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GaAs MMIC VOLTAGE - VARIABLE ATTENUATOR, 10 - 40 GHz

Typical Applications

The HMC985LP4KE is ideal for:

- Point-to-Point Radio
- VSAT Radio
- Test Instrumentation
- Microwave Sensors
- Military, ECM & Radar

Features

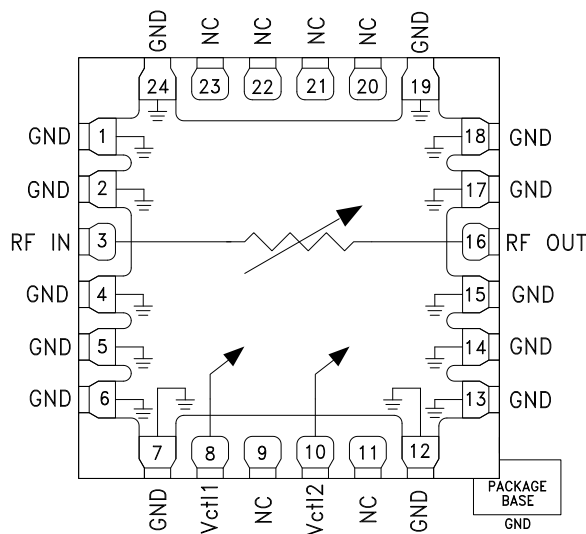
- Wide Bandwidth: 10 - 40 GHz
- Excellent Linearity: +32 dB Input IP3
- Wide Attenuation Range: 35 dB
- No External Matching
- 24 Lead 4x4 mm SMT Package: 16 mm²

General Description

The HMC985LP4KE is an absorptive Voltage Variable Attenuator (VVA) which operates from 10 - 40 GHz and is ideal in designs where an analog DC control signal must be used to control RF signal levels over a 35 dB dynamic range. It features two shunt-type attenuators which are controlled by two analog voltages, Vctl1 and Vctl2. Optimum linearity performance of the attenuator is achieved by first varying Vctl1 of the first attenuation stage from -3V to 0V with Vctl2 fixed at -3V. The control voltage of the second attenuation stage, Vctl2, should then be varied from -3V to 0V with Vctl1 fixed at 0V.

if the Vctl1 and Vctl2 pins are connected together it is possible to achieve the full analog attenuation range with only a small degradation in input IP3 performance. Applications include AGC circuits and temperature compensation of multiple gain stages in microwave point-to-point and VSAT radios.

Functional Diagram



Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, Test Condition $V_{ctl1} = V_{ctl2}$

| Parameter | Frequency | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|--|-------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Insertion Loss [1] | 10 - 20 GHz | | 3 | 3.5 | dB |
| | 20 - 30 GHz | | 3 | 4 | dB |
| | 30 - 40 GHz | | 3.5 | 4.5 | dB |
| Attenuation Range | 10 - 20 GHz | 25 | 30 | | dB |
| | 20 - 30 GHz | 30 | 35 | | dB |
| | 30 - 40 GHz | 35 | 40 | | dB |
| Input Return Loss | 10 - 40 GHz | | 13 | | dB |
| Output Return Loss | 10 - 40 GHz | | 13 | | dB |
| Input Third Order Intercept (two-tone input Power = 10 dBm Each Tone) [2] | | | 33 | | dBm |

[1] Vctl1 = Vctl2 = -2.4V

[2] Vctl1 = Vctl2 = -2.0V worst case

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- HMC985LP4KE Data Sheet

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REFERENCE MATERIALS

Quality Documentation

- Package/Assembly Qualification Test Report: LP4, LP4B, LP4C, LP4K (QTR: 2013-00487 REV: 04)
- Semiconductor Qualification Test Report: MESFET-F (QTR: 2013-00247)

