AM50-0004

High Dynamic Range Low Noise Amplifier
1400 - 2000 MHz

Rev. V7

Features

- Low Noise Figure: 1.4 dB
- High Input IP3: +18 dBm at 8 V, 45 mA bias
  +8 dBm at 3 V, 20 mA bias
- High Gain: 14 dB
- Single Supply: +3 to +8 VDC
- Low Cost SOIC-8 Plastic Package
- Adjustable current: 20 to 60 mA with external resistor

Description

M/A-COM's AM50-0004 is a high dynamic range, GaAs MMIC, low noise amplifier in a low cost, SOIC 8-lead, surface mount, plastic package. It employs external input matching to obtain optimum noise figure performance and operating frequency flexibility. The AM50-0004 also features flexible biasing to control the current consumption vs. dynamic range trade-off. The AM50-0004 can operate from any positive supply voltage in the 3 V to 8 V range. Its current can be controlled over a range of 20 mA to 60 mA with an external resistor.

The AM50-0004 is ideally suited for use where low noise figure, high gain, high dynamic range, and low power consumption are required. Typical applications included receiver front ends in PDC, DCS-1800, DCS-1900 and other PCN/PCS base stations. It is also useful as a gain block, buffer, driver, and IF amplifier in both fixed or portable PDC and PCN/PCS systems.

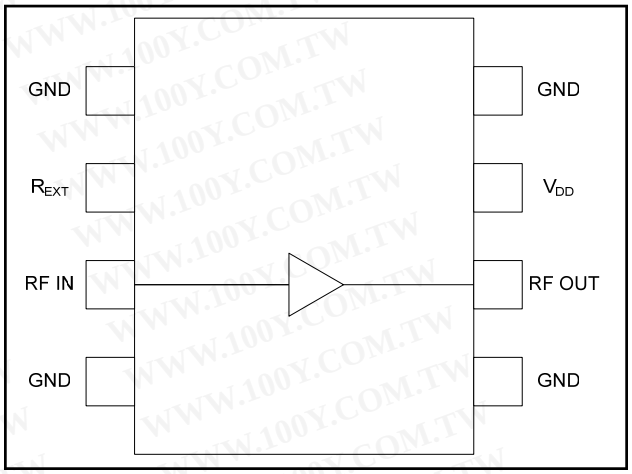
The AM50-0004 is fabricated using a low-cost 0.5-micron gate length GaAs process. The process features full passivation for increased performance and reliability. The AM50-0004 is 100% RF tested to ensure performance specification compliance.

Ordering Information [1]

Part Number	Package
AM50-0004	Bulk Packaging
AM50-0004TR	1000 piece reel
AM50-0004SMB	Designer's Kit

1. Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.

Functional Block Diagram



Pin Configuration

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description
1	GND	RF and DC Ground
2	R_{EXT}	External Current Control (optional)
3	RF IN	RF Input of the amplifier
4	GND	RF and DC Ground
5	GND	RF and DC Ground
6	RF OUT	RF Output of the amplifier
7	V_{DD}	Positive supply voltage
8	GND	RF and DC Ground

Absolute Maximum Ratings [2,3]

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
V_{DD}	+10 VDC
Input Power	+17 dBm
Current[4]	80 mA
Channel Temperature[5]	+150°C
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +150°C

2. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage.
3. M/A-COM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
4. When pin #2 is used to increase current. (See note 7.)
5. Thermal resistance (θjc) = +99°C/W.

