### **ANALOG<br>DEVICES** GaAs, pHEMT, MMIC, Single Positive Supply, DC to 7.5 GHz, 1 W Power Amplifier

#### <span id="page-0-0"></span>**FEATURES**

**P1dB output power: 28 dBm typical Gain: 15.5 dB typical Output IP3: 39 dBm typical Self** biased at V<sub>DD</sub> = 12 V at 345 mA typical **Optional bias control on V<sub>GG</sub>1 for I<sub>DQ</sub> adjustment Optional bias control on VGG2 for IP2 and IP3 optimization 50 Ω matched input/output 32-lead, 5 mm × 5 mm LFCSP package: 25 mm2**

#### <span id="page-0-1"></span>**APPLICATIONS**

**Military and space Test instrumentation**

#### <span id="page-0-3"></span>**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The HMC637BPM5E is a gallium arsenide (GaAs), monolithic microwave integrated circuit (MMIC), pseudomorphic high electron mobility transistor (pHEMT), cascode distributed power amplifier. The device is self biased in normal operation and features optional bias control for quiescent current  $(I_{DQ})$ adjustment and for second-order intercept (IP2) and third-order intercept (IP3) optimization. The amplifier operates from dc to 7.5 GHz, providing 15.5 dB of small signal gain, 28 dBm output power at 1 dB gain compression, a typical output IP3 of 39 dBm,

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#### **FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**

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and a 3.5 dB noise figure, while requiring 345 mA from a 12 V supply voltage ( $V_{DD}$ ). Gain flatness is excellent from dc to 7.5 GHz at ±0.5 dB typical, making the HMC637BPM5E ideal for military, space, and test equipment applications. The HMC637BPM5E also features inputs/outputs (I/Os) that are internally matched to 50 Ω, housed in a RoHS-compliant, 5 mm  $\times$  5 mm, premolded cavity, lead frame chip scale package (LFCSP), making the device compatible with high volume, surface-mount technology (SMT) assembly equipment.

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 $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ ,  $V_{DD} = 12$  V,  $I_{DQ} = 345$  mA,  $V_{GG} = GND$ ,  $V_{GG} =$  open, for nominal self biased operation, unless otherwise noted.



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Stresses at or above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the product. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the product at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Operation beyond the maximum operating conditions for extended periods may affect product reliability.

#### <span id="page-3-1"></span>**THERMAL RESISTANCE**

Thermal performance is directly linked to printed circuit board (PCB) design and operating environment. Careful attention to PCB thermal design is required.

 $\theta_{\text{JC}}$  is the junction to case thermal resistance.

#### **Table 3. Thermal Resistance**



<sup>1</sup> Thermal impedance simulated values are based on a JEDEC 2S2P thermal test board with 36 thermal vias. See JEDEC JESD51.

#### <span id="page-3-2"></span>**ESD CAUTION**



ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge<br>without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

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## <span id="page-16-0"></span>THEORY OF OPERATION

The HMC637BPM5E is a GaAs, MMIC, pHEMT, cascode distributed power amplifier. The cascode distributed architecture of the HMC637BPM5E uses a fundamental cell consisting of a stack of two field effect transistors (FETs) with the source of the upper FET connected to the drain of the lower FET. The fundamental cell is then duplicated several times with an RFIN transmission line interconnecting the gates of the lower FETs and an RFOUT transmission line interconnecting the drains of the upper FETs.



<span id="page-16-1"></span>*Figure 69. Simplified Schematic of the Cascode Distributed Amplifier*

Additional circuit design techniques are used around each cell to optimize the overall bandwidth, output power, and noise figure. The major benefit of this architecture is that a high output level is maintained across a bandwidth far greater than what a single instance of the fundamental cell provides. A simplified schematic of this architecture is shown in [Figure 69.](#page-16-1)

The gate bias voltages of the upper FETs are set internally by a resistive voltage divider tapped off at  $V_{DD}$ , resulting in a 5 V bias for the nominal  $V_{DD}$  value of 12 V. However, the  $V_{GG}$ 2 pin is provided to allow the application of an externally generated bias voltage within the range of 4 V up to 6 V. Application of such a voltage allows adjustment of IP3 and IP2 by as much as 3 dB and 1.5 dB, respectively, while minimally affecting the gain, noise figure, P1dB, P<sub>SAT</sub>, and PAE. The effect of this bias

adjustment on performance is more apparent at lower operating frequencies.

For simplified biasing without the need for a negative voltage rail,  $V_{GG}1$  can be connected directly to GND. With  $V_{DD} = 12$  V and V<sub>GG</sub>1 grounded, a quiescent drain current of 345 mA (typical) results. An externally generated V<sub>GG</sub>1 voltage can optionally be applied, allowing adjustment of the quiescent drain current above and below the 345 mA nominal value. As an example, [Figure 64](#page-15-0) shows that by adjusting  $V_{GG}1$  from −0.3 V to +0.3 V (approximately), quiescent drain currents from 250 mA to 450 mA can be obtained.

The HMC637BPM5E has single-ended input and output ports with impedances nominally equal to 50  $\Omega$  over the dc to 7.5 GHz frequency range. Therefore, the device can be directly inserted into a 50 Ω system with no required impedance matching circuitry. Similarly, the input and output impedances are sufficiently stable across variations in temperature and supply voltage so that no impedance matching compensation is required. The RF output port additionally functions as the  $V_{DD}$  bias pin, requiring an RF choke through which dc bias is applied.

