



# SILICON RFIC LOW CURRENT AMPLIFIER FOR MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS

## UPC8179TB

### FEATURES

- **HIGH DENSITY SURFACE MOUNTING:**  
6 Pin Super Minimold Package (2.0 x 1.25 x 0.9 mm)
- **SUPPLY VOLTAGE:**  
V<sub>CC</sub> = 2.4 to 3.3 V
- **HIGH EFFICIENCY:**  
P<sub>o</sub>(1dB) = +3.0 dBm TYP at f = 1.0 GHz  
P<sub>o</sub>(1dB) = +1.5 dBm TYP at f = 1.9 GHz  
P<sub>o</sub>(1dB) = +1.0 dBm TYP at f = 2.4 GHz
- **POWER GAIN:**  
G<sub>P</sub> = 13.5 dB TYP at f = 1.0 GHz  
G<sub>P</sub> = 15.5 dB TYP at f = 1.9 GHz  
G<sub>P</sub> = 15.5 dB TYP at f = 2.4 GHz
- **EXCELLENT ISOLATION:**  
ISL = 44 dB TYP at f = 1.0 GHz  
ISL = 42 dB TYP at f = 1.9 GHz  
ISL = 41 dB TYP at f = 2.4 GHz
- **LOW CURRENT CONSUMPTION:**  
I<sub>CC</sub> = 4.0 mA TYP AT V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.0 V
- **OPERATING FREQUENCY:**  
I<sub>CC</sub> = 4.0 mA TYP AT V<sub>CC</sub> = 3.0 V
- **LIGHT WEIGHT:**  
7 mg (standard Value)

### APPLICATION

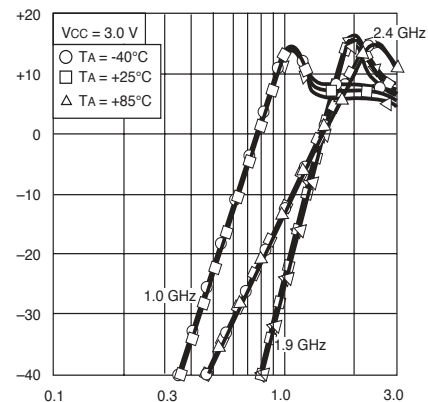
- Buffer amplifiers for 0.1 to 2.4 GHz mobile communications systems.

### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS,

(Unless otherwise specified, T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, V<sub>CC</sub> = V<sub>OUT</sub> = 3.0 V, Z<sub>S</sub> = Z<sub>L</sub> = 50Ω, at LC matched Frequency)

PART NUMBER PACKAGE OUTLINE			UPC8179TB S06		
SYMBOLS	PARAMETERS AND CONDITIONS	UNITS	MIN	TYP	MAX
I <sub>CC</sub>	Circuit Current (no input signal)	mA	2.9	4.0	5.4
G <sub>P</sub>	Power Gain, f = 1.0 GHz, P <sub>IN</sub> = -30 dBm f = 1.9 GHz, P <sub>IN</sub> = -30 dBm f = 2.4 GHz, P <sub>IN</sub> = -30 dBm	dB	11.0	13.5	15.5
			13.0	15.5	17.5
			13.0	15.5	17.5
ISOL	Isolation, f = 1.0 GHz, P <sub>IN</sub> = -30 dBm f = 1.9 GHz, P <sub>IN</sub> = -30 dBm f = 2.4 GHz, P <sub>IN</sub> = -30 dBm	dB	39.0	44.0	—
			37.0	42.0	—
			36.0	41.0	—
P <sub>1dB</sub>	Output Power at 1 dB gain compression, f = 1.0 GHz f = 1.9 GHz f = 2.4 GHz	dB	-0.5	3.0	—
			-2.0	1.5	—
			-3.0	1.0	—
NF	Noise Figure, f = 1.0 GHz f = 1.9 GHz f = 2.4 GHz	dB	—	5.0	6.5
			—	5.0	6.5
			—	5.0	6.5
RL <sub>IN</sub>	Input Return Loss, (without matching circuit) f = 1.0 GHz, P <sub>IN</sub> = -30 dBm f = 1.9 GHz, P <sub>IN</sub> = -30 dBm f = 2.4 GHz, P <sub>IN</sub> = -30 dBm	dB	4.0	7.0	—
			4.0	7.0	—
			6.0	9.0	—

POWER GAIN vs. FREQUENCY



Output match for best performance at each frequency

### DESCRIPTION

NEC's UPC8179TB is a silicon monolithic integrated circuit designed as amplifier for mobile communications. This IC can realize low current consumption with external chip inductor which can be realized on internal 50Ω wideband matched IC. This low current amplifier runs on 3.0 V. This IC is manufactured using NEC's 30 GHz fMAX UHS0 (Ultra High Speed Process) silicon bipolar process. This process uses direct silicon nitride passivation film and gold electrodes. These materials can protect the chip surface from pollution and prevent corrosion/migration. Thus this IC has excellent performance uniformity and reliability.

