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IF LOW NOISE AMPLIFIER/MIXER

RoHS Compliant & Pb-Free Product Package Style: QFN, 16-Pin, 4 x 4



Features

- 30dB RF Gain Control
- 40dB IF Gain Control
- 5dB Max. Noise Figure SSB
- LNA Input Internally Matched to 75Ω
- Single 5V Supply

Applications

- Cable Set Top Box
- General Purpose Downconverter
- Commercial and Consumer Systems



Functional Block Diagram

Product Description

The RF3334 is an IF LNA/Mixer suitable for downconversion of forward channel control data in a set-top box application. It consists of a single-ended 75Ω terminated LNA, followed by a differential gain control stage with 30dB of analog gain control and a double-balanced mixer. The mixer load is available via pins 10 and 11 should an external filter be required. The mixer output is connected to an IF amplifier that can be configured from 10dB to 40dB gain with an external resistor. The amplifier is capable of 6V pk-pk output into a $1k\Omega$ load.

Ordering Information

RF3334 I NA Mixer RF3334PCBA-41X Fully Assembled Evaluation Board

Optimum Technology Matching® Applied

🗌 GaAs HBT	□_SiGe BiCMOS	🗌 GaAs pHEMT	🗌 GaN HEMT
GaAs MESFET	🗹 Si BiCMOS	🗌 Si CMOS	
InGaP HBT	SiGe HBT	🗌 Si BJT	

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Rating	Unit
Supply Voltage	-0.5 to 7.0	V _{DC}
IF Input Level	500	mV _{pp}
Operating Ambient Temperature	-40 to +85	°C
Storage Temperature	-40 to +150	°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. Specified typical performance or functional operation of the device under Absolute Maximum Rating conditions is not implied.

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Farameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit		
DC Specifications						
Supply Voltage	4.75	5	5.25	V		
Supply Current	20	24		mA		
RFAGC Control Voltage	0.5		4.5	V	0.5V=Minimum Gain 4.5V=Maximum Gain	
RFAGC Input Impedance		300		kΩ		
AC Specifications						
LNA+AGC+Mixer						
RF Frequency Range		0 to 700		MHz	On-chip signal path is DC-coupled, minimum frequency depends on external AC coupling components.	
RF Input 3dB Bandwidth		700		MHz	On-chip signal path is DC-coupled, minimum frequency depends on external AC coupling components.	
RF Input Impedance		75		Ω		
RF Input VSWR		1.4			At 100MHz	
Mixer Output 3dB Bandwidth		100		MHz	Defined by on-chip first-order low-pass filter	
Mixer Output Impedance		300		Ω	Differential	
Mixer Output VSWR		1.2			At 100MHz	
Maximum Gain	27	30		dB	RFAGC=4.5V	
Minimum Gain		-2		dB	RFAGC=0.5V	
Output 1dB Compression		90		dBµV(rms)	Maximum Gain	
Input IP3, Maximum Gain		78		dBµV(rms)	LNA Input to Mixer Output	
Input IP3, Minimum Gain		79		dBµV(rms)	LNA Input to Mixer Output	
Noise Figure			5	dB	SSB, Cascaded LNA, AGC & Mixer	

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Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Onic	Condition	
LO						
LO Frequency Range		0 to 800		MHz		
LO Input Impedance		75		Ω	Differential	
LO Input VSWR		1.6:1				
LO Input Level	80			dBuV		
LO Bandwidth		800		MHz		
LO Rejection to RF Input		50		dB		
LO Rejection to Input of IF Ampli- fier		65		dB		
IF Amplifier						
IF Frequency Range		0 to 120		MHz		
Input Impedance		4000		Ω	Differential	
Output Impedance		10		Ω	Differential	
Differential Voltage Gain						
Gain Set Resistor=2500 Ω		10		dB	R1=1kΩ	
Gain Set Resistor=140 Ω		31		dB	R1=1kΩ	
Gain Set Resistor=5 Ω		40		dB	R1=1kΩ	
IF 3dB Bandwidth	140			MHz	Gain Set=5 Ω	
Equivalent Input Noise		1.5		μVrms	Gain Set=140 Ω	
Output Swing		6	8	V _{P-P}	Into $1k\Omega$ load, at 50MHz	
Output 1dB Compression		127		dBµV(rms)	Into $1k\Omega$ load, at 50MHz	
Output IP3		137		dBµV(rms)	Into $1k\Omega$ load, at 50MHz	
Thermal					V_{CC} =5.25V, VRFAGC=4.5V, I _{CC} =29mA, P _{DISS} =154mW	
Theta _{JC}		65		°C/W		
Maximum Measured Junction Temperature at DC Bias Conditions		95		°C	T _{AMB} =+85°C	





