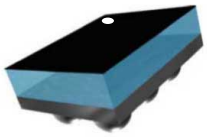
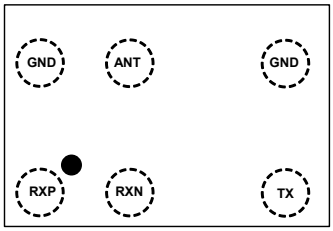
BALF-SPI2-01D3

Datasheet

50 Ω nominal input / conjugate matched balun to ST S2-LP,860-930 MHz with integrated harmonic filter



Flip-Chip (6 bumps) package



Product status
BALF-SPI2-01D3

Features

- 50 Ω nominal input / conjugate matched to ST S2-LP for 860 - 930 MHz frequency operation
- Low insertion loss
- Low amplitude imbalance
- Low phase imbalance
- Small footprint
- Very low profile < 620 µm after reflow
- High RF performance
- RF BOM and area reduction
- ECOPACK®2 compliant component

Applications

- 860 - 930 MHz impedance matched balun filter
- Optimized for ST S2-LP sub GHz RFIC

Description

This device is an ultra-miniature balun. The BALF-SPI2-01D3 integrates matching network and harmonics filter. Matching impedance has been customized for the ST S2-LP transceiver. The BALF-SPI2-01D3 uses STMicroelectronics IPD technology on non-conductive glass substrate which optimize RF performance.

1 Characteristics

Table 1. Absolute ratings (T_{amb} = 25 °C)

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
P_{IN}	Input power RF_{IN}	20	dBm
V_{ESD}	ESD ratings human body model (JESD22-A114-C), all I/O one at a time while others connected to GND	2000	V
	ESD ratings machine model, all I/O	200	
T_{OP}	Operating temperature	-40 to +105	°C

Table 2. Impedances (T_{amb} = 25 °C)

Symbol	Parameter	Value			Unit
		Min.	Typ.	Max.	
Z_{RX}	Nominal differential RX balun impedance	-	matched ST S2-LP	-	Ω
Z_{TX}	Nominal TX filter impedance				
Z_{ANT}	Antenna impedance	-	50	-	Ω

Table 3. Electrical characteristics and RF performances (T_{amb} = 25 °C)

Symbol	Parameter	Test condition	Value			Unit
			Min.	Typ.	Max.	
f	Frequency range (bandwidth)		860		930	MHz
I_{L_RX-ANT}	Insertion loss in bandwidth without mismatch loss (RX balun)			1.7	2.0	dB
I_{L_TX-ANT}	Insertion loss in bandwidth without mismatch loss (TX filter)			1.7	2.1	dB
R_{L_RX-ANT}	Input return loss in bandwidth (RX balun)		10	14		dB
R_{L_TX-ANT}	Input return loss in bandwidth (TX filter)		15	20		dB
$\lvert \phi_{imb} \rvert$	Output phase imbalance (RX balun) - absolute value		5	9	13	°
$\lvert A_{imb} \rvert$	Output amplitude imbalance (RX balun) - absolute value		1.4	1.6	1.8	dB
Att	Harmonic levels (TX filter)	Attenuation at 2fo	40	45		dB
		Attenuation at 3fo	47	51		
		Attenuation at 4fo	60	65		
		Attenuation at 5fo	66	72		
		Attenuation at 6fo	50	57		
		Attenuation at 7fo	46	50		

