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Description

The PA2460 is a high-power and high-efficiency Power Amplifier (PA) IC for handheld applications in the 130MHz to 500MHz band. The design is based on Gallium Arsenide Hetero-junction Bipolar Transistor (GaAs HBT) process.

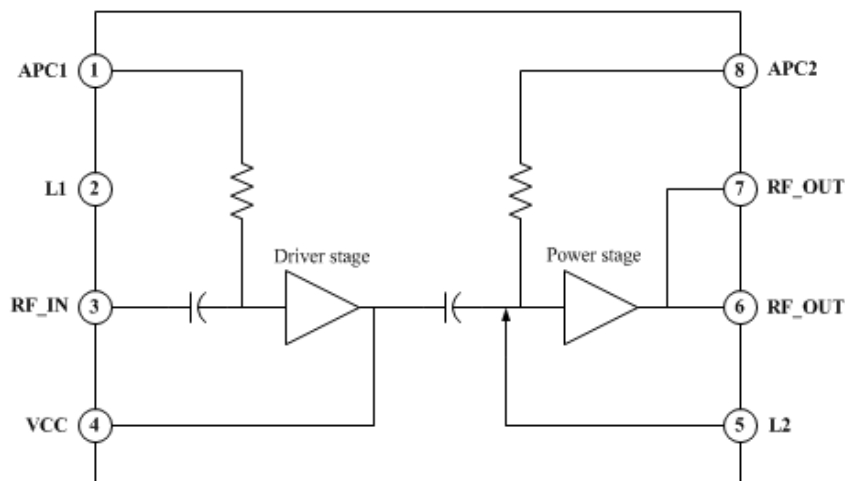
Features

- ◆ Single 2.7V to 6V Supply Voltage
- ◆ +33dBm Output Power for 3.5V to 6V
- ◆ 55% Efficiency
- ◆ 8-pin SOP(FD) package (5mm x 4mm)

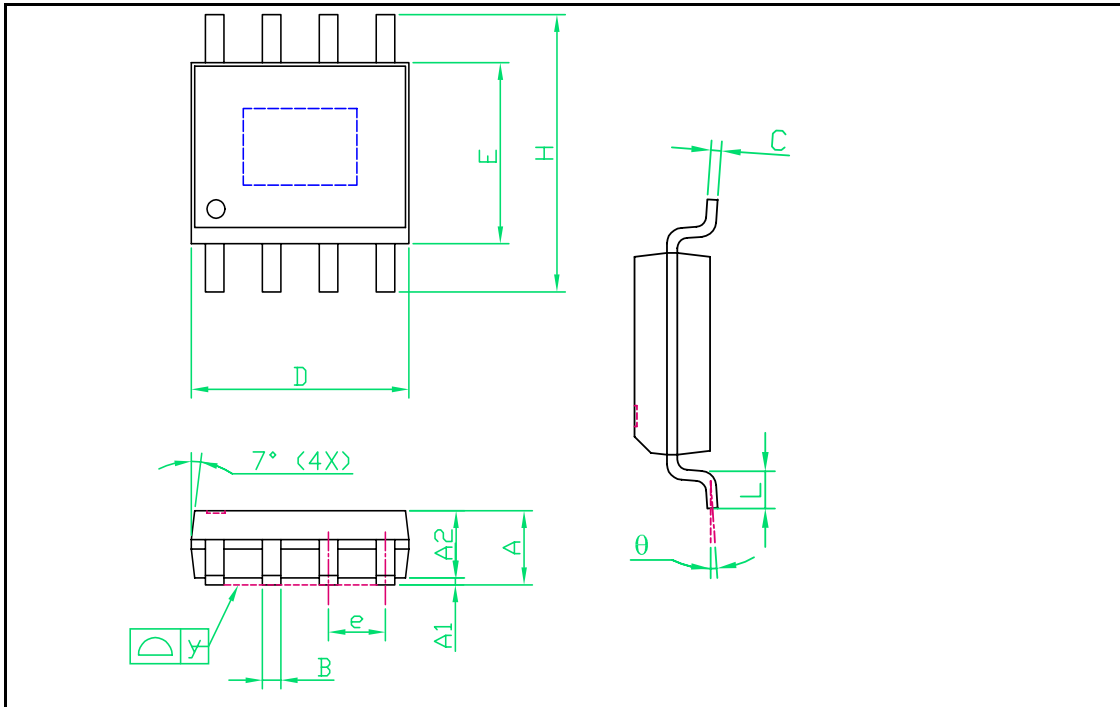
Applications

- ◆ FRS, GMRS Handsets
- ◆ Commercial and Consumer Systems
- ◆ Portable Battery-Powered Equipment
- ◆ Long distance Remote Control

