

SARA-R5 series

LTE-M / NB-IoT modules based on UBX-R5 chipset

Data sheet



Abstract

Technical data sheet describing SARA-R5 LTE-M / NB-IoT modules, based on the u-blox UBX-R5 cellular chipset. The modules are a size-optimized solution specifically designed for IoT, integrating an in-house developed cellular modem, and u-blox's leading GNSS technology. The modules deliver high performance satellite positioning alongside data connectivity in the very small and compact SARA form factor.



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	SARA-R510S-00B-02	Modem: 02.09 Application: A00.01	UBX-22003339	Obsolete
	SARA-R510S-00B-03	Modem: 02.10 Application: A00.01	UBX-23007892	End of life
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	SARA-R510M8S-00B-01	Modem: 02.06 Application: A00.01	UBX-20053099	Obsolete
	SARA-R510M8S-00B-02	Modem: 02.09 Application: A00.01	UBX-22003339	Obsolete
	SARA-R510M8S-00B-03	Modem: 02.10 Application: A00.01	UBX-23007892	End of life
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1 Functional description

1.1 Overview

The SARA-R5 series includes the following modules based on u-blox's UBX-R5 cellular chipset:

- SARA-R500S, general purpose LTE Cat M1 / LTE Cat NB2 product designed for multi-regional deployments
- SARA-R500E, LTE Cat M1 module with integrated SIM and bundled connectivity for the North America region
- SARA-R510S, LTE Cat M1 / LTE Cat NB2 product designed for multi-regional deployments and power-optimized for extremely low consumption in PSM / eDRX deep-sleep
- SARA-R510M8S, LTE Cat M1 / LTE Cat NB2 product designed for multi-regional deployments, integrating the high-performance u-blox M8 standard precision concurrent GNSS receiver chip for global position acquisition using dedicated GNSS antenna interface

The miniature SARA LGA form factor (26.0 \times 16.0 mm, 96-pin) allows an easy integration into compact designs and a seamless drop-in migration from other u-blox cellular module families.

SARA-R5 series modules are form-factor compatible with the u-blox LISA, LARA, LENA and TOBY cellular module families and they are pin-to-pin compatible with the u-blox SARA-R4, SARA-N2, SARA-N3, SARA-N4, SARA-G3, SARA-G4 and SARA-U2 cellular modules families. This facilitates migration from other u-blox LPWA modules as well as from other u-blox GSM/GPRS, CDMA, UMTS/HSPA and higher LTE categories modules, maximizing customer investments, simplifying logistics, and enabling very short time-to-market.

SARA-R5 series modules provide software-based multi-band configurability enabling international multi-regional coverage in LTE Cat M1 / NB2 radio access technologies, supporting a comprehensive set of 3GPP Rel. 14 features that are relevant for IoT applications.

SARA-R5 series modules offer data communications up to 1200 kbit/s over an extended operating temperature range of –40 °C to +85 °C, with low power consumption, and with coverage enhancement for deeper range into buildings and basements (and underground with NB2).

By bringing all the technology building blocks in house and having full hardware and software ownership, on SARA-R5 series, u-blox guarantees long-term device availability and provide lifetime support of the entire platform, down to the chipset level.

With many interface options and an integrated IP stack, SARA-R5 series modules are the optimal choice for LPWA applications with low to medium data throughput rates, as well as devices that require long battery lifetimes, such as used in smart metering, smart lighting, telematics, asset tracking, remote monitoring, alarm panels, and connected healthcare.

Customers can future-proof their solutions by over-the-air firmware updates, thanks to the uFOTA client/server solution that utilizes LwM2M, a light and compact protocol ideal for IoT.





1.2 Product features

Model	Region	RAT		GNS		GNSS		u-blox Services				External Features				Features						Ģ	Ərac	le										
		LTE category	LTE FDD bands	Integrated GNSS receiver	Dedicated GNSS antenna interface	External GNSS control via modem	MQTT Anywhere	MQTT Flex	AssistNow™	CellLocate®	UARTS	USB (for diagnostics)	12C	NSIM	GPIOs	Digital audio (I2S)	Open CPU (uCPU)	Secure boot, updates, and production	Embedded MQTT, MQTT-SN	Antenna dynamic tuning	Ultra-low power consumption in PSM / eDRX	Embedded TCP/UDP	Embedded HTTP, FTP	Embedded TLS, DTLS	FW update via serial (FOAT)	u-blox Firmware update Over the Air (uFOTA)	Embedded CoAP	Last gasp	Jamming detection	Antenna and SIM detection	CellTime	Standard	Professional	Automotive
SARA-R500E	North America	M1	*			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
SARA-R500S	Multi Region	M1 NB2	*			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		٠	
SARA-R510S	Multi Region	M1 NB2	*			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
SARA-R510M8S	Multi Region	M1 NB2	*	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	

* = LTE Bands 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 28, 66, 71, 85

Table 1: SARA-R5 series main features summary

- The "00B" products version of the SARA-R5 series modules do not support LTE NB-IoT (LTE Cat NB2), and the LTE FDD bands 66, 71, 85.
- The "00B" products version of SARA-R5 series modules do not support eDRX deep-sleep mode.

1.3 Block diagram



Figure 1: SARA-R500E block diagram





Figure 2: SARA-R500S block diagram ¹



Figure 3: SARA-R510S block diagram ¹

¹ Secure element is only available on SARA-R5 "00B" product versions and "01B-00", "61B" and "71B" type numbers.





Figure 4: SARA-R510M8S block diagram ¹

- The "00B" products version of the SARA-R5 series modules do not support the following interfaces. They shall be left unconnected and should not be driven by external devices:
 - \circ $\:$ SPI, SDIO and digital audio (I2S) interfaces
 - $\circ~$ ADC, ANT_ON and GEOFENCE pins functions
- The "01B", "61B", and "71B" products versions of the SARA-R5 series modules do not support the following interfaces. They shall be left unconnected and should not be driven by external devices:
 - \circ SPI, SDIO and digital audio (I2S) interfaces



1.4 Product description

Item	SARA-R500E / SARA-R500S / SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S
Cellular protocol stack	3GPP Rel.13 LTE Cat M1 and NB1	3GPP Release 13 LTE Cat M1 and NB1
	3GPP Rel.14 LTE Cat M1: Coverage Enhancement Mode B, Uplink TBS of 2984b 3GPP Rel.14 LTE Cat NB2: Higher data rate (TBS of 2536b), Mobility enhancement (RRC connection re-establishment), E-Cell ID, two	3GPP Release 14 LTE Cat M1: Coverage Enhancement Mode B, Uplink TBS of 2984b 3GPP Release 14 LTE Cat NB2: Higher data rate (TBS of 2536b), Mobility enhancement (RRC connection re-establishment), E-Cell ID, two
	HARQ processes, Release Assistant, Random access on Non-Anchor Carrier	HARQ processes, Release Assistant, Random access on Non-Anchor Carrier
Cellular RAT	LTE Cat M1 Half-Duplex	LTE Cat M1 Half-Duplex
	LTE Cat NB2 Half-Duplex	LTE Cat NB2 Half-Duplex
Cellular operating bands	LTE FDD band 1 (2100 MHz)	LTE FDD band 1 (2100 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 2 (1900 MHz)	LTE FDD band 2 (1900 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 3 (1800 MHz)	LTE FDD band 3 (1800 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 4 (1700 MHz)	LTE FDD band 4 (1700 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 5 (850 MHz)	LTE FDD band 5 (850 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 8 (900 MHz)	LTE FDD band 8 (900 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 12 (700 MHz)	LTE FDD band 12 (700 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 13 (750 MHz)	LTE FDD band 13 (750 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 18 (850 MHz)	LTE FDD band 18 (850 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 19 (850 MHz)	LTE FDD band 19 (850 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 20 (800 MHz)	LTE FDD band 20 (800 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 25 (1900 MHz)	LTE FDD band 25 (1900 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 26 (850 MHz)	LTE FDD band 26 (850 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 28 (700 MHz)	LTE FDD band 28 (700 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 66 (1700 MHz)	LTE FDD band 66 (1700 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 71 (600 MHz)	LTE FDD band 71 (600 MHz)
	LTE FDD band 85 (700 MHz)	LTE FDD band 85 (700 MHz)
Cellular power class	LTE power class 3 (23 dBm)	LTE power class 3 (23 dBm)
Cellular data rate	LTE category M1:	LTE category M1:
	up to 1200 kbit/s UL, up to 375 kbit/s DL	up to 1200 kbit/s UL, up to 375 kbit/s DL
	LTE category NB2:	LTE category NB2:
	up to 140 kbit/s UL, up to 125 kbit/s DL	up to 140 kbit/s UL, up to 125 kbit/s DL
GNSS receiver type	-	GPS L1C/A, SBAS L1C/A, QZSS L1C/A, QZSS L1-SAIF, GLONASS L10F, BeiDou B1I, Galileo E1B/C

Table 2: SARA-R5 series cellular and GNSS main characteristics

- The "00B" products version of SARA-R5 series modules and the SARA-R500E modules do not support the LTE NB-IoT Radio Access Technology.
- The "00B" products version of SARA-R5 series modules do not support LTE FDD bands 66, 71, 85.
- The "00B" products version of SARA-R5 series modules do not support eDRX deep-sleep mode.

1.5 AT command support

The SARA-R5 series modules support AT commands according to the 3GPP standards TS 27.007 [4], TS 27.005 [5], TS 27.010 [6], and the u-blox AT commands extension.

For the complete list of all supported AT commands and their syntax, see SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1].



1.6 Supported features

Table 3 lists some of the main features supported by SARA-R5 series modules. For more details, see the SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2] and SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1].

Feature	Description
Device security	 Hardware-based security functions of the chipset are used to provide Secure boot: guarantees software authenticity and integrity Secure update: supervises the secure delivery of the correct FW to the module Secure production: secret keys are programmed into the module using encrypted protocols and within u-blox secured manufacturing environment
Open CPU (uCPU)	Capability to run customer application code directly on SARA-R5 modules. The functionality is available upon request.
MQTT Anywhere ² , MQTT Flex ²	With u-blox's communication services – MQTT Anywhere or MQTT Flex – data overhead, time spent on-the-air, and energy consumption can be reduced, thus enabling users to extend device life cycles, lower costs, and improve ROI.
Integrated GNSS receiver ³	SARA-R510M8S modules are pre-integrated with a u-blox UBX-M8030 concurrent GNSS chipset with SPG 3.01 firmware version, comprehensive of a dedicated GNSS antenna interface, additional LNA and SAW filter for a highly reliable, accurate positioning data. The GNSS system is totally independent from the LTE system and can run concurrently to a LTE communication.
External GNSS control via modem ⁴	Access to external u-blox GNSS positioning chips and modules through I2C interface. This means that any external host processor can control the SARA-R500E, SARA-R500S or SARA-R510S cellular module and the u-blox GNSS chip / module through a single serial port.
Embedded AssistNow Software	Embedded AssistNow Online and AssistNow Offline clients are available to provide better GNSS performance and faster Time-to-First-Fix. An AT command can enable / disable the clients.
CellLocate®	Enables the estimation of device position based on the parameters of the mobile network cells visible to the specific device based on the CellLocate® database. CellLocate® is available via a set of AT commands for CellLocate® service configuration and position request.
Hybrid Positioning	Provides the module's current position using a u-blox positioning chip or module (external for SARA-R500E / SARA-R500S / SARA-R510S, integrated UBX-M8 chip for SARA-R510M8S) or the estimated position from CellLocate®, depending on which positioning method provides the best and fastest solution according to the user configuration. Hybrid positioning is implemented through a set of AT commands that allow the configuration and the position request.
CellTime	Returns accurate timing retrieved from the LTE network and/or from the u-blox positioning chip or module (external for the SARA-R500E / SARA-R500S / SARA-R510S cellular modules, integrated UBX-M8 chip for the SARA-R510M8S modules). Can be used to provide periodic time-stamps to an external application processor or to output a time indication associated to an interrupt detected on a GPIO (e.g. coming from an external sensor connected to the module). The implementation of CellTime can be extended to control and maintain timing info in a network of sensors (each one integrating a SARA-R5 module).
Antenna dynamic tuning	Control via two GPIOs an external antenna matching IC according to the LTE band used by the module.
Embedded TCP and UDP stack	Embedded TCP/IP and UDP/IP stack including direct link mode for TCP and UDP sockets. Sockets can be set in Direct Link mode to establish a transparent end-to-end communication with an already connected TCP or UDP socket via the serial interface.
HTTP, HTTPS (v1.0 for +UHTTP, v1.1 for LwM2M client)	Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol as well as Secure Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol (SSL encryption) functionalities are supported via AT commands.
FTP, FTPS	File Transfer Protocol as well as Secure File Transfer Protocol (SSL encryption of FTP control channel) functionalities are supported by means of AT commands.

