

AFE7952 Quad-Channel RF Transceiver

1 Features

- Quad RF sampling 12-GSPS transmit DACs
- Quad RF sampling 3-GSPS receive ADCs
- Dual RF sampling 3-GSPS feedback ADCs
- Maximum RF signal bandwidth:
 - TX: 2400 MHz for 2TX or 1200 MHz for 4TX
 - FB: 1200 MHz
 - RX: 1200 MHz (no FB); 600 MHz (with FB)
- RF frequency range: up to 12 GHz
- Digital Step Attenuators (DSA):
 - TX: 40 dB range, 1-dB analog and 0.125-dB digital steps
 - RX: 25 dB range, 0.5-dB steps
- Dual-band DUC/DDCs for TX and RX
- Dual NCOs for fast frequency switching
- Supports TDD operation with fast switching between TX and RX
- Internal PLL/VCO to generate DAC/ADC clocks
- Optional external CLK at DAC or ADC rate
- SerDes data interface:
 - JESD204B and JESD204C compliant
 - 8 SerDes transceivers up to 29.5 Gbps
 - 8b/10b and 64b/66b encoding
 - 12-bit, 16-bit, 24-bit, and 32-bit resolution
 - Subclass 1 multi-device synchronization
- Package: 17-mm × 17-mm FCBGA, 0.8-mm pitch

2 Applications

- [Macro remote radio unit \(RRU\)](#)
- [Active antenna system mMIMO \(AAS\)](#)
- [Small cell base station](#)
- [Repeater](#)
- 5G mmWave radio
- Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS)

3 Description

The high performance, wide bandwidth multi-channel transceiver, integrating four RF sampling transmitter chains, four RF sampling receiver chains, and two RF sampling digitizing auxiliary chains (feedback paths). The high dynamic range of the transmitter and receiver chains allows the device to generate and receive 3G, 4G, and 5G signals from wireless base stations, while the wide bandwidth capability of the is designed for multi-band 4G and 5G base stations.

Each receiver chain includes a 25-dB range DSA (Digital Step Attenuator), followed by a 3-GSPS ADC (analog-to-digital converter). Each receiver channel has an analog peak power detector and various digital power detectors to assist an external or internal autonomous automatic gain controller, and RF overload detectors for device reliability protection. The single or dual digital down converters (DDC) provide up to 600 MHz of combined signal BW in dual DDC mode or 1200-MHz BW in single DDC mode. In TDD mode, the receiver channel can be configured to dynamically switch between the traffic receiver (TDD RX) and wideband feedback receiver (TDD FB), with the capability of reusing the same analog input for both purposes.

Each transmitter chain includes a single or dual digital up-converters (DUCs) supporting up to 2400 MHz for 2TX or 1200 MHz BW for 4TX combined signal bandwidth. The output of the DUCs drives a 12-GSPS DAC (digital-to-analog converter) with a mixed mode output option to enhance 2nd or 3rd Nyquist operation. The DAC output includes a variable gain amplifier (TX DSA) with 40-dB range and 1-dB analog and 0.125-dB digital steps.

The feedback path includes an 25-dB range DSA driving a 3-GSPS RF sampling ADC, followed by a DDC with up to 1200 MHz bandwidth.

Package Information⁽¹⁾

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE
AFE7952	FC BGA	17.00 mm × 17.00 mm

(1) For more information, see [Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information](#).