1.1 RF measurements (Rx balun)

Figure 1. **Insertion loss**

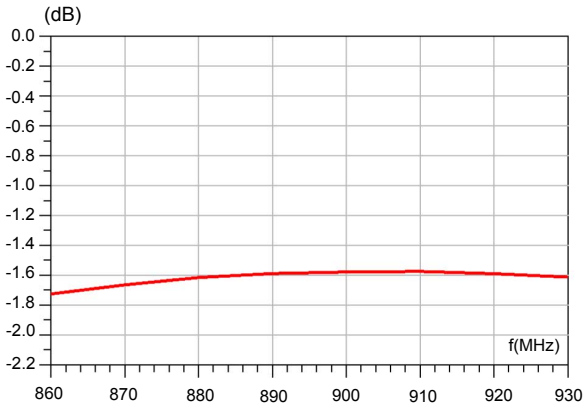


Figure 2. **Return loss on antenna**

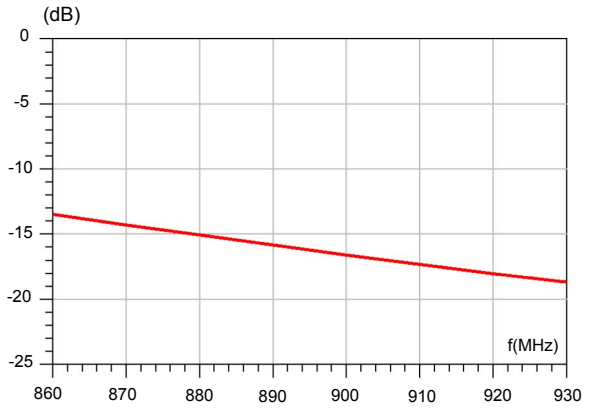


Figure 3. **Amplitude imbalance**

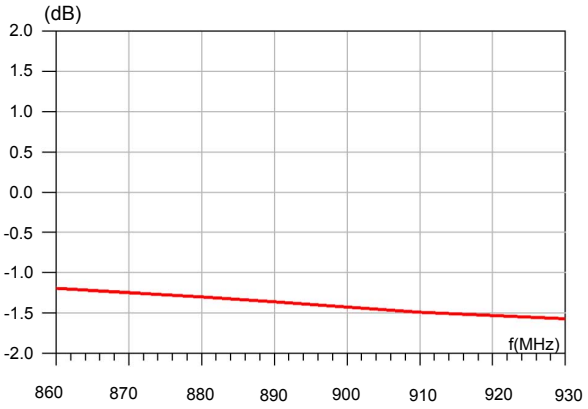
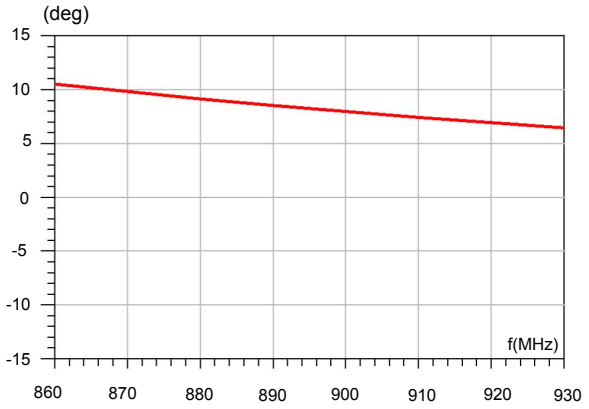


