

BC660K-GL&BC66&BC66-NA Compatible Reference Design

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1 Reference Design

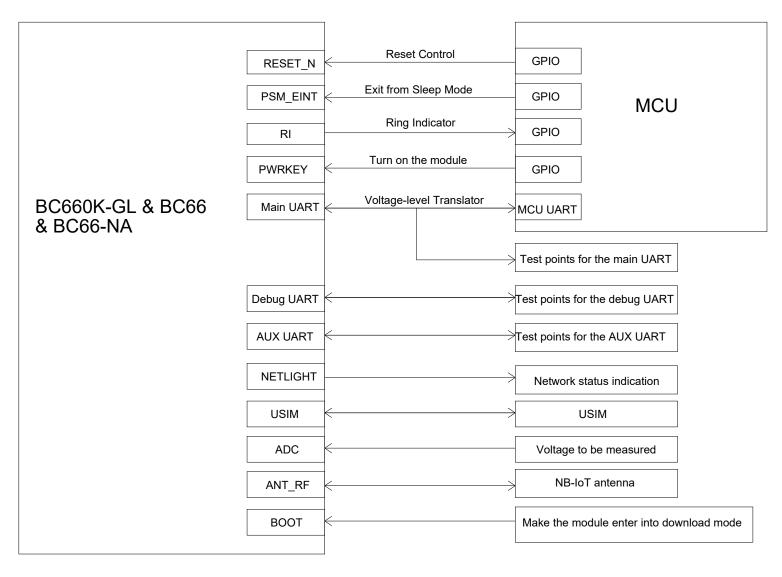
1.1. Introduction

This document provides a compatible reference design for Quectel BC660K-GL, BC66 and BC66-NA modules, including the design for power supply, module interfaces, USIM interface, etc.

1.2. Schematics

The following schematics illustrate the compatible design for the BC660K-GL, BC66 and BC66-NA modules. This design is for your reference only.