Though the device technically operates down to dc, blocking capacitors are recommended at the RF input and output ports to prevent the stages with which they interface from loading the dc bias supplies and suffering damage. The RF choke and blocking capacitor at the RF output together constitute a bias tee. In practice, the external RF choke and dc blocking capacitor selections limit the lowest frequency of operation.

ACG1 through ACG3 are nodes at which ac terminations (capacitors) to ground can be provided. The use of such terminations serves to roll off the gain at frequencies below 200 MHz, allowing the flattest possible gain response to be obtained over various frequencies.

It is critical to supply very low inductance ground connections to the GND pins and to the package base exposed pad to ensure stable operation. To achieve optimal performance from the HMC637BPM5E and to prevent damage to the device, do not exceed the absolute maximum ratings.

## <span id="page-17-0"></span>APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Capacitive bypassing is required for  $V_{DD}$  and  $V_{GG}$ 1, as shown in the typical application circuit in [Figure 70.](#page-18-1) Both the RFIN and RFOUT/V<sub>DD</sub> pins are dc-coupled. Use of an external dc blocking capacitor at RFIN is recommended. Use of an external RF choke plus a dc blocking capacitor (for example, a bias tee) at RFOUT/

V<sub>DD</sub> is required. For wideband applications, ensure that the frequency responses of the external biasing and blocking components are adequate for use across the entire frequency range of the application.

The HMC637BPM5E operates in either self biased or externally biased mode. To operate in self biased mode, ground the V<sub>GG</sub>1 pin and leave VGG2 open. For the externally biased configuration, adjust  $V_{GG}1$  within −2 V to +0.5 V to set the target drain current and adjust V<sub>GG</sub>2 from 4 V to 6 V for IP2 and IP3 control.

The recommended bias sequence during power-up for self biased operation is as follows:

- 1. Connect GND.
- 2. Set  $V_{DD}$  to 12 V.
- 3. Apply the RF signal.

The recommended bias sequence during power-down for self biased operation is as follows :

- 1. Turn off the RFIN signal.
- 2. Set  $V_{DD}$  to 0 V.

The recommended bias sequence during power-up for externally biased operation is as follows:

- 1. Connect GND.
- 2. Set  $V_{GG}1$  to  $-2$  V.
- 3. Set V<sub>DD</sub> to 12 V.
- 4. Increase  $V_{GG}1$  to achieve the desired quiescent current  $(I_{DQ})$ .
- 5. Apply the RF signal.
- 6. When using the IP2/IP3 control function, apply a voltage from 4 V to 6 V until the desired performance is obtained.

The recommended bias sequence during power-down for externally biased operation is as follows:

- 1. Turn off the RFIN signal.
- 2. Remove the V<sub>GG</sub>2 voltage.
- 3. Decrease V<sub>GG</sub>1 to −2 V to achieve a typical I<sub>DQ</sub> of 0 mA.
- 4. Set  $V_{DD}$  to 0 V.
- 5. Set  $V_{GG}1$  to 0 V.

Adhere to the values shown in th[e Absolute Maximum Ratings](#page-3-0) section.

Unless otherwise noted, all measurements and data shown were taken using the typical application circuit (se[e Figure 70\)](#page-18-1), and biased per the conditions in this section. The bias conditions described in this section are the operating points recommended to optimize the overall device performance. Operation using other bias conditions may result in performance that differs from what is shown in th[e Typical Performance Characteristic](#page-6-0) section. To obtain the best performance while avoiding damage to the device, follow the recommended biasing sequences described in this section.

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#### <span id="page-18-0"></span>**TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT**

I[n Figure 70,](#page-18-1) the drain bias ( $V_{DD}$ ) must be applied through an external broadband bias tee connected at RFOUT/V $_{\text{DD}}$  and

connected to an external dc block at RFIN. Optional capacitors can be used if the device is to be operated below 200 MHz.

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<span id="page-18-1"></span>1. DRAIN BIAS (V<sub>DD</sub>) MUST BE APPLIED THROUGH AN ETERNAL BIAS TEE CONNECTED<br>AT THE RFOUT/V<sub>DD</sub> PIN AND AN EXTERNAL DC BLOCK MUST BE CONNECTED AT THE RFIN PIN. **2. OPTIONAL CAPACITORS MUST BE USED IF THE DEVICE IS OPERATED BELOW 200MHz.**

*Figure 70. Typical Application Circuit*

### <span id="page-19-0"></span>EVALUATION PCB

The [EV1HMC637BPM5](http://www.analog.com/HMC637BPM5E?doc=HMC637BPM5E.pdf) (600-01711-00) evaluation PCB is shown in [Figure 71.](#page-19-2)

#### <span id="page-19-1"></span>**BILL OF MATERIALS**

Use RF circuit design techniques for the circuit board used in the application. Provide 50  $\Omega$  impedance for the signal lines and directly connect the package ground leads and exposed pad to the ground plane, similar to what is shown in [Figure 71.](#page-19-2) Use a sufficient number of via holes to connect the top and bottom ground planes, including the grounds directly beneath the ground pad to provide adequate electrical and thermal conduction. Use of a heat sink on the bottom side of the PCB is recommended. The evaluation PCB shown i[n Figure 71](#page-19-2) is available from Analog Devices, Inc., upon request.



*Figure 71. Evaluation PCB*

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