DESIGN RESOURCES

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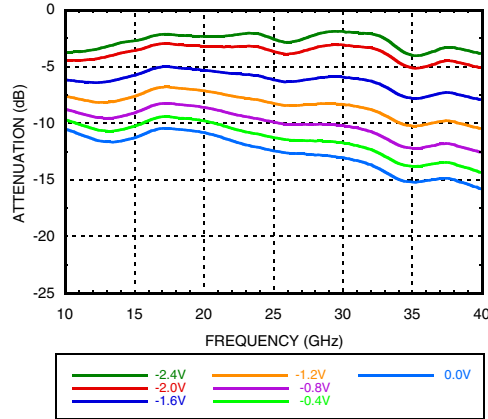
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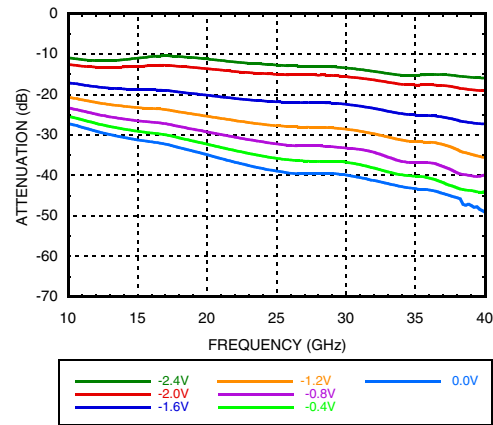


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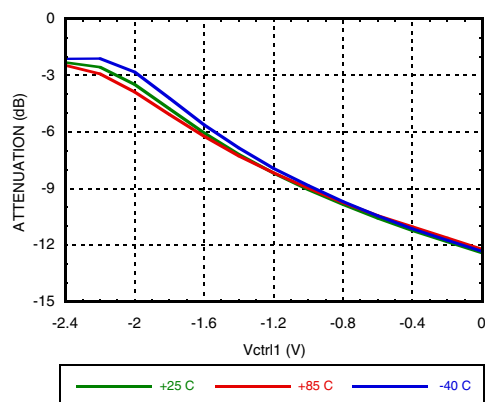
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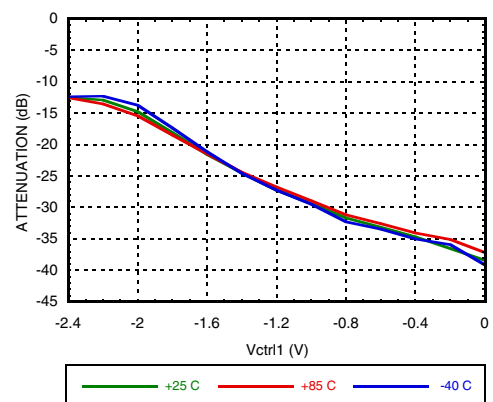
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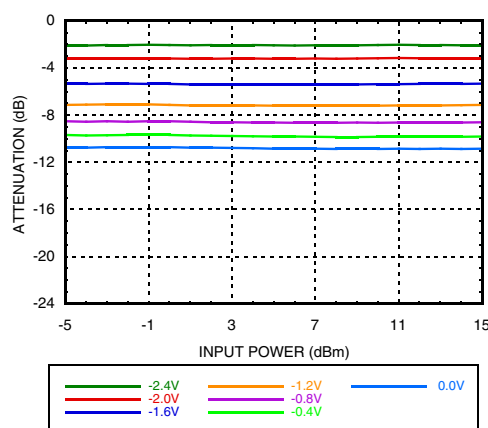
Attenuation vs. Vctrl1 Over Temperature @ 25 GHz, Vctrl2 = -3V



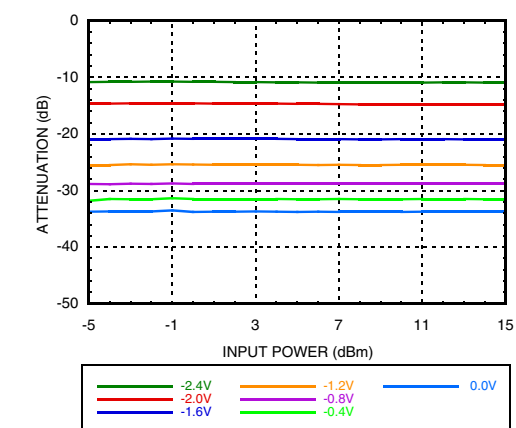
Attenuation vs. Vctrl2 Over Temperature @ 30 GHz, Vctrl1 = 0V



