

Miniature Broadband Gain Stage 70 - 3000 MHz

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Features

- Low Noise Figure
- High IP₃
- Single Supply +3 V, +5 V⁶
- RoHS* Compliant SC70- 6LD Package

Description

M/A-COM Technology's MAAL-009120 broadband gain stage is a GaAs MMIC amplifier in a lead-free SC70-6LD (SOT-363) surface mount plastic package. The MAAL-009120 employs a monolithic 1-stage self-biased design featuring a convenient 50 Ω input/output impedance that minimizes the number of external components required. Its broadband design provides usable performance from 500 to 3000 MHz.

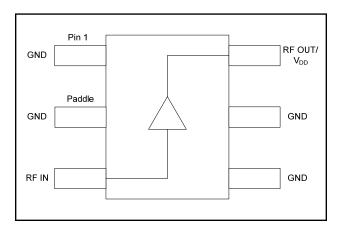
For operation below 500 MHz contact M/A-COM Tech's application group for support.

Ordering Information ^{1,2}

| Part Number | Package |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| MAAL-009120 -TR1000 | 1000 piece reel |
| MAAL-009120 -TR3000 | 3000 piece reel |
| MAAL-009120 -001SMB | Sample Test Board |

- 1. Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.
- 2. All sample boards include 5 loose parts.

Functional Block Diagram



Pin Configuration

| PIN | Function | Description | |
|-----|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 | GND | Ground | |
| 2 | GND | Ground | |
| 3 | RF In | RF input | |
| 4 | GND | Ground | |
| 5 | GND | Ground | |
| 6 | RF Out/V _{DD} | RF output & drain voltage input | |

Absolute Maximum Ratings ^{3,4,5}

| Parameter | Absolute Maximum |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| RF Output Power | 22 dBm |
| Voltage | 5.5 volts |
| Operating Temperature | -40 °C to +85 °C |
| Storage Temperature | -65 °C to +150 °C |

- 3. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
- 4. M/A-COM Technology does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
- 5. Operating at 5 volts with no drain resistor will require the RF output power to be no greater than 10 dBm.

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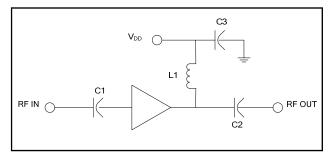
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Electrical Specifications: Freq. = 500 - 3000 MHz, T_A = 25°C, Z_0 = 50 Ω

| | | | Bias Voltage | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------|------|------|----------------------|
| Parameter | Test Conditions | Units | 3 Volts | | | 5 Volts ⁶ |
| | | | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Тур. |
| | F = 0.9 GHz | | | 14 | _ | 14.5 |
| Gain | F = 1.9 GHz | dB | 10.4 | 11 | 13.0 | 11.2 |
| | F = 3.0 GHz | | _ | 8 | _ | 8.5 |
| | F = 0.9 GHz | | - | 1.4 | _ | 1.5 |
| Noise Figure | F = 1.9 GHz | dB | _ | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| | F = 3.0 GHz | | _ | 1.5 | | 1.6 |
| | F = 0.9 GHz | | _ | 7 | _ | 7 |
| Input Return Loss | F = 1.9 GHz | dB | _ | 11 | _ | 11.0 |
| | F = 3.0 GHz | | _ | 11 | _ | 10.5 |
| | F = 0.9 GHz | | | 22 | _ | 26 |
| Output Return Loss | F = 1.9 GHz | dB | _ | 20 | _ | 18.5 |
| | F = 3.0 GHz | | | 15.5 | _ | 17 |
| Output P1dB | 500 – 3000 MHz | dBm | _ | 18.5 | _ | _ |
| Output IP ₃ | 500 – 3000 MHz | dBm | _ | 35 | _ | 35 |
| Current | _ | mA | 60 | 80 | 100 | 95 |

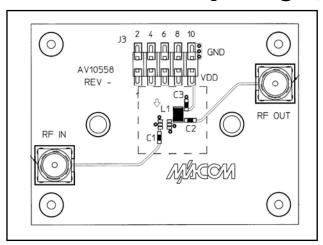
Baseline Application Schematic @ 3V, 5V



Component List @ 3V, 5V

| Part | Value | Case Style | Purpose |
|------|--------|------------|-----------------|
| C1 | 39 pF | 0402 | Input DC Block |
| C2 | 39 pF | 0402 | Output DC Block |
| С3 | 470 pF | 0402 | RF Bypass |
| L1 | 12 nH | 0805 | RF Choke/Tuning |

