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Direct Conversion FSK Data Receiver

Advance Information

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This device is an advanced direct conversion receiver for operation up to 470MHz. The design is based on the SL6609A but is specifically designed for use in very small pagers i.e. credit card sized, where local oscillator re-radiation is a problem. This design has overcome this difficulty.

The device also includes a 1 volt regulator capable of sourcing up to 5mA, a battery flag and the facility of incorporating a more complex post detection filter off-chip. Both battery flag and data outputs have open collector outputs to ease their interface with other devices.

Adjacent channel rejection is provided using tuneable gyrator filters. To assist operation in the presence of large interfering signals both RF and audio AGC functions are provided.

FEATURES

- Very low power operation typ 3.0mW
- Superior sensitivity of -130dBm
- Operation at wide range of paging data rates 512, 1200, 2400 baud
- Small package offering SSOP
- Excellent performance of LO Rejection

APPLICATIONS

- Credit card pagers
- Watch pagers
- Small form factor pagers i.e. PCMCIA

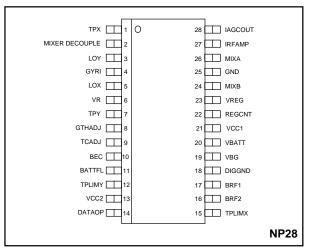


Fig.1 Pin connections

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Supply voltage 6V Storage temperature $-55^{\circ}C$ to $+150^{\circ}C$ Operating temperature $-20^{\circ}C$ to $+70^{\circ}C$

ORDERING INFORMATION

SL6610 / KG / NPDS - SSOP devices in anti-static sticks SL6610 / KG / NPDE - SSOP devices in tape and reel

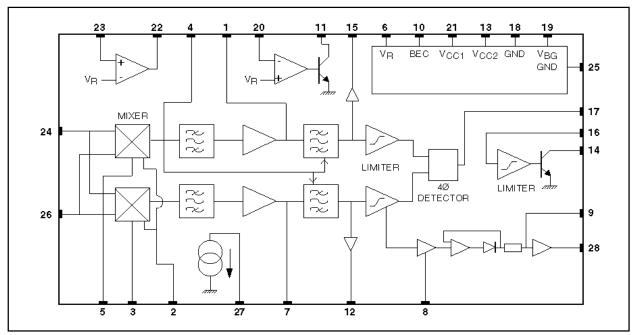


Fig.2 Block diagram of SL6610

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

These characteristics are guaranteed over the following conditions unless otherwise stated: Tamb = 25° C, VCC1 = 1.3V, VCC2 = 2.7V

Characteristics	Pin	Value			Unita	Comments
Characteristics	Pin	Min	Тур	Max	Units	Comments
VCC1 - Supply voltage	21	0.95	1.3	2.8	V	VCC1 ≤ VCC2 - 0.7 volts
VCC2 - Supply voltage	13	1.8	2.7	3.5	V	
ICC1 - Supply current	21,27,28		1.5	1.8	mA	Includes IRF. Does not include regulator supply. Audio AGC inactive
ICC2 - Supply current	11,13,14		550	700	μA	Batt flag & Data O/P high Pin 27 voltage: 0.3 - 1.3V
Power down ICC1 Power down ICC2	21,27,28 11,13,14			1 8	μA μA	
1 volt regulator	23	0.95	1.0	1.05	V	I Load = 3mA. Ext PNP. $\beta >= 100$, $V_{CE} = 0.1$ volt
Band gap voltage reference Band gap current source Voltage reference Voltage reference sink/source	19 19 6 6	0.93	1.21	1.27 20 1.07 10	V µA V µA	VCC1 > 1.1V
1 volt regulator load current Turn on Time		0.25	3 5	5	mA ms	Stable data o/p when 3dB above sensitivity. C_{BG} and C_{VR} = 2.2 μ F
Turn off Time			1		ms	Fall to 10% of steady state current C_{BG} and C_{VR} = 2.2 μ F
Detector output current	17		+/-4		μΑ	
RF current source						
Current Source (IRF)	27	400	500	600	μΑ	Pin 27 voltage: 0.3 - 1.3V
Decoder						
Sensitivity		40			μVrms	Signal injected at TPX and TPY B.E.R. ≤ 1 in 30 5KHz deviation @ 1200 bits/sec BRF capacitor = 1nF
Output mark space ratio Data O/P Sink Current Data O/P Leakage Current	14 14 14	7:9 100		9:7 500 1.0	μΑ μΑ	Output logic low Output logic high