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS<sup>1</sup>** (TA = 25°C)

SYMBOLS	PARAMETERS	UNITS	RATINGS
Vcc	Supply Voltage, Pins 4 & 6	V	3.6
Icc	Circuit Current	mA	15
PD	Power Dissipation <sup>2</sup>	mW	270
TOP	Operating Temperature	°C	-40 to +85
TSTG	Storage Temperature	°C	-55 to +150
PIN	Input Power	dBm	+5

Notes:

1. Operation in excess of any one of these parameters may result in permanent damage.
2. Mounted on a 50 x 50 x 1.6 mm epoxy glass PWB (TA = +85°C).

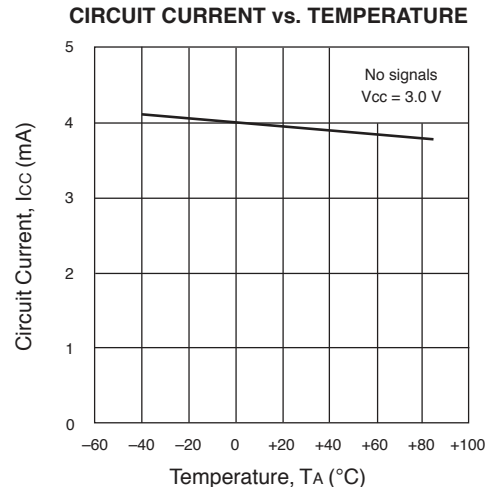
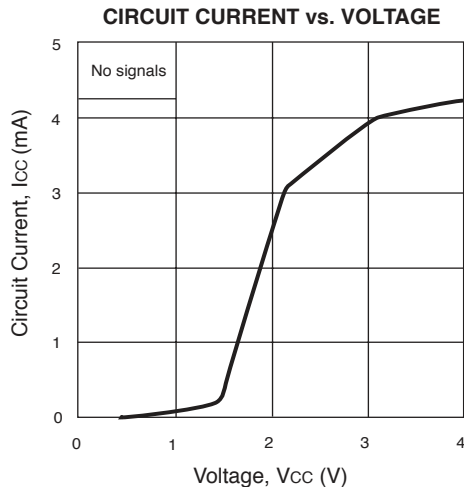
**RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS**

SYMBOLS	PARAMETERS	UNITS	MIN	TYP	MAX
Vcc	Supply Voltage	V	2.7	3.0	3.3
TA	Operating Ambient Temperature	°C	-40	+25	+85

**PIN FUNCTIONS**

Pin No.	Symbol	Pin Voltage	Description	Internal Equivalent Circuit
1	INPUT	1.09 V	Signal Input Pin. A internal matching circuit, configured with resistors, enable 50 W connection over a wide band. This pin must be coupled to signal source with capacitor for DC cut.	
2 3 5	GND	through external inductor	Ground pin. This pin should be connected to the system ground with minimum inductance. Ground pattern on the board should be formed as wide as possible. All the ground pins must be connected together with wide ground pattern to decrease impedance difference.	
4	OUTPUT	Same as Vcc voltage	Signal output pin. This pin is designed as collector output. Due to the high impedance output, this pin should be externally equipped with matching LC matching circuit to next stage. For L, a size 1005 chip inductor can be chosen.	
6	Vcc	2.4 to 3.3	Power supply pin. This pin should be externally equipped with bypass capacitor to minimize its impedance.	

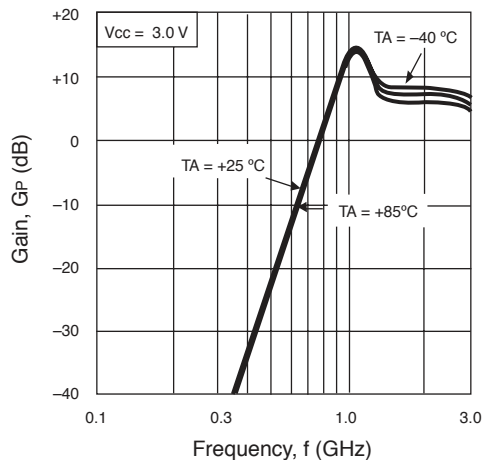
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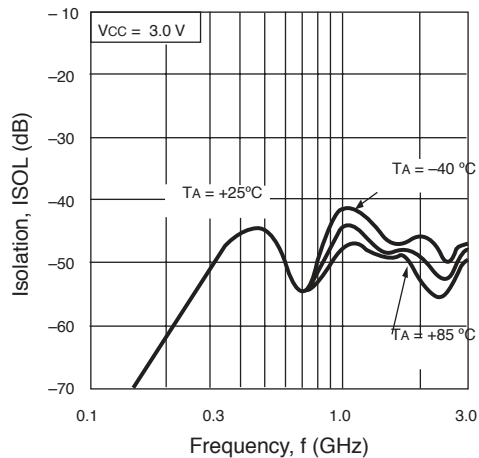
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## 1.0 GHz Output Port Matching

