



AWL9924

2.4/5 GHz 802.11a/b/g
WLAN Power Amplifier
Data Sheet - Rev 2.1

FEATURES

- 3.8% EVM @ $P_{OUT} = +19$ dBm with IEEE 802.11a 64 QAM OFDM at 54 Mbps
- 3% EVM @ $P_{OUT} = +20$ dBm with IEEE 802.11g 64 QAM OFDM at 54 Mbps
- -40 dBc 1st Sidelobe, -55 dBc 2nd sidelobe ACPR at +23 dBm with IEEE 802.11b CCK/ DSSS Gaussian Filtering at 1 Mbps
- 32 dB of Linear Power Gain at 2.4 GHz
- 35 dB of Linear Power Gain at 5 GHz
- Single +3.3 V Supply
- Dual Temperature-Compensated Linear Power Detectors
- 4 mm x 4 mm x 0.9 mm LPCC Lead-Free RoHS-Compliant Package
- 50 Ω - Matched RF Ports
- >1 kV ESD Rating (HBM)
- MSL 2 Rating

APPLICATIONS

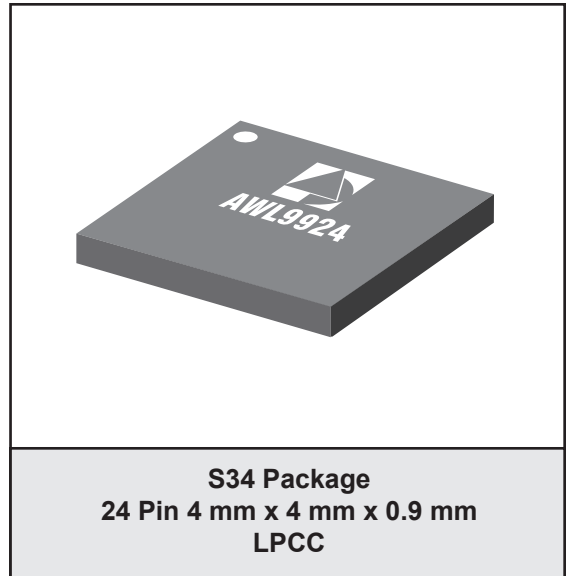
- 802.11a/b/g WLAN

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The ANADIGICS AWL9924 dual band power amplifier is a high performance InGaP HBT power amplifier IC designed for transmit applications in the 2.4-2.5 GHz and 4.9-5.9 GHz band. Matched to 50 Ω at all RF inputs and outputs, the part requires no additional RF matching components off-chip, making the AWL9924 the world's simplest dual band PA IC implementation available. The PA exhibits unparalleled linearity and efficiency for IEEE 802.11g, 802.11b and 802.11a WLAN systems under the toughest signal configurations within these standards.

The power detectors are temperature compensated on chip, enabling separate single-ended output voltages for each band with excellent accuracy over a wide range of operating temperatures. The PA is biased by a single +3.3 V supply and consumes ultra-low current in the OFF mode.

The AWL9924 is manufactured using advanced InGaP HBT technology that offers state-of-the-art reliability, temperature stability and ruggedness. The IC is



provided in a 4 mm x 4 mm x 0.9 mm LPCC package optimized for a 50 Ω system.