Block Diagram

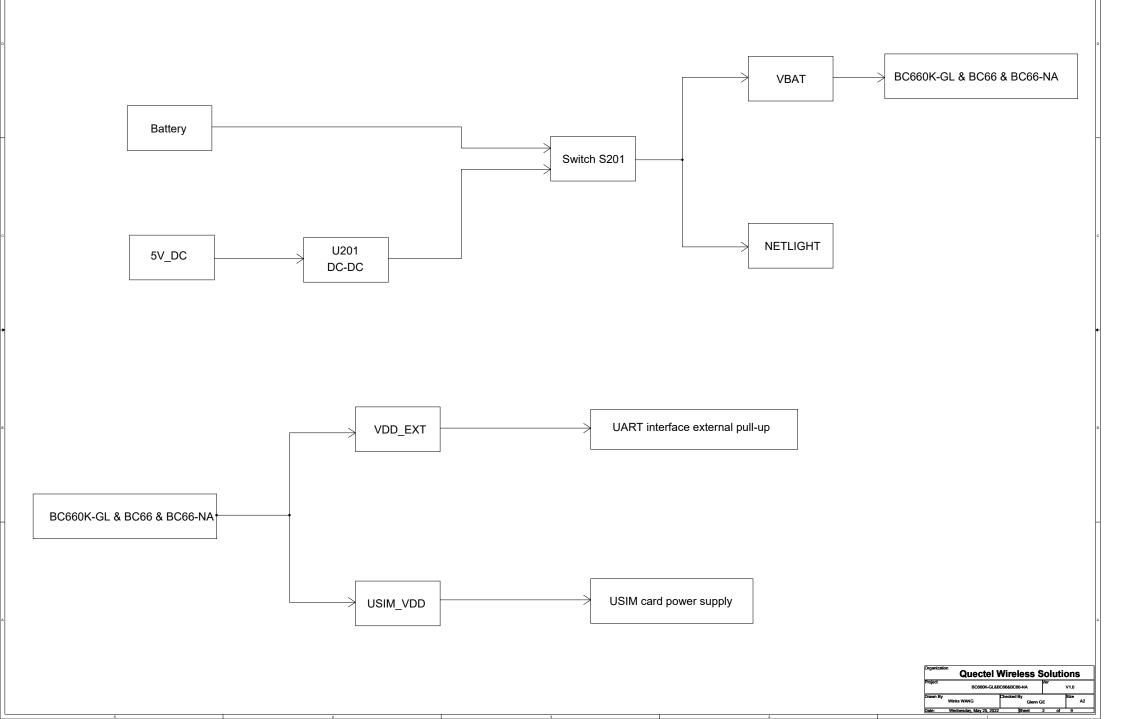


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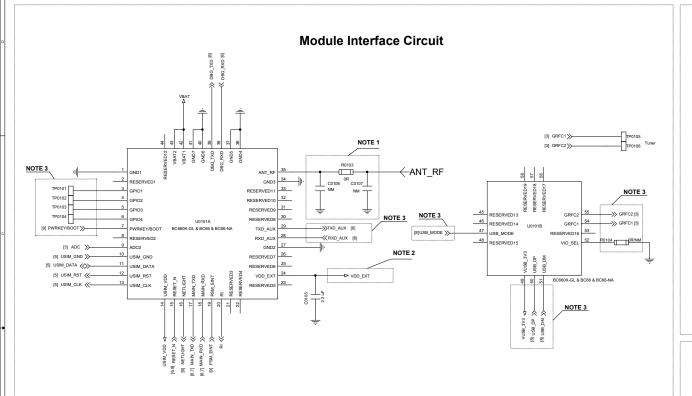
PWRKEY and AUX UART are only for BC66&BC66-NA; BOOT is only for BC660K-GL.

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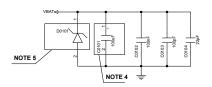
Power System Block Diagram



Module Interfaces



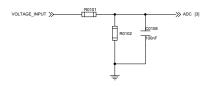
VBAT Input



NOTE:

- BC66 and BC66-NA: The input voltage of VBAT ranges from 2.1 V to 3.63 V.
 BC660K-GL: The input voltage of VBAT ranges from 2.2 V to 4.3 V.
- 2. The width of VBAT trace is recommended to be wider than 0.5 mm, and the longer the trace is, the wider it should be.
- 3. The capacitors should be placed in ascending order of the capacitance value, and the one with the minimum capacitance should be placed nearest the VBAT pins. Additionally, all these capacitors should be placed as close to the VBAT pins as possible.
- 4. The capacitance of C0101 should be chosen by debugging to ensure that the voltage of VBAT will not fall below the lowest operation voltage of the module during bursting.
- 5. It is recommended to add a TVS close to the VBAT pin.

ADC



NOTE:

BC66 and BC66-NA:

- 1. The maximum input voltage of the 10-bit ADC is 1.4 V. $\,$
- 2. The maximum input voltage of the 12-bit ADC is 1.2 V.
- 3. A 320 $k\Omega$ pull-down resistor is integrated inside the ADC pin.

This resistor needs to be considered when you calculate the voltage division relationship.

NOTE

- 1. For future debugging, a π -type matching circuit is recommended to be placed between ANT_RF and the antenna. For more information, see the RF Layout Application Note of the module.
- BC66 and BC66-NA:

VDD_EXT is a 1.8 V output power supply and has no voltage output in Deep Sleep mode. It is intended to supply power for the module's pull-up circuits,

and is thus not recommended to be used as the power supply for external circuits.

BC660K-GL:

VDD_EXT is a 1.8/3.3 V output power supply and has no voltage output in Deep Sleep/Light Sleep mode.

It is used to supply power for the module's pull-up circuits,

and thus is not recommended to be used as the power supply for external circuits.

