

Precision 300MHz to 7GHz RF Detector with Gain and Offset Adjustment

FEATURES

- Temperature Compensated Internal Schottky Diode RF Detector
- Wide Input Frequency Range: 300MHz to 7GHz*
- Wide Input Power Range: -32dBm to 10dBm
- Buffered Detector Output with External Gain Control
- Precision V_{OUT} Offset Control
- Low Starting Voltage: 120mV \pm 35mV for Gain = 2x
- Wide V_{CC} Range of 2.7V to 6V
- Low Operating Current: 500 μ A
- Available in a Low Profile (1mm) SOT-23 Package and Tiny 6-Lead (2mm \times 2mm) DFN Package

APPLICATIONS

- 802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g, 802.15
- Multimode Mobile Phone Products
- Optical Data Links
- Wireless Data Modems
- Wireless and Cable Infrastructure
- RF Power Alarm
- Envelope Detector

DESCRIPTION

The LTC[®]5532 is an RF power detector for RF applications operating in the 300MHz to 7GHz range. A temperature compensated Schottky diode peak detector and buffer amplifier are combined in a small ThinSOT[™] or (2mm \times 2mm) DFN package. The supply voltage range is optimized for operation from a single lithium-ion cell or 3 \times NiMH.

The RF input voltage is peak detected using an on-chip Schottky diode. The detected voltage is buffered and supplied to the V_{OUT} pin.

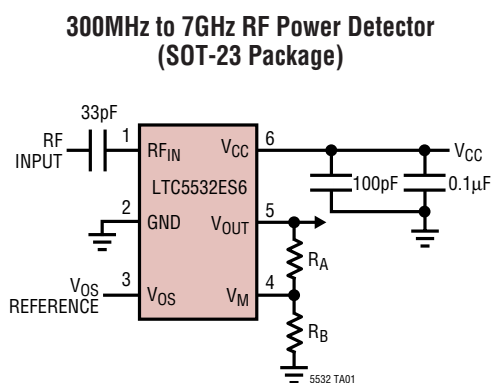
The LTC5532 output buffer gain is set via external resistors. The initial starting voltage of 120mV \pm 35mV can be precisely adjusted using the V_{OS} pin.

The LTC5532 operates with RF input power levels from -32dBm to 10dBm.

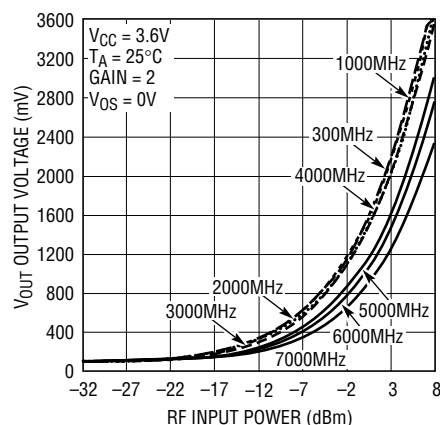
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TYPICAL APPLICATION



**Output Voltage vs RF Input Power
(SOT-23 Package)**

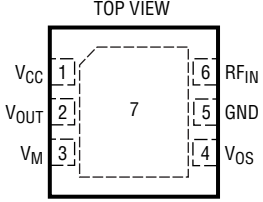
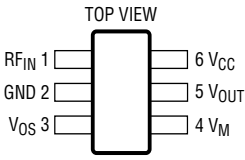


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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

V_{CC} , V_{OUT} , V_M , V_{OS}	-0.3V to 6.5V	Maximum Junction Temperature	125°C
R_{FIN} Voltage	($V_{CC} \pm 1.5V$) to 7V	Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to 125°C
R_{FIN} Power (RMS)	12dBm	Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec)	
I_{VOUT}	5mA	SOT-23 Only	300°C
Operating Temperature Range (Note 2) ..	-40°C to 85°C		

PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

 <p>DC6 PACKAGE 6-LEAD (2mm x 2mm) PLASTIC DFN $T_{JMAX} = 125^{\circ}C$, $\theta_{JA} = 85^{\circ}C/W$ EXPOSED PAD (PIN 7) IS GND, MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB</p>	ORDER PART NUMBER	 <p>S6 PACKAGE 6-LEAD PLASTIC TSOT-23 $T_{JMAX} = 125^{\circ}C$, $\theta_{JA} = 250^{\circ}C/W$</p>	ORDER PART NUMBER
	LTC5532EDC		LTC5532ES6
	DC6 PART MARKING		S6 PART MARKING
	LAFR		LTAFS

Consult LTC Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range, otherwise specifications are at $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$. $V_{CC} = 3.6V$, RF Input Signal is Off, $R_A = R_B = 1k$, $V_{OS} = 0V$ unless otherwise noted (Note 2).

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
V_{CC} Operating Voltage		● 2.7		6	V
I_{VCC} Operating Current	$I_{VOUT} = 0mA$	●	0.5	0.7	mA
V_{OUT} V_{OL} (No RF Input)	$R_{LOAD} = 2k$, $V_{OS} = 0V$	● 85	100 to 140	155	mV
V_{OUT} Output Current	$V_{OUT} = 1.75V$, $V_{CC} = 2.7V$, $\Delta V_{OUT} < 10mV$	● 2	4		mA
V_{OUT} Bandwidth	$C_{LOAD} = 33pF$, $R_{LOAD} = 2k$ (Note 4)		2		MHz
V_{OUT} Load Capacitance	(Note 6)	●		33	pF
V_{OUT} Slew Rate	$V_{RFIN} = 1V$ Step, $C_{LOAD} = 33pF$, Total $R_{LOAD} = 2k$ (Note 3)		3		V/ μs
V_{OUT} Noise	$V_{CC} = 3V$, Noise BW = 1.5MHz, 50 Ω RF Input Termination, 50 Ω AC Output Termination		1		mV _{p-p}
V_{OS} Voltage Range		● 0		1	V
V_{OS} Input Current	$V_{OS} = 1V$	● -0.5		0.5	μA
V_M Voltage Range		● 0		$V_{CC} - 1.8$	V
V_M Input Current	$V_M = 3.6V$	● -0.5		0.5	μA
R_{FIN} Input Frequency Range	(Note 7)		300 to 7000		MHz
R_{FIN} Input Power Range	RF Frequency = 300MHz to 7GHz (Note 5, 6) $V_{CC} = 2.7V$ to 6V		-32 to 10		dBm
R_{FIN} AC Input Resistance	$F = 1000MHz$, $Pin = -25dBm$		220		Ω
R_{FIN} Input Shunt Capacitance	$F = 1000MHz$, $Pin = -25dBm$		0.65		pF

Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which the life of a device may be impaired.

Note 2: Specifications over the -40°C to 85°C operating temperature range are assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls.

Note 3: The rise time at V_{OUT} is measured between 1.3V and 2.3V.