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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Characteristics	Din	Value Pin		Units	Comments	
Cital acteristics	FIII	Min	Тур	Max	Units	Comments
Battery Economy Input logic high Input logic low Input current Input current	10 10 10 10	(V _{CC2} - 0.3)	0.05 6	0.3 1 8	V V μΑ μΑ	Powered Up Powered Down Powered Up Powered down transient initial
Battery Flag Input Input current	20			1		μΑ
Battery Flag Output Battfl Sink Current Battfl leakage current	11 11	50		500 1	μA μA	(VBATT-VR) > 20mV (VBATT-VR) < -20mV
Mixers Gain to "IF Test"		34		41	dB	LO inputs driven in parallel with 50mVRMS @ 50MHz.IF = 2kHz
RF input impedance LO input impedance LO DC bias voltage	24, 26 3, 5 3, 5				V	See Figs.8a, 8b See Fig.9 Equal to Pin 21 (VCC1)
Audio AGC Max Audio AGC Sink Current	28	45	65	85	μΑ	

RECEIVER CHARACTERISTICS (Demonstration board)

Measurement conditions unless stated Vcc1 = 1.3V, Vcc2 = 2.7V, LNA = 18dB Power Gain, 2dB Noise figure,

Carrier frequency 153MHz, BER 1 in 30, Tamb = 25°C

(TPx/TPy typically:- $160 \text{mV}_{PP} \pm 10\%$ for - 73dBm RF input to the LNA)

Characteristics	Pin	Value		Units	Comments	
Offai acteristics	FIII	Min	Тур	Max	Offics	Comments
Sensitivity		-130	-128	-125	dBm	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -18dBm
Intermodulation		52	56		dB	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -18dBm
Adjacent channel		68	73		dB	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -18dBm Channel spacing 25kHz
Centre frequency acceptance			+/-2.3		kHz	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -18dBm
Deviation acceptance			+/-2.2		kHz	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -18dBm

RECEIVER CHARACTERISTICS (Demonstration board)

Measurement conditions unless stated Vcc1 = 1.3V, Vcc2 = 2.7V, LNA = 20dB Power Gain, 2dB Noise figure,

Carrier frequency 282MHz, BER 1 in 30, Tamb = 25°C

(TPx/TPy typically:- 160mV_{pp} ± 10% for - 73dBm RF input to the LNA)

Characteristics	Din	Value Pin		Units	Comments	
Cital acteristics	FIII	Min	Тур	Max	Office	Comments
Sensitivity		-130	-128 -125.5	-125 -122	dBm dBm	1200 bps f = 4kHz 2400 bps f = 4.5kHz LO = -15dBm
Intermodulation (IP3)		52 49	56 53.5		dB	1200 bps f = 4kHz 2400 bps f = 4.5kHz LO = -15dBm
Intermodulation (IP2)		47	52		dB	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm
Adjacent channel		67 64	72.5 69.5		dB	1200 bps f = 4kHz 2400 bps f = 4.5kHz LO = -15dBm Channel spacing 25kHz
Centre frequency acceptance		+/-1.9	+/-2.3 +/-2		kHz	1200 bps f = 4kHz 2400 bps f = 4.5kHz LO = -15dBm
Deviation acceptance			+/-2.2 +/-2		kHz	1200 bps f = 4kHz 2400 bps f = 4.5kHz LO = -15dBm

RECEIVER CHARACTERISTICS

Measurement conditions unless stated $Vcc_1 = 1.3V$, $Vcc_2 = 2.7V$, LNA = 22dB Power Gain, 2dB Noise figure, Carrier frequency 470MHz, BER 1 in 30, Tamb = 25°C (TPx/TPy typically:-140mV_{PP} \pm 10% for - 73dBm RF input to the LNA)

Characteristics	Pin		Value		Units	Comments
Characteristics	FIII	Min	Тур	Max	Offics	Comments
Sensitivity		-128	-126	-123	dBm	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm
Intermodulation		50	55.5		dB	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm
Adjacent channel		67	72.5		dB	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm Channel spacing 25kHz
Centre frequency acceptance			+/- 2.3		kHz	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm
Deviation acceptance			+/- 2.2		kHz	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm

RECEIVER CHARACTERISTICS (Demonstration board)

Measurement conditions unless stated LNA = 18dB Power Gain, 2dB Noise figure, Carrier frequency 282MHz, BER 1 in 30, Tamb = 0 to 45°C, Vcc2 = 2.7V, Vcc1 = 1.2V to 1.6V (TPx/TPy typically:- 120mV $_{\rm PP}$ ± 10% for - 73dBm RF input to the LNA)

