

**BOARD LAYOUT AND ROUTING GUIDELINES** 

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### 1.0 SCOPE

This board layout and routing guidelines cover the printed circuit board layout that can be used for the evaluation of high-speed signals using microstrip routing for 78715 series connector.

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### 2.0 PC BOARD REQUIREMENTS

#### 2.1 MATERIAL THICKNESS

The recommended PC board thickness shall be 1.60mm. Suitable PC board material shall be glass epoxy (FR-4).

### 2.2 LAYOUT

The solder pads for the connector assembly must be precisely located to ensure proper placement and optimum performance of the connector assembly. Refer to the applicable Sales Drawing for the recommended solder pad pattern, dimensions and tolerances.

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### 3.0 HIGH SPEED ROUTING

### 3.1 TRACE TO PAD ATTACHMENT

There are several ways to connect the traces to their corresponding signal pads. Two possible methods are illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.





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### 3.2 GROUND VIA PLACEMENT

There are several ways to connect ground vias to their corresponding ground pads. Two possible methods are illustrated in Figures 3 and 4.





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### 3.3 IMPEDANCE MATCHING AT TRACE AND FOOTPRINT/PAD

Impedance matching is critical to improve and optimize SI performance.

All traces and pad should design to obtain single-end  $50\Omega$  or differential  $100\Omega$  at application.

This could be done by controlling distance between trace  $(H_{trace})$  and pad  $(H_{pad})$  with reference to their ground return. This is illustrated in Figure 5.

When the trace width of pad equals to trace,  $H_{trace}$  equals  $H_{pad}$ . If pad width is wider than trace,  $H_{pad} > H_{trace}$ . This is to eliminate excessive capacitive coupling at pad region.



Figure 5

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### 3.4 HIGH SPEED REFERENCE PLANE ANTI-PAD

An antipad or copper cutout region, shown in Figure 6, is needed to obtain desirable  $H_{pad}$  for impedance optimization. A table containing suggested values are shown in Table 1.



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