

DATA SHEET

SKY65377-21: 450 MHz Transmit/Receive Front-End Module

Applications

- Automated meter reading
- Advanced metering infrastructure
- ISM systems
- Range extender

Features

- Range extender
- Transmit output power > +30 dBm
- High-efficiency PA
- Analog power control
- Integrated control logic
- Internal RF match and bias circuits
- All RF ports internally DC blocked
- Shutdown mode
- Small footprint, MCM (28-pin, 6 x 6 mm) package (MSL3, 260 °C per JEDEC J-STD-020)



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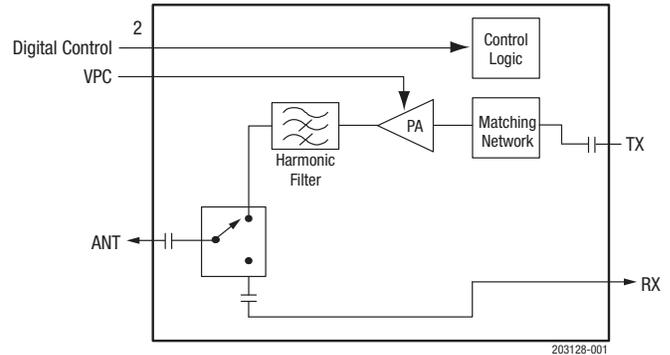


Figure 1. SKY65377-21 Block Diagram

Description

The SKY65377-21 is a high-performance, transmit/receive (T/R) front-end module (FEM). The device provides a complete T/R chain with T/R switches.

The device transmit chain features +30 dBm output power and a 40 percent Power Added Efficiency (PAE). The module also has a shutdown mode.

The device is mounted in a 28-pin, 6 x 6 mm Multi-Chip Module (MCM) surface-mount technology (SMT) package, which allows for a highly manufacturable low-cost solution.

A block diagram of the SKY65377-21 is shown in Figure 1. The device package and pinout for the 28-pin MCM are shown in Figure 2. Signal pin assignments and functional pin descriptions are provided in Table 1.

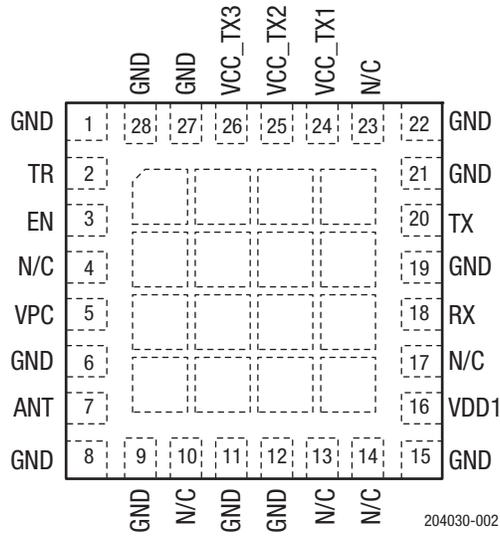


Figure 2. SKY65377-21 Pinout (Top View)

Table 1. SKY65377-21 Signal Descriptions

Pin	Name	Description	Pin	Name	Description
1	GND	Ground	15	GND	Ground
2	TR	Digital control input: transmit/receive mode	16	VDD1	3.6 V power supply
3	EN	Digital control input: shutdown mode	17	N/C	Not connected
4	N/C	Not connected	18	RX	Receive output
5	VPC	Transmit output power adjustment	19	GND	Ground
6	GND	Ground	20	TX	Transmit path input port. Internally matched to 50 Ω.
7	ANT	Antenna switch common port. Internally matched to 50 Ω.	21	GND	Ground
8	GND	Ground	22	GND	Ground
9	GND	Ground	23	N/C	Not connected
10	N/C	Not connected	24	VCC_TX1	3.6 V power supply
11	GND	Ground	25	VCC_TX2	3.6 V power supply
12	GND	Ground	26	VCC_TX3	3.6 V power supply
13	N/C	Not connected	27	GND	Ground
14	N/C	Not connected	28	GND	Ground

Technical Description

The SKY65377-21 consists of a complete T/R chain with T/R switches contained in the module. The module has a shutdown mode to minimize power consumption.

Two digital input pins (TR and EN) are used to select between transmit, receive, or shutdown mode.

Transmit Path

The transmit path contains a power amplifier (PA) optimized for saturated performance. The PA output is internally matched for optimum output power and efficiency into a 50 Ω load impedance. The PA output is passed through an harmonic filter before being fed through the switch. The PA input provides a good return loss into a 50 Ω source impedance.

