NE866B1 Series

LTE Cat NB1 | Embedded

15 mm

19 mm

2.2 mm

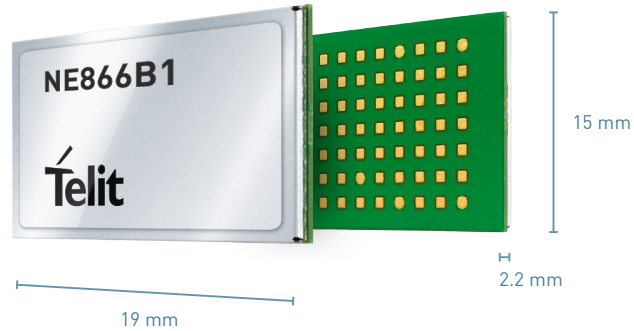## Product Description

The NE866B1 is the first Category NB1 - aka Narrowband IoT (NB-IoT) - product in the Telit portfolio. Specified in the approved Release 13 of the 3GPP standard, Cat NB1 devices are specifically tailored for IoT applications, offering optimized power consumption and enhanced coverage. In addition, with its ultra compact 15 x 19 mm LGA footprint, the NE866B1 is designed for size sensitive applications.

This next generation of products supports the new features specified by 3GPP to boost IoT applications, such as the Power Saving Mode (PSM) and the extended Discontinuous Reception (eDRX), which allow the devices to wake up periodically to deliver only very small amounts of data to the network and then go back to sleep for most of the time, thus allowing longer battery operation. Enhanced coverage, with up to +20dB in maximum coupling loss (MCL) compared to the other cellular technologies, is also one of the key benefits of this new LTE flavour. LTE Cat NB1 devices are therefore optimized in cost, size and power consumption compared to higher UE categories. These advantages make the NE866B1 the perfect platform to enable a quick implementation of LTE technology in IoT/M2M where low cost and low power are more relevant than high speed.

The NE866B1 helps increase the addressable market for LTE technology to include a broad range of new applications and use cases best served with lower maximum data rate, ultra-low power, reduced complexity and cost. Some examples are smart metering, smart parking, smart agriculture, waste collection, industrial sensors, healthcare monitors, home automation, and many more low data rate IoT devices. The NE866B1 is offered in a dual-band configuration for deployment in the European and Chinese NB-IoT networks, either in in-band, guard-band or standalone mode; additional regional variants will follow. It is highly recommended for new designs, but also in particular as a migration path for existing GPRS devices, both new and updated designs benefit from a significant extension in lifecycle with LTE Cat NB1.

The NE866B1 supports embedded SIM chip as a mounting option, making it the ideal solution for durable and rugged designs, and reducing BOM cost and size on the customer's application.

Key Benefits

- Design once and deploy globally, thanks to the xE866 form factor family

- Very small LGA package is ideally suited for low profile integrated solutions, limited real estate application boards, reducing cost in high-volume applications, as well as saving space and weight in portable devices

- Perfect platform for regional IoT applications such as smart metering, security & surveillance, point of sales, health monitoring, fleet management, asset tracking and wearable devices

- LTE UE Category NB1 compliant to the latest 3GPP Release 13 enhanced Machine-Type Communication (eMTC), specifically designed for IoT use cases, offering minimum power consumption and extended coverage

Family Concept

The xE866 nested family includes pin-to-pin compatible 2G, 3G and 4G modules – the GE866, UE866 and LE866 respectively – making it another pillar of the concept "design once and deploy globally." It enables integrators to develop a single PCB layout for 2G, 3G and 4G Cat 1, M1 and NB1 technologies.

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Product Features

Supported bands:
- NE866B1-E1
- Dual band LTE B8/B20
- Single Rx
- Half Duplex FDD
- LTE UE Category NB1
- 3GPP Rel. 13 compliant
- 3GPP Rel. 12 Power Saving Mode (PSM)
- 3GPP Rel. 13 Extended Discontinuous Reception (eDRX)
- 3GPP Rel. 13 Extended coverage
- OMA Lightweight M2M (LWM2M)
- Control via AT commands according to 3GPP TS27.005, 27.007 and customized AT commands
- Embedded UDP/IP stack

Data

LTE Category NB1
- Uplink up to 20 kbps (single-tone)
- Downlink up to 250 kbps

Physical & Environmental

- Miniaturized dimensions 15 x 19 x 2.2 mm
- Extended temperature range: -40 to +85 °C

Interfaces

- UART
- SPI - for future release
- I2C (SW emulated) - for future release
- GPIO
- ADC
- DAC
- 1.8 V SIM interface
- Optional embedded SIM chip

Approvals

- RED (Europe)
- CCC (China)
- GCF

Electrical

- Supply voltage
  - Nominal: 3.8 VDC

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