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GaAs HEMT MMIC DRIVER AMPLIFIER, 17.5 - 41.0 GHz

Typical Applications

This HMC-AUH256 is ideal for:

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

Features

Gain: 21 dB P1dB Output Power: +20 dBm Wideband Performance: 17.5 to 40 GHz Supply Voltage: +5V @ 295 mA Small Chip Size: 2.1 x 0.92 x 0.1 mm

Functional Diagram



General Description

The HMC-AUH256 is a GaAs MMIC HEMT four stage Driver Amplifier which covers the frequency range of 17.5 to 40 GHz. The chip can easily be integrated into Multi-Chip-Modules (MCMs) due to its small (1.93 mm²) size. The HMC-AUH256 offers 21 dB of gain and +20 dBm output power at 1 dB compression from a bias supply of +5V @ 295 mA. The HMC-AUH256 may also be used as a frequency doubler. Detail bias condition to achieve doubler operation.

Electrical Specifications ^[1], $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ Vdd1 = Vdd2 = Vdd3 = Vdd4 = 5V, Idd1 + Idd2 + Idd3 + Idd4 = 295mA^[2]

Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range		17.5 - 41		GHz
Gain		21		dB
Input Return Loss		8		dB
Output Return Loss 20 - 30 GHz 30 - 45 GHz		15 8		dB dB
Output Power for 1 dB Compression		20		dBm
Saturated Output Power		23		dBm
Output IP3		27		dBm
Supply Current (Idd1 + Idd2 + Idd3 + Idd4)		295		mA

[1] Unless otherwise indicated, all measurements are from probed die

[2] Adjust Vgg1 = Vgg2 = Vgg3 = Vgg4 between -1V to +0.3V (Typ. -0.3V) to achieve Idd1 = 50 mA, Idd2 = 50 mA, Idd3 = 75 mA, Idd4 = 120 mA

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Fixtured Pout vs. Frequency



Output Return Loss vs. Frequency



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Pin=0dBm -Pin=5dBm -Pin=8dBm -Pin=10dBm 16 14 x2 Output power (dBm) 12 10 8 6 4 2 0 -2 -4 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46 X2 Output Frequency (GHz)

Fixtured Pout vs. Frequency @ Pin= 10 dBm



Fixtured Pout vs. Frequency @ Pin= 8 dBm



Absolute Maximum Ratings

Drain Bias Voltage	+5.5 Vdc
RF Input Power	15 dBm
Drain Bias Current (Idd1, Idd2)	62 mA
Drain Bias Current (Idd3)	93 mA
Drain Bias Current (Idd4)	150 mA
Gate Bias Voltage	-1 to +0.3 Vdc
Channel Temperature	180 °C
Thermal Resistance (channel to die bottom)	77.5 °C/W
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C



Note: Multiplier Performance Characteristics (Typical Performance at 25°C) Vd1= 2V, Vd2= Vd3= Vd4= 5V, Id1= 5mA, Id2+Id3+Id4= 245mA

x2 Pout vs. Frequency (vs Pad)



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- 1. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MM].
- 2. TYPICAL BOND PAD IS .004" SQUARE.
- 3. BACKSIDE METALLIZATION: GOLD.
- 4. BACKSIDE METAL IS GROUND.
- 5. BOND PAD METALLIZATION: GOLD.
- 6. CONNECTION NOT REQUIRED FOR UNLABELED BOND PADS.
- 7. OVERALL DIE SIZE ±.002"

Die Packaging Information [1]

Standard	Alternate
GP-2 (Gel Pack)	[2]

[1] Refer to the "Packaging Information" section for die packaging dimensions. [2] For alternate packaging information contact Hittite Microwave Corporation.

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Pad Descriptions

Pad Number	Function	Pad Description	Interface Schematic
1	RFIN	This pad is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.	RFINO
2 - 5	Vdd1-4	Power supply voltage for amplifier. See Assembly Diagram for required external components.	Vdd1-4
6	RFOUT	This pad is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.	○ RFOUT
7 - 10	Vgg1-4	Gate control for amplifier. Please follow "MMIC Amplifier Bias- ing Procedure" application note. See assembly for required external components.	Vgg1-4
Die Bottom	GND	Die Bottom must be connected to RF/DC ground.	



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Assembly Diagram



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- Note 1: Bypass caps should be 100 pF (approximately) ceramic (single-layer) placed no farther than 30 mils from the amplifier.
- Note 2: Best performance obtained from use of <10 mil (long) by 3 by 0.5mil ribbons on input and output.
- Note 3: Vdd3 can be biased using on-chip pads Vdd3 or Vdd4