

Features

- High Gain: 24.5 dB
- P1dB: 32.5 dBm
- P3dB: 33.5 dBm
- IM3 Level: -17.5 dBc @ P_{OUT} = 30 dBm/tone
- Power Added Efficiency: 26% @ P3dB
- Temperature Compensated Output Power Detector
- Lead-Free 5 mm AQFN 32-lead Package
- RoHS* Compliant

Description

The MAAP-011298 is a 2.3 Watt, 4-stage power amplifier assembled in a lead-free 5 mm 32-lead AQFN plastic package. This power amplifier operates from 27 to 31.5 GHz and provides 24.5 dB of linear gain, 2.3 W saturated output power and 26% efficiency while biased at 6 V.

The MAAP-011298 can be used as a power amplifier stage or as a driver stage in higher power applications. This device is ideally suited for VSAT and 28 GHz PTP applications.

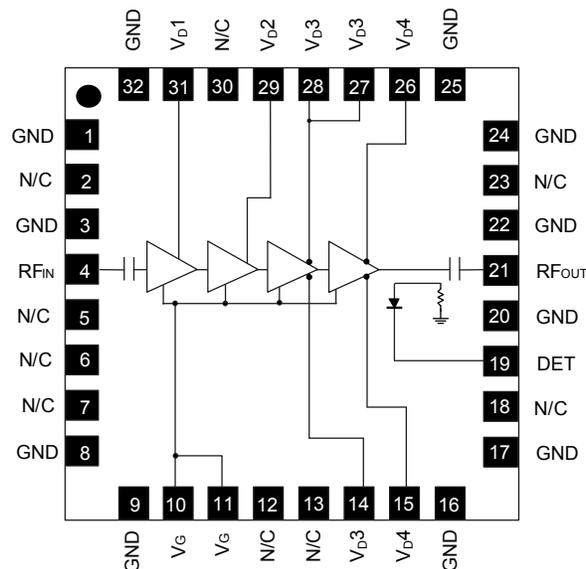
This product is fabricated using a GaAs pHEMT process which features full passivation for enhanced reliability.

Ordering Information^{1,2}

Part Number	Package
MAAP-011298-TR0500	500 piece reel
MAAP-011298-SMB	sample board

1. Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.
2. All sample boards include 3 loose parts.

Functional Schematic



Pin Configuration^{3,4}

Pin #	Pin Name	Description
4	RF _{IN}	RF Input
10, 11	V _G	Gate Voltage
14, 27, 28	V _{D3}	Drain Voltage 3
15, 26	V _{D4}	Drain Voltage 4
19	DET	Power Detector
21	RF _{OUT}	RF Output
29	V _{D2}	Drain Voltage 2
31	V _{D1}	Drain Voltage 1
1, 3, 8, 9, 16, 20, 22, 24, 25, 32	GND	Ground
2, 5 - 7, 12, 13, 18, 23, 30	N/C	No Connection

3. MACOM recommends connecting all No Connection (N/C) pins to ground.
4. The exposed pad centered on the package bottom must be connected to RF, DC and thermal ground.

* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, compliant to current RoHS EU directive.

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Electrical Specifications: $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_D = 6\text{ V}$, $Z_0 = 50\ \Omega$

Parameter	Test Conditions	Units	Min.	Typ.	Max.
Gain	$P_{IN} = -5\text{ dBm}$, 27 GHz $P_{IN} = -5\text{ dBm}$, 29 GHz $P_{IN} = -5\text{ dBm}$, 31 GHz	dB	21.0 24.0 22.0	26.5 27.0 24.0	—
Output Power	$P_{IN} = 9.0\text{ dBm}$, 27 GHz $P_{IN} = 10.5\text{ dBm}$, 29 GHz $P_{IN} = 12.5\text{ dBm}$, 31 GHz	dBm	31.0 33.0 32.0	33.0 34.5 34.0	—
IM3 Level	$P_{OUT} = 30\text{ dBm}$ / tone	dBc	—	-17.5	—
Power Added Efficiency	$P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$	%	—	26	—
Input Return Loss	$P_{IN} = -20\text{ dBm}$	dB	—	10	—
Output Return Loss	$P_{IN} = -20\text{ dBm}$	dB	—	10	—
Quiescent Current	I_{DSQ} (see bias conditions, page 4)	mA	—	1000	—
Drain Current ($V_{D1} + V_{D2} + V_{D3} + V_{D4}$)	$P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$	mA	—	1700	—

Maximum Operating Ratings

Parameter	Rating
Input Power	$P_{IN} \leq 3\text{ dB Compression}$
Junction Temperature ^{5,6}	+160°C
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C

