

# GaN Amplifier 50 V, 450 W

## 0.7 - 2.7 GHz



**MACOM PURE CARBIDE™**

**MAPC-A1525**  
Rev. V1

### Features

- MACOM PURE CARBIDE™ Amplifier Series
- Suitable for Linear & Saturated Applications
- Pulsed Operation: 450 W Output Power
- Internally Pre-Matched
- 50 V Operation
- High Thermal Conductivity Package for Maximum Heat Transfer
- Compatible with MACOM Power Management Bias Controller/Sequencer MABC-11040B

### Applications

RADAR, Datalink and Satellite Communications

### Description

The MAPC-A1525 is a high power GaN on Silicon Carbide HEMT D-mode amplifier suitable for 0.7 - 2.7 GHz frequency operation. The device supports pulsed operation with output power levels of 450 W (56.5 dBm) and in an air cavity ceramic package.

### Typical Performance:

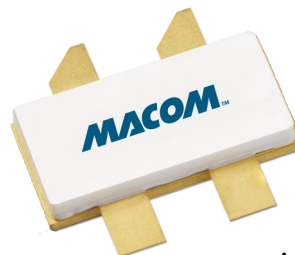
Measured under evaluation board at 3 dB Compression, 100  $\mu$ s pulse width, 10% duty cycle.  $V_{DS} = 50$  V,  $I_{DQ} = 900$  mA,  $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$

- Efficiency Tuned Board (2.5 - 2.7 GHz)

Frequency (GHz)	Output Power <sup>1</sup> (dBm)	Gain <sup>2</sup> (dB)	$\eta_D$ <sup>2</sup> (%)
2.5	57.5	17.0	60.5
2.6	56.7	18.0	65.7
2.7	55.5	18.6	63.3

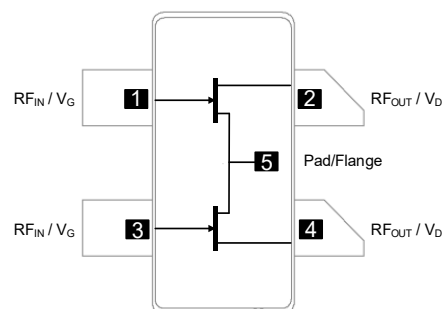
- Wideband Tuned Board (1.0 - 2.5 GHz)

Frequency (GHz)	Output Power <sup>1</sup> (dBm)	Gain <sup>2</sup> (dB)	$\eta_D$ <sup>2</sup> (%)
1.0	56.6	14.8	57.7
1.3	55.7	13.3	60.3
1.7	55.7	14.2	52.3
2.1	55.7	13.7	45.6
2.5	56.3	13.8	53.6



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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	RF <sub>IN</sub> / V <sub>G</sub>	RF Input / Gate
4	RF <sub>OUT</sub> / V <sub>D</sub>	RF Output / Drain
5	Flange <sup>1</sup>	Ground / Source

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

### Ordering Information

Part Number	Package
MAPC-A1525-AS000	Bulk Quantity
MAPC-A1525-ASTR1	Tape and Reel
MAPC-A1525-ASSB1	Sample Board

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

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**RF Electrical Characteristics:  $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$ ,  $I_{DQ} = 900\text{ mA}$**   
**Note: Performance in MACOM Efficiency Tuned Test Fixture, 50  $\Omega$  system**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Saturated Output Power	Pulsed <sup>2</sup> , 2.6 GHz, 3 dB Gain Compression	$P_{SAT}$	-	56.4	-	dBm
Power Gain	Pulsed <sup>2</sup> , 2.6 GHz, 3 dB Gain Compression	$G_{SAT}$	-	18.0	-	dB
Saturated Drain Efficiency	Pulsed <sup>2</sup> , 2.6 GHz, 3 dB Gain Compression	$\eta_{SAT}$	-	65.2	-	%
Gain Variation (-40°C to +85°C)	Pulsed <sup>2</sup> , 2.6 GHz, 3 dB Gain Compression	$\Delta G$	-	-0.012	-	dB/°C
Power Variation (-40°C to +85°C)	Pulsed <sup>2</sup> , 2.6 GHz, 3 dB Gain Compression	$\Delta P_{3.0dB}$	-	-0.003	-	dB/°C
Ruggedness: Output Mismatch	All phase angles	$\Psi$	VSWR = 10:1, No Damage			

**RF Electrical Specifications:  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$ ,  $I_{DQ} = 900\text{ mA}$**   
**Note: Performance in MACOM Production Test Fixture, 50  $\Omega$  system**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Power Gain	Pulsed <sup>2</sup> , 2.6 GHz, 3 dB Gain Compression	$G_{SAT}$	18.1	18.7	-	dB
Saturated Drain Efficiency	Pulsed <sup>2</sup> , 2.6 GHz, 3 dB Gain Compression	$\eta_{SAT}$	59.3	63.9	-	%
Saturated Output Power	Pulsed <sup>2</sup> , 2.6 GHz, 3 dB Gain Compression	$P_{SAT}$	55.8	56.4	-	dBm

2. 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	$V_{GS} = -8\text{ V}$ , $V_{DS} = 150\text{ V}$	$I_{DLK}$	-	-	57.6	mA
Gate-Source Leakage Current	$V_{GS} = -8\text{ V}$ , $V_{DS} = 0\text{ V}$	$I_{GLK}$	-	-	57.6	mA
Gate Threshold Voltage	$V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$ , $I_D = 57.6\text{ mA}$	$V_T$	-3.8	-3.0	-2.3	V
Gate Quiescent Voltage	$V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$ , $I_D = 450\text{ mA}$	$V_{GSQ}$	-	-2.7	-	V
Maximum Drain Current	$V_{DS} = 7\text{ V}$ pulsed, pulse width 300 $\mu\text{s}$	$I_{D, MAX}$	-	55.0	-	A

**Absolute Maximum Ratings** <sup>3,4,5,6,7</sup>

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
Drain Source Voltage, $V_{DS}$	150 V
Gate Source Voltage, $V_{GS}$	-8 to 2 V
Gate Current, $I_G$	57.6 mA
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C
Case Operating Temperature Range	-40°C to +85°C
Channel Temperature	+275°C

3. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
4. MACOM does not recommend sustained operation above maximum operating conditions.
5. Operating at drain source voltage  $V_{DS} \leq 50$  V and  $T_{CH} \leq 275^\circ\text{C}$  will ensure  $MTTF > 2 \times 10^6$  hours.
6. MTTF may be estimated by the expression  $MTTF$  (hours) =  $A e^{[B + C/(T+273)]}$  where  $T$  is the channel temperature in degrees Celsius.,  $A = 1.537$ ,  $B = -24.81$ , and  $C = 21,330$ .

