



# BAL-NRF01D3

50 ohm balun transformer for 2G45 ISM matched Nordic's chipset:  
nRF24LE1 QFN32, nRF24AP2-1CH and nRF24AP2-8CH

Datasheet – production data

## Features

- 50  $\Omega$  nominal input / conjugate match to nRF24LE1 QFN32, nRF24AP2-1CH and nRF24AP2-8CH
- Low insertion loss
- Low amplitude imbalance
- Low phase imbalance
- Small footprint: < 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup>

## Benefits

- Very low profile: < 595  $\mu\text{m}$  after reflow
- High RF performance
- RF BOM and area reduction

## Applications

- 2.45 GHz impedance matched balun filter
- Optimized for Nordic's Chipset nRF24LE1/AP2

## Description

STMicroelectronics BAL-NRF01D3 is an ultraminiature balun. The BAL-NRF01D3 integrates matching network and harmonics filter. Matching impedance has been customized for the following Nordic Semiconductor circuits: nRF24LE1 QFN-32 pins, nRF24AP2-1CH and nRF24AP2-8CH. The BAL-NRF01D3 uses STMicroelectronics IPD technology on non conductive glass substrate which optimize RF performances. The BAL-NRF01D3 has been tested and approved by Nordic Semiconductor in their nRF2723 nRFgo module.

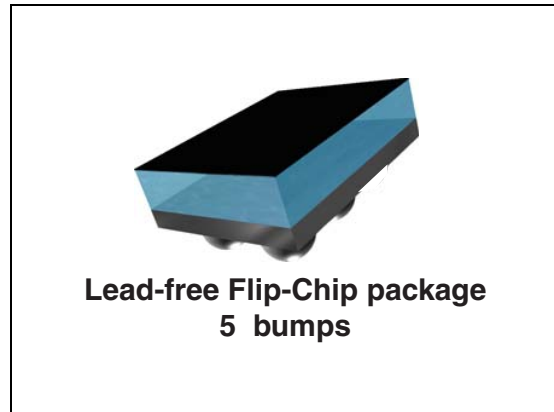
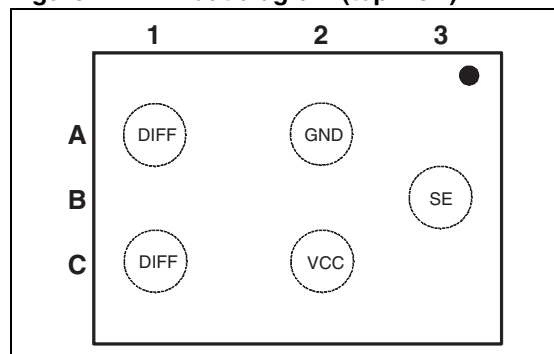


Figure 1. Pinout diagram (top view)



# 1 Characteristics

**Table 1. Absolute maximum ratings (limiting values)**

Symbol	Parameter	Value			Unit
		Min.	Typ.	Max.	
$P_{IN}$	Input Power RFIN			20	dBm
$V_{ESD}$	ESD ratings MIL STD883C (HBM: C = 100 pF, R = 1.5 k $\Omega$ , air discharge)	2000			V
	ESD ratings charge device model (JESD22-C101-C)	500			
	ESD ratings machine model (MM: C = 200 pF, R = 25 $\Omega$ , L = 500 nH)	200			
$T_{OP}$	Operating temperature	-40		+85	$^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Table 2. Impedances ( $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )**

Symbol	Parameter	Value			Unit
		Min.	Typ.	Max.	
$Z_{OUT}$	Nominal differential output impedance		conjugate match to nRF24LE1/AP2		$\Omega$
$Z_{IN}$	Nominal input impedance		50		$\Omega$

**Table 3. RF performance ( $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )**

Symbol	Parameter	Test condition	Value			Unit
			Min.	Typ.	Max.	
F	Frequency range (bandwidth)		2400		2540	MHz
$I_L$	Insertion loss in bandwidth			2.25		dB
$R_L$	Return loss in bandwidth			10		dB
$\phi_{imb}$	Phase imbalance			3		$^{\circ}$
Aimb	Amplitude imbalance			0.1		dB
2f0	2nd harmonic filtering	4880 MHz		10		dB
3f0	3rd harmonic filtering	7320 MHz		20		dB

