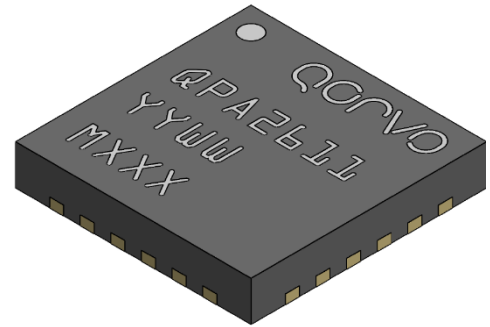


### Product Overview

Qorvo's QPA2611 is a packaged, high performance power amplifier fabricated on Qorvo's production 0.15 um GaN on SiC process (QGaN15). Covering 8 - 12 GHz, the QPA2611 provides > 5 W of saturated output power and 25 dB of large-signal gain while achieving an impressive 42% power-added efficiency.

Packaged in a small 5 x 5 mm plastic overmold QFN, tight lattice spacing requirements for phased array radar applications is easily supported. RF input and output ports are matched to 50Ω with integrated DC blocking capacitors. QPA2611 is part of a three-amplifier family and is pin compatible to QPA2610 and QPA2612.

Lead-free and RoHS compliant.

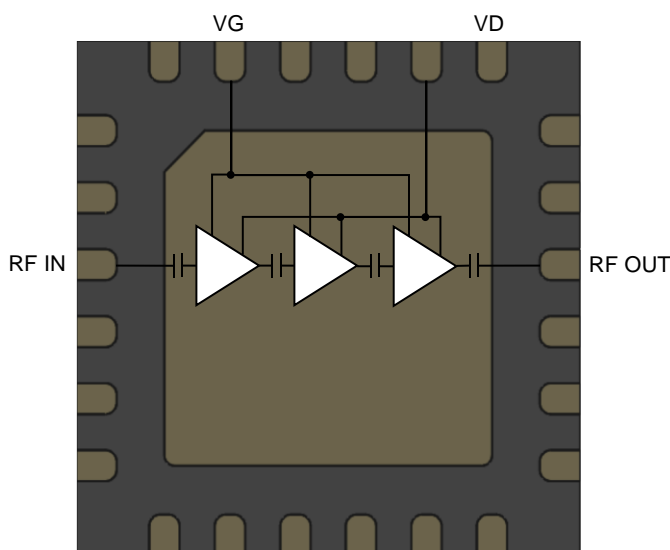


5 mm x 5 mm plastic overmold QFN

### Key Features

- Frequency Range: 8.0 – 12.0 GHz
- Output Power ( $P_{IN} = 12 \text{ dBm}$ ): > 37 dBm
- PAE ( $P_{IN} = 12 \text{ dBm}$ ): 42 %
- Small Signal Gain: 35 dB
- Input Return Loss: > 12 dB
- Output Return Loss: > 15 dB
- Recommended Bias:  $V_D = 24 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{DQ} = 105 \text{ mA}$
- Package Size: 5.0 mm x 5.0 mm x 0.85 mm

### Functional Block Diagram



Top View

### Applications

- Radar
- Communications
- Satcom

### Ordering Information

Part No.	Description
QPA2611	5 Watt X-Band Power Amplifier
QPA2611TR7	500 pcs. on 7 inch reel
QPA2611EVB	QPA2611 Evaluation Board

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Rating
Drain Voltage ( $V_D$ )	29.5 V
Gate Voltage Range ( $V_G$ )	-4 to 0 V
Drain Current ( $I_D$ )	1000 mA
Gate Current ( $I_G$ )	See plot pg. 16
Power Dissipation ( $P_{DISS}$ ), $T_{BASE} = 85\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	11 W
Input Power ( $P_{IN}$ ), Pulse (100us/10%), 50 $\Omega$ , 24 V, $T_{BASE} = 85\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	21 dBm
Input Power ( $P_{IN}$ ), Pulse (100us/10%), VSWR 3:1, $V_D = 24\text{ V}$ , $T_{BASE} = 85\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	21 dBm
Mounting Temperature (30 seconds max.)	260 $^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature	-55 to 150 $^\circ\text{C}$

Exceeding any one or a combination of the Absolute Maximum Rating conditions may cause permanent damage to the device. Extended application of Absolute Maximum Rating conditions to the device may reduce device reliability.

## Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Typ
Drain Voltage ( $V_D$ )	24 V
Drain Current ( $I_{DQ}$ )	105 mA
Drain Current Under RF Drive ( $I_{D\_DRIVE}$ )	See plots pg. 4
Gate Voltage Range ( $V_G$ )	-2.8 to -2.0 V
Gate Current Under RF Drive ( $I_{G\_DRIVE}$ )	See plots pg. 4

Electrical specifications are measured at specified test conditions. Specifications are not guaranteed over all recommended operating conditions.

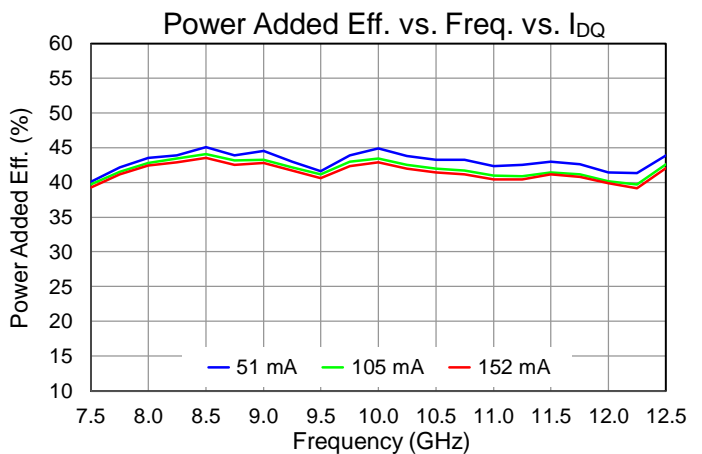
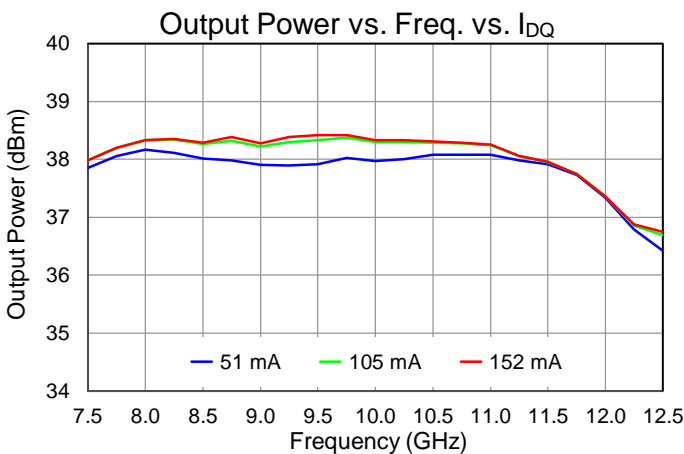
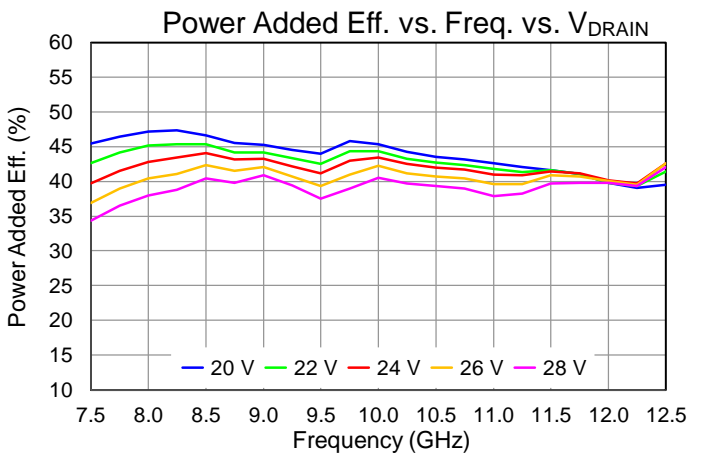
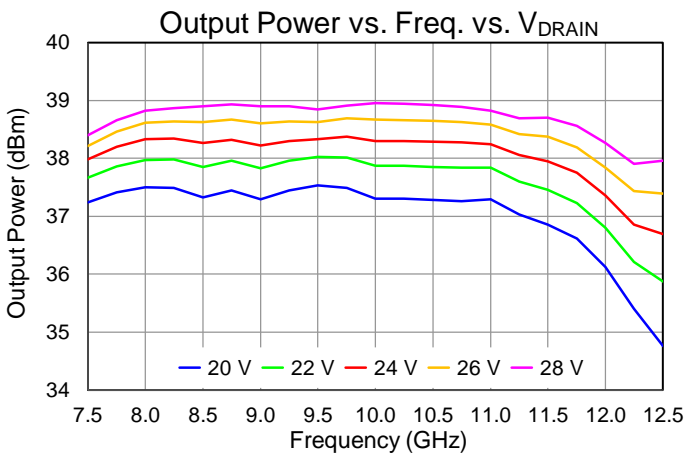
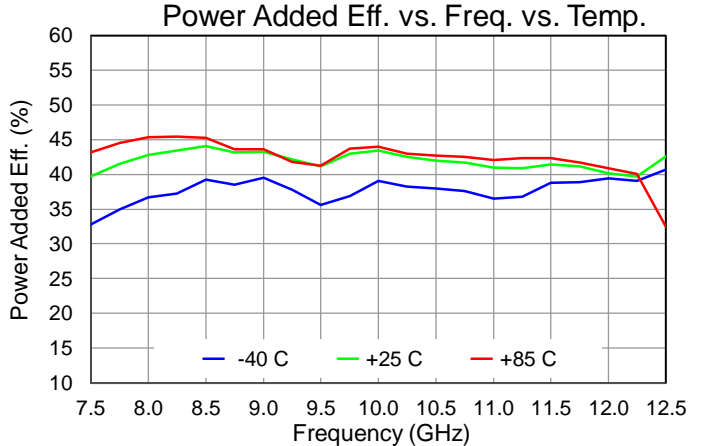
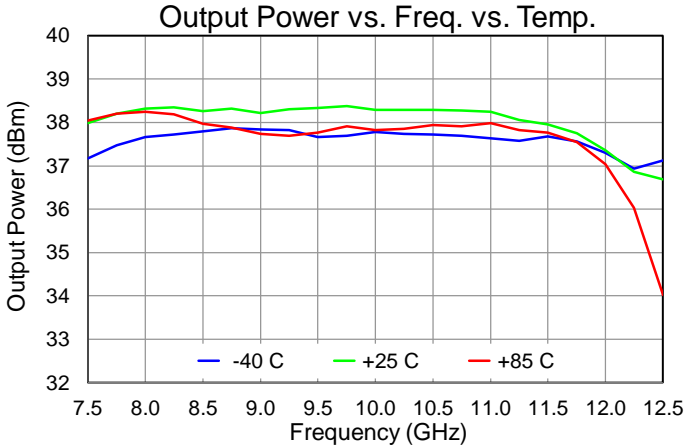
## Electrical Specifications

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Operational Frequency		8		12	GHz
Output Power ( $P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$ )	Pulsed $V_D$		38.2		dBm
Power Added Efficiency ( $P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$ )	Pulsed $V_D$		42.2		%
Small Signal Gain (CW)			35.5		dB
Input Return Loss (CW)			12		dB
Output Return Loss (CW)			15		dB
3 <sup>RD</sup> Order IMD ( $P_{IN}/\text{Tone} = 2\text{ dBm}$ )	10 MHz tone spacing		-15		dBc
$P_{OUT}$ Temp. Coeff. (85 $^\circ\text{C}$ to 25 $^\circ\text{C}$ , $P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$ )			-0.006		dB/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Sm. Sig. Gain Temp. Coefficient (85 $^\circ\text{C}$ to -40 $^\circ\text{C}$ )			-0.074		dB/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Gate Leakage Current	$V_D = 10\text{ V}$ , $V_G = -3.7\text{ V}$	-2.22			mA

