

Features

- Integrates Image Reject (Balanced) Mixer, LO Buffer, LO Doubler, and RF Buffer
- 12 dB Conversion Gain
- 20 dBm Input Third Order Intercept (IIP3)
- -45 dBm (2x) LO Leakage (at RF Port)
- Variable Gain with Adjustable Bias
- Lead-Free 4 mm, 24 Lead QFN Package
- RoHS[^] Compliant

Applications

- Ka-Band
- Point-to-Point Radio

Description

The MAUC-011003 is an integrated up-converter assembled in a lead-free 4 mm 24-lead PQFN plastic package. This device has a typical conversion gain of 12 dB, and an image rejection of 15 dBc. This up-converter includes a LO doubler, LO buffer amplifier, and RF buffer amplifier. Variable gain can be achieved by adjusting the bias, with turn-down trajectories optimized to maintain linearity and 2xLO leakage over the gain control range. The output IP3 is 32 dBm at maximum gain.

The MAUC-011003 is ideally suited for 28 and 32 GHz band point-to-point radios under both LSB and USB operation and Ka-Band VSAT applications.

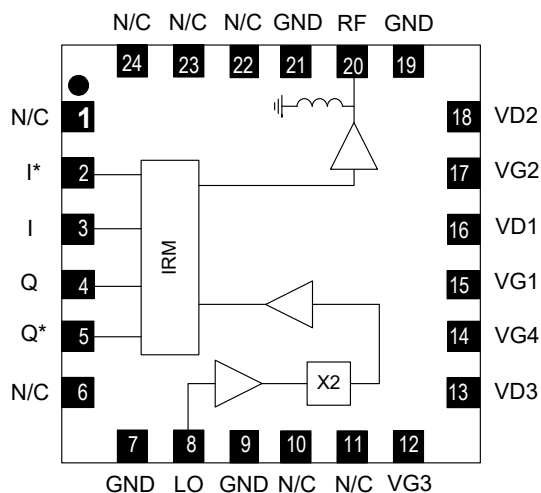
Each device is 100% RF tested to ensure performance compliance.

Ordering Information¹

Part Number	Package
MAUC-011003-TR0500	500 Piece Reel
MAUC-011003-001SMB	Sample Board

1. Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.

Functional Schematic



Pin Configuration²

Pin #	Function	Pin #	Function
1,6,10,11,2 2,23,24	N/C	13	VD3
2	I*	14	VG4
3	I	15	VG1
4	Q	16	VD1
5	Q*	17	VG2
7,9,19,21	GND	18	VD2
8	LO	20	RF
12	VG3	25	Paddle ³

2. For optimum RF performance, all N/C's should be terminated to ground.

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

[^] Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, compliant to current RoHS EU directive.

**Electrical Specifications: LO = 0 dBm, IF = -10 dBm @ 2 GHz,
V_{D1,2}⁴ = 4 V, V_{D3}⁴ = 3 V, I_{D1} + I_{D2} = 240 mA, I_{D3} = 140 mA, V_{G4} = -3 V, T_A = 25°C**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Units	Min.	Typ.	Max.
Frequency Range	RF LO	GHz	27.5 12.0	—	33.4 18.45
LO Input Power	PLO	dBm	—	0	—
Conversion Gain	27.5 - 29.0 GHz 29.0 - 33.4 GHz	dB	8.5 8.5	12.0 12.0	14.0 14.5
Image Rejection	—	dBc	—	15	—
Input IP3	—	dBm	—	20	—
Output IP3	P _{IN} = -10 dBm/tone	dBm	28	32	—
Spurious	(2xLO) [tuned - IF voltages ~ 0.2 V] (1xLO)	dBm	—	-45 -55	—
Gate Voltages	(V _{G1} , V _{G2} , V _{G3}) ⁴	V	-1.0	—	-0.1
Gate Current	(I _{G1} + I _{G2}) (I _{G3})	mA	-2.0 -0.5	—	0

4. Apply gate voltages prior to drain voltages. First turn on V_{G4} = -3 V. Then adjust V_{G1}, V_{G2} and V_{G3} between -1.0 and -0.1 V to achieve specified drain current. Typical current (380 mA) = 240 (I_{D1} + I_{D2}) + 140 (I_{D3}). Refer to App Note [1] for biasing details.

