



GaAs pHEMT MMIC 2 WATT POWER AMPLIFIER, 15 - 20 GHz

Typical Applications

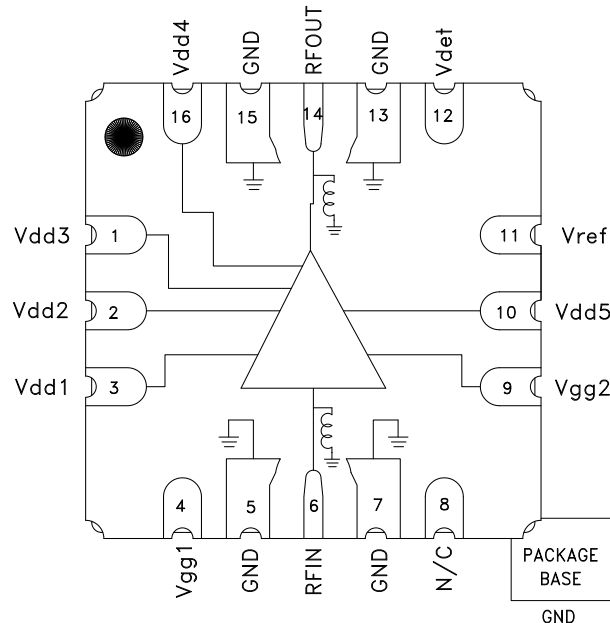
The HMC6981LS6 is ideal for:

- Point-to-Point Radios
- Point-to-Multi-Point Radios
- SATCOM

Features

- P1dB Output Power: +32 dBm
- 25% PAE @ +34 dBm Pout
- Gain: 26 dB
- Output IP3: +43 dBm
- 50 Ohm Matched Input/Output
- Ceramic 6 x 6 mm High Frequency Air Cavity Package

Functional Diagram



General Description

The HMC6981LS6 is a four-stage GaAs pHEMT MMIC Power Amplifier with an integrated temperature compensated on-chip Power Detector, which operates between 15 and 20 GHz. The amplifier provides 26 dB of gain, +34 dBm of saturated output power, and 25% PAE from a +5.5V supply. With an excellent output IP3 of +43 dBm, the HMC6981LS6 is ideal for linear applications such as high capacity point-to-point or point-to-multi-point radios or SATCOM applications demanding +34 dBm of efficient saturated output power. The HMC6981LS6 is housed in a ceramic 6 x 6 mm high frequency air cavity package which exhibits low thermal resistance and is compatible with high volume surface mount manufacturing techniques. The RF I/Os are internally matched to 50 Ohms.

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ C$

$V_{dd} = V_{dd1}, V_{dd2}, V_{dd3}, V_{dd4}, V_{dd5} = +5.5V, I_{dd} = 1100 mA$ [1]

| Parameter | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|---|---------|------|---------|------|------|------|--------|
| Frequency Range | 15 - 17 | | 17 - 20 | | | | GHz |
| Gain | 24 | 27 | | 23 | 26 | | dB |
| Gain Variation Over Temperature | 0.042 | | 0.038 | | | | dB/ °C |
| Input Return Loss | 9 | | 13 | | | | dB |
| Output Return Loss | 13 | | 15 | | | | dB |
| Output Power for 1 dB Compression (P1dB) | 30 | 32 | | 30.5 | 32.5 | | dBm |
| Saturated Output Power (P _{sat}) | 34 | | 34 | | | | dBm |
| Output Third Order Intercept (IP3) ^[2] | 42 | | 43 | | | | dBm |
| Total Supply Current (I _{dd}) | 1100 | | 1100 | | | | mA |

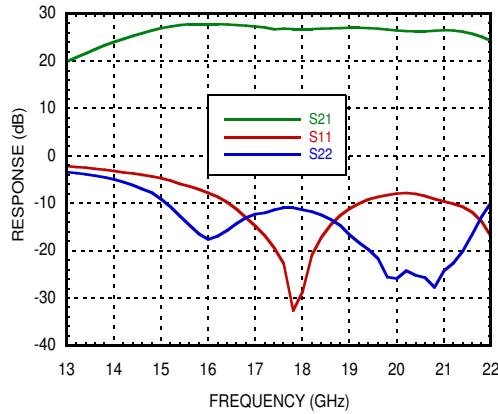
[1] Adjust V_{gg} between -2 to 0V to achieve I_{dd} = 1100 mA typical.