Block Diagram



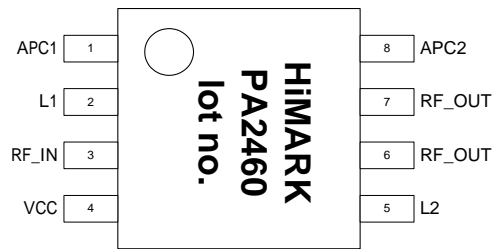
Package and Pin Assignment: 8-Pin SOP(FD)



| Symbols | Dimensions in mm | | | Dimensions in inch | | |
|---------|------------------|------|------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| | min. | nom. | max. | min. | nom. | max. |
| A | 1.45 | 1.50 | 1.55 | 0.057 | 0.059 | 0.061 |
| A1 | 0.00 | --- | 0.10 | 0.000 | --- | 0.004 |
| A2 | --- | 1.45 | --- | --- | 0.057 | --- |
| B | 0.33 | --- | 0.51 | 0.013 | --- | 0.020 |
| C | 0.19 | --- | 0.25 | 0.007 | --- | 0.010 |
| D | 4.80 | --- | 5.00 | 0.189 | --- | 0.197 |
| E | 3.80 | --- | 4.00 | 0.150 | --- | 0.157 |
| e | --- | 1.27 | --- | --- | 0.050 | --- |
| H | 5.80 | --- | 6.20 | 0.228 | --- | 0.244 |
| L | 0.40 | --- | 1.27 | 0.016 | --- | 0.050 |
| y | --- | --- | 0.10 | --- | --- | 0.004 |
| theta | 0° | --- | 8° | 0° | --- | 8° |

Pin Descriptions

| Number | Name | I/O | Description |
|--------|--------|-------|----------------------|
| 1 | APC1 | I | Analog Power Control |
| 2 | L1 | I | Matching Inductor |
| 3 | RF_IN | I | RF input |
| 4 | VCC | Power | Power supply for PA |
| 5 | L2 | I | Matching Inductor |
| 6 | RF_OUT | O | RF output |
| 7 | RF_OUT | O | RF output |
| 8 | APC2 | I | Analog Power Control |



Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Parameter | Symbol | Rating | Unit |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|------|
| Supply Voltage | V_{CC} | 0 to 6 | V |
| Supply current | I_{CC} | 1000@3.5V | mA |
| | | 850@6V | mA |
| Power Control Voltage Range | V_{APC} | 0.2 to 1.45 | V |
| Input Power | P_{IN} | 10 | dBm |
| Operating Temperature Range | T_{OPR} | -40 to 100 | °C |
| Storage Temperature Range | T_{STG} | -55 to 125 | °C |
| Soldering Temperature Range | T_{SLD} | 255 | °C |
| Soldering Time Range | t_{SLD} | 10 | s |

Electrical Characteristics

($V_{CC} = 3.5V$, $V_{SS} = 0V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, $R_L = 50 \text{ Ohm}$, unless otherwise noted.)

| Parameter | Symbol | Condition | Value | | | Unit |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|-------|-------|------|-----------------|
| | | | min. | typ. | max. | |
| VCC Supply Voltage | V_{CC} | | 2.7 | | 4.8 | V |
| Frequency Range | f_{RF} | | 130 | | 500 | MHz |
| Input Power | P_{IN} | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | 5 | | 9 | dBm |
| Output Power | P_{OUT} | $P_{IN} = 5 \text{ dBm}$ | 33 | | 34 | dBm |
| | | $P_{IN} = 5 \text{ dBm}, V_{CC} = 2.7V, V_{APC} = 1.4V$ | | 30 | | dBm |
| Efficiency | | $P_{IN} = 5 \text{ dBm}, P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | 57 | 63 | 70 | % |
| Current Consumption | I_{CC} | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | 820 | 900 | 1000 | mA |
| Control Voltage Range | V_{APC} | | 0.2 | | 1.45 | V |
| Full Power Control Voltage | | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | 1.35 | 1.4 | 1.45 | V |
| Control Current into V_{APC} | I_{APC} | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | 15 | 20 | 25 | mA |
| Isolation | | $P_{IN} = 5 \text{ dBm}, APC = 0.2V$ | -40 | -30 | -25 | dB |
| Noise Floor | | $P_{IN} = 5 \text{ dBm}, BW = 100 \text{ kHz}, f_o \pm 20 \text{ MHz offset}$ | | | -84 | dBm |
| 2nd to 13th Harmonic Distortion | | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | | -30 | -25 | dBc |
| Input VSWR | | All power level | | 1.5:1 | 2:1 | |
| Rise Time and Fall Time | | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | | | 2 | μsec |

Electrical Characteristics

($V_{CC} = 6V$, $V_{SS} = 0V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, $R_L = 50 \text{ Ohm}$, unless otherwise noted.)

