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# UM220-IV M0

## Industry Grade Multi-GNSS Positioning Module

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# Foreword

This document offers you information in the features of the hardware, the installation, specification and use of UNICORECOMM UM220-IV M0 product.

## Readers It Applies to

This document is applied to the technicians who know GNSS Receiver to some extent but not to the general readers.

## Structure of the Document

This document includes the following:

Introduction: Briefly explaining the functions, performances and installing of the product

Installation: Containing the list of the product package and the details of product installation

Technical Specification: Offering technical specifications of the product

Hardware Specification: Offering all the information of hardware interface of the product

Module disassembly introduction

Package: Provide packing instructions of UM220-IV M0 modules

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Overview

UNICORECOMM UM220-IV M0 is a dual-system GNSS module. It is designed on the basis of UNICORECOMM's low power, multisystem, high performance SoC-UFirebird designed. It supports BDS B1+GPS L1 dual-system joint positioning and single system positioning. UM220-IV M0 is compact in size and uses SMT pads to support fully automatic integration of standard discharge and reflow soldering, especially suitable for low cost and low power consumption fields. The radio equipment is in compliance with Directive 2014/53/EU.



Figure 1-1 UM220-IV M0 Module

| Model       | PN            | Grade    |            | System |     |         | Interface |       | Data Updating Rate |
|-------------|---------------|----------|------------|--------|-----|---------|-----------|-------|--------------------|
|             |               | Industry | Automotive | GPS    | BDS | GLONASS | UART1     | UART2 |                    |
| UM220-IV M0 | 2310408000024 | •        |            | •      | •   | •       | •         |       | 1Hz                |
| UM220-IV M0 | 2330322000028 | •        |            | •      | •   |         | •         |       | 1Hz                |

## 1.2 Key Features

| Power                             |                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Voltage                           | +3.0~3.6 VDC                                                                     |
| Power Consumption                 | 90mW                                                                             |
| RF Input                          |                                                                                  |
| Input VSWR                        | ≤2.5                                                                             |
| Input Impedance                   | 50Ω                                                                              |
| Antenna Gain                      | 15~30dB                                                                          |
| Physical Characteristics          |                                                                                  |
| Dimension                         | 10.1*9.7*2.2mm                                                                   |
| Environment                       |                                                                                  |
| Operating Temperature             | -40°C ~ +85°C                                                                    |
| Storage Temperature               | -45°C ~ +90°C                                                                    |
| RoHS                              | Compliant                                                                        |
| Input/output Data Interface       |                                                                                  |
| UART                              | 1 UART, LVTTTL. Baud rate 4800~115200bps                                         |
| GNSS Performance                  |                                                                                  |
| Frequency                         | BDS B1: 1561.098MHz<br>GPS L1: 1575.42MHz                                        |
| TTFF                              | Cold Start: 28s<br>Hot Start: 1s<br>Reacquisition: 1s<br>AGNSS <sup>1</sup> : 4s |
| Positioning Accuracy <sup>2</sup> | 2.0m (dual-system horizontal, open sky)<br>3.5m (dual-system vertical, open sky) |
| Velocity Accuracy (RMS)           | 0.1m/s (dual-system, Open sky)                                                   |

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<sup>1</sup> Assist date input

<sup>2</sup> CEP, 50%

| Sensitivity         | BDS                         | GPS     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
|                     | Tracking                    | -161dBm |
|                     | Acquisition                 | -146dBm |
|                     | Hot start                   | -154dBm |
|                     | Reacquisition               | -157dBm |
| 1PPS Accuracy (RMS) | 20ns                        |         |
| Data Updating Rate  | 1Hz                         |         |
| Data Output         | NMEA 0183, Unicore Protocol |         |