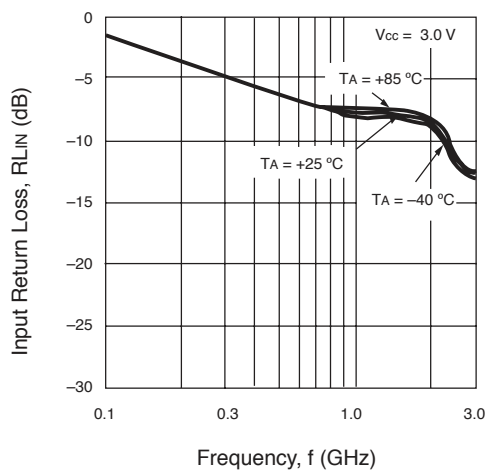
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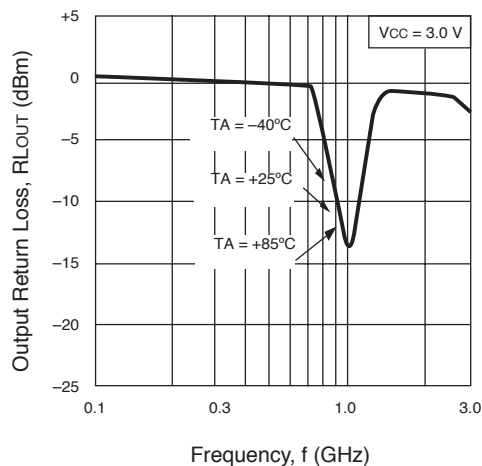
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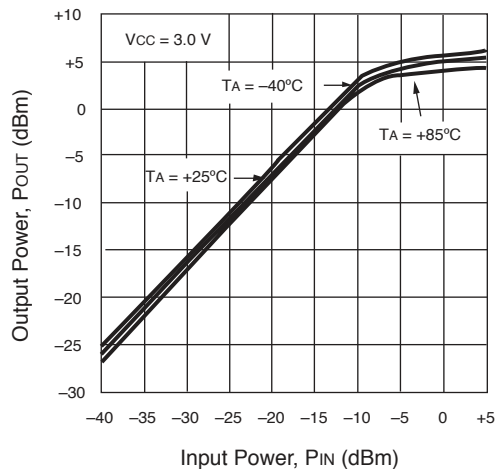
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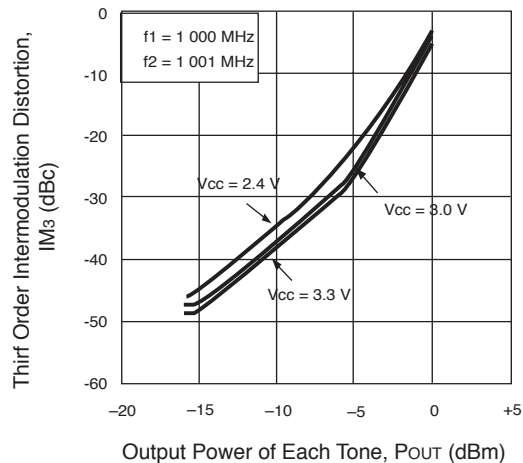
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**OUTPUT POWER vs. INPUT POWER**



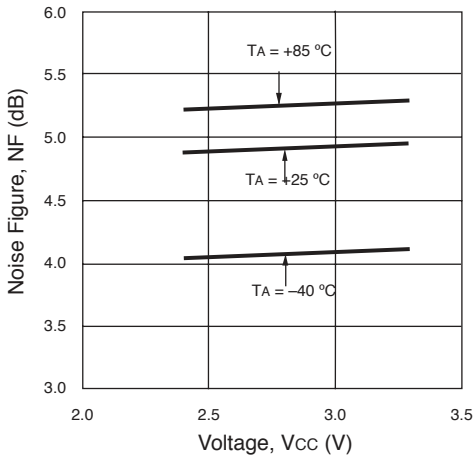
**THIRD ORDER INTERMODULATION DISTORTION vs. OUTPUT POWER OF EACH TONE**



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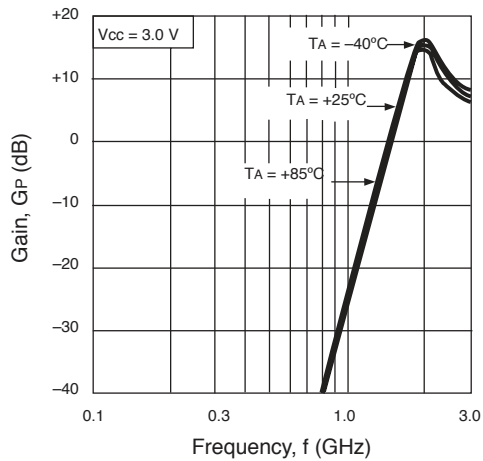
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**NOISE FIGURE vs. VOLTAGE**

