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# 1　Introduction

This document describes SIM900D hardware interface in great detail.

This document can help user to quickly understand SIM900D interface specifications, electrical and mechanical details. With the help of this document and other SIM900D application notes, user guide, users can use SIM900D to design various applications quickly.

# 2　SIM900D Overview

Designed for global market, SIM900D is a quad-band GSM/GPRS module that works on frequencies GSM 850MHz, EGSM 900MHz, DCS 1800MHz and PCS 1900MHz. SIM900D features GPRS multi-slot class 10/ class 8 (optional) and supports the GPRS coding schemes CS-1, CS-2, CS-3 and CS-4.

With a tiny configuration of 33*33*3mm, SIM900D can meet almost all the space requirements in user applications, such as M2M, smart phone, PDA, FWP, and other mobile devices.

SIM900D has 48 SMT pads, and provides all hardware interfaces between the module and customers' boards.

- Serial port and debug port can help user easily develop user's applications.
- Audio channel which includes two microphone inputs and two receiver outputs.
- Programmable general purpose input and output.
- The SPI display interface will give users the flexibility to develop customized applications.

SIM900D is designed with power saving technique so that the current consumption is as low as 1.0mA in sleep mode.

SIM900D integrates TCP/IP protocol and extended TCP/IP AT commands which are very useful for data transfer applications. For details about TCP/IP applications, please refer to *document [2]*.

## 2.1　SIM900D Key Features

**Table 1: SIM900D key features**

| Feature | Implementation |
|---|---|
| Power supply | 3.2V ~ 4.8V |
| Power saving | Typical power consumption in sleep mode is 1.0mA（BS-PA-MFRMS=9） |
| Frequency bands | <ul><li>SIM900D Quad-band: GSM 850, EGSM 900, DCS 1800, PCS 1900. SIM900D can search the 4 frequency bands automatically. The frequency bands also can be set by AT command "AT+CBAND". For details, please refer to *document [1]*.</li><li>Compliant to GSM Phase 2/2+</li></ul> |
| Transmitting power | <ul><li>Class 4 (2W) at GSM 850 and EGSM 900</li><li>Class 1 (1W) at DCS 1800 and PCS 1900</li></ul> |
| GPRS connectivity | <ul><li>GPRS multi-slot class 10（default）</li></ul> |

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|---|---|
| | ● GPRS multi-slot class 8 (option) |
| Temperature range | ● Normal operation: -30°C ~ +80°C<br>● Restricted operation: -40°C ~ -30°C and +80 °C ~ +85°C*<br>● Storage temperature -45°C ~ +90°C |
| Data GPRS | ● GPRS data downlink transfer: max. 85.6 kbps<br>● GPRS data uplink transfer: max. 42.8 kbps<br>● Coding scheme: CS-1, CS-2, CS-3 and CS-4<br>● Integrate the TCP/IP protocol.<br>● Support Packet Broadcast Control Channel (PBCCH) |
| CSD | ● Support CSD transmission |
| USSD | ● Unstructured Supplementary Services Data (USSD) support |
| SMS | ● MT, MO, CB, Text and PDU mode<br>● SMS storage: SIM card |
| FAX | Group 3 Class 1 |
| SIM interface | Support SIM card: 1.8V, 3V |
| External antenna | Antenna pad |
| Audio features | Speech codec modes:<br>● Half Rate (ETS 06.20)<br>● Full Rate (ETS 06.10)<br>● Enhanced Full Rate (ETS 06.50 / 06.60 / 06.80)<br>● Adaptive multi rate (AMR)<br>● Echo Cancellation<br>● Noise Suppression |
| Serial port and<br>debug port | **Serial port:**<br>● Full modem interface with status and control lines, unbalanced, asynchronous.<br>● 1200bps to 115200bps.<br>● Can be used for AT commands or data stream.<br>● Support RTS/CTS hardware handshake and software ON/OFF flow control.<br>● Multiplex ability according to GSM 07.10 Multiplexer Protocol.<br>● Autobauding supports baud rate from 1200 bps to 57600bps.<br>**Debug port:**<br>● Null modem interface DBG_TXD and DBG_RXD.<br>● Can be used for debugging and upgrading firmware. |
| Phonebook management | Support phonebook types: SM, FD, LD, RC, ON, MC. |
| SIM application toolkit | GSM 11.14 Release 99 |
| Real time clock | Support RTC |
| Physical characteristics | Size: 33*33*3mm<br>Weight: 6.2g |
| Firmware upgrade | Firmware upgradeable by debug port. |

*SIM900D does work at this temperature, but some radio frequency characteristics may deviate from the GSM specification.

**Table 2: Coding schemes and maximum net data rates over air interface**

| Coding scheme | 1 timeslot | 2 timeslot | 4 timeslot |
|---|---|---|---|
| CS-1 | 9.05kbps | 18.1kbps | 36.2kbps |
| CS-2 | 13.4kbps | 26.8kbps | 53.6kbps |
| CS-3 | 15.6kbps | 31.2kbps | 62.4kbps |
| CS-4 | 21.4kbps | 42.8kbps | 85.6kbps |

## 2.2 Operating Modes

The table below summarizes the various operating modes of SIM900D.

**Table 3: Overview of operating modes**

| Mode | Function | |
|---|---|---|
| Normal operation | GSM/GPRS SLEEP | Module will automatically go into sleep mode if the conditions of sleep mode are enabling and there is no on air and no hardware interrupt (such as GPIO interrupt or data on serial port). In this case, the current consumption of module will reduce to the minimal level. In sleep mode, the module can still receive paging message and SMS. |
| | GSM IDLE | Software is active. Module registered to the GSM network, and the module is ready to communicate. |
| | GSM TALK | Connection between two subscribers is in progress. In this case, the power consumption depends on network settings such as DTX off/on, FR/EFR/HR, hopping sequences, antenna. |
| | GPRS STANDBY | Module is ready for GPRS data transfer, but no data is currently sent or received. In this case, power consumption depends on network settings and GPRS configuration. |
| | GPRS DATA | There is GPRS data transfer (PPP or TCP or UDP) in progress. In this case, power consumption is related with network settings (e.g. power control level); uplink/downlink data rates and GPRS configuration (e.g. used multi-slot settings). |
| Power down | | Normal power down by sending the AT command "AT+CPOWD=1" or using the PWRKEY. The power management unit shuts down the power supply for the baseband part of the module, and only the power supply for the RTC is remained. Software is not active. The serial port is not accessible. Power supply (connected to VBAT) remains applied. |
| Minimum functionality mode | | AT command "AT+CFUN" can be used to set the module to a minimum functionality mode without removing the power supply. In this mode, the RF part of the module will not work or the SIM card will not be accessible, or both RF part and SIM card will be closed, and the serial port is still accessible. The power consumption in this mode is lower than normal mode. |
| Charge-only mode | | The module will systematically enter Charge-only mode when a charger and battery are connected to a switched-off SIM900D. In the mode, the module does not search for network and has limited AT commands available. The module also can enter Charge-only mode from Charge mode during normal operation by normally shutdown the module. |

| Charge mode during normal operation | The module will automatically go to this mode when a charger is connected to a Normal operation mode module of which battery voltage is not lower than 3.2V. Normal operation mode includes: SLEEP, IDLE, TALK, GPRS IDLE and GPRS DATA. |
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## 2.3 SIM900D Functional Diagram

The following figure shows a functional diagram of SIM900D:

- The GSM baseband engine
- Flash
- The GSM radio frequency part
- The antenna interface
- The other interfaces
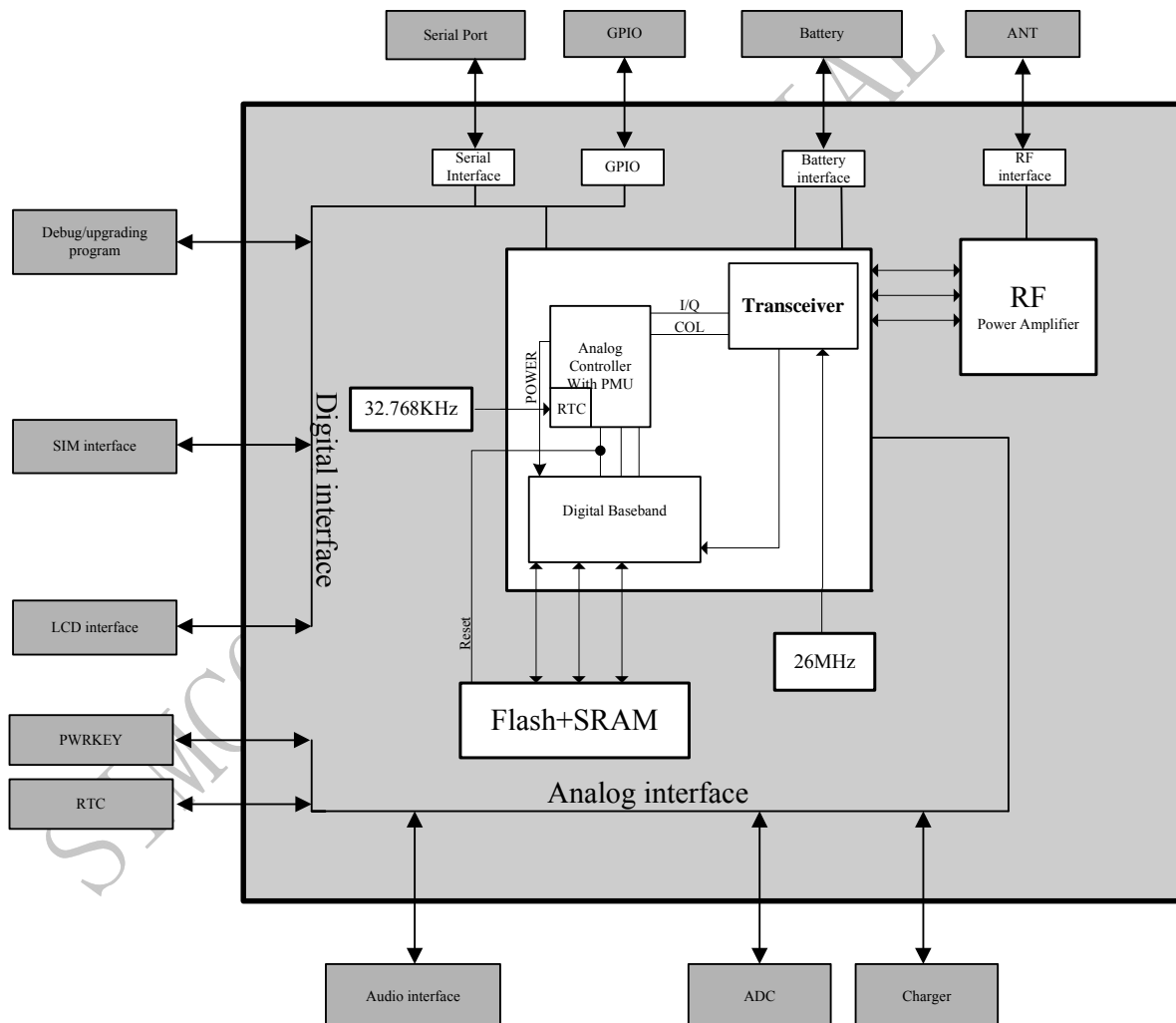