Attenuation vs. Pin @ 20 GHz over Vctrl1 Variable, Vctrl2 = -3V



Attenuation vs. Pin @ 20 GHz over Vctrl2 Variable, Vctrl1 = 0V



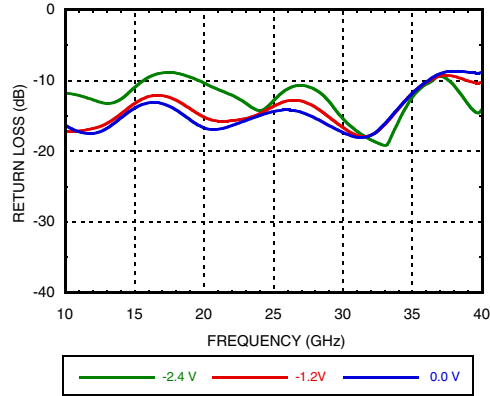
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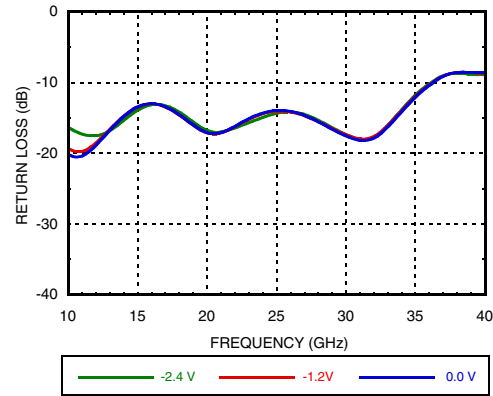


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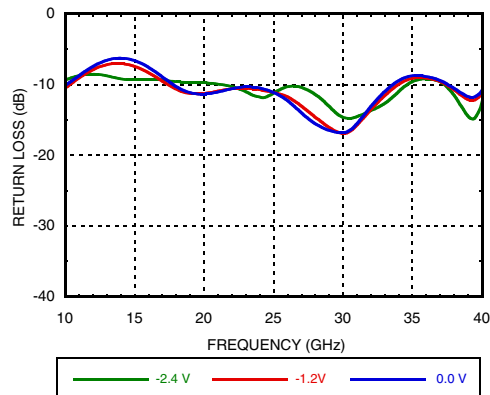
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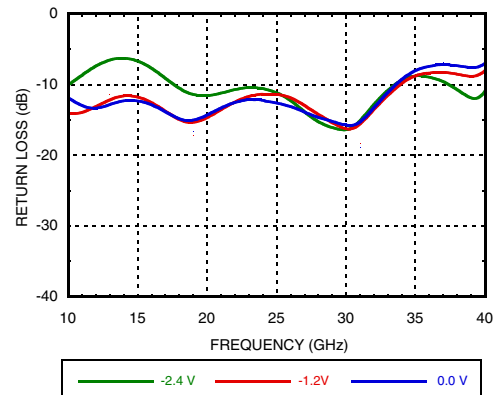
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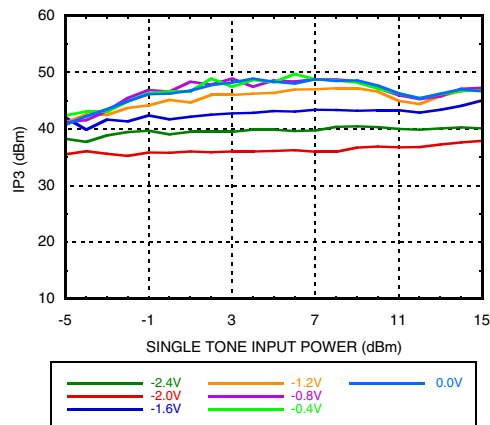
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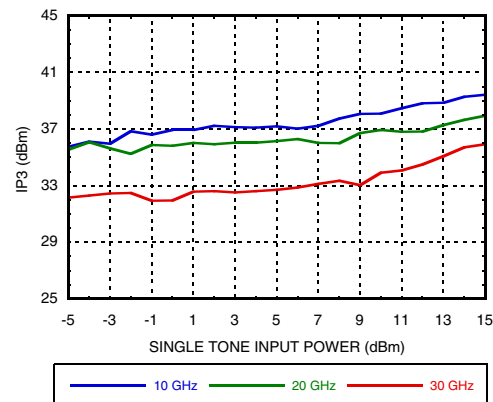
Output Return Loss
Vctl1 = 0V, Vctl2 = Variable



