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HMC129LC4

GaAs MMIC DOUBLE-BALANCED MIXER, 4 - 8 GHz

Typical Applications

The HMC129LC4 is ideal for:

- Microwave & VSAT Radios
- Test Equipment
- Military EW, ECM, C³I

Features

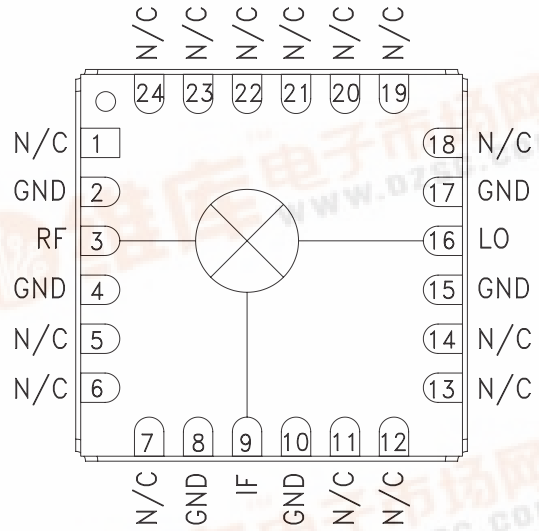
Conversion Loss: 7 dB

LO to RF and IF Isolation: 40 dB

Input IP3: +17 dBm

RoHS Compliant 4x4 mm SMT Package

Functional Diagram



General Description

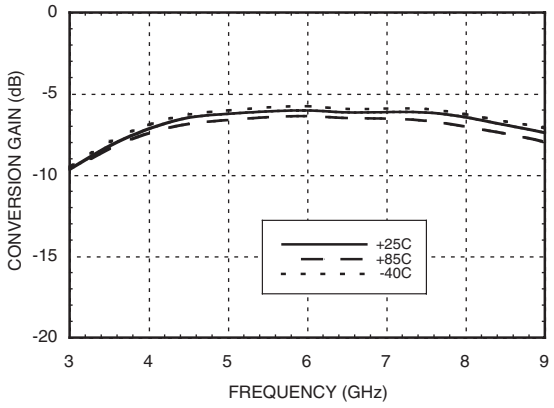
The HMC129LC4 is a general purpose double-balanced MMIC mixer housed in a leadless “PB Free” RoHS-Compliant SMT package which can be used as an upconverter or downconverter in the 4 to 8 GHz band. The HMC129LC4 is ideally suited for applications where small size, no DC bias, and consistent IC performance are required. This mixer can operate over a wide LO drive input of +9 to +15 dBm. It performs equally well as a Bi-Phase modulator or demodulator. The HMC129LC4 eliminates the need for wire bonding, allowing use of surface mount manufacturing techniques.

Electrical Specifications, T_A = +25° C, LO Drive = +15 dBm*

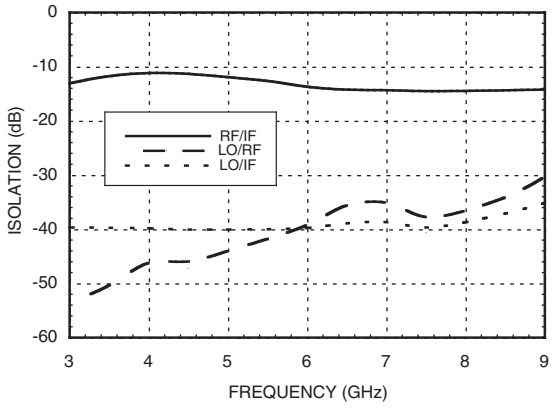
Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range, RF & LO		4.0 - 8.0		GHz
Frequency Range, IF		DC - 3.0		GHz
Conversion Loss		7	9	dB
Noise Figure (SSB)		7	9	dB
LO to RF Isolation	30	40		dB
LO to IF Isolation	32	40		dB
IP3 (Input)		17		dBm
IP2 (Input)		50		dBm
1 dB Gain Compression (Input)		10		dBm

