marketed.

In case, where the final product will be installed in locations where the end-user is not able to see the FCC ID and/or this statement, the FCC ID and the statement shall also be included in the end-product manual.

6.4.5 FCC and IC IDs

Model	FCC ID	IC ID
NINA-B111	XPYNINAB1	8595A-NINAB1
NINA-B112	XPYNINAB1	8595A-NINAB1

Table 19: FCC and IC IDs for different models of the NINA-B1 series modules

6.5 NCC Taiwan compliance

6.5.1 Taiwan NCC Warning Statement

- 經型式認證合格之低功率射頻電機，非經許可，公司、商號或使用者均不得擅自變更頻率、加大功率或變更原設計之特性及功能。
- 低功率射頻電機之使用不得影響飛航安全及干擾合法通信；經發現有干擾現象時，應立即停用，並改善至無干擾時方得繼續使用。前項合法通信，指依電信法規定作業之無線電通信。低功率射頻電機須忍受合法通信或工業、科學及醫療用電波輻射性電機設備之干擾。

Statement translation:

- Without permission granted by the NCC, any company, enterprise, or user is not allowed to change frequency, enhance transmitting power or alter original characteristic as well as performance to a approved low power radio-frequency devices.
- The low power radio-frequency devices shall not influence aircraft security and interfere legal communications; If found, the user shall cease operating immediately until no interference is achieved. The said legal communications means radio communications is operated in compliance with the Telecommunications Act. The low power radio-frequency devices must be susceptible with the interference from legal communications or ISM radio wave radiated devices.

6.5.2 NINA-B111 labeling requirements for end product

When a product containing a NINA-B111 module is placed on the Taiwanese market, the product must be affixed with a label or marking containing at least the following information:



Any similar wording that expresses the same meaning may be used. The marking must be visible for inspection.

6.5.3 NINA-B112 labeling requirements for end product

When a product containing a NINA-B112 module is placed on the Taiwanese market, the product must be affixed with a label or marking containing at least the following information:



Any similar wording that expresses the same meaning may be used. The marking must be visible for inspection.

6.6 Bluetooth qualification information



The NINA-B1 series modules have been qualified according to the Bluetooth 4.2 specification.

The NINA-B1 series modules are Bluetooth listed with Declaration ID TBD. For an end product with NINA-B1 integrated no further qualification is required. If the end product will be Bluetooth listed the QD IDs listed in Table 20 shall be included in the end product listing.

Product type	QD ID	Listing Date
TBD	TBD	

Table 20: NINA-B1 Bluetooth QD ID

7 Antennas

This chapter gives an overview of the different external antennas that can be used together with the module.

⚠ This radio transmitter IC: 8595A-NINAB1 has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed below with the maximum permissible gain and required antenna impedance for each antenna type indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.

⚠ Cet émetteur radio IC: 8595A-NINAB1 été approuvé par Industry Canada pour fonctionner avec les types d'antenne énumérés ci-dessous avec le gain maximum autorisé et l'impédance nécessaire pour chaque type d'antenne indiqué. Les types d'antenne ne figurant pas dans cette liste et ayant un gain supérieur au gain maximum indiqué pour ce type-là sont strictement interdits d'utilisation avec cet appareil.

7.1 Approved antennas list

#	Antenna name	Manufacturer	Comment	Gain [dBi]
1	u-blox internal antenna	ProAnt	SMD PIFA antenna on NINA-B1	+3
				
2	FlatWhip-2400	ProAnt	Monopole, SMA/RSMA	+3
				
3	InSide-2400	ProAnt	Patch, 10cm cable/U.FL	+3
				
4	Ex-IT 2400 -SMA 28-001 -RP-SMA 28-001 -MHF 28-001	ProAnt	Monopole, SMA, RSMA 10 cm cable/U.FL	+3
				

#	Antenna name		Manufacturer	Comment	Gain [dBi]
5	Ex-IT 2400 -SMA 70-002 -RP-SMA 70-002		ProAnt	Monopole, SMA RSMA	+3
6	GW26.0111.HT		Taoglas	Single-band monopole antenna	+3

Table 21: List of antennas that are approved for use with NINA-B1

8 Product handling

8.1 Packaging

The NINA-B1 series modules are delivered as hermetically sealed, reeled tapes to enable efficient production, production lot set-up and tear-down. For more information about packaging, see the u-blox Package Information Guide [2].