² Not supported by "00B-00" and "00B-01" product versions

³ Not supported by SARA-R500E, SARA-R500S and SARA-R510S modules

⁴ Not supported by SARA-R510M8S modules.



Feature	Description
CoAP (RFC 7252) [11]	Embedded Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) datagram-based client/server application protocol designed to easily translate from HTTP for simplified integration with the web.
MQTT (v3.1.1) and MQTT-SN (v1.2)	Embedded Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT) and MQTT for Sensor Networks (MQTT-SN) publish-subscribe messaging protocols designed for lightweight M2M communications over TCP (MQTT) or over UDP (MQTT-SN). These allow one-to-one, one-to- many and many-to-one communications over a TCP or UDP connection.
LwM2M with dynamically loaded objects (v1.0)	The LwM2M is a light and compact communication protocol designed for managing IoT machine-to-machine communication between a LwM2M Server and a LwM2M Client located in lightweight, low power or resource-constrained LwM2M devices, with object data model. SARA-R5 series modules allow customers to configure dynamically loaded run time objects, defining necessary custom objects, creating instances of those objects as appropriate, managing module LwM2M protocol stack to interact with the LwM2M server.
TLS (v1.0, v1.1, v1.2, v1.3) and DTLS (v1.2)	Transport Layer Security (TLS) provides security for HTTP, FTP, MQTT and TCP communications.
	Embedded Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) provides security for CoAP, LwM2M, MQTT-SN and UDP communications.
Jamming detection	Detects "artificial" interference that obscures the operator's carrier entitled to give access to the radio service and automatically reports the start and stop of such conditions to the application processor that can react accordingly.
Smart temperature supervisor	 Constant monitoring of the module board temperature: Warning notification when the temperature approaches an upper or lower predefined threshold (see section 4.2.16) Shutdown notified and forced when the temperature value is outside the specified range (shutdown suspended in case of an emergency call in progress) The smart temperature supervisor feature can be enabled or disabled through an AT command (see the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1], +USTS AT command).
Last gasp	In case of power supply outage (i.e. main supply interruption, battery removal, battery voltage below a certain threshold) the cellular module can be configured to send an alarm notification to a remote entity. The feature can be enabled and configured through the +ULGASP AT command.
Network status indication	GPIO configured to indicate the network status: registered home network, registered roaming, data call enabled, no service. The feature can be enabled through the +UGPIOC AT command.
Antenna detection	The ANT_DET pin provides antenna presence detection capability, evaluating the resistance from the ANT pin to GND by means of an external antenna detection circuit implemented on the application board. The antenna supervisor (i.e. antenna detection) feature can be enabled through the +UANTR AT command.
BIP	Bearer Independent Protocol for over-the-air SIM provisioning.
Dual stack IPv4/Ipv6	Capability to move between Ipv4 and dual stack network infrastructures. Ipv4 and Ipv6 addresses can be used.
Firmware update Over AT commands (FOAT)	Firmware module update over AT command interface. The feature can be enabled and configured through the +UFWUPD AT command.
u-blox Firmware update Over The Air (uFOTA)	u-blox firmware module update over the LTE air interface client/server solution using LwM2M.
Power Saving Mode (PSM)	The Power Saving Mode (PSM) feature, defined in 3GPP Rel.13, allows further reduction of the module current consumption maximizing the amount of time a device can remain in PSM low power deep-sleep mode during periods of data inactivity. It can be activated and configured by the +CPSMS AT command.
eDRX	Extended mode DRX, based on 3GPP Rel.13, reduces the amount of signaling overhead decreasing the frequency of scheduled measurements and/or transmissions performed by the module in idle mode (for eDRX cycles shorter than 327.68 s) or in deep-sleep mode (for eDRX cycles equal or longer than 327.68 s). This in turn leads to a reduction in the module power consumption while maintaining a perpetual connection with the base station.
Coverage Enhancement (mode A and mode B)	Coverage Enhancement modes introduced in 3GPP Rel.13 are used to improve the cell signal penetration.



Feature	Description
LTE-M and NB-loT 3GPP release 14 features	For LTE-M: Larger max UL TBS (2984 bits instead of 1000 bits), Enhanced PUCCH repetition in CE mode B (64 and 128 repetition factor)
	For NB-IoT: Cat-NB2 higher data rate (with 2536 bit TBS), Release assistance indication, RRC connection re-establishment for the control plane CloT EPS optimization, 2 UL/DL HARQ processes, Non-anchor paging and RACH, E-CID positioning

Table 3: Some of the main features supported by SARA-R5 series modules

- The "00B" products version of SARA-R5 series modules and the SARA-R500E modules do not support LTE NB-IoT.
- The "00B" products version of SARA-R5 series modules do not support eDRX deep-sleep mode.
- The "00B" products version of SARA-R5 series modules do not support Open CPU (uCPU) functionality.



2 Interfaces

2.1 Power management

2.1.1 Module supply input (VCC)

SARA-R5 series modules must be supplied through the **VCC** pins by a proper external DC power supply providing a nominal voltage within the normal operating range (see Table 11). Voltage must be stable, because during operation the current drawn from **VCC** may vary significantly, based on the power consumption profile of the LTE Cat M1 and LTE Cat NB2 radio access technologies (described in the SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2]).

The three **VCC** pins of SARA-R5 series modules are internally connected to both the internal Power Amplifier and the internal Power Management Unit, which integrates voltage regulators generating all the internal supply voltages needed by the module for the designed operations, as the supply voltage for the generic digital interfaces (**V_INT**), the supply voltage for the SIM interface (**VSIM**), and the supply voltage for the internal GNSS receiver.

It is important that the system power supply circuit is able to withstand the maximum pulse current during a transmit burst at maximum power level (see Table 13).

2.1.2 Generic digital interfaces supply output (V_INT)

SARA-R5 series modules provide a 1.8 V supply rail output on the **V_INT** pin, which is internally generated when the module is switched on. The same voltage domain is used internally to supply the generic digital interfaces of the module. The **V_INT** supply output can be used in place of an external discrete regulator.

It is recommended to provide accessible test point directly connected to the **V_INT** pin.

2.2 Antenna interface

2.2.1 Cellular antenna RF interface (ANT)

The **ANT** pin is the cellular RF antenna I/O interface, designed with 50 Ω characteristic impedance.

2.2.2 GNSS antenna RF interface (ANT_GNSS)

The GNSS antenna RF interface is not supported by SARA-R500E, SARA-R500S, SARA-R510S.

The **ANT_GNSS** pin represents the GNSS RF input of the SARA-R510M8S modules, designed with 50 Ω characteristic impedance and with an internal DC block, suitable for both active and/or passive GNSS antennas due to the built-in SAW filter followed by an LNA in front of the integrated high performing u-blox M8 concurrent positioning engine.

2.2.3 Antenna detection (ANT_DET)

The **ANT_DET** pin is an Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) input with a current source provided by SARA-R5 series modules to sense the external antenna presence (as an optional feature), evaluating the DC resistance to GND by means of an externally implemented circuit (for more details, see the u-blox SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2] and the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1]).



2.3 System functions

2.3.1 Module power-on

When the SARA-R500E, SARA-R500S and SARA-R510M8S modules are not powered, they can be switched on as following:

 Rising edge on the VCC supply input to a valid voltage for modules supply: the modules switch on applying VCC supply starting from a voltage value lower than 2.15 V, providing a fast enough VCC voltage slope, as it must ramp from 2.15 V to 3.0 V within 300 ms, and reach a regular nominal VCC voltage value within the operating range (see Table 11).

When the SARA-R510S modules are not powered, they can be switched on as following:

• Applying a voltage at the **VCC** module supply input within the operating range (see Table 11), and then forcing a low level at the **PWR_ON** input pin, which is normally set high by an internal pull-up, for a valid time period (see section 4.2.9, module switch-on).

When the SARA-R5 series modules are in power-off mode (i.e. switched off, but with a valid voltage present at the **VCC** module supply input within the operating range reported in Table 11), they can be switched on as following:

• Forcing a low level at the **PWR_ON** input pin, which is normally set high by an internal pull-up, for a valid time period (see section 4.2.9, module switch-on).

When the SARA-R5 series modules are in low power PSM / eDRX⁵ deep-sleep mode, with a valid voltage present at the **VCC** module supply input within the operating range reported in Table 11, they can be woken up as following:

• Forcing a low level at the **PWR_ON** input pin, which is normally set high by an internal pull-up, for a valid time period (see section 4.2.9, module early wake-up from PSM / eDRX deep-sleep).

The **PWR_ON** line is intended to be driven by open drain, open collector or contact switch.

It is recommended to provide accessible test point directly connected to the **PWR_ON** input pin.

2.3.2 Module power-off

The graceful power-off of the SARA-R5 series modules, with storage of the current parameter settings in the module's non-volatile memory and a clean network detach, can be triggered by:

• AT+CPWROFF command (see the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1])

A faster power-off procedure of the modules, with storage of the current parameter settings in the module's non-volatile memory but without a clean network detach, can be triggered by:

- AT+CFUN=10 command (see the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1])
- Toggling the GPIO input configured with the faster power-off function (see section 2.7)

An abrupt emergency hardware shutdown of the modules, without saving current parameter settings in the module's non-volatile memory and without clean network detach, can be executed by:

• Forcing a low pulse at the **PWR_ON** and **RESET_N** input pins, in the proper sequence described in section 4.2.9 with details in Figure 6

 $^{^{\}rm 5}\,{\rm eDRX}$ deep-sleep mode is not supported by "00B" products version



An abrupt under-voltage shutdown occurs on SARA-R5 series modules when the **VCC** supply is removed. If this occurs, it is not possible to store the current parameter settings in the module's non-volatile memory or to perform the proper network detach.

An over-temperature or an under-temperature shutdown occurs on the SARA-R5 series modules when the temperature measured within the module reaches the dangerous area (see section 4.2.16), if the optional "Smart temperature supervisor" feature is enabled and configured by the dedicated AT command (see the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1], +USTS AT command).

2.3.3 Module reset

SARA-R5 series modules can be reset (re-booted), saving current parameter settings in the module's non-volatile memory and performing a proper network detach, by:

• AT+CFUN=16 command (for other options and further details, see the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1]). This causes a graceful software reset of the module.

An abrupt software reset of the module is executed by applying a low pulse at the **RESET_N** input pin, which is normally set high by an internal pull-up, for a valid time period (see section 4.2.10). The current parameter settings are not saved in the module's non-volatile memory and a proper network detach is not performed.

The **RESET_N** line is intended to be driven by open drain, open collector or contact switch.

It is recommended to provide accessible test point directly connected to the **RESET_N** input pin.

2.4 SIM

The external SIM interface is not supported by the SARA-R500E modules.

2.4.1 SIM interface

SARA-R5 series modules provide the **VSIM**, **SIM_IO**, **SIM_CLK**, **SIM_RST** pins as an interface to connect an external SIM card/chip. Both 1.8 V and 3.0 V SIM types are supported. Activation and deactivation with an automatic voltage switch from 1.8 V to 3.0 V is implemented according to the ISO-IEC 7816-3 specifications.

2.4.2 SIM detection

The **GPIO5** pin of SARA-R5 series modules is a 1.8 V digital input which can be configured as an external interrupt to detect the SIM card presence (as a feature which can be optionally used), as intended to be properly connected to the mechanical switch of an external SIM card holder.

For more details, see the SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2] and the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1].