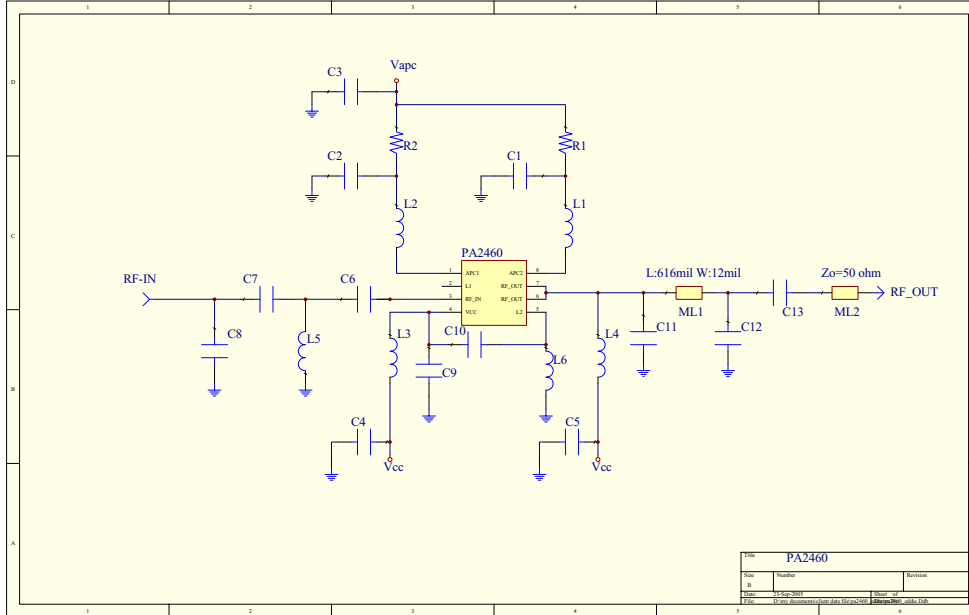
| Parameter | Symbol | Condition | Value | | | Unit |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|-------|-------|------|-----------------|
| | | | min. | typ. | max. | |
| VCC Supply Voltage | V_{CC} | | | 6 | | V |
| Frequency Range | f_{RF} | | 130 | | 500 | MHz |
| Input Power | P_{IN} | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | 5 | | 9 | dBm |
| Output Power | P_{OUT} | $P_{IN} = 5 \text{ dBm}$ | 33 | | 34 | dBm |
| Efficiency | | $P_{IN} = 5 \text{ dBm}, P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | 40 | 45 | 50 | % |
| Current Consumption | I_{CC} | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | 650 | 750 | 850 | mA |
| Control Voltage Range | V_{APC} | | 0.2 | | 1.45 | V |
| Full Power Control Voltage | | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | 1.25 | 1.3 | 1.4 | V |
| Control Current into V_{APC} | I_{APC} | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | 8 | 12 | 16 | mA |
| Isolation | | $P_{IN} = 5 \text{ dBm}, APC = 0.2V$ | -40 | -30 | -25 | dB |
| Noise Floor | | $P_{IN} = 5 \text{ dBm}, BW = 100 \text{ kHz}, f_o \pm 20 \text{ MHz offset}$ | | | -84 | dBm |
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| Rise Time and Fall Time | | $P_{OUT} = 33 \text{ dBm}$ | | | 2 | μsec |

Input/Output impedance (for reference only)

| Frequency | Bias | Input impedance | Output impedance |
|-----------|------|-----------------|------------------|
| 410MHz | 6V | 26.35-j187.1 | 8.45-j1.55 |
| 410MHz | 3.5V | 15.35-j186.7 | 5.95-j2.70 |
| 465MHz | 6V | 27.35-j159.3 | 12.55-j3.45 |
| 465MHz | 3.5V | 27.35-j159.3 | 7.3-2.2j |