**Thermal Characteristics**<sup>7</sup>

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Typical	Units
Thermal Resistance using Finite Element Analysis	$V_{DS} = 50$ V, $T_C = 85^\circ\text{C}$ , $T_{CH} = 225^\circ\text{C}$	$R_{\theta}(\text{FEA})$	0.69	°C/W
Thermal Resistance using Infrared Measurement of Die Surface Temperature	$V_{DS} = 50$ V, $T_C = 85^\circ\text{C}$ , $T_{CH} = 225^\circ\text{C}$	$R_{\theta}(\text{IR})$	0.55	°C/W

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

**ESD Characteristics**

Parameter	Class	Standard
Human Body Model (HBM)	1B	ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001

**Handling Procedures**

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

**Static Sensitivity**

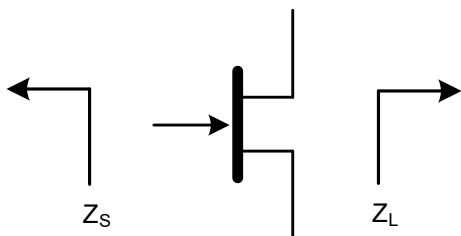
Gallium Nitride Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

**50 V Pulsed<sup>2</sup> Load-Pull Performance (Per Each Side of Symmetric Device)**  
Reference Plane at Device Leads

Frequency (MHz)	Z <sub>SOURCE</sub> (Ω)	Maximum Output Power					
		V <sub>DS</sub> = 50 V, I <sub>DQ</sub> = 450 mA, T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C, P3.0dB					
		Z <sub>LOAD</sub> <sup>8</sup> (Ω)	Gain (dB)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (dBm)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (W)	η <sub>D</sub> (%)	AM/PM (°)
800	2.0 - j1.2	3.9 - j0.9	24.5	54.4	276	63.9	68.5
1400	2.5 - j4.5	2.8 - j2.0	19.8	54.7	295	61.3	41.4
1800	3.0 - j6.0	3.1 - j3.2	18.5	55.6	363	63.1	29.0
2100	3.8 - j7.5	2.8 - j4.0	17.5	55.6	363	64.0	24.6
2500	5.0 - j10.0	2.8 - j5.3	17.2	55.3	339	63.4	-8.6
2700	6.0 - j10.5	2.6 - j6.0	17.1	55.2	331	63.5	-43.0

Frequency (MHz)	Z <sub>SOURCE</sub> (Ω)	Maximum Drain Efficiency					
		V <sub>DS</sub> = 50 V, I <sub>DQ</sub> = 450 mA, T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C, P3.0dB					
		Z <sub>LOAD</sub> <sup>9</sup> (Ω)	Gain (dB)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (dBm)	P <sub>OUT</sub> (W)	η <sub>D</sub> (%)	AM/PM (°)
800	2.0 - j1.2	5.9 + j2.6	27.2	52.4	174	74.2	40.0
1400	2.5 - j4.5	3.3 + j0.6	22.1	52.9	195	72.5	24.7
1800	3.0 - j6.0	3.1 - j1.2	20.0	54.3	269	72.5	15.7
2100	3.8 - j7.5	2.5 - j1.8	19.6	54.0	251	75.7	9.0
2500	5.0 - j10.0	2.2 - j3.1	19.5	53.4	219	75.1	-28.2
2700	6.0 - j10.5	2.4 - j4.3	19.1	54.0	251	76.0	-60.1

**Impedance Reference**

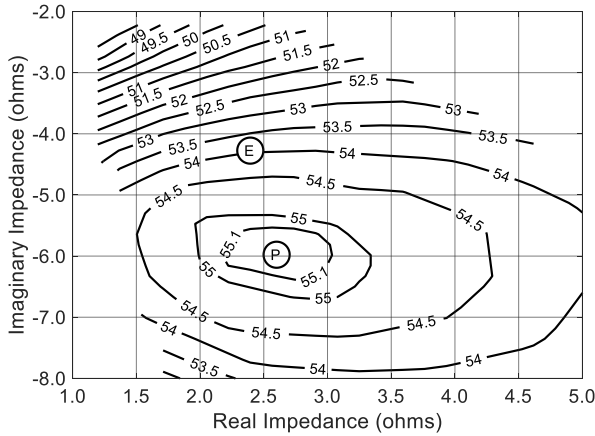


Z<sub>SOURCE</sub> = Measured impedance presented to the input of the device at package reference plane.  
Z<sub>LOAD</sub> = Measured impedance presented to the output of the device at package reference plane.

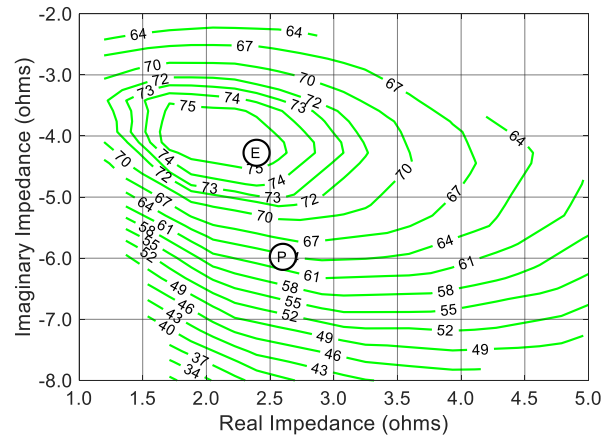
- 8. Load Impedance for optimum output power.
- 9. Load Impedance for optimum efficiency.

