



GaAs MMIC ANALOG VARIABLE GAIN AMPLIFIER, 6 - 17 GHz

Typical Applications

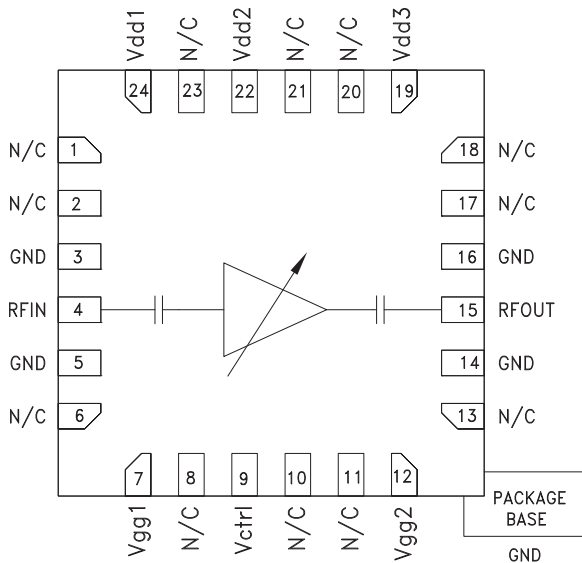
The HMC694LP4(E) is ideal for:

- Point-to-Point Radio
- Point-to-Multi-Point Radio
- EW & ECM
- X-Band Radar
- Test Equipment

Features

- Wide Gain Control Range: 23 dB
- Single Control Voltage
- Output IP3 @ Max Gain: +30 dBm
- Output P1dB: +22 dBm
- No External Matching
- 24 Lead 4x4 mm SMT Package: 16 mm²

Functional Diagram



General Description

The HMC694LP4(E) is a GaAs MMIC PHEMT analog variable gain amplifier which operates between 6 and 17 GHz. Ideal for microwave radio applications, the amplifier provides up to 22 dB of gain, output P1 dB of up to +22 dBm, and up to +30 dBm of output IP3 at maximum gain, while requiring only 175 mA from a +5V supply. A gate bias pin (Vctrl) is provided to allow variable gain control up to 23 dB. Gain flatness is excellent making the HMC694LP4E ideal for EW, ECM and radar applications. The HMC694LP4E is housed in a RoHS compliant 4x4 mm QFN leadless package and is compatible with high volume surface mount manufacturing.

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{dd1, 2, 3} = 5\text{V}$, $V_{ctrl} = -2\text{V}$, $I_{dd} = 170\text{mA}^*$

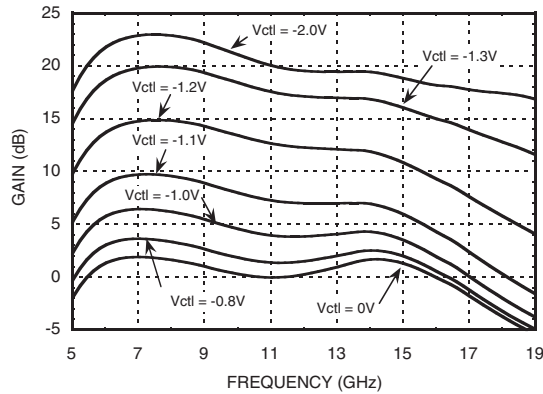
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|--|------|---------|------|---------|-----------|------|-------|
| Frequency Range | | 6 - 10 | | 10 - 17 | | | GHz |
| Gain | 19 | 22 | | 14 | 18 | | dB |
| Gain Flatness | | ± 1 | | | ± 1.5 | | dB |
| Gain Variation Over Temperature | | 0.015 | | | 0.015 | | dB/°C |
| Gain Control Range | | 23 | | | 20 | | dB |
| Noise Figure | | 6 | 7.5 | | 6 | 6.5 | dB |
| Input Return Loss | | 15 | | | 8 | | dB |
| Output Return Loss | | 10 | | | 8 | | dB |
| Output Power for 1 dB Compression (P1dB) | 19 | 21 | | 21 | 22 | | dBm |
| Saturated Output Power (Psat) | | 22 | | | 23 | | dBm |
| Output Third Order Intercept (IP3) | | 30 | | | 30 | | dBm |
| Total Supply Current (Idd) | | 175 | | | 175 | | mA |

*Set Vctrl = -2V and then adjust Vgg1, 2 between -2V to 0V (typ. -0.8V) to achieve Idd = 170mA typical.