2.5 Serial communication

The SARA-R5 series provides the following serial communication interfaces:

- UART interfaces, available for communications with host application processor (2.5.1)
- USB 2.0 compliant interface, available for diagnostics only (2.5.2)
- SPI interfaces, available for communications with external SPI devices and for diagnostic (2.5.3)
- SDIO interface, available for communications with external SDIO devices (2.5.4)
- I2C bus compatible interface, available for communications with external I2C devices (2.5.5)



2.5.1 UART interfaces

The SARA-R5 series modules include 1.8 V unbalanced asynchronous serial interfaces (UART) for communication with external application host processor(s).

UART can be configured by dedicated AT command in the following variants:

- Variant 0 (default configuration), consists of a single UART interface that supports AT commands, data communication, multiplexer protocol functionality, FW update by means of FOAT or by means of the u-blox EasyFlash tool, and provides the following lines:
 - o data lines (**RXD** as output, **TXD** as input),
 - hardware flow control lines (CTS as output, RTS as input),
 - modem status and control lines (**DTR** as input, **RI** as output)
- Variant 1, consists of a single UART interface that supports AT commands, data communication, multiplexer protocol functionality, FW update by means of FOAT or by means of the u-blox EasyFlash tool, and provides the following lines:
 - o data lines (**RXD** as output, **TXD** as input),
 - hardware flow control lines (CTS as output, RTS as input),
 - modem status and control lines (**DTR** as input, **DSR** as output, **DCD** as output, **RI** as output)
- Variants 2, 3 and 4, consists of two UART interfaces plus ring indicator function:
 - First primary UART interface supports AT commands, data communication, multiplexer protocol functionality, FW update by means of FOAT or by means of the u-blox EasyFlash tool, and provides the following lines:
 - data lines (RXD as output, TXD as input),
 - hardware flow control lines (CTS as output, RTS as input),
 - Second auxiliary UART interface supports AT commands (variant 2 only), data communication (variant 2 only), FW update by means of FOAT (variant 2 only), diagnostic trace logging (variant 3 only), and GNSS tunneling (variant 4 only), and provides the following lines:
 - data lines (DCD as data output, DTR as data input),
 - hardware flow control lines (RI as flow control output, DSR as flow control input),
 - Ring indicator function over the GPIO pin configured with RI function (see section 2.7)

UART general features, valid for all variants, are:

- Serial port with RS-232 functionality conforming to the ITU-T V.24 recommendation [8], with CMOS compatible levels (0 V for low data bit or ON state, and 1.8 V for high data bit or OFF state)
- Hardware flow control (default value) or none flow control are supported
- UART power saving indication available on the hardware flow control output, if hardware flow control is enabled: the line is driven to the OFF state when the module is not prepared to accept data by the UART interface
- One-shot autobauding is supported and it is enabled by default: automatic baud rate detection is performed only once, at module start up. After the detection, the module works at the fixed baud rate (the detected one) and the baud rate can only be changed via AT command (see SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1])
- Following baud rates are supported and can be auto detected: 9600 bit/s, 19200 bit/s, 38400 bit/s, 57600 bit/s, 115200 bit/s, 230400 bit/s, 460800 bit/s, 921600 bit/s
- Following baud rates are supported but cannot be auto detected: 3000000 bit/s, 3250000 bit/s
- The default frame format is 8N1 (8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit)
- Following frame formats are supported: 8N1 (8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit), 8N2 (8 data bits, no parity, 2 stop bit), 8E1 (8 data bits, even parity, 1 stop bit), 8O1 (8 data bits, odd parity, 1 stop bit), 7N1 (7 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit), 7E1 (7 data bits, even parity, 1 stop bit), 7O1 (7 data bits, odd parity, 1 stop bit)



The UART interfaces can be conveniently configured through AT commands. For more details, see the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1] and SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2].

- It is highly recommended to provide accessible test points directly connected to the TXD and RXD pins for FW upgrade purpose.
- It is recommended to provide accessible test points directly connected to the DCD and DTR pins for diagnostic purpose.

2.5.1.1 Multiplexer protocol

SARA-R5 series modules include multiplexer functionality as per 3GPP TS 27.010 [6] on the UART interfaces physical link. This is a data link protocol which uses HDLC-like framing and operates between the module (DCE) and the application processor (DTE), allowing a number of simultaneous sessions over the physical link (UART).

When USIO variant 0 or 1 is set, the following virtual channels are defined:

- Channel 0: control channel
- Channel 1 3: AT commands / data communication
- Channel 4: GNSS tunneling

When USIO variant 2 is set, AT commands and data communication are available on the second auxiliary UART, and the following virtual channels are defined on the primary UART:

- Channel 0: control channel
- Channel 1 2: AT commands / data communication
- Channel 3: GNSS tunneling

When USIO variant 3 is set, diagnostic trace log is available on the second auxiliary UART, and the following virtual channels are defined on the primary UART:

- Channel 0: control channel
- Channel 1 3: AT commands / data communication
- Channel 4: GNSS tunneling

When USIO variant 4 is set, GNSS tunneling is available on the second auxiliary UART, and the following virtual channels are defined on the primary UART:

- Channel 0: control channel
- Channel 1 3: AT commands / data communication

2.5.2 USB interface

SARA-R5 series modules include a high-speed USB 2.0 compliant interface with a maximum 480 Mbit/s data rate according to the USB 2.0 specification [9]. The module itself acts as a USB device and can be connected to any USB host equipped with compatible drivers.

The USB interface is available for diagnostic purpose only.

The **USB_D+** / **USB_D-** lines carry the USB data and signaling, while the **VUSB_DET** pin represents the input to enable the USB interface by applying an external valid USB VBUS voltage (5.0 V typical).

It is highly recommended to provide accessible test points directly connected to the USB interface pins (VUSB_DET, USB_D+, USB_D-) for diagnostic purpose.



2.5.3 SPI interfaces

The SPI interfaces are not supported by the "00B", "01B", "61B", and "71B" products versions of SARA-R5 series modules, except for diagnostic purpose.

SARA-R5 series modules include 1.8V Serial Peripheral Interfaces available for communications with external SPI target devices, or with the module acting as SPI controller, for diagnostic purpose.

2.5.4 SDIO interface

The SDIO interface is not supported by the "00B", "01B", "61B", and "71B" products versions of SARA-R5 series modules.

SARA-R5 series modules include a 1.8V 4-bit Secure Digital Input Output interface over the **SDIO_D0**, **SDIO_D1**, **SDIO_D2**, **SDIO_D3**, **SDIO_CLK** and **SDIO_CMD** pins, with the module acting as an SDIO controller, available for communications with compatible external SDIO devices, and for diagnostic purpose.

Accessible test points directly connected to the SDIO_D0, SDIO_D1, SDIO_D2 and SDIO_D3 pins may be provided for diagnostic purpose, alternatively to the highly recommended accessible test points provided on the USB interface pins.

2.5.5 I2C interface

Communication with an external GNSS receiver is not supported by SARA-R510M8S modules.

SARA-R5 series modules include a 1.8V I2C-bus compatible interface over the **SDA** and **SCL** pins, available to communicate with an external u-blox GNSS receiver and with external I2C devices as for example an audio codec: the SARA-R5 series module acts as an I2C controller that can communicate with I2C target devices in accordance with the I2C bus specifications [10].

2.6 Audio

Audio is not supported by SARA-R5 series modules.

SARA-R5 series modules include a 1.8V I2S digital audio interface over the I2S_TXD, I2S_RXD, I2S_CLK and I2S_WA pins, not supported by any product version.

2.7 ADC

ADC is not supported by the "00B" products version of SARA-R5 series modules.

SARA-R5 series modules include an Analog-to-Digital Converter input pin, **ADC**, configurable via a dedicated AT command (for further details, see the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1]).



2.8 GPIO

SARA-R5 series modules include pins that can be configured as general-purpose input/output or to provide custom functions as summarized in Table 4. For further details, see the SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2] and the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1], +UGPIOC, +UGPIOR, +UGPIOW AT commands).

Function	Description	Default GPIO	Configurable GPIOs
General purpose output	Output to set high or low digital level	-	GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3, GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6
General purpose input	Input to sense high or low digital level	-	GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3, GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6
Network status indication	Output indicating cellular network status: registered, data transmission, no service	-	GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3, GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6
External GNSS supply enable ⁶	Output to enable/disable the supply of an external u-blox GNSS receiver connected to the cellular module by the I2C interface	-	GPIO2 ⁶
External GNSS data ready ⁶	Input to sense when an external u-blox GNSS receiver connected to the module is ready for sending data over the I2C interface	-	GPIO3 ⁶
SIM card detection ⁷	Input for SIM card physical presence detection, to optionally enable / disable SIM interface upon detection of external SIM card physical insertion / removal	-	GPIO5 ⁷
Module status indication	Output indicating module status: power-off or deep-sleep mode versus idle, active or connected mode	-	GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3, GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6
Module operating mode indication	Output indicating module operating mode: power-off, deep-sleep or idle mode versus active or connected mode	-	GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3, GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6
Ring indicator	Output providing events indicator	-	GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3, GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6
Last gasp	Input to trigger last gasp notification	-	GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3 ⁸ , GPIO4, GPIO6
Time pulse output	Output providing accurate time reference, as a sequence with configurable ⁹ PPS or as single time pulse, based on the GNSS system or the LTE system (CellTime)	-	GPIO6
Time stamp of external interrupt input	Input triggering via interrupt the generation of an URC time stamp over AT serial interface	-	EXT_INT
Faster power-off	Input with internal pull-down to trigger an emergency faster shutdown (as AT+CFUN=10) by applying a rising edge	-	GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3 ⁸ , GPIO4, GPIO6
External GNSS time pulse ⁶	Input to receive an accurate time reference, as a sequence with configurable ⁹ PPS from an external GNSS system	-	SDIO_CMD 6
External GNSS time stamp of external interrupt ⁶	Output triggering via interrupt the generation of an URC time stamp from an external GNSS system	-	GPIO4 ⁶
Pin disabled	Tri-state with an internal active pull-down enabled	GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3, GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6, EXT_INT, SDIO_CMD	GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3, GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6, EXT_INT, SDIO_CMD

Table 4: GPIO custom functions configuration

⁶ SARA-R500E, SARA-R500S and SARA-R510S modules only

⁷ Not supported by SARA-R500E modules

⁸ SARA-R500E, SARA-R500S, SARA-R510S and SARA-R510M8S-00B modules product versions only

⁹ Configurability not supported by "00B" products version; sequence is fixed to 1 PPS



2.9 Cellular antenna dynamic tuner interface

SARA-R5 series modules include two output pins (named I2S_TXD and I2S_WA) that can optionally be used to control in real time an external antenna tuning IC, as the two pins change their output value dynamically according to the specific current LTE band in use by the module (see Table 5).

I2S_TXD	I2S_WA	LTE frequency band in use
0	0	B71 (< 700 MHz)
0	1	B12, B13, B28, B85 (700800 MHz)
1	0	B5, B8, B18, B19, B20, B26 (800900 MHz)
1	1	B1, B2, B3, B4, B25, B66(> 1000 MHz)

Table 5: SARA-R5 series modules antenna dynamic tuning truth table

For design guidelines, see the SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2]. For details about how to enable the feature, see the SARA-R5 series AT commands manual [1], +UTEST=4 AT command.

2.10 GNSS peripheral outputs

The GNSS peripheral output pins are not supported by SARA-R500E, SARA-R500S, SARA-R510S and SARA-R510M8S-00B product versions.

SARA-R510M8S modules provide the following 1.8 V peripheral output pins directly connected to the internal u-blox M8 GNSS chipset (as is illustrated in Figure 4):

- The ANT_ON output pin, over the **I2S_RXD** pin, can provide optional control for switching off power to an external active GNSS antenna or an external separate LNA. This facility is provided to help minimize power consumption in power save mode operation.
- The GEOFENCE output pin, over the **I2S_CLK** pin, can provide optional indication of the geofencing status and can be used, for example, to wake up a host on activation.

2.11 Reserved pin (RSVD)

SARA-R5 series modules have a pin reserved for future use, marked as **RSVD**. This pin is to be left unconnected on the application board.