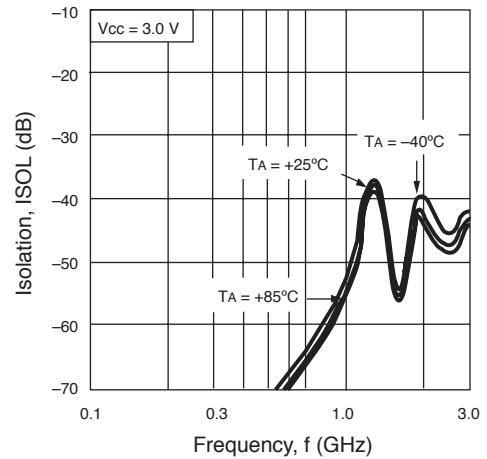


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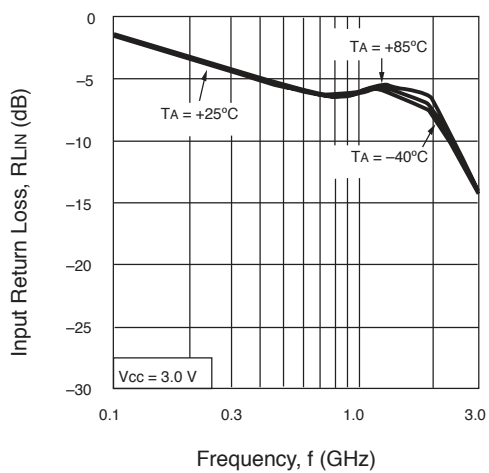
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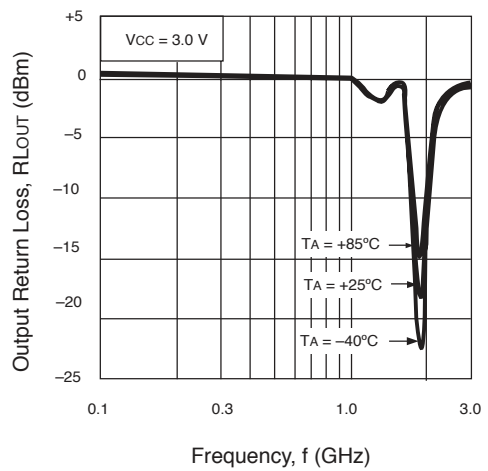
**ISOLATION vs. FREQUENCY**



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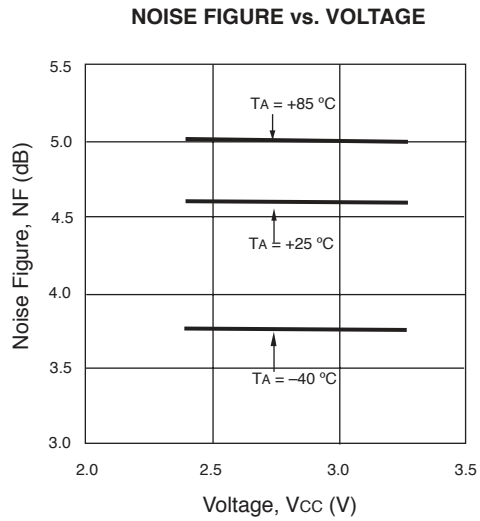
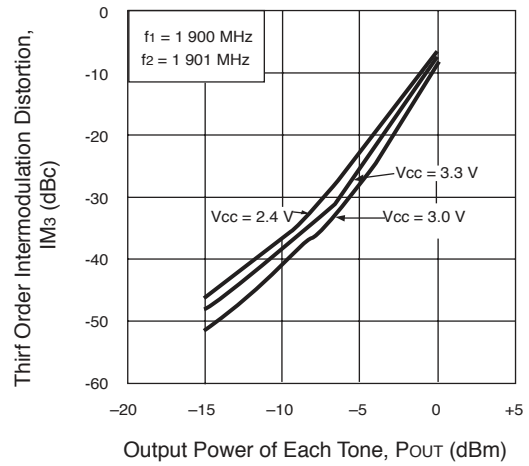
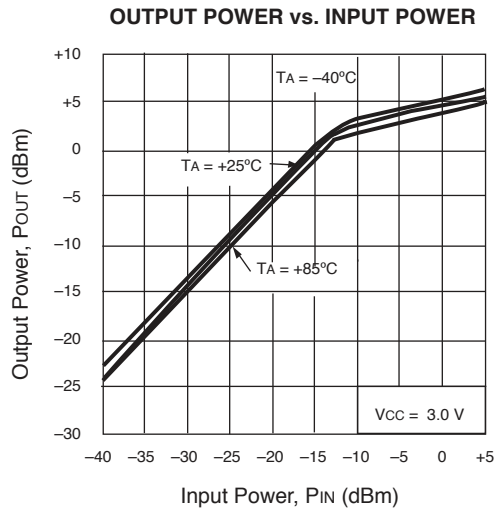


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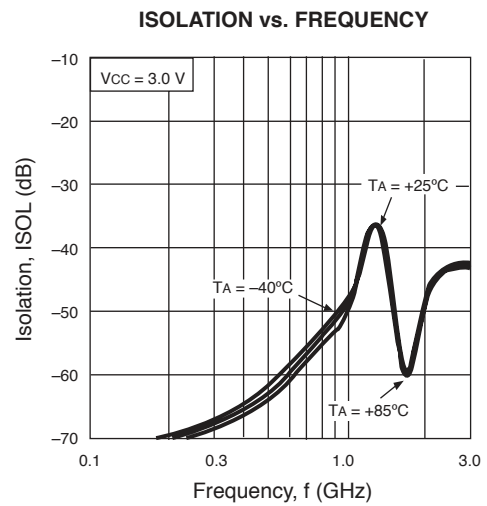
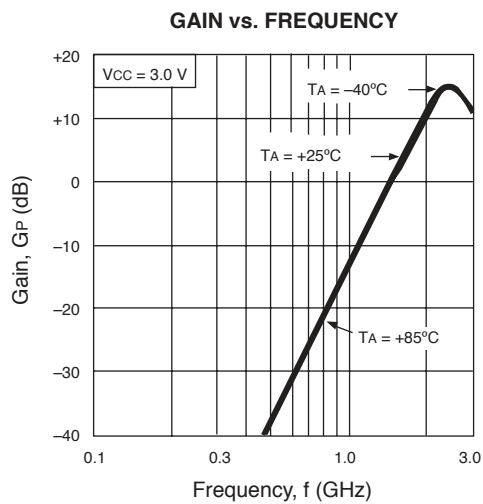