Note 4: Bandwidth is calculated based on the 10% to 90% rise time equation: $BW = 0.35/\text{rise time}$.

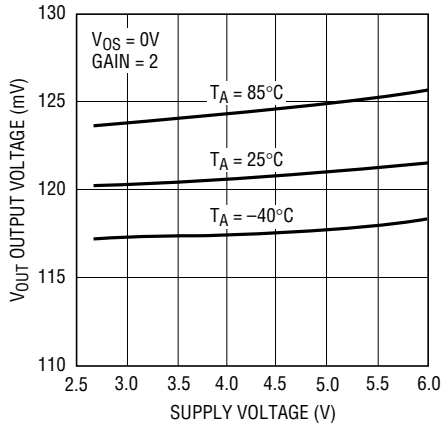
Note 5: RF performance is tested at 1800MHz

Note 6: Guaranteed by design.

Note 7: Higher frequency operation is achievable with reduced performance. Consult factory for more information.

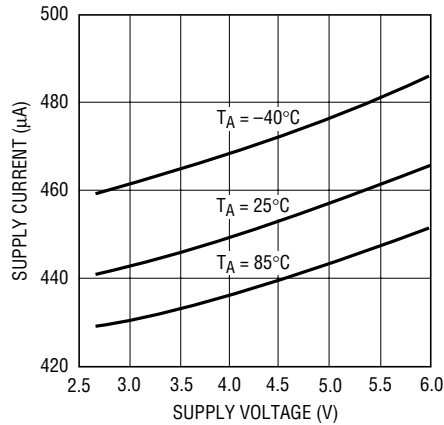
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Output Voltage vs Supply Voltage (RF Input Signal Off)



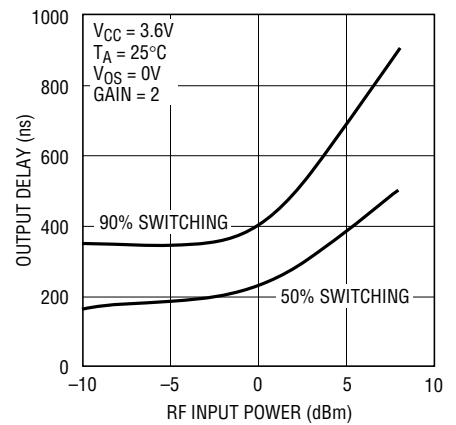
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Supply Current vs Supply Voltage (RF Input Signal Off)



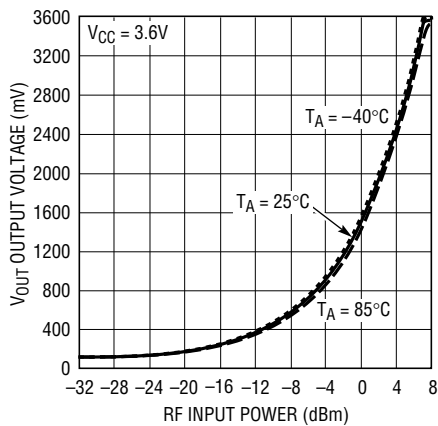
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Output Delay vs RF Input Power



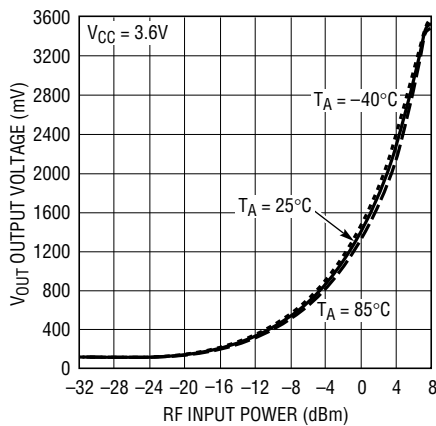
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Typical Detector Characteristics, 300MHz, Gain = 2, VOS = 0V



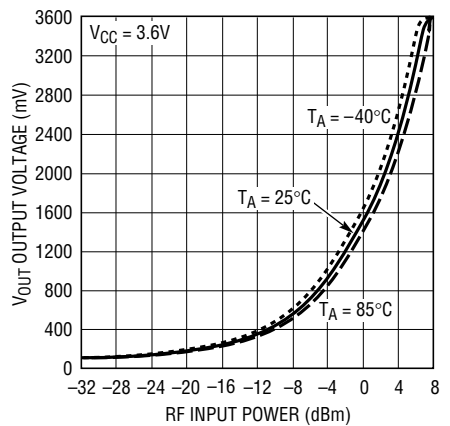
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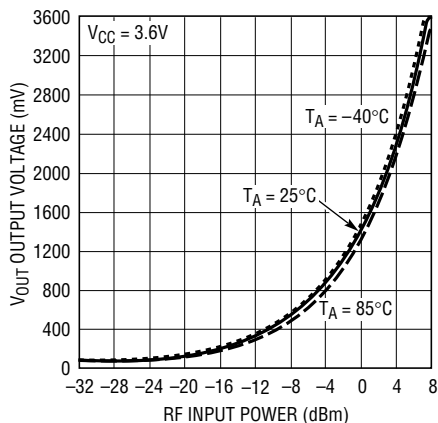
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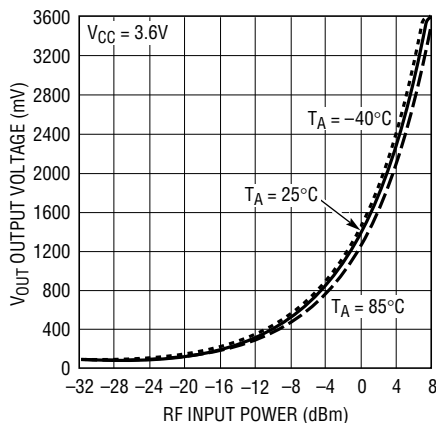
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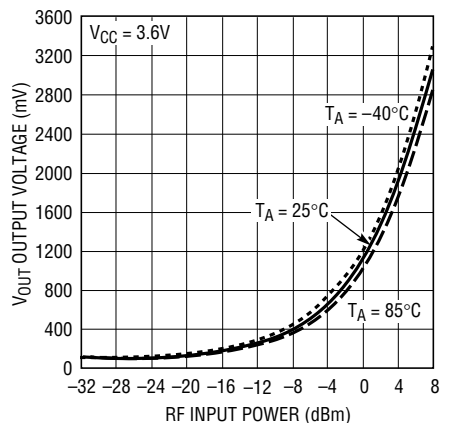
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Typical Detector Characteristics, 4000MHz, Gain = 2, VOS = 0V



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Typical Detector Characteristics, 5000MHz, Gain = 2, VOS = 0V (SOT-23 Package)