3 Pin definition

3.1 Pin assignment



Figure 5: SARA-R5 series modules pin assignment (top view)

No.	Name	Power domain	I/O	Description	Remarks
1	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
2	RSVD	-	N/A	Reserved pin	Leave unconnected.
3	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
4	V_INT	-	0	Generic Digital Interfaces supply output	V_INT generated by the module when is switched on. See section 2.1.2 for functional description. See section 4.2.3 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.
5	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
6	DSR	GDI	0/ I	UART data set ready / AUX UART request to send	Circuit 107 in ITU-T V.24 (DSR output, push-pull, idle high, active low), alternatively configurable as Second Auxiliary UART RTS (HW flow control input, idle high, active low, with internal active pull-up enabled). See section 2.5.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.



No.	Name	e Power domain		Description	Remarks
7	RI	GDI	0/ 0	UART ring indicator / AUX UART clear to send	Circuit 125 in ITU-T V.24 (RI output, push-pull, idle high, active low), alternatively configurable as Second Auxiliary UART CTS (HW flow control output, push-pull, idle high, active low). See section 2.5.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
8	DCD	GDI	0/ 0	UART data carrier detect / AUX UART data output	Circuit 109 in ITU-T V.24 (DCD output, push-pull, idle high, active low), alternatively settable as Second Auxiliary UART RXD (data output, push-pull, idle high, active low). Fixed push-pull. See section 2.5.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.
9	DTR	GDI	/ 	UART data terminal ready / AUX UART data input	Circuit 108/2 in ITU-T V. 24 (DTR input, idle high, active low, with internal active pull-up enabled), alternatively settable as Second Auxiliary UART TXD (data input, idle high, active low, with internal active pull-up enabled). See section 2.5.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.
10	RTS	GDI	I	UART request to send	Circuit 105 in ITU-T V.24 (RTS flow control input, idle high, active low, with internal active pull-up enabled). See section 2.5.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
11	CTS	GDI	0	UART clear to send	Circuit 106 in ITU-T V.24 (CTS hardware flow control output, push-pull, idle high, active low). See section 2.5.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
12	TXD	GDI	I	UART data input	Circuit 103 in ITU-T V.24 (TxD data input, idle high, active low, with internal active pull-up enabled). See section 2.5.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for FW update purposes.
13	RXD	GDI	0	UART data output	Circuit 104 in ITU-T V.24 (RxD data output, push-pull, idle high, active low). See section 2.5.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for FW update purposes.
14	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
15	PWR_ON	POS	I	Power-on input	Internal active pull-up. Active low. See section 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 for functional description. See section 4.2.9 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.
16	GPIO1	GDI	I/O	GPIO	Configurable GPIO. Push-pull output type. See section 2.8 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
17	VUSB_DET	USB	I	USB detect input	Input for VBUS (5 V typical) USB supply sense. USB interface supported for diagnostic purpose only. See section 2.5.2 for functional description. See section 4.2.15 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.
18	RESET_N	GDI	I	External reset input	Internal active pull-up. Active low. See section 2.3.3 for functional description. See section 4.2.10 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.



No.	Name	Power domain	I/O	Description	Remarks
19	GPIO6	GDI	I/O / O	GPIO / Time pulse output	Configurable GPIO, alternatively configurable as accurate time reference output. Push-pull output type. See section 2.8 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
20	GND	_	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
21	GND ¹⁰	_	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
21	ADC 11	ADC			12-bit Analog to Digital Converter input.
	ADC **	ADC	I	ADC input	This pin can be externally connected to GND, if the ADC function is not needed in the application. See section 4.2.16 for detailed electrical characteristics.
22	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
23	GPIO2	GDI	I/O	GPIO	Configurable GPIO. Push-pull output type. See section 2.8 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
24	GPIO3	GDI	I/O	GPIO	Configurable GPIO. Push-pull output type. See section 2.8 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
25	GPIO4	GDI	I/O / O	GPIO / External GNSS time stamp of external interrupt ¹²	Configurable GPIO, alternatively configurable as output indicating the generation of an URC time stamp. Push-pul output type. See section 2.8 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
26	SDA	I2C	I/O	I2C bus data line	Open drain output type. Internal active pull-up. Idle high, active low. See section 2.5.5 for functional description. See section 4.2.14 for detailed electrical specs.
27	SCL	I2C	0	I2C bus clock line	Open drain output type. Internal active pull-up. Idle high, active low. See section 2.5.5 for functional description. See section 4.2.14 for detailed electrical specs.
28	USB_D-	USB	I/O	USB Data Line D-	 90 Ω nominal differential impedance. Pull-up, pull-down and series resistors, as required by the USB 2.0 specifications [9], are part of the USB pin driver and shall not be provided externally. USB interface supported for diagnostic purpose only. See section 2.5.2 for functional description. See section 4.2.15 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.
29	USB_D+	USB	I/O	USB Data Line D+	 90 Ω nominal differential impedance. Pull-up, pull-down and series resistors, as required by USB 2.0 specifications [9], are part of the USB pin driver and shall not be provided externally. USB interface supported for diagnostic purpose only. See section 2.5.2 for functional description. See section 4.2.15 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.
	GND		N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.

¹⁰ "00B" products version only
 ¹¹ Not supported by "00B" products version
 ¹² Not supported by SARA-R510M8S modules



No.	Name	Power domain	I/O	Description	Remarks
31	ANT_GNSS ¹³	³ _	I	GNSS antenna	RF input for GNSS Rx antenna. 50 Ω nominal impedance. See section 2.2.2 and Table 2 for functional description.
32	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
33	EXT_INT GDI I External interrupt		External interrupt	Configurable as interrupt input triggering the generation of an URC time stamp. Internal active pull-down enabled. See section 2.8 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.	
34	I2S_WA	GDI	0/ 0	I2S word alignment / Pin for antenna dynamic tuning	 I2S not supported by "00B", "01B", "61B", "71B" versions. Configurable as pin for antenna dynamic tuning. Push-pull output type. See section 2.7 / 2.9 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
35	I2S_TXD	GDI	0/ 0	I2S transmit data / Pin for antenna dynamic tuning	 I2S not supported by "00B", "01B", "61B", "71B" versions. Configurable as pin for antenna dynamic tuning. Push-pull output type. See section 2.7 / 2.9 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
36	I2S_CLK	GDI	0	I2S clock	I2S not supported by "00B", "01B", "61B", "71B" versions.
	GEOFENCE ¹²	GNSS	0	Geofencing status indication	Configurable to provide optional indication of the geofencing status. See section 4.2.13 for detailed electrical specs.
37	I2S_RXD	GDI	I	I2S receive data	I2S not supported by "00B", "01B", "61B", "71B" versions.
	ANT_ON ¹⁴	GNSS	0	Antenna or LNA enable	External GNSS active antenna and/or LNA on/off signal driven by u-blox M8 chipset, connected to internal LNA. See section 4.2.13 for detailed electrical specs.
38	SIM_CLK	SIM	0	SIM clock	External SIM not supported by SARA-R500E modules. See section 2.4.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.11 for detailed electrical specs.
39	SIM_IO	SIM	I/O	SIM data	External SIM not supported by SARA-R500E modules. See section 2.4.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.11 for detailed electrical specs.
40	SIM_RST	SIM	0	SIM reset	External SIM not supported by SARA-R500E modules. See section 2.4.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.11 for detailed electrical specs.
41	VSIM	-	0	SIM supply output	External SIM not supported by SARA-R500E modules. See section 2.4.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.11 for detailed electrical specs.
42	GPIO5	GDI	I/O / I	GPIO / SIM card detection ¹⁵	Configurable GPIO, alternatively configurable as input pin for SIM card detection. Push-pull output type. See sections 2.4.2 and 2.8 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
43	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
44	SDIO_D2	GDI	I/O / O	SDIO serial data [2] / SPI_CLK	SDIO not supported by "00B", "01B", "61B", "71B" versions The pin is alternatively configurable as SPI_CLK, for diagnostic purpose only. Push-pull output type.
45	SDIO_CLK	GDI	0	SDIO serial clock	SDIO not supported by "00B", "01B", "61B", "71B" versions

 ¹³ Not supported by SARA-R500S and SARA-R510S modules
 ¹⁴ Not supported by "00B" products versions
 ¹⁵ Not supported by SARA-R500E modules



No.	Name	Power domain	I/O	Description	Remarks
46	SDIO_CMD	GDI	I/O / I	SDIO command / External GNSS time pulse input ¹⁶	SDIO not supported by "00B", "01B", "61B", "71B" versions Configurable as input for external GNSS time pulse. Push-pull output type. See section 2.8 for functional description. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.
47	SDIO_D0	GDI	I/O / O	SDIO serial data [0] / SPI_MOSI	SDIO not supported by "00B", "01B", "61B", "71B" versions The pin is alternatively configurable as SPI_MOSI, for diagnostic purpose only. Push-pull output type.
48	SDIO_D3	GDI	I/O / O	SDIO serial data [3] / SPI_CS	SDIO not supported by "00B", "01B", "61B", "71B" versions The pin is alternatively configurable as SPI_CS, for diagnostic purpose only. Push-pull output type.
49	SDIO_D1	GDI	I/O / I	SDIO serial data [1] / SPI_MISO	SDIO not supported by "00B", "01B", "61B", "71B" versions The pin is alternatively configurable as SPI_MISO, for diagnostic purpose only.
50	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
51	VCC	-	I	Module supply input	All VCC pins must be connected to external supply. See section 2.1.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.3 for detailed electrical specs.
52	VCC	-	I	Module supply input	All VCC pins must be connected to external supply. See section 2.1.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.3 for detailed electrical specs.
53	VCC	-	I	Module supply input	All VCC pins must be connected to external supply. See section 2.1.1 for functional description. See section 4.2.3 for detailed electrical specs.
54	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
55	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
56	ANT	-	I/O	Cellular antenna	RF input/output for Cellular Rx/Tx antenna. 50 Ω nominal impedance. See section 2.2.1 and 4.2.6 for details.
57	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
58	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
59	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
60	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
61	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
62	ANT_DET	ADC	l	Antenna detection	Antenna presence detection function. See section 2.2.3 for details. See section 4.2.7 for detailed electrical specs.
63	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
64	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.
65-96	GND	-	N/A	Ground	All the GND pins must be connected to ground.

Table 6: SARA-R5 series pin-out

For more information about pin-out, see the u-blox SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2].

See appendix A for an explanation of the abbreviations and terms used.

¹⁶ Not supported by SARA-R510M8S modules



4 Electrical specifications

- Stressing the device above one or more of the ratings listed in the Absolute Maximum Rating section may cause permanent damage. These are stress ratings only. Operating the module at these or at any conditions other than those specified in the Operating Conditions sections (section 4.2) of the specification should be avoided. Exposure to Absolute Maximum Rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- Electrical characteristics are defined according to the verification on a representative number of samples or according to the simulation.
- T Where application information is given, it is advisory only and does not form part of the specification.

4.1 Absolute maximum rating

Iimiting values given below are in accordance with Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 134).

Symbol	Description	Condition	Min.	Max.	Unit
VCC	Module supply voltage	Input DC voltage at VCC pins	-0.3	4.6	V
VUSB_DET	USB detection pin	Input DC voltage at VUSB_DET pin	-0.3	5.5	V
USB	USB D+/D- pins	Input DC voltage at USB interface pins	-0.3	3.6	V
GDI	Generic digital interfaces	Input DC voltage at Generic digital interfaces pins	-0.3	2.3	V
12C	I2C interface	Input DC voltage at I2C interface pins	-0.3	2.3	V
GNSS	GNSS digital interfaces	Input DC voltage at GNSS digital interfaces pins	-0.3	2.3	V
SIM	SIM interface	Input DC voltage at SIM interface pins	-0.3	3.5	V
POS	Power-on input	Input DC voltage at PWR_ON pin	-0.3	4.6	V
ADC	ADC signal	Input DC voltage at ANT_DET and ADC pins	-0.3	2.3	V
P_RF	RF power	Input RF power at ANT pin		3	dBm
		Input RF power at ANT_GNSS pin		0	dBm
Rho_ANT	Antenna ruggedness	Output RF load mismatch ruggedness at ANT pins		10:1	VSW
Tstg	Storage temperature		-40	+85	°C

Table 7: Absolute maximum ratings

The product is not protected against overvoltage or reversed voltages. If necessary, voltage spikes exceeding the voltage specifications given in the table above, must be limited to values within the specified boundaries by using appropriate protection devices.