## 1.1 On-board simulations

Figure 2. Insertion loss ( $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

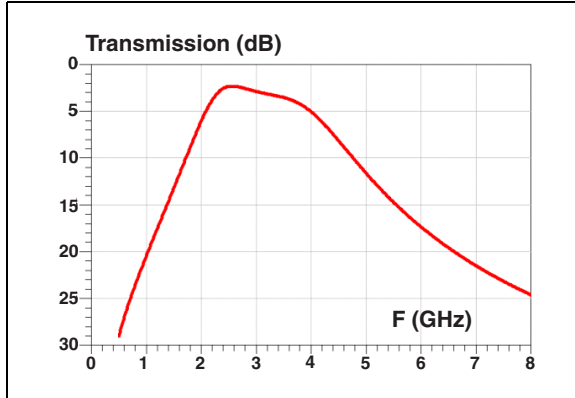


Figure 3. Return loss @ single port ( $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

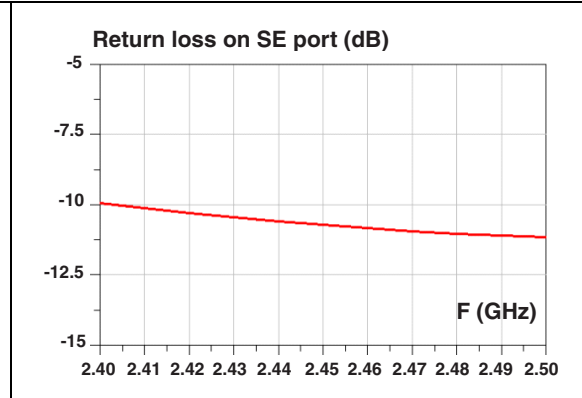


Figure 4. Amplitude imbalance ( $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) Figure 5. Phase imbalance ( $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

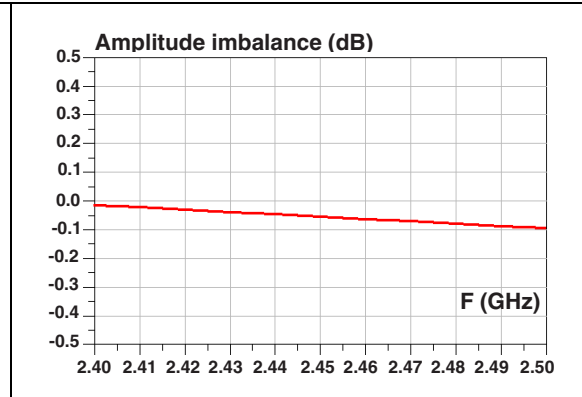
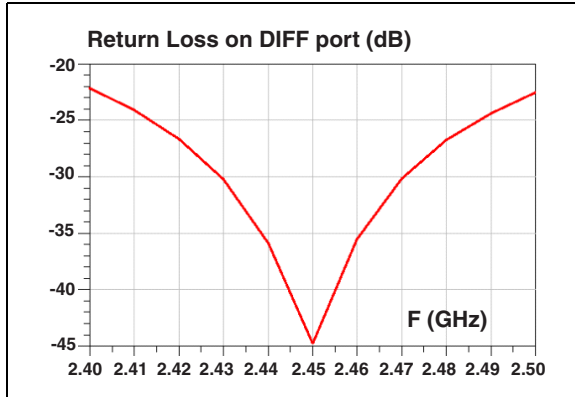
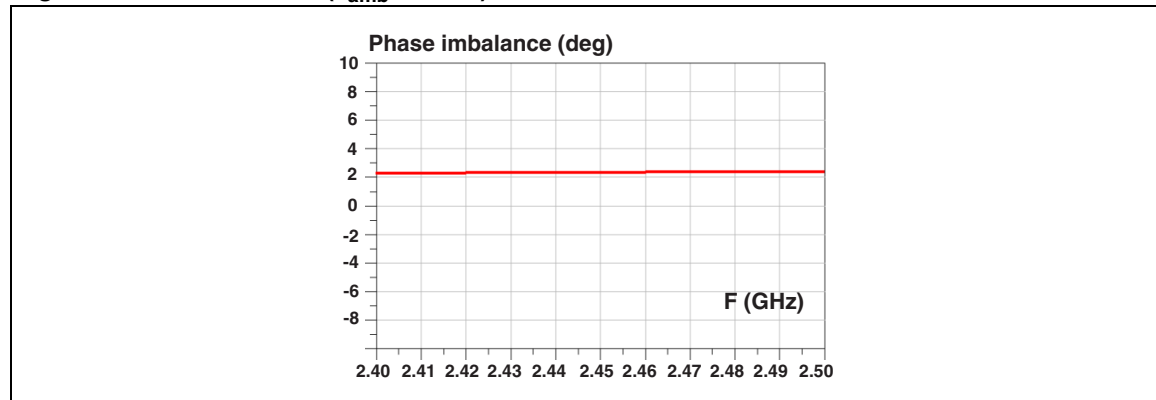