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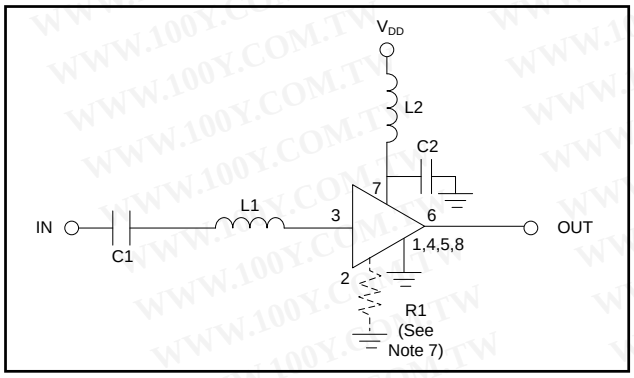
Electrical Specifications: T_A = +25°C, Z_0 = 50 Ohms, F = 1785 MHz, P_{in} = -30 dBm

Parameter	Test Conditions	Units	Min.	Typ.	Max.
Gain	5 V, 45 mA[6] 3 V, 20 mA	dB dB	12.0 —	14 12.5	— —
Noise Figure	5 V, 45 mA[6] 3 V, 20 mA	dB dB	— —	1.4 1.5	1.8 —
Input VSWR	—	Ratio	—	1.5:1	—
Output VSWR	—	Ratio	—	2.0:1	—
Output 1 dB Compression	5 V, 45 mA[6] 3 V, 20 mA	dBm dBm	— —	16.0 9.0	— —
Input IP3	5 V, 45 mA[6] 3 V, 20 mA	dBm	13.0 —	15 8.0	— —
Reverse Isolation	—	dB	—	22	—
Drain Current	5 V, 45 mA[6]	mA	30	45	60

6. Using external 15 Ω resistor. See functional schematic below.

Functional Schematic



External Components List [7]

Part	Value	Case Size	Manufacturer	Purpose
C1	47 pF	0603	Murata	DC Block
C2	47 pF	0603	Murata	By-Pass
L1	3.9 nH	0603	Coilcraft	Tuning
L2	12 nH	0603	Coilcraft	RF Choke
R1	see note 8	0603	Panasonic	Optional current control

7. All external circuitry parts are readily available, low cost surface mount components (.060 in. x .030 in. or .080 in. x .050 in.).
8. Pin 2 allows use of an external resistor to ground for optional, higher current. For 20 mA operation, no resistor is used.
   For I_{DD} ~ 30 mA, R1 = 39 ohms;
   I_{DD} ~ 45 mA, R1 = 15 ohms;
   I_{DD} ~ 60 mA, R1 = 6 ohms.

Handling Procedures

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

Static Sensitivity

Gallium Arsenide Integrated Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

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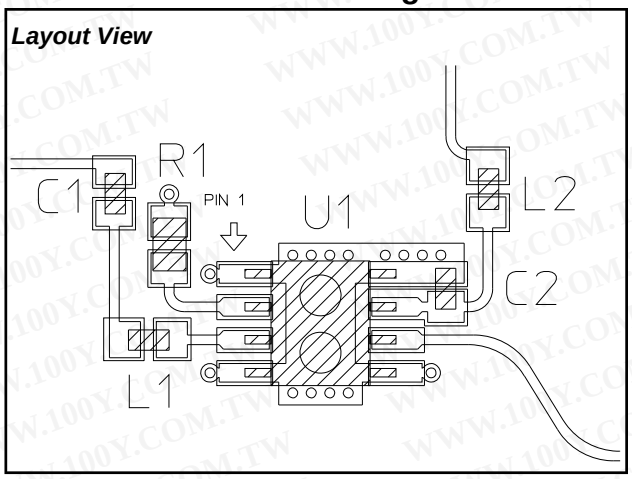
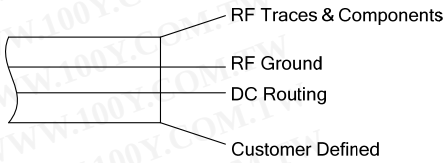
Recommended PCB Configuration