Input IP3 vs. Input Power @ 20 GHz
Vctl1 = Variable, Vctl2 = -3V



Input IP3 vs. Input Power Over Frequency
Vctl1 = -2V, Vctl2 = -3V [1]

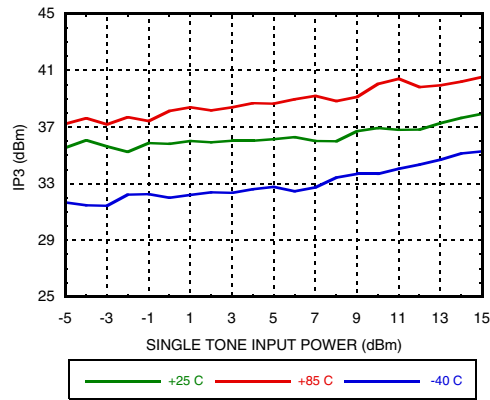


[1] Worst Case IP3

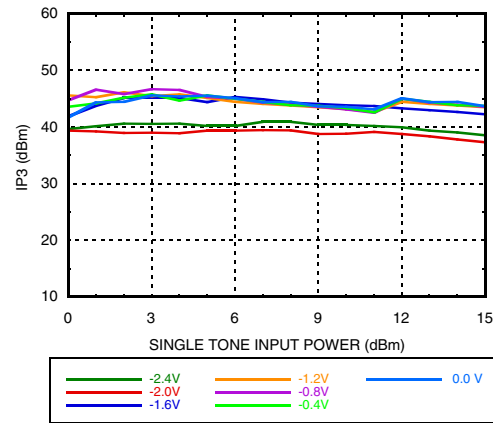


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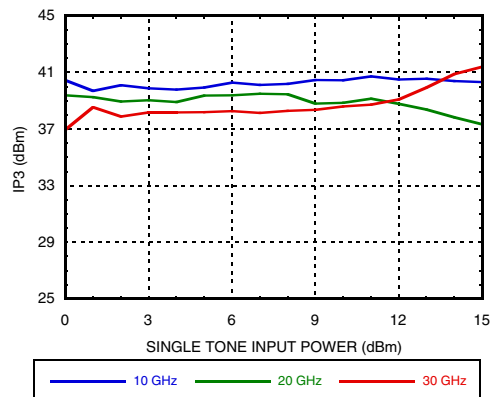
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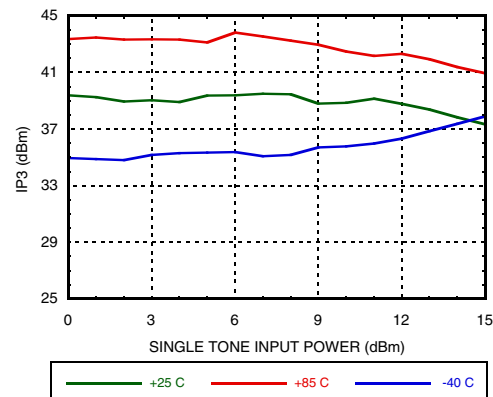
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Vctl2 = Variable, Vctl1 = 0V**



**Input IP3 vs. Input Power Over Frequency
Vctl2 = -2V, Vctl1 = 0V [1]**



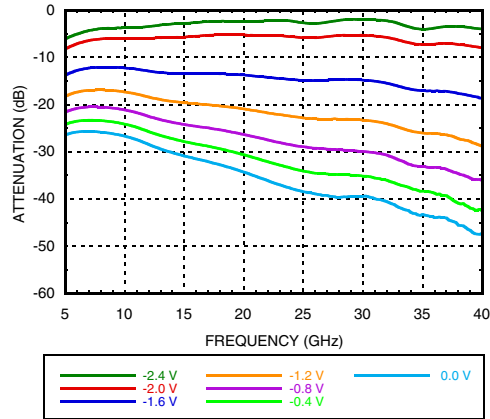
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@ 20 GHz, Vctl2 = -2V, Vctl1 = 0V [1]**



