



**RF-BM-2642B2 CC2642R SimpleLink™
Bluetooth 5.1 Low Energy Wireless Module**

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1 Device Overview

1.1 Description

RF-BM-2642B2 is an RF module based on TI lower-power CC2642R SoC. It integrates a 48 MHz crystal and a 32.768 kHz crystal, 352 KB of in-system Programmable Flash, 256 KB ROM, 8 KB of cache SRAM, 80 KB of ultra-low leakage SRAM. Its ARM® Cortex®-M4F core application processor can operate at an extremely low current at flexible power modes. Its 2.4 GHz RF transceiver is compatible with Bluetooth 5.1 Low Energy, Bluetooth Mesh, and Direction Finding. It features a small size, robust connection distance, and rigid reliability.

1.2 Key Features

- RF Features
 - Bluetooth 5.1 Low Energy
 - Proprietary
- Receiving sensitivity
 - -105 dBm for BLE 125 kbps (LE coded PHY)
 - -97 dBm for 1 Mbps PHY
- TX Power: +5 dBm with temperature compensation
- Powerful 48 MHz ARM® Cortex®-M4F processor
- Memory
 - 352 KB of in-system programmable flash
 - 256 KB of ROM for Protocols and library functions
 - 8 KB of cache SRAM
 - 80 KB of ultra-low leakage SRAM
 - Support OTA upgrade
- Wide Operation Range
 - Power Supply: 1.8 V ~ 3.8 V
 - Operating temperature: -40 °C to +85 °C
 - Storage temperature: -40 °C to +125 °C
- Rich Peripherals
 - 31 GPIOs
 - 4 × 32-bit or 8 × 16-bit general-purpose timers
- 12-bit ADC, 200 ksamples/s, 8 channels
- 2 × comparators with internal reference DAC
- Ultra-low power analog comparator
- Programmable current source
- 2 × UART
- 2 × SSI (SPI, MICROWAVE, TI)
- I²C
- I²S
- Real-time clock (RTC)
- Capacitive sensing, up to 8 channels
- Integrated temperature and battery monitor
- Security Enablers
 - AES 128- and 256-bit Crypto accelerator
 - ECC and RSA public key hardware accelerator
 - SHA2 accelerator (full suite up to SHA-512)
 - True random number generator (TRNG)
- External system
 - On-chip buck DC/DC converter
- Transmission range:
 - 140 m (@ PCB antenna, 1 Mbps)
 - 255 m @ LE Coded PHY
- Dimension: 23.5 mm x 17.0 mm x 2.2 mm

1.3 Applications

- Personal electronics
- Mobile phone accessories
- Sports and fitness equipment
- HID applications
- Smart grid and automatic meter reading
- Wireless sensor networks

- Active RFID
- Energy harvesting applications
- Electronic Shelf Label (ESL)
- Home and building automation
- Wireless alarm and security systems
- Long-range sensor applications

1.4 Functional Block Diagram

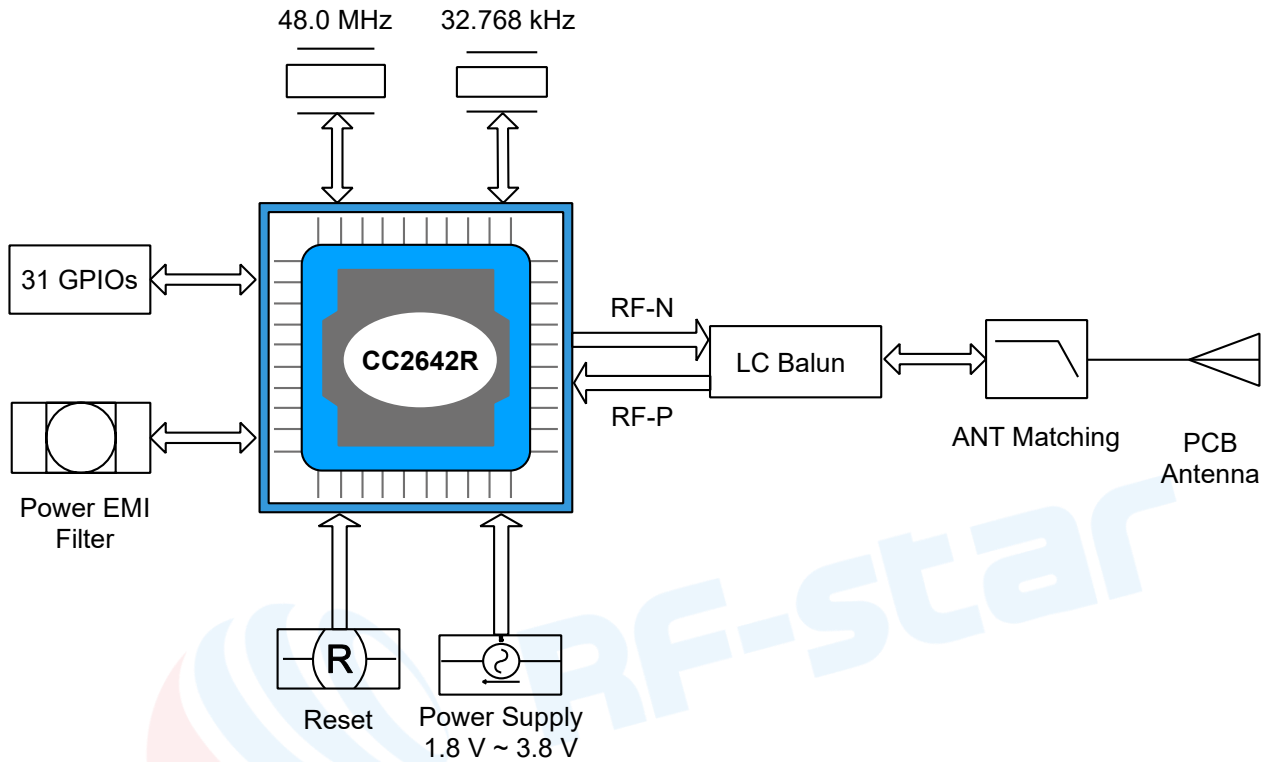


Figure 1. Functional Block Diagram of RF-BM-2642B2

1.5 Part Number Conventions

The part numbers are of the form of RF-BM-2642B2 where the fields are defined as follows:

