

# CMPA901A020S

9.0 - 10.0 GHz, 20 W, Packaged GaN MMIC Power Amplifier

## Description

Cree's CMPA901A020S is a packaged, 20W HPA utilizing Cree's high performance, 0.15um GaN on SiC production process. The CMPA901A020S operates from 9-10 GHz and targets pulsed radar applications such as marine weather radar. With 3 stages of gain, this high performance amplifier provides >30dB of large signal gain, potentially lowering the transmit BOM count, and >50% efficiency to support lower system DC power requirements and simplify system thermal management solutions. Packaged in a small 6x6 mm plastic overmold QFN, the CMPA901A020S also supports reduced board space requirements and high-throughput manufacturing lines.



PN: CMPA901A020S  
Package Type: 6x6 QFN

## Typical Performance Over 9.0-10.0 GHz ( $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )

Parameter	9.0 GHz	9.5 GHz	10.0 GHz	Units
Small Signal Gain	35.7	35.35	35.86	dB
$P_{OUT}@P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$	25.25	23.5	22.8	W
Power Gain @ $P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$	32.0	31.7	31.5	dB
PAE @ $P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}$	53.6	51.1	49.0	%

### Features

- Freq: 9 – 10 GHz
- Psat > 20 W
- PAE > 45%
- LS Gain > 30 dB
- 6x6 mm Overmold QFN
- Lower system costs
- Reduced board area

Note: Features are typical performance across frequency under 25°C operation. Please reference performance charts for additional details.

### Applications

- X-Band Pulsed Radar
- Marine Weather Radar
- Military Radar

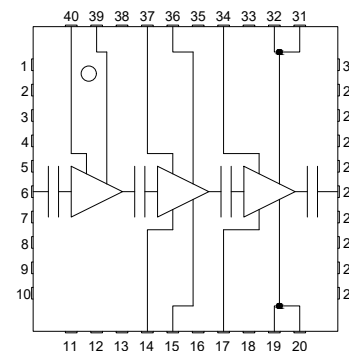


Figure 1.

**Absolute Maximum Ratings (not simultaneous) at 25 °C**

Parameter	Symbol	Rating	Units	Conditions
Drain-source Voltage	$V_{DSS}$	84	VDC	25°C
Gate-source Voltage	$V_{GS}$	-10, +2	VDC	25°C
Storage Temperature	$T_{STG}$	-55, +150	°C	
Maximum Forward Gate Current	$I_G$	8	mA	25°C
Maximum Drain Current	$I_{DMAX}$	3.8	A	
Soldering Temperature	$T_S$	260	°C	

**Electrical Characteristics (Frequency = 9.0 GHz to 10.0 GHz unless otherwise stated;  $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )**

Characteristics	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Conditions
<b>DC Characteristics</b>						
Gate Threshold Voltage	$V_{GS(TH)}$	-2.6	-2.1	-1.6	V	$V_{DS} = 10\text{ V}, I_D = 8\text{ mA}$
Gate Quiescent Voltage	$V_{GS(Q)}$	-	-1.9	-	$V_{DC}$	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_D = 235\text{ mA}$
Saturated Drain Current <sup>1</sup>	$I_{DS}$	1.5	2.9	-	A	$V_{DS} = 6.0\text{ V}, V_{GS} = 2.0\text{ V}$
Drain-Source Breakdown Voltage	$V_{BD}$	84	-	-	V	$V_{GS} = -8\text{ V}, I_D = 8\text{ mA}$
<b>RF Characteristics<sup>2,3</sup></b>						
Small Signal Gain	S21	-	35.0	-	dB	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 800\text{ mA}, \text{Freq} = 9\text{-}10\text{ GHz}$
Input Return Loss	S11	-	-23.8	-	dB	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 800\text{ mA}, \text{Freq} = 9\text{-}10\text{ GHz}$
Output Return Loss	S22	-	-9.4	-	dB	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 800\text{ mA}, \text{Freq} = 9\text{-}10\text{ GHz}$
Output Power	$P_{OUT1}$	-	44.0	-	dBm	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 235\text{ mA}, P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}, \text{Freq} = 9.0\text{ GHz}$
Output Power	$P_{OUT2}$	-	43.7	-	dBm	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 235\text{ mA}, P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}, \text{Freq} = 9.5\text{ GHz}$
Output Power	$P_{OUT3}$	-	43.6	-	dBm	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 235\text{ mA}, P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}, \text{Freq} = 10.0\text{ GHz}$
Power Gain	$G_1$	-	32.0	-	dB	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 235\text{ mA}, P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}, \text{Freq} = 9.0\text{ GHz}$
Power Gain	$G_2$	-	31.7	-	dB	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 235\text{ mA}, P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}, \text{Freq} = 9.5\text{ GHz}$
Power Gain	$G_3$	-	31.5	-	dB	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 235\text{ mA}, P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}, \text{Freq} = 10.0\text{ GHz}$
Power Added Efficiency	$PAE_1$	-	53.6	-	%	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 235\text{ mA}, P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}, \text{Freq} = 9.0\text{ GHz}$
Power Added Efficiency	$PAE_2$	-	51.1	-	%	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 235\text{ mA}, P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}, \text{Freq} = 9.5\text{ GHz}$
Power Added Efficiency	$PAE_3$	-	49.0	-	%	$V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 235\text{ mA}, P_{IN} = 12\text{ dBm}, \text{Freq} = 10.0\text{ GHz}$
Output Mismatch Stress	VSWR	-	-	5 : 1	$\Psi$	No damage at all phase angles, $V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}, I_{DQ} = 235\text{ mA}, \text{Pulse Width} = 100\ \mu\text{s}, \text{Duty Cycle} = 10\%, P_{OUT} = 20\text{ W}$

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Scaled from PCM data<sup>2</sup> All data tested in CMPA901A020S-AMP1<sup>3</sup> Pulse Width = 100  $\mu\text{s}$ ; Duty Cycle = 10%**Thermal Characteristics**

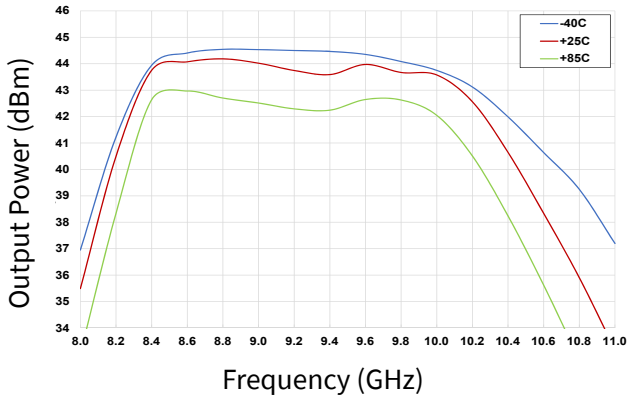
Parameter	Symbol	Rating	Units	Conditions
Operating Junction Temperature	$T_J$	225	°C	
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case (packaged)	$R_{\theta JC}$	2.2	°C/W	100 $\mu\text{s}$ , 10%, $P_{DISS} = 25.5\text{ W}$