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4 Functional Block Diagram

4.1 AFE7952 Functional Block Diagram

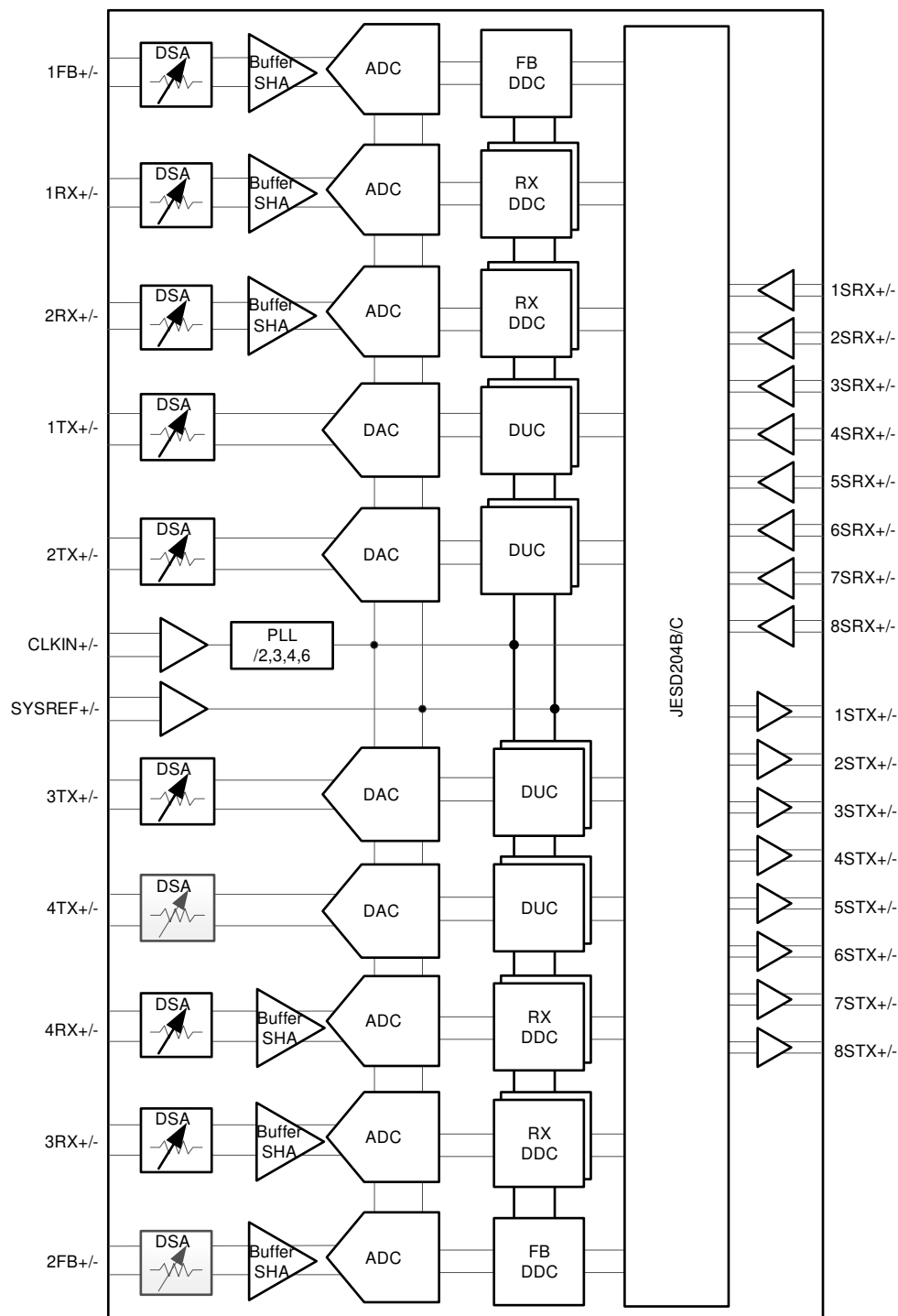


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DATE	VERSION	NOTES
November 2022	*	Initial release.

6 Device and Documentation Support

6.1 Trademarks

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6.2 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD. Texas Instruments recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage.

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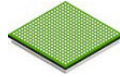
6.3 Glossary

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This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