** Unless otherwise noted, all measurements performed as downconverter, IF = 100 MHz*

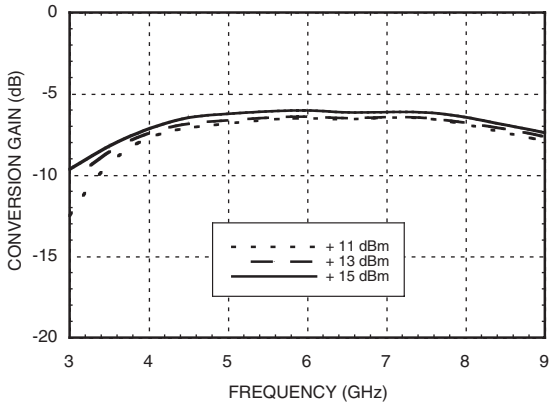
Conversion Gain vs. Temperature LO = +15 dBm



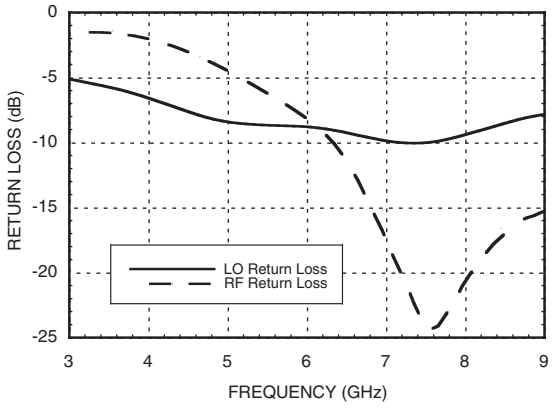
Isolation @ LO = +15 dBm



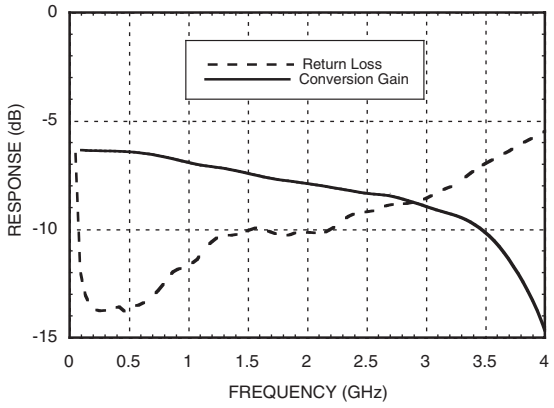
Conversion Gain vs. LO Drive



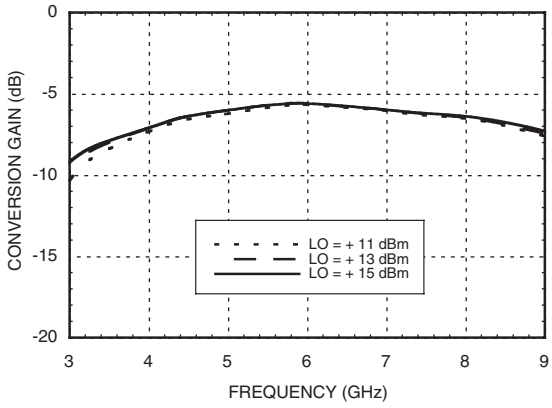
Return Loss @ LO = +15 dBm



IF Bandwidth @ LO = +15 dBm



Upconverter Performance Conversion Gain vs. LO Drive



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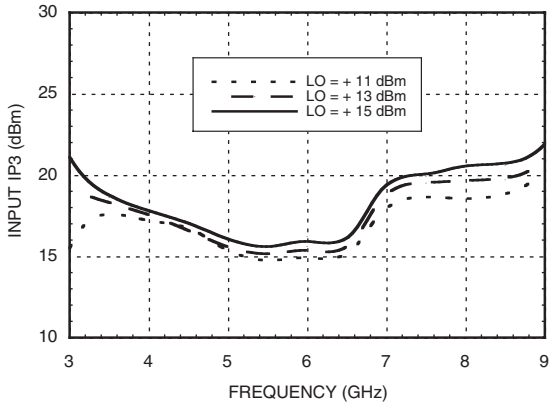