- Operating at nominal conditions with junction temperature $\leq +160^\circ\text{C}$ will ensure MTTF $> 1 \times 10^6$ hours.
- Junction Temperature (T_J) = $T_C + \Theta_{JC} * ((V * I) - (P_{OUT} - P_{IN}))$
Typical thermal resistance (Θ_{JC}) = 7.4 °C/W.
 - For $T_C = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $P_{IN} = 10.5\text{ dBm}$
 $T_J = +80^\circ\text{C}$ @ 6 V, 1.7 A, $P_{OUT} = 34.5\text{ dBm}$
 - For $T_C = +85^\circ\text{C}$, $P_{IN} = 10.5\text{ dBm}$
 $T_J = +140^\circ\text{C}$ @ 6 V, 1.6 A, $P_{OUT} = 33.3\text{ dBm}$

Absolute Maximum Ratings^{7,8}

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
Input Power	15 dBm
Drain Voltage	+6.5 V
Gate Voltage	-3 to 0 V
Junction Temperature ⁹	+175°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +125°C

- Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
- MACOM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
- Junction temperature directly effects device MTTF. Junction temperature should be kept as low as possible to maximize lifetime.

Handling Procedures

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

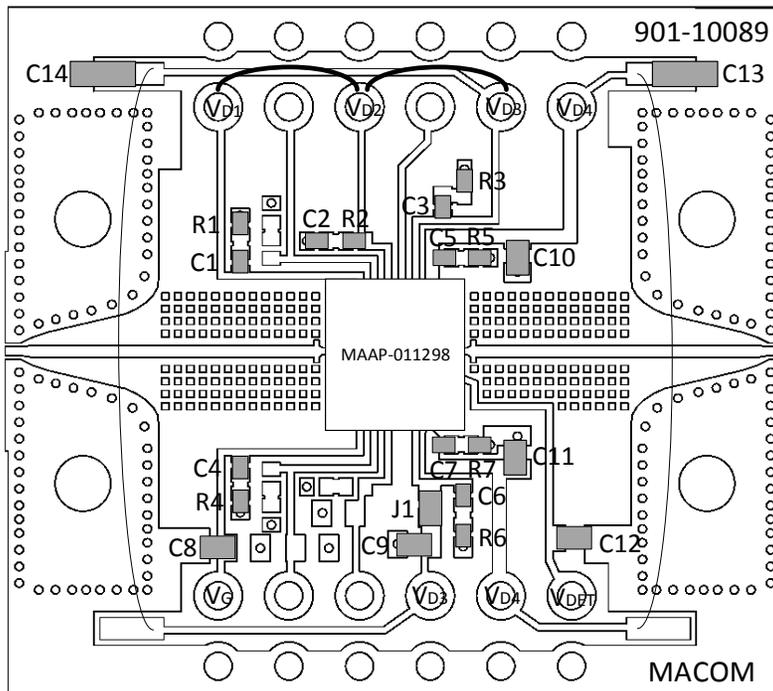
Static Sensitivity

These electronic devices are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these HBM Class 1A devices.

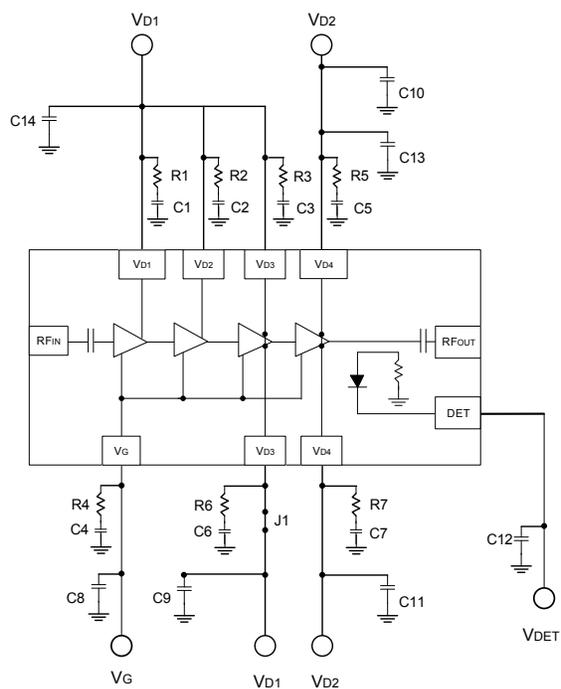
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Sample Board Layout



