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## VARIABLE GAIN AMPLIFIER 27 - 31.5 GHz

### Typical Applications

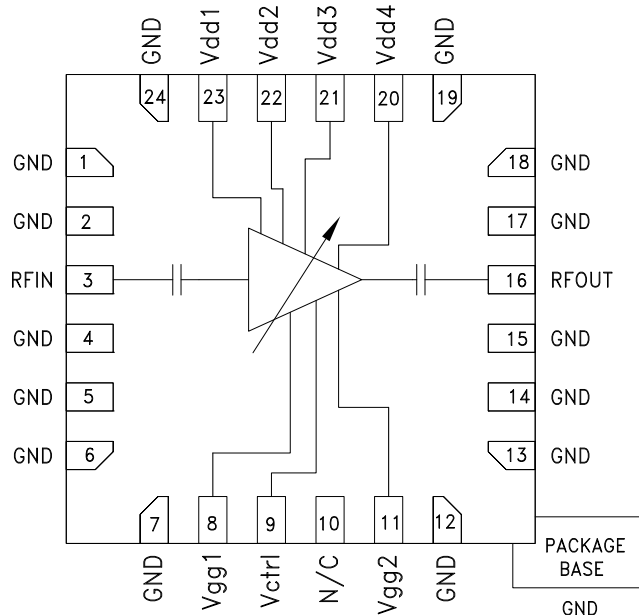
The HMC6187LP4E is ideal for:

- Point-to-Point Radio
- Point-to-Multi-Point Radio
- EW & ECM Subsystems
- Ka-Band Radar & VSAT
- Test Equipment

### Features

- Wide Gain Control Range: 13 dB
- Single Control Voltage
- Output IP3 @ Max Gain: +31 dBm
- Output P1dB: +24 dBm
- No External Matching
- 24 Lead 4x4 mm SMT Package: 16 mm<sup>2</sup>

### Functional Diagram



### General Description

The HMC6187LP4E is a GaAs MMIC pHEMT analog variable gain amplifier and/or driver amplifier which operates between 27 and 31.5 GHz and is ideal for microwave radio applications. The amplifier provides up to 19 dB of gain, output P1dB of up to +24 dBm, and up to +31 dBm of output IP3 at maximum gain, while requiring 230 mA from a +5V supply. A gain control voltage (Vctrl) is provided to allow variable gain control up to 13 dB. Gain flatness is excellent making the HMC6187LP4E ideal for EW, ECM and radar applications. The HMC6187LP4E is housed in a RoHS compliant 4 x 4 mm plastic QFN leadless package and is compatible with high volume surface mount manufacturing.

### Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_{dd1, 2, 3, 4} = 5\text{V}$ , $V_{ctrl} = -4.5\text{V}$ , $I_{dd} = 230\text{ mA}$ <sup>[1]</sup>

| Parameter   | Min. | Typ.      | Max. | Units  |
|---|------|-----------|------|--------|
| Frequency Range   |      | 27 - 31.5 |      | GHz    |
| Gain <sup>[2]</sup>                                     | 16   | 19        |      | dB     |
| Gain Flatness   |      | ±0.5      |      | dB     |
| Gain Variation Over Temperature                         |      | 0.02      |      | dB/ °C |
| Gain Control Range                                      |      | 13        |      | dB     |
| Noise Figure <sup>[2]</sup>                             |      | 4.5       |      | dB     |
| Input Return Loss                                       |      | 12        |      | dB     |
| Output Return Loss                                      |      | 15        |      | dB     |
| Output Power for 1 dB Compression (P1dB) <sup>[2]</sup> | 21   | 24        |      | dBm    |
| Saturated Output Power (Psat) <sup>[2]</sup>            |      | 25        |      | dBm    |
| Output Third Order Intercept (IP3) <sup>[2]</sup>       |      | 31        |      | dBm    |
| Total Supply Current (Idd)                              |      | 230       |      | mA     |