[2] Measurement taken at +5.5V @ 1100 mA, P_{out} / Tone = +20 dBm

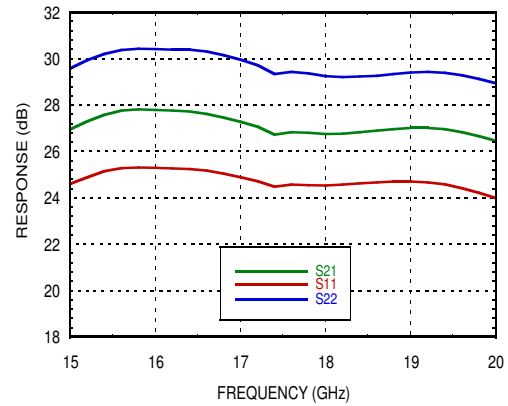


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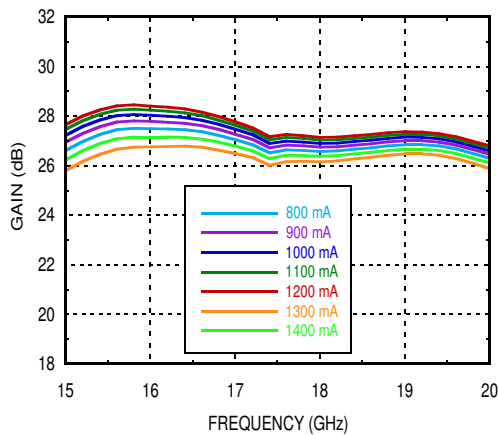
Gain & Return Loss



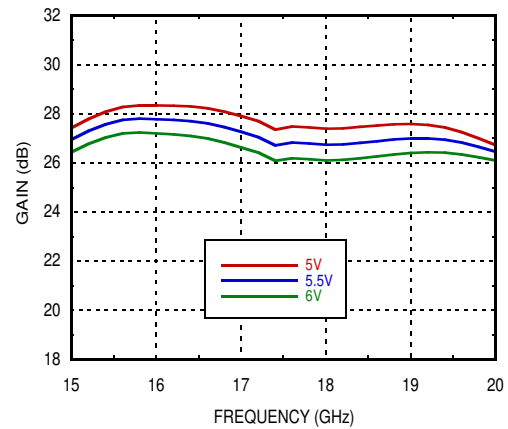
Gain vs. Temperature



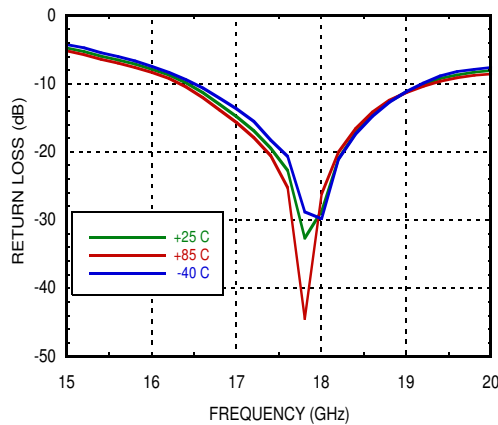
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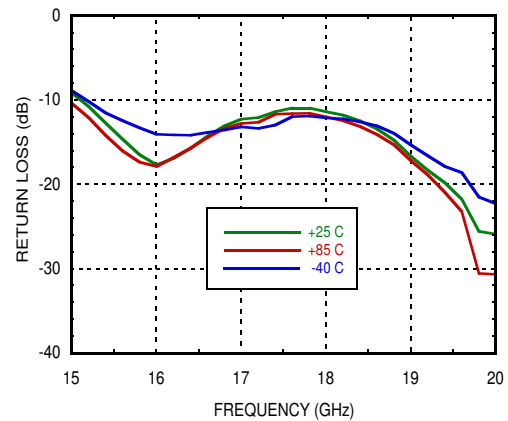
Gain vs. Supply Voltage



