ACPM-7381-TR1 UMTS2100 4x4 Power Amplifier (1920-1980MHz)

Data Sheet

Description

The ACPM-7381, a Wide-band Code Division Multiple Access(WCDMA) Power Amplifier (PA), is a fully matched 10-pin surface mount module developed for WCDMA handset applications. This power amplifier module is developed to cover 1920-1980MHz bandwidth. The ACPM-7381 meets the stringent WCDMA linearity requirements for output power of up to 28dBm. The ACPM-7381 is also developed to meet HSDPA specs.

The ACPM-7381 is designed to enhance the efficiency at low and medium output power range by using 3-mode control scheme with 2 mode control pins. This provides extended talk time.

The ACPM-7381 is self contained, incorporating 50ohm input and output matching networks.

Order information

Features

- Excellent Linearity
- Low quiescent current
- High Efficiency PAE at 28 dBm: 39.8% PAE at 16dBm: 15.3% PAE at 8dBm: 6.0%
- 10-pin surface mounting package 4mmx4mmx1.1mm(typ)
- Internal 50ohm matching networks for both RF input and output
- RoHS Compliant

Applications

• WCDMA Handset (HSDPA)

Functional Block Diagram

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Table 1. Absolute Maximum Ratings [1]

Table 2. Recommended Operating Condition

Table 3. Power Range Truth Table

Notes:

1. No damage assuming only one parameter is set at limit at a time with all other parameters set at or below nominal value.

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1. Electrical characteristics are specified under WCDMA modulated (3GPP Uplink DPCCH + 1DPDCH) signal

2. ACP is expressed as a ratio of total adjacent power to signal power, both with 3.84MHz bandwidth at specified offsets.

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Characteristics Data (WCDMA, Vcc=3.4V, Ven=2.6V, T=25°**, Zin/Zout=50ohm)**

Figure 1. Total Current vs. Output Power **Figure 2. Gain vs. Output Power**

Figure 3. Power Added Efficiency vs. Output Power **Figure 4. Adjacent Channel Leakage Ratio 1 vs. Output Power**

Figure 5. Adjacent Channel Leakage Ratio 2 vs. Output Power

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Figure 8. Power Added Efficiency vs. Output Power **Figure 9. Adjacent Channel Leakage Ratio 1 vs. Output Power**

Figure 10. Adjacent Channel Leakage Ratio 2 vs. Output Power

Evaluation Board Description

Figure 11. Evaluation Board Schematic

Figure 12. Evaluation Board Assembly Diagram

Figure 13. Marking Specifications

Package Dimensions and Pin Descriptions

X-RAY BOTTOM VIEW PIN DESCRIPTIONS

 1.90 1.70

0.85

Figure 14. Package Dimensional Drawing and Pin Descriptions (All dimensions are in millimeters)

 0.40

CoolPAM

Avago Technologies' CoolPAM is stage-bypass PA technology which saves more power compared with conventional PA. With this technology, the ACPM-7381 has very low quiescent current and efficiencies at low and medium output power ranges are very high.

Incorporation of bias circuit

The ACPM-7381 has internal bias circuit, which removes the need for external constant voltage source (LDO). PA on/off is controlled by Ven. This is digitally control pin.

3-mode power control with two mode control pins

The ACPM-7381 supports three power modes (low power mode/mid power mode/high power mode) with two mode control pins (Vmode0 and Vmode1). This control scheme enables the ACPM-7381 to save more power, which accordingly gives extended talk time.

PDF (probability density function) in Figure 15 showing distribution of output power of mobile in real field gives motivation for stage-bypass PA. Output power is less than 16dBm for most of operating time (during talking), so it is important to save power consumption at low and medium output power ranges

Figure 15. PDF and Current

Average current & Talk time

Average current consumed by PA can be calculated by summing up current at each output power weighted with probability. So it is expressed with integration of multiplication of current and probability at each output power.

