

# USER'S GUIDE: TITAN SPIRAL

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## 1. About tag components

### 1-1. Why Alien Higgs3?

- Because it's one of best performing chips. Though it's most expensive, RFcamp has used Higgs3 – made by Alien Technology – since it was firstly released in 2008. Impinj has released comparably good chips – Monza4 and 5 – in recent years, but RFcamp will go together with Higgs3 in order to maintain our product consistency and keep trust among our long term customers.
- Nevertheless, RFcamp is always keen on new released chips from Impinj and NXP, and if we find out change of chips is needed for customer satisfaction, we will change it anytime.

### 1-2. Memory architecture – Alien Higgs3

- Higgs3 has total 800 bits memory, comprised of 96 EPC bits (extensible to 480 bits), 512 user bits, 64 bits unique TID, 32 bits Access and 32 bits Kill Passwords. Due to its flexible memory architecture, customers can easily allocate EPC and User memory for different uses. For further information, please contact RFcamp or visit Alien's website ([www.alientechnology.com](http://www.alientechnology.com)).

### 1-3. Why glass fiber (PCB FR4) for packaging materials?

- Because it's most stable and market proven materials in electric and antenna industries for + 40 years. Since year of 2004, RFcamp has focused on glass fiber as main materials for tag antenna substrates, while other tag makers focus on polymer, ceramic, etc. RFcamp has given #1 priority on product consistency and reliability, though pursuing new materials is also important.
- Recently, there appear several tag manufacturers who copy our glass fiber tags, but they can not copy our quality. RFcamp has unparalleled unique multi-layer PCB lamination technology, resisting against harshest water ingression and temperature conditions.

### 1-4. Why wire bonding technology?

- For tag manufacturers, choice of best chip attachment method is the most important, because it determines product reliability under harsh environment. Flip chip method, though it's cheapest, is vulnerable and weakest against temperature shock and mechanical stresses. Soldering method, though it's robust, is expensive and hard to work on small tags. Some says soldering is not costly. It's correct, however, only when they adopt cheap and low temperature soldering process. Tags from this cheap soldering method can not withstand > 120°C degree.
- RFcamp, therefore, has chosen wire bonding technology to achieve tag robustness in economical way, since established in year 2004.

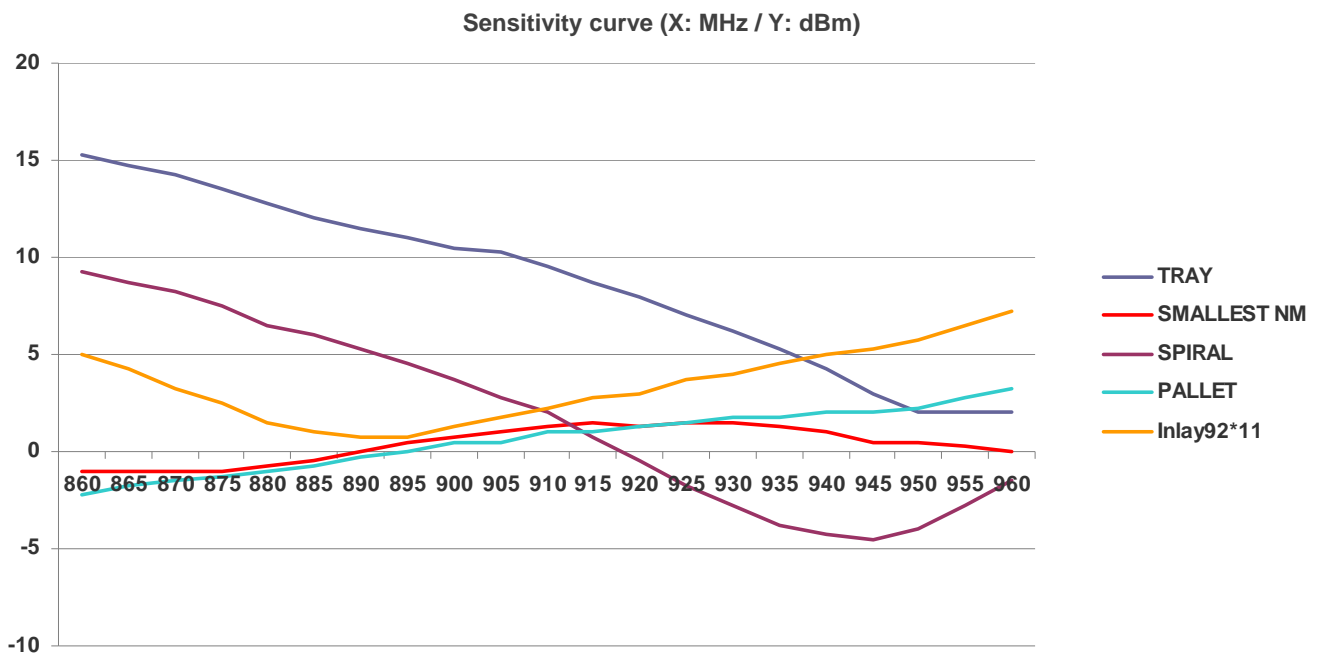
### 1-5. Why gold plated antenna?