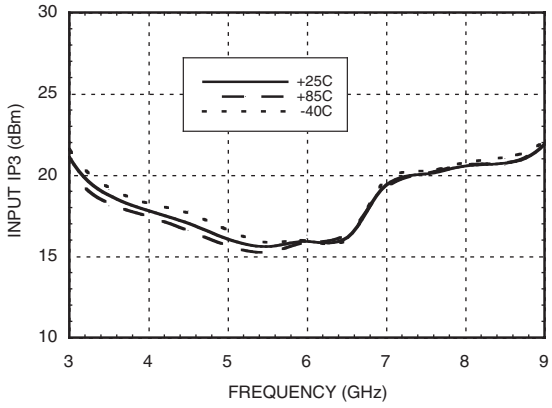
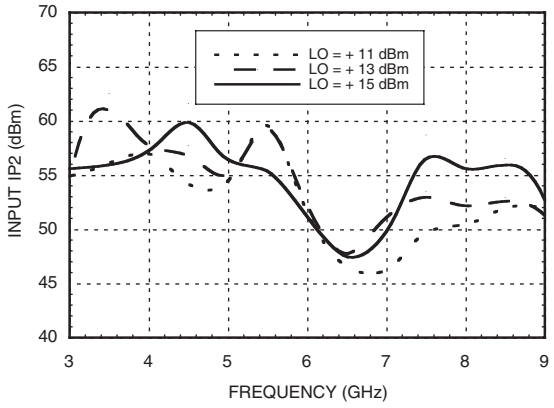
Input IP3 vs. LO Drive



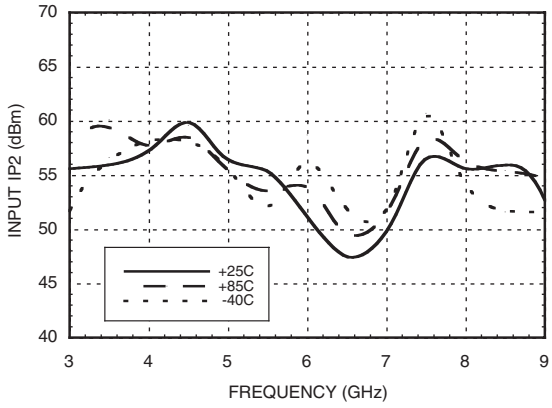
Input IP3 vs. Temperature @ LO = +15 dBm



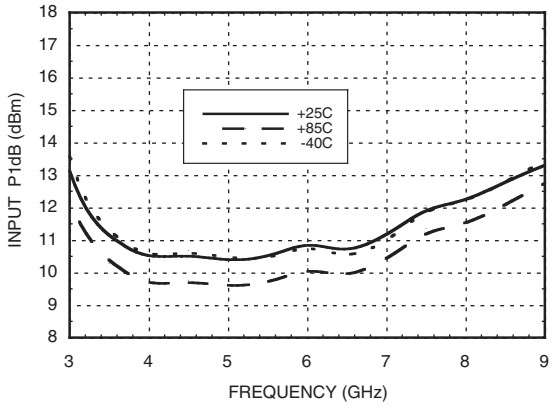
Input IP2 vs. LO Drive



Input IP2 vs. Temperature @ LO = +15 dBm



Input P1dB vs. Temperature @ LO = +15 dBm



Harmonics of LO

	nLO Spur @ RF Port			
LO Freq. (GHz)	1	2	3	4
3	55	47	57	68
4	42	50	42	69
5	42	54	54	56
6	39	54	40	66
7	35	55	35	63
8	35	63	45	82
9	29	45	37	81
10	15	42	35	88