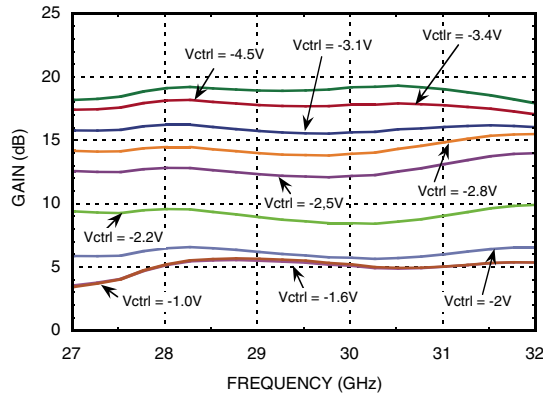
<sup>[1]</sup> Set Vctrl = -4.5V and then adjust Vgg1, 2 between -2V to 0V to achieve Idd = 230 mA typical.

<sup>[2]</sup> Board loss subtracted out.

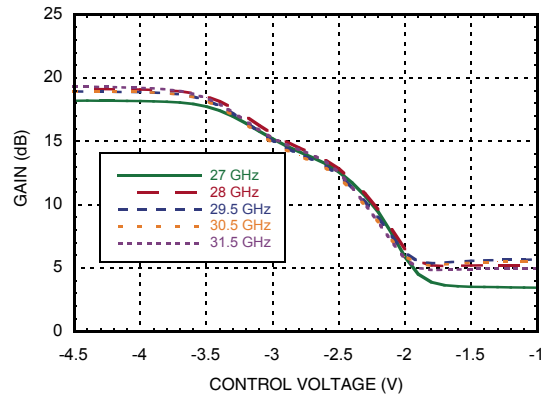


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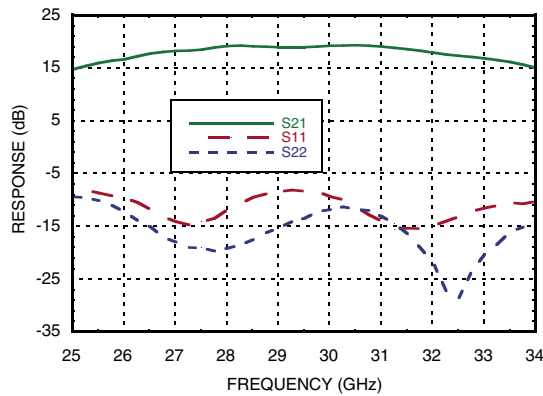
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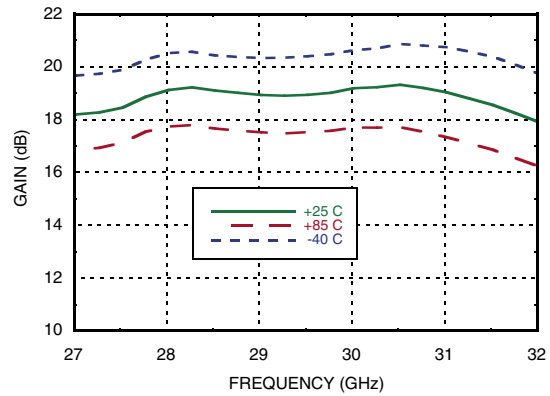
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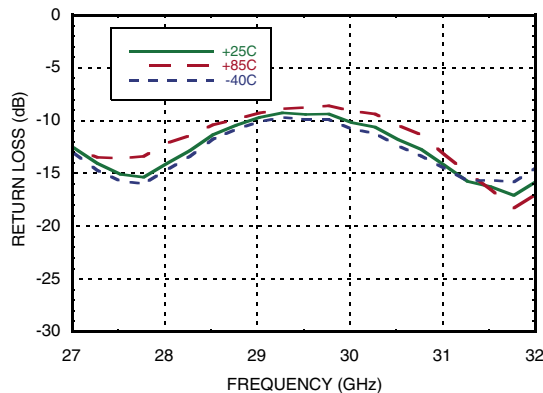
**Broadband Gain & Return Loss**