Characteristics	Pin		Value		Units	Comments
Cital acteristics	FIII	Min Typ Max		Offics	Comments	
Sensitivity (Desense from 25°C, Vcc1 = 1.3V)				1.5	dB	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm
Intermodulation (IP3)		53	58		dB	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm
Intermodulation (IP2)		47	53		dB	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm
Adjacent channel		66	72.5		dB kHz	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm Channel spacing 25kHz
Centre frequency acceptance		+/-1.8	+/-2.3		kHz	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm
Deviation acceptance			+/-2.2		kHz	1200 bps f = 4kHz LO = -15dBm
LO Rejection:- 0.5dB Sensitivity loss 3dB Sensitivity loss		-59 -52	-55 -48	-44	dBm dBm	Level of local oscillator at the RF input to the LNA

OPERATION OF SL6610

The SL6610 is a Direct Converson Receiver designed for use up to 470MHz. It is available in a 28 pin SSOP package and it integrates all the facilities required for the conversion of an RF FSK signal to a base-band data signal.

Low Noise Amplifier

To achieve optimum performance it is necessary to incorporate a Low Noise RF Amplifier at the front end of the receiver. This is easily biased using the on chip voltage and current sources provided.

All voltages and current sources used for bias of the RF amplifier, receiver and mixers should be RF decoupled using suitable capacitors (see fig.4 for a suitable Low-Noise-Amplifier).

Local Oscillator

The Local Oscillator signal is applied to the device in phase quadrature. This can be achieved with the use of two RC networks operating at the -3dB/45° transfer characteristic, giving a full 90° phase differential between the LO ports of the device. Each LO port of the device also requires an equal level of drive from the Oscillator. (see Fig.5).

Gyrator Filters

The on chip filters include an adjustable gyrator filter. This may be adjusted with the use of an additional resistor between pin 4 and GND. This allows flexibility of filter characterstics and also allows for compensation for possible process variations.

Audio AGC

The Audio AGC fundamentally consists of a current sink which is controlled by the audio (baseband data) signal. It has three parameters that may be controlled by the user. These are the Attack (turn on) time, Decay (duration) time and Threshold level (see Fig.6 and 7). See Application note for details.

Regulator

The on chip regulator must be used in conjunction with a suitable PNP transistor to achieve regulation. As the transistor forms part of the regulator feedback loop the transistor should exhibit the following characteristics:-

$$H_{FE}$$
 > = 100 for V_{CE} > = 0.1V

Pin Number	Pin Name	Pin Description
1	TPX	X channel pre-gyrator filter test-point. This can be used for input and output
2	MIX-DEC	Mixer bias de-couple pin
3	LOY	LO input channel Y
4	GYRI	Gyrator current adjust pin
5	LOX	LO input channel X
6	VR	VREF 1.0 V internal signal ground
7	TPY	Y channel pre-gyrator filter test point, input or output
8	GTHADJ	Audio AGC gain and threshold adjust. RSSI signal indicator
9	TCADJ	Audio AGC time constant adjust
10	BEC	Battery economy control
11	BATTFL	Battery flag output
12	TPLIMY	Y channel limiter (post gyrator filter) test point, output only
13	VCC2	Supply connection
14	DATAOP	Data output pin
15	TPLIMX	X channel limiter (post gyrator filter) test point, output only
16	BRF2	Bit rate filter 2, input to data output stage
17	BRF1	Bit rate filter 1, output from detector
18	DIG GND	Digital ground
19	VBG	Bandgap voltage output
20	VBATT	Battery flag input voltage
21	VCC1	Supply connection
22	REGCNT	1V regulator control external PNP drive
23	VREG	1V regulator output voltage
24	MIXB	Mixer input B
25	GND	Ground
26	MIXA	Mixer input A
27	IRFAMP	Current source for external LNA. Value of current output will decrease at high mixer input signal levels due to RF AGC
28	IAGCOUT	Audio AGC output current

