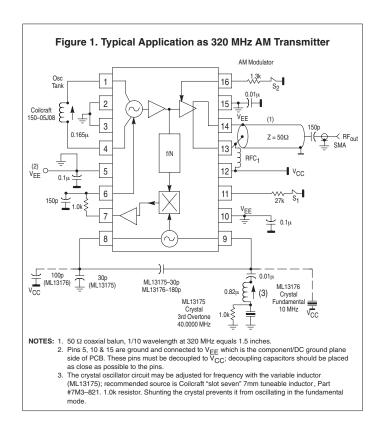


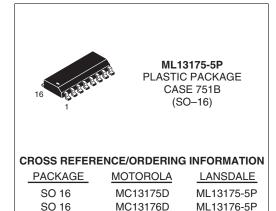
# ML13175 ML13176 UHF FM/AM Transmitter

Legacy Device: Motorola MC13175, MC13176

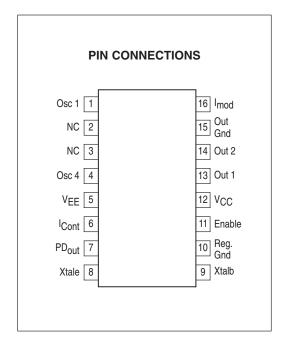
The ML13175 and ML13176 are one chip FM/AM transmitter subsystems designed for AM/FM communication systems. they include a Colpitts crystal reference oscillator, UHF oscillator, ÷ 8 (ML13175) or ÷ 32 (ML13176) prescaler and phase detector forming a versatile PLL system. Targeted applications are in the 260 to 470MHz band and 902 to 982 MHz band covered by FCC Title 47; Part 15. Other applications include local oscillator sources in UHF and 900 MHz receivers, UHF and 900 MHz video transmitters, RF Local Area Networks (LAN), and high frequency clock drivers. ML13175/76 offer the following features;

- UHF Current Controlled Oscillator
- Uses Easily Available 3rd Overtone or Fundamental Crystals for Reference
- Fewer External Parts Required
- Low Operating Supply Voltage (1.8 to 5.0 Vdc)
- Low Supply Drain Currents
- Power Output Adjustable (Up to + 10 dBm)
- Differential Output for Loop Antenna or Balun Transformer Networks
- Power Down Feature
- ASK Modulated by Switching Output On and Off
- (ML13175)  $f_0 = 8 \times f_{ref}$ , (ML13176)  $f_0 = 32 \times f_{ref}$
- Operating Temperature Range  $T_A = -40^{\circ}$  to  $+85^{\circ}$ C





**Note**: Lansdale lead free (**Pb**) product, as it becomes available, will be identified by a part number prefix change from **ML** to **MLE**.



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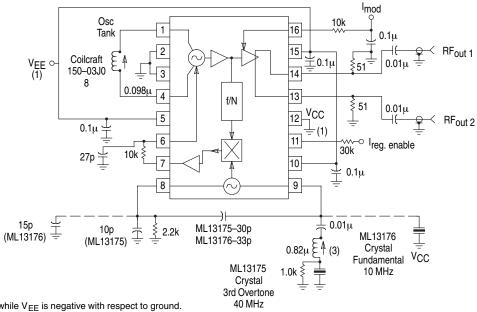
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Power Supply Voltage	VCC	7.0 (max)	Vdc
Operating Supply Voltage Range	VCC	1.8 to 5.0	Vdc
Junction Temperature	TJ	+150	С
Operating Ambient Temperature	TA	- 40 to + 85	С
Storage Temperature	T <sub>stg</sub>	- 65 to +150	С

# **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** (Figure 2; $V_{EE} = -3.0 \text{ Vdc}$ , $T_A = 25 \text{ C}$ , unless otherwise noted.)\*

Characteristic	Pin	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Supply Current (Power down: I 11 & I 16 = 0)	_	I <sub>EE1</sub>	- 0.5	-	_	μΑ
Supply Current (Enable [Pin 11] to V <sub>CC</sub> thru 30 k, I <sub>16</sub> = 0)	_	I <sub>EE2</sub>	-	-14	-18	mA
Total Supply Current (Transmit Mode) (I <sub>mod</sub> = 2.0 mA; f <sub>0</sub> = 320 MHz)	-	I <sub>EE3</sub>	ı	- 34	-39	mA
Differential Output Power ( $f_0$ = 320 MHz; $V_{ref}$ [Pin 9] = 500 m $V_{p-p}$ ; $f_0$ = N x $f_{ref}$ ) $I_{mod}$ = 2.0 mA (see Figure 7, 8) $I_{mod}$ = 0 mA	13 & 14	Pout	2.0 -	+ 4.7 - 45		dBm
Hold–in Range (± Δf <sub>ref</sub> x N) ML13175 (see Figure 7) ML13176 (see Figure 8)	13 & 14	± Δf H	3.5 4.0	6.5 8.0	- -	MHz
Phase Detector Output Error Current ML13175 ML13176	7	l <sub>error</sub>	20 22	25 27	- -	μΑ
Oscillator Enable Time (see Figure 22b)	11 & 8	<sup>t</sup> enable	-	4.0	_	ms
Amplitude Modulation Bandwidth (see Figure 24)	16	BW <sub>AM</sub>	-	25	_	MHz
Spurious Outputs (I <sub>mod</sub> = 2.0 mA) Spurious Outputs (I <sub>mod</sub> = 0 mA)	13 & 14 13 & 14	P <sub>son</sub> P <sub>soff</sub>	- -	- 50 - 50	_ _	dBc
Maximum Divider Input Frequency Maximum Output Frequency	- 13 & 14	fdiv f <sub>0</sub>	- -	950 950	_ _	MHz

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  For testing purposes,  $V_{\mbox{\footnotesize{CC}}}$  is ground (see Figure 2).

