GD32VW553-MINI-IMK7
User Manual

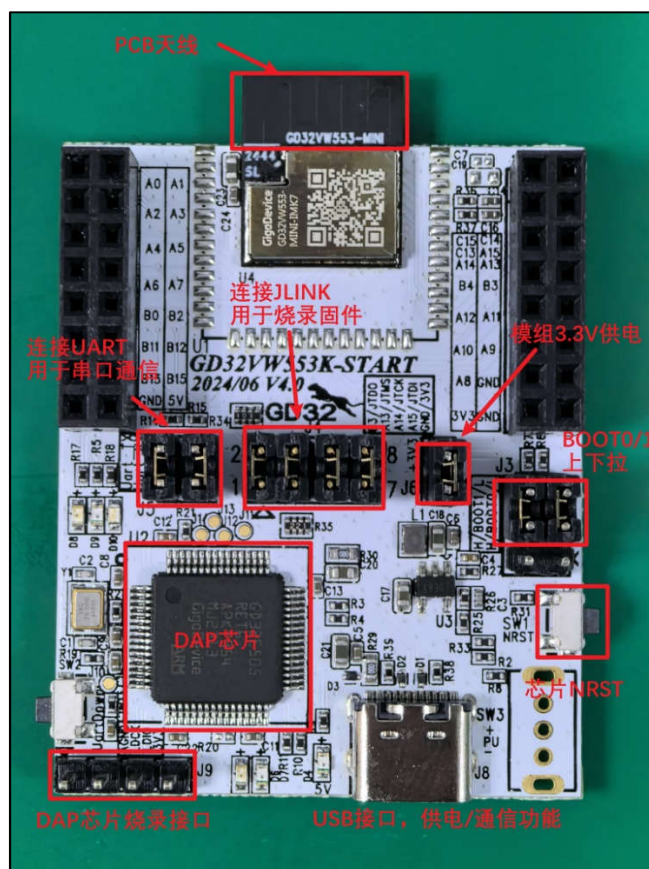# Contents

1 Test Preparation

1.1 Hardware Configuration

1. The module(on which the Wi-Fi chip "GD32VW553" is mounted) to be tested is shown in the figure below, where the EVAL board provides communication and power supply configurations for the module.

2. Before testing, make sure that the five jumpers shown in the picture are all connected, and the two dip switches on the lower right side need to be turned to the right.

3. The bottom right square button needs to be pressed to ensure that the module can be used. The side button at the bottom right corner is the reset button.

4. After connecting the USB cable to the computer, power supply and serial communication can be realized.

Module to be tested	GD32VW553-MINI-IMK7
Corresponding to the EVAL	GD32W553K-START V1.0

1.2 Software Configuration

1. Driver installation: After the EVAL board hardware and test system are set up, connect the EVAL board and the PC with a USB cable. First install the USB-Serial driver **"mbedWinSerial_16466.rar"** on the PC side. After decompression, double-click the .exe file to install. After the installation is complete, you can see the serial device and its serial number in the "Device Manager" on the PC side.

