30–36 GHz GaAs MMIC Power Amplifier

AA032P1-00

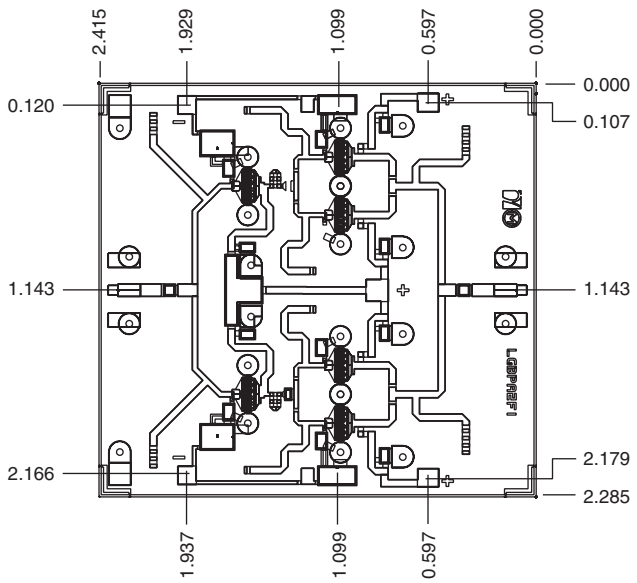
Features

- Single Gate and Drain Biases
- 25 dBm Typical $P_{1\ dB}$ Output Power at 31 GHz
- 11 dB Typical Small Signal Gain
- 0.25 µm Ti/Pd/Au Gates
- 100% On-Wafer RF and DC Testing
- 100% Visual Inspection to MIL-STD-883 MT 2010

Description

Alpha's two-stage reactively-matched Ka band GaAs MMIC power amplifier has a typical $P_{1\ dB}$ of 25 dBm with 10 dB associated gain and 15% power added efficiency at 31 GHz. The chip uses Alpha's proven 0.25 µm MESFET technology, and is based upon MBE layers and electron beam lithography for the highest uniformity and repeatability. The FETs employ surface passivation to ensure a rugged, reliable part with through-substrate via holes and gold-based backside metallization to facilitate solder or epoxy die attach processes. Single gate and drain bias pads cover both stages, with the added convenience that the chip can be wire bonded from either side for either bias. All chips are screened for gain, output power, efficiency and S-parameters prior to shipment for guaranteed performance. A broad range of applications exist in both the military and commercial areas where high power and gain are required.

Chip Outline



Dimensions indicated in mm.
All DC (V) pads are 0.1 x 0.1 mm and RF In, Out pads are 0.07 mm wide.
Chip thickness = 0.1 mm.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

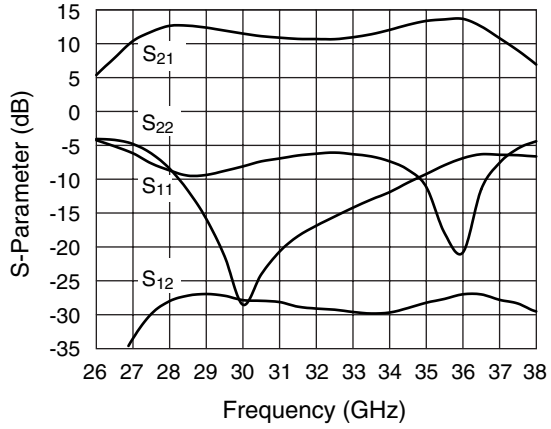
Characteristic	Value
Operating Temperature (T_C)	-55°C to +90°C
Storage Temperature (T_{ST})	-65°C to +150°C
Bias Voltage (V_D)	7 V_{DC}
Power In (P_{IN})	22 dBm
Junction Temperature (T_J)	175°C

Electrical Specifications at 25°C (V_{DS} = 6 V, V_{GS} = -1 V)

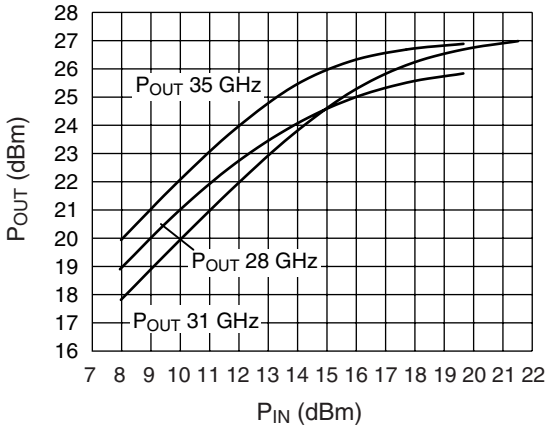
Parameter	Condition	Symbol	Min.	Typ.[2]	Max.	Unit
Drain Current (at Saturation)		I_{DS}		400	450	mA
Small Signal Gain	F = 30–31, 34–36 GHz	G	8	11		dB
Input Return Loss	F = 30–31, 34–36 GHz	RL_I		-7	-6	dB
Output Return Loss	F = 30–31, 34–36 GHz	RL_O		-8	-6	dB
Output Power at 1 dB Gain Compression	F = 31 GHz	$P_{1\ dB}$	24	25		dBm
Saturated Output Power	F = 31 GHz	P_{SAT}	25	27		dBm
Gain at Saturation	F = 31 GHz	G_{SAT}		8		dB
Thermal Resistance[1]		Θ_{JC}		42		°C/W

1. Calculated value based on measurement of discrete FET.
2. Typical represents the median parameter value across the specified frequency range for the median chip.

Typical Performance Data

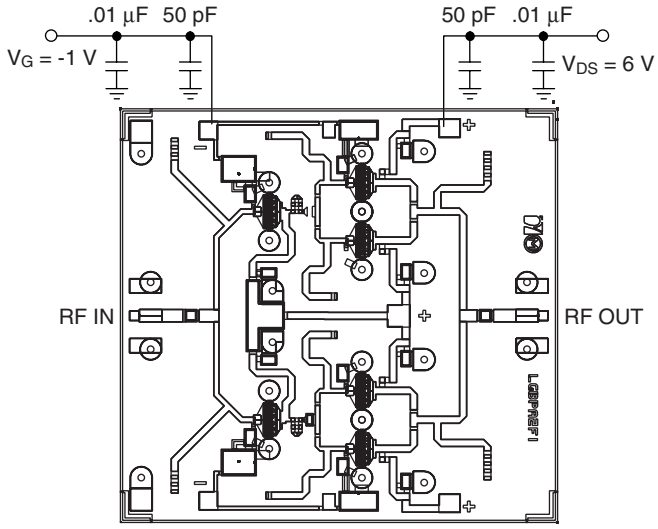


Typical Small Signal Performance S-Parameters (V_{DS} = 6 V)



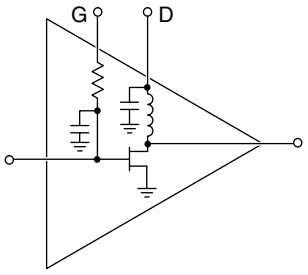
Typical Output Power Compression

Bias Arrangement



The AA032P1-00 can be biased from either or both sides for both gate and drain biases.
For biasing on, adjust V_{GS} from zero to approximately -1 V. Adjust V_{DS} from zero to the desired value (4 V–6 V recommended). Adjust V_{GS} to achieve the desired I_{DS} (400 mA recommended). For biasing off, reverse the biasing on procedure.

Circuit Schematic



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