LO = +15 dBm
All values in dBc below input LO level measured at RF port

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MxN Spurious @ IF Port

	nLO				
mRF	0	1	2	3	4
0	xx	10	25	13	41
1	9	0	33	44	46
2	78	76	70	78	86
3	88	91	87	64	81
4	97	102	104	109	110

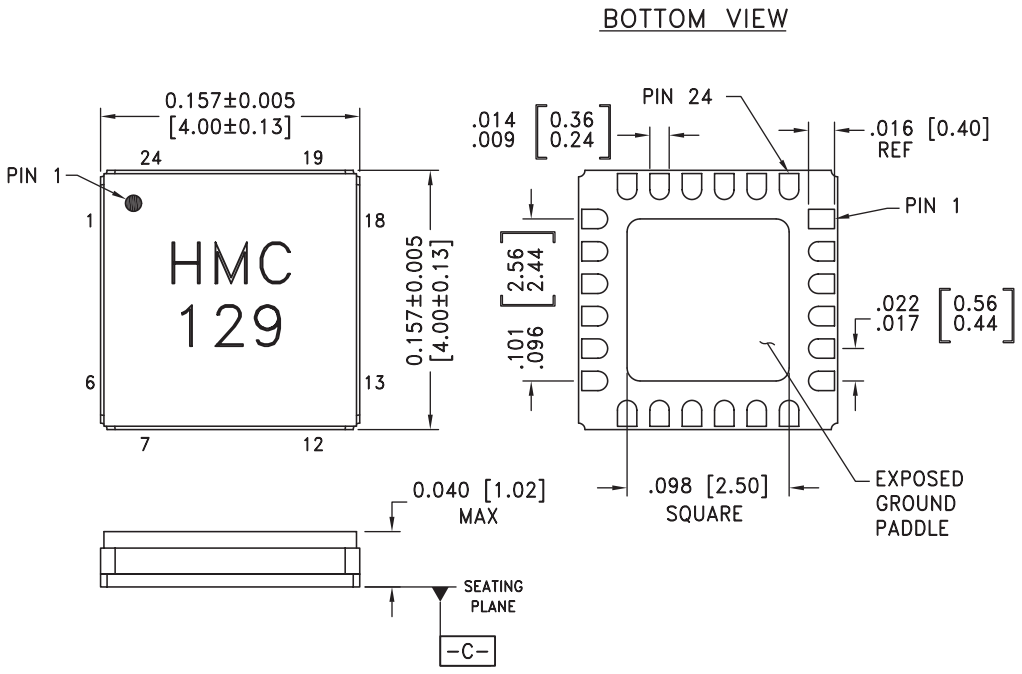
RF Freq. = 6.1 GHz @ -10 dBm
LO Freq. = 6.0 GHz @ +15 dBm
Measured as downconverter

Absolute Maximum Ratings

RF/IF Input	+15 dBm
LO Drive	+27 dBm
IF DC Current	4 mA
Channel Temperature	150 °C
Continuous Pdiss (T = 85 °C) (derate 4.957 mW/ °C above 85 °C)	124 mW
Thermal Resistance (channel to ground paddle)	131.4 °C/W
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85 °C
ESD Sensitivity (HBM)	Class 1A

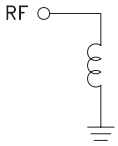
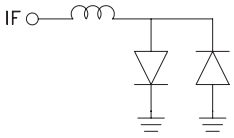
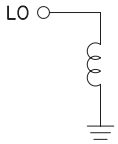
ELECTROSTATIC SENSITIVE DEVICE
OBSERVE HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