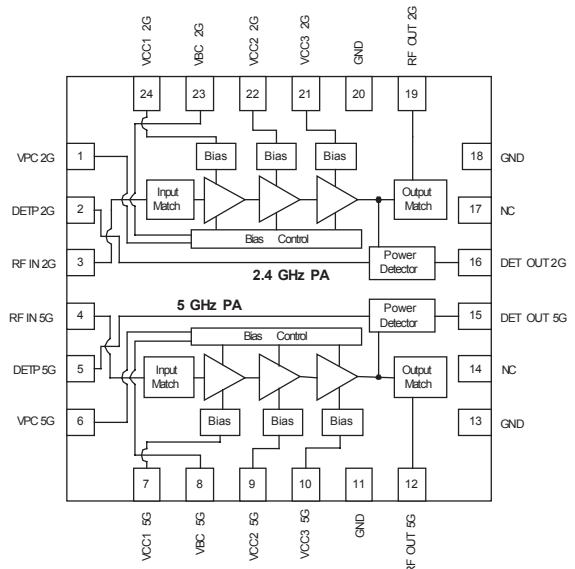


Figure 1: Block Diagram and Pinout

Table 1: Pin Description

PIN	NAME	DESCRIPTION
1	V _{PC} 2G	2 GHz Power Control. The recommended use is for on/off control of the PA. Nominally, 0 V applied will turn amplifier completely off; +3.3 V should be used to set amplifier to maximum output capability. A series resistor is used to set the current flow into the pin, thereby controlling the overall bias level of the pin.
2	DET _P 2G	2 GHz Detector Bias. Supply voltage and current is applied to this pin to apply power to the detector circuits inside the PA.
3	RF _{IN} 2G	2 GHz RF Input. AC coupled input stage internally matched to 50 Ω .
4	RF _{IN} 5G	5 GHz RF Input. AC coupled input stage internally matched to 50 Ω .
5	DET _P 5G	5 GHz Detector Bias. Supply voltage and current is applied to this pin to apply power to the detector circuits inside the 5 GHz PA.
6	V _{PC} 5G	5 GHz Power Control. The recommended use is for on/off control of the PA. Nominally, 0 V applied will turn amplifier completely off; +3.3 V should be used to set amplifier to maximum output capability. A series resistor is used to set the current flow into the pin, thereby controlling the overall bias level of the pin.
7	V _{CC1} 5G	5 GHz Supply Voltage. Bias for power transistor of stage 1 of the 5 GHz PA.
8	V _{BC} 5G	5 GHz Bias Circuit Voltage. Supply voltage and current is applied to this pin to apply power to the bias circuits inside the 5 GHz PA.
9	V _{CC2} 5G	5 GHz Supply Voltage. Bias for power transistor of stage 2 of the 5 GHz PA.
10	V _{CC3} 5G	5 GHz Supply Voltage. Bias for power transistor of stage 3 of the 5 GHz PA.
11	GND	Ground
12	RF _{OUT} 5G	5 GHz RF Output. AC coupled output stage internally matched to 50 Ω . Route as coplanar waveguide using adjacent ground pins. Although the output stage is AC coupled, a shunt inductive matching element included inside the PA after the AC coupling capacitor provides a DC path to ground at this pin.
13	GND	Ground
14	NC	No Connection
15	DET _{OUT} 5G	5 GHz Power Detector Output (DC coupled). An emitter follower BJT supplies the output for this pin.
16	DET _{OUT} 2G	2 GHz Power Detector Output (DC coupled). An emitter follower BJT supplies the output for this pin.
17	NC	No Connection
18	GND	Ground
19	RF _{OUT} 2G	2 GHz RF Output. AC coupled output stage internally matched to 50 Ω . Route as coplanar waveguide using adjacent ground pins. Although the output stage is AC coupled, a shunt inductive matching element included inside the PA after the AC coupling capacitor provides a DC path to ground at this pin.

Table 1: Pin Description (Continued)

PIN	NAME	DESCRIPTION
20	GND	Ground
21	V _{CC3} 2G	2 GHz Supply Voltage. Bias for power transistor of stage 3 of the 2 GHz PA.
22	V _{CC2} 2G	2 GHz Supply Voltage. Bias for power transistor of stage 2 of the 2 GHz PA.
23	V _{BC} 2G	2 GHz Bias Circuit Voltage. Supply voltage and current is applied to this pin to apply power to the bias circuits inside the 2 GHz PA.
24	V _{CC1} 2G	2 GHz Supply Voltage. Bias for power transistor of stage 1 of the 2 GHz PA.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Table 2: Absolute Minimum and Maximum Ratings

PARAMETER	MIN	MAX	UNIT	COMMENTS
DC Power Supply (V_{CC1} 2G, V_{CC2} 2G, V_{CC3} 2G, V_{CC1} 5G, V_{CC2} 5G, V_{CC3} 5G)	-	+4.5	V	
Power Control Level (V_{PC} 2G, V_{PC} 5G)	-	+4.5	V	Applied to series resistors external to V_{PC} 2G and V_{PC} 5G pins. No RF signal applied.
Bias Control (V_{BC} 2G, V_{BC} 5G)	-	+4.5	V	Applied to series resistors external to V_{BC} 2G and V_{BC} 5G pins. No RF signal applied.
DC Current Consumption	-	700	mA	Either PA powered separately
RF Input Level (RF_{IN} 2G, RF_{IN} 5G)	-	-5	dBm	
Operating Ambient Temperature	-40	+85	°C	
Storage Temperature	-55	+150	°C	

Stresses in excess of the absolute ratings may cause permanent damage. Functional operation is not implied under these conditions. Exposure to absolute ratings for extended periods of time may adversely affect reliability.

Table 3: Operating Ranges

PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	COMMENTS
Operating Frequency (f)	2400 4900	- -	2500 5900	MHz	802.11b/g 802.11a
Supply Voltage (V_{CC1} 2G, V_{CC2} 2G, V_{CC3} 2G, V_{CC1} 5G, V_{CC2} 5G, V_{CC3} 5G)	+3.0	+3.3	+3.6	V	
Bias Voltage (V_{BC} 2G, V_{BC} 5G)	+3.0	+3.3	+3.6	V	Applied to series resistors external to V_{BC} 2G and V_{BC} 5G pins.
Power Control Voltage (V_{PC} 2G, V_{PC} 5G)	- 0	+3.3 -	- +0.5	V	PA "ON" ⁽¹⁾ PA "SHUTDOWN" ⁽¹⁾
Case Temperature (T_C)	-40	-	+85	°C	

The device may be operated safely over these conditions; however, parametric performance is guaranteed only over the conditions defined in the electrical specifications.

Note:

(1) Applied to series resistors external to V_{PC} 2G and V_{PC} 5G pins.

