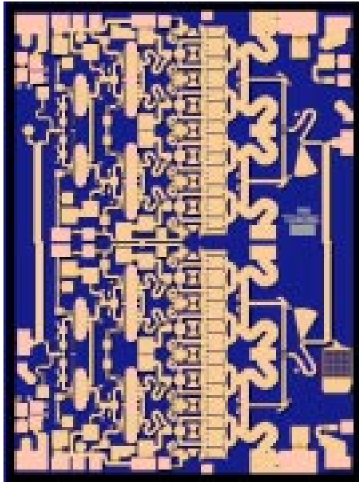
Ku Band 6.5 W Power Amplifier TGA2514-EPU



Key Features

- Frequency Range: 13 - 18 GHz
- 38.5 dBm Nominal Psat from 13.75 - 14 GHz
- 38 dBm Nominal Psat from 13-16 GHz
- 37.5 dBm Nominal Psat from 16-18 GHz
- 33 dBc IMD3 @ 27 dBm Pout/tone @ 14 GHz
- 24 dB Nominal Gain
- 12 dB Nominal Return Loss
- 0.25-µm 3MI pHEMT Technology
- Bias Conditions: 8 V @ 2.6 A Idq
- Chip size: 2.87 x 3.90 x .10 mm
- (0.113 x 0.154 x 0.004)

Primary Applications

- Ku band VSAT Transmitter
- Point to Point Radio

Product Description

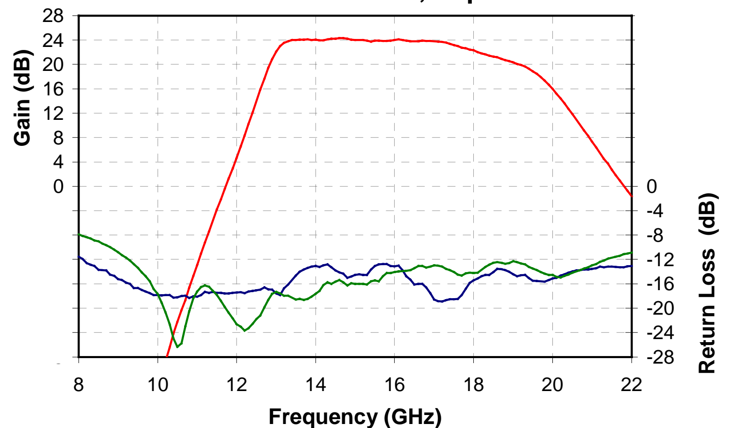
The TriQuint TGA2514-EPU is a compact 6.5 W Ku-band Power Amplifier which operates from 13-18 GHz. The TGA2514-EPU is designed using TriQuint's proven standard 0.25-µm gate pHEMT production process.

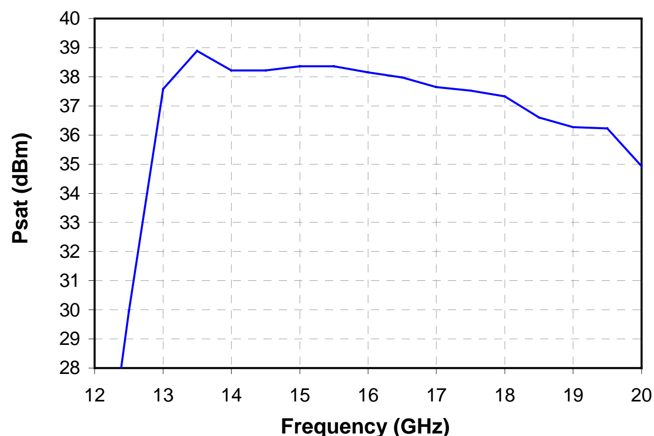
The TGA2514-EPU provides a nominal 38 dBm of saturated power with a small signal gain of 24 dB. Typical return loss is 14 dB.

The TGA2514-EPU is 100% DC and RF tested on-wafer to ensure performance compliance.

