

# GaN Amplifier 50 V, 85 W DC - 3.5 GHz



**MACOM PURE CARBIDE™**

**MAPC-A1101**

Rev. V4

## Features

- MACOM PURE CARBIDE™ Amplifier Series
- Suitable for Linear & Saturated Applications
- CW & Pulsed Operation: 85 W Output Power
- Internally Pre-Matched
- 50 V Operation
- Compatible with MACOM Power Management Bias Controller/Sequencer MABC-11040



## Applications

Military Radio Communications, RADAR, Avionics, Digital Cellular Infrastructure, RF Energy, and Test Instrumentation.

## Description

The MAPC-A1101 is a high power GaN on Silicon Carbide HEMT D-mode amplifier suitable for DC - 3.5 GHz frequency operation. The device supports both CW and pulsed operation with output power levels of at least 85 W (49.3 dBm) in an air cavity ceramic package.

## Typical Performance:

- Measured under load-pull at 2.5 dB compression, 100  $\mu$ s pulse width, 10% duty cycle
- $V_{DS} = 50$  V,  $I_{DQ} = 130$  mA,  $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$

Frequency (GHz)	Output Power <sup>1</sup> (dBm)	Gain <sup>2</sup> (dB)	$\eta_D^2$
0.9	49.9	25.0	72.5
1.4	50.0	21.7	72.6
2.0	49.8	16.5	66.1
2.5	50.6	17.2	64.8
3.0	50.1	16.5	67.6
3.5	49.7	15.7	70.5

- $V_{DS} = 28$  V,  $I_{DQ} = 130$  mA,  $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$

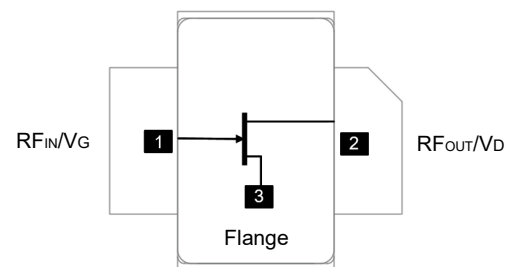
Frequency (GHz)	Output Power <sup>1</sup> (dBm)	Gain <sup>2</sup> (dB)	$\eta_D^2$ (%)
0.9	47.0	22.0	71.2
1.4	47.0	20.0	72.0
2.0	47.2	14.7	68.1
2.5	47.8	14.6	69.0
3.0	47.4	14.2	70.0
3.5	47.0	13.4	72.5

1. Load impedance tuned for maximum output power.
2. Load impedance tuned for maximum drain efficiency.

1 \* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, compliant to current RoHS EU directive.

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## Functional Schematic



## Pin Configuration

Pin #	Pin Name	Function
1	RF <sub>IN</sub> / V <sub>G</sub>	RF Input / Gate
2	RF <sub>OUT</sub> / V <sub>D</sub>	RF Output / Drain
3	Flange <sup>3</sup>	Ground / Source

3. The flange on the package bottom must be connected to RF, DC and thermal ground.

## Ordering Information

Part Number	Package
MAPC-A1101-AS000	Bulk Quantity
MAPC-A1101-ASTR1	Tape and Reel
MAPC-A1101-ASSB1	Sample Board

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## DC - 3.5 GHz



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### RF Electrical Characteristics: $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$ , $I_{DQ} = 130\text{ mA}$

Note: Performance in MACOM Evaluation Test Fixture, 50  $\Omega$  system

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Small Signal Gain	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz	$G_{SS}$	-	17.0	-	dB
Power Gain	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz, 2.5 dB Gain Compression	$G_{SAT}$	-	14.8	-	dB
Saturated Drain Efficiency	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz, 2.5 dB Gain Compression	$\eta_{SAT}$	-	68.0	-	%
Saturated Output Power	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz, 2.5 dB Gain Compression	$P_{SAT}$	-	49.0	-	dBm
Gain Variation (-25°C to +85°C)	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz	$\Delta G$	-	0.019	-	dB/°C
Power Variation (-25°C to +85°C)	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz	$\Delta P_{2.5dB}$	-	0.008	-	dB/°C
Power Gain	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz, $P_{OUT} = 49.3\text{ dBm}$	$G_P$	-	12.7	-	dB
Drain Efficiency	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz, $P_{OUT} = 49.3\text{ dBm}$	$\eta$	-	70.2	-	%
Ruggedness: Output Mismatch	All phase angles	$\Psi$	VSWR = 10:1, No Damage			

### RF Electrical Specifications: $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$ , $I_{DQ} = 130\text{ mA}$

Note: Performance in MACOM Production Test Fixture, 50  $\Omega$  system

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Power Gain	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz, 2.5 dB Gain Compression	$G_{SAT}$	14.0	15.1	-	dB
Saturated Drain Efficiency	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz, 2.5 dB Gain Compression	$\eta_{SAT}$	55.0	60.0	-	%
Saturated Output Power	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz, 2.5 dB Gain Compression	$P_{SAT}$	47.5	48.9	-	dBm
Power Gain	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz, $P_{IN} = 33\text{ dBm}$	$G_P$	14.8	15.7	-	dB
Drain Efficiency	Pulsed <sup>4</sup> , 3.5 GHz, $P_{IN} = 33\text{ dBm}$	$\eta$	54.0	59.1	-	dB