Test conditions, unless otherwise noted:  $T = +25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_D = 24\text{ V}$ ,  $I_{DQ} = 105\text{ mA}$ , Pulse Width = 100 us, Duty Cycle = 10%

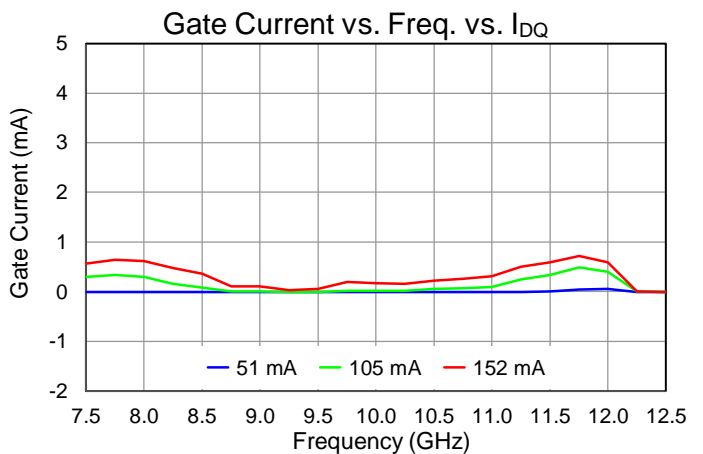
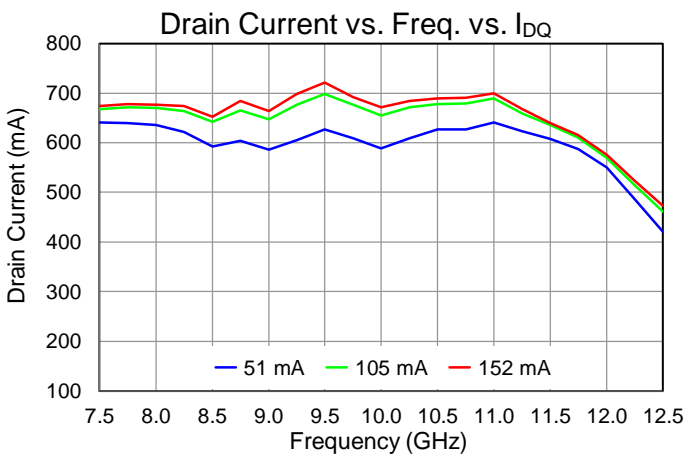
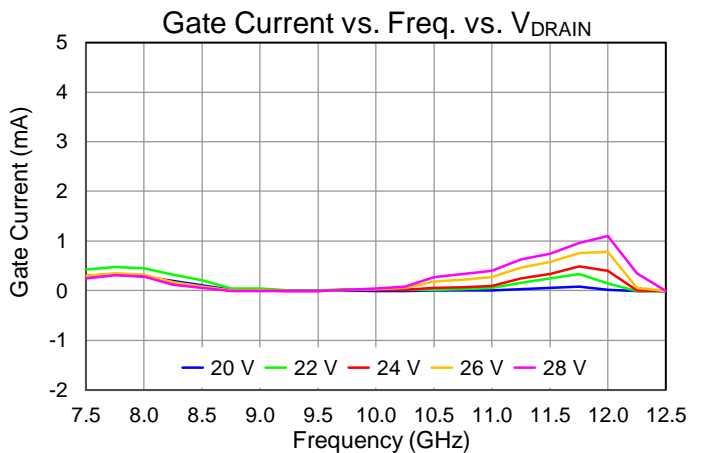
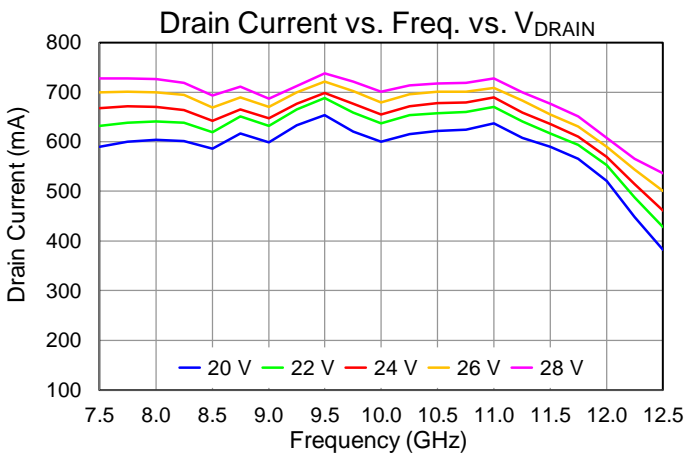
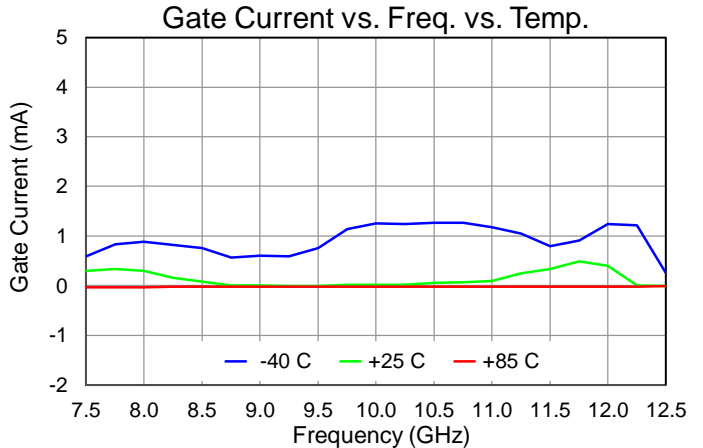
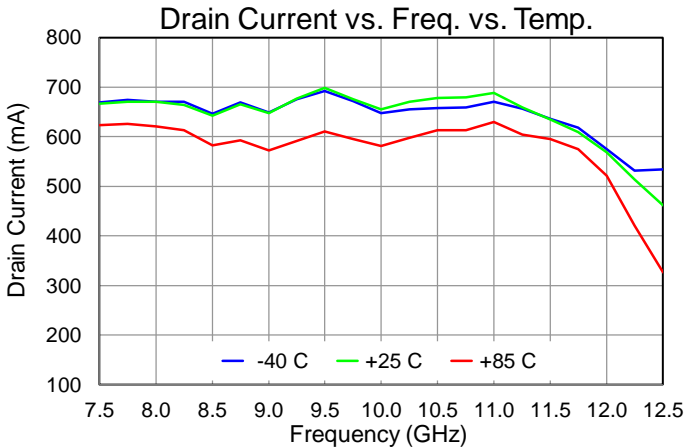
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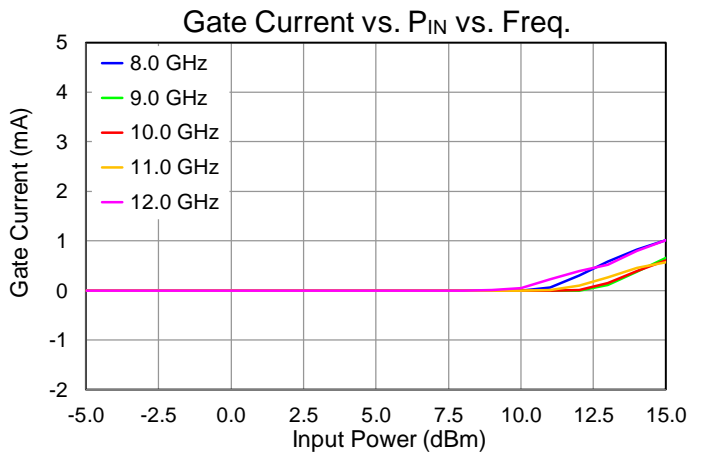
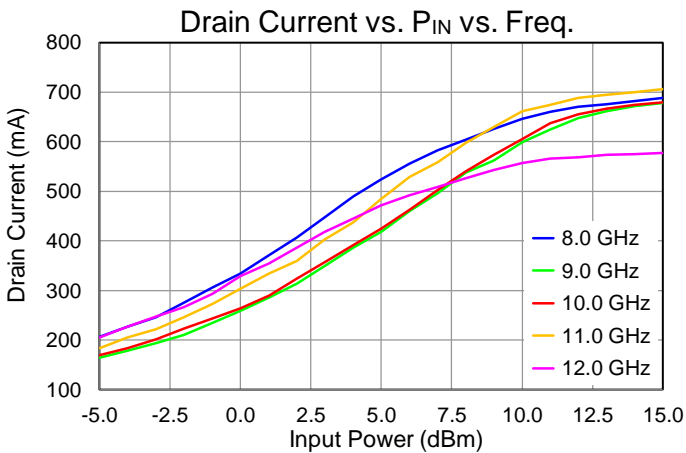
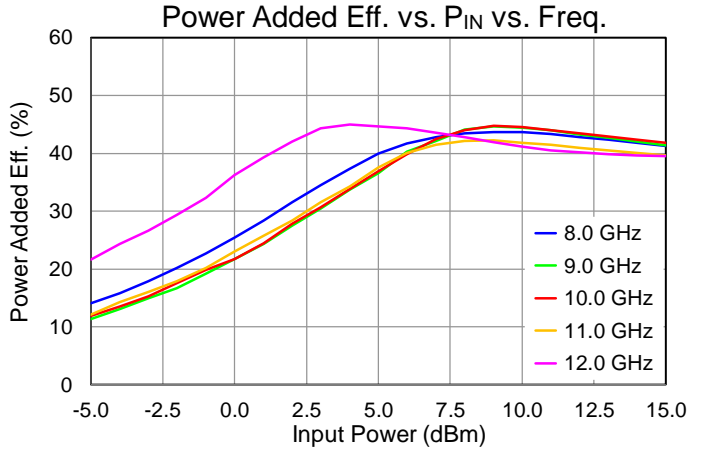
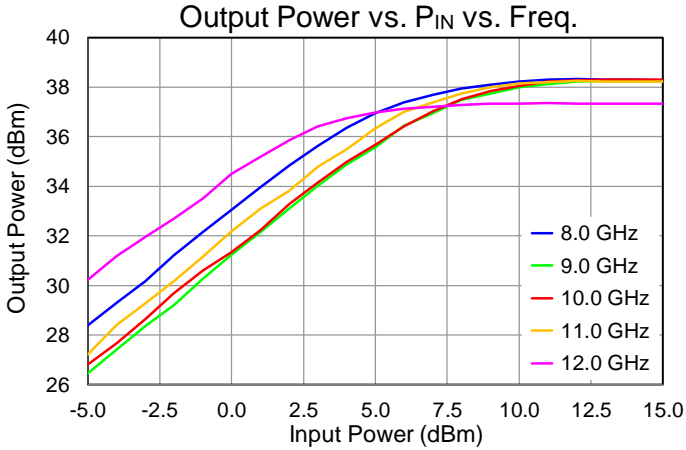
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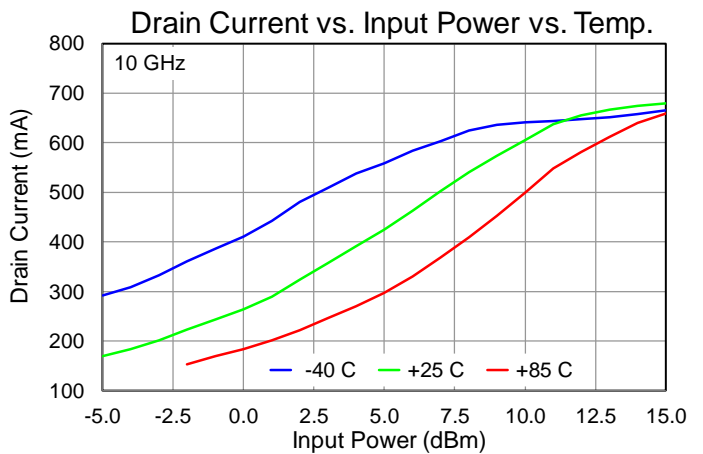
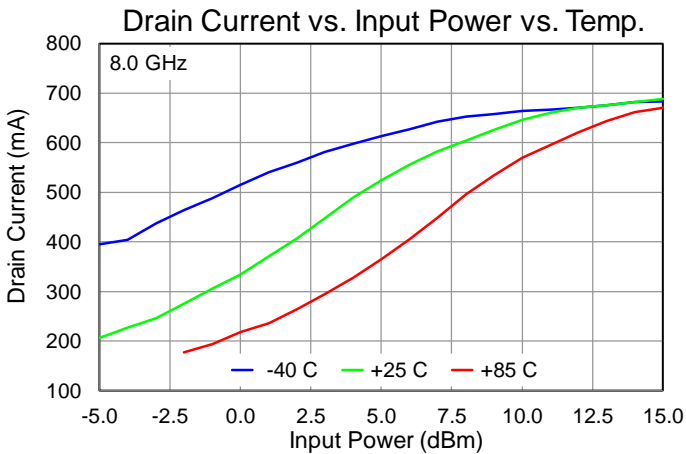