**Pulsed<sup>2</sup> Load-Pull Performance (Per Each Side of Symmetric Device)**  
**2.7 GHz**

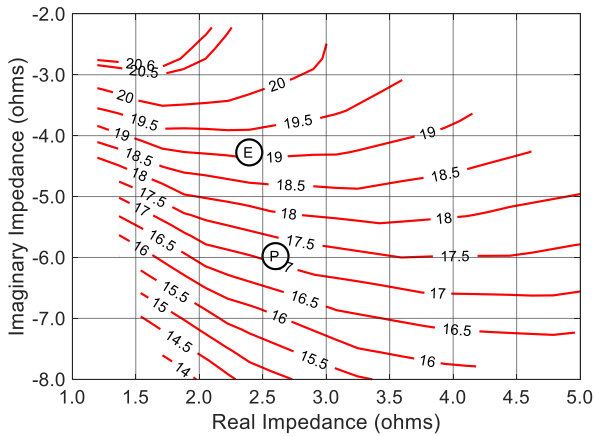
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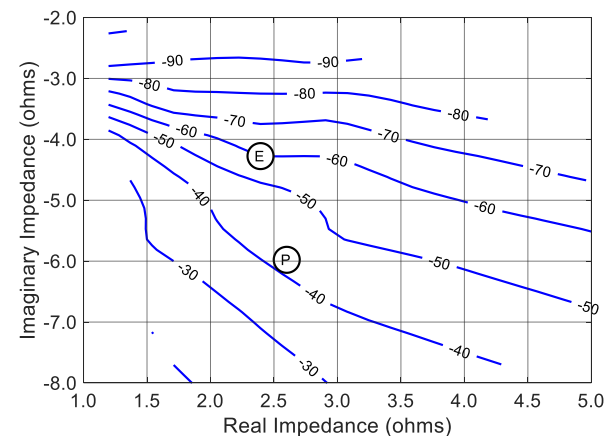
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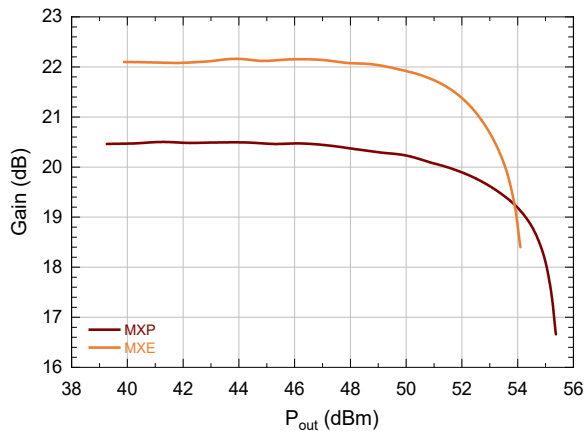
**P3.0dB Loadpull Gain Contours (dB)**



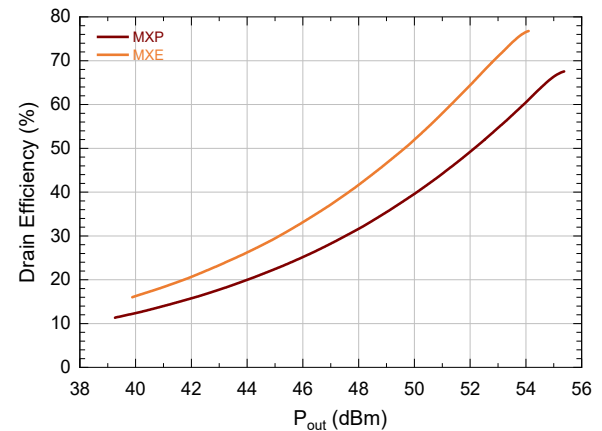
**P3.0dB Loadpull AM/PM Contours (°)**



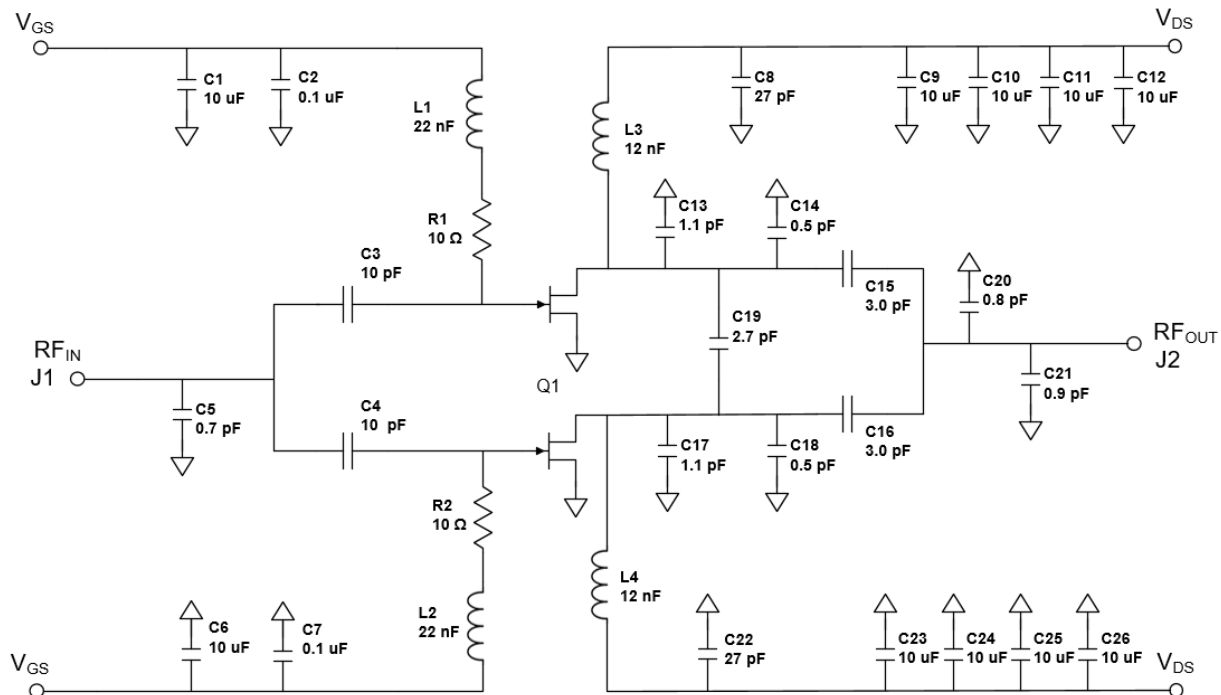
**Transducer Gain vs. Output Power**



**Drain Efficiency vs. Output Power**



Efficiency Tuned Test Fixture and Recommended Tuning Solution 2.5 - 2.7 GHz



**Description**

Parts measured on evaluation board (20 mil thick RO4350B). 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**

