

AC61003 LPWA FPC Antenna

The Antenna Company AC61003 flexible printed circuit (FPC) antenna is a low power wide area (LPWA) antenna solution for unlicensed technologies including WiFi HaLow, LoRaWAN, Sigfox and Wireless M-Bus, serving a multitude of Internet of Things (IoT) applications. The flexibility and peel-and-stick adhesive backing make the AC61003 antenna easy to mount in unique and custom enclosures.

Connection is made to the radio via a 1.13 mm coaxial cable terminated in a U.FL-type plug connector. Various cable length options are available (See Ordering Information).



Features

- High efficiency
- Ground plane independent
- Compact T-shape form factor
- 55.5 mm x 16.2 mm x 0.25 mm
- Performance at 863 MHz to 870 MHz
 - VSWR: 1.5
 - Peak Gain: 4.5 dBi
 - Efficiency: 70%
- Performance at 902 MHz to 928 MHz
 - VSWR: 1.6
 - Peak Gain: 4.8 dBi
 - Efficiency: 73%
- MHF1/U.FL compatible plug termination

Applications

- Unlicensed low power wide area networking (LPWAN) applications
 - WiFi HaLow®
 - LoRaWAN®
 - Sigfox
 - Wireless M-Bus
- 868 MHz and 915 MHz band applications
- Licensed 900 MHz Cellular applications
- Internet of Things (IoT) devices
- Gateways/Routers

Ordering Information

Part Number	Description	Cable Length	Connector
AC61003-050UF	LPWA 868/915 MHz 56 mm x 16 mm FPC Antenna	50 mm (1.97 in)	MHF1/U.FL-type plug (male)
AC61003-100UF	LPWA 868/915 MHz 56 mm x 16 mm FPC Antenna	100 mm (3.94 in)	MHF1/U.FL-type plug (male)
AC61003-150UF	LPWA 868/915 MHz 56 mm x 16 mm FPC Antenna	150 mm (5.91 in)	MHF1/U.FL-type plug (male)
AC61003-200UF	LPWA 868/915 MHz 56 mm x 16 mm FPC Antenna	200 mm (7.87 in)	MHF1/U.FL-type plug (male)

Available from The Antenna Company (sales@antennacompany.com) and select distributors and representatives.

RF/Electrical Specifications

AC61003	868 MHz	915 MHz
Parameter	863 MHz to 870 MHz	902 MHz to 928 MHz
VSWR (max)	1.5	1.6
Peak Gain (dBi)	4.5	4.8
Average Gain (dBi)	-1.6	-1.5
Average Efficiency (%)	69	71
Impedance	50 Ω	
Polarization	Linear	
Radiation Pattern	Omnidirectional	
Wavelength	$\frac{1}{2}$ -wave	
Max Power	2 W	
Electrical Type	Dipole	

Electrical specifications and plots measured with the antenna mounted on a 2 mm (0.08 in) thick sheet of ABS plastic.

Mechanical Specifications

Part Number	AC61003-050UF	AC61003-100UF	AC61003-150UF	AC61003-200UF
Weight	0.5 g (0.02 oz)	0.6 g (0.02 oz)	0.7 g (0.02 oz)	0.8 g (0.03 oz)
Coaxial cable, minimum inside bend radius	1.13 mm: 5.0 mm (0.20 in)			
Connection	MHF1/U.FL-type plug (male)			
Dimensions	55.5 mm x 16.2 mm x 0.25 mm (2.19 in x 0.64 in x 0.01 in)			
Operating Temp. Range	-40 °C to +85 °C (-40 °F to 185 °F)			
Recommended Storage Conditions	16° C - 27° C and 40% to 60% relative humidity			

Antenna Mounting

The AC61003 antenna is a flexible, adhesive-backed antenna that allows it to be permanently installed onto non-metallic surfaces. The adhesive backing is 3M 467MP™, which provides outstanding adhesion to high surface energy plastics. The adhesive delivers excellent shear strength to resist slippage and edge lifting, but can be repositioned before the adhesive cures, allowing for accurate positioning. This adhesive is highly resistant to solvents, humidity and moisture, as well as heat up to 204 °C (400 °F) for short periods.