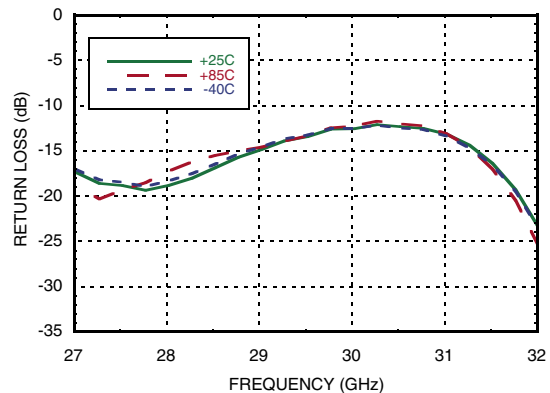
**Gain vs. Temperature**



**Input Return Loss vs. Temperature**



**Output Return Loss vs. Temperature**

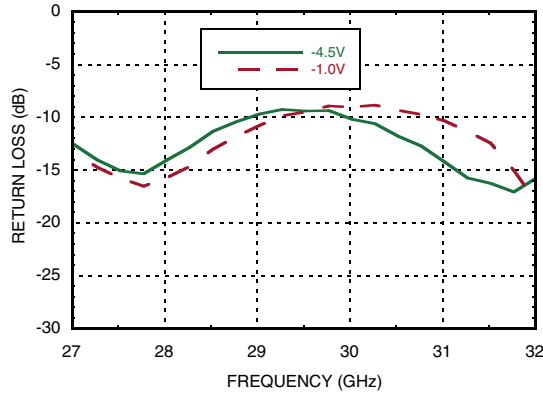




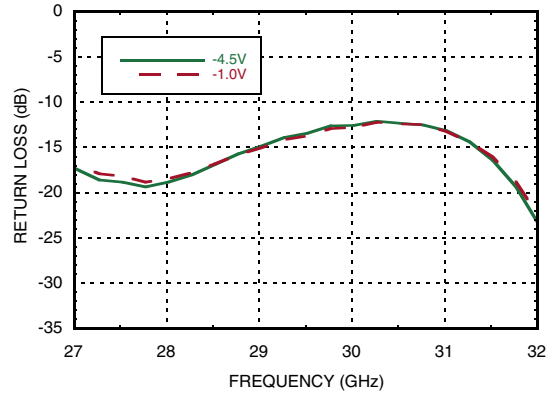


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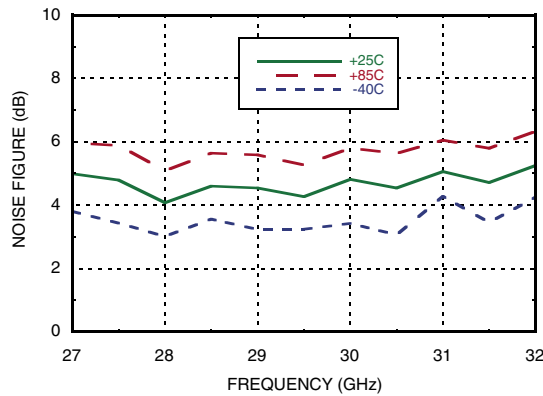
**Input Return Loss @  
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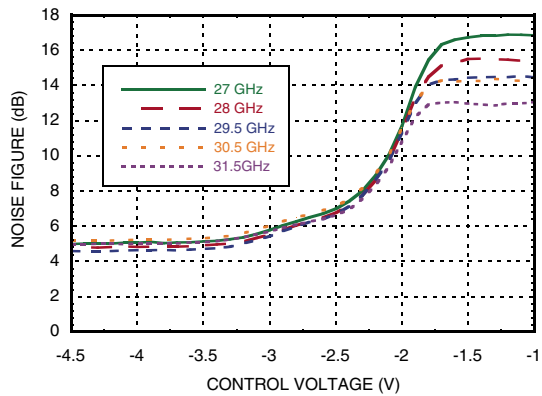
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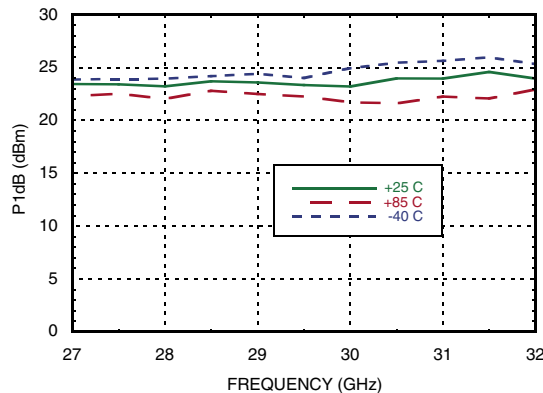
**Noise Figure vs. Temperature**