### 1.3 Interface

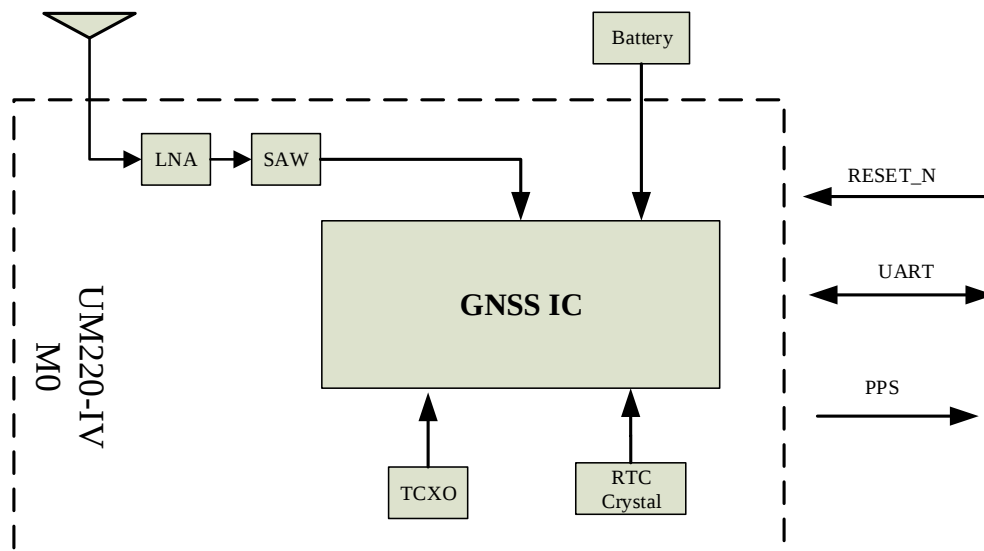


Figure 1-2 Structure Chart

#### UART

UM220-IV M0 module supports data transfer and firmware upgrade; the signal input/output level is LVTTTL. The default baud rate is 9600bps, which is adjustable, and can be configured up to 115200bps.

#### 1PPS

UM220-IV M0 outputs 1PPS with adjustable pulse width and polarity.

## 2 Product Installation

### 2.1 Installation Preparation

UM220-IV M0 modules are Electrostatic Sensitive Devices and require special precautions when handling.

- Follow the steps in section 2.2 in the correct order.
- Electrostatic discharge (ESD) may cause damage to the device. All operations mentioned in this chapter should be carried out on an antistatic workbench, wear an antistatic wrist strap and use a conductive foam pad. If an antistatic workbench is not available, wear an antistatic wrist strap and connect the other end to a metal frame to play a role in anti-static.
- Hold the edge of the module, not in direct contact with the components.
- Please check carefully whether the module has obviously loose or damaged components. If you have questions, please contact us or your local dealer.

Figure 2-1 shows the typical installation of UM220-IV M0 EVK suites.

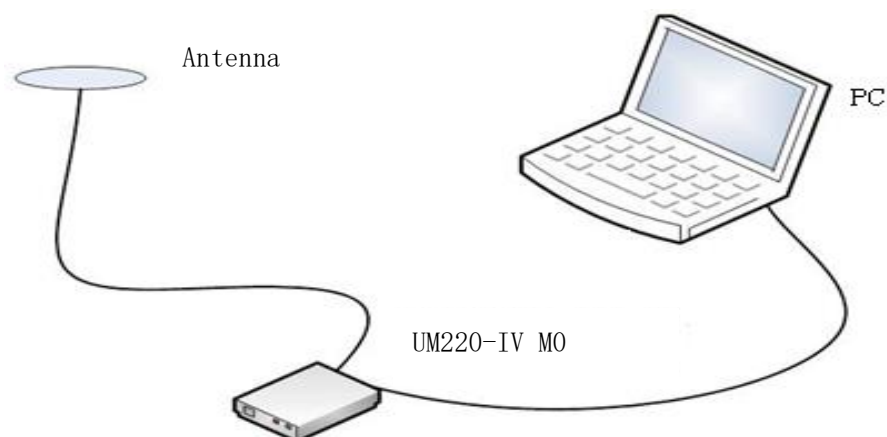


Figure 2-1

Please check the contents of the package carefully after receiving the package of UM220-IV M0:

- UM220-IV M0 EVK suite (with AC Adapter)
- UM220-IV M0 User manual.
- uSTAR application package.
- Antenna.
- Antenna connection cable
- Direct serial cable
- PC

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Please keep the box and anti-static plastic bags for storage and handling.