Figure 2. 320 MHz Test Circuit



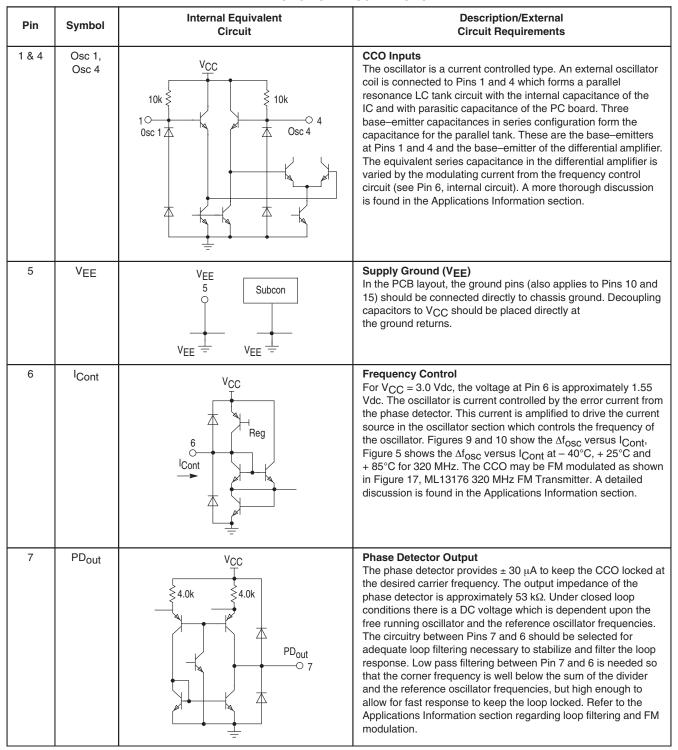
**NOTES:** 1.  $V_{CC}$  is ground; while  $V_{EE}$  is negative with respect to ground.

<sup>2.</sup> Pins 5, 10 and 15 are brought to the circuit side of the PCB via plated through holes.

They are connected together with a trace on the PCB and each Pin is decoupled to V<sub>CC</sub> (ground).

<sup>3.</sup> Recommended source is Coilcraft "slot seven inductor" part number 7M3-821.

#### **PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS**



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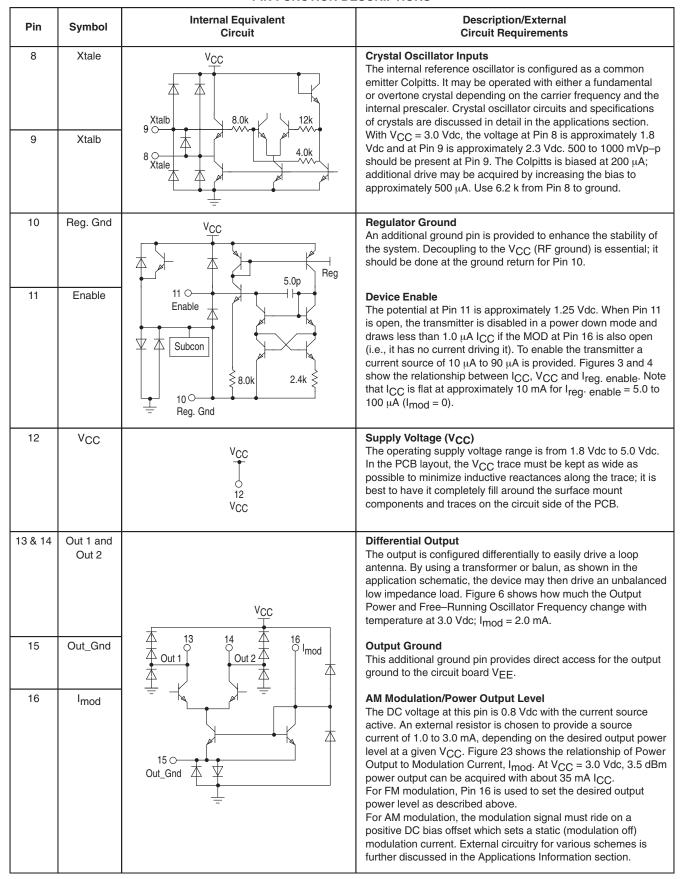


Figure 3. Supply Current

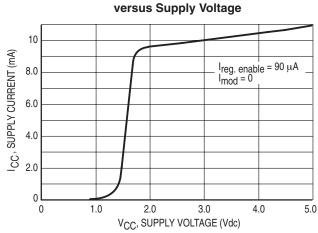


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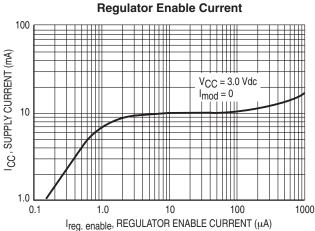


Figure 5. Change Oscillator Frequency versus Oscillator Control Current

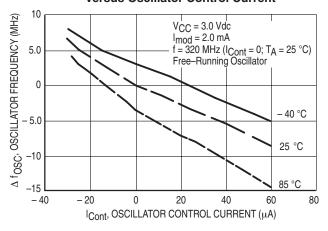


Figure 6. Change in Oscillator Frequency and **Output Power versus Ambient Temperature** 