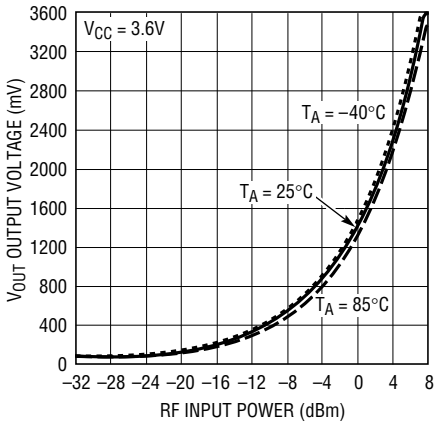


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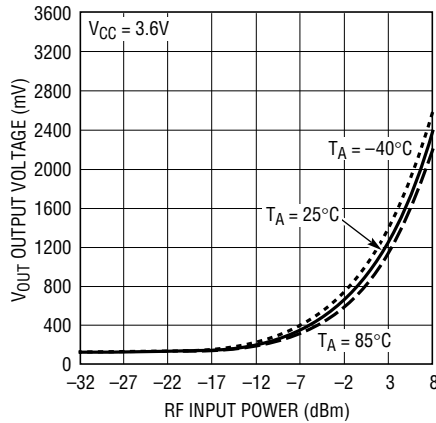
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Typical Detector Characteristics, 6000MHz, Gain = 2, $V_{OS} = 0V$ (SOT-23 Package)



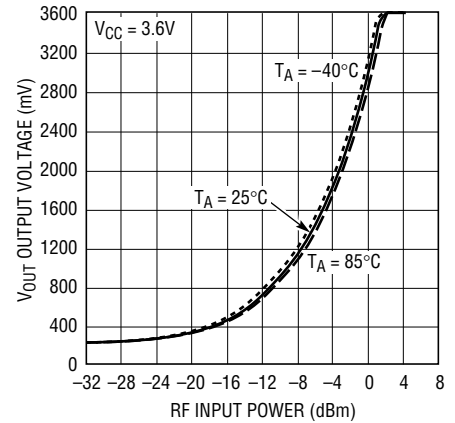
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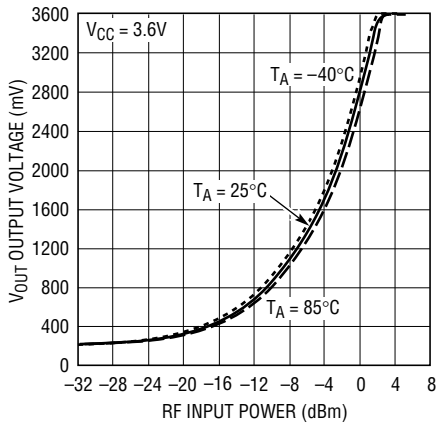
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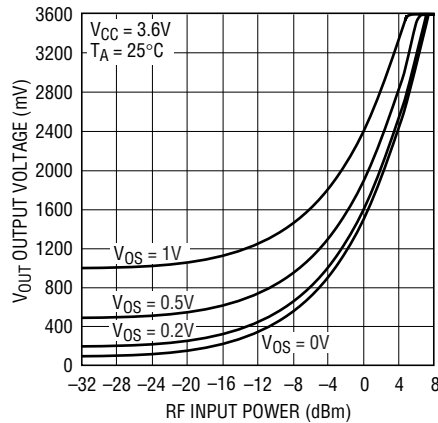
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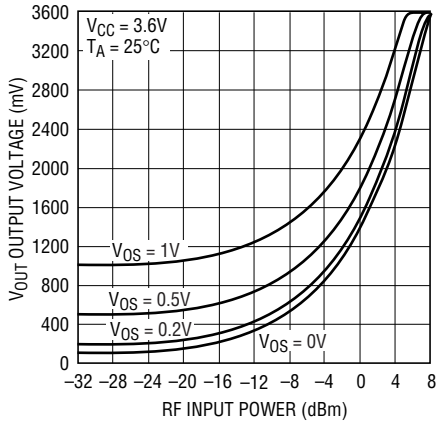
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V_{OUT} vs RF Input Power and V_{OS} , 300MHz, Gain = 2



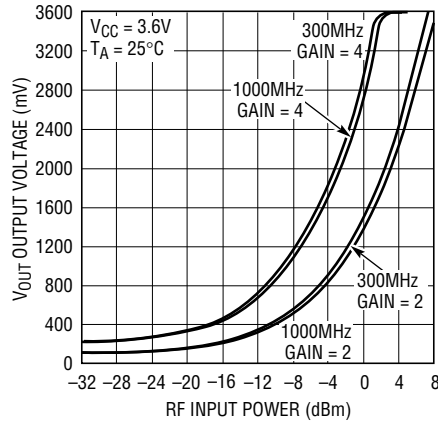
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V_{OUT} vs RF Input Power and V_{OS} , 1000MHz, Gain = 2



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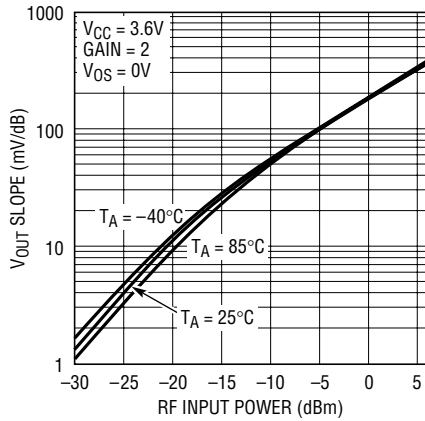
V_{OUT} vs RF Input Power, 300MHz and 1000MHz, Gain = 2 and 4, $V_{OS} = 0V$



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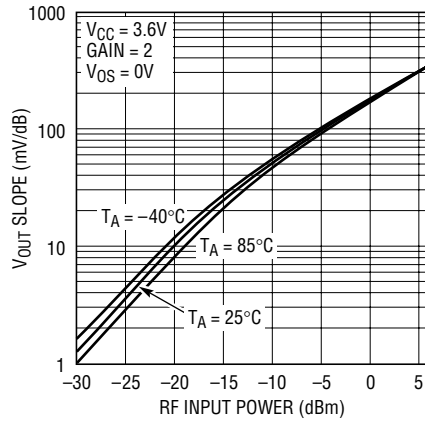
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V_{OUT} Slope vs RF Input Power at 300MHz



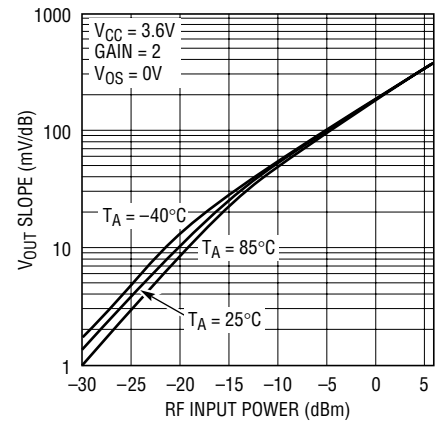
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V_{OUT} Slope vs RF Input Power at 1000MHz