1. Output impedance: look into PA2460
2. Input impedance: look into PA2460

Evaluation Board Circuit

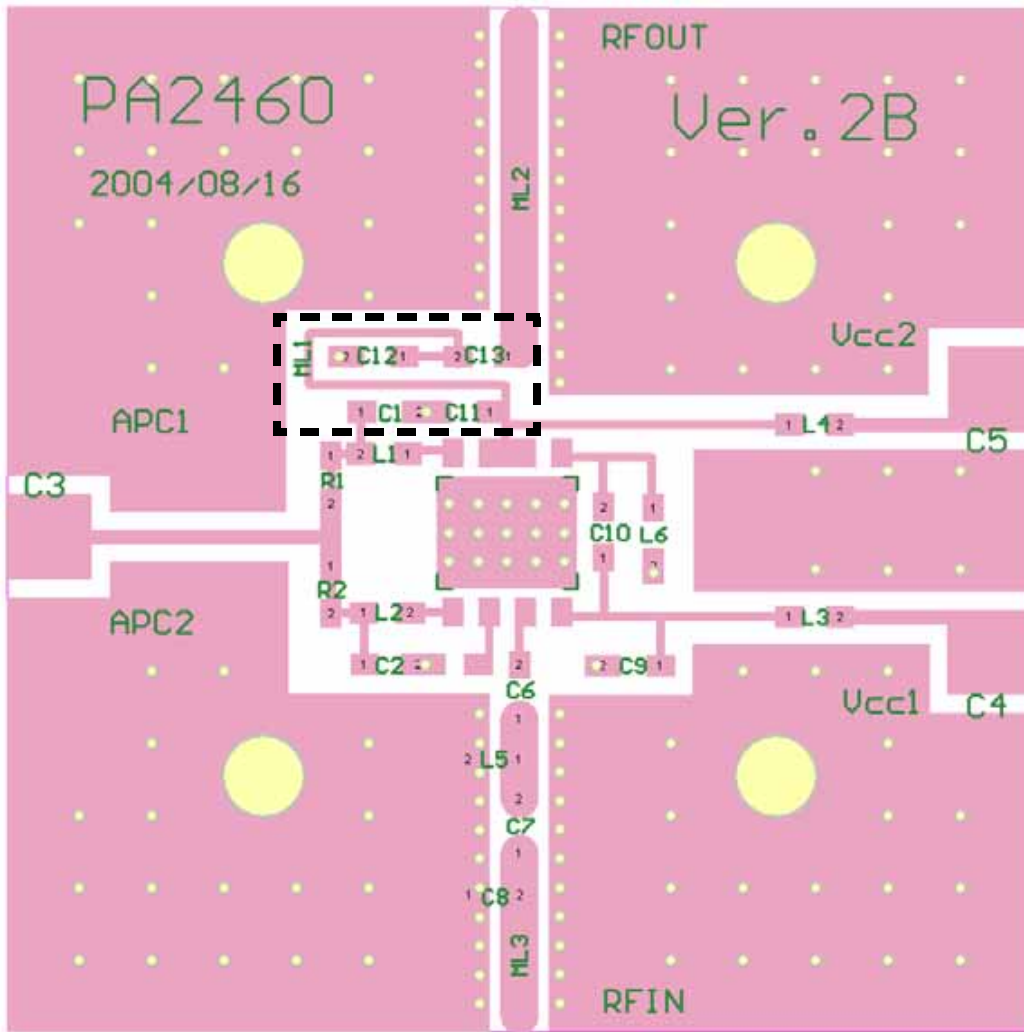


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| VCC | 3.3V | | 3.5V | | | | 3.6V | 5V | | | | 6V | |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|
| Freq. | 433.92M | 300M | 315M | 433.92M | 460M | 465M | 380M | 315M | 390M | 400M | 433.92M | 433.92M | 465M |
| Vapc | 1.4V | 1.4V | 1.4V | 1.4V | 1.4V | 1.4V | 1.4V | 1.3V | 1.3V | 1.3V | 1.3V | 1.3V | 1.3V |
| C1,C2 | 1nF | | 1nF | | | | 1nF | 1nF | | | | 1nF | |
| C3,C4,C5 | 1uF | | 1uF | | | | 1uF | 1uF | | | | 1uF | |
| C6 | 100pF | | 100pF | | | | 100pF | 100pF | | | | 100pF | |
| L5 | 18nH | 27nH | 18nH | 18nH | 18nH | 15nH | 18nH | 27nH | 18nH | 18nH | 18nH | 15nH | 15nH |
| C7 | 5.6pF | 10pF | 15pF | 5.6pF | 4.7pF | 5.6pF | 5.6pF | 8.2pF | 8pF | 7pF | 6pF | 8pF | 5.6pF |
| C8 | 18pF | 22pF | 33pF | 18pF | 15pF | 18pF | 18pF | 27pF | 27pF | 27pF | 18pF | 18pF | 18pF |
| C9 | NC | NC | NC | NC | NC | NC | NC | NC | 7pF | 7pF | 4pF | 6pF | 4pF |
| C10 | 39pF | 10pF | 10pF | 10pF | 10pF | 10pF | 10pF | 7pF | 100pF | 100pF | 100pF | 100pF | 100pF |
| L6 | 6.8nH | 8.2nH | 8.2nH | 5.6nH | 5.6nH | 5.6nH | 5.6nH | 12nH | 5.6nH | 5.6nH | 4.7nH | 3.3nH | 2.2nH |
| C11 | 5pF | 10pF | 9pF | 5pF | 5pF | 4pF | 5pF | 10pF | 15pF | 15pF | 15pF | 12pF | 11pF |
| C12 | 9pF | 22pF | 22pF | 10pF | 8pF | 8pF | 10pF | 22pF | 14pF | 12pF | 10pF | 11pF | 9pF |
| C13 | 5pF | 27pF | 27pF | 6pF | 6pF | 5pF | 6pF | 100pF | 27pF | 27pF | 100pF | 100pF | 100pF |
| L1,L2 | 100nH | | 100nH | | | | 100nH | 100nH | | | | 100nH | |
| *L3,L4 | 25nH | | 25nH | | | | 25nH | 25nH | | | | 25nH | |
| R1 | 0 ohm | | 0 ohm | | | | 0 ohm | 0 ohm | | | | 0 ohm | |
| R2 | 0 ohm | | 0 ohm | | | | 0 ohm | 0 ohm | | | | 0 ohm | |

* air coil inductor

Evaluation Board Layout



Critical layout guidelines:

1. C11 should be very close to pin6/pin7 (RF_OUT) of PA2460. (about 36mils away from pin7)
2. The dimension of microstrip line ML1 between C11 and C12 is 12mils * 616mils.
3. Z_0 of microstrip line ML2/ML3 is 50 ohm.