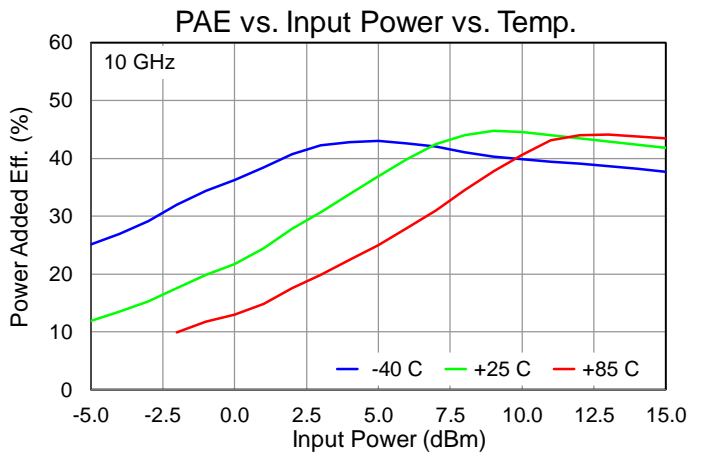
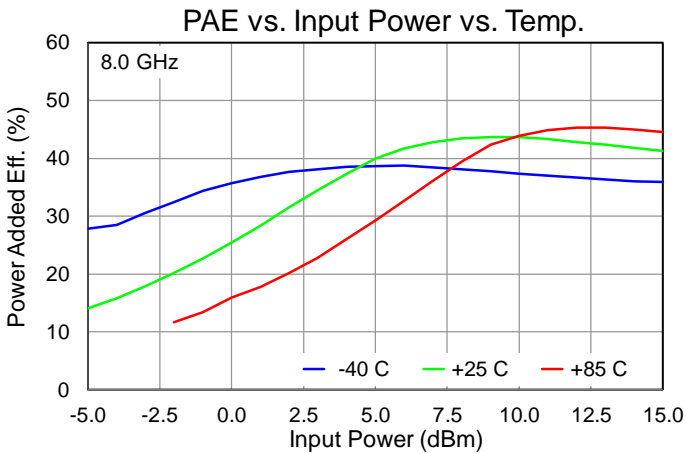
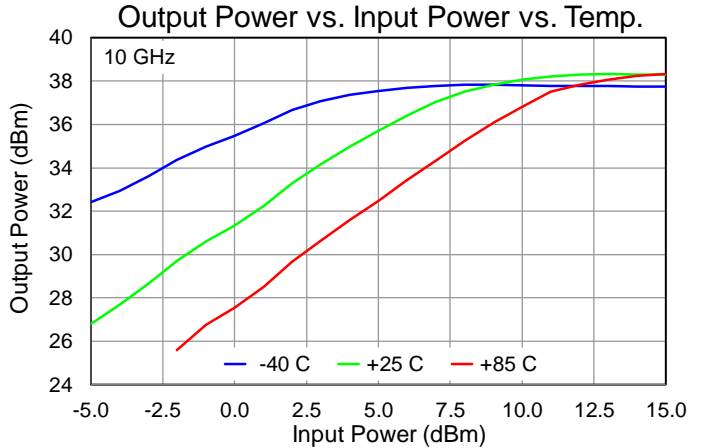
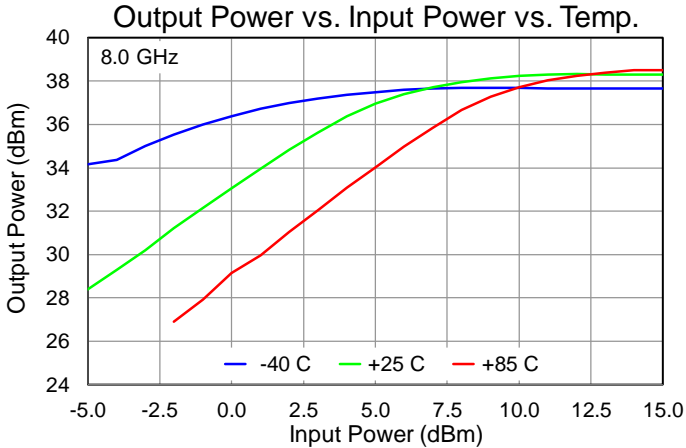
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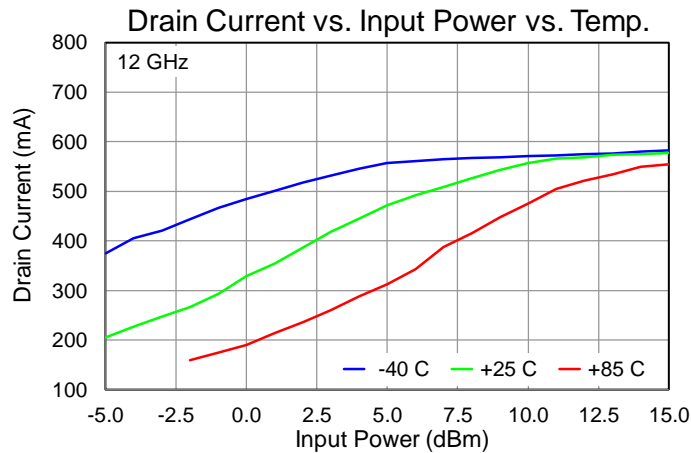
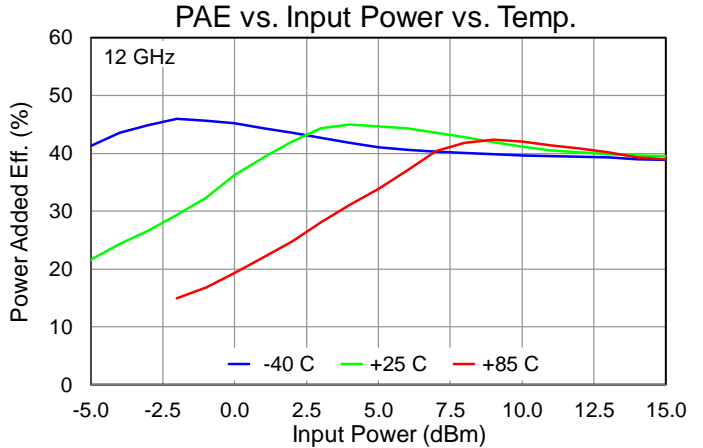
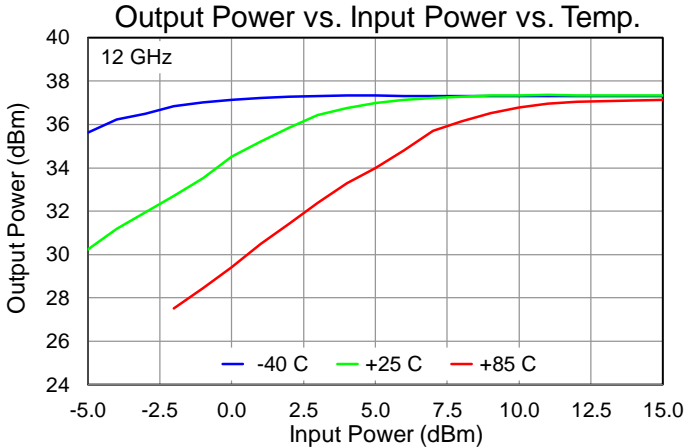
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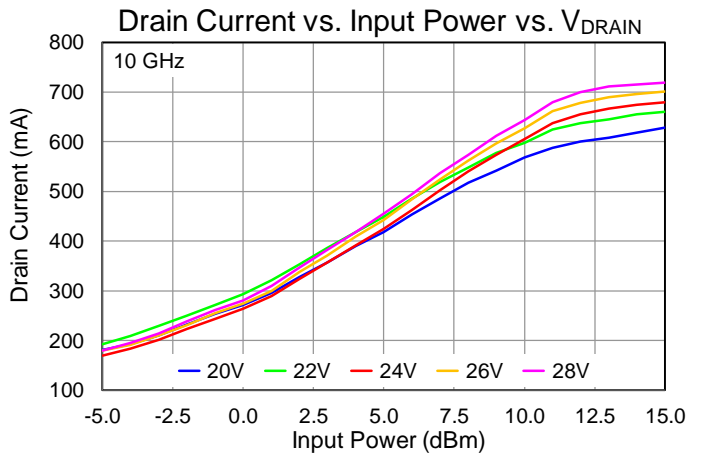
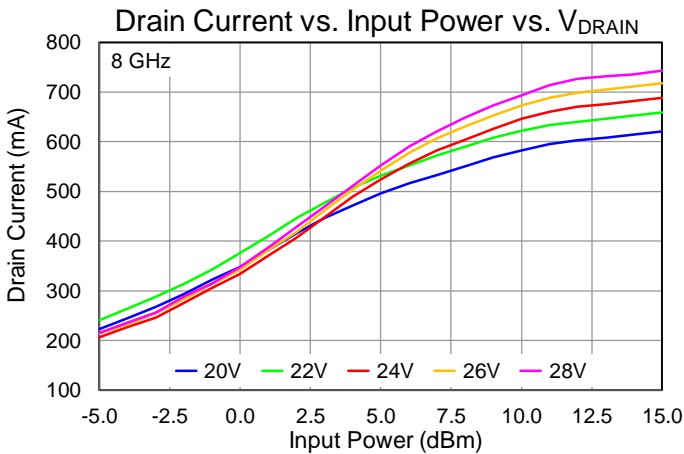
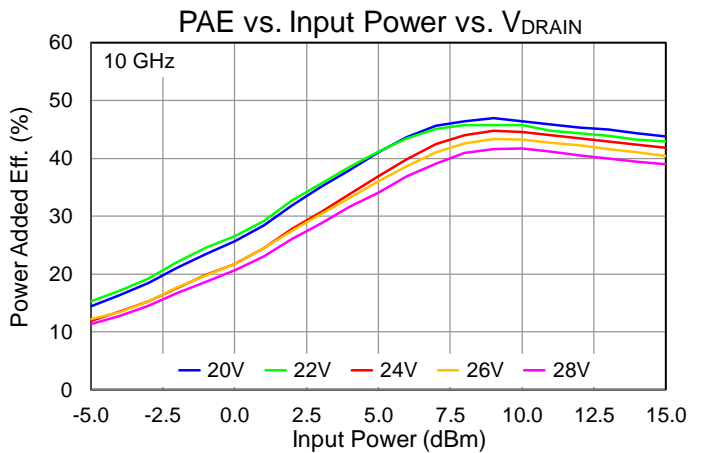
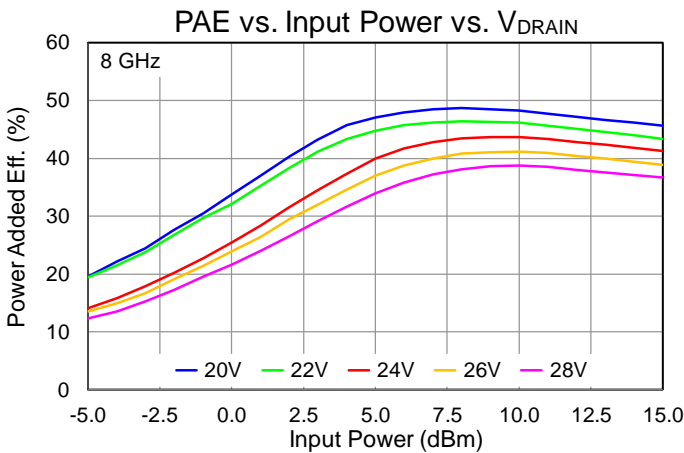
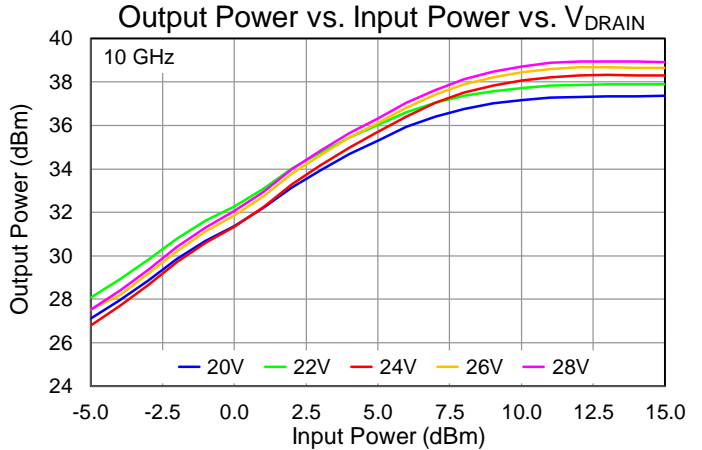
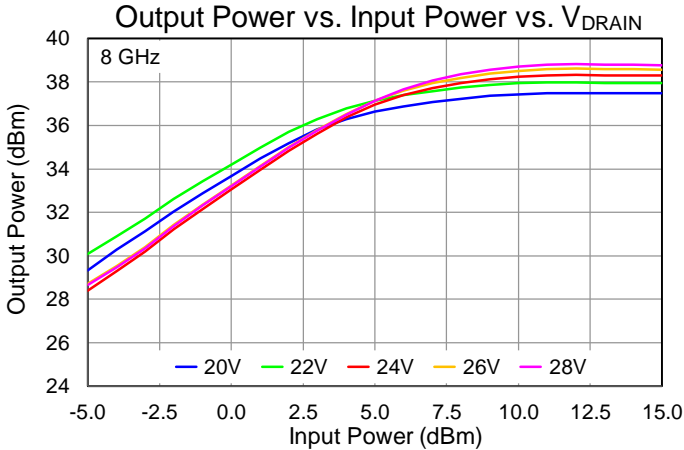
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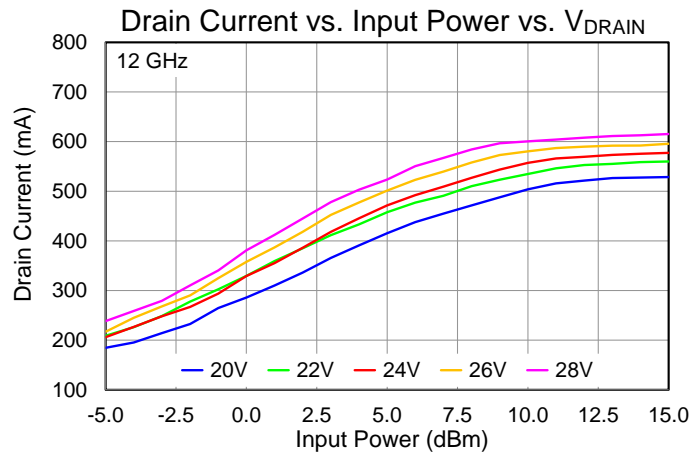
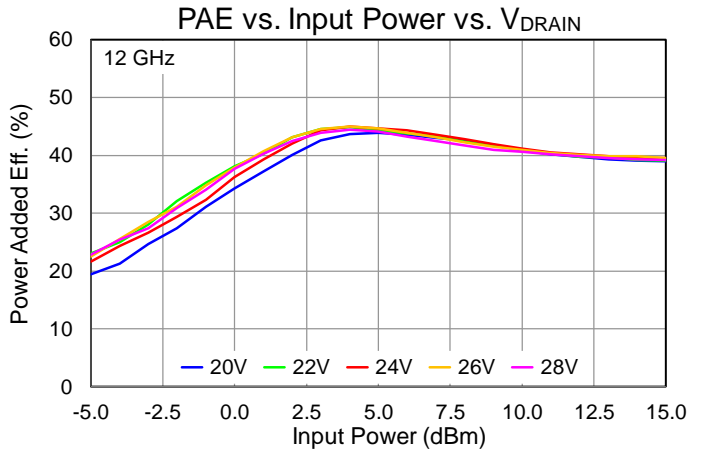