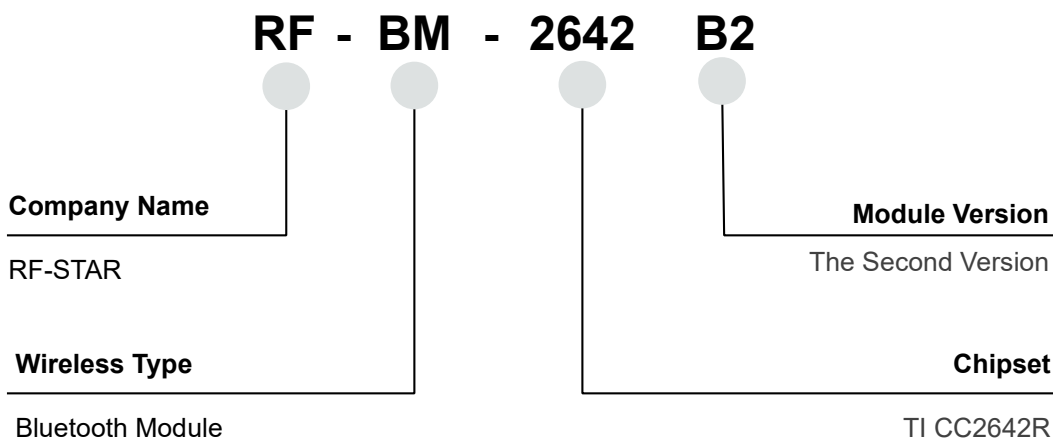


Figure 2. Part Number Conventions of RF-BM-2642B2

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2 Module Configuration and Functions

2.1 Module Parameters

Table 1. Parameters of RF-BM-2642B2

Chipset	CC2642R
Supply Power Voltage	1.8 V ~ 3.8 V, recommended to 3.3 V
Frequency	2402 MHz ~ 2480 MHz
Maximum Transmit Power	+5.0 dBm
Receiving Sensitivity	-105 dBm for BLE 125 kbps (LE coded PHY) -97 dBm for 1 Mbps PHY
GPIO	31
Flash	352 KB
ROM	256 KB
SRAM	88 KB
Power Consumption	RX current: 6.9 mA TX current: 7.3 mA @ 0 dBm 9.6 mA @ 5 dBm MCU 48 MHz (CoreMark): 3.4 mA (71 μ A/MHz) Sensor Controller: 30.8 μ A @ Low Power-Mode, 2 MHz, running infinite loop 808 μ A @ Active-Mode, 24 MHz, running infinite loop Standby: 0.94 μ A Shutdown: 150 nA
Support Protocol	Bluetooth 5.1 Low Energy, Proprietary
Crystal	48 MHz, 32.768 kHz
Package	SMT packaging (1.27-mm half-hole pitch stamp stick)
Dimension	23.50 mm × 17.0 mm × 2.2 mm
Type of Antenna	PCB antenna
Operating Temperature	-40 °C ~ +85 °C
Storage Temperature	-40 °C ~ +125 °C

2.2 Module Pin Diagram

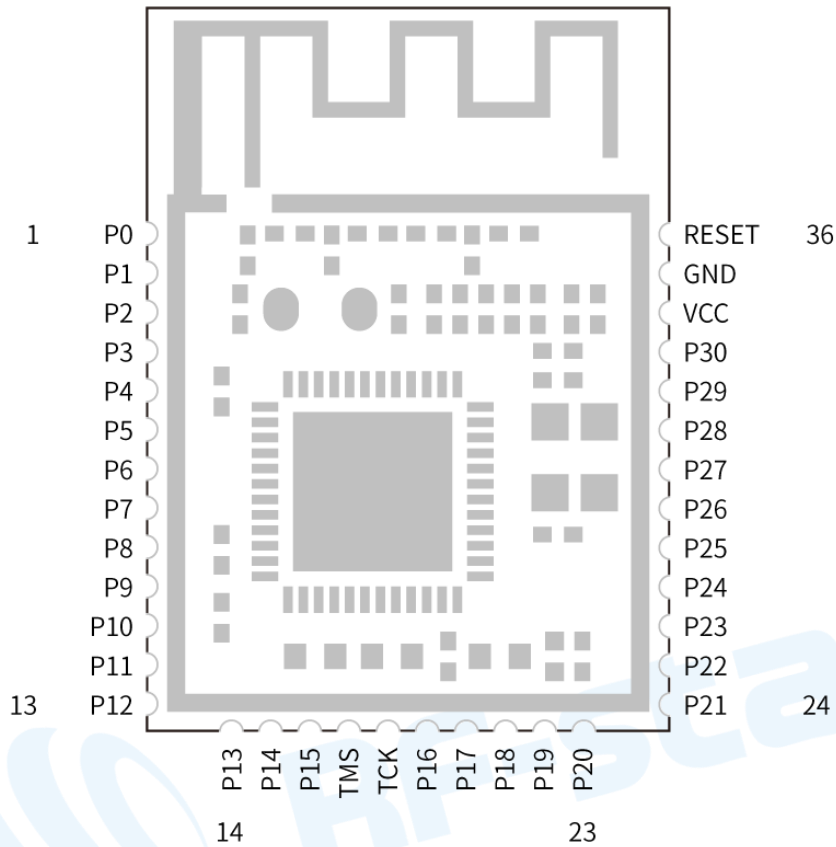


Figure 3. Pin Diagram of RF-BM-2642B2

2.3 Pin Functions

Table 2. Pin Functions of RF-BM-2642B2

Pin	Name	Chip Pin	Function	Description
1	P00	DIO_0	Digital	GPIO
2	P01	DIO_1	Digital	GPIO
3	P02	DIO_2	Digital	GPIO
4	P03	DIO_3	Digital	GPIO
5	P04	DIO_4	Digital	GPIO
6	P05	DIO_5	Digital	GPIO, high-drive capability
7	P06	DIO_6	Digital	GPIO, high-drive capability
8	P07	DIO_7	Digital	GPIO, high-drive capability
9	P08	DIO_8	Digital	GPIO
10	P09	DIO_9	Digital	GPIO
11	P10	DIO_10	Digital	GPIO