Measured Fixtured Data

Bias Conditions: Vd = 8 V, Idq = 2.6A





Note: This device is early in the characterization process prior to finalizing all electrical specifications. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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TABLE I
MAXIMUM RATINGS

Symbol	Parameter 1/	Value	Notes
V^+	Positive Supply Voltage	9 V	2/
V^-	Negative Supply Voltage Range	-5V TO 0V	
I^+	Positive Supply Current	4 A	2/
$\| I_G \|$	Gate Supply Current	113 mA	
P_{IN}	Input Continuous Wave Power	30.3 dBm	2/
P_D	Power Dissipation	20.8 W	2/, 3/
T_{CH}	Operating Channel Temperature	150 ^{0}C	4/, 5/
T_M	Mounting Temperature (30 Seconds)	320 ^{0}C	
T_{STG}	Storage Temperature	-65 to 150 ^{0}C	

1/ These ratings represent the maximum operable values for this device.

2/ Combinations of supply voltage, supply current, input power, and output power shall not exceed P_D.

3/ When operated at this bias condition with a base plate temperature of 70 ^{0}C, the median life is 1E+6 hours.

4/ Junction operating temperature will directly affect the device median time to failure (T_M). For maximum life, it is recommended that junction temperatures be maintained at the lowest possible levels.

5/ These ratings apply to each individual FET.

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TABLE II
RF CHARACTERIZATION TABLE
(T_A = 25°C, Nominal)
(Vd = 8V, Id = 2.6 A)

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITION	TYPICAL	UNITS
Gain	Small Signal Gain	f = 13-18 GHz	24	dB
IRL	Input Return Loss	f = 13-18 GHz	12	dB
ORL	Output Return Loss	f = 13-18 GHz	12	dB
Psat	Saturated Power	f = 13-16 GHz f = 16-18 GHz	38 37.5	dBm
TOI	Third Order Intercept @ Pout/tone = 27dBm	f = 14 GHz	44	dBm
IMD3	Output IMD3 @ Pout/tone = 27 dBm	f = 14 GHz	33	dBc

Note: Table III Lists the RF Characteristics of typical devices as determined by fixtured measurements.

TABLE III
THERMAL INFORMATION

Parameter	Test Conditions	T_{CH} (°C)	$R_{\theta JC}$ (°C/W)	T_M (HRS)
$R_{\theta JC}$ Thermal Resistance (channel to backside of carrier)	Vd = 8 V I_D = 2.6 A Pdiss = 20.8 W	150	3.9	1 E+6

Note: Assumes eutectic attach using 1.5 mil 80/20 AuSn mounted to a 20 mil CuMo Carrier at 70°C baseplate temperature. Worst case condition with no RF applied, 100% of DC power is dissipated.