4. Pulse details: 100  $\mu\text{s}$  pulse width, 10% duty cycle.

### DC Electrical Characteristics: $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Drain-Source Leakage Current	$V_{GS} = -8\text{ V}$ , $V_{DS} = 130\text{ V}$	$I_{DLK}$	-	-	8.9	mA
Gate-Source Leakage Current	$V_{GS} = -8\text{ V}$ , $V_{DS} = 0\text{ V}$	$I_{GLK}$	-	-	8.9	mA
Gate Threshold Voltage	$V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$ , $I_D = 8.88\text{ mA}$	$V_T$	-3.6	-2.8	-	V
Gate Quiescent Voltage	$V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$ , $I_D = 130\text{ mA}$	$V_{GSQ}$	-3.2	-2.6	-2.2	V
On Resistance	$V_{GS} = 2\text{ V}$ , $I_D = 66.6\text{ mA}$	$R_{ON}$	-	0.38	-	$\Omega$
Maximum Drain Current	$V_{DS} = 7\text{ V}$ pulsed, pulse width 300 $\mu\text{s}$	$I_{D,MAX}$	-	5.1	-	A

**Absolute Maximum Ratings**<sup>5,6,7,8,9</sup>

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
Drain Source Voltage, $V_{DS}$	130 V
Gate Source Voltage, $V_{GS}$	-10 to 3 V
Gate Current, $I_G$	8.9 mA
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C
Case Operating Temperature Range	-40°C to +85°C
Channel Operating Temperature Range, $T_{CH}$	-40°C to +225°C
Absolute Maximum Channel Temperature	+250°C

5. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
6. MACOM does not recommend sustained operation above maximum operating conditions.
7. Operating at drain source voltage  $V_{DS} < 55$  V will ensure  $MTTF > 2 \times 10^6$  hours.
8. Operating at nominal conditions with  $T_{CH} \leq 225^\circ\text{C}$  will ensure  $MTTF > 2 \times 10^6$  hours.
9. MTTF may be estimated by the expression  $MTTF$  (hours) =  $A e^{[B + C/(T+273)]}$  where  $T$  is the channel temperature in degrees Celsius,  $A = 1$ ,  $B = -38.215$ , and  $C = 26,343$ .

**Thermal Characteristics**<sup>10</sup>

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Typical	Units
Thermal Resistance using Finite Element Analysis	$V_{DS} = 50$ V, $T_C = 85^\circ\text{C}$ , $T_{CH} = 225^\circ\text{C}$	$R_{\theta}(\text{FEA})$	3.28	°C/W
Thermal Resistance using Infrared Measurement of Die Surface Temperature	$V_{DS} = 50$ V, $T_C = 85^\circ\text{C}$ , $T_{CH} = 225^\circ\text{C}$	$R_{\theta}(\text{IR})$	2.56	°C/W

10. Case temperature measured using thermocouple embedded in heat-sink. Contact local applications support team for more details on this measurement.

**Handling Procedures**

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

**Static Sensitivity**

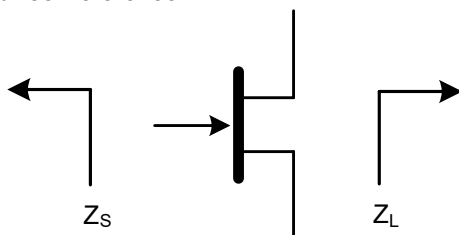
Gallium Nitride Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

50 V Pulsed<sup>4</sup> Load-Pull Performance  
Reference Plane at Device Leads

Frequency (GHz)	Z <sub>SOURCE</sub> (Ω)	Maximum Output Power					
		V <sub>DS</sub> = 50 V, I <sub>DQ</sub> = 130 mA, T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C, P2.5dB					
		Z <sub>LOAD</sub> <sup>11</sup> (Ω)	Gain (dB)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (dBm)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (W)	η <sub>D</sub> (%)	AM/PM (°)
0.9	0.76 + j1.85	9.76 + j1.80	22.6	49.9	96.8	61.5	0.1
1.4	0.93 - j1.98	7.71 + j2.28	19.4	50.0	99.8	62.0	0.4
2.0	1.77 - j4.86	5.43 + j1.16	14.9	49.8	94.6	55.1	-3.6
2.5	1.79 - j8.49	5.30 - j0.02	15.3	50.6	116.0	55.6	-0.3
2.7	2.29 - j10.5	5.34 - j0.27	15.2	50.1	101.4	56.0	0.8
3.0	4.02 - j13.7	4.39 - j0.74	14.9	50.1	102.3	59.4	1.5
3.5	14.6 - j15.5	3.74 - j2.47	13.8	49.7	94.2	57.9	-1.6