Layout View



Cross Section View

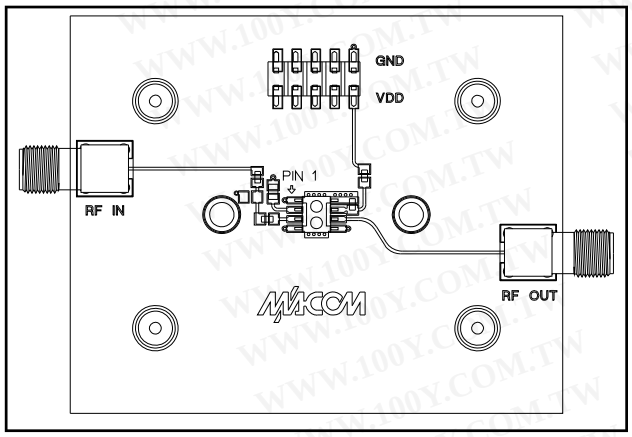


The PCB dielectric between RF traces and RF ground layers should be chosen to reduce RF discontinuities between 50 Ω lines and package pins. M/A-COM recommends an FR-4 dielectric thickness of 0.008" (0.20 mm) yielding a 50 Ω line width of 0.015" (0.38 mm). The recommended RF metalization thickness is 1 ounce copper.

Designer's Kit AM50-0004SMB

The AM50-0004SMB Designer's Kit allows for immediate evaluation of M/A-COM's AM50-0004. The Designer's Kit includes an AM50-0004 mounted on an evaluation board and five loose AM50-0004's. The evaluation board consists of the recommended external surface mount circuitry, RF connectors, and a DC multi-pin connector, all mounted to a multi-layer FR-4 PCB. The AM50-0004SMB evaluation PCB is illustrated below with all functional ports labeled.

AM50-0004 Evaluation Board



Evaluation PCB & RF Connector Losses

Port Reference	Approximate RF Loss
RF In	0.15 dB @ 1785 MHz
RF Out	0.15 dB @ 1785 MHz

The DC connector on the Designer's Kit PCB allows convenient DC line access. This is accomplished by one or more of the following methods:

A.) A mating female multi-pin connector
(Newark Electronics Stock # 46F-4658, not included).
B.) Wires soldered to the necessary pins (not included).
C.) Clip leads (not included).

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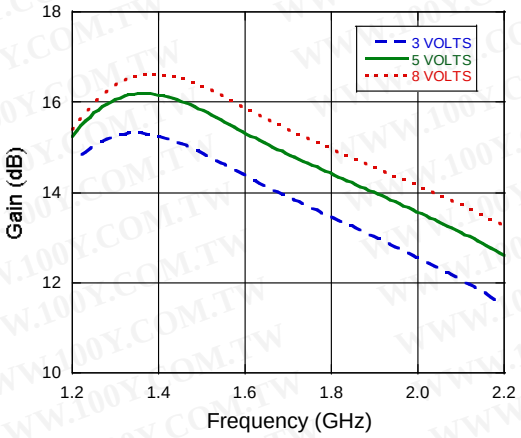
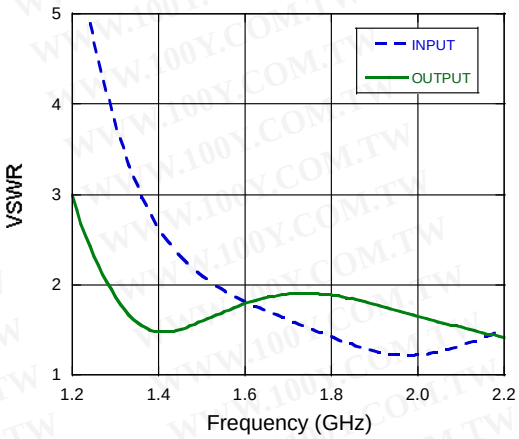
Gain vs. Frequency



