

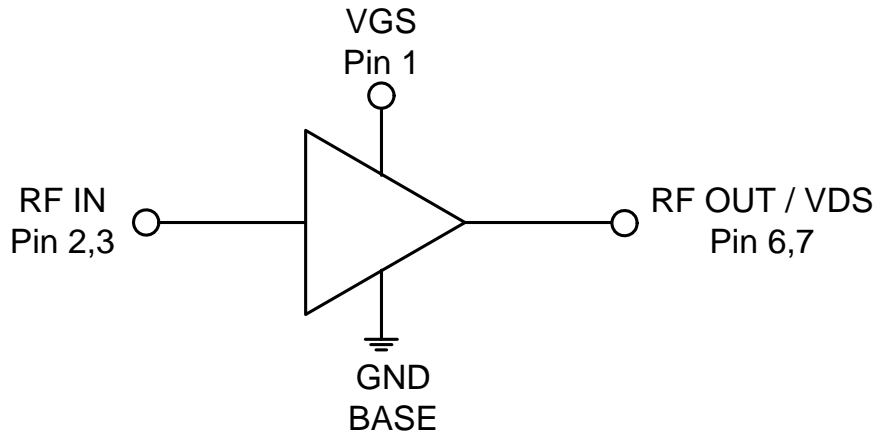


Features

- Advanced GaN HEMT Technology
- Output Power of 9W
- Advanced Heat-Sink Technology
- 30MHz to 2500MHz Instantaneous Bandwidth
- Input Internally Matched to 50Ω
- 28V Operation Typical Performance
 - P_{OUT} 39.5dBm
 - Gain 12dB
 - Power Added Efficiency 45% (30MHz to 2500MHz)
 - Power Added Efficiency 50% (200MHz to 1800MHz)
- -40 °C to 85 °C Operating Temperature
- Large Signal Models Available
- EAR99 Export Control

Applications

- Class AB Operation for Public Mobile Radio
- Power Amplifier Stage for Commercial Wireless Infrastructure
- General Purpose Tx Amplification
- Test and Instrumentation
- Civilian and Military Radar



Functional Block Diagram

Product Description

The RF3826 is a wideband Power Amplifier designed for CW and pulsed applications such as wireless infrastructure, RADAR, two way radios and general purpose amplification. Using an advanced high power density Gallium Nitride (GaN) semiconductor process, these high-performance amplifiers achieve high efficiency, flat gain and large instantaneous bandwidth in a single amplifier design. The RF3826 is an input matched GaN transistor packaged in an air cavity ceramic package which provides excellent thermal stability through the use of advanced heat sink and power dissipation technologies. Ease of integration is accomplished through the incorporation of optimized input matching network within the package that provides wideband gain and power performance in a single amplifier. An external output match offers the flexibility of further optimizing power and efficiency for any sub-band within the overall bandwidth.

Ordering Information

RF3826	GaN Wideband Power Amplifier
RF3826PCBA-410	Fully assembled evaluation board 30MHz to 2500MHz; 28V operation
RF3826PCBA-411	Fully assembled evaluation board 200MHz to 1800MHz; 28V operation

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Rating	Unit
Drain Voltage (V_D)	150	V
Gate Voltage (V_G)	-8 to +2	V
Gate Current (I_G)	5	mA
Operational Voltage	32	V
RF- Input Power	34	dBm
Ruggedness (VSWR)	12:1	
Storage Temperature Range	-55 to +125	°C
Operating Temperature Range (T_C)	-40 to +85	°C
Operating Junction Temperature (T_J)	200	°C
Human Body Model	Class 1A	
MTTF ($T_J < 200$ °C, 95% Confidence Limits)*	3E + 06	Hours
Thermal Resistance, R_{TH} (junction to case) measured at $T_C = 85$ °C, DC bias only	9.8	°C/W



Caution! ESD sensitive device.

Exceeding any one or a combination of the Absolute Maximum Rating conditions may cause permanent damage to the device. Extended application of Absolute Maximum Rating conditions to the device may reduce device reliability. Specified typical performance or functional operation of the device under Absolute Maximum Rating conditions is not implied.

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* MTTF - median time to failure for wear-out failure mode (30% I_{DSS} degradation) which is determined by the technology process reliability.

Refer to product qualification report for FIT(random) failure rate.

Operation of this device beyond any one of these limits may cause permanent damage. For reliable continuous operation, the device voltage and current must not exceed the maximum operating values specified in the table on page two.

Bias Conditions should also satisfy the following expression: $P_{DISS} < (T_J - T_C) / R_{TH}$ J-C and $T_C = T_{CASE}$