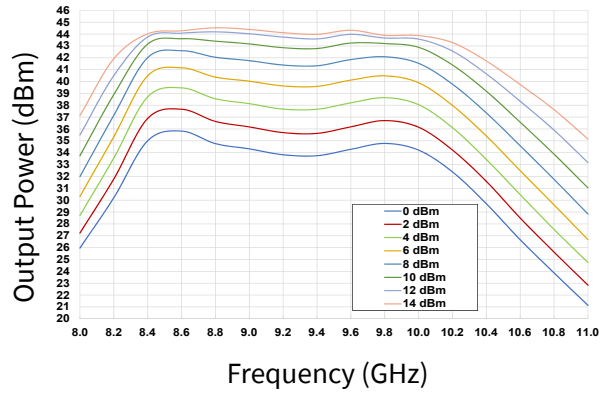
### Typical Performance of the CMPA901A020S

Test conditions unless otherwise noted:  $V_D = 28\text{ V}$ ,  $I_{DQ} = 240\text{ mA}$ ,  $PW = 100\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ,  $DC = 10\%$ ,  $P_{in} = 12\text{ dBm}$ ,  $T_{BASE} = +25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

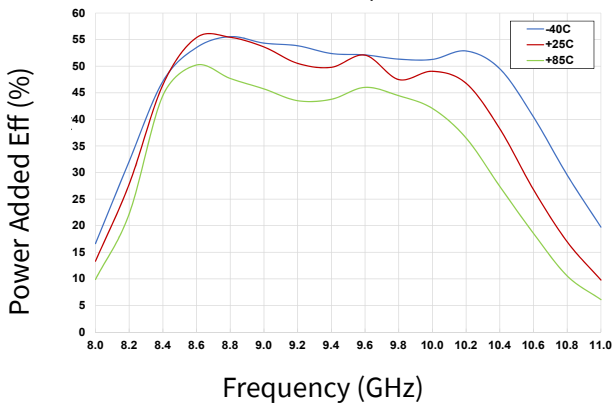
**Figure 1. Output Power vs Frequency as a Function of Temperature**



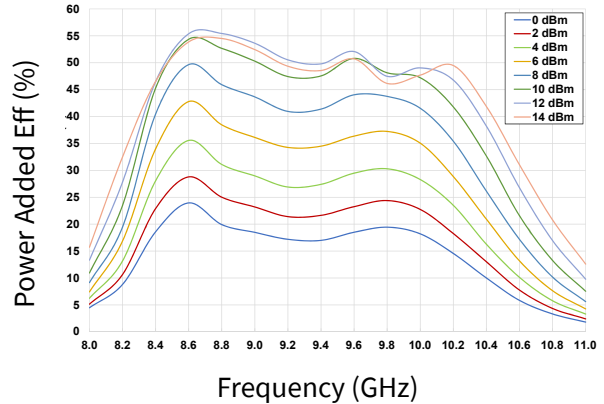
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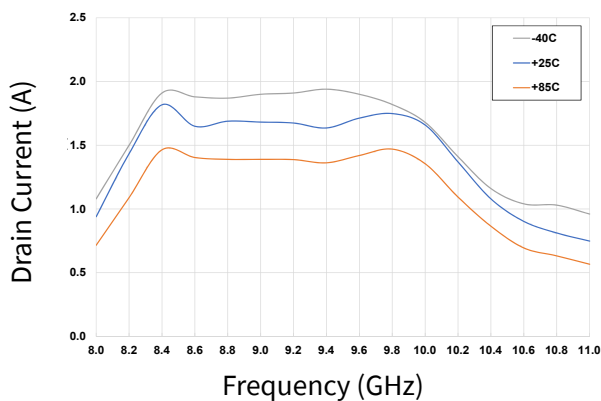
**Figure 3. Power Added Eff. vs Frequency as a Function of Temperature**



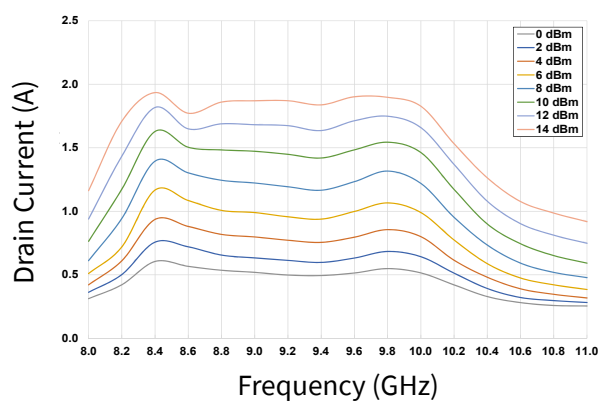
**Figure 4. Power Added Eff. vs Frequency as a Function of Input Power**



