

**DATA SHEET**

# SKY73120-11: 890-960 MHz Voltage Controlled Oscillator

## Applications

- ISM band base station transceivers
- RFID transceivers
- Fixed wireless
- AMR radios
- TETRA terminals and mobile stations
- General purpose RF systems

## Features

- Frequency range: 890 to 960 MHz
- Integrated band selection
- Output power = 0 dBm
- Very low phase noise: -110 dBc/Hz @ 25 kHz offset
- MCM (28-pin, 6 x 6 mm) Pb-free free (MSL3, 260 °C per JEDEC J-STD-020) SMT package

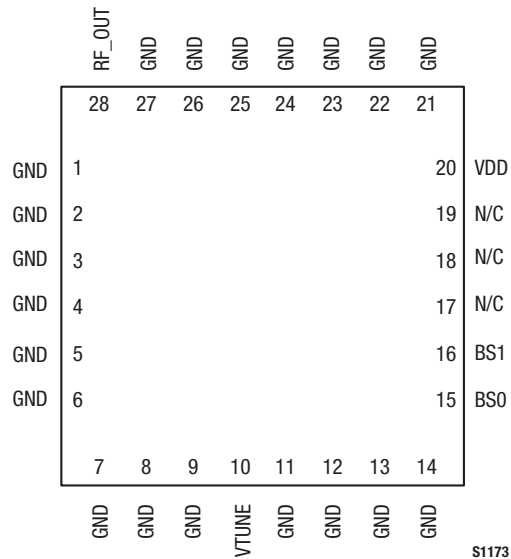


Skyworks offers lead (Pb)-free, RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) compliant packaging.

## Description

Skyworks SKY73120-11 Voltage-Controlled Oscillator (VCO) is a high performance signal source for high dynamic range transceivers. With a wide frequency operating range from 890 to 960 MHz, and 0 dBm output power and low phase noise (-110 dBc/Hz @ 25 kHz offset), the SKY73120-11 is an ideal solution for ISM band base station transceivers, RFID transceivers, and 2G/3G base station transceivers.

The SKY73120-11 VCO is manufactured using a robust silicon BiCMOS process and has been designed for optimum long-term reliability. The device is provided in a compact, 28-pin 6 x 6 mm Multi-Chip Module (MCM) package. The device package and pinout are shown in Figure 1. A functional block diagram is shown in Figure 2. Signal pin assignments and functional pin descriptions are provided in Table 1.



**Figure 1. SKY73120-11 Pinout– 28-Pin MCM Package (Top View)**

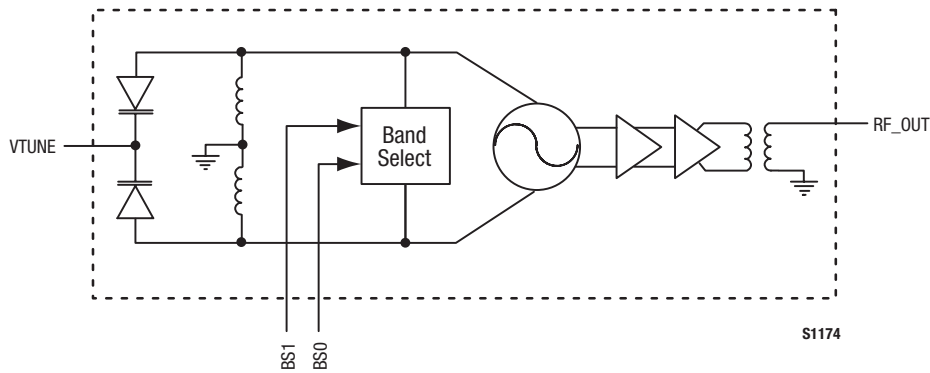


Figure 2. SKY73120-11 Functional Block Diagram

Table 1. SKY73120-11 Signal Descriptions

Pin #	Name	Description	Pin #	Name	Description
1	GND	Ground	15	BS0	Band select 0
2	GND	Ground	16	BS1	Band select 1
3	GND	Ground	17	NC	No connection
4	GND	Ground	18	NC	No connection
5	GND	Ground	19	NC	No connection
6	GND	Ground	20	VDD	Power supply
7	GND	Ground	21	GND	Ground
8	GND	Ground	22	GND	Ground
9	GND	Ground	23	GND	Ground
10	VTUNE	Tune voltage	24	GND	Ground
11	GND	Ground	25	GND	Ground
12	GND	Ground	26	GND	Ground
13	GND	Ground	27	GND	Ground
14	GND	Ground	28	RF_OUT	RF output