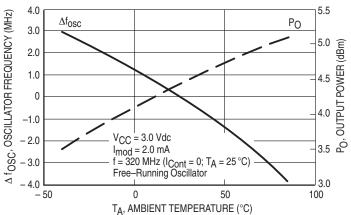


Figure 7. ML13175 Reference Oscillator Frequency versus Phase Detector Current

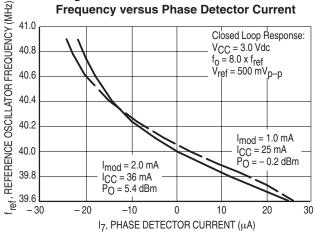
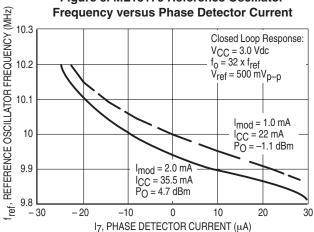


Figure 8. ML13176 Reference Oscillator



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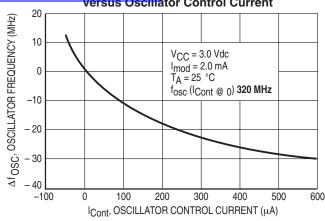
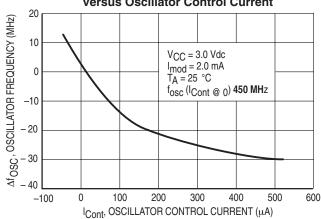


Figure 10. Change in Oscillator Frequency versus Oscillator Control Current



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#### APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

#### **EVALUATION PC BOARD**

The evaluation PCB, shown in Figures 26 and 27, is very versatile and is intended to be used across the entire useful frequency range of this device. The center section of the board provides an area for attaching all SMT components to the component ground side of the PCB (see Figures 28 and 29). Additionally, the peripheral area surrounding the RF core provides pads to add supporting and interface circuitry as a particular application requires. This evaluation board will be discussed and referenced in this section.

#### **CURRENT CONTROLLED OSCILLATOR (Pins 1 to 4)**

It is critical to keep the interconnect leads from the CCO (Pins 1 and 4) to the external inductor symmetrical and equal in length. With a minimum inductor, the maximum free running frequency is greater than 1.0 GHz. Since this inductor will be small, it may be either a microstrip inductor, an air wound inductor or a tuneable RF coil. An air wound inductor may be tuned by spreading the windings, whereas tunable RF coils are tuned by adjusting the position of an aluminum core in a threaded coilform. As the aluminum core coupling to the windings is increased, the inductance is decreased. The temperature coefficient using an aluminum core is better than a ferrite core. The UniCoil<sup>TM</sup> inductors made by Coilcraft may be obtained with aluminum cores (Part No. 51–129–169).

#### **GROUND** (Pins 5, 10 and 15)

**GROUND RETURNS:** It is best to take the grounds to a backside ground plane via plated through holes or eyelets at the pins. The application PCB layout implements this technique. Note that the grounds are located at or less than 100 mils from the

**DECOUPLING:** Decoupling each ground pin to V<sub>CC</sub> isolates each section of the device by reducing interaction between sections and by localizing circulating currents.

#### **LOOP CHARACTERISTICS (Pins 6 and 7)**

Figure 11 is the component block diagram of the ML1317x PLL system where the loop characteristics are described by the gain constants. Access to individual components of this PLL system is limited, inasmuch as the loop is only pinned out at the phase

detector output and the frequency control input for the CCO. However, this allows for characterization of the gain constants of these loop components. The gain constants Kp, Ko and Kn are well defined in the ML13175 and ML13176.

#### PHASE DETECTOR (Pin 7)

With the loop in lock, the difference frequency output of the phase detector is DC voltage that is a function of the phase difference. The sinusoidal type detector used in the IC has the following transfer characteristic:

$$e = A \sin \theta_e$$

The gain factor of the phase detector, K<sub>p</sub> (with the loop in lock) is specified as the ratio of DC output current, le to phase error,  $\theta_e$ :

$$\begin{split} K_p &= {\ell_e}/{\theta_e} \; (\text{Amps/radians}) \\ K_p &= A \; \text{Sin} \; {\theta_e}/{\theta_e} \end{split}$$

 $\sin \theta_e \sim \theta_e$  for  $\theta_e \le 0.2$  radians; thus  $K_p = A$  (Amps/radians)

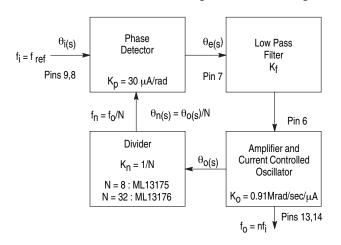
Figures 7 and 8 show that the detector DC current is approximately 30  $\mu$ A where the loop loses lock at  $\theta e = \pm \pi/2$  radians; therefore  $K_p$  is 30  $\mu$ A/radians.