Input Return Loss vs. Temperature



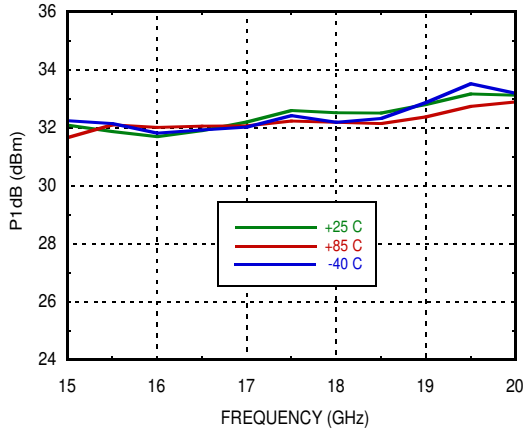
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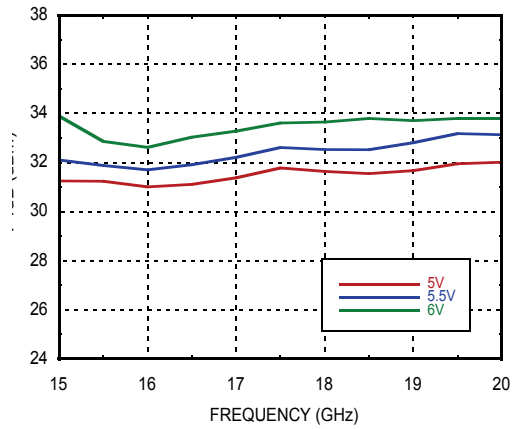


