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1 Introduction

This user guide describes the application details of 5GDM03-EV EVB (evaluation board), which is an assistant tool for developers to develop applications and test basic functionalities of applicable modules.

1.1. Applicable Modules

For details about the applicable modules of this EVB, see document [1].

1.2. Special Mark

Table 1: Special Mark

| Mark | Definition |
|------|---|
| * | Unless otherwise specified, when an asterisk (*) is used after a function, feature, interface, pin name, AT command, or argument, it indicates that the function, feature, interface, pin, AT command, or argument is under development and currently not supported; and the asterisk (*) after a model indicates that the sample of such model is currently unavailable. |



2 Product Overview

2.1. Top and Bottom Views

The size of 5GDM03-EV EVB is 187 mm x 130 mm, and the top and bottom views are shown as below:

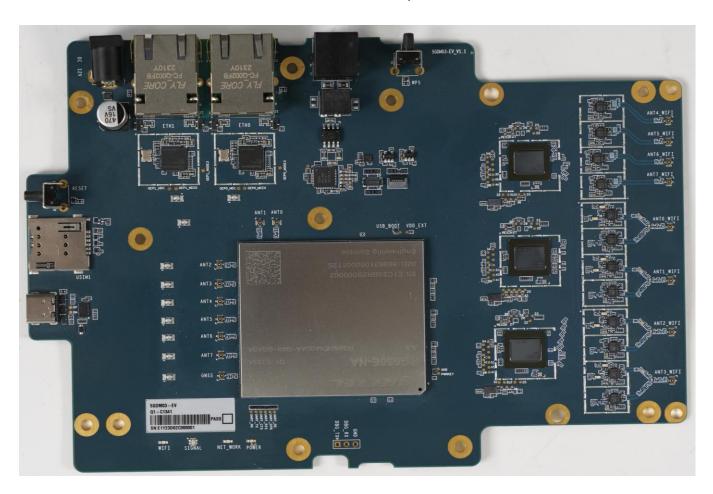


Figure 1: Top View



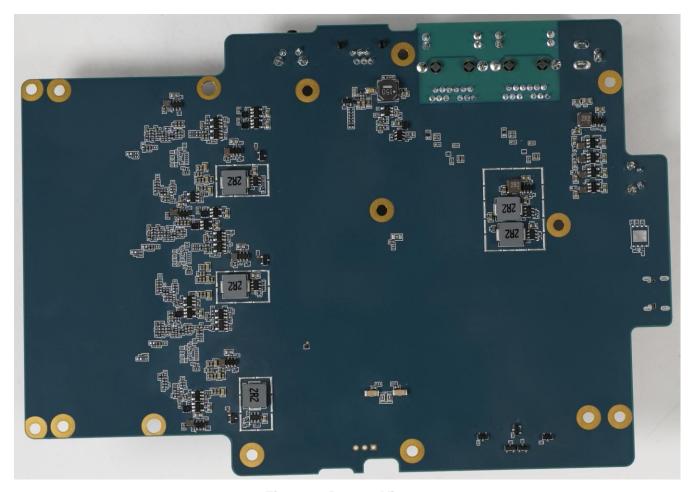


Figure 2: Bottom View



2.2. Component Placement

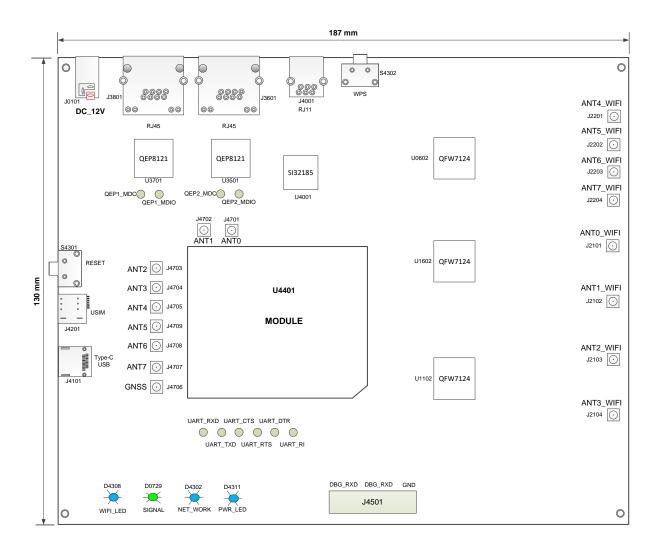


Figure 3: Top View for Component Placement



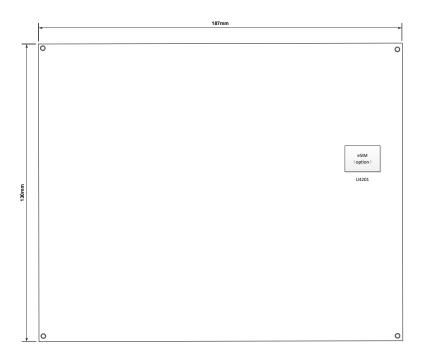


Figure 4: Bottom View for Component Placement

Table 2: Components & Functions

| Component RefDes. Description | | Comment | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|---|--|--|
| Power Supply | J0101 | Power jack on the EVB | DC power supply: 12–14 V Typical supply power: +12V/ 3 A | |
| RESET | S4301 | Reset button (push button)Used to reset the module | Button | |
| WPS* | S4302 | WPS | | |
| USB Interface | J4101 | USB Type-C interface | USB 3.0 and USB 2.0 communication | |
| Debug UART | J4501 | DBG_UART for debugging | Default baud rate: 115200 bps | |
| (U)SIM Card Interface | J4201 | (U)SIM card connector | Supports (U)SIM card insertion detection. Supports (U)SIM card: 1.8 V and 2.95 V Supports NANO (U)SIM | |
| eSIM Card* | U4201 | eSIM Card | Optional | |
| LAN Interfaces | J3801 | Connects to PC with LAN cable | P I//5 port | |
| LAN IIILEIIACES | J3601 | Connects to FC with LAN cable | RJ45 port | |



