



Typical Applications

The HMC442LC3B is an ideal gain block or driver amplifier for:

- Point-to-Point Radios
- Point-to-Multi-Point Radios
- LO Driver for HMC Mixers
- Military EW & ECM

Features

Gain: 13 dB

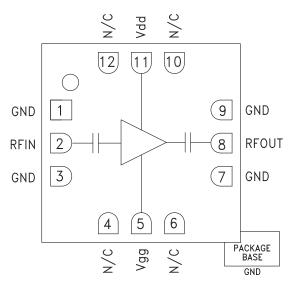
Saturated Power: +23 dBm @ 26% PAE

Supply Voltage: +5V

50 Ohm Matched Input/Output

RoHS Compliant 3 x 3 mm SMT package

Functional Diagram



General Description

The HMC442LC3B is an efficient GaAs PHEMT MMIC Medium Power Amplifier housed in a leadless "Pb free" RoHS compliant SMT package. Operating between 17.5 and 25.5 GHz, the amplifier provides 13 dB of gain, +23 dBm of saturated power and 26% PAE from a +5V supply voltage. This 50 Ohm matched amplifier does not require any external components, making it an ideal linear gain block or driver for HMC SMT mixers. The HMC442LC3B allows the use of surface mount manufacturing techniques.

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^{\circ}$ C, Vdd = +5V, Idd = 84 mA*

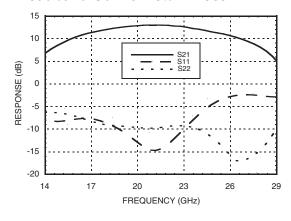
Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range	17.5 - 21.0		21.0 - 24.0			24.0 - 25.5			GHz	
Gain	10	13		10	13		8	11		dB
Gain Variation Over Temperature		0.02	0.03		0.02	0.03		0.02	0.03	dB/ °C
Input Return Loss		10			10			5		dB
Output Return Loss		9			9			12		dB
Output Power for 1 dB Compression (P1dB)	18	21		19	22		19	22		dBm
Saturated Output Power (Psat)		23			23.5			23		dBm
Output Third Order Intercept (IP3)		27			26			26		dBm
Noise Figure		8			8			9		dB
Supply Current (Idd)(Vdd = 5V, Vgg = -1V Typ.)		84			84			84		mA

*Adjust Vgg between -1.5 to -0.5V to achieve Idd = 84 mA typical.