7 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

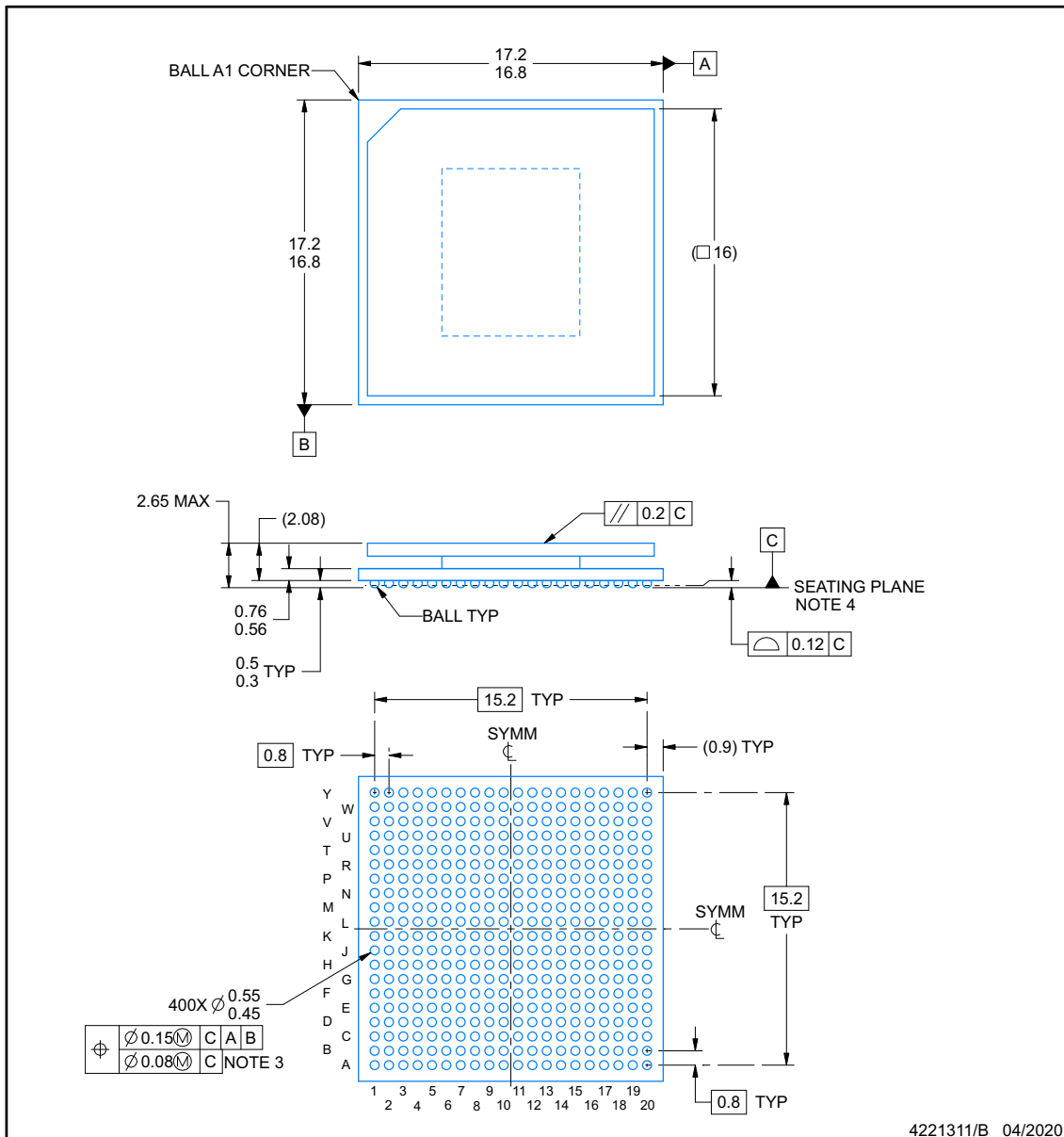
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PACKAGE OUTLINE FCBGA - 2.65 mm max height