| | D4311 | Power supply ON/OFF indicator | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Status Indicators* | D4302 | Network indicator | 4 LEDs available for signal indication |
| Status indicators | D4308 | Wi-Fi status indicator | |
| | D0729 | TBD* | |
| PHY Interface | U3701, U3501 | Supports PHY QEP8121 (10/100/1000/2500 Mbps) Supports PHY QEP8121/QEP8111 (10/100/1000 Mbps) | |
| Wi-Fi Interfaces | U0602, U1102, U1602 | Supports Wi-Fi QFW7124 Wi-Fi 6 GHz* Supports Wi-Fi QFW7124 Wi-Fi 5 GHz Supports Wi-Fi QFW7124 Wi-Fi 2.4 GHz | |
| Module Interface | U4401 | Module interface | Module |
| SLIC Interface* | U4001, J4001 | RJ11 ConnectorSupports SLIC SI32185 | |
| Wi-Fi Antenna Interfaces | J2101, J2102, J2103, J2104, J2201, J2202, J2203, J2204 | 8 Wi-Fi antenna connectors | Reserved |
| Sub-6 Antenna Interfaces | J4701, J4702, J4703, J4704, J4705, J4707, J4708, J4709 | 8 Sub-6 antenna connectors | |
| GNSS Antenna Interface | J4706 | 1 GNSS antenna connector | |



3 Kit Accessories & Assembly

3.1. Accessories Assembly

This chapter will be offered in the next version.

3.2. Accessories List

All accessories of the 5GDM03-EV EVB kit are listed as below. Please contact the supplier if there is something missing.

Table 3: Accessories List

| Items | Description | Quantity (pcs) |
|-------------------|---|----------------|
| Power Adapter | +12 V/ 3 A power adapter | 1 |
| Cables | CAT6 ethernet cable | 1 |
| Caples | USB Type-C cable | 1 |
| U Disk | 8 GB U Disk | 1 |
| Instruction Sheet | A sheet of paper giving instructions for EVB connection, details of EVB accessories, etc. | 1 |



4 Application Interfaces

This chapter describes the hardware interfaces of the 5GDM03-EV EVB, as listed below:

- Power supply
- USB interface
- (U)SIM card interface
- Status indicators*
- Module Interface
- LAN interfaces
- Wi-Fi interfaces
- SLIC interface*
- Antenna Interfaces
- Buttons*
- Test points

4.1. Power Supply

The EVB can be powered by an external power adapter through the power jack on the EVB.

Table 4: Description of Power Supply

| RefDes. | Description |
|---------|-----------------------|
| J0101 | Power jack on the EVB |

The following figures show the simplified power supply block diagram of the EVB.