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## 2.2 Hardware Installation

After the above preparations are complete, follow the steps below to install:

Step 1: Make sure to take full anti-static measures, such as wearing an anti-static wrist strap, grounding the workbench;

Step 2: Open the UM220-IV M0 evaluation kit;

Step 3: Select the GNSS antenna with appropriate gain, fix it in the non-block area, using the appropriate cable to connect the antenna to UM220 EVK;

Step 4: Connect the PC to the EVK serial port through direct serial cable;

Step 5: Power the evaluation board and initialize the UM220-IV M0;

Step 6: Open the uSTAR

Step 7: Controlled the receiver through uSTAR to display constellations view, log messages, and receiver status.

## 3 Technical Specifications

### 3.1 Electrical Specifications

Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Item                | Pin                             | Min  | Max      | Unit | Condition |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------|----------|------|-----------|
| Power Supply (VCC)  | Vcc                             | -0.5 | 3.6      | V    |           |
| VCC Ripple          | Vrpp                            |      | 50       | mV   |           |
| Digital IO          | Vin                             | -0.5 | Vcc +0.2 | V    |           |
| Storage Temperature | Tstg                            | -45  | 90       | °C   |           |
| MSD (MSL)           | □Level 1 □Level 2 ■Level 3 □TBD |      |          |      |           |

### 3.2 Operation Condition

| Item                      | Pin              | Min     | Typical Value | Max | Unit | Condition  |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------|---------------|-----|------|------------|
| Power Supply (VCC)        | Vcc              | 3.0     | 3.3           | 3.6 | V    |            |
| Peak Current              | Iccp             |         |               | 53  | mA   | Vcc=3.0 V  |
| Tracking Average Current  | I <sub>ACQ</sub> | 29      | 30            | 31  | mA   | Vcc=3.0V   |
| Low Level Input Voltage   | Vin_low          |         |               | 0.7 | V    |            |
| High Level Input Voltage  | Vin_high         | 1.2     |               |     | V    |            |
| Low Level Output Voltage  | Vout_low         |         |               | 0.4 | V    | Iout=-8 mA |
| High Level Output Voltage | Vout_high        | Vcc-0.4 |               |     | V    | Iout=8 mA  |
| Antenna Gain              | Gant             | 15      |               | 30  | dB   |            |
| Noise Figure              | Nftot            |         | 2             |     | dB   |            |
| Operation Temperature     | Topr             | -40     |               | 85  | °C   |            |

### 3.3 Dimensions

Table 3-1: Dimensions

| Symbol   | Min (mm) | Typical Value (mm) | Max (mm) |
|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| <b>A</b> | 9.6      | 10.1               | 10.7     |
| <b>B</b> | 9.55     | 9.7                | 9.85     |
| <b>C</b> | 1.9      | 2.0                | 2.1      |
| <b>D</b> | 0.55     | 0.65               | 0.95     |
| <b>E</b> | 1.0      | 1.1                | 1.2      |
| <b>F</b> | 0.5      | 0.6                | 0.7      |
| <b>G</b> | 0.3      | 0.4                | 0.5      |
| <b>H</b> | 0.9      | 1.0                | 1.1      |
| <b>K</b> | 0.6      | 0.7                | 0.8      |
| <b>M</b> | 0.7      | 0.8                | 0.9      |