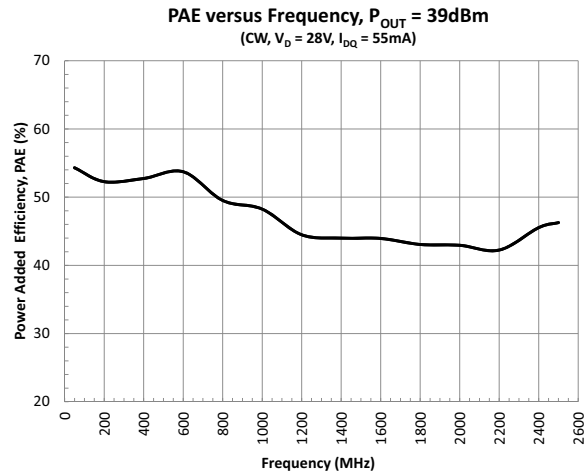
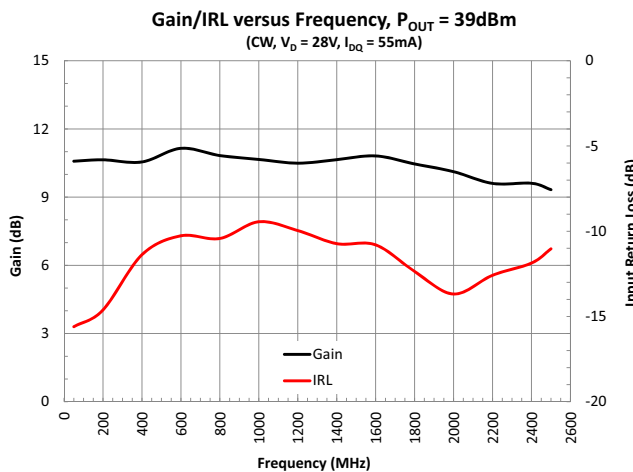
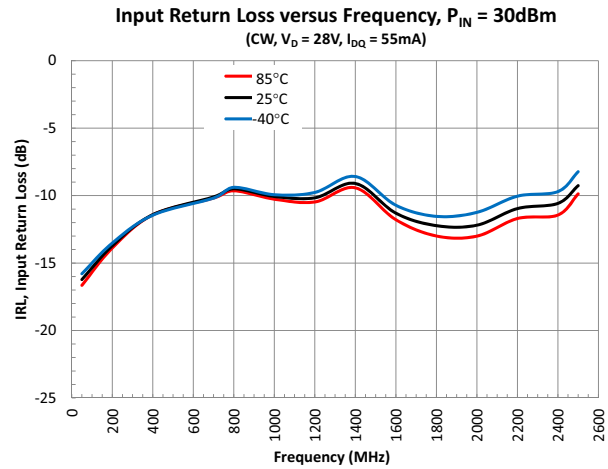
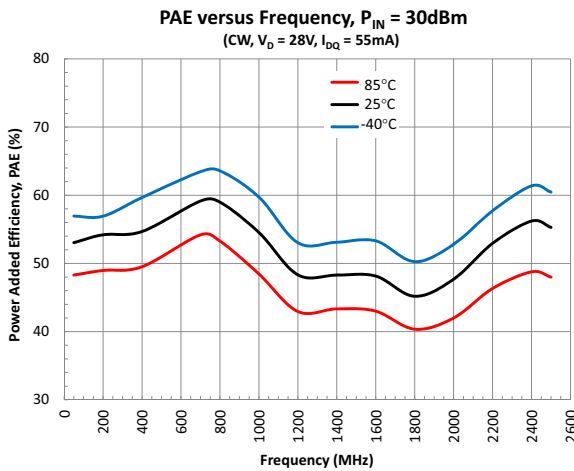
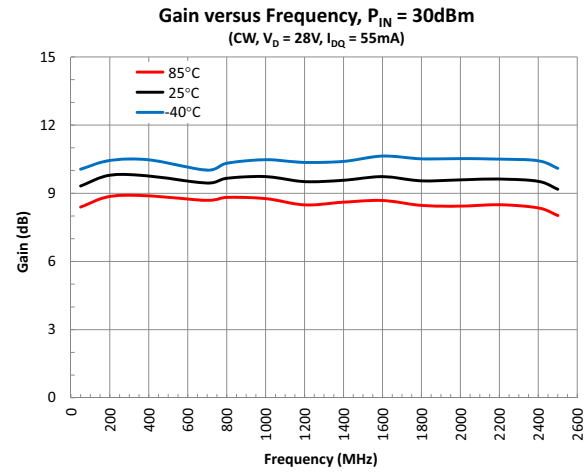
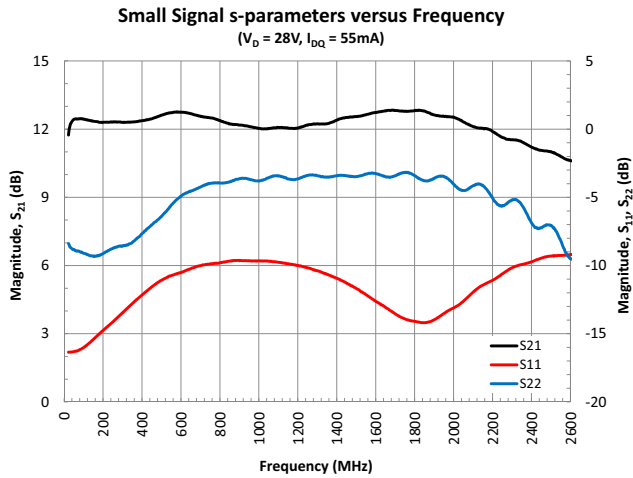
Parameter	Specification			Unit	Condition
	Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Recommended Operating Conditions					
Drain Voltage (V_{DSQ})		28	32	V	
Gate Voltage (V_{GSQ})	-5	-3	-2.5	V	
Drain Bias Current		55		mA	
RF Input Power (P_{IN})			32	dBm	
Input Source VSWR			10:1		
RF Performance Characteristics					
Frequency Range	30		2500	MHz	Small signal 3dB bandwidth
Linear Gain		12		dB	$P_{OUT} = 30$ dBm
Power Gain		9		dB	P_{3dB}
Gain Flatness		1		dB	$P_{OUT} = 30$ dBm, 30 MHz to 2500 MHz
Gain Variation with Temperature		-0.02		dB/°C	
Input Return Loss (S_{11})		-10	-8	dB	
Output Power (P_{3dB})		39.5		dBm	30 MHz to 2500 MHz
Power Added Efficiency (PAE)		45		%	30 MHz to 2500 MHz
		50		%	200 MHz to 1800 MHz

Parameter	Specification			Unit	Condition
	Min.	Typ.	Max.		
RF Functional Tests					[1], [2]
$V_{GS(Q)}$		-3		V	
Gain		11		dB	$P_{IN} = 20\text{dBm}$
Power Gain		8.5		dB	$P_{IN} = 31\text{dBm}$
Input Return Loss		-10		dB	
Output Power		39		dBm	
Power Added Efficiency (PAE)		40		%	