12	P11	DIO_11	Digital	GPIO
13	P12	DIO_12	Digital	GPIO
14	P13	DIO_13	Digital	GPIO
15	P14	DIO_14	Digital	GPIO
16	P15	DIO_15	Digital	GPIO
17	JTAG_TMSC	JTAG_TMSC	Digital	JTAG TMSC, high-drive capability
18	JTAG_TCKC	JTAG_TCKC	Digital	JTAG TCKC
19	P16	DIO_16	Digital	GPIO, JTAG_TDO, high-drive capability
20	P17	DIO_17	Digital	GPIO, JTAG_TDI, high-drive capability
21	P18	DIO_18	Digital	GPIO
22	P19	DIO_19	Digital	GPIO
23	P20	DIO_20	Digital	GPIO
24	P21	DIO_21	Digital	GPIO
25	P22	DIO_22	Digital	GPIO
26	P23	DIO_23	Digital or Analog	GPIO, analog capacity
27	P24	DIO_24	Digital or Analog	GPIO, analog capacity
28	P25	DIO_25	Digital or Analog	GPIO, analog capacity
29	P26	DIO_26	Digital or Analog	GPIO, analog capacity
30	P27	DIO_27	Digital or Analog	GPIO, analog capacity
31	P28	DIO_28	Digital or Analog	GPIO, analog capacity
32	P29	DIO_29	Digital or Analog	GPIO, analog capacity
33	P30	DIO_30	Digital or Analog	GPIO, analog capacity
34	VCC	VDDR		Power Supply: 1.8 V ~ 3.8 V, recommend to 3.3 V
35	GND	GND	Ground	Ground
36	NRESET	RESET_N		Reset, active-low. Internal pullup.

3 Specifications

3.1 Recommended Operating Conditions

Functional operation does not guarantee performance beyond the limits of the conditional parameter values in the table below. Long-term work beyond this limit will affect the reliability of the module more or less.

Table 3. Recommended Operating Conditions of RF-BM-2642B2

Items	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Operating Supply Voltage	Battery Mode	1.8	3.3	3.8	V
Operating Temperature	/	-40	+25	+85	°C
Environmental Hot Pendulum	/	-20		+20	°C/min

3.2 Handling Ratings

Table 4. Handling Ratings of RF-BM-2642B2

Items	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Storage Temperature	Tstg	-40	+25	+125	°C
Human Body Model	HBM		±2000		V
Moisture Sensitivity Level			3		
Charged Device Model			±500		V