4.1.1 Maximum ESD

Parameter Min		Max	Unit	Remarks	
ESD sensitivity for all pins		1000	V	Human Body Model according to JS-001-2017	
		500	V	Charged Device Model according to JS-002-2018	

Table 8: Maximum ESD ratings

u-blox cellular modules are electrostatic sensitive devices and require special precautions when handling. See section 7.3 for ESD handling instructions.



4.2 Operating conditions

- Unless otherwise indicated, all operating condition specifications are at an ambient temperature of +25 °C.
- Operation beyond the operating conditions is not recommended and extended exposure beyond them may affect device reliability.

4.2.1 Operating temperature range

Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Remarks
Normal operating temperature	-20	+25	+65	°C	Operating within 3GPP / ETSI specifications
Extended operating temperature	-40		+85	°C	Operating with possible slight deviation in RF performance outside normal operating range

Table 9: Environmental conditions

4.2.2 Thermal parameters

Symbol	Parameter	Min. Typ. Max.	Unit	Remarks
$\Psi_{\text{M-A}}$	Module-to-Ambient thermal parameter	10	°C/W	Thermal characterization parameter $\Psi_{M-A} = (T_M - T_A) / P_H$ proportional to the delta between internal module temperature (T _M) and ambient temperature (T _A), due to heat power dissipation (P _H), with the module mounted on a 79 x 62 x 1.41 mm 4-Layer PCB with a high coverage of copper, in still air conditions
Ψ _{M-C}	Module-to-Case thermal parameter	2	°C/W	Thermal characterization parameter $\Psi_{\text{M-C}}$ =(T_{\text{M}} - T_{\text{C}}) / P_{\text{H}} proportional to the delta between internal module temperature (T_{\text{M}}) and ambient temperature (T_{\text{C}}), due to heat power dissipation (P_{\text{H}}), with the module mounted on a 79 x 62 x 1.41 mm 4-Layer PCB with a high coverage of copper, with a robust aluminum heat-sink and with forced air ventilation, i.e. reducing to a value close to 0 °C/W the thermal resistance from the case of the module to the ambient

Table 10: Thermal characterization parameters of the module

4.2.3 Supply/power pins

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit
VCC	Module supply normal operating input voltage ¹⁷	3.3	3.8	4.4	V
	Module supply extended operating input voltage ¹⁸	3.0		4.5	V

Table 11: Input characteristics of the Supply/Power pins

Symbol	Parameter	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit
VSIM	SIM supply output voltage with 1.8 V external SIM		1.8		V
	SIM supply output voltage with 3.0 V external SIM		3.0		V
V_INT	Generic Digital Interfaces supply output voltage		1.8		V
	Generic Digital Interfaces supply output current capability			70	mA

Table 12: Output characteristics of the Supply/Power pins

¹⁷ Operating within 3GPP / ETSI specifications.

¹⁸ Operating with possible slight deviation in RF performance outside normal operating range. The input voltage has to be above the extended operating range minimum limit to switch-on the module and to avoid possible switch-off of the module.

¹⁹ Typical values with matched antenna, VCC = 3.8 V



4.2.4 Current consumption

Mode	Condition	Tx power	Module N	Min	Typ ¹⁹	Max	Unit
Power-off mode	Average current value		SARA-R510S		0.5		μΑ
	(power-off mode)		SARA-R500E SARA-R500S SARA-R510M8S		62		μΑ
PSM deep-sleep mode	Average current value		SARA-R510S		0.5		μA
	(PSM deep-sleep mode)		SARA-R500E SARA-R500S SARA-R510M8S		62		μA
Cyclic deep-sleep /	Average current value		SARA-R510S		0.5		μA
active mode (+UPSV: 1)	(eDRX deep-sleep mode ²⁰ rock bottom floor current)		SARA-R500E SARA-R500S SARA-R510M8S		62		μA
	Average current value		SARA-R510S		180		μΑ
	(DRX = 2.56 s, PTW = 20.48 s, eDRX = 655.36 s, +UPSMVER: 8 ²¹)		SARA-R500E SARA-R500S SARA-R510M8S		250		μA
Cyclic idle / active mode (+UPSV: 1)	Average current value (low power idle mode rock bottom floor current)		All	All C			mA
	Average current value (DRX = 2.56 s, PTW = 20.48 s, eDRX = 655.36 s, +UPSMVER: 0)		All		0.7 ²²		mA
	Average current value (DRX = 2.56 s, no eDRX)		All		1.1 ²²		mA
	Average current value (DRX = 1.28 s, no eDRX)		All		1.5 ²²		mA
ldle mode (+UPSV: 1)	Average current value (airplane mode, +CFUN: 0)		All		0.7 ²²		mA
Active mode (+UPSV: 0)	Average current value (DRX = 1.28 s)		All		25		mA
LTE Cat M1	Average current value	Minimum	All		95		mΑ
connected mode	(Tx / Rx data transfer)	0 dBm	All		100		mΑ
		8 dBm	All		115		mΑ
		14 dBm	All		140		mA
		20 dBm	All		170		mA
		Maximum	All 1		195		mA
	Maximum current value (during Tx only)	Maximum	All		395		mA
LTE Cat NB2	Average current value	Minimum	All		85		mΑ
connected mode	(Tx / Rx data transfer)	0 dBm	All		90		mΑ
		8 dBm	All		100		mΑ
		14 dBm	All		110		mA
		20 dBm	m All		125		mA
		Maximum	All		135		mΑ
	Maximum current value (during Tx only)	Maximum	All		395		mA

Table 13: VCC current consumption of SARA-R5 series modules with GNSS off

 $^{^{19}}$ Typical values with matched antenna, VCC = 3.8 V

²⁰ Not supported by "00B" products version; supported for eDRX cycles equal or longer than 327.68 s

²¹ AT+UPSMVER=8 not supported by "00B" products version

²² Valid for "01B", "61B", and "71B" products version



GNSS condition	Modem condition	GPS	GPS + GLONASS	Unit	
1s cyclic tracking	PSM, +UPSV: 1	13	14	mA	
	DRX = 1.28 s, +UPSV: 1	14	15	mA	
Continuous tracking	PSM, +UPSV: 1	33	41	mA	
	DRX = 1.28 s, +UPSV: 1	34	42	mA	
	DRX = 1.28 s, +UPSV: 0	56	64	mA	
Acquisition	DRX = 1.28 s, +UPSV: 0	66	72	mA	
Startup	DRX = 1.28 s, +UPSV: 0	100	100	mA	

Table 14: Indicative typical VCC current consumption of the SARA-R510M8S module with GNSS on

4.2.5 GNSS characteristics

Parameter	Condition	Value						
		72-channel u-blox M8 engine GPS L1C/A, SBAS L1C/A, QZSS L1C/A, QZSS L1-SAIF, GLONASS L1OF, BeiDou B1I, Galileo E1B/C						
Operational limits ²³	Dynamics	≤4 g						
	Altitude	50'000 m						
	Velocity	500 m/s						
Velocity accuracy ²⁴		0.05 m/s						
Heading accuracy ²⁴		0.3 degrees						
GNSS		GPS & GLONASS	GPS	GLONASS	BeiDou	Galileo		
Horizontal position accuracy	25	2.5 m	2.5 m	4 m	3 m	3 m		
Max navigation update rate		10 Hz	18 Hz	18 Hz	18 Hz	18 Hz		
Time-To-First-Fix ²⁶	Cold start	26 s	29 s	30 s	34 s	45 s		
	Aided starts ²⁷	2 s	2 s	2 s	3 s	7 s		
Sensitivity	Tracking & Navigation	-167 dBm	-166 dBm	-166 dBm	-160 dBm	-159 dBr		
	Reacquisition	-160 dBm	-160 dBm	-156 dBm	-157 dBm	-153 dBr		
	Cold start	-148 dBm	-148 dBm	-145 dBm	-143 dBm	-138 dBr		

Table 15: GNSS characteristics and performance of the SARA-R510M8S module

²³ Assuming Airborne < 4 g platform

²⁴ 50% @ 30 m/s

²⁵ CEP, 50%, 24 hours static, -130 dBm, > 6 SVs

²⁶ All satellites at -130 dBm, except Galileo at -127 dBm

²⁷ Dependent on aiding data connection speed and latency

²⁸ Time pulse / time stamp is always generated by the UBX-R5 cellular chipset after the process of the GNSS time pulse signal.



4.2.6 LTE RF characteristics

The LTE Cat M1 / NB2 bands supported by SARA-R5 series modules are defined in Table 2, while the following Table 16 describes the frequency ranges for each LTE band as per 3GPP TS 36.521-1 [7].

•			•		•
Parameter		Min.	Max.	Unit	Remarks
Frequency range	Uplink	663	698	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 71 (600 MHz)	Downlink	617	652	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	699	716	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 12 (700 MHz)	Downlink	729	746	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	703	748	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 28 (700 MHz)	Downlink	758	803	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	698	716	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 85 (700 MHz)	Downlink	728	746	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	777	787	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 13 (750 MHz)	Downlink	746	756	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	832	862	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 20 (800 MHz)	Downlink	791	821	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	814	849	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 26 (850 MHz)	Downlink	859	894	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range FDD band 18 (850 MHz)	Uplink	815	830	MHz	Module transmits
	Downlink	860	875	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	824	849	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 5 (850 MHz)	Downlink	869	894	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	830	845	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 19 (850 MHz)	Downlink	875	890	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	880	915	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 8 (900 MHz)	Downlink	925	960	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	1710	1755	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 4 (1700 MHz)	Downlink	2110	2155	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	1710	1780	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 66 (1700 MHz)	Downlink	2110	2200	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	1710	1785	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 3 (1800 MHz)	Downlink	1805	1880	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	1850	1910	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 2 (1900 MHz)	Downlink	1930	1990	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	1850	1915	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 25 (1900 MHz)	Downlink	1930	1995	MHz	Module receives
Frequency range	Uplink	1920	1980	MHz	Module transmits
FDD band 1 (2100 MHz)	Downlink	2110	2170	MHz	Module receives

Table 16: LTE operating RF frequency bands

SARA-R5 series modules include a UE Power Class 3 LTE Cat M1 / NB2 transmitter (see Table 2) and an LTE receiver, with output power and characteristics according to 3GPP TS 36.521-1 [7].

- The "00B" products version of SARA-R5 series modules and SARA-R500E modules do not support the LTE NB-IoT Radio Access Technology.
- The "00B" products version of SARA-R5 series modules do not support LTE FDD bands 66, 71, 85.



SARA-R5 series modules LTE receiver characteristics are compliant to 3GPP TS 36.521-1 [7], with LTE conducted receiver sensitivity performance described in Table 17 and Table 18.