Table 4: Electrical Specifications - 2.4 GHz Continuous Wave
(T_C = +25 °C, V_{CC} 2G = +3.3 V, V_{PC} 2G = +3.3 V)

PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	COMMENTS
P1dB	26.5	27.5	28.5	dB	
Shutdown Current	-	-	5	μA	V _{PC} 2G = 0 V
Quiescent Current	60	75	90	mA	V _{PC} 2G = +3.3 V, V _{CC} 2G = +3.3 V RF = off
Input Return Loss	-	-11	-9	dB	
Output Return Loss	-	-13	-11	dB	
Reverse Isolation	40	-	-	dB	
Stability (Spurious)	-	-70	-65	dBc	6:1 VSWR, at P _{OUT} = +23 dBm, -5 °C
T _{ON} Setting Time	-	-	1	μS	Settles within ±0.5 dB
T _{OFF} Setting Time	-	-	1	μS	

Table 5: Electrical Specifications - 5 GHz Continuous Wave
(T_C = +25 °C, V_{CC} 5G = +3.3 V, V_{PC} 5G = +3.3 V)

PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	COMMENTS
P1dB	25.0	27.0	29.0	dB	
Shutdown Current	-	-	5	μA	V _{PC} 5G = 0 V
Quiescent Current	100	130	160	mA	V _{PC} 5G = +3.3 V, V _{CC} 5G = +3.3 V RF = off
Input Return Loss	-	-12	-7	dB	
Output Return Loss	-	-14	-12	dB	
Reverse Isolation	40	-	-	dB	
Stability (Spurious)	-	-65	-60	dBc	6:1 VSWR, at P _{OUT} = +22 dBm; -5 °C
T _{ON} Setting Time	-	-	1	μS	Settles within ±0.5 dB
T _{OFF} Setting Time	-	-	1	μS	

Table 6: Electrical Specifications - IEEE 802.11g
(T_C = +25 °C, V_{CC} 2G = +3.3 V, V_{PC} 2G = +3.3 V, 64 QAM OFDM 54 Mbps)

PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	COMMENTS
Operating Frequency	2400	-	2500	MHz	
Power Gain	29	31	33	dB	
Gain Ripple	-	± 0.5	-	dB	Across 100 MHz band
Error Vector Magnitude (EVM) ⁽¹⁾	- -	2.0 -34.0	3.5 -29.1	% dB	802.11g 54 Mbps data rate P _{OUT} 2G = +19 dBm
Current Consumption	150	170	190	mA	P _{OUT} 2G = +19 dBm
Harmonics 2fo 3fo	- -	-40 -35	-35 -30	dBc	P _{OUT} 2G = +20 dBm
Power Detector Voltage	575	700	825	mV	P _{OUT} 2G = +19 dBm
Power Detector Sensitivity	50	60	70	mV/dB	10 dBm < P _{OUT} < 21 dBm
Power Detector Output Load Impedance	2	-	-	kΩ	

Note:

(1) EVM includes system noise floor of 1% (-40 dB).

Table 7: Electrical Specifications - IEEE 802.11b**(T_C = +25 °C, V_{CC} 2G = +3.3 V, V_{PC} 2G = +3.3 V, CCK/DSSS, 1 Mbps, Gaussian Baseband Filtering)**

PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	COMMENTS
Operating Frequency	2400	-	2500	MHz	
Power Gain	29.0	30.0	33.0	dB	
Gain Ripple	-	± 0.5	-	dB	Across 100 MHz band
Adjacent Channel Power (ACPR) 1st Sidelobe (± 11 MHz Offset)	-	-40	-35	dBc	1 Mbps Gaussian Baseband Filtering; P _{OUT} 2G = +20 dBm
Adjacent Channel Power (ACPR) 2nd Sidelobe (± 22 MHz Offset)	-	-60	-55	dBc	1 Mbps Gaussian Baseband Filtering; P _{OUT} 2G = +20 dBm
Current Consumption	-	205	225	mA	P _{OUT} 2G = +20 dBm
Harmonics 2fo 3fo	- -	-35 -35	-30 -30	dBc	P _{OUT} 2G = +23 dBm
Power Detector Voltage	725	850	1000	mV	P _{OUT} 2G = +23 dBm
Power Detector Sensitivity	70	80	90	mV/dB	10 dBm < P _{OUT} < 23 dBm
Power Detector Output Load Impedance	2	-	-	kΩ	

Table 8: Electrical Specifications - IEEE 802.11a
(T_C = +25 °C, V_{CC} 5G = +3.3 V, V_{PC} 5G = +3.3 V, 64 QAM OFDM 54 Mbps)