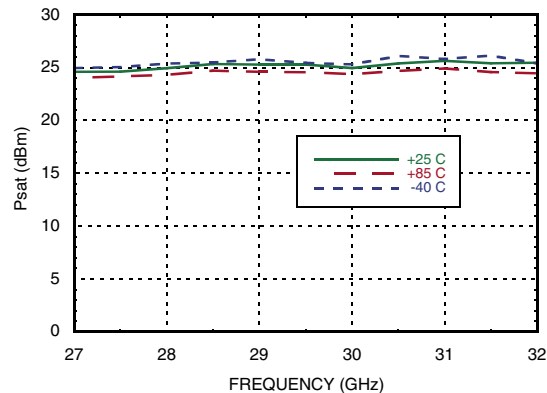
**Noise Figure vs. Control Voltage**



**P1dB vs. Temperature, Vctrl = -4.5V**



**Psat vs. Temperature, Vctrl = -4.5V**



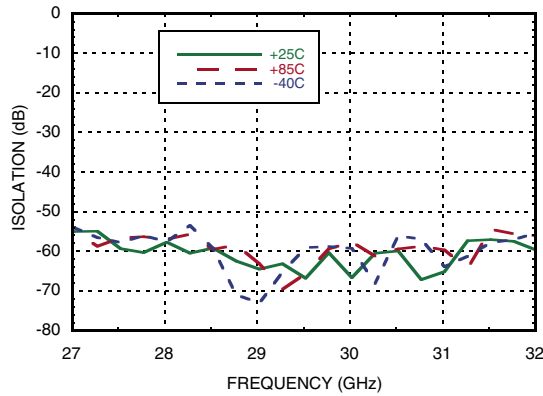
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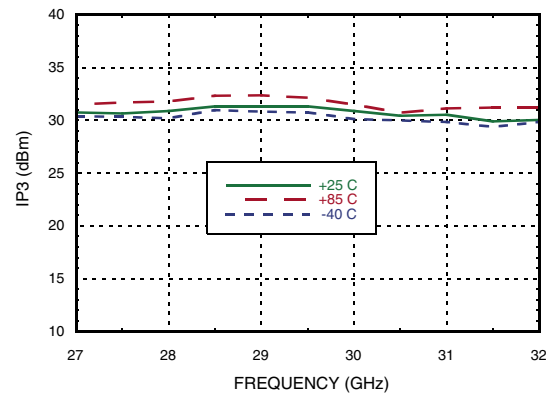