8.1.1 Reels

NINA-B1 modules are deliverable in quantities of 500 pieces on a reel. The reel types for the NINA-B1 modules are provided in Table 22 and detailed information about the reel types are described in u-blox Package Information Guide [2].

Model	Reel Type
NINA-B111	B
NINA-B112	A

Table 22: Reel types for different models of the NINA-B1 series

8.1.2 Tapes

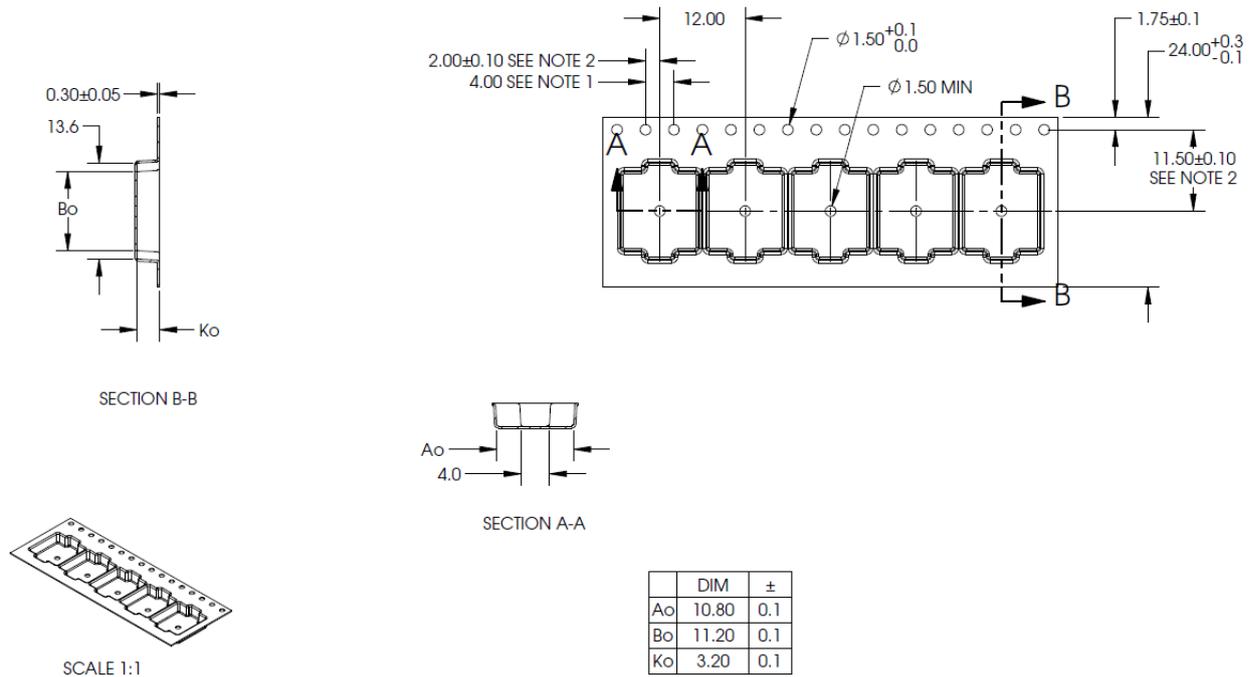
Figure 6 and Figure 7 shows the position and orientation of the NINA-B1 modules as they are delivered on tape. The dimensions of the tapes are specified in Figure 8 and Figure 9.