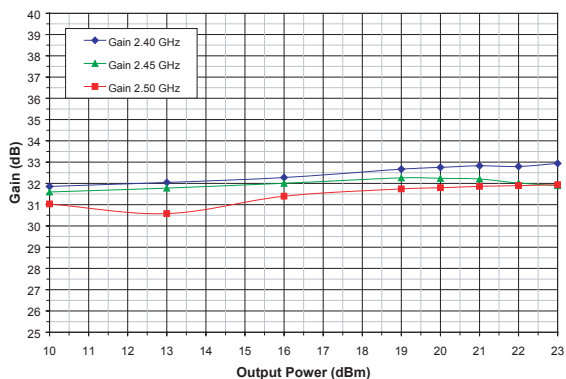
PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	COMMENTS
Operating Frequency	4900	-	5900	MHz	
Power Gain	30 27	32 29	36 34	dB	4.9 - 5.35 GHz 5.5 - 5.85 GHz
Gain Ripple	-	± 0.5	-	dB	Across 100 MHz band
Error Vector Magnitude (EVM) ⁽¹⁾	-	3.0	4.4	%	P _{OUT} 5G = +19 dBm, 4.9 - 5.35 GHz
	-	-30.5	-27.0	dB	802.11a 54 Mbps data rate
	-	4.5	6.0	%	P _{OUT} 5G = +18 dBm, 5.5 - 5.85 GHz
	-	-26.9	-24.4	dB	802.11a 54 Mbps data rate
Current Consumption	175	200	230	mA	P _{OUT} 5G = +19 dBm
Harmonics					
2fo	-	-35	-30	dBc	P _{OUT} 5G = +20 dBm
3fo	-	-40	-35		
Power Detector Voltage	900	1030	1100	mV	P _{OUT} 5G = +19 dBm
Power Detector Sensitivity	60	70	80	mV/dB	10 dBm < P _{OUT} < 21 dBm
Power Detector Output Load Impedance	2	-	-	kΩ	

Notes:

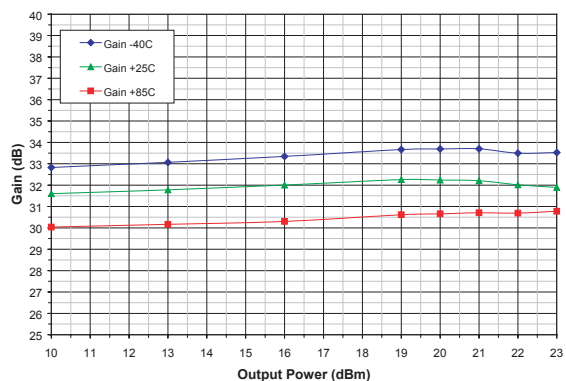
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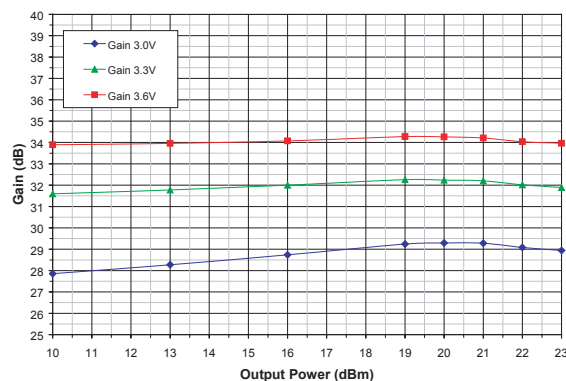
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2.4 GHz 802.11g 54 Mbps OFDM**



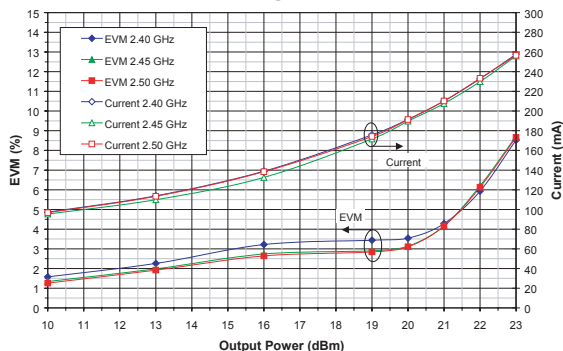
**Figure 4: Gain vs. Output Power Across Temp. (Frequency = 2.45 GHz, $V_{CC} = +3.3$ V)
2.4 GHz 802.11g 54 Mbps OFDM**



**Figure 6: Gain vs. Output Power Across Power Supply Voltage (Frequency = 2.45 GHz, $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$)
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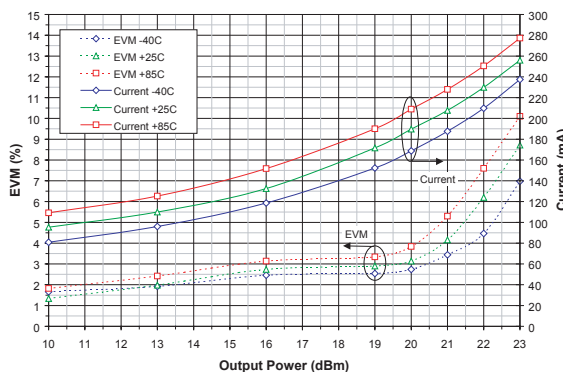


**Figure 3: I_{CC} and EVM vs. Output Power Across Frequency ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V, $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$)
2.4 GHz 802.11g 54 Mbps OFDM**



Note: Results at 2.50 GHz obscure the results at 2.40 GHz on the graph.