Frequency (GHz)	Z <sub>SOURCE</sub> (Ω)	Maximum Drain Efficiency					
		V <sub>DS</sub> = 50 V, I <sub>DQ</sub> = 130 mA, T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C, P2.5dB					
		Z <sub>LOAD</sub> <sup>12</sup> (Ω)	Gain (dB)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (dBm)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (W)	η <sub>D</sub> (%)	AM/PM (°)
0.9	0.56 + j1.13	13.3 + j13.5	25.2	47.4	54.8	72.5	-0.8
1.4	0.76 - j2.30	7.58 + j9.68	21.7	47.8	59.8	72.6	0.2
2.0	1.55 - j4.95	3.90 + j5.30	16.5	47.7	59.4	66.1	-8.0
2.5	1.49 - j8.55	4.00 + j3.21	17.2	49.3	84.3	64.8	-0.1
2.7	1.90 - j10.3	3.60 + j2.83	17.2	48.6	72.8	64.7	-1.4
3.0	3.30 - j13.6	2.92 + j1.45	16.5	48.6	73.1	67.6	-0.2
3.5	13.1 - j17.3	2.07 - j0.28	15.8	47.7	58.7	70.5	-13.2

Impedance Reference



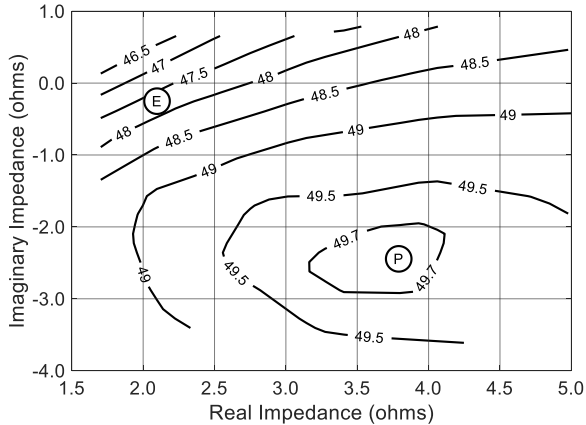
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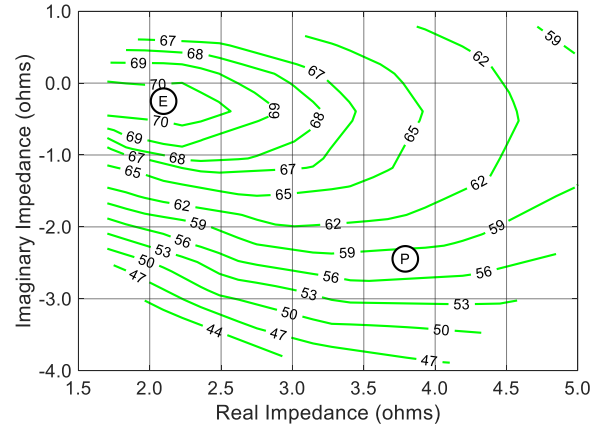
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50 V Pulsed<sup>4</sup> Load-Pull Performance @ 3.5 GHz

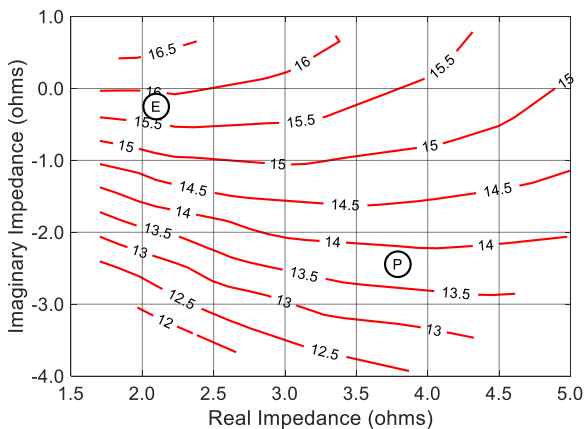
P2.5dB Loadpull Output Power Contours (dBm)



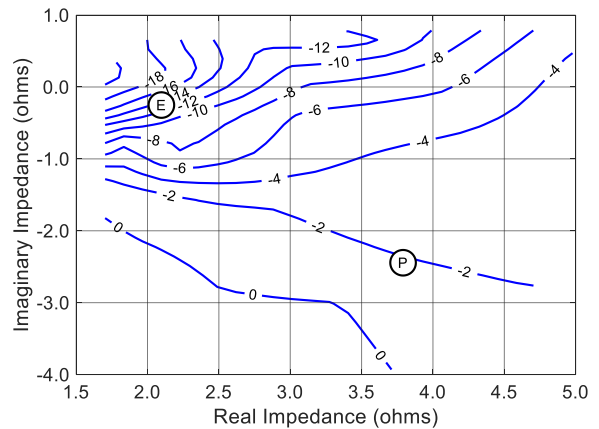
P2.5dB Loadpull Drain Efficiency Contours (%)