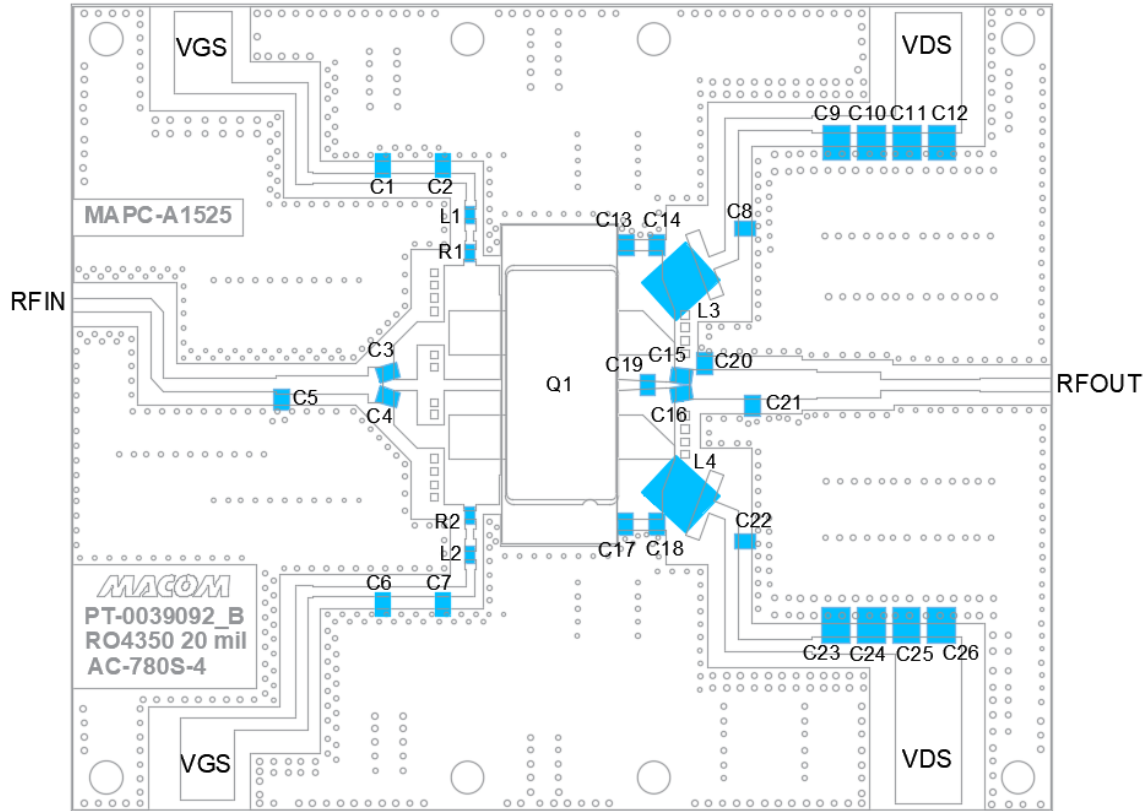
1. Set  $V_{GS}$  to pinch-off ( $V_P$ ).
2. Turn on  $V_{DS}$  to nominal voltage (50 V).
3. Increase  $V_{GS}$  until  $I_{DS}$  current is reached.
4. Apply RF power to desired level.

**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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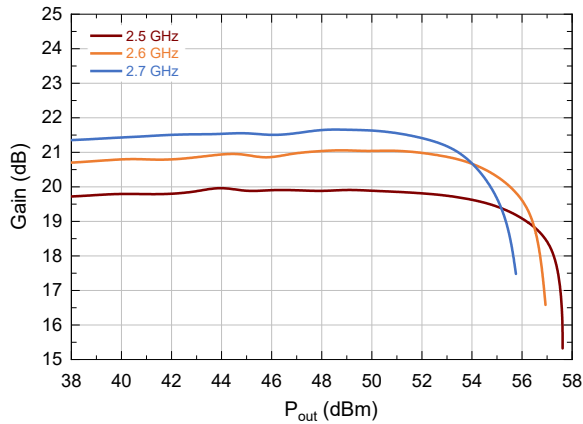
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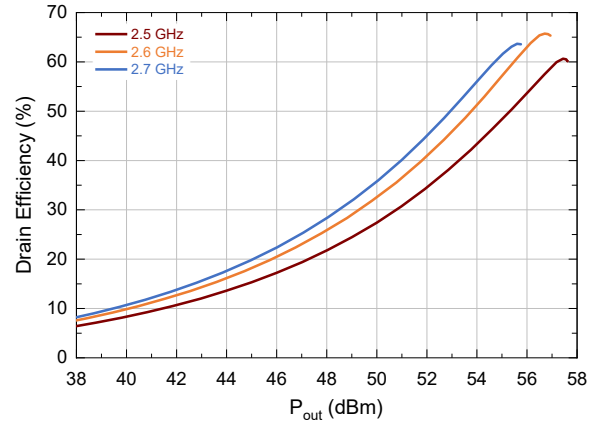
Reference Designator	Value	Tolerance	Manufacturer	Part Number
C1,C6	10 $\mu$ F	+/- 10%	Murata	GRM21BR61C106KE15K
C2,C7	0.1 $\mu$ F	+/- 10%	Murata	GRM219R71C104KA01D
C3,C4	10 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A100BT250XT
C5	0.7 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A0R7BT250XT
C8,C22	27 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A270BT250XT
C9,C10,C11,C12,C23,C24, C25,C26	10 $\mu$ F	+/- 10%	Murata	GRM32EC72A106KE05L
C13,C17	1.1 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A1R1BT250XT
C14,C18	0.5 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A0R5BT250XT
C15,C16	3.0 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A3R0BT250XT
C19	2.7 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A2R7BT250XT
C20	0.8 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A0R8BT250XT
C21	0.9 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A0R9BT250XT
L1,L2	22 nF	+/- 5%	AVX	LCMC0603J22NGTAR
L3,L4	12 nF	+/- 5%	Coilcraft	GA3094-ALC
R1,R2	10 $\Omega$	+/- 1%	Vishay	RCC060310R0FKEA
Q1	MACOM GaN Power Amplifier		MAPC-A1525	
PCB	RO4350B, 20 mil, 1 oz. Cu, Au Finish			

