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GaAs PHEMT MMIC DRIVER AMPLIFIER, 5 - 20 GHz

Typical Applications

The HMC634LC4 is ideal for:

- Point-to-Point Radios
- Point-to-Multi-Point Radios & VSAT
- LO Driver for Mixers
- Military & Space

Features

Gain: 21 dB

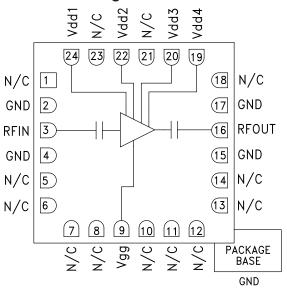
P1dB: +22 dBm

Saturated Power: +23 dBm @ 17% PAE Single Supply Voltage: +5V @180 mA

50 Ohm Matched Input/Output

24 Lead 4x4mm SMT Package: 16mm²

Functional Diagram



General Description

The HMC634LC4 is a GaAs PHEMT MMIC Driver Amplifier in a leadless 4 x 4 mm ceramic surface mount package which operates between 5 and 20 GHz The amplifier provides up to 21 dB of gain, +29 dBm Output IP3, and +22 dBm of output power at 1 dB gain compression, while requiring 180 mA from a +5V supply. The HMC634LC4 is an ideal driver amplifier for microwave radio applications from 5 to 20 GHz, and may be biased at +5V, 130 mA to provide lower gain with optimized PAE. The amplifier's I/Os are DC blocked and matched to 50 Ohms with no external matching required.

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^{\circ}$ C, $Vdd_{1.4} = 5V$, Idd = 180 mA [1]

Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range	5 - 16		16 - 20		GHz		
Gain	18	21		17	20		dB
Gain Variation Over Temperature		0.025	0.035		0.020	0.030	dB/ °C
Input Return Loss		18			14		dB
Output Return Loss		14			13		dB
Output Power for 1 dB Compression (P1dB)	19	22		16	20		dBm
Saturated Output Power (Psat)		23			20.5		dBm
Output Third Order Intercept (IP3)		29			28		dBm
Noise Figure		7.5			7.5		dB
Supply Current (Idd) (Idd = $Idd_1 + Idd_2 + Idd_3 + Idd_4$)		180			180		mA

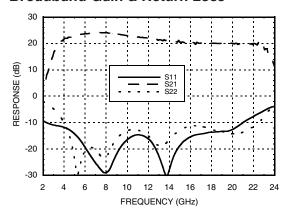
[1] Adjust Vgg between -2 to 0V to achieve Idd= 180 mA Typical.



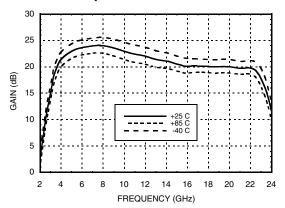


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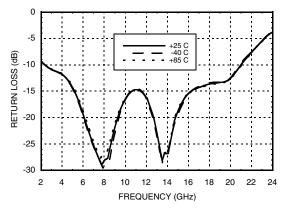
Broadband Gain & Return Loss



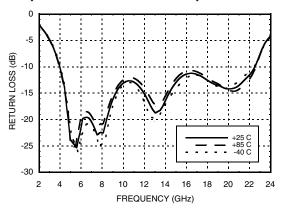
Gain vs. Temperature



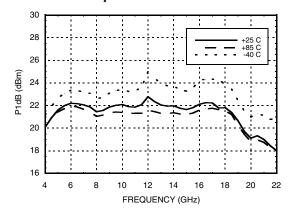
Input Return Loss vs. Temperature



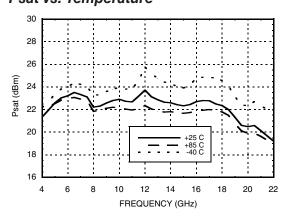
Output Return Loss vs. Temperature



P1dB vs. Temperature



Psat vs. Temperature

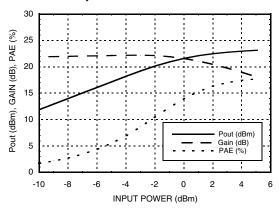




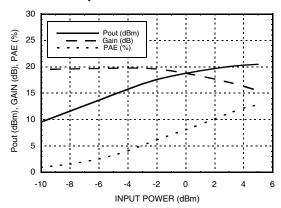


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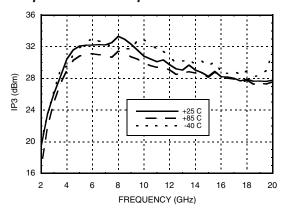
Power Compression @ 12.5 GHz



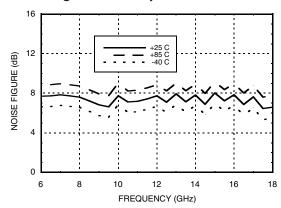
Power Compression @ 20 GHz



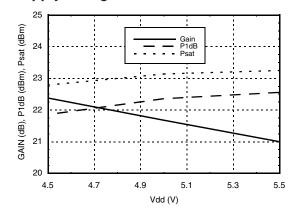
Output IP3 vs. Temperature



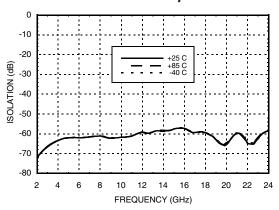
Noise Figure vs. Temperature



Gain & Power vs. Supply Voltage @ 12.5 GHz



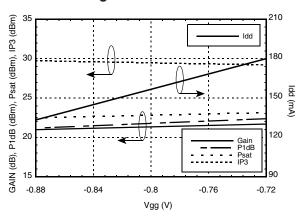
Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature







Gain, Power & Output IP3 vs. Gate Voltage @ 12.5 GHz



Typical Supply Current vs. Vdd

Vdd (V)	ldd (mA)		
4.5	177		
5.0	180		
5.5	183		

Note: Amplifier will operate over full voltage ranges shown above

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Drain Bias Voltage (Vdd1, Vdd2, Vdd3, Vdd4)	+5.5 Vdc
Gate Bias Voltage (Vgg)	-3 to 0 Vdc
RF Input Power (RFIN)(Vdd = +5 Vdc)	+10 dBm
Channel Temperature	175 °C
Continuous Pdiss (T= 85 °C) (derate 11.17 mW/°C above 85 °C)	1 W
Thermal Resistance (channel to package bottom)	89.46 °C/W
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85 °C



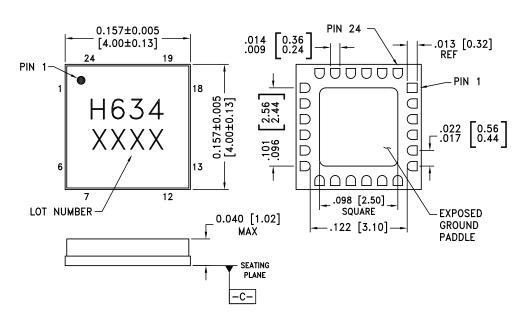




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Outline Drawing

BOTTOM VIEW



NOTES

- 1. PACKAGE BODY MATERIAL: ALUMINA
- 2. LEAD AND GROUND PADDLE PLATING: 30-80 MICROINCHES GOLD OVER 50 MICROINCHES MINIMUM NICKEL.
- 3. DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MILLIMETERS].
- 4. LEAD SPACING TOLERANCE IS NON-CUMULATIVE.
- 5. PACKAGE WARP SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.05mm DATUM -C-
- 6. ALL GROUND LEADS AND GROUND PADDLE MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB RF GROUND.

Package Information

Part Number	Package Body Material	Lead Finish	MSL Rating	Package Marking [2]
HMC634LC4	Alumina, White	Gold over Nickel	MSL3 [1]	H634 XXXX

^[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

^{[2] 4-}Digit lot number XXXX





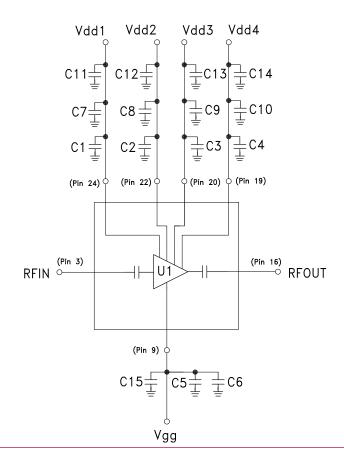
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Pin Descriptions

Pin Number	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1, 5 - 8, 10 - 14, 18, 21, 23	N/C	The pins are not connected internally; however, all data shown herein was measured with these pins connected to RF/DC ground externally.	
2, 4, 15, 17	GND	Package Bottom must be connected to RF/DC ground.	→ GND —
3	RFIN	This pin is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.	RFIN ○──
9	Vgg	Gate control for amplifier, please follow "MMIC Amplifier Biasing Procedure" Application Note: See application circuit for required external components.	Vgg O
16	RFOUT	This pin is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.	— —○ RFOUT
24, 22, 20, 19	Vdd1, Vdd2, Vdd3, Vdd4	Power Supply Voltage for the amplifier. See application circuit for required external components.	Vdd1,2,3,4

Application Circuit

Component	Value
C1 - C5	100 pF
C6 - C10	1000 pF
C11 - C15	2.2 µF

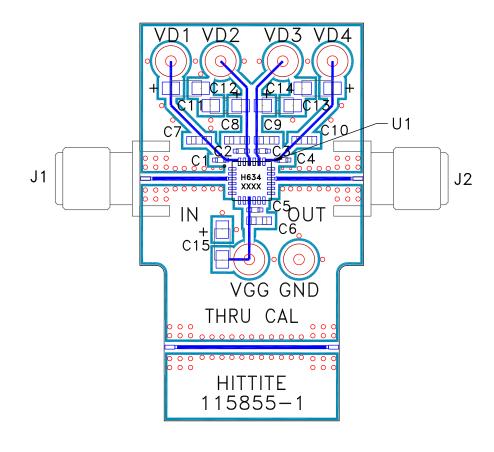






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Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 115857 [1]

Item	Description
J1 - J2	2.92 mm PC Mount K-Connector
VD1 - VD4	DC Pin
C1 - C5	100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C6 - C10	1000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
C11 - C15	2.2 μF Capacitor, Tantalum
U1	HMC634LC4 Driver Amplifier
PCB [2]	115855 Evaluation PCB

^[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350

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 board should be mounted to an appropriate heat sink. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.







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