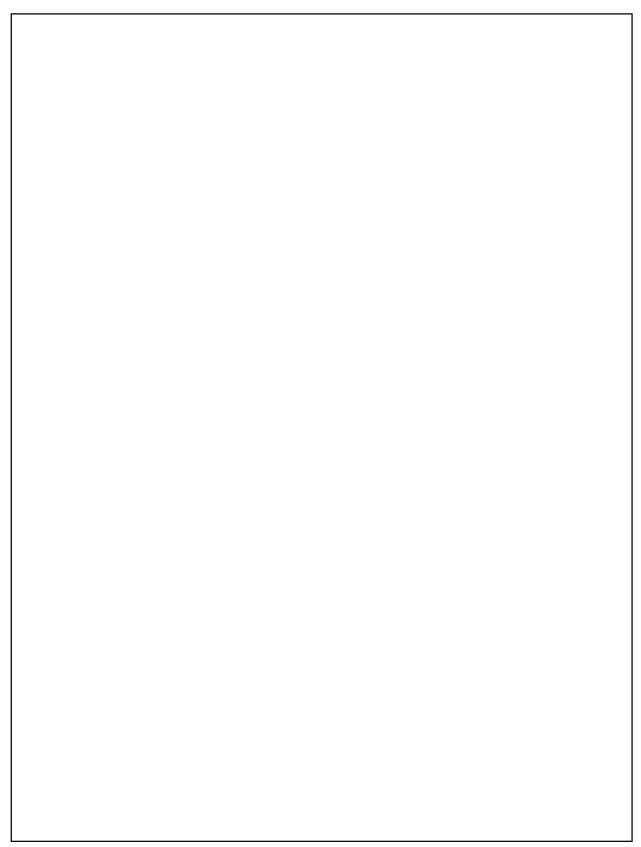


Fig.3 Application circuit board

COMPONENTS LIST FOR APPLICATION BOARD At 282MHz, 25kHz Channel Spacing.

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(LO Circuit in	Fig.3)	C18	1n
Resistors		C19	100n
R1	open circuit	C20	1n
R2	not used	C21	1n
R3	100	C22	not used
R4	100k	C23	1n
R5	1k	C24	1n
R6	1k	C25	1n
R7	100	C26	6p8
R8	open circuit	C27	1n
R9	220k	C28	1n
R10	1M	C29	100p
R11	100k ⁽⁶⁾	C30	2u2
R12	not used	C31	2u2
R13	1k5 ⁽¹⁾	C32	4p7
R14	4k7	C33	4p7
R15	4k7	C34	3p3
R16	33k	C35	not used
R17	not used	VC1	1-10p
R18	0R (3)	VC2	1-10p
R19	10k	VC3	1-10p
R20	620	V 0 3	1-10μ
R21	1k	Inductors	
R22	open circuit	L1	68n ⁽⁴⁾
1122	open circuit	L2	not used (3)
Capacitors		L3	470n
Capacitors C1	1n	L4	
C1 C2			39n
	2p7	L5	680n
C3	4p7		
C4	1n		
C5	2p7	Active Comp	
C6	2u2	Q1	FMMT589
C7	1n	Q2	2SC5065 (Toshiba)
C8	100n	Q3	BFT25A (Philips)
C9	1n ⁽²⁾	Q4	not used
C10	2u2	Q5	2SC5065 (Toshiba)
C11	100n	D1	Panasonic MA862 (5)
C12	1n		
C13	1n	Misc	
C14	1n	T1	30nH 1:1
C15	1n		Coilcraft M1686-A
C16	1n	Xtal	5th Overtone
C17	1n		94.075MHz

C17a Notes

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- The values of R13 is determined by the set-up procedure. See Application Note.
- The value of C9 is determined by the output data rate.
 Use 2nF for 512bps, 1nF for 1200bps and 470pF for 2400bps.
- L2 is used in the Audio AGC circuit (see Fig. 6). For the characteristics of the Audio AGC current source see Fig.7. If the audio AGC is not required then the current source (Pin 28) may be disabled by connecting Pin 9 (TCADJ) to VR (Pin 6) and by connecting Pin 28 (IAGCOUT) to Vcc1, (R18). The voltage at Pin 8 may still be used as an RSSI. R9, C8, C14, C19, R17 and D1 may then be omitted. See Fig.6 for AGC component values.
- L1and C26 form the low noise matching network for the RF amplifier. The values given are for the RF amplifier specified in the Applications Circuit with no Audio AGC connected. i.e. R17 and D1 omitted.
- Suggested diode for use with the Audio AGC circuit (see Fig.6) (D1 is not included on the general demonstration circuit).
- The value of R11 is dependent on the data output load.
 R11 should allow sufficient current to drive the data output load.

COMPONENTS LIST FOR APPLICATION BOARD At 470MHz, 25kHz Channel Spacing.