Typical Performance Curves as Measured in the 2.5 - 2.7 GHz Efficiency Tuned Test Fixture:  
Pulsed<sup>2</sup> 2.6 GHz,  $V_{DS} = 50$  V,  $I_{DQ} = 900$  mA,  $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$  (Unless Otherwise Noted)

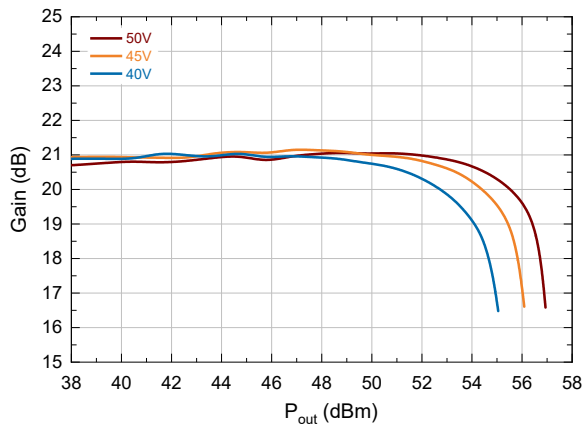
Gain vs. Output Power and Frequency



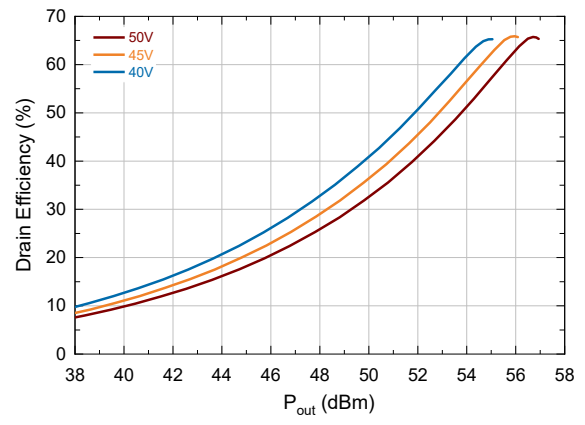
Drain Efficiency vs. Output Power and Frequency



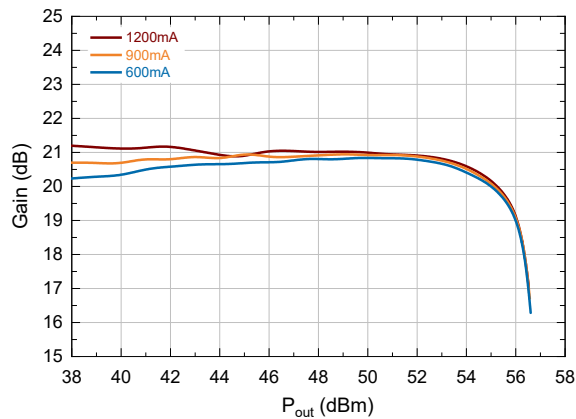
Gain vs. Output Power and  $V_{DS}$



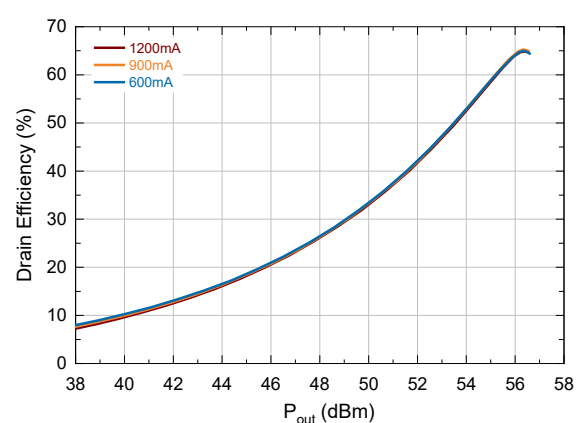
Drain Efficiency vs. Output Power and  $V_{DS}$



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



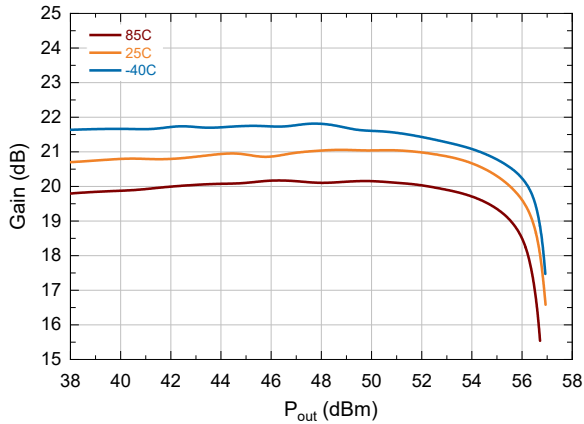
Drain Efficiency vs. Output Power and  $I_{DQ}$



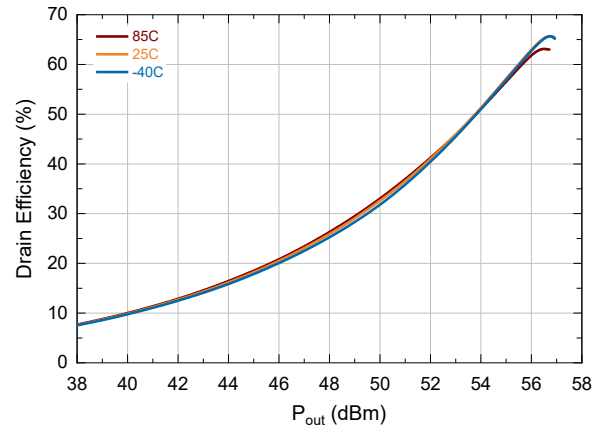


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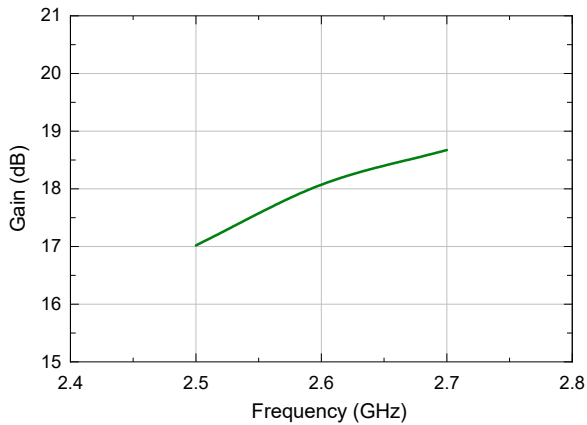
**Gain vs. Output Power and  $T_C$**