Transmit output power is controlled by the VPC pin, which is normally set to 3.6 V DC voltage. The nominal DC input impedance into the VPC pin is 50 kΩ.

Operation Mode Control

The three operating modes are controlled by the two digital pins (TR and EN, pins 2 and 3, respectively). The control logic truth table is provided in Table 2.

Electrical and Mechanical Specifications

The absolute maximum ratings of the SKY65377-21 are provided in Table 3. Recommended operating conditions are specified in Table 4. Electrical specifications are provided in Tables 5, 6, and 7.

Table 2. SKY65377-21 Operating Modes Truth Table¹

Operating Mode	Control Voltage		Internal States	
	TR (Pin 2)	EN (Pin 3)	PA	T/R Switch
Transmit	1	1	On	TX
Receive	0	1	Off	RX
Shutdown ²	X	0	Off	Open

¹ See Recommended Operating Conditions (Table 4) for logic 0 and 1 characteristics. "X" = don't care state, defined as a valid state of logic 1 or 0. Control signals must be a valid logic 1 or 0. Performance is not guaranteed if control inputs are floated.

² In the high state, TR and EN have an input current of 33 μA due to an internal 100 kΩ pull-down resistance. For the lowest leakage current, the high state is not recommended for TR when the device is in shutdown mode (EN = 0).

Table 3. SKY65377-21 Absolute Maximum Ratings¹

Parameter	Symbol	Minimum	Maximum	Units
PA supply voltage	VCC_TX1/2/3	-0.3	+6.0	V
Digital supply voltage	VDD1	-0.5	+5.5	V
Digital control voltage (TR and EN)	VCTL	-0.5	VDD1 + 0.3	V
Transmit output power control voltage	VPC	-0.3	+5.0	V
Receive RF input power (ANT)	PIN_ANT		+33	dBm
Transmit RF input power	PIN_TX		+5	dBm
Operating case temperature ²	Tc	-40	+85	°C
Storage temperature	TSTG	-40	+150	°C
Junction temperature	TJ		+150	°C
Voltage standing wave ratio (ANT port)	VSWR		10:1	
Electrostatic discharge: Charged Device Model (CDM), Class 3 Human Body Model (HBM), Class 1A	ESD		1000 250	V V

¹ Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may reduce device reliability. There is no damage to device with only one parameter set at the limit and all other parameters set at or below their nominal value.

² Nominal thermal resistance, junction-to-case, is 18 °C/W.

ESD HANDLING: Although this device is designed to be as robust as possible, electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage this device. This device must be protected at all times from ESD when handling or transporting. Static charges may easily produce potentials of several kilovolts on the human body or equipment, which can discharge without detection. Industry-standard ESD handling precautions should be used at all times.

Table 4. SKY65377-21 Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Symbol	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
Frequency range	f	450		470	MHz
Digital supply voltage	VDD1	3.0	3.6	3.8	V
PA supply voltage	VCC_TX1/2/3	3.4	3.6	3.8	V
Digital input voltage (TR and EN): Logic 0 Logic 1	VCTL	0 1.6		0.7 VDD1	V V
Transmit output power control voltage	VPC	0	3.6	VDD1	V
Transmit RF input power (TX)	PIN_TX			+5	dBm
Transmit duty cycle				50	%

Table 5. SKY65377-21 DC Electrical Specifications¹
(VDD = VCC_TX1/2/3 = VPC = 3.6 V, Tc = 25 °C, No RF Input Power, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Quiescent current, receive mode	I _Q			40		μA
VDD1 quiescent current, transmit mode	I _{Q_VDD1}	VPC = 3.6 V		22	30	mA
VCC_TX1/2/3 operating current, transmit mode	I _{OP_TX}	P _{OUT} = +30 dBm, VPC = 3.6 V, f = 460 MHz		675	760	mA
VCC_TX1/2/3 quiescent current, transmit mode	I _{Q_TX}			25	55	mA
VCC_RX quiescent current, shutdown mode ²	I _{Q_SD_RX}			3.6		μA
VCC_TX1/2/3 quiescent current, shutdown mode ²	I _{Q_SD_TX}			0.6		μA
Digital input current ² :						
Logic 1	I _H			33		μA
Logic 0	I _L			0		μA

¹ Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table. Modes are established as indicated in Table 2.

² Not production tested.