- Chip bonded strength on antenna is highest when antenna is plated gold. Compared with aluminum, copper or silver ink antenna, gold plated antenna enhance >30% higher strength.

## 2. About tag read performance

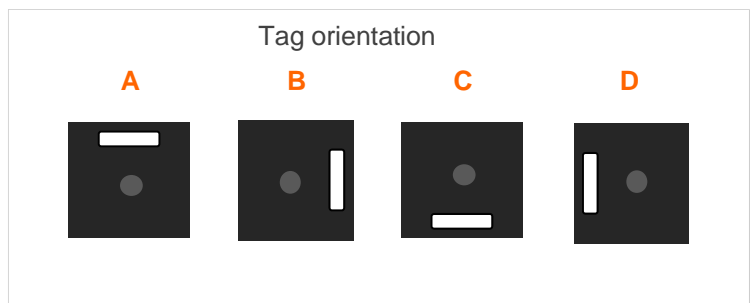
### 2-1. Main features (compared with other Titan tags)

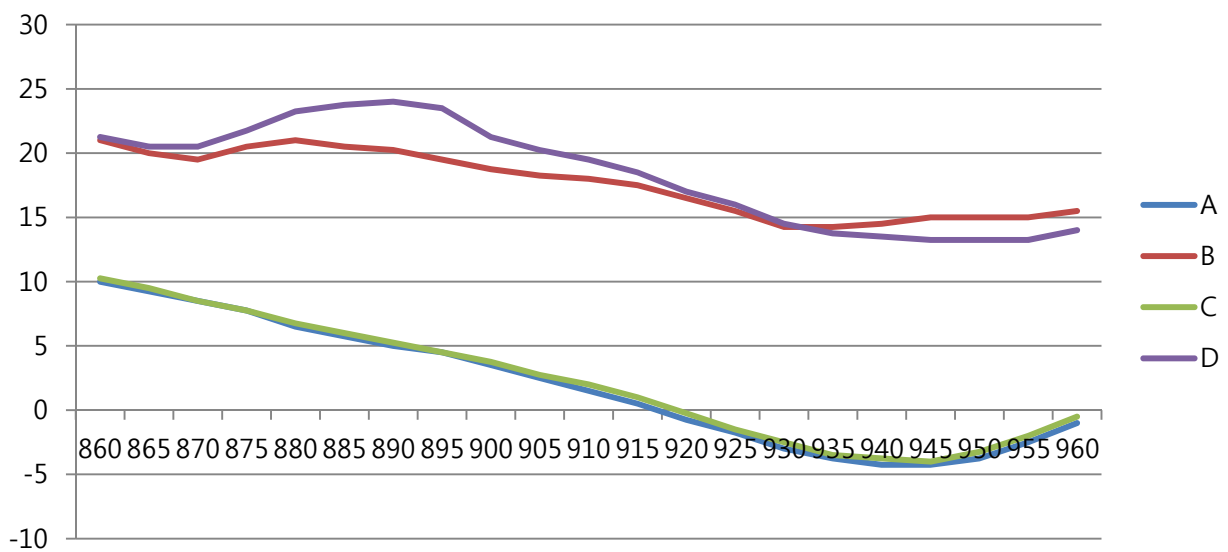
- RFcamp has lined up 4 kinds Titan (Hard) tags for only non-metal applications – TRAY, SMALLEST NM, SPIRAL and PALLET. Among them, SPIRAL is only one square type with oval hole for tie-on application.
- Because it's developed for tie-on applications, it is designed best readable when reader antenna and tag surface faces each other in 45 degree's angle. Also, SPIRAL covers broad frequency from EU to US band, and performs good in humid and watery environment. However, SPIRAL reads much better in US band than in EU band, please note.
- Here below graph shows sensitivity curve comparison among SMALLEST NM, TRAY, SPIRAL, PALLET and Gen2 inlays of 92mm\*11mm from global brand's.