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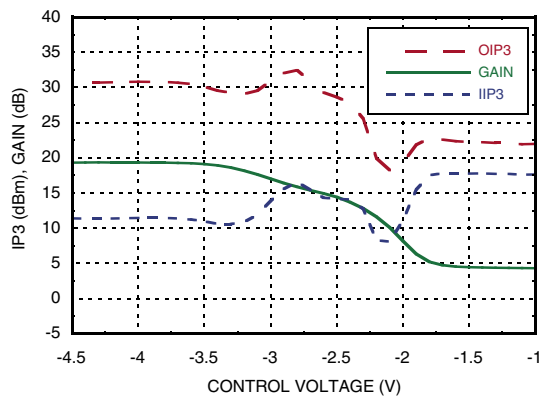
**Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature**



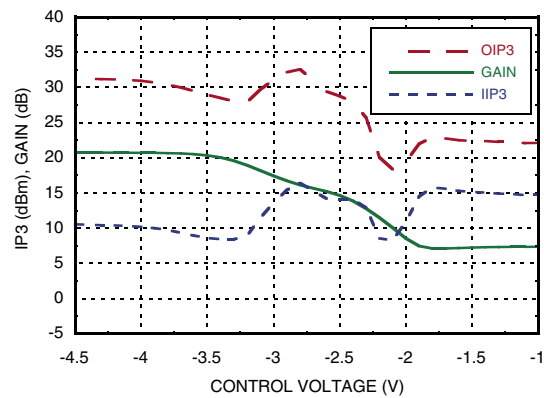
**Output IP3 vs. Temperature, Vctrl=-4.5V**



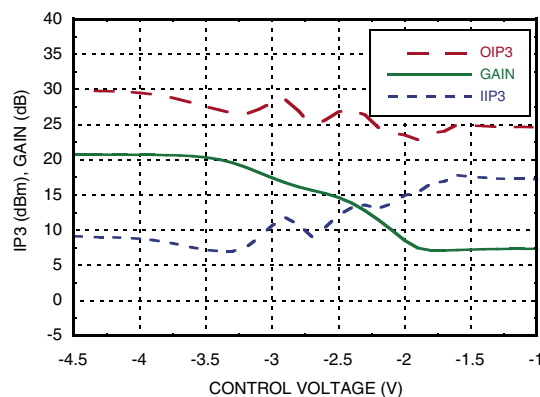
**IP3 and Gain @ 27 GHz Pin = -7 dBm**



**IP3 and Gain @ 29.5 GHz Pin = -7 dBm**



**IP3 and Gain @ 31.5 GHz Pin = -7 dBm**



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### Absolute Maximum Ratings

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Drain Bias Voltage (Vdd1, 2, 3)                                     | +5.5V               |
| Gate Bias Voltage (Vgg1, 2)   | -2.5 to 0V          |
| Gain Control Voltage (Vctrl)  | -5 to 0V            |
| RF Power Input (RFIN)   | +5 dBm              |
| Channel Temperature   | 175 °C              |
| Continuous Pdiss (T = 85 °C)<br>(derate 20.3 mW/°C above 85 °C) [1] | 1.83 W              |
| Thermal Resistance<br>(Channel to ground paddle)                    | 49.2 °C/W           |
| Storage Temperature   | -65 to +150 °C      |
| Operating Temperature   | -40 to +85 °C       |
| ESD Sensitivity (HBM)   | Class 0 Passed 100V |