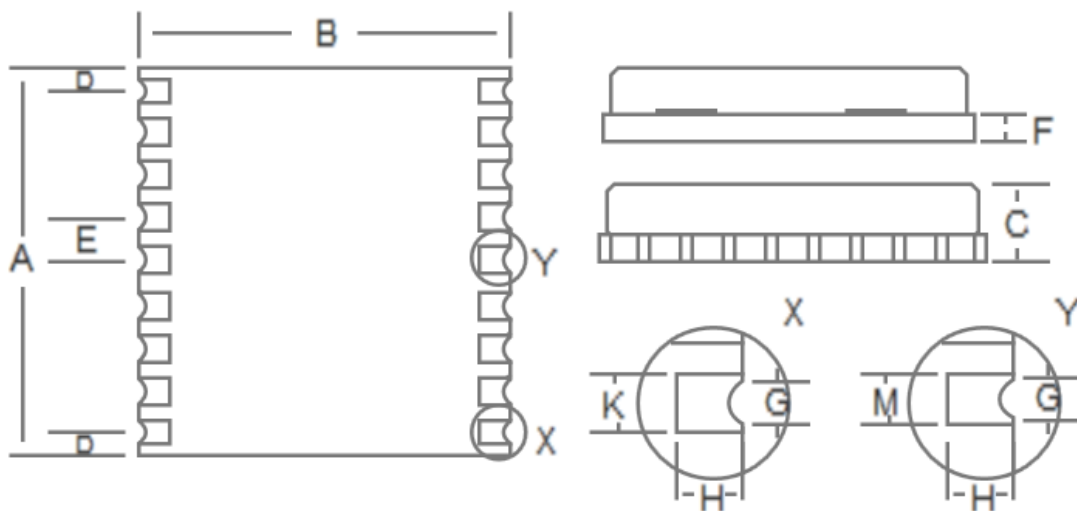


Figure 3-1 Mechanical Layout

### 3.4 Pin Definition (Top View)

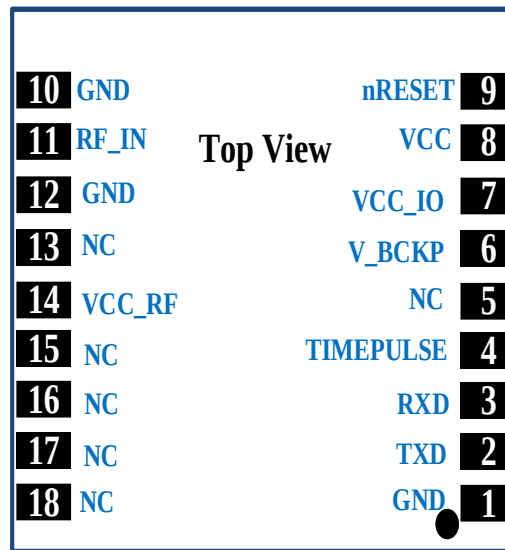


Figure 3-2 UM220-IV M0

| No | Name                | I/O | Electrical level | Description                                                                                                                         |
|----|---------------------|-----|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | GND                 | I   |                  | Ground                                                                                                                              |
| 2  | TXD                 | O   | LVTTL            | UART 1-TX                                                                                                                           |
| 3  | RXD                 | I   | LVTTL            | UART 1-RX                                                                                                                           |
| 4  | TIMEPULSE           | O   | LVTTL            | 1PPS                                                                                                                                |
| 5  | NC                  | I   | LVTTL            | Reserve                                                                                                                             |
| 6  | V_BCKP              | I   | 1.65V~3.6V       | Voltage for RTC. If you do not use the hot start function, connect V_BCKP to VCC. Do NOT connect it to ground or leave it floating. |
| 7  | VCC_IO              | I   | 3.0V~3.6V        | GPIO power supply                                                                                                                   |
| 8  | VCC                 | I   | 3.0V~3.6V        | Main power                                                                                                                          |
| 9  | nRESET              | I   | LVTTL            | For reset, Low level active, if you do not use the pin, please leave it hanging                                                     |
| 10 | GND                 | I   |                  | Ground                                                                                                                              |
| 11 | RF_IN               | I   |                  | GNSS signal input (BDS B1+GPS L1)                                                                                                   |
| 12 | GND                 | I   |                  | Ground                                                                                                                              |
| 13 | NC                  | O   |                  | Reserve                                                                                                                             |
| 14 | VCC_RF <sup>3</sup> | O   | =VCC             | Output voltage RF section                                                                                                           |
| 15 | NC                  | I/O |                  | Reserve                                                                                                                             |
| 16 | NC                  | I/O |                  | Reserve                                                                                                                             |

<sup>3</sup> VCC\_RF does not have short circuit detection function;

| No | Name | I/O | Electrical level | Description |
|----|------|-----|------------------|-------------|
| 17 | NC   | I/O |                  | Reserve     |
| 18 | NC   | I/O |                  | Reserve     |

## 4 Hardware Design

### 4.1 Design in Considerations

To make UM220-IV M0 work normally, you need to properly connect the following:

The Module VCC has good monotonicity. If the VCC power off and then on, the power off time must be more than 10ms.