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Average current = \int (PDF \times Current) dp
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Talk time is extended more as average current consumption is lowered

Mode control pins

Vmode0 and Vmode1 are digitally controlled pins and they control operating mode of PA and truth table is summarized in table 3. These pins do not require constant voltage for interface, but high voltage input range is 1.9 though 2.9V

Application on mobile board

Figure 16 shows one application example on mobile. C4 and C5 should be placed nearby pin1 and pin10. Transmission line length after PA output should be minimized to reduce conduction loss.

Figure 16. Peripheral Circuits

Load Insensitivity

With the trend to remove the isolator from the Tx chain in UMTS handsets, the performance demands of Load Insensitivity become dependent on the combined performance of the remaining elements in the TX chain: the power amplifier, coupler, antenna as well as the physical layout on the phone board. The ACPM-7381, as part of optimized design, meets the necessary linearity requirements over a 4:1 VSWR mismatch at the antenna plane. In the case of the ACPM-7381, the output stage has been designed for slightly higher Pout to provide the necessary margin to meet linearity under the mismatch experienced at the PA output port resulting from the forced antenna mismatch. Documentation is available that provides a more complete description of the system considerations and measurement considerations.

To illustrate the system performance using the ACPM-7381, Figure 17 shows measurement of TX chain with VSWR fixed at 4:1. ACLR1 is kept higher than -38dBc over all phases and gain variance is about 2dB.

(7) ACLR2(+10MHz Offset) vs. Phase

Figure 17. RF Performance of TX path with VSWR 4:1 fixed at Ant plane (Pout=24dBm)

PCB Design Guidelines

The recommended ACPM-7381 PCB land pattern is shown in Figure 18 and Figure 19. The substrate is coated with solder mask between the I/O and conductive paddle to protect the gold pads from short circuit that is caused by solder bleeding/bridging.

Stencil Design Guidelines

A properly designed solder screen or stencil is required to ensure optimum amount of solder paste is deposited onto the PCB pads. The recommended stencil layout is shown in Figure 20. Reducing the stencil opening can potentially generate more voids. On the other hand, stencil openings larger than 100% will lead to excessive solder paste smear or bridging across the I/O pads or conductive paddle to adjacent I/O pads. Considering the fact that solder paste thickness will directly affect the quality of the solder joint, a good choice is to use laser cut stencil composed of 0.10mm(4mils)or 0.127mm(5mils) thick stainless steel which is capable of producing the required fine stencil outline.

Figure 18. Metallization

Figure 20. Solder Paste Stencil Aperture

Tape and Reel Information

Dimension List

Figure 21. Tape and Reel Format – 4 mm x 4 mm.

Reel Drawing

Handling and Storage

ESD (Electrostatic Discharge)

Electrostatic discharge occurs naturally in the environment. With the increase in voltage potential, the outlet of neutralization or discharge will be sought. If the acquired discharge route is through a semiconductor device, destructive damage will result.

ESD countermeasure methods should be developed and used to control potential ESD damage during handling in a factory environment at each manufacturing site.

MSL (Moisture Sensitivity Level)

Plastic encapsulated surface mount package is sensitive to damage induced by absorbed moisture and temperature.

Avago Technologies follows JEDEC Standard J-STD 020B. Each component and package type is classified for

moisture sensitivity by soaking a known dry package at various temperatures and relative humidity, and times. After soak, the components are subjected to three consecutive simulated reflows.

The out of bag exposure time maximum limits are determined by the classification test describe below which corresponds to a MSL classification level 6 to 1 according to the JEDEC standard IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020B and J-STD-033.

ACPM-7381 is MSL3. Thus, according to the J-STD-033 p.11 the maximum Manufacturers Exposure Time (MET) for this part is 168 hours. After this time period, the part would need to be removed from the reel, de-taped and then re-baked. MSL classification reflow temperature for the ACPM-7381 is targeted at 260° +0/-5°C. Figure 23 and Table 8 show typical SMT profile for maximum temperature of 260 +0/-5°C.