BALL GRID ARRAY



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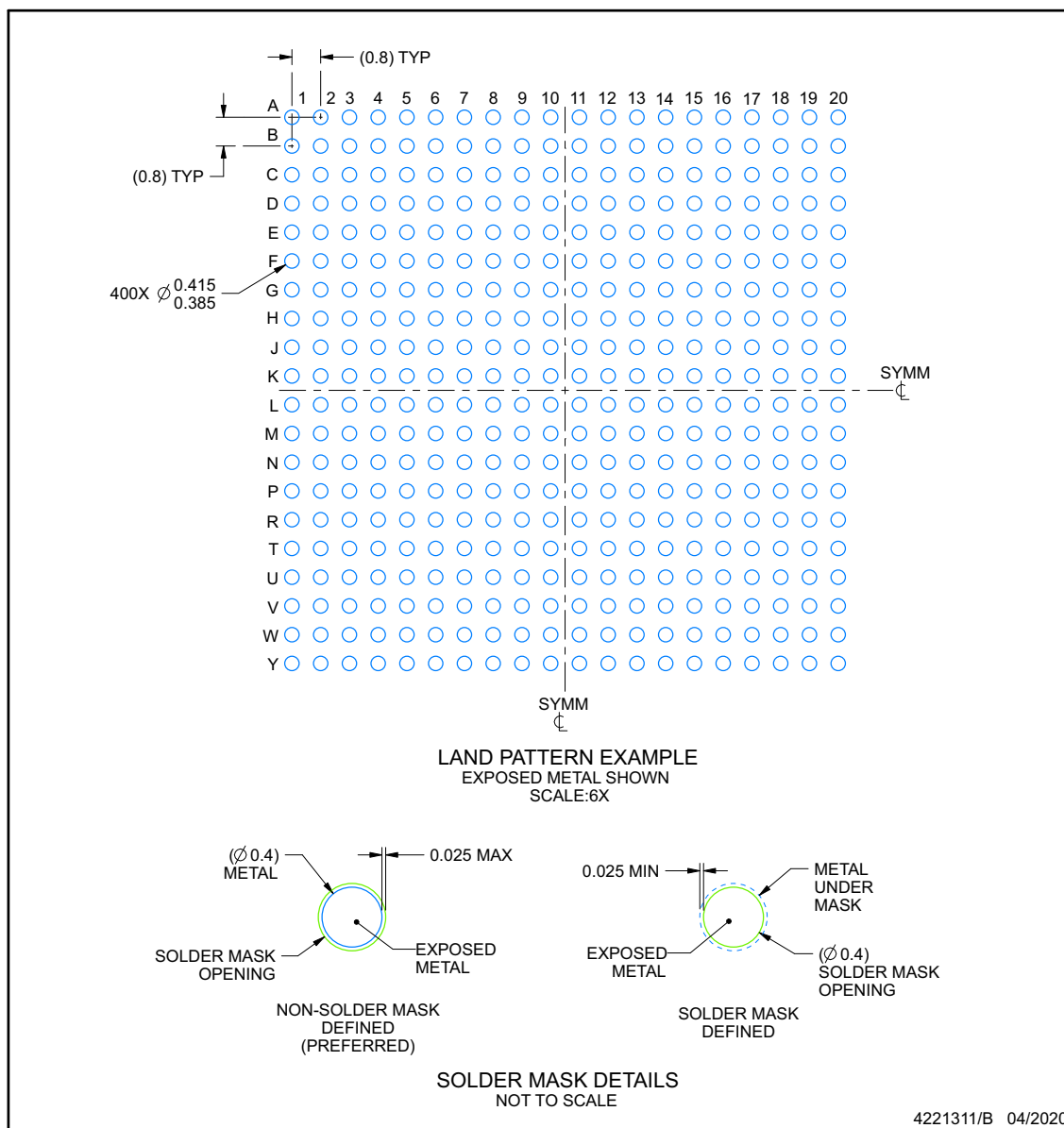
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EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