Figure 4. **Phase imbalance**



1.2 RF measurements (Tx filter)

Figure 5. Transmission

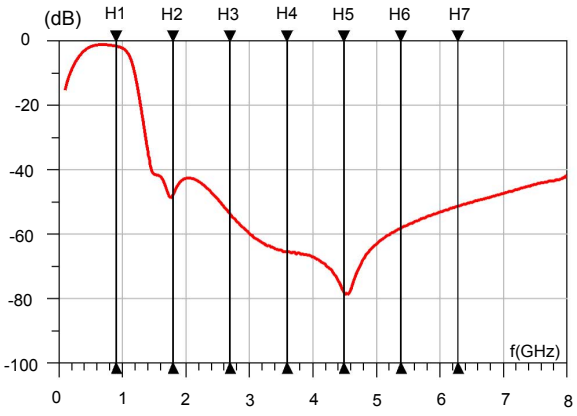


Figure 6. Insertion loss

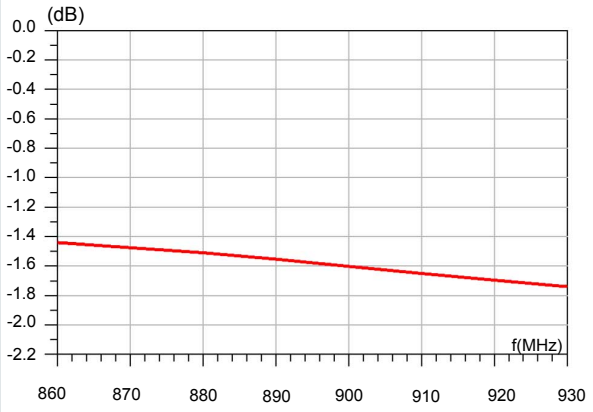
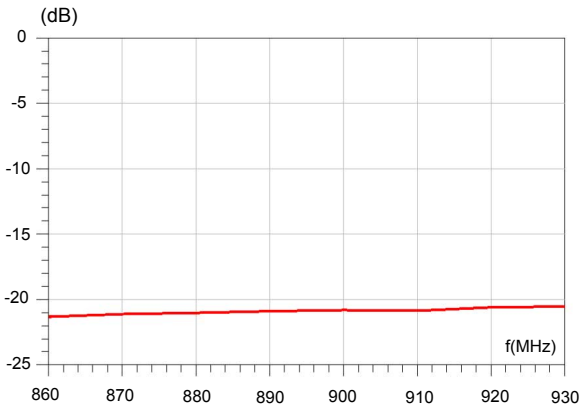
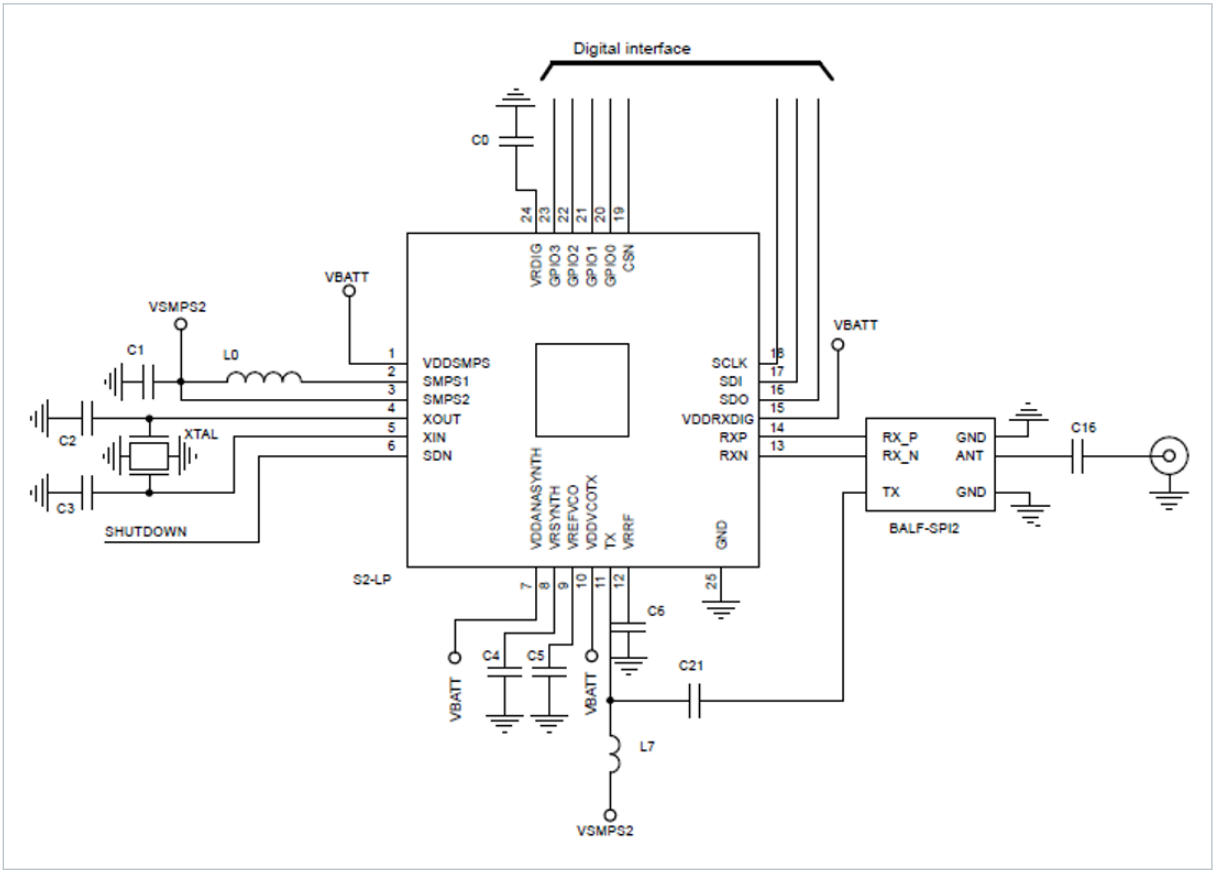


Figure 7. Return loss on antenna



1.3 ST S2-LP evaluation board with BALF-SPI2-01D3

Figure 8. Evaluation board with BALF-SPI2-01D3



2 Package information

In order to meet environmental requirements, ST offers these devices in different grades of ECOPACK® packages, depending on their level of environmental compliance. ECOPACK® specifications, grade definitions and product status are available at: www.st.com. ECOPACK® is an ST trademark.