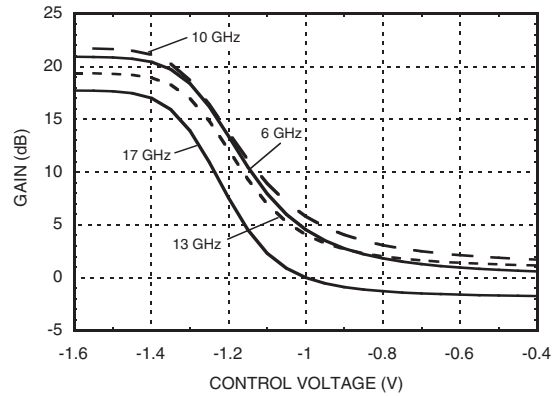


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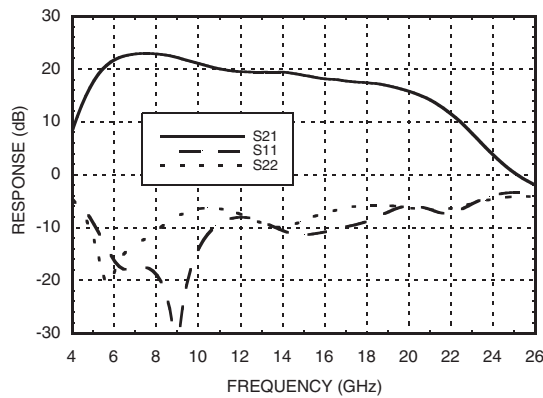
Control Voltage Range vs. Gain