### Technical Description

The SKY73120-11 is a fully integrated VCO that includes varactors, a band select module, oscillator, output buffer, and RF balun. The output power from the RF balun is 0 dBm and the output impedance is designed to be 50 Ω.

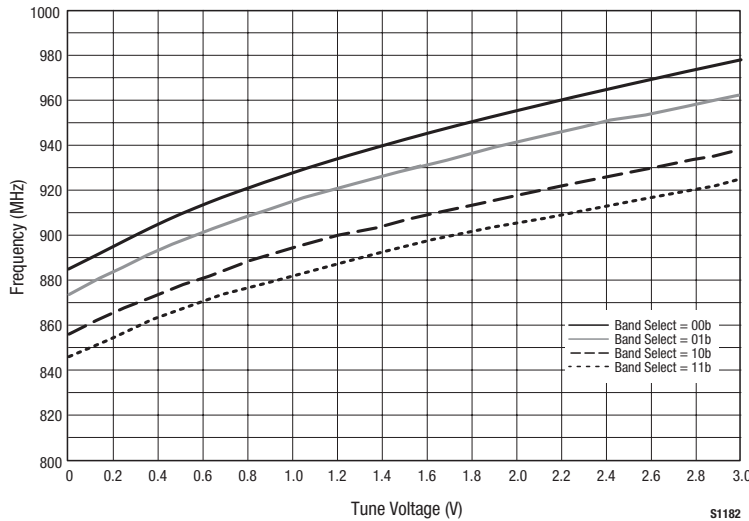
The band select module can be used to change the center operation frequency of the VCO by controlling the BS1 and BS0

pin signals. This allows the total frequency range to be extended by keeping the same Kv and phase noise performance. The control logic for the BS1 and BS0 pins is shown in Table 2 and illustrated in Figure 3.

The band select pins BS0 and BS1 contain 10 kΩ pull-up resistors.

**Table 2. Band Select Logic Table**

BS1 (Pin 16)	BS0 (Pin 15)	Minimum Output Frequency Range (MHz) (VTUNE = 0.2 to 2.8 V)
0	0	940 to 960
0	1	928 to 940
1	0	902 to 928
1	1	890 to 902



**Figure 3. SKY73120-11 Operation Frequency vs Tuning Voltage and Band Select**

**Package and Handling Information**

Since the device package is sensitive to moisture absorption, it is baked and vacuum packed before shipping. Instructions on the shipping container label regarding exposure to moisture after the container seal is broken must be followed. Otherwise, problems related to moisture absorption may occur when the part is subjected to high temperature during solder assembly.

The SKY73120-11 is rated to Moisture Sensitivity Level 3 (MSL3) at 260 °C. It can be used for lead or lead-free soldering. For additional information, refer to Skyworks Application Note, *PCB Design and SMT Assembly/Rework Guidelines for MCM-L Packages*, document number 101752.

Care must be taken when attaching this product, whether it is done manually or in a production solder reflow environment. Production quantities of this product are shipped in a standard tape and reel format. For packaging details, refer to the Skyworks Application Note, *Tape and Reel*, document number 101568.

**Electrical and Mechanical Specifications**

The absolute maximum ratings of the SKY73120-11 are provided in Table 3. The recommended operating conditions are specified in Table 4 and electrical specifications are provided in Table 5. Phase noise characteristics are shown in Figure 4.

The PCB layout footprint for the SKY73120-11 is provided in Figure 5. Figure 6 shows the package dimensions for the 28-pin MCM and Figure 7 provides the tape and reel dimensions.

**Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Sensitivity**

The SKY73120-11 ESD threshold level is 2500 VDC using Human Body Model (HBM) testing. This level applies to RF signal lines >100 MHz, analog and RF lines <100 MHz, digital lines, power supply lines, and ground pins.

To avoid latent or visible ESD damage, always follow proper ESD handling precautions.

**Table 3. SKY73120-11 Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)**

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Supply voltage	VCC			5.5	V
Storage temperature	T <sub>ST</sub>	-40		+150	°C
Operating case temperature	T <sub>c</sub>	-40		+85	°C

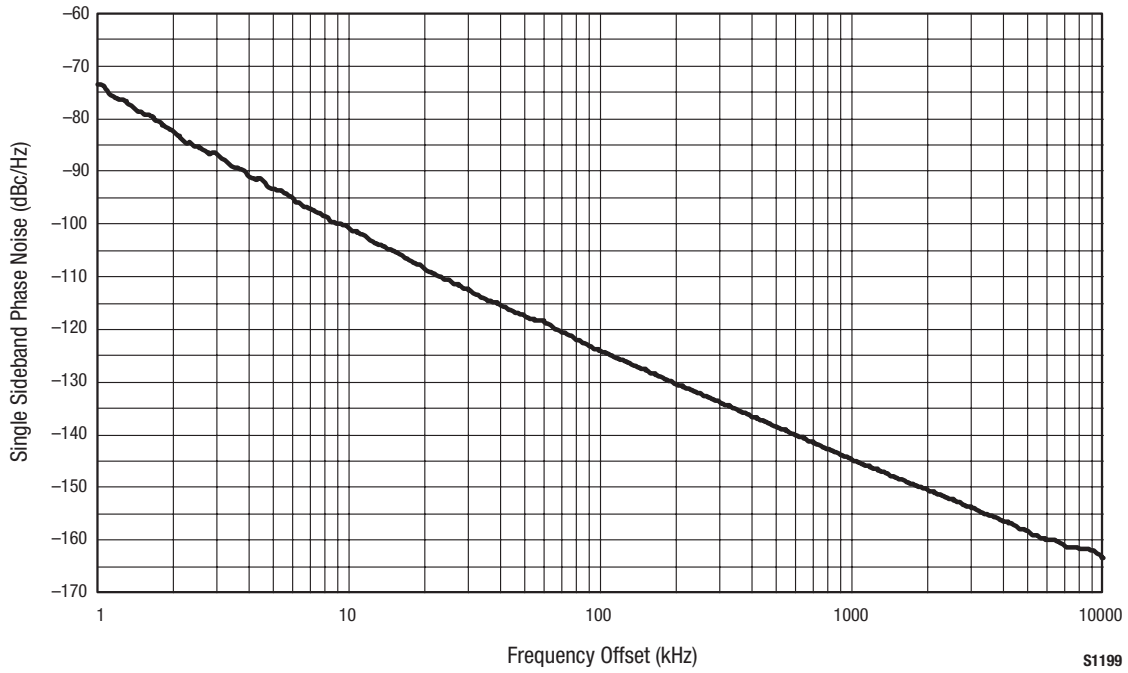
**Note 1:** Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may reduce device reliability. There is no damage to device with only one parameter set at the limit and all other parameters set at or below their nominal values.