2. After the driver is installed, you can see the new "**GigaDevice**" drive letter in the PC-"**Explorer**", copy and paste the **RF test firmware** to this drive letter and wait a while, the firmware of the Wi-Fi chip can be burned, press the reset button to restart the chip.
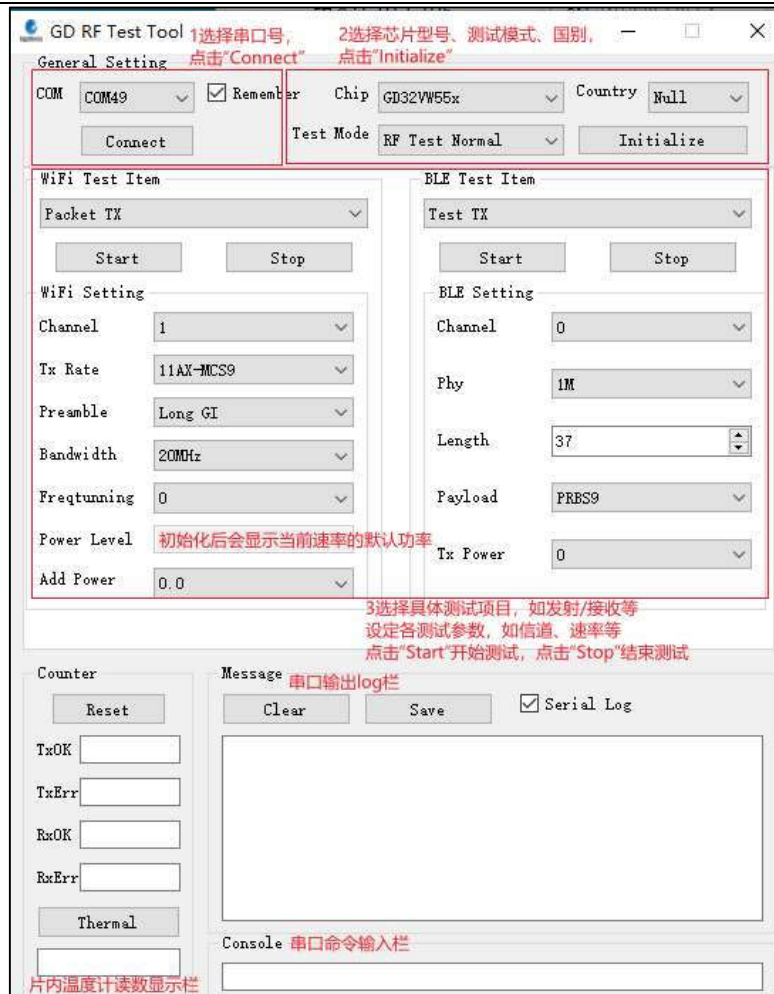

3. To start the test, use the test tool or serial port command. It is recommended to use the test tool to do the test.

2 Using of RF Test Tool

2.1 Introduction To The Tool

The following figure shows the interface and function description of the RF test tool named "**GD RF Test Tool**" used by the GD Wi-Fi chip.

2.2 Test Initialization

1. Serial port connection: select the serial port number from the "**COM**" drop-down menu in the tool interface, and click the button "**Connect**". At this time, the text displayed on the button will change to "**Disconnect**", indicating that the serial port is successfully connected. Otherwise, please check the serial port connection.

2. Mode setting: The default "**RF Test Normal**" does not need to be changed, "**Chip**" is fixed to "GD32VW55X", "**Country**" select the code corresponding to the certification, such as "FCC" or "CE". It takes effect after clicking "**Initialize**", and then the button displays the text "**De-initialize**", indicating that the RF Test Normal mode has been successfully entered. (Please note that the mode must be set correctly).