The antenna should never be bent to the point of creating a crease or allowing the angle of the bend to fall below 90 degrees (i.e. become acute) as this will impair function and may cause permanent damage.

Antenna Dimensions

The dimensions for the AC61003 are shown below in Figure 1.

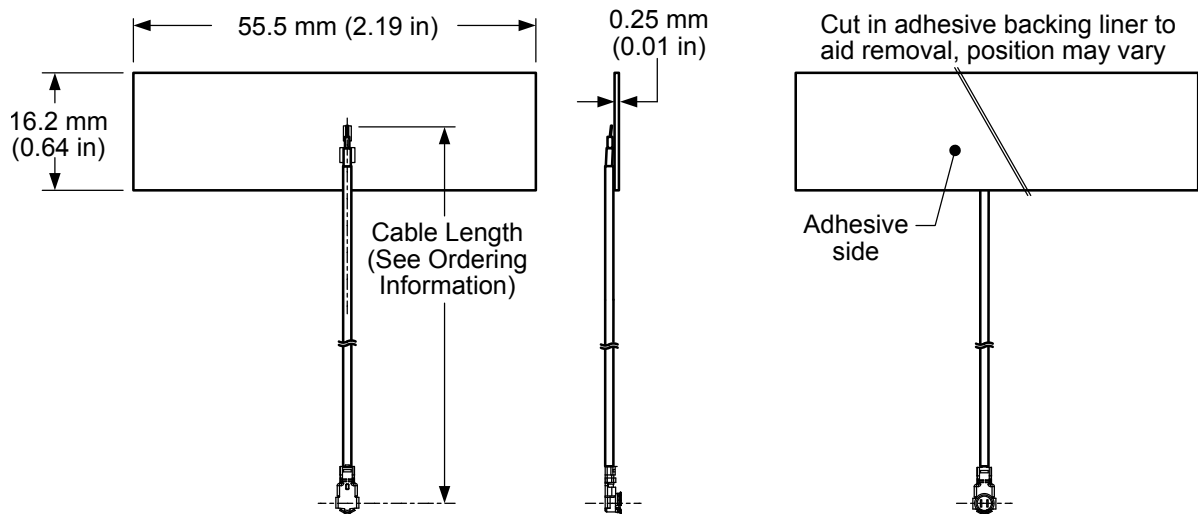


Figure 1. AC61003 Antenna Dimensions

VSWR

Figure 2 provides the voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR) across the antenna bandwidth. VSWR characterizes the power reflected from the antenna back to the transmitter. A lower VSWR value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency. Reflected power is also shown on the right-side vertical axis as a measure of the percentage of transmitter power reflected back from the antenna.