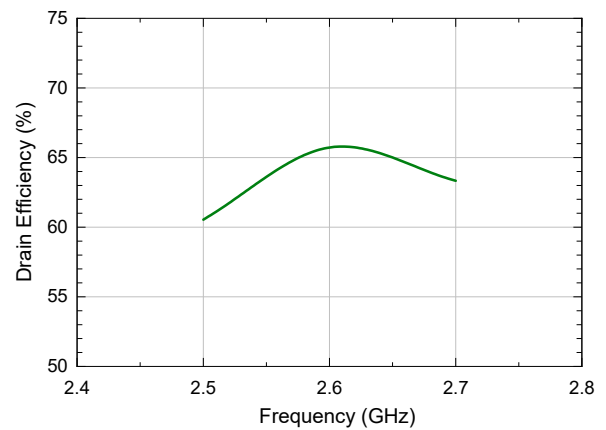
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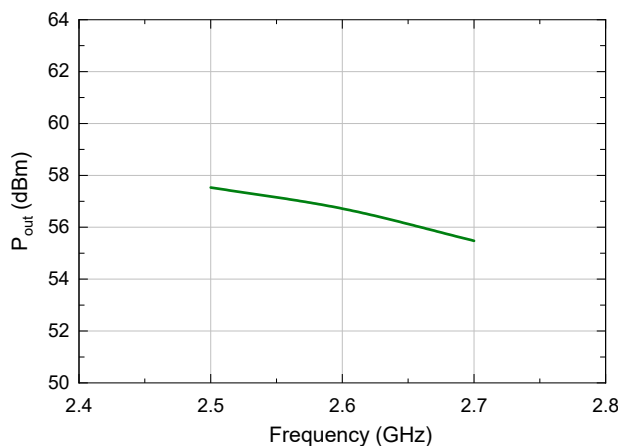
**Gain vs. Frequency, 3dB Gain Compression**



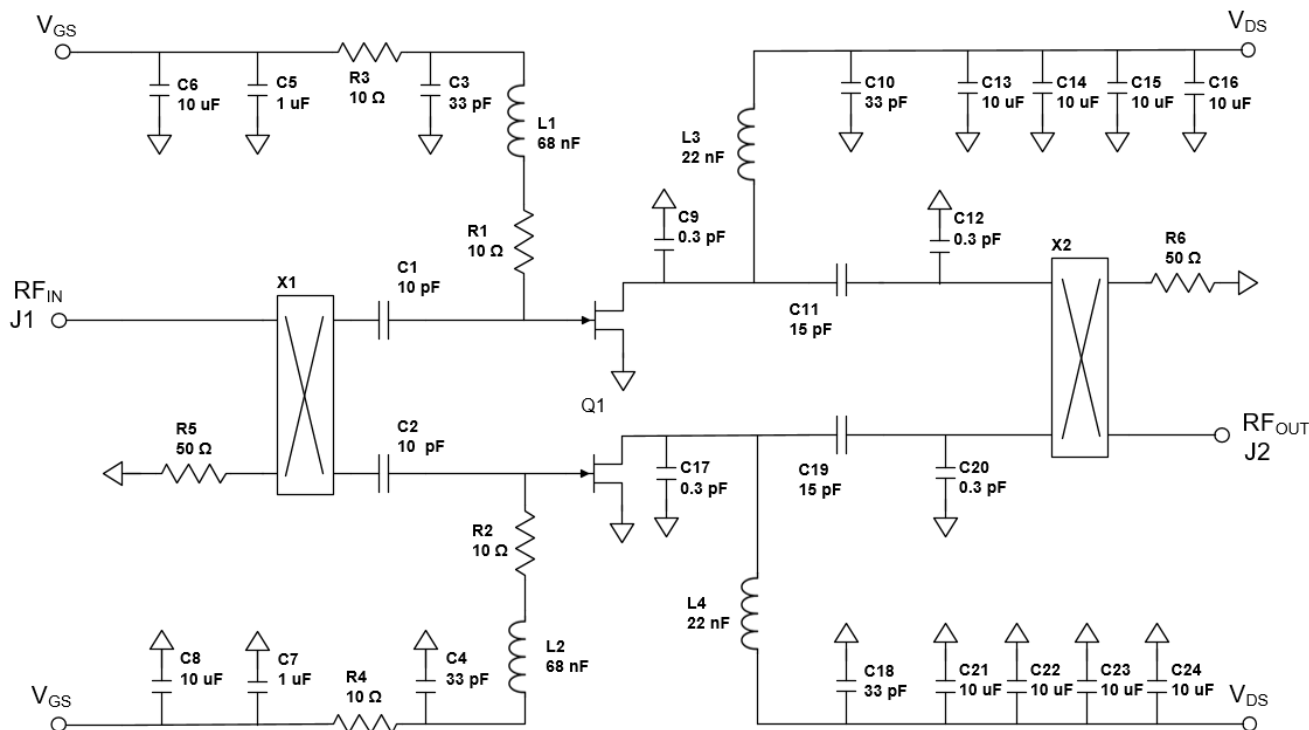
**Drain Efficiency vs. Frequency, 3dB Gain Compression**



**Output Power vs. Frequency, 3dB Gain Compression**



Wideband Tuned Test Fixture and Recommended Tuning Solution 1.0 - 2.5 GHz



**Description**

Parts measured on evaluation board (20 mil thick RO4350B). 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**