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## 1.9 GHz Output Port Matching



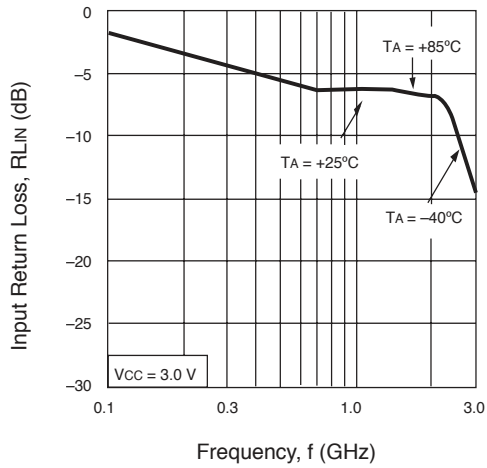
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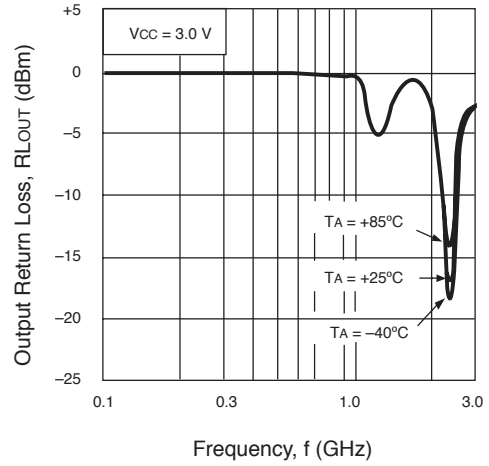
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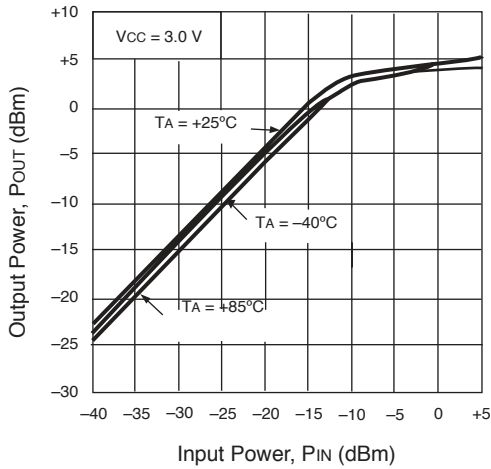
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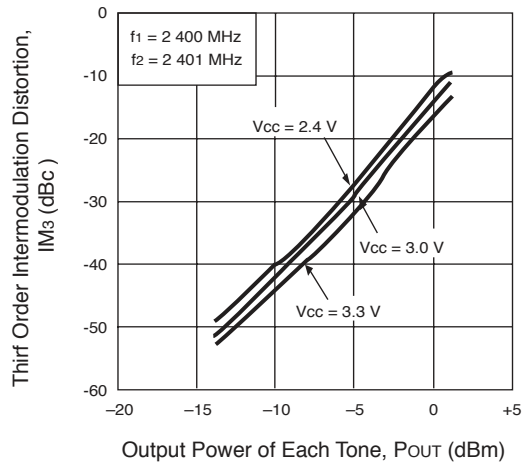
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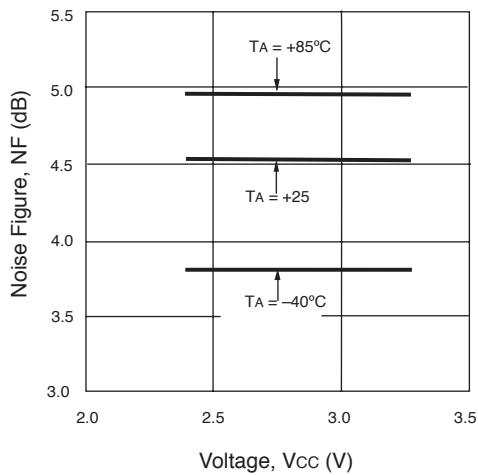
**OUTPUT POWER vs. INPUT POWER**