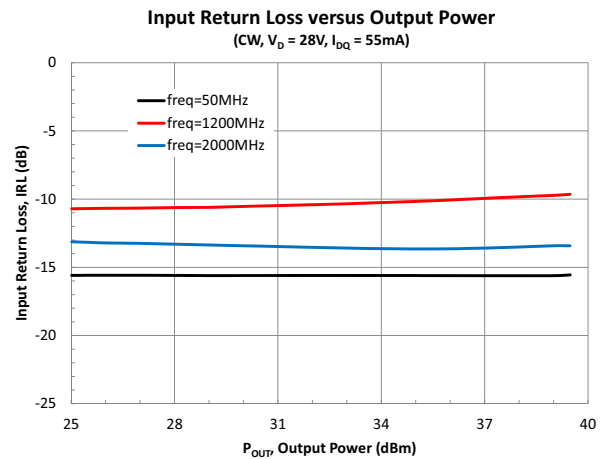
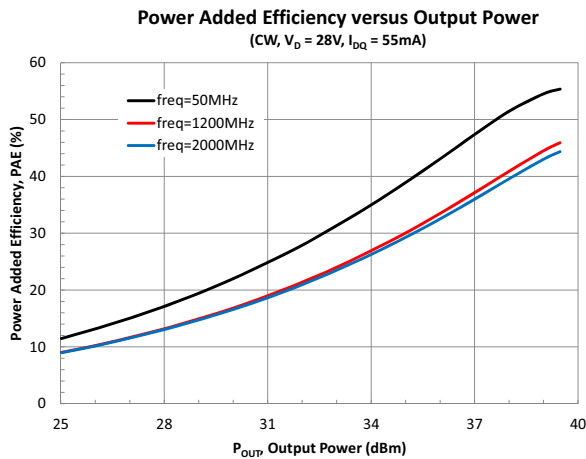
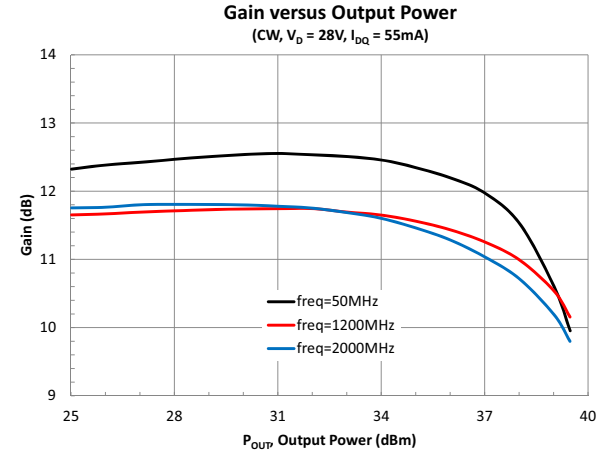
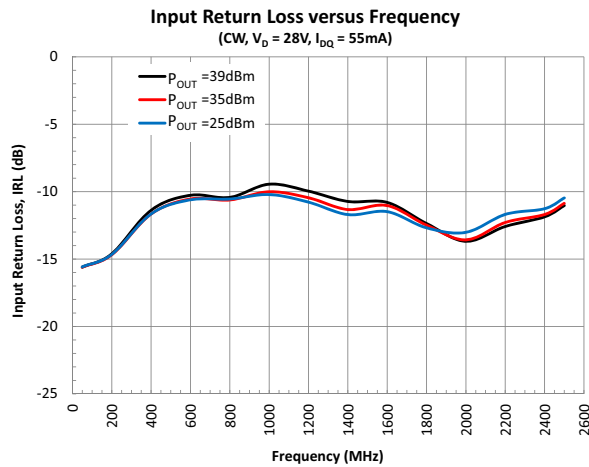
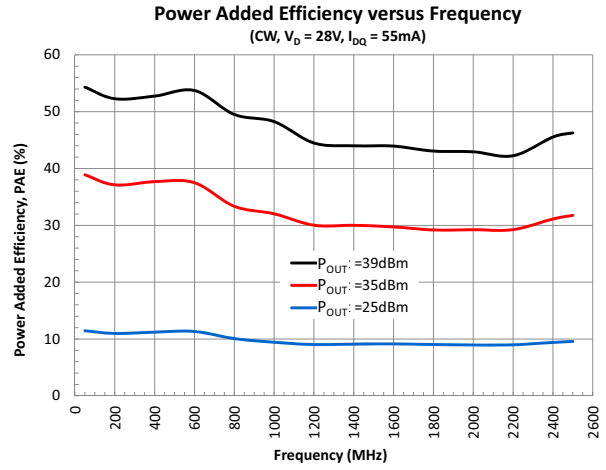
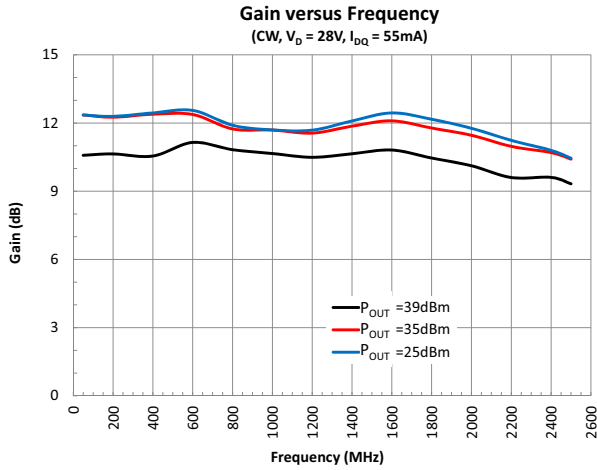
[1] Test Conditions: $V_{DSQ} = 28\text{V}$, $I_{DQ} = 55\text{mA}$, CW, $f = 2000\text{MHz}$, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$.

[2] Performance in a standard tuned test fixture.