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Pin	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1	RFDEC	External decoupling capacitor for RF single-ended to differential converter.	
2	RF	LNA Input, Internally matched to 75Ω . Should be AC-coupled.	
3	GND	Ground.	
4	IFVCC	5V supply for IF section.	
5	IFSET	IF Gain select. The resistance between this pin and pin 6 (IFSETB) deter- mines the gain of the IF amplifier. Maximum gain is achieved by placing a short circuit between the pins. Larger values of resistance will reduce the IF gain according to the following equation where R is the value of resis- tance between pins 5 and 6. IFGain=20log(1600/(R=75))15.	
6 7	IFSETB	Complementary IF Gain select. IF Amplifier Output. Differential output of the IF amplifier. The differential load across this pin and pin 8 (IFOUTB) should be $1k\Omega$ or greater for opti- mal performance. The differential output impedance across this pin and pin 8 in 10Ω .	
8	IFOUTB	Complementary IF Amplifier Output.	
			<u>+</u>
9	GND	Ground.	
10	MIXLOADB	Complementary Mixer load.	O MIXLOAD MIXLOADB
11	MIXLOAD	Differential output of the RF mixer. A resonant load should be applied to this pin and pin 10 (MIXLOADB) that will act as a bandpass filter at the desired IF frequency. V_{CC} should be supplied to this pin via an inductor or a resistor. Use of a resistor will degrade intermodulation performance.	O MIXLOAD MIXLOADB



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Pin	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
12	RFAGC	RF Gain select voltage input. The voltage applied to this pin sets the gain of the RF amplifier. The voltage applied to this pin should be between 0.5V and 4.5V. The RF gain characteristic is such that 0.5V yields a gain of -2dB and 4.5V yields a gain of +30dB as measured from the input of the LNA to the output of the mixer stage.	
13	LO	Differential LO Input. This pin and pin 14 (LOB) are the differential LO inputs. This input should be AC-coupled. The differential input impedance across pins 13 and 14 is 75Ω . The LO may be driven single ended but will require a higher drive level. If a single ended LO is applied, pin 14 should be AC-coupled to ground.	VBIAS O UBIAS
14	LOB	Complementary LO Input. Should be AC-coupled.	
15	GND	Ground.	
16	RFVCC	5V supply for RF section.	
GND	Paddle	Backside of package should be connected to ground.	

Package Drawing





Pin-Out



Application Schematic









Evaluation Board Schematic





Evaluation Board Layout



Board Thickness 0.032", Board Material FR-4, Multi-layer































PCB Design Requirements

PCB Surface Finish

The PCB surface finish used for RFMD's qualification process is electroless nickel, immersion gold. Typical thickness is 3µinch to 8µinch gold over 180µinch nickel.

PCB Land Pattern Recommendation

PCB land patterns are based on IPC-SM-782 standards when possible. The pad pattern shown has been developed and tested for optimized assembly at RFMD; however, it may require some modifications to address company specific assembly processes. The PCB land pattern has been developed to accommodate lead and package tolerances.

PCB Metal Land Pattern



Figure 1. PCB Metal Land Pattern (Top View)





PCB Solder Mask Pattern

Liquid Photo-Imageable (LPI) solder mask is recommended. The solder mask footprint will match what is shown for the PCB metal land pattern with a 2mil to 3mil expansion to accommodate solder mask registration clearance around all pads. The center-grounding pad shall also have a solder mask clearance. Expansion of the pads to create solder mask clearance can be provided in the master data or requested from the PCB fabrication supplier.



Figure 2. PCB Solder Mask Pattern (Top View)

Thermal Pad and Via Design

The PCB land pattern has been designed with a thermal pad that matches the die paddle size on the bottom of the device.

Thermal vias are required in the PCB layout to effectively conduct heat away from the package. The via pattern has been designed to address thermal, power dissipation and electrical requirements of the device as well as accommodating routing strategies.

The via pattern used for the RFMD qualification is based on thru-hole vias with 0.203mm to 0.330mm finished hole size on a 0.5mm to 1.2mm grid pattern with 0.025mm plating on via walls. If micro vias are used in a design, it is suggested that the quantity of vias be increased by a 4:1 ratio to achieve similar results.