MAAL-010200

Miniature Broadband Gain Stage
70 - 3000 MHz

Features
- Low Noise Figure
- High IP3
- Single Supply +3 V, +5 V
- RoHS* Compliant SOT-89 Package

Description
M/A-COM Technology’s MAAL-010200 broadband gain stage is a GaAs MMIC amplifier in a lead-free SOT-89 surface mount plastic package. The MAAL-010200 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 Technology’s application group for support.

Functional Block Diagram

Pin Configuration

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<tr>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Pin Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>RF In</td>
<td>RF Input</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>RF Out/VDD</td>
<td>RF Output &amp; Voltage Bias</td>
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Ordering Information

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Part Number</th>
<th>Package</th>
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<tr>
<td>MAAL-010200-TR3000</td>
<td>3000 piece reel</td>
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<tr>
<td>MAAL-010200-001SMB</td>
<td>Sample Test Board</td>
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Absolute Maximum Ratings

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Absolute Maximum</th>
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<tr>
<td>Gain Compression</td>
<td>6 dB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voltage</td>
<td>5.5 volts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating Temperature</td>
<td>-40 °C to +85 °C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage Temperature</td>
<td>-65 °C to +150 °C</td>
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Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.

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Electrical Specifications: Freq. = 500 - 3000 MHz, \( T_A = 25^\circ \text{C}, \ Z_0 = 50 \ \Omega \) 

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Test Conditions</th>
<th>Units</th>
<th>3 Volts</th>
<th>5 Volts(^6)</th>
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<td>Gain</td>
<td>( F = 0.9 \ \text{GHz} )</td>
<td>dB</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>8</td>
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<td>( F = 3.0 \ \text{GHz} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>Noise Figure</td>
<td>( F = 0.9 \ \text{GHz} )</td>
<td>dB</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>1.4</td>
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<td></td>
<td>( F = 1.9 \ \text{GHz} )</td>
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<td>1.4</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>( F = 3.0 \ \text{GHz} )</td>
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<td>1.45</td>
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<td>Input Return Loss</td>
<td>( F = 0.9 \ \text{GHz} )</td>
<td>dB</td>
<td>7.5</td>
<td>7.5</td>
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<td>( F = 1.9 \ \text{GHz} )</td>
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<td>11</td>
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<td>( F = 0.9 \ \text{GHz} )</td>
<td>dB</td>
<td>19.5</td>
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<td>Output P1dB</td>
<td>500 – 3000 MHz</td>
<td>dBm</td>
<td>17.5</td>
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<td>Output IP(_3)</td>
<td>500 – 3000 MHz</td>
<td>dBm</td>
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<td>Current</td>
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<td>mA</td>
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Baseline Application Schematic @ 3V, 5V

Component List @ 3V, 5V

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<td>39 pF</td>
<td>0402</td>
<td>DC Block</td>
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<td>C3</td>
<td>0.1 µF</td>
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<td>L1</td>
<td>12 nH</td>
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<td>RF Choke/Tuning</td>
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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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Typical Performance Curves: $V_{DD} = 3 \, \text{V}$

**Gain**

![Gain graph](image1)

**Input Return Loss**

![Input Return Loss graph](image2)

**Output Return Loss**

![Output Return Loss graph](image3)

**Noise Figure**

![Noise Figure graph](image4)
Typical Performance Curves: $V_{DD} = 3$ V

**Output IP3, Input Power @ -12 dBm**

- Frequency (GHz):
  - 0.5
  - 1.0
  - 1.5
  - 2.0
  - 2.5
  - 3.0
- Output IP3 (dBm):
  - 25
  - 30
  - 35
  - 40
  - 45
- Temperature:
  - +25°C
  - -40°C
  - +85°C

**P1dB**

- Frequency (GHz):
  - 0.5
  - 1.0
  - 1.5
  - 2.0
  - 2.5
  - 3.0
- P1dB (dBm):
  - 15
  - 16
  - 17
  - 18
  - 19
  - 20
- Temperature:
  - +25°C
  - -40°C
  - +85°C

**Current**

- Drain Current (mA):
  - 50
  - 55
  - 60
  - 65
  - 70
  - 75
  - 80
  - 85
  - 90
- Output Power (dBm):
  - 0
  - 2
  - 4
  - 6
  - 8
  - 10
  - 12
  - 14
  - 16
  - 18
  - 20
- Temperature:
  - +25°C
  - -40°C
  - +85°C

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Typical Performance Curves: $V_{DD} = 5\, V$

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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Lead-Free SOT-89†

† Reference Application Note M538 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.
Meets JEDEC moisture sensitivity level 1 requirements.
Plating is 100% matte tin over copper.
5 Volt Application Section for operation above 10 dBm output power

The addition of a 27 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.

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Application Schematic @ 5V
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5 Volt Application Section for operation above 10 dBm output power

Typical Performance Curves: \( V_{DD} = 5 \) V

**Gain**

**Input Return Loss**

**Output Return Loss**

**Noise Figure**
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5 Volt Application Section for operation above 10 dBm output power

Typical Performance Curves: $V_{DD} = 5 \text{ V}$

**Output IP3, Input Power @ -12 dBm**

**P1dB**

**Current**

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