- Connect all the GND pins to ground.
- Connect the RF\_IN signal to the antenna, and the line will keep 50Ω impedance matching.
- Ensure COM1 is connected to a PC or an external processor, users can use this serial port to receive position data. COM1 is also necessary for firmware upgrades.

In order to obtain good performance, special concern should be paid during the design:

- Power supply: Stable and low ripple power is necessary for good performance. Make sure the peak to peak voltage ripple does not exceed 50mV.
  - Use LDO to ensure the purity of power supply
  - Try to place LDO close to the module in layout
  - Widen the power circuit or use copper pour surface to transmit current
  - Avoid walking through any high-power or high inductance devices such as a magnetic coil
- UART interfaces: Ensure that the signals and baud rate of main equipment match that of UM220-IV M0 module
- Antenna interface: Make sure the antenna impedance matches, and the cable is short without any kinks , try to avoid acute angles
- Antenna position: In order to ensure a good signal-to-noise ratio, the antenna

should be well isolated from any electromagnetic radiation source, especially an electromagnetic radiation in the frequency range of 1559 ~ 1605MHz

- Try to avoid designing in any circuits underneath UM220-IV M0
- This module is a temperature sensitive device. Dramatic changes in temperature will result in reduced performance, so keep it away as far as possible from any high-power high-temperature air and heating devices.

## 4.2 Avoid String Power

The module input ports of UM220-IV M0 include: RXD and GPIO. When the module is not powered on, if there is data input in the above ports, it will form a series of power on the module VCC. When the series voltage is higher than 1.6V, it may cause a failure of starting up when the module is powered on.

Solution:

When the module is not powered on, make sure that the IO port connected to the module is in a high-resistance state or a low level to avoid string power. Another solution is to connect a 1KΩ resistor in series to the serial port RX, and connect a 33Ω or 1KΩ resistor in series to TX (There is no need to connect any resistor to the TX of the module with PN 2310408000024). It is also recommended to connect a 4.7KΩ resistor in series to the Pin of other necessary PIOs.

## 4.3 Antenna

If UM220-IV M0 uses a +3V active antenna, it is recommended to use the VCC\_RF pin output to power the antenna through a feed inductor.

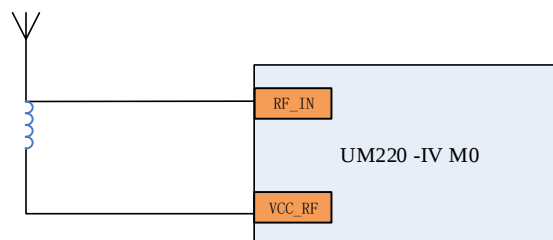


Figure 4-1 UM220-IV M0 Active Antenna +3V Solution

Note: If the user has a high requirement for ESD ( $> \pm 2000$  V), the user should consider other method to feed the antenna rather than using the VCC\_RF pin. In this case, it is recommended to choose a power supply chip with high ESD protection level. Gas discharge tube, varistor, TVS tube and other high-power protective devices may also be

used in the power supply circuit to further protect the module from ESD damage or other Electrical Over-Stress (EOS).

If the UM220-IV M0 uses an active antenna other than +3V, the bias voltage  $V_{BIAS}$  required by the antenna is supplied to the antenna through a feed inductor.

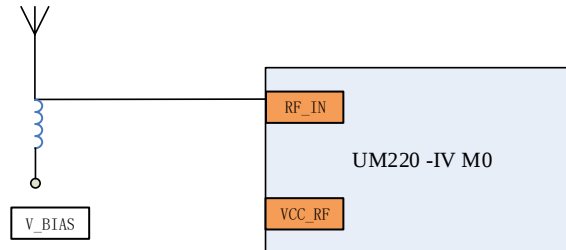


Figure 4-2 UM220-IV M0 Active Antenna (Other than +3V) Solution

If UM220-IV M0 uses a passive antenna, and the antenna is directly connected to RF\_IN pin, the VCC\_RF can be suspended. It should be noted that the use of passive antennas may cause a decrease in GNSS performance compared to active antennas.

