

PW Series LTE Band 20 Single-Band Monopole Antenna

PW Series antennas are rugged, low-cost and easy to install. The single frequency band of PW 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 PW LTE Band 20 antenna targets 790 MHz to 870 MHz with excellent VSWR, gain and efficiency for cellular IoT (LTE-M, NB-IoT) and traditional LTE Band 20, GSM and UMTS 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 (1.5 dBi at 790 MHz, 0.6 dBi at 826 MHz and 0.5 dBi at 870 MHz)
- High efficiency (75% at 790 MHz, 63% at 826 MHz and 56% at 870 MHz)

Applications

- LTE band 20
- LTE-M (Cat-M1) and NB-IoT devices
- GSM: T-GSM-810
- UMTS: ECDD
- Sensing and remote monitoring
- Hand-held devices
- Internet of Things (IoT) devices
- Low-power wide-area (LPWA) networks

Ordering Information

Part Number	Description
ANT-B20-PW-QW-UFL	LTE Band 20 PW Series antenna, with 216 mm (8.5 in) 1.32 mm coax cable terminated with U.F.L jack (female) connector
ANT-B20-PW-QW	LTE Band 20 PW Series antenna, with 216 mm (8.5 in) unterminated RG-174 coax cable

Available from Linx Technologies and select distributors and representatives.

Notes

- ¹ Use of an O-ring is recommended, IP-ratings cannot be guaranteed
- ² With appropriate counterpoise

Electrical Specifications

ANT-B20-PW-QW-ccc	
Frequency Range	790 MHz to 870 MHz
Center Frequency	826 MHz
VSWR	≤ 2.1 : 1
Peak Gain	1.6 dBi
Polarization	Linear
Radiation	Omnidirectional
Max Power	10 W
Wavelength	1/4-wave
Impedance	50 Ω
Connection	U.FL/MHF jack (female) on 1.32 mm cable or unterminated RG-174 cable
Cable Length	216 mm (8.5 in)
Height	89.7 mm (3.53 in)
Weight	ANT-B20-PW-QW = 20.6 g (0.73 oz) ANT-B20-PW-QW-UFL = 19.4 g (0.68 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.