(LO circuit is 50 network as in Fig.5 - crystal oscillator not specified)

Resistors

V62121012			
		C14	1n
R1	open circuit	C15	1n
R2	not used	C16	1n
R3	100	C17	1n
R4	100k	C18	1n
R5	100	C19	100n
R6	100	C20	1n
R7	100	C21	1n
R8	open circuit	C22	not used
R9	220k	C23	not used
R10	1M	C24	1n
R11	100k ⁽²⁾	C25	1n
R12	300 ⁽³⁾	C26	open circuit
R13	3k9 ⁽¹⁾	C27	not used
R14	4k7	C28	not used
R15	4k7	C29	100p
R16	33k	C30	2u2
R17	open circuit (4)	C31	2u2
R18	0R ⁽⁴⁾	C34	1p5
R22	open circuit	VC1	1-3pF

Capacitors

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5	1n 3.3pF 1n 1n 3.9pF
C6	2u2
C7	1n
C8	100n
C9	1n ⁽²⁾
C10	2u2
C11	100n
C12	1n
C13	1n

Inductors

L1	47nH (5)
L2	not used (3)
T1	16nH 2 Turn 1:1 (Coilcraft) Q4123-A

Active Components

Q1	Zetex FMMT589
Q2	Philips BFT25A
Q3	Not Used
Q4	Philips BFT25A(3)
Q5	Philips BFT25A
D1	Panasonic MA862 ⁽⁶⁾

Notes

- 1. The values of R13 is determined by the set-up procedure. See Application Note.
- The value of "C9" is determined by the output data rate. 2. Use 2nF for 512bps, 1nF for 1200bps and 470pF for 2400bps.
- 3. R12 & Q4 form a dummy load for the regulator. Permitted load currents for the regulator are 250µA to 5mA. The 1V regulator (output Pin 23) can be switched off by connecting Pin 23 directly to VCC2. Q1, Q4, R12 and C12 must then be omitted
- 4. L2 is used in the Audio AGC circuit (see Fig.6). For the characteristics of the Audio AGC current source see figure 7. If the Audio AGC is not required then the current source (Pin 28) may be disabled by connecting

Pin 9 (TCADJ) to VR (Pin 6) and by connecting Pin 28 (IAGCOUT) to Vcc1, (R18). The voltage at Pin 8 may still be used as an RSSI. R9, C8, C14, C19, R17 and D1 may then be omitted.

- 5. L1and C26 form the low noise matching network for the RF amplifier. The values given are for the RF amplifier specified in the Applications Circuit with no Audio AGC connected. i.e. R17 and D1 omitted.
- 6. Suggested diode for use with the Audio AGC circuit (D1 is not included on the general demonstration circuit).
- 7. The value of R11 is dependent on the data output load. R11 should allow sufficient current to drive the data output load.

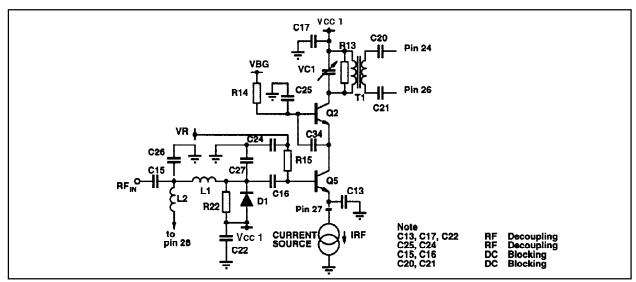


Fig.4 RF amplifier

RF Amplifier Components Values

Resistors		Capacitors		
R14, R15	4k7	C13, C15	1nF	Active components
R13	see note 1	C16, C17	1nF	D1 MA862 (Panasonic)
R22	47k	C20, C21	1nF see note 2	,
		C24, C25	1nF	
		L2	820nH	

Notes:

- (1) The value of R13 is determined by the set up procedure (See "Set up for optimum performance").
- (2) C20 and C21 are purely for deomonstration purposes. Pin 24 and Pin 26 may be DC coupled provided that no DC voltage is applied to the mixer inputs.

Frequency Dependent Components
153MHz
280MHz 450MHz C26 6.8p not used not used not used C27 not used not used L1 150nH 68nH 39nH C34 3p3 2p2 1p5 T1 100nH 30nH 16nH Coilcraft N2261-A Coilcraft M1686-A Coilcraft Q4123-A VC1 1-10pF 1-10pF 1-3pF Q4, Q5 Toshiba 2SC5065 Toshiba 2SC5065 Philips BFT25A (See also Lo drive Network)

