

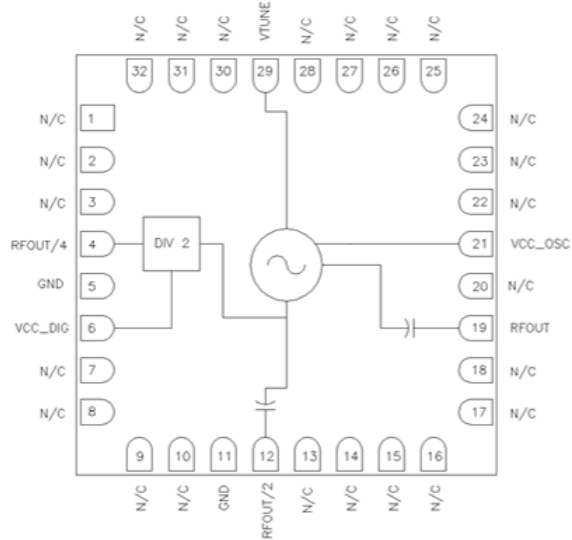


Features

- Multiple Frequency Outputs
 - Fo: 11.4GHz to 12.8GHz
 - Fo/2: 5.7GHz to 6.4GHz
 - Fo/4: 2.85GHz to 3.2GHz
- No External Resonator Required
- Integrated Frequency Divider
- Phase Noise: -113dBc/Hz at 100kHz Offset
- Flat Output Power Over Frequency Tuning Range 1.5V to 14.5V
 - Fo: 8dBm
 - Fo/2: 8dBm
 - Fo/4: -2dBm
- Low Power Consumption
 - 5V/270mA (Divider On)
 - 5V/210mA (Divider Off)
- 32-Lead 5mm x 5mm Plastic Overmolded QFN

Applications

- Point-to-Point Radio
- Point-to-Multipoint Radio
- Satellite Communications
- Test Equipment
- Military
- Aerospace



Functional Block Diagram

Product Description

RFMD's RFVC1838 is a 5V InGaP MMIC VCO with an integrated frequency divider providing additional Fo/2 and Fo/4 outputs. With an Fo frequency range of 11.4GHz to 12.8GHz its monolithic structure provides excellent temperature, shock, and vibration performance. Output power (Fo) is +8dBm and is flat across the tuning voltage range of 1.5V to 14.5V. Phase noise is typically -113dBc/Hz at 100kHz offset. The device operates from a low supply current of 270mA which can be further reduced to 210mA by disabling the divider functions if not required. The RFVC1838 is available in a low cost 5mm x 5mm surface mount plastic overmolded QFN outline.

Ordering Information

RFVC1838S2	Sample bag with 2 pieces
RFVC1838SB	Sample bag with 5 pieces
RFVC1838SQ	Bag with 25 pieces
RFVC1838SR	Bag with 100 pieces
RFVC1838TR7	7" Reel with 750 pieces
RFVC1838PCBA-410	Evaluation Board

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Rating	Unit
V _{CC_osc} , V _{CC_dig}	+5.5	V
V _{TUNE}	0 to +15	V
Junction Temperature	135	°C
Continuous P _{DISS} (T _A = 85 °C) (derate 37mW/ °C above T _A = 85 °C)	1.65	W
Junction to Case, Thermal Resistance (R _{θ(j-a)})	30	°C/W
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150	°C
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85	°C
ESD Sensitivity (HBM)	Class 1A	



Caution! ESD sensitive device.

