# BAR mXTEND<sup>™</sup> (FR01-S4-232) – AN for 2G/3G/4G Handsets 824-960 MHz and 1710-2170 MHz

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BAR mXTEND<sup>TM</sup> Antenna Booster

FR01-S4-232

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## 1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION FR01-S4-232

The BAR mXTEND™ Antenna Booster has been specifically designed for providing multiband performance in wireless devices (in particular in mobile devices), enabling worldwide coverage by allowing operation in the communication standards GSM850, GSM900, GSM1800/DCS, GSM1900/PCS, UMTS, LTE850, LTE900, LTE1700, LTE1800, LTE1900, LTE2000, and LTE2100.



**Material:** The BAR mXTEND™ Antenna Booster is built on glass epoxy substrate.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Handsets
- Smartphones
- Tablets
- Phablets
- Laptop PCs
- Netbooks
- Modules
- Routers
- eBook readers

#### **BENEFITS**

- High efficiency
- Small size
- Cost-effective
- Easy-to-use (pick and place)
- Multiband behaviour (worldwide standards)
- Off-the-Shelf Standard Product (no customization is required)

The BAR mXTEND<sup>™</sup> Antenna Booster belongs to a new generation of antenna solutions based on the Virtual Antenna<sup>™</sup> technology owned by Fractus Antennas. The technology is mainly focused on replacing conventional antenna solutions by miniature and standard components.

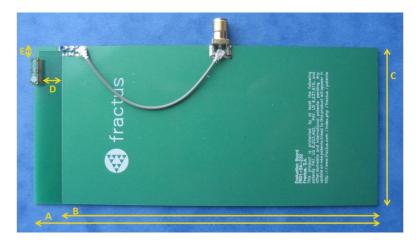
#### 2. QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Technical features	824 – 960 MHz	1710 – 2170 MHz	
Average Efficiency	> 60 %	> 75 %	
Peak Gain	1.3 dBi	2.1 dBi	
VSWR	< 3:1		
Radiation Pattern	Omnidirectional		
Polarization	Linear		
Weight (approx.)	0.21 g.		
Temperature	-40 to + 85 °C		
Impedance	50 Ω		
Dimensions (L x W x H)	10.0 mm x 3.2 mm x 3.2 mm		

**Table 1** – Technical Features. Measures from the Evaluation Board. See Figure 1. Note that for obtaining comparable results, a ground plane length larger than 100 mm is recommended.

## 3. EVALUATION BOARD (824-960 MHz and 1710-2170 MHz)

This Evaluation Board integrates a UFL cable to connect the BAR mXTEND<sup>™</sup> Antenna Booster with the SMA connector. The BAR mXTEND<sup>™</sup> provides operation in two frequency regions, from 824 MHz to 960 MHz and from 1710 MHz to 2170 MHz, through a single input/output port.



**Figure 1 –** EB\_FR01-S4-232-1B-2R-1P. Evaluation Board providing operation from 824 MHz to 960 MHz and from 1710 MHz to 2170MHz.

Measure	mm
Α	131
В	120
С	60
D	7.8
E	5.0

Tolerance: ±0.2 mm

 $\mathbf{D}$ : Distance between the BAR mXTEND^TM Antenna Booster and the ground plane.

**Material:** The evaluation board is built on FR4 substrate. Thickness is 1 mm.

This product is protected by at least the following <u>patents</u> PAT. US 8,203,492, PAT. US 8,237,615 and other domestic and international patents pending. Any update on new patents linked to this product will appear at <u>www.fractusantennas.com/virtual-antenna/.</u>

#### 3.1. MATCHING NETWORK

The specs of a Fractus Antennas standard product are measured in their Evaluation Board, which is an ideal case. In a real design, components nearby the antenna, LCD's, batteries, covers, connectors, etc. affect the antenna performance. This is the reason why it is highly recommended placing pads compatible with 0402 and 0603 SMD components for a matching network as close as possible to the feeding point. Do it in the ground plane area, not in the clearance area. This provides a degree of freedom to tune the BAR mXTEND™ Antenna Booster once the design is finished and taking into account all elements of the system (batteries, displays, covers, etc.).

Please notice that different devices with different ground planes and different components nearby the BAR mXTEND<sup>TM</sup> Antenna Booster may need a different matching network. To ensure optimal results, the use of high Q and tight tolerance components is highly recommended (Murata components). Please, if you need assistance contact <a href="mailto:info@fractusantennas.com">info@fractusantennas.com</a> for more information related to the antenna booster matching service.

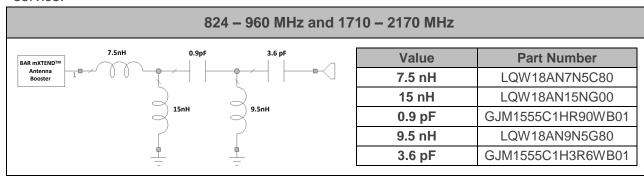


Figure 2 – Matching Network implemented in the evaluation board (Figure 1).