3. If the development board is restarted or replaced with other development boards during the test, you need to repeat steps 1-2. If the button is displayed as the previous state "Disconnect" and "De-initialize" at this time, you need to press it twice in succession to reconnect and initialize the serial port.
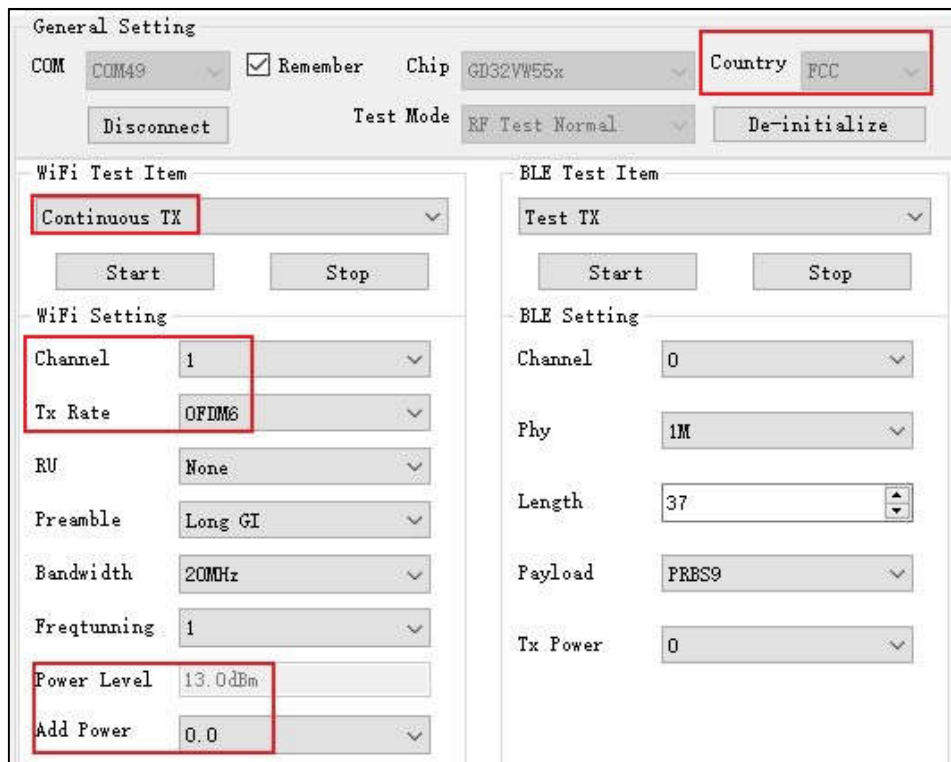
2.3 WiFi Continuous Packet TX Test

This test item is defined as tx duty=100% modulated signal, used to examine the transmitted spectrum waveform and harmonic characteristics, among others.

1. DUT settings: Set "**WiFi Test Item**"="**Continuous TX**" in the tool interface to "**Continuous TX**", and set options such as "**Channel**", "**Rate**".

2. The "RU" column is set to "**None**" by default, corresponding to testing 11AX SU. For testing different RU in 11AX Trigger Based, you simply need to make the appropriate selection from the "RU" dropdown menu.

3. After the above settings are completed, the lower "**power level**" column will automatically display the default power for this rate. Adjust the transmit power by setting the "**add power**" value, and then click "**Start**", and the chip will start TX RF signal.

4. The opposite instrument receives the signal and starts the test.

5. TX adjustment: If need to modify any of the above settings, click "**Stop**" to stop tx, then modify the settings, and then click "**Start**" to start the test.

6. For "**add power**", it is used to adjust the transmit power, step unit = 0.25db, expected power = default power ("**power level**") + power adjustment value ("**add power**").

Note: The expected power mentioned above is an empirical value. Actual measurements may have some deviations. If the deviation exceeds 0.5 dB, you will need to make slight adjustments to the "Add Power" value to achieve the target power value.

As shown in the figure below, it means channel=1(2412MHz), rate=11G 6M, power=17dbm, continuous tx.

2.4 WiFi Receiving Test

This test item is used to test the receiving performance. The testing environment requires a shielded room with no external interference.

1. Set "**WiFi Test Item**" to "**Packet RX**", set "**Channel**", "**Bandwidth**".

2. Click "**Start**" and then click "**Reset**" to clear the counters.

3. At this point, with no packets being transmitted by the instrument, observe the numbers of the "**RxOK**" and "**RxErr**" counters at the bottom left of the interface for a few seconds. Confirm that the counters remain empty (indicating a "clean" environment). Then, proceed to configure the instrument to start transmitting packets.

4. After the instrument has finished transmitting packets, record the results of the counters on the interface, specifically the number of RxOK packets. Calculate the Packet Error Rate (PER) using the formula: PER = (Total number of transmitted packets - RxOK) / Total number of transmitted packets.

   For WiFi protocols, the PER requirements are as follows:

   - For 11b rate: PER should be $\leqslant$ 8%.