### 2-2. Tag orientation and read performance

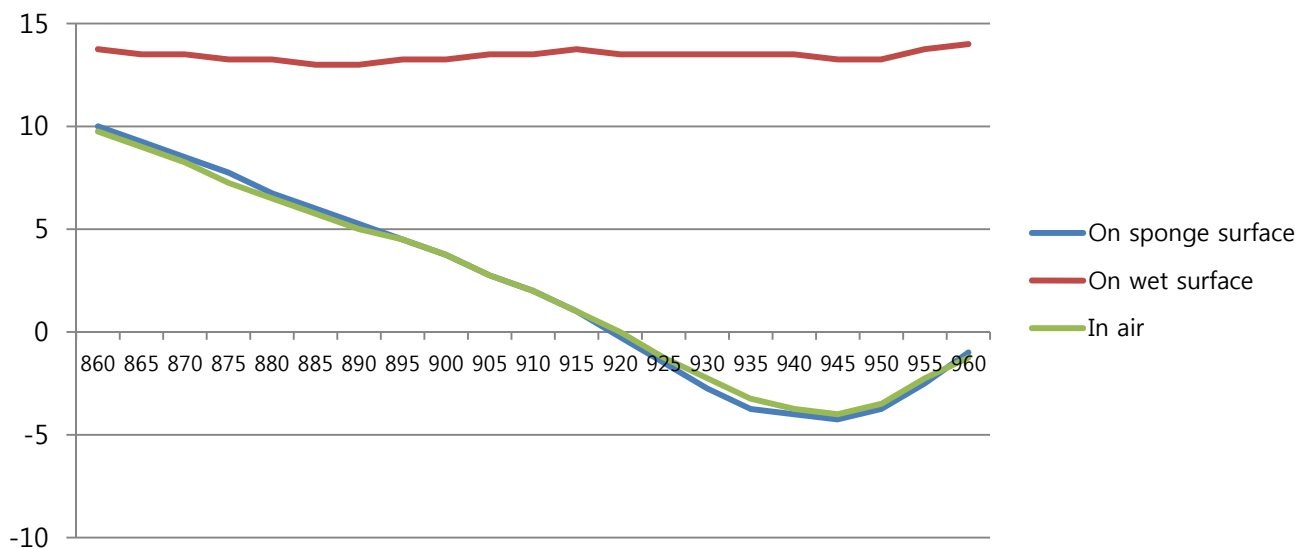
- Though with square feature, SPIRAL shows huge read performance difference by how it is oriented.
- See the picture right, and you can see four options of orientation as A, B, C and D and that A and C performs good, but B and D performs much behind.