Typical Characteristics

410MHz, $V_{cc}=3.5V$, $P_{in}=5dBm$, $V_{apc}=1.4V$

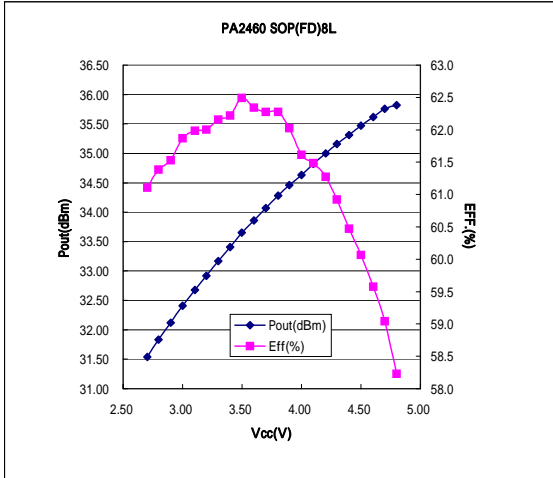


Fig 1.1 Power Output vs. Vcc

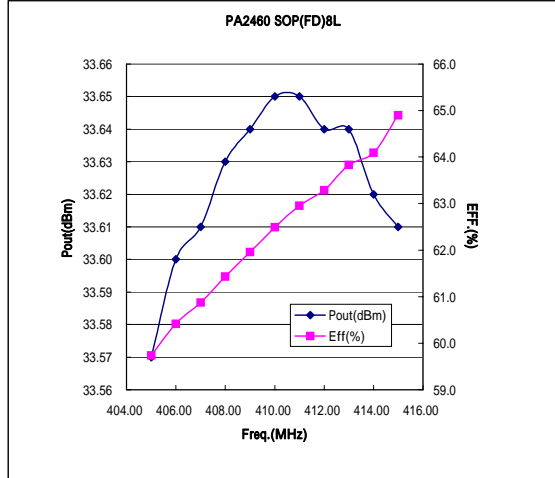


Fig 1.2 Power Output vs. Frequency

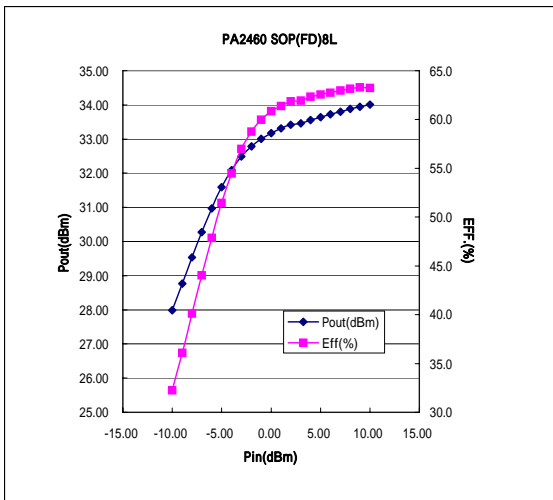


Fig 1.3 Power Output vs. Power Input

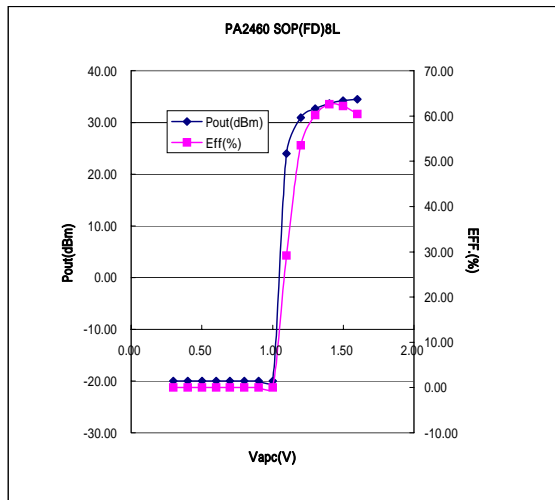


Fig 1.4 Power Output vs. Control Voltage

Typical Characteristics

465MHz, $V_{cc}=3.5V$, $P_{in}=5dBm$, $V_{apc}=1.4V$

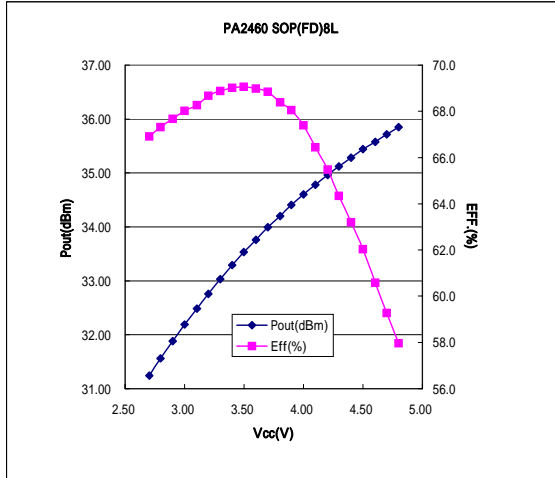


Fig 2.1 Power Output vs. Vcc

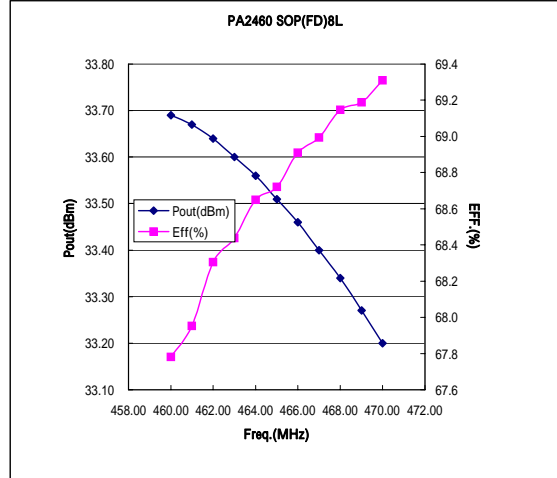


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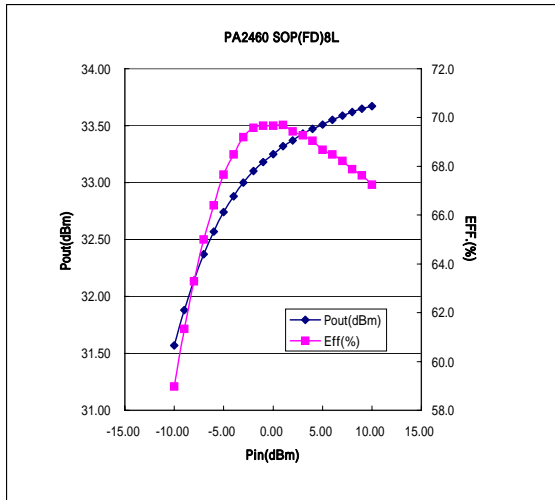