   - For 11g/n rate: PER should be $\leqslant$ 10%.

5. If you need to retest, simply repeat steps 2-4.

It is commonly recommended to use a packet length of 1024 bytes and a total of 1000 packets for testing the RX using the waveform generated by the instrument. In the example shown in the following figure, the Packet RX Tool settings include channel = 1 (2412MHz), rate = 11G 6M, and a total of 1000 transmitted packets by the instrument. If the RxOK counter on the interface shows a value of 938, the Packet Error Rate (PER) can be calculated as (1000 - 938) / 1000 = 6.2%, which is below the permissible limit of 10%. Therefore, the test result is considered a pass.

2.5 BLE Continuous Packet TX test

This testing item is defined as a duty=100% modulation signal for TX testing, used to examine the transmitted spectrum waveform and harmonic characteristics, among others.
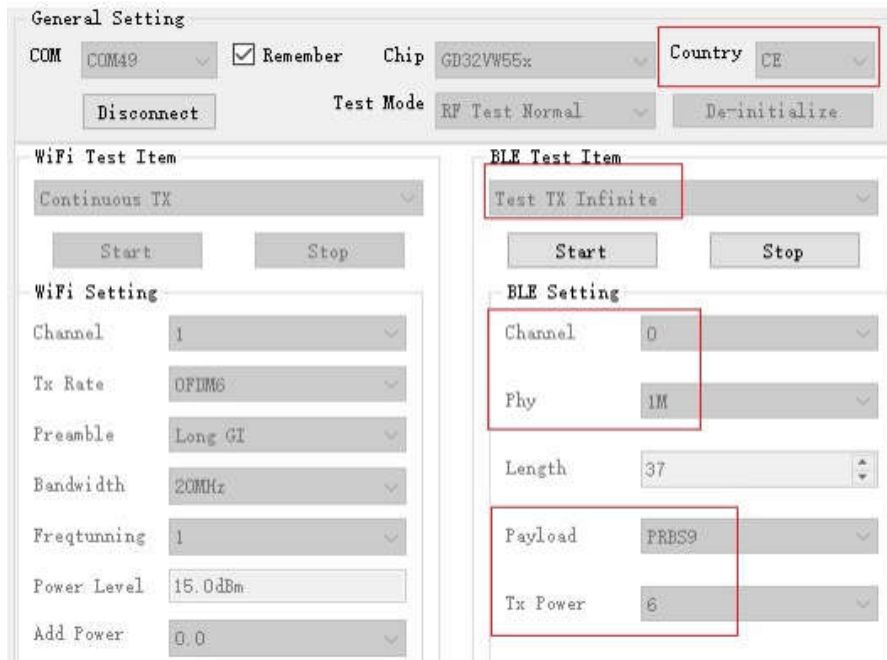
Here are the steps to perform the test:

1. Set the "**BLE Test Item**" to "**Test TX Infinite**." Configure the parameters such as "**Channel**," "**Phy**", "**Length**," and "**Payload**" according to the specifications. Set the "**Tx Power**" based on the target power mentioned in section 1.3. Once everything is set, click "**Start**" to initiate the test.

2. To adjust the TX power, you can first click "**Stop**" to halt the transmission. Then, modify the "**Tx Power**" value, which represents an absolute value in dBm. For instance, setting it to "5" would mean 5 dBm.

   Note: The power value mentioned above is an empirical value, and actual measurements may have slight deviations. If the deviation exceeds 0.5 dB, you should adjust the "**Tx Power**" value to achieve the target power.

3. To view the test results, click "**Stop**" to end the testing process.

As for the BLE Test TX Infinite Tool settings shown in Figure below, they indicate a test for CE certification. The specific settings are as follows: Channel = 0 (2402MHz), Phy = 1M, Payload = "PRBS9", Tx Power = 6 dBm

2.6 BLE Receiving Test

This test item is used to test the receiving performance. The testing environment requires a shielded room with no external interference.