**Figure 1: SIM900D functional diagram**

# 3 Package Information

## 3.1 Pin out Diagram
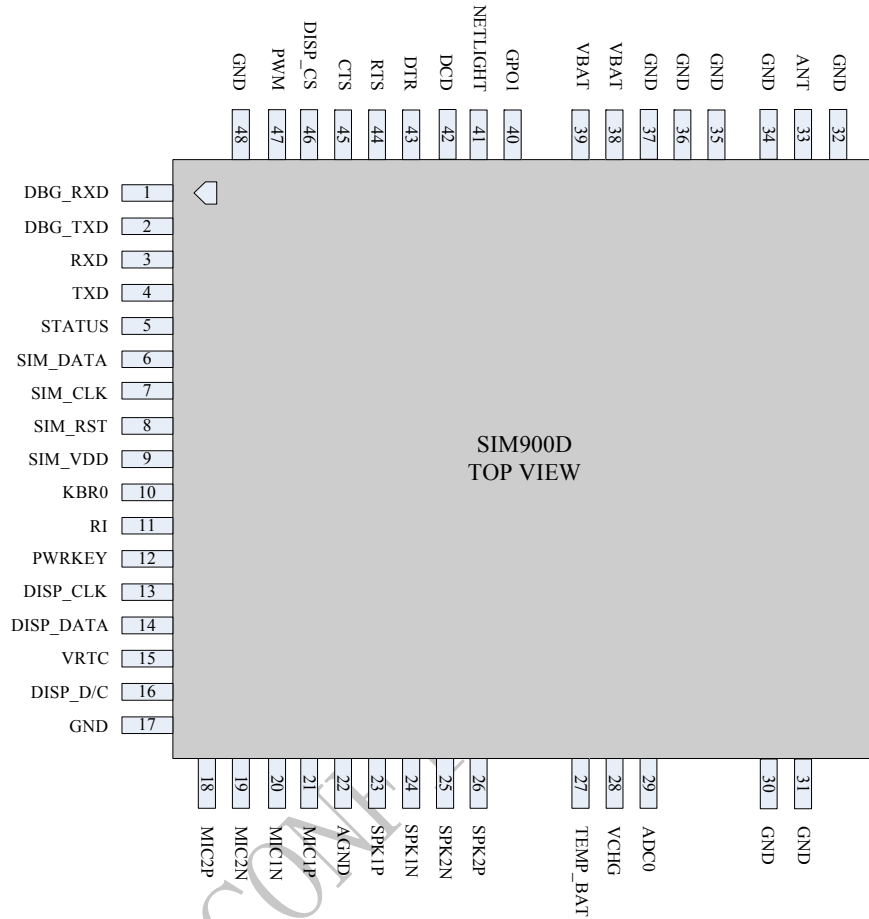


**Figure 2: SIM900D pin out diagram (Top view)**

## 3.2  Pin Description

**Table 4: Pin description**

| Pin name | Pin number | I/O | Description | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Power supply** | | | | |
| VBAT | 38,39 | I | Power supply | |
| VRTC | 15 | I/O | Power supply for RTC | It is recommended to connect with a battery or a capacitor (e.g. 4.7uF). |
| AGND | 22 | | Analog GND | |
| GND | 17,30,31,32, 34,35,36,37, 48 | | Ground | |
| **Power on/down** | | | | |
| PWRKEY | 12 | I | PWRKEY should be pulled low at least 1 second and then released to power on/down the module. | Pulled up internally. |
| **Audio interfaces** | | | | |
| MIC1P | 21 | I | Differential audio input | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| MIC1N | 20 | I | Differential audio input | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| SPK1P | 23 | O | Differential audio output | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| SPK1N | 24 | O | Differential audio output | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| MIC2P | 18 | I | Differential audio input | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| MIC2N | 19 | I | Differential audio input | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| SPK2P | 26 | O | Differential audio output | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| SPK2N | 25 | O | Differential audio output | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| **Status** | | | | |
| STATUS | 5 | O | Power on status | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| NETLIGHT | 41 | O | Network status | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| **LCD interface** | | | | |
| DISP _CLK | 13 | O | Display interface | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| DISP_DATA | 14 | I/O | Display interface | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| DISP _D/C | 16 | O | Display interface | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| DISP _CS | 46 | O | Display interface | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| **GPIOs** | | | | |
| GPO1 | 40 | I/O | GPIO | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| KBR0 | 10 | I/O | GPIO | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| **Serial port** | | | | |
| RXD | 3 | I | Receive data | This pin should be pulled up to 3V externally. |
| TXD | 4 | O | Transmit data | If these pins are unused, |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RTS | 44 | I | Request to send | keep open. |
| CTS | 45 | O | Clear to send | |
| DCD | 42 | O | Data carrier detect | |
| RI | 11 | O | Ring indicator | |
| DTR | 43 | I | Data terminal ready | |
| **Debug interface** | | | | |
| DBG_TXD | 2 | O | For debugging and upgrading firmware | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| DBG_RXD | 1 | I | | |
| **SIM interface** | | | | |
| SIM_VDD | 9 | O | Voltage supply for SIM card. Support 1.8V or 3V SIM card | All signals of SIM interface should be protected against ESD with a TVS diode array. |
| SIM_DATA | 6 | I/O | SIM data input/output | |
| SIM_CLK | 7 | O | SIM clock | |
| SIM_RST | 8 | O | SIM reset | |
| **ADC** | | | | |
| ADC0 | 29 | I | Input voltage range: 0V ~ 2.8V | If it is unused, keep open. |
| **Pulse width modulation( PWM )** | | | | |
| PWM | 47 | O | PWM | If these pins are unused, keep open. |
| **RF interface** | | | | |
| ANT | 33 | I/O | Radio antenna connection | Impendence must be controlled to 50Ω. |
| **Charging** | | | | |
| VCHG | 28 | I | Charger input | These pins should be kept open. |
| TEMP_BAT | 27 | I | Battery temperature sensor | If it is unused, keep open. |

## 3.3    Package Dimensions

Following shows the Mechanical dimensions of SIM900D (top view, side view and bottom view).
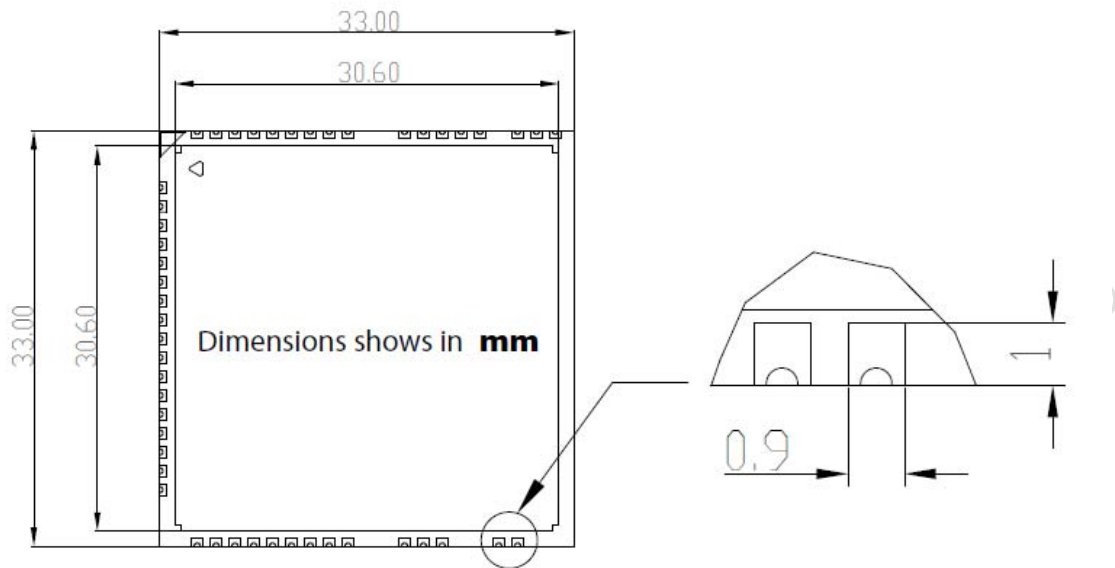


**Figure 3: SIM900D top mechanical dimensions (Unit: mm)**
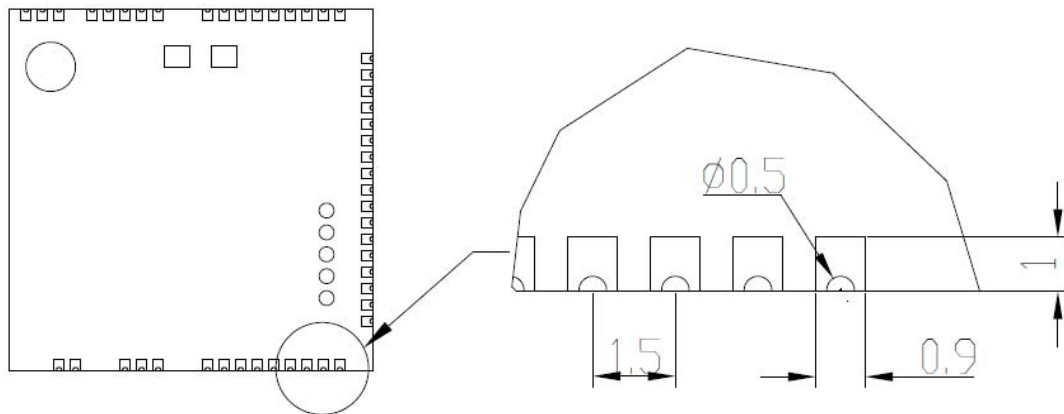


**Figure 4: SIM900D bottom mechanical dimensions (Unit: mm)**
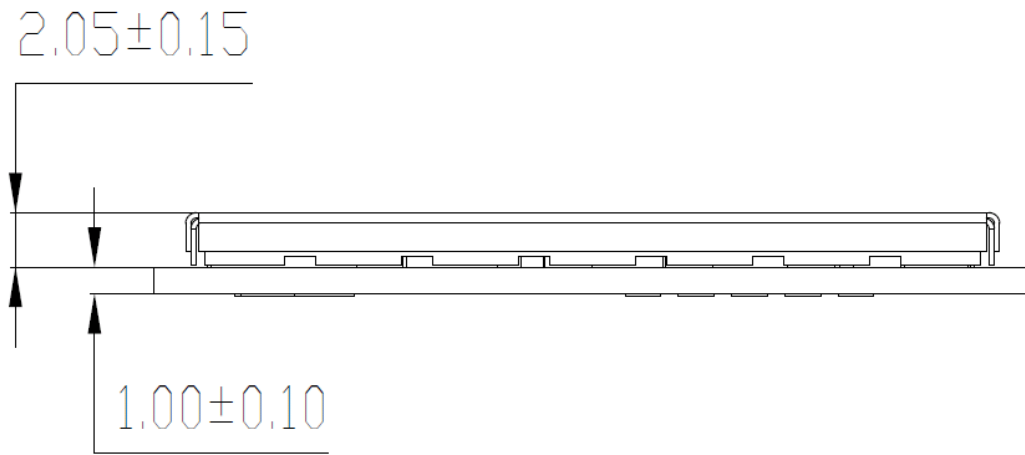
**Figure 5: SIM900D side mechanical dimensions (Unit: mm)**

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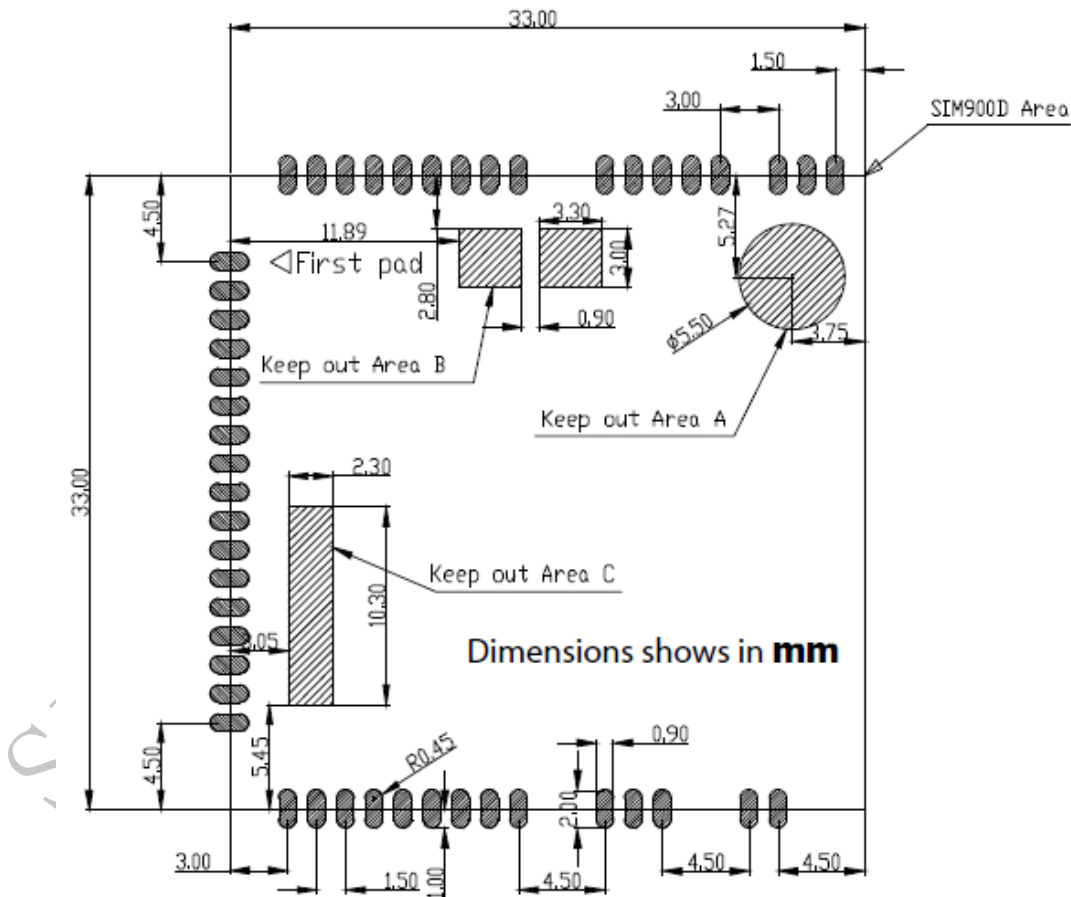


**Figure 6: Recommended PCB decal (Unit: mm)**

*Note: Keep copper out of area A,B,C. Do not place via in area A, B and C to avoid short circuit between via on customer board and the test points on the bottom side of the module.*

# 4   Application Interface

## 4.1   Power Supply

The power supply range of SIM900D is from 3.2V to 4.8V. The transmitting burst will cause voltage drop and the power supply must be able to provide sufficient current up to 2A. For the VBAT input, a bypass capacitor (low ESR) such as a 100 μF is strongly recommended; this capacitor should be placed as close as possible to SIM900D VBAT pins. The following figure is the reference design of +5V input power supply. The designed output for the power supply is 4.1V, thus a linear regulator can be used.
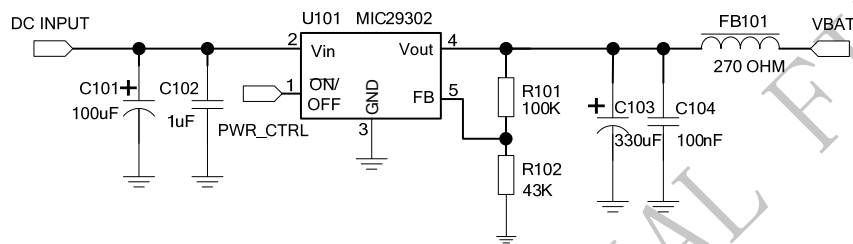
**Figure 7: Reference circuit of the LDO power supply**

If there is a high drop-out between the input and the desired output (VBAT), a DC-DC power supply will be preferable because of its better efficiency especially with the 2A peak current in burst mode of the module. The following figure is the reference circuit.
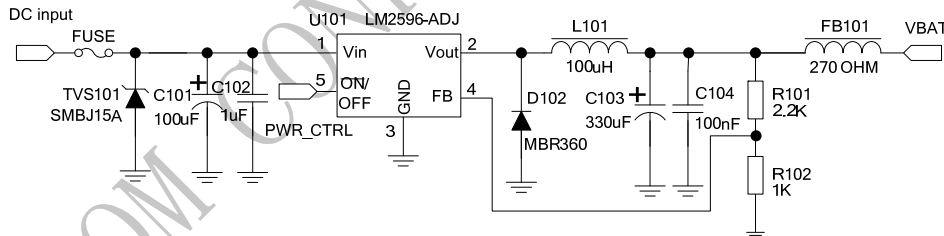
**Figure 8: Reference circuit of the DC-DC power supply**

The single 3.6V Li-ion cell battery can be connected to SIM900D VBAT pins directly. But the Ni-Cd or Ni-MH battery must be used carefully, since their maximum voltage can rise over the absolute maximum voltage of the module and damage it.