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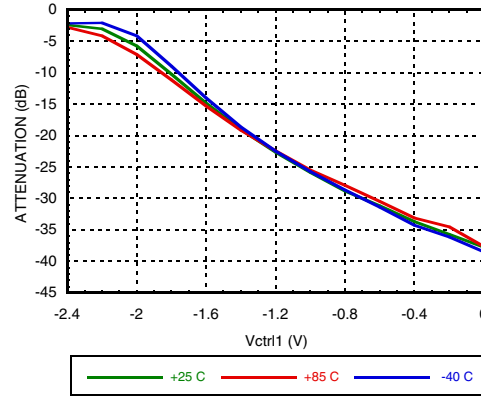


Attenuation vs Frequency Over Vctrl
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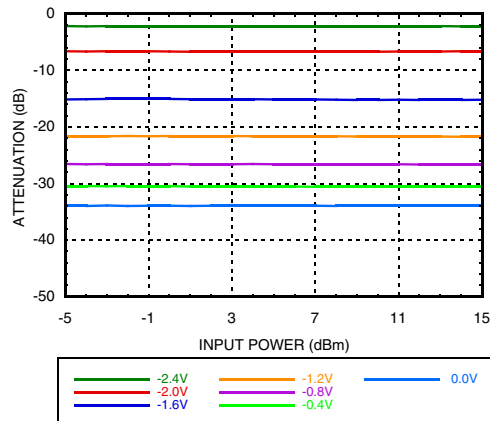


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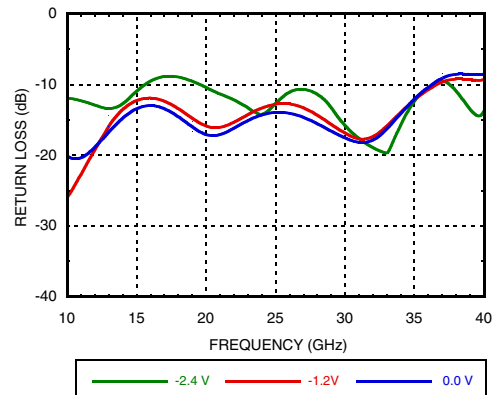
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@ 20 GHz, Vctrl1 = Vctrl2



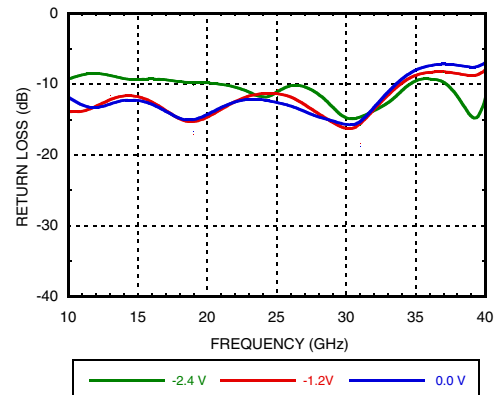
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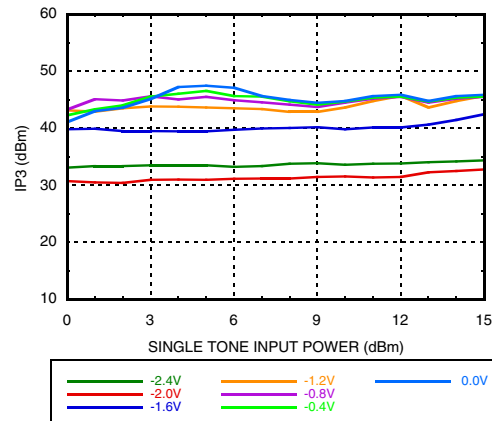
Input Return Loss, Vctrl1 = Vctrl2