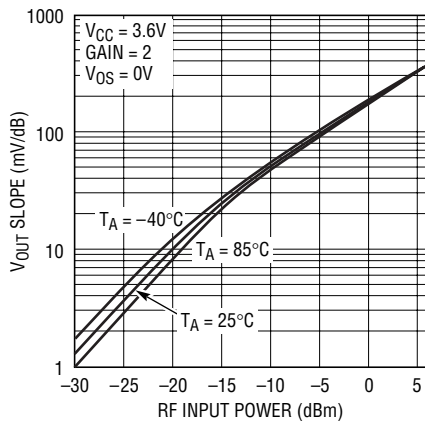
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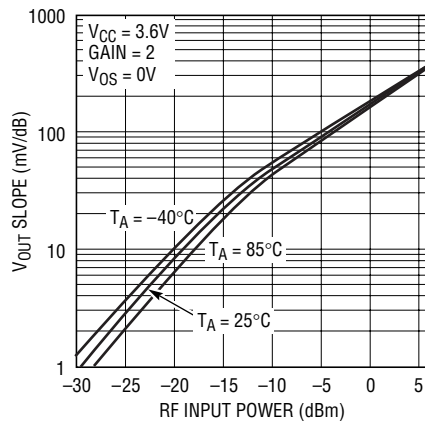
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V_{OUT} Slope vs RF Input Power at 3000MHz



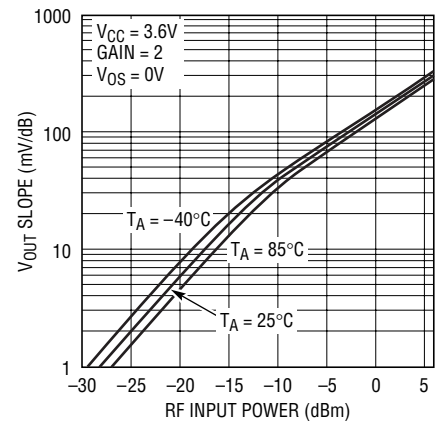
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V_{OUT} Slope vs RF Input Power at 4000MHz



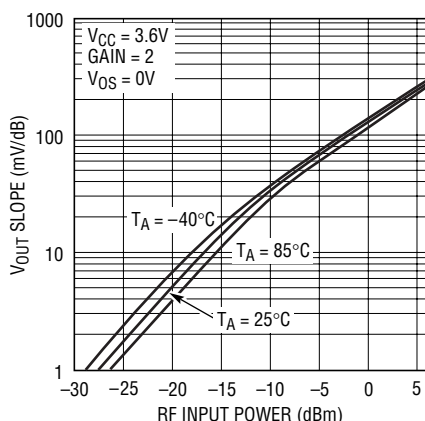
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V_{OUT} Slope vs RF Input Power at 5000MHz (SOT-23 Package)



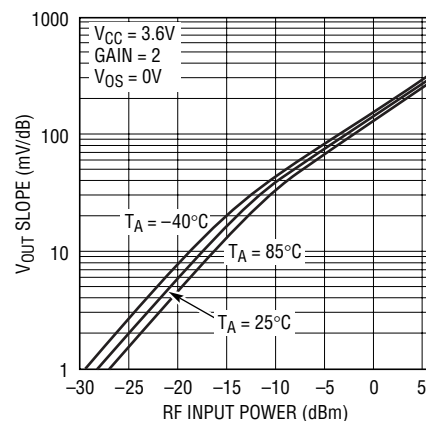
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V_{OUT} Slope vs RF Input Power at 6000MHz (SOT-23 Package)



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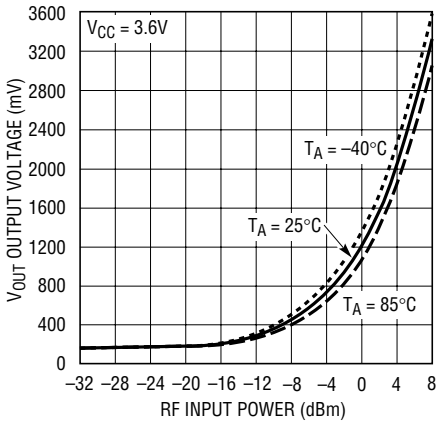
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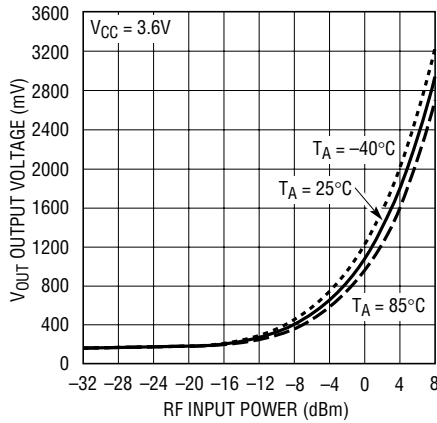
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (DFN package, $R_{LOAD} = 20k$)

Typical Detector Characteristics
5000MHz, Gain = 2, $V_{OS} = 0V$
(DFN Package)



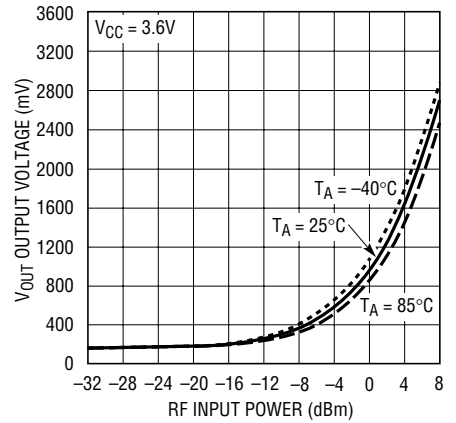
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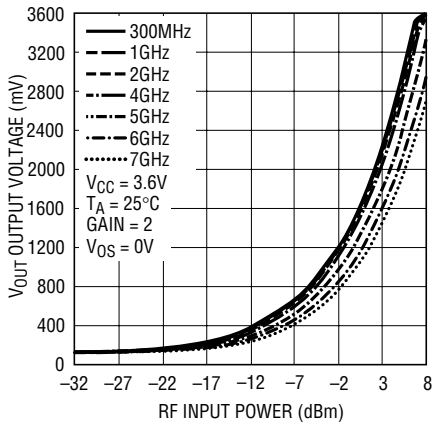
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Typical Detector Characteristics
7000MHz, Gain = 2, $V_{OS} = 0V$
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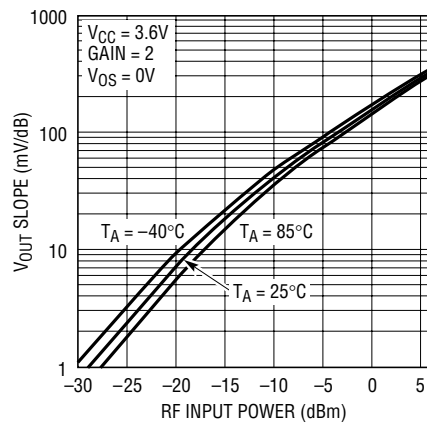
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Output Voltage vs RF Input Power
(DFN Package)