When battery is used, the total impedance between battery and VBAT pins should be less than 150mΩ.
The following figure shows the VBAT voltage drop at the maximum power transmit phase, and the test condition is as following:

> VBAT=4.0V,
> A VBAT bypass capacitor $C_A$=100μF tantalum capacitor (ESR=0.7Ω),
> Another VBAT bypass capacitor $C_B$=1μF.
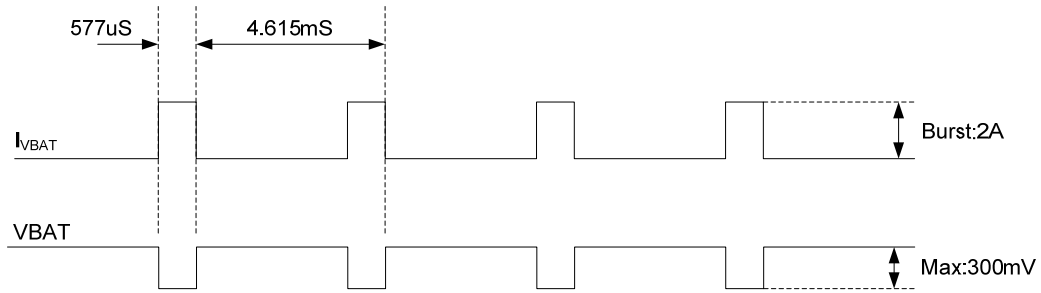
**Figure 9: VBAT voltage drop during transmit burst**

### 4.1.1    Minimizing Voltage Drop of VBAT

When designing the power supply in user's application, pay special attention to power losses. Ensure that the input voltage never drops below 3.1V even when current consumption rises to 2A in the transmit burst. If the power voltage drops below 3.1V, the module may be shut down automatically. The PCB traces from the VBAT pins to the power supply must be wide enough (at least 60mil) to decrease voltage drops in the transmit burst. The power IC and the bypass capacitor should be placed to the module as close as possible.
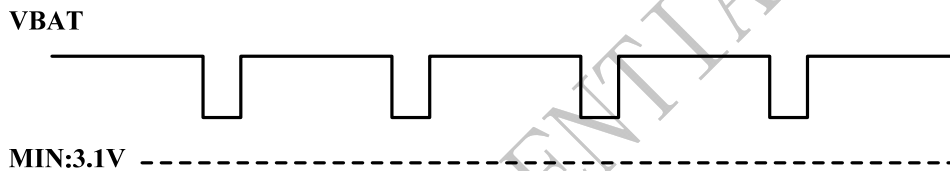


**Figure 10: The minimal VBAT voltage requirement at VBAT drop**

### 4.1.2    Monitoring Power Supply

The AT command "AT+CBC" can be used to monitor the VBAT voltage. For detail, please refer to *document [1]*.

## 4.2    Power on/down Scenarios

### 4.2.1    Power on SIM900D

#### 4.2.1.1    Turn on SIM900D Using the PWRKEY Pin (Power on)

User can power on SIM900D by pulling down the PWRKEY pin for at least 1 second and release. This pin is already pulled up to 3V in the module internal, so external pull up is not necessary. Reference circuit is shown as below.
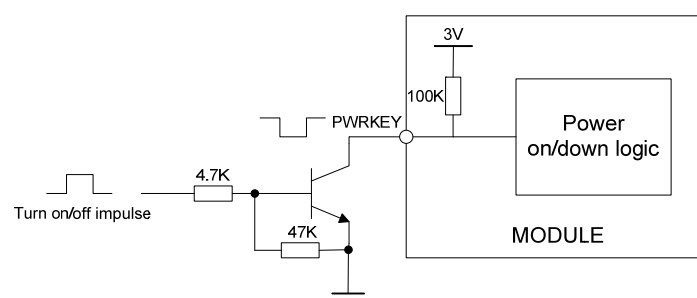
**Figure 11: Powered on/down module using transistor**
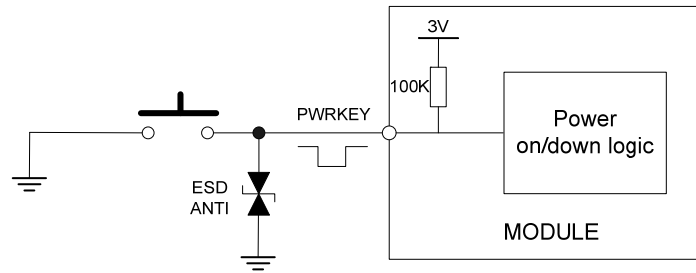


**Figure 12: Powered on/down module using button**

The power on scenarios is illustrated as following figure.
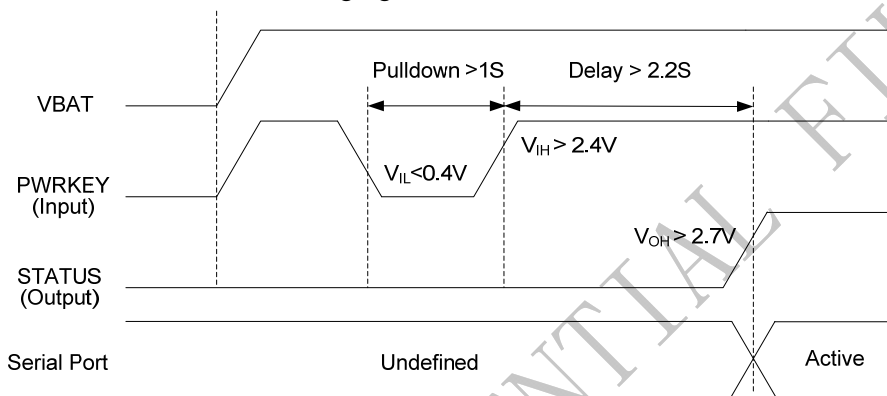


**Figure 13: Timing of power on module**

When power on procedure is completed, SIM900D will send following URC to indicate that the module is ready to operate at fixed baud rate.

**RDY**

This URC does not appear when autobauding function is active.

*Note: User can use AT command "AT+IPR=x" to set a fixed baud rate and save the configuration to non-volatile flash memory. After the configuration is saved as fixed baud rate, the Code "RDY" should be received from the serial port every time when SIM900D is powered on. For details, please refer to the chapter "AT+IPR" in document [1].*

### 4.2.1.2    Turn on the SIM900D using the VCHG signal

The SIM900D will be automatically turned on when a charger is connected to the switched-off SIM900D of which VBAT pin voltage is greater than 3.2V. SIM900D will go into the Charge-only Mode. In this mode, the module does not register to the network, and has only a few AT commands available. For detailed information please refer to chapter 3.5.

When module is powered on using the VCHG signal, SIM900D sends out result code as following when fixed baud rate set:

 **RDY**
*CHARGE-ONLY MODE*

When user drives the PWRKEY of Charge-only mode SIM900D to a low level voltage for a period of time

(please refer to *Figure 13 Timing of power on module*), the SIM900D will power up and go into Charge mode during normal operation. In this case, SIM900D sends out result code as following:

  ***From CHARGE-ONLY MODE to NORMAL MODE***

In Charge mode during normal operation, all operations and AT commands are available.

### 4.2.2    Power down SIM900D

SIM900D will be powered down in the following situations：

● Normal power down procedure: power down SIM900D by the PWRKEY pin.

● Normal power down procedure: power down SIM900D by AT command "AT+CPOWD=1".

● Abnormal power down: over-voltage or under-voltage automatic power down.

● Abnormal power down: over-temperature or under-temperature automatic power down.

#### 4.2.2.1    Power down SIM900D by the PWRKEY Pin

User can power down SIM900D by pulling down the PWRKEY pin for at least 1 second and release. Please refer to the power on circuit. The power down scenario is illustrated in following figure.
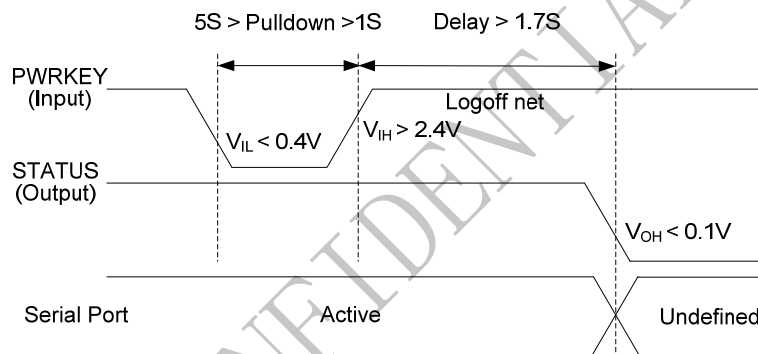


**Figure 14: Timing of power down SIM900D by PWRKEY**

This procedure makes the module log off from the network and allows the software to enter into a secure state to save data before completely shut down.

Before the completion of the power down procedure, the module will send URC:

  ***NORMAL POWER DOWN***

At this moment, AT commands can not be executed any more, and only the RTC is still active. Power down mode can also be indicated by STATUS pin, which is at low level at this time.

#### 4.2.2.2    Power down SIM900D by AT Command

SIM900D can be powered down by AT command "AT+CPOWD=1". This procedure makes the module log off from the network and allows the software to enter into a secure state to save data before completely shut down.

Before the completion of the power down procedure, the module will send URC:

  ***NORMAL POWER DOWN***

At this moment, AT commands can not be executed any more, and only the RTC is still active. Power down mode can also be indicated by STATUS pin, which is at low level at this time.

For detail about the AT command "AT+CPOWD", please refer to *document [1]*

### 4.2.2.3    Over-voltage or Under-voltage Power down

The module software monitors the VBAT voltage constantly.

If the voltage ≤ 3.3V, the following URC will be reported:

   *UNDER-VOLTAGE WARNNING*

If the voltage ≥ 4.7V, the following URC will be reported:

   *OVER-VOLTAGE WARNNING*

If the voltage < 3.2V, the following URC will be reported, and the module will be automatically powered down.

   *UNDER-VOLTAGE POWER DOWN*

If the voltage > 4.8V, the following URC will be reported, and the module will be automatically powered down.

   *OVER-VOLTAGE POWER DOWN*

At this moment, AT commands can not be executed any more, and only the RTC is still active. Power down mode can also be indicated by STATUS pin, which is at low level at this time.

### 4.2.2.4    Over-temperature or Under-temperature Power down

The module will constantly monitor the temperature of the module,

If the temperature > +80℃, the following URC will be reported:

 *+CMTE: 1*

If the temperature < -30℃, the following URC will be reported:

 *+CMTE:-1*

If the temperature > +85℃, the following URC will be reported, and the module will be automatically powered down.

 *+CMTE: 2*

If the temperature < -40℃, the following URC will be reported, and the module will be automatically powered down.

 *+CMTE:-2*

At this moment, AT commands can not be executed any more, and only the RTC is still active. Power down mode can also be indicated by STATUS pin, which is at low level at this time.

The AT command "AT+CMTE" could be used to read the temperature when the module is running.

For details please refer to *document [1].*

### 4.2.3    Restart SIM900D by PWRKEY Pin

When the module works normally, if the user wants to restart the module, follow the procedure below:

1) Power down the module.
2) Wait for at least 800mS after STATUS pin changed to low level.
3) Power on the module.
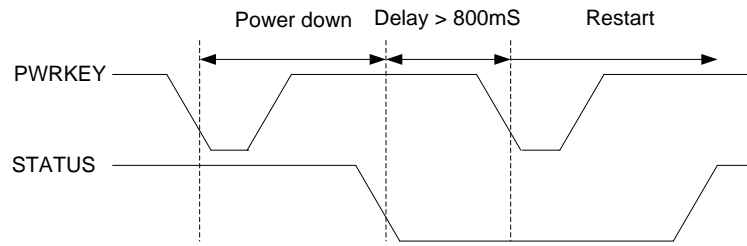
**Figure 15: Timing of restart SIM900D**

## 4.3 Power Saving Mode

SIM900D have two sleep modes: sleep mode 1 is enabled by hardware pin DTR; sleep mode 2 is only enabled by serial port regardless of the DTR. In sleep mode, the current of module is very low. The AT command "AT+CFUN=<fun>" can be used to set SIM900D into minimum functionality. When SIM900D is in sleep mode and minimum functionality, the current of module is lowest.

### 4.3.1 Minimum Functionality Mode

There are three functionality modes, which could be set by the AT command "AT+CFUN=<fun>". The command provides the choice of the functionality levels <fun>=0,1,4.

- 0: minimum functionality.
- 1: full functionality (default).
- 4: flight mode (disable RF function).

Minimum functionality mode minimizes the current consumption to the lowest level. If SIM900D is set to minimum functionality by "AT+CFUN=0", the RF function and SIM card function will be disabled. In this case, the serial port is still accessible, but all AT commands correlative with RF function and SIM card function will not be accessible.

For detailed information about the AT Command "AT+CFUN=<fun>", please refer to *document [1]*.