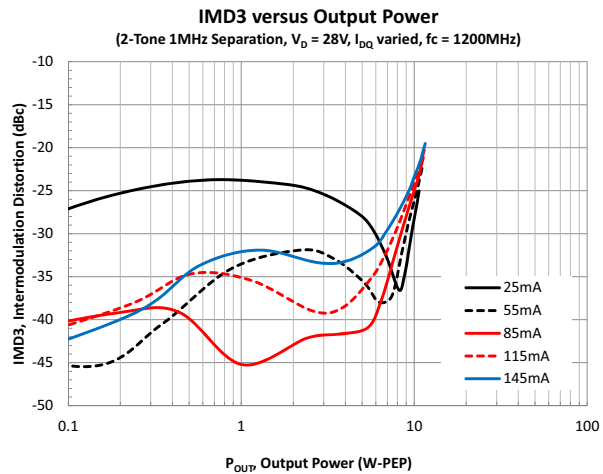
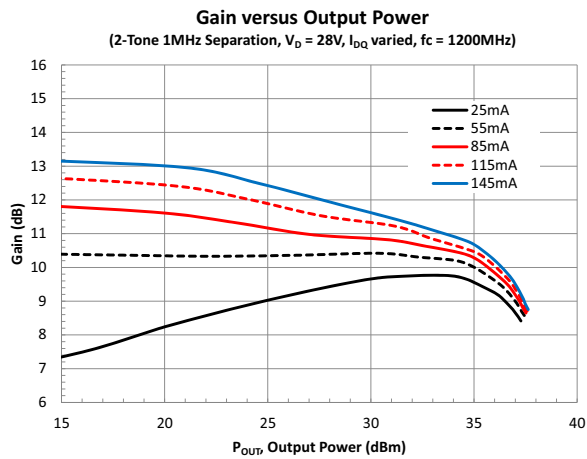
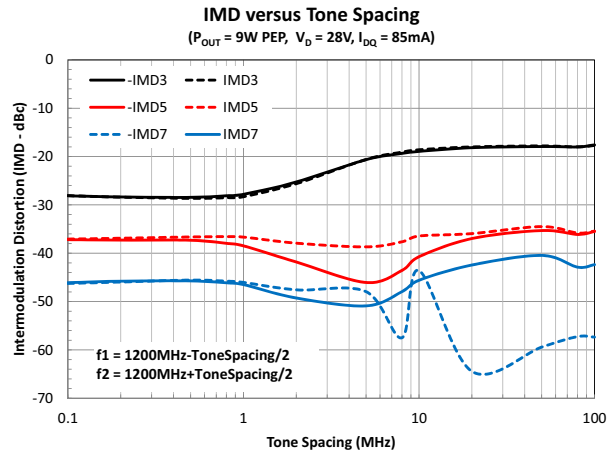
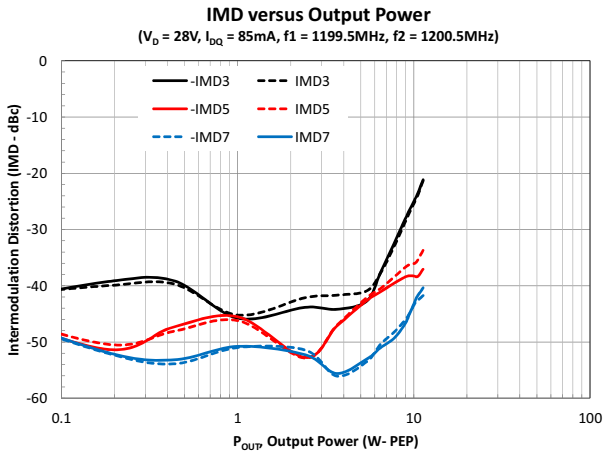
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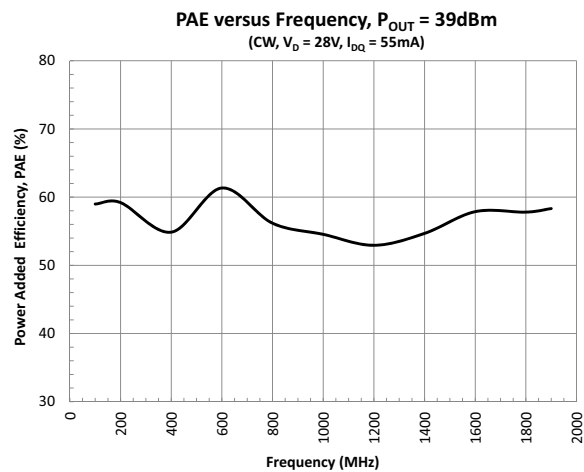
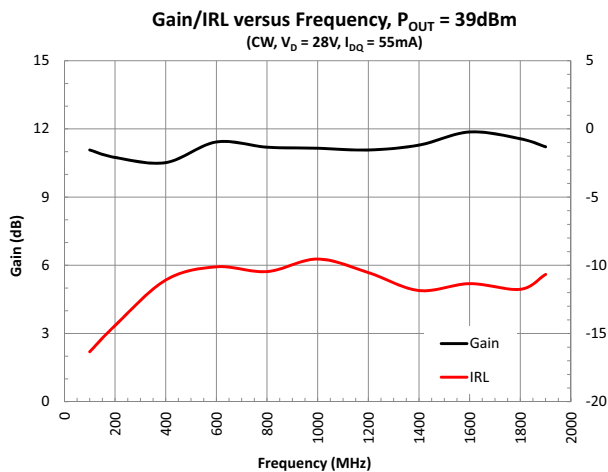
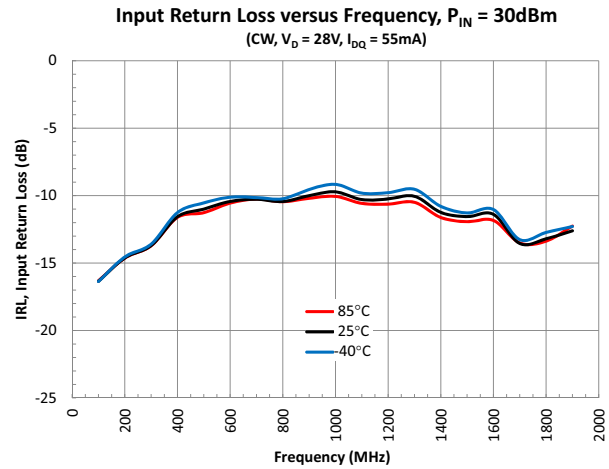