Table 6. SKY65377-21 Electrical Specifications: Receive Mode¹
(VDD = VCC_TX1/2/3 = VPC = 3.6 V, Tc = 25 °C, f = 450 to 470 MHz, 50 Ω Source and Load Impedance, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Insertion loss	I _L			0.5	1.0	dB
Third order input intercept point ²	IIP3	P _{IN} = 0 dBm/tone, 200 kHz spacing		+30		dBm
Input return loss	S ₁₁			20		dB
Output return loss	S ₂₂			20		dB
Transition time ²	T			4.2		μs

¹ Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table. Modes are established as indicated in Table 2.

² Not production tested.

Table 7. SKY65377-21 Electrical Specifications: Transmit Mode¹
(VDD = VCC_TX1/2/3 = VPC = 3.6 V, P_{OUT} = +30 dBm, T_c = 25 °C, f = 450 to 470 MHz, 50 Ω Source and Load Impedance, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
<i>TX to ANT Path</i>						
Output power ²	P _{OUT}			30		dBm
Saturated signal gain	G _{SS}			29.5		dB
Output power control	P _{CTL}	VPC = 0 V to 3.6 V ³	40	50		dB
Power-added efficiency ⁴	PAE			40		%
2 nd to 10 th harmonic ⁵	2fo to 10fo	Without external filter		-60		dBc
Small signal input return loss	S ₁₁		8	16		dB
Non-harmonic spurious ⁴	P _{SPUR}	P _{OUT} = +30 dBm, load VSWR 6:1, all phases			-43	dBm
Power on time ⁴	T			2.6		μs

¹ Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table.

² Output power rated at the antenna output. PA output power is actually 1.5 dB higher.

³ Output power control is the difference between the output power at VPC = 3.6 V and VPC = 0 V.

⁴ Not production tested.

⁵ Only the 2nd to 5th harmonics have been production tested. The 6th to 10th harmonics are characterized only.

Evaluation Board Description

The SKY65377-21 Evaluation Board is used to test the performance of the SKY65377-21 T/R FEM. A typical application schematic diagram is provided in Figure 3. A low-pass filter (LPF) can be incorporated on the ANT port to provide additional rejection of PA output harmonic levels and/or limit unwanted signals from entering the receive path.

An Evaluation Board schematic diagram is provided in Figure 4. An assembly drawing for the Evaluation Board is shown in Figure 5, and the layer detail is provided in Figure 6.

PCB Recommendations

- Metal Layer 1 = RF traces + control lines. Core thickness between top RF layer and ground plane is critical.
- Metal Layer 2 = Solid ground plane. No traces routing.
- Metal Layer 3 and 4 = Control lines + VCC traces (no VCC plane).
- Pour copper on each layer connected to the ground plane. Use VCC traces in a star distribution pattern.
- Always use four layers.