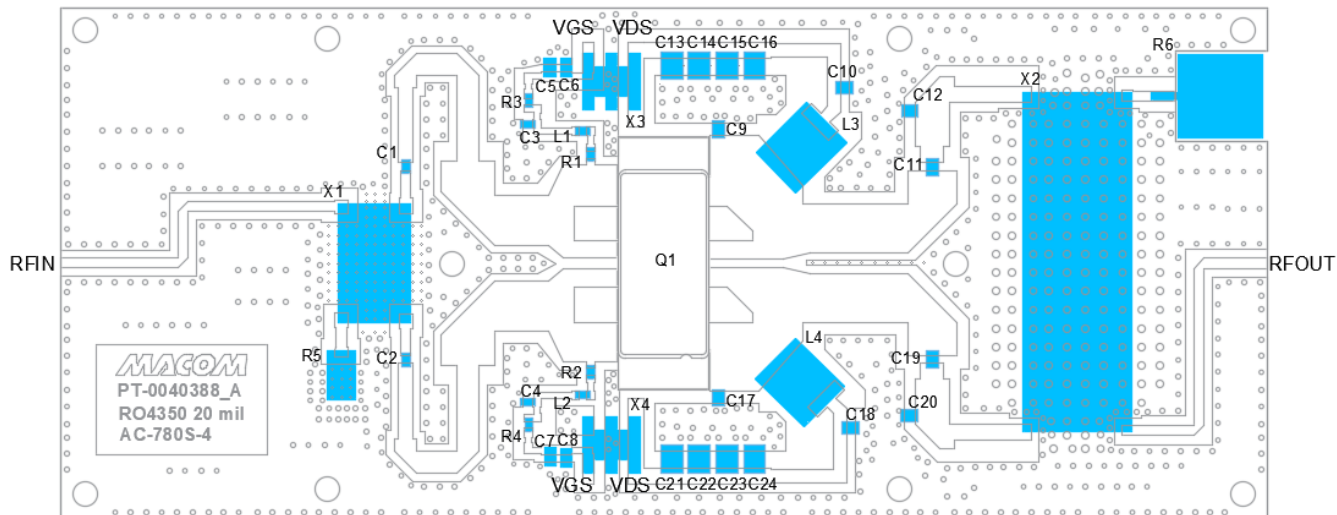
1. Set  $V_{GS}$  to pinch-off ( $V_P$ ).
2. Turn on  $V_{DS}$  to nominal voltage (50 V).
3. Increase  $V_{GS}$  until  $I_{DS}$  current is reached.
4. Apply RF power to desired level.

**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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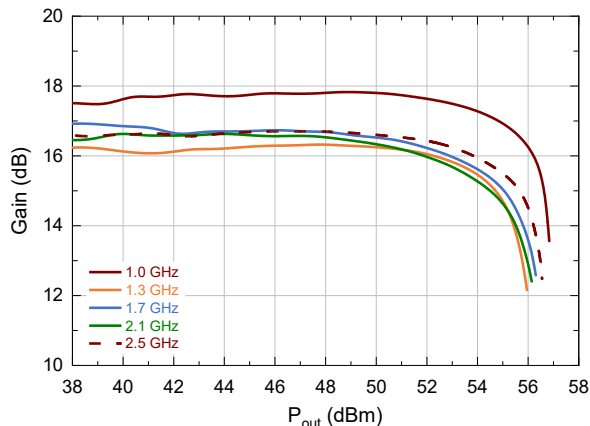
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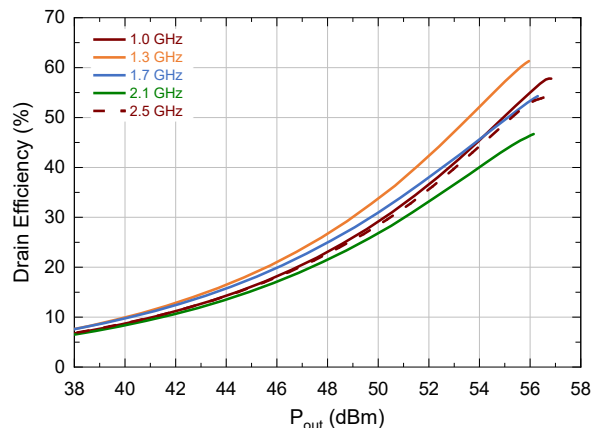
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C1,C2	10 pF	+/- 1%	PPI	0603N100FW251
C3,C4	33 pF	+/- 2%	PPI	0603N330GW251
C5,C7	1 μF	+/- 10 %	TDK	CGA4J2X7R1C105K125AA
C6,C8	10 μF	+/- 10 %	TDK	C2012X6S1C106K085AC
C9,C12,C17,C20	0.3 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A0R3BT250XT
C10,C18	33 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A330BT250XT
C11,C19	15 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800A150BT250XT
C13,C14,C15,C16,C21,C22,C23,C24	10 μF	+/- 10%	Murata	GRM32EC72A106KE05L
L1,L2	68 nF	+/- 5%	AVX	LCC10603J68NGTAR
L3,L4	22 nF	+/- 5%	Coilcraft	WA3096-ALC
R1,R2,R3,R4	10 Ω	+/- 1%	Vishay	RCC060310R0FKEA
R5	50 Ω Termination		Anaren	C45N50Z4
R6	50 Ω Termination		Anaren	E250N50X4B
X1	50 Ω Hybrid Coupler		Anaren	X3C17A1-03WS
X2	25/50 Ω Hybrid Coupler		IPP	IPP-7105IT
X3,X4	Connector Header 6 Pins		Samtec	HW-03-09-F-D-450-SM
J1, J2	Radial 9114-1113-000-SMA Connector			PT-0022540
Q1	MACOM GaN Power Amplifier			MAPC-A1525
PCB	RO4350, 20 mil, 1 oz. Cu, Au Finish			

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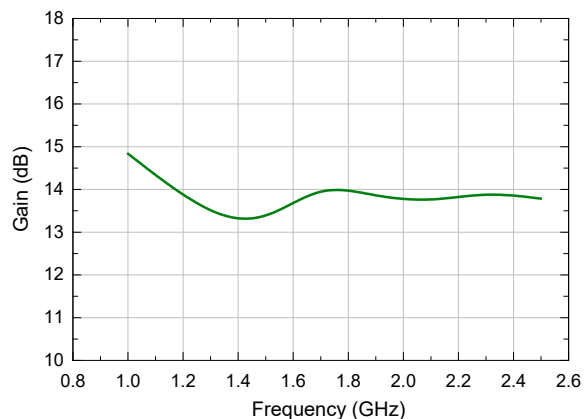
Gain vs. Output Power and  $T_C$