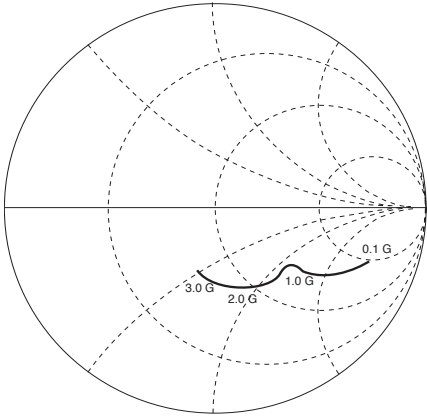
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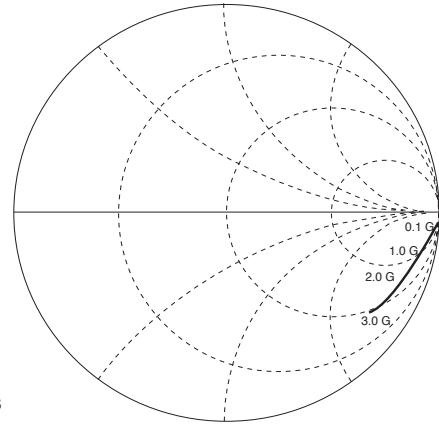
**NOISE FIGURE vs. VOLTAGE**



**TYPICAL SCATTERING PARAMETERS** (TA = 25°C)



S11



S22

**Coordinates in Ohms**  
**Frequency in GHz**  
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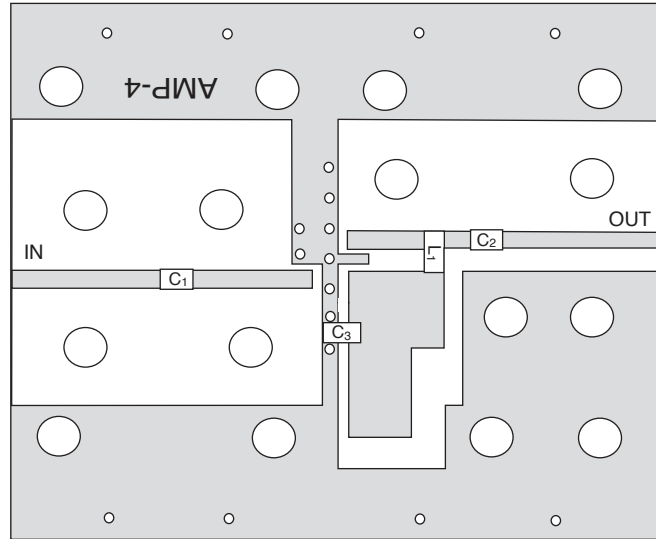
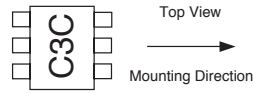
Vcc = Vout = 3.0 V, Icc = 4.0 mA

FREQUENCY GHz	S11		S21		S12		S22	
	MAG	ANG	MAG	ANG	MAG	ANG	MAG	ANG
0.1	0.824	-17.1	1.181	-177.7	0.002	108.8	0.996	-2.4
0.2	0.692	-25.9	1.181	-172.4	0.003	64.7	0.986	-4.0
0.3	0.594	-29.2	1.247	-167.4	0.004	51.3	0.980	-5.8
0.4	0.533	-30.7	1.370	-164.1	0.005	55.8	0.965	-7.5
0.5	0.499	-31.1	1.514	-162.4	0.005	60.6	0.958	-8.6
0.6	0.474	-32.0	1.677	-162.9	0.006	46.6	0.950	-10.1
0.7	0.460	-32.7	1.885	-163.8	0.006	42.9	0.941	-11.2
0.8	0.450	-34.0	2.050	-166.3	0.006	45.9	0.935	-12.4
0.9	0.441	-35.6	2.237	-169.2	0.005	42.1	0.929	-13.8
1.0	0.438	-37.7	2.460	-173.1	0.007	34.0	0.918	-14.9
1.1	0.431	-39.8	2.627	-177.3	0.007	46.9	0.914	-16.0
1.2	0.426	-42.0	2.772	178.4	0.005	27.7	0.903	-17.0
1.3	0.427	-44.8	2.965	173.2	0.005	40.2	0.895	-18.3
1.4	0.417	-48.1	3.123	168.0	0.004	24.4	0.891	-19.5
1.5	0.413	-50.6	3.199	161.8	0.006	45.5	0.884	-20.4
1.6	0.408	-54.6	3.351	156.8	0.005	44.6	0.877	-21.1
1.7	0.398	-57.6	3.345	151.2	0.003	42.4	0.867	-22.1
1.8	0.387	-61.6	3.103	145.5	0.005	44.6	0.877	-21.1
1.9	0.380	-64.9	3.361	140.9	0.005	59.5	0.859	-24.4
2.0	0.366	-69.1	3.375	136.3	0.004	45.4	0.852	-25.1
2.1	0.352	-72.1	3.350	132.3	0.003	58.3	0.846	-25.9
2.2	0.341	-75.6	3.304	127.9	0.003	73.9	0.847	-26.4
2.3	0.330	-79.4	3.347	124.8	0.006	81.1	0.839	-27.4
2.4	0.320	-82.4	3.325	121.2	0.006	98.3	0.839	-28.2
2.5	0.304	-85.6	3.275	117.3	0.006	100.5	0.838	-29.1
2.6	0.296	-88.2	3.284	113.7	0.004	114.6	0.834	-29.7
2.7	0.285	-91.7	3.283	111.0	0.005	104.8	0.830	-30.6
2.8	0.272	-94.3	3.224	106.5	0.005	114.1	0.831	-31.4
2.9	0.267	-96.9	3.333	104.3	0.008	127.8	0.837	-32.0
3.0	0.256	-99.5	3.251	101.1	0.009	126.3	0.831	-33.4
3.1	0.248	-101.9	3.381	96.0	0.008	134.1	0.833	-34.0