Table 6. ESD Classification

Note :

1. Module products should be considered extremely ESD sensitive

Table 7. Moisture Classification Level and Floor Life

Note :

1. The MSL Level is marked on the MSL Label on each shipping bag.

Figure 23. Typical SMT Reflow Profile for Maximum Temperature = 260 +0/-5^oC

Table 8. Typical SMT Reflow Profile for Maximum Temperature = 260+0 / -5°C

Storage Condition

Packages described in this document must be stored in sealed moisture barrier, antistatic bags. Shelf life in a sealed moisture barrier bag is 12 months at <40°C and 90% relative humidity (RH) J-STD-033 p.7.

Out-of-Bag Time Duration

After unpacking the device must be soldered to the PCB within 168 hours as listed in the J-STD-020B p.11 with factory conditions <30°C and 60% RH.

Baking

It is not necessary to re-bake the part if both conditions (storage conditions and out-of bag conditions) have been satisfied. Baking must be done if at least one of the conditions above have not been satisfied. The baking conditions are 125°C for 12 hours J-STD-033 p.8.

CAUTION

Tape and reel materials typically cannot be baked at the temperature described above. If out-of-bag exposure time is exceeded, parts must be baked for a longer time at low temperatures, or the parts must be de-reeled, detaped, re-baked and then put back on tape and reel. (See moisture sensitive warning label on each shipping bag for information of baking).

Board Rework

Component Removal, Rework and Remount

If a component is to be removed from the board, it is recommended that localized heating be used and the maximum body temperatures of any surface mount component on the board not exceed 200°C. This method will minimize moisture related component damage. If any component temperature exceeds 200°C, the board must be baked dry per 4-2 prior to rework and/or component removal. Component temperatures shall be measured at the top center of the package body. Any SMD packages that have not exceeded their floor life can be exposed to a maximum body temperature as high as their specified maximum reflow temperature.

Removal for Failure Analysis

Not following the above requirements may cause moisture/reflow damage that could hinder or completely prevent the determination of the original failure mechanism.

Baking of Populated Boards

Some SMD packages and board materials are not able to withstand long duration bakes at 125°C. Examples of this are some FR-4 materials, which cannot withstand a 24 hr bake at 125°C. Batteries and electrolytic capacitors are also temperature sensitive. With component and board temperature restrictions in mind, choose a bake temperature from Table 4-1 in J-STD 033; then determine the appropriate bake duration based on the component to be removed. For additional considerations see IPC-7711 andIPC-7721.

Derating due to Factory Environmental Conditions

Factory floor life exposures for SMD packages removed from the dry bags will be a function of the ambient environmental conditions. A safe, yet conservative, handling approach is to expose the SMD packages only up to the maximum time limits for each moisture sensitivity level as shown in Table 7. This approach, however, does not work if the factory humidity or temperature is greater than the testing conditions of 30°/60% RH. A solution for addressing this problem is to derate the exposure times based on the knowledge of moisture diffusion in the component package materials ref. JESD22-A120). Recommended equivalent total floor life exposures can be estimated for a range of humidities and temperatures based on the nominal plastic thickness for each device.

Table 9 lists equivalent derated floor lives for humidities ranging from 20-90% RH for three temperature, 20°, 25°, and 30°C.

This table is applicable to SMDs molded with novolac, biphenyl or multifunctional epoxy mold compounds. The following assumptions were used in calculating Table 9:

- 1. Activation Energy for diffusion $= 0.35$ eV (smallest known value).
- 2. For ≤60% RH, use Diffusivity = 0.121exp (-0.35 eV/kT) mm2/s (this used smallest known Diffusivity $@30^{\circ}C$).
- 3. For $>60\%$ RH, use Diffusivity = 1.320exp (-0.35 eV/kT) mm2/s (this used largest known Diffusivity ω 30°C).

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