Outline Drawing

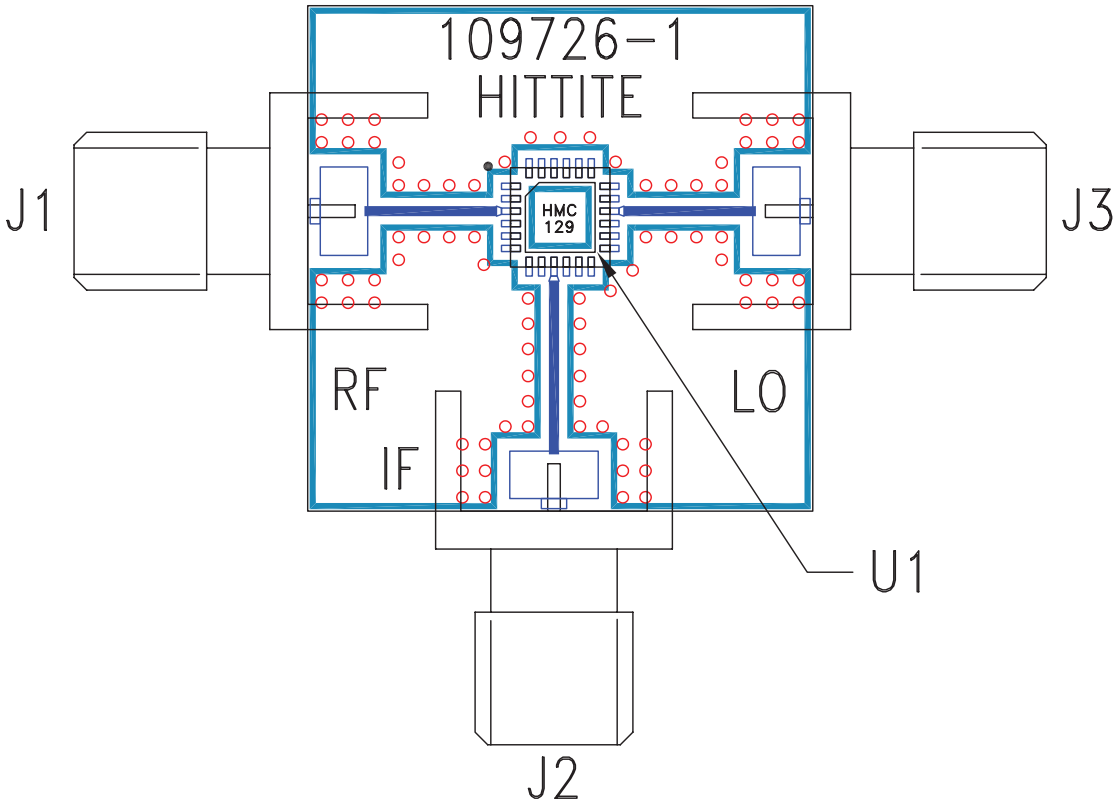


NOTES:
1. PACKAGE BODY MATERIAL: ALUMINA
2. LEAD AND GROUND PADDLE PLATING: GOLD FLASH OVER Ni
3. DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MILLIMETERS]
4. LEAD SPACING TOLERANCE IS NON-CUMULATIVE
5. PACKAGE WARP SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.05mm DATUM -C-
6. ALL GROUND LEADS AND GROUND PADDLE MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB RF GROUND
7. CLASSIFIED AS MOISTURE SESITIVITY LEVEL (MSL) 1.

Pin Descriptions

Pin Number	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1, 5 - 7, 11 - 14, 18 - 24	N/C	No Connection. These pins may be connected to RF/DC ground. Performance will not be affected.	
2, 4, 8, 10, 15, 17	GND	These pins and package bottom must be connect to RF/DC ground.	
3	RF	This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms from 4 - 8 GHz	
9	IF	This pin is DC coupled. For applications not requiring operation to DC, this port should be DC blocked externally using a series capacitor whose value has been chosen to pass the necessary IF frequency range. For operation to DC, this pin must not source/ sink more than 2 mA of current or die non-function and possible die failure will result.	
16	LO	This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms from 4 - 8 GHz	

Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 109728 [1]

Item	Description
J1 - J3	PCB Mount SMA Connector
U1	HMC129LC4
PCB [2]	109726 Evaluation Board

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350

The circuit board used in the final application should use RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines should have 50 ohm impedance while the package ground leads and exposed paddle should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown. A sufficient number of VIA holes should be used to connect the top and bottom ground planes. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.