**Figure 5. Drain Current vs Frequency as a Function of Temperature**



**Figure 6. Drain Current vs Frequency as a Function of Input Power**

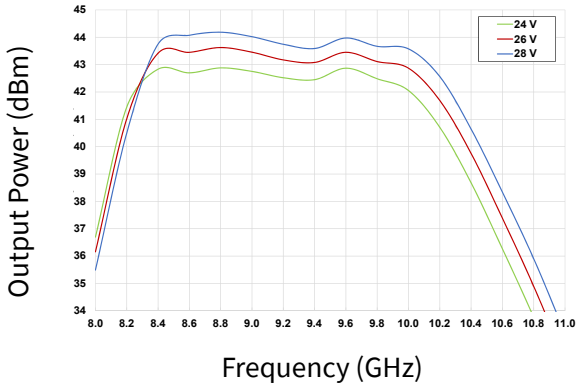




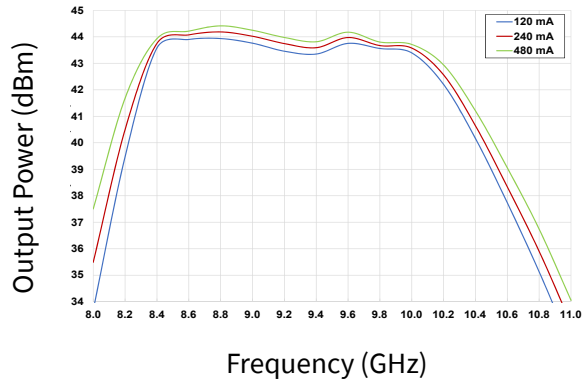
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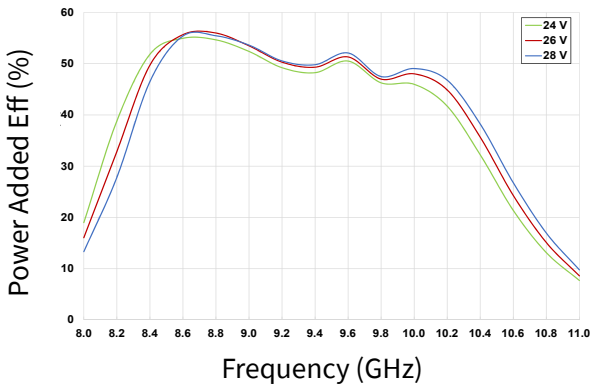
**Figure 7. Output Power vs Frequency as a Function of  $V_D$**



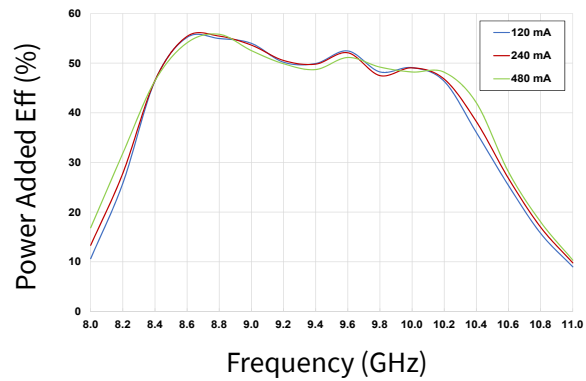
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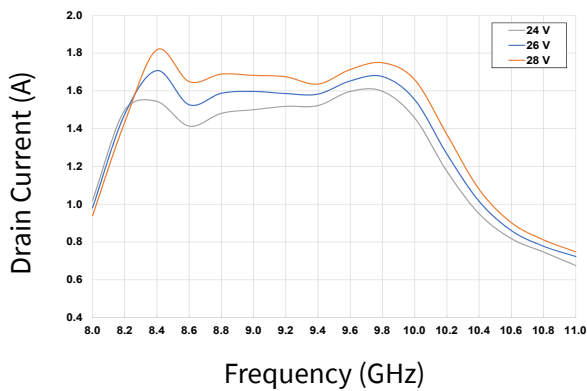
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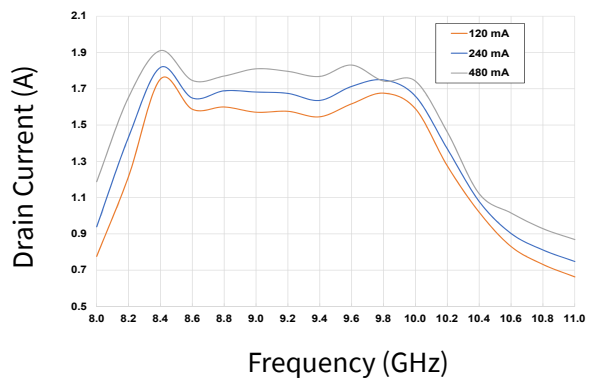
**Figure 10. Power Added Eff. vs Frequency as a Function of  $I_{DQ}$**



**Figure 11. Drain Current vs Frequency as a Function of  $V_D$**



**Figure 12. Drain Current vs Frequency as a Function of  $I_{DQ}$**

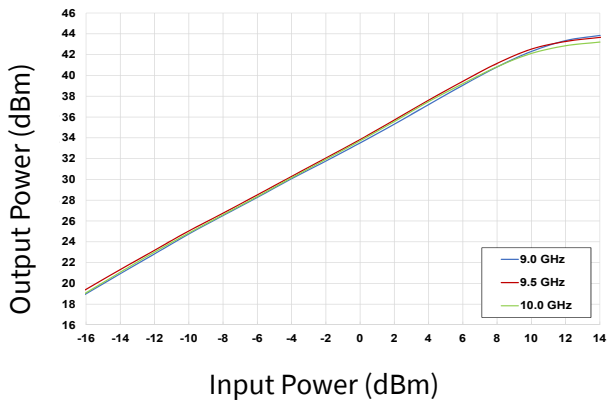




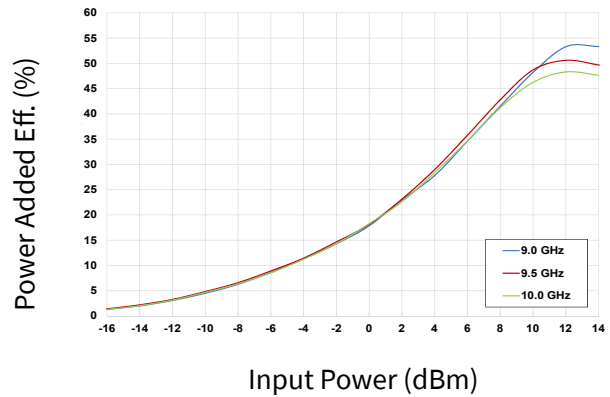
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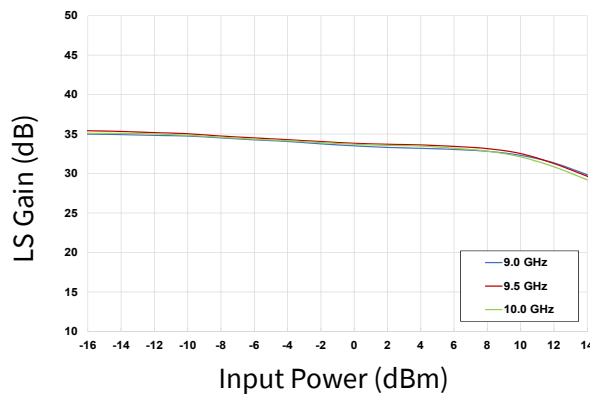
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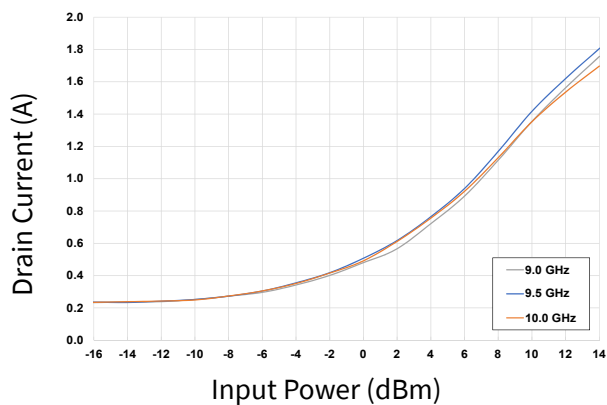
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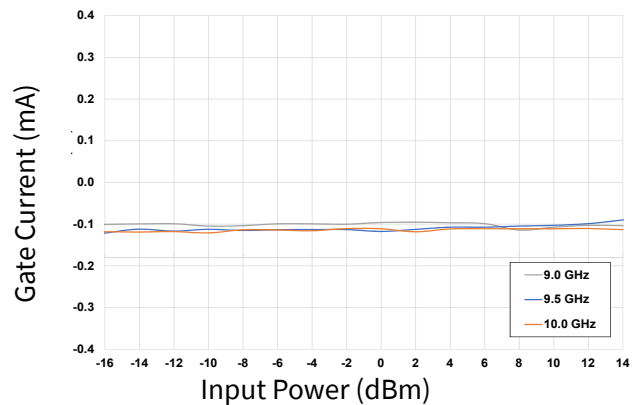
**Figure 15. Large Signal Gain vs Input Power as a Function of Frequency**