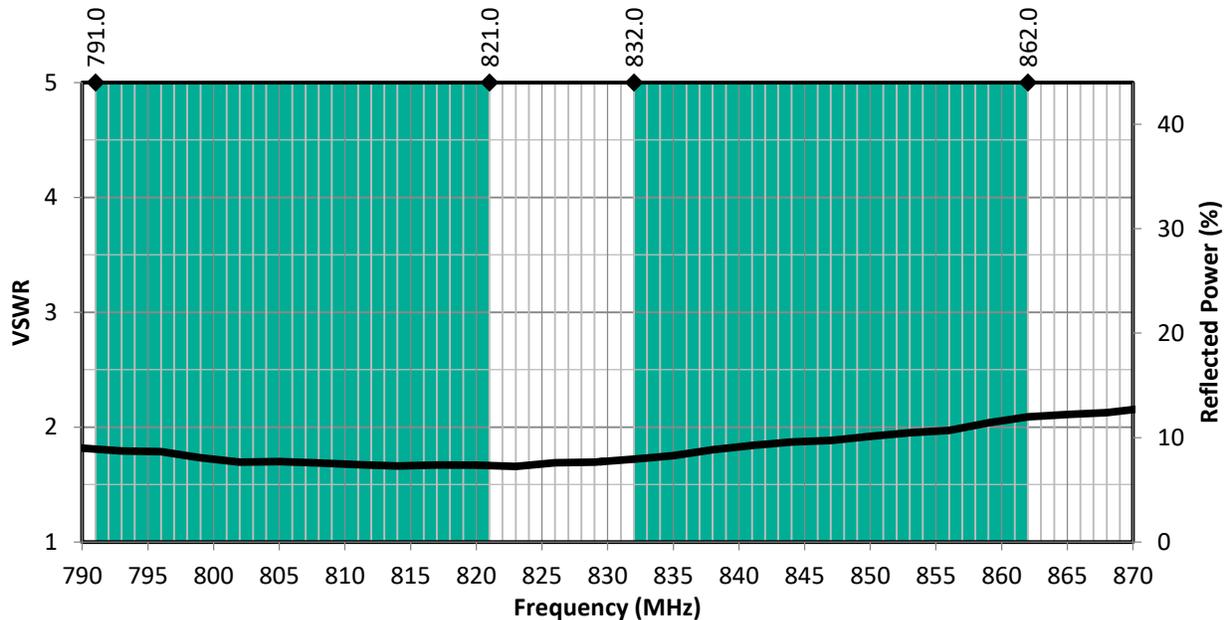


Figure 1. PW LTE Band 20 Antenna VSWR with Band 20 Uplink/Downlink Highlights

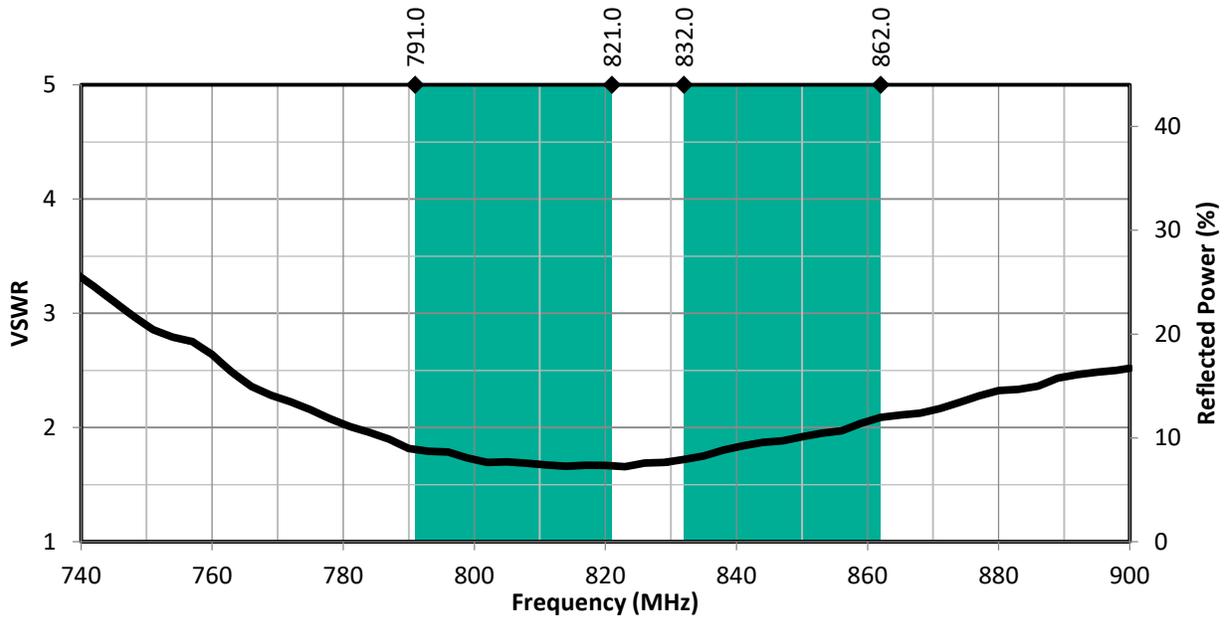


Figure2. PW LTE Band 20 Antenna Full Bandwidth VSWR

Return Loss

Return loss (Figure3), 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.