#### **CURRENT CONTROLLED OSCILLATOR, CCO (Pin 6)**

Figures 9 and 10 show the non-linear change in frequency of the oscillator over an extended range of control current for 320 and 450 MHz applications. K<sub>0</sub> ranges from approximately  $6.3 \times 10^5$  rad/sec/ $\mu$ A or 100 kHz/ $\mu$ A (Figure 9) to  $8.8 \times 10^5$ rad/sec/μA or 140 kHz/μA (Figure 10) over a relatively linear response of control current (0 to 100 µA). The oscillator gain factor depends on the operating range of the control current (i.e., the slope is not constant). Included in the CCO gain factor is the internal amplifier which can sink and source at least 30µA of input current from the phase detector. The internal circuitry at Pin 6 limits the CCO control current to 50 µA of source capability while its sink capability exceeds 200 µA as shown in Figures 9 and 10. Further information to follow shows how to use the full capabilities of the CCO by addition of an external loop amplifier and filter (see Figure 15). This additional circuitry yields at  $K_0 = 0.145 \text{ MHz/}\mu\text{A}$  or  $9.1 \times 10^5 \text{ mHz/}\mu$ rad/sec/μA.

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Figure 11. Block Diagram of ML1317x PLL



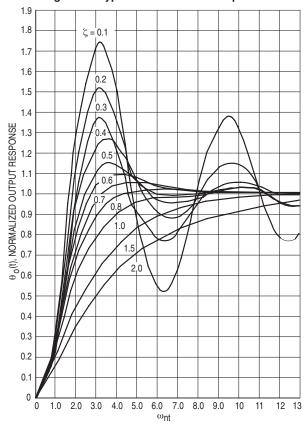
Where:  $K_p=$  Phase detector gain constant in  $_{\mu A/rad}$ ;  $K_p=30~\mu A/rad$   $K_f=$  Filter transfer function  $K_n=1/N$ ; N=8 for the MC13175 and  $K_0$  N=32 for the MC13176 = CCO gain constant in rad/sec/ $\mu A$   $K_0=9.1~x~10^5~rad/sec/<math>\mu A$ 

#### **LOOP FILTERING**

The fundamental loop characteristics, such as capture range, loop bandwidth, lock—up time and transient response are controlled externally by loop filtering.

The natural frequency  $(\omega_n)$  and damping factor  $(\mathcal{L})$  are important in the transient response to a step input of phase or frequency. For a given  $\mathcal{L}$  and lock time wn can be determined from the plot shown in Figure 12.

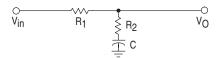
Figure 12. Type 2 Second Order Response



For  $\mathcal{L} = 0.707$  and lock time = 1.0 ms; then  $\omega = 5.0/t = 5.0$  krad/sec.

The loop filter may take the form of a simple low pass filter or a lag-lead filter which creates an additional pole at origin in the loop transfer function. This additional pole along with that of the CCO provides two pure integrators  $(1/s^2)$ . In the lag-lead low pass network shown in Figure 13, the values of the low pass filtering parameters  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and C determine the loop constants  $\omega_n$  and  $\mathcal{L}$ . The equations  $t_1=R_1$  C and  $t_2=R_2$  C are related in the loop filter transfer functions  $F(s)=1+t_2s/1+(t_1+t_2)s$ .

Figure 13. Lag-Lead Low Pass Filter



The closed loop transfer function takes the form of a 2nd order low pass filter given by,

$$H(s) = K_V F(s)/s + K_V F(s)$$

From control theory, if the loop filter characteristic has F(0) = 1, the DC gain of the closed loop,  $K_V$  is defined as,

$$K_V = K_p K_0 K_n$$

and the transfer function has a natural frequency,

$$\omega n = K_{V}/t_{1} + t_{2})^{1/2}$$

and a dampning factor,

$$\mathcal{L} = (\omega_n/2) (t_2 + 1K_V)$$

Rewriting the above equations and solving for the ML13176 with  $\mathcal{L} = 0.707$  and  $\omega_n = 5.0$  k rad/sec.

$$\begin{split} K_V &= K_p K_0 K_n = (30) \ (0.91 \ X \ 10^6) (1/32) = 0.853 \ X \ 10^6 \\ t_1 + t_2 &= K_V / \omega_n 2 = 0.853 \ X \ 10^6 / (25 \ X \ 106) = 34.1 \ ms \\ t_2 &= 2 \mathcal{L} / \omega_n = (2) (0.707) / (5 \ X \ 10^3) = 0.283 \ ms \\ t_1 &= (K_V / \omega_n 2) - t_2 = (34.1 - 0.283) = 33.8 \ ms \end{split}$$

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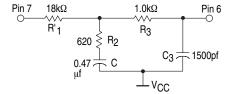
For C = 0.47 u: then  $R_1 = t_1/C = 33.8 \times 10^{-3}/0.47 \times 10^{-6} = 72 \text{ k}$ thus,  $R_2 = t_2/C = 0.283 \times 10^{-3}/0.47 \times 10^{-6} = 0.60 \text{k}$ 

In the above example, the following standard value components are used.

 $C = 0.47 \mu f$ ;  $R_2 = 620 \text{ and } R'_1 = 72 k\Omega - 53 k\Omega \sim 18 k\Omega$ (R'<sub>1</sub> is defined as  $R_1 - 53 \text{ k}\Omega$ , the output impedance of the phase detector.)