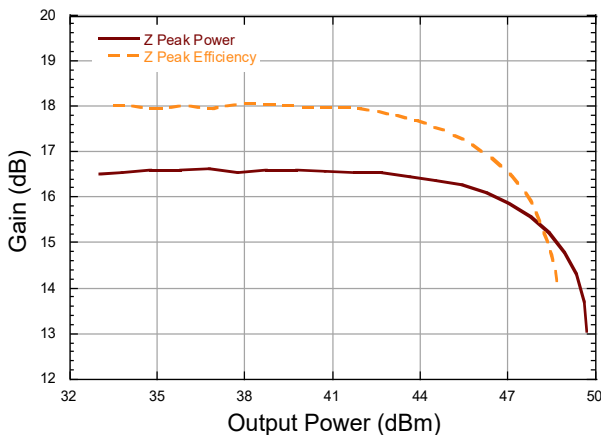
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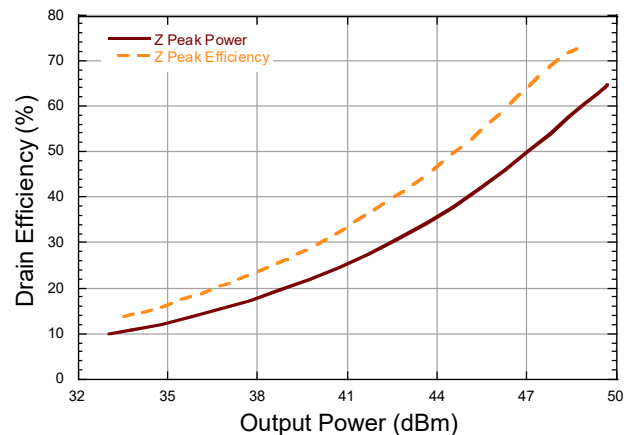
P2.5dB Loadpull AM/PM Contours (°)



Gain vs. Output Power



Drain Efficiency vs. Output Power

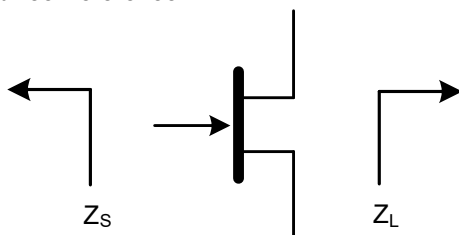


28 V Pulsed<sup>4</sup> Load-Pull Performance  
Reference Plane at Device Leads

Frequency (GHz)	Z <sub>SOURCE</sub> (Ω)	Maximum Output Power					
		V <sub>DS</sub> = 28 V, I <sub>DQ</sub> = 130 mA, T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C, P2.5dB					
		Z <sub>LOAD</sub> <sup>11</sup> (Ω)	Gain (dB)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (dBm)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (W)	η <sub>D</sub> (%)	AM/PM (°)
0.9	0.80 + j1.38	6.36 - j0.32	20.5	47.0	49.8	60.2	-0.3
1.4	0.97 - j2.15	5.45 - j0.76	17.2	46.9	49.2	58.0	0.7
2.0	1.83 - j5.07	3.95 - j1.18	12.8	47.3	53.6	54.8	-3.0
2.5	2.01 - j8.91	4.33 - j2.30	13.2	48.0	63.1	56.5	-1.3
2.7	2.64 - j11.0	4.33 - j2.88	13.0	47.4	54.3	54.1	0.1
3.0	4.93 - j14.4	3.96 - j3.50	12.4	47.4	55.2	55.6	0.7
3.5	17.4 - j13.9	3.28 - j4.55	11.6	47.0	50.5	56.4	-4.6

Frequency (GHz)	Z <sub>SOURCE</sub> (Ω)	Maximum Drain Efficiency					
		V <sub>DS</sub> = 28 V, I <sub>DQ</sub> = 130 mA, T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C, P2.5dB					
		Z <sub>LOAD</sub> <sup>12</sup> (Ω)	Gain (dB)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (dBm)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (W)	η <sub>D</sub> (%)	AM/PM (°)
0.9	0.72 + j0.58	12.35 + j8.87	22.7	43.9	24.6	70.2	-2.1
1.4	0.71 - j2.61	7.30 + j5.46	19.9	44.5	28.4	70.5	0.1
2.0	1.58 - j5.46	3.47 + j3.02	14.7	44.5	28.2	66.2	-9.5
2.5	1.74 - j9.26	4.13 + j0.52	14.8	46.5	45.1	65.4	-5.3
2.7	2.20 - j11.4	3.20 + j0.64	15.0	45.3	34.2	64.2	-6.0
3.0	4.73 - j15.5	2.96 - j0.48	14.3	45.6	36.6	67.0	-3.4
3.5	22.5 - j14.1	1.93 - j1.70	13.6	43.9	24.8	69.3	-20.1