Recommended PCB Configuration @ 3V, 5V



Handling Procedures

The following precautions should be observed to avoid damage:

Static Sensitivity

Gallium Arsenide Integrated Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

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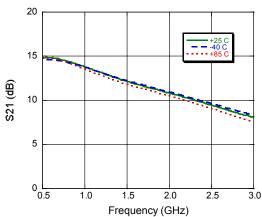


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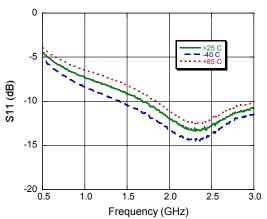
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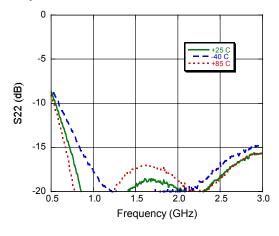




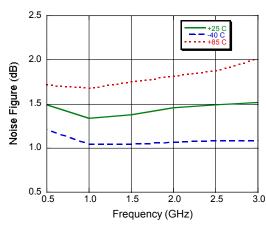
Input Return Loss



Output Return Loss



Noise Figure



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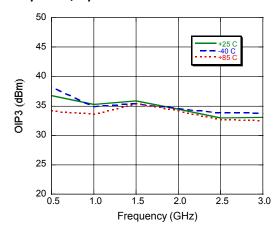


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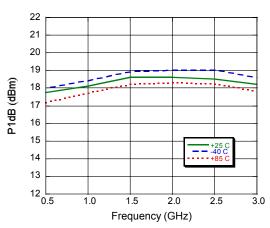
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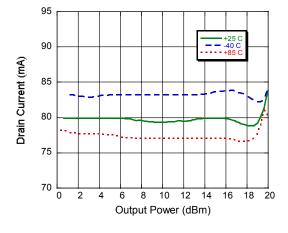
Output IP3, Input Power @ -12 dBm



P1dB



Current



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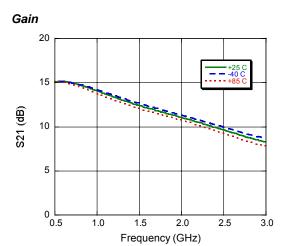
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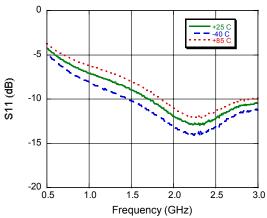
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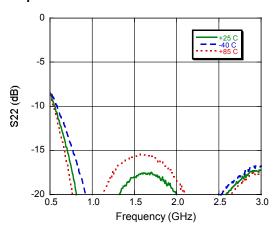
Typical Performance Curves: $V_{DD} = 5 V^6$



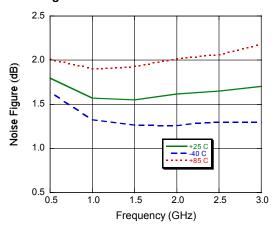
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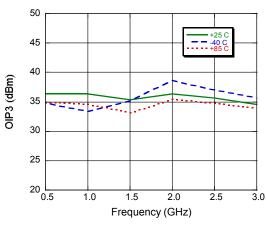
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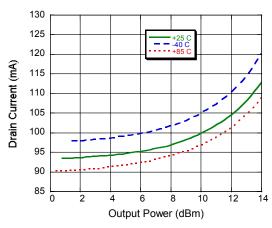
Noise Figure



Output IP3, Input Power = -12 dBm



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6. This device can run from a single 5 volt supply, but for 1M hour MTTF the output power must be no greater than 10 dBm unless using a series resistor on the drain. See Application note 7 on page 7.

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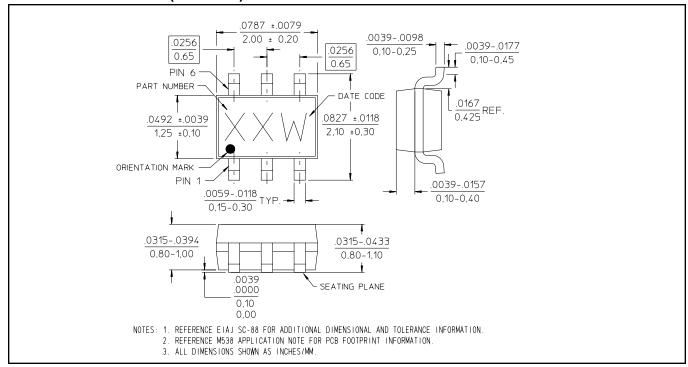
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Lead-Free SC70-6LD (SOT-363)[†]



[†] Reference Application Note M538 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations. Meets JEDEC moisture sensitivity level 1 requirements. Plating is 100% matte tin over copper.