**Table 4. SKY73120-11 Recommended Operating Conditions**

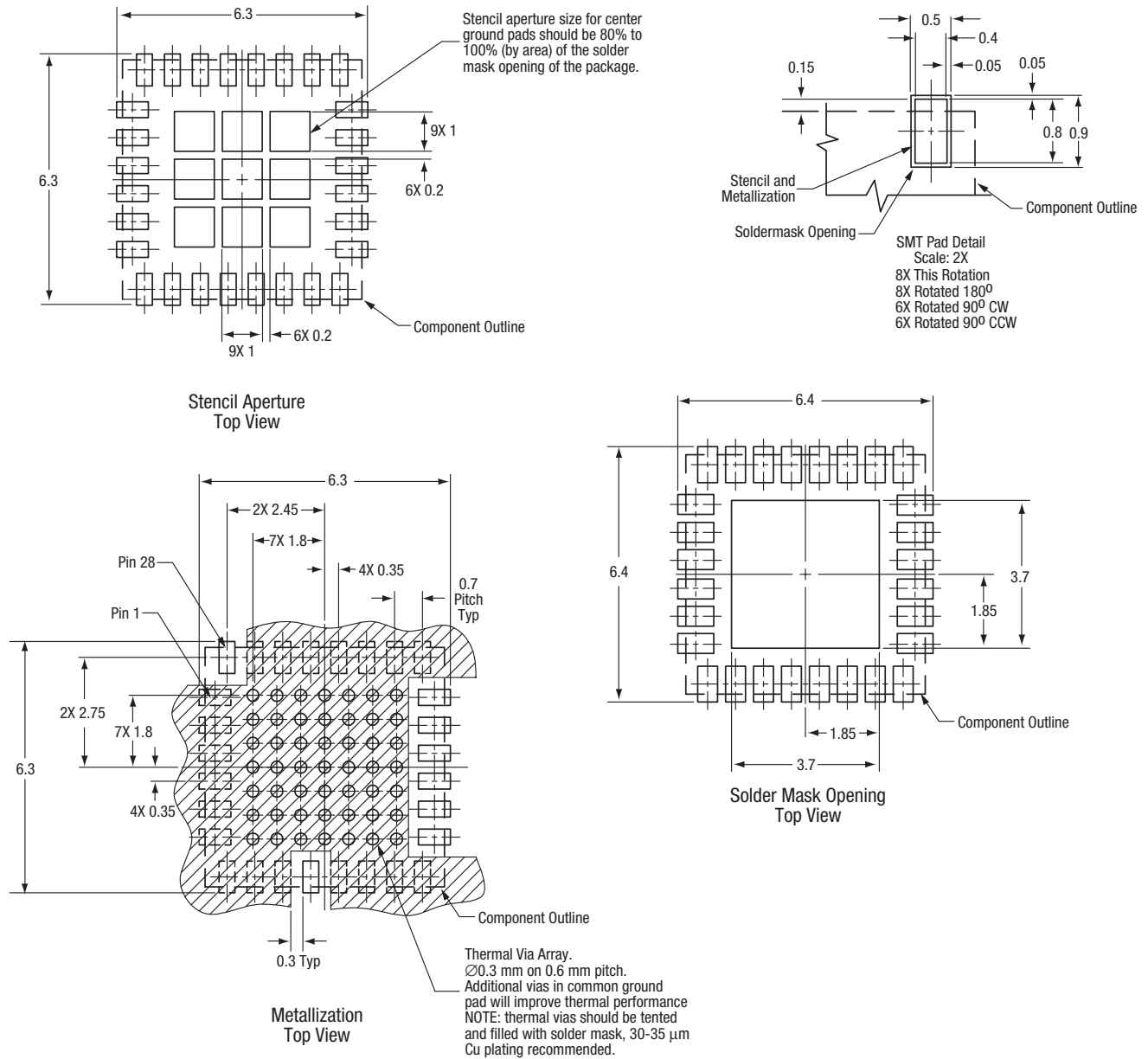
Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Supply voltage	VCC	3.1	3.3	3.6	V
Tuning voltage	VTUNE	0.2		2.8	V
Load connected to RF output		50 Ω, maximum VSWR (load input) 2.0:1, all phases			
Band-select voltage level	BS <sub>HIGH</sub> BS <sub>LOW</sub>	2.3		0.1	V V