Parameter	Min.	Typical Max.	Unit	Remarks
Receiver input sensitivity Band 71 (600 MHz)		-108.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 12 / 28 / 85 (700 MHz)		-108.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 13 (750 MHz)		-108.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 20 (800 MHz)		-108.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 5 / 18 / 19 / 26 (850 MHz)		-107.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 8 (900 MHz)		-107.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 3 (1800 MHz)		-107.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 2 / 25 (1900 MHz)		-107.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 1 / 4 / 66 (2100 MHz)		-107.0	dBm	Without repetitions

Condition: 50 Ω , throughput > 95%, QPSK modulation, other settings as per clause 7.3EA of 3GPP TS 36.521-1 [7]

Table 17: LTE Cat M1 receiver sensitivity performance

Parameter	Min.	Typical Max.	Unit	Remarks
Receiver input sensitivity Band 71 (600 MHz)		-116.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 12 / 28 / 85 (700 MHz)		-116.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 13 (750 MHz)		-116.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 20 (800 MHz)		-115.5	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 5 / 18 / 19 / 26 (850 MHz)		-115.5	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 8 (900 MHz)		-115.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 3 (1800 MHz)		-114.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 2 / 25 (1900 MHz)		-115.0	dBm	Without repetitions
Receiver input sensitivity Band 1 / 4 / 66 (2100 MHz)		-115.0	dBm	Without repetitions

Condition: 50 Ω , throughput > 95%, other settings as per clause 7.3F of 3GPP TS 36.521-1 [7]

Table 18: LTE Cat NB2 receiver sensitivity performance

4.2.7 ANT_DET pin

Pin Name	Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Remarks
ANT_DET	Output DC current pulse value		3		μA	
	Output DC current pulse time length		20		ms	

Table 19: ANT_DET pin characteristics



4.2.8 Time pulse

Parameter	Specific	Unit			
Accuracy of time pulse / time stamp	GNSS source ²⁸	RMS	50	ns	
		99%	100	ns	
	LTE source	RMS	500	ns	
		99%	1	μs	
Configurable ²⁹ period of time pulse			, 2.0, 3.0 or 4.0	S	

Table 20: Time pulse / time stamp characteristics

4.2.9 PWR_ON pin

Parameter	Module	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit	Remarks
Low-level input	All	-0.3		0.3	V	
Pull-up resistance	All		10		kΩ	Integrated pull-up to internal rail (typ. 0.7 * VCC)
Low-level input current	All		-300		μΑ	
PWR_ON low time	SARA-R510S	1		2	S	Low time to trigger module switch-on from power-off mode
		1		2	S	Low time to trigger module early wake-up from PSM / eDRX ³⁰ deep-sleep
	SARA-R500E SARA-R500S	0.1		2	S	Low time to trigger module switch-on from power-off mode
	SARA-R510M8S	0.1		2	S	Low time to trigger module early wake-up from PSM / eDRX ³⁰ deep-sleep

Table 21: PWR_ON pin characteristics

The **PWR_ON** and **RESET_N** input lines have to be driven as described in Figure 6 to perform an abrupt emergency hardware shutdown of the SARA-R5 series modules:

- First, **PWR_ON** line has to be set to the LOW level
- Then, **RESET_N** line has to be set to the LOW level, keeping the **PWR_ON** line set to the LOW level
- Then, after at least 23 s (minimum) since the **PWR_ON** line has been set to the LOW level, the **PWR_ON** line has to be released to the HIGH level, keeping the **RESET_N** line set to the LOW level
- Then, after at least 1.5 s (minimum) since the **PWR_ON** line has been released to the HIGH level, the **RESET_N** line has to be released to the HIGH level

	T > 23 s	4
PWR_ON		
RESET_N		
		T > 1.5 s Time

Figure 6: PWR_ON and RESET_N lines waveforms timings to perform an abrupt emergency hardware shutdown

²⁸ Time pulse / time stamp is always generated by the UBX-R5 cellular chipset after the process of the GNSS time pulse signal.

²⁹ Configurability not supported by "00B" products version; period is fixed to 1.0 s

³⁰ eDRX deep-sleep is not supported by "00B" products version



4.2.10 RESET_N pin

Parameter	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit	Remarks
Internal supply		1.8			Digital I/O Interfaces supply (V_INT)
Low-level input	-0.3		0.5	V	
Low-level input current	-18	-32	-56	μA	
RESET_N low time	100			ms	Low time to trigger module reset / reboot

Table 22: RESET_N pin characteristics

4.2.11 SIM pins

The SIM pins are a dedicated interface to the external SIM card/chip. The electrical characteristics fulfill the regulatory specification requirements. The values in Table 23 are for information only.

Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit	Remarks
	1.8		V	VSIM, with external 1.8 V SIM type
	3.0		V	VSIM, with external 3.0 V SIM type
-0.3		0.2*VSIM	V	
0.6*VSIM		VSIM+0.3	V	
	0.0		V	
	VSIM		V	
	4.7		kΩ	Internal pull-up to VSIM supply
	3.13		MHz	
	-0.3	-0.3 0.6*VSIM 0.0 VSIM 4.7	Image Image 1.8 3.0 -0.3 0.2*VSIM 0.6*VSIM VSIM+0.3 0.0 VSIM 4.7 4.7	1.8 V 3.0 V -0.3 0.2*VSIM V 0.6*VSIM VSIM+0.3 V VSIM V V 4.7 kΩ

Table 23: SIM pin characteristics

4.2.12 Generic Digital Interfaces pins

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit	Remarks
Internal supply for GDI domain		1.8		V	Digital I/O Interfaces supply (V_INT)
Low-level input	-0.3		0.5	V	
High-level input	1.3		2.1	V	
Low-level output		0.0	0.4	V	
High-level output	1.4	1.8		V	
Input leakage current			1	μA	0 V < V _{IN} < 1.8 V
Output high driver strength	3.28	5.22	7.92	mA	V _{OUT} = 1.4
Output low driver strength	3.02	5.41	8.63	mA	V _{OUT} = 0.4
Pull-up input current	-18	-32	-56	μΑ	
Pull-down input current	15	30	56	μΑ	

Table 24: GDI pin characteristics

4.2.13 GNSS digital interfaces pins

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit	Remarks
Internal supply for GNSS domain		1.80		V	
Low-level output		0.00	0.40	V	
High-level output	1.40	1.80		V	

Table 25: GNSS pins characteristics



4.2.14 I2C pins

I2C lines (**SCL** and **SDA**) are compliant to the I2C-bus standard mode specification. See the I2C-bus specification [10] for detailed electrical characteristics.

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit	Remarks
Internal supply for I2C domain		1.8		V	Digital I/O Interfaces supply (V_INT)
Low-level input	-0.3		0.5	V	
High-level input	1.3		2.1	V	
Low-level output		0.0		V	
Pull-up input current		-450		μA	

Table 26: I2C pin characteristics

4.2.15 USB pins

USB data lines (**USB_D+** / **USB_D-**) are compliant with the USB 2.0 high-speed specification. See the Universal Serial Bus specification revision 2.0 [9] for detailed electrical characteristics. The values in Table 27 related to USB 2.0 high-speed physical layer specifications are for information only.

Parameter	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit	Remarks
VUSB_DET pin, High-level input	4.40	5.00	5.25	V	
High-speed squelch detection threshold (input differential signal amplitude)	100		150	mV	
High speed disconnect detection threshold (input differential signal amplitude)	525		625	mV	
High-speed data signaling input common mode voltage range	-50		500	mV	
High-speed idle output level	-10		10	mV	
High-speed data signaling output high level	360		440	mV	
High-speed data signaling output low level	-10		10	mV	
Chirp J level (output differential voltage)	700		1100	mV	
Chirp K level (output differential voltage)	-900		-500	mV	

Table 27: USB pins characteristics

4.2.16 ADC pin

Parameter	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit	Remarks
Resolution		12		Bits	
Input voltage range	0		1.2	V	
Input resistance		5		MΩ	With respect to GND

Table 28: Analog to Digital Converter input pin (ADC) characteristics



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4.2.17 Smart temperature supervisor



Figure 7: Temperature range and limits

Symbol	Parameter	Temperature
t-2	Low temperature shutdown	-40 ℃
t.1	Low temperature warning	–30 ℃
t+1	High temperature warning	+77 ℃
t+2	High temperature shutdown	+97 ℃

Table 29: Thresholds definition for the "Smart temperature supervisor" feature on the SARA-R5 series modules

The sensor measures the board temperature inside the shield, which can differ from the ambient temperature.


4.3 Parameters for ATEX applications

This section provides useful parameters and information to integrate SARA-R5 series modules in applications intended for use in areas with potentially explosive atmospheres (ATEX), including:

- Total internal capacitance and inductance of the modules (see Table 30)
- Maximum RF output power at the antenna (ANT) pin of the modules (see Table 31)
- For any device integrating the SARA-R5 series modules and intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres, check the detailed requisites on the pertinent normative for the application, as for example the IEC 60079-0 [12], IEC 60079-11 [13], and IEC 60079-26 [14] standards. The requirements must be fulfilled according to the exact applicable standards.
- The certification of the application device that integrates a SARA-R5 series module and the compliance of the application device with all the applicable certification schemes, directives and standards required for use in potentially explosive atmospheres are the sole responsibility of the application device manufacturer.

Table 30 describes the maximum total internal capacitance and the maximum total internal inductance, considering internal parts tolerance, of the SARA-R5 series modules.

Module	Parameter	Description	Value	Unit μF
SARA-R500E, SARA-R500S	Ci	Maximum total internal capacitance	373	
	Li	Maximum total internal inductance	10.7	μH
SARA-R510S	Ci	Maximum total internal capacitance	379	μF
	Li	Maximum total internal inductance	10.7	μH
SARA-R510M8S	Ci	Maximum total internal capacitance	385	μF
	Li	Maximum total internal inductance	10.7	μH

Table 30: SARA-R5 series maximum total internal capacitance and maximum total internal inductance

Table 31 describes the maximum RF output power transmitted by SARA-R5 series modules from the antenna (**ANT**) pin as Power Class 3 User Equipment for the LTE bands.

Module	Parameter	Description	Value	Unit
All	ANT Pout	Maximum RF output power from ANT pin	25.00	dBm

Table 31: SARA-R5 series maximum RF output power

SARA-R5 series modules do not contain internal blocks that increase the input voltage (such as step-up, duplicators, or boosters) except for the antenna (ANT) pin, for which the maximum RF output power shown in Table 31.



5 Mechanical specifications



Figure 8: SARA-R5 series dimensions (bottom and side views)

Parameter	Description	Typical		Tolerance	
A	Module height [mm]	26.0	(1023.6 mil)	+0.20/-0.20	(+7.9/-7.9 mil)
В	Module width [mm]	16.0	(629.9 mil)	+0.20/-0.20	(+7.9/-7.9 mil)
С	Module thickness [mm]	2.2	(86.6 mil)	+0.25/-0.15	(+9.8/-5.9 mil)
D	Horizontal edge to lateral pin pitch [mm]	2.0	(78.7 mil)	+0.20/-0.20	(+7.9/-7.9 mil)
E	Vertical edge to lateral pin pitch [mm]	2.5	(98.4 mil)	+0.20/-0.20	(+7.9/-7.9 mil)
F	Edge to lateral pin pitch [mm]	1.05	(41.3 mil)	+0.20/-0.20	(+7.9/-7.9 mil)
G	Lateral pin to pin pitch [mm]	1.1	(43.3 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
H1	Lateral pin height [mm]	0.8	(31.5 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
H2	Lateral pin close to ANT height [mm]	0.9	(35.4 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
I	Lateral pin width [mm]	1.5	(59.1 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
J1	Lateral pin to pin distance [mm]	0.3	(11.8 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
J2	Lateral pin to pin close to ANT distance [mm]	0.2	(7.9 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
K	Horizontal edge to central pin pitch [mm]	2.75	(108.3 mil)	+0.20/-0.20	(+7.9/-7.9 mil)
L	Vertical edge to central pin pitch [mm]	2.75	(108.3 mil)	+0.20/-0.20	(+7.9/-7.9 mil)
M1	Central pin to pin horizontal pitch [mm]	1.8	(70.9 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
M2	Central pin to pin horizontal pitch [mm]	3.6	(141.7 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
N	Central pin to pin vertical pitch [mm]	2.1	(82.7 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
0	Central pin height and width [mm]	1.1	(43.3 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
Р	Horizontal edge to pin 1 indicator pitch [mm]	0.9	(35.4 mil)	+0.20/-0.20	(+7.9/-7.9 mil)
Q	Vertical edge to pin 1 indicator pitch [mm]	1.0	(39.4 mil)	+0.20/-0.20	(+7.9/-7.9 mil)
R	Pin 1 indicator height and width [mm]	0.5	(19.7 mil)	+0.05/-0.05	(+2.0/-2.0 mil)
Weight	Module weight [g]	< 3			

Table 32 : SARA-R5 series dimensions

Module height tolerance +/-0.20 mm may be exceeded close to the corners of the PCB due to the cutting process: in the worst cases, the height could be +0.40 mm longer than the typical value.

For information regarding Footprint and Paste Mask recommended for the application board integrating the cellular module, see the SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2].



6 Qualification and approvals

6.1 Reliability tests

Reliability tests for SARA-R5 series modules are executed according to u-blox qualification policy, based on AEC-Q104 standard.

6.2 Approvals

SARA-R5 series modules comply with the Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and the Council on the Restriction of Use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EU RoHS 2) and its amendment Directive (EU) 2015/863 (EU RoHS 3).

SARA-R5 series modules are RoHS 3 compliant.