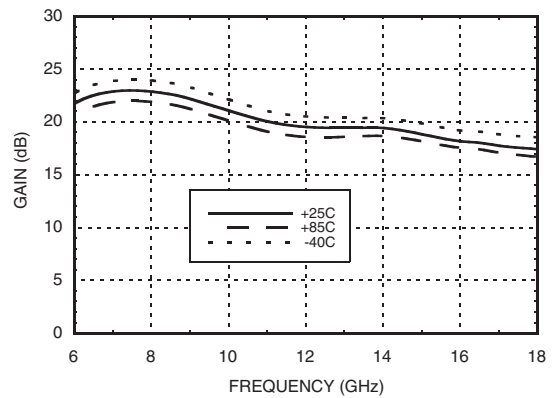
Gain vs. Control Voltage



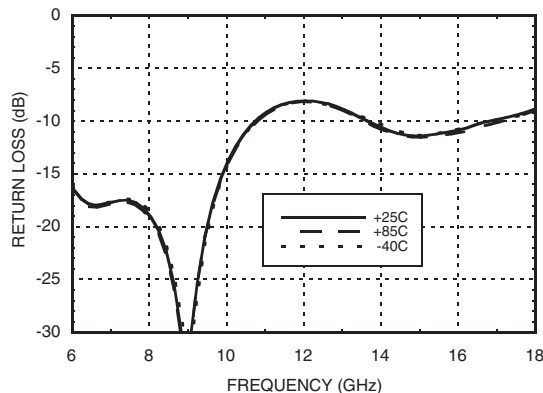
Broadband Gain & Return Loss



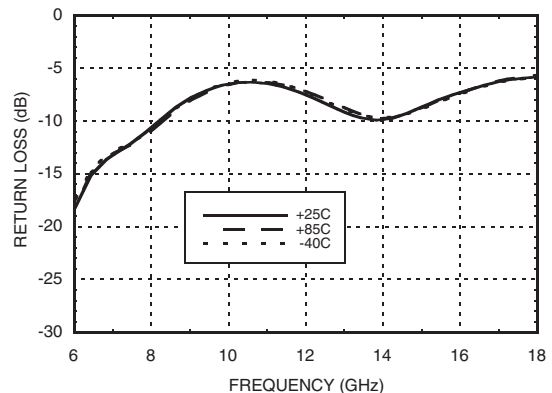
Gain vs. Temperature



Input Return Loss vs. Temperature



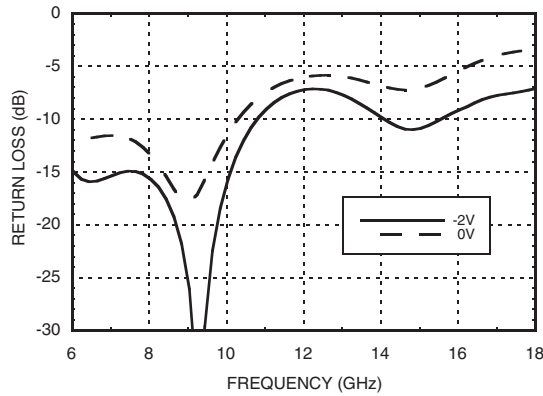
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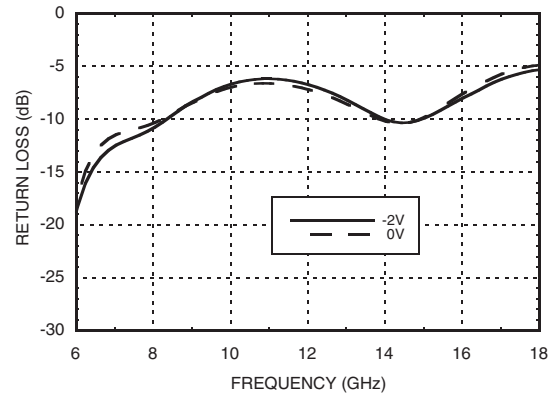


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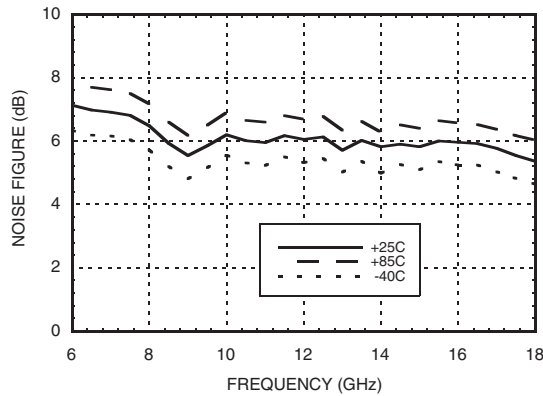
Return Loss @ Voltage Extreme



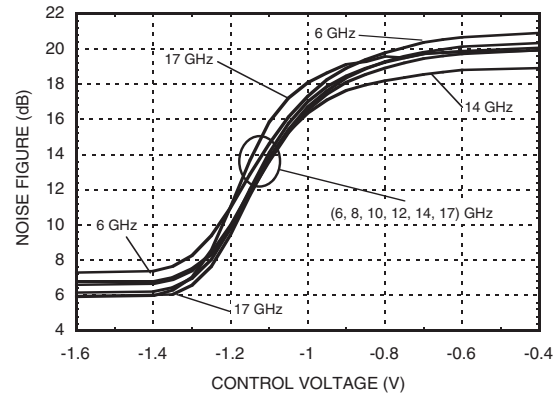
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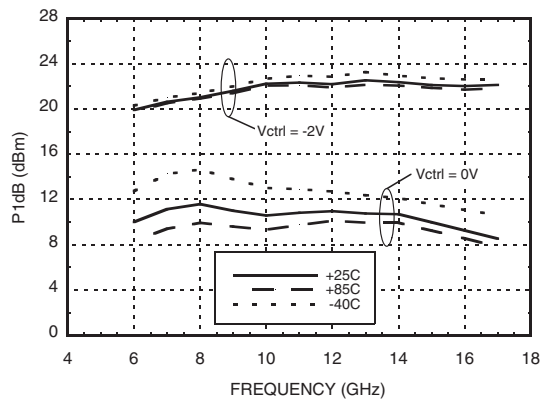
Noise Figure vs. Temperature