**Figure 16. Drain Current vs Input Power as a Function of Frequency**



**Figure 17. Gate Current vs Input Power as a Function of Frequency**

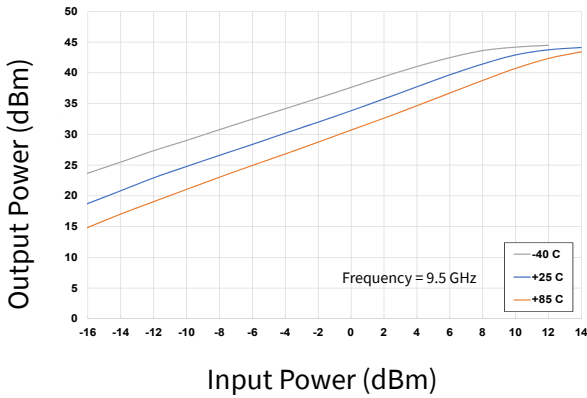




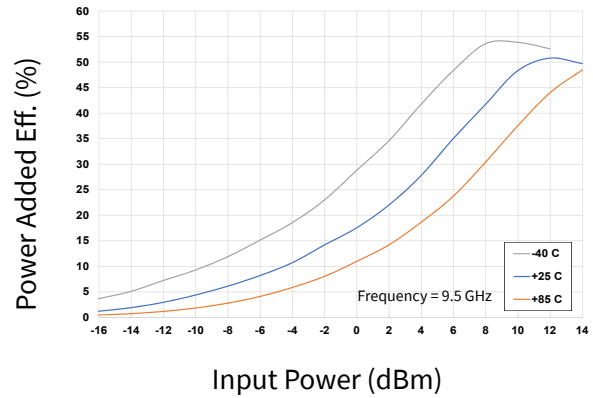
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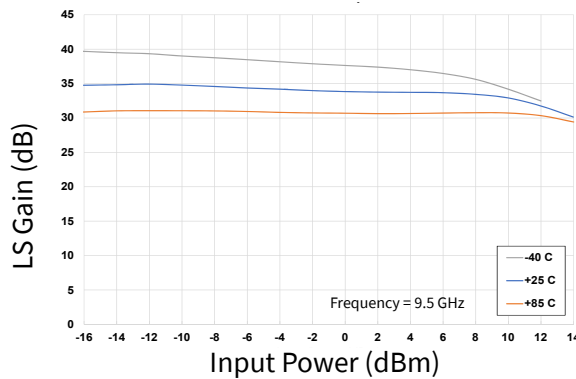
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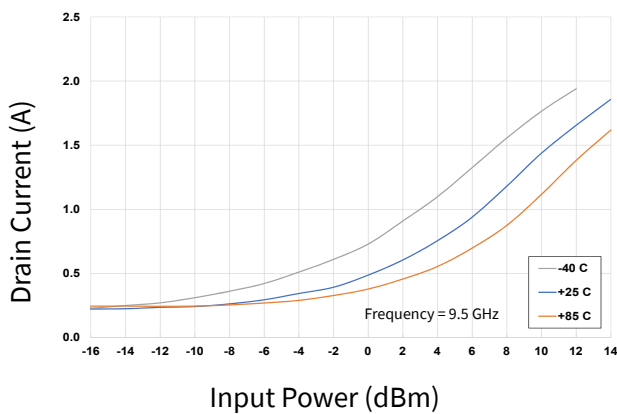
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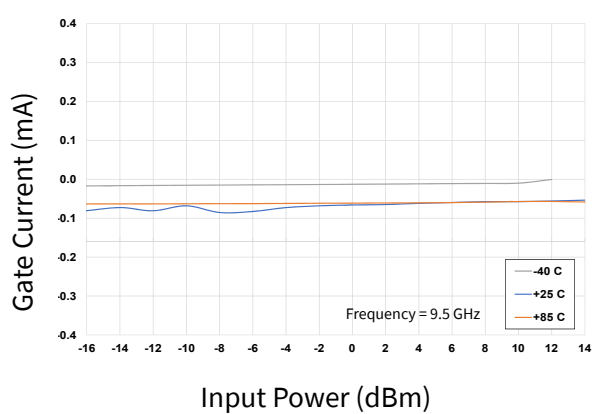
**Figure 20. Large Signal Gain vs Input Power as a Function of Temperature**