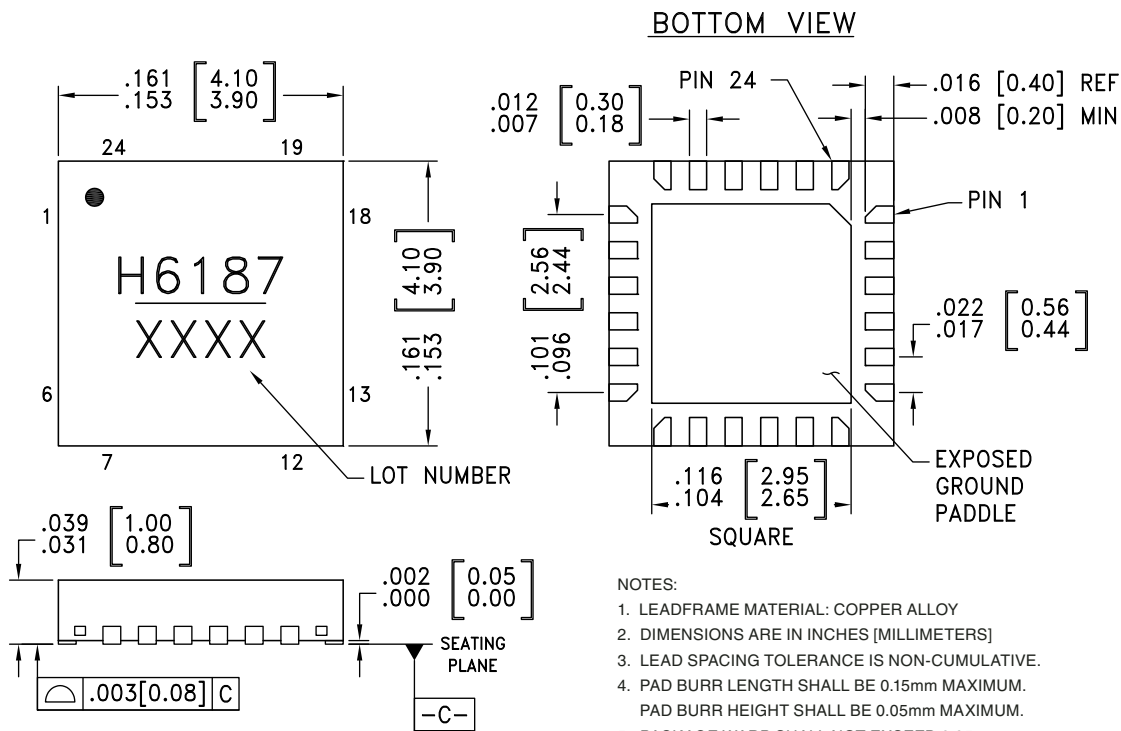
### Bias Voltage

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Vdd1,2,3 (V) | Idd Total (mA) |
| +5V          | 230            |
| Vgg1,2 (V)   | Igg Total (mA) |
| 0V to -2V    | <0.2 mA        |
| Vctrl (V)    | Ictrl (mA)     |
| -4.5V to -1V | <1 mA          |



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### Outline Drawing



### Package Information


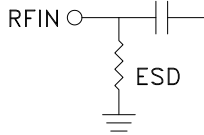
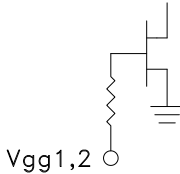
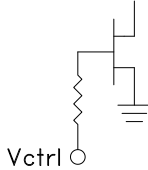
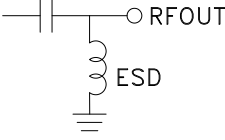
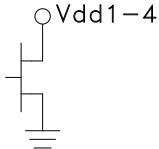
| Part Number | Package Body Material                              | Lead Finish   | MSL Rating | Package Marking [2] |
|-------------|--|---------------|------------|---------------------|
| HMC6187LP4E | RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | 100% matte Sn | MSL1 [1]   | H6187<br>XXXX       |

