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Collimator Lens

Collimator Lens for *SiRad*® Evaluation Kits – Accessory for Radar Evaluation Boards

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1 Features

- Optional accessory for evaluation kits *SiRad Easy® r4*, *SiRad Easy®* and *SiRad Simple®*
- Focuses beam of radar front end
- Suitable for all radar frequencies between 20 and 325 GHz
- Optimized for TRX_120_001
- Increases range of radar front end
- Can be installed quickly and easily
- Reduces divergence of microwaves
- Made of HDPE plastic
- Made in Germany

2 Description

As shown in Figure 1, Silicon Radars evaluation kits can optionally be equipped with a collimator lens.

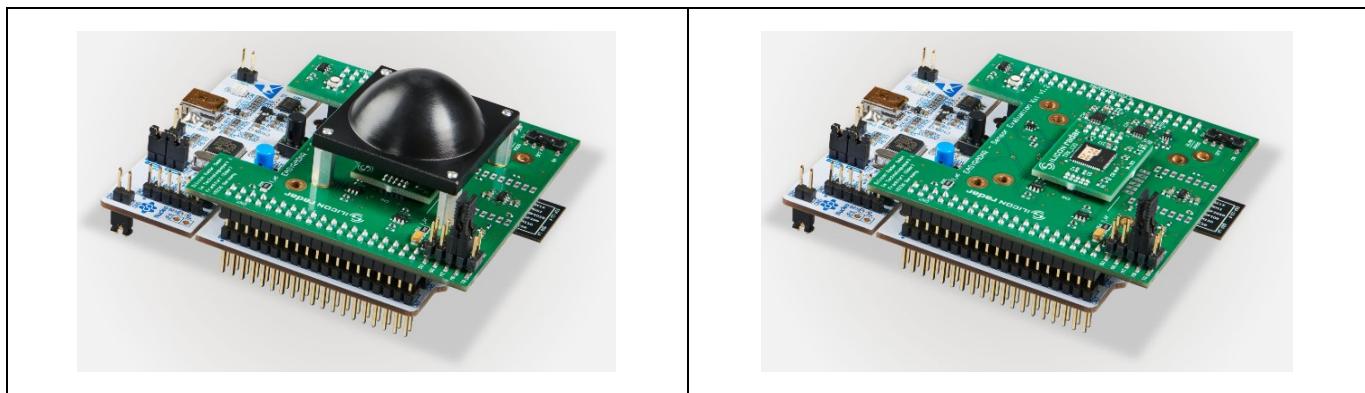


Figure 1 Evaluation kit *SiRad Easy®* with assembled lens

Figure 2 Evaluation kit *SiRad Easy®* without lens

The maximum range – e.g. of the 122 GHz front end TRX_120_001 – is approximately 40 meters with an opening angle of around ± 30 degrees (-6 dB) for strong targets like a building or car. The opening angle of the radar lobe can be reduced with the collecting lens enclosed. The focusing effect depends on the distance between radar front end and lens. With this lens mounted on spacers with a length of 15 mm as collimator, the opening angle decreases to around ± 4 degrees and the range can be significantly increased (depending on target situation).

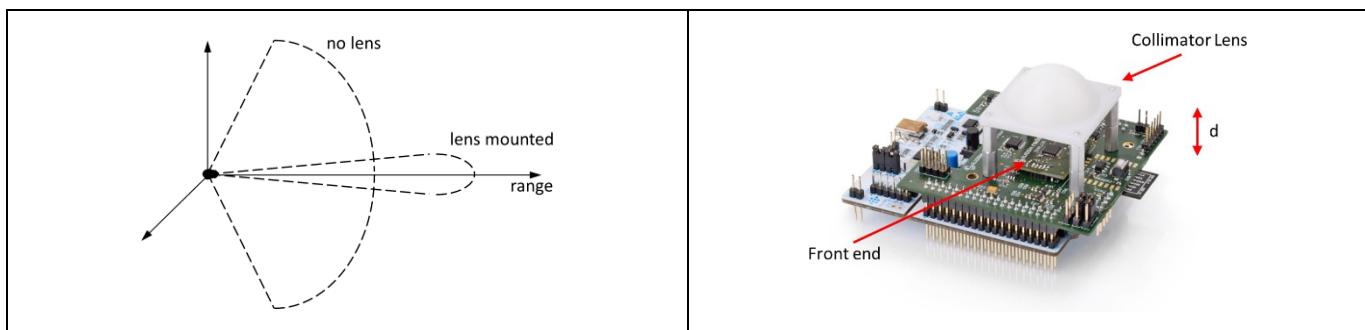


Figure 3 Schematic comparison of range with and without the collimator lens

Figure 4 Evaluation kit with assembled collimator lens

Figure 3 shows the radiation directivity without and with collimator lens mounted. The collimator lens should be mounted at a distance of about 10 to 15 mm from the radar front end's surface as depicted in Figure 4. For this purpose, 10-mm spacers are provided with the collimator lens.

3 Radiation Characteristics

The radiation characteristics of the evaluation kits *SiRad Easy® r4* and *SiRad Easy®* with the collimator lens is shown as blue curve in Figure 5. Here the lens has a suspension height of 10 mm resulting in an opening angle of about 20 degrees. For comparison, the measured radiation pattern without lens is depicted as red curve for different angles in the E and H plane, measured in both evaluation board orientations of 0° and 90°.