Impedance Reference

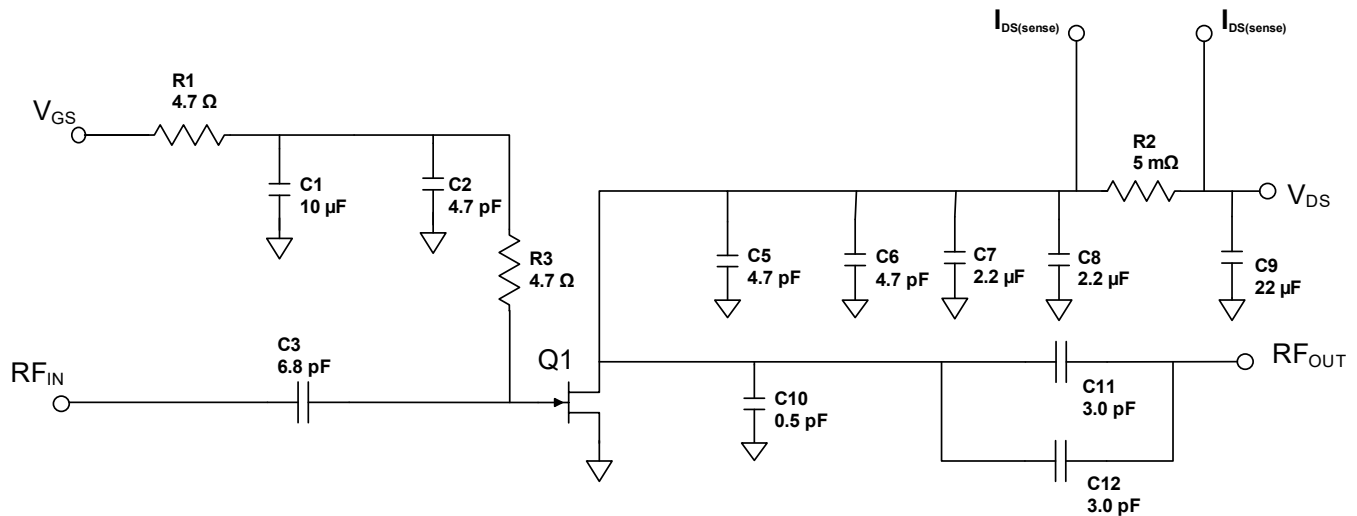


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- 11. Load Impedance for optimum output power.
- 12. Load Impedance for optimum efficiency.

Evaluation Test Fixture and Recommended Tuning Solution: 3.45 - 3.55 GHz



**Description**

Parts measured on evaluation board (20-mil thick RO4350). Matching is provided using a combination of lumped elements and transmission lines as shown in the simplified schematic above. Recommended tuning solution component placement, transmission lines, and details are shown on the next page.

**Bias Sequencing**

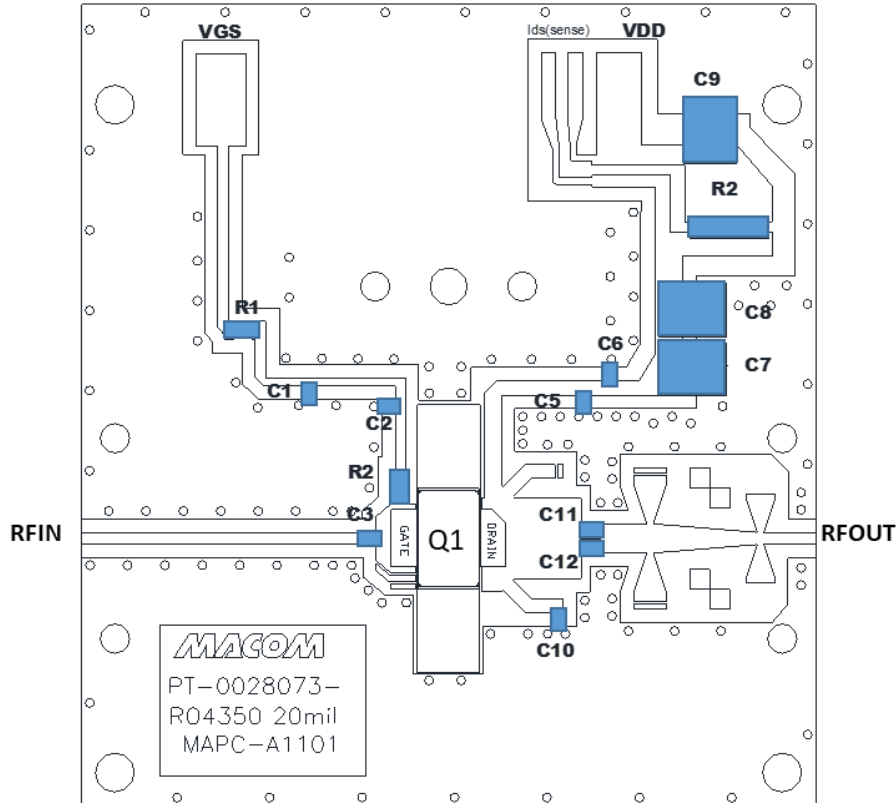
**Turning the device ON**

1. Set  $V_{GS}$  to pinch-off ( $V_P$ ).
2. Turn on  $V_{DS}$  to nominal voltage (50 V).
3. Increase  $V_{GS}$  until  $I_{DS}$  current is reached.
4. Apply RF power to desired level.

**Turning the device OFF**

1. Turn the RF power OFF.
2. Decrease  $V_{GS}$  down to  $V_P$  pinch-off.
3. Decrease  $V_{DS}$  down to 0 V.
4. Turn off  $V_{GS}$ .