Absolute Maximum Ratings^{5,6,7}

Parameter	Absolute Max.
Drain Voltage	4.3 V
Gate Bias Voltage (V _{G1,2,3})	-1.5 V < V _G < 0 V
Gate Bias Voltage (V _{G4})	-4.0 V < V _G < 0 V
Input Power	10 dBm
LO Input Power	13 dBm
Storage Temperature	-55°C to +150°C
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
Junction Temperature	+150°C

- Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
- MACOM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
- Operating at nominal conditions with T_J ≤ +150°C will ensure MTTF > 1 x 10⁶ hours.

Handling Procedures

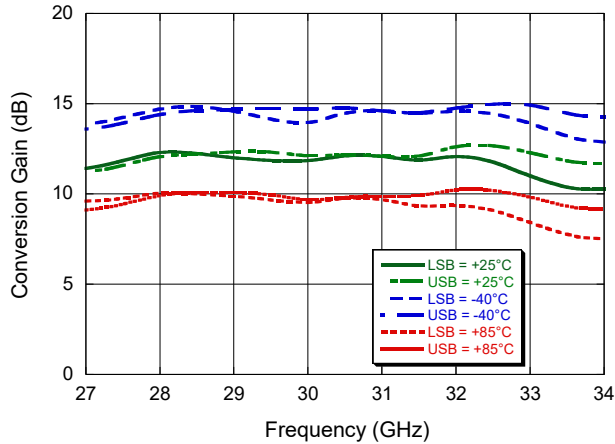
Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

Static Sensitivity

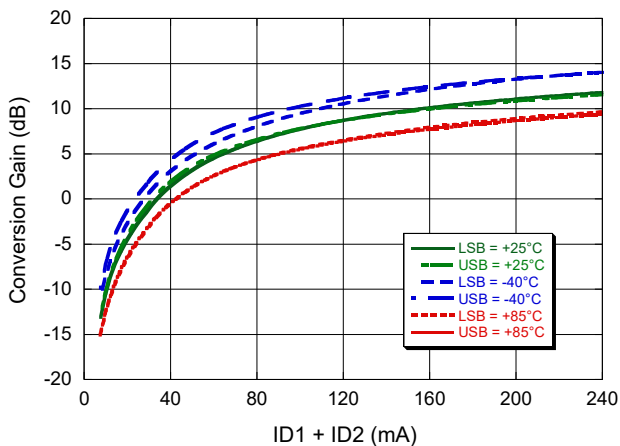
These electronic devices are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these static sensitive devices.