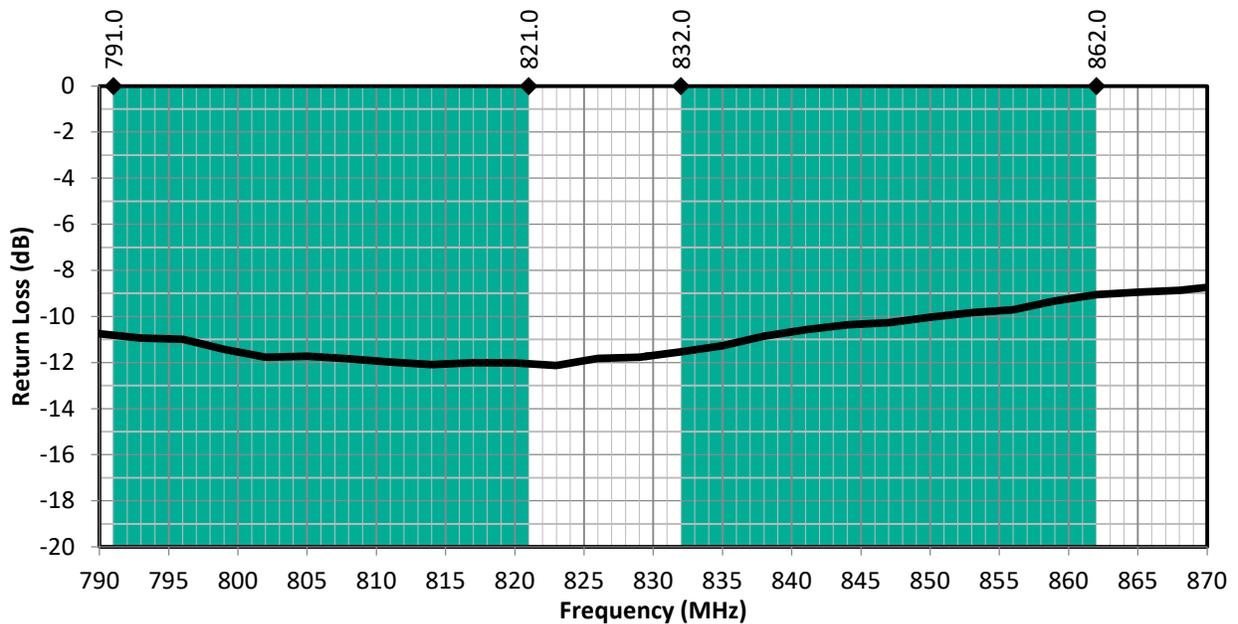


Figure3. PW LTE Band 20 Antenna Return Loss with Band 20 Uplink/Downlink Highlights

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.

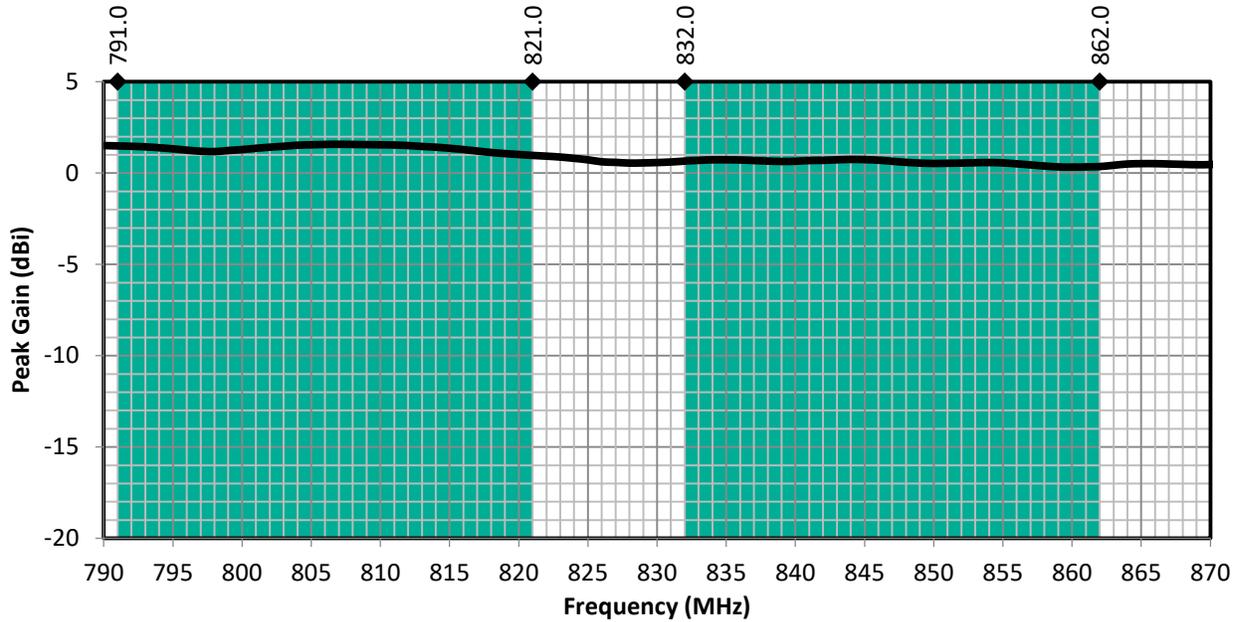


Figure 4. PW LTE Band 20 Antenna Peak Gain with Band 20 Uplink/Downlink Highlights

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.