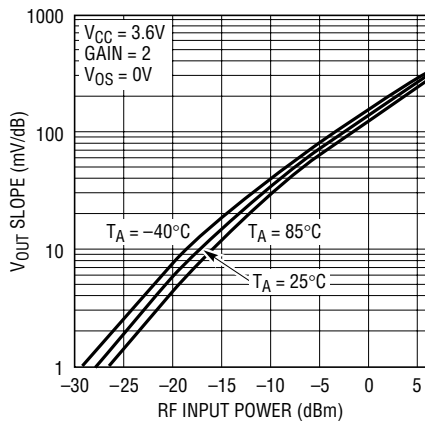
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V_{OUT} Slope vs RF Input Power
at 5000MHz (DFN Package)



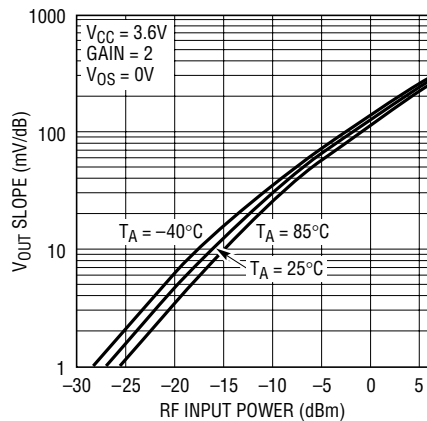
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V_{OUT} Slope vs RF Input Power
at 6000MHz (DFN Package)



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V_{OUT} Slope vs RF Input Power
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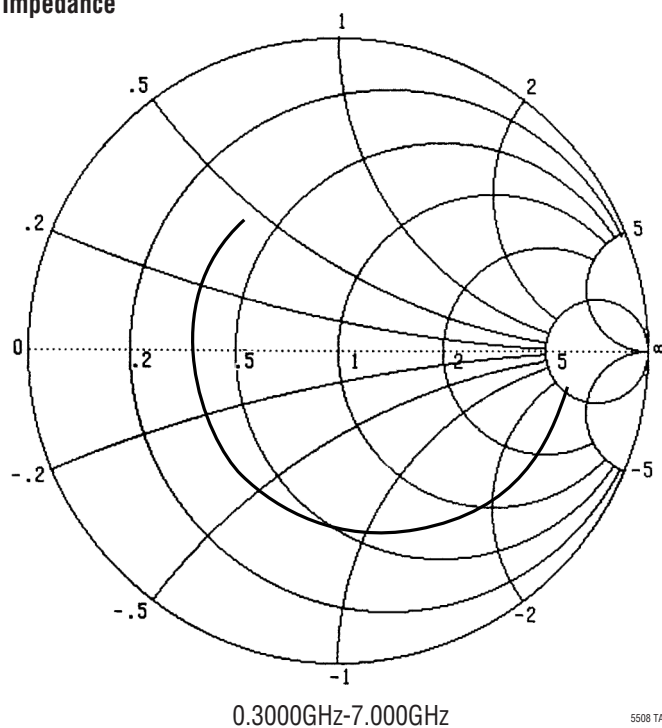
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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (SOT-23 Package)

RF_{IN} Input Impedance (Pin = 0dBm, V_{CC} = 3.6V, T_A = 25°C)

FREQUENCY (GHz)	RESISTANCE (Ω)	REACTANCE (Ω)
0.30	290.45	-136.22
0.50	234.41	-162.54
0.70	178.25	-170.53
0.90	137.31	-159.89
1.10	109.17	-147.57
1.30	86.30	-136.18
1.50	68.65	-121.74
1.70	57.48	-107.60
1.90	49.79	-96.72
2.10	43.56	-86.70
2.30	38.67	-77.91
2.50	34.82	-70.13
2.70	31.68	-62.86
2.90	29.13	-56.01
3.10	27.17	-49.83
3.30	25.73	-44.24
3.50	24.56	-39.74
3.70	23.18	-35.35
3.90	22.31	-30.62
4.10	20.73	-26.88
4.30	19.88	-22.31
4.50	19.40	-18.23
4.70	19.05	-14.25
4.90	19.08	-10.21
5.10	19.55	-6.30
5.30	20.85	-2.84
5.50	21.94	-1.49
5.70	20.60	-0.07
5.90	19.29	2.99
6.10	18.69	6.61
6.30	18.53	10.39
6.50	18.74	14.35
6.70	19.79	17.91
6.90	19.75	20.77
7.00	19.99	22.47

S11 Forward Reflection
Impedance



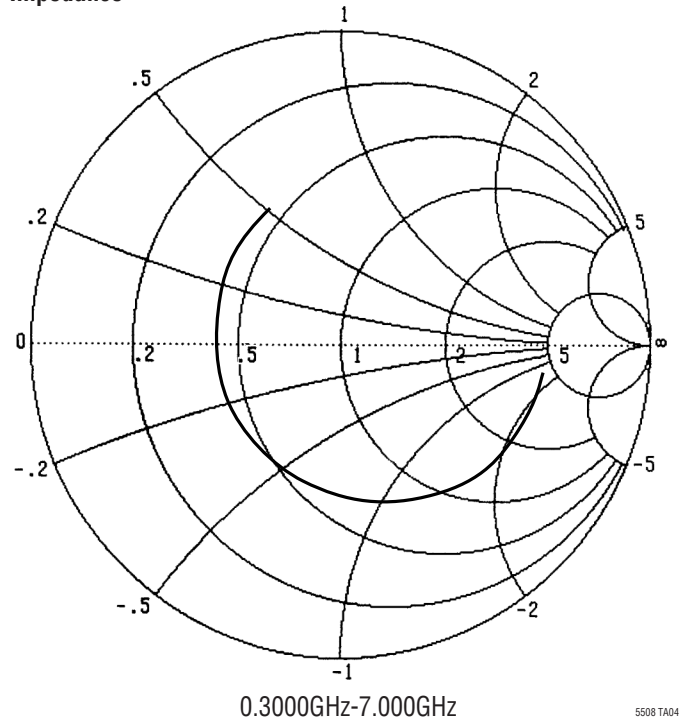
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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (SOT-23 Package)

RF_{IN} Input Impedance (P_{in} = -25dBm, V_{CC} = 3.6V, T_A = 25°C)