No natural rubbers, hygroscopic materials, or materials containing asbestos are employed.

Table 33, Table 34 and Table 35 summarize the main approvals for the "00B" and "01B" product versions of SARA-R5 series modules.

Certification	SARA-R500S-00B / SARA-R510S-00B / SARA-R510M8S-00B			
GCF	Cat M1 bands 1,2,3,4,5,8,12,13,18,19,20,25,26,28			
PTCRB	Cat M1 bands 1,2,3,4,5,8,12,13,18,19,20,25,26,28			
CE Europe	Cat M1 bands 1,3,8,20,28			
UKCA Great Britain	Cat M1 bands 1,3,8,20,28			
FCC United States	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,12,13,25,26			
ISED Canada	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,12,13,25			
GITEKI Japan	Cat M1 bands 1,3,8,18,19,26			
NCC Taiwan	Cat M1 bands 1,3,8,28			
ACMA RCM Australia	Cat M1 bands 1,3,5,8,28			
AT&T	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,12			
Verizon	Cat M1 bands 4,13			

Table 33: SARA-R500S-00B / SARA-R510S-00B / SARA-R510M8S-00B modules main certification approvals summary

Certification	SARA-R500E-01B			
PTCRB	Cat M1 bands 1,2,3,4,5,8,12,13,18,19,20,25,26,28,66,71			
CE Europe	Cat M1 bands 1,3,8,20,28			
UKCA Great Britain	Cat M1 bands 1,3,8,20,28			
FCC United States	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,8 ³¹ ,12,13,25,26,66,71			
ISED Canada	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,12,13,25,26,66,71			
AT&T	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,12			

Table 34: SARA-R500E-01B modules main certification approvals summary

³¹ FCC grant includes the US 900 MHz frequency spectrum within LTE band 8, enabling access to Anterix private LTE network



Certification	SARA-R500S-01B / SARA-R510S-01B / SARA-R510M8S-01B
PTCRB	Cat M1 bands 1,2,3,4,5,8,12,13,18,19,20,25,26,28,66,71
CE Europe	Cat M1 bands 1,3,8,20,28
	Cat NB2 bands 1,3,8,20,28
UKCA Great Britain	Cat M1 bands 1,3,8,20,28
	Cat NB2 bands 1,3,8,20,28
FCC United States	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,8 ³² ,12,13,25,26,66,71
	Cat NB2 bands 2,4,5,8 ³² ,12,13,66,71,85
ISED Canada	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,12,13,25,26,66,71
	Cat NB2 bands 2,4,5,12,13,66,71,85
GITEKI Japan	Cat M1 bands 1,3,8,18,19,26,28
	Cat NB2 bands 1,3,8,18,19,26,28
NCC Taiwan	Cat M1 bands 1,3,8,28
	Cat NB2 bands 1,3,8,28
ACMA RCM Australia	Cat M1 bands 1,3,5,8,28
	Cat NB2 bands 1,3,5,8,28
KC Korea	Cat M1 bands 3,5,26
AT&T	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,12
	FirstNet
Verizon	Cat M1 bands 4,13
T-Mobile US	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,12,66,71
US Cellular	Cat M1 bands 2,4,5,12
Rogers	Cat M1 bands 4,5,12
Telus	Cat M1 bands 4,5,12,13
Telstra	Cat M1 bands 3,28

Table 35: SARA-R500S-01B / SARA-R510S-01B / SARA-R510M8S-01B modules main certification approvals summary

- For guidelines and notices about compliance with certification approvals requirements integrating the SARA-R5 series modules in the end-device, see the SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2].
- For the complete list of approvals and for specific details on all country, conformance and network operators' certifications available for all the different SARA-R5 series modules' ordering numbers, including related certificates of compliancy, please contact your nearest u-blox office or sales representative. The certification approvals listed in Table 33, Table 34 and Table 35 might not be available for all the different product type numbers.

³² FCC grant includes the US 900 MHz frequency spectrum within LTE band 8, enabling access to Anterix private LTE network



Table 36 summarizes how the different SARA-R5 series modules "00B" and "01B" product versions are identified by various bodies or certification scopes.

Body		SARA-R500S-00B	SARA-R510S-00B	SARA-R510M8S-00B	SARA-R500S-01B	SARA-R510S-01B	SARA-R510M8S-01B
GSMA	Model Name	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S	SARA-R500Sv1	SARA-R510Sv1	SARA-R510M8Sv1
GCF	Model Name	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S			
PTCRB	Model Name	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S	SARA-R500Sv1	SARA-R510Sv1	SARA-R510M8Sv1
CE Europe	Model Name	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S
UKCA Great Britain	Model Name	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S
FCC United States	Identifier	XPYUBX19KM01	XPYUBX19KM01	XPYUBX19KM01	XPYUBX19KM01	XPYUBX19KM01	XPYUBX19KM01
	Date of Grant	07/23/2020	07/23/2020	07/23/2020	08/11/2021	08/11/2021	08/11/2021
ISED Canada	Certification Number	8595A-UBX19KM01	8595A-UBX19KM01	8595A-UBX19KM01	8595A-UBX19KM01	8595A-UBX19KM01	8595A-UBX19KM01
	HVIN	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S
	Approval Date	2020-11-03	2020-11-03	2020-07-23	2021-08-10	2021-08-10	2021-08-10
GITEKI Japan	[R] Certificate Number	003-200173	003-200173	003-200173	003-210146	003-210146	003-210146
	[T] Certificate Number	D200145003	D200145003	D200145003	D210094003	D210094003	D210094003
	Model Name	SARA-R5	SARA-R5	SARA-R5	SARA-R5v1	SARA-R5v1	SARA-R5v1
NCC Taiwan	Type approval number	CCAF21Y0010BT1	CCAF21Y0010AT9	CCAF21Y00100T7	CCAF21Y0015BT0	CCAF21Y0015AT1	CCAF21Y00150T9
	Model Name	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S
ACMA RCM Australia	Model Name	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S	SARA-R500Sv1	SARA-R510Sv1	SARA-R510M8Sv1
KC Korea	Certification number				R-C-ULX-SARA-R510M8S	R-C-ULX-SARA-R510M8S	R-C-ULX-SARA-R510M8S
AT&T	Model Name	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S	SARA-R500Sv1	SARA-R510Sv1	SARA-R510M8Sv1
Verizon	Model Name	SARA-R500S	SARA-R510S	SARA-R510M8S	SARA-R500Sv1	SARA-R510Sv1	SARA-R510M8Sv1
T-Mobile US	Model Name				SARA-R500Sv1	SARA-R510Sv1	SARA-R510M8Sv1
US Cellular	Model Name				SARA-R500Sv1	SARA-R510Sv1	SARA-R510M8Sv1
Rogers	Model Name				SARA-R500Sv1	SARA-R510Sv1	SARA-R510M8Sv1
Telus	Model Name				SARA-R500Sv1	SARA-R510Sv1	SARA-R510M8Sv1
Telstra	Model Name				SARA-R500Sv1	SARA-R510Sv1	SARA-R510M8Sv1

Table 36: Summary of how the different SARA-R5 series modules "00B" and "01B" product versions are identified by various bodies or certification scopes



Certification	SARA-R500S-61B	SARA-R510S-61B	SARA-R510M8S-61B	SARA-R510M8S-71B
GITEKI Japan	Cat-M bands 1,3,8,18,19,26,28	Cat-M bands 1,3,8,18,19,26,28	Cat-M bands 1,3,8,18,19,26,28	
	NB-loT bands 1,3,8,18,19,26,28	NB-loT bands 1,3,8,18,19,26,28	NB-loT bands 1,3,8,18,19,26,28	
[R] Certificate Number	003-210146	003-210146	003-210146	
[T] Certificate Number	D210094003	D210094003	D210094003	
KC Korea				Cat-M bands 3,5,8,26
Certification Number				R-C-ULX-SARA-R510M8S
SoftBank	Cat-M bands 1,8	Cat-M bands 1,8	Cat-M bands 1,8	
KDDI	Cat-M bands 18,26	Cat-M bands 18,26	Cat-M bands 18,26	
NTT DOCOMO	Cat-M bands 1,19	Cat-M bands 1,19	Cat-M bands 1,19	
LG U+				Cat-M bands 5
KT				Cat-M bands 3,8

Table 37 summarizes the main approvals for SARA-R5 series modules "61B" and "71B" versions.

Table 37: SARA-R5 series modules "61B" and "71B" product versions main certification approvals summary

- For guidelines and notices about compliance with certification approvals requirements integrating the SARA-R5 series modules in the end-device, see the SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2].
- For the complete list of approvals and for specific details on all country, conformance, and network operators' certifications available for all the different SARA-R5 series modules' ordering numbers, including related certificates of compliancy, please contact your nearest u-blox office or sales representative. The certification approvals listed in Table 37 might not be available for all the different product type numbers.



7 Product handling & soldering

7.1 Packaging

SARA-R5 series modules are delivered as hermetically sealed, reeled tapes to enable efficient production, production lot set-up and tear-down. For more information about packaging, see the u-blox package information user guide [3].

7.1.1 Reels

SARA-R5 series modules are deliverable in quantities of 250 pieces on a reel. The modules are delivered using reel type B2 described in the u-blox package information user guide [3].

Quantities of less than 250 pieces are also available. Contact u-blox for more information.

7.1.2 Tapes

Figure 9 shows the position and the orientation of SARA-R5 series modules as they are delivered on the tape, while Figure 10 and Table 38 specify the dimensions of the tape.



Figure 9: Orientation of SARA-R5 series modules on tape



Figure 10: SARA-R5 series modules tape



Parameter	Typical value	Tolerance	Unit
A ₀	16.8	0.2	mm
Bo	26.8	0.2	mm
Ko	3.2	0.2	mm

Table 38 : SARA-R5 series tape dimensions (mm)

- **1**0 sprocket hole pitch cumulative tolerance ± 0.2 mm.
- Pocket position relative to sprocket hole is measured as true position of pocket, not pocket hole.
- \bigcirc A₀ and B₀ are calculated on a plane at a distance "R" above the bottom of the pocket.

7.2 Moisture sensitivity levels

▲ SARA-R5 series modules are moisture sensitive devices (MSD) in accordance with the IPC/JEDEC specification.

The Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL) relates to the packaging and handling precautions required. SARA-R5 series modules are rated at MSL level 4. For more information regarding moisture sensitivity levels, labeling, storage and drying, see the u-blox package information user guide [3].

For the MSL standard, see IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 (can be downloaded from www.jedec.org).

7.3 Reflow soldering

Reflow profiles are to be selected according to u-blox recommendations (see the SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2]).

A Failure to observe these recommendations can result in severe damage to the device!

7.4 ESD precautions

▲ SARA-R5 series modules contain highly sensitive electronic circuitry and are Electrostatic Sensitive Devices (ESD). Handling SARA-R5 series modules without proper ESD protection may destroy or damage them permanently.

SARA-R5 series modules are Electrostatic Sensitive Devices (EDS) and require special ESD precautions typically applied to ESD sensitive components.

Table 8 details the maximum ESD ratings of the SARA-R5 series modules.

Proper ESD handling and packaging procedures must be applied throughout the processing, handling and operation of any application that incorporates SARA-R5 series modules.

ESD precautions should be appropriately implemented on the application board where the module is mounted, as described in the SARA-R5 series system integration manual [2].



Failure to observe these precautions can result in severe damage to the device!



8 Labeling and ordering information

8.1 Product labeling

The labels of SARA-R5 series modules include important product information as described in this section. Figure 11 provides an illustrative example of SARA-R5 series modules' label, which includes: the u-blox logo, production lot, Pb-free marking, product type number, IMEI number, certification information, and production country.



Figure 11: Illustrative example of SARA-R5 series modules' label

8.2 Explanation of codes

Three different product code formats are used. The **Product Name** is used in documentation such as this data sheet and identifies all the u-blox products, independent of packaging and quality grade. The **Ordering Code** includes options and quality, while the **Type Number** includes the hardware and firmware versions. Table 39 details these 3 different formats:

Format	Structure
Product Name	PPPP-TGVV(HH)(F)
Ordering Code	PPPP-TGVV(HH)(F)-MMQ
Type Number	PPPP-TGVV(HH)(F)-MMQ-XX

Table 39: Product code formats

Table 40 explains the parts of the product code.