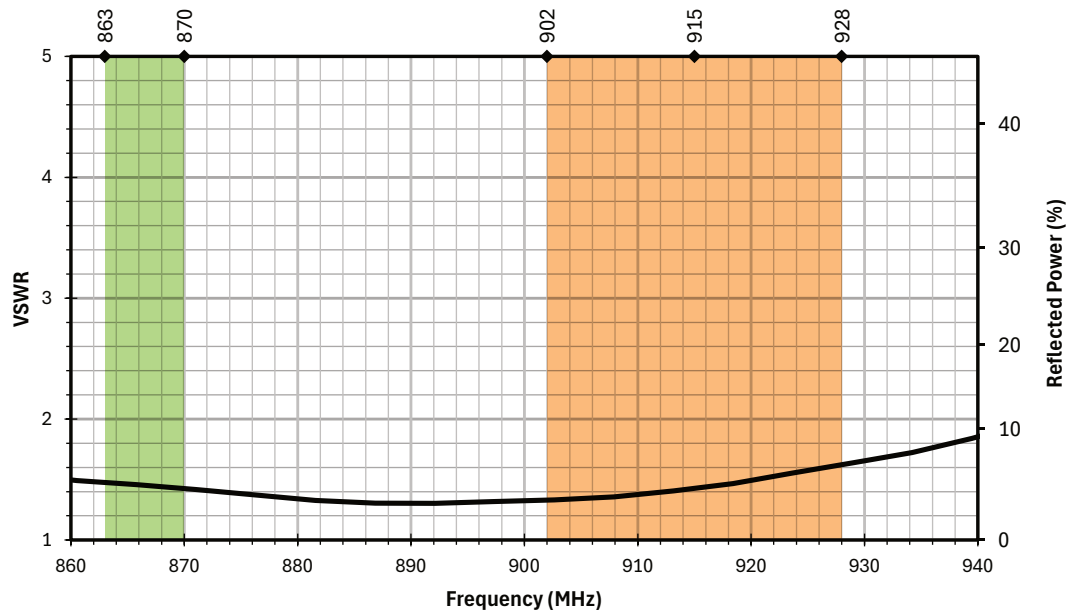


Figure 2. AC61003 Antenna VSWR

Return Loss

Return loss (Figure 3) represents the loss in power at the antenna due to reflected signals. A higher magnitude return loss indicates better performance. Return loss is the negative of input reflection coefficient, in decibels (dB), and the two values are often used interchangeably.

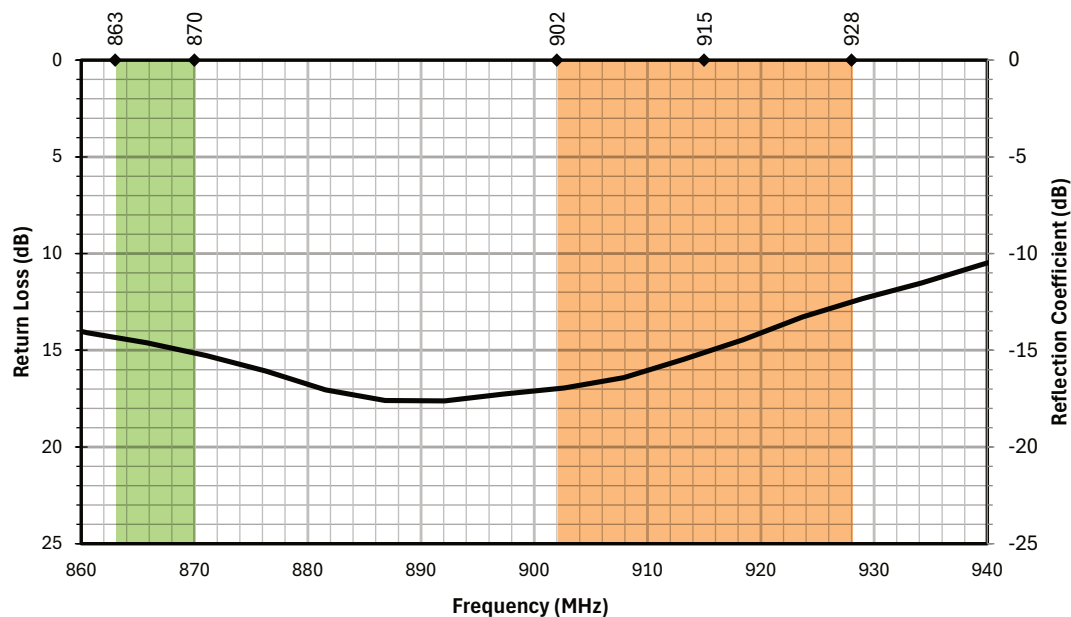


Figure 3. AC61003 Antenna Return Loss

Peak Gain

Peak gain (Figure 4) provides a measure of the maximum conversion of antenna input power to radio waves at a given frequency. Peak gain does not account for the directionality of gain in 3-dimensional space.