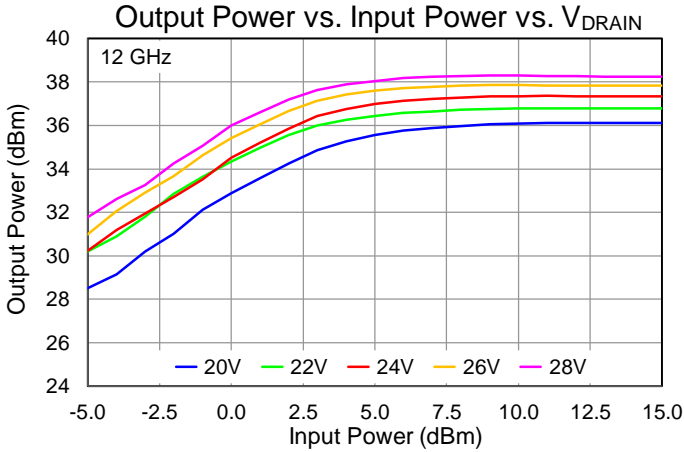
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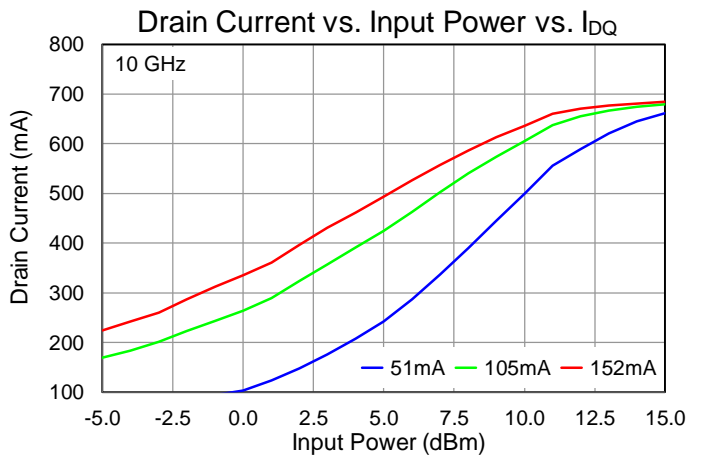
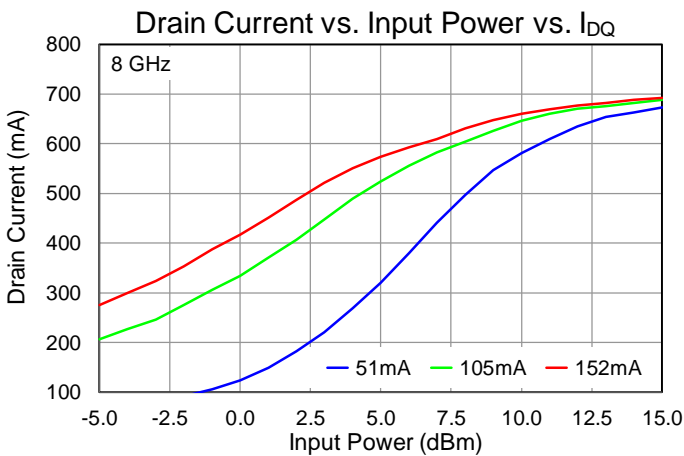
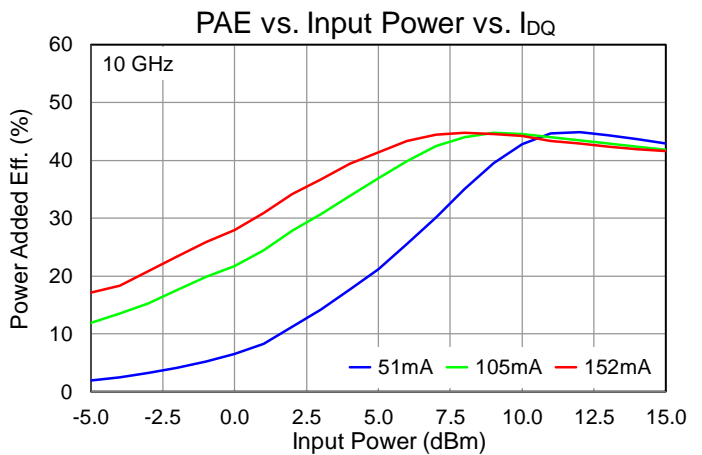
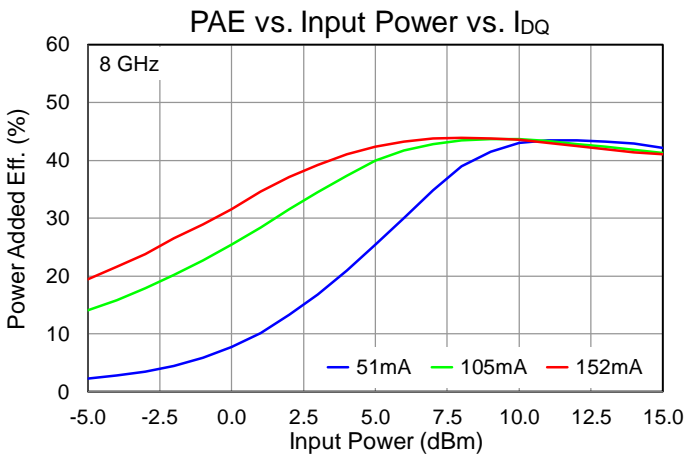
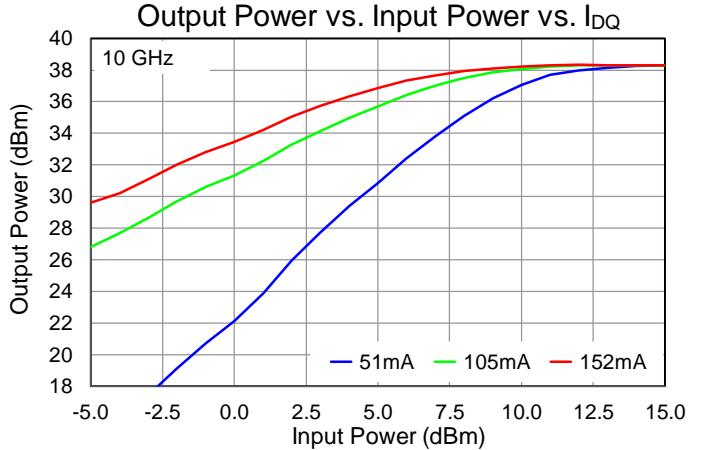
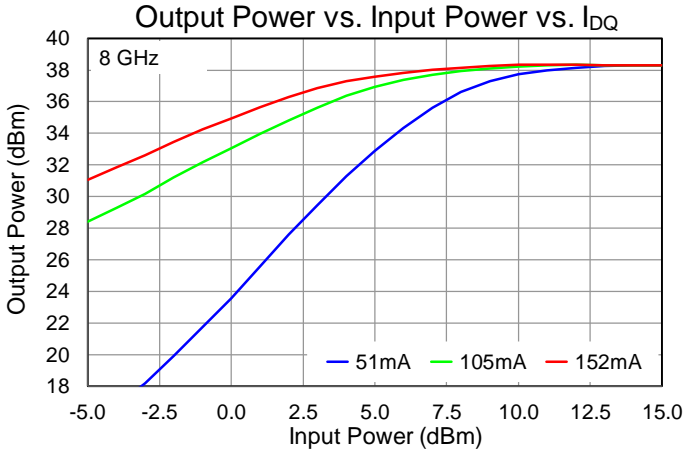
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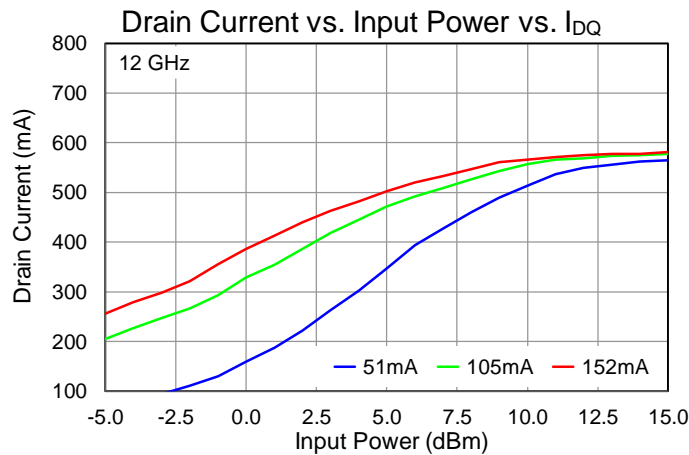
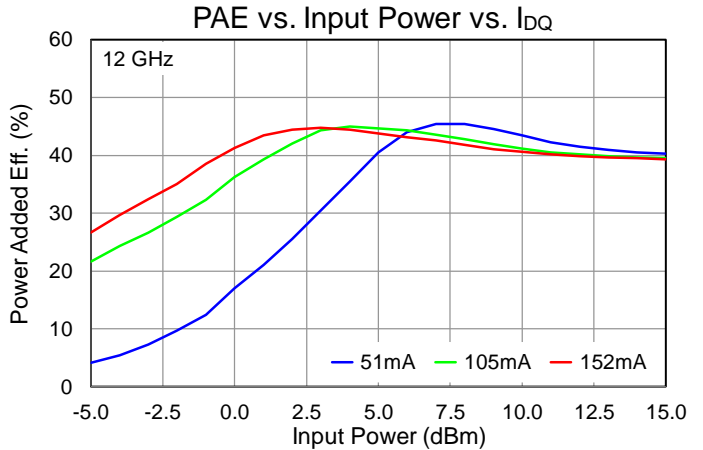
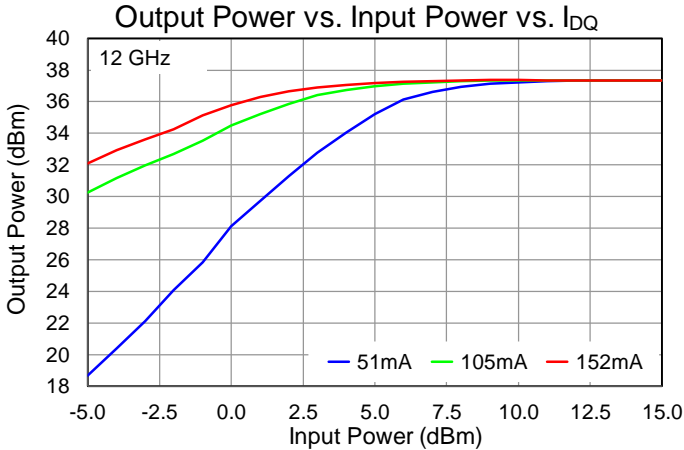
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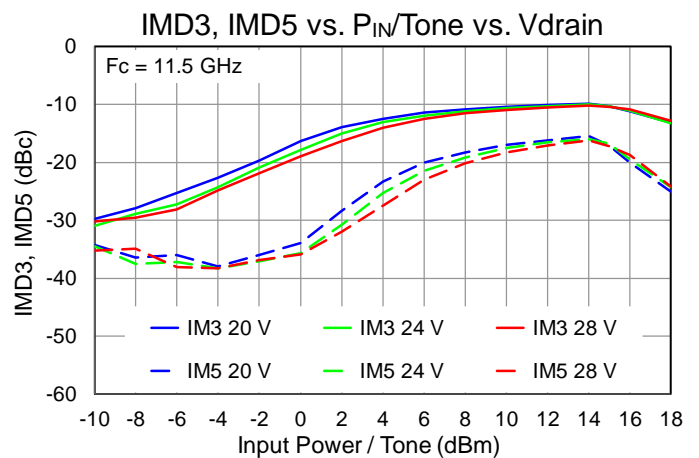
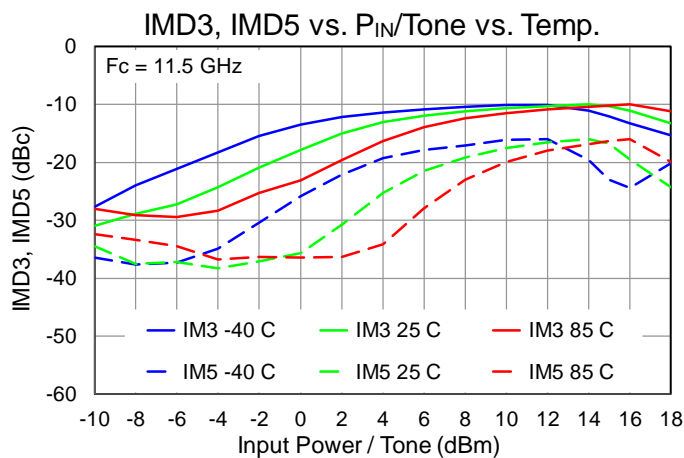
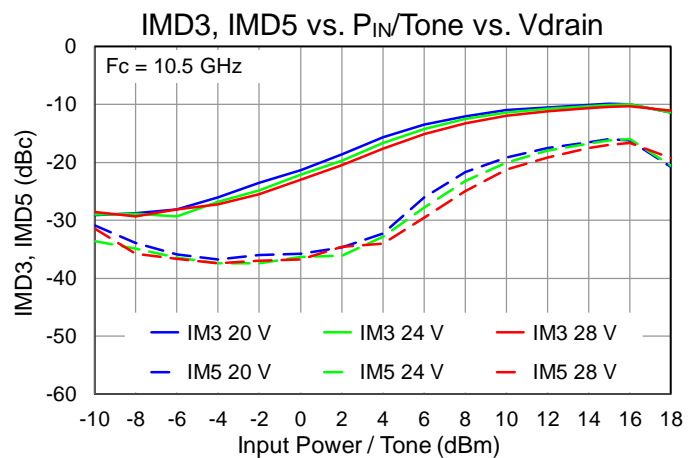
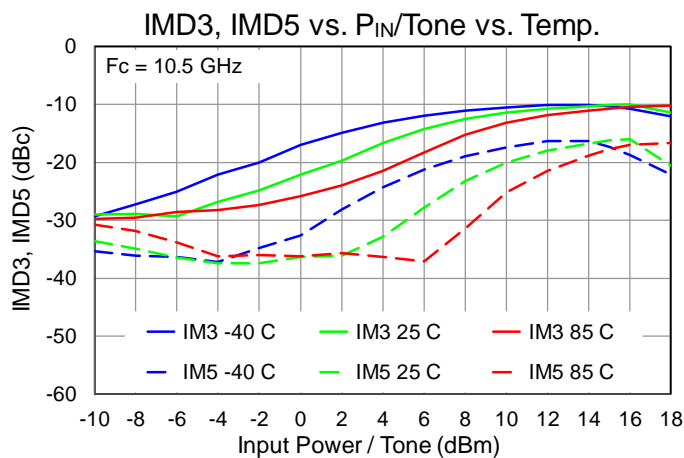
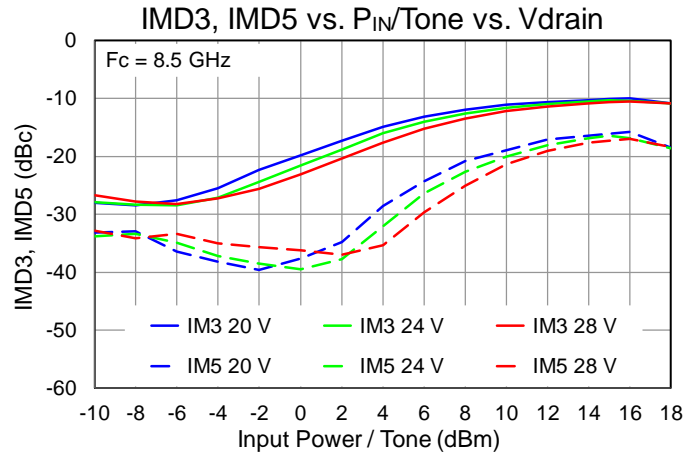
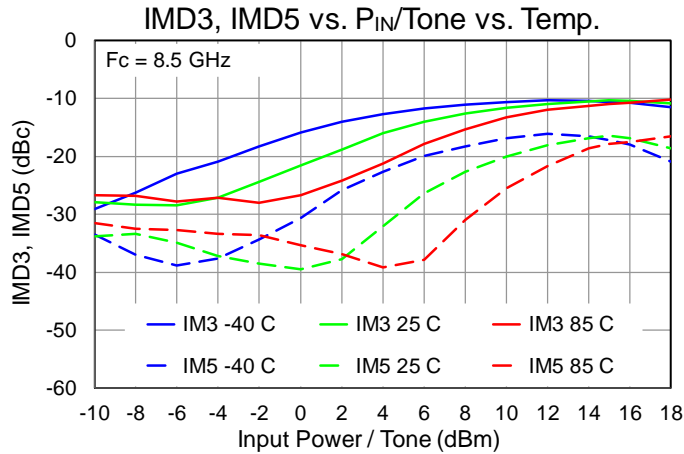