Since the output of the phase detector is high impedance ( $\sim$ 50 k) and serves as a current source, and the input to the frequency control, Pin 6 is low impedance (impedance of the two diode to ground is approximately 500  $\Omega$ ), it is imperative that the second order low pass filter design above be modified. In order to minimize loading of the R2C shunt network, a higher impedance must be established to Pin 6. A simple solution is achieved by adding a low pass network between the passive second order network and the input to Pin 6. This helps to minimize the loading effects on the second order low pass while further suppressing the sideband spurs of the crystal oscillator. A low pass filter with  $R_3 = 1.0 \text{ k}$ and C<sub>2</sub> - 1500 p has a corner frequency (f<sub>c</sub>) of 106 kHz; the reference sideband spurs are down greater than – 60 dBc.

Figure 14. Modified Low Pass Loop Filter



#### **HOLD-IN RANGE**

The hold–in range, also called the lock range, tracking range and synchronization range, is the ability of the CCO frequency, fo to track the input reference signal, fref • N as it gradually shifted away from the free running frequency, ff. Assuming that the CCO is capable of sufficient frequency deviation and that the internal loop amplifier and filter are not overdriven, the CCO will track until the phase error,  $\theta$ e approaches  $\pm \pi/2$  radians. Figures 5

through 8 are a direct measurement of the hold—in range (i.e.  $\Delta f_{ref} \times N = \pm \Delta f_H \times 2\pi$ ). Since  $\sin \theta_e$  cannot exceed  $\pm 1.0$ , as  $\theta_e$ approaches  $\pm \pi/2$  the hold–in range is equal to the DC loop gain K<sub>V</sub> X N.

$$\pm \Delta \omega_H = \pm K_V \times N$$
 where,  $K_V = K_p K_0 K_n$ . In the above example, 
$$\pm \Delta \omega_H = \pm 27.3 \text{ Mrad/sec}$$
 
$$\pm \Delta f_H = \pm 4.35 \text{ MHz}$$

#### **EXTENDED HOLD-IN RANGE**

The hold—in range of about 3.4% could cause problems over temperature in cases where the free-running oscillator drifts more than 2 to 3% because of relatively high temperature coefficients of the ferrite tuned CCO inductor. This problem might worsen for lower frequency applications where the external tuning coil is large compared to internal capacitance at Pins 1 and 4. To improve hold-in range performance, it is apparent that the gain factors involved must be carefully considered.

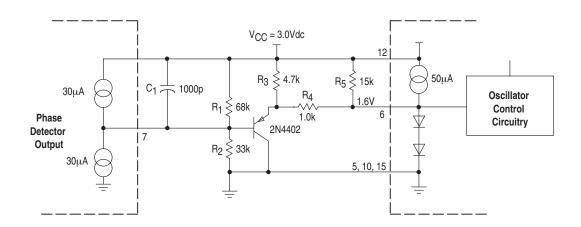
 $K_n$  = is either 1/8 in the ML13175 or 1/32 in the ML13176

 $K_p^{-}$  = is fixed internally and cannot be altered.  $K_0^{-}$  = Figures 9 and 10 suggest that there is capability of greater control range with more current swing. However, this swing must be symmetrical about the center of the dynamic response. The suggested zero current operating point for  $\pm 100 \,\mu\text{A}$  swing of the CCO is at about  $+ 70 \,$ uA offset point.

Ka = External loop amplification will be necessary since the phase detector only supplies  $\pm 30 \mu A$ .

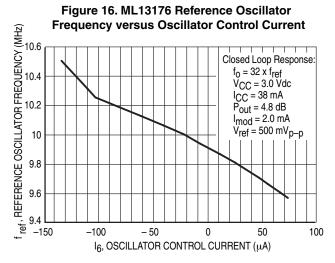
In the design example in Figure 15, an external resistor (R<sub>5</sub>) of 15 k $\Omega$  to V<sub>CC</sub> (3.0 Vdc) provides approximately 100  $\mu$ A of current boost to supplement the existing 50 µA internal source current. R4 (1.0 k $\Omega$ ) is selected for approximately 0.1 Vdc across it with 100 μA. R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are selected to set the potential at Pin 7 and the base of 2N4402 at approximately 0.9 Vdc and the emitter at 1.55 Vdc when error current to Pin 6 is approximately zero μA. C<sub>1</sub> is chosen to reduce the level of the crystal sidebands.

Figure 15. External Loop Amplifier



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Figure 16 Shows the improved hold–in range of the loop. The  $\Delta$ fref is moved 950 kHz with over 200  $\mu$ A swing of control current for an improved hold–in range of  $\pm 15.2$  MHz or  $\pm 95.46$  Mrad/sec.



#### LOCK-IN RANGE/CAPTURE RANGE

If a signal is applied to the loop not equal to free running frequency,  $f_f$ , then the loop will capture or lock—in the signal by making  $f_S=f_O$  (i.e. if the initial frequency difference is not too great). The lock—in range can be expressed as  $\Delta\omega_L\sim\pm\,2\,\pounds\omega_n$ 

#### **FM MODULATION**

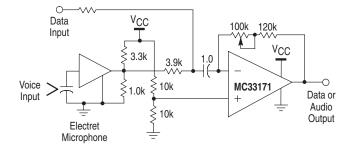
Noise external to the loop (phase detector input) is minimized by narrowing the bandwidth. This noise if minimal in a PLL system since the reference frequency is usually derived from a crystal oscillator. FM can be achieved by applying a modulation current superimposed on the control current of the CCO. The loop bandwidth must be narrow enough to prevent the loop from responding to the modulation frequency components, thus, allowing the CCO to deviate in frequency. The loop bandwidth is related to the natural frequency wn. In the lag–lead design example where the natural frequency,  $\omega$ n = 5.0 krad/sec and a damping factor,  $\mathcal{L}$  = 0.707, the loop bandwidth = 1.64 kHz. Characterization data of the closed loop responses for both the ML13175 and ML13176 at 320 MHz (Figures 7 and 8, respectively) show satisfactory performance using only a simple low–pass loop filter network. The loop filter response is strongly influenced by the high output impedance of the push–pull current output of the phase detector.

