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MMIC SURFACE MOUNT

Monolithic Amplifier

VAM-7+

50Ω DC to 2 GHz

FEATURES

- Wideband, DC to 2 GHz
- Cascadable
- Internally Matched to 50Ω
- Aqueous Washable
- Protected Under US Patent 6,943,629



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CASE STYLE: MMM168

+RoHS Compliant

The +Suffix identifies RoHS Compliance.
See our website for methodologies and qualifications

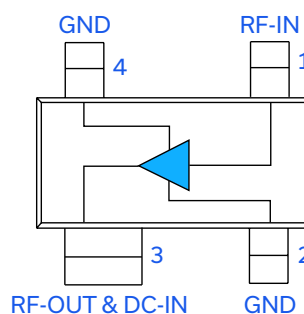
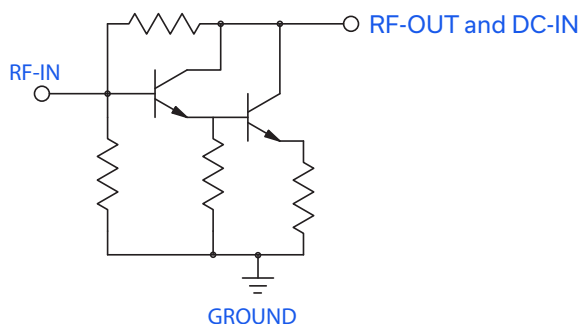
APPLICATIONS

- Cellular
- PCN
- Instrumentation
- UHF/VHF

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

VAM-7+ (RoHS compliant) is a wideband amplifier offering high dynamic range. It has repeatable performance from lot to lot. It is enclosed in an SOT143 style package. It uses Darlington configuration and is fabricated using InGaP HBT technology.

SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC AND PIN DESCRIPTION



Function	Pin Number	Description
RF-IN	1	RF input pin. This pin requires the use of an external DC blocking capacitor chosen for the frequency of operation.
RF-OUT and DC-IN	3	RF output and bias pin. DC voltage is present on this pin; therefore a DC blocking capacitor is necessary for proper operation. An RF choke is needed to feed DC bias without loss of RF signal due to the bias connection, as shown in "Recommended Application Circuit".
GND	2,4	Connections to ground. Use via holes as shown in "Suggested Layout for PCB Design" to reduce ground path inductance for best performance.

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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT +25°C AND 22 mA, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

Parameter	Conditions (GHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range ¹		DC		2	GHz
Gain	0.1		13.0		dB
	1		12.0		
	2	7.8	9.8		
Input Return Loss	DC - 2		14		dB
Output Return Loss	DC - 2		14		dB
Output Power @ 1 dB Compression	1		+5.5		dBm
Output IP3	1		+18		dBm
Noise Figure	1		5.0		dB
Recommended Device Operating Current			22		mA
Device Operating Voltage			+3.8		V
Device Voltage Variation vs. Temperature at 22 mA			-2.3		mV/°C
Device Voltage Variation vs. Current at +25°C			15.1		mV/mA
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case ²			505		°C/W

1. Guaranteed specification DC-2 GHz. Low frequency cut off determined by external coupling capacitors.

2. Case is defined as ground leads.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Parameter	Ratings
Operating Temperature ³	-20°C to +85°C
Storage Temperature	-55°C to +100°C
Operating Current	50 mA
Power Dissipation	175 mW
Input Power	+13 dBm

3. Based on typical case temperature rise +5°C above ambient.

Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded. These ratings are not intended for continuous normal operation.



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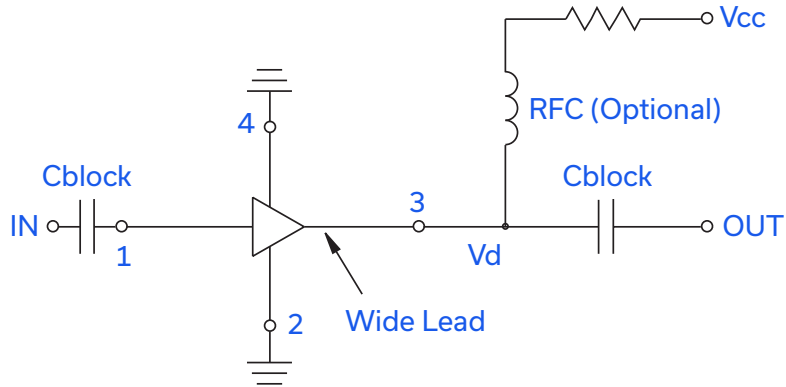
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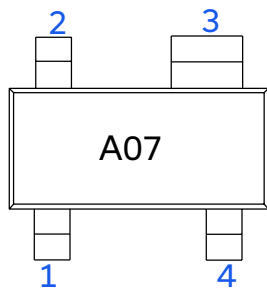
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RECOMMENDED APPLICATION CIRCUIT