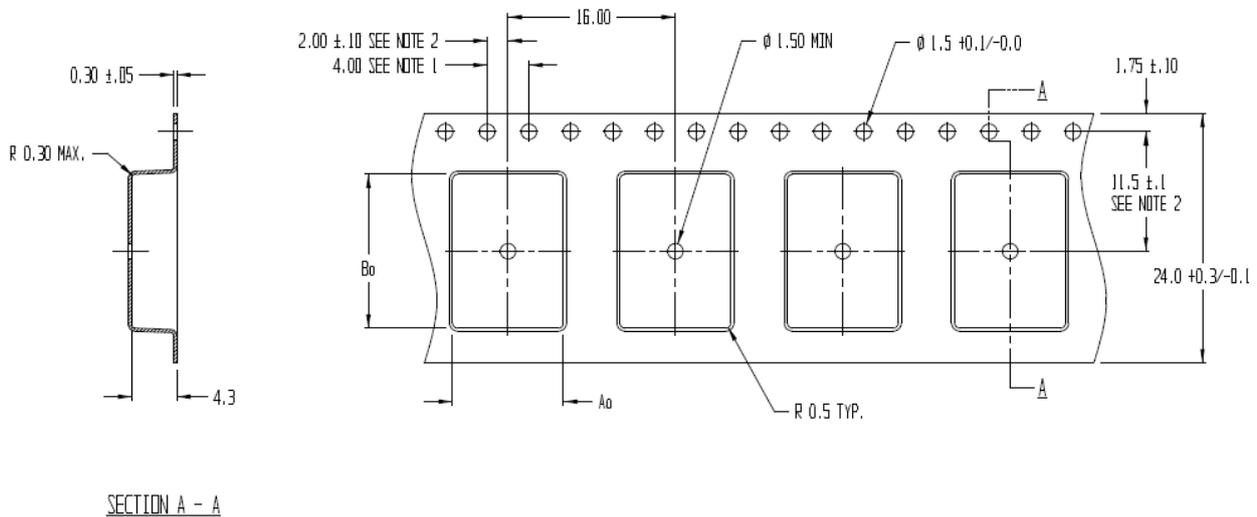
Figure 6: Orientation of NINA-B111 modules on tape



Figure 7: Orientation of NINA-B112 modules on tape


NOTES:

1. 10 SPROCKET HOLE PITCH CUMULATIVE TOLERANCE ± 0.2
2. POCKET POSITION RELATIVE TO SPROCKET HOLE MEASURED AS TRUE POSITION OF POCKET, NOT POCKET HOLE.
3. Ao AND Bo ARE MEASURED ON A PLANE AT A DISTANCE "R" ABOVE THE BOTTOM OF THE POCKET.

Figure 8: NINA-B111 tape dimensions


Ao = 10.6
 Bo = 14.8
 Ko = 4.3

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3. Ao AND Bo ARE CALCULATED ON A PLANE AT A DISTANCE "R" ABOVE THE BOTTOM OF THE POCKET.

Figure 9: NINA-B112 tape dimensions

8.2 Moisture sensitivity levels

 **The NINA-B1 series modules are Moisture Sensitive Devices (MSD) in accordance with the IPC/JEDEC specification.**

The Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL) relates to the required packaging and handling precautions. The NINA-B1 series modules are rated at MSL level 4. For more information regarding moisture sensitivity levels, labeling and storage, see the u-blox Package Information Guide [2].

 For MSL standards, see IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020, which can be downloaded from www.jedec.org.

8.3 Reflow soldering

Reflow profiles are to be selected according to u-blox recommendations. See NINA-B1 series System Integration Manual [1] for more information.

 **Failure to observe these recommendations can result in severe damage to the device.**

8.4 ESD precautions

 **The NINA-B1 series modules contain highly sensitive electronic circuitry and are Electrostatic Sensitive Devices (ESD). Handling the NINA-B1 series modules without proper ESD protection may destroy or damage them permanently.**

The NINA-B1 series modules are electrostatic sensitive devices (ESD) and require special ESD precautions typically applied to ESD sensitive components. Section 4.1.1 provides the maximum ESD ratings of the NINA-B1 series modules.

Proper ESD handling and packaging procedures must be applied throughout the processing, handling and operation of any application that incorporates the NINA-B1 series module. The ESD precautions should be implemented on the application board where the module is mounted as described in the NINA-B1 series System Integration Manual [1].