**Table 5:The Current consumption of Minimum Functionality Mode**

| <fun> | Current consumption(uA) (sleep mode) |
|---|---|
| 0 | 897 |
| 1 | 1306 |
| 4 | 967 |

### 4.3.2 Sleep Mode 1 (AT+CSCLK=1)

User can control SIM900D module to enter or exit the sleep mode 1 (AT+CSCLK=1) by DTR signal. When DTR is in high level and without interrupt (on air and hardware such as GPIO interrupt or data in serial port), SIM900D will enter sleep mode 1 automatically. In this mode, SIM900D can still receive paging or SMS from network but the serial port is not accessible.

*Note: For SIM900D, it requests to set AT command "AT+CSCLK=1" and ensure DTR at high level to enable the sleep mode 1; the default value is 0, which can not make the module to enter sleep mode. For more details please refer to document [1].*

### 4.3.3    Wake Up SIM900D from Sleep Mode 1 (AT+CSCLK=1)

When SIM900D is in sleep mode 1 (AT+CSCLK=1), the following methods can wake up the module:
- Pull down DTR pin.
  The serial port will be active after DTR pin is pulled to low level for about 50ms.
- Receive a voice or data call from network.
- Receive a SMS from network.

### 4.3.4    Sleep Mode 2 (AT+CSCLK=2)

In this mode, SIM900D will continuously monitor the serial port data signal. When there is no data transfer over 5 seconds on the RXD signal and there is no on air and hardware interrupts (such as GPIO interrupt), SIM900D will enter sleep mode 2 automatically. In this mode, SIM900D can still receive paging or SMS from network but the serial port is not accessible.

*Note: For SIM900D, It is requested to set AT command "AT+CSCLK=2" to enable the sleep mode 2; the default value is 0, which can not make the module to enter sleep mode. For more details please refer to document [1].*

### 4.3.5    Wake Up SIM900D from Sleep Mode 2 (AT+CSCLK=2)

When SIM900D is in sleep mode 2 (AT+CSCLK=2), the following methods can wake up the module:
- Send data to SIM900D via main serial port. [*]
- Receive a voice or data call from network.
- Receive a SMS from network.

- *Note: The first byte of the user's data will not be recognized.*

## 4.4    Charging interface

SIM900D has integrated a charging circuit inside the module for Li-Ion batteries charging control, which make it very convenient for applications which support battery charging. A common connection is shown in the following figure:
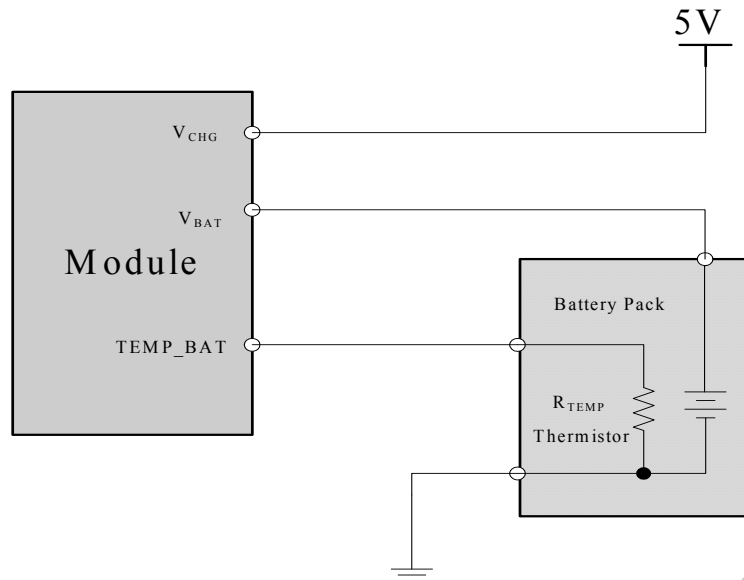
**Figure 16: SIM900D with battery charger and pack connection**

Battery temperature measurement is a customization function which is supported by the software in the module. In above figure, the $R_{TEMP}$ is a NTC thermistor, MURATA NCP15XH103F03RC is recommended to use. Its impedance is 10Kohm at 25℃. Please refer to the above figure for the reference circuit.

### 4.4.1    Battery pack characteristics

SIM900D has optimized the charging algorithm for the Li-Ion battery that meets the characteristics listed below.
- The maximum charging voltage of the Li-Ion battery pack is 4.2V and the recommended capacity is 1100mAh. The Battery packs with more than 1100 mAh capacity will cost more time for charging.
- The pack should have a protection circuit to avoid overcharging, deep discharging and over-current, and the circuit should be insensitive to pulsed current.
- The internal resistance of the battery pack including protection circuit should be as low as possible. Its recommended value does not exceed 150mΩ.
- The battery pack must be protected from reverse pole connection.

It is recommended that the battery pack user integrated into the application is compliant with these specifications. The battery pack compliant with these specifications is also important for the AT command "AT+CBC", 1-100 percent of remaining battery capacity returned by "AT+CBC" is related to battery capacity.

On the SIM900D, the build-in circuit of the power management chipset monitors the supply voltage constantly. Once the Under-voltage is detected, the SIM900D will be powered down automatically.

### 4.4.2    Recommended battery pack

Following is the specification of recommended battery pack:

**Table 6: Specification of recommended battery pack**

| Items | Description |
|---|---|
| Battery type | Li-ion |
| Manufacturer | Jiade Energy Technology |
| Normal voltage | 3.7V |
| Capacity | NORMAL 1100mAh |
| Charge Voltage | 4.200±0.050V |
| Max Charge Current | 1.0C |
| Charge Method | CC / CV (Constant Current / Constant Voltage) |
| Max Discharge Current | 1.0C (for continuous discharging mode) |
| Discharge Cut-off Voltage | 3.0V/ cell |
| Internal resistance | Initial≤130mΩ |

### 4.4.3 Implemented charging technique

SIM900D has battery charging function. There are three pins related to the battery charging function: VCHG, VBAT and TEMP_BAT/ADC0 pins. The VCHG Pin is driven by an external voltage, system can use this Pin to detect a charger supply and provide most charging current through SIM900D module to battery when charging is in fast charge state. The VBAT gives out charging current from SIM900D module to external battery. TEMP_BAT Pin is for user to measure the battery temperature. Just let this Pin open if battery temperature measurement is not your concern.

So it is very simple to implement charging technique, user just needs to connect the charger to the VCHG Pin and connect the battery to the VBAT Pin.
SIM900D battery charging happens after detecting charger supply and the battery present. If there is no charger supply or no battery present, charging will not be enabled.

Normally, there are three main states in whole charging procedure.
- DDLO charge (Pull-up mode) and UVLO charge (Pre-charge mode);
- Fast charge;

**DDLO charge and UVLO charge:**
DDLO is the state of battery when its voltage is under 1.5V. And UVLO means the battery voltage less than 3.3V and more than 1.5V. The battery is not suitable for fast charging when its condition is DDLO or UVLO. The SIM900D provides a small constant current to the battery when the battery is between DDLO and UVLO. In DDLO charging, SIM900D gives out 1mA current to the battery. And in UVLO charging, SIM900D provides about less than 200mA current to the battery.

DDLO charging terminates when the battery voltage reaches 1.5V. UVLO charging terminates when the battery voltage is up to 3.3V. Both DDLO and UVLO charge are controlled by the SIM900D hardware only.

**Fast charge:**
If there is a charger supply and battery present and the battery is not in DDLO and UVLO, SIM900D will enter fast charge state. Fast charge is controlled by the software to make the current/voltage regulation. The charging scheme for the Li-Ion battery is constant current (about 550mA) first, followed by constant voltage charging once

4.2V is reached. Charging is stopped when the charging current at constant voltage has decreased down to the pre-set current.

### 4.4.4 Operating modes during charging

The battery can be charged during various operating mode. That means that charging can be in progress while SIM900D is in Normal mode (SLEEP, IDLE, TALK, GPRS IDLE or GPRS DATA mode). In this case the voltage supply should be sufficient. Here Charging in Normal mode is named as Charge mode.

If the charger is connects to the module's VCHG Pin and the battery is connected to the VBAT Pin while SIM900D is in POWER DOWN mode, SIM900D will go into the Charge-only Mode .

The following table gives the difference between Charge mode and Charge-only mode：

**Table 7: Charge operating modes**

| | How to activate mode | Features |
|---|---|---|
| **Charge Mode** | Connect charger to module's VCHG Pin and connect battery to VBAT Pin of module while SIM900D is in Normal operating mode, including: IDLE, TALK mode; SLEEP mode etc; | • GSM remains operational and registers GSM network while charging is in progress; • The serial interfaces are available in IDLE, TALK mode, the AT command set can be used fully in this case; In SLEEP mode, the serial interfaces are not available. Once the serial port is connected and there is data in transfer. SIM900D will exit the SLEEP mode. |
| **Charge-only Mode** | Connect charger to module's VCHG Pin while SIM900D is in POWER DOWN mode. IMPORTANT: Here Charge-only mode is charging when power down, it means that not all software tasks are running. | • Battery can be charged when GSM engine is not registered to GSM network; • Only a few AT commands is available, as listed below. |

*Note: VBAT can not provide more than 5mA current while SIM900D module is during the DDLO charge state. In other words it is strongly recommended that VBAT should not be the main power supply in the application subsystem if SIM900D DDLO charging state occurs.*

**Table 8: AT Command usually used in Charge-only mode**

| AT command | Function |
|---|---|
| AT+CCLK | Set data and time of RTC |
| AT+CPOWD | Power down |
| AT+CBC | Indicated charge state and voltage |
| AT+CFUN | Start or close the protocol Set AT command **"AT+CFUN =1"**, module |

can be transferred from Charge-only mode to Charging in normal mode. In Charge-only mode, the default value is 0.

### 4.4.5 Charger requirements

Following is the requirements of charger for SIM900D.

- Simple transformer power plug
- Output voltage: 5.0V-6V
- Minimum supply current: 750mA
- A 10V peak voltage is allowed for maximum 1ms when charging current is switched off.
- A 1.6A peak current is allowed for maximum 1ms when charging current is switched on

## 4.5 RTC Backup

Current input for RTC when the VBAT is not supplied for the system. Current output for backup battery when the VBAT power supply is in present and the backup battery is in low voltage state. The RTC power supply of module can be provided by an external capacitor or a battery (non-chargeable or rechargeable) through the VRTC. The following figures show various reference circuits for RTC back up.

● **External capacitor backup**
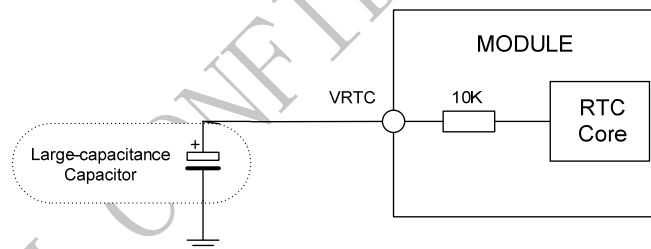


**Figure 17: RTC supply from capacitor**

● **Non-chargeable battery backup**
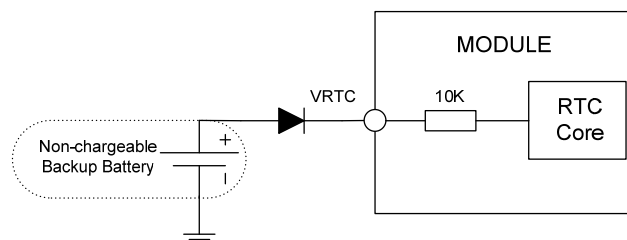


**Figure 18: RTC supply from non-chargeable battery**

● **Rechargeable battery backup**
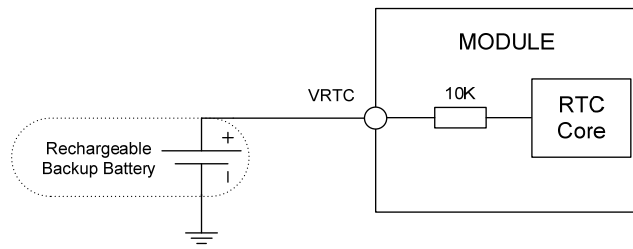
**Figure 19: RTC supply from rechargeable battery**

Coin-type rechargeable battery is recommended, such as XH414H-IV01E form Seiko can be used. Typical charge-discharge curves for this battery are shown in the following figure.
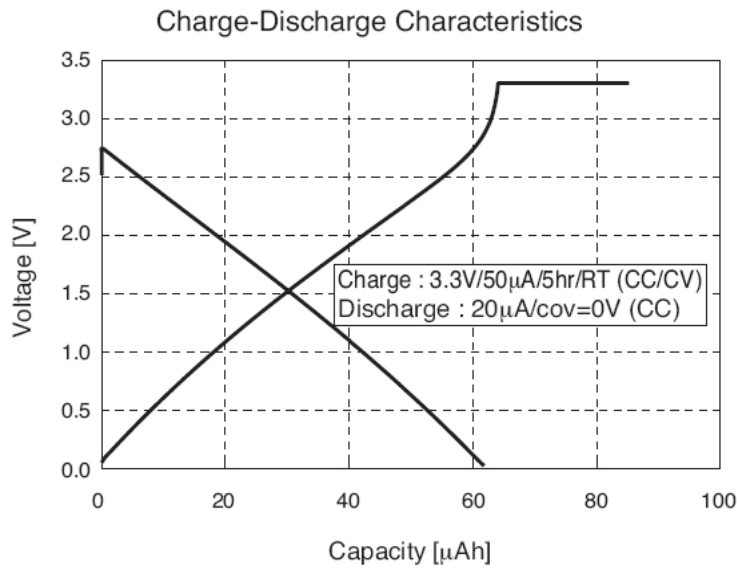