Application Schematic



Parts List

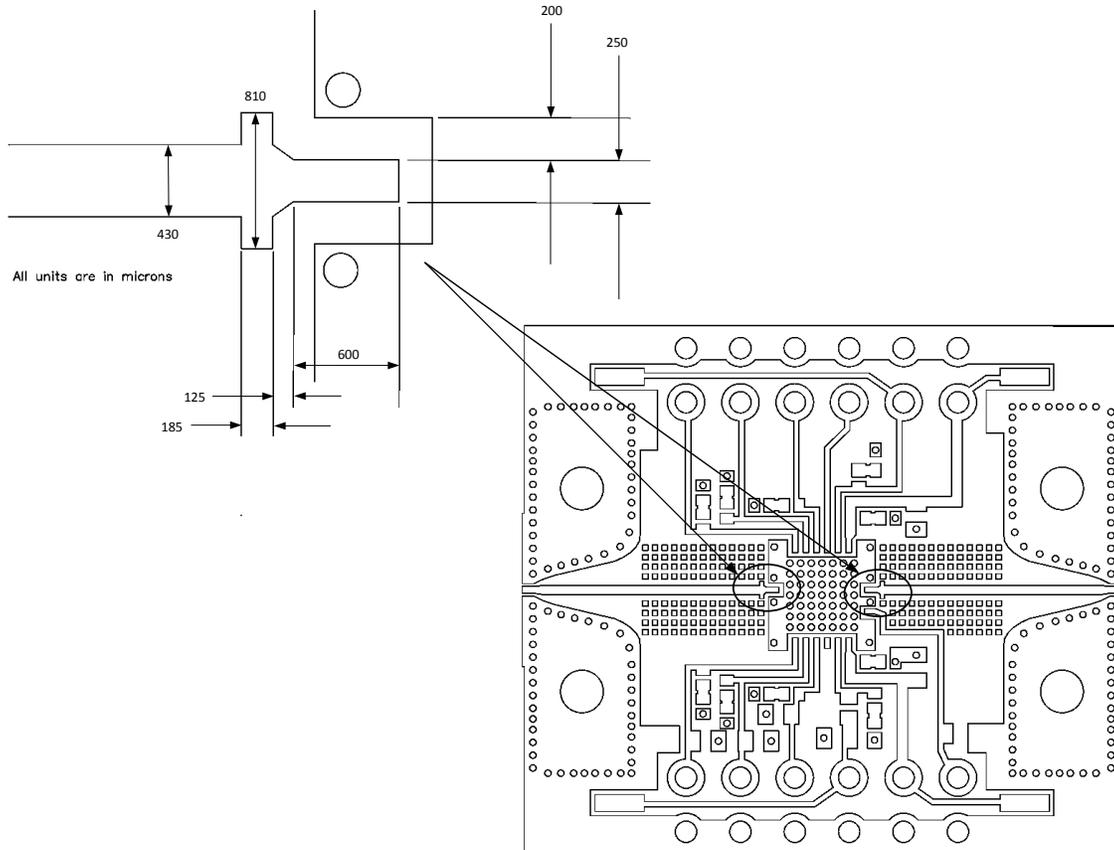
Part	Value	Case Style
C1 - C7	0.01 μ F	0402
C8 - C12	1 μ F	0603
C13 - C14	10 μ F	0805
R1 - R7	10 Ω	0402
J1	jumper	0603

Sample Board Material Specifications

Top Layer: 1/2 oz Copper Cladding, 0.017 mm thickness
 Dielectric Layer: Rogers RO4003C 0.203 mm thickness
 Bottom Layer: 1/2 oz Copper Cladding, 0.017 mm thickness
 Finished overall thickness: 0.238 mm

Recommended PCB Layout Detail:

RF input and output pre-matching circuit patterns are identical and are designed to compensate packaging effects. Transmission line dimensions apply to a PCB with 0.203 mm thick Rogers RO4003C laminate dielectric. Performance curves shown in this data sheet were measured with these circuit patterns.



Biasing Conditions

Recommended biasing conditions are $V_D = 6\text{ V}$, $I_{DSQ} = 1000\text{ mA}$ (controlled with V_G). The drain bias voltage range is 5.5 to 6.5 V.

V_G pins 10 and 11 are connected internally; choose either pin for layout convenience. Muting can be accomplished by setting the V_G to the pinched off voltage ($V_G = -2\text{ V}$).

V_D bias must be applied to V_{D1} , V_{D2} , V_{D3} , and V_{D4} pins. V_{D3} pins 27 and 28 are connected internally; choose pin 14, 27 or 28 for layout convenience. Two V_{D4} pins 15 and 26 (not connected internally) are required for current symmetry.

Operating the MAAP-011298

Turn-on

1. Apply V_G (-1.5 V).
2. Apply V_D (6.0 V typical).
3. Set I_{DQ} by adjusting V_G more positive (typically -0.9 to -1.0 V for $I_{DSQ} = 1000\text{ mA}$).
4. Apply RF_{IN} signal.

Turn-off

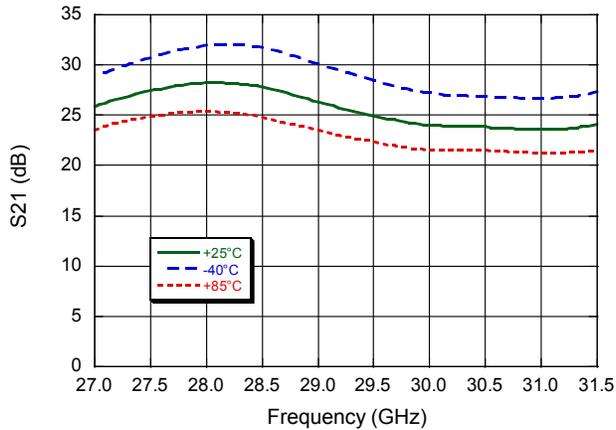
1. Remove RF_{IN} signal.
2. Decrease V_G to -1.5 V.
3. Decrease V_D to 0 V.

