# Buffer Amplifier 10.0-21.0 GHz

#### Features

- Excellent Transmit LO/Output Buffer Stage
- 3x3mm, QFN
- 17.0 dB Small Signal Gain
- +20.0 dBm Psat
- +32 dBm Output IP3
- 4.5 dB Noise Figure
- Variable Gain with Adjustable Bias
- 100% RF, DC and Output Power Testing
- RoHS\* Compliant and 260°C Reflow Compatible

#### Description

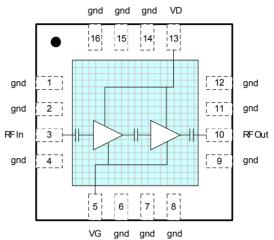
M/A-COM Tech's two stage 10.0-21.0 GHz GaAs MMIC buffer amplifier has a small signal gain of 17.0 dB with a +18.0 dBm P1dB output compression point. The device also provides variable gain regulation with adjustable bias. The device is ideally suited as an LO or RF buffer stage with broadband performance at a very low cost. The device comes in an RoHS compliant 3x3mm QFN surface mount package offering excellent RF and thermal properties. This device is well suited for Microwave and Millimeter-wave Point-to-Point Radio, LMDS, SATCOM and VSAT applications.

#### **Ordering Information**

Part Number	Package		
XB1008-QT-0G00	bulk quantity		
XB1008-QT-0G0T	tape and reel		
XB1008-QT-EV1	evaluation module		

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#### **Functional Block Diagram**



#### **Pin Configuration**

Pin No.	Function	Pin No.	Function
1-2	Ground	10	RF Output
3	RF Input	11-12	Ground
4	Ground	13	Drain Bias
5	Gate Bias	14-16	Ground
6-9	Ground		

#### **Absolute Maximum Ratings**

Parameter	Absolute Max.		
Supply Voltage (Vd)	+4.3 VDC		
Supply Current (Id1)	180 mA		
Gate Bias Voltage (Vg)	0 V		
Input Power (Pin)	+20.0 dBm		
Storage Temperature (Tstg)	-65 °C to +165 °C		
Operating Temperature (Ta)	-55 °C to +85 °C		
Channel Temperature (Tch)	150 °C		
ESD Min Machine Model (MM)	Class A		
ESD Min Human Body Model (HBM)	Class 1A		
MSL Level	MSL1		

Channel temperature directly affects a device's MTTF. Channel temperature should be kept as low as possible to maximize lifetime.

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### Electrical Specifications: 10-21 GHz (Ambient Temperature T = 25°C)

Parameter	Units	Min.	Тур.	Max.
Input Return Loss (S11)	dB	-	12.0	-
Output Return Loss (S22)	dB	-	12.0	-
Small Signal Gain (S21)	dB	-	17.0	-
Gain Flatness (ΔS21)	dB	-	+/-2.0	
Reverse isolation (S12)	dB	-	65.0	-
Noise Figure	dB	-	4.5	
Output Power for 1dB Compression Point (P1dB)	dBm	-	+18.0	-
Saturated Output Power (Psat)	dBm	-	+20.0	-
Output Third Order Intercept	dBm	-	+32.0	-
Drain Bias Voltage (Vd)	VDC	-	+4.0	+4.0
Gate Bias Voltage (Vg)	VDC	-1.0	-0.23	-0.1
Supply Current (Id) (Vd=4.0 V, Vg2=-0.5 V Typical)	mA	-	100	130

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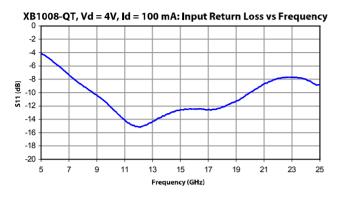
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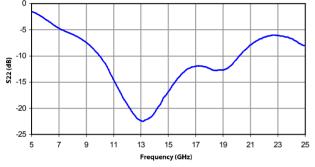
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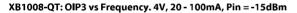
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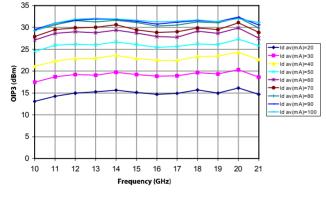