$$f_C = 0.159/RC;$$
  
For R = 1.0 k + R7 (R7 = 53 k) and C = 390 pF  $f_C = 7.55$  kHz or  $\omega_C = 47$  krad/sec

The application example in Figure 17a of a 320 MHz FM transmitter demonstrates the FM capabilities of the IC. A high value series resistor (100 k) to Pin 6 sets up the current source to drive the modulation section of the chip. Its value is dependent on the peak to peak level of the encoding data and the maximum desired frequency deviation. The data input is AC coupled with a large coupling capacitor which is selected for the modulating frequency. The component placements on the circuit side and ground side of the PC board are shown in Figures 28 and 29 respectively.

For voice application using a dynamic or an electret microphone, an op amp is used to amplify the microphone's low level output. The microphone amplifier circuit is shown in Figure 19. Figure 17b shows an application example for NBFM audio or direct FSK in which the reference crystal oscillator is modulated.

Figure 19. Microphone Amplifier

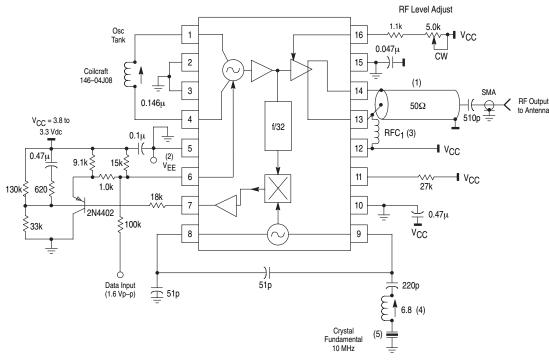


#### LOCAL OSCILLATOR APPLICATION

To reduce internal loop noise, a relatively wide loop bandwidth is needed so that the loop tracks out or cancels the noise. This is emphasized to reduce inherent CCO and divider noise or noise produced by mechanical shock and environmental vibrations. In a local oscillator application the CCO and divider noise should be reduced by proper selection of the natural frequency of the loop. Additional low pass filtering of the output will likely be necessary to reduce the crystal sideband spurs to a minimal level.

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Figure 17a. 320 MHz ML13176 FM Transmitter



NOTES: 1.50  $\Omega$  coaxial balun, 2 inches long.

- 2. Pins 5, 10 and 15 are grounds and connnected to VFF which is the component's side ground plane. These pins must be decoupled to  $V_{CC}$ ; decoupling capacitors should be placed as close as possible to the pins. 3. RFC<sub>1</sub> is 180 nH Coilcraft surface mount inductor or 190 nH Coilcraft 146–05J08.
- 4. Recommended source is a Coilcraft ™slot seven 7.0 mm tuneable inductor part #7M3–682.
- 5. The crystal is a parallel resonant, fundamental mode calibrated with 32 pF load capacitance.

RF Level Adjust 16 0.047μ CW 15 -)|-⊪ Coilcraft 146-04J08 (1) 14 RF Output 0.146μ UT-034 13 f/32 RFC<sub>1</sub> (3) 5 12 ■ V<sub>CC</sub> (3.6 Vdc – Lithium Battery) 4700p (2) 15k ≶ 11 6 130k≤ 6.2k 10 2N4402 0.47µ 8 9 External Loop Amp 100p 180p  $0.01 \mu$ (6) Crvstal Fundamental 10MHz (5) MMBV432L Audio or

Figure 17b. 320 MHz NBFM Transmitter

NOTES: 1.50  $\Omega$  coaxial balun, 2 inches long.

- 2. Pins 5, 10 and 15 are grounds and connnected to V<sub>EE</sub> which is the component's side ground plane. These pins must be decoupled to  $V_{CC}$ ; decoupling capacitors should be placed as close as possible to the pins. 3. RFC<sub>1</sub> is 180 nH Coilcraft surface mount inductor.
- 4. RFC $_2$  and RFC $_3$  are high impedance crystal frequency of 10 MHz; 8.2  $\mu$ H molded inductor gives XL > 1000  $\Omega$ .
- 5. A single varactor like the MV2105 may be used whereby RFC2 is not needed.
- The crystal is a parallel resonant, fundamental mode calibrated with 32 pF load capacitance

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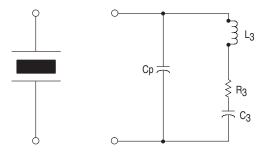
# **REFERENCE CRYSTAL OSCILLATOR** (Pins 8 and 9)

Selection of Proper Crystal: A crystal can operate in a number of mechanical modes. The lowest resonant frequency mode is its fundamental while higher order modes are called overtones. At each mechanical resonance, a crystal behaves like a RLC series—tuned circuit having a large inductor and a high Q. The inductor  $L_S$  is series resonance with a dynamic capacitor,  $C_S$  determined by the elasticity of the crystal lattice and a series resistance Rs, which accounts for the power dissipated in heating the crystal. This series RLC circuit is in parallel with a static capacitance,  $C_p$  which is created by the crystal block and by the metal plates and leads that make contact with it.