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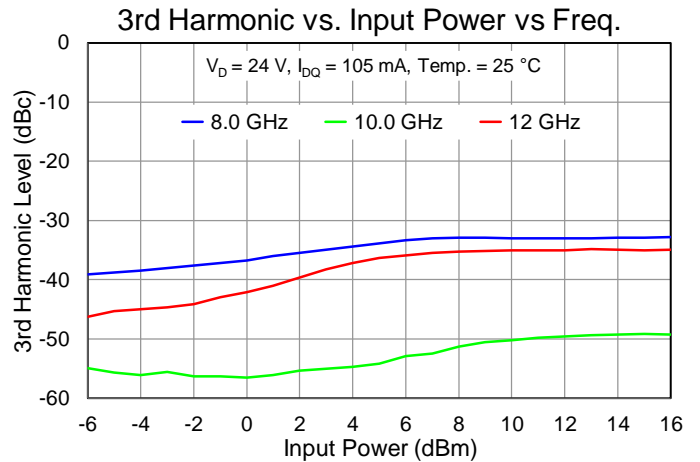
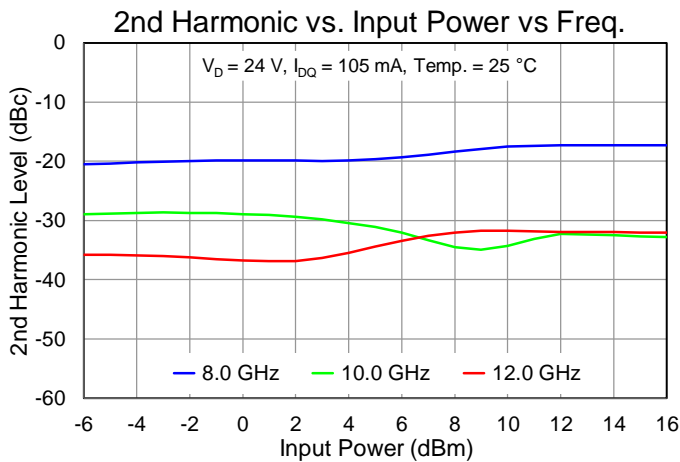
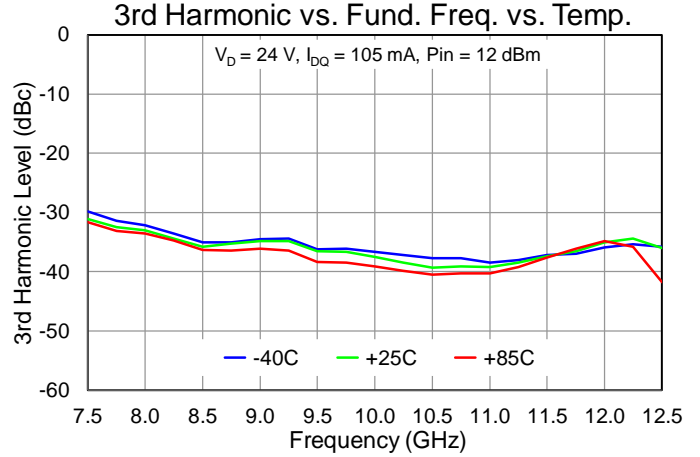
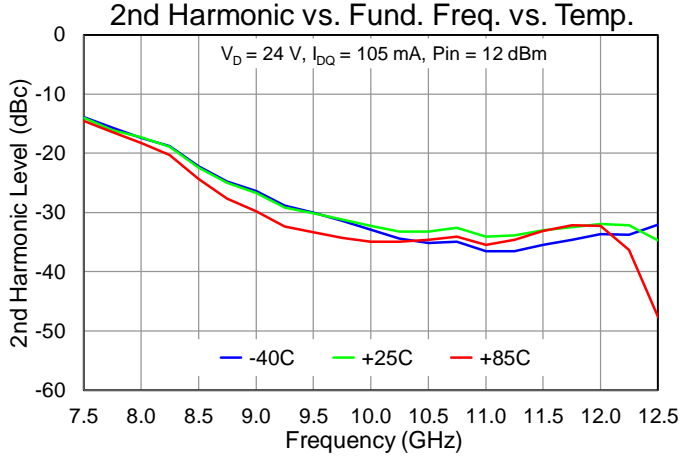
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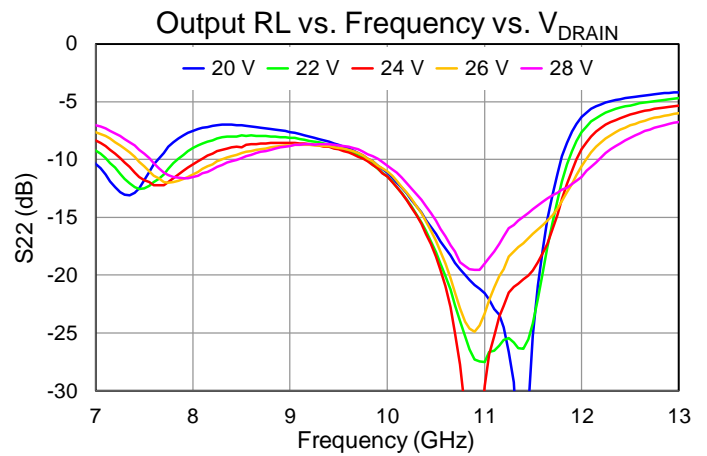
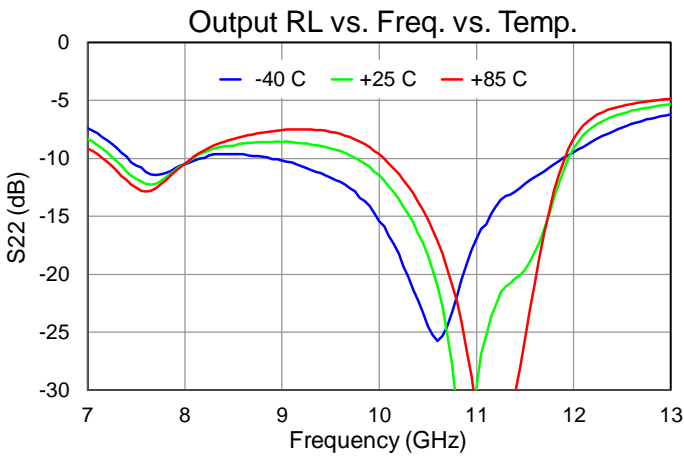
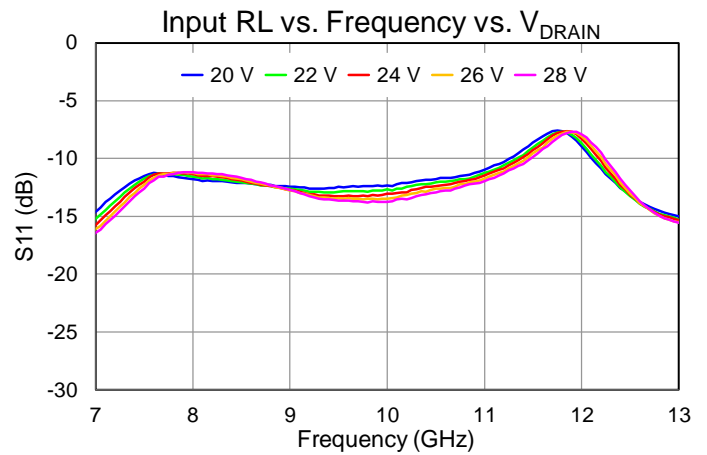
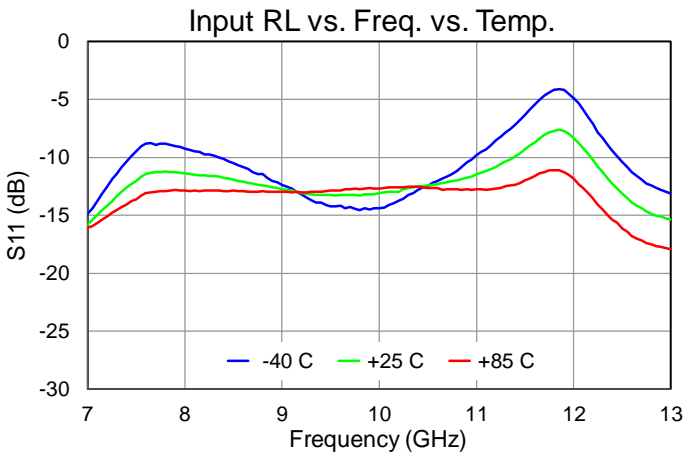
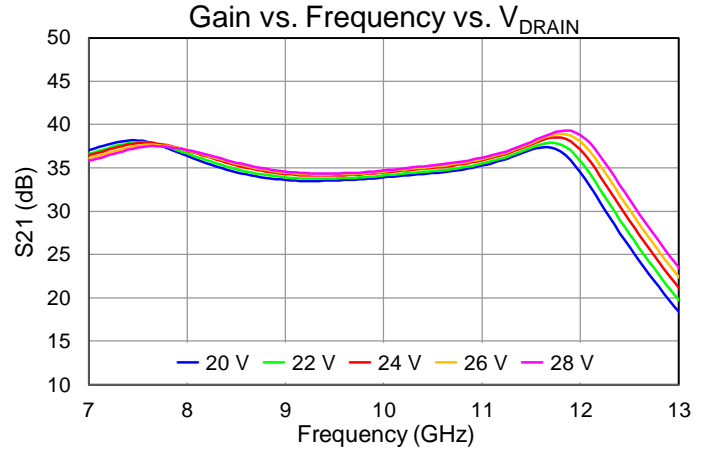
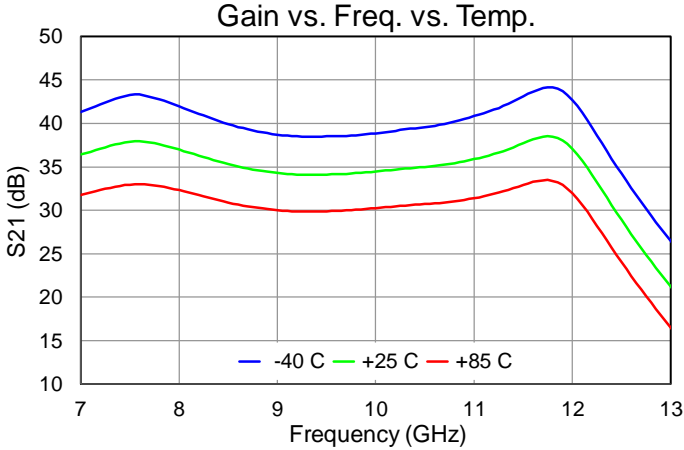
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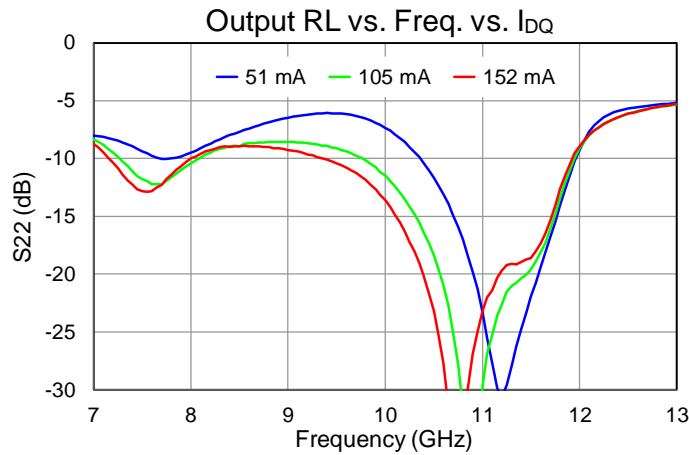
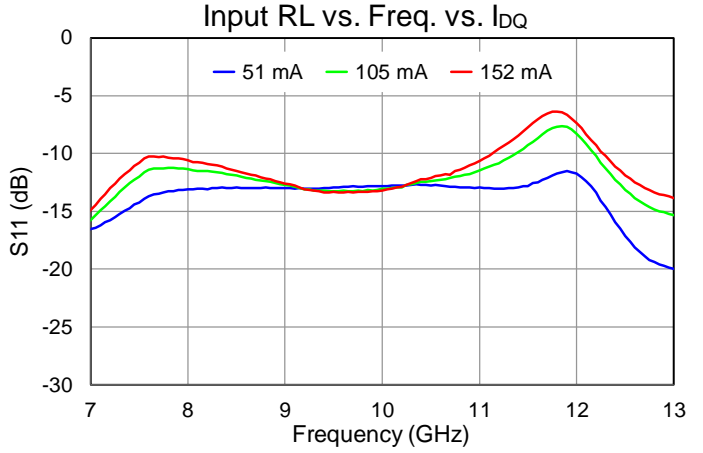
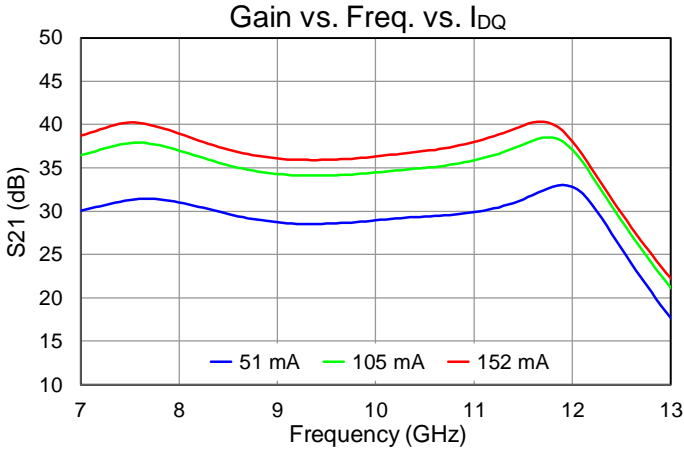
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**Performance Plots – Small Signal**