[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C

[2] 4-Digit lot number XXXX



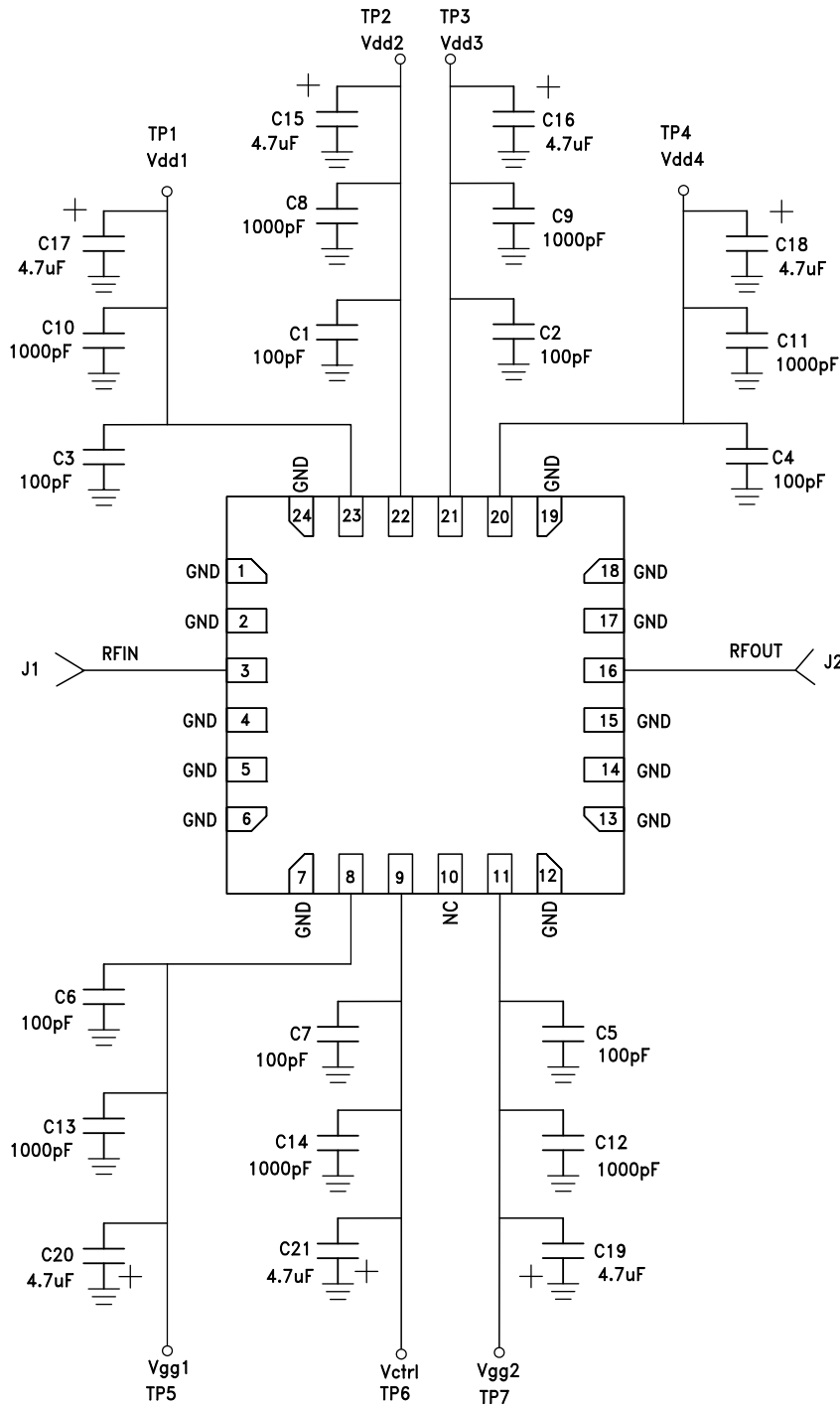
### Pin Descriptions

| Pin Number                                       | Function      | Description   | Interface Schematic   |
|--|---------------|---|---|
| 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 24 | GND           | These pins and exposed ground paddle must be connected to RF/DC ground.   |    |
| 3  | RFIN          | This pin is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.  |    |
| 8, 11  | Vgg1, 2       | Adjust voltage to achieve typical I <sub>dd</sub> . Please follow "MMIC Amplifier Biasing Procedure" application note.                  |    |
| 9  | Vctrl         | Gain control Voltage for the amplifier. See assembly diagram for required external components.  |   |
| 10   | NC            | The pins are not connected internally; however all data shown herein was measured with these pins connected to RF/DC ground externally. |   |
| 16   | RFOUT         | This pad is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.  |  |
| 20, 21, 22, 23                                   | Vdd4, 3, 2, 1 | Drain Bias Voltage for the amplifier. See assembly diagram for required external components   |  |