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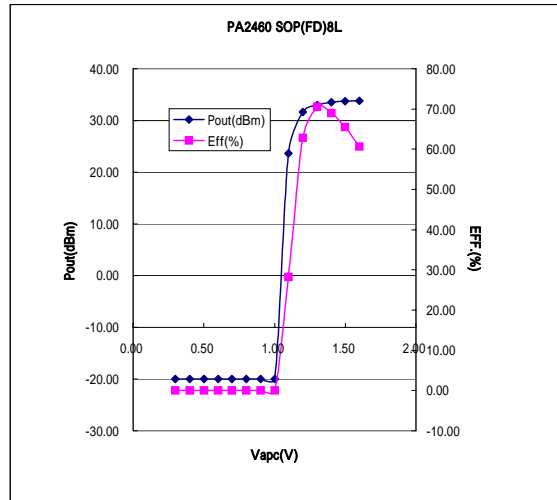


Fig 2.4 Power Output vs. Control Voltage

Typical Characteristics

410MHz, Vcc=6V, Pin=5dBm, Vapc=1.3V

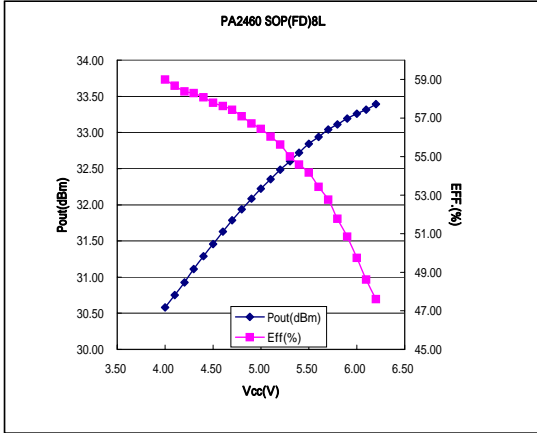


Fig 3.1 Power Output vs. Vcc

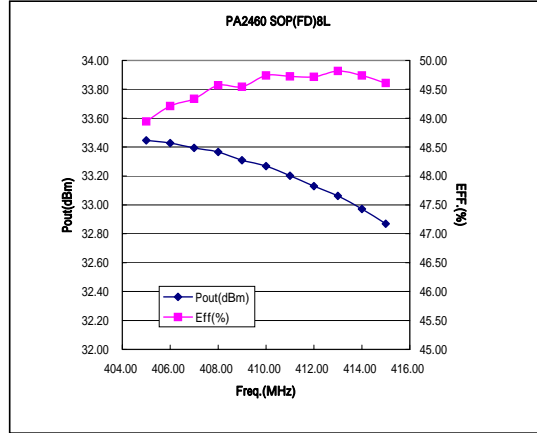


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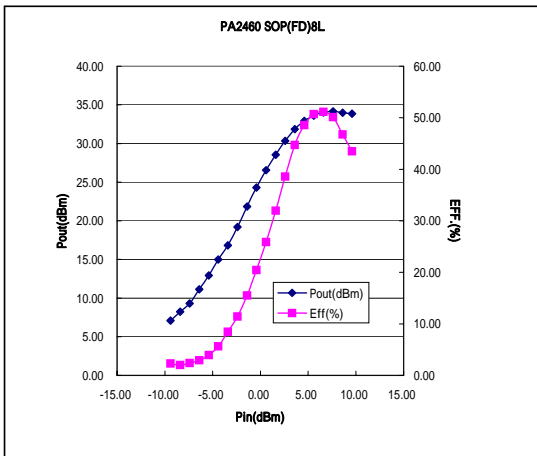


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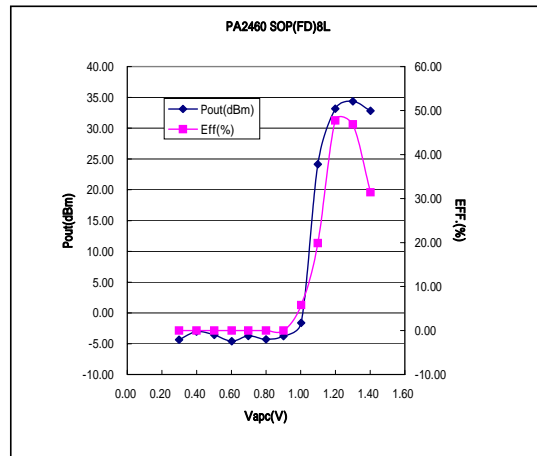