1. Set the "**BLE Test Item**" to "**Test RX**" Configure the parameters such as "**Channel**" and "**Phy**" as per your requirements. Once everything is set, click "Start" to initiate the test.

2. Based on the above parameters, configure the instrument and start transmitting (TX)

packets accordingly.

3. After the instrument finishes receiving the packets, click "**Stop**," and the "**RXOK**" field will display the number of packets that were correctly received during the test.

As for the BLE Receiving Test Tool settings shown in Figure below, it appears that the test is being conducted with the following settings: Channel=39 (2480MHz), Phy="**Coded**", Test RX started.

3. Wireless radio characteristics

3.1.　　Wi-Fi characteristics

Table 2-1. Wi-Fi characteristics

Features	Description		
WLAN Standard	IEEE 802.11 b/g/n/ax		
Range of frequency	2412 MHz ~ 2484 MHz		
channels	2.4GHz：Channel 1 ~ 14		
Transmitter characteristics	**Rate**	**Typical value**	**Unit**
Output Power (Pass 802.11 Mask & EVM spec.)	802.11b /1Mbps	23.4	dBm
	802.11b /11Mbps	23.4	
	802.11g /6Mbps	22.3	
	802.11g /54Mbps	20.1	
	802.11n, HT20 /MCS0	20.5	
	802.11n, HT20 /MCS7	19.5	
	802.11ax, HE20 /MCS0	21.2	
	802.11ax, HE20 /MCS9	17.6	
Receiver characteristics	**Rate**	**Typical value**	**Unit**
Sensitivity (Pass 802.11 PER spec.)	802.11b /1Mbps	-100.1	dBm
	802.11b /11Mbps	-92.0	
	802.11g /6Mbps	-95.6	
	802.11g /54Mbps	-79.0	
	802.11n, HT20 /MCS0	-95.5	
	802.11n, HT20 /MCS7	-76.5	
	802.11ax, HE20 /MCS0	-95.4	
	802.11ax, HE20 /MCS9	-69.8	
Maximum input Level (Pass 802.11 PER spec.)	802.11b /1Mbps	10	dBm
	802.11b /11Mbps	10	
	802.11g /6Mbps	10	
	802.11g /54Mbps	0.4	
	802.11n, HT20 /MCS0	10	
	802.11n, HT20 /MCS7	-1.1	
	802.11ax, HE20 /MCS0	10	
	802.11ax, HE20 /MCS9	-5.0	
Adjacent Channel Rejection (Pass 802.11 spec.)	802.11b /1Mbps	45.3	dB
	802.11b /11Mbps	45.3	
	802.11g /6Mbps	29.5	

802.11g /54Mbps	10.3	
802.11n, HT20 /MCS0	27.8	
802.11n, HT20 /MCS7	9	
802.11ax, HE20 /MCS0	24.3	
802.11ax, HE20 /MCS9	-1.8	

3.2. Bluetooth LE characteristics

Table 2-2. BLE characteristics

Features	Description	
Bluetooth LE Specification	Bluetooth LE V5.2	
Host interface	UART	
Range of frequency	2402 MHz ~ 2480 MHz	
channels	40	
Transmitter characteristics		
Transmitter Power Range	-24.0 ~ 15.0 dBm	
Receiver characteristics	**Rate**	**Typical Value (dBm)**
Receiver Sensitivity (@ PER=30.8%.)	LE 1Mbps	-101.2
	LE 2Mbps	-98.0
	LE 125Kbps	-108.2
	LE 500Kbps	-102.3
Receiver Maximum input Level (@ PER=30.8%.)	LE 1Mbps	10
	LE 2Mbps	10
	LE 125Kbps	10
	LE 500Kbps	10

4 Warning

4.1 OEM/Integrators Installation Manual

Important Notice to OEM integrators

1. This module is limited to OEM installation ONLY.

2. This module is limited to installation in mobile or fixed applications, according to Part 2.1091(b).

3. The separate approval is required for all other operating configurations, including portable configurations with respect to Part 2.1093 and different antenna configurations