**Figure 5: I_{CC} and EVM vs. Output Power Across Temp. (Frequency = 2.45 GHz, $V_{CC} = +3.3$ V)
2.4 GHz 802.11g 54 Mbps OFDM**



**Figure 7: I_{CC} and EVM vs. Output Power Across Power Supply Voltage (Freq = 2.45 GHz, $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$)
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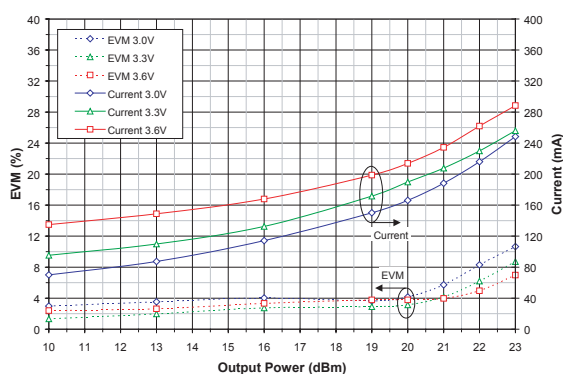


Figure 8: Detector Voltage vs. Output Power Across Freq. ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V, $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$, 2 K Ω Load) 2.4 GHz 802.11g 54 Mbps OFDM

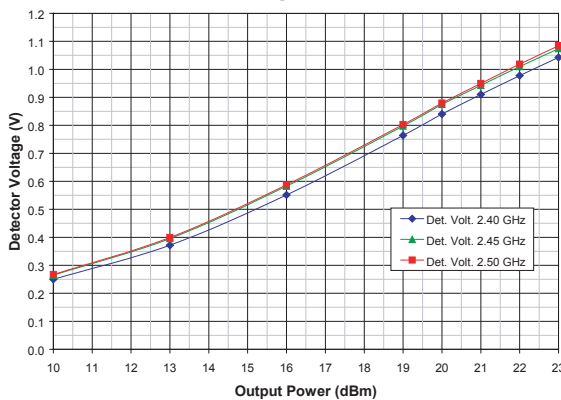


Figure 9: Detector Voltage vs. Output Power Across Temp. (Freq = 2.45 GHz, $V_{CC} = +3.3$ V, 2 K Ω Load) 2.4 GHz 802.11g 54 Mbps OFDM

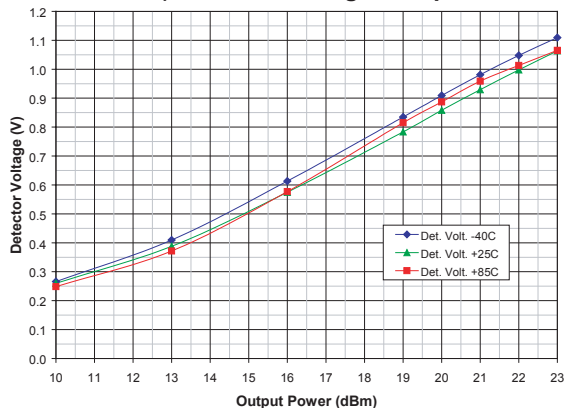
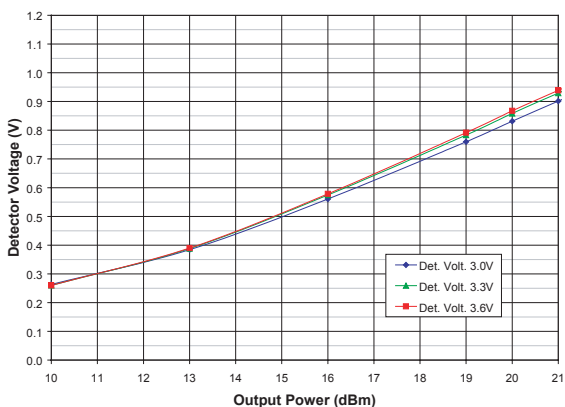


Figure 10: Detector Voltage vs. Output Power Across Supply Voltage (Freq = 2.45 GHz, $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$, 2 K Ω Load) 2.4 GHz 802.11g 54 Mbps OFDM



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Figure 11: Gain and I_{CC} vs. Output Power Across Freq. ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$)
2.4 GHz 802.11b Gaussian Filtering
(BT = 0.45), 1 Mbps

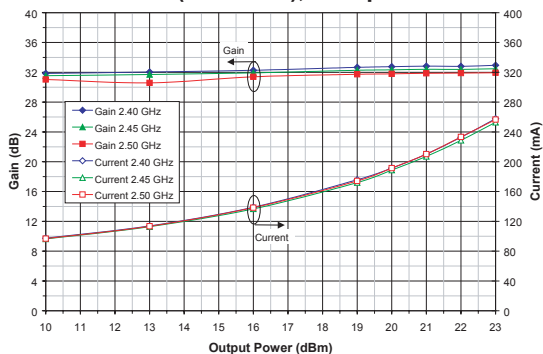


Figure 12: Gain and I_{CC} vs. Output Power Across Temp. (Freq = 2.45 GHz, $V_{CC} = +3.3$ V)
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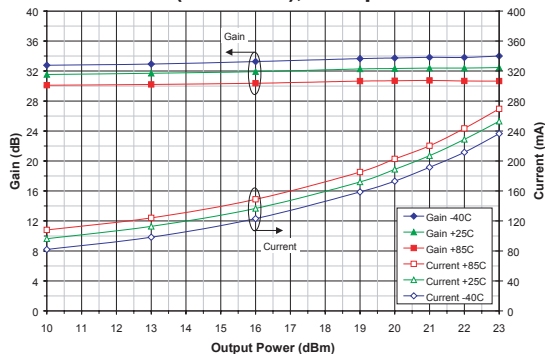