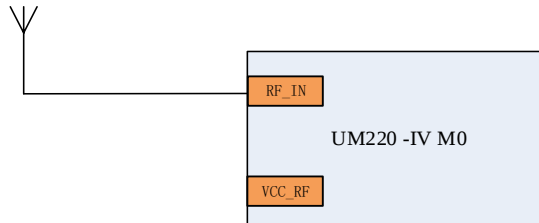


Figure 4-3 UM220-IV M0 Passive Antenna Solution

## 4.4 Serial Port

UM220-IV M0 has one LVTTL serial port, for PC connection, please use a RS232 voltage level converter.

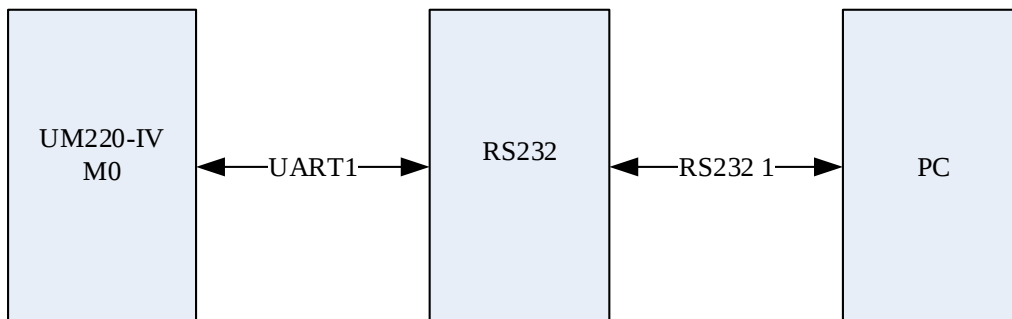


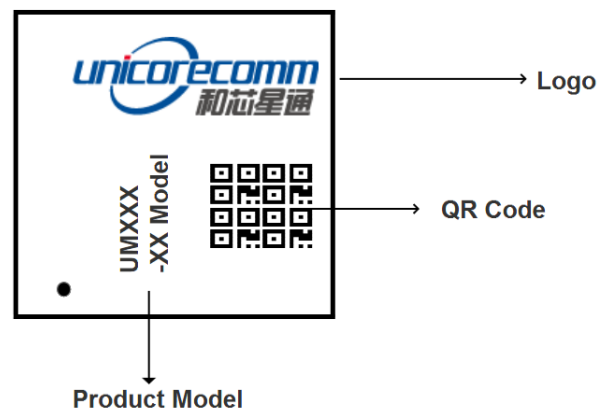
Figure 4-4 Connect COM to PC

## 5 Disassembly

When it is necessary to remove the module, it is recommended to melt the soldering tin of the pins on both sides of the module with an electric soldering iron and remove the module with tweezers. Do not use other means to remove the module (such as using a hot air gun to blow the module), may lead to module damage.

## 6 Package

### 6.1 Product Label Description



### 6.2 Package Description

The UM220-IV M0 modules are packaged in vacuum sealed aluminum foil anti-static bags with desiccant and moisture-proof agent. When using reflow welding process to weld modules, please strictly comply with IPC standard to conduct humidity control on modules. As packaging materials such as carrier belt can only withstand the temperature of 65 degrees Celsius, modules shall be removed from the packaging during baking.



Figure 6-1 UM220 package

| Item         | Description                                                                                          |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Module       | 1000 pics/reel                                                                                       |
| Reel Size    | Workpiece tray: 13"<br>External diameter 330mm, internal diameter 100mm, width 24mm, thickness 2.0mm |
| Carrier Tape | Space between: 20mm                                                                                  |

Check the humidity indicator card before soldering. The 30% indication is blue under normal conditions, as shown in figure 6-2. Bake modules firstly before soldering if the 30% indication turns pink, as shown in figure 6-3. The UM220-IV M0 modules are rated at MSL level 3, for more MSL information, please refer to [www.jedec.org](http://www.jedec.org).