3. PWRKEY, AUX UART and USB interface are only for BC66 and BC66-NA; GPIO, BOOT, GRFC and VIO_SEL are only for BC660K-GL;

The VIO_SEL is used to control VDD_EXT voltage selection for BC660K-GL.

when VIO_SEL is grounded (R0104 mounted), and VBAT < 3.3 V, VDD_EXT = VBAT;

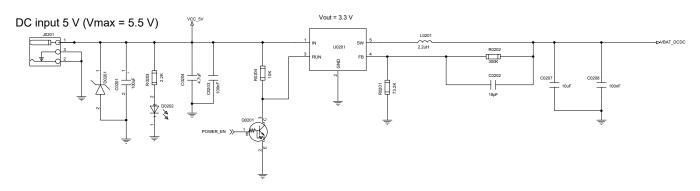
when VIO_SEL is grounded (R0104 mounted), and VBAT \geq 3.3 V, VDD_EXT = 3.3 V;

When VIO_SEL is floating (R0104 not mounted), VDD_EXT = 1.8 V.



Power Supply

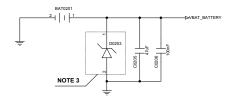
DC-DC Power Supply



NOTE:

The output current of the power converter should be no less than 0.5 A.

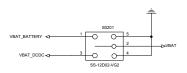
Battery Application



NOTE:

- 1. The battery voltage must to meet the module's power supply requirements, and the battery's rated output current should be higher than the module's maximum current consumption. Additionally, it is recommended to do reverse battery protection to avoid damages to the module.
- 2. For different batteries selected, the capacitance of C0205 should be adjusted appropriately according to the debugging results.
- 3. It is recommended to add a TVS close to the battery.

Power Supply Selection

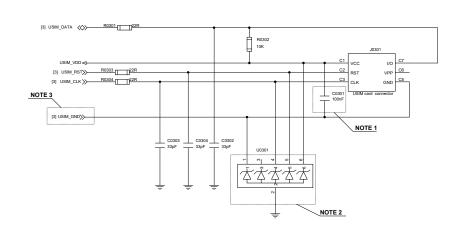


NOTE:

- 1. S0201 is used to switch between an external DC power supply and a battery power supply.
- 2. BC66 and BC66-NA: VBAT ranges from 2.1 V to 3.63 V, and the Vnom is 3.3 V. BC660K-GL: VBAT ranges from 2.2 V to 4.3 V, and the Vnom is 3.3 V.

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USIM Interface



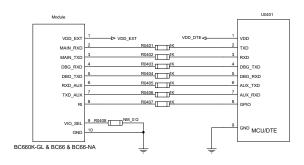
NOTE

- 1. The value of C0301 should be less than 1 μ F.
- 2. U0301 is used for protecting the USIM interface against ESD, and the junction capacitance should be less than 50 pF. It should be placed nearby the USIM card connector.
- 3. It is recommended to connect the GND of the USIM card connector to the USIM_GND to protect the connector from external interference.
- 4. It is necessary to add a 10 k Ω pull-up resistor between USIM_DATA and USIM_VDD to improve anti-interference ability.

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UART Interfaces Circuit (1)

Reference Design for UART



NOTE:

- 1. When a URC or message is received, the module will inform the DTE through the RI pin.
- 2. Pay attention to the level matching issue of UART interfaces during application.
- 3. The VDD_EXT voltage domain of BC66 and BC66-NA is 1.8 V.
- 4. For BC660K-GL:

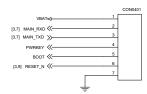
When VIO_SEL is grounded and VBAT < 3.3 V, VDD_EXT = VBAT;

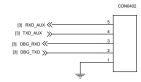
When VIO_SEL is grounded and VBAT ≥ 3.3 V, VDD_EXT = 3.3 V;

When VIO_SEL is floating, VDD_EXT = 1.8 V.

- If the voltage domain of your application system is 1.8 V, do not mount R0408;
- If the voltage domain of your application system is 3.3 V, mount R0408;
- 5. MAIN_RXD of BC660K-GL cannot be pulled up to VDD_EXT directly.
- 6. BC660K-GL does not support AUX UART.