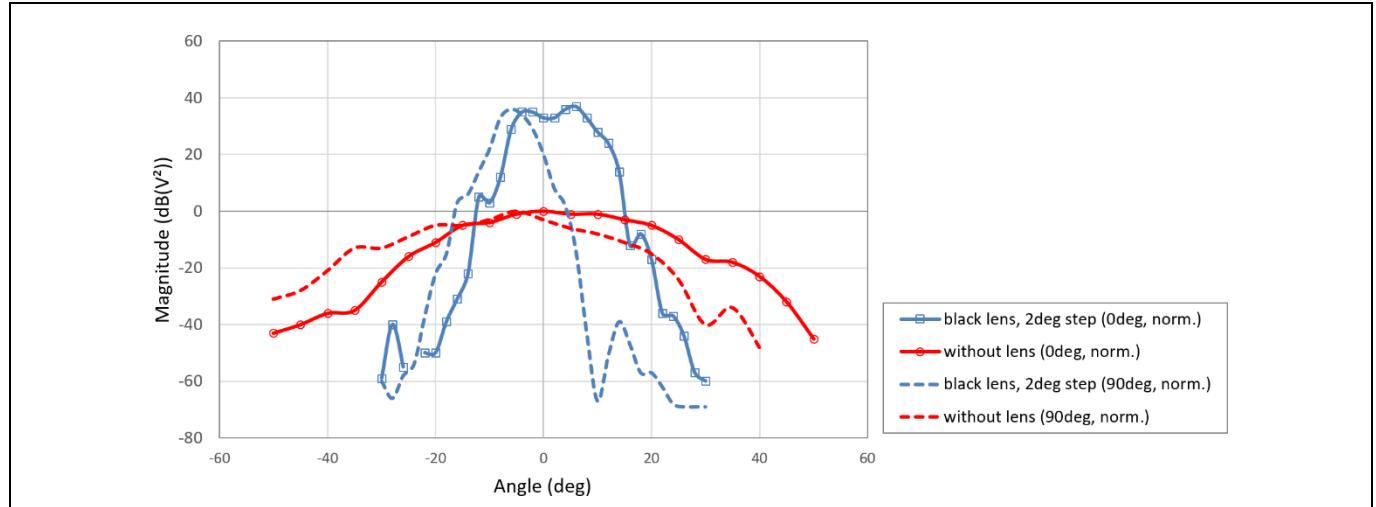


Figure 5 Measured radiation pattern for the radar system with assembled collimator lens with a lens suspension using 10-mm spacers and Silicon Radar's radar front end TRX_120_001 (evaluation board orientation to 0 and 90 degree, detector distance 90 cm). Antenna pattern measured with passive reflector.

4 Mechanical Characteristics

Mechanical dimensions of the plastic lens as shown in Figure 6:

Lens size:	36 mm × 36 mm	Size tolerance:	± 1 mm
Thickness, base plate:	3.5 mm	Thickness, overall:	15.7 mm
Hole distance:	31 mm × 31 mm	Hole diameter:	2.2 mm

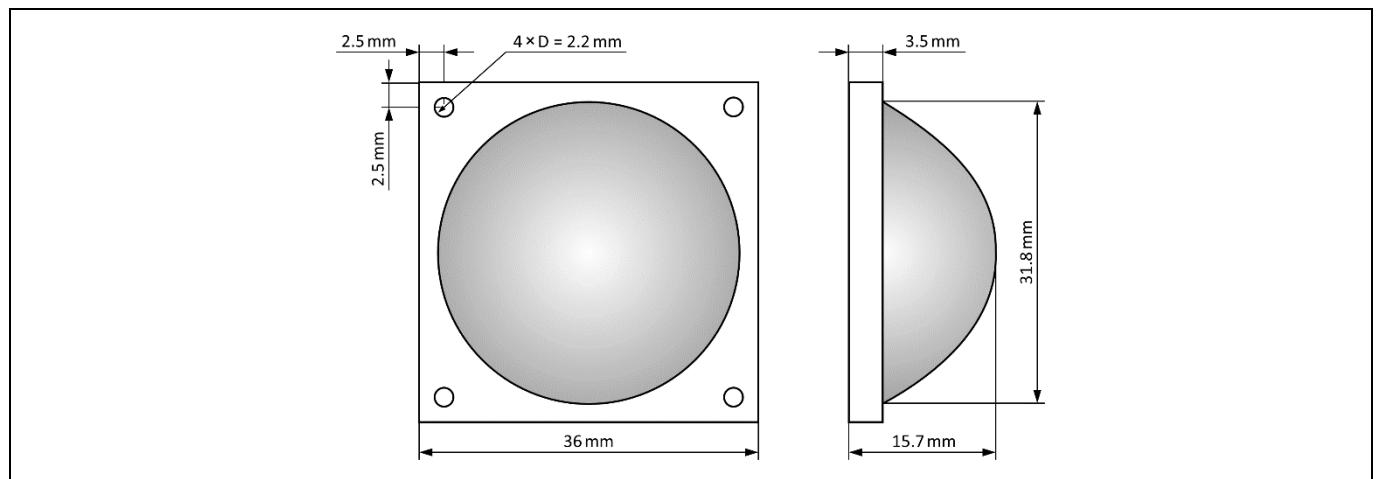


Figure 6 Top view (left) and side view (right) of the collimation lens

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