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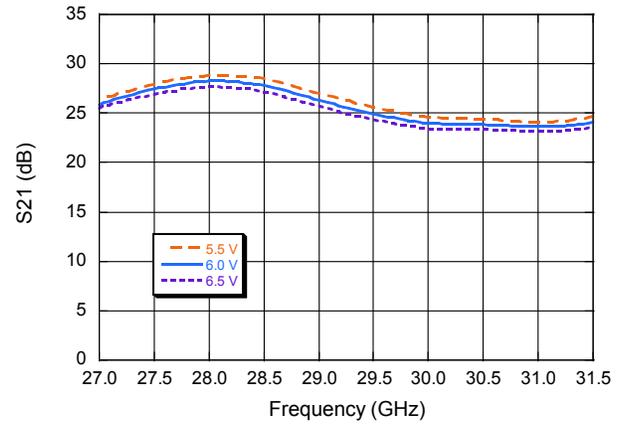
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Typical Performance Curves: $V_D = 6\text{ V}$, $I_{DSQ} = 1000\text{ mA}$, $V_G = -0.9\text{ V}$ typical

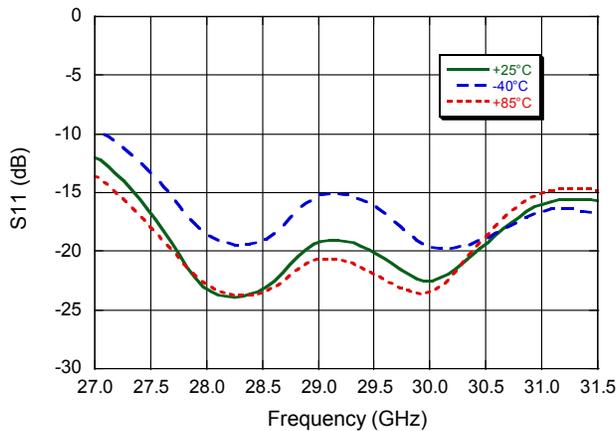
Small Signal Gain vs. Frequency over Temperature



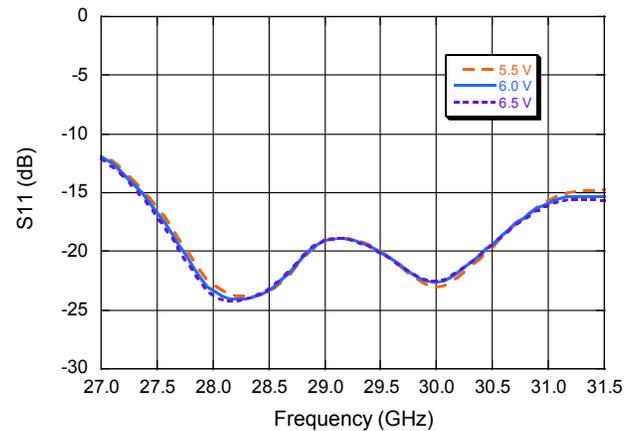
Small Signal Gain vs. Frequency over Bias Voltage



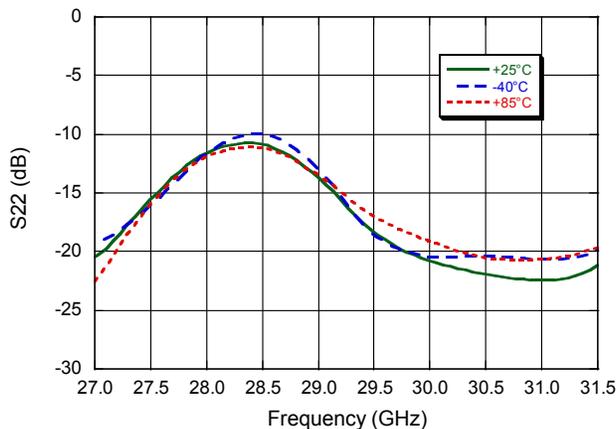
Input Return Loss vs. Frequency over Temperature



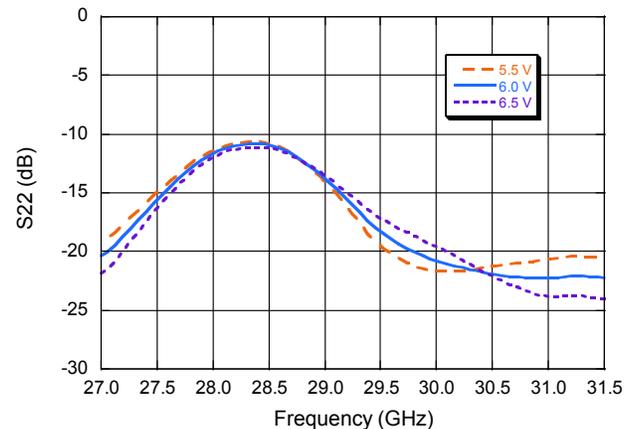
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Output Return Loss vs. Frequency over Temperature