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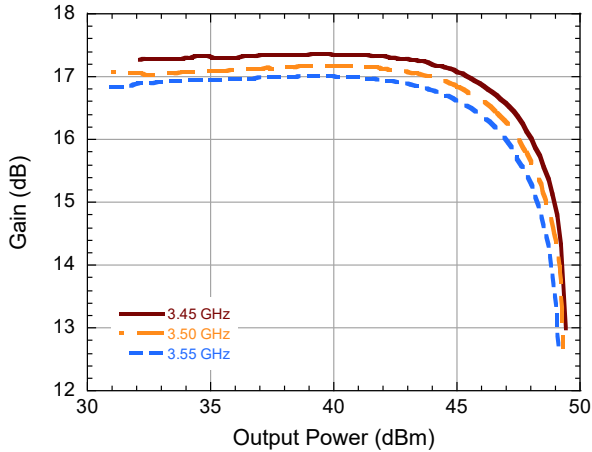


Reference Designator	Value	Tolerance	Manufacturer	Part Number
C1	10 $\mu$ F	+/- 10 %	Murata	GRM21BZ71C106KE15L
C2, C5, C6	4.7 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	Murata	GQM2195C2E4R7BB12D
C3	6.8 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	Murata	GQM2195C2E6R8BB12D
C7, C8	2.2 $\mu$ F	+/- 20%	Murata	KRM55TR72E225MH01L
C9	22 $\mu$ F	+/- 20%	Murata	KRM55WR72A226MH01K
C10	0.5 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	Murata	GQM2195C2ER50BB12D
C11, C12	3.0 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	Murata	GQM2195C2E3R0BB12D
R2	5 m $\Omega$	+/- 1%	Susumu	RL7520WT-R005-F
R1, R3	4.7 $\Omega$	+/- 1%	Panasonic	ERJ-8RQF4R7V
Q1	MACOM GaN Power Amplifier		MAPC-A1101	
PCB	R04350, 20 mil, 1 oz. Cu, Au Finish			

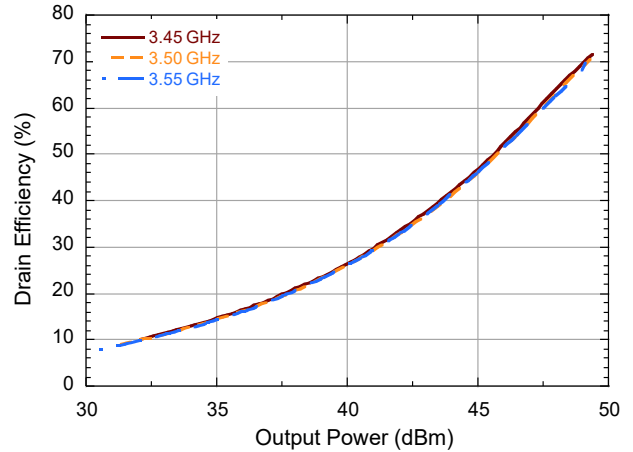


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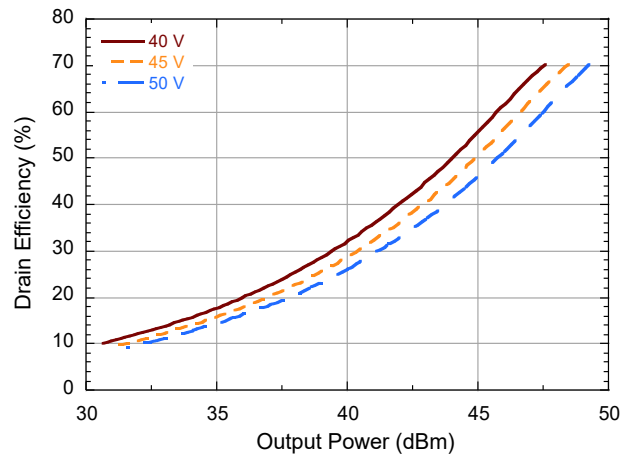
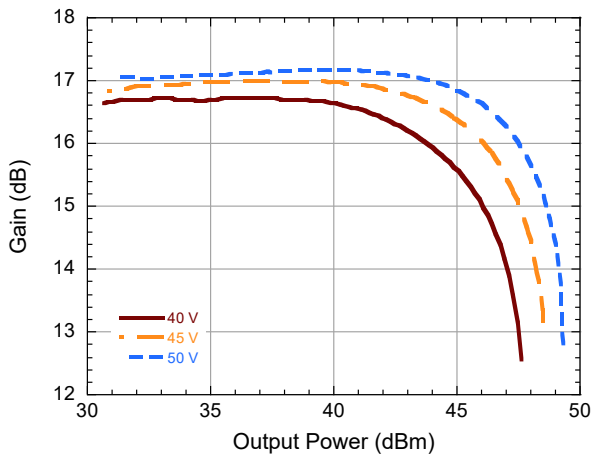
Gain vs. Output Power and Frequency



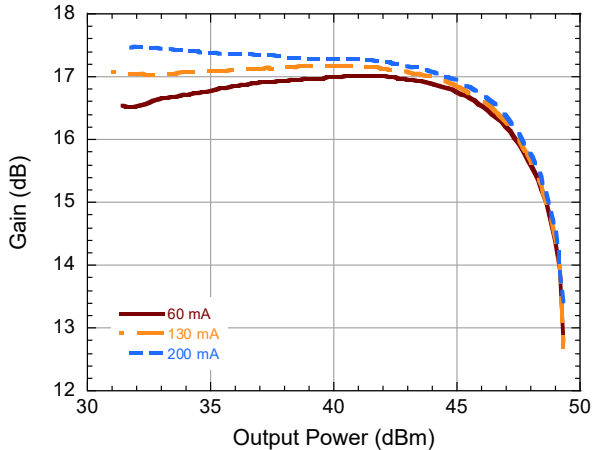
Drain Efficiency vs. Output Power and Frequency