VSWR vs. Frequency



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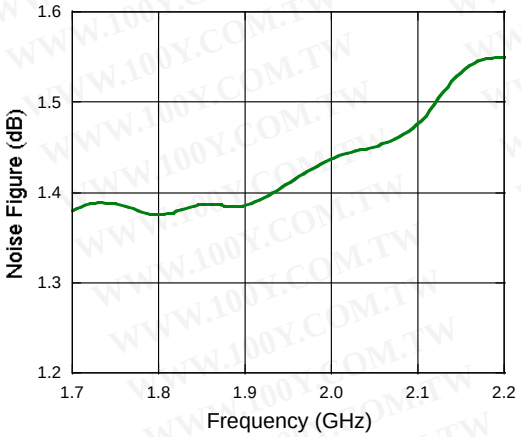
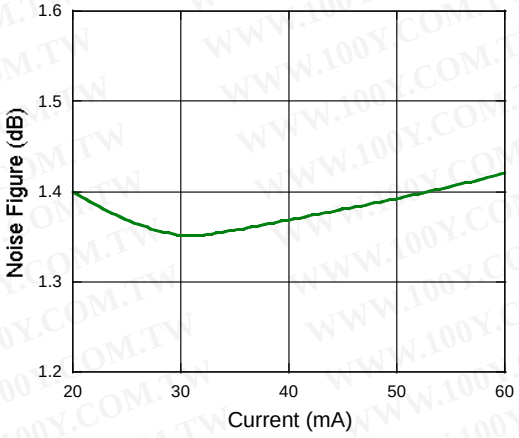


Noise Figure vs. Current, F = 1785 MHz



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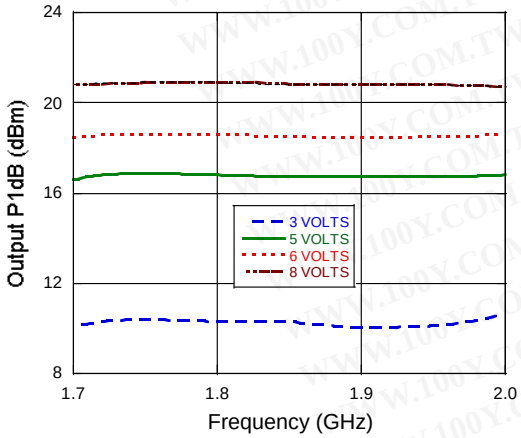

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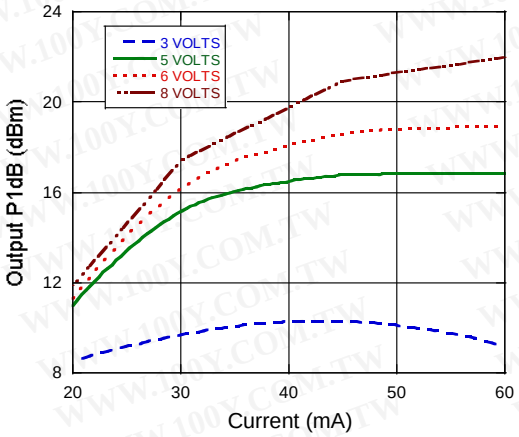

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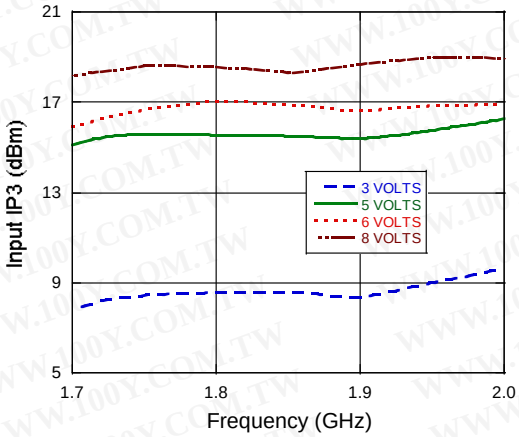

