

Description

M10HCT-A-SMA is a L1-L2-L5 active GNSS antenna solution intended to cover all GPS, Galileo, Glonass, BeiDou bands including L-Band correction services coverage. Low profile RHCP, wide band antenna is ideal solution for high-precision applications, such as autonomous vehicle navigation, smart survey devices, and maritime positioning. This antenna is built on proprietary Maxtena Helicore® technology. This technology provides exceptional pattern control, polarization purity and high efficiency in a very compact form factor. Low axial ratio ensures that the antenna captures RHCP signal well and mitigates the reflected LHCP signals. Antenna ensures high signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and GNSS signal tracking from all elevation angles in all types of environments. The antenna is ground plane independent and comes in three versions: Screw mount, magnet mount and embedded. The embedded version is custom tuned to the applications enclosure.

Active Circuit Performance

Parameter	Specification		
Conducted gain	34.5 dB @ upper band		
	35.4 dB @ lower band		
Noise figure	3.1 dB @ upper band		
	2.9 dB @ upper band		
Voltage	2.3 V - 16 V		
Current	40 mA (max.)		
Out of band rejection	≥ 70 dB @ ≥ 1700 MHz		
	≥ 35 dB @ ≥ 1650 MHz		
	≥ 35 dB @ 1450 - 1520 MHz		
	≥ 60 dB @ 1350 - 1450 MHz		
	≥ 80 dB @ ≤ 1125 MHz		
Group delay variation	< 3 ns @ L1		
	< 4 ns @ L2		
	< 22 ns @ L5		
EMI Immunity Out of Band	30 kV		
Output P1dB	12.5 dBm @ upper band		
	13.1 dBm @ lower band		



Features

- Full GPS, Galileo, Glonass, BeiDou bands coverage including L-Band correction services coverage
- Low Axial Ratio
- Low Noise Figure
- Ground plane independent
- · Low power consumption
- Low phase center variation over azimuth and elevation and among different samples
- Rugged IP67 rating
- · RoHs compliant
- · Automotive grade electronics

Applications

- UAV/Drones
- Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGV)
- · Unmanned Systems
- High Precision Navigation
- Military & Security
- Agriculture & FarmTech
- · Marine systems

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Passive antenna performance

Parameter	Specification
Frequency Range	1164 - 1300 MHz
	1539 - 1610 MHz
Peak gain	3.4 dBic @ upper band
	3.3 dBic @ lower band
Peak efficiency	80 % @ upper band
	75 % @ lower band
Axial Ratio	0.5 dB (max.) @ zenith
Polarization	RHCP
Beamwidth	120°

Mechanical specification

Parameter	Specification
Antenna Dimensions	Ø80 x 40 mm
Weight	123 g
Operating Temperature	-40 °C to 85 °C
Mounting Type	Magnet Mount
Connector	SMA
Radome/Color	Black
Housing material	ABS/PC
Certificates	IP67



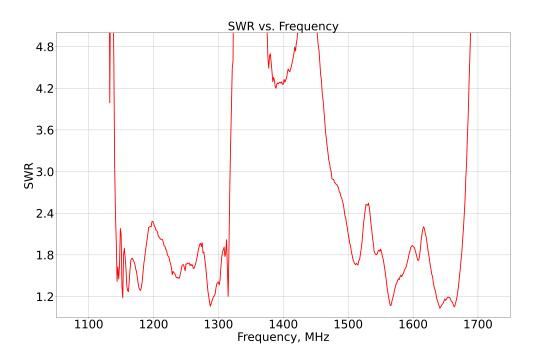
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Antenna Characteristics