Code	Meaning	Example
PPPP	Form factor	SARA
TG	 Platform (Technology and Generation) Dominant technology: G = GSM, U = UMTS, C = CDMA, N = NB-loT (LTE Cat NB1/NB2), R = LTE low data rate (Cat M1, Cat 1, Cat 1bis), L = LTE high data rate (Cat 3 and above) Generation: 19 	R5
VV	Variant function set based on the same platform: 0099	10
(HH)	GNSS generation (optional): M8 = u-blox M8, M9 = u-blox M9,	M8
(F)	Additional features (optional): S = secure cloud, E = integrated SIM,	S
MM	Major product version: 0099	00
Q	Product grade: C = standard, B = professional, A = automotive	В
XX	Minor product version: 0099	Default value is 00

Table 40: Part identification code



8.3 Ordering information

Ordering No.	Product
SARA-R500E-01B	LTE Cat M1 module with integrated SIM chip, mainly designed for use in North America.
	26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel
SARA-R500S-00B	LTE Cat M1 module for multi-region use.
	26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel
SARA-R500S-01B	LTE Cat M1 / NB2 module for multi-region use.
	26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel
SARA-R500S-61B	LTE Cat M1 / NB2 module for use in Japan.
	26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel
SARA-R510S-00B	LTE Cat M1 module for multi-region use.
	Designed for extremely low current consumption in PSM deep-sleep.
	26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel
SARA-R510S-01B	LTE Cat M1 / NB2 module for multi-region use.
	Designed for extremely low current consumption in PSM / eDRX deep-sleep. 26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel
0404 05100 010	
SARA-R510S-61B	LTE Cat M1 / NB2 module for use in Japan. Designed for extremely low current consumption in PSM / eDRX deep-sleep.
	26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel
SARA-R510M8S-00R	LTE Cat M1 module for multi-region use.
	Designed with integrated u-blox M8 GNSS receiver, concurrently available with LTE network access.
	26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel
SARA-R510M8S-01B	LTE Cat M1 / NB2 module for multi-region use.
	Designed with integrated u-blox M8 GNSS receiver, concurrently available with LTE network access.
	26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel
SARA-R510M8S-61B	LTE Cat M1 / NB2 module for use in Japan.
	Designed with integrated u-blox M8 GNSS receiver, concurrently available with LTE network access.
	26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel
SARA-R510M8S-71B	LTE Cat M1 / NB2 module for use in Korea.
	Designed with integrated u-blox M8 GNSS receiver, concurrently available with LTE network access.
	26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel

Table 41: Product ordering codes



Appendix

A Glossary

Abbreviation	Definition		
3GPP	3 rd Generation Partnership Project		
ACMA	Australian Communications and Media Authority		
ADC	Analog to Digital Converter		
AEC	Automotive Electronics Council		
AT	AT Command Interpreter Software Subsystem, or attention		
BB	Baseband		
BeiDou	Chinese satellite navigation system		
Cat	Category		
CBS	Cell Broadcast Service		
CE	Coverage Enhancement		
CE	European Conformity		
CEP	Circular Error Probable		
CLK	Clock		
CloT	Cellular Internet of Things		
CMOS	Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor		
CoAP	Constrained Application Protocol		
CS	Chip Select		
CTS	Clear To Send		
DC	Direct Current		
DCD	Data Carrier Detect		
DDC	Display Data Channel		
DL	Down Link (Reception)		
DRX	Discontinuous Reception		
DSR	Data Set Ready		
DTE	Data Terminal Equipment		
DTLS	Datagram Transport Layer Security		
DTR	Data Terminal Ready		
DUN	Dial-Up Networking		
E-CID	Enhanced Cell Identity		
eDRX	Extended Discontinuous Reception		
EPS	Evolved Packet System		
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge		
E-UTRA	Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access		
FCC	Federal Communications Commission (United States)		
FDD	Frequency Division Duplex		
FOAT	Firmware (update) Over AT commands		
FOTA	Firmware (update) Over-The-Air		
FTP	File Transfer Protocol		
FW	Firmware		
Galileo	European satellite navigation system		
GCF	Global Certification Forum		



Abbreviation	Definition		
GDI	Generic Digital Interface		
GITEKI	Gijutsu kijun tekigō shōmei - Technical standard conformity certification (Japan)		
GLONASS	Russian satellite navigation system		
GND	Ground		
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System		
GPIO	General Purpose Input/Output		
GPS	Global Positioning System		
HARQ	Hybrid Automatic Repeat Request		
HDLC	High-level Data Link Control		
НТТР	HyperText Transfer Protocol		
HW	Hardware		
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission		
12C	Inter-Integrated Circuit		
125	Inter-IC Sound		
I/O	Input/Output		
IMEI	International Mobile Equipment Identity		
IP	Internet Protocol		
ISED	Innovation, Science and Economic Development (Canada)		
ISO	International Organization for Standardization		
ITU	International Telecommunications Union		
LGA	Land Grid Array		
LNA	Low Noise Amplifier		
LPWA	Low Power Wide Area		
LTE	Long-Term Evolution		
LTE-M	Long-Term Evolution – enhanced Machine Type Communication		
LwM2M	Lightweight Machine-to-Machine protocol		
M2M	Machine to Machine		
MQTT	Message Queuing Telemetry Transport		
MQTT-SN	Message Queuing Telemetry Transport for Sensor Networks		
MSD	Moisture Sensitive Device		
MSL	Moisture Sensitivity Level		
MUX	Multiplexer		
N/A	Not Applicable		
NB-IoT	Narrowband Internet of Things		
NCC	National Communications Commission (Taiwan)		
PA	Power Amplifier		
PCB	Printed Circuit Board		
PCN	Product Change Notification / Sample Delivery Note / Information Note		
PMU	Power Management Unit		
POS	Power On Signal		
PPS	Pulse Per Second		
PSM	Power Saving Mode		
PTCRB	PCS Type Certification Review Board		
PUCCH	Physical Uplink Control Channel		
QPSK	Quadrature Phase Shift Keying modulation		



Abbreviation	Definition		
QZSS	Quasi-Zenith Satellite System		
RACH	Random Access Channel		
RAM	Random Access Memory		
RAT	Radio Access Technology		
RF	Radio Frequency		
RI	Ring Indicator		
RIL	Radio Interface Layer		
RRC	Radio Resource Control		
RTC	Real Time Clock		
RTS	Request To Send		
Rx	Reception		
SAW	Surface Acoustic Wave		
SBAS	Satellite-Based Augmentation System		
SCL	Serial Clock		
SDA	Serial Data		
SDIO	Secure Digital Input Output		
SIM	Subscriber Identity Module		
SMS	Short Message Service		
SPG	Standard Precision GNSS		
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface		
SSL	Secure Socket Layer		
TBS	Transport Block Size		
ТСР	Transmission Control Protocol		
тсхо	Temperature-Controlled Crystal Oscillator		
TDD	Time Division Duplex		
TLS	Transport Layer Security		
TS	Technical Specification		
Тх	Transmission		
TXD	Transmit Data		
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter		
uCSP	u-blox Common Services Platform		
UDP	User Datagram Protocol		
UE	User Equipment		
uFOTA	u-blox Firmware update Over-The-Air		
UL	Uplink (Transmission)		
URC	Unsolicited Result Code		
USB	Universal Serial Bus		
VoLTE	Voice over LTE		
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio		
WA	Word Alignment		



Related documentation

- [1] u-blox SARA-R5 series AT commands manual, UBX-19047455
- [2] u-blox SARA-R5 series system integration manual, UBX-19041356
- [3] u-blox package information user guide, UBX-14001652
- [4] 3GPP TS 27.007 AT command set for User Equipment (UE)
- [5] 3GPP TS 27.005 Use of Data Terminal Equipment Data Circuit terminating Equipment (DTE - DCE) interface for Short Message Service (SMS) and Cell Broadcast Service (CBS)
- [6] 3GPP TS 27.010 Terminal Equipment to User Equipment (TE-UE) multiplexer protocol
- [7] 3GPP TS 36.521-1 Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access; User Equipment conformance specification; Radio transmission and reception; Part 1: Conformance Testing
- [8] ITU-T Recommendation V24 List of definitions for interchange circuits between Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Connection Equipment (DCE)
- [9] Universal Serial Bus Revision 2.0 specification, https://www.usb.org/
- [10] I2C-bus specification and user manual UM10204, https://www.nxp.com/
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- [14] IEC 60079-26 Explosive atmospheres, part 26: equipment with EPL Ga

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Revision history

Revision	Date	Name	Comments
R01	02-Aug-2019	fvid/sses	Initial release
R02	17-Oct-2019	fvid	Updated GPIO section. Updated RESET_N and generic digital interfaces electrical specifications. Updated normal operating temperature.
R03	07-Nov-2019	sses	Updated document products applicability. Updated Power-on, Power-off and Reset sections. Updated GPIO section. Updated pin 2 name and function. Updated absolute maximum ratings. Minor other corrections and clarifications.
R04	20-Dec-2019	fvid / sses	Added current consumption and LTE Cat M1 receiver sensitivity figures. Updated UART section. Updated GPIO section. Updated DDC (I2C) electrical specifications. Update the module thickness, Minor other corrections and clarifications.
R05	06-Mar-2020	fvid/sses	Extended the document applicability to SARA-R500S-00B. NB-IoT radio access technology not supported by "00B" products version. GPIO, Power-on, Power-off, Reset sections and characteristics updated. Added some current consumption figures. Other minor corrections and clarifications.
R06	15-Jul-2020	sses / fvid	Updated document products status. Updated GPIO section and PWR_ON timings. Added some current consumption figures, and GNSS performance figures. Other minor corrections and clarifications.
R07	02-Oct-2020	sses / fvid	Updated document products status. Updated Supported features section. Updated Power-on, Power-off and Reset sections. Added GITEKI certification. Updated electrical specifications: added thermal parameters; updated current consumption table and added target values; added ANT_DET characteristics; added time pulse characteristics; updated PWR_ON pin characteristics; added "Smart temperature supervisor" characteristics. Other minor corrections and clarifications.
R08	22-Dec-2020	lpah	Extended document applicability to SARA-R500S-00B-01, SARA-R510S-00B-01, and SARA-R510M8S-00B-01. Other minor clarifications.
R09	11-May-2021	sses / fvid	Extended document applicability to SARA-R500S-01B-00, SARA-R510S-01B-00, and SARA-R510M8S-01B-00. Other minor clarifications.
R10	22-Jul-2021	fvid/sses	Updated power-off section. Updated current consumption figures. Added parameters for ATEX applications. Other minor clarifications.
R11	23-Dec-2021	fvid/sses	Extended document applicability to SARA-R500S-61B-00, SARA-R500S-71B-00, SARA-R510S-61B-00, SARA-R510S-71B-00, SARA-R510M8S-61B-00, and SARA-R510M8S-71B-00. Updated "Product features" section. Added clarifications in "Approvals" section. Updated current consumption figures. Updated ADC pin electrical specifications. Editorial changes, minor corrections, and clarifications with no impact for integrators
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R13	07-Apr-2022	SSES	SARA-R500S-61B-00, SARA-R510S-61B-00, SARA-R510M8S-61B-00 product status update Revised and added clarifications in "Approvals" section. Other minor corrections and clarifications.



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R14	22-Jul-2022	SSES	Extended document applicability to SARA-R500S-00B-02, SARA-R510S-00B-02 and SARA-R510M8S-00B-02. Removed SARA-R500S-71B-00, SARA-R510S-71B-00 document applicability. Minor editorial changes and clarifications.
R15	15-Dec-2022	SSES	Extended document applicability to SARA-R500E-01B, SARA-R500S-61B-01, SARA-R510S-61B-01, SARA-R510M8S-61B-01. SARA-R500S-61B-00, SARA-R510S-61B-00, SARA-R510M8S-61B-00, and SARA-R510M8S-71B-00 product status update. Revised planned features and "Approvals" section. Minor editorial changes and clarifications.
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R19	05-Jul-2023	SSES	Extended document applicability to SARA-R510M8S-71B-01. Minor editorial changes and clarifications.
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