R BIAS	
Vcc	"1%" Res. Values (Ohms) for Optimum Biasing
7	137
8	182
9	226
10	274
11	316
12	365
13	412
14	453
15	499

PRODUCT MARKING



Markings in addition to model number designation may appear for internal quality control purposes.

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ADDITIONAL DETAILED TECHNICAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR DASHBOARD. [CLICK HERE](#)

Performance Data & Graphs	Data Table
	Swept Graphs
	S-Parameter Data Set (.zip file)
Case Style	MMM168 Plastic molded SOT143 style package, Lead Finish: Matte-Tin
Tape & Reel Standard Quantities Available on Reel	F8 7" Reels with 3000 devices
Suggested Layout for PCB Design	PL-251
Evaluation Board	TB-415-7+
Environmental Ratings	ENV08

ESD RATING

Human Body Model (HBM): Class 1B (500 V to < 1000 V) in accordance with ANSI/ESD STM 5.1 - 2001

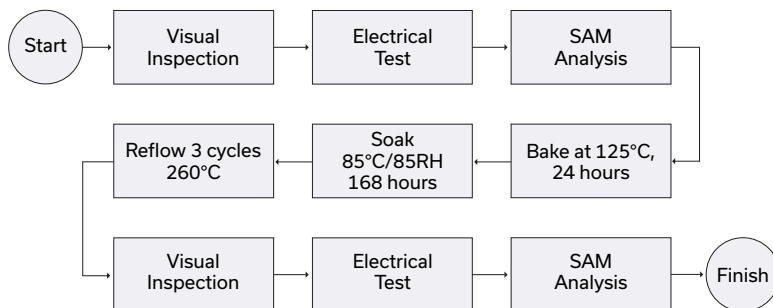
Machine Model (MM): Class M1 (< 100 V) in accordance with ANSI/ESD STM 5.2 - 1999

MSL RATING

Moisture Sensitivity: MSL1 in accordance with IPC/JEDECJ-STD-020C

No.	Test Required	Condition	Standard	Quantity
1	Visual Inspection	Low Power Microscope Magnification 40x	MIP-IN-0003 (MCT spec)	45 units
2	Electrical Test	Room Temperature	SCD (MCL spec)	45 units
3	SAM Analysis	Less than 10% growth in term of delamination	J-Std-020C (Jedec Standard)	45 units
4	Moisture Sensitivity Level 1	Bake at 125°C for 24 hours Soak at 85°C/85%RH for 168 hours Reflow 3 cycles at 260°C peak	J-Std-020C (Jedec Standard)	45 units

MSL TEST FLOW CHART



NOTES

- A. Performance and quality attributes and conditions not expressly stated in this specification document are intended to be excluded and do not form a part of this specification document.
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Typical Performance Data

FREQUENCY (MHz)	GAIN (dB) 22 mA	ISOLATION (dB) 22 mA	RETURN LOSS IN (dB) 22 mA	RETURN LOSS OUT (dB) 22 mA
100	13.00	18.60	30.46	14.43
200	12.90	18.50	27.96	14.43
400	12.80	18.40	27.96	14.43
600	12.60	18.10	26.02	14.43
800	12.30	17.70	23.10	13.98
1000	12.00	17.40	21.94	14.43
1500	10.90	16.10	17.72	14.43
2000	9.80	15.20	14.90	14.90
2500	8.60	14.70	12.04	14.90
3000	7.20	14.70	9.90	15.39