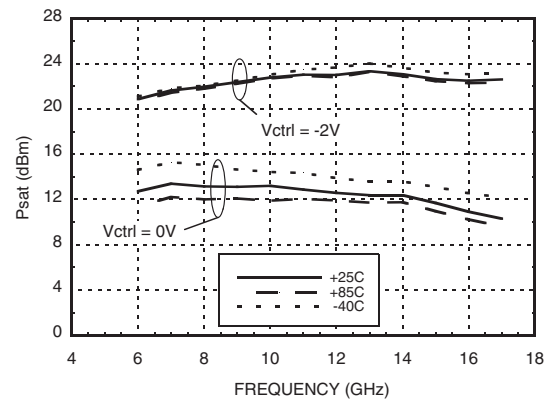
Noise Figure vs. CTRL



P1dB vs. Temperature

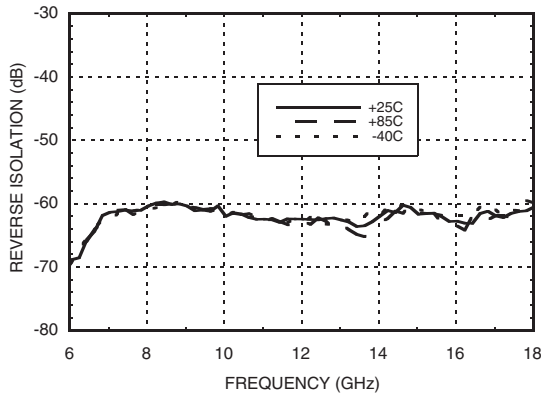


Psat vs. Temperature

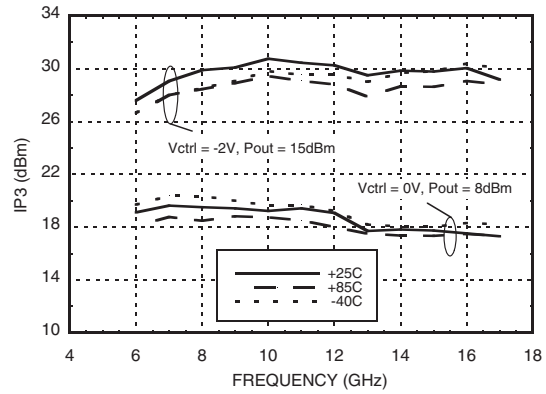


[1] Tested with broadband bias tee on RF ports and C1 = 10,000pF
[2] C1, C6 and C8 = 100pF, L1 = 24nF

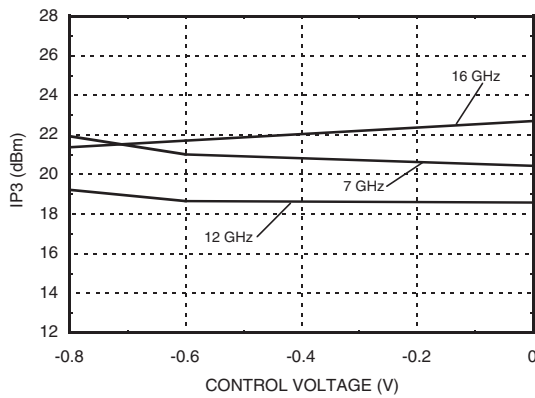
Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature



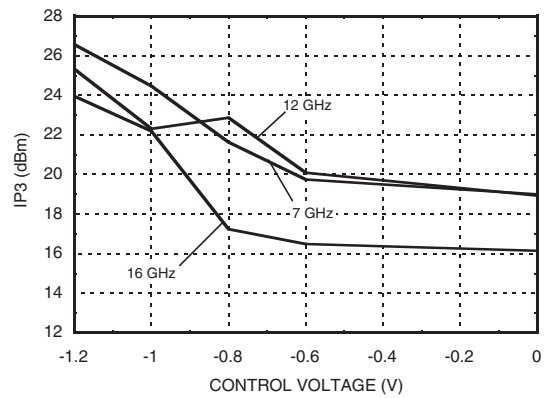
Output IP3 vs. Temperature



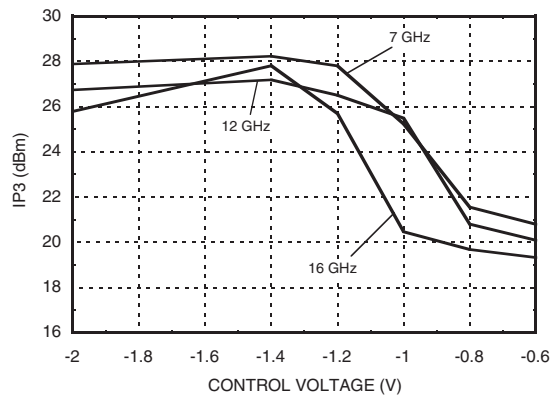
Output IP3 @ 0 dBm



Output IP3 @ 5 dBm



Output IP3 @ 10 dBm



Absolute Maximum Ratings

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Drain Bias Voltage (Vdd1, 2, 3) | +5.5V |
| Gate Bias Voltage (Vgg1, 2) | -3 to 0V |
| Gain Control Voltage (Vctrl) | -3 to 0V |
| RF Power Input | +5 dBm |
| Channel Temperature | 175 °C |
| Continuous P _{diss} (T = 85 °C) (derate 10.2 mW/°C above 85 °C) [1] | 0.92 W |
| Thermal Resistance (Channel to ground paddle) | 97.6 °C/W |
| Storage Temperature | -65 to +150 °C |
| Operating Temperature | -40 to +85 °C |

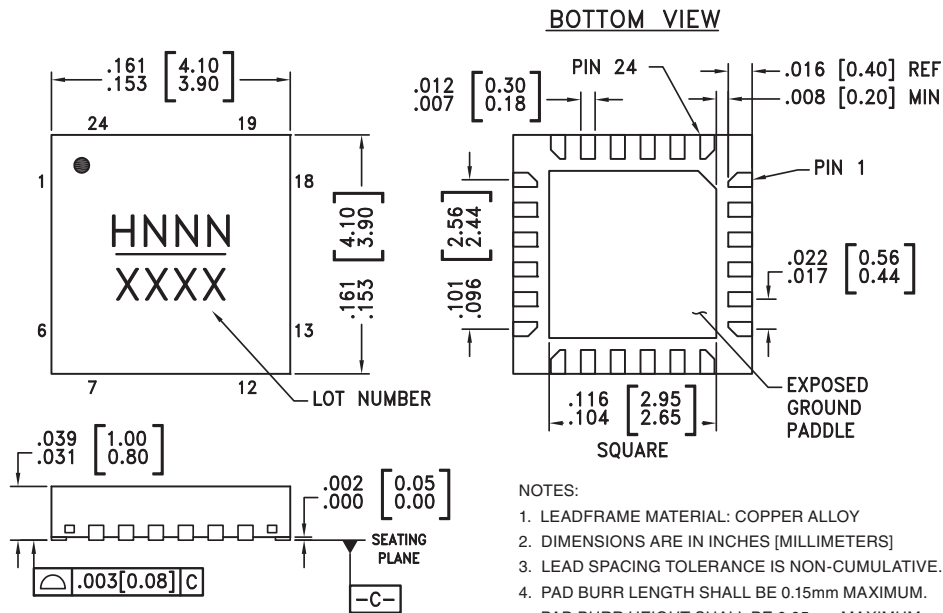
Bias Voltage

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Vdd1,2,3 (V) | I _{dd} Total (mA) |
| +5.0 | 170 |
| Vgg1,2 (V) | I _{gg} Total (mA) |
| 0V to -2V | <3 μA |



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OBSERVE HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

Outline Drawing



NOTES:

- LEADFRAME MATERIAL: COPPER ALLOY
- DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MILLIMETERS]
- LEAD SPACING TOLERANCE IS NON-CUMULATIVE.
- PAD BURR LENGTH SHALL BE 0.15mm MAXIMUM.
PAD BURR HEIGHT SHALL BE 0.05mm MAXIMUM.
- PACKAGE WARP SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.05mm.
- ALL GROUND LEADS AND GROUND PADDLE MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB RF GROUND.
- REFER TO HITTITE APPLICATION NOTE FOR SUGGESTED LAND PATTERN.