2.1 Flip-Chip 6 bumps package information

Figure 9. Flip-Chip 6 bumps package outline (bottom and side view)

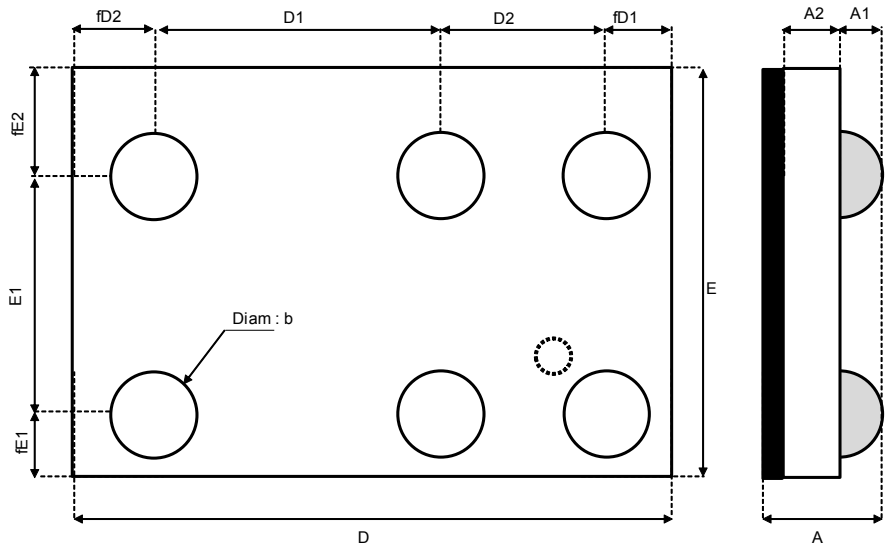


Table 4. Flip-Chip 6 bumps dimensions (in mm)

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A	0.580	0.630	0.680
A1	0.180	0.205	0.230
A2	0.380	0.400	0.420
b	0.230	0.255	0.280
D	2.050	2.100	2.150
D1		1.210	
D2		0.500	
E	1.500	1.550	1.600
E1		1.060	
fD1		0.195	
fD2		0.195	
fE1		0.195	
fE2		0.295	