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Typical Characteristics

465MHz, Vcc=6V, Pin=5dBm, Vapc=1.3V

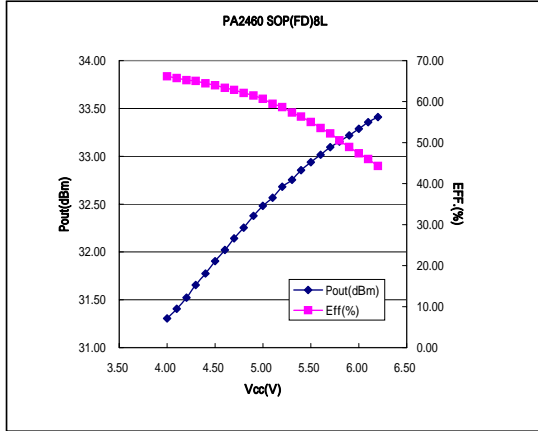


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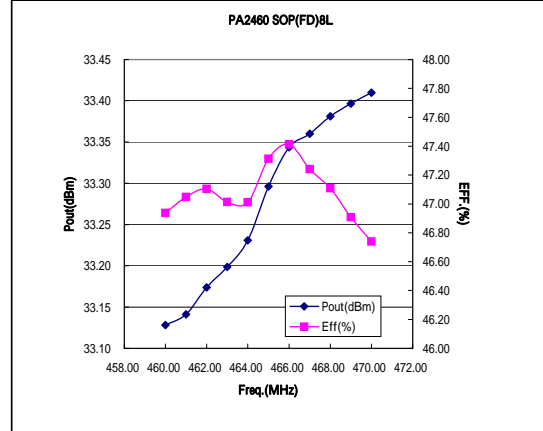


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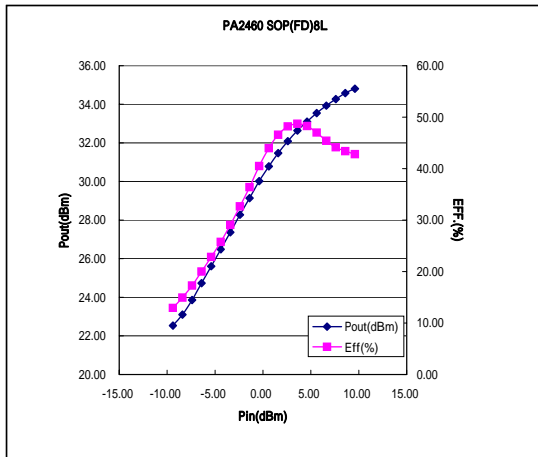


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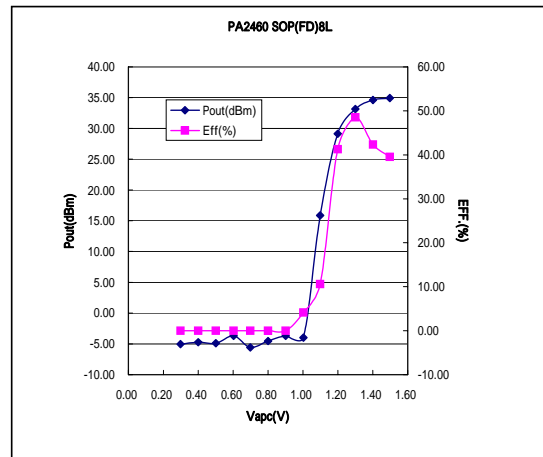


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Application Circuit

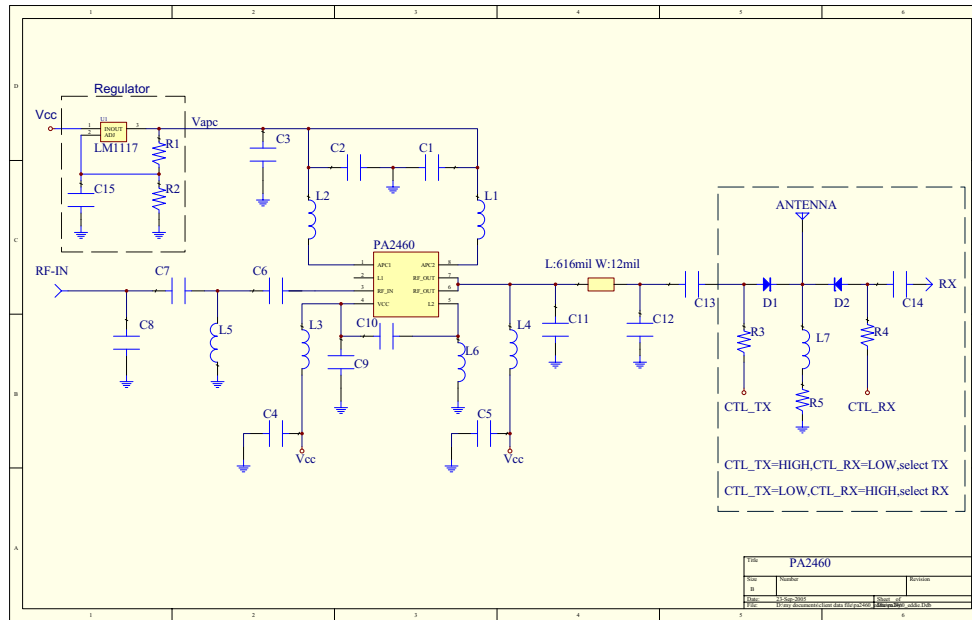


Fig 5

1. $L7 > 120\text{nH}$ for RF choking.
2. Use R3 and R4 to adjust diode bias currents for low loss ($\sim 0.5\text{dB}$ loss at 1.1mA). And R3 and R4 must be large enough to provide an open to RF.
3. When CTL_TX is high and CTL_RX is low (select TX), then D1 is on and R5 provides a reverse bias voltage to turn off D2, and thus provides RX/TX isolation.
4. Since P_{out} is sensitive to V_{apc} , it is recommended to use a regulator to provide the V_{apc} voltage.