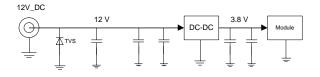


Figure 5: Block Diagram of EVB Power Supply



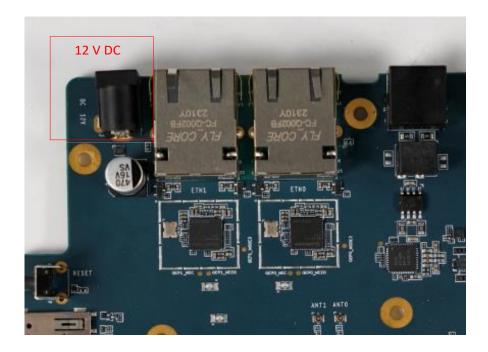


Figure 6: EVB Power Supply Interface

If the power jack is used for power supply, the power plug design of the adapter is shown as below:

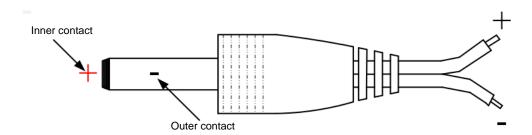


Figure 7: Power Plug Design



4.2. USB Interface

The EVB provides a USB 3.1/2.0 Type-C interface and supports high-speed (480 Mbps) and full-speed (12 Mbps) for connection with a host device, as shown in *Figure 8* and *Figure 9*. This USB interface is used for AT command communication, data transmission, GNSS NMEA sentence output, software debugging, firmware upgrade and voice over USB.

Table 5: Description of USB Interface

| RefDes. | Description |
|---------|----------------------|
| J4101 | USB Type-C interface |

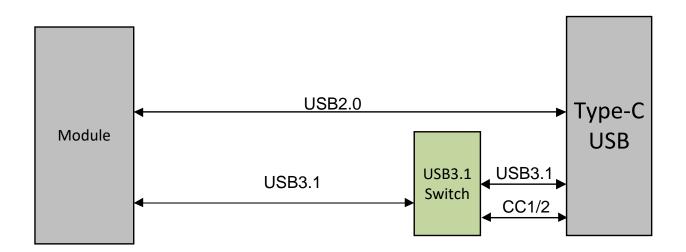


Figure 8: Connection Between Module and USB Type-C Interface



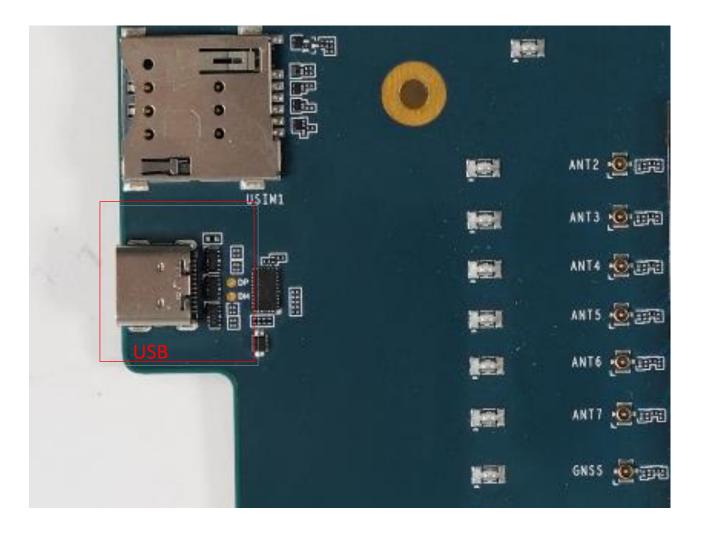


Figure 9: USB Interface Connection



4.3. (U)SIM Card Interface

The EVB has a 7-pin push-push type (U)SIM card (1.8/3.0 V) interfaces which support 1.8/3.0 V (U)SIM card.

Table 6: Description of (U)SIM Card Interfaces

| RefDes. | Description |
|---------|-----------------------|
| J4201 | (U)SIM card connector |

The following figure shows a simplified connector schematic for this connector.