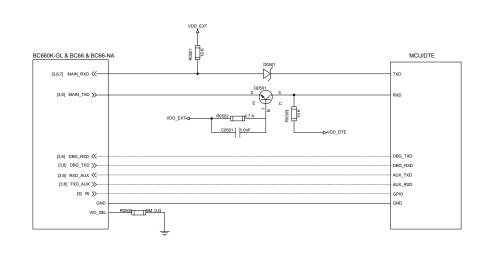
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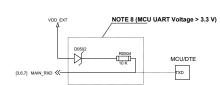




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UART Interfacces Circuit (2)





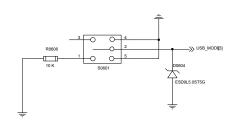
- 1. When there is a SMS or URC is received, the module will inform DTE with the RI pin.
- 2. Please pay attention to the level matching issue of UART interfaces during application.
- 3. The circuit design of dotted line section can refer to the design of solid line transistor section, but please pay attention to the direction of connection.
- 4. The UART level-shifting circuit does not apply to applications with high baud rates exceeding 460 kbps.
- 5. VIO_SEL is only for BC660K-GL, while using the level-shifting circuit, choose 1.8 V or 3.3 V according to MCU UART voltage.
- 6. BC660K-GL does not support AUX UART.
- 7. While using BC66 and BC66-NA, mount R0501 and do not mount R0505. While using BC660K-GL, do not mount R501 and R505.
- 8. While using BC660K-GL, in order to avoid leakage and abnormal wake-up, do not pull up MAIN_RXD to VDD_EXT directly: MCU UART Voltage ≤ 3.3 V, do not mount R0501, and substitute D0501 with a 1 k Ω resistor.

MCU UART Voltage > 3.3 V, to pull up MAIN_RXD to VDD_EXT, you need to connect a TVS in series first, and then pull up MAIN_RXD through a 4.7–20 kΩ resistor.

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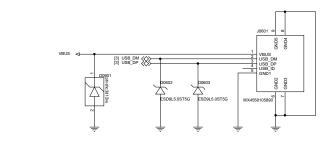
USB Interface Circuit

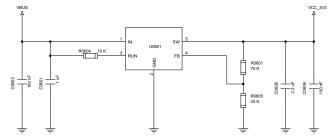
USB Download Circuit

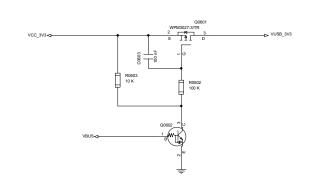


USB_MODE Pin	Pull down through a 10 kΩ resistor	Floating
USB MODE	USB download function	Catch Log via USB

USB Circuit







NOTE:

- 1. The USB interface and thereof signal traces should be kept away from power supply, RF interface and other sensitive signal traces.
- 2. The impedance of USB signal traces should be controlled as 90 Ω .
- 3. BC660K-GL does not support USB interface.
- 4. It is recommended to select a TVS with parasitic capacitance less than 3 pF for USB signal lines, and place them close to the USB connector.

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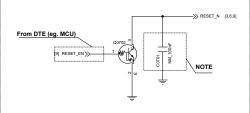
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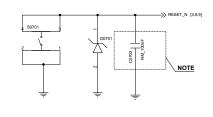
MCU Connection

Reset - MCU Circuit Application



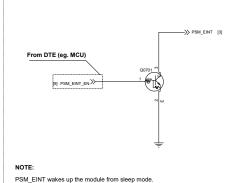
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Reset - Button Application

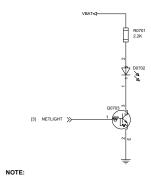


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PSM_EINT Circuit Application

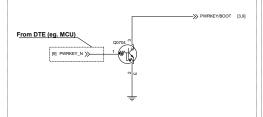


Network Status Indication

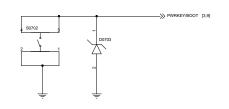


NETLIGHT indicates the module's network status.

PWRKEY - MCU Circuit Application



PWRKEY/BOOT - Button Application



MCU GPIOs