Return Loss



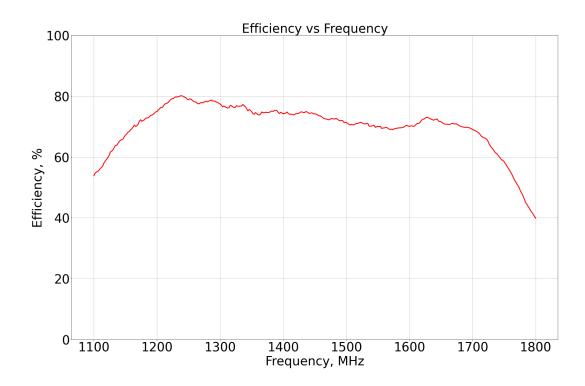
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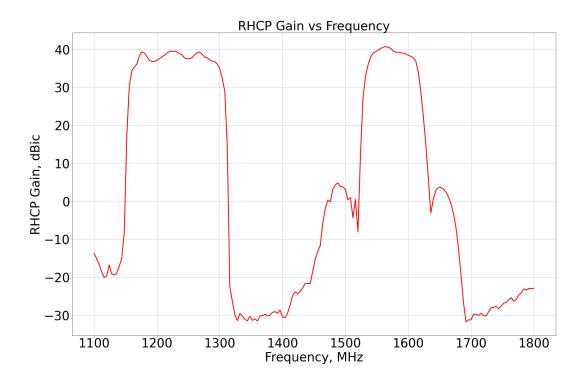


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Gain



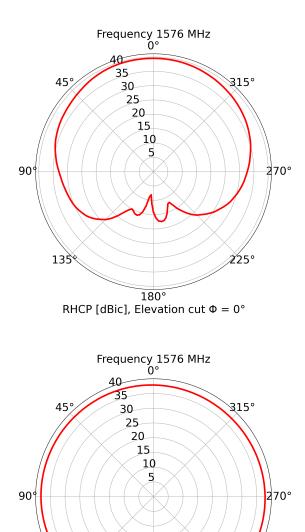


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2D Radiation Patterns

Maxtena's M10HCT-A-SMA has unique features that make it the best option for high-accuracy GNSS applications Full hemispherical coverage is achieved by an exceptionally large 3 dB beamwidth, ensuring full view of sky and satellites in lower elevation angles. Highly symmetric radiation pattern guarantees there will be no direction of weak reception or blind spots.

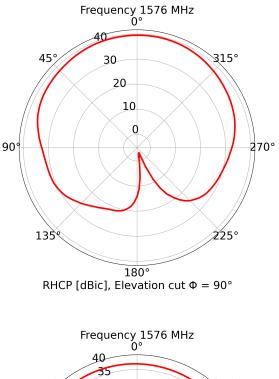


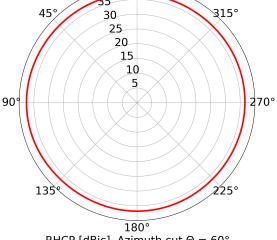


180°

RHCP [dBic], Azimuth cut $\Theta = 45^{\circ}$

225°





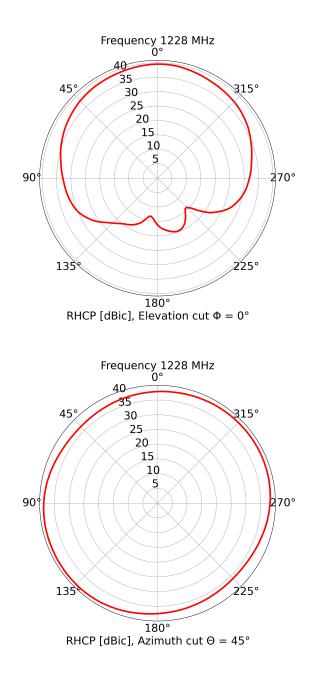
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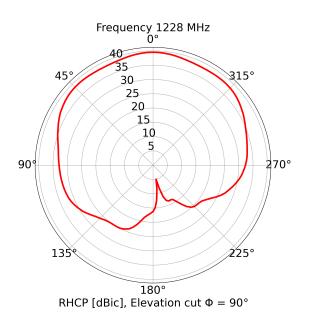


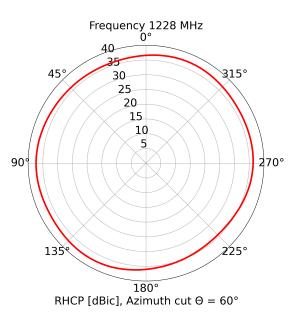
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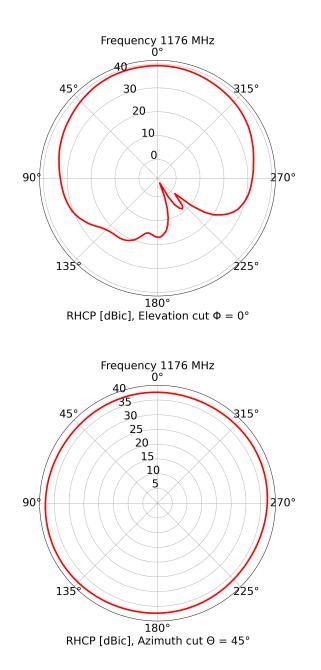