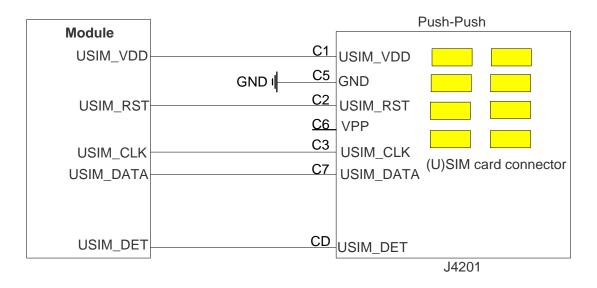


Figure 10: Simplified Connector Schematic for (U)SIM Card Connector



The figure and table below illustrate the pin assignment and definition of (U)SIM card connector J4201.

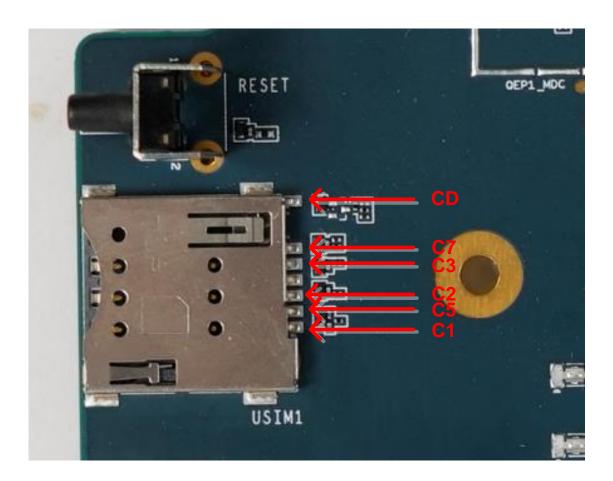


Figure 11: Pin Assignment of (U)SIM Card Connector J4201

Table 7: Pin Definition of J4201

| Pin No. | Pin Name | I/O | Description |
|---------|-----------|-----|-----------------------------|
| C1 | USIM_VDD | РО | (U)SIM card power supply |
| C2 | USIM_RST | DO | (U)SIM card reset |
| C3 | USIM_CLK | DO | (U)SIM card clock |
| C5 | GND | - | Ground |
| C6 | VPP | - | NC |
| C7 | USIM_DATA | DIO | (U)SIM card data |
| CD | USIM_DET | DI | (U)SIM card hot-plug detect |
| | | | |



4.4. Status Indicators*

There are four status indication LEDs on the EVB. The following figure shows the positions of these LED indicators.

Table 8: Description of Status Indication LEDs

| RefDes. | Description |
|---------|---|
| | Indicates power supply readiness. |
| D4311 | ON: VBAT on |
| | OFF: VBAT off |
| | Indicates the module's network registration mode. |
| D4302* | ON: registered in Sub-6 network |
| | OFF: others |
| | Indicates the status of Wi-Fi. |
| D4308* | ON: Wi-Fi is turned on |
| | OFF: Wi-Fi is turned off |
| D0729* | TBD |





Figure 12: Status Indicators



4.5. Module Interface

Module interface is designed to accommodate applicable modules. The developer will be able to test the functionalities of the modules easily.

Table 9: Description of Module Interface

| RefDes. | Description |
|---------|------------------|
| U4401 | Module interface |

The following figure shows the module on the EVB board.



Figure 13: Module Interface on the EVB Board



4.6. LAN Interfaces

The 5GDM03-EV EVB provides two LAN interfaces to connect with PC. The following table shows the location of the LAN connector.

Table 10: Description of LAN Interfaces

| RefDes. | Description | |
|---------|---|--|
| J3601 | Connecte to DC with LAN coble | |
| J3801 | Connects to PC with LAN cable | |
| U3501 | Supports PHY QEP8121/QEP8111 (10/100/1000 Mbps) | |
| U3701 | Supports PHY QEP8121 (10/100/1000/2500 Mbps) | |

The following two figures displays the connection between RJ45 and EVB.



Figure 14: Connection Between RJ45 and EVB



4.7. Wi-Fi Interfaces

The Wi-Fi interface is designed to accommodate the module. The interface allows you to test the Wi-Fi function of the module or to develop applications with Wi-Fi function easily.

Table 11: Description of Wi-Fi Interfaces

| RefDes. | Description |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| U0602 | Supports QFW7124 Wi-Fi 6 GHz* |
| U1102 | Supports QFW7124 Wi-Fi 5 GHz |
| U1602 | Supports QFW7124 Wi-Fi 2.4 GHz |

4.8. SLIC interface*

The 5GDM03-EV EVB provides a SLIC interface.