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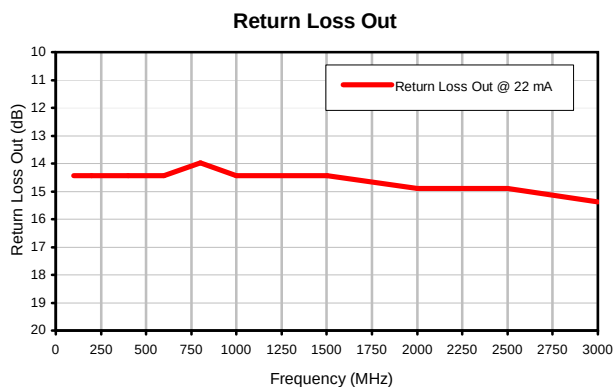
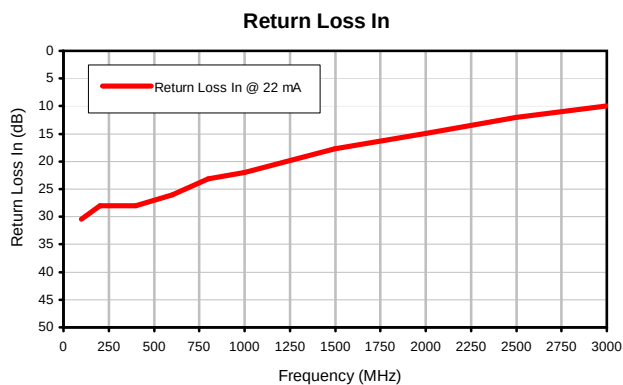
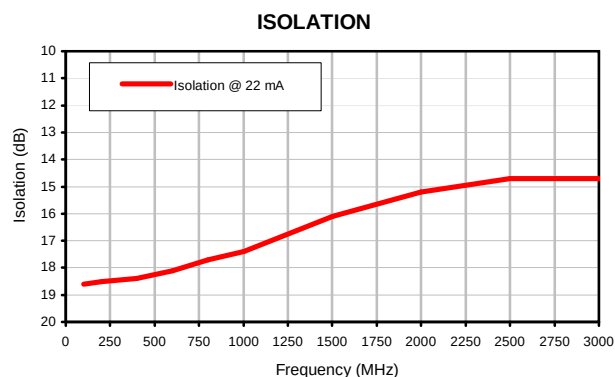
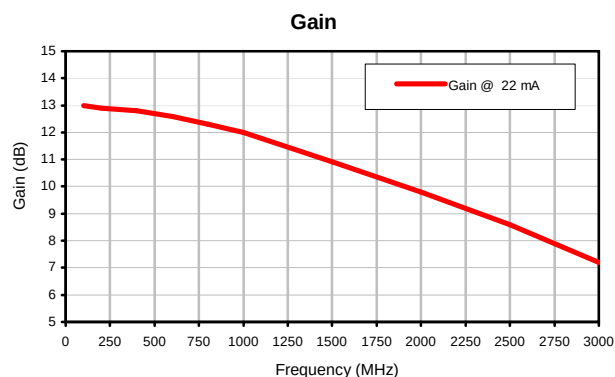


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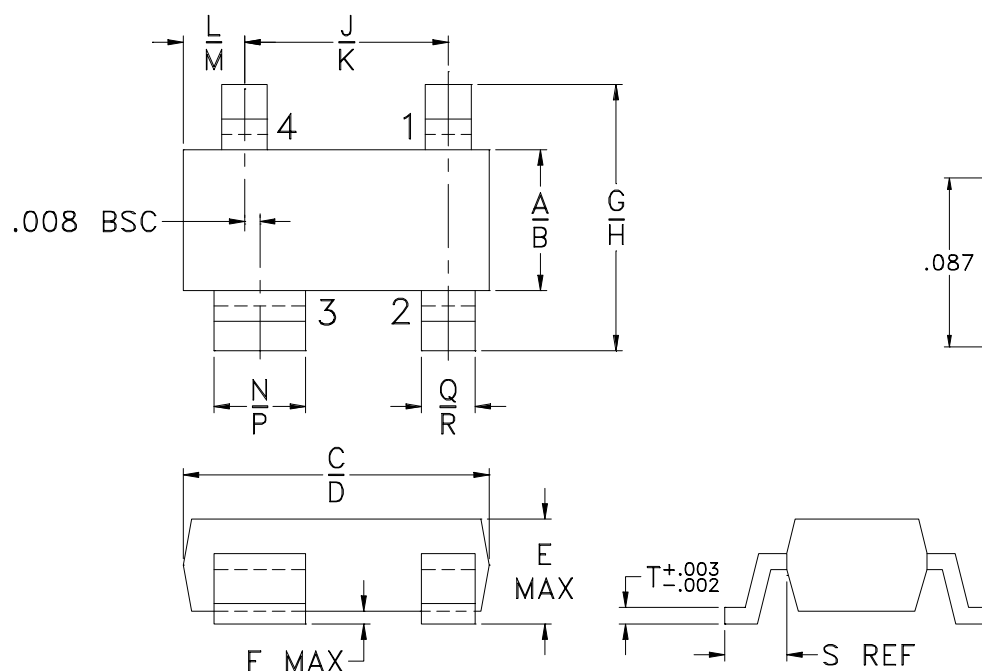
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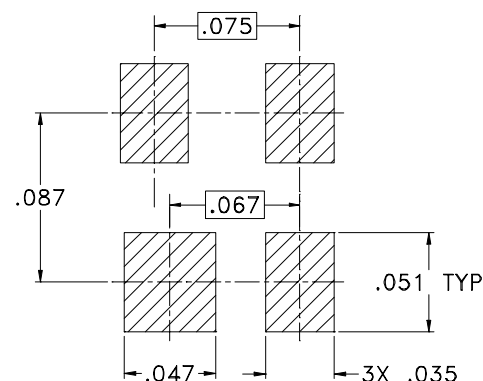
Typical Performance Curves