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**Application Circuit**



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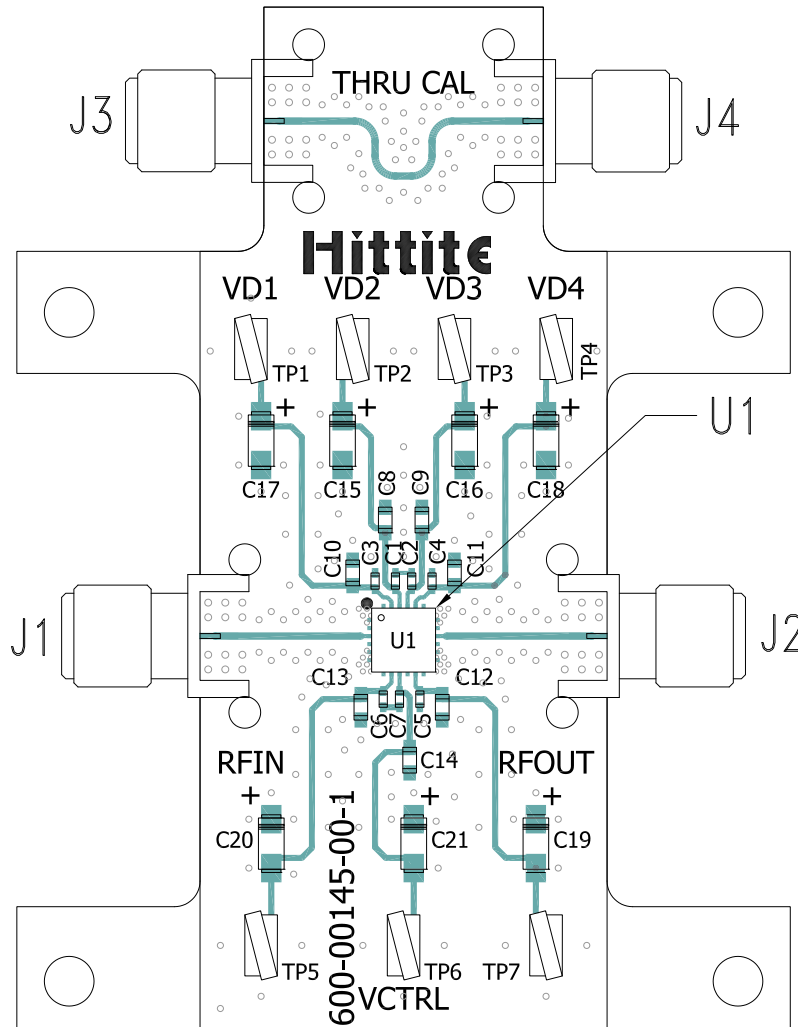
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**Evaluation PCB**



**List of Materials for Evaluation PCB  
EVAL01-HMC6187LP4E [1]**

| Item      | Description                         |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| J1 - J4   | PCB Mount K Connectors              |
| TP1 - TP7 | DC Pin                              |
| C1 - C7   | 100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.         |
| C8 - C14  | 10,000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.      |
| C15 - C21 | 4.7 μF Capacitor, CASE A            |
| U1        | HMC6187LP4E Variable Gain Amplifier |
| PCB [2]   | 600-00145-00 Evaluation PCB         |

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Arlon 25FR

The circuit board used in the application should use RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines should have 50 Ohm impedance while the package ground leads and exposed paddle should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown. A sufficient number of via holes should be used to connect the top and bottom ground planes. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.