 **Failure to observe these recommendations can result in severe damage to the device.**

9 Labeling and ordering information

9.1 Product labeling

The labels of the NINA-B1 series modules include important product information as described in this section.

Figure 10 illustrates the label of all the NINA-B1 series modules, which includes u-blox logo, production lot, product type number and certification numbers (if applicable).



Figure 10: Location of product type number on the NINA-B1 series module label

Reference	Description
1	Date of unit production (year/week)
2	Product version
3	Product name

Table 23: NINA-B1 series label description

9.2 Explanation of codes

Three different product code formats are used. The **Product Name** is used in documentation such as this data sheet and identifies all u-blox products, independent of packaging and quality grade. The **Ordering Code** includes options and quality, while the **Type Number** includes the hardware and firmware versions. Table 24 below details these three different formats:

Format	Structure
Product Name	PPPP-TGVV
Ordering Code	PPPP -TGVV-TTQ
Type Number	PPPP -TGVV-TTQ-XX

Table 24: Product code formats

Table 25 explains the parts of the product code.

Code	Meaning	Example
PPPP	Form factor	NINA
TG	Platform (Technology and Generation) T – Dominant technology, For example, W: Wi-Fi, B: Bluetooth G - Generation	B1: Bluetooth Generation 1
VV	Variant based on the same platform; range [00...99]	11: default mounting, with antenna pin
TT	Major Product Version	00: first revision
Q	Quality grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: Automotive • B: Professional • C: Standard 	B: professional grade
XX	Minor product version (not relevant for certification)	Default value is 00

Table 25: Part identification code

9.3 Ordering information

Ordering Code	Product
NINA-B111-00B	NINA-B1 module with antenna pin
NINA-B112-00B	NINA-B1 module with internal antenna

Table 26: Product ordering codes

Appendix

A Glossary

Abbreviation	Definition
ADC	Analog to Digital Converter
BLE	Bluetooth Low Energy
BPF	Band Pass Filter
CTS	Clear To Send
ESD	Electro Static Discharge
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FOAT	Firmware update Over AT-command
GATT	Generic ATtribute profile
GPIO	General Purpose Input/Output
IC	Industry Canada
I ² C	Inter-Integrated Circuit
MCU	Micro Controller Unit
MSD	Moisture Sensitive Device
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter

Table 27: Explanation of abbreviations used

Related documents

- [1] NINA-B1 Series System Integration Manual, document number UBX-15026175
- [2] u-blox Package Information Guide, document number UBX-14001652
- [3] u-blox Short Range AT Commands Manual, document number UBX-14044127
- [4] NINA-B1 Declaration of Conformity, document number UBX-XXXXXX



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Revision history

Revision	Date	Name	Status / Comments
R01	5-Nov-2015	ajoh, fbpro	Initial release.
R02	22-Feb-2016	ajoh	In Figure 1, replaced GPIO(s) with NFC. Modified Figure 2. Added a new section for NFC (section 2.2.2) and included pin description for NFC in Table 7 and Table 8. Added Real Time Counter section (section 2.3.6). Modified sections 2.4.2, 2.5, and 2.6. Split the pin-out section into mbed/platform (section 3.1) and SPA (section 3.2) and updated these sections. Updated Figure 2. Updated NINA-B112 radio performance. Updated mechanical dimensions (section 5). Modified the number of pieces on a reel to 500 in section 8.1.1.
R03	19-Apr-2016	ajoh	Modified the supported Serial peripheral interface (section 2.4.2).
R04	17-Jun-2016	ajoh, fbpro, mhan, kgom	Renamed Serial Port Application as NINA-B11x firmware. Updated the pin-out (section 3), added extra information about NFC pins and added section 2.7. Switched places of DSR and DTR pins in B11x firmware pin-out, updated system functions text (section 2.3), added measurements to electrical specifications (section 4), and a few minor changes. Included figures for tape orientation and tape dimensions in section 8.1.2. Added approved antennas list (Table 21). Document status changed to Advance Information.
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