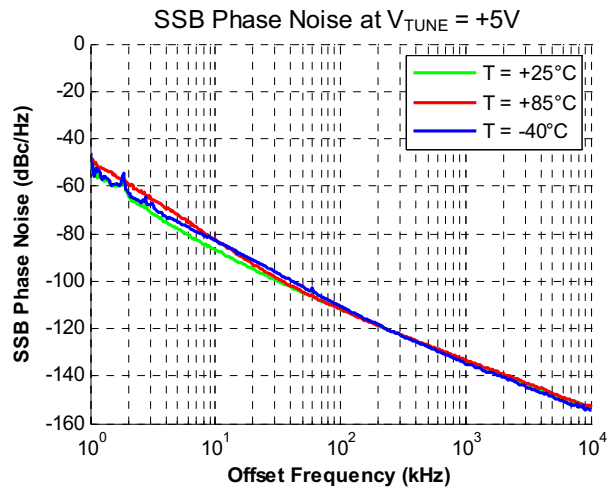
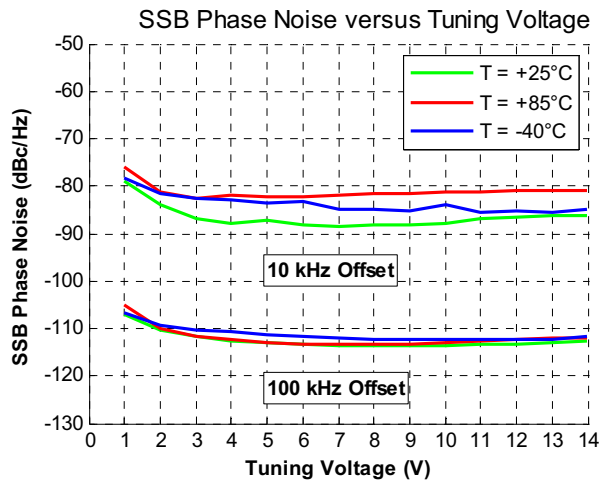
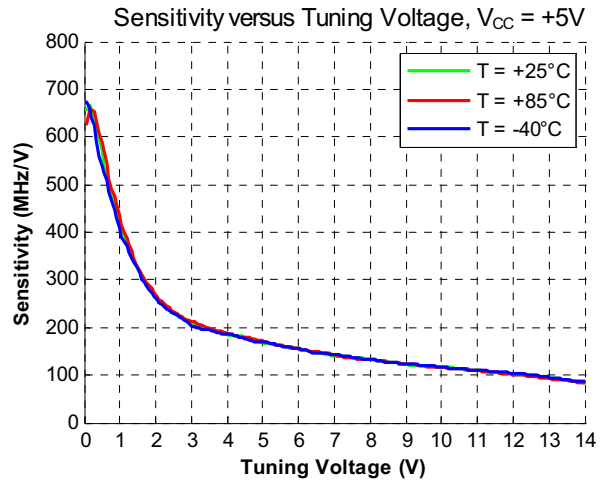
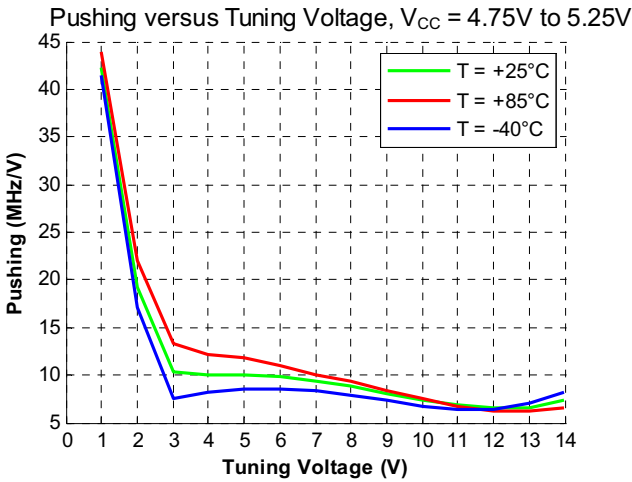
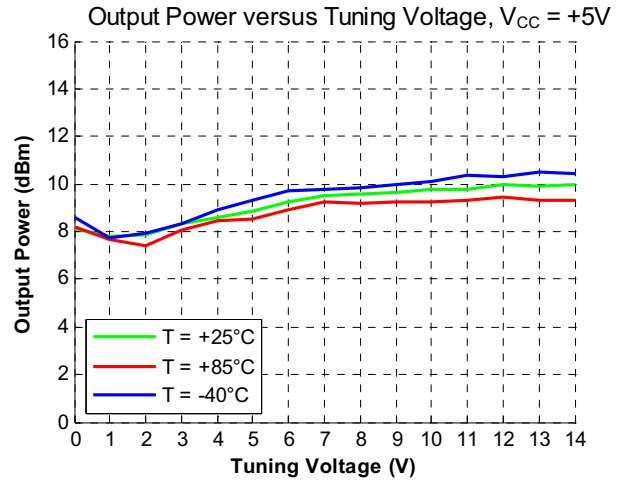
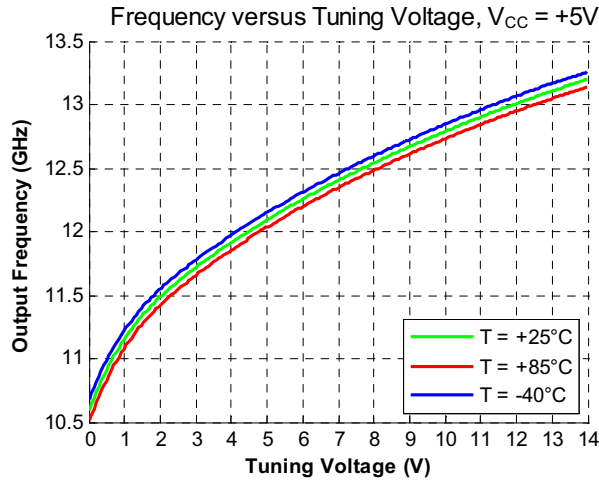
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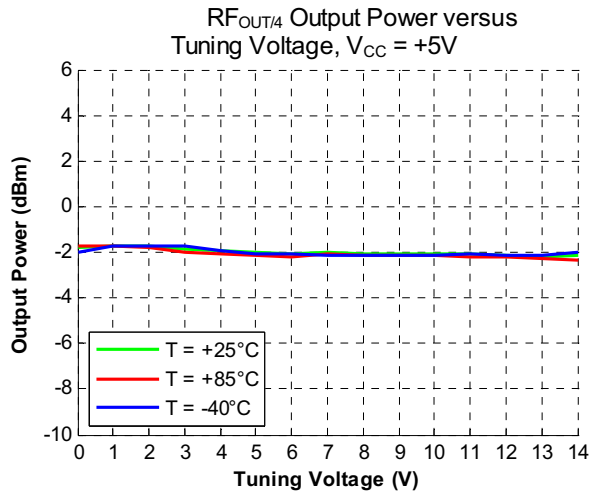
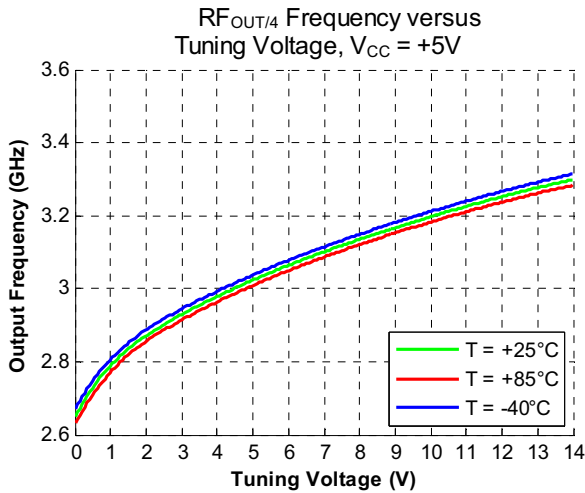
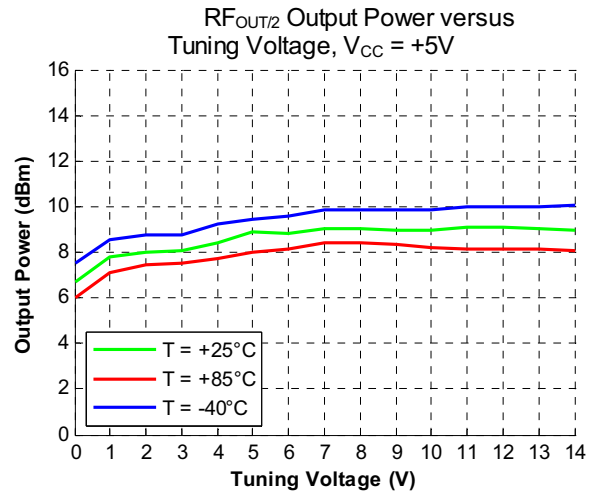
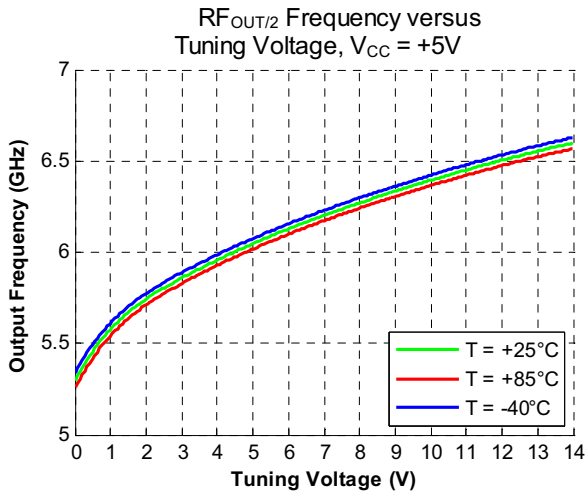
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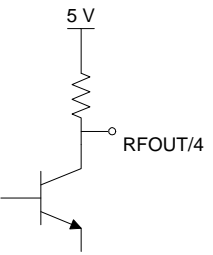
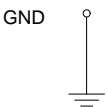
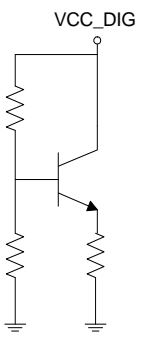
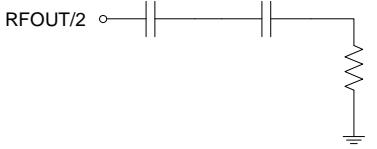
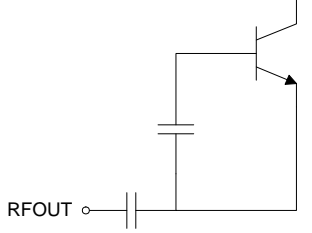
RFMD Green: RoHS compliant per EU Directive 2002/95/EC, halogen free per IEC 61249-2-21, < 1000ppm each of antimony trioxide in polymeric materials and red phosphorus as a flame retardant, and <2% antimony in solder.