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## Thermal and Reliability Information

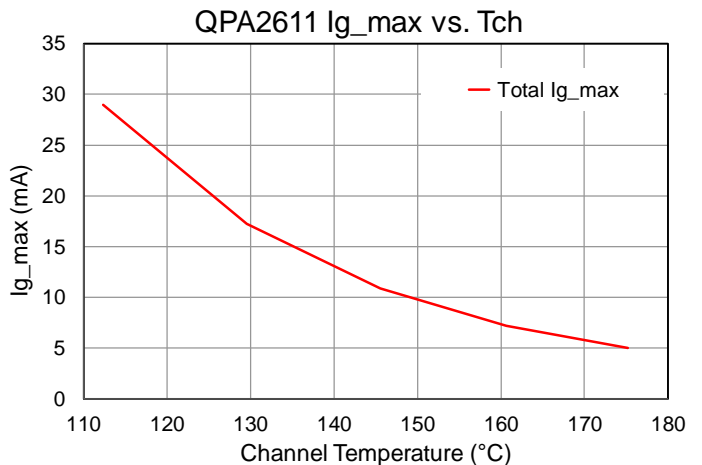
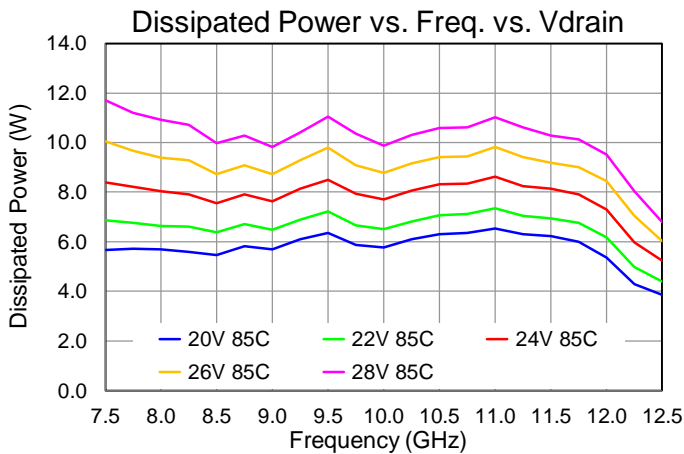
Parameter	Test Conditions	Value	Units
Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JC}$ ) <sup>(1)</sup>	$T_{base} = +85\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $V_D = 24\text{ V}$ , $I_{DQ} = 105\text{ mA}$ , $P_{DISS} = 2.52\text{ W}$ (quiescent, no RF)	9.437	$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$
Channel Temperature, $T_{CH}$ (Under RF) <sup>(2)</sup>		108.8	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JC}$ ) <sup>(1)</sup>	$T_{base} = +85\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $V_D = 24\text{ V}$ , $I_{DQ} = 105\text{ mA}$ , $I_{D\_Drive} = 630\text{ mA}$ , $P_{OUT} = 38.0\text{ dBm}$ , $P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$ , Freq. = 11 GHz, $P_{DISS} = 8.63\text{ W}$ (Pulse: 100us/10%)	9.716	$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$
Channel Temperature, $T_{CH}$ (Under RF) <sup>(2)</sup>		168.9	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JC}$ ) <sup>(1)</sup>	$T_{base} = +85\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $V_D = 28\text{ V}$ , $I_{DQ} = 105\text{ mA}$ , $I_{D\_Drive} = 640\text{ mA}$ , $P_{OUT} = 38.2\text{ dBm}$ , $P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$ , Freq. = 9.5 GHz, $P_{DISS} = 11.05\text{ W}$ (Pulse: 100us/10%)	10.218	$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$
Channel Temperature, $T_{CH}$ (Under RF) <sup>(2)</sup>		197.9	$^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Notes:**