**Figure 20: Seiko XH414H-IV01E Charge-Discharge Characteristic**

## 4.6　Serial Interfaces

SIM900D provides two unbalanced asynchronous serial ports. One is the serial port and the other is the debug port. The module is designed as a DCE (Data Communication Equipment). The following figure shows the connection between module and client (DTE).
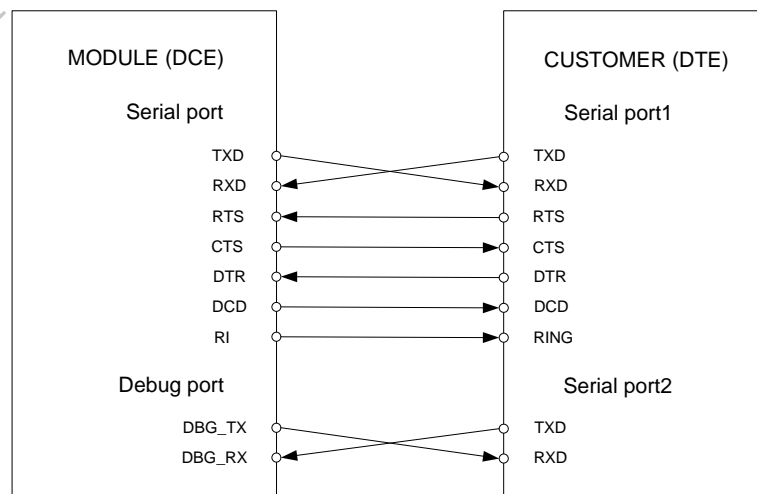


**Figure 21: Connection of the serial interfaces**

If only RXD and TXD are used in user's application, other serial pins should be kept open. Please refer to following figure.
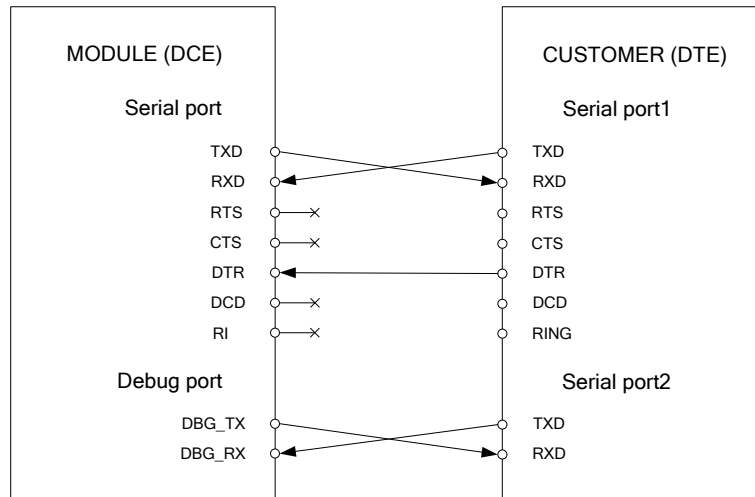


**Figure 22: Connection of RXD and TXD only**

*Note: if sleep mode is need in this situation, the user need to connect the DTR signal as well, or only sleep mode2 can be used. For details, please refer to document [7].*

### 4.6.1    Function of Serial Port and Debug Port

Serial port:
- Full modem device.
- Contains data lines TXD and RXD, hardware flow control lines RTS and CTS, status lines DTR, DCD and RI.
- Serial port can be used for CSD FAX, GPRS service and AT communication. It can also be used for multiplexing function. For details about multiplexing function, please refer to *document [7]*.
- Serial port supports the following baud rates:
  1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600 and 115200bps
- Autobauding only supports the following baud rates:
  1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400 and 57600bps
- The default setting is autobauding.

Autobauding allows SIM900D to automatically detect the baud rate of the host device. Pay more attention to the following requirements:
- **Synchronization between DTE and DCE:**
  When DCE powers on with autobauding enabled, user must firstly send character "A" to synchronize the baud rate. It is recommended to send "AT" until DTE receives the "OK" response, which means DTE and DCE are correctly synchronized. For more information please refer to the AT command "AT+IPR".
- **Restrictions of autobauding operation:**
  The DTE serial port must be set at 8 data bits, no parity and 1 stop bit.
  The URC such as "RDY", "+CFUN: 1" and "+CPIN: READY" will not be reported.

*Note: User can use AT command "AT+IPR=x" to set a fixed baud rate and the setting will be saved to non-volatile flash memory automatically. After the configuration is set as fixed baud rate, the URC such as "RDY", "+CFUN: 1" and "+CPIN: READY" will be reported when SIM900D is powered on.*

Debug port:

- Used for debugging and upgrading firmware.
- Debug port supports the baud rate of 115200bps.

### 4.6.2    Software Upgrade and Debug

Refer to the following figure for debugging and upgrading software.
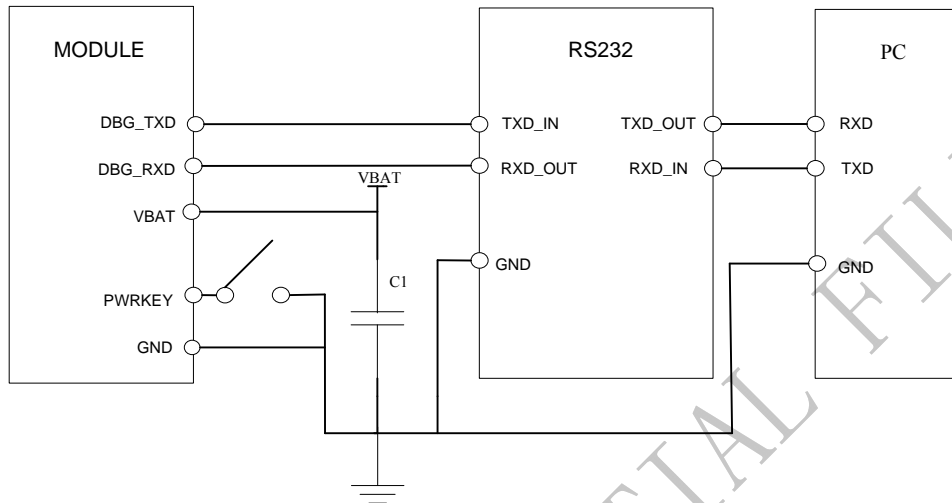


**Figure 23: Connection for software upgrading and debugging**

The serial port and the debug port support the CMOS level. If user connects the module to the computer, the level shifter should be added between the DCE and DTE.

For details about software upgrading, please refer to *document [4]*.

## 4.7    Audio Interfaces

SIM900D provides two analog inputs, MIC1P/1N and MIC2P/2N, which could be used for electret microphone. The module also provides two analog outputs, SPK1P/1N and SPK2P/2N. The output can directly drive 32Ω receiver.

AT command "AT+CMIC" is used to adjust the input gain level of microphone. AT command "AT+SIDET" is used to set the side-tone level. In addition, AT command "AT+CLVL" is used to adjust the output gain level. For more details, please refer to *document [1]* and *document [5]*.

In order to improve audio performance, the following reference circuits are recommended. The audio signals have to be layout according to differential signal layout rules as shown in following figures. If user needs to use an amplifier circuit for audio, National Semiconductor Company's LM4890 is recommended.

### 4.7.1 Speaker Interface Configuration
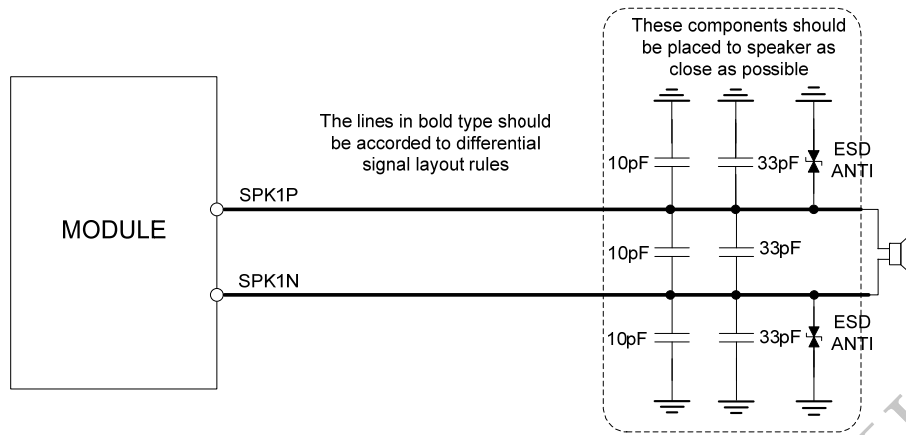


**Figure 24: Speaker reference circuit**
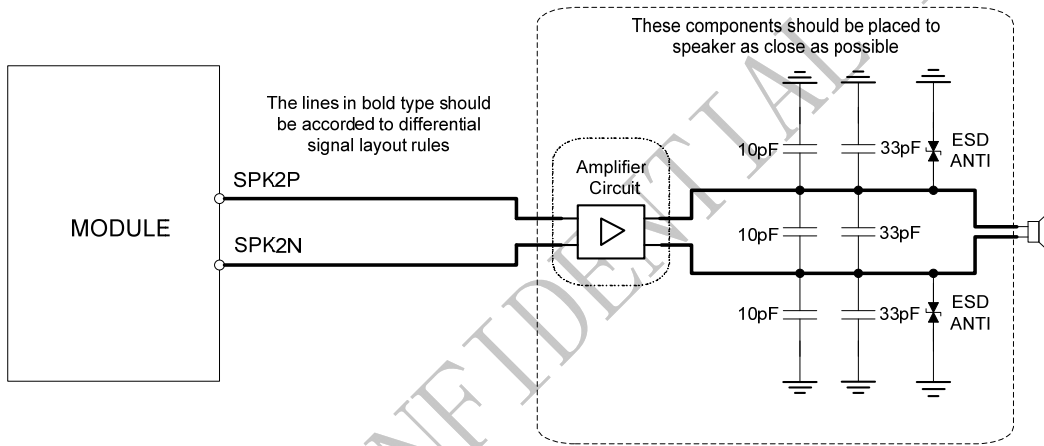


**Figure 25: Speaker with amplifier reference circuit**

### 4.7.2 Microphone Interfaces Configuration
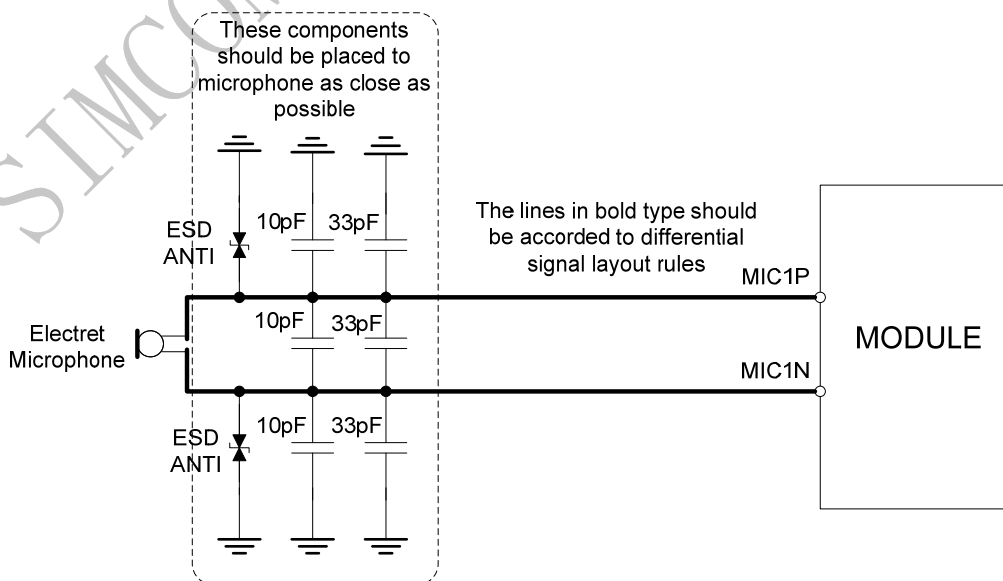


**Figure 26 : Microphone reference circuit**

### 4.7.3 Earphone Interface Configuration
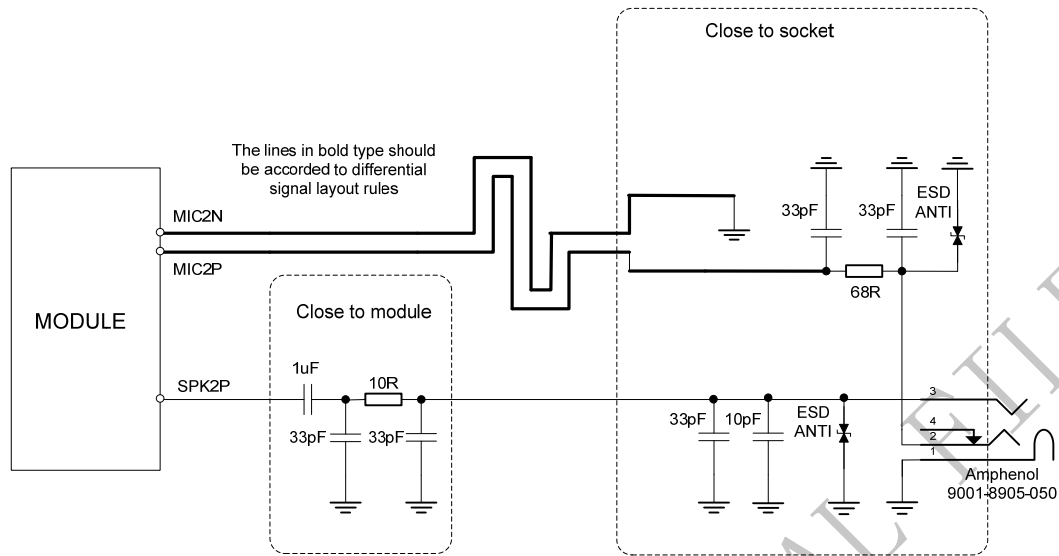


**Figure 27: Earphone reference circuit**

### 4.7.4 Audio Electronic Characteristics

**Table 9: Microphone Input Characteristics**

| Parameter | | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Working Voltage | | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.0 | V |
| Working Current | | 200 | | 500 | uA |
| External Microphone Load Resistance | | 1.2 | 2.2 | | kΩ |
| Internal biasing DC Characteristics | | | | 2.5 | V |
| Differential input voltage | THD <1% at F=1KHz; pre-amp gain = 20 dB; PGA gain = 14 dB | | 15.9 | | mVrms |
| | THD <5% at F=1KHz;pre-amp gain = 0 dB; PGA gain = 0 dB | | 740 | | mVrms |

**Table 10: Audio Output Characteristics**

| Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Normal Output(SPK) | RL=32Ω THD=0.1% | - | 91 | - | mW |
| | RL=32Ω THD=1% | - | 96 | - | mW |
| | Output swing Voltage (single ended) | | | 1.1 | Vpp |
| | Output swing Voltage (differential) | | | 2.2 | Vpp |

## 4.8   SIM Card Interface

### 4.8.1   SIM Card Application

The SIM interface complies with the GSM Phase 1 specification and the new GSM Phase 2+ specification for FAST 64 kbps SIM card. Both 1.8V and 3.0V SIM card are supported. The SIM interface is powered from an internal regulator in the module.