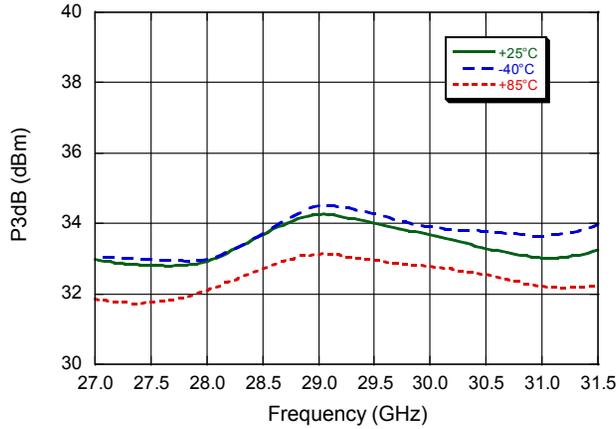


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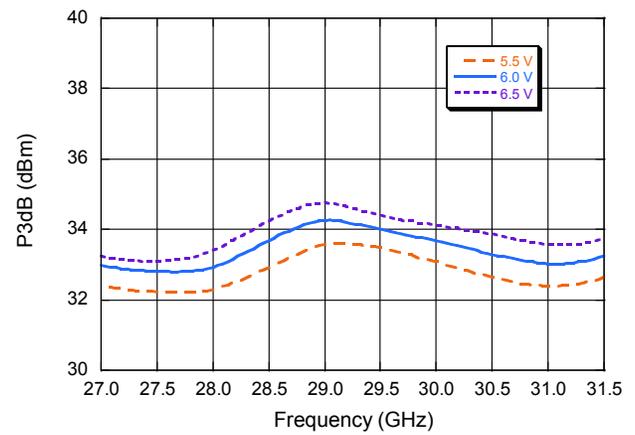


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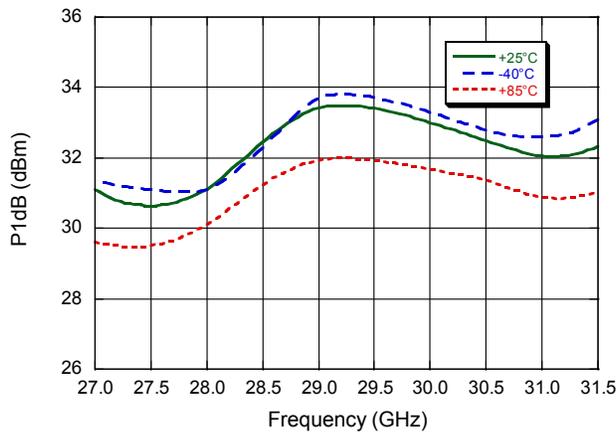
P3dB vs. Frequency over Temperature



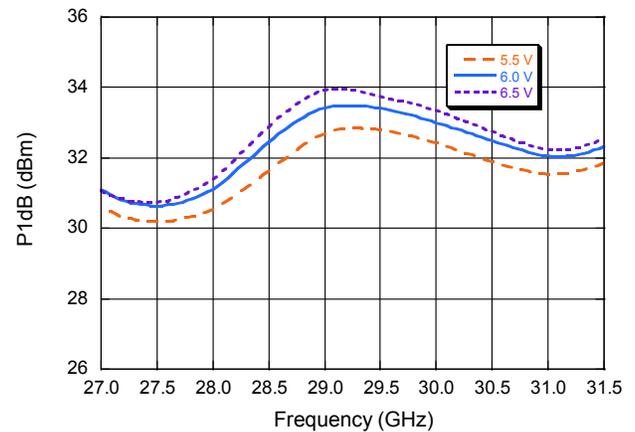
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P1dB vs. Frequency over Temperature