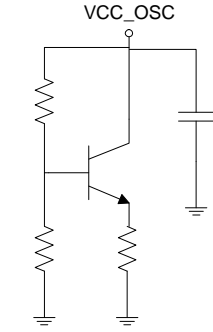
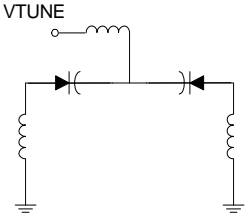
Parameter	Specification			Unit	Condition
	Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Electrical Specifications					V _{CC} = 5V, T _A = +25 °C
Operating Frequency					
F _o	11.4		12.8	GHz	
F _{o/2}	5.7		6.4	GHz	
F _{o/4}	2.85		3.2	GHz	
Output Power					
F _o		8		dBm	
F _{o/2}		8		dBm	
F _{o/4}		-2		dBm	
SSB Phase Noise					
10kHz offset at RF _{OUT}		-87		dBc/Hz	V _{TUNE} = 5V
100kHz offset at RF _{OUT}		-113		dBc/Hz	V _{TUNE} = 5V
Tune Voltage	1.5		14.5	V	
Supply Current					
V _{CC_osc}		210		mA	
V _{CC_dig}		60		mA	
Tune Port Leakage Current		10		µA	V _{TUNE} = 12V
Output Return Loss		6		dB	
Harmonics/Sub-harmonics					Measured with RF probes at package, not at SMA connections on EVB
1/2		40		dBc	
3/2		35		dBc	
2 nd		9		dBc	
3 rd		20		dBc	
Pulling (into a 2.0:1 VSWR)		5		MHz pp	
Pushing		20		MHz/V	
Frequency Drift Rate		1		MHz/ °C	