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Measured Fixture Data

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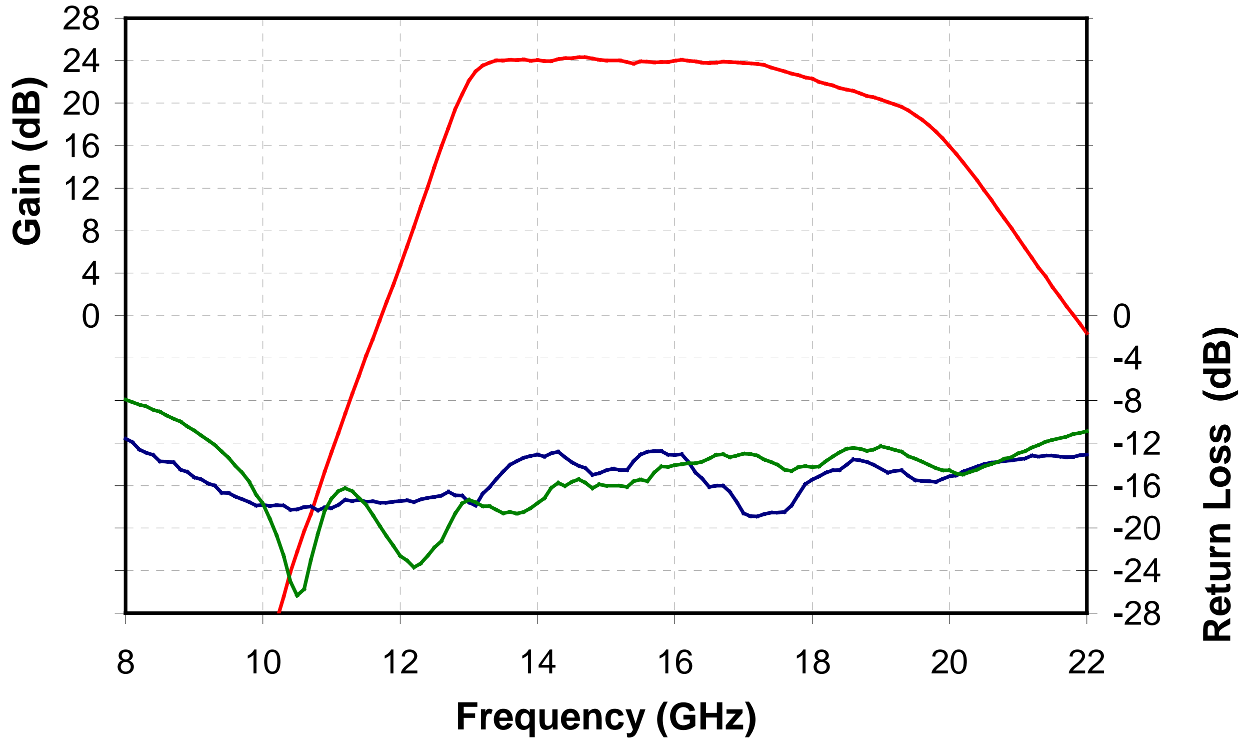