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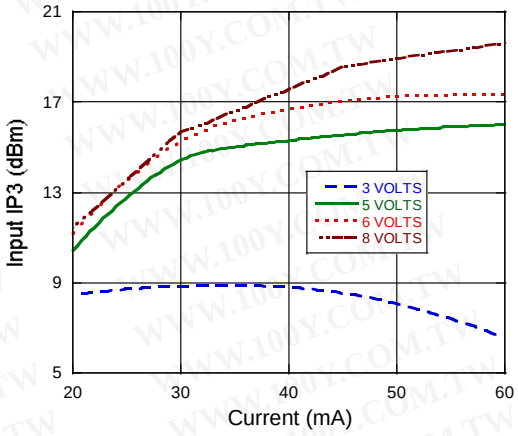

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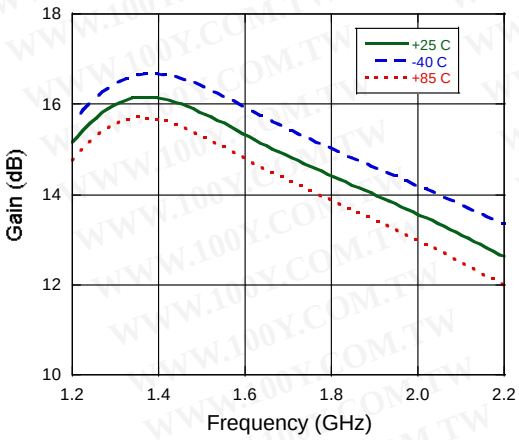

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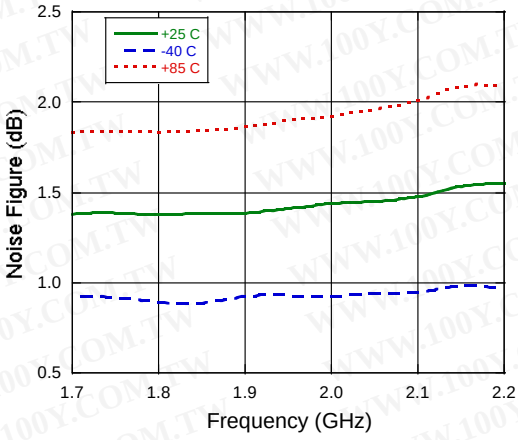

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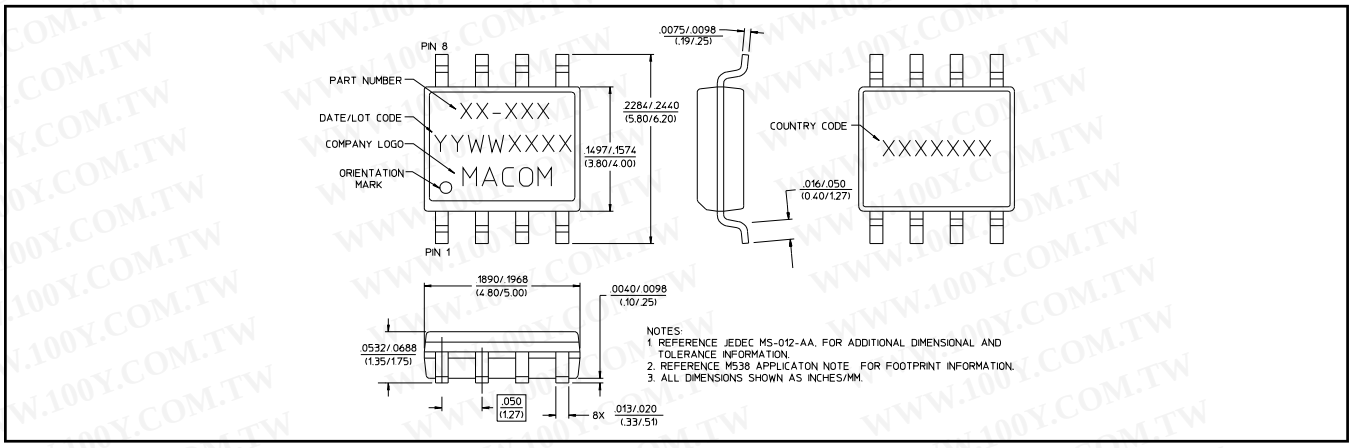

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