2.2 Flip-chip 6 bumps packing information

Figure 10. Marking

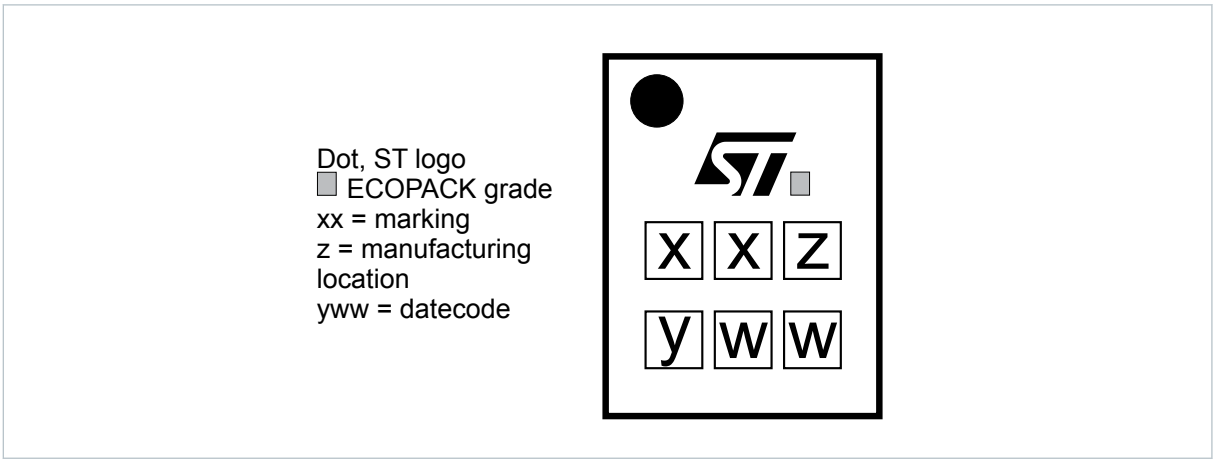
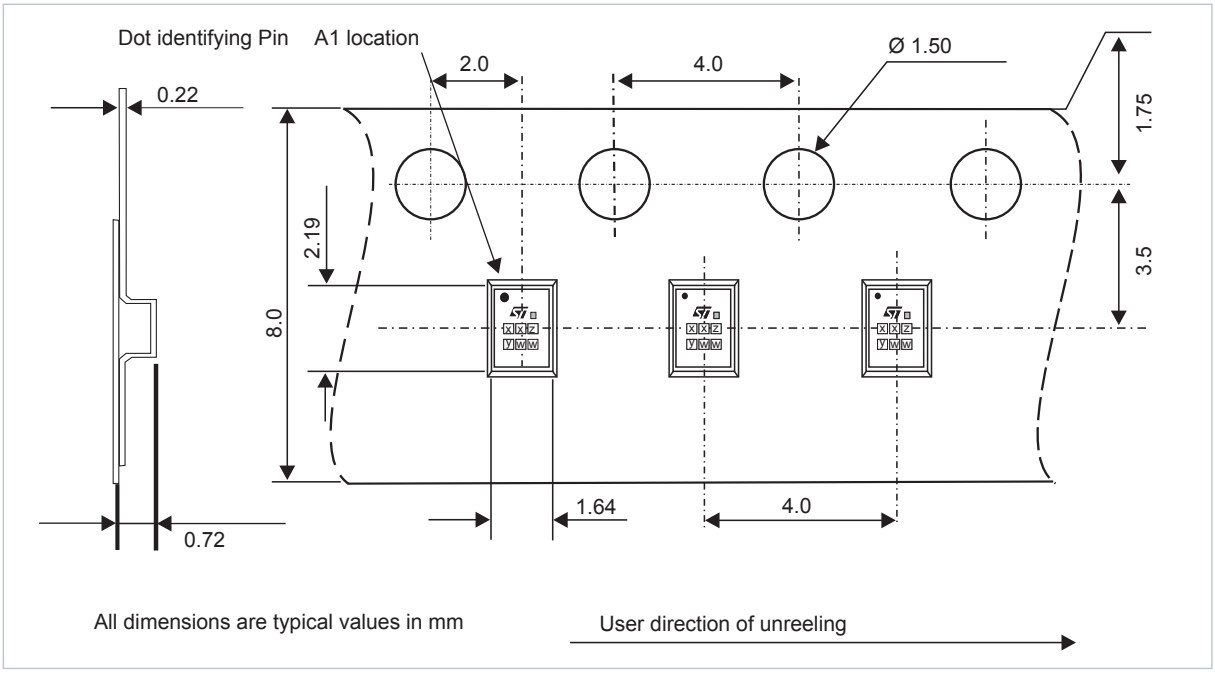