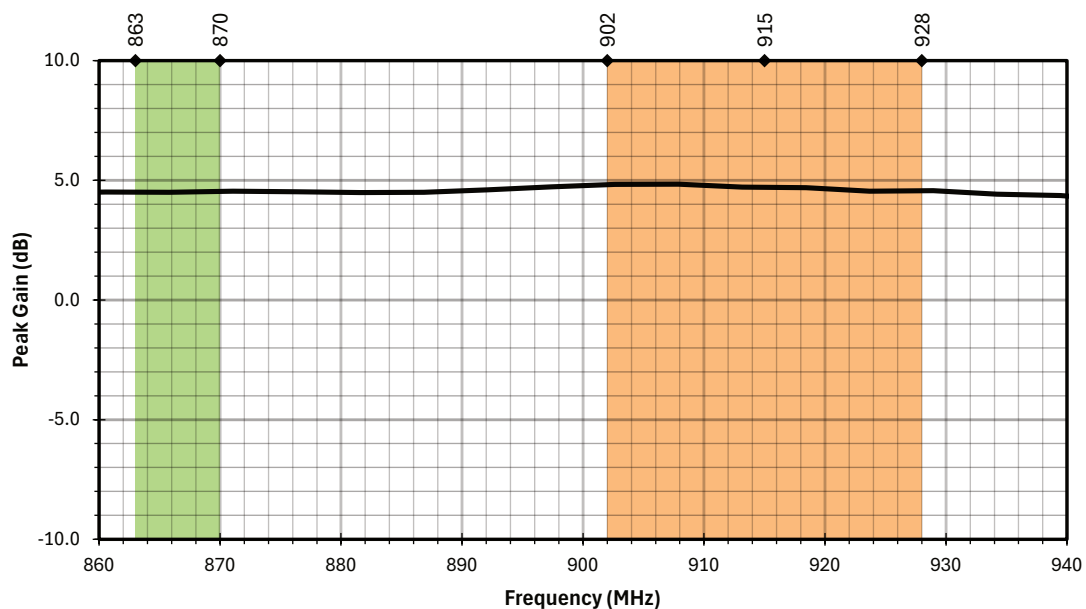


Figure 4. AC61003 Antenna Peak Gain

Average Gain

Average gain (Figure 5) is the average of all antenna gain in 3-dimensional space at each frequency, providing an indication of overall performance without expressing antenna directionality.

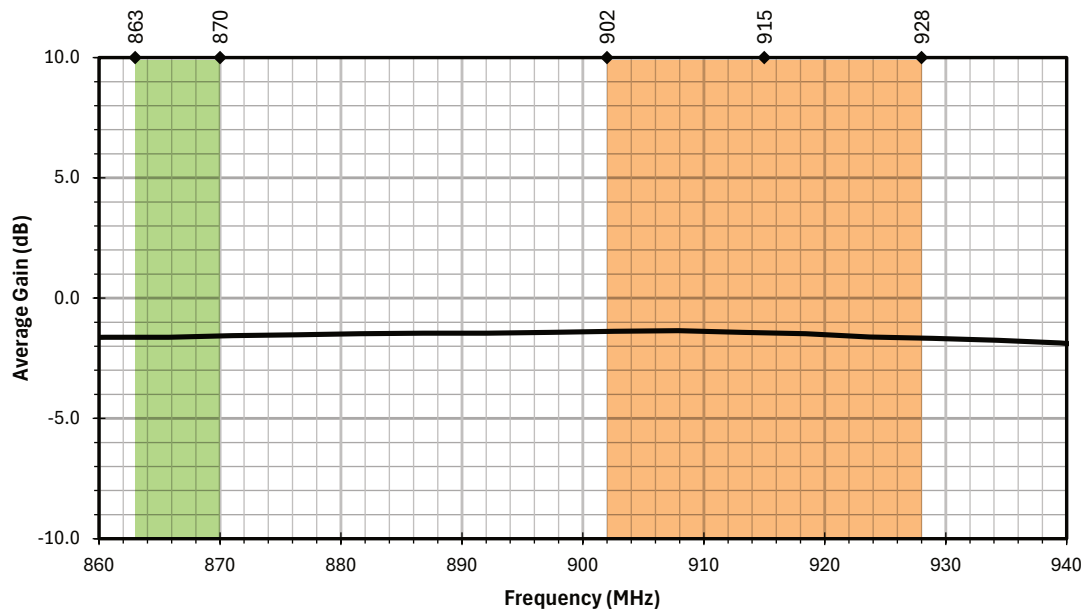


Figure 5. AC61003 Antenna Average Gain

Efficiency

Efficiency (Figure 6) is the ratio of power delivered to the antenna relative to the power radiated at the antenna, expressed as a percentage, where a higher percentage indicates better performance at a given frequency.