#### 3.2. VSWR AND TOTAL EFFICIENCY

VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and Total Efficiency versus Frequency (GHz).

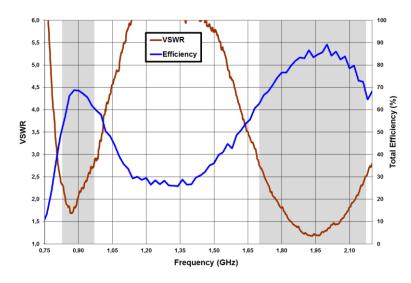
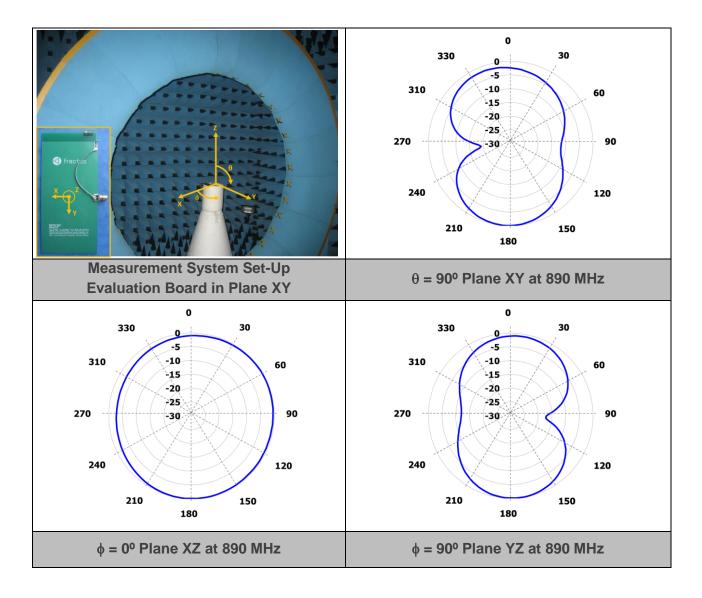


Figure 3 – VSWR and Total Efficiency for the 824 – 960 MHz frequency range and for the 1710 –2170 MHz frequency range (from the evaluation board (Figure 1)).

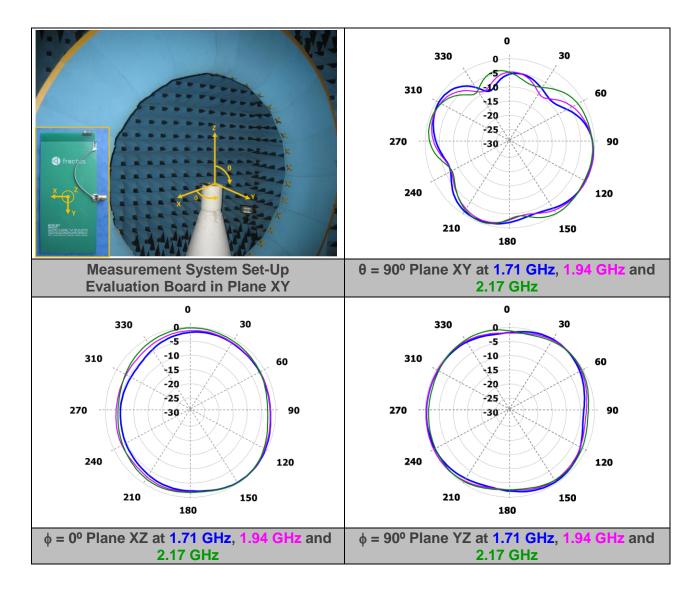
### 3.3. RADIATION PATTERNS (824-960 MHz), GAIN, AND EFFICIENCY



	Peak Gain	1.3 dBi
Gain	Average Gain across the band	0.9 dBi
	Gain Range across the band (min, max)	-0.5 <b>&lt;-&gt;</b> 1.3 dBi
	Peak Efficiency	68.7 %
Efficiency	Average Efficiency across the band	64.4 %
	Efficiency Range across the band (min, max)	50.3 – 68.7 %

**Table 2 –** Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the evaluation board (Figure 1) within the 824 – 960 MHz frequency range. Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

## 3.4. RADIATION PATTERNS (1710-2170 MHz), GAIN, AND EFFICIENCY



	Peak Gain	2.1 dBi
Gain	Average Gain across the band	1.6 dBi
	Gain Range across the band (min, max)	0.9 <b>&lt;-&gt;</b> 2.1 dBi
	Peak Efficiency	89.1 %
Efficiency	Average Efficiency across the band	79.5 %
	Efficiency Range across the band (min, max)	64.7 – 89.1 %

**Table 3** –Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the evaluation board (Figure 1) within the 1710 – 2170 MHz frequency range. Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

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