Package Information

| Part Number | Package Body Material | Lead Finish | MSL Rating | Package Marking [3] |
|-------------|--|---------------|------------|---------------------|
| HMC694LP4 | Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | Sn/Pb Solder | MSL1 [1] | H694 XXXX |
| HMC694LP4E | RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | 100% matte Sn | MSL1 [2] | H694 XXXX |


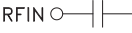
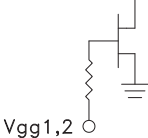
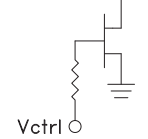
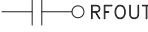
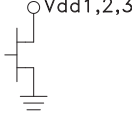
[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 235 °C

[2] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C

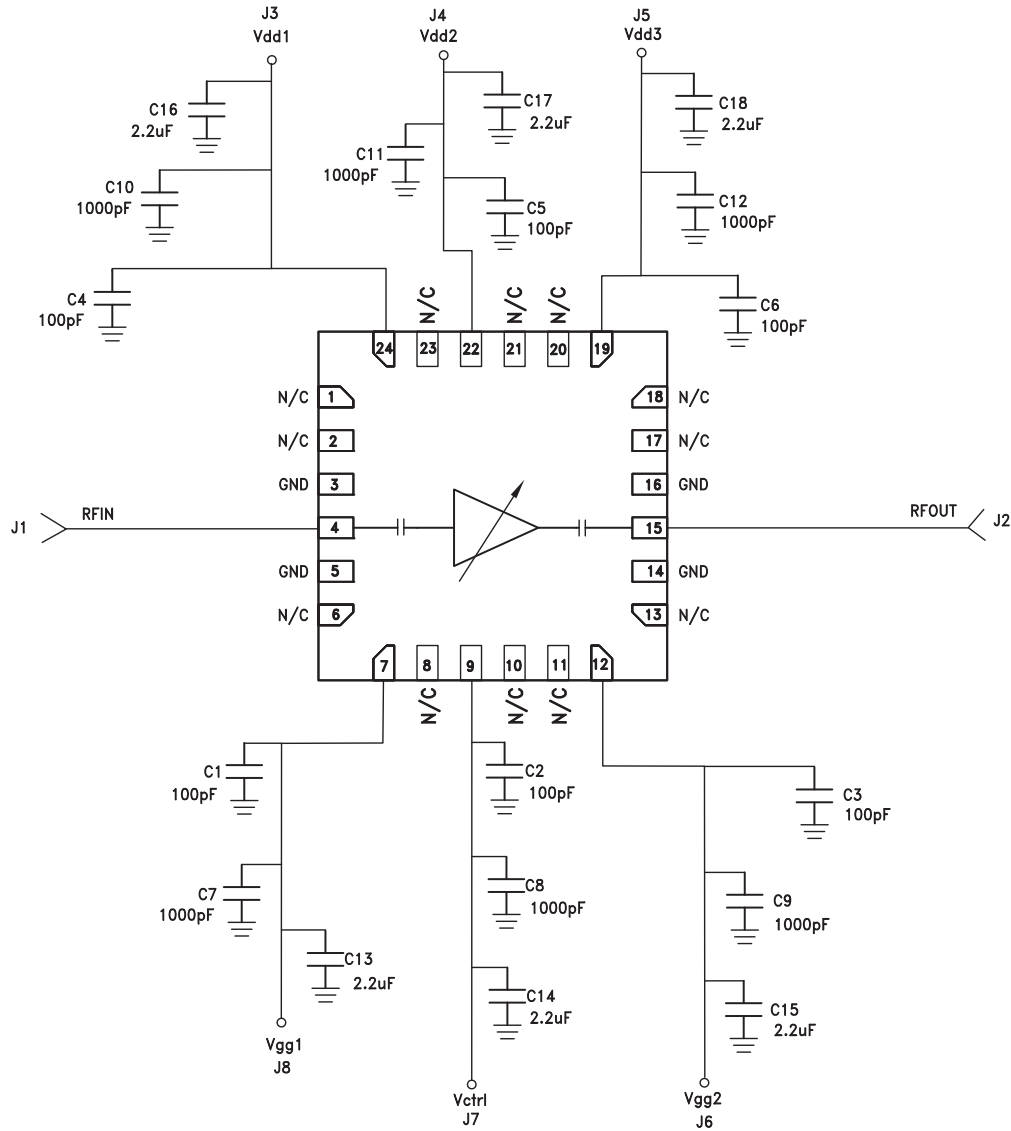
[3] 4-Digit lot number XXXX



Pin Descriptions

| Pad Number | Function | Description | Interface Schematic |
|--|------------|--|---|
| 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23 | N/C | No Connection | |
| 3, 5, 14, 16 | GND | Die bottom must be connected to RF/DC ground. |  |
| 4 | RFIN | This pad is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohm. |  |