Figure 20 is the equivalent circuit for a crystal in a signal resonant mode. It is assumed that other modes of resonance are so far off frequency that their effects are negligible.

Series resonant frequency,  $f_S$  is given by;  $f_S = 1/2\pi (L_S C_S) 1/2$  and parallel resonant frequency,  $f_D$  is given by;  $f_D = f_S (1 + C_S/C_D) 1/2$ 

Figure 20. Crystal Equivalent Circuit



the frequency separation at resonance is given by;  $\Delta f = f_p - f_S = f_S [1 - (1 + C_S/C_p)^{1/2}]$ 

Usually  $f_p$  is less than 1% higher than fs, and a crystal exhibits an extremely wide variation of the reactance with frequency between  $f_p$  and  $f_s$ . A crystal oscillator circuit is very stable with frequency. This high rate of change of impedance with frequency stabilizes the oscillator, because any significant change in oscillator frequency will cause a large phase shift in the feedback loop keeping the oscillator on frequency.

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Manufacturers specify crystal for either series or parallel resonant operation. The frequency for the parallel mode is calibrated with a specified shunt capacitance called a "load capacitance." The most common value is 30 to 32 pF. If the load capacitance is placed in series with the crystal, the equivalent circuit will be series resonance at the specified parallel—resonant frequency. Frequencies up to 20 MHz use parallel resonant crystal operating in the fundamental mode, while above 20 MHz to about 60 MHz, a series resonant crystal specified and calibrated for operation in the overtone mode is used.

#### **APPLICATION EXAMPLES**

Two types of crystal oscillator circuits are used in the applications circuits: 1) fundamental mode common emitter Colpitts (Figures 1, 17a, 17b and 21) and 2) third overtone impedance inversion Colpitts (also Figures 1 and 21).

The fundamental mode common emitter Colpitts uses a parallel resonant crystal calibrated with a 32 pf load capacitance. The capacitance values are chosen to provide excellent frequency stability and output power of > 500 mVp-p at Pin 9. In Figures 1 and 21, the fundamental mode reference oscillator is fixed tuned relying on the repeatability of the crystal and passive network to maintain the frequency, while in the circuit shown in Figure 17, the oscillator frequency can be adjusted with the variable inductor for the precise operating frequency.

The third overtone impedance inversion Colpitts uses a series resonance crystal with a 25 ppm tolerance. In the application examples (Figures 1 and 21), the reference oscillator operates with the third overtone crystal at 40.0000 MHz. Thus, the ML13175 is operated at 320 MHz ( $f_0/8 = \text{crystal}$ ; 320/8) = 40.0000 MHz. The resistor across the crystal ensures that the crystal will operate in the series resonance mode. A tuneable inductor is used to adjust the oscillation frequency; it forms a parallel resonant circuit with the series and parallel combination of the external capacitors forming the divider and feedback network and the base–emitter capacitance of the devices. If the crystal is shorted, the reference oscillator should free–run at the frequency dictated by the parallel resonant LC network.

The reference oscillator can be operated as high as 60 MHz with a third overtone crystal. Therefore, it is possible to use the ML13175 up to at least 480 MHz and the ML13176 up to 950 MHz (based on the maximum capability of the divider netowork).

#### **ENABLER (Pin 11)**

The enabling resistor at Pin 11 is calculated by:

 $R_{eg}.$  enable =  $V_{CC}-1.0~Vdc/l_{reg}.$  enable From Figure 4,  $l_{reg.enable}$  is chosen to be 75µA. So, for a  $V_{CC}=3.0~Vdc~R_{reg.enable}=26.6~k\Omega,$  a standard value 27  $k\Omega$  resistor is adequate.

#### LAYOUT CONSIDERATIONS

**Supply (Pin 12):** In the PCB layout the V<sub>CC</sub> trace must be kept as wide as possible to minimize inductive reactance along the trace; it is best that V<sub>CC</sub> (RF ground) completely fills around the surface mounted components and interconnect traces on the circuit side of the board. This technique is demonstrated in the evaluation PC board.

#### BATTERY/SELECTION/LITHIUM TYPES

The device may be operated from a 3.0 V lithium battery. Selection of a suitable battery is important. Because one of the major problems for long life battery powered equipment is oxidation of the battery terminals, a battery mounted in clip—in socket is not advised. The battery leads or contact post should be isolated from the air to eliminate oxide build—up. The battery should have PC board mounting tabs which can be soldered to the PCB. Consideration should be given for the peak current capability of the battery. Lithium batteries have current handling capabilities based on the composition of the lithium compound, construction and the battery size. A 1300 mA/hr rating can be achieved in the cylindrical cell battery. The Rayovac CR2/3A lithium–manganese dioxide battery is a crimp sealed, spiral wound 3.0 Vdc, 1300 mA/hr cylindrical cell with PC board mounting tabs. It is an excellent choice based on capacity and size (1.358" long by 0.665" in diameter).

#### **DIFFERENTIAL OUTPUT (Pins 13, 14)**

The availability of micro–coaxial cable and small baluns in surface mount and radial–leaded components allows for simple interface to the output ports. A loop antenna may be directly connected with bias via RFC or 50  $\Omega$  resistors. Antenna configuration will vary depending on the space available and the frequency of operation.

## **AM MODULATION (Pin 16)**

Amplitude Shift Key: The ML13175 and ML13176 are designed to accommodate Amplitude Shift Keying (ASK). ASK modulation is a form of digital modulation corresponding to AM. The amplitude of the carrier is switched between two or more values in response to the PCM code. For the binary case, the usual choice is On–Off Keying (often abbreviated OOK). The resultant amplitude modulated waveform consists of RF pulses called marks, representing binary 1 and spaces representing binary 0.