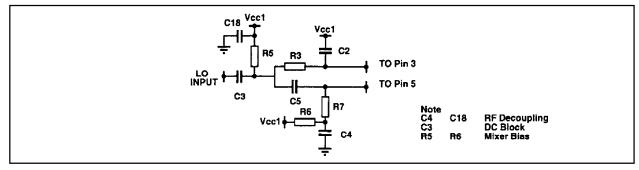


Fig.5 Local oscillator drive network

	e Network Co			Highe	er Input Imp 153MHz	oedance (cry ^{280MHz}	stal oscillator input) 450MHz
	153MHz	280MHz	450MHz	C3	Set by load	d allowable on cr	ystal oscillator (typical 4p7)
C2	10p	5p6	3p3	C2	10p	5p6	3p3
C5	10p	5p6	3p9	C5	10p	5p6	3p9
C3, C4, C	18 = 1n ·	·	•	R3	100	100	100
R3, R5, R6	6, $R7 = 100Ohms$			R7	100	100	100
				R5, R6	= 1k		
10				C4, C1	8 = 1n		

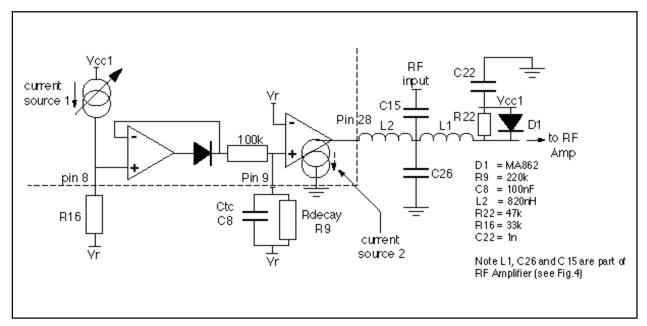


Fig.6 AGC Schematic

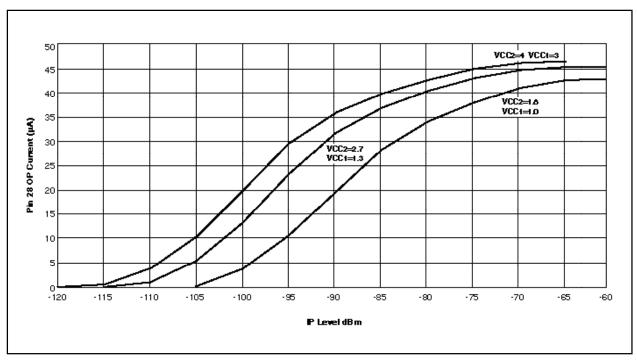


Fig.7 Audio AGC current vs. IP power at 25°C

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Fig.8a SL6609A Mixer A input S-Parameters