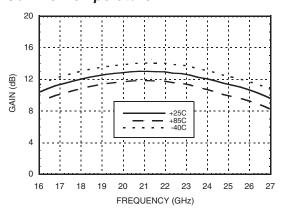




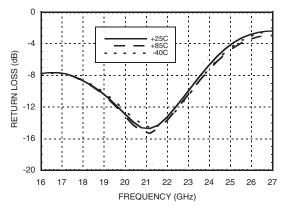
Broadband Gain & Return Loss



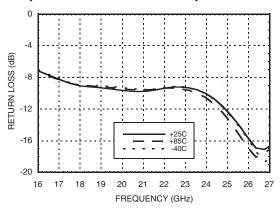
Gain vs. Temperature



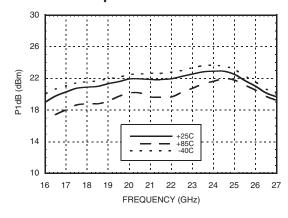
Input Return Loss vs. Temperature



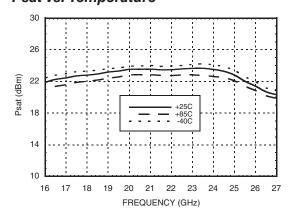
Output Return Loss vs. Temperature



P1dB vs. Temperature



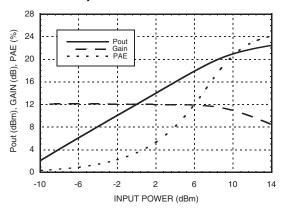
Psat vs. Temperature



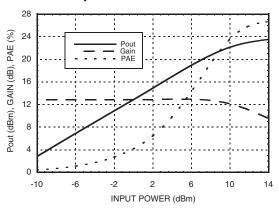




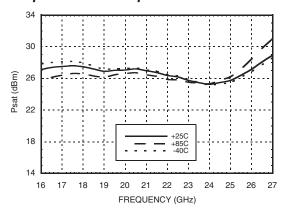
Power Compression @ 18 GHz



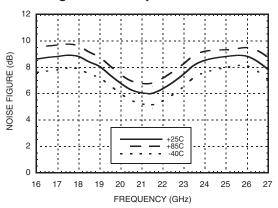
Power Compression @ 23 GHz



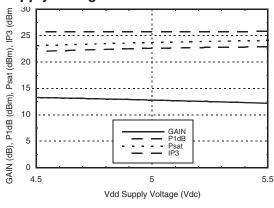
Output IP3 vs. Temperature



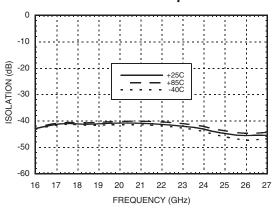
Noise Figure vs. Temperature



Gain, Power and Output IP3 vs. Supply Voltage @ 23 GHz



Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature







Absolute Maximum Ratings

Drain Bias Voltage (Vdd)	+5.5 Vdc		
Gate Bias Voltage (Vgg)	-8.0 to 0 Vdc		
RF Input Power (RFIN)(Vdd = +5Vdc, Idd = 85 mA)	+16 dBm		
Channel Temperature	175 °C		
Continuous Pdiss (T = 85 °C) (derate 5.46 mW/°C above 85 °C)	0.491 W		
Thermal Resistance (channel to ground paddle)	183 °C/W		
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C		
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85 °C		
ESD Sensitivity (HBM)	Class 1A		

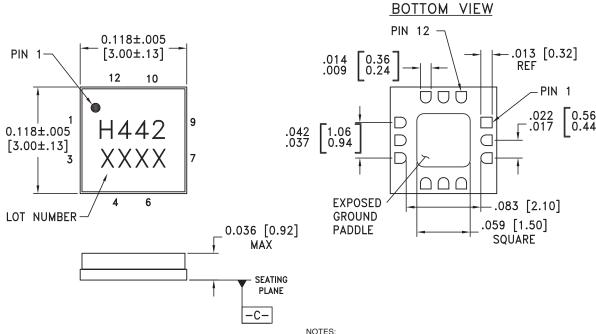
Typical Supply Current vs. Vdd

Vdd (V)	Idd (mA)
+4.5	82
+5.0	84
+5.5	86

Note: Amplifier will operate over full voltage range shown above



Outline Drawing



- 1. PACKAGE BODY MATERIAL: ALUMINA
- 2. LEAD AND GROUND PADDLE PLATING: 30 80 MICROINCHES GOLD OVER 50 MICROINCHES MINIMUM NICKEL.
- 3. DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MILLIMETERS].
- 4. LEAD SPACING TOLERANCE IS NON-CUMULATIVE
- 5. PACKAGE WARP SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.05mm DATUM -C-
- 6. ALL GROUND LEADS AND GROUND PADDLE MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB RF GROUND.



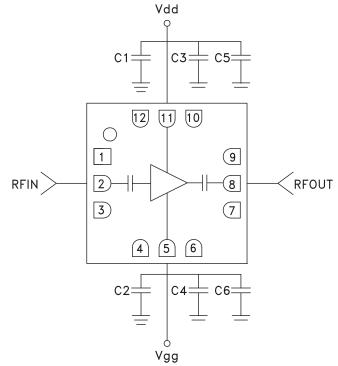


Pin Descriptions

Pin Number	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1, 3, 7, 9	GND	Package bottom must also be connected to RF/DC ground	⊖ GND =
2	RFIN	This pin is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.	RFIN O———
4, 6, 10, 12	N/C	This pin may be connected to RF/DC ground. Performance will not be affected.	
5	Vgg	Gate control for amplifier. Adjust to achieve Id of 84 mA. Please follow "MMIC Amplifier Biasing Procedure" Application Note.	Vgg
8	RFOUT	This pin is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.	— —○ RFOUT
11	Vdd	Power Supply Voltage for the amplifier. External bypass capacitors are required.	○Vdd ———————————————————————————————————

Application Circuit

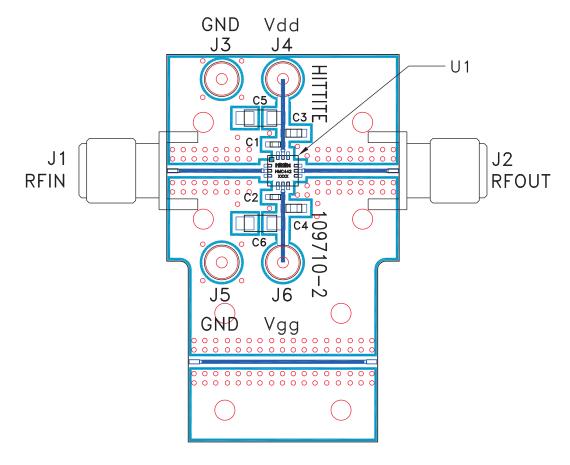
Component	Value
C1, C2	100 pF
C3, C4	1,000 pF
C5, C6	2.2 µF







Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 109712 [1]

Item	Description
J1 - J2	PCB Mount SMA Connector
J3 - J6	DC Pin
C1 - C2	100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C3 - C4	1000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
C5 - C6	2.2 µF Capacitor, Tantalum
U1	HMC442LC3B Amplifier
PCB [2]	109710 Evaluation PCB

^[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

The circuit board used in the final application should use RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines should have 50 ohm impedance while the package ground leads and exposed paddle should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown. A sufficient number of via holes should be used to connect the top and bottom ground planes. The evaluation board should be mounted to an appropriate heat sink. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.

^[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350