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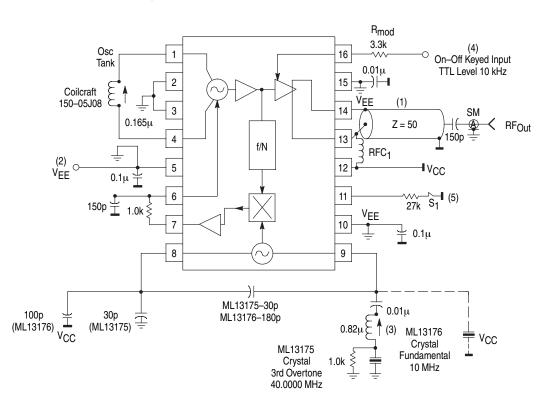


Figure 21. ASK 320 MHz Application Circuit

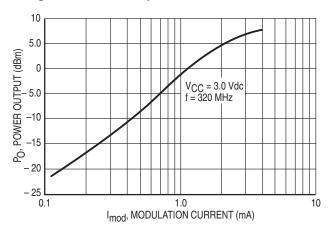
- NOTES: 1.50  $\Omega$  coaxial balun, 1/10 wavelength line (1.5") provides the best match to a 50  $\Omega$  load.
  - 2. Pins 5, 10 and 15 are ground and connnected to  $V_{EE}$  which is the component/DC ground plane side of PCB. These pins must be decoupled to  $V_{CC}$ ; decoupling capacitors should be placed as close as possible to the pins.
  - 3. The crystal oscillator circuit may be adjusted for frequency with the variable inductor (MC13175); 1.0 k resistor shunting the crystal prevents it from oscillating in the fundamental mode. Recommended source is Coilcraft "slot seven" 7.0 mm tuneable inductor, part #7M3–821.
- 4. The On–Off keyed signal turns the output of the transmitter off and on with TTL level pulses through R  $_{mod}$  at Pin 16. The "On" power and I  $_{CC}$  is set by the resistor which sets I  $_{mod}$  = VTTL 0.8 / R  $_{mod}$ . (see Figure 23).
- 5. S1 simulates an enable gate pulse from a microprocessor which will enable the transmitter. (see Figure 4 to determine precise value of the enabling resistor based on the potential of the gate pulse and the desired enable.)

Figure 21 shows a typical application in which the output power has been reduced for linearity and current drain. The current draw on the device is 16 mA I<sub>CC</sub> (average) and –22.5 dBm (average power output) using a 10 kHz modulating rate for the on–off keying. This equates to 20 mA and –2.3 dBm "on", 13 mA and –41 dBm "Off". The crystal oscillator

enable time is needed to set the acquisition timing. It takes typically 4.0 msec to reach full magnitude of the oscillator waveform. A square waveform of 3.0 V peak with a period that is greater than the oscillator enable time is applied to the Enable (Pin 11)

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Figure 23. Power Output versus Modulation Current



#### **ANALOG AM**

In analog AM applications, the output amplifier's linearity must be carefully considered. Figure 23 is a plot of Power Output versus Modulation Current at 320 MHz, 3.0 Vdc. In order to achieve a linear encoding of the modulating sinusoidal waveform on the carrier, the modulating signal must amplitude modulate the carrier in the linear portion of its power output response. When using a sinewave modulating signal, the signal rides on a positive DC offset called Vmod which sets a static (modulation off) modulation current, Imod. Imod controls the power output of the IC. As the modulating signal moves around this static bias point the modulating current varies causing power output to vary or to be AM modulated. When the IC is operated at modulation current levels greater than 2.0 mAdc the differential output stage starts to saturate.

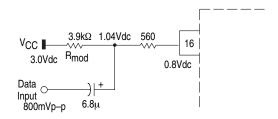
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In the design example, shown in FIgure 24, the operating point is selected as a tradeoff between average power output and quality of the AM.

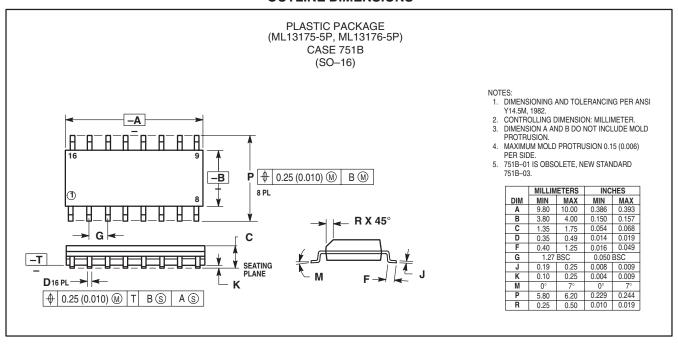
For  $V_{CC} = 3.0 \text{ Vdc}$ ;  $I_{CC} = 18.5 \text{ mA}$  and  $I_{CC} = 0.5 \text{ mAdc}$  and a static DC offset of 1.04 Vdc, the circuit shown in Figure 24 completes the design.

Where  $R_{mod} = (V_{CC} - 1.04 \text{ Vdc})/0.5 \text{ mA} = 3.92 \text{ k}\Omega$ , use a standard value resistor of 3.9 k $\Omega$ .

Figure 24. Analog AM Transmitter



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