FREQUENCY (GHz)	RESISTANCE (Ω)	REACTANCE (Ω)
0.30	216.45	-76.47
0.50	190.63	-98.28
0.70	161.98	-112.03
0.90	133.17	-111.53
1.10	113.08	-109.05
1.30	94.55	-107.08
1.50	75.33	-98.50
1.70	63.52	-88.19
1.90	55.19	-80.05
2.10	48.64	-72.23
2.30	43.73	-64.81
2.50	39.71	-58.31
2.70	36.47	-52.27
2.90	33.69	-46.77
3.10	31.61	-41.25
3.30	29.78	-36.61
3.50	28.27	-32.39
3.70	26.63	-28.12
3.90	26.12	-23.97
4.10	24.20	-20.75
4.30	23.28	-16.69
4.50	22.60	-12.77
4.70	22.21	-9.08
4.90	22.15	-5.24
5.10	22.61	-1.58
5.30	23.90	1.53
5.50	24.97	2.62
5.70	23.51	4.00
5.90	22.25	6.94
6.10	21.57	10.62
6.30	21.43	14.02
6.50	21.69	17.77
6.70	22.68	21.24
6.90	22.81	24.21
7.00	23.07	25.56

S11 Forward Reflection Impedance

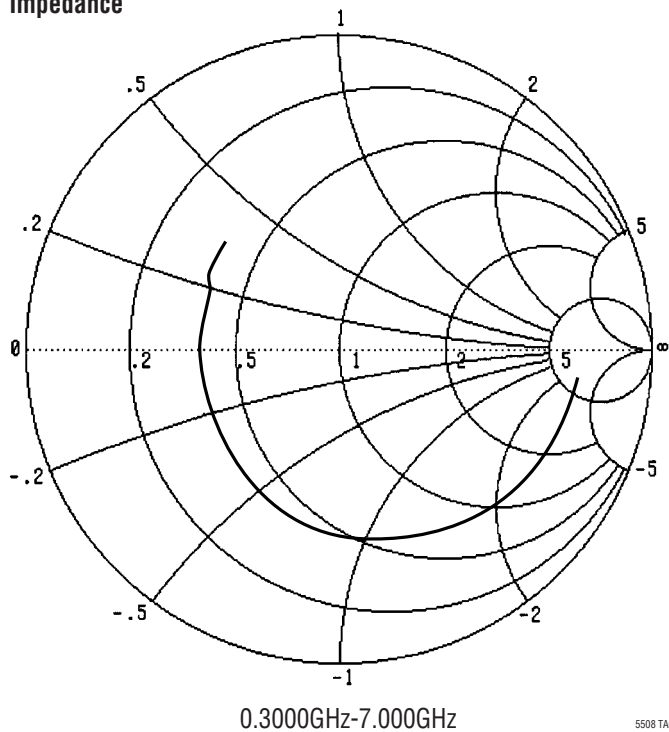


TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (DFN Package)

RF_{IN} Input Impedance (P_{in} = 0dBm, V_{CC} = 3.6V, T_A = 25°C)

FREQUENCY (GHz)	RESISTANCE (Ω)	REACTANCE (Ω)
0.30	305.23	-144.87
0.50	238.58	-173.62
0.70	185.32	-177.82
0.90	142.06	-167.59
1.10	111.93	-152.80
1.30	90.59	-139.47
1.50	75.22	-126.45
1.70	63.37	-114.14
1.90	53.84	-103.83
2.10	47.11	-94.33
2.30	41.34	-85.18
2.50	37.00	-76.93
2.70	33.60	-69.47
2.90	30.96	-62.66
3.10	28.55	-56.74
3.30	26.36	-51.02
3.50	24.52	-45.95
3.70	23.12	-40.97
3.90	22.01	-36.25
4.10	21.13	-31.82
4.30	20.44	-27.51
4.50	19.85	-23.69
4.70	19.42	-20.18
4.90	19.03	-16.54
5.10	18.78	-12.88
5.30	18.69	-9.21
5.50	18.80	-5.72
5.70	19.09	-2.32
5.90	19.68	0.85
6.10	20.05	3.49
6.30	20.18	6.37
6.50	20.35	9.23
6.70	19.84	12.37
6.90	19.81	15.97
7.00	19.95	17.83

S11 Forward Reflection Impedance

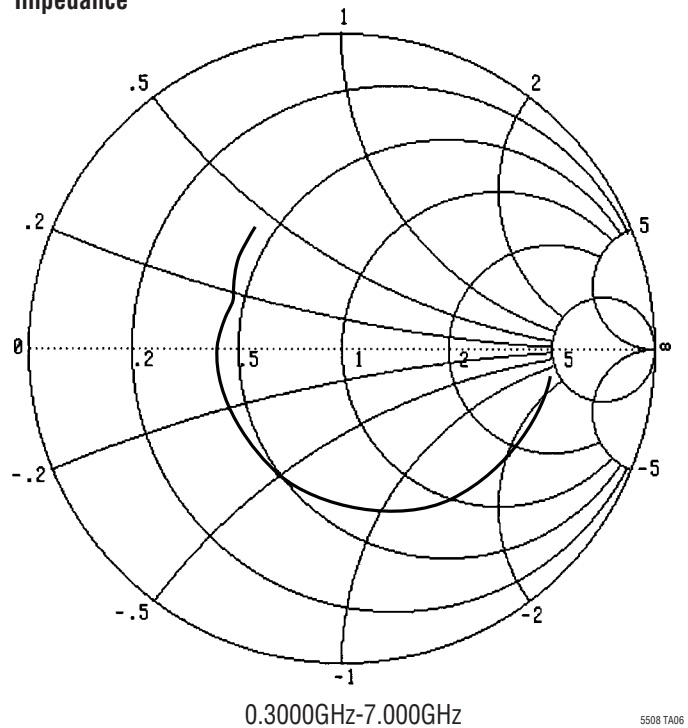


TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (DFN Package)

RF_{IN} Input Impedance (P_{in} = -25dBm, V_{CC} = 3.6V, T_A = 25°C)

FREQUENCY (GHz)	RESISTANCE (Ω)	REACTANCE (Ω)
0.30	225.19	-79.32
0.50	196.59	-105.44
0.70	166.23	-114.07
0.90	137.24	-115.88
1.10	114.69	-111.94
1.31	96.83	-106.10
1.50	83.12	-99.28
1.70	72.11	-92.73
1.90	61.69	-85.98
2.10	53.76	-78.71
2.31	47.46	-71.16
2.51	42.60	-64.52
2.70	39.04	-58.61
2.90	36.25	-53.23
3.10	33.41	-48.13
3.30	30.78	-43.37
3.50	28.85	-38.83
3.70	27.28	-34.09
3.90	26.08	-29.73
4.10	24.97	-25.80
4.30	24.18	-21.94
4.50	23.43	-18.27
4.70	22.88	-15.04
4.90	22.41	-11.56
5.10	22.09	-8.08
5.30	21.82	-4.34
5.50	21.91	-1.29
5.70	22.08	2.15
5.90	22.84	5.32
6.10	23.75	7.51
6.30	23.32	9.47
6.50	22.57	12.41
6.70	22.17	15.79
6.90	22.20	19.34
7.00	22.27	21.21

S11 Forward Reflection Impedance



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PIN FUNCTIONS (SOT-23/DFN)

RF_{IN} (Pin 1/Pin 6): RF Input Voltage. Referenced to V_{CC}. A coupling capacitor must be used to connect to the RF signal source. The frequency range is 300MHz to 7GHz. This pin has an internal 500Ω termination, an internal Schottky diode detector and a peak detector capacitor. Operation at higher frequencies is achievable, consult factory for more information.