**Figure 21. Drain Current vs Input Power as a Function of Temperature**



**Figure 22. Gate Current vs Input Power as a Function of Temperature**

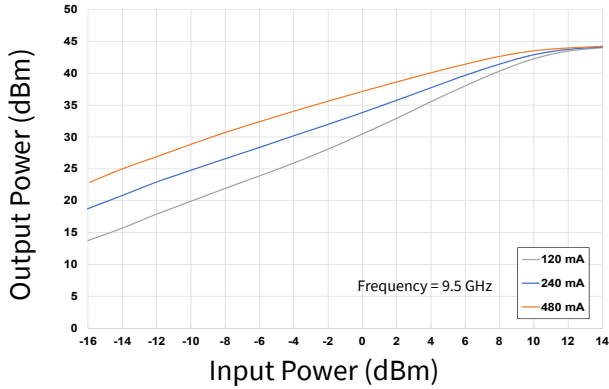




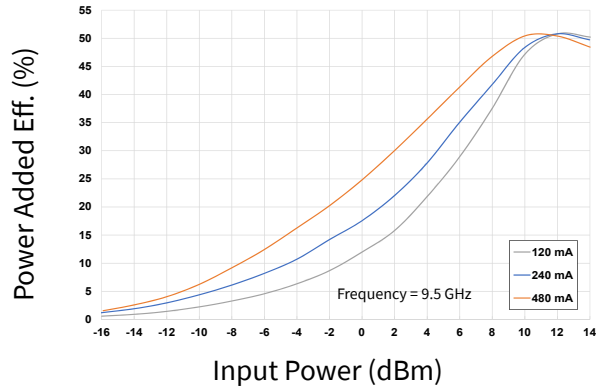
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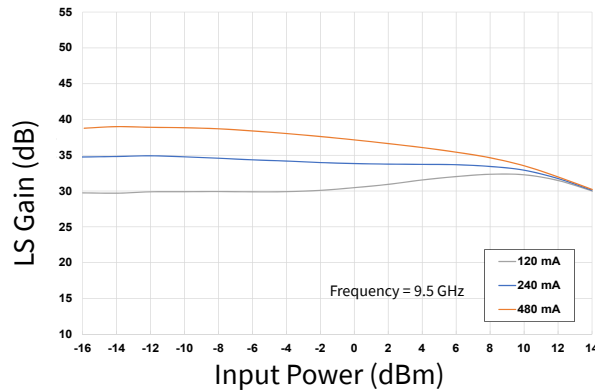
**Figure 23. Output Power vs Input Power as a Function of IDQ**



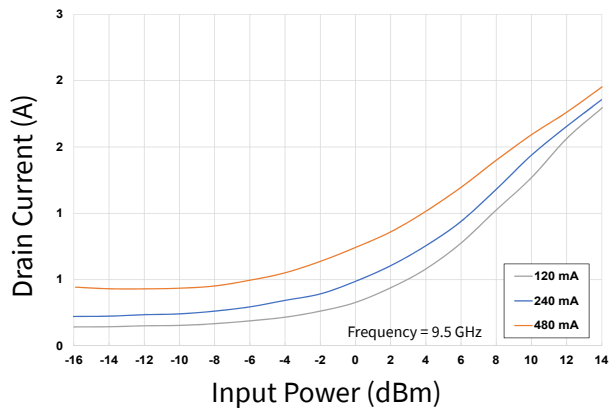
**Figure 24. Power Added Eff. vs Input Power as a Function of IDQ**



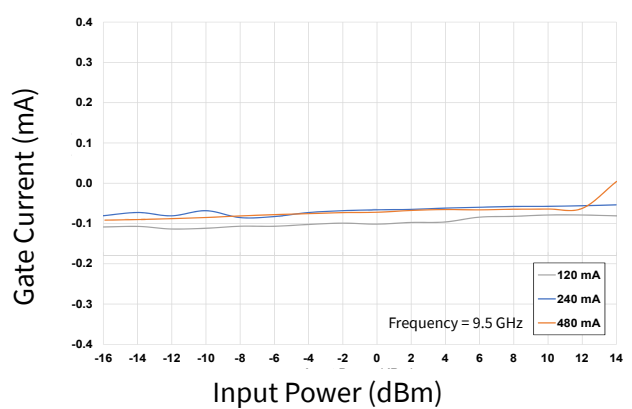
**Figure 25. Large Signal Gain vs Input Power as a Function of IDQ**



**Figure 26. Drain Current vs Input Power as a Function of IDQ**



**Figure 27. Gate Current vs Input Power as a Function of IDQ**

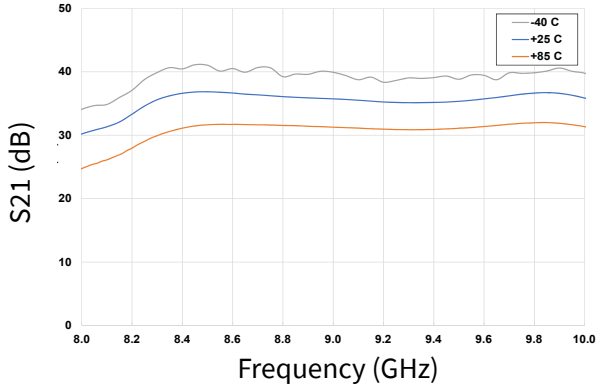




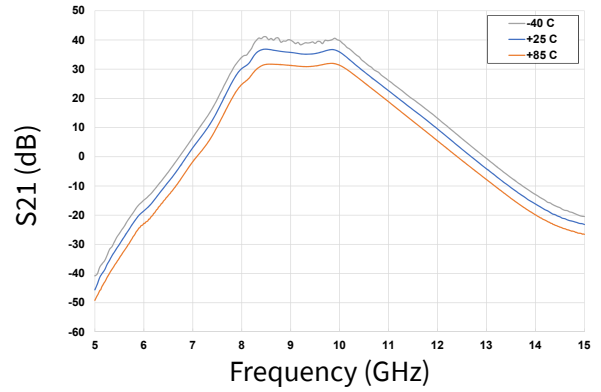
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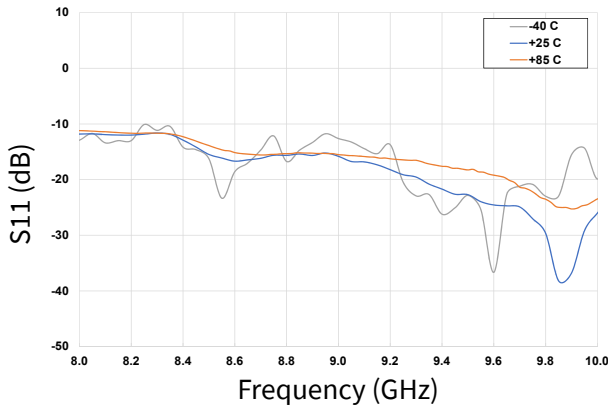
**Figure 28. Gain vs Frequency as a Function of Temperature**