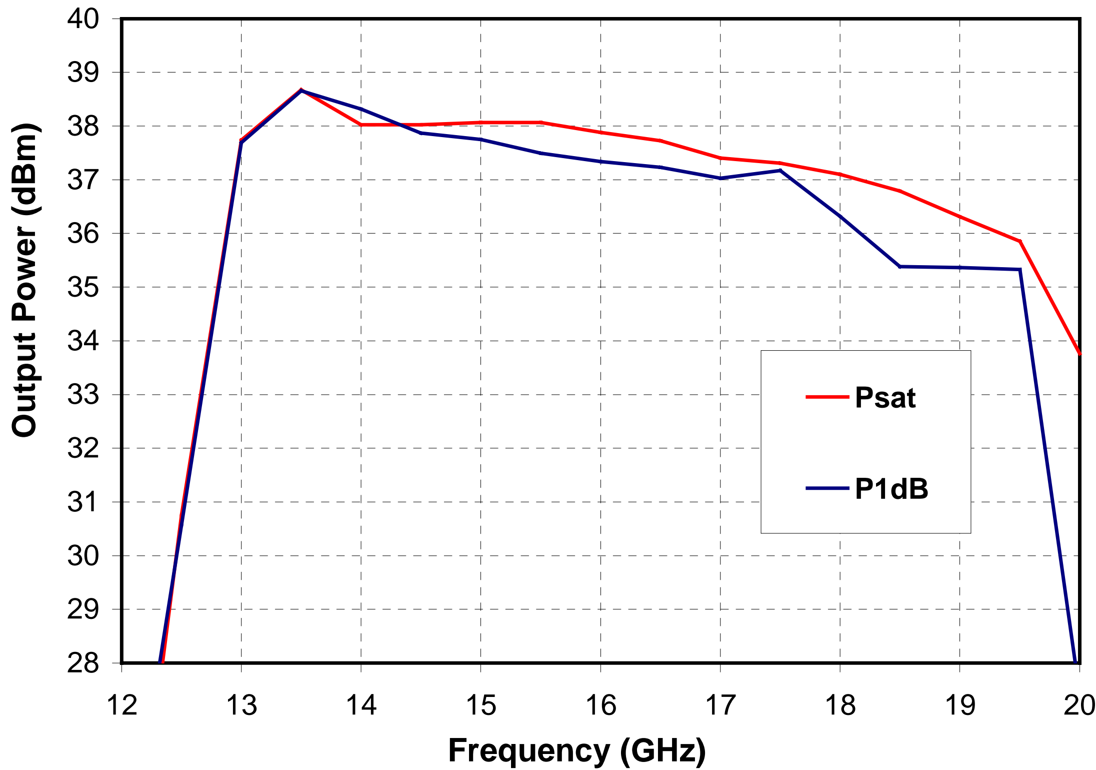

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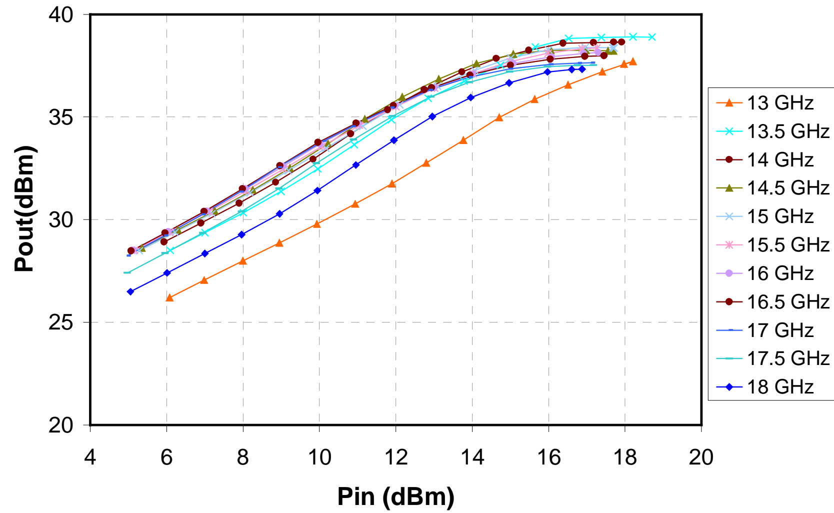