P1dB vs. Frequency over Bias Voltage

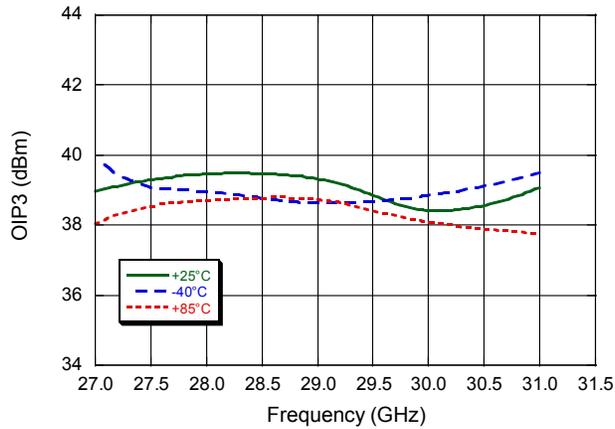


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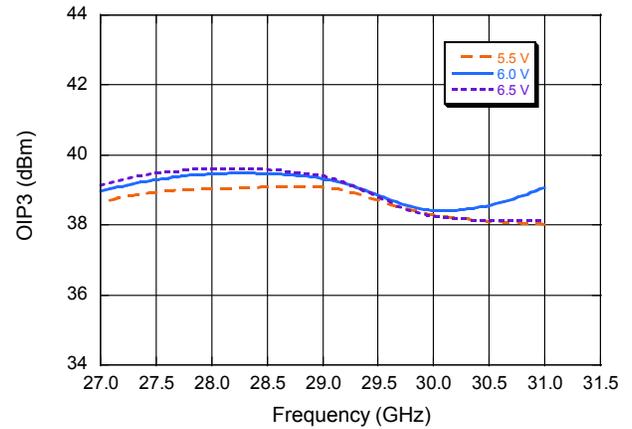
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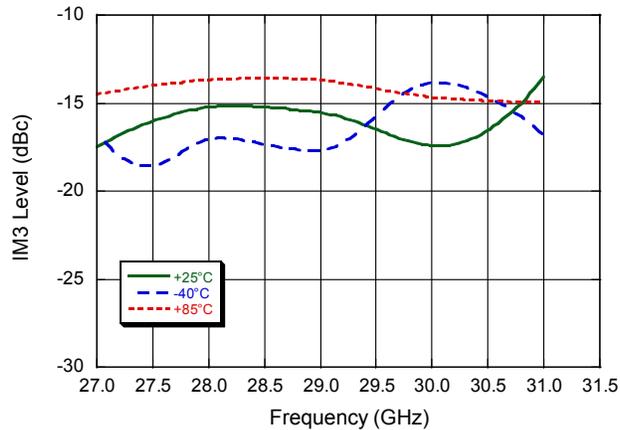
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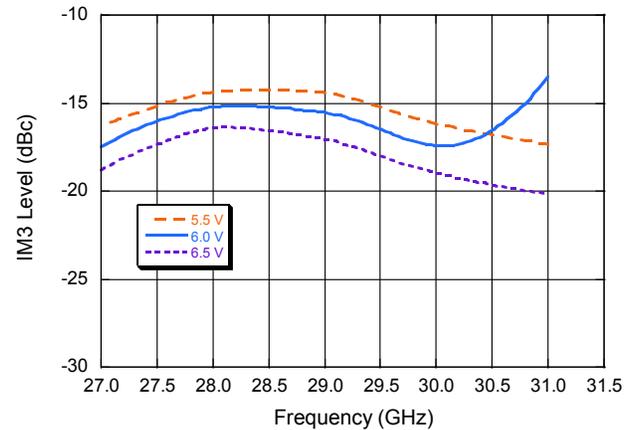
Output IP3 over Bias Voltage ($P_{OUT} = 30\text{ dBm / Tone}$)



IM3 over Temperature ($P_{OUT} = 30\text{ dBm / Tone}$)



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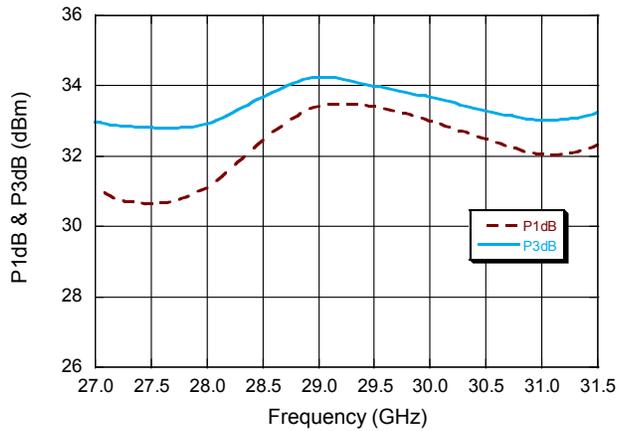


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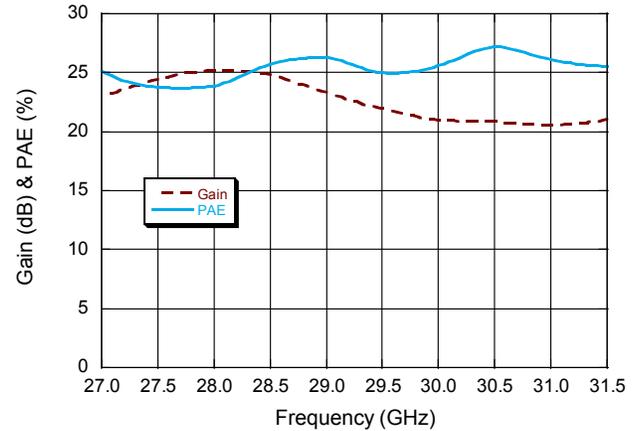
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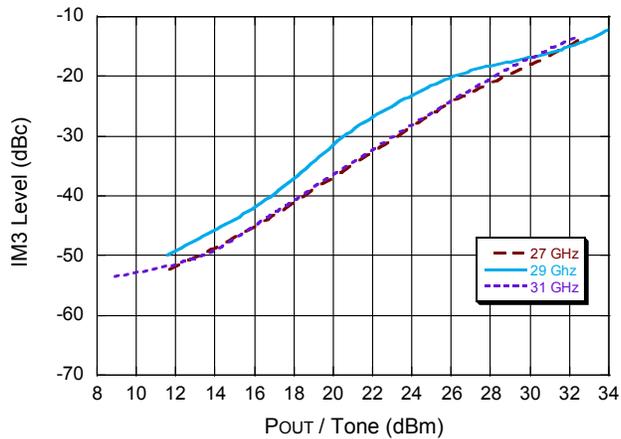
P1dB, P3dB vs. Frequency