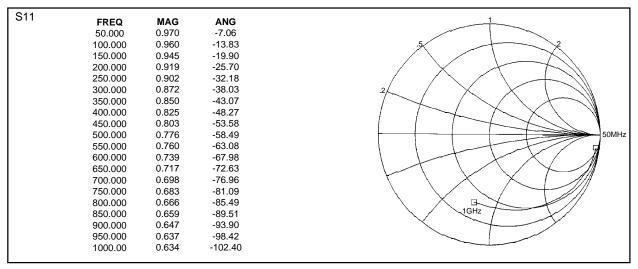


Fig.8b SL6609A Mixer B input S-Parameters

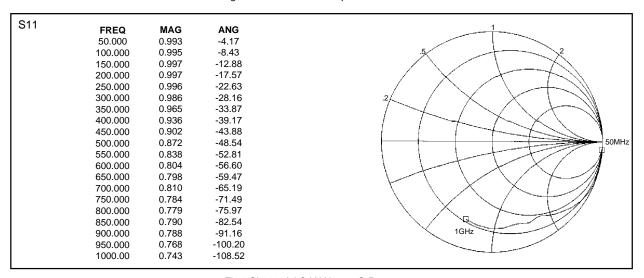


Fig.9 SL6609A LO X,Y inputs S-Parameters

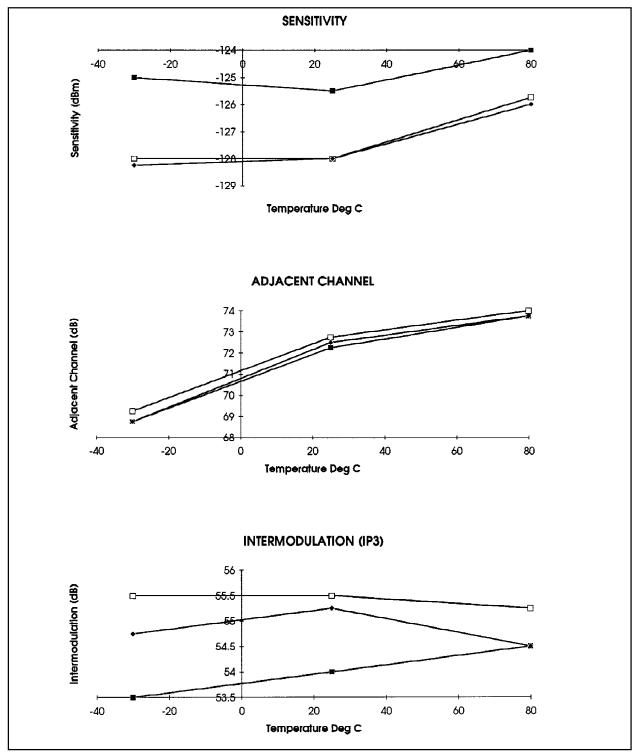


Fig.10a AC parameters vs. supply and temperature

Conditions:- 282MHz demonstration board i.e. 20dB LNA, 2dB noise figure, carrier frequency 282MHz, 1200bps baud rate, 4kHz deviation frequency, BER 1 in 30.



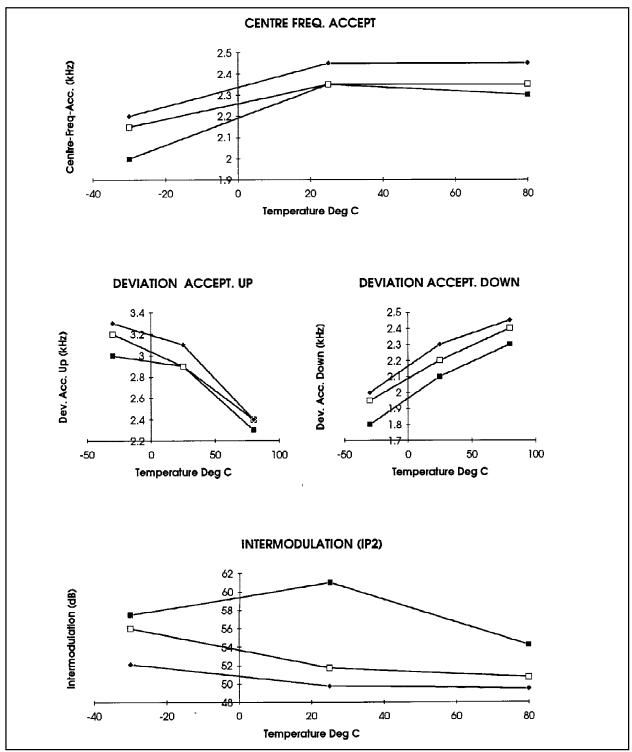


Fig. 10b AC parameters vs. supply and temperature

Conditions:- 282MHz demonstration board i.e. 20dB LNA, 2dB noise figure, carrier frequency 282MHz, 1200bps baud rate, 4kHz deviation frequency, BER 1 in 30.



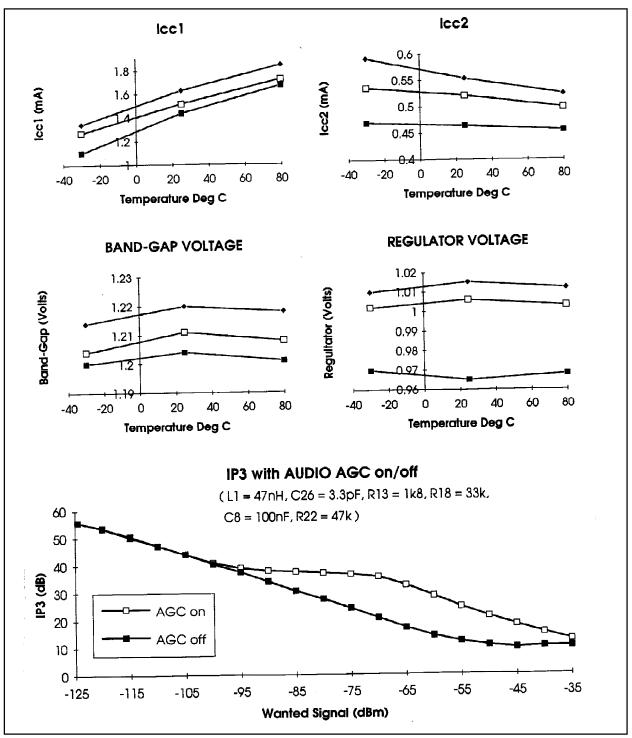
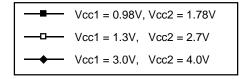


Fig.11 DC parameters vs. supply and temperature (IP3 vs audio AGC both on and off)

Conditions:- ICC1 includes 500µA LNA current but does not include the regulator supply (audio AGC inactive).