Output Return Loss, Vctrl1 = Vctrl2



Input IP3 vs. Input Power Over Vctrl @ 20 GHz, Vctrl1 = Vctrl2



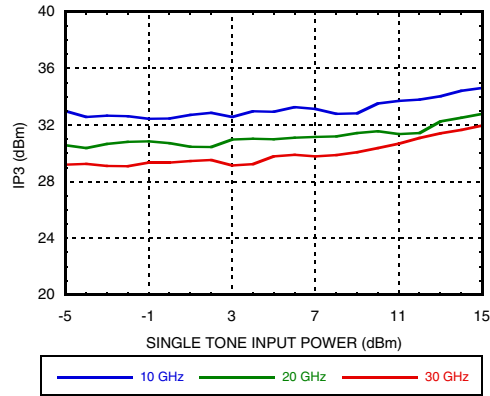
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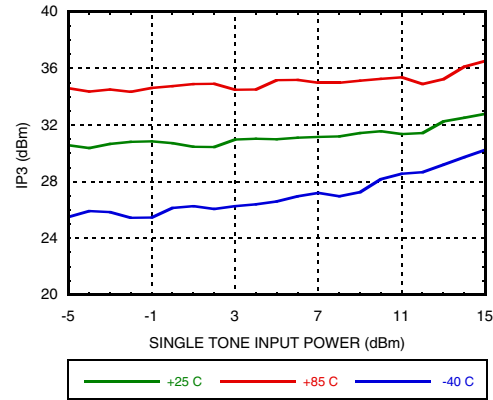


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Input IP3 vs. Input Power Over Frequency
Vctl1 = Vctl2



**Input IP3 vs. Input Power Over
Temperature @ 20 GHz Vctl1 = Vctl2**





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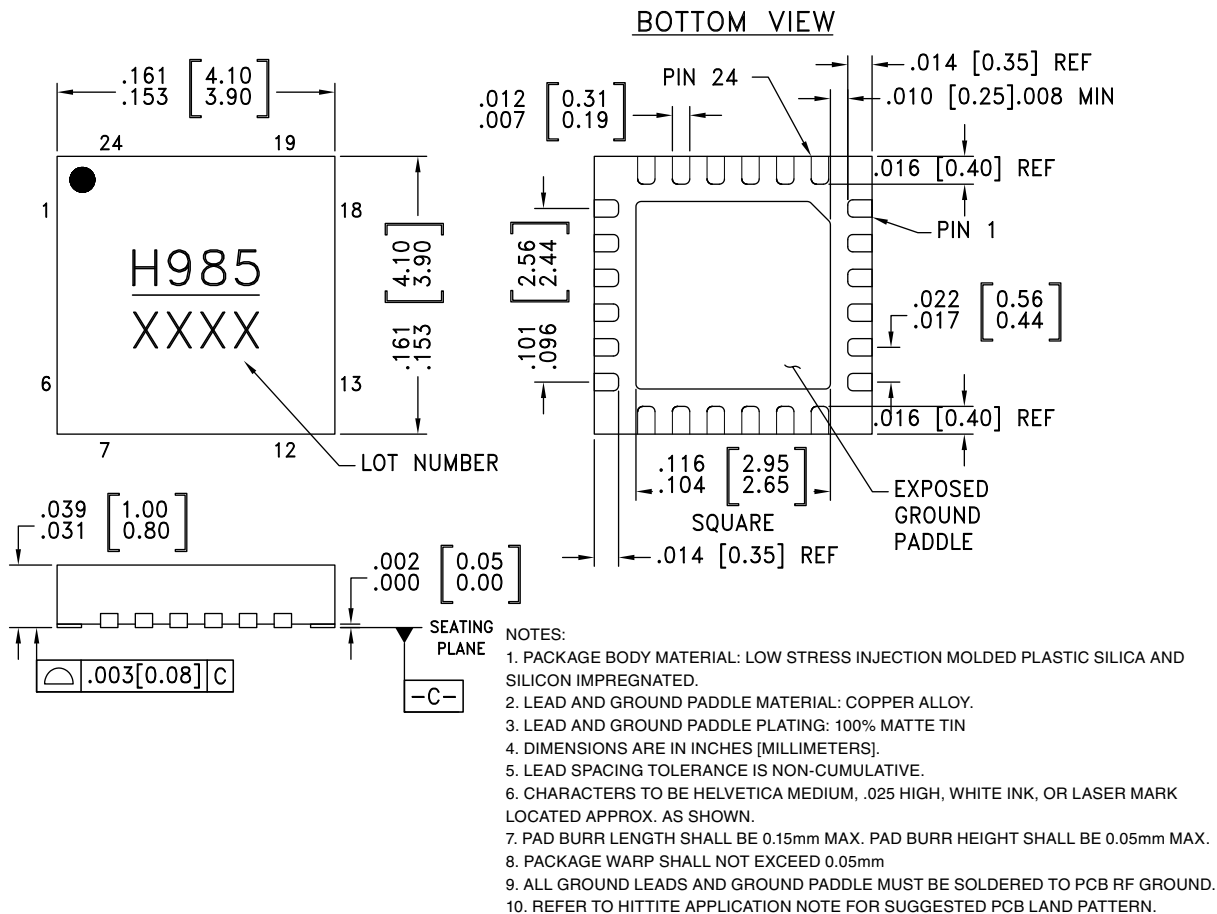
Absolute Maximum Ratings