Typical Performance Curves: LO = 0 dBm, IF = -10 dBm @ 2 GHz, P_{DC} = 1.38 W

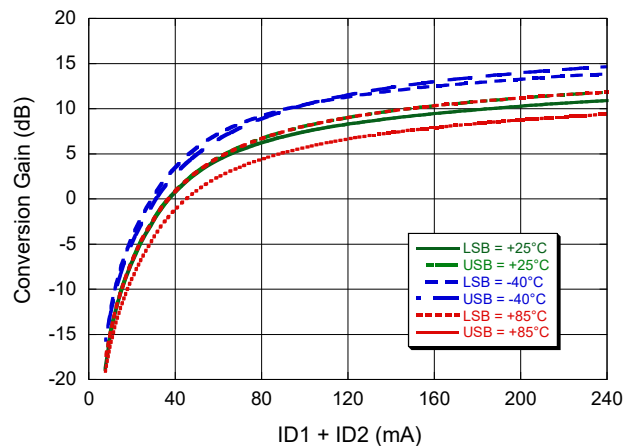
Conversion Gain



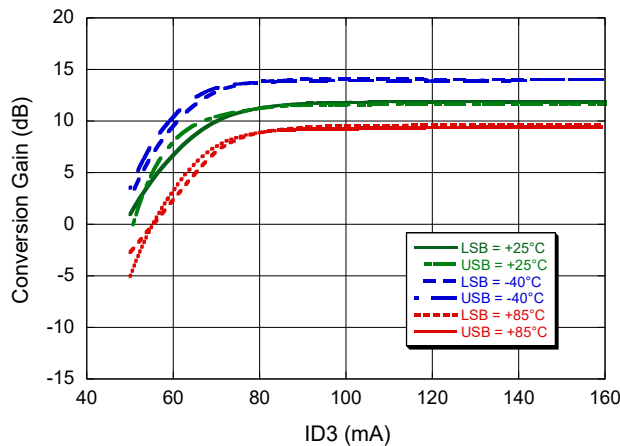
Conversion Gain @ 27.5 GHz



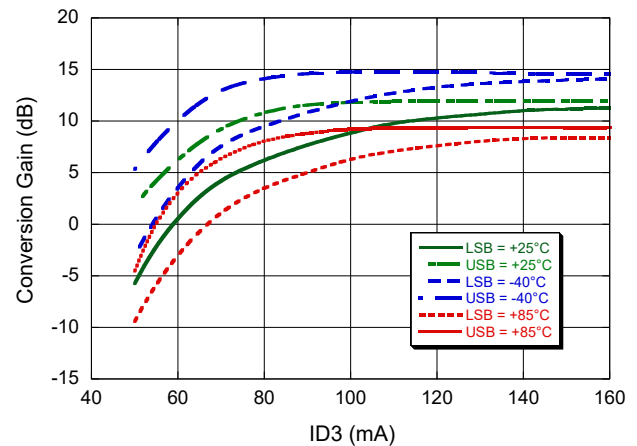
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Conversion Gain @ 27.5 GHz

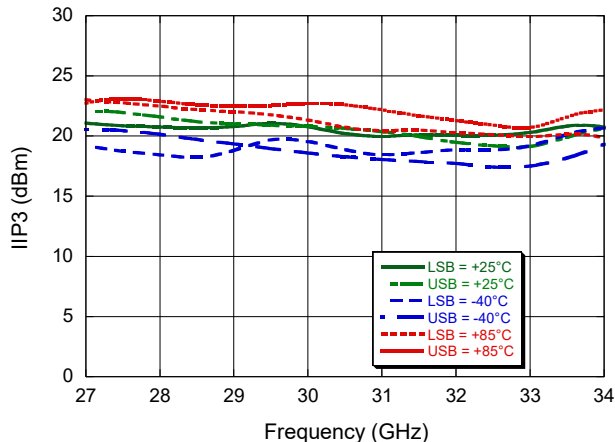


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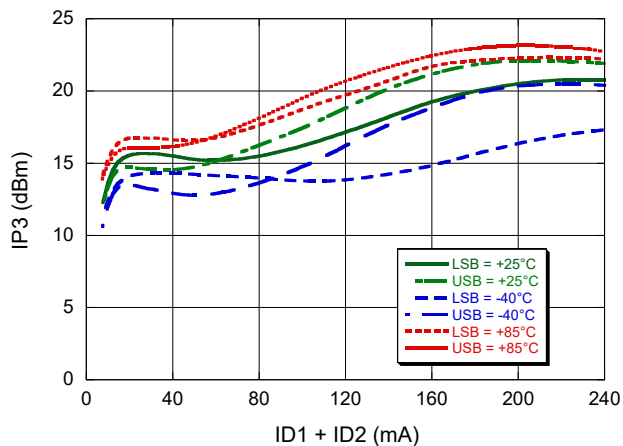