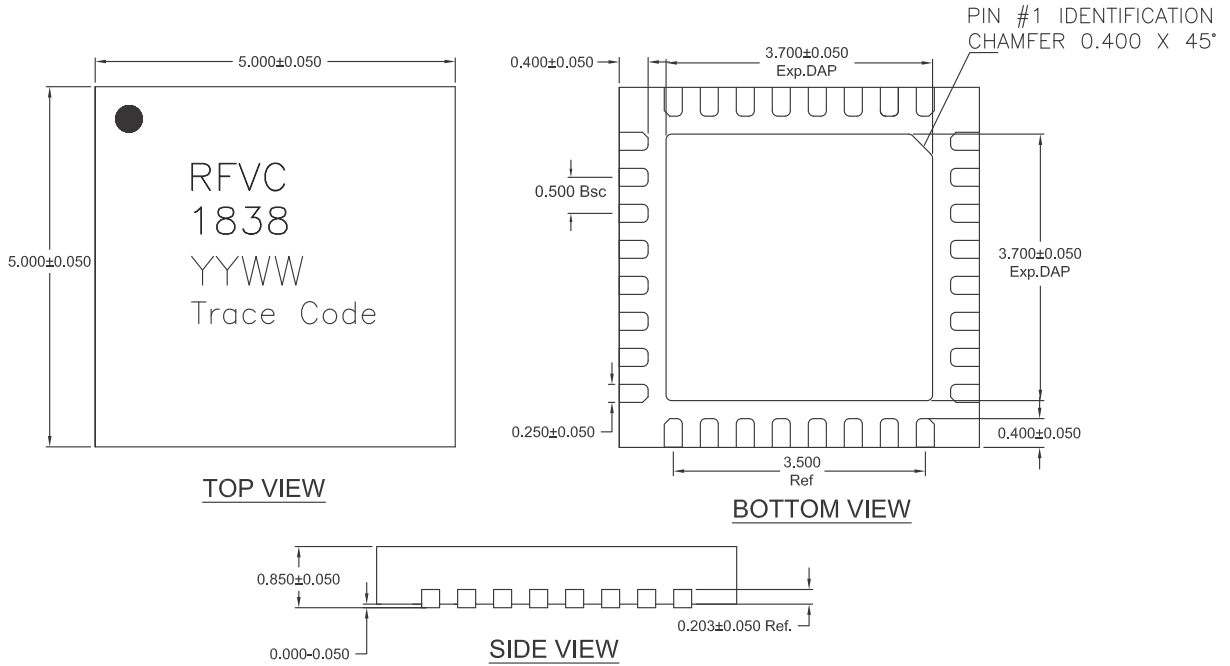


Pin Names and Description

Pin	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1-3,7-10, 13-18, 20, 22-28,30-32	N/C	No internal connection.	
4	RFOUT/4	VCO RF output at $F_o/4$. Externally DC-blocked.	
5,11,Package Base	GND	Connect to PCB ground.	
6	VCC_DIG	Supply voltage input for the integrated frequency divider. Typical +5V. Ground this pin to disable digital divider and reduce current consumption by 60mA.	
12	RFOUT/2	VCO RF output at $F_o/2$. Internally DC-blocked.	
19	RFOUT	VCO RF output at F_o . Internally DC-blocked.	