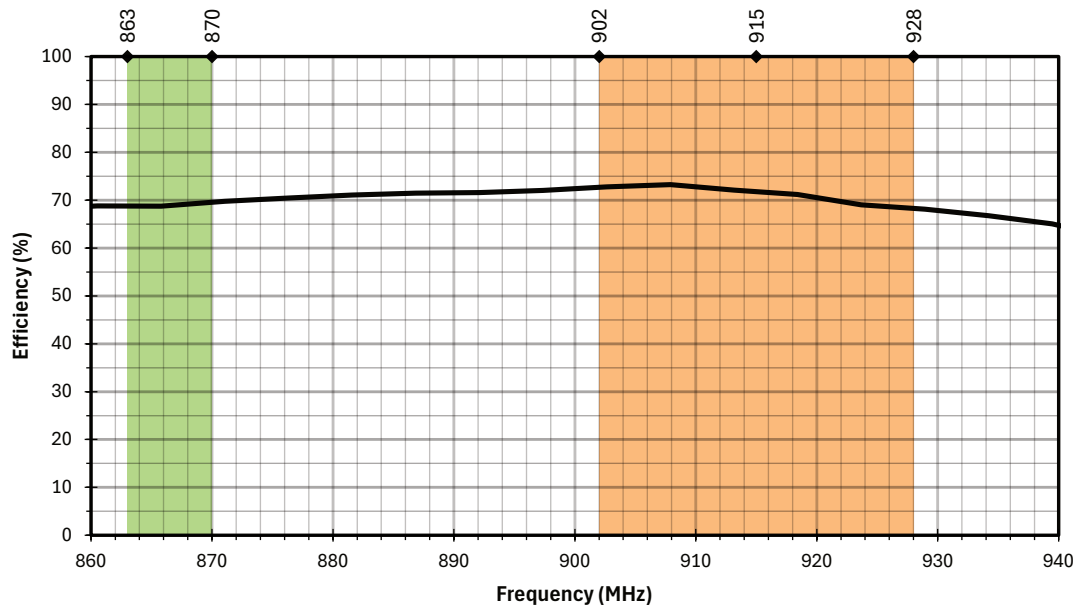
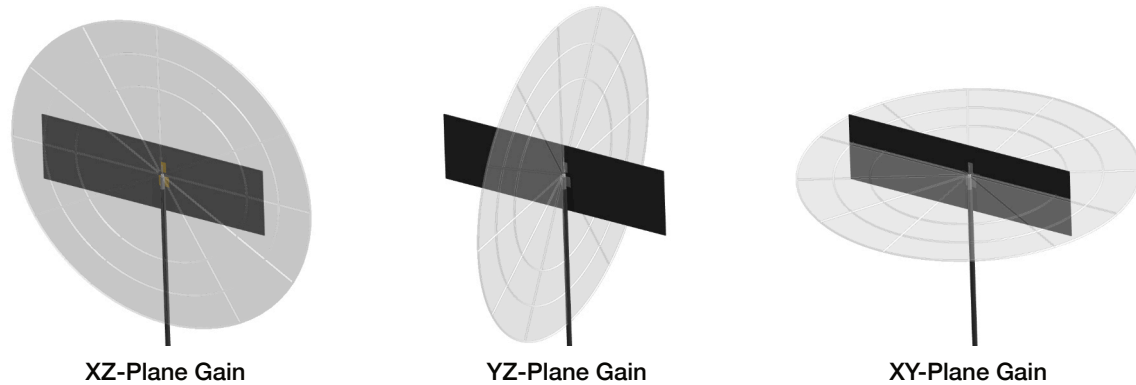