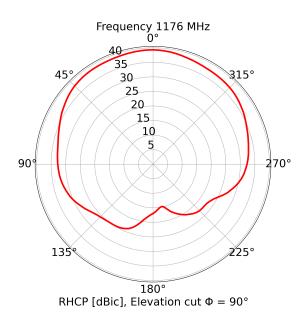


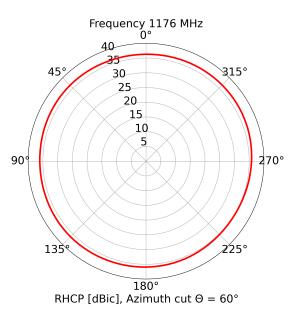








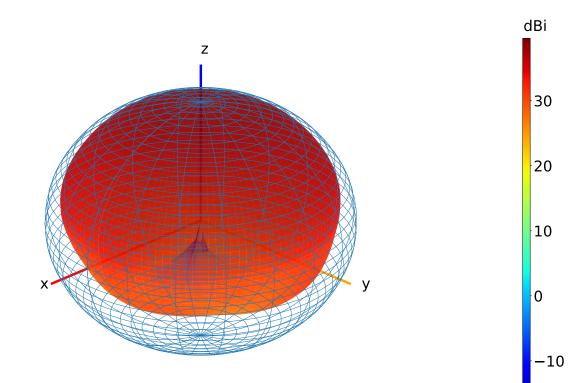






3D Radiation Patterns

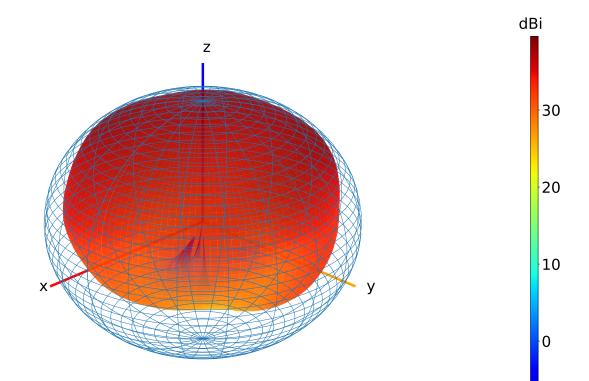
L1 band





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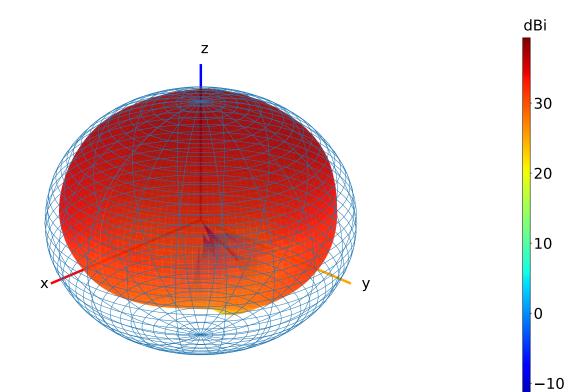
L2 band





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L5 band



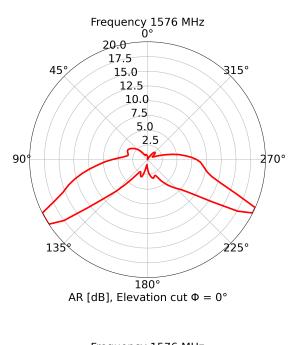


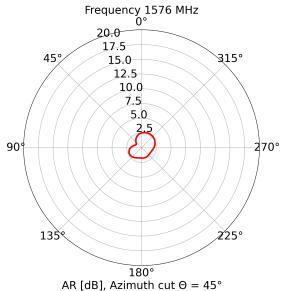
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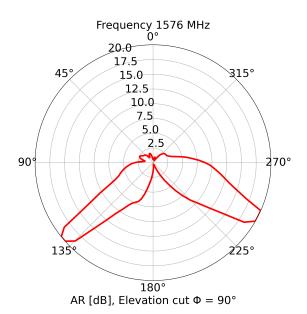
Axial Ratio