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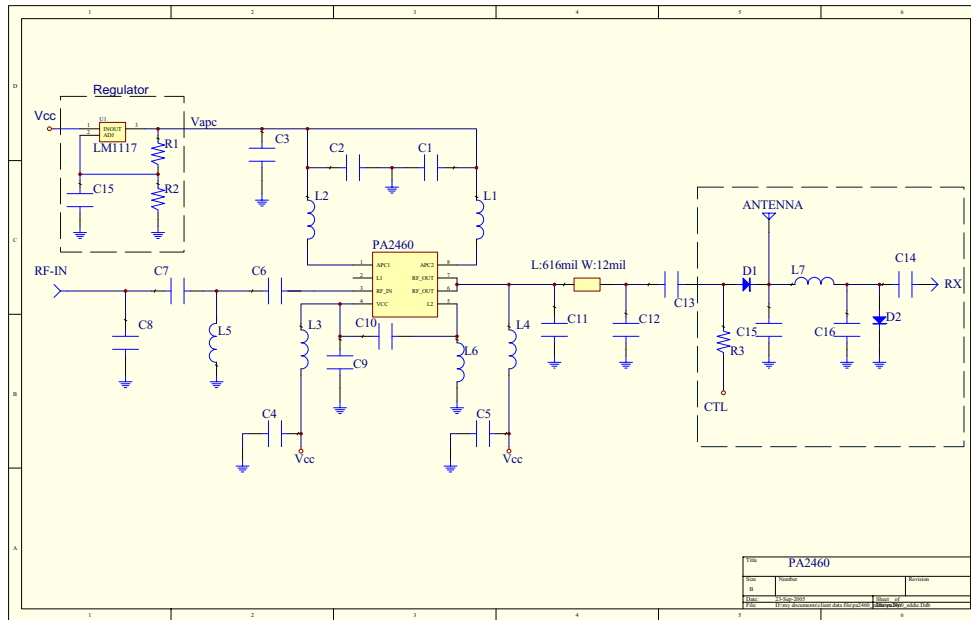


Fig 6

1. L7, C15 and C16 form an equivalent circuit of 1/4 wave length.

$$L7 = Z_0 / (2\pi f_0)$$

$$C15 = C16 = 1 / (2\pi f_0 Z_0)$$

- Use R3 to adjust diode bias current for low loss (~0.5dB loss at 1.1mA). And R3 must be large enough to provide an open to RF.
- When CTL goes high (select TX), D1 and D2 are forward biased. L7/C15/C16 combined with D2 make an open circuit to TX. When CTL goes low (select RX), D1 and D2 are off, and D1 provides an open to RX.
- Since Pout is sensitive to Vapc, it is recommended to use a regulator to provide the Vapc voltage.

Application Circuit

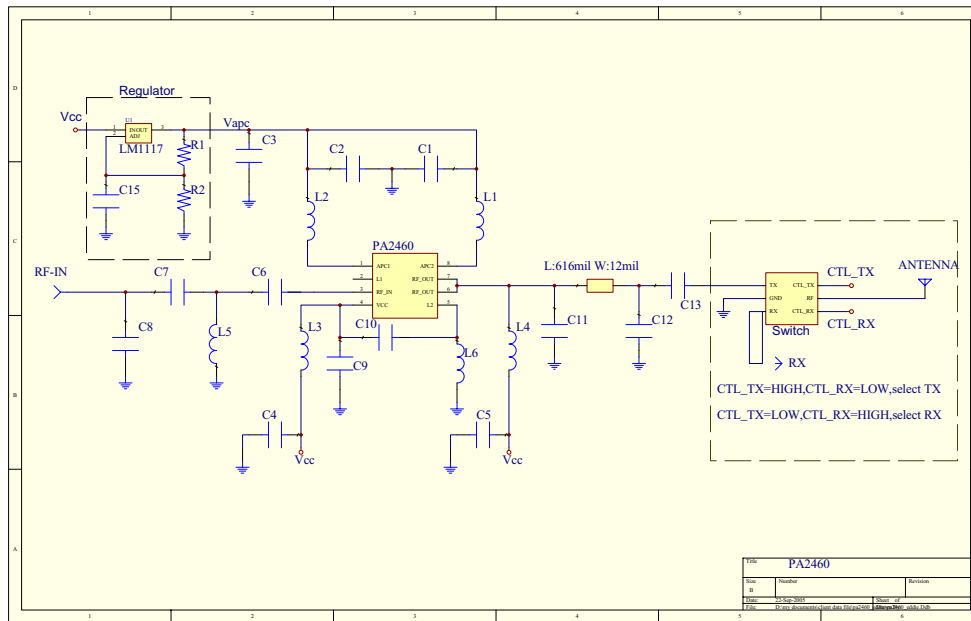


Fig 7

1. Since P_{out} is sensitive to V_{apc} , it is recommended to use a regulator to provide the V_{apc} voltage.
2. The loss of switch is around 0.5dB.