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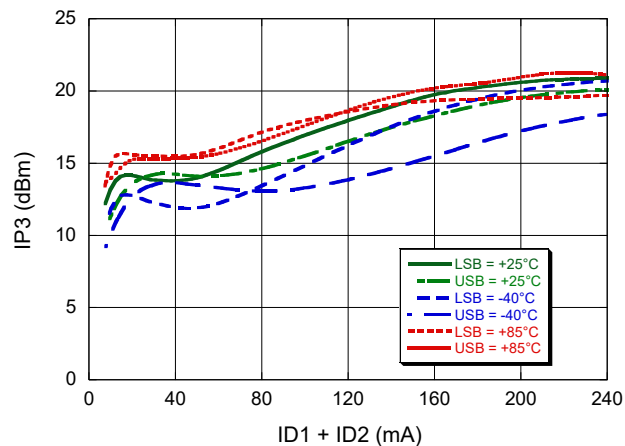
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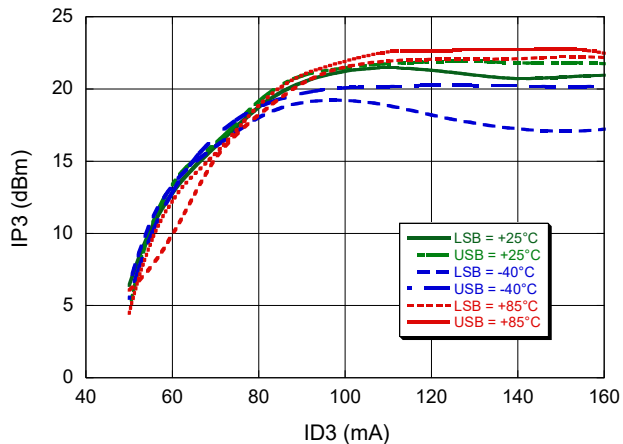
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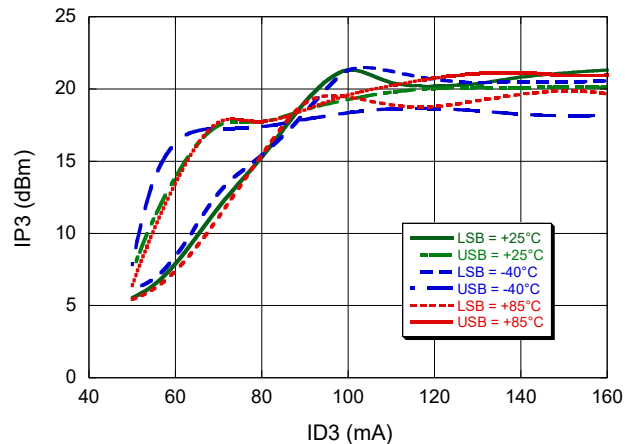
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Input IP3 @ 27.5 GHz