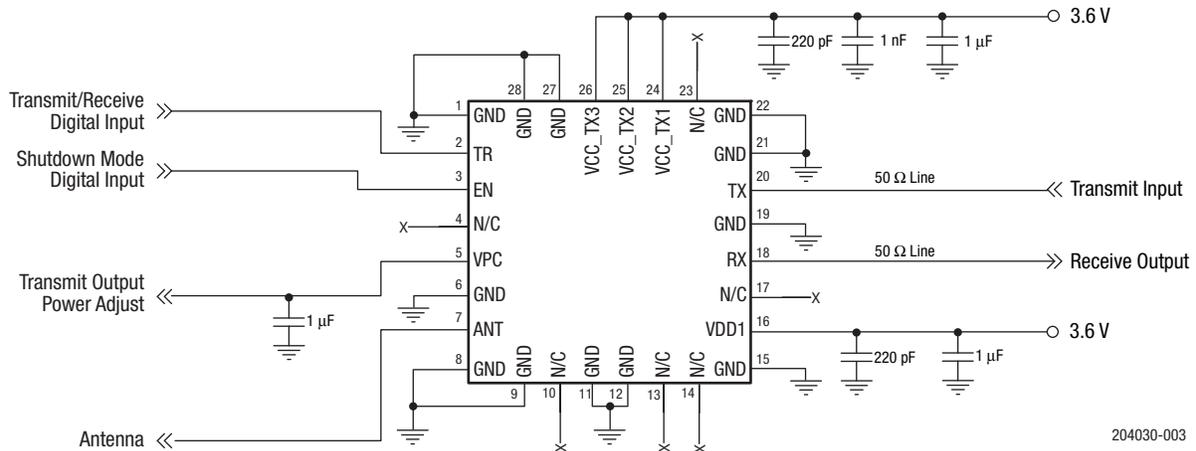
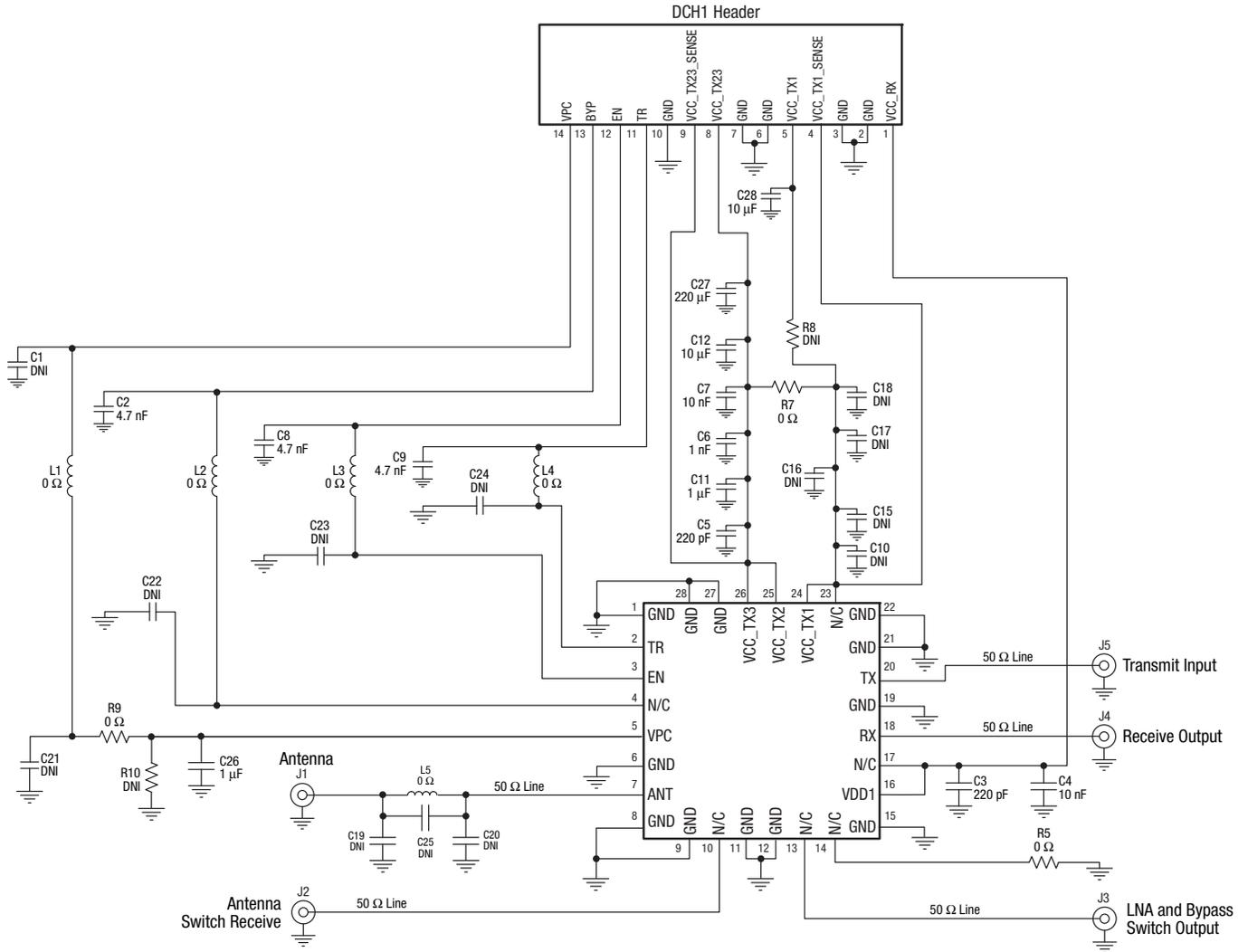


Figure 3. SKY65377-21 Typical Application Schematic



Note:

Some component labels may be different from the corresponding component symbol shown here.
Component values, however, are accurate as of the date of this data sheet.

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Figure 4. SKY65377-21 Evaluation Board Schematic