It is recommended to use an ESD protection component such as ST (www.st.com ) ESDA6V1W5 or ON SEMI (www.onsemi.com ) SMF05C.The pull up resistor (15KΩ) on the SIM_DATA line is already added in the module internal. Note that the SIM peripheral circuit should be close to the SIM card socket. The reference circuit of the 8-pin SIM card holder is illustrated in the following figure.
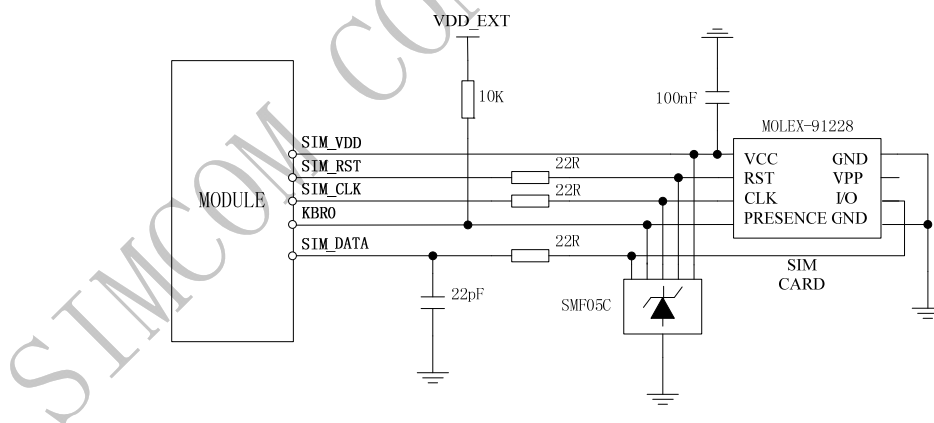


**Figure 28: Reference circuit of the 8-pin SIM card holder**

The SIM_PRESENCE pin is used for detection of the SIM card hot plug in. User can select the 8-pin SIM card holder to implement SIM card detection function. AT command "AT+CSDT" is used to enable or disable SIM card detection function. For details of this AT command, please refer to *document [1]*.

If the SIM card detection function is not used, user can keep the SIM_PRESENCE pin open. The reference circuit of 6-pin SIM card holder is illustrated in the following figure.
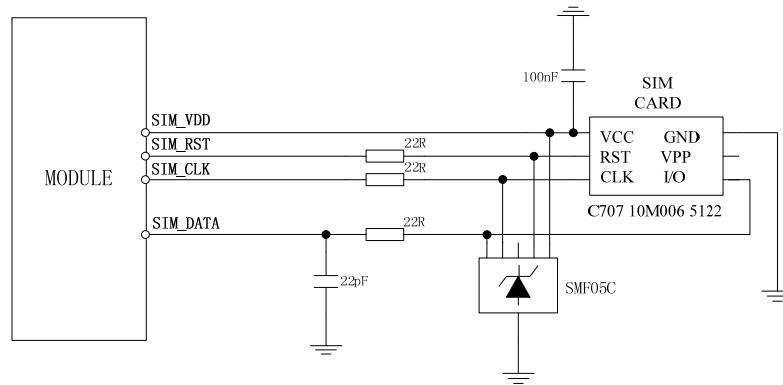
**Figure 29: Reference circuit of the 6-pin SIM card holder**

### 4.8.2 Design Considerations for SIM Card Holder

For 6-pin SIM card holder, SIMCom recommends to use Amphenol C707 10M006 5122 .User can visit
http://www.amphenol.com for more information about the holder.
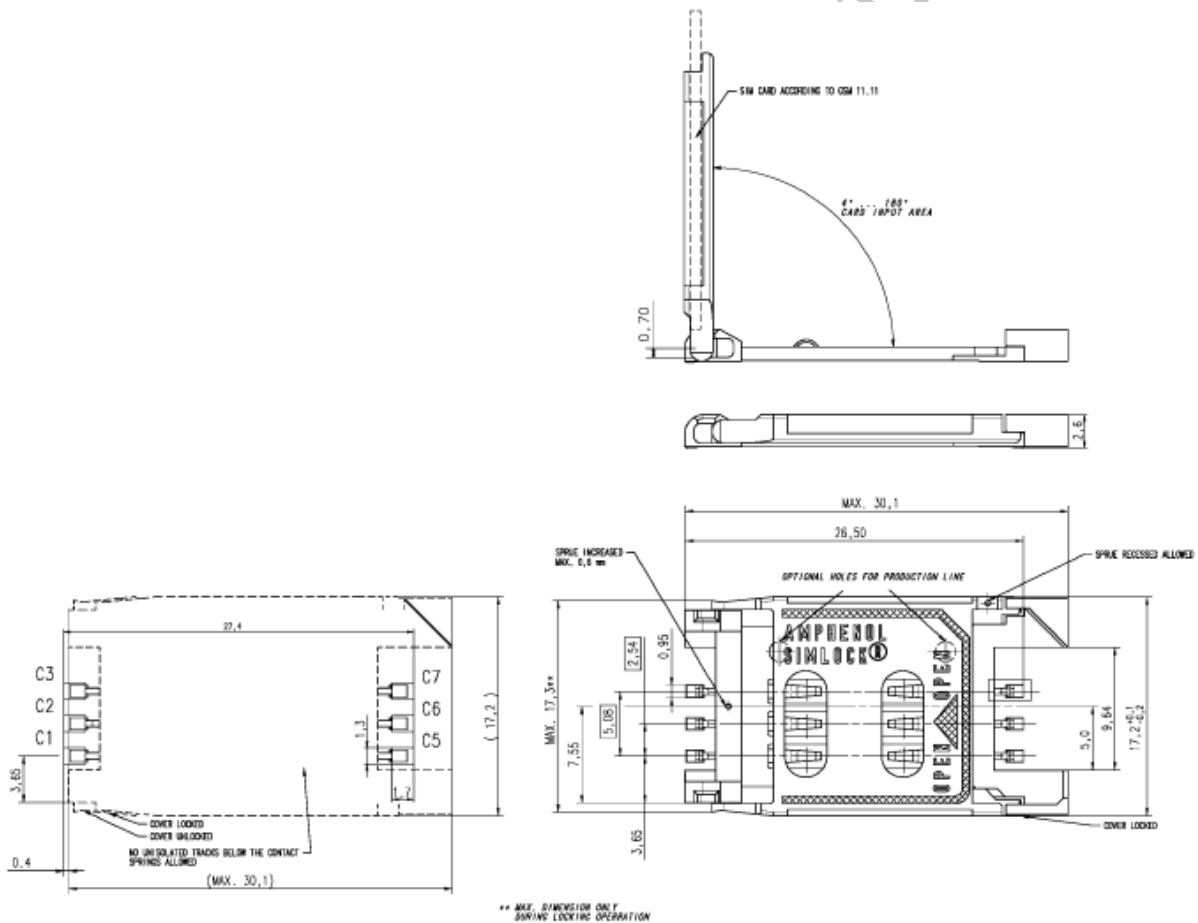


**Figure 30: Amphenol C707 10M006 5122 SIM card holder**

**Table 11: Pin description (Amphenol SIM card holder)**

| Pin name | Signal | Description |
|---|---|---|
| C1 | SIM_VDD | SIM card power supply |
| C2 | SIM_RST | SIM card reset |
| C3 | SIM_CLK | SIM card clock |
| C5 | GND | Connect to GND |
| C6 | VPP | Not connect |
| C7 | SIM_DATA | SIM card data I/O |

For 8 pins SIM card holder, SIMCom recommends to use Molex 91228.User can visit http://www.molex.com for more information about the holder.
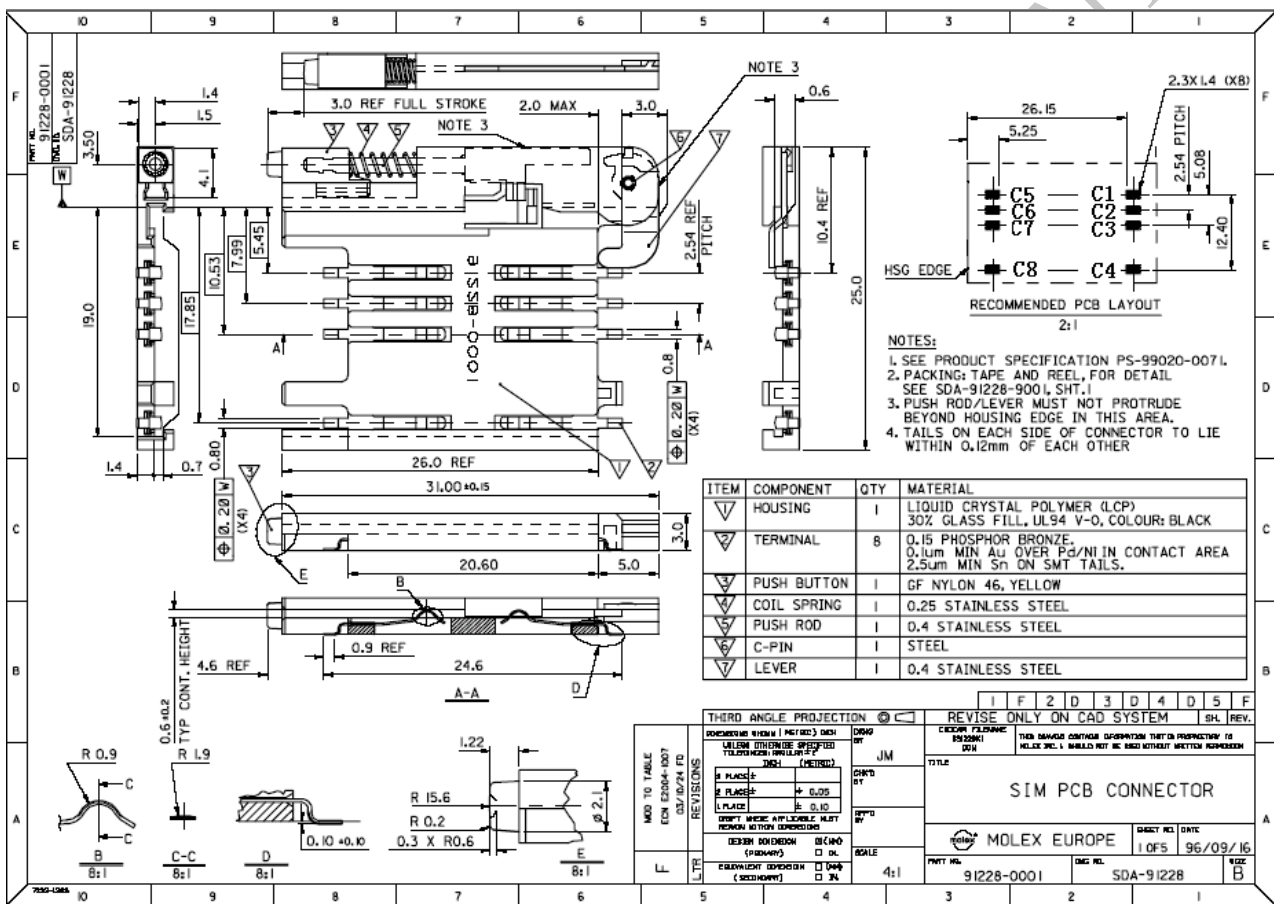


**Figure 31: Molex 91228 SIM card holder**

**Table 12: Pin description (Molex SIM card holder)**

| Pin name | Signal | Description |
|---|---|---|
| C1 | SIM_VDD | SIM card power supply |
| C2 | SIM_RST | SIM card reset |
| C3 | SIM_CLK | SIM card clock |
| C4 | GND | Connect to GND |

| C5 | GND | Connect to GND |
|----|-----|----------------|
| C6 | VPP | Not connect |
| C7 | SIM_DATA | SIM card data I/O |
| C8 | SIM_PRESENCE | Detect SIM card presence |

## 4.9   LCD Display/SPI Interface

SIM900D provides a serial LCD display interface. It could also be used as SPI interface in the embedded AT application. For details about embedded AT application, please refer to *document [6].*

*Note: This function is not supported in the standard firmware. If user wants this function, the firmware must be customized. Please contact SIMCom for more details.*