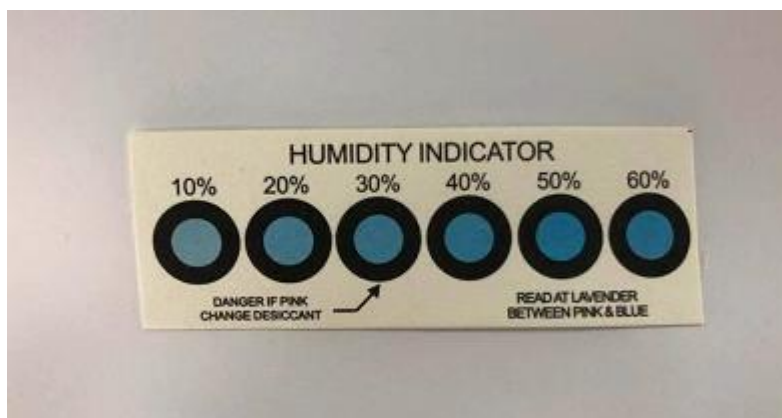


Figure 6-2 the 30% indication is blue

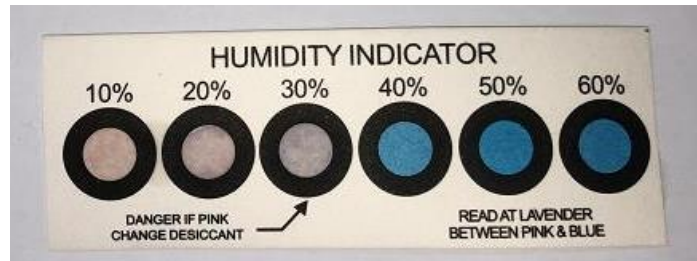


Figure 6-3 the 30% indication is pink

The shelf life of UM220-IV M0 is one year.

## 7 Clean

Do not use alcohol or other organic solvents to clean, or it may lead to flux residues flooding into the shielding shell, causing mildew and other problems.

## 8 Reflow Soldering

In order to avoid device falling off, the module should be placed on the top of the main board during welding. Reflow soldering temperature curve is recommended as shown in figure 8-1 below (M705-GRN360 is recommended for solder paste). Note: the module can only be welded once.

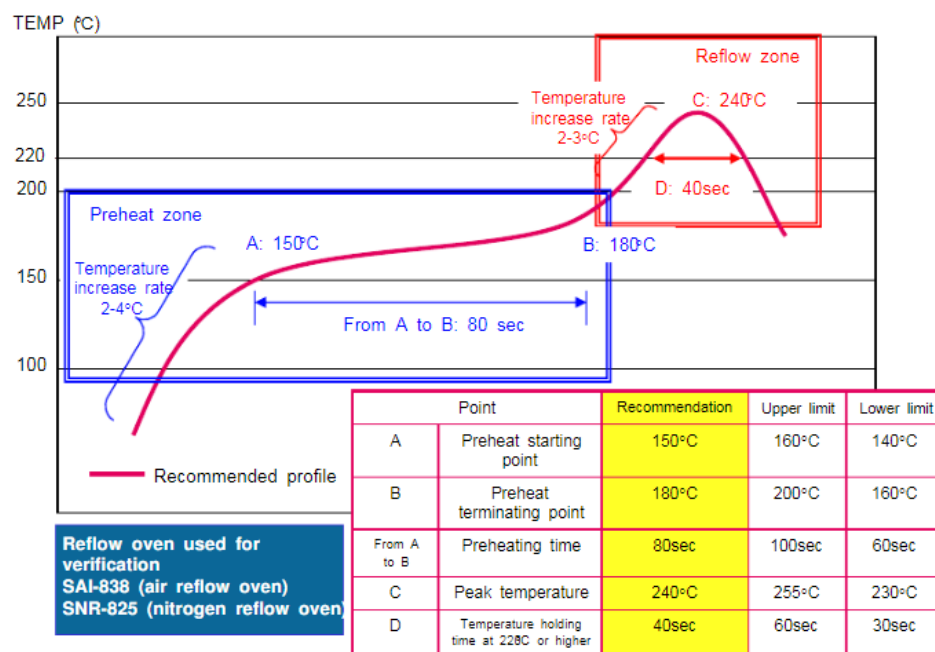


Figure 8-1 Reflow Soldering Line

**Note:** The apertures in the stencil need to meet the customer's own design requirements and inspection specifications, and the thickness of the stencil should be above 0.15mm, and 0.18mm is recommended.

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