XB1008-QT, Vd = 4V, Id = 100 mA: Small Signal Gain vs Frequency 20 18 16 14 12 S21 (dB) 10 8 6 4 2 0 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19 21 23 25 Frequency (GHz)

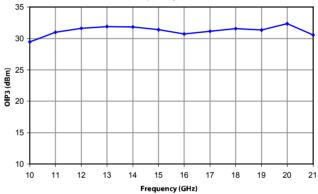
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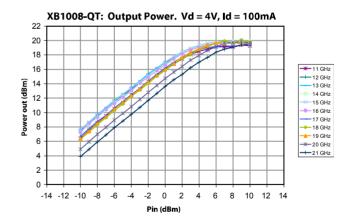






XB1008-QT: OIP3 vs Frequency. 4V, 90 mA, Pin = -15dBm





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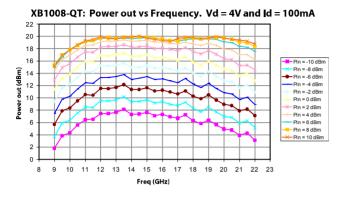
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### **Typical Performance Curves (cont.)**



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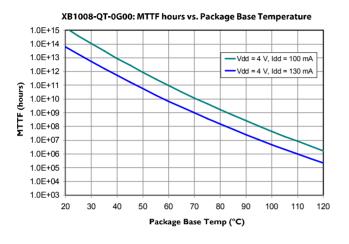


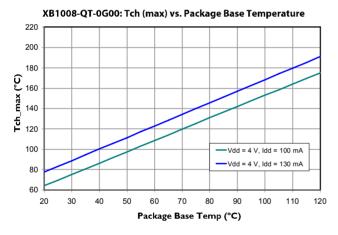
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#### MTTF

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These numbers were calculated based on accelerated life test information and thermal model analysis received from the fabricating foundry.





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**App Note [1] Biasing -** The device provides variable gain with adjustable bias regulation. For optimum linearity performance, it is recommended to bias this device at Vd=4V with Id=90 mA. It is also recommended to use active biasing to control the drain currents because this gives the most reproducible results over temperature or RF level variations. Depending on the supply voltage available and the power dissipation constraints, the bias circuit may be a single transistor or a low power operational amplifier, with a low value resistor in series with the drain supply used to sense the current. The gate of the pHEMT is controlled to maintain correct drain current and thus drain voltage. The typical gate voltage needed to do this is -0.5V. Typically the gate is protected with Silicon diodes to limit the applied voltage. Also, make sure to sequence the applied voltage to ensure negative gate bias is available before applying the positive drain supply.

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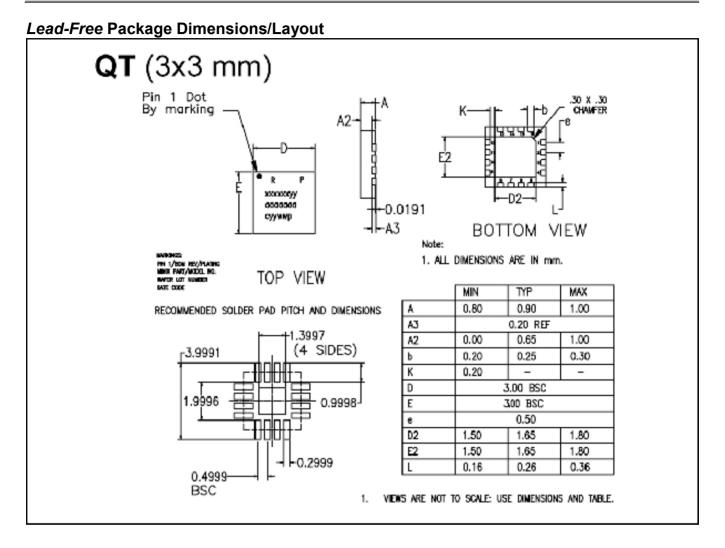
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#### **Handling Procedures**

Please observe the following precautions 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 class 2 devices.

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