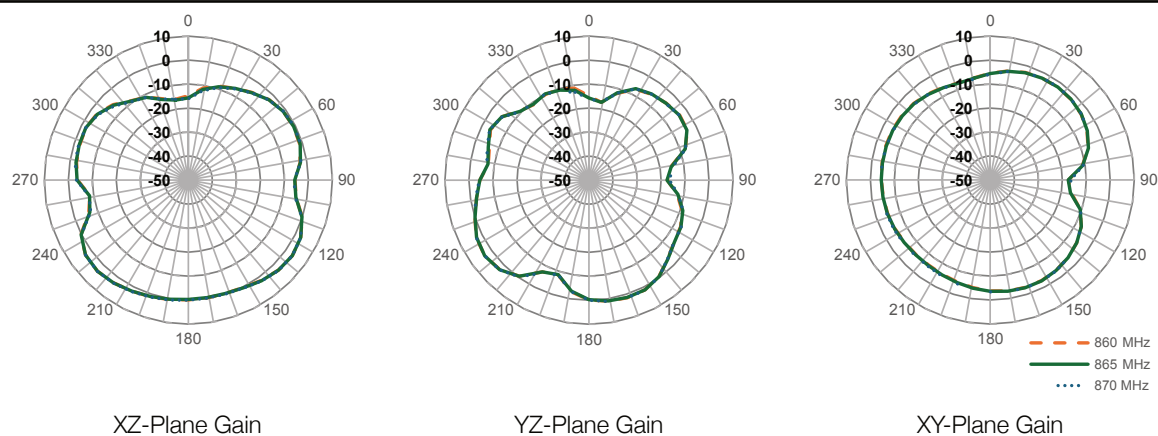
Figure 6. AC61003 Antenna Efficiency

Radiation Patterns

Radiation patterns provide information about the directional performance of the antenna by plotting gain in three orthogonal planes at the high-, low- and center-frequencies of an antenna frequency band. Antenna radiation patterns (Figure 7) are shown using polar plots covering 360 degrees with the plane of reference depicted above the plots. Note: when viewed with typical PDF viewing software, zooming into radiation patterns is possible to reveal fine detail.



860 MHz to 870 MHz (865 MHz)



900 MHz to 930 MHz (915 MHz)

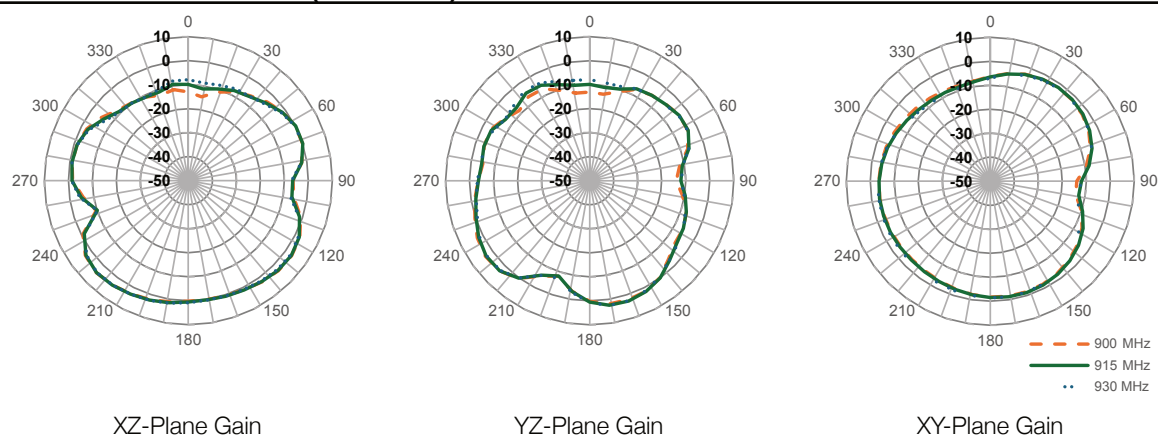


Figure 7. Radiation Patterns for the AC61003 Antenna

Packaging Information

The AC61003 antenna is individually packaged in a labeled, thermally sealed polyethylene bag and then bulk packaged in a polyethylene bag in quantities of 50 pcs. Sealed bulk polyethylene bags are packed in cartons in quantities of 160 yielding 8000 pieces per carton. Carton dimensions are 340 mm x 340 mm x 200 mm (13.4 in x 13.4 in x 7.9 in).

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