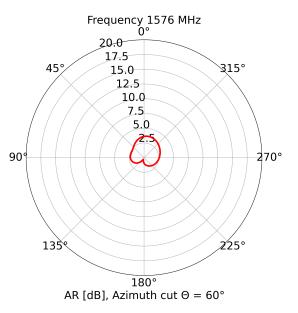
Axial Ratio is a very important parameter for high-accuracy GNSS applications. Ideally GNSS signals travel directly from the GNSS satellite to the receiver antenna. But buildings, trees, water, and road surfaces can cause GNSS signals reflection. Reflected signals change from right hand circular polarization to left hand circular polarization. A low axial ratio at the zenith and other elevation angles ensures multipath error is mitigated.

L1 band





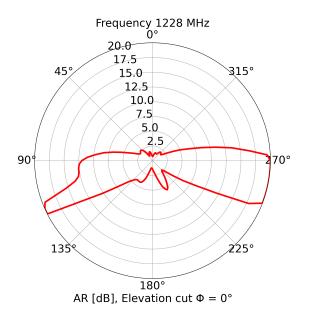


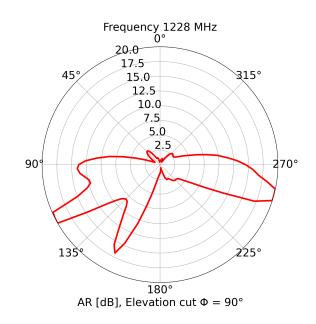


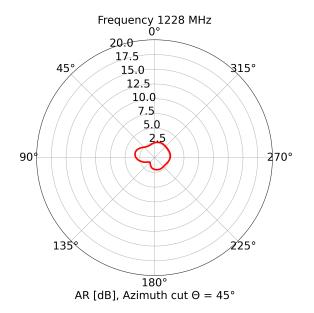
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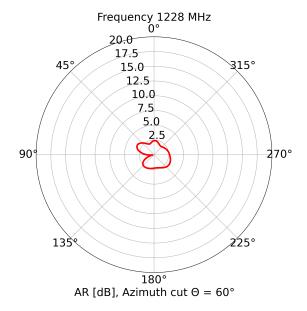
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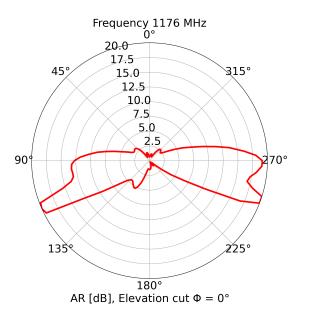