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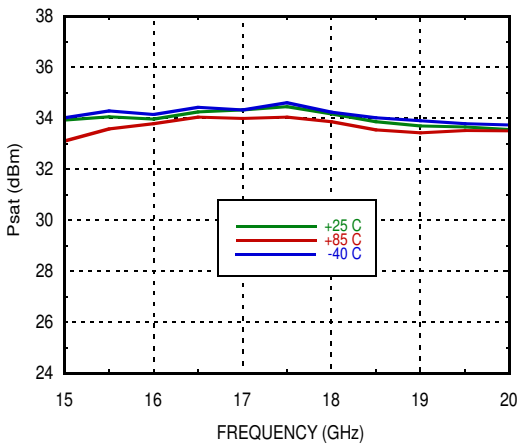
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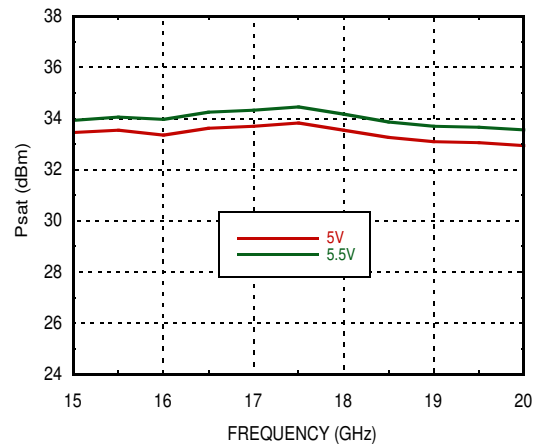
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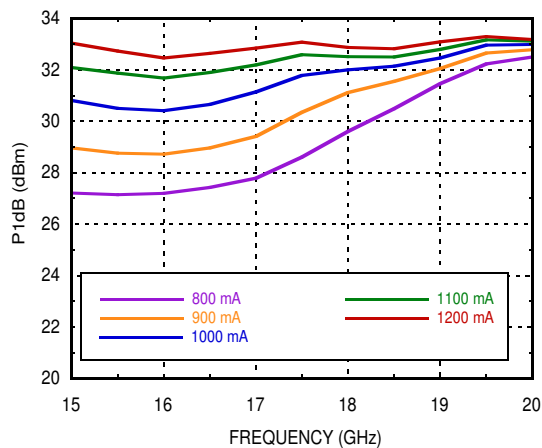
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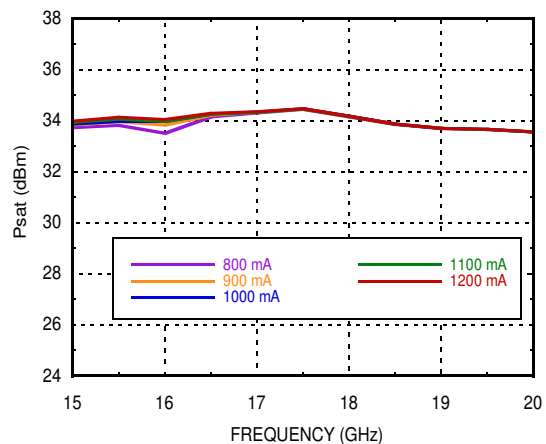
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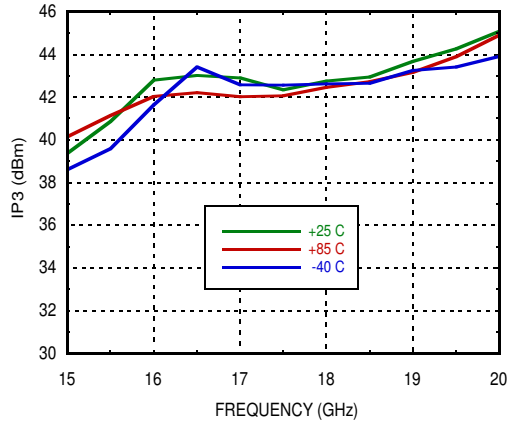
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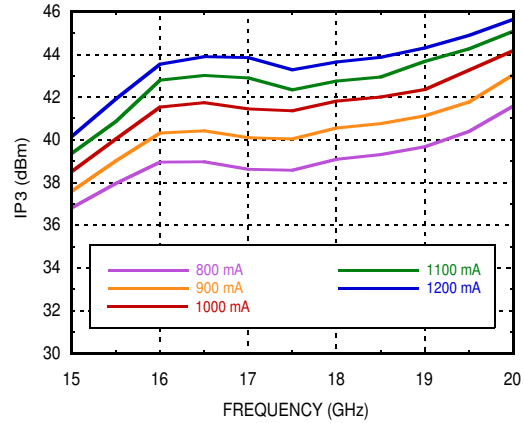


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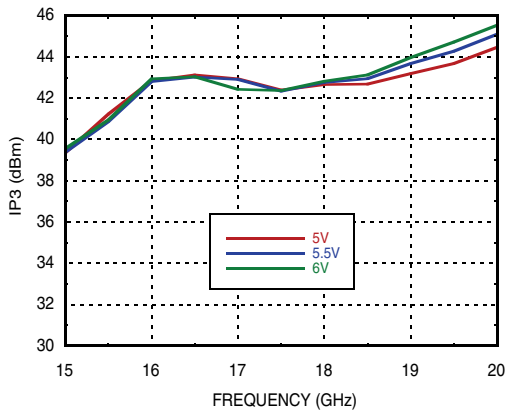
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Pout/tone = +20 dBm**