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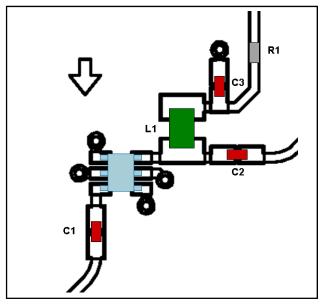


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5 Volt Application Section for operation above 10 dBm output power

Application Layout Schematic @ 5V 7

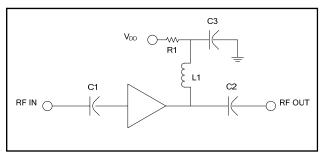


7. The addition of a 24.9 Ω series resistor on the drain line allows for 5 volt operation above 10 dBm output power, but no greater than 22 dBm of output power.

Component List @ 5V

| Part | Value | Case Style | Purpose |
|------|--------|------------|-----------------|
| C1 | 39 pF | 0402 | Input DC Block |
| C2 | 39 pF | 0402 | Output DC Block |
| С3 | 470 pF | 0402 | RF Bypass |
| L1 | 12 nH | 0805 | RF Choke/Tuning |
| R1 | 24.9 Ω | 0402 | Voltage Drop |

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Typical Performance Curves: V_{DD} = 5 V

Gain 20 15 10 5 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 Frequency (GHz)

0 -5 S11 (dB) -15 -20 L 0.5

1.5

Frequency (GHz)

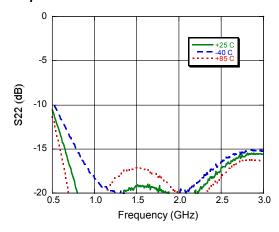
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2.5

3.0

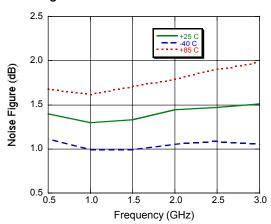
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Output Return Loss



Noise Figure

Input Return Loss



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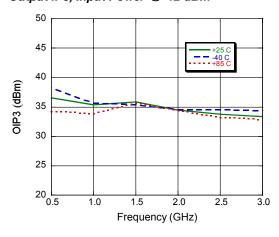
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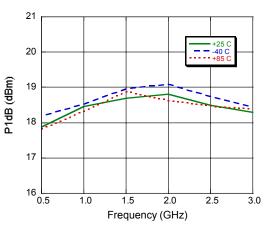
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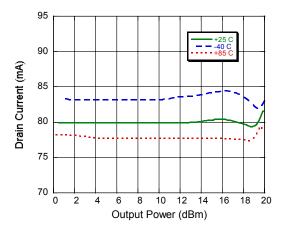
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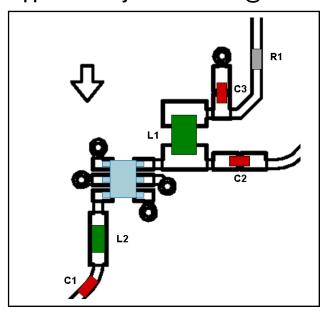


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3 Volt Application Section @ 70 MHz

Application Layout Schematic @ 3V

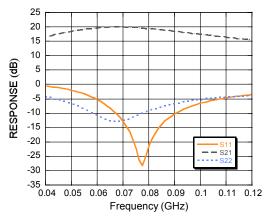


Component List @ 3V

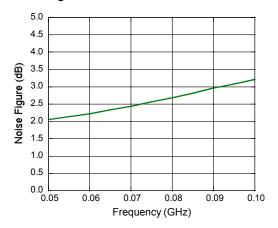
| Part | Value | Case Style |
|---------|--------|------------|
| C1 - C3 | 0.1 μF | 0402 |
| L1 | 80 nH | 0805 |
| L2 | 220 nH | 0603 |
| R1 | 3 Ω | 0402 |

Typical Performance Curves: $V_{DD} = 3 \text{ V}$

S-Parameter Response @ 3 Volts



Noise Figure



P1dB



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