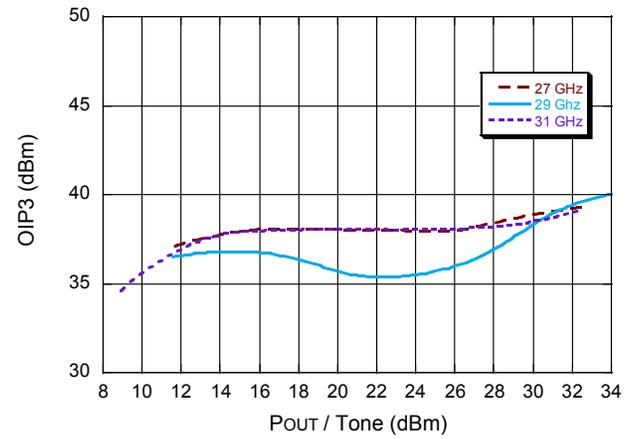
Gain and PAE @ P3dB vs. Frequency



IM3 vs. Output Power



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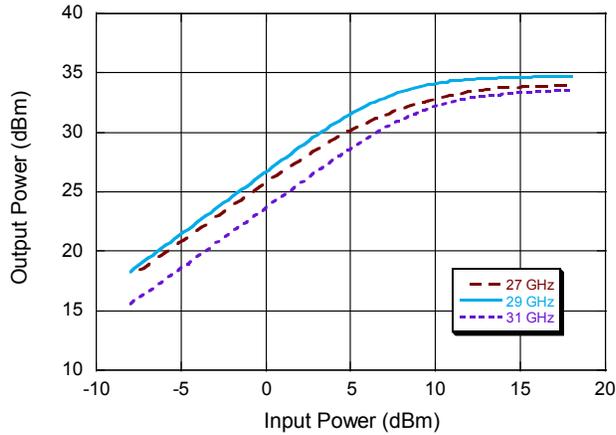


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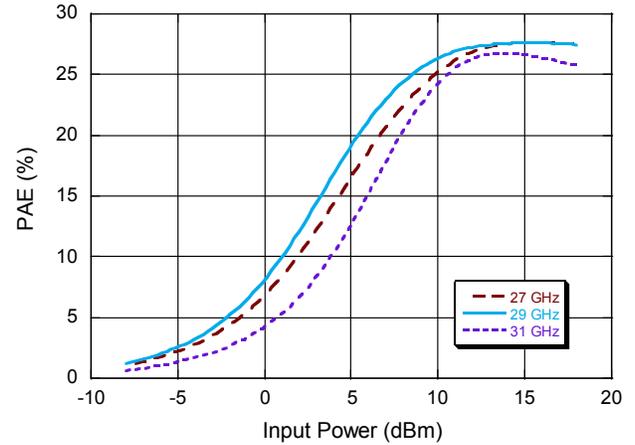
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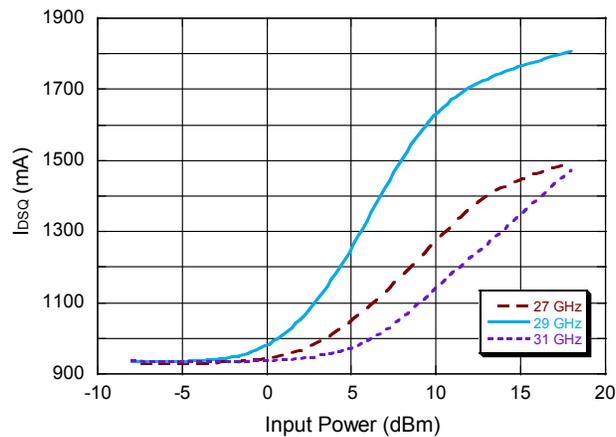
Output Power vs. Input Power