21	VCC_OSC	Supply voltage input for the VCO. Typical +5V.	
29	VTUNE	VCO control voltage input.	

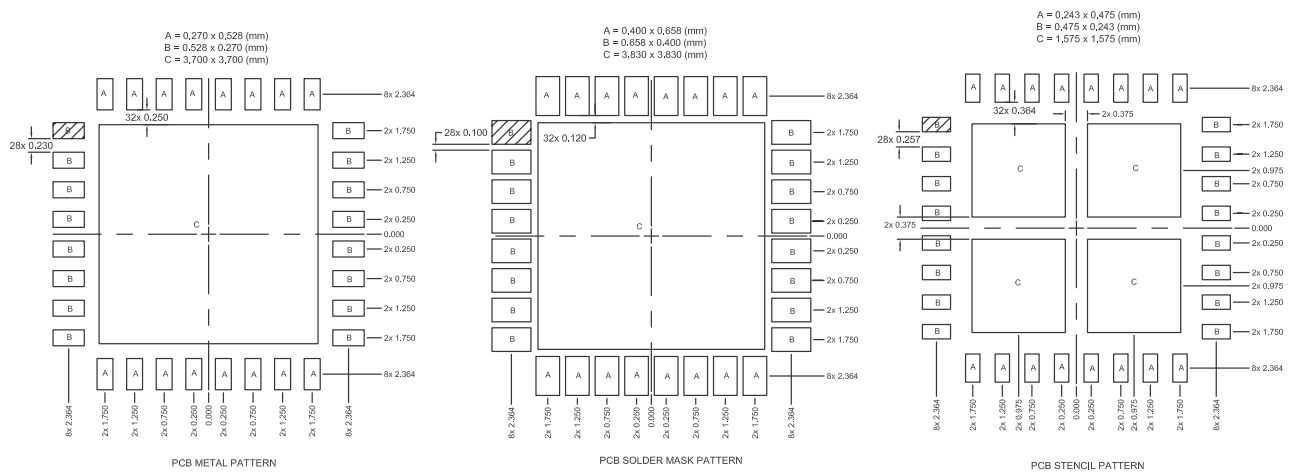
Package Drawing (all dimensions are in mm)



Notes:

1. Dimensions are for reference only.
2. Package body material: Plastic.
3. Lead and paddle plating: 8µm minimum of Sn over Cu leadframe.

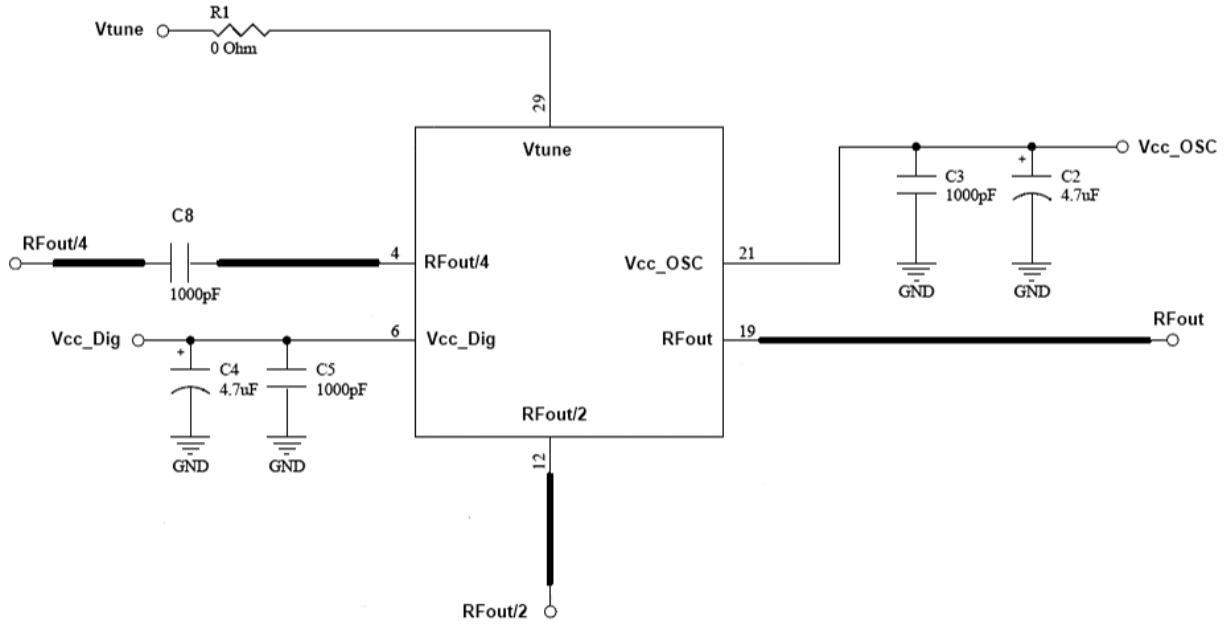
Recommended PCB Layout



Thermal vias for center slug "C" should be incorporated into the PCB design. The number and size of thermal vias will depend on the application, the power dissipation, and the electrical requirements. Example of the number and size of vias can be found on the RFMD evaluation board layout.