GND (Pin 2/Pin 5): Ground.

V_{OS} (Pin 3/Pin 4): V_{OUT} Offset Voltage Adjustment. From 0V to 120mV, V_{OUT} does not change. Above 120mV, V_{OUT} will track V_{OS}.

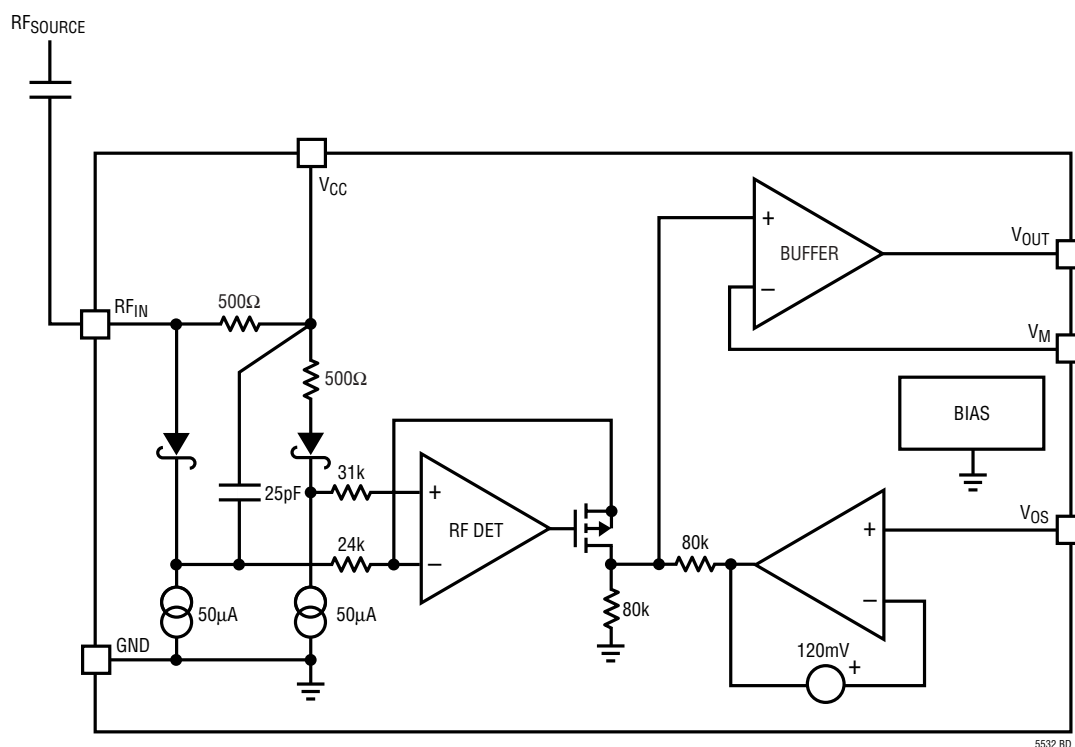
V_M (Pin 4/Pin 3): Inverting Input to Buffer Amplifier.

V_{OUT} (Pin 5/Pin 2): Detector Output.

V_{CC} (Pin 6/Pin 1): Power Supply Voltage, 2.7V to 6V. V_{CC} should be bypassed appropriately with ceramic capacitors.

Exposed Pad (NA/Pin 7): Exposed Pad is GND. Must be soldered to PCB.

BLOCK DIAGRAM



APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Operation

The LTC5532 RF detector integrates several functions to provide RF power detection over frequencies ranging from 300MHz to 7GHz. These functions include an internal frequency compensated buffer amplifier, an RF Schottky diode peak detector and a level shift amplifier to convert the RF input signal to DC. The LTC5532 has both gain setting and voltage offset adjustment capabilities.

Buffer Amplifier

The output buffer amplifier is capable of supplying typically 4mA into a load. The negative terminal V_M is brought out to a pin for gain selection. External resistors connected between V_{OUT} and V_M (R_A) and V_M to ground (R_B) will set the gain of this amplifier.

$$\text{Gain} = 1 + R_A/R_B$$

The amplifier is unity gain stable; however a minimum gain of two is recommended to improve low output voltage accuracy. The amplifier has a bandwidth of 2MHz with a gain of 2. For increased gain applications, the bandwidth is reduced according to the formula:

$$\text{Bandwidth} = 4\text{MHz}/(\text{Gain}) = 4\text{MHz} \cdot R_B/(R_A + R_B)$$

A capacitor can be placed across the feedback resistor R_A to shape the frequency response. In addition, the amplifier can be used as a comparator. V_M can be connected to a reference voltage. When the internal detector output

voltage (which is connected to the positive input of the buffer amplifier) exceeds the external voltage on V_M , V_{OUT} will switch high.

The V_{OS} input controls the DC input voltage to the buffer amplifier. V_{OS} must be connected to ground if the DC starting voltage is not to be changed. The buffer is initially trimmed nominally to 120mV (Gain = 2x) with V_{OS} connected to ground.

The V_{OS} pin is used to change the initial V_{OUT} starting voltage. This function, in combination with gain adjustment enables the LTC5532 output to span the input range of a variety of analog-to-digital converters. V_{OUT} will not change until V_{OS} exceeds 120mV. The starting voltage at V_{OUT} for $V_{OS} > 120\text{mV}$ is:

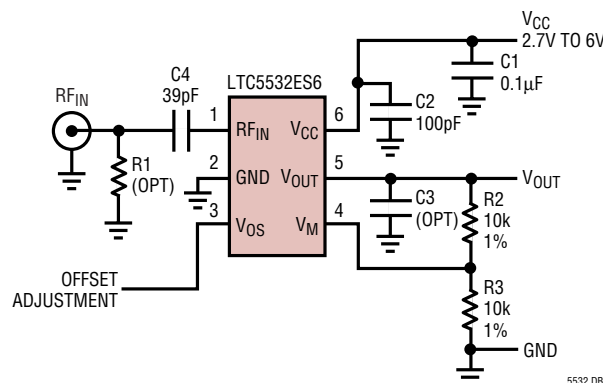
$$V_{OUT} = 0.5 \cdot V_{OS} \cdot \text{Gain}$$

where gain is the output buffer gain. For a buffer gain of 2x, V_{OUT} will exactly track V_{OS} above 120mV.