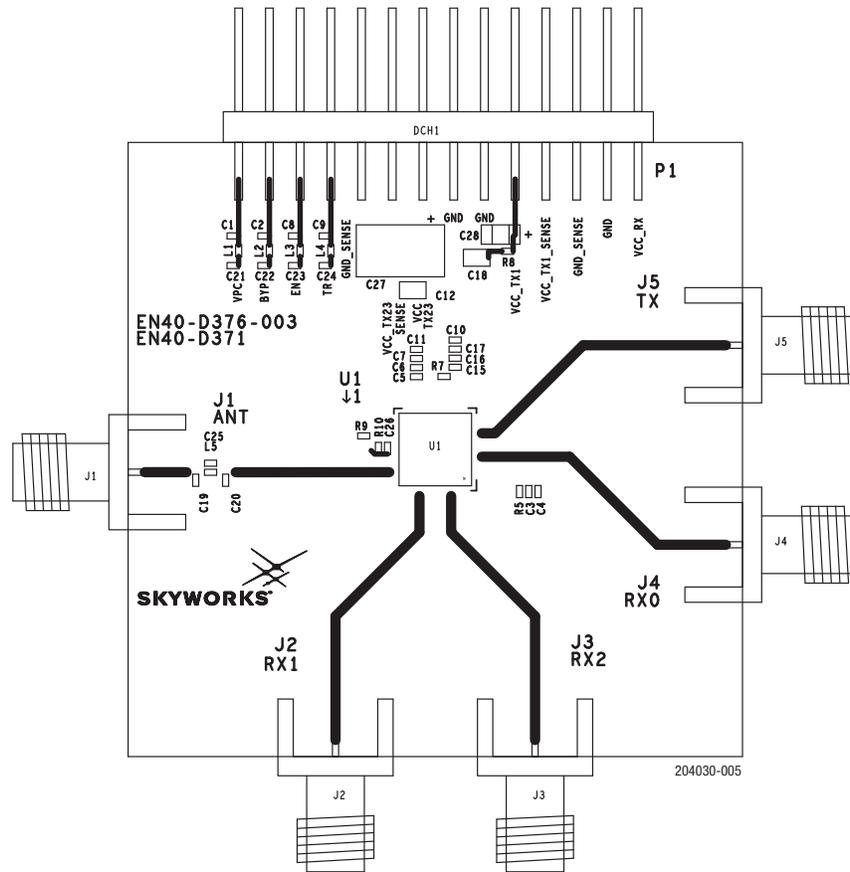
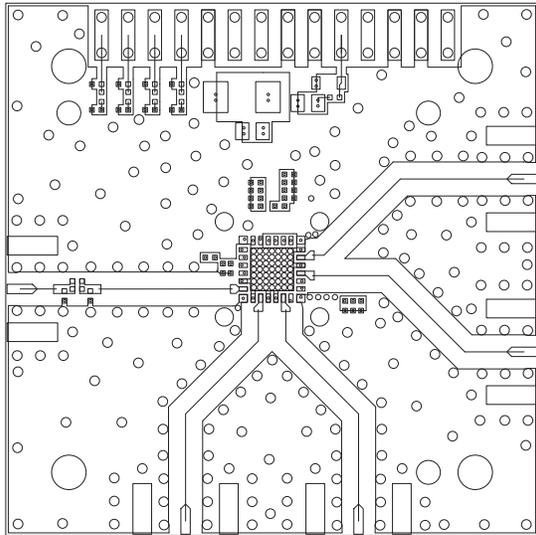
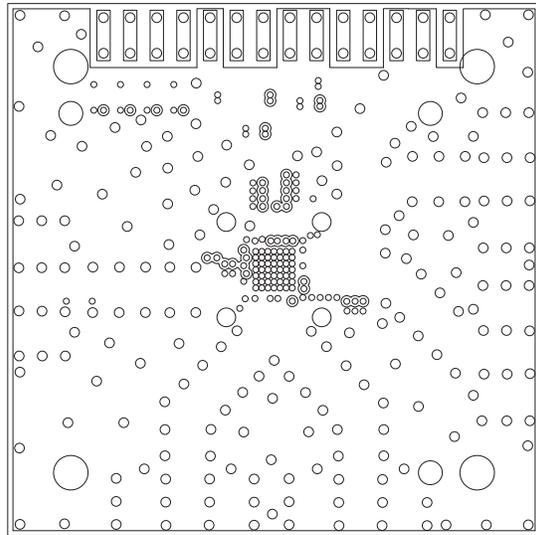


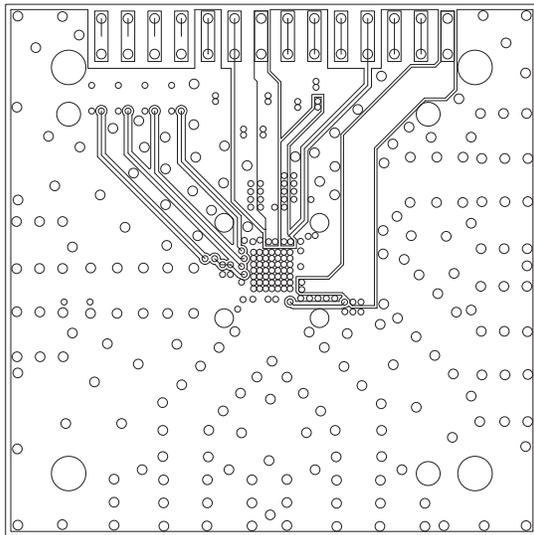
Figure 5. SKY65377-21 Evaluation Board Assembly Diagram