**Table 5. SKY73120-11 Electrical Characteristics  
(VDD = 3.3 V, T<sub>c</sub> = 25 °C Unless Otherwise Noted)**

Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Oscillation frequency			890		960	MHz
Tuning voltage: @ 890 MHz @ 960 MHz		Band select = 11b Band select = 00b		1 2		V V
Tuning sensitivity			20	28	40	MHz/V
Output level				0		dBm
Output impedance				50		Ω
Harmonic suppression: 2 <sup>nd</sup> harmonic 3 <sup>rd</sup> harmonic				-30 -35	-20 -20	dBc dBc
Single sideband phase noise: @ 12.5 kHz offset @ 25 kHz offset @ 100 kHz offset @ 1 MHz offset				-100 -110 -124 -144	-88 -95 -108 -128	dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz dBc/Hz
Pushing		VCC = 3.1-3.6 V		2.3		MHz <sub>p-p</sub>
Pulling		12 dB RL		80		kHz <sub>p-p</sub>
Current consumption				22	30	mA



**Figure 4. Single Sideband Phase Noise Measurements @ 951 MHz, VTUNE = 1.5 V, and Band Select = 00b**

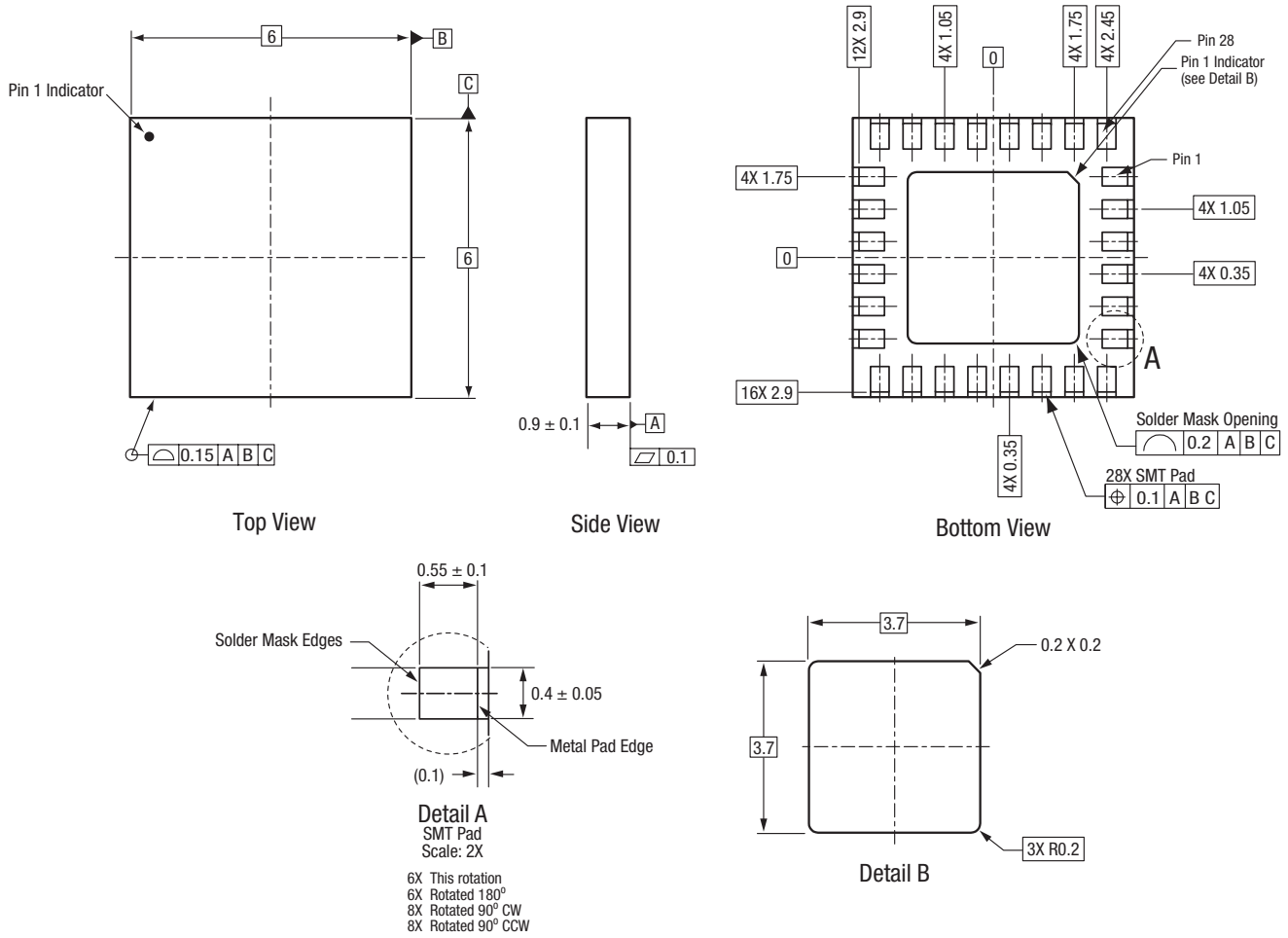