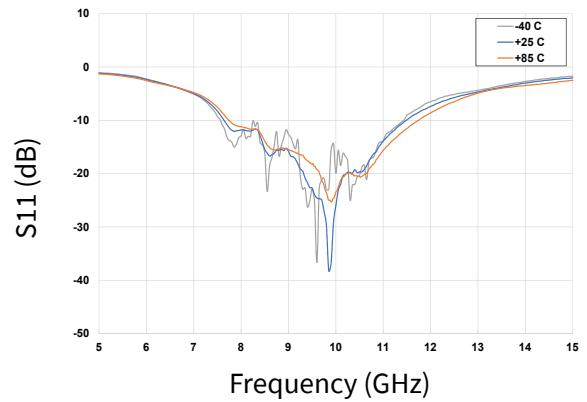
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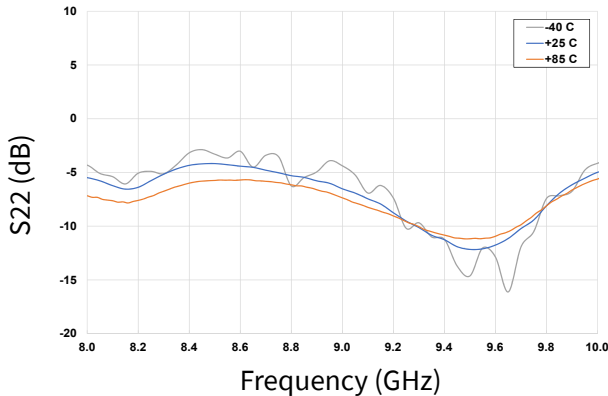
**Figure 30. Input RL vs Frequency as a Function of Temperature**



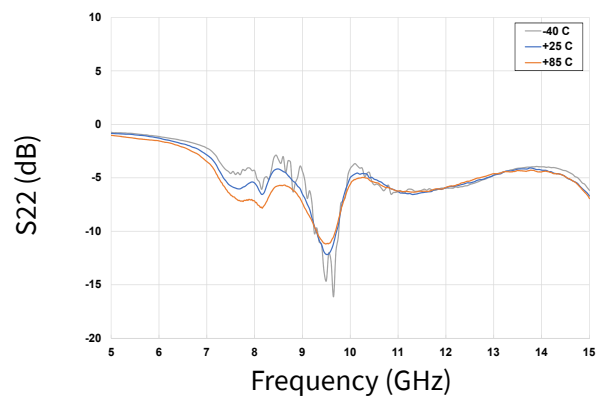
**Figure 31. Input RL vs Frequency as a Function of Temperature**



**Figure 32. Output RL vs Frequency as a Function of Temperature**



**Figure 33. Output RL vs Frequency as a Function of Temperature**



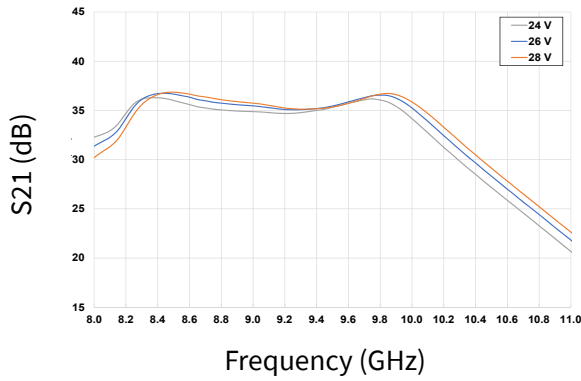




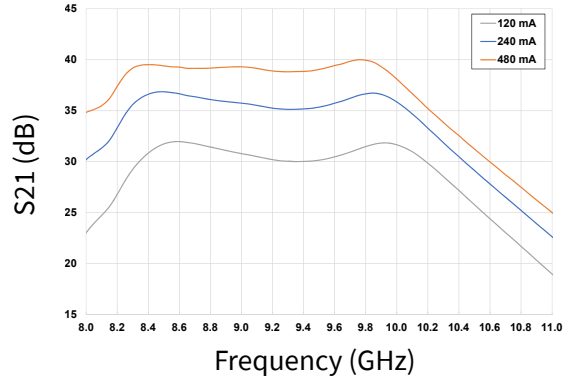
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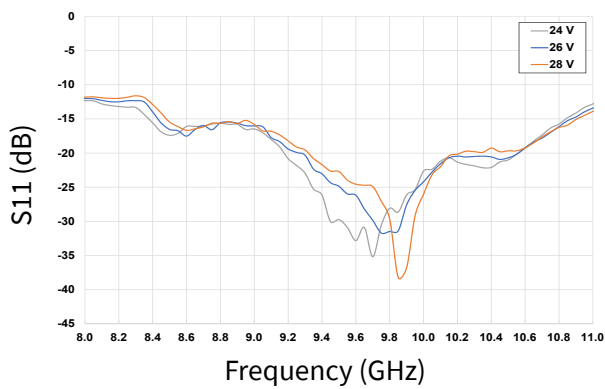
**Figure 34. Gain vs Frequency as a Function of Voltage**