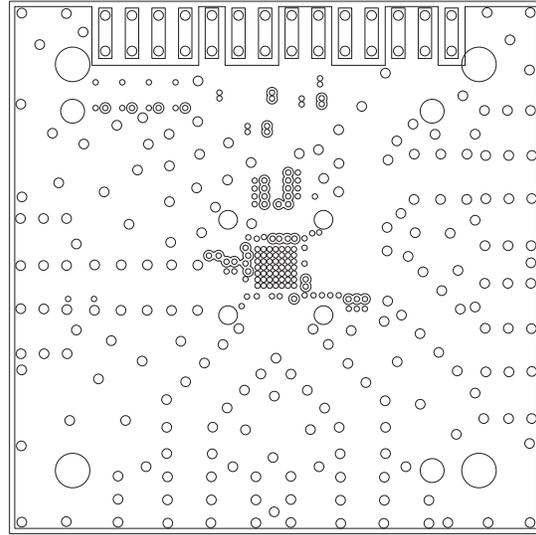
Layer 1: Top – Metal



Layer 2: Ground



Layer 3: Ground



Layer 4: Solid Ground Plane

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Figure 6. SKY65377-21 Evaluation Board Layer Detail

Package Dimensions

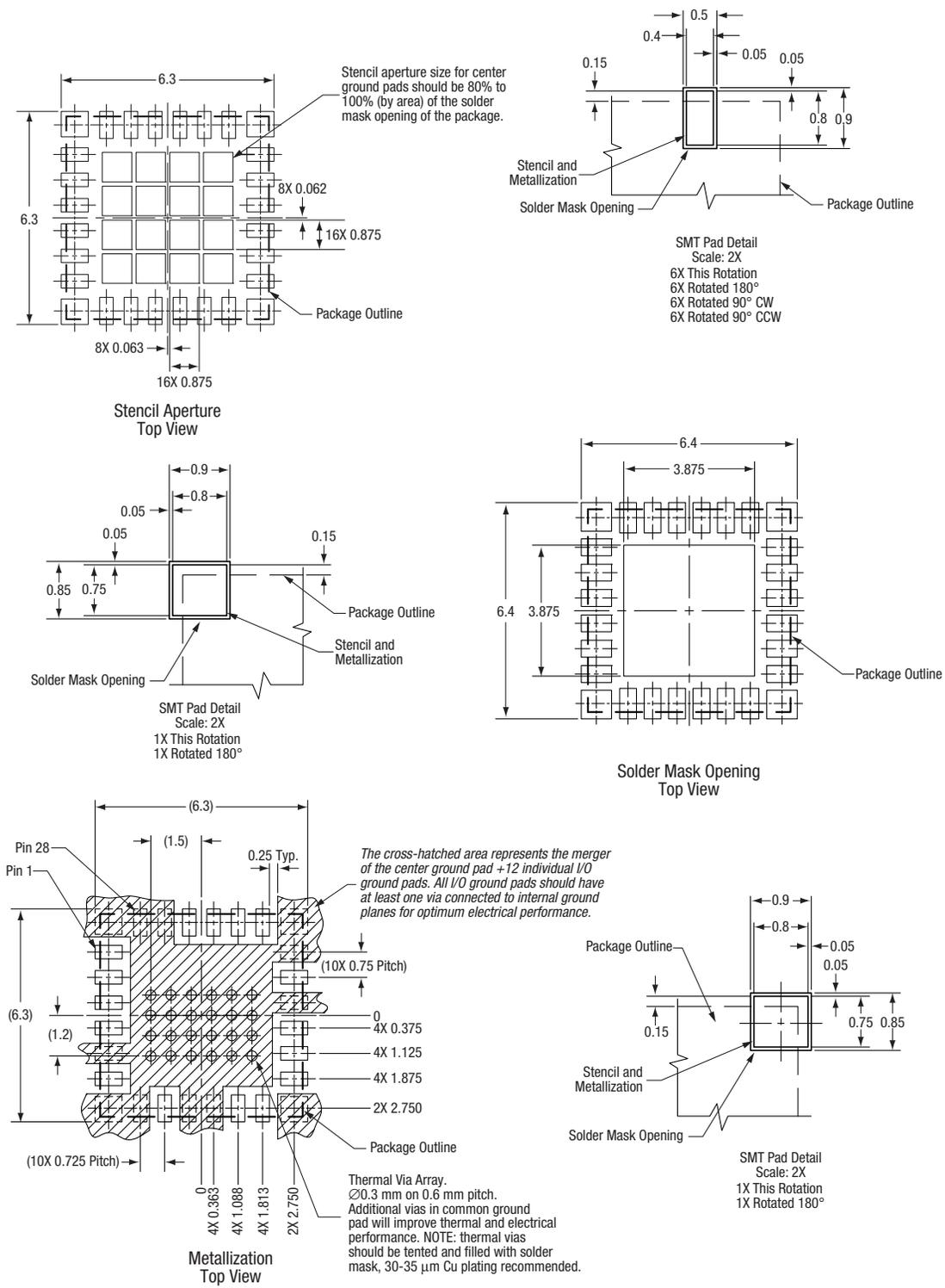
The layout footprint drawing is shown in Figure 7. Package dimensions are shown in Figure 8, and tape and reel dimensions are provided in Figure 9.