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FCBGA - 2.65 mm max height

BALL GRID ARRAY



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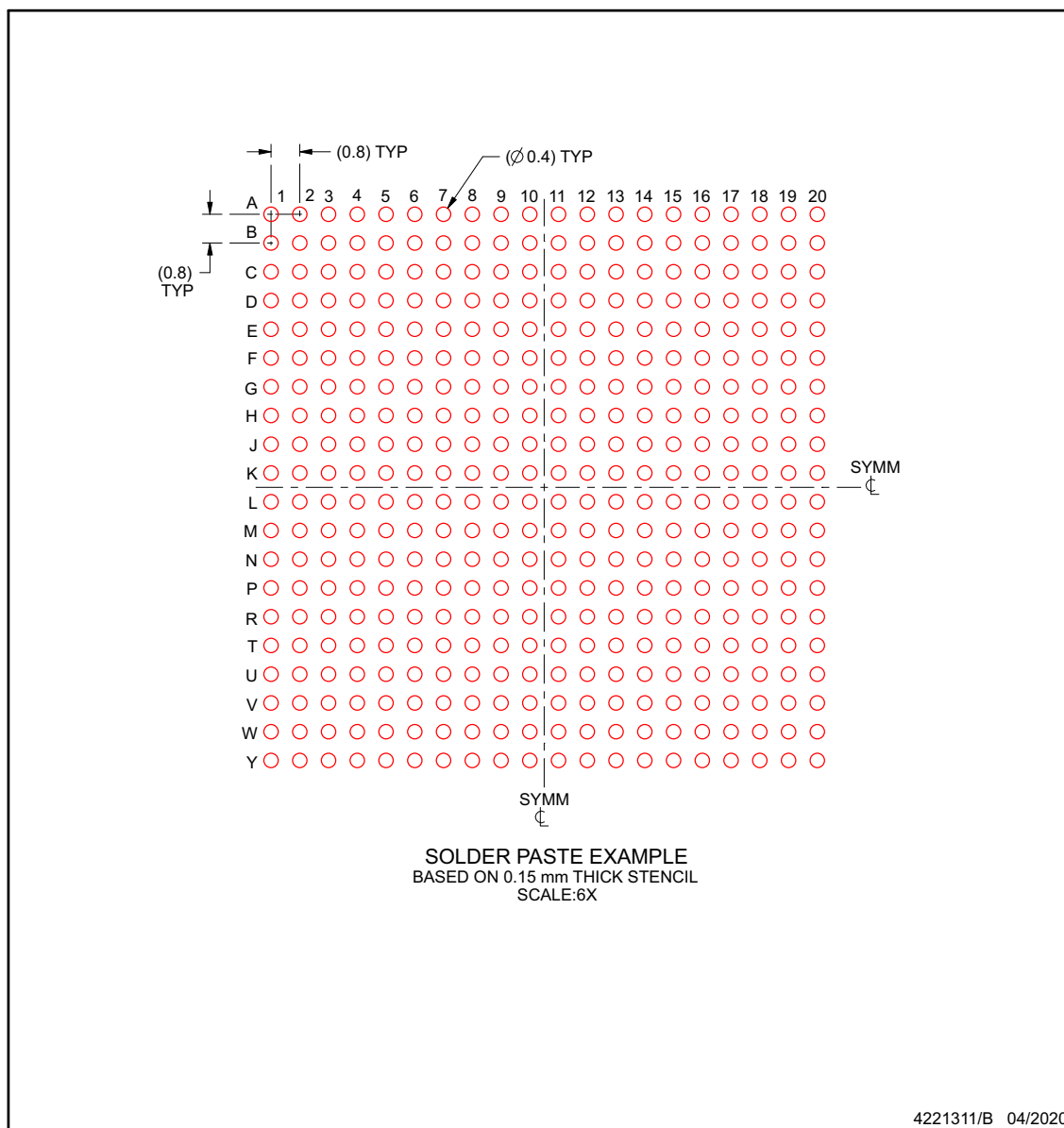
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EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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FCBGA - 2.65 mm max height

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6. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release.

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable part number	Status (1)	Material type (2)	Package Pins	Package qty Carrier	RoHS (3)	Lead finish/ Ball material (4)	MSL rating/ Peak reflow (5)	Op temp (°C)	Part marking (6)
AFE7952IABJ	Active	Production	FCBGA (ABJ) 400	90 JEDEC TRAY (5+1)	Yes	SNAGCU SNAGCU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	AFE7952I
AFE7952IABJ.B	Active	Production	FCBGA (ABJ) 400	90 JEDEC TRAY (5+1)	Yes	SNAGCU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 85	AFE7952I