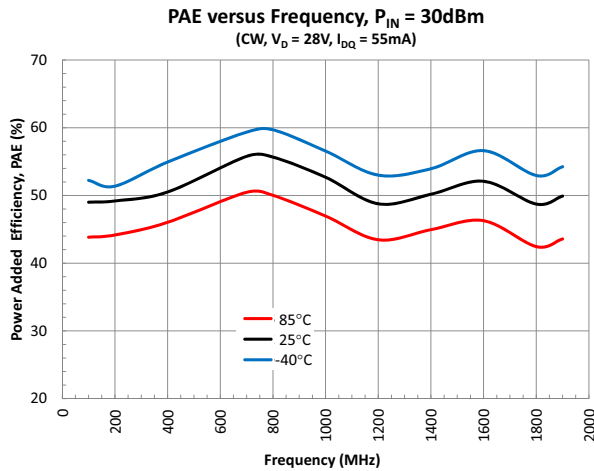
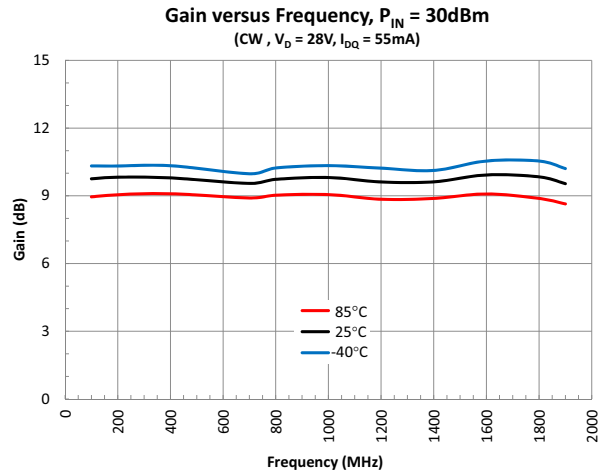
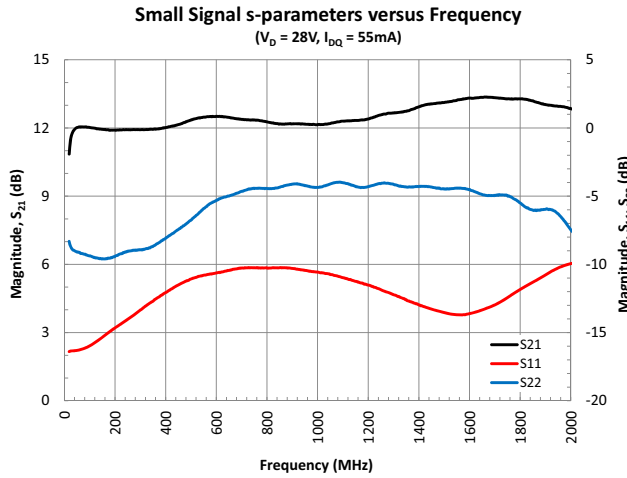
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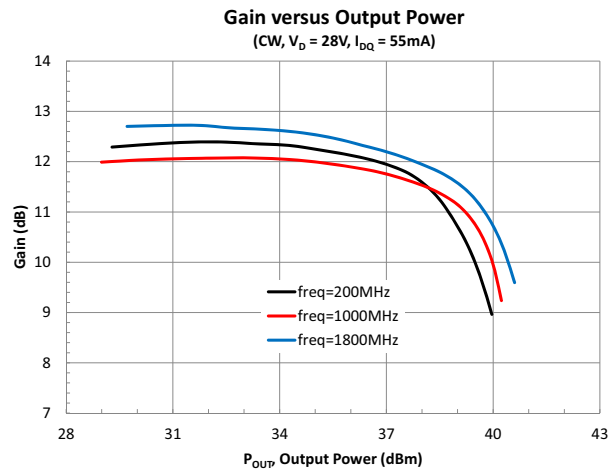
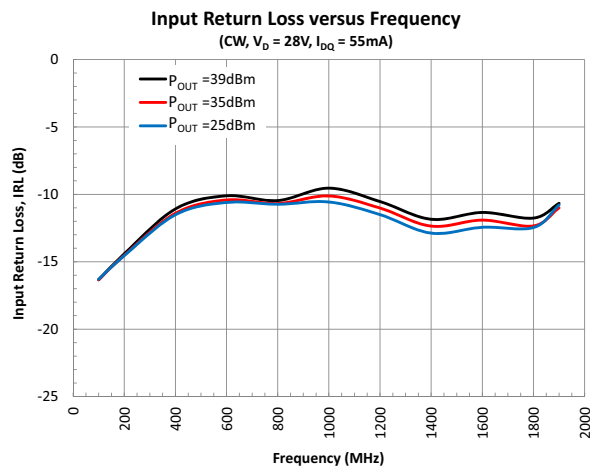
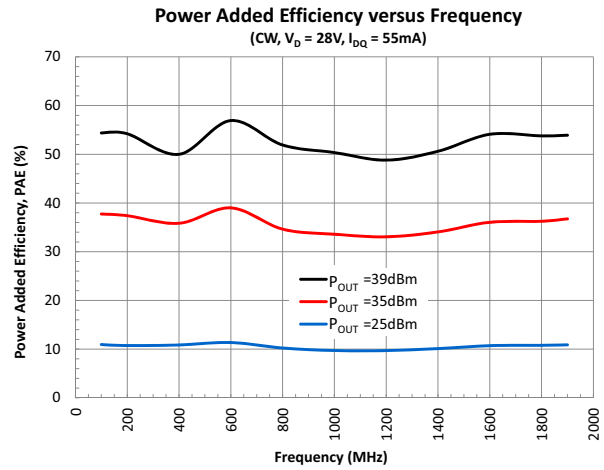
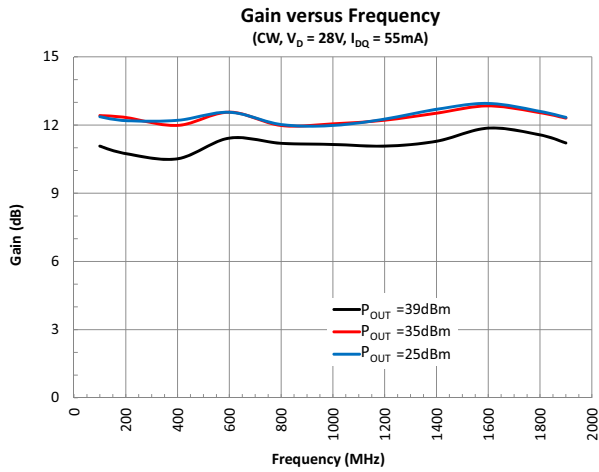