ILLUSTRATION OF THE TEST CIRCUIT ASSEMBLED ON EVALUATION BOARD

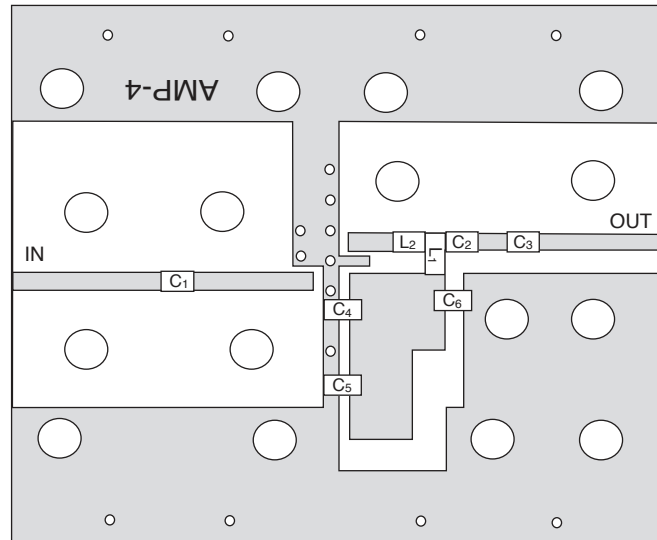
COMPONENT LIST

1.0 GHz Output Port Matching	
C1	1000 pF
C2	0.75 pF
C3	10 pF
L1	12 nH



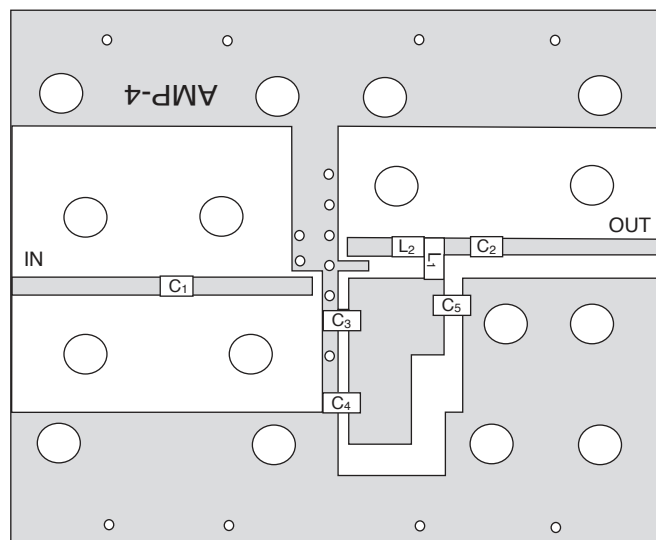
COMPONENT LIST

1.9GHz Output Port Matching	
C1, C3, C5, C6	1000 pF
C2	0.75 pF
C4	10 pF
L1	3.3 nH



COMPONENT LIST

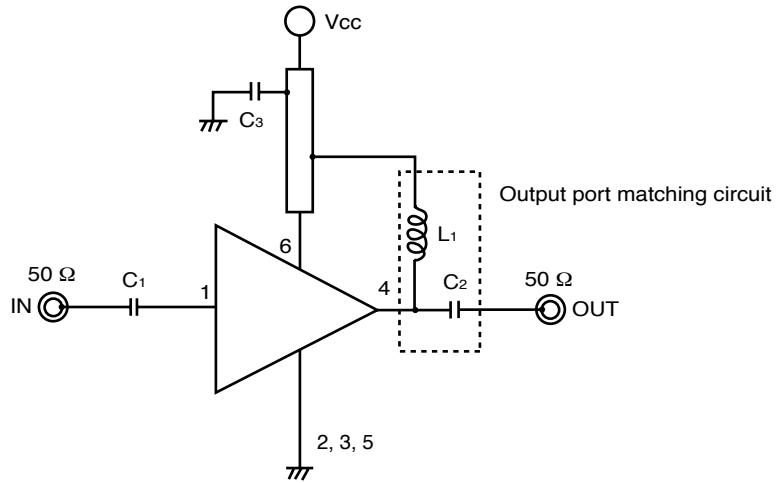
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C1, C2, C4, C5	1000 pF
C3	10 pF
L1	1.8 nH
L2	2.7 nH