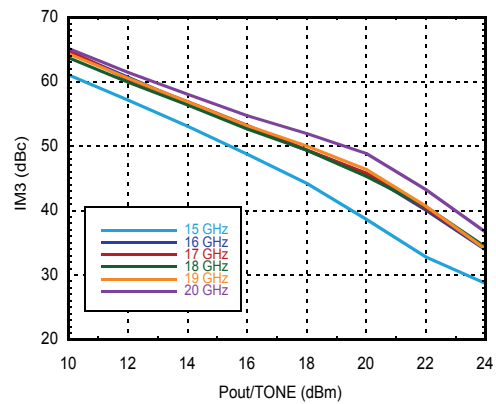
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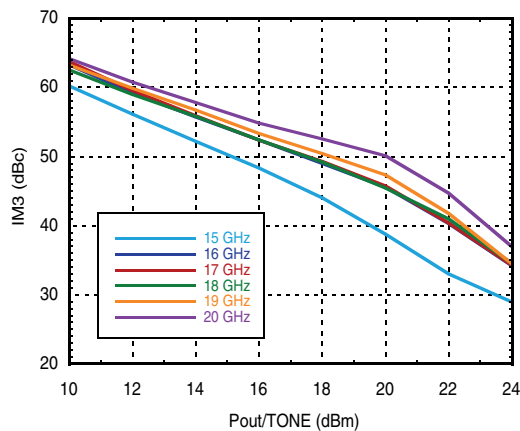
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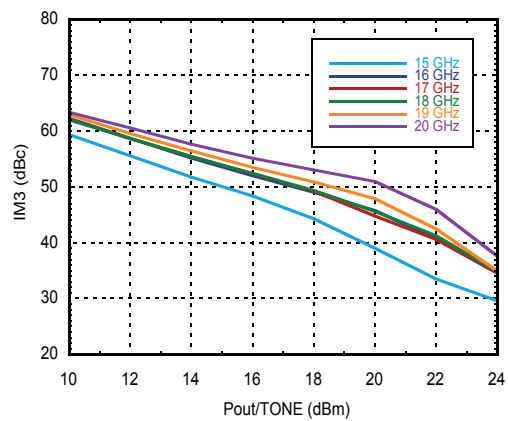
Output IM3 @ Vdd = +5V



Output IM3 @ Vdd = +5.5V



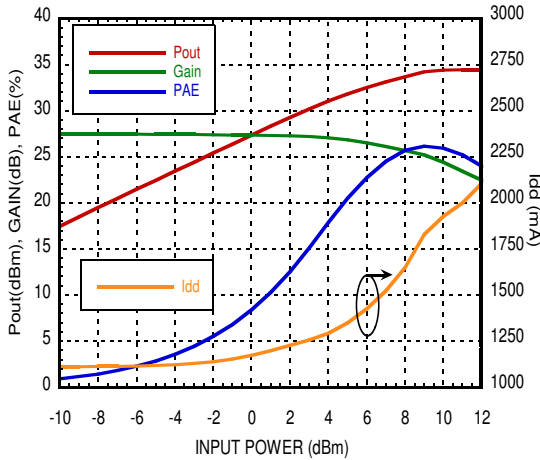
Output IM3 @ Vdd = +6V



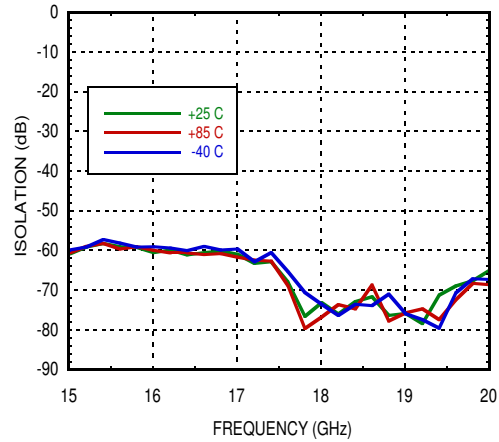


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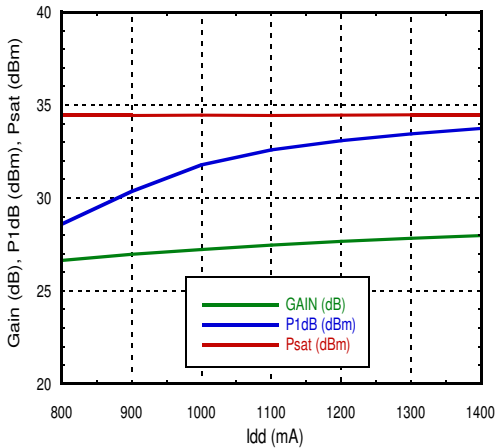
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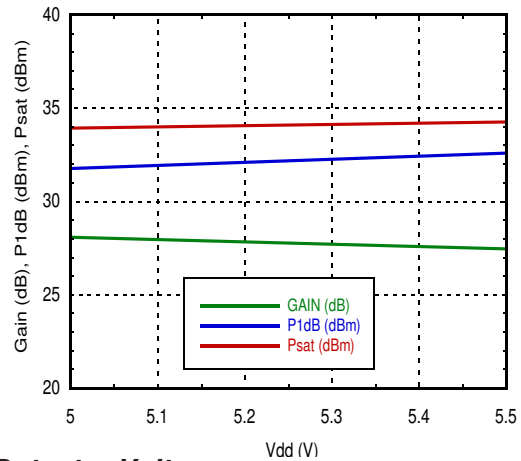
Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature