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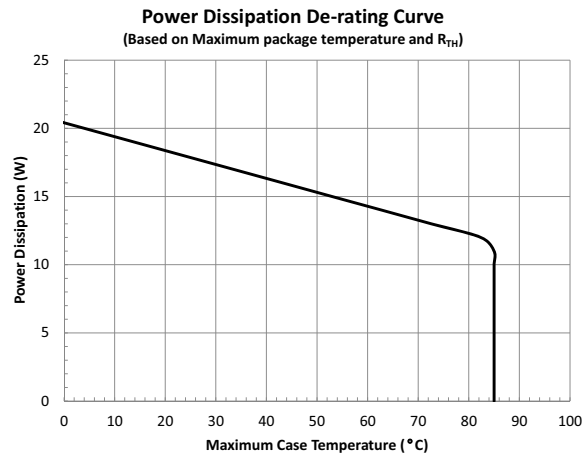
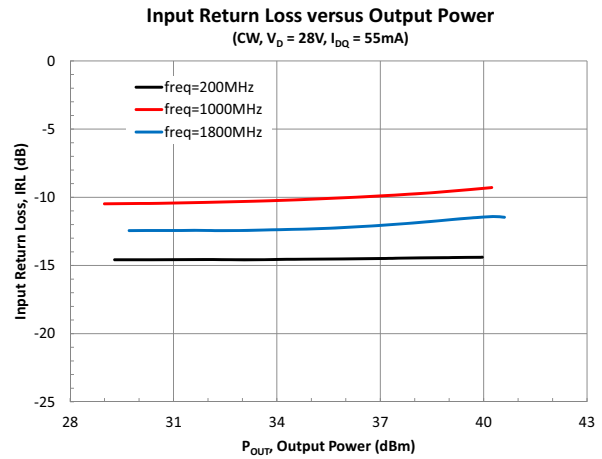
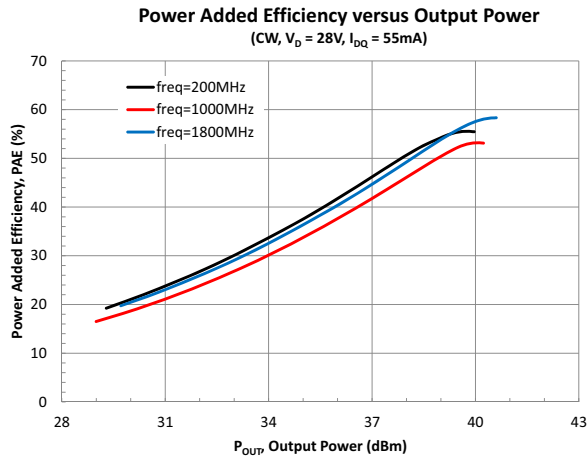
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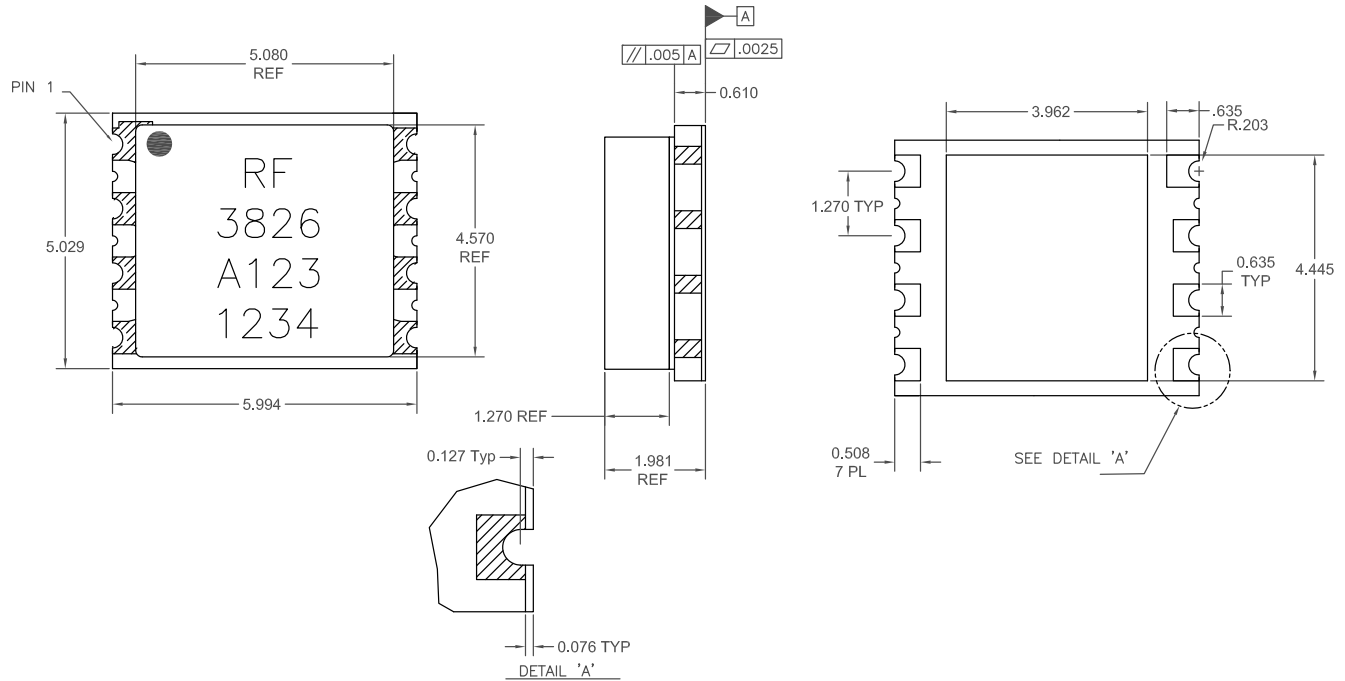
Typical Performance in standard fixed tuned test fixture matched for 200MHz to 1800MHz (T=25 °C, unless noted)