4 Application, Implementation, and Layout

4.1 Module Photos

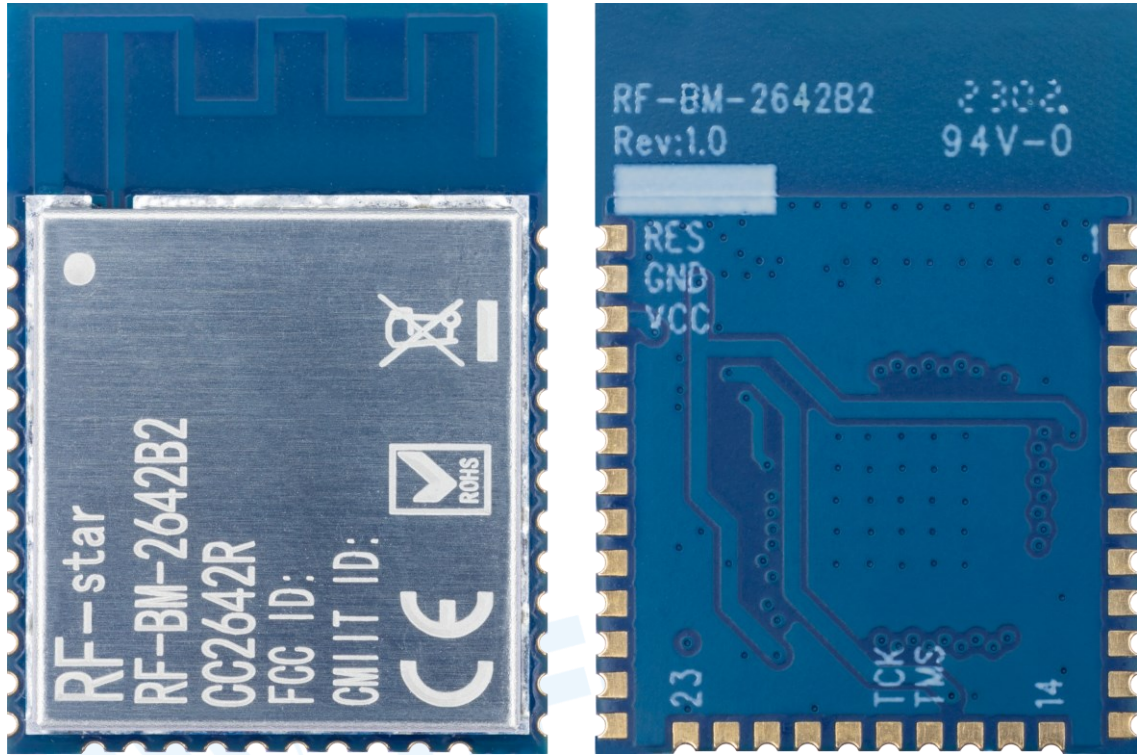


Figure 4. Photos of RF-BM-2642B2

4.2 Recommended PCB Footprint

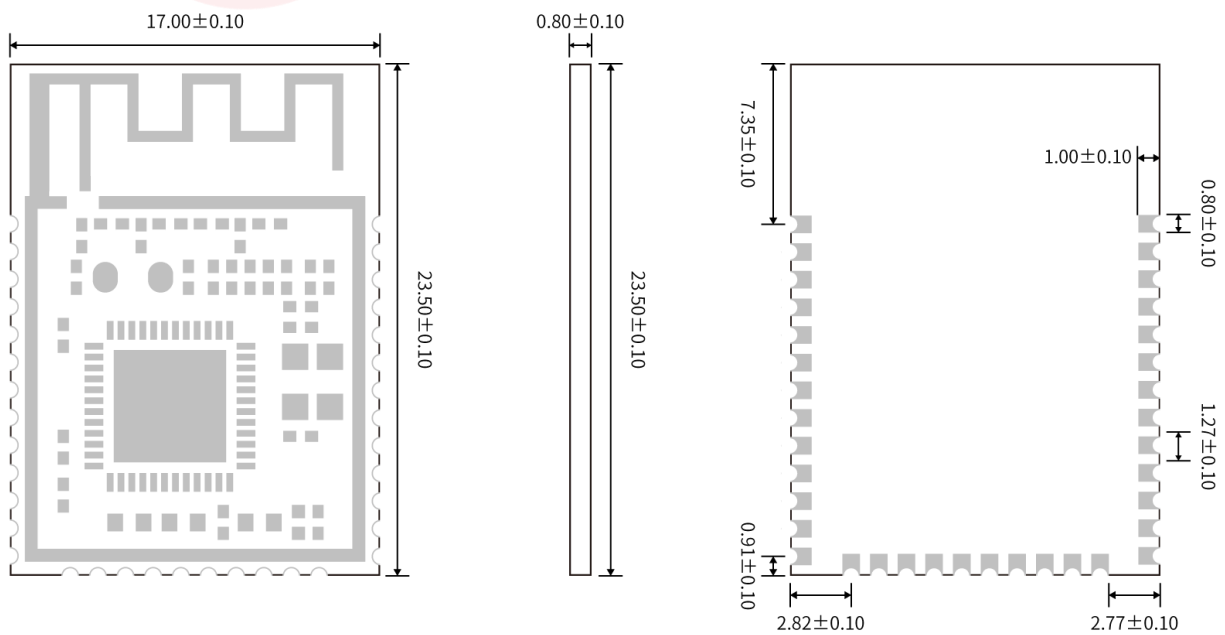


Figure 5. Recommended PCB Footprint of RF-BM-2642B2 (mm)