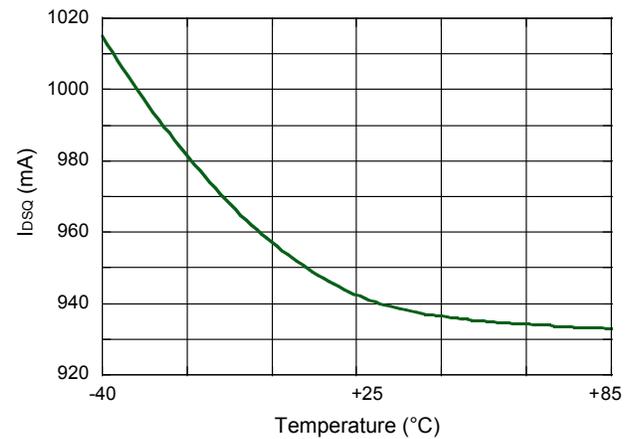
PAE vs. Input Power



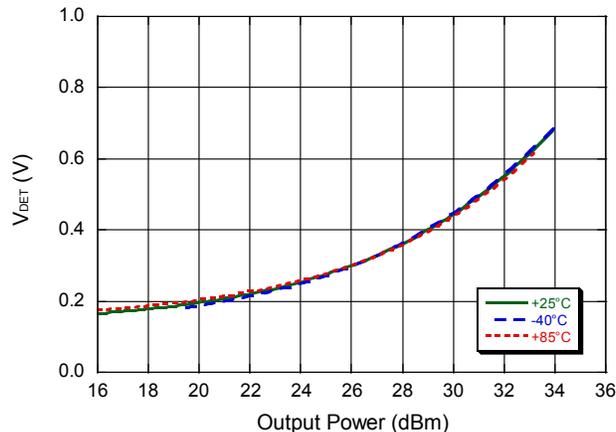
Bias Current vs. Input Power



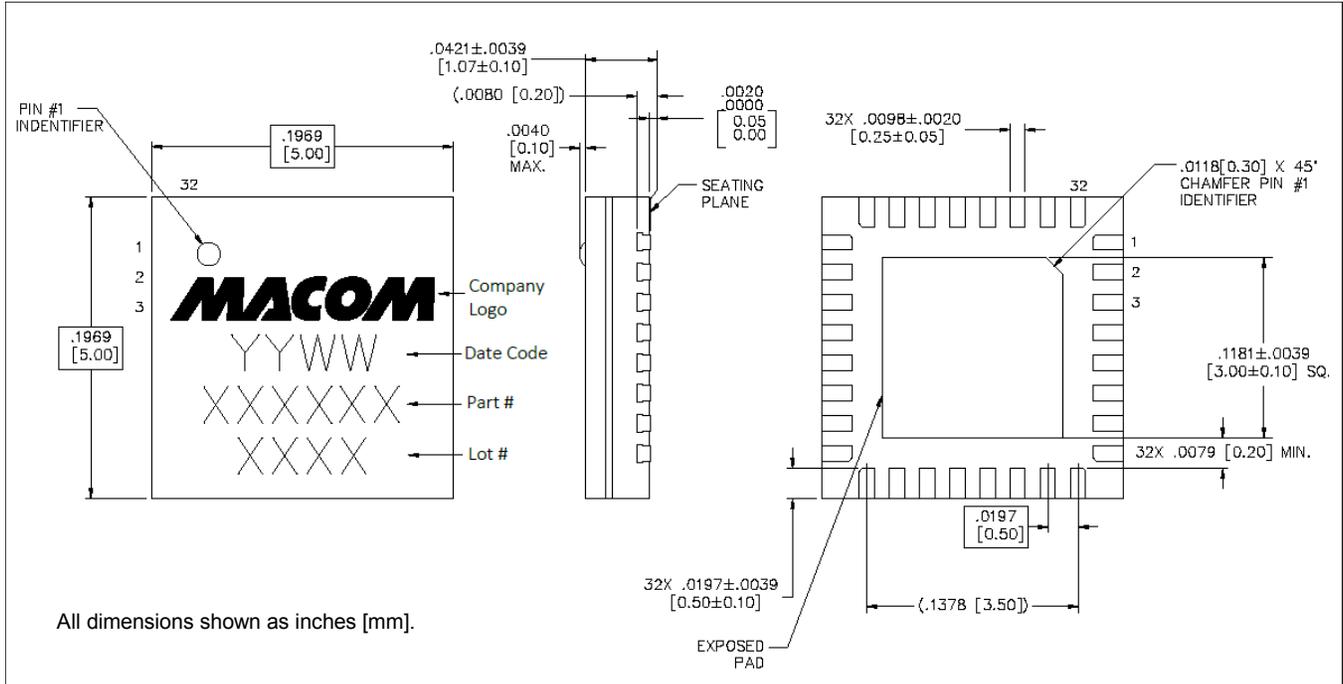
Quiescent Drain Current vs. Temperature



Detector Voltage vs. Output Power @ 30 GHz



Lead-Free 5 mm 32-Lead AQFN Package[†]



[†] Reference Application Note S2083 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.
Meets JEDEC moisture sensitivity level 3 requirements.
Plating is NiPdAu.

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