4. For FCC Part 15.31 (h) and (k): The host manufacturer is responsible for additional testing to verify compliance as a composite system. When testing the host device for compliance with Part

15 Subpart B, the host manufacturer is required to show compliance with Part 15 Subpart B while the transmitter module(s) are installed and operating. The modules should be transmitting and the evaluation should confirm that the module's intentional emissions are compliant (i.e. fundamental and out of band emissions). The host manufacturer must verify that there are no additional unintentional emissions other than what is permitted in Part 15 Subpart B or emissions are complaint with the transmitter(s) rule(s).

The Grantee will provide guidance to the host manufacturer for Part 15 B requirements if needed.

Important Note

notice that any deviation(s) from the defined parameters of the antenna trace, as described by the instructions, require that the host product manufacturer must notify to GigaDevice Semiconductor Inc. that they wish to change the antenna trace design. In this case, a Class II permissive change application is required to be filed by the USI, or the host manufacturer can take responsibility through the change in FCC ID (new application) procedure followed by a Class II permissive change application.

End Product Labeling

When the module is installed in the host device, the FCC ID label must be visible through a window on the final device or it must be visible when an access panel, door or cover is easily re-moved. If not, a second label must be placed on the outside of the final device that contains the following text: "Contains FCC ID:2A3BS-GDVW553MINI-I"

The FCC ID can be used only when all FCC compliance requirements are met.

Antenna Installation

(1) The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users,

(2) The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna.

(3) Only antennas of the same type and with equal or less gains as shown below may be used with this module. Other types of antennas and/or higher gain antennas may require additional authorization for operation.

Antenna type	PCB Antenna
2.4GHz WLAN Peak Gain (dBi)	3.6
BLE Peak Gain (dBi)	3.6

In the event that these conditions cannot be met (for example certain laptop configurations or co-location with another transmitter), then the FCC authorization is no longer considered valid and the FCC ID cannot be used on the final product. In these circumstances, the OEM integrator will be responsible for re-evaluating the end product (including the transmitter) and obtaining a separate FCC authorization.

Manual Information to the End User

The OEM integrator has to be aware not to provide information to the end user regarding how to install or remove this RF module in the user's manual of the end product which integrates this module. The end user manual shall include all required regulatory information/warning as show in this manual.

Federal Communication Commission Interference Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.

- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment. This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

List of applicable FCC rules

This module has been tested and found to comply with part 15.247 requirements for Modular Approval.

The modular transmitter is only FCC authorized for the specific rule parts (i.e., FCC transmitter rules) listed on the grant, and that the host product manufacturer is responsible for compliance to any other FCC rules that apply to the host not covered by the modular transmitter grant of certification. If the grantee markets their product as being Part 15 Subpart B compliant (when it also contains unintentional-radiator digital circuity), then the grantee shall provide a notice stating that the final host product still requires Part 15 Subpart B compliance testing with the modular transmitter installed.

This device is intended only for OEM integrators under the following conditions: (For module device use)

1) The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users, and
2) The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna. As long as 2 conditions above are met, further transmitter test will not be required. However, the OEM integrator is still responsible for testing their end-product for any additional compliance requirements required with this module installed.

Radiation Exposure Statement

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20 cm between the radiator & your body.

Manufacturer and EU Importer Information

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4.2   RF Exposure Information for CE

The device could be used with a separation distance of 20cm to the human body.

4.3   DoC website information for CE

Hereby, GigaDevice Semiconductor Inc. declares that the radio equipment type GD32VW553-MINI-IMK7 is in compliance with Directive 2014/53/EU. Please see the following website for more details: GigaDevice-Get access on the GD32 MCU supporting software and hardware resource (https://www.gd32mcu.com/en/download?kw=GD32VW5)

4.4 Label sample

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