4.3 Schematic Diagram

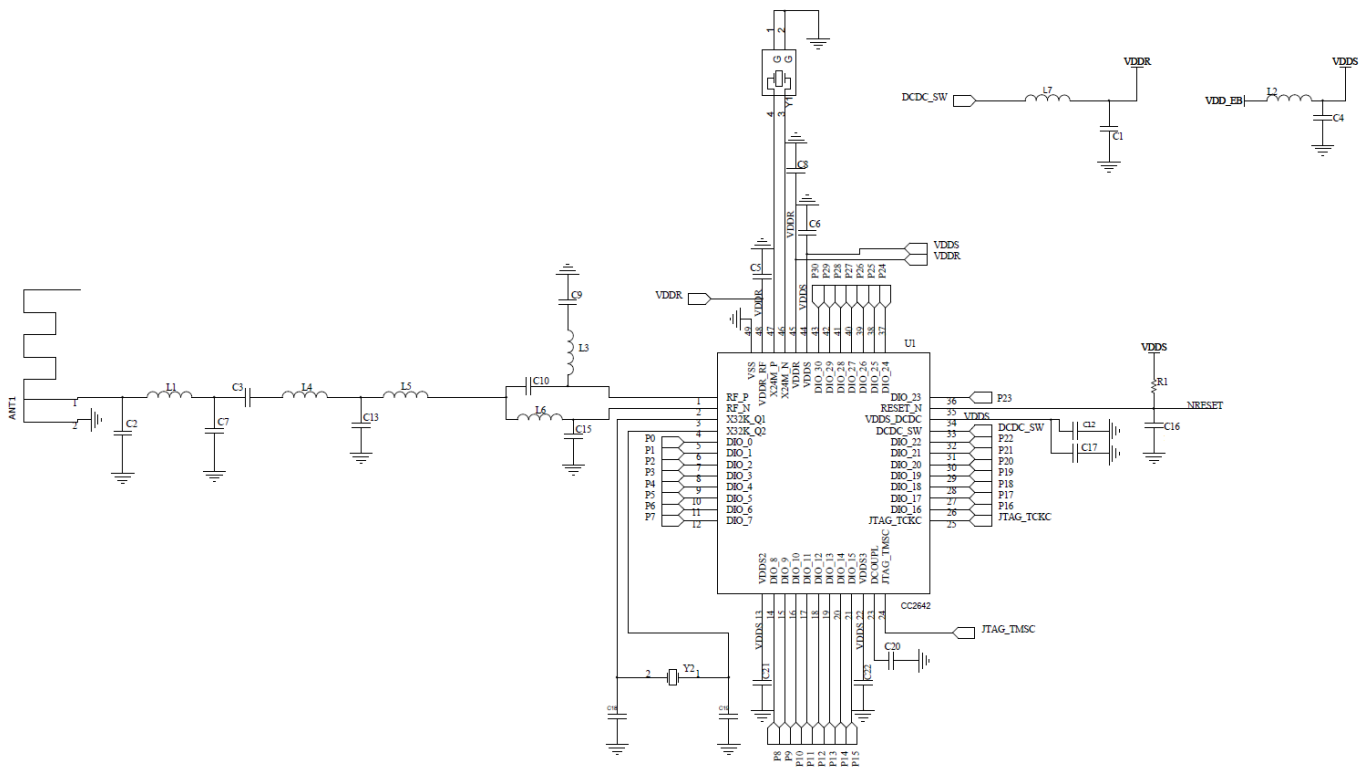


Figure 6. Schematic Diagram of RF-BM-2642B2

4.4 Reference Design

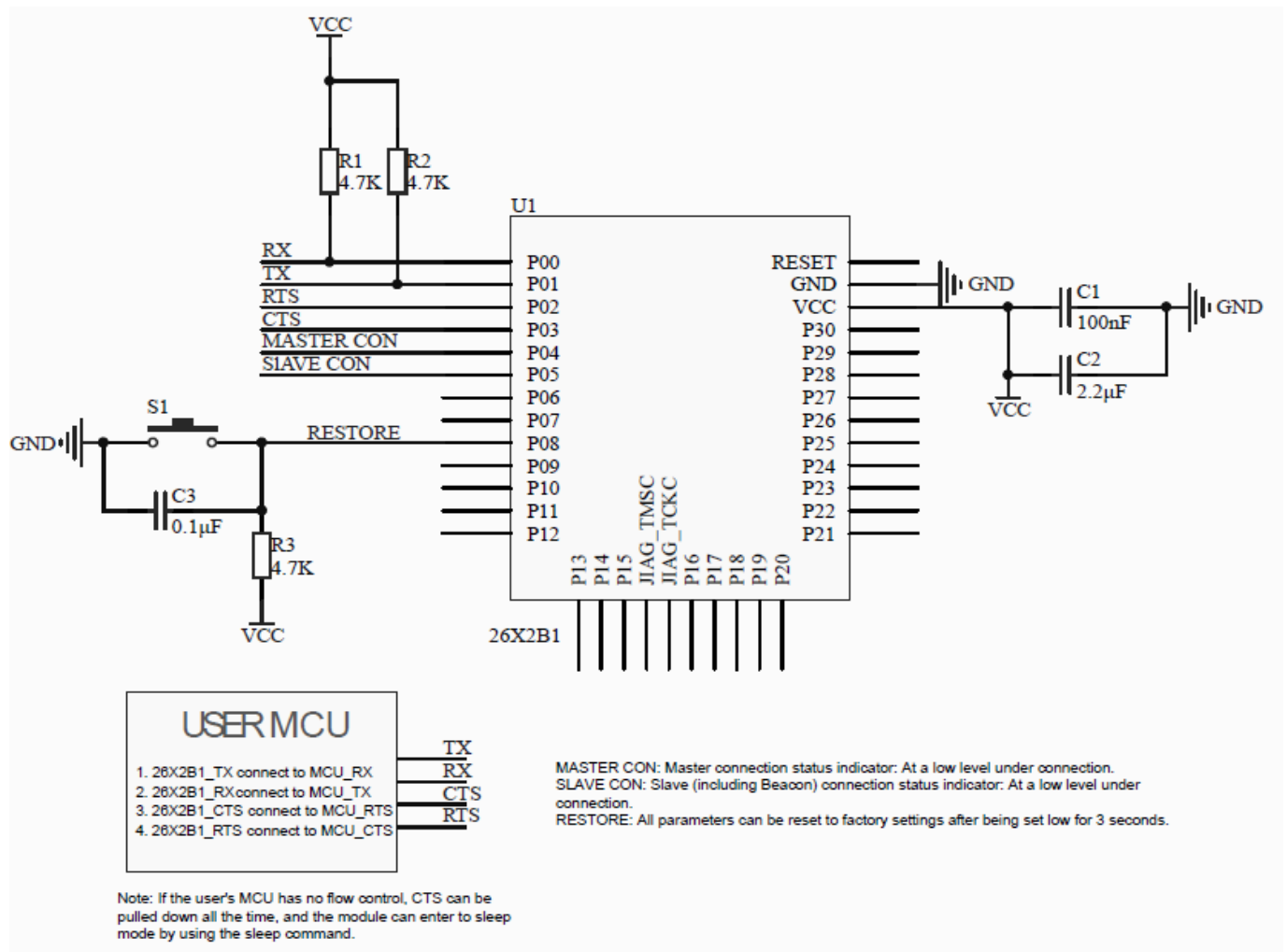


Figure 7. Reference Design of RF-BM-2642B1

4.5 Antenna

4.5.1 Antenna Design Recommendation

- The antenna installation structure has a great influence on the module performance. It is necessary to ensure the antenna is exposed and preferably vertically upward. When the module is installed inside of the case, a high-quality antenna extension wire can be used to extend the antenna to the outside of the case.
- The antenna must not be installed inside the metal case, which will cause the transmission distance to be greatly weakened.
- The recommendation of antenna layout.

The inverted-F antenna position on PCB is free-space electromagnetic radiation. The location and layout of the antenna are key factors to increase the data rate and transmission range.

Therefore, the layout of the module antenna location and routing is recommended as follows:

- (1) Place the antenna on the edge (corner) of the PCB.
- (2) Make sure that there is no signal line or copper foil in each layer below the antenna.
- (3) It is best to hollow out the antenna position in the following figure to ensure that the S11 of the module is minimally affected.