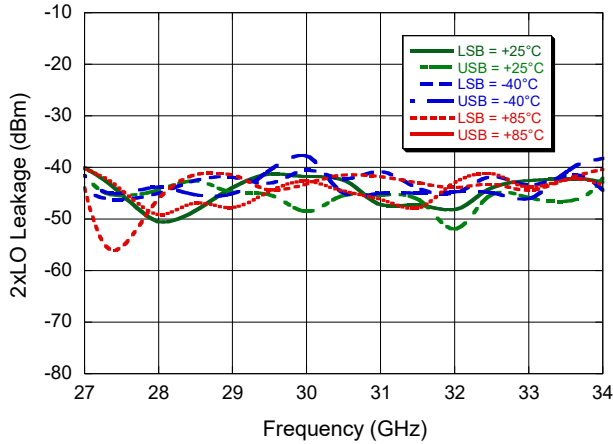


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2xLO Leakage



1xLO Leakage

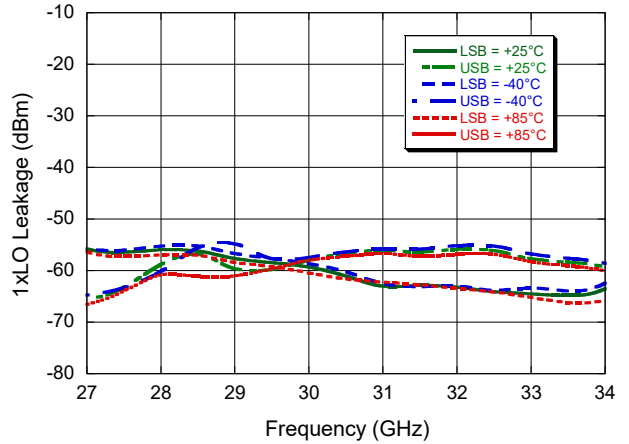
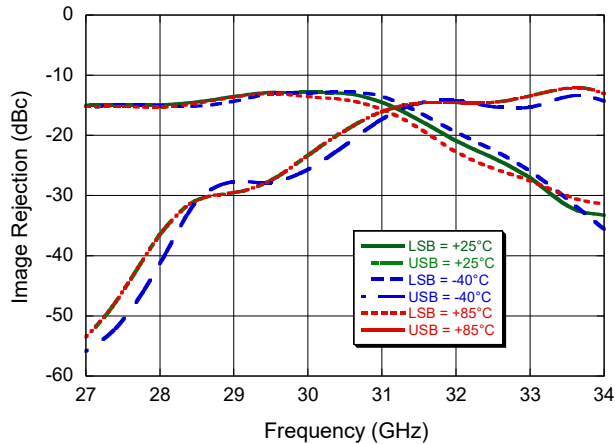