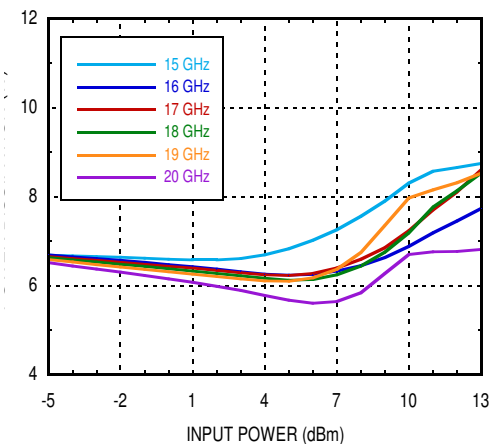
Gain & Power vs. Supply Current @ 17.5 GHz



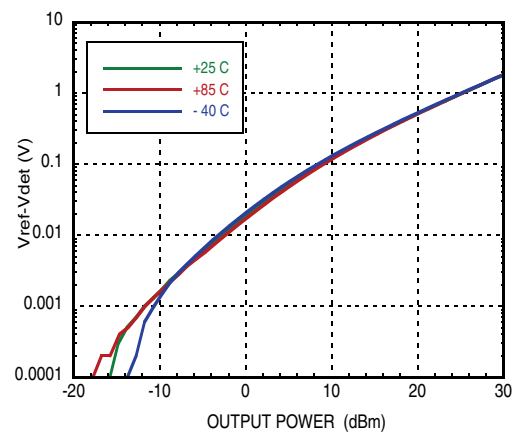
Gain & Power vs. Supply Voltage @ 17.5 GHz



Power Dissipation



Detector Voltage vs. Temperature @ 17.5 GHz

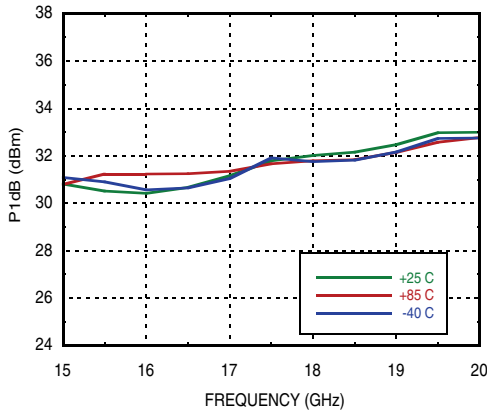




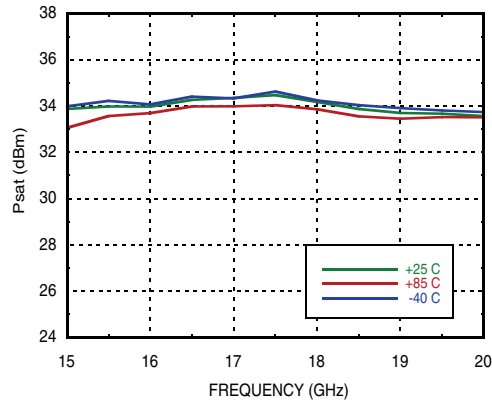
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Low DC Power Mode, $V_{dd} = 5.5V$, $I_{dd} = 1000\text{ mA}$