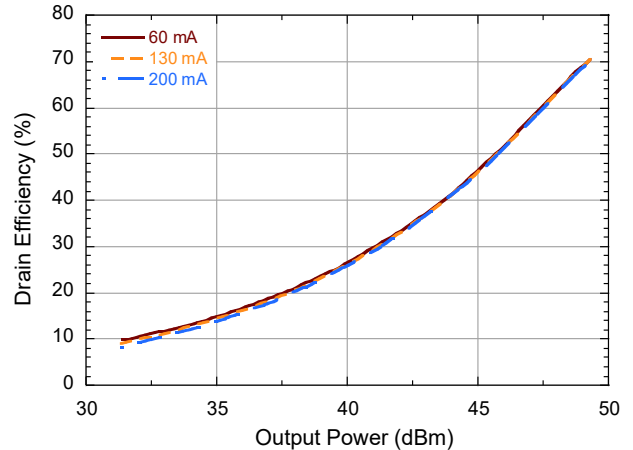
Gain vs. Output Power and  $V_{DS}$



Gain vs. Output Power and  $I_{DQ}$

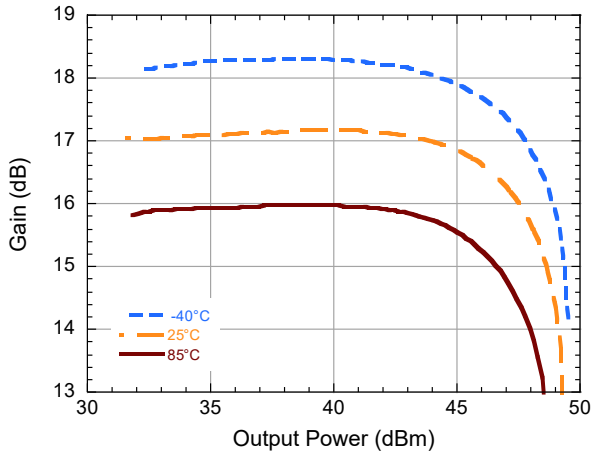


Drain Efficiency vs. Output Power and  $I_{DQ}$

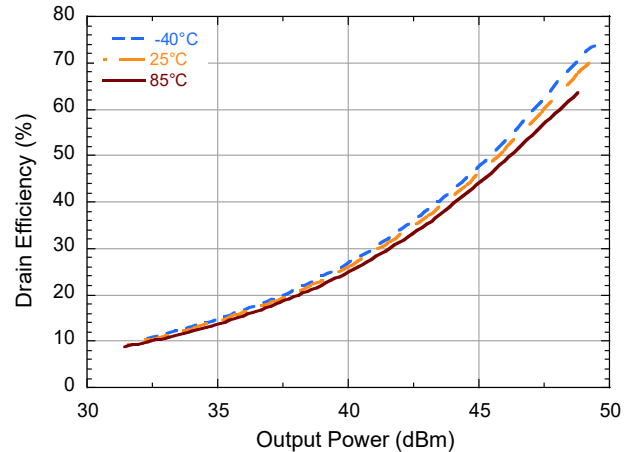


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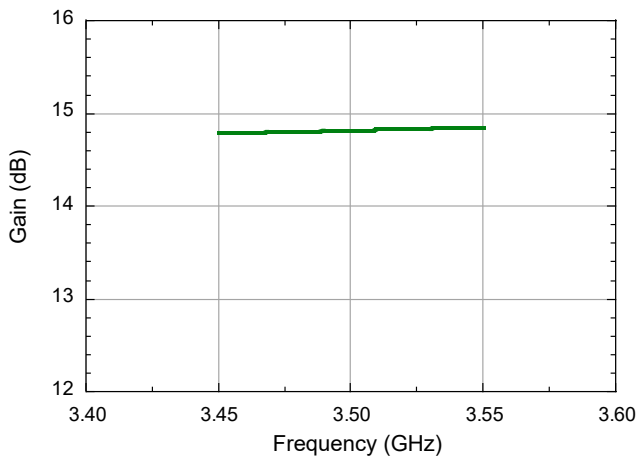
Gain vs. Output Power and  $T_C$



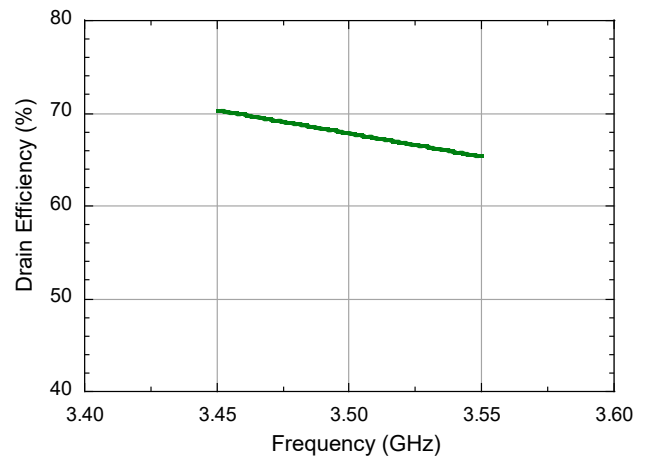
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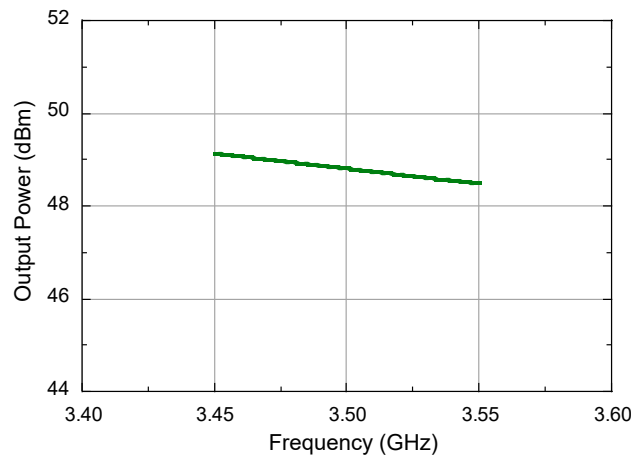
Gain vs. Frequency, 2.5dB Gain Compression