Figure 6. Transmission ( $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



## 2 Application information

Figure 7. Application schematic (courtesy of Nordic Semiconductor)

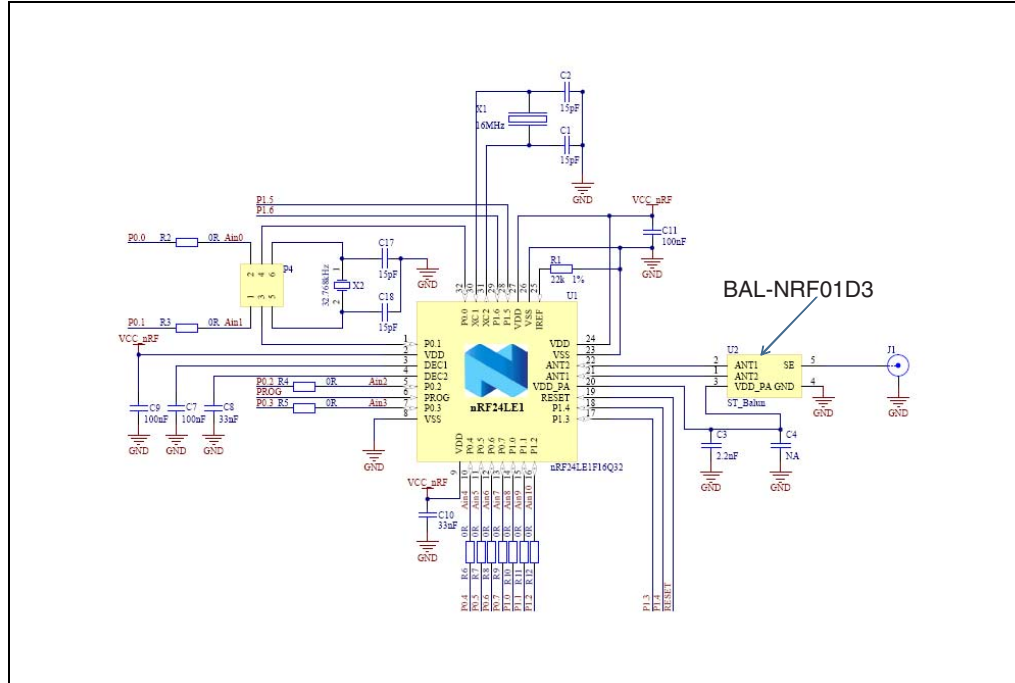
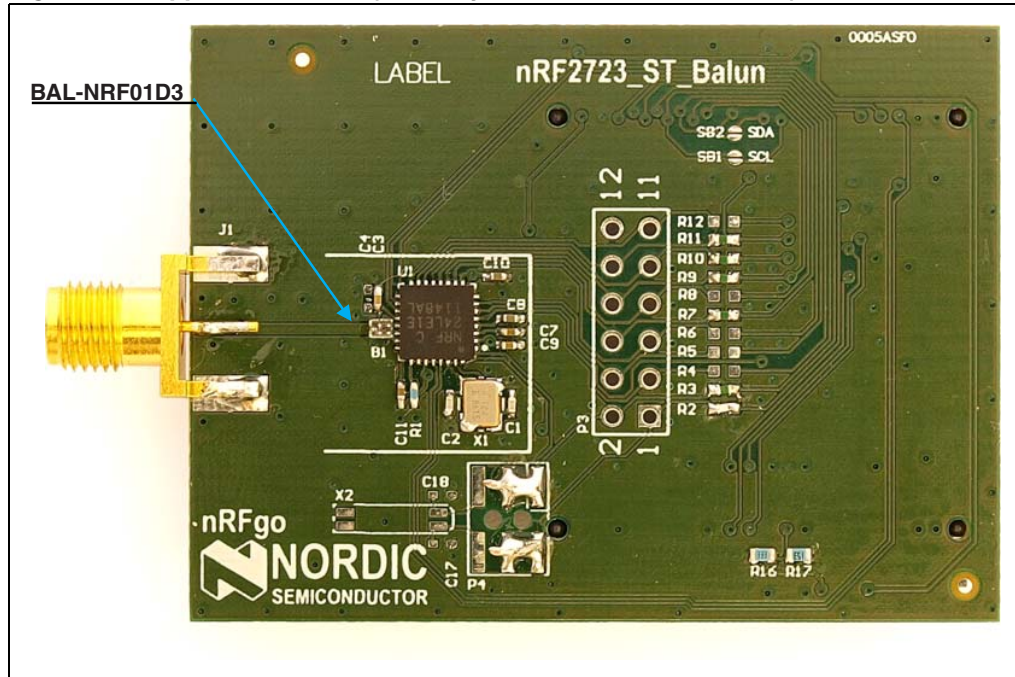