Figure 11. Flip Chip tape and reel specifications



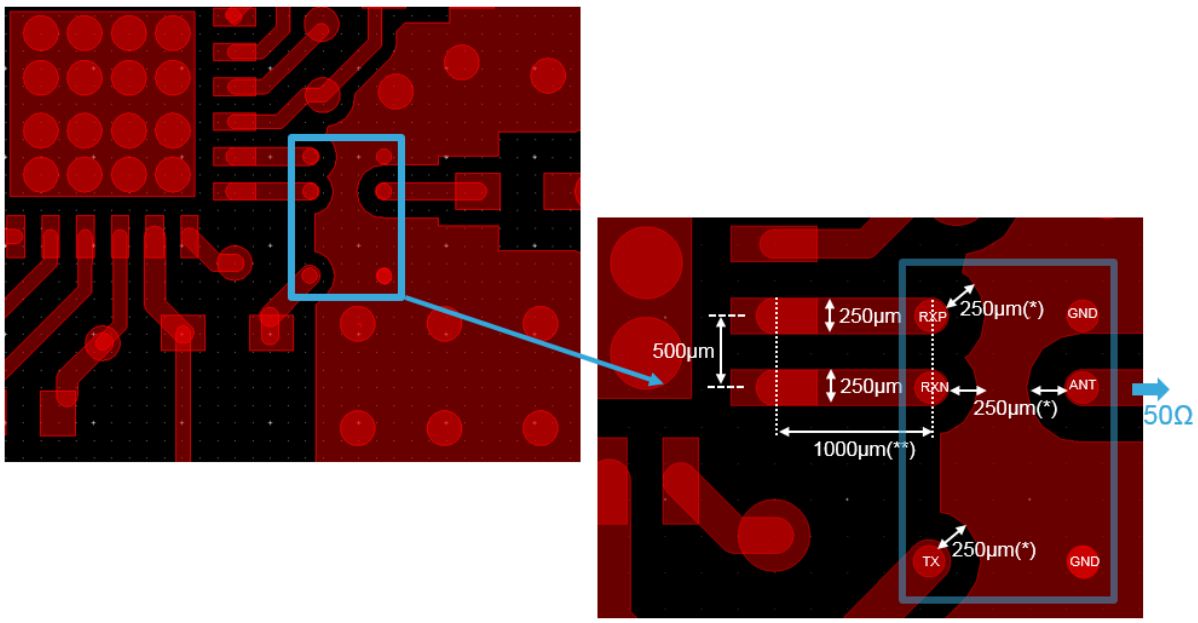
Note: More packing information is available in the application note:

- *AN2348 Flip-Chip: "Package description and recommendations for use"*

3 PCB assembly recommendations

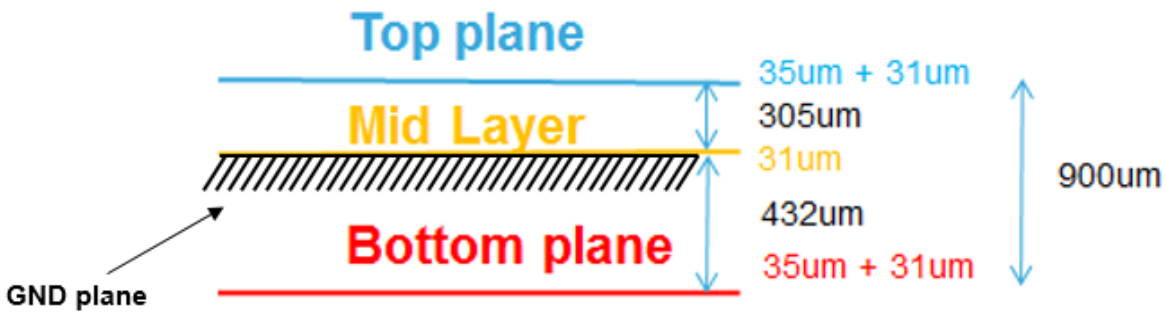
3.1 Land pattern

Figure 12. **Recommended balun land pattern**



Note: (*)Clearance 250 µm is needed to ensure good sensitivity.
(**)1000 µm length between S2-LP & balun (between center QFN pads to center IPD pads).