Outline Dimensions



PCB Land Pattern



Suggested Layout,
Tolerance to be within $\pm .002$

CASE #.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P
MMM168	.045 (1.14)	.055 (1.40)	.105 (2.67)	.120 (3.05)	.047 (1.19)	.005 (0.13)	.083 (2.11)	.104 (2.64)	.070 (1.78)	.080 (2.03)	.018 (0.46)	.024 (0.61)	.030 (0.76)	.036 (0.91)

CASE #.	Q	R	S	T	WT, GRAM
MMM168	.015 (0.38)	.021 (0.53)	.023 (0.58)	.005 (0.13)	.01

Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2 Pl. $\pm .01$; 3 Pl. $\pm .005$

Notes:

1. Case material: Plastic.
2. Termination finish:

For RoHS Case Styles: Tin-Silver alloy plate over Nickel barrier.

For RoHS-5 Case Styles: Tin-Lead plate.



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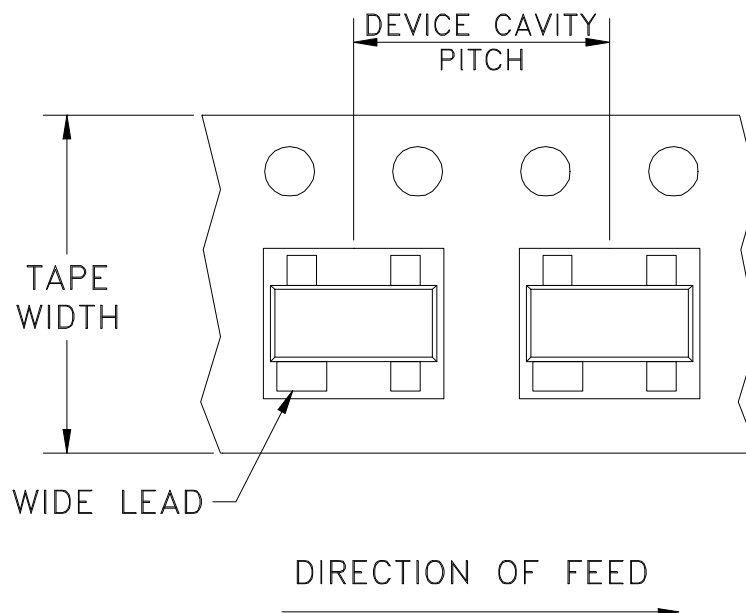
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DEVICE ORIENTATION IN T&R



Tape Width, mm	Device Cavity Pitch, mm	Reel Size, inches	Devices per Reel
8	4	7	3000

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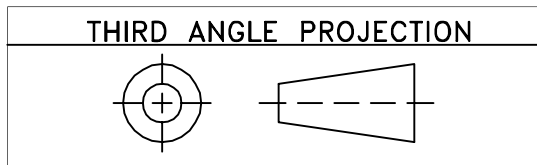


