

**2 Watt C-Band VSAT Power Amplifier  
5.9 - 7.1 GHz**

**AM42-0039  
V3**

**Features**

- High Linear Gain: 33 dB Typical
- High Saturated Output Power: +33 dBm Typ.
- High Power Added Efficiency: 25% Typ.
- 50 Ω Input / Output Broadband Matched
- Integrated Output Power Detector
- Lead-Free Bolt Down Ceramic Package
- RoHS\* Compliant and 260°C Reflow Compatible

**Description**

M/A-COM's AM42-0039 is a three stage MMIC power amplifier in a lead-free, bolt down ceramic package, allowing easy assembly. The AM42-0039 employs a fully matched chip with internally decoupled gate and drain bias networks. The AM42-0039 is designed to operate from a constant current drain supply or a constant voltage gate supply. By varying the bias conditions, the saturated output power performance of this device may be tailored for various applications.

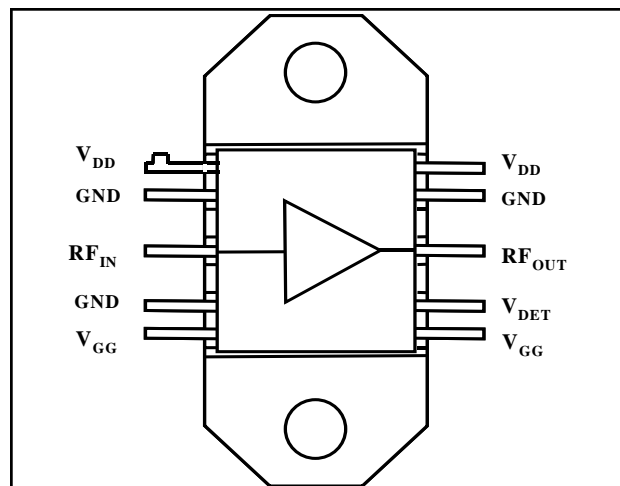
The AM42-0039 is ideally suited for use as an output stage or a driver amplifier in VSAT systems. The AM42-0039 includes internal supply line bypassing in the package, minimizing the number of external components required.

M/A-COM's AM42-0039 is fabricated using a mature 0.5 micron MBE based GaAs MESFET process. The process features full passivation for increased performance and reliability. This product is 100% RF tested to ensure compliance to performance specifications.

**Ordering Information**

Part Number	Package
AM42-0039	CR-15 Ceramic Bolt Down Package

**Functional Schematic**



**Pin Configuration**

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description
1	V <sub>DD</sub>	Drain Supply
2	GND	DC and RF Ground
3	RF <sub>IN</sub>	RF Input
4	GND	DC and RF Ground
5	V <sub>GG</sub>	Gate Supply
6	V <sub>GG</sub>	Gate Supply
7	V <sub>DET</sub>	Output Power Detector
8	RF <sub>OUT</sub>	RF Output
9	GND	DC and RF Ground
10	V <sub>DD</sub>	Drain Supply
Flange	GND	DC and RF Ground

\* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, European Union Directive 2002/95/EC.

**2 Watt C-Band VSAT Power Amplifier  
5.9 - 7.1 GHz**

**AM42-0039  
V3**

**Electrical Specifications:  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{DD} = +8\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{GG}$  adjusted for  $I_{DD} = 900\text{ mA}$ ,  $F = 5.9 - 7.1\text{ GHz}$**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Units	Min.	Typ.	Max.
Linear Gain	$P_{IN} = -10\text{ dBm}$	dB	31	33	35
Input VSWR	$P_{IN} = -10\text{ dBm}$	Ratio	—	2.5:1	3.0:1
Output VSWR	$P_{IN} = -10\text{ dBm}$	Ratio	—	2.5:1	—
Output Power	$P_{IN} = +3\text{ dBm}$ , $I_{ds} = 900\text{ mA Typ.}$	dBm	31.7	33.0	—
Output Power vs. Frequency	$P_{IN} = +3\text{ dBm}$ , $I_{ds} = 900\text{ mA Typ.}$ (5.9 to 6.4 GHz) $P_{IN} = +3\text{ dBm}$ , $I_{ds} = 900\text{ mA Typ.}$ (6.4 to 7.1 GHz)	dB dB	— —	$\pm 0.3$ $\pm 0.3$	$\pm 0.75$ $\pm 0.75$
Output Power vs. Temperature	$T_A = -40^\circ\text{C}$ to $+85^\circ\text{C}$ , $P_{IN} = +7\text{ dBm}$	dB	—	$\pm 0.4$	—
Drain Bias Current	$P_{IN} = +3\text{ dBm}$	mA	800	900	1000
Gate Bias Voltage	$P_{IN} = +3\text{ dBm}$ , $I_{ds} = 900\text{ mA Typ.}$	V	-2.0	-1.2	-0.4
Gate Bias Current	$P_{IN} = +3\text{ dBm}$ , $I_{ds} = 900\text{ mA Typ.}$	mA	—	10	20
Thermal Resistance (qJC)	25°C Heat Sink	°C/W	—	7.0	—
Second Harmonic	$P_{IN} = +3\text{ dBm}$ , $I_{ds} = 900\text{ mA Typ.}$	dBc	—	-35	—
Third Harmonic	$P_{IN} = +3\text{ dBm}$ , $I_{ds} = 900\text{ mA Typ.}$	dBc	—	-45	—
Detector Voltage	$P_{IN} = +3\text{ dBm}$ , $I_{ds} = 900\text{ mA Typ.}$	V	—	4.0	—

**Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>1,2,3</sup>**

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
Input Power	+15 dBm
Operating Voltages	$V_{DD} = +10\text{ volts}$ ; $V_{GG} = -3\text{ volts}$ ; $V_{DD} - V_{GG} = 12\text{ volts}$
$I_{ds}$	1200 mA
Channel Temperature	+150 °C
Operating Temperature	-40 °C to +80 °C
Storage Temperature	-65 °C to +150 °C

1. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
2. M/A-COM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
3. Adequate heat sinking and grounding required on flange base.

**Operating the AM42-0039**

The AM42-0039 is static sensitive. Please handle with care. To operate the device, follow these steps.

1. Apply -2.0 Volts to  $V_{GG}$ .
2. Ramp  $V_{DD}$  to +8V.
3. Adjust  $V_{GG}$  to set quiescent drain current .
4. Apply RF.
5. Power down in reverse sequence. Turn gate voltage off last.

**Handling Procedures**

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

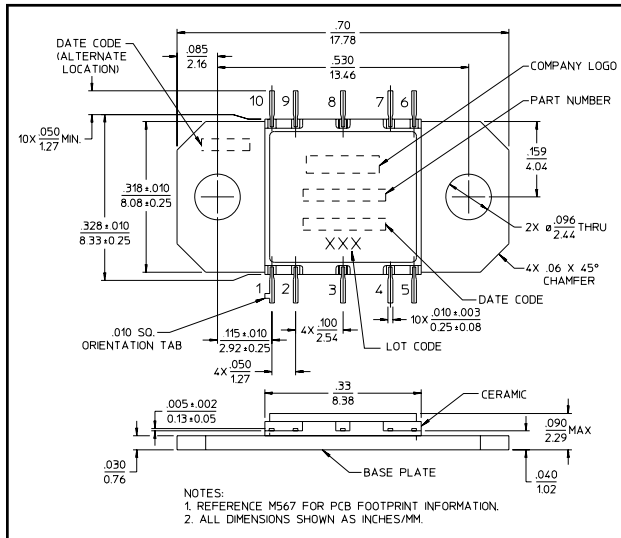
**Static Sensitivity**

Gallium Arsenide Integrated 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.

**2 Watt C-Band VSAT Power Amplifier  
5.9 - 7.1 GHz**

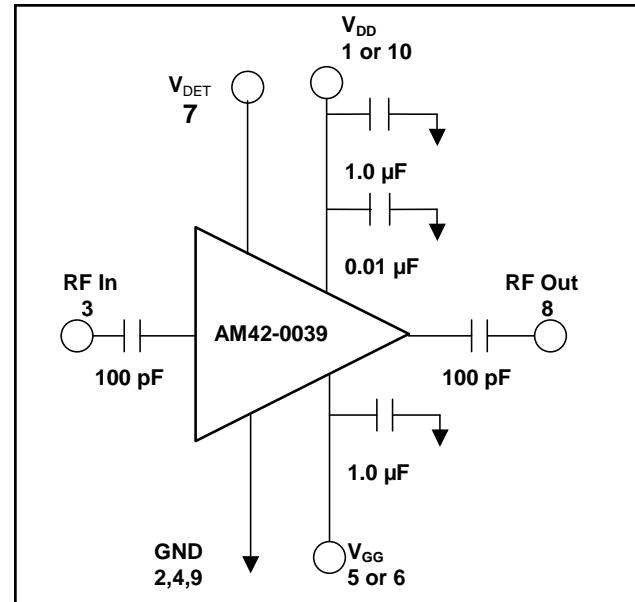
**AM42-0039  
V3**

**Lead-Free CR-15<sup>†</sup>**



<sup>†</sup> Reference Application Note M538 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.

**Application Schematic<sup>4,5,6</sup>**



- Apply -2 volts to pin 5 or 6 ( $V_{GG}$ ), prior to applying +8 volts to pins 1 or 10 ( $V_{DD}$ ). Adjust  $V_{GG}$  for typical drain current.
- External DC blocking capacitors required on the RF ports.
- For optimum IP3 performance,  $V_{DD}$  bypass capacitors should be placed within 0.5 inches of the  $V_{DD}$  leads.