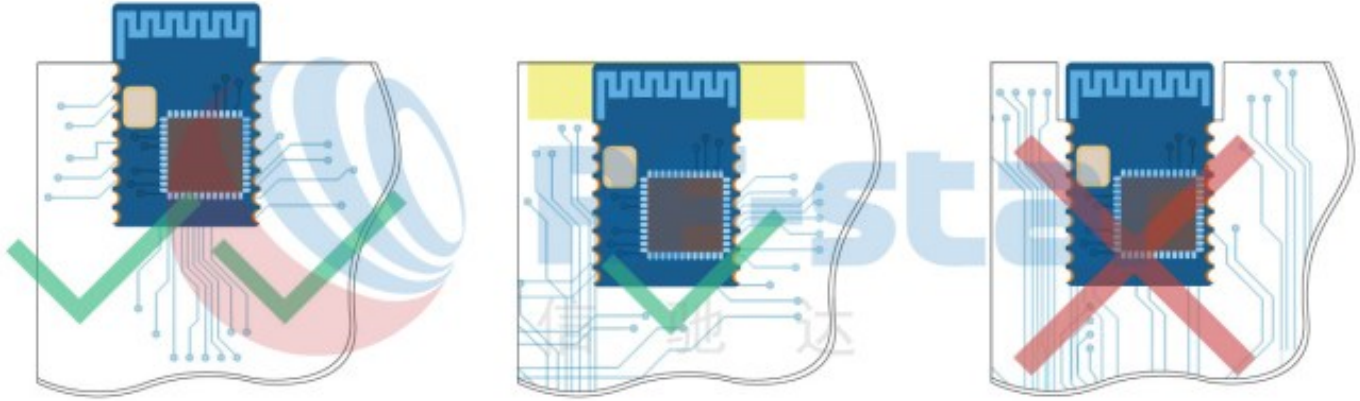


Figure 8. Recommendation of Antenna Layout

Note: The hollow-out position is based on the antenna used.

4.6 Basic Operation of Hardware Design

1. It is recommended to offer the module a DC stabilized power supply, a tiny power supply ripple coefficient, and reliable ground. Please pay attention to the correct connection between the positive and negative poles of the power supply. Otherwise, the reverse connection may cause permanent damage to the module;
2. Please ensure the supply voltage is between the recommended values. The module will be permanently damaged if the voltage exceeds the maximum value. Please ensure a stable power supply and no frequently fluctuating voltage.
3. When designing the power supply circuit for the module, it is recommended to reserve more than 30% of the margin, which is beneficial to the long-term stable operation of the whole machine. The module should be far away from the power electromagnetic, transformer, high-frequency wiring, and other parts with large electromagnetic interference.
4. The bottom of the module should avoid high-frequency digital routing, high-frequency analog routing, and power routing. If it has to route the wire on the bottom of the module, for example, it is assumed that the module is soldered to the Top Layer, the copper must be spread on the connection part of the top layer and the module, and be close to the digital part of the module and routed in the Bottom Layer (all copper is well-grounded).
5. Assuming that the module is soldered or placed in the Top Layer, it is also wrong to randomly route the Bottom Layer or other layers, which will affect the spurs and receiving sensitivity of the module to some degree;
6. Assuming that there are devices with large electromagnetic interference around the module, which will greatly affect the module performance. It is recommended to stay away from the module according to the strength of the

interference. If circumstances permit, appropriate isolation and shielding can be done.

7. Assuming that there are routings of large electromagnetic interference around the module (high-frequency digital, high-frequency analog, power routings), which will also greatly affect the module performance. It is recommended to stay away from the module according to the strength of the interference. If circumstances permit, appropriate isolation and shielding can be done.
8. It is recommended to stay away from the devices whose TTL protocol is the same 2.4 GHz physical layer, for example, USB 3.0.

4.7 Trouble Shooting

4.7.1 Unsatisfactory Transmission Distance

1. When there is a linear communication obstacle, the communication distance will be correspondingly weakened. Temperature, humidity, and co-channel interference will lead to an increase in the communication packet loss rate. The performance of ground absorption and reflection of radio waves will be poor when the module is tested close to the ground.
2. Seawater has a strong ability to absorb radio waves, so the test results by the seaside are poor.
3. The signal attenuation will be very obvious if there is metal near the antenna or if the module is placed inside the metal shell.
4. The incorrect power register set or the high data rate in the open air may shorten the communication distance. The higher the data rate, the closer the distance.
5. The low voltage of the power supply is lower than the recommended value at ambient temperature, and the lower the voltage, the smaller the power is.
6. The unmatchable antennas and modules or the poor quality of the antenna will affect the communication distance.

4.7.2 Vulnerable Module

1. Please ensure the supply voltage is between the recommended values. The module will be permanently damaged if the voltage exceeds the maximum value. Please ensure a stable power supply and no frequently fluctuating voltage.
2. Please ensure the anti-static installation and the electrostatic sensitivity of high-frequency devices.
3. Due to some humidity-sensitive components, please ensure suitable humidity during installation and application. If there is no special demand, it is not recommended to use at too high or too low temperature.

4.7.3 High Bit Error Rate

1. There are co-channel signal interferences nearby. It is recommended to be away from the interference sources or modify the frequency and channel to avoid interferences.

2. The unsatisfactory power supply may also cause garbled. It is necessary to ensure the power supply's reliability.
3. If the extension wire or feeder wire is of poor quality or too long, the bit error rate will be high.

4.8 Electrostatics Discharge Warnings

The module will be damaged by the discharge of static. RF-star suggests that all modules should follow the 3 precautions below:

1. According to the anti-static measures, bare hands are not allowed to touch modules.
2. Modules must be placed in anti-static areas.
3. Take the anti-static circuitry (when inputting HV or VHF) into consideration in product design.
Static may result in the degradation in performance of the module, even causing failure.

4.9 Soldering and Reflow Condition

1. Heating method: Conventional Convection or IR/convection.
2. Solder paste composition: Sn96.5/Ag3.0/Cu0.5
3. Allowable reflow soldering times: 2 times based on the following reflow soldering profile.
4. Temperature profile: Reflow soldering shall be done according to the following temperature profile.
5. Peak temperature: 245 °C.