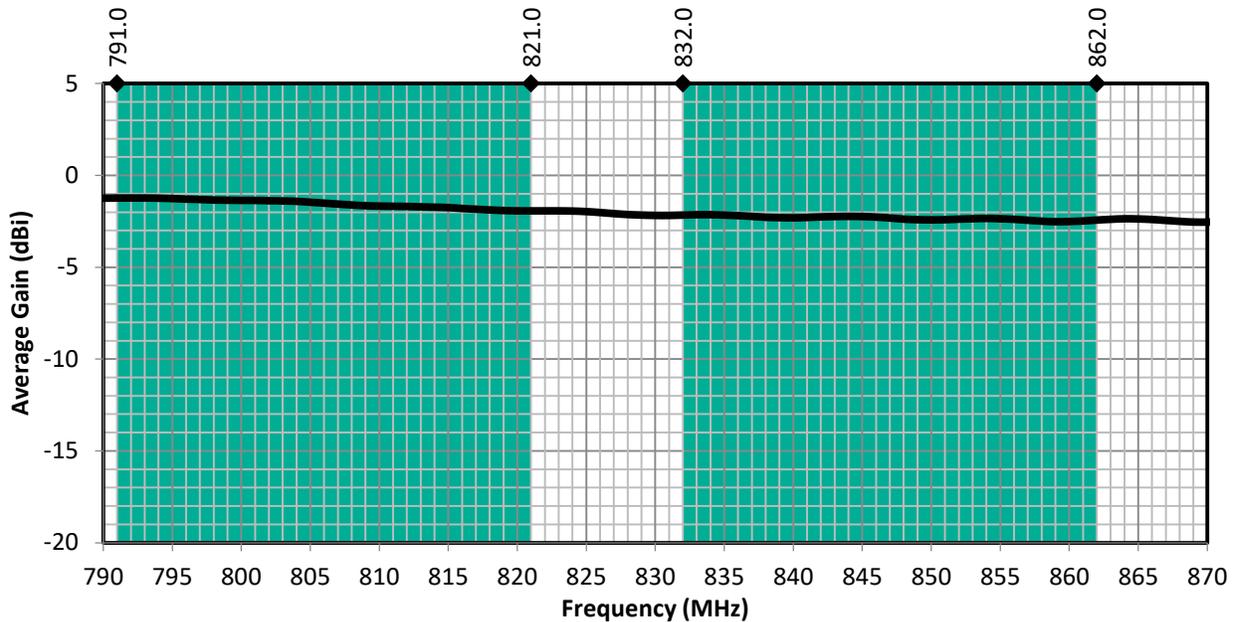


Figure 5. PW LTE Band 20 Antenna Average Gain with Band 20 Uplink/Downlink Highlights

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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.

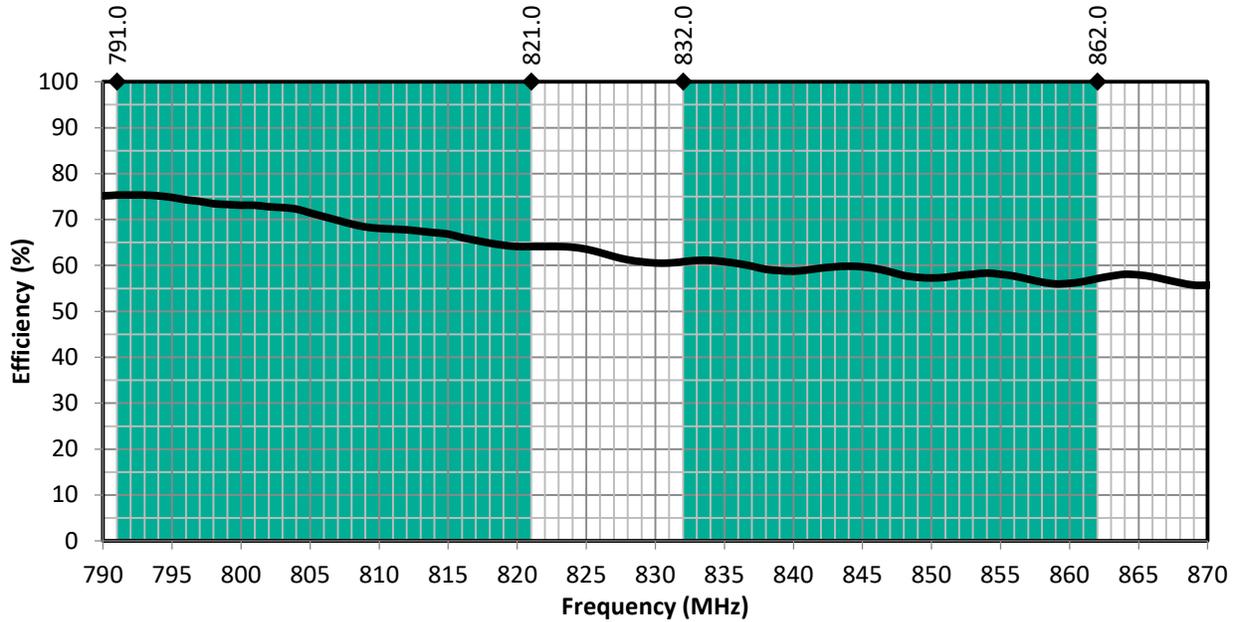


Figure 6. PW LTE Band 20 Antenna Radiation Efficiency with Band 20 Uplink/Downlink Highlights