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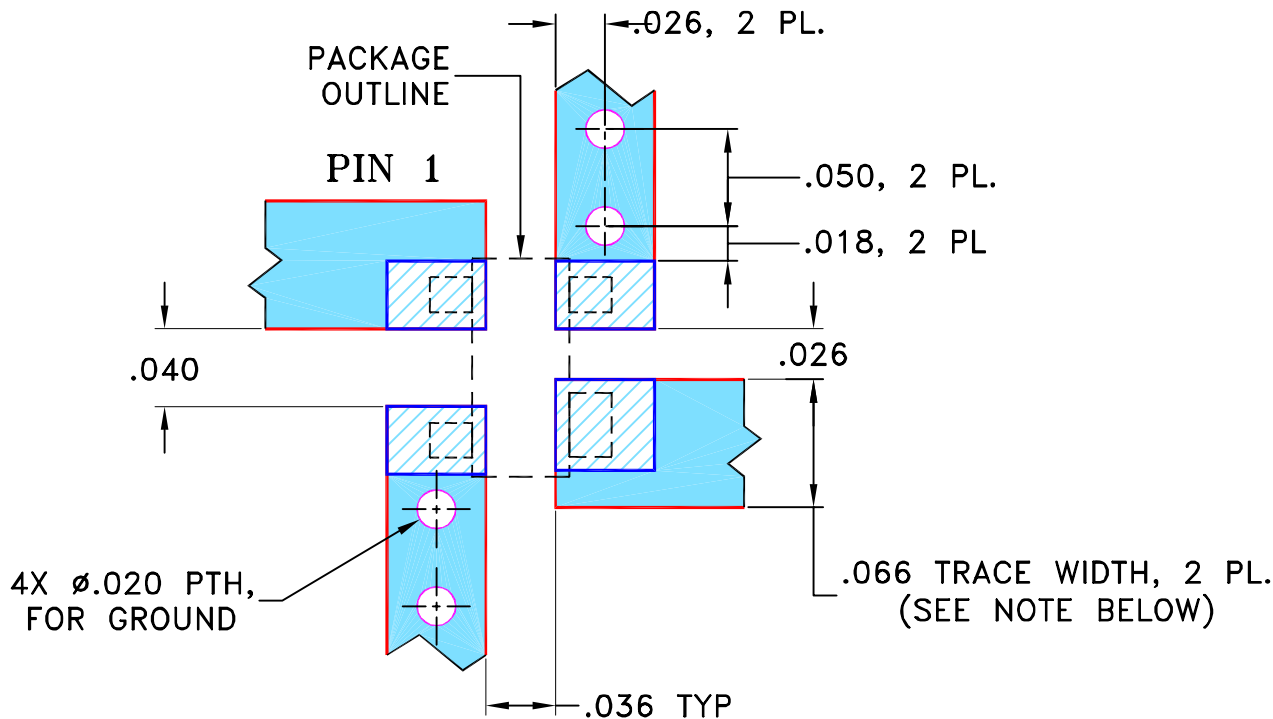
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**SUGGESTED MOUNTING CONFIGURATION
FOR MMM168 CASE STYLE, "cb" PIN CONNECTION**

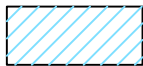


NOTES:

- TRACE WIDTH IS SHOWN FOR ROGERS R04350B WITH DIELECTRIC THICKNESS .030" $\pm$.002"; COPPER: 1/2 OZ. EACH SIDE. FOR OTHER MATERIALS TRACE WIDTH MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED.
- BOTTOM SIDE OF THE PCB IS CONTINUOUS GROUND PLANE.



DENOTES PCB COPPER LAYOUT WITH SMOBC
(SOLDER MASK OVER BARE COPPER)