Figure 13. **PCB stack-up recommendations**



3.2 Stencil opening design

Figure 14. Footprint - 3 mils stencil -non solder mask defined

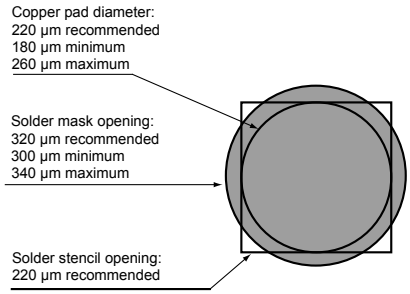


Figure 15. Footprint - 3 mils stencil - solder mask defined

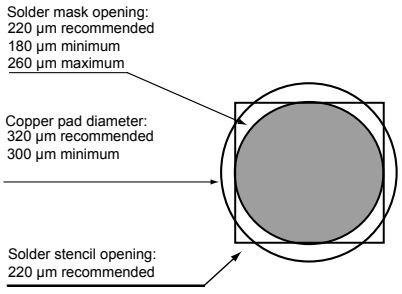


Figure 16. Footprint - 5 mils stencil -non solder mask defined

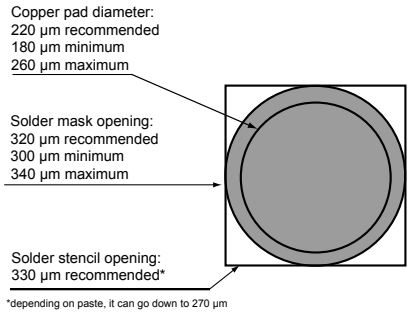
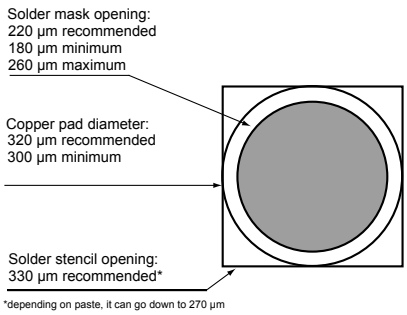


Figure 17. Footprint - 5 mils stencil - solder mask defined



3.3 Solder paste

1. Halide-free flux qualification ROL0 according to ANSI/J-STD-004.
2. “No clean” solder paste is recommended.
3. Offers a high tack force to resist component movement during high speed.
4. Use solder paste with fine particles: powder particle size 20-38 µm.

3.4 Placement

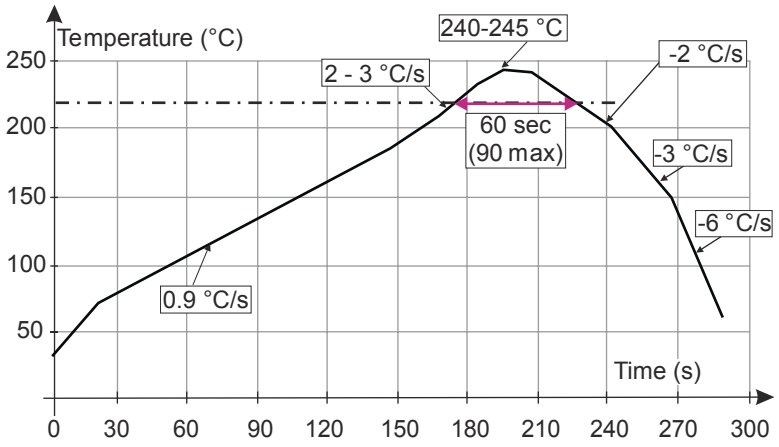
1. Manual positioning is not recommended.
2. It is recommended to use the lead recognition capabilities of the placement system, not the outline centering
3. Standard tolerance of ±0.05 mm is recommended.
4. 1.0 N placement force is recommended. Too much placement force can lead to squeezed out solder paste and cause solder joints to short. Too low placement force can lead to insufficient contact between package and solder paste that could cause open solder joints or badly centered packages.
5. To improve the package placement accuracy, a bottom side optical control should be performed with a high resolution tool.
6. For assembly, a perfect supporting of the PCB (all the more on flexible PCB) is recommended during solder paste printing, pick and place and reflow soldering by using optimized tools.

3.5 PCB design preference

1. To control the solder paste amount, the closed via is recommended instead of open vias.
2. The position of tracks and open vias in the solder area should be well balanced. A symmetrical layout is recommended, to avoid any tilt phenomena caused by asymmetrical solder paste due to solder flow away.

3.6 Reflow profile

Figure 18. ST ECOPACK® recommended soldering reflow profile for PCB mounting



Note: Minimize air convection currents in the reflow oven to avoid component movement.

4 Ordering information

Table 5. **Ordering information**

Order code	Marking	Package	Weight	Base qty.	Delivery mode
BALF-SPI2-01D3	TM	Flip-Chip 6 bumps	3.4 mg	5000	Tape and reel

Revision history

Table 6. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
08-Aug-2017	1	Initial release.
23-Feb-2018	2	Updated Section 1.1 RF measurements (Rx balun), Section 1.2 RF measurements (Tx filter) and Section 1.3 ST S2-LP evaluation board with BALF-SPI2-01D3. Updated Section 1 Characteristics. Updated Figure 9. Flip-Chip 6 bumps package outline (bottom and side view), Figure 12. Recommended balun land pattern and Figure 13. PCB stack-up recommendations.

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