- Thermal resistance is referenced to the back of the package.
- IR scan equivalent temperatures. Refer to the following document: [GaN Device Channel Temperature, Thermal Resistance, and Reliability Estimates](#)

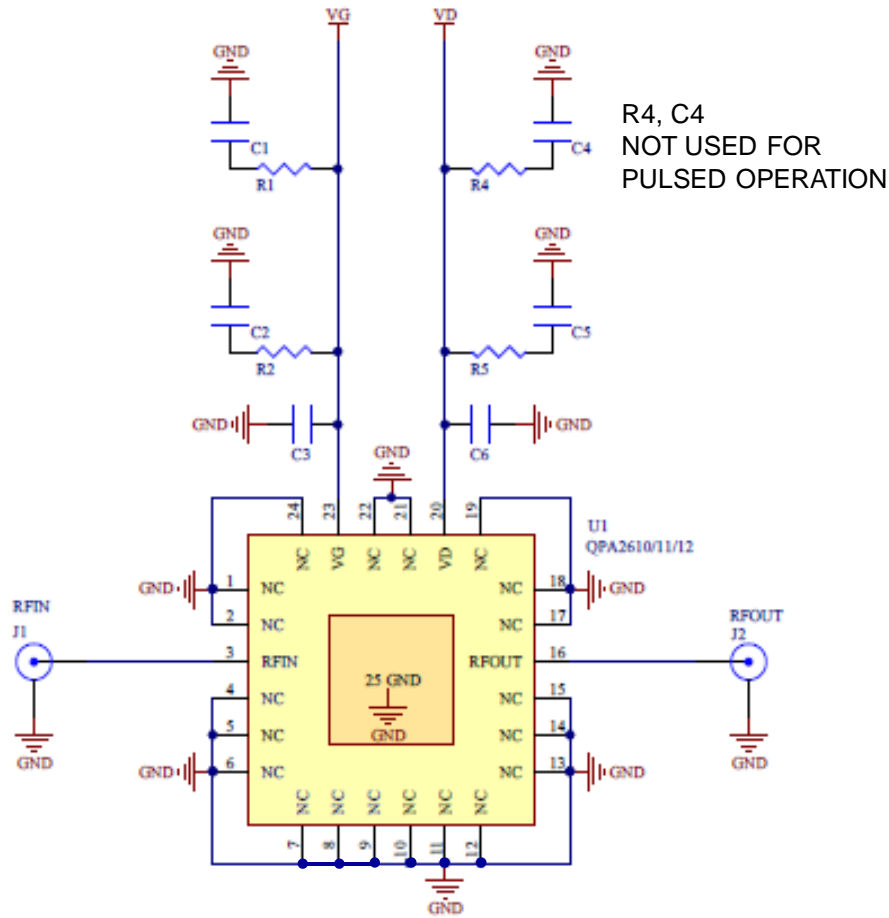
## Power Dissipation and Maximum Gate Current

$P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$ , Pulse Width = 100 us, Duty Cycle = 10%





Application Information



**Bias-up Procedure**

- Set  $I_D$  limit to 1100 mA,  $I_G$  limit to 15 mA

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- Apply -4 V to  $V_G$

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- Apply +24 V to  $V_D$ ; ensure  $I_{DQ}$  is approx. 0 mA

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- Adjust  $V_G$  until  $I_{DQ} = 105$  mA

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- Turn on RF supply

**Bias-down Procedure**

- Turn off RF signal

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- Reduce  $V_G$  to -4 V; ensure  $I_{DQ}$  is approx. 0 mA

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- Set  $V_D$  to 0 V

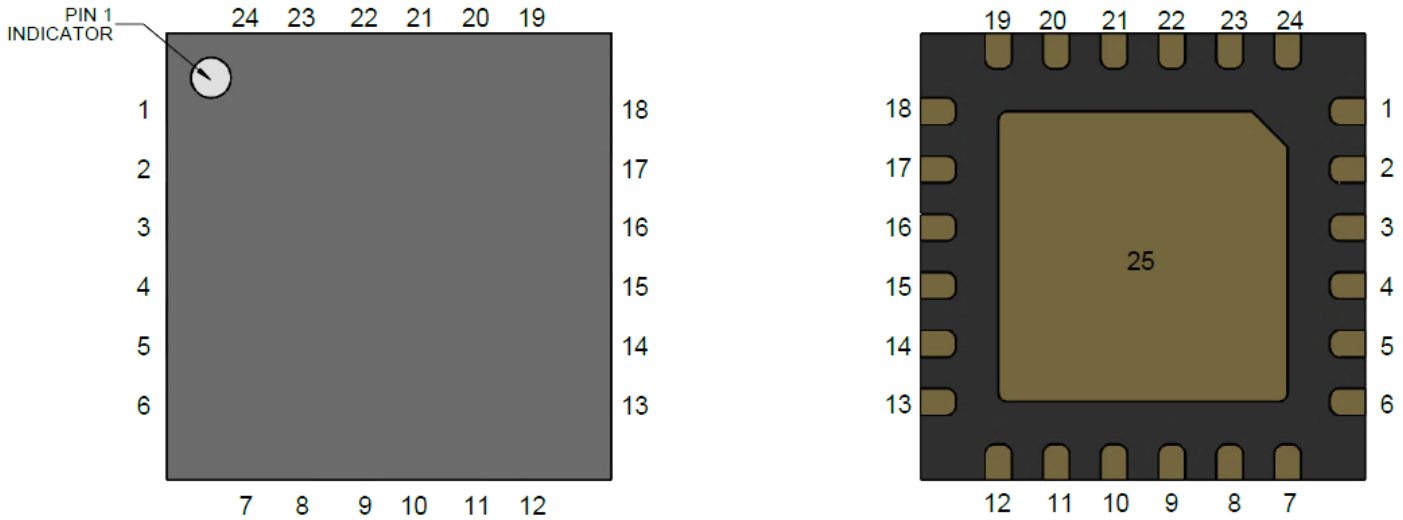
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- Turn off  $V_D$  supply

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- Turn off  $V_G$  supply

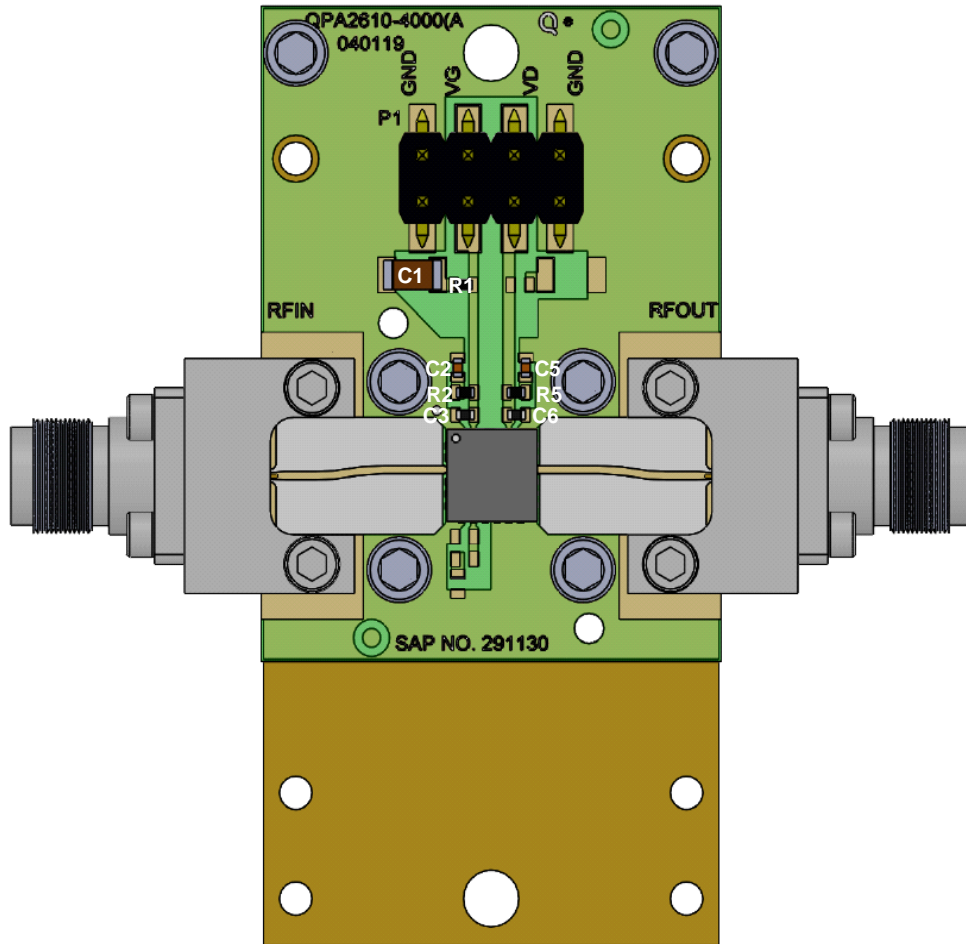
Pin Layout



Pin Description

Pin Number	Symbol	Description
1, 2, 4-15, 17-19, 21, 22, 24	NC	No connection inside of package. Connection to PCB ground recommended
3	RF IN	RF input. 50 $\Omega$ , DC blocked
16	RF OUT	RF output. 50 $\Omega$ , DC blocked
20	VD	Drain voltage. Bypass network required; refer to page 19
23	VG	Gate voltage. Bypass network required; refer to page 19
25	GND	Center paddle ground