Package and Handling Information

Since the device package is sensitive to moisture absorption, it is baked and vacuum packed before shipping. Instructions on the shipping container label regarding exposure to moisture after the container seal is broken must be followed. Otherwise, problems related to moisture absorption may occur when the part is subjected to high temperature during solder assembly.

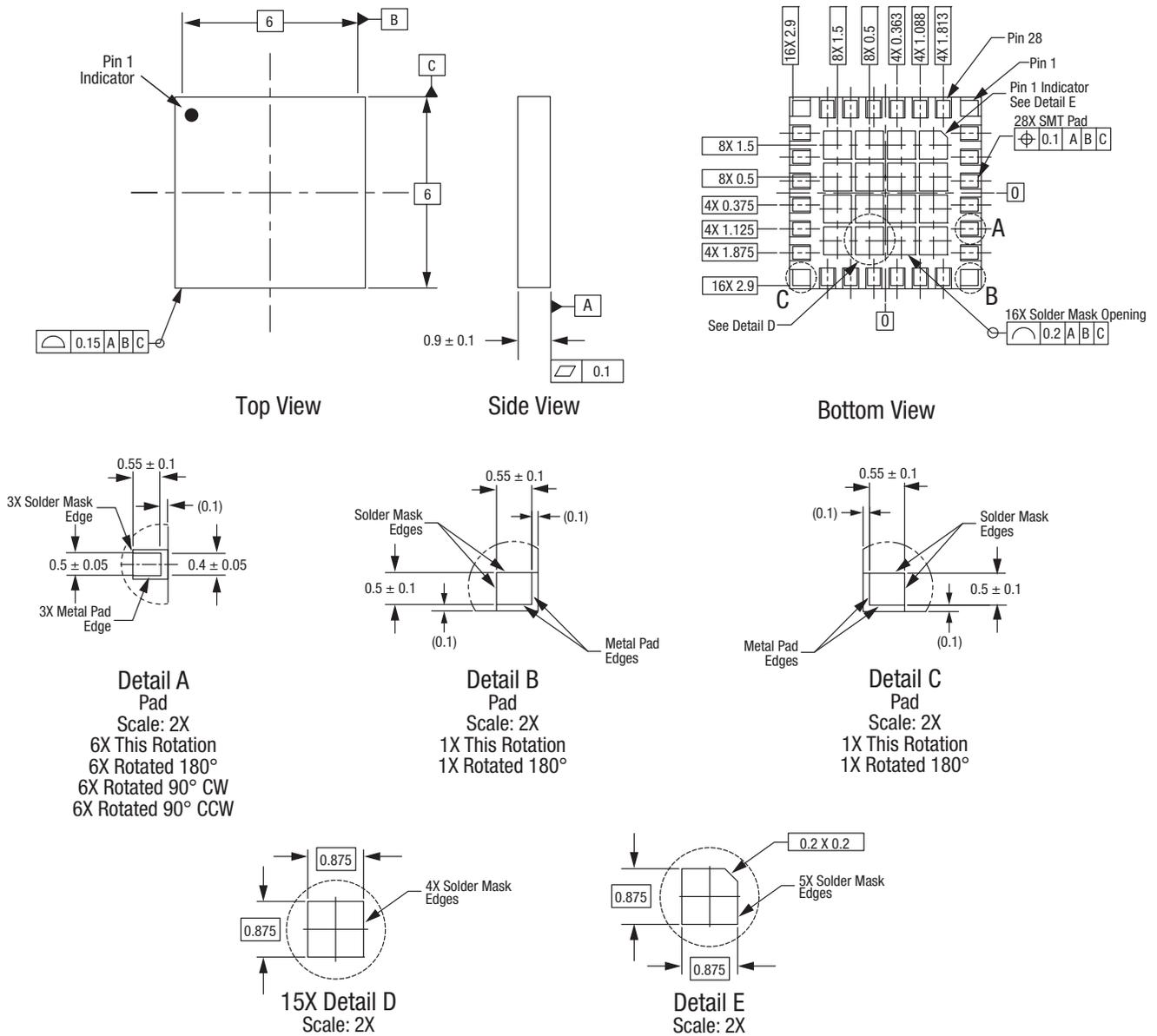
The SKY65377-21 is rated to Moisture Sensitivity Level 3 (MSL3) at 260 °C. It can be used for lead or lead-free soldering. For additional information, refer to Skyworks Application Note, *PCB Design and SMT Assembly/Rework Guidelines for MCM-L Packages*, document number 101752.