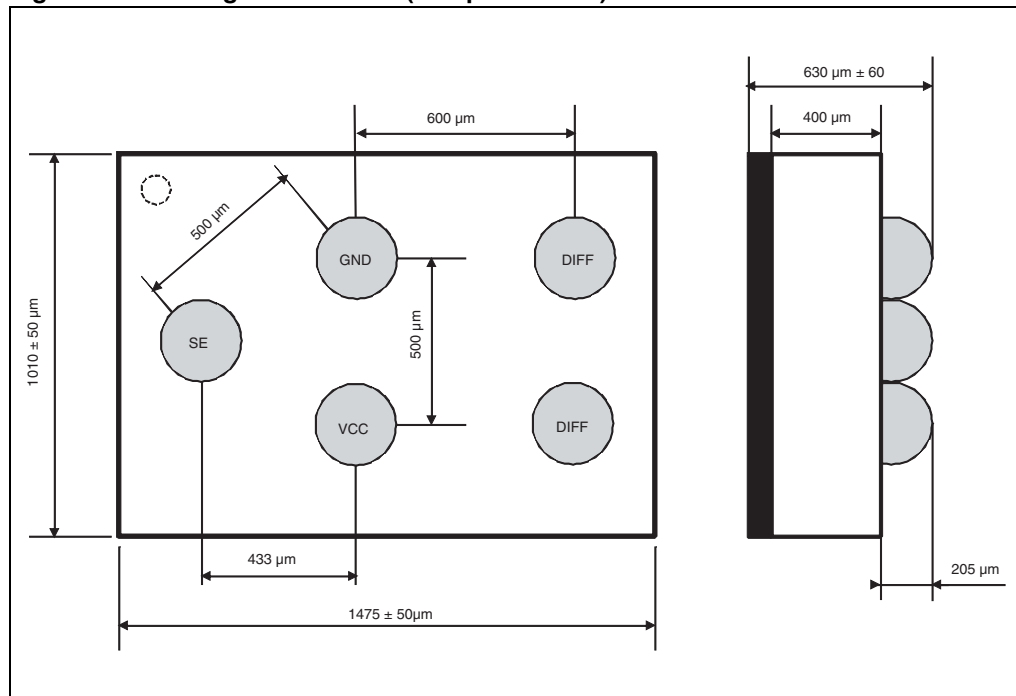
Figure 8. Application board (courtesy of Nordic Semiconductor)