Table 12: Description of SLIC Interface

| RefDes. | Description | |
|---------|-----------------------|--|
| J4001 | RJ11 connector | |
| J400 I | Supports SLIC Sl32185 | |

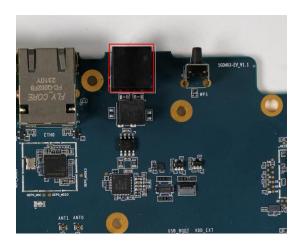


Figure 15: RJ11



4.9. Antenna Interfaces

The EVB includes 8 Wi-Fi antenna connectors, 8 Sub-6 antenna connectors, and 1 GNSS antenna connector.

Table 13: Wi-Fi, Sub-6 and GNSS Antenna Interfaces

| Antenna Type | RefDes. | Description |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Wi-Fi Antenna Interfaces | J2101, J2102, J2103, J2104, J2201, J2202, J2203, J2204 | 8 Wi-Fi antenna connectors |
| Sub-6 Antenna Interfaces | J4701, J4702, J4703, J4704, J4705, J4707, J4708, J4709 | 8 Sub-6 antenna connectors |
| GNSS Antenna Interface | J4706 | 1 GNSS antenna connector |



Figure 16: Sub-6 and GNSS Antenna Interfaces



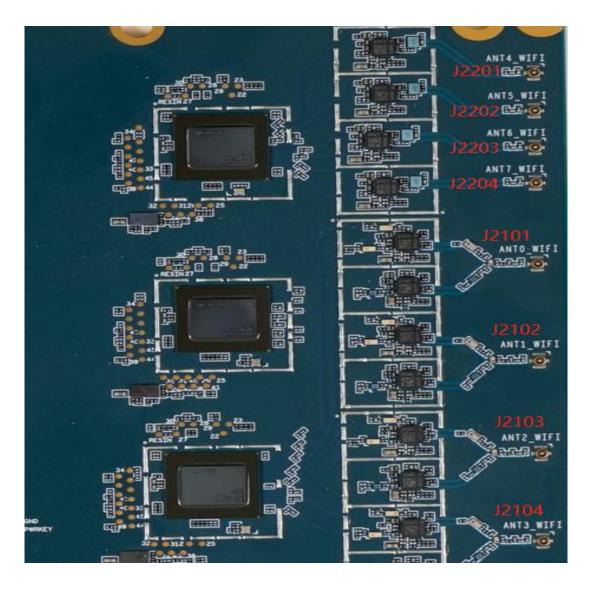


Figure 17: Wi-Fi Antenna Interfaces



4.10. Buttons*

The EVB includes two buttons, as shown in the following table and figures:

Table 14: Description of Buttons

| RefDes. | Description |
|---------|---|
| S4302* | WPS |
| S4301 | Reset button (push button)Used to reset the module |

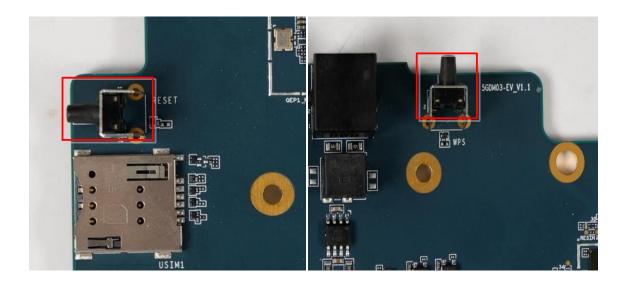


Figure 18: WPS and Reset



4.11. Test Points

The EVB provides test points which help you obtain the corresponding waveforms of some signals. The following figures show the details of partial test points.