Care must be taken when attaching this product, whether it is done manually or in a production solder reflow environment. Production quantities of this product are shipped in a standard tape and reel format.



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Figure 7. SKY65377-21 PCB Footprint Drawing



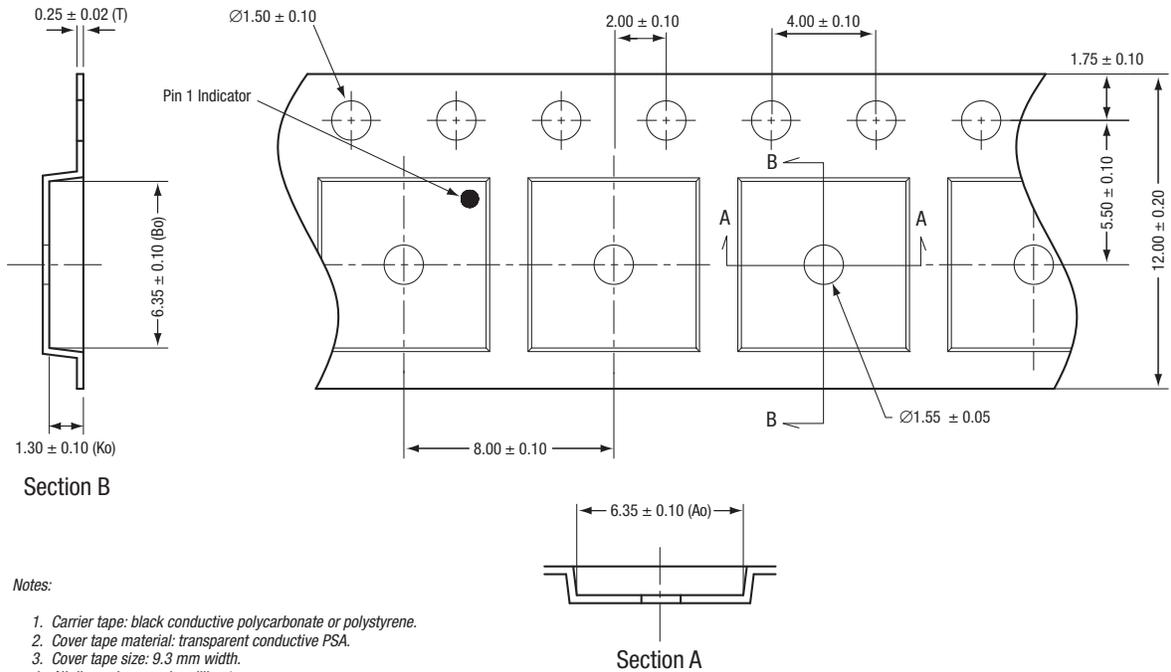
Notes:

1. All measurements are in millimeters.
2. Dimensions and tolerances according to ASME Y14.5M-1994.

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Figure 8. SKY65377-21 Package Dimensions

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Notes:

1. Carrier tape: black conductive polycarbonate or polystyrene.
2. Cover tape material: transparent conductive PSA.
3. Cover tape size: 9.3 mm width.
4. All dimensions are in millimeters.
5. ESD-surface resistivity is $\leq 1 \times 10^{10}$ Ohms/square per EIA, JEDEC TNR Specification.

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Figure 9. SKY65377-21 Tape and Reel Dimensions

Ordering Information

Model Name	Manufacturing Part Number	Evaluation Board Part Number
SKY65377-21: T/R Front-End Module	SKY65377-21	SKY65377-21-EK1

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