Figure 13: Gain and I_{CC} vs. Output Power Across Supply Voltage (Freq = 2.45 GHz, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$)
2.4 GHz 802.11b Gaussian Filtering
(BT = 0.45), 1 Mbps

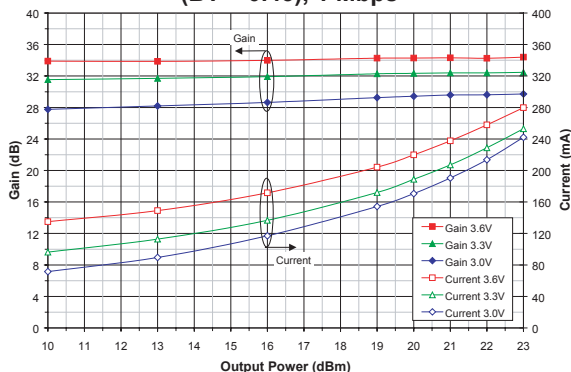


Figure 14: ACPR 1st and 2nd Sidelobes vs. Output Power Across Freq. ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$)
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(BT = 0.45), 1 Mbps

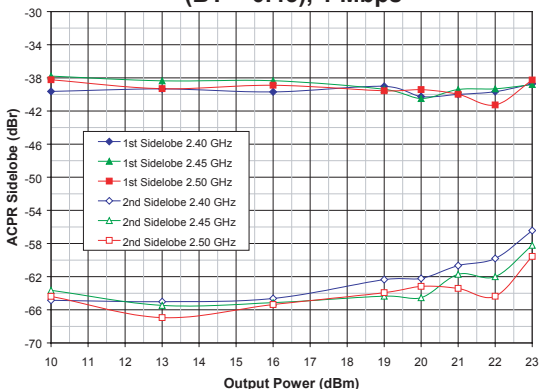


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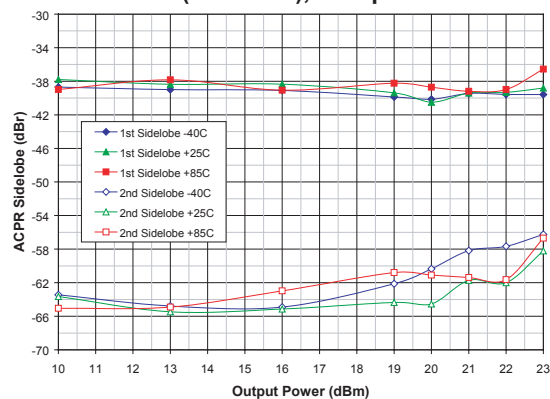


Figure 16: ACPR 1st and 2nd Sidelobes vs. Output Power Across Supply Voltage (Freq = 2.45 GHz, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$) 2.4 GHz 802.11b Gaussian Filtering
(BT = 0.45), 1 Mbps

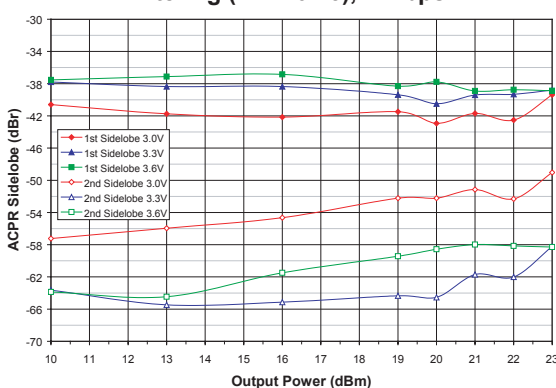
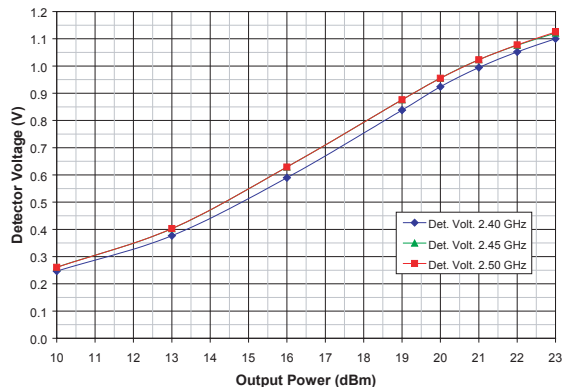


Figure 17: Detector Voltage vs. Output Power Across Freq ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V, $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $2\text{ K}\Omega$ Load) 2.4 GHz 802.11b Gaussian Filtering (BT = 0.45), 1 Mbps



Note: Results at 2.50 GHz obscure the results at 2.45 GHz on the graph.