Evaluation Board



Bill of Materials

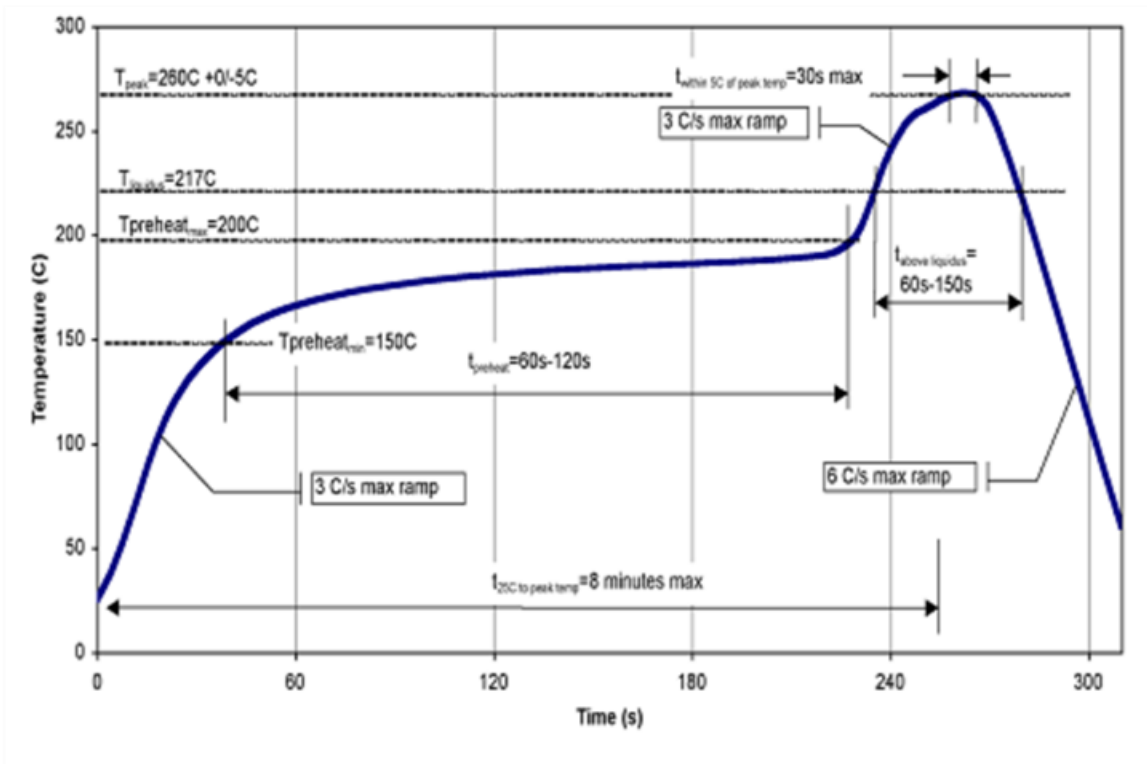
Ref. Des.	Value	Description	Manuf.	Part Number
C1	10 uF	CAP, 10uF, 20%, 50V, 20%, X5R, 1206	various	
C3,C6	1000 pF	CAP, 1000pF, 10%, 100V, X7R, 0402	various	
C2,C5	0.1 uF	CAP, 0.1uF, 10%, 50V, X7R, 0402	various	
R2,R5	10 Ω	RES, 10 OHM, 5%, 0.1W, 0402	various	
R1	0 Ω	RES, 0 OHM, JMPR, 0402	various	
J1, J2		2.92mm Female End Launch Connector	Southwest Microwave	1092-01A-5



Assembly Notes

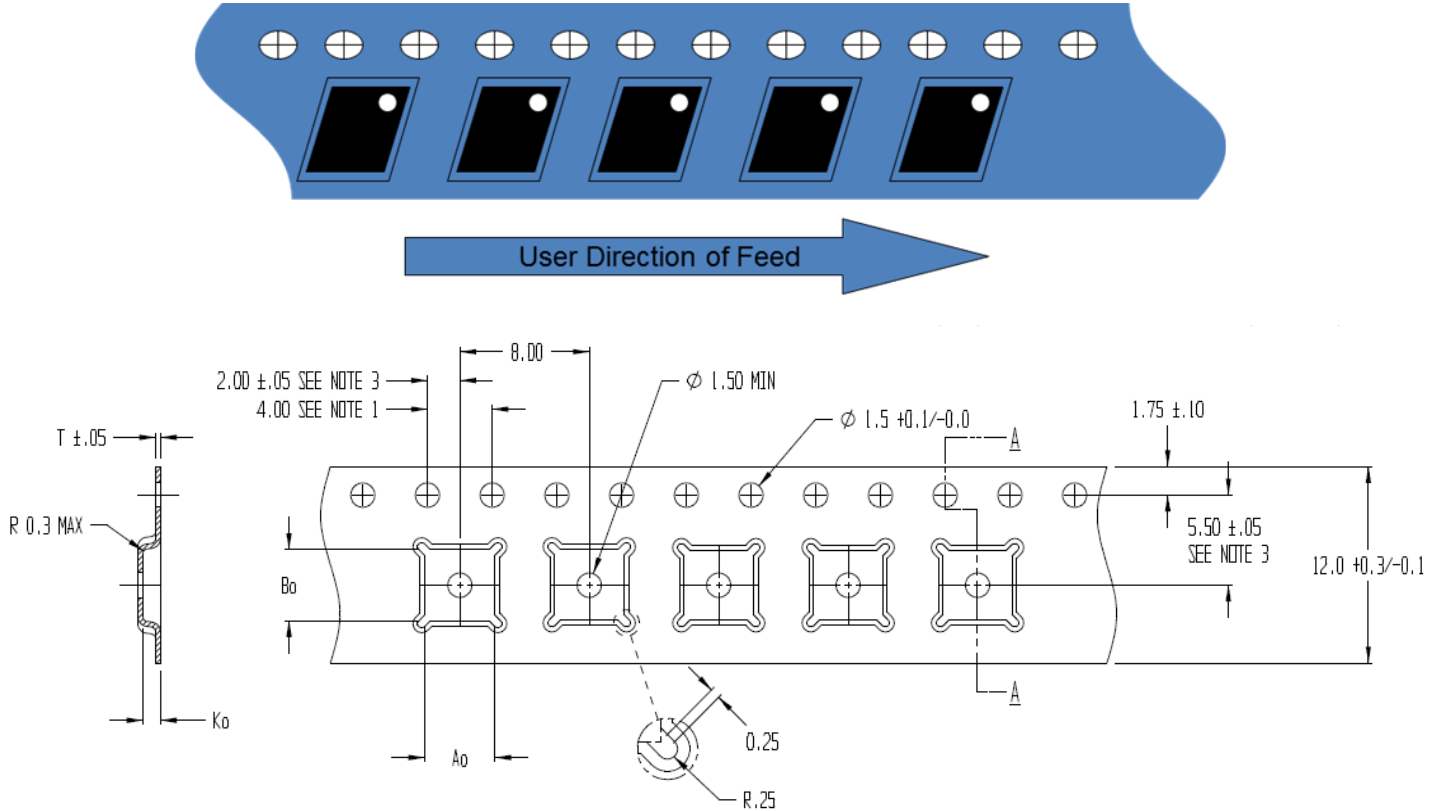
Compatible with lead-free soldering processes with 260°C peak reflow temperature.

Contact plating: Ni-Au.



Recommended Soldering Temperature Profile

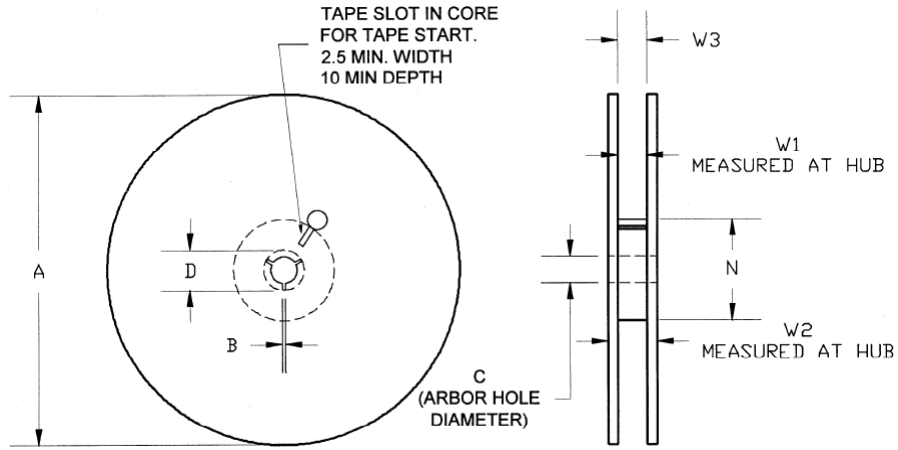
Tape and Reel Information – Carrier and Cover Tape Dimensions



Feature	Measure	Symbol	Size (in)	Size (mm)
Cavity	Length	A0	0.189	4.80
	Width	B0	0.209	5.30
	Depth	K0	0.051	1.30
	Pitch	P1	0.315	8.00
Centerline Distance	Cavity to Perforation - Length Direction	P2	0.079	2.00
	Cavity to Perforation - Width Direction	F	0.217	5.50
Cover Tape	Width	C	0.362	9.20
Carrier Tape	Width	W	0.472	12.00

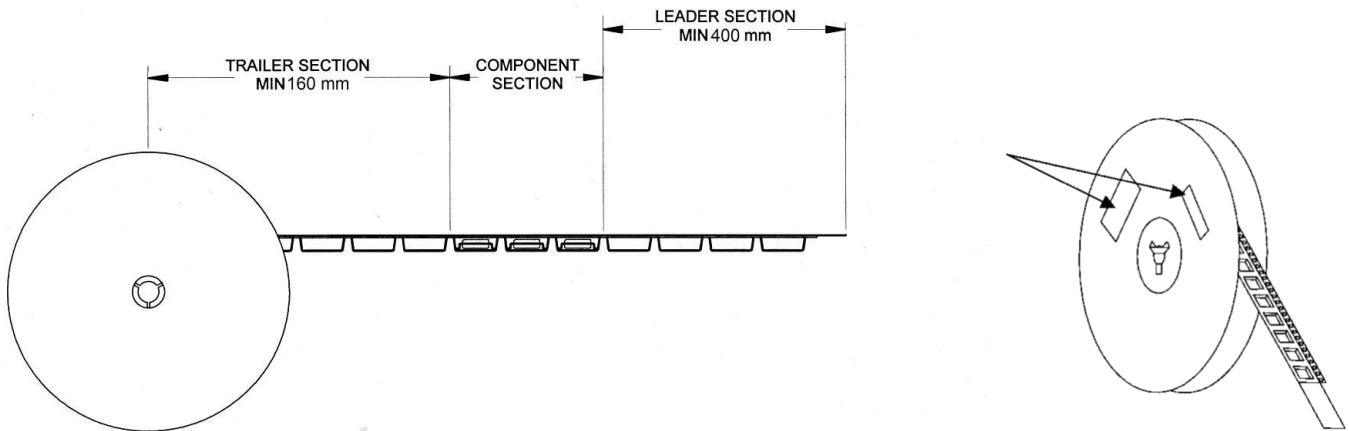
Tape and Reel Information – Reel Dimensions

Standard T/R size = 500 pieces on a 7" reel.



Feature	Measure	Symbol	Size (in)	Size (mm)
Flange	Diameter	A	6.969	177.0
	Thickness	W2	0.717	18.2
	Space Between Flange	W1	0.504	12.8
Hub	Outer Diameter	N	2.283	58.0
	Arbor Hole Diameter	C	0.512	13.0
	Key Slit Width	B	0.079	2.0
	Key Slit Diameter	D	0.787	20.0

Tape and Reel Information – Tape Length and Label Placement



- Notes:
1. Empty part cavities at the trailing and leading ends are sealed with cover tape. See EIA 481-1-A.
  2. Labels are placed on the flange opposite the sprockets in the carrier tape.