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Control Voltage | +1 to -5V |
| Input RF Power | 30 dBm |
| Maximum Junction Temperature | 165 °C |
| Thermal Resistance (R _{TH}) (junction to ground paddle) | 62 °C/W |
| Operating Temperature | -40°C to +85°C |
| Storage Temperature | -65°C to 125°C |
| ESD Sensitivity (HBM) | Class1A, passed 250V |



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Outline Drawing



Package Information

| Part Number | Package Body Material | Lead Finish | MSL Rating | Package Marking |
|-------------|--|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| HMC985LP4KE | RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | 100% matte Sn | MSL1 [1] | H985 XXX |

[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C

[2] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

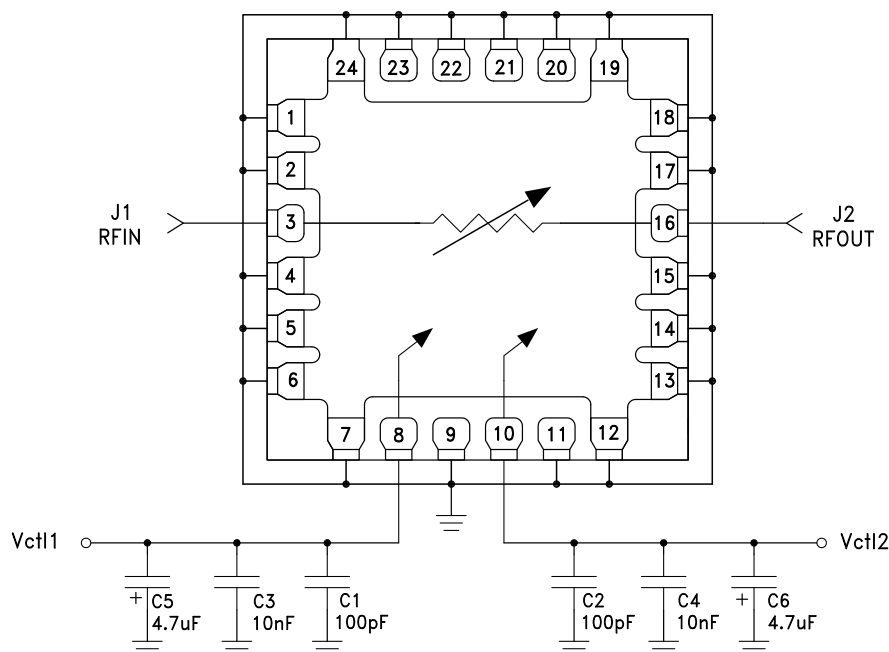


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Pin Descriptions

| Pin Number | Function | Description | Pin Schematic |
|-----------------------------|----------|---|---------------|
| 1, 2, 4-7, 12-15, 17-19, 24 | GND | These pins and package bottom must be connected to RF/DC ground externally. | |
| 3 | RFIN | This pad is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms. | |
| 8 | Vctl1 | Control Voltage 1. | |
| 9, 11, 20-23 | NC | These pins are not connected internally, however all data shown herein was measured with these pins connected to RF/DC ground externally. | |
| 10 | Vctl2 | Control Voltage 2. | |
| 16 | RFOUT | This pad is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms. | |