Figure 18: Detector Voltage vs. Output Power Across Temp (Freq = 2.45 GHz, $V_{CC} = +3.3$ V, $2\text{ K}\Omega$ Load) 2.4 GHz 802.11b Gaussian Filtering (BT = 0.45), 1 Mbps

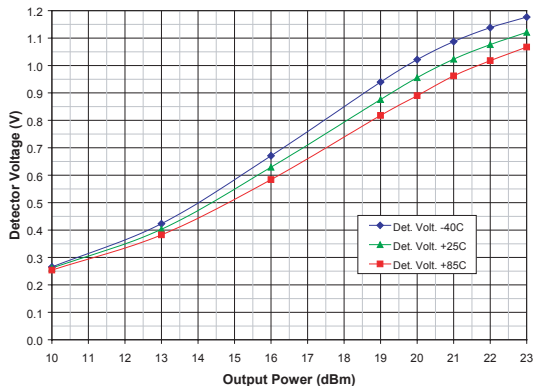
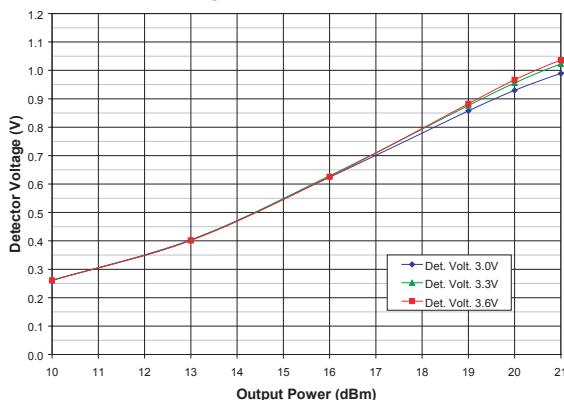


Figure 19: Detector Voltage vs. Output Power Across Supply Voltage (Freq = 2.45 GHz, $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $2\text{ K}\Omega$ Load) 2.4 GHz 802.11b Gaussian Filtering (BT = 0.45), 1 Mbps



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Figure 20: Gain vs. Output Power Across Freq
($V_{CC} = +3.3\text{ V}$, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$)
5 GHz 802.11a 54 Mbps OFDM

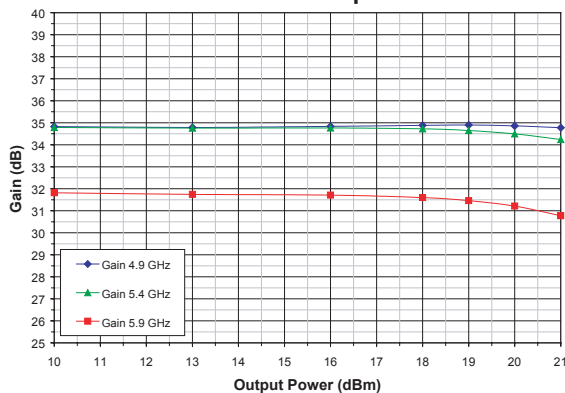


Figure 22: Gain vs. Output Power Across Temp
(Freq = 5.40 GHz, $V_{CC} = +3.3\text{ V}$)
5 GHz 802.11a 54 Mbps OFDM

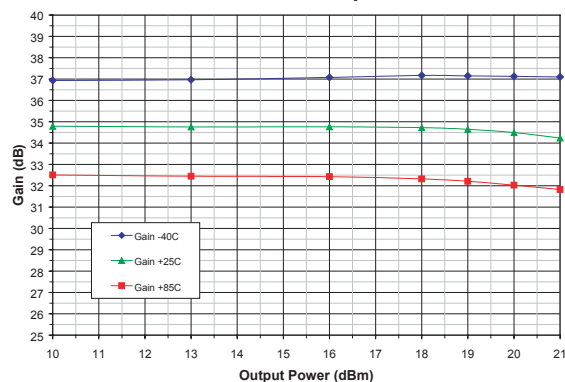


Figure 24: Gain vs. Output Power Across Supply Voltage
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5 GHz 802.11a 54 Mbps OFDM

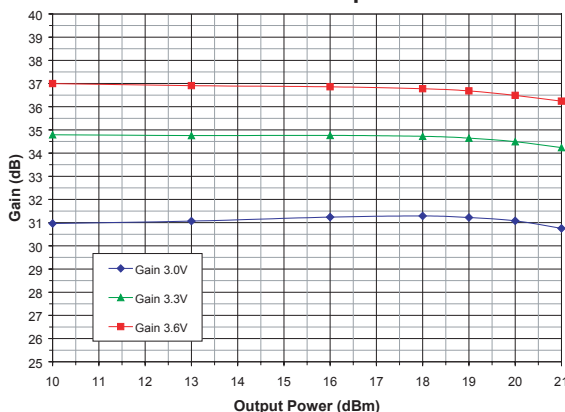


Figure 21: I_{CC} and EVM vs. Output Power Across Freq
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5 GHz 802.11a 54 Mbps OFDM

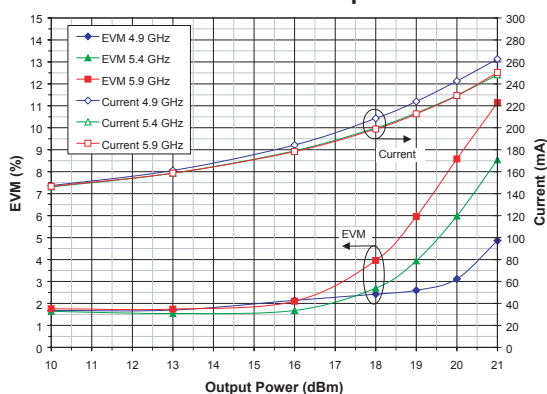


Figure 23: I_{CC} and EVM vs. Output Power Across Temp
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5 GHz 802.11a 54 Mbps OFDM