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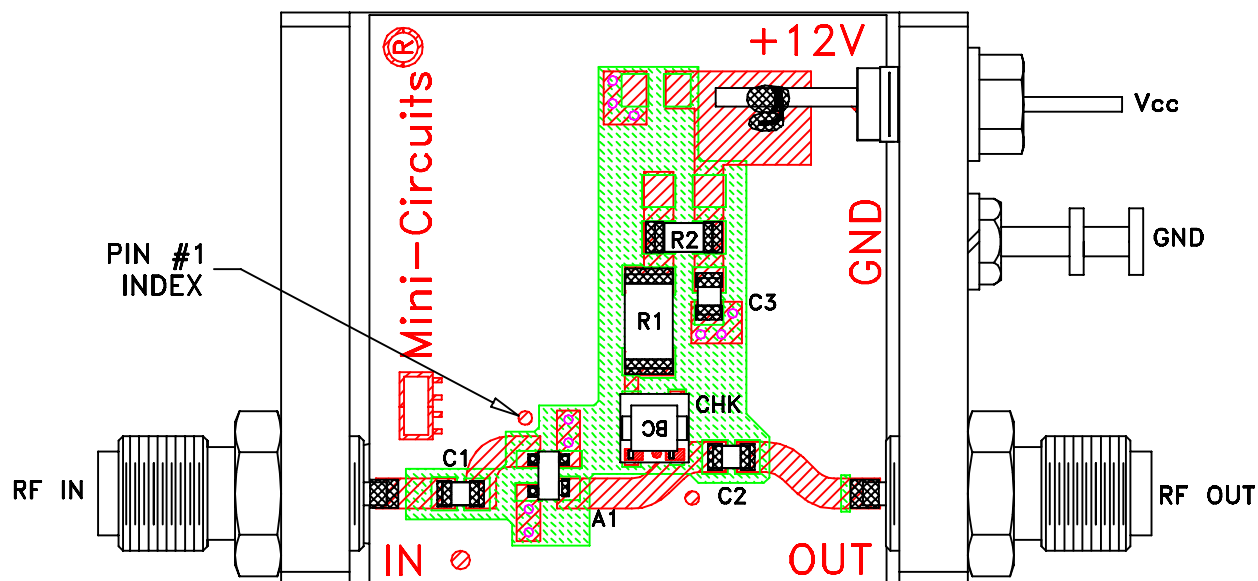
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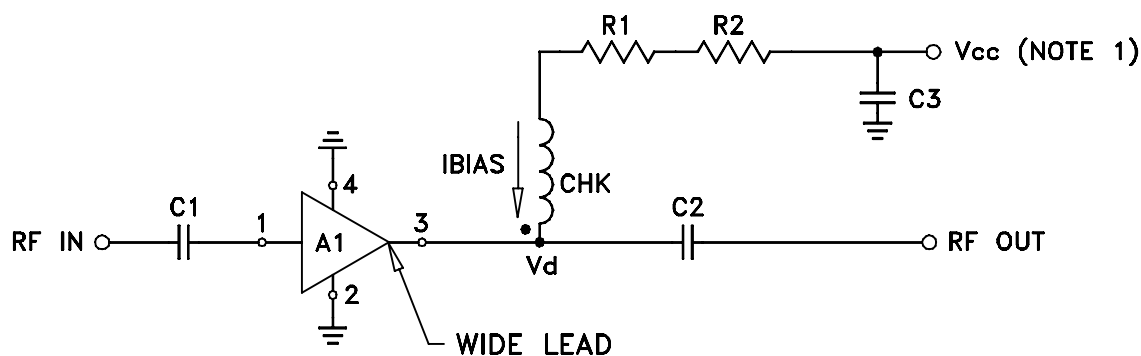
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Evaluation Board and Circuit



TB-415-7+



COMPONENT	VALUE
A1	VAM-7(+)
C1 (NOTE 4)	2400 pF
C2 (NOTE 4)	2400 pF
C3 (bypass)	0.1 uF
R1	365 Ohms, 0.75W
R2	8.25 Ohms, 0.25W
CHK	Mini-Circuits TCCH-80+

Schematic Diagram

NOTE:

1. Vcc voltage: $+12 \pm 0.2V$.
2. SMA Female connectors.
3. PCB material: Rogers R04350 or equivalent, dielectric constant=3.5, dielectric thickness=.030 inch.
4. Capacitors, C1 & C2 should be free of resonance up to the highest frequency specified.

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Specification	Test/Inspection Condition	Reference/Spec
Operating Temperature	-20° to 85°C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Storage Temperature	-55° to 100° C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Thermal Shock	-55° to 100°C, 100 cycles	MIL-STD-202, Method 107, Condition A-3, except +100°C
Mechanical Shock	1.5Kg, 0.5 ms, 5 shock pulses, Y1 direction only	MIL-STD-883, Method 2002, Condition B, except Y1 direction only
Vibration (Variable Frequency)	50g peak	MIL-STD-883, Method 2007, Condition B
Autoclave	15 psig, 100% RH, 121°C, 96 hours	JESD22-A102, Condition C
HAST	130°C, 85% RH, 96 hours	JESD22-A110
Solderability	10X Magnification	J-STD-002, Para 4.2.5, Test S, 95% Coverage
Solder Reflow Heat	Sn-Pb Eutetic Process: 240°C peak Pb-Free Process: 260°C peak	J-STD-020, Table 4-1, 4-2 and 5-2; Figure 5-1
Moisture Sensitivity: Level 1	Bake at 125°C for 24 hours Soak at 85°C/85% RH for 168 hours, Reflow 3 cycles at 260°C peak	J-STD-020
Marking Resistance to Solvents	Isopropyl alcohol + mineral spirits at 25°C; terpene defluxer at 25°C; distilled water + proylene glycol monomethyl ether +	MIL-STD-202, Method 215



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