Application Circuit



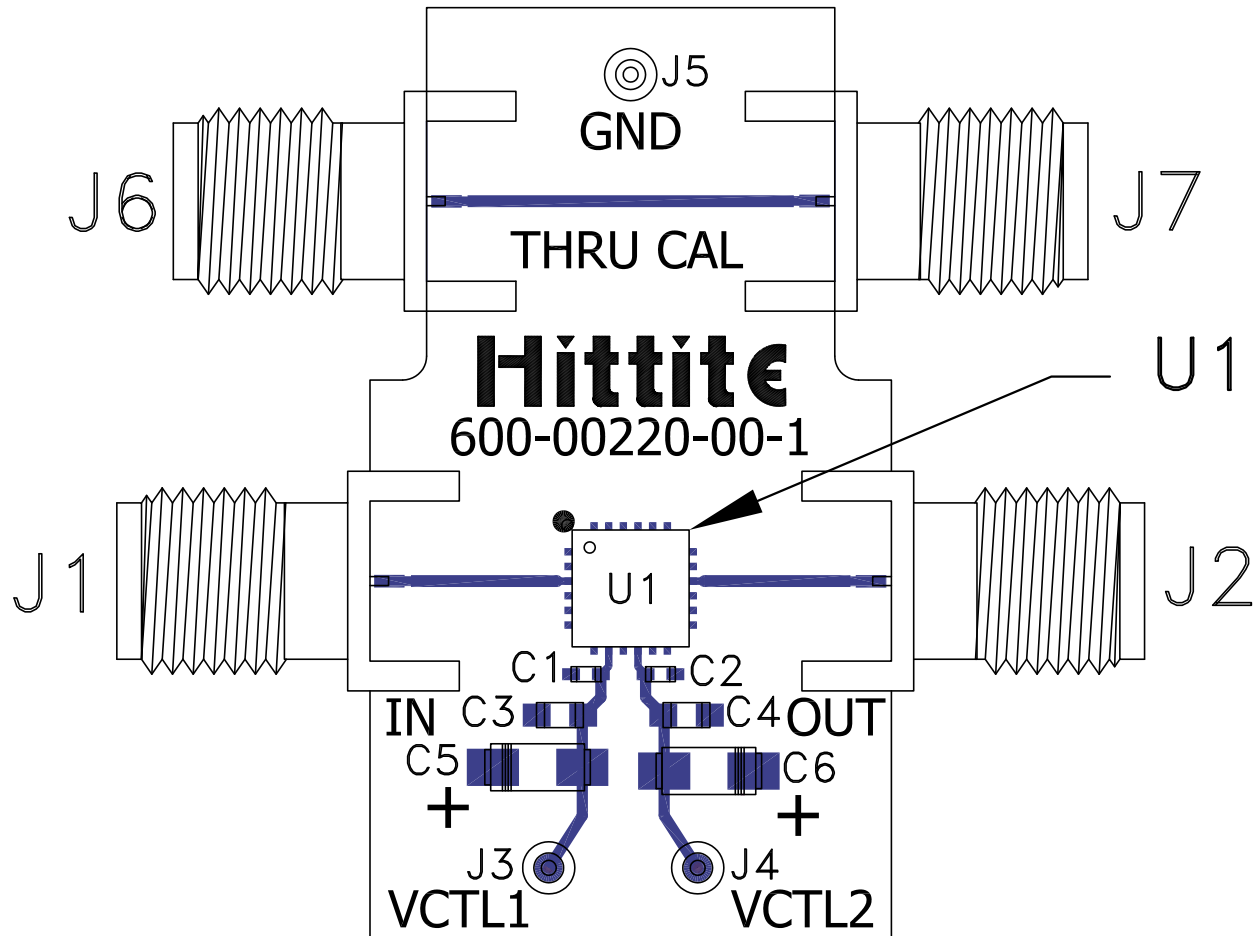
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Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for Evaluation PCB EVAL01-HMC985LP4KE [1]

| Item | Description |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| J1-J2, J6-J7 | K Connectors. |
| J3-J5 | DC Pins. |
| C1-C2 | 100pF Capacitors, 0402 Pkg. |
| C3-C4 | 0.01 μ F Capacitor, 0603 Pkg. |
| C5-C6 | 4.7 μ F Case A, Tantalum. |
| U1 | HMC985LP4KE VVA. |
| PCB | 600-00220-00 Evaluation PCB. |

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

The circuit board used in the final 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.

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