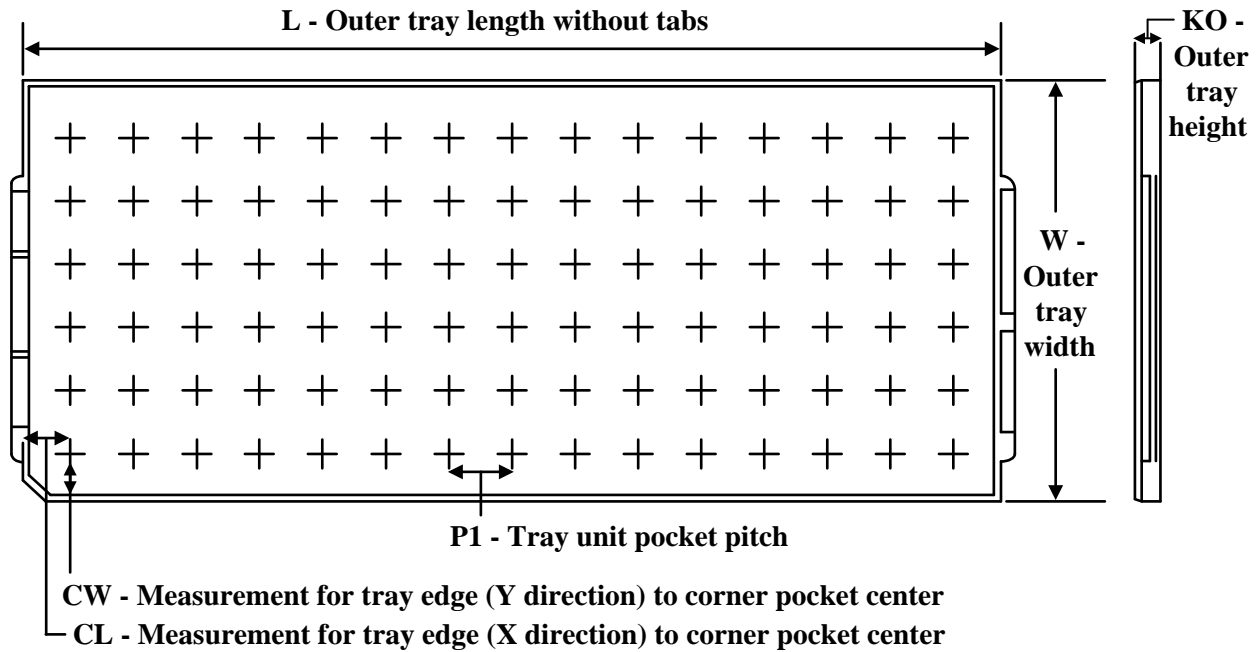
- (1) **Status:** For more details on status, see our [product life cycle](#).
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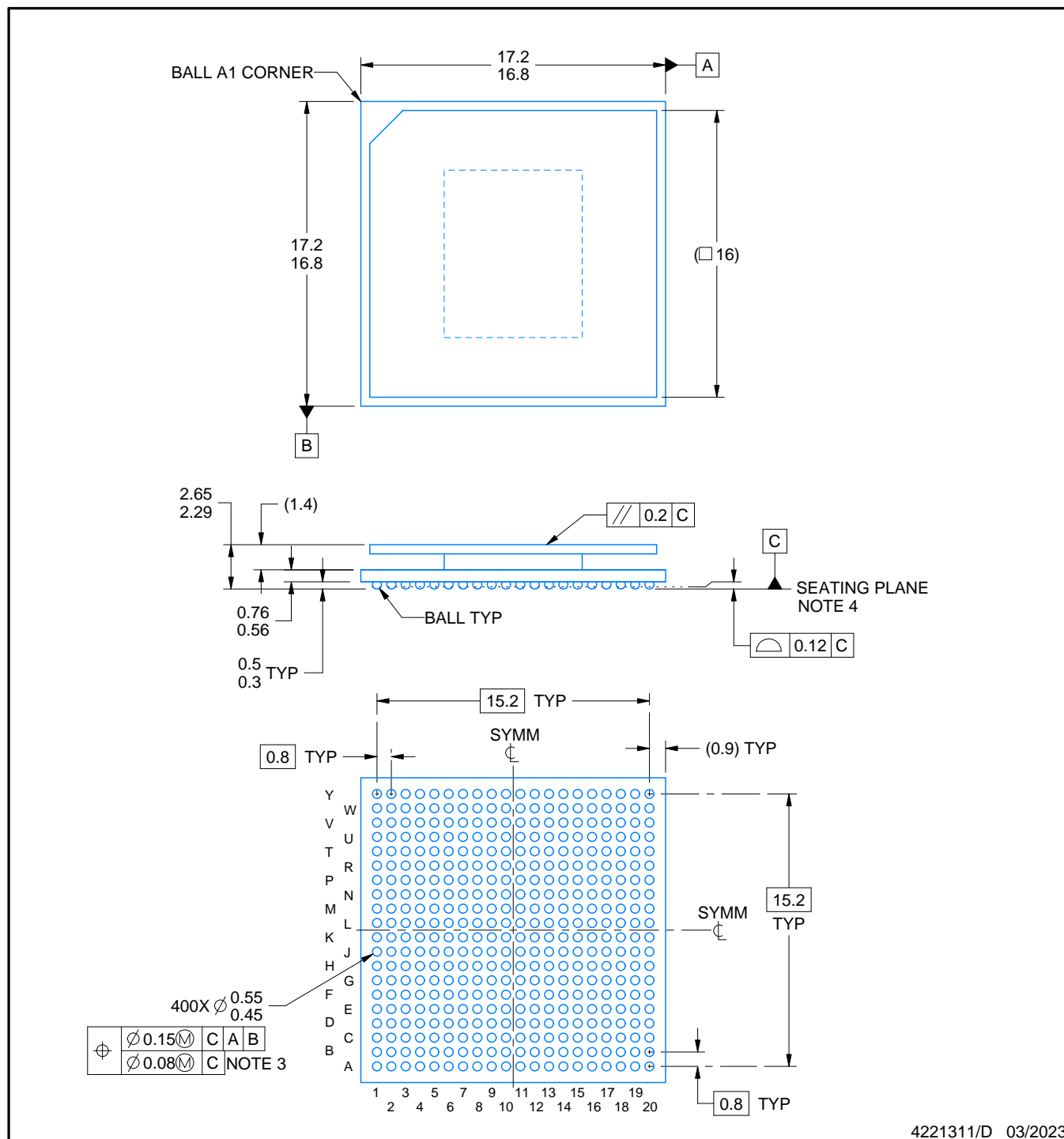
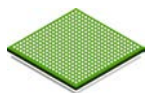
TRAY



