

CW Series LTE Band 13 Single-Band Connectorized Monopole Antenna

CW Series antennas are rugged, low-cost and easy to install. The single frequency band of CW antennas makes the job of antenna selection simple, with better performance in the target frequency band than in multiband antennas and rejection of signals from unwanted frequencies.

The CW LTE Band 13 antenna targets 740 MHz to 790 MHz with excellent VSWR, gain and efficiency for cellular IoT (LTE-M, NB-IoT) and traditional LTE band 13, UMTS and LoRaWAN™ applications.

This rugged 1/4-wave monopole antenna may be used with plastic or metal enclosures and supports weather-resistant applications.



Features

- Outperforms similar multiband solutions
- Durable, flexible main shaft
- Wide bandwidth
- Weather resistant for IP-rated applications¹
- O-ring compatible base
- Compatible with plastic² and metal enclosures
- High gain (0.8 dBi at 740 MHz, 1.7 dBi at 765 MHz and 1.1 dBi at 790 MHz)
- High efficiency (66% at 740 MHz, 79% at 765 MHz and 70% at 790 MHz)

Applications

- LTE band 13
- LTE-M (Cat-M1) and NB-IoT cellular IoT
- UMTS: USMHC
- LoRaWAN band CN779
- Sensing and remote monitoring
- Hand-held devices
- Internet of Things (IoT) devices
- Low-power wide-area (LPWA) networks

Ordering Information

Part Number	Description
ANT-B13-CW-QW-SMA	LTE Band 13 CW Series antenna with SMA connector

Available from Linx Technologies and select distributors and representatives.

2 With appropriate counterpoise

¹ Use of an O-ring is recommended, IP-ratings cannot be guaranteed

Electrical Specifications

	ANT-B13-CW-QW-SMA	
Frequency Range	740 MHz to 790 MHz	
Center Frequency	765 MHz	
VSWR	≤ 1.9 : 1	
Peak Gain	1.7 dBi	
Polarization	Linear	
Radiation	Omnidirectional	
Max Power	10 W	
Wavelength	1/4-wave	
Impedance	50 Ω	
Connection	SMA plug (male)	
Height	98.4 mm (3.87 in)	
Weight	13.8 g (0.5 oz)	
Operating Temperature	-40 °C to +90 °C	

Electrical specifications and plots measured with a 102 mm x 102 mm (4 in x 4 in) reference ground plane.

VSWR

Figure 1 and Figure 2 provide the voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR) across the antenna bandwidth. VSWR describes the power reflected from the antenna back to the radio. A lower VSWR value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency. Reflected power is also shown on the right-side vertical axis as a gauge of the percentage of transmitter power reflected back from the antenna.



Figure 1. CW LTE Band 13 Antenna VSWR with Band 13 Uplink/Downlink Highlights





Figure 2. CW LTE Band 13 Antenna Full Bandwidth VSWR

Return Loss

Return loss (Figure 3), represents the loss in power at the antenna due to reflected signals. Like VSWR, a lower return loss value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency.



Figure 3. CW LTE Band 13 Antenna Return Loss with Band 13 Uplink/Downlink Highlights



Peak Gain

The peak gain across the antenna bandwidth is shown in Figure 4. Peak gain represents the maximum antenna input power concentration across 3-dimensional space, and therefore peak performance, at a given frequency, but does not consider any directionality in the gain pattern.



Figure 4. CW LTE Band 13 Antenna Peak Gain with Band 13 Uplink/Downlink Highlights

Average Gain

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



Figure 5. CW LTE Band 13 Antenna Average Gain with Band 13 Uplink/Downlink Highlights



Radiation Efficiency

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



Figure 6. CW LTE Band 13 Antenna Radiation Efficiency with Band 13 Uplink/Downlink Highlights



Product Dimensions

Figure 7. CW LTE Band 13 Antenna Dimensions



Counterpoise

Quarter-wave or monopole antennas require an associated ground plane counterpoise for proper operation. The size and location of the ground plane relative to the antenna will affect the overall performance of the antenna in the final design. When used in conjunction with a ground plane smaller than that used to tune the antenna, the center frequency typically will shift higher in frequency and the bandwidth will decrease. The proximity of other circuit elements and packaging near the antenna will also affect the final performance.

For further discussion and guidance on the importance of the ground plane counterpoise, please refer to Linx Application Note AN-00501: Understanding Antenna Specifications and Operation.



Figure 8. CW LTE Band 13 Antenna Shown On Edge of Evaluation Board



Radiation Patterns

Radiation patterns provide information about the directionality and 3-dimensional gain performance of the antenna by plotting gain at specific frequencies in three orthogonal planes. Antenna radiation patterns (Figure 9), are shown using polar plots covering 360 degrees. The antenna graphic above the plots provides reference to the plane of the column of plots below it. Note: when viewed with typical PDF viewing software, zooming into radiation patterns is possible to reveal fine detail.



Figure 9. Radiation Patterns for CW LTE Band 13 Antenna



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