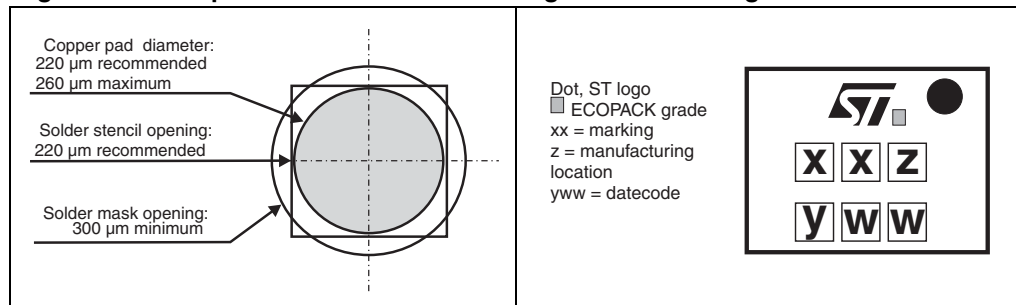
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**Figure 9. Package dimensions (bump side view)**



**Figure 10. Footprint**



**Figure 11. Marking**

Dot, ST logo  
 ■ ECOPACK grade  
 xx = marking  
 z = manufacturing location  
 yyw = datecode

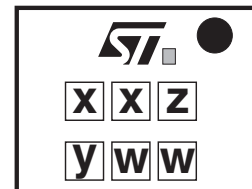
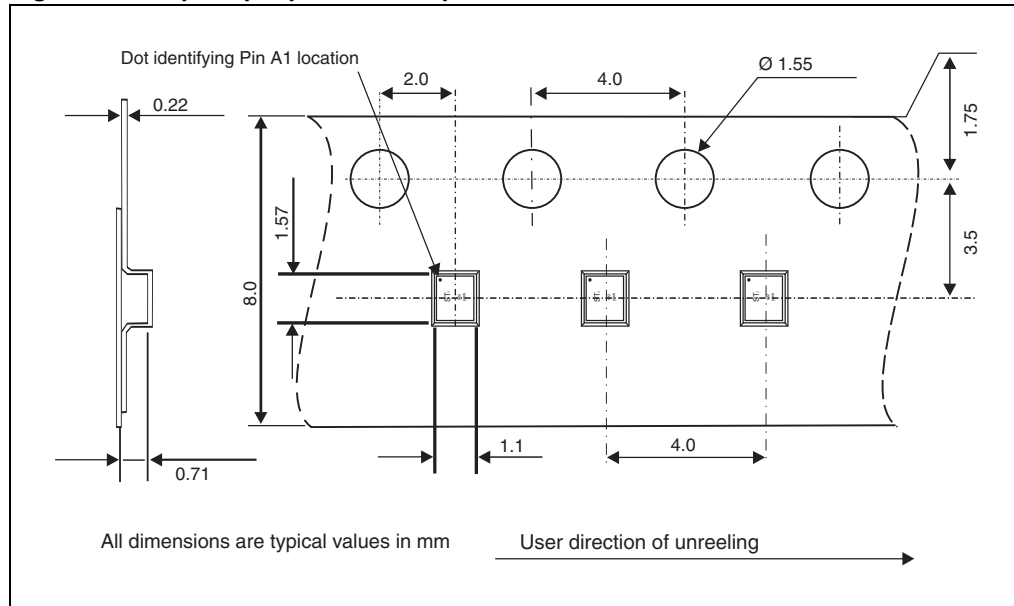


Figure 12. Flip Chip tape and reel specifications



Note: More information is available in the STMicroelectronics Application notes:  
AN2348 Flip-Chip: "Package description and recommendations for use"  
AN4111: "BAL-NRF01D3 matched balun with integrated harmonic filter for Nordic nRF24LE1 QFN32, nRF24AP2-1CH and nRF24AP2-8CH"

## 4 Ordering information

Table 4. Ordering information

Order code	Marking	Weight	Base Qty	Delivery mode
BAL-NRF01D3	SC	1.82 mg	5000	Tape and Reel

## 5 Revision history

Table 5. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
15-Oct-2012	1	Initial release.

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