## 4.10   ADC

SIM900D provides an auxiliary ADC, which can be used to measure the voltage. User can use AT command "AT+CADC" to read the voltage value. For details of this AT command, please refer to *document [1].*

**Table 13: ADC specification**

| Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Voltage range | 0 | - | 2.8 | V |
| ADC Resolution | - | 10 | - | bits |
| Sampling rate | - | - | 200K | Hz |

## 4.11   RI Behaviors

**Table 14: RI Behaviors**

| State | RI response |
|-------|-------------|
| Standby | High |
| Voice call | The pin is changed to low. When any of the following events occur, the pin will be changed to high:<br>（1）Establish the call<br>（2）Hang up the call |
| Data call | The pin is changed to low. When any of the following events occur, the pin will be changed to high:<br>（1）Establish the call<br>（2）Hang up the call |
| SMS | The pin is changed to low, and kept low for 120ms when a SMS is received. Then it is changed to high. |
| URC | The pin is changed to low, and kept low for 120ms when some URCs are reported. Then it is changed to high. For more details, please refer to *document [7].* |

The behavior of the RI pin is shown in the following figure when the module is used as a receiver.
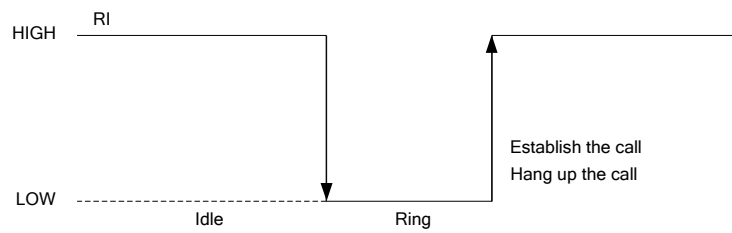


**Figure 32: RI behaviour of voice calling as a receiver**
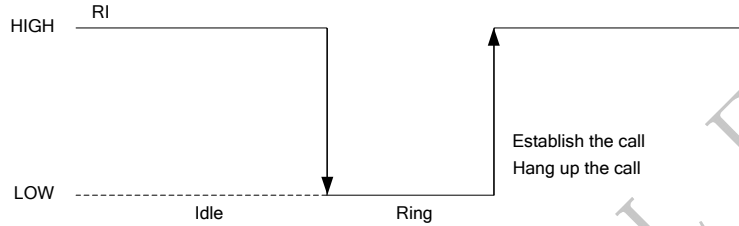


**Figure 33: RI behaviour of data calling as a receiver**
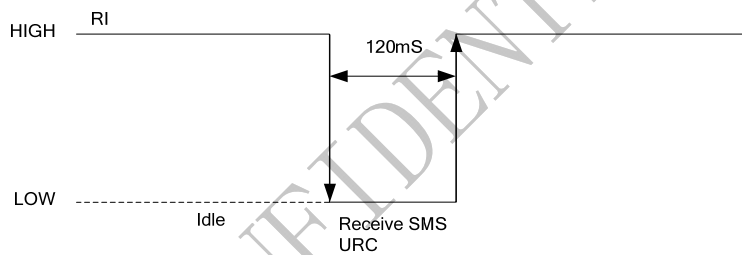


**Figure 34: RI behaviour of URC or receive SMS**

However, if the module is used as caller, the RI will remain high. Please refer to the following figure.



**Figure 35: RI behaviour as a caller**

## 4.12  Network Status Indication

The NETLIGHT pin can be used to drive a network status indication LED. The status of this pin is listed in following table:

**Table 15: Status of the NETLIGHT pin**

| Status | SIM900D behavior |
|---|---|
| Off | SIM900D is not running |
| 64ms On/ 800ms Off | SIM900D not registered the network |
| 64ms On/ 3000ms Off | SIM900D registered to the network |
| 64ms On/ 300ms Off | GPRS communication is established |

A reference circuit is recommended in the following figure:
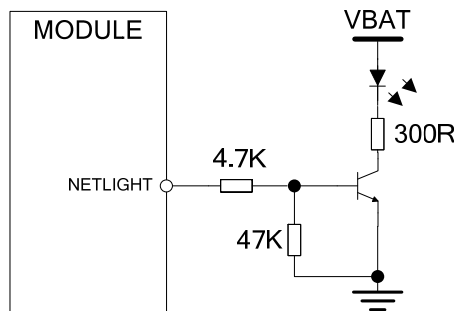


**Figure 36: Reference circuit of NETLIGHT**

## 4.13 General Purpose Input/Output (GPIO)

SIM900D provides 2 GPIO pins. The output voltage level of the GPIO can be set by the AT command "AT+ SGPIO". The input voltage level of the GPIO can also be read by the AT command "AT+ SGPIO". For more details, please refer to *document [1]*.

**Table 16: Pin definition of the GPIO interface**

| Pin name | Pin number | Default function | Second function | Default state |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| GPO1 | 40 | GPIO1 | | Output, pull down |
| KBR0 | 10 | GPIO2 | SIM card detection | Output, pull down |

## 4.14 PWM

SIM900D provides one PWM which can be used to control a buzzer.

Features of buzzer PWM:

- 10-bit resolution for buzzer tone frequency generation from 200 Hz to 5 kHz
- Tone frequency error < 1 % for all standard piano notes from 200 Hz to 5 kHz
- Tone level control from 0 dB down to −24 dB in +4 dB steps
- Audio mute

The PWM for the buzzer outputs a square wave at the desired tone frequency. The tone frequencies are programmable from 200 Hz to 5 kHz and can be re-programmed on-the-fly to generate monophonic audio ring tones or alert tones. The tone level can be adjusted over a 24 dB range in 4 dB steps, or it can be muted

*For details, please refer to document[1]*

## 4.15 Antenna Interface

SIM900D provides a RF antenna interface. The customer's antenna should be located in the customer's main board and connect to module's antenna pad through microstrip line or other type RF trace which impendence must be controlled in 50Ω. To facilitate the antenna tuning and certification test, a RF connector and an antenna matching circuit should be added. The following figure is the recommended circuit.
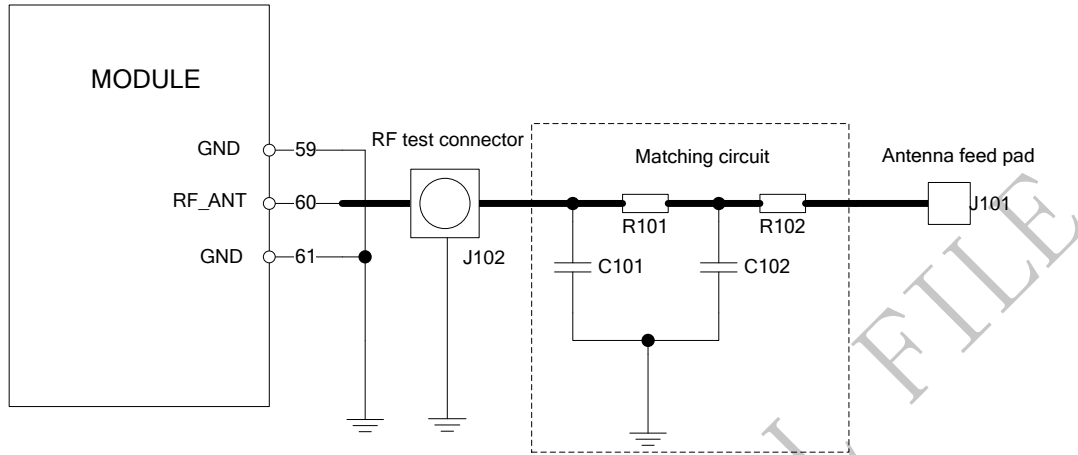


**Figure 37: Antenna matching circuit**

In this figure, the components R101,R102,C101 and C102 is used for antenna matching, the components' value only can be got after the antenna tuning. Usually, matching components' value is provided by antenna vendor, the default value of R101 and R102 are 0Ω, and reserve the place of C101 and C102 without soldering.

The RF test connector in above figure is used for conducted RF performance test, and should be placed as close as possible to the module's RF_ANT pin. The traces in bold type should be treated as 50Ω impedance controlled line in PCB layout. For details about radio frequency trace layout, please refer to *document [8]*.

# 5 Electrical, Reliability and Radio Characteristics

## 5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

The absolute maximum ratings stated in following table are stress ratings under non-operating conditions. Stresses beyond any of these limits will cause permanent damage to SIM900D.

**Table 17: Absolute maximum ratings**

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| VBAT | Power supply voltage | - | - | 5.5 | V |
| $V_I^*$ | Input voltage | -0.3 | - | 3.1 | V |
| $I_I^*$ | Input current | - | - | 10 | mA |
| $I_O^*$ | Output current | - | - | 10 | mA |

$^*$These parameters are for digital interface pins, such as GPIO, UART, LCD, PWM and DEBUG.

## 5.2 Recommended Operating Conditions

**Table 18: Recommended operating conditions**

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| VBAT | Power supply voltage | 3.2 | 4.0 | 4.8 | V |
| $T_{OPER}$ | Operating temperature | -40 | +25 | +85 | ℃ |
| $T_{STG}$ | Storage temperature | -45 | | +90 | ℃ |

## 5.3 Digital Interface Characteristics

**Table 19: Digital interface characteristics**

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| $I_{IH}$ | High-level input current | -10 | - | 10 | uA |
| $I_{IL}$ | Low-level input current | -10 | - | 10 | uA |
| $V_{IH}$ | High-level input voltage | 2.4 | - | - | V |
| $V_{IL}$ | Low-level input voltage | - | - | 0.4 | V |
| $V_{OH}$ | High-level output voltage | 2.7 | - | - | V |
| $V_{OL}$ | Low-level output voltage | - | - | 0.1 | V |

**\*** These parameters are for digital interface pins, such as GPIO,, UART, LCD, PWM and DEBUG.

## 5.4 SIM Card Interface Characteristics

**Table 20: SIM card interface characteristics**

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I$_{IH}$ | High-level input current | -10 | - | 10 | uA |
| I$_{IL}$ | Low-level input current | -10 | - | 10 | uA |
| V$_{IH}$ | High-level input voltage | 1.4 | - | - | V |
| | | 2.4 | - | - | V |
| V$_{IL}$ | Low-level input voltage | - | - | 0.4 | V |
| | | | | 2.4 | V |
| V$_{OH}$ | High-level output voltage | 1.7 | - | - | V |
| | | 2.7 | - | - | V |
| V$_{OL}$ | Low-level output voltage | - | - | 0.1 | V |
| | | - | - | 0.1 | V |

## 5.5   SIM_VDD Characteristics

**Table 21: SIM_VDD characteristics**

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| V$_O$ | Output voltage | 2.75 | 2.9 | 3.00 | V |
| | | 1.65 | 1.80 | 1.95 | |
| I$_O$ | Output current | - | - | 10 | mA |

## 5.6   VRTC Characteristics

**Table 22: VRTC characteristics**

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| V$_{RTC-IN}$ | VRTC input voltage | 2.00 | 3.00 | 3.15 | V |
| I$_{RTC-IN}$ | VRTC input current | - | 2 | - | uA |
| V$_{RTC-OUT}$ | VRTC output voltage | - | 3.00 | - | V |
| I$_{RTC-OUT}$ | VRTC output current | - | 10 | - | uA |

## 5.7   Current Consumption (VBAT = 3.8V)

**Table 23: Current consumption**

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | | Value | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I$_{VRTC}$ | VRTC current | VBAT disconnects. Backup battery is 3 V | | 2 | uA |
| I$_{VBAT}$ | VBAT current | Power down mode | | 30 | uA |
| | | Sleep mode | BS-PA-MFRMS=9 | 1.0 | mA |

| | | | BS-PA-MFRMS=5 | | 1.2 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | BS-PA-MFRMS=2 | | 1.5 | |
| | | Idle mode | GSM 850 | | 22 | mA |
| | | | EGSM 900 | | | |
| | | | DCS 1800 | | | |
| | | | PCS 1900 | | | |
| | | Voice call | GSM 850 EGSM 900 | PCL=5 | 250 | mA |
| | | | | PCL=12 | 110 | |
| | | | | PCL=19 | 80 | |
| | | | DCS 1800 PCS 1900 | PCL=0 | 175 | |
| | | | | PCL=7 | 95 | |
| | | | | PCL=15 | 75 | |
| | | Data mode GPRS(1Rx,1Tx) | GSM 850 EGSM 900 | PCL=5 | 240 | mA |
| | | | | PCL=12 | 110 | |
| | | | | PCL=19 | 88 | |
| | | | DCS 1800 PCS 1900 | PCL=0 | 170 | mA |
| | | | | PCL=7 | 88 | |
| | | | | PCL=15 | 80 | |
| | | Data mode GPRS(4Rx,1Tx) | GSM 850 EGSM 900 | PCL=5 | 270 | mA |
| | | | | PCL=12 | 155 | |
| | | | | PCL=19 | 125 | |
| | | | DCS 1800 PCS 1900 | PCL=0 | 205 | mA |
| | | | | PCL=7 | 126 | |
| | | | | PCL=15 | 119 | |
| | | Data mode GPRS(3Rx,2Tx) | GSM 850 EGSM 900 | PCL=5 | 450 | mA |
| | | | | PCL=12 | 202 | |
| | | | | PCL=19 | 143 | |
| | | | DCS 1800 PCS 1900 | PCL=0 | 300 | mA |
| | | | | PCL=7 | 139 | |
| | | | | PCL=15 | 126 | |
| $I_{VBAT-peak}$ | Peak current | During Tx burst | | | 2 | A |

## 5.8 Electro-Static Discharge

SIM900D is an ESD sensitive component, so more attention should be paid to the procedure of handling and packaging. The ESD test results are shown in the following table.