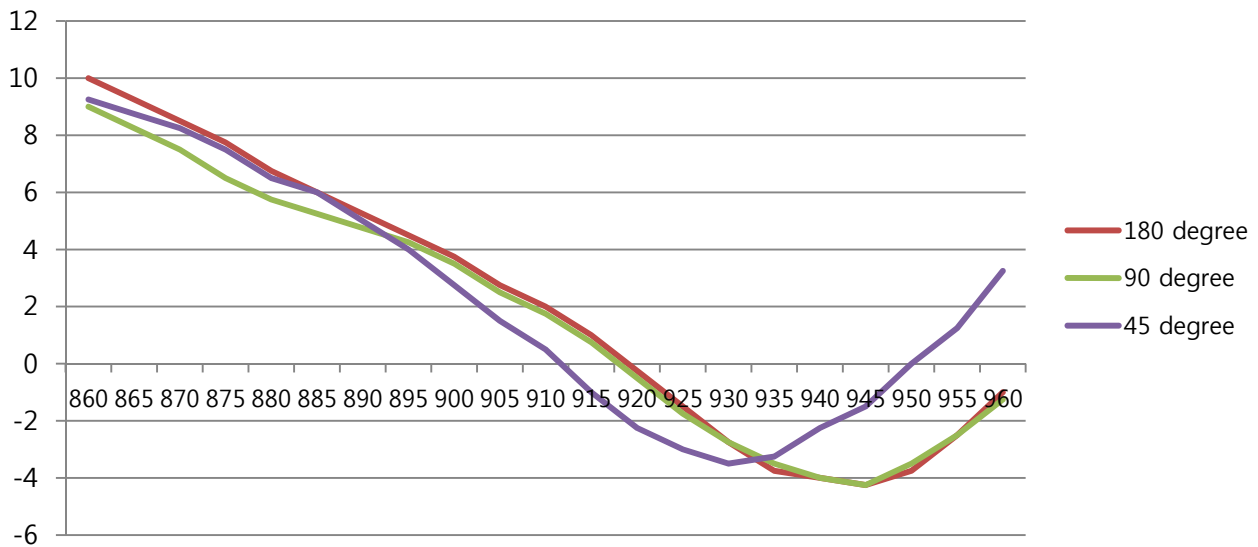
### 2-3. Tag attachment and read performance

- SPIRAL is designed and developed for tie-on applications, and it performs best when it hangs in the air, as can be seen in the graph below. Sponge is similar to open air in its dielectric feature, so performs same. However, on wet surface (of high dielectric constant), it performs worst.
- SPIRAL is for tie-on applications and if user would require tag on surface, please choose SMALLEST NM or TRAY or PALLET.



## 2-4. Angle between tag and reader antenna

- SPIRAL is developed for tie-on applications, and it performs good, regardless of angle between tag and reader antenna. Please see the graph below, and you can see that performance is stable among three scenarios – 180 degree between reader antenna and tag, 90 degree or 45 degree.
- Spiral is originally designed for 45 degree's angle between reader antenna and tag, because in tie-on applications, 45 degree is known most common angle between the two.



## 2-5. Environment and read performance

- Temperature: Silicon RFID chips can work only within temperature range between -45°C and 85°C. When temperature goes beyond this range, its performance dramatically declines and at certain point becomes zero. Once temperature gets back in the range, its performance recovers in a few minutes. Even within the range, cold or hot environment may lower both tag and reader performance.
- Humidity: UHF tag performance is significantly influenced by humidity. In high humid atmosphere, tag read performance may decrease by 30% or more.
- Liquids: Just one drop of water on small UHF tag may decrease tag performance by up to 90%.
- RF interference and read performance: Tag performance is significantly influenced by RFI (Radio Frequency Interference) and EMI (Electro-Magnetic Interference). Also ESD (Electrical Static Discharge) may have effects on tag performance.

### **3. About tag resistance**

#### **3-1. Operating temperature**

- Read first paragraph of 2-5, page#5.