Chamfer on Tray corner indicates Pin 1 orientation of packed units.

*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Name	Package Type	Pins	SPQ	Unit array matrix	Max temperature (°C)	L (mm)	W (mm)	K0 (μm)	P1 (mm)	CL (mm)	CW (mm)
AFE7952IABJ	ABJ	FCBGA	400	90	6 x 15	150	315	135.9	7620	19.5	21	19.2
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AFE7952IABJ.B	ABJ	FCBGA	400	90	6 x 15	150	315	135.9	7620	19.5	21	19.2
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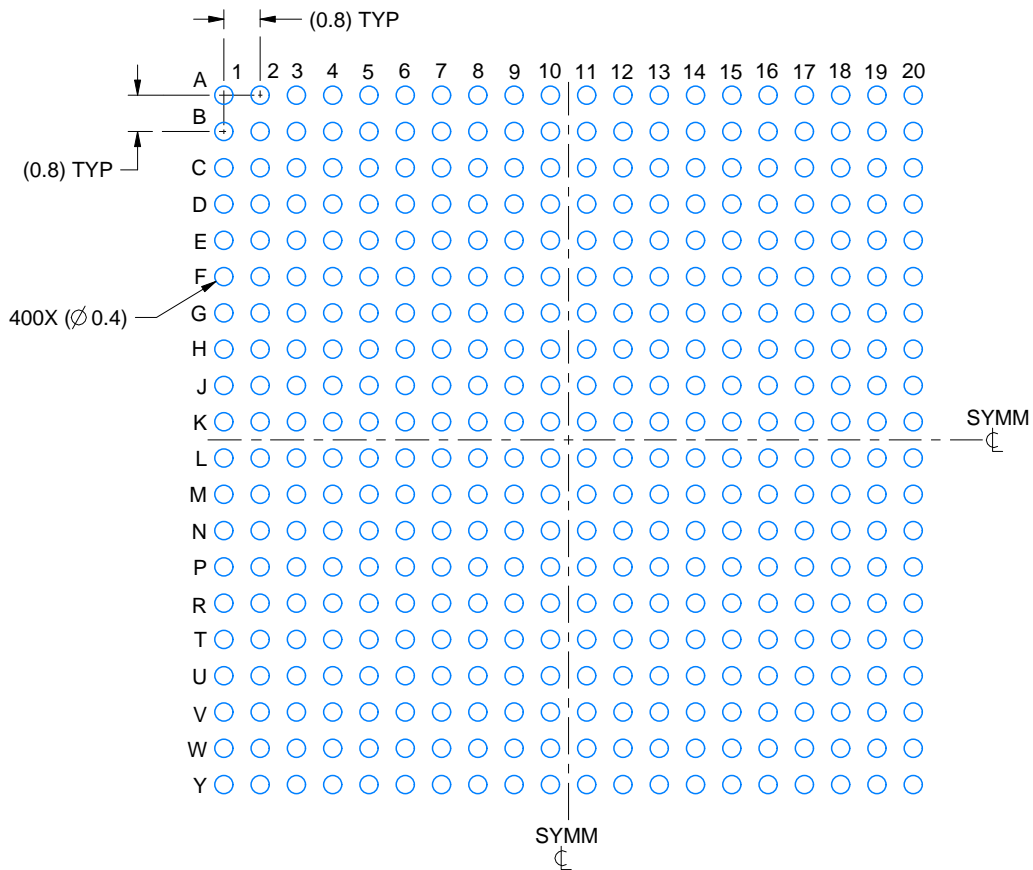
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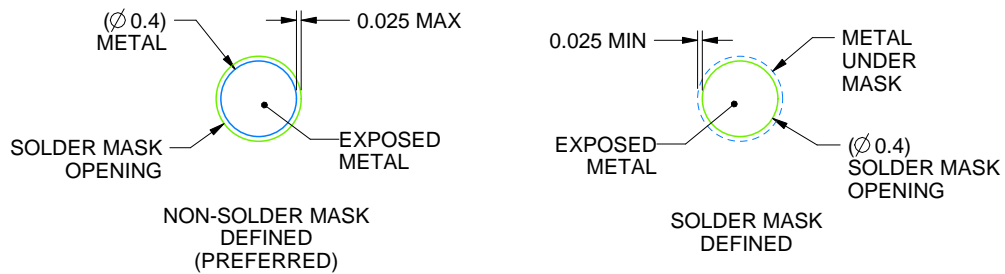
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LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE:6X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS
NOT TO SCALE

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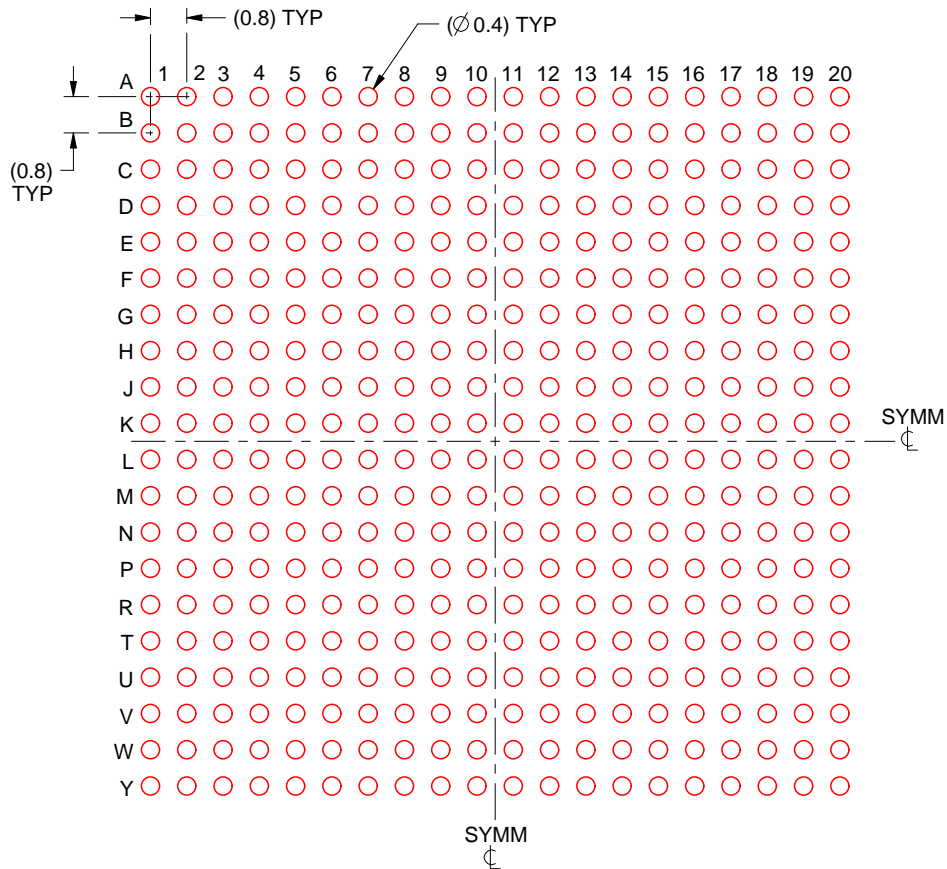
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SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
 BASED ON 0.15 mm THICK STENCIL
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