Image Rejection

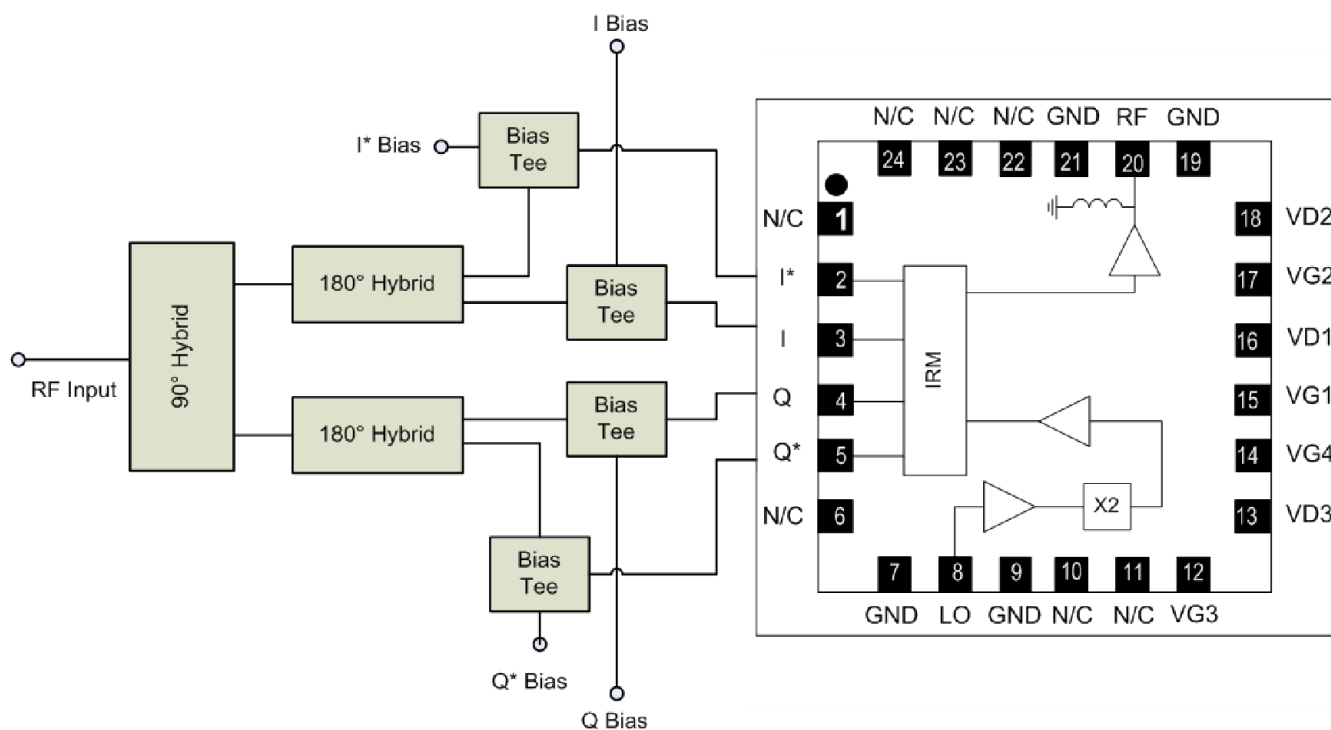


App Note [1] Biasing

Apply negative gate bias before applying positive drain bias. MAUC-011003 is operated by biasing V_{D1} and V_{D2} at 4 V and V_{D3} at 3 V. The drain currents are set to 90 mA, 150 mA, and 140 mA respectively. V_{G4} requires a fixed voltage bias of nominally -3 V. In order to maintain the best performance over temperature it is recommended to use active bias on V_{G1} , V_{G2} and V_{G3} to keep the currents in V_{D1} , V_{D2} and V_{D3} constant. Depending on the supply voltages available and the power dissipation constraints, the bias circuits may include a single transistor or a low power operational amplifier, with a low value resistor in series with the drain supply to sense the current.

App Note [2] IF Inputs

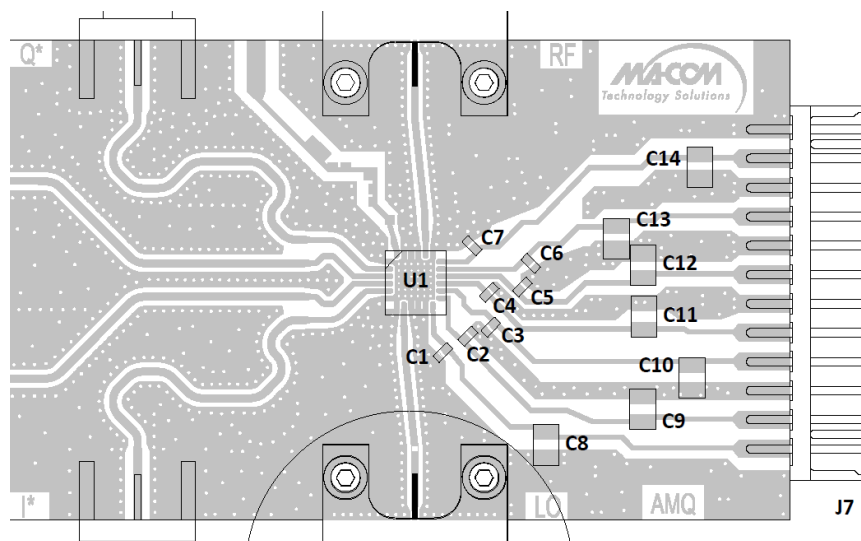
The IF input to the typical configuration is through a 90° hybrid coupler. The hybrid splits the IF input into in-phase and quadrature-phase components which feed into two 180° hybrid couplers splitting into 4 signals. These four signals enter the MAUC-011003 on I/I*, Q/Q* IF inputs. For highest gain, best image rejection and lowest noise figure, all the 4 IF inputs should be used.



App Note [3] Board Layout

As shown in the recommended board layout, it is recommended to provide 100 pF decoupling capacitors as close to the bias pins as possible. Additional 10 nF (C1 - C7) and 1 μ F (C8 - C14) on each of the bias lines are recommended placed a distance further away.

Recommended Board Layout



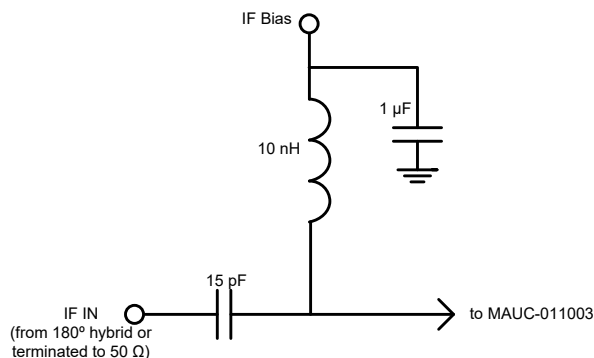
App Note [4] IF Bias Tuning

To obtain optimum 2xLO leakage performance, tuning is achieved by adjusting the DC bias on each of the IF inputs (I, Q, I*, Q*). DC bias is implemented by adding simple bias tees to each of the four IF ports. The diagram below shows a typical bias tee design used.