#### **3-2. Storage and peak temperature**

- High temperature: Titan tags can withstand 180°C for 24hrs, 200°C for 6hrs and 208°C for a short time. RFcamp recommends Titan tags be applied at environments under 180°C. Contact RFcamp if environments require tags to withstand high temperature, pressure, mechanical stress and humidity all together.
- Low temperature: Titan tags can withstand -55°C for 168hours. Contact RFcamp if environments require tags to withstand low temperature and mechanical stress together.

#### **3-3. Water ingress**

- Titan tags is IP68 compliant, withstand able against 1 meter's water depth for 24 hours. It does not mean, however, tags maintain read performance in water.

#### **3-4. Static electricity**

- UHF Gen2 EEPROM silicon chips are comparatively weak against static electricity (ESD) and can survive only 2KV. With robust encapsulation, Titan tags can effective protect silicon chips and can survive 10KV.

#### **3-5. Mechanical stress**

- Titan tags have unparalleled robustness with stable gold plated antenna, wire bonding, hardest epoxy chip encapsulation, and multi-layer fiber glass lamination under >180C degree.
- Please read product datasheet for further information on mechanical stress tests Titan tags have undergone.

#### **3-6. Chemical stress**

- Please read product datasheet for further information on chemical materials Titan tags can withstand against. If environments require tags to withstand other materials listed in product datasheets, contact RFcamp.

## **4. About tag attaching method**

### **4-1. Plastic cable tie or similar hanging devices**

•RFCamp recommends users apply plastic cable tie or similar devices in order to maintain best read performance and to prevent any RF interference caused by metal ones. However, users should be careful using cheap cable tie made of nylon, which is very weak against liquid and temperature stresses. Please contact RFCamp before choosing plastic cable ties.

### **4-2. Metallic cable tie or similar hanging devices**

•If metallic cable tie is pre-requisite, please contact RFCamp and discuss tie width and bending diameter and method, etc.

## 5. About added service

### 5-1. Chip pre-programming

- Please note that RFcamp provides chip pre-programming service only for EPC memory sector, not for User memory sector. Alien Higgs3 chips, with its flexible memory architecture, can allocate 512 bits to EPC memory sector. (see 1-2, page#2). Therefore, RFcamp can pre-program chips with codes from 16 bits (4 digits decimal or hex or ASCII) to 512 bits (128 digits decimal or hex or ASCII), upon users' request. Please note that pre-programmable codes be 4 multiple digits.
- Please send chip pre-programming data as Microsoft Excel format or just starting/ending data, if sequentially serialized. RFcamp can pre-program 50K tags on daily basis.

Pre-programmable?	Yes	No
4 multiple digits	0001 99023100 123456781234567812345678	00001 : 5 digits 990231 : 6 digits 12 : 2 digits
Decimal, hex or ASCII	1A234CF0	013456P4 : P - Not programmable

### 5-2. Customized label

- RFcamp provides quick and reasonably priced customized label service. Standard label media, Avery Dennison made, is white or yellow paper, with polymer film over-laminated for water proof and hard to tear purpose. ZEBRA thermal transfer barcode printer with BARTENDER software prints out variable data with text as well as 1D/2D barcode.
- If users want their own multi colored symbol or logo, please send Adobe Illustrator or Corel Draw file first and discuss cost and lead time.

### 5-3. Laser marking

- For more robust marking under high temperature, RFcamp recommends direct laser marking on tag surface. With etched yellow color, It can mark variable data and text as well as 1D/2D barcode.
- If users want their own symbol or logo, please send Adobe Illustrator or Corel Draw file first and discuss cost and lead time.

### 5-4. Direct (silkscreen) printing

- If users want multi colored symbol or text under harsh environment, RFcamp recommends direct mark on tag surface by silkscreen printing. Only fixed data can be printed.
- If users want their own symbol or logo, please send Adobe Illustrator or Corel Draw file first and discuss cost and lead time.