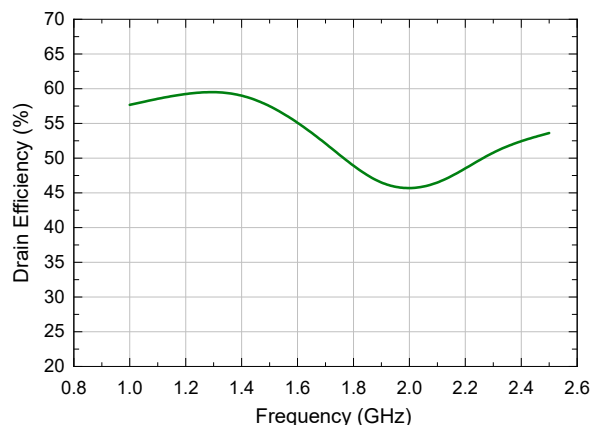
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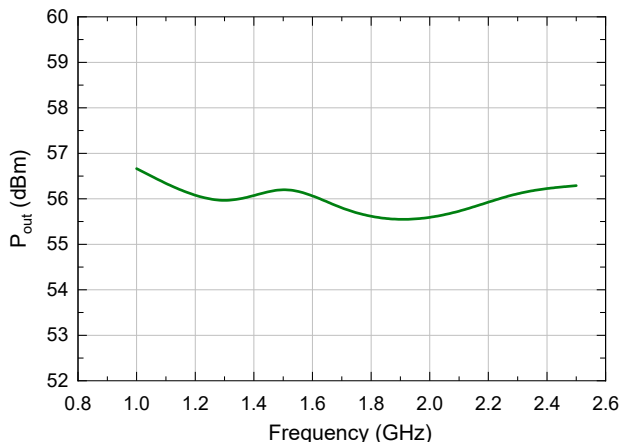
Gain vs. Frequency, 3dB Gain Compression



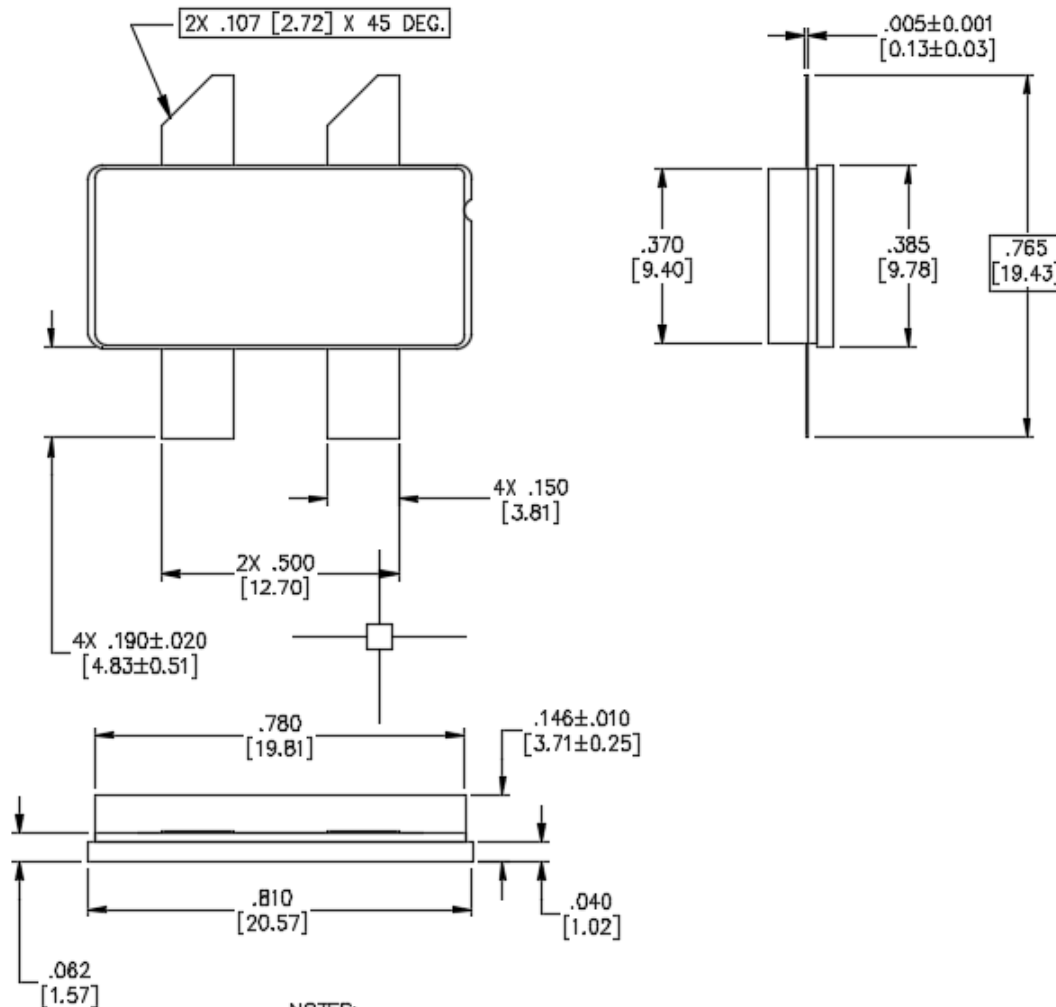
Drain Efficiency vs. Frequency, 3dB Gain Compression



Output Power vs. Frequency, 3dB Gain Compression



Lead-Free AC-780S-4 Package Dimensions<sup>†</sup>



NOTES:

1. ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN AS in[mm]. CONTROLLING DIMENSIONS ARE IN IN AND CONVERTED mm DIMENSIONS ARE NOT NECESSARILY EXACT.
2. ALL TOLERANCES ARE ±.005 [0.13] UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
3. LEAD FINISH: AU  
FLANGE FINISH: AU
4. LID SEAL EPOXY MAY FLOW OUT A MAXIMUM OF .020 [0.51] FROM EDGE OF LID
5. LID MAY BE MIS-ALIGNED UP TO .010 [0.25] FROM PACKAGE IN ANY DIRECTION

<sup>†</sup> Reference Application Note AN0004363 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.  
Moisture Sensitivity Level: Not Specified  
Plating is Au.

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