**Table 24: The ESD characteristics (Temperature: 25℃, Humidity: 45 %)**

| Pin | Contact discharge | Air discharge |
|---|---|---|
| VBAT | ±5KV | ±10KV |
| GND | ±5KV | ±10KV |

| RXD, TXD | ±2KV | ±8KV |
|---|---|---|
| Antenna port | ±5KV | ±10KV |
| SPK1P/ SPK1N<br>SPK2P/ SPK2N<br>MIC1P/ MIC1N<br>MIC2P/ MIC2N | ±3KV | ±8KV |
| PWRKEY | ±2KV | ±8KV |

## 5.9    Radio Characteristics

### 5.9.1    Module RF Output Power

The following table shows the module conducted output power, it is followed by the 3GPP TS 05.05 technical specification requirement.

**Table 25: SIM900D GSM 900 and GSM 850 conducted RF output power**

| GSM 900 and EGSM 850 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PCL | Nominal output power (dBm) | Tolerance (dB) for conditions | |
| | | Normal | Extreme |
| 0-2 | 39 | ±2 | ±2.5 |
| 3 | 37 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 4 | 35 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 5 | 33 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 6 | 31 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 7 | 29 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 8 | 27 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 9 | 25 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 10 | 23 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 11 | 21 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 12 | 19 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 13 | 17 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 14 | 15 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 15 | 13 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 16 | 11 | ±5 | ±6 |
| 17 | 9 | ±5 | ±6 |
| 18 | 7 | ±5 | ±6 |
| 19-31 | 5 | ±5 | ±6 |

**Table 26: SIM900D DCS 1800 and PCS 1900 conducted RF output power**

| DCS 1800 and PCS 1900 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PCL | Nominal output power (dBm) | Tolerance (dB) for conditions | |
| | | Normal | Extreme |
| 29 | 36 | ±2 | ±2.5 |
| 30 | 34 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 31 | 32 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 0 | 30 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 1 | 28 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 2 | 26 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 3 | 24 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 4 | 22 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 5 | 20 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 6 | 18 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 7 | 16 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 8 | 14 | ±3 | ±4 |
| 9 | 12 | ±4 | ±5 |
| 10 | 10 | ±4 | ±5 |
| 11 | 8 | ±4 | ±5 |
| 12 | 6 | ±4 | ±5 |
| 13 | 4 | ±4 | ±5 |
| 14 | 2 | ±5 | ±6 |
| 15-28 | 0 | ±5 | ±6 |

For the module's output power, the following is should be noted:

At GSM900 and GSM850 band, the module is a class 4 device, so the module's output power should not exceed 33dBm, and at the maximum power level, the output power tolerance should not exceed +/-2dB under normal condition and +/-2.5dB under extreme condition.

At DCS1800 and PCS1900 band, the module is a class 1 device, so the module's output power should not exceed 30dBm, and at the maximum power level, the output power tolerance should not exceed +/-2dB under normal condition and +/-2.5dB under extreme condition.

### 5.9.2    Module RF Receive Sensitivity

The following table shows the module's conducted receive sensitivity, it is tested under static condition.

**Table 27: SIM900D conducted RF receive sensitivity**

| Frequency | Receive sensitivity（Typical） | Receive sensitivity(Max) |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GSM850    | -109dBm                       | -107dBm                  |
| EGSM900   | -109dBm                       | -107dBm                  |
| DCS1800   | -109dBm                       | -107dBm                  |
| PCS1900   | -109dBm                       | -107dBm                  |

### 5.9.3    Module Operating Frequencies

The following table shows the module's operating frequency range; it is followed by the 3GPP TS 05.05 technical specification requirement.

**Table 28: SIM900D operating frequencies**

| Frequency | Receive          | Transmit         |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| GSM850    | 869～894MHz       | 824～849 MHz      |
| EGSM900   | 925～960MHz       | 880～915MHz       |
| DCS1800   | 1805～1880MHz     | 1710～1785MHz     |
| PCS1900   | 1930～1990MHz     | 1850～1910MHz     |

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## 6.1 Top and Bottom View of SIM900D



**Figure 38: Top and bottom view of SIM900D**

These test points are only used for module manufacturing and testing. They are not for customer using.

## 6.2 Typical Solder Reflow Profile



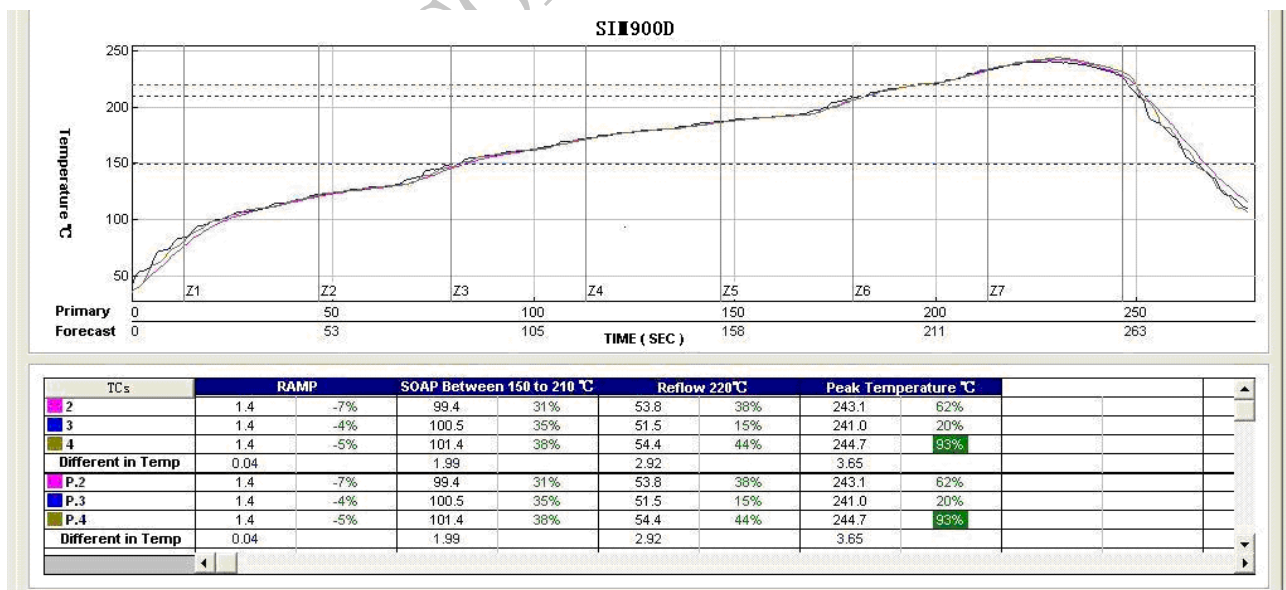| TCs | RAMP | | SOAP Between 150 to 210 ℃ | | Reflow 220℃ | | Peak Temperature ℃ | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1.4 | -7% | 99.4 | 31% | 53.8 | 38% | 243.1 | 62% | |
| 3 | 1.4 | -4% | 100.5 | 35% | 51.5 | 15% | 241.0 | 20% | |
| 4 | 1.4 | -5% | 101.4 | 38% | 54.4 | 44% | 244.7 | 93% | |
| Different in Temp | 0.04 | | 1.99 | | 2.92 | | 3.65 | | |
| P.2 | 1.4 | -7% | 99.4 | 31% | 53.8 | 38% | 243.1 | 62% | |
| P.3 | 1.4 | -4% | 100.5 | 35% | 51.5 | 15% | 241.0 | 20% | |
| P.4 | 1.4 | -5% | 101.4 | 38% | 54.4 | 44% | 244.7 | 93% | |
| Different in Temp | 0.04 | | 1.99 | | 2.92 | | 3.65 | | |

**Figure 39: Typical Solder Reflow Profile**

For details about secondary SMT, please refer to *document [9].*

## 6.3 Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL)

SIM900D is qualified to MSL3 in accordance with IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033.

# Appendix

## A. Related Documents

**Table 29: Related documents**

| SN | Document name | Remark |
|---|---|---|
| [1] | SIM900_AT Command Manual | SIM900 AT Command Manual |
| [2] | AN_SIM900_TCPIP | TCP/IP Applications User Manual |
| [3] | SIM900_Multiplexer User Manual_Application Note | SIM900 Multiplexer User Manual Application Note |
| [4] | AN_SIM900 Series_Update Tool_UGD | SIM900 Series Update Tool User Guide |
| [5] | AN_SIM900_AUDIO | Applications Note About SIM900 Audio |
| [6] | SIM900_Embedded AT Application Note | SIM900 Embedded AT Application Note |
| [7] | AN_Serial Port | Application Note About Serial Port |
| [8] | AN_SIM900D-TE PCB Layout & Schematic for Reference | Application Note About SIM900D-TE PCB Layout & Schematic |
| [9] | Module secondary-SMT-UGD | Module secondary SMT User Guide |
| [10] | ITU-T Draft new recommendation V.25ter: | Serial asynchronous automatic dialing and control |
| [11] | GSM 07.07: | Digital cellular telecommunications (Phase 2+); AT command set for GSM Mobile Equipment (ME) |
| [12] | GSM 07.10: | Support GSM 07.10 multiplexing protocol |
| [13] | GSM 07.05: | Digital cellular telecommunications (Phase 2+); Use of Data Terminal Equipment – Data Circuit terminating Equipment (DTE – DCE) interface for Short Message Service (SMS) and Cell Broadcast Service (CBS) |
| [14] | GSM 11.14: | Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Specification of the SIM Application Toolkit for the Subscriber Identity Module – Mobile Equipment (SIM – ME) interface |
| [15] | GSM 11.11: | Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Specification of the Subscriber Identity Module – Mobile Equipment (SIM – ME) interface |
| [16] | GSM 03.38: | Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Alphabets and language-specific information |
| [17] | GSM 11.10 | Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2)；　Mobile Station (MS) conformance specification；　Part 1: Conformance specification |

## B. Terms and Abbreviations

**Table 30: Terms and Abbreviations**

| Abbreviation | Description |
| --- | --- |
| ADC | Analog-to-Digital Converter |
| AMR | Adaptive Multi-Rate |
| CS | Coding Scheme |
| CSD | Circuit Switched Data |
| CTS | Clear to Send |
| DTE | Data Terminal Equipment (typically computer, terminal, printer) |
| DTR | Data Terminal Ready |
| DTX | Discontinuous Transmission |
| EFR | Enhanced Full Rate |
| EGSM | Enhanced GSM |
| ESD | Electrostatic Discharge |
| ETS | European Telecommunication Standard |
| FR | Full Rate |
| GPRS | General Packet Radio Service |
| GSM | Global Standard for Mobile Communications |
| HR | Half Rate |
| IMEI | International Mobile Equipment Identity |
| Li-ion | Lithium-Ion |
| MO | Mobile Originated |
| MS | Mobile Station (GSM engine), also referred to as TE |
| MT | Mobile Terminated |
| PAP | Password Authentication Protocol |
| PBCCH | Packet Broadcast Control Channel |
| PCB | Printed Circuit Board |
| PCL | Power Control Level |
| PCS | Personal Communication System, also referred to as GSM 1900 |
| PDU | Protocol Data Unit |
| PPP | Point-to-point protocol |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| RMS | Root Mean Square (value) |
| RTC | Real Time Clock |
| RX | Receive Direction |
| SIM | Subscriber Identification Module |
| SMS | Short Message Service |
| TE | Terminal Equipment, also referred to as DTE |
| TX | Transmit Direction |
| UART | Universal Asynchronous Receiver & Transmitter |

| URC | Unsolicited Result Code |
|---|---|
| USSD | Unstructured Supplementary Service Data |
| **Phonebook abbreviations** | |
| FD | SIM fix dialing phonebook |
| LD | SIM last dialing phonebook (list of numbers most recently dialed) |
| MC | Mobile Equipment list of unanswered MT calls (missed calls) |
| ON | SIM (or ME) own numbers (MSISDNs) list |
| RC | Mobile Equipment list of received calls |
| SM | SIM phonebook |
| NC | Not connect |

## C. Safety Caution

**Table 31: Safety caution**

| Marks | Requirements |
|---|---|
| ♥ | When in a hospital or other health care facility, observe the restrictions about the use of mobiles. Switch the cellular terminal or mobile off, medical equipment may be sensitive to not operate normally for RF energy interference. |
| ✈ | Switch off the cellular terminal or mobile before boarding an aircraft. Make sure it is switched off. The operation of wireless appliances in an aircraft is forbidden to prevent interference with communication systems. Forget to think much of these instructions may lead to the flight safety or offend against local legal action, or both. |
| 🔥 | Do not operate the cellular terminal or mobile in the presence of flammable gases or fumes. Switch off the cellular terminal when you are near petrol stations, fuel depots, chemical plants or where blasting operations are in progress. Operation of any electrical equipment in potentially explosive atmospheres can constitute a safety hazard. |
| 📺 | Your cellular terminal or mobile receives and transmits radio frequency energy while switched on. RF interference can occur if it is used close to TV sets, radios, computers or other electric equipment. |
| 🚗 | Road safety comes first! Do not use a hand-held cellular terminal or mobile when driving a vehicle, unless it is securely mounted in a holder for hands free operation. Before making a call with a hand-held terminal or mobile, park the vehicle. |
| SOS | GSM cellular terminals or mobiles operate over radio frequency signals and cellular networks and cannot be guaranteed to connect in all conditions, for example no mobile fee or a invalid SIM card. While you are in this condition and need emergent help, please remember using emergency calls. In order to make or receive calls, the cellular terminal or mobile must be switched on and in a service area with adequate cellular signal strength. Some networks do not allow for emergency call if certain network services or phone features are in use (e.g. lock functions, fixed dialing etc.). You may have to deactivate those features before you can make an emergency call. Also, some networks require that a valid SIM card be properly inserted in the cellular terminal or mobile. |

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