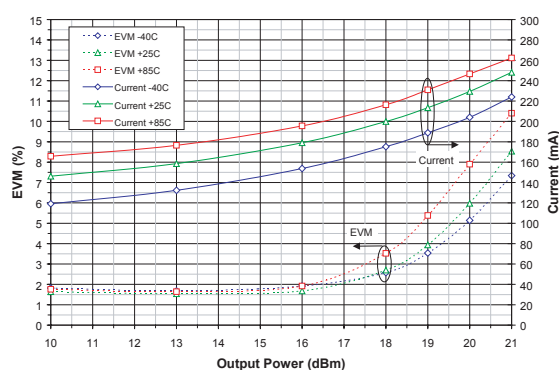


Figure 25: I_{CC} and EVM vs. Output Power Across Supply Voltage
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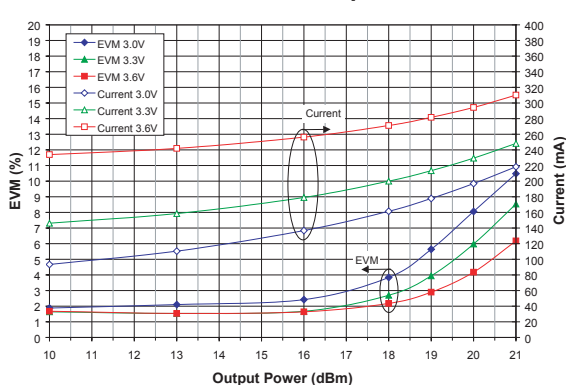


Figure 26: Detector Voltage vs. Output Power Across Freq ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$, 2 $\text{K}\Omega$ Load)
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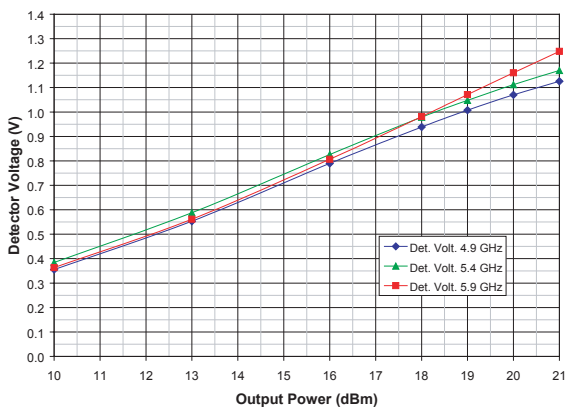


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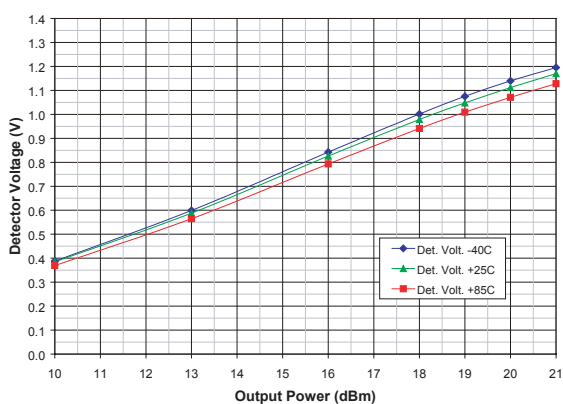
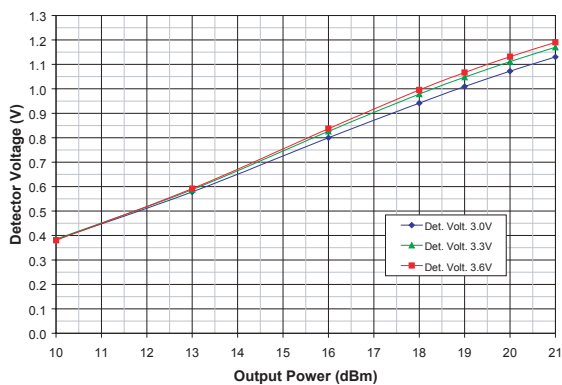


Figure 28: Detector Voltage vs. Output Power Across Supply Voltage (Freq = 5.40 GHz, $T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$)
5 GHz 802.11a 54 Mbps OFDM



2.4 AND 5 GHz S-PARAMETERS

Figure 29: 2 GHz Input and Output Return Losses vs. Freq ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V, $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$)

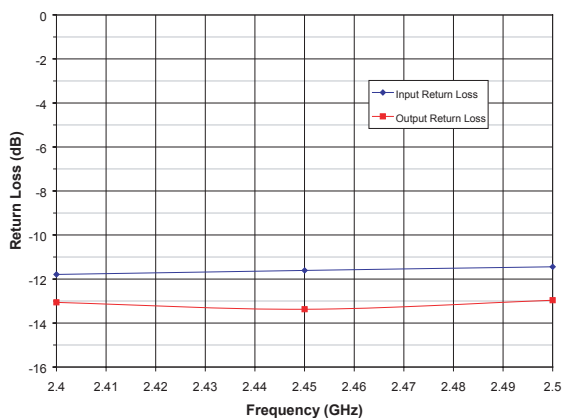


Figure 30: 2 GHz Input Return Loss vs. Frequency Across Temperature