Table 5. Temperature Table of Soldering and Reflow

Profile Feature	Sn-Pb Assembly	Pb-Free Assembly
Solder Paste	Sn63 / Pb37	Sn96.5 / Ag3.0 / Cu0.5
Min. Preheating Temperature (T_{min})	100 °C	150 °C
Max. Preheating Temperature (T_{max})	150 °C	200 °C
Preheating Time (T_{min} to T_{max}) (t_1)	60 s ~ 120 s	60 s ~ 120 s
Average Ascend Rate (T_{max} to T_p)	Max. 3 °C/s	Max. 3 °C/s
Liquid Temperature (T_L)	183 °C	217 °C
Time above Liquidus (t_L)	60 s ~ 90 s	30 s ~ 90 s
Peak Temperature (T_p)	220 °C ~ 235 °C	230 °C ~ 250 °C
Average Descend Rate (T_p to T_{max})	Max. 6 °C/s	Max. 6 °C/s
Time from 25 °C to Peak Temperature (t_2)	Max. 6 minutes	Max. 8 minutes
Time of Soldering Zone (t_p)	20±10 s	20±10 s

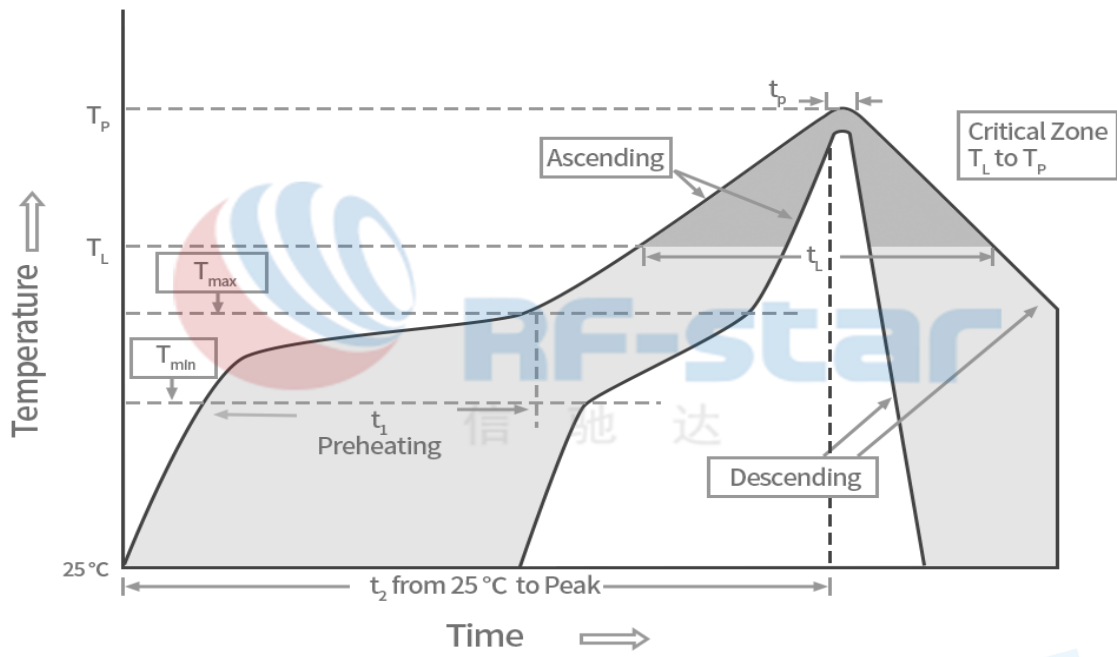


Figure 9. Recommended Reflow for Lead-Free Solder

5 Optional Package Specification

The default package method is **by tray**. If you need the modules to be shipped by tape & reel, pls contact us in advance.