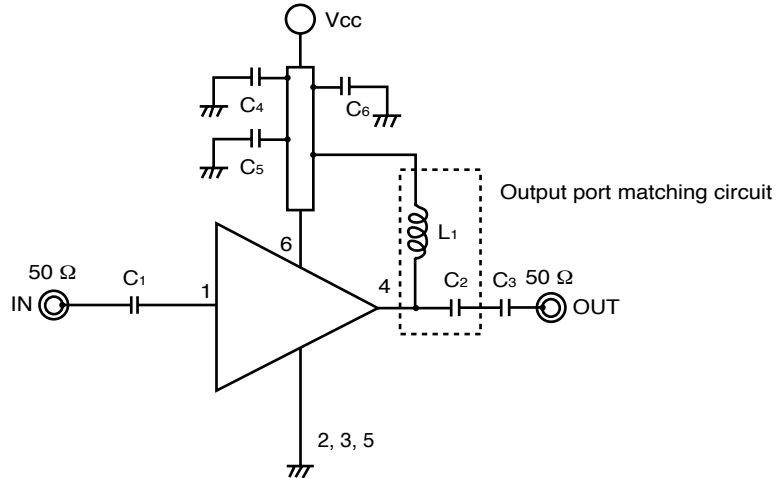


**TEST CIRCUITS**

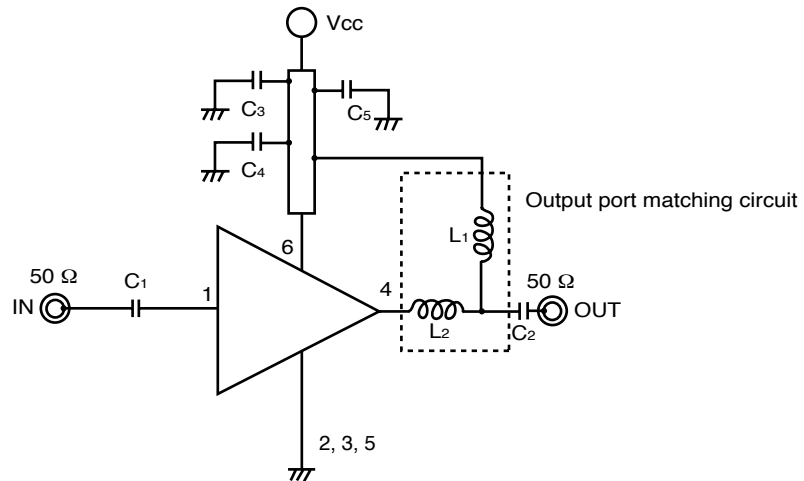
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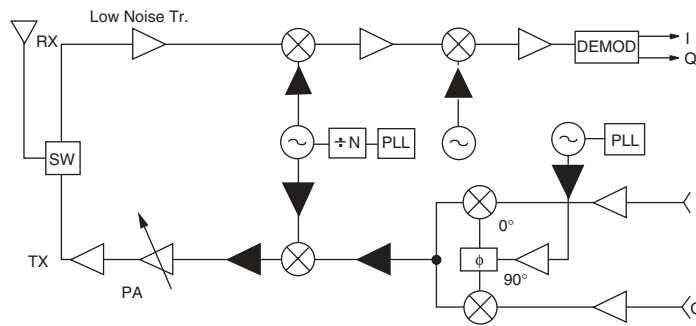
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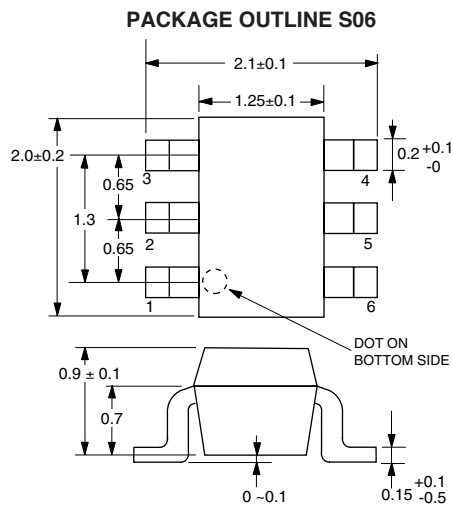
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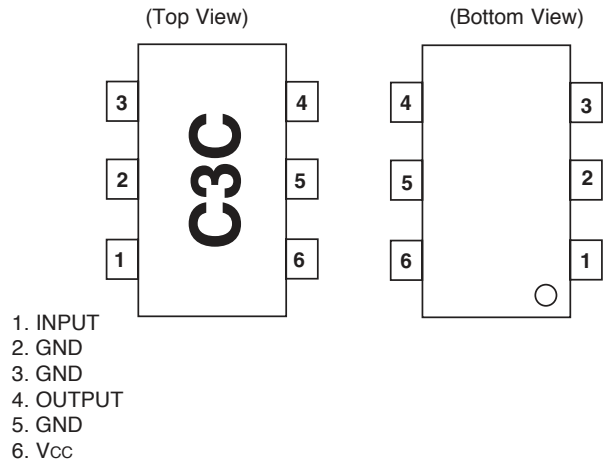
**SYSTEM APPLICATION EXAMPLE**



**OUTLINE DIMENSIONS** (Units in mm)

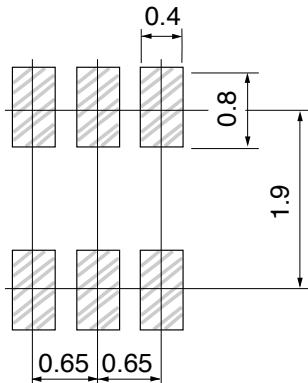


**LEAD CONNECTIONS**



**RECOMMENDED P.C.B. LAYOUT** (Units in mm)

Note:  
All dimensions are typical unless otherwise specified.



**ORDERING INFORMATION**

PART NUMBER	QTY
UPC8179TB-E3-A	3K/Reel

Note:  
Embossed tape, 8 mm wide. Pins 1, 2, 3 are in tape pull-out direction.

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