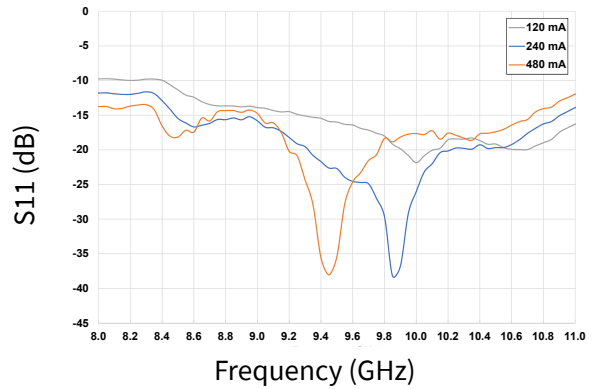
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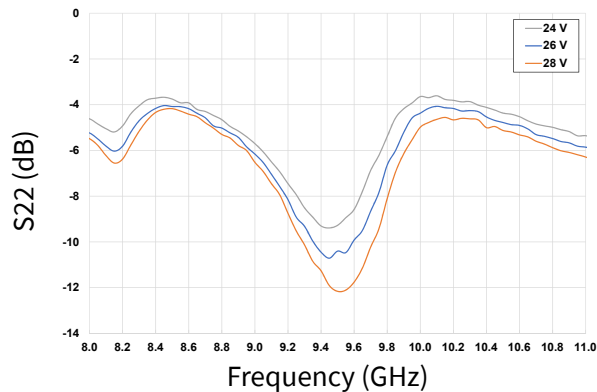
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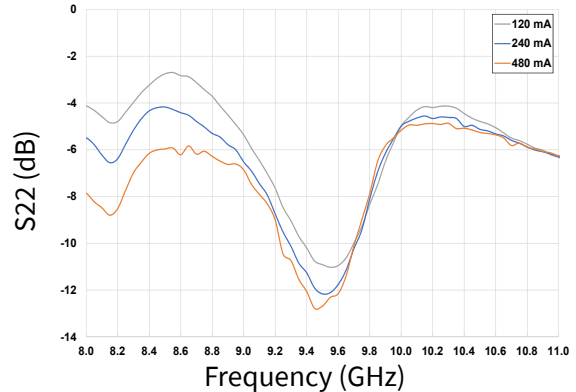
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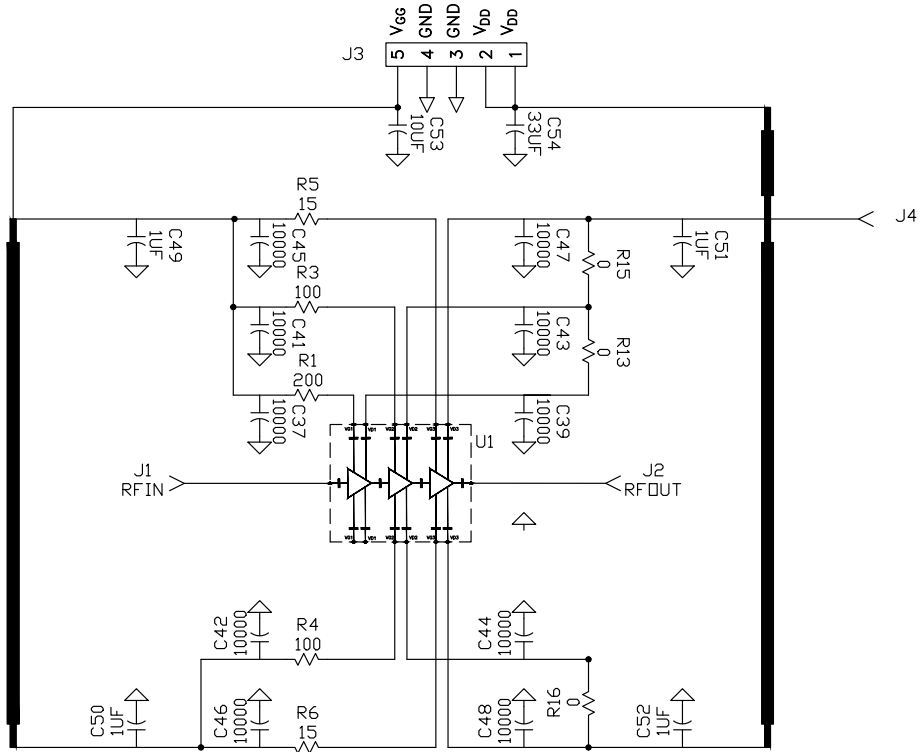
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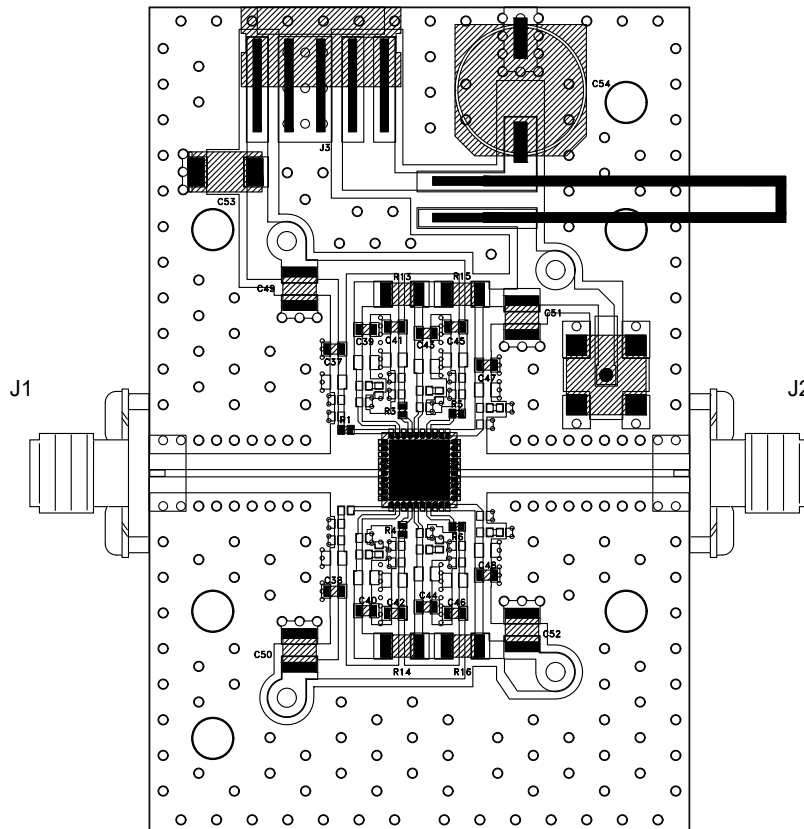
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**CMPA901A020S-AMP1 Application Circuit**



**CMPA901A020S-AMP1 Evaluation Board Layout**



**CMPA901A020S-AMP1 Evaluation Board Bill of Materials**

Designator	Description	Qty
C37-C48	CAP,10000PF, 0603,100V, X7R	12
C54	CAP, 33 UF, 20%, G CASE	1
C53	CAP, 10UF, 16V, TANTALUM	1
R5,R6	RES 15 OHM, +/-1%, 1/16W, 0402	4
R3,R4	RES 100 OHM, +/-1%, 1/16W, 0402	
R1	RES 200 OHM, +/-1%, 1/16W, 0402	
C49-C52	CAP, 1.0UF, 100V, 10%, X7R, 1210	4
R13-R16	RES 0.0 OHM 1/16W 1206 SMD	2
J1,J2	CONN, SMA, PANEL MOUNT JACK, FLANGE, 4-HOLE, BLUNT POST, 20MIL	2
J4	CONN, SMB, STRAIGHT JACK RECEPTACLE, SMT, 50 OHM, Au PLATED	1
J3	HEADER RT>PLZ .1CEN LK 5POS	1
W2,W3	WIRE, BLACK, 20 AWG ~ 2.5"	2
W1	WIRE, BLACK, 20 AWG ~ 3.0"	1
	PCB, EVAL, CMPA901A020S, RF-35TC, .010"	1
	BASEPLATE, 2.6"x1.7"x0.25", AL, 6x6 QFN	
	2-56 SOC HD SCREW 3/16 SS	4
	2 #2 SPLIT LOCKWASHER SS	4
U1	CMPA901A020S	1

**Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Classifications**

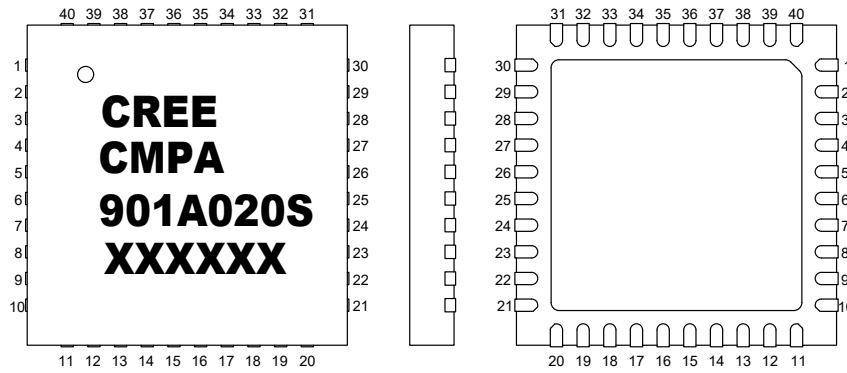
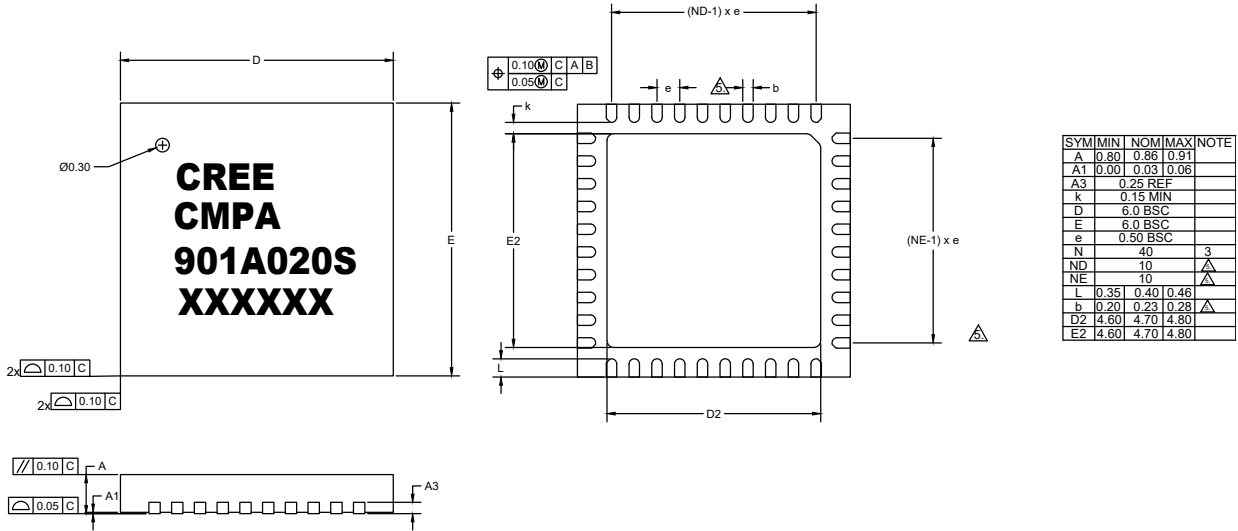
Parameter	Symbol	Class	Test Methodology
Human Body Model	HBM	1B ( $\geq 500$ V)	JEDEC JESD22 A114-D
Charge Device Model	CDM	II ( $\geq 200$ V)	JEDEC JESD22 C101-C

**Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL) Classification**

Parameter	Symbol	Level	Test Methodology
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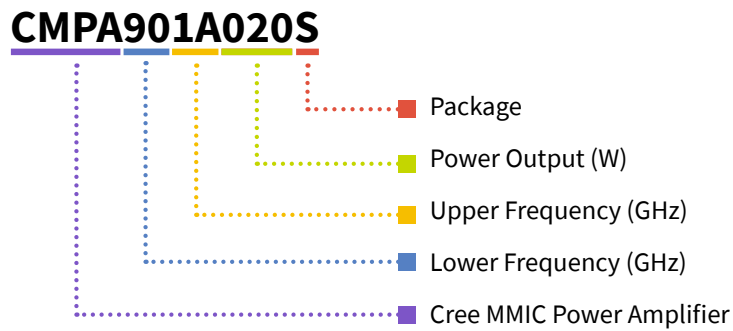
### Product Dimensions CMPA901A020S (Package 6 x 6 QFN)

1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING CONFORM TO ASME Y14.5M - 1994
2. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS, 0 IS IN DEGREES
3. N IS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TERMINALS
4. DIMENSION b APPLIES TO THE METALLIZED TERMINAL AND IS MEASURED BETWEEN 0.15 AND 0.30mm FROM TERMINAL TIP
5. ND AND NE REFER TO THE NUMBER OF TERMINALS ON EACH D AND E SIDE RESPECTIVELY
6. MAX. PACKAGE WARPAGE IS 0.05mm
7. MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BURRS IS 0.076mm IN ALL DIRECTIONS
8. PIN #1 ID ON TOP WILL BE LASER MARKED
9. B ILATERAL COPLANARITY ZONE APPLIES TO THE EXPOSED HEAT SINK SLUG AS WELL AS THE TERMINALS
10. THIS DRAWING CONFORMS TO JEDEC REGISTERED OUTLINE MO-220
11. ALL PLATED SURFACES ARE TIN 0.010mm +/- 0.005mm



PIN	DESC.	PIN	DESC.	PIN	DESC.
1	NC	15	VD2A	29	NC
2	NC	16	NC	30	NC
3	NC	17	VG3A	31	VD3B
4	NC	18	NC	32	VD3B
5	RFGND	19	VD3A	33	NC
6	RFIN	20	VD3A	34	VG3B
7	RFGND	21	NC	35	NC
8	NC	22	NC	36	VD2B
9	NC	23	NC	37	VG2B
10	NC	24	RFGND	38	NC
11	NC	25	RFOUT	39	VD1B
12	NC	26	RFGND	40	VG1B
13	NC	27	NC		
14	VG2A	28	NC		

**Part Number System**



**Table 1.**

Parameter	Value	Units
Lower Frequency	9.0	GHz
Upper Frequency	10.0	GHz
Power Output	20	W
Package	Surface Mount	-



**Note<sup>1</sup>:** Alpha characters used in frequency code indicate a value greater than 9.9 GHz. See Table 2 for value.

**Table 2.**

Character Code	Code Value
A	0
B	1
C	2
D	3
E	4
F	5
G	6
H	7
J	8
K	9
Examples:	1A = 10.0 GHz 2H = 27.0 GHz



### Product Ordering Information

Order Number	Description	Unit of Measure	Image
CMPA901A020S	Packaged GaN MMIC PA	Each	
CMPA901A020S-AMP1	Evaluation Board with GaN MMIC Installed	Each	

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