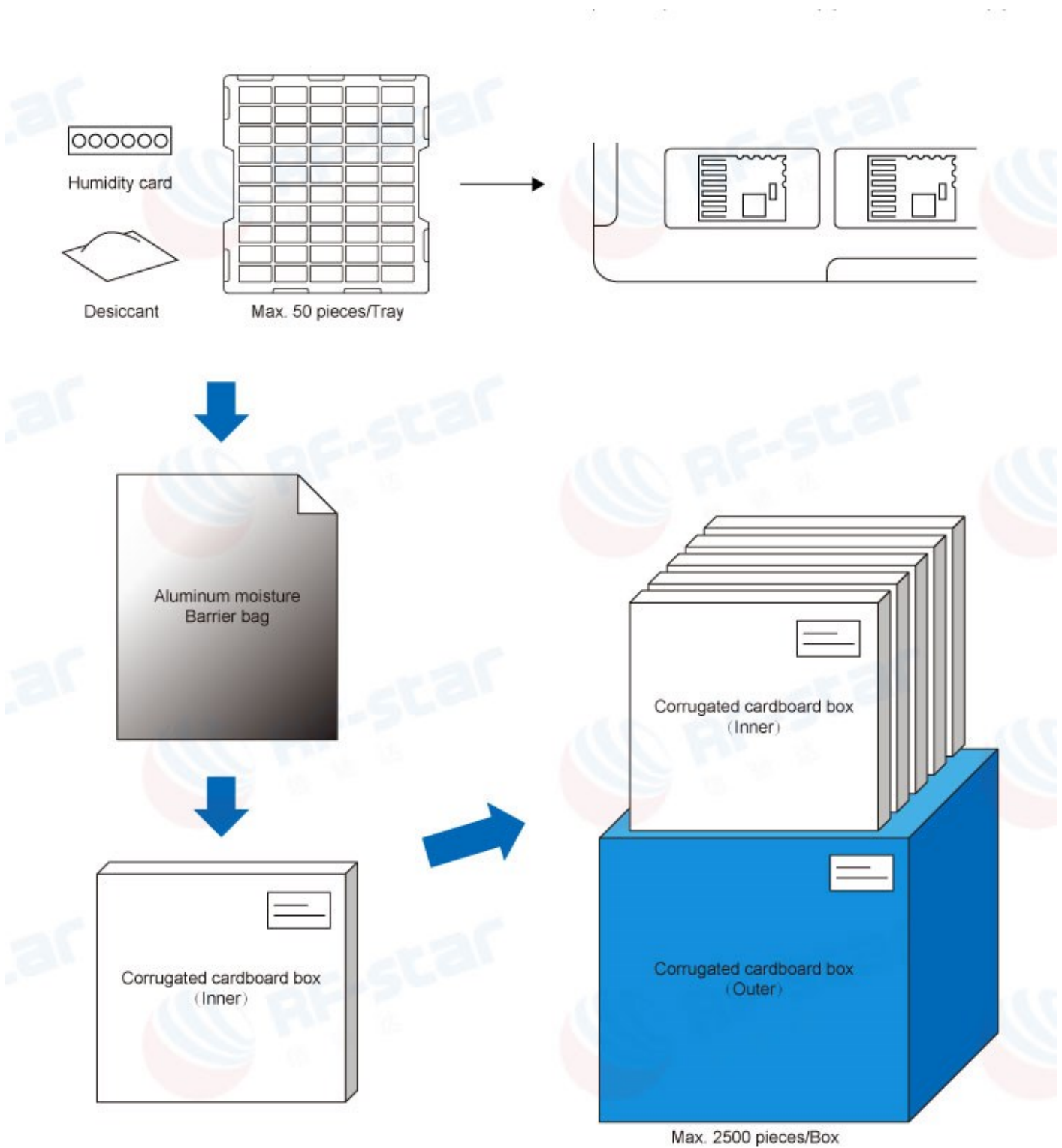


Figure 10. Default Package by Tray

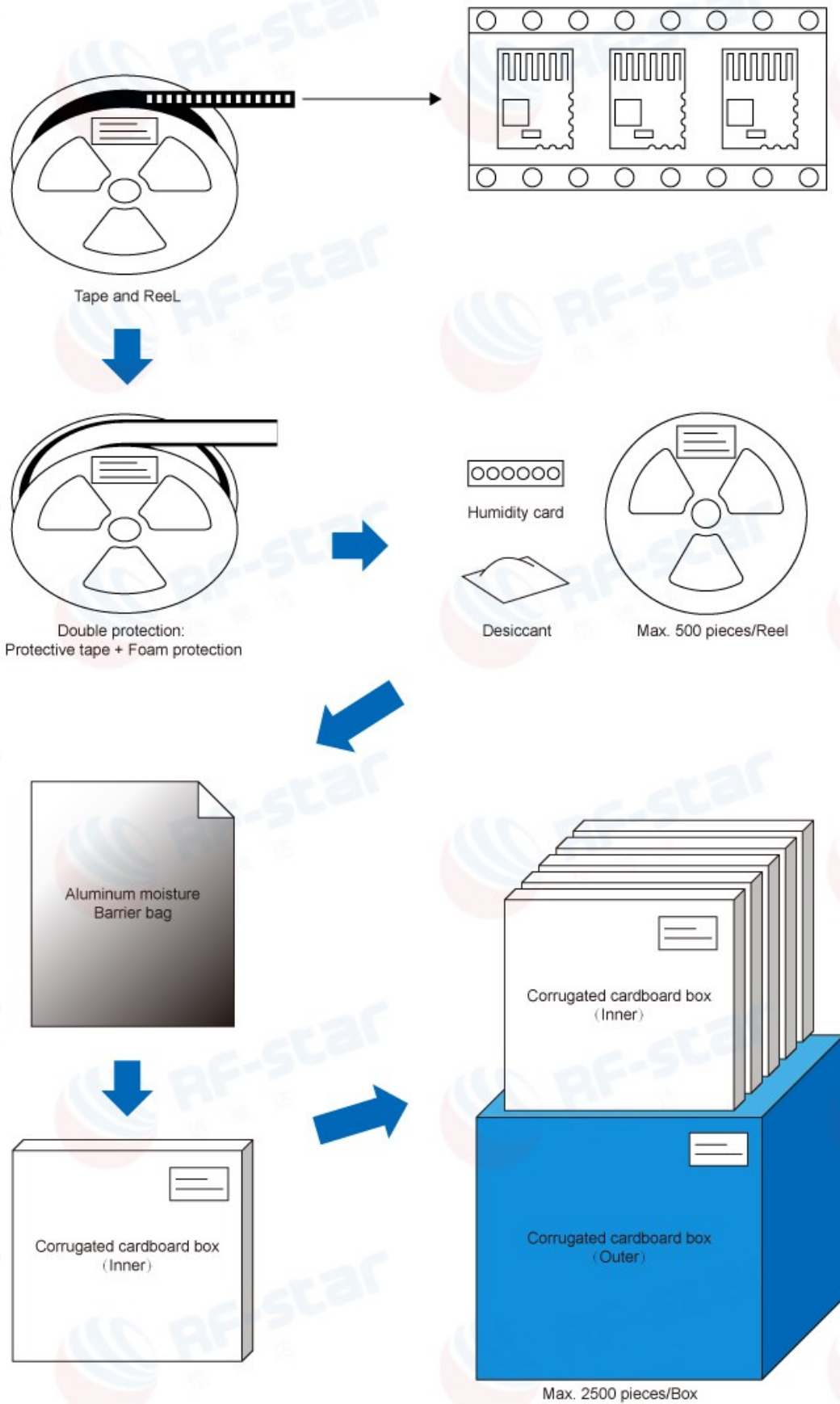


Figure 11. Package by Tape & Reel

6 Revision History

Date	Version No.	Description
2023.03.21	V1.0	The initial version is released.
2023.05.26	V1.1	Update MSL level. Update the Shenzhen office address.

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