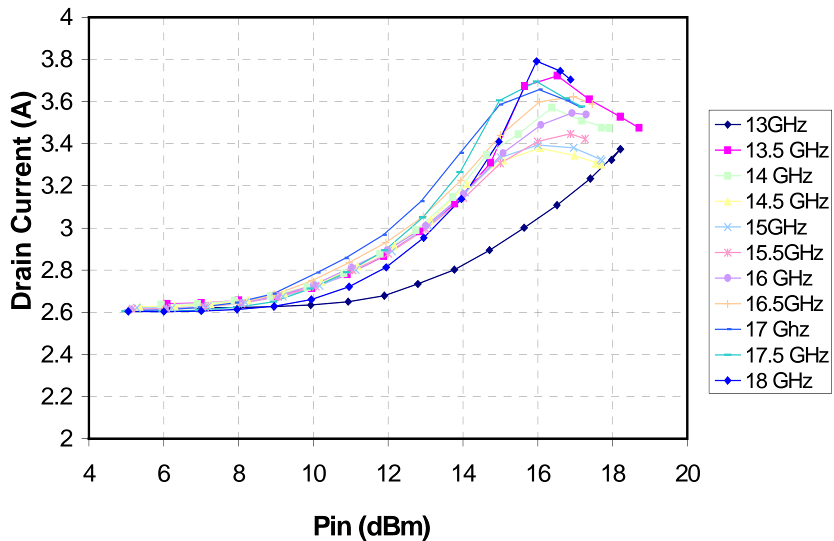

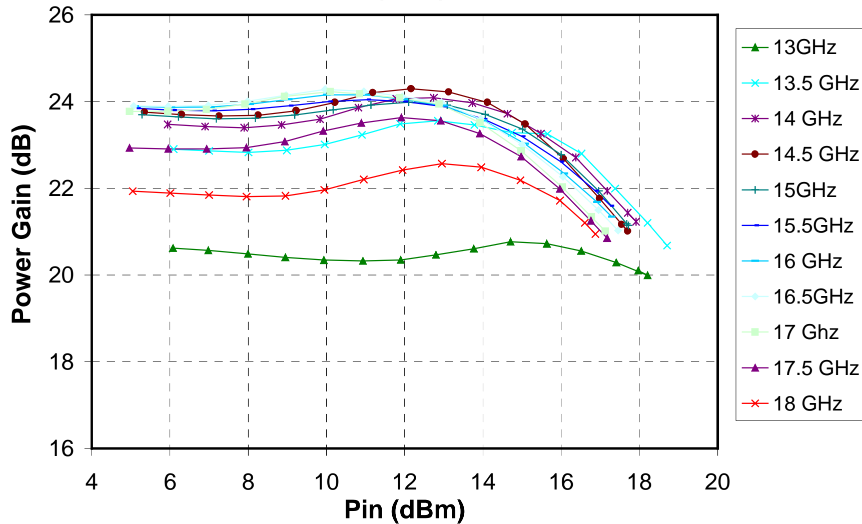

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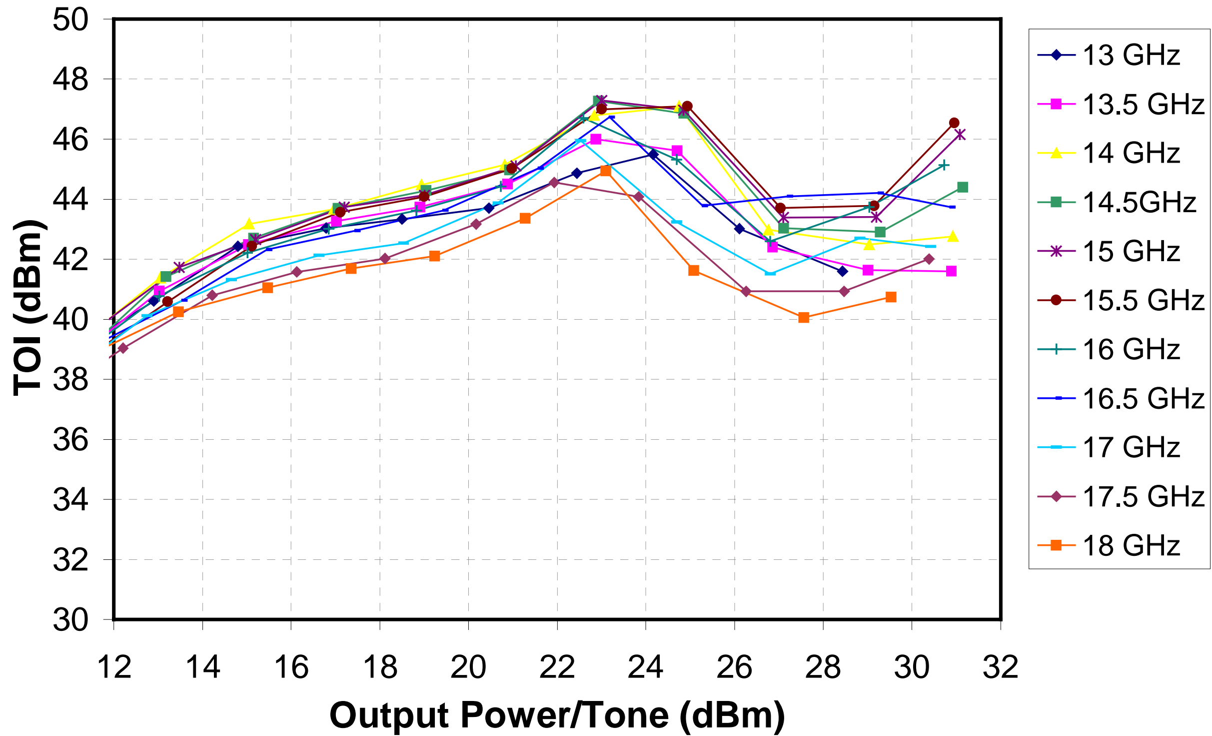