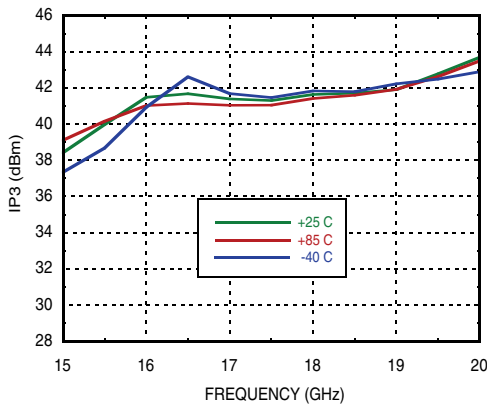
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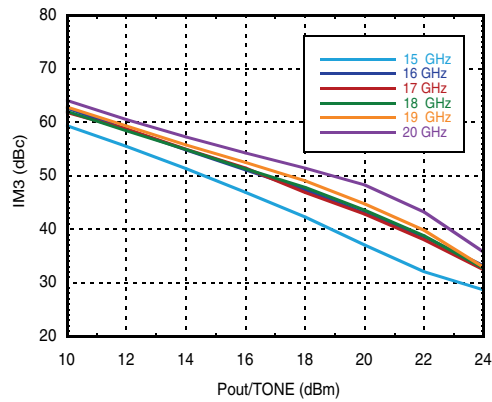
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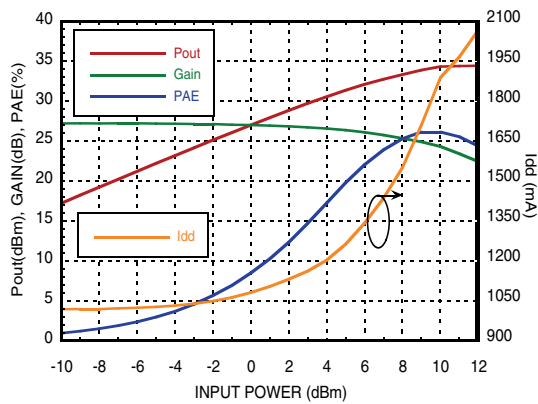
Output IP3 vs. Temperature, $P_{out}/tone = +20\text{ dBm}$



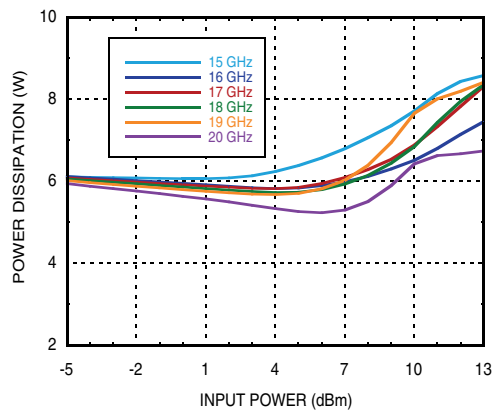
Output IM3 @ $V_{dd} = +5.5V$, 1000 mA



Power Compression @ 17.5 GHz



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Absolute Maximum Ratings

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Drain Bias Voltage (Vdd) | +6.5 Vdc |
| Gate Bias Voltage (Vgg) | -3 to 0 Vdc |
| RF Input Power (RFIN) | +18 dBm |
| Channel Temperature | 175 °C |
| Continuous Pdiss (T = 85 °C) (derate 129 mW/°C above 85 °C) | 11.7 W |
| Thermal Resistance (channel to ground paddle) | 7.7 °C/W |
| Storage Temperature | -65 to 150 °C |
| Operating Temperature | -40 to 85 °C |
| ESD Sensitivity (HBM) | Class 0, Passed 150V |