Product Dimensions

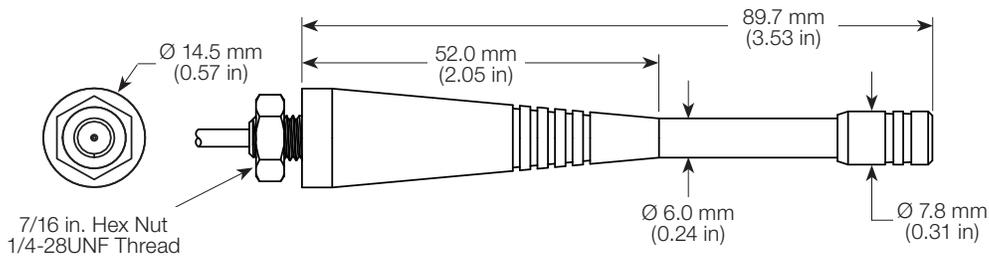


Figure 7. PW LTE Band 20 Antenna Dimensions

Antenna Mounting

The antenna is attached by placing its cable and base through a 6.35 mm (0.25 in) hole in the product enclosure and securing it with the included nut or by threading it into a PEM-style insert (not included).

The straight-cut RG-174 coax cable option allows the attachment of a 50-ohm RF connector or allows the cable to be soldered directly to a PCB, eliminating the need for a connector. The connectorized option provides a 1.32 mm coax cable terminated with a U.FL/MHF compatible connector for simplified manufacturing or for applications requiring the ability to disconnect the antenna.

Counterpoise

Quarter-wave or monopole antennas require an associated ground plane counterpoise for proper operation. The size and location of the ground plate 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.

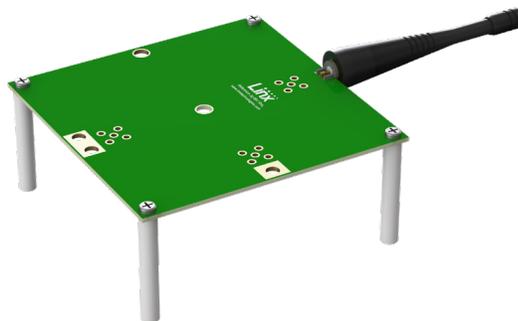


Figure 8. PW LTE Band 20 Antenna Shown On Edge of Evaluation Board

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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 (Figure9), 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.



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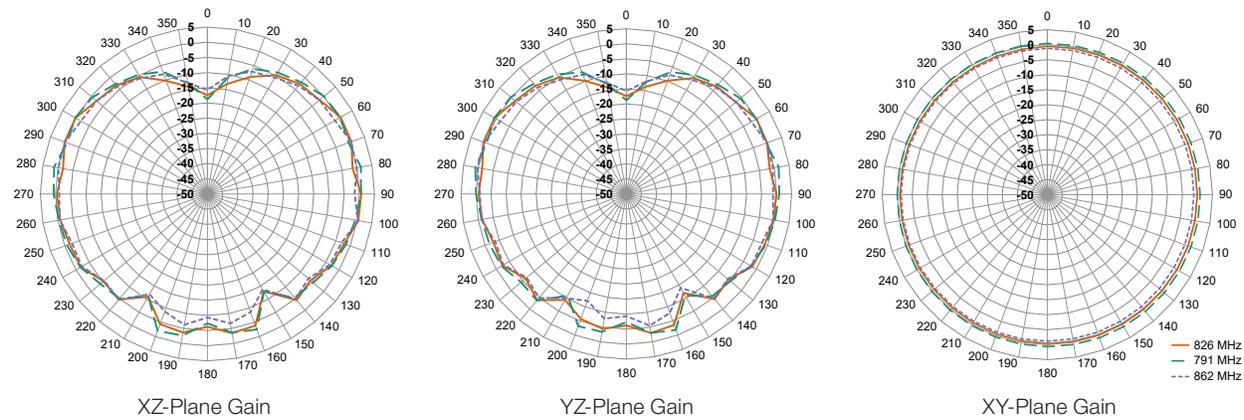


Figure9. Radiation Patterns for PW LTE Band 20 Antenna

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