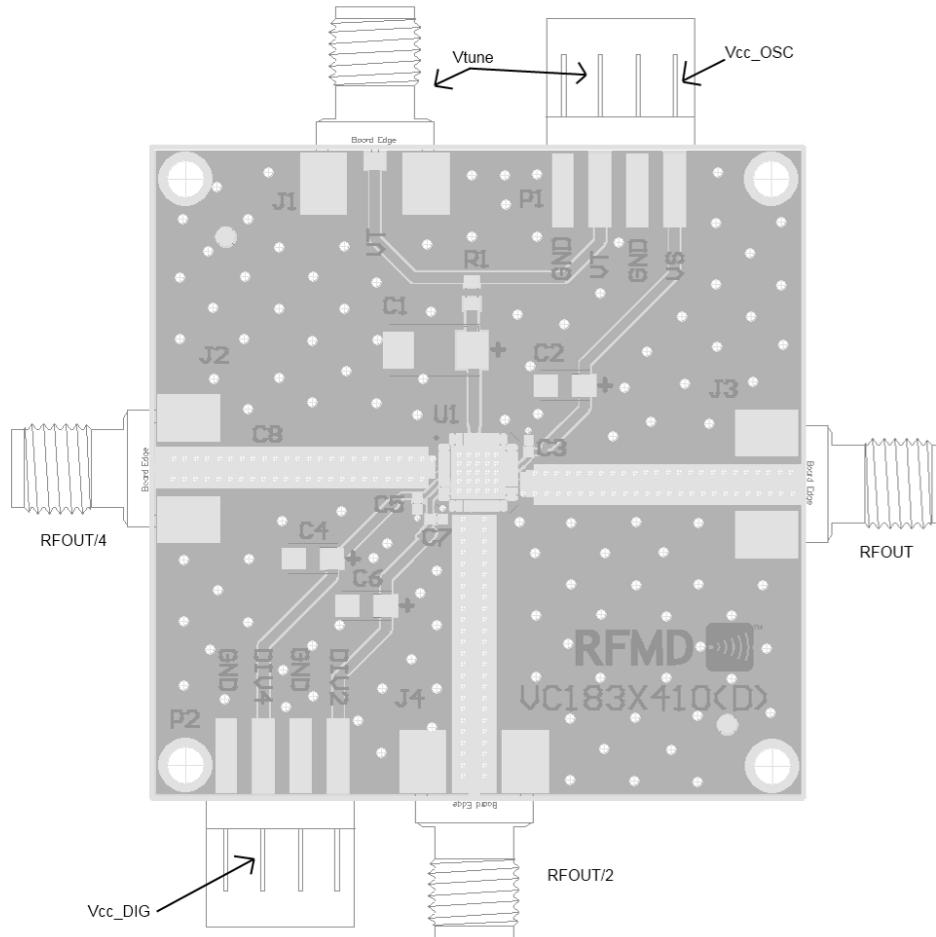
Shaded area represents Pin 1 location.

Sample Application Circuit Schematic



Bias Conditions	Output
$V_{CC_OSC} = 5V$	$F_{OUT} = 12\text{ GHz}$
$V_{CC_DIG} = 5V$	$F_{OUT/2} = 6\text{ GHz}$
$V_{TUNE} = 5V$	$F_{OUT/4} = 3\text{ GHz}$

Evaluation Board Layout



List of Materials for Evaluation Board

Item	Description
U1	RFVC1838 VCO
C3, C5, C7, C8	1000pF Capacitor, 0402 Package
C2, C4, C6	4.7 μ F Tantalum Capacitor
C1	68 μ F Tantalum Capacitor
R1	0 Ω Resistor, 0603 Package
P1, P2	4-PIN DC connector
J1, J2, J3, J4	PCB mount SMA connector
PCB	VC183x410(D)