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Package Drawing (All dimensions in mm.)



A123 : Trace Code
 1234 : Serial Number
 Package Style: Ceramic S08

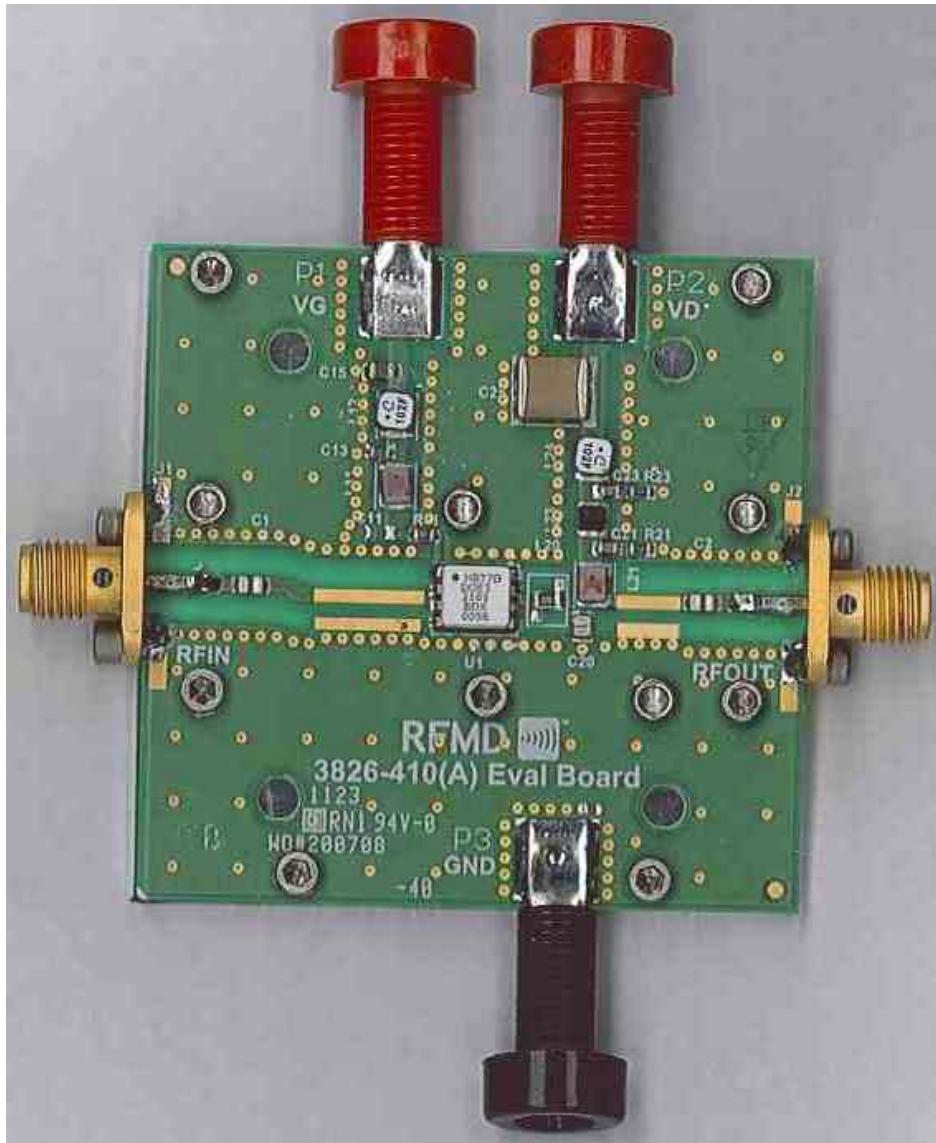
Pin	Function	Description
1	VGS	Gate DC Bias pin
2	RF IN	RF Input
3	RF IN	RF Input
4	N/C	No Connect
5	N/C	No Connect
6	RF OUT/VDS	RF Output / Drain DC Bias pin
7	RF OUT/VDS	RF Output / Drain DC Bias pin
8	N/C	No Connect
Pkg Base	GND	Ground

Bias Instruction for RF3826 Evaluation Board

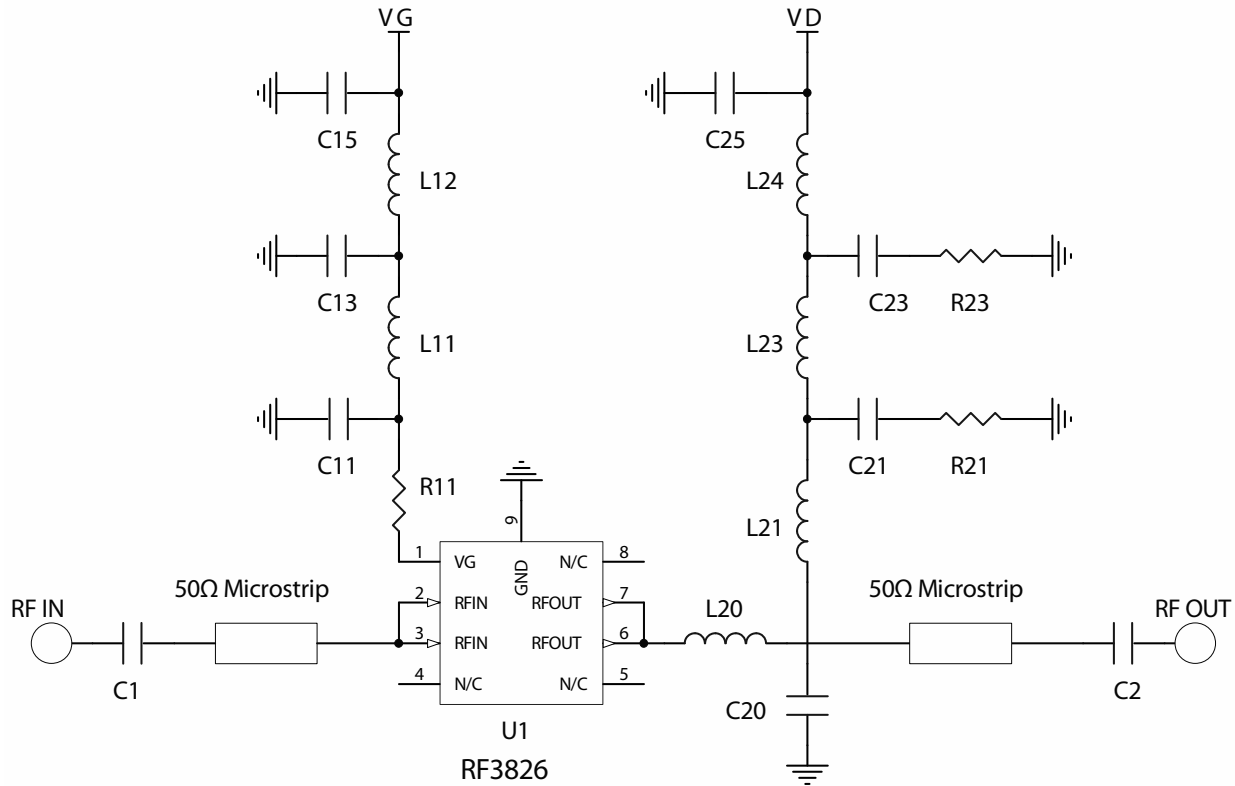
ESD Sensitive Material. Please use proper ESD precautions when handling devices of evaluation board. Evaluation board requires additional external fan cooling. Connect all supplies before powering evaluation board.

1. Connection RF cables at RFIN and RFOUT.
2. Connect ground to the ground supply terminal, and ensure that both the VG and VD grounds are also connected to this ground terminal.
3. Apply -5V to VG.
4. Apply 28V to VD.
5. Increase V_G until drain current reaches 55mA or desired bias point.
6. Turn on the RF input.

Typical test data provided is measured to SMA connector reference plane, and include evaluation board / broadband bias network mismatch and losses.