Typical Supply Current vs. Vdd

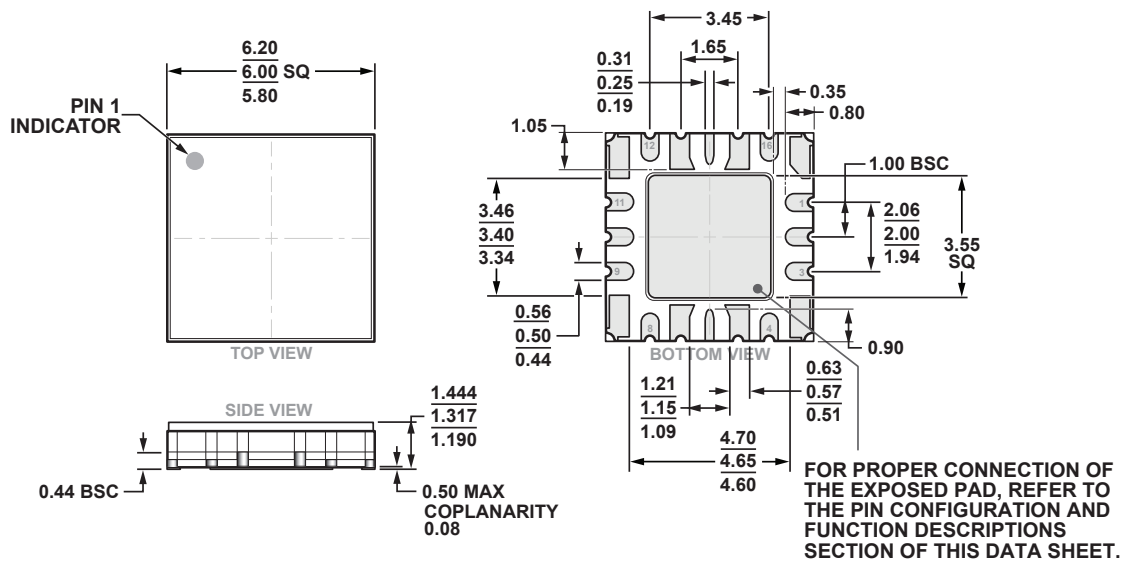
| Vdd (V) | Idd (mA) |
|---------|----------|
| +5 | 1100 |
| +5.5 | 1100 |
| +6 | 1100 |

Adjust Vgg to achieve Idd = 1100 mA



**ELECTROSTATIC SENSITIVE DEVICE
OBSERVE HANDLING PRECAUTIONS**

Outline Drawing



16-Terminal Ceramic Leadless Chip Carrier with Heat Sink [LCC_HS]
(EP-16-2)

Dimensions shown in millimeters.

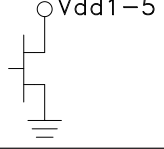
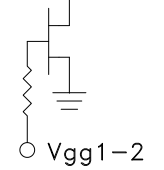
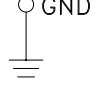

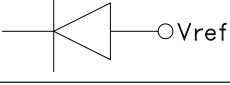
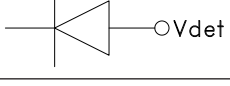
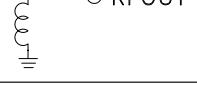
Package Information

| Part Number | Package Body Material | Lead Finish | MSL Rating ^[2] | Package Marking ^[1] |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HMC6981LS6 | ALUMINA WHITE | Gold over Nickel | N/A | H6981 XXXX |

[1] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

[2] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C


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Pin Descriptions

| Pad Number | Function | Description | Interface Schematic |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| 1, 2, 3, 10, 16 | Vdd3, Vdd2, Vdd1, Vdd5, Vdd4 | Drain bias voltage. External bypass capacitors of 100 pF, 10 nF, and 4.7 μ F are required for each pin. |  |
| 4, 9 | Vgg1, Vgg2 | Gate control for PA. Adjust Vgg to achieve recommended bias current. External bypass capacitors 100 pF, 10 nF, and 4.7 μ F are required. Apply Vgg bias to either pin 4 or pin 9. |  |
| 5, 7, 13, 15 | GND | These pins and exposed ground paddle must be connected to RF/DC ground. |  |
| 6 | RFIN | This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms. |  |
| 11 | Vref | DC voltage of diode biased through external resistor used for temperature compensation of Vdet. See Application Circuit. |  |
| 12 | Vdet | DC voltage representing RF output power rectified by diode which is biased through an external resistor. See Application Circuit. |  |
| 14 | RFOUT | This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms. |  |



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Application Circuit