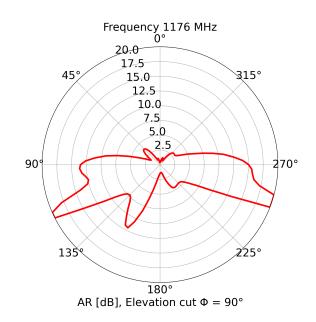


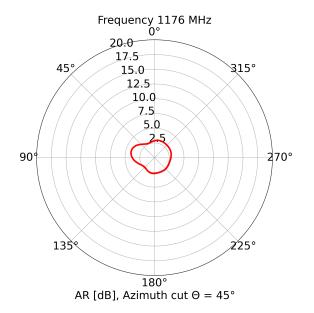


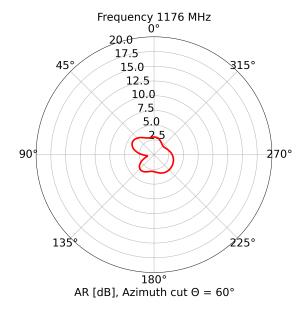










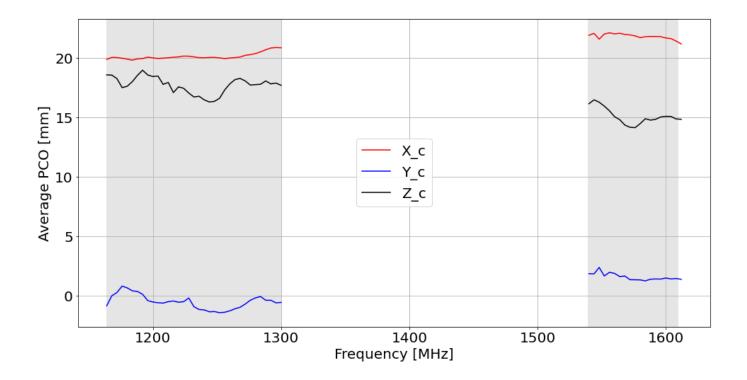




Phase center offset

Phase center offset and phase center variation values are important parameter in GPS precise positioning. Maxtena's M10HCT-A-SMA has minimal phase center variation over azimuth and elevation in all GNSS bands.

PCO	L1 band	L2 band	L5 band
x-axis	21.9 mm	20.2 mm	20 mm
y-axis	1.4 mm	-0.7 mm	0.8 mm
z-axis	14.2 mm	17.1 mm	17.5 mm

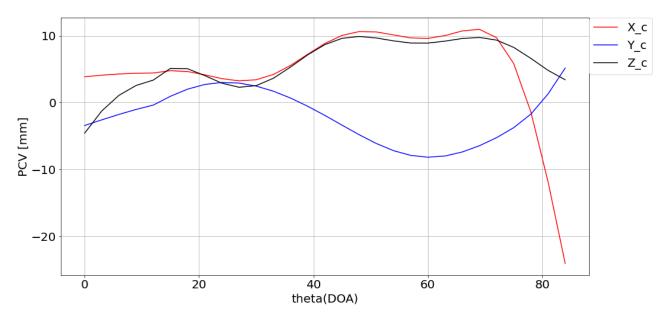




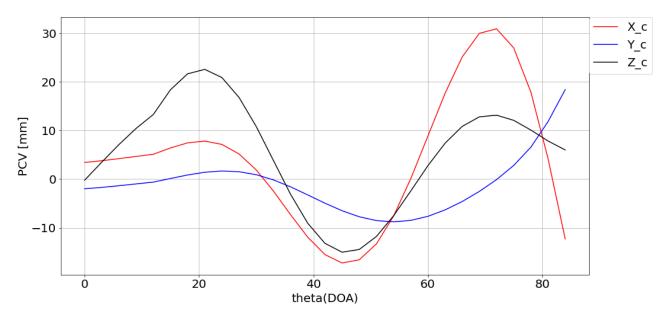
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Phase center variation

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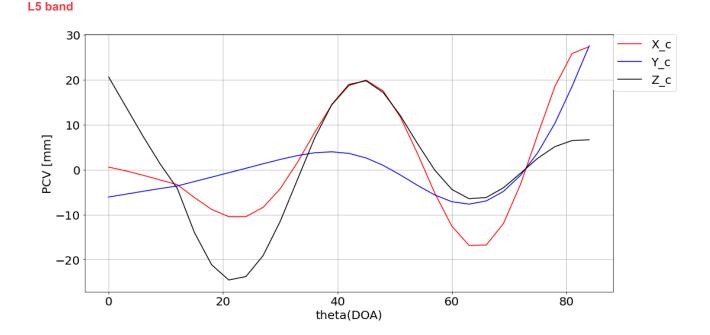


L2 band





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Rooftop Testing

For this test Maxtena used u-blox ZED-F9P receiver. Receiver was flashed with the latest firmware version. The test was performed in an open sky environment for 24 hours. Measurements were done without ground plane under the antenna.

Receiver features

- Receiver supports the GNSS and their signals as follows: GPS L1C/A L2C, GLO L1OF L2OF, GAL E1B/C E5b, BDS B1I B2I, QZSS L1C/A L1S L2C, SBAS L1C/A
- Horizontal position accuracy RTK= 0.01 m + 1 ppm CEP
- Vertical position accuracy RTK= 0.01 m + 1 ppm CEP
- · Navigation update rate RTK up to 20 MHz



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Positioning Accuracy							
Test Conditions	Correction Service	CEP (50 %)	DRMS (68 %)	2DRMS (95-98.2 %)	TTFF (sec)		
Free space	RTK	0.66 cm	0.66 cm	1.3 cm	99.6		