Evaluation Board Schematic



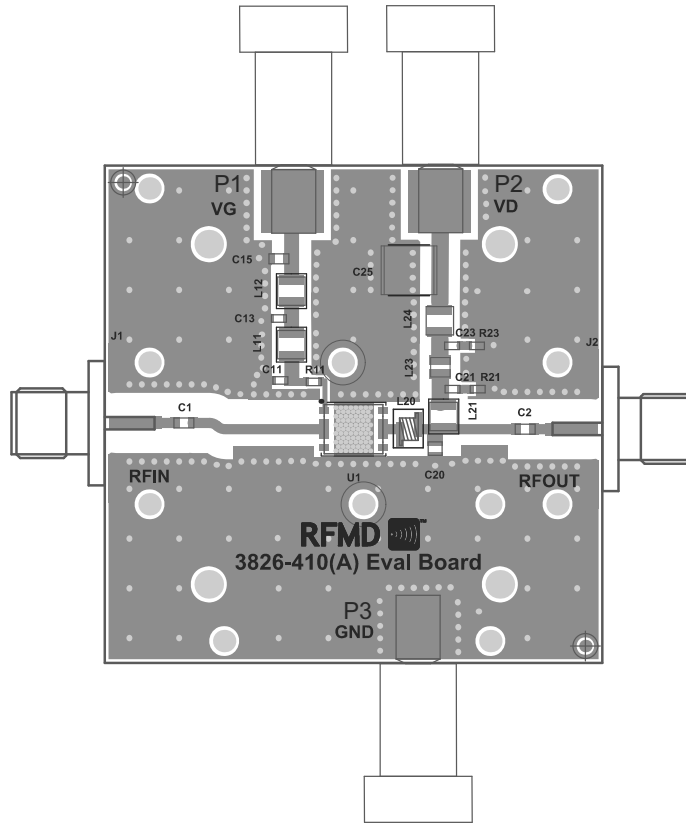
Evaluation Board Bill of Materials

Component	Value	Manufacturer	Part Number
C1, C2	2400pF	Dielectric Labs Inc	C08BL242X-5UN-X0
C13	100 pF	Panasonic	ECJ-1VC1H101J
C15	10 μF	Murata Electronics	GRM21BF51C106ZE15L
C20	0.9 pF	ATC	100A0R9BT150XT
C21, C23	1000 pF	Panasonic	ECJ-1VB1H102K
C25	4.7 μF	Murata Electronics	GRM55ER72A475KA01L
R11	820 Ω	Panasonic	ERJ-3GEYJ821
R21, R23	390 Ω	Panasonic	ERJ-3GEYJ391
L11	120 nH	Coilcraft	1008CS-121XJBC
L12, L24	1 μH	Coilcraft	LPS3015-102MLB
L21	82 nH	Coilcraft	1008CS-820XJLC
L23	470 nH	Coilcraft	EPL2014-271MLB
L20*	0 Ω	Panasonic	ERJ-3GEY0R00V
L20**	1.6 nH	Coilcraft	0906-2
C11	NOT USED	-	-

*30 MHz to 2500 MHz RF3826PCBA-410

**200 MHz to 1800 MHz RF3826PCBA-411

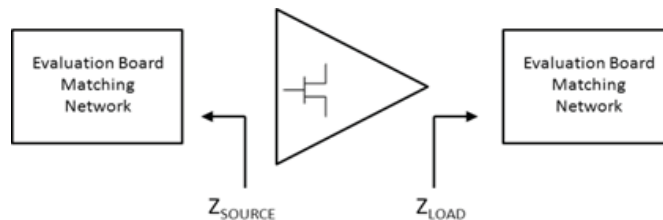
Evaluation Board Layout



Device Impedances

Frequency (MHz)	RF3826PCBA-410 (30MHz to 2500MHz)		RF3826PCBA-411 (200MHz to 1800MHz)	
	Z Source (Ω)	Z Load (Ω)	Z Source (Ω)	Z Load (Ω)
30	49.8-j1.5	41.4+j4.6	-	-
200	49.5-j2.0	40.1-j2.1	49.5-j2.0	40.2-j1.1
500	47.3-j4.0	44.5+j1.3	47.3-j4.0	44.8+j3.5
1000	42.3-j3.1	35.0-j8.4	42.3-j3.1	35.6-j3.5
1500	39.9+j1.1	28.2-j4.0	39.9+j1.1	29.8+j3.8
1800	40.4+j3.7	26.4-j0.8	40.4+j3.7	28.9+j8.9
2000	41.0+j5.0	25.4+j1.1	-	-
2200	41.3+j7.0	24.5+j3.1	-	-
2500	44.7+j9.3	22.9+j6.2	-	-

NOTE: Device impedances reported are the measured evaluation board impedances chosen for a tradeoff of efficiency and peak power performance across the entire frequency bandwidth.



Device Handling/Environmental Conditions

RFMD does not recommend operating this device with typical drain voltage applied and the gate pinched off in a high humidity, high temperature environment.

GaN HEMT devices are ESD sensitive materials. Please use proper ESD precautions when handling devices or evaluation boards.

DC Bias

The GaN HEMT device is a depletion mode high electron mobility transistor (HEMT). At zero volts V_{GS} the drain of the device is saturated and uncontrolled drain current will destroy the transistor. The gate voltage must be taken to a potential lower than the source voltage to pinch off the device prior to applying the drain voltage, taking care not to exceed the gate voltage maximum limits. RFMD recommends applying $V_{GS} = -5V$ before applying any V_{DS} .

RF Power transistor performance capabilities are determined by the applied quiescent drain current. This drain current can be adjusted to trade off power, linearity, and efficiency characteristics of the device. The recommended quiescent drain current (I_{DQ}) shown in the RF typical performance table is chosen to best represent the operational characteristics for this device, considering manufacturing variations and expected performance. The user may choose alternate conditions for biasing this device based on performance tradeoffs.

Mounting and Thermal Considerations

The thermal resistance provided as R_{TH} (junction to case) represents only the packaged device thermal characteristics. This is measured using IR microscopy capturing the device under test temperature at the hottest spot of the die. At the same time, the package temperature is measured using a thermocouple touching the backside of the die embedded in the device heat sink but sized to prevent the measurement system from impacting the results. Knowing the dissipated power at the time of the measurement, the thermal resistance is calculated.

In order to achieve the advertised MTTF, proper heat removal must be considered to maintain the junction at or below the maximum of 200 °C. Proper thermal design includes consideration of ambient temperature and the thermal resistance from ambient to the back of the package including heat sinking systems and air flow mechanisms. Incorporating the dissipated DC power, it is possible to calculate the junction temperature of the device.