Figure 19: Test Points of USB Boot and Power Key



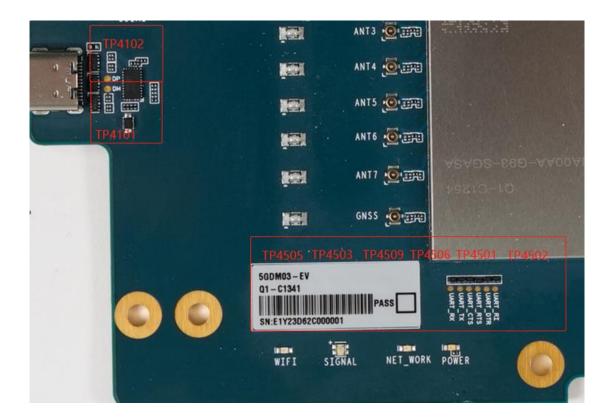


Figure 20: Test Points of USB and UART

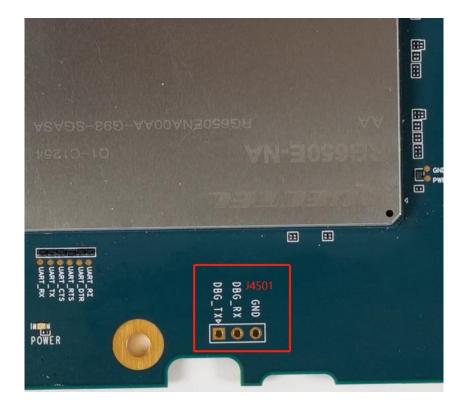


Figure 21: Test Points of Debug UART



Table 15: Definition of Test Points

| Power and Power | Power and Power Key | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Pin Name | Reference | Test Point Description | |
| GND | TP4510 | Ground | |
| USB_BOOT | TP4504 | Emergency download | |
| VDD_EXT | TP4508 | VDD_EXT 1.8 V of the module | |
| PWRKEY | TP4507 | Turn ON/OFF test points | |
| USB and UART | | | |
| Pin Name | Reference | Test Point Description | |
| USB_DP | TP4102 | DP pin of the USB | |
| USB_DM | TP4101 | DM pin of the USB | |
| UART CTS* | TP4509 | The CTS of the main UART 1.8 V | |
| UART_RXD* | TP4505 | The RXD of the main UART 1.8 V | |
| UART_TXD* | TP4503 | The TXD of the main UART 1.8 V | |
| UART_RTS* | TP4506 | The RTS of the main UART 1.8 V | |
| UART_DTR* | TP4501 | The DTR of the main UART 1.8 V | |
| UART_RI* | TP4502 | The RI of the main UART 1.8 V | |
| DBG_RXD | | The RXD of the debug UART 1.8 V | |
| DBG_TXD | J4501 | The TXD of the debug UART 1.8 V | |
| GND | | Ground | |



5 Operation Procedures

This chapter introduces how to use the 5GDM03-EV EVB for testing and evaluation of applicable modules. Before the procedures below, please ensure modules and the EVB are correctly assembled.

5.1. Turn On the Module

- 1. Insert a (U)SIM card into the USIM card connector (J4201) on the EVB.
- 2. Use cellular cables to connect antennas to the EVB.
- 3. Connect the EVB to a 12 V/ 3 A power. Then D4311 (Power supply ON/OFF indicator) will light up, which indicates that the power supply for the whole EVB is ready. The EVB will turn on automatically.

NOTE

The module and the EVB will turn on automatically when the power adapter is connected. The PWRKEY is invalid. It is reserved only.

5.2. Communication via USB

- 1. Turn on the module according to the procedure in *Chapter 5.1*.
- Connect the EVB and a PC with USB cable through USB Type-C interface, and then run the driver disk on the PC to install the USB driver. For details about USB driver installation, see *document [2]*. The USB port numbers can be viewed in Device Manager of the PC when the USB driver is installed, as shown below.



Figure 22: USB Ports



Install and then use QCOM provided by Quectel to realize the communication between the module and the PC.

The following figure shows the COM Port Setting of QCOM: select the correct "COM Port" (USB AT Port, which is shown in figure above) and set correct "Baudrate" (e.g. 115200 bps). For more details about QCOM usage and configuration, see *document* [3].

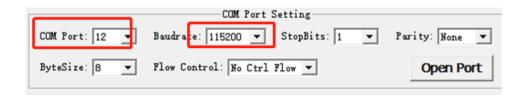


Figure 23: COM Port Setting Field on QCOM (USB AT Port Connection)

5.3. Communication via USB Interface of UART and USB

- 1. Power up 5GDM03-EV.
- Connect the EVB and a PC with USB cable through USB Type-C interface, and then run the driver disk on the PC to install the USB driver. For details about USB driver installation, see *document [2]*. The USB port numbers can be viewed in Device Manager of the PC when the USB driver is installed, as shown below:



Figure 24: USB UART and USB Port

3. Configure AT Command Window, set correct baud rate (such as 115200 bps) and COM number which can be checked by the Device Manager on PC, then operate the module via AT commands.