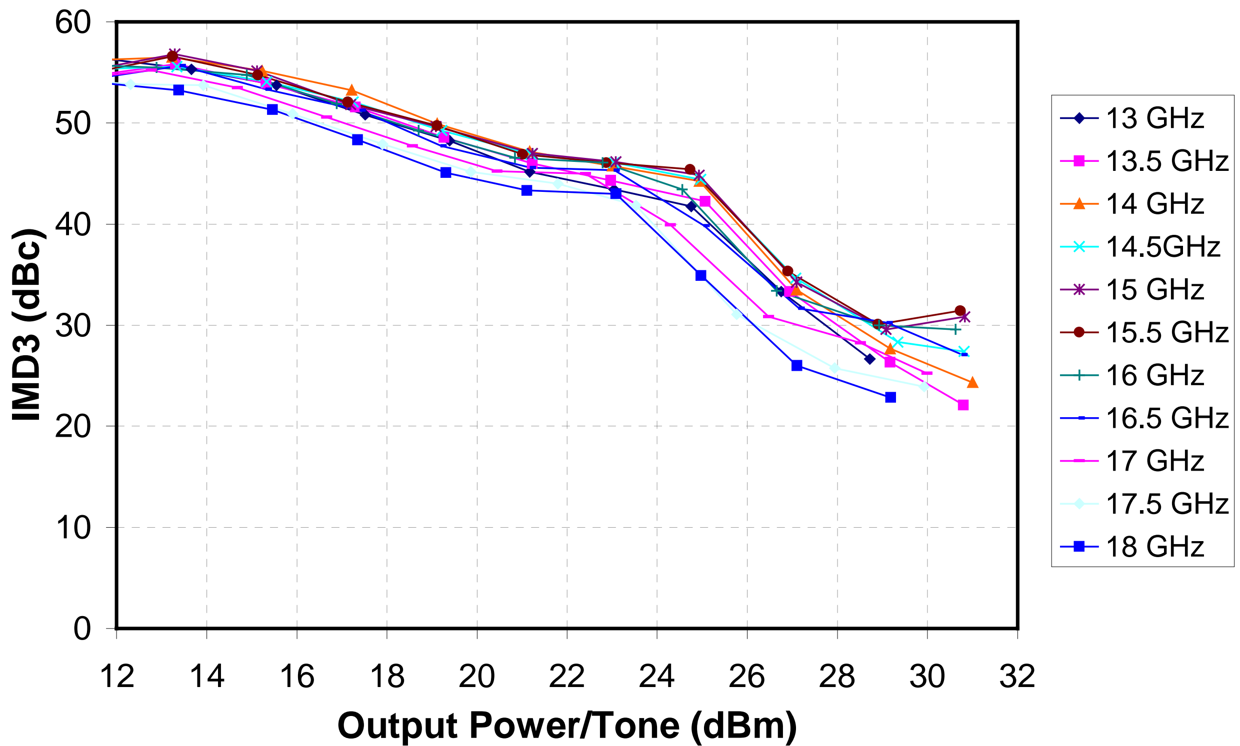

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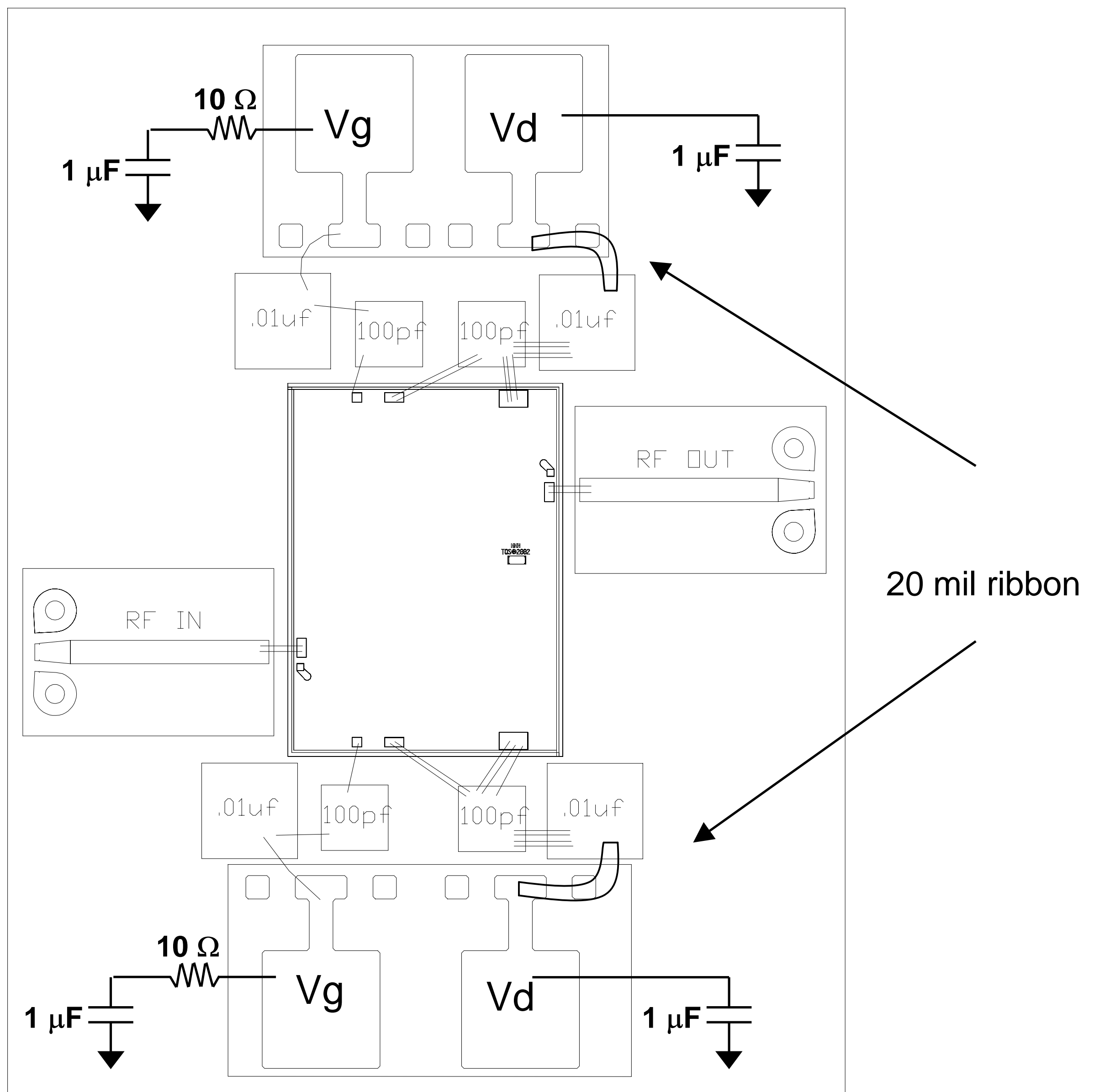
Recommended Chip Assembly Diagram



Notes:
1. Vg can be connected from either side, but 100 pf, 0.01 uf , 1uf caps and 10 ohm resistor are needed for both sides.
2. Vd connection must be biased from both sides.