RF Detector

The internal RF Schottky diode peak detector and level shift amplifier convert the RF input signal to a low frequency signal. The detector demonstrates excellent efficiency and linearity over a wide range of input power. The Schottky diode is biased at about 55 μA and drives a 25pF internal peak detector capacitor.

Demo Board Schematic



APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Applications

The LTC5532 can be used as a self-standing signal strength measuring receiver for a wide range of input signals from -32dBm to 10dBm for frequencies from 300MHz to 7GHz . Operation at higher frequencies, to 12GHz or above, is achievable with reduced performance. The smaller DFN package version is recommended for these applications because of its lower parasitics. Figure 1 plots the output voltage as a function of RF power of a 12GHz CW input signal.

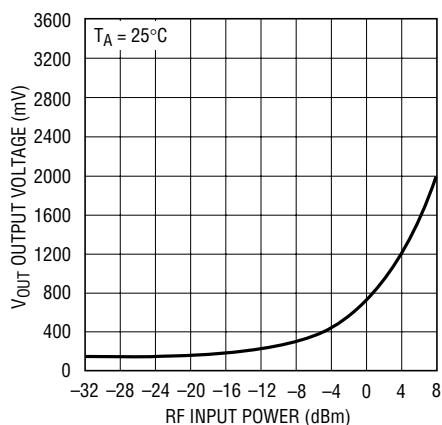


Figure 1. Typical Detector Characteristics, 12GHz , Gain = 2, $V_{OS} = 0\text{V}$ (DFN Package)

The LTC5532 can be used as a demodulator for AM and ASK modulated signals with data rates up to 2MHz . Depending on specific application needs, the RSSI output can be split between two branches, providing AC-coupled data (or audio) output and DC-coupled RSSI output for signal strength measurements and AGC.

The LTC5532 can be used for RF power detection and control. Figure 2 is an example of a transmitter power controller, using the LTC5532 with a capacitive tap to the power amplifier. A 0.5pF capacitor ($C1$) followed by a 200Ω resistor ($R1$) form a coupling circuit with about 20dB loss at 900MHz referenced to the LTC5532 RF input pin. In the actual product implementation, component values for the capacitive tap may be different depending on parts placement, PCB parasitics and parameters of the antenna.

The LTC5532 can be configured as a comparator for RF power detection and RF power alarms. The characterization data includes a plot of the LTC5532 output delay in response to a positive input step of varying RF level.

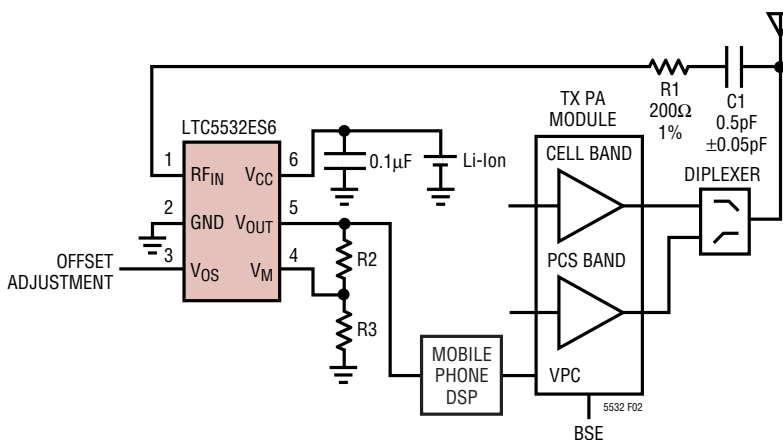
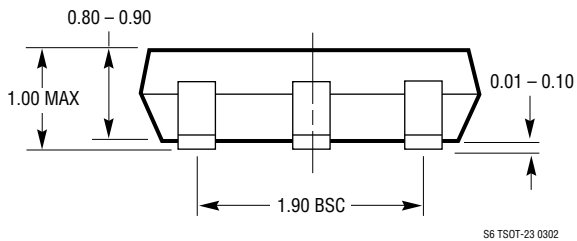
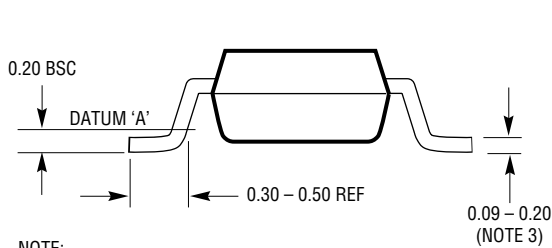
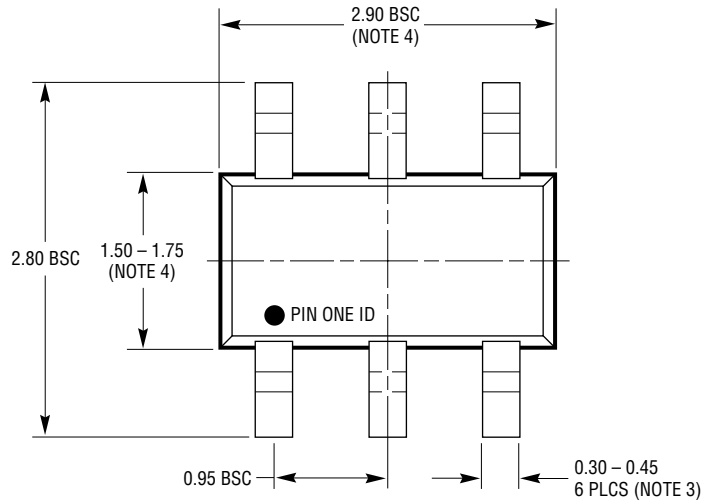
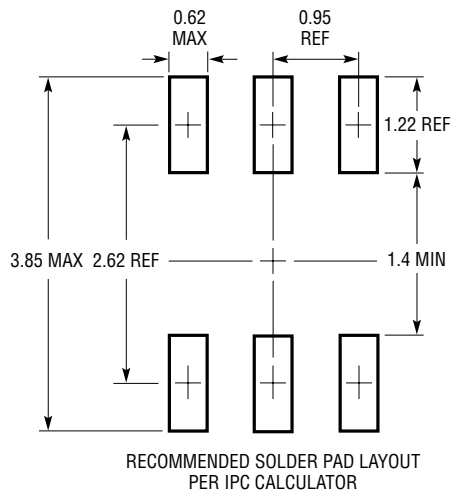


Figure 2. Mobile Phone Tx Power Control Application Diagram with a Capacitive Tap

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

S6 Package
6-Lead Plastic TSOT-23
 (Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1636)



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