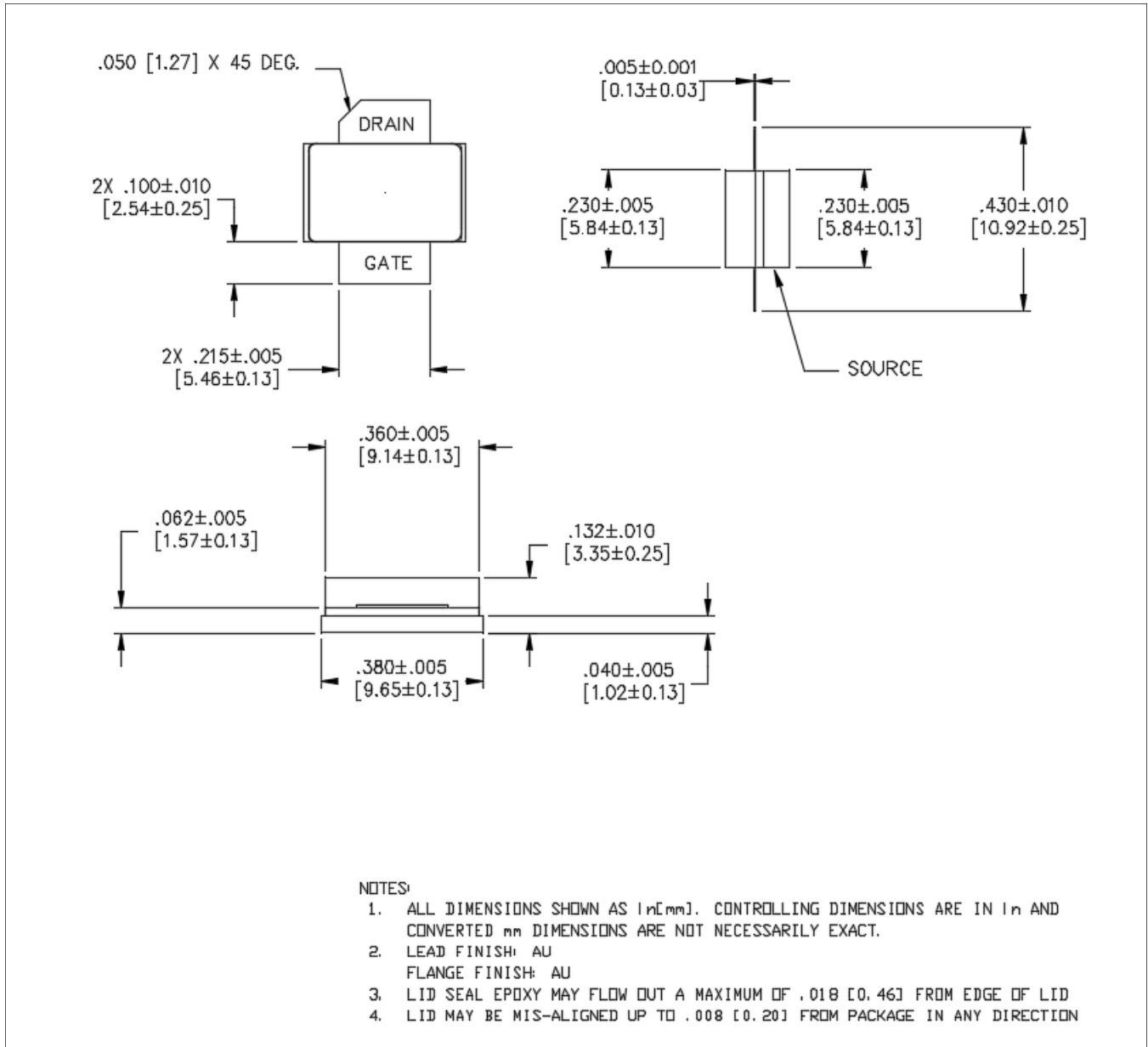
Drain Efficiency vs. Frequency, 2.5dB Gain Compression



Output Power vs. Frequency, 2.5dB Gain Compression



Lead-Free AC-360S-2 Package Dimensions<sup>†</sup>



<sup>†</sup> Reference Application Note AN0004363 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.  
Meets JEDEC moisture sensitivity level 3 requirements.  
Plating is Au.

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