Figure 25: QCOM Configuration Under Main UART Port



4. Configure AT Command Window, set correct baud rate (such as 115200 bps) and COM number which can be checked by the Device Manager on PC, then the Debug UART will output log.

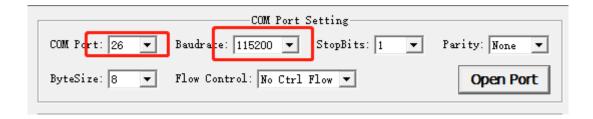


Figure 26: QCOM Configuration Under Debug UART Port

5.4. Firmware Upgrade

Firmware of the module is upgraded via USB port by default, and there are two methods for the upgrade: emergency download and normal download. Please refer to the following procedures to upgrade firmware through the EVB.

5.4.1. Emergency Download

- 1. Install the firmware upgrade tool QFIL on PC.
- 2. Connect the EVB and the PC through USB Type-C cable.
- Connect TP4504 and TP4508.
- 4. Insert the DC power adapter and turn on the module.
- 5. Upgrade the firmware with QFlash. See document [4] for details about the use of QFIL.

5.4.2. Normal Download

- 1. Turn on the module according to the procedure in *Chapter 5.1*.
- 2. Wait for the USB port to be found in Device Manager of the PC.



Figure 27: USB Ports in PC Device Manager



3. Open QFIL and upgrade the firmware.

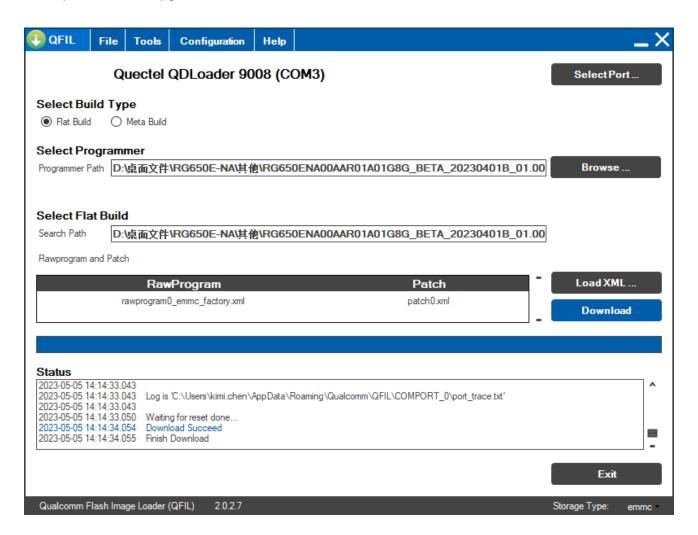


Figure 28: Firmware Download

5.5. Reset the Module

Reset is only used in case of emergency or abnormality. For example, the software fails to respond for more than 5 seconds due to some serious problems.

Press the RESET button S4301 and then release it to reset the module. Note that this operation may cause loss of information in the memory as the module will be initialized after the resetting.



6 Appendix References

Table 16: Related Documents

| Document Name | | |
|---|--|--|
| [1] Quectel_List_of_EVB_Applicable_Modules | | |
| [2] Quectel_Windows_USB_Driver(Q)_NDIS_Installation_Guide | | |
| [3] Quectel_QCOM_User_Guide | | |
| [4] Quectel_QFlash_User_Guide | | |

Table 17: Terms and Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| ВТВ | Board to Board |
| COM | Cluster Communication Port |
| DC | Direct Current |
| DI | Digital Input |
| DO | Digital Output |
| eSIM | embedded Subscriber Identity Module |
| EV | Evaluation board |
| EVB | Evaluation Board |
| GND | Ground |
| GNSS | Global Navigation Satellite System |
| 1/0 | Input/Output |
| | |



| LED | Light Emitting Diode |
|-------|---|
| LAN | Local Area Network |
| NC | Not Connected |
| OVP | Over Voltage Protection |
| PC | Personal Computer |
| РСВ | Printed Circuit Board |
| PHY | Physical Layer |
| РО | Power Output |
| POE | Power Over Ethernet |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| RJ | Register Jack |
| SIM | Subscriber Identity Module |
| SLIC | Subscriber Line Interface Circuit |
| UART | Universal Asynchronous Receiver & Transmitter |
| USB | Universal Serial Bus |
| USIM | Universal Subscriber Identity Module |
| VBAT | Voltage at Battery (Pin) |
| Wi-Fi | Wireless Fidelity |
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