| 7, 12 | Vgg1, 2 | Gate control for amplifier. Adjust voltage to achieve typical I _{dd} . Please follow "MMIC Amplifier Biasing Procedure" application note. |  |
| 9 | Vctrl | Gain control Voltage for the amplifier. See assembly diagram for required external components. |  |
| 15 | RFOUT | This pad is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohm. |  |
| 19, 22, 24 | Vdd1, 2, 3 | Drain Bias Voltage for the amplifier. See assembly diagram for required external components |  |

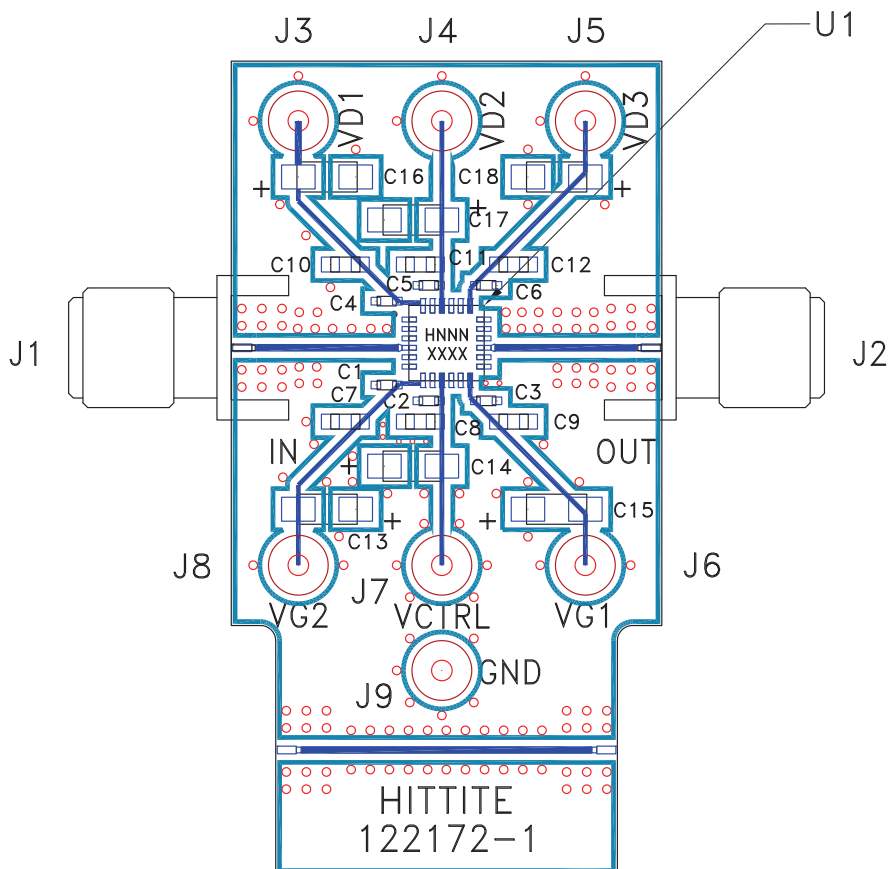
Application Circuit



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VARIABLE GAIN AMPLIFIERS - ANALOG - SMT

Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 122174 [1]

| Item | Description |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| J1, J2 | PCB Mount SMA RF Connectors |
| J3 - J9 | DC Pin |
| C1 - C6 | 100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg. |
| C7 - C12 | 1000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg. |
| C13 - C18 | 2.2 μF Capacitor, CASE A |
| U1 | HMC694LP4(E) Variable Gain Amplifier |
| PCB [2] | 122172 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.