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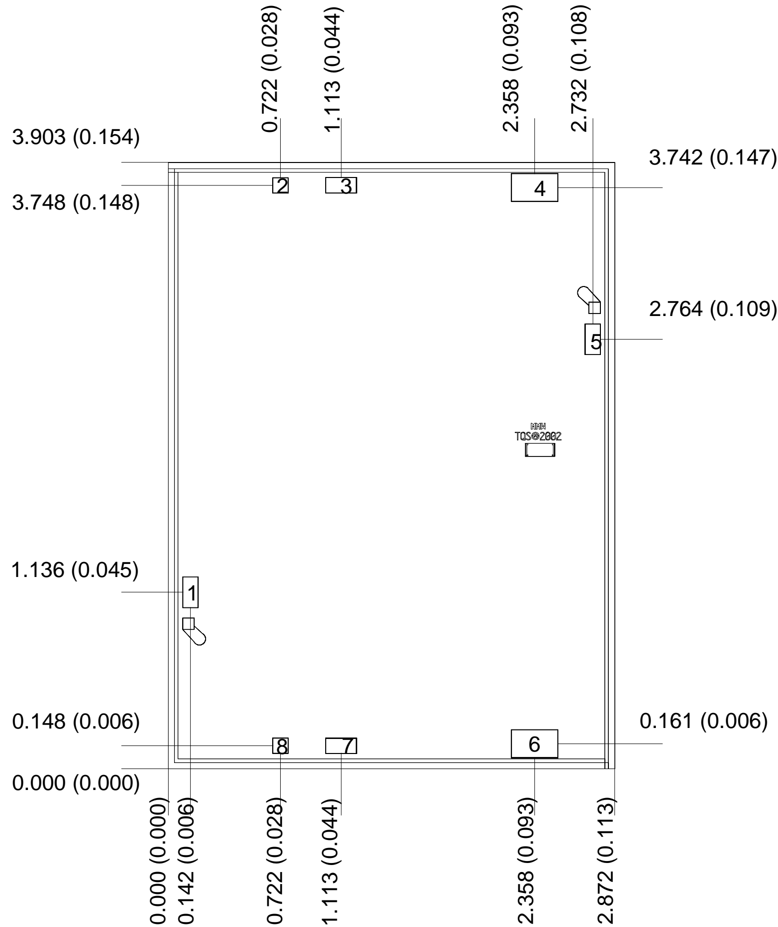
Mechanical Drawing



Units: Millimeters (inches)
Thickness: 0.100 (0.004) (reference only)
Chip edge to bond pad dimensions are shown to center of bond pad
Chip size +/- 0.05 (0.002)

GND IS BACKSIDE OF MMIC

Bond pad #1	**RF Input**	**0.096 x 0.200 (0.004 x 0.008)**
Bond pads #2, 8	**Vg**	**0.098 x 0.098 (0.004 x 0.004)**
Bond pads #3, 7	**Vd**	**0.198 x 0.100 (0.008 x 0.004)**
Bond pads # 4, 6	**Vd**	**0.296 x 0.178 (0.012 x 0.007)**
Bond pad #5	**RF Output**	**0.096 x 0.200 (0.004 x 0.008)**

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Assembly Process Notes

Reflow process assembly notes:

- Use AuSn (80/20) solder with limited exposure to temperatures at or above 300°C (for 30 sec max).
- An alloy station or conveyor furnace with reducing atmosphere should be used.
- No fluxes should be utilized.
- Coefficient of thermal expansion matching is critical for long-term reliability.
- Devices must be stored in a dry nitrogen atmosphere.

Component placement and adhesive attachment assembly notes:

- Vacuum pencils and/or vacuum collets are the preferred method of pick up.
- Air bridges must be avoided during placement.
- The force impact is critical during auto placement.
- Organic attachment can be used in low-power applications.
- Curing should be done in a convection oven; proper exhaust is a safety concern.
- Microwave or radiant curing should not be used because of differential heating.
- Coefficient of thermal expansion matching is critical.

Interconnect process assembly notes:

- Thermosonic ball bonding is the preferred interconnect technique.
- Force, time, and ultrasonics are critical parameters.
- Aluminum wire should not be used.
- Discrete FET devices with small pad sizes should be bonded with 0.0007-inch wire.
- Maximum stage temperature is 200°C.

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