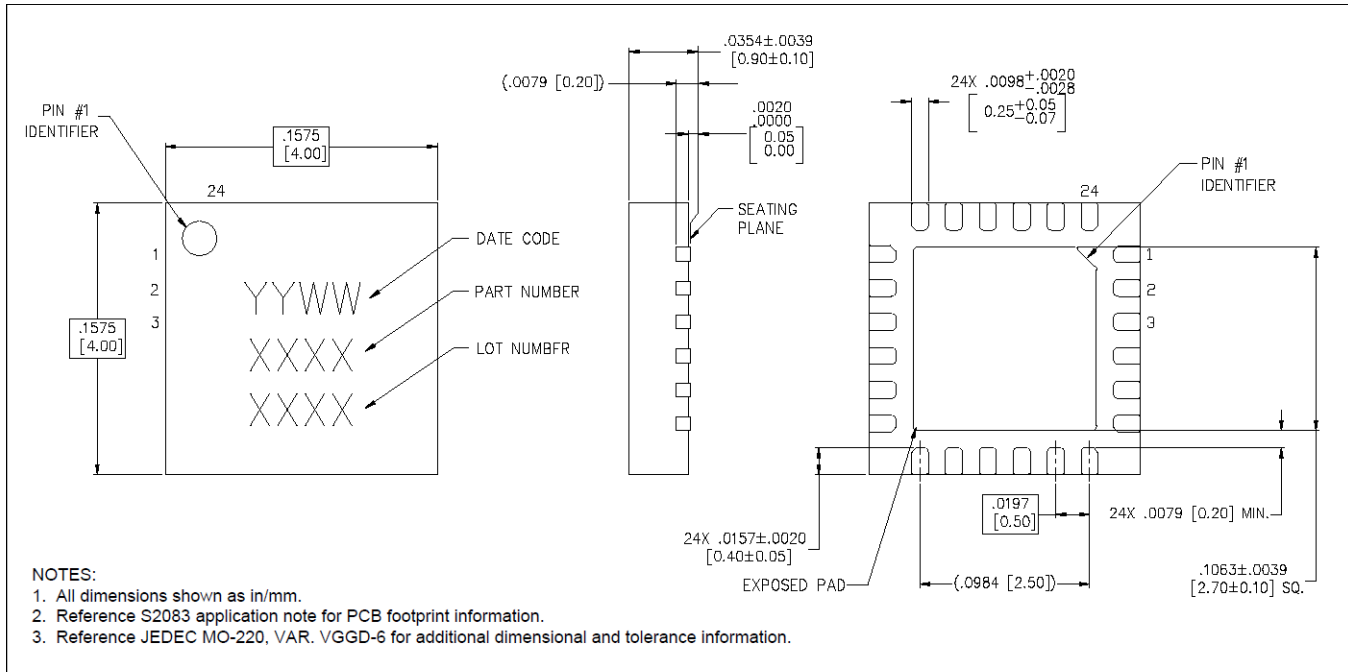
If the I and Q ports are used for the IF input, the I* and Q* ports are DC biased and terminated into 50 Ω . A typical tuning arrangement is to apply a fixed 0.3 V DC bias to both the used IF input ports: I, Q. The remaining two IF ports which have been terminated to 50 Ω tuning independently for minimum 2xLO leakage.

For minimum 2xLO leakage in a system, it may be necessary to correct the IF DC bias for different frequency and temperature conditions. This can be implemented by calibration and offset tables stored in memory, and used to control IF bias over all practical conditions.

Typical Configuration



Lead-Free 4 mm 24-Lead PQFN †



† Reference Application Note S2083 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.
 Meets JEDEC moisture sensitivity level 1 requirements.
 Plating is 100% matte tin.

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