ICC2 measured with BATT FLAG and DATA O/P HIGH, Fc = 282MHz.

Note 1- IP3 is level above wanted needed to reduce receiver to 1 in 30 B.E.R.



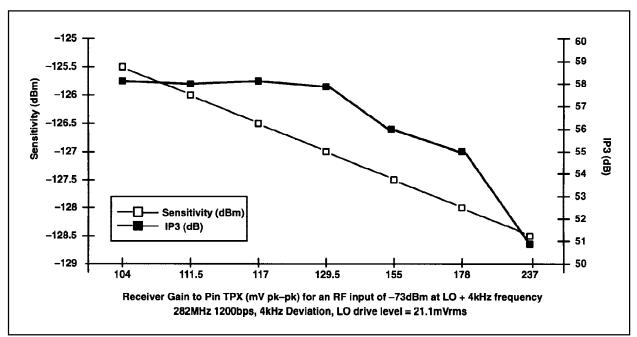


Fig.12 Sensitivity, IP3 vs Receiver Gain

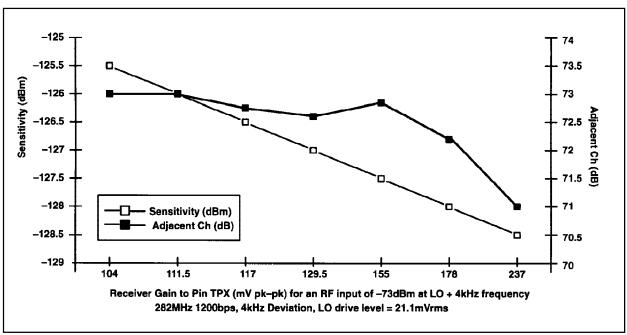


Fig.13 Sensitivity, adjacent Channel vs Receiver Gain

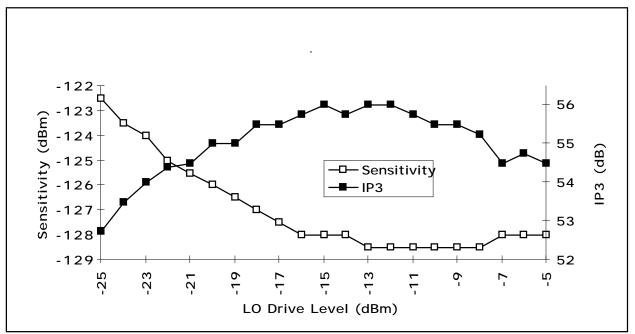


Fig.14 Sensitivity, IP3 vs LO level

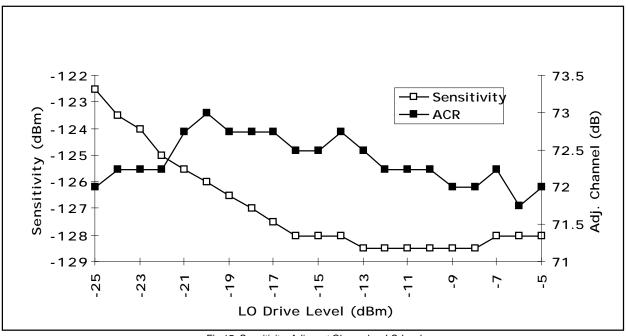
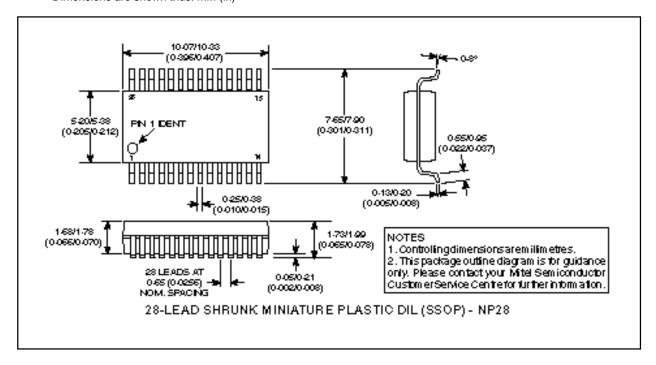


Fig.15 Sensitivity, Adjacent Channel vs LO level

PACKAGE DETAILS

Dimensions are shown thus: mm (in)





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