Note: The cross-hatched area represents the merger of the center ground pad +20 individual I/O ground pads. All I/O ground pads should have at least one via connected to internal ground planes for optimum electrical performance.

All measurements are in millimeters

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Figure 5. PCB Layout Footprint for the SKY73120-11 6 x 6 MCM



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Dimensioning and tolerancing according to ASME Y14.5M-1994

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**Figure 6. SKY73120-11 28-Pin MCM Package Dimensions**

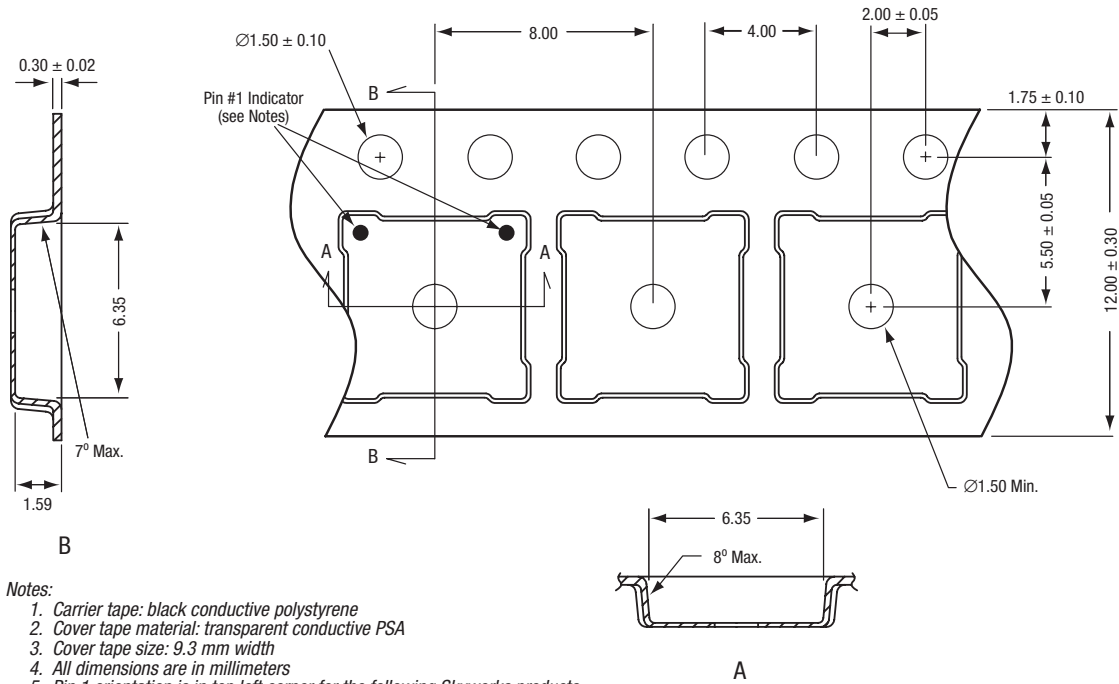


Figure 7. SKY73120-11 Tape and Reel Dimensions

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**Ordering Information**

Model Name	Manufacturing Part Number	Evaluation Kit Part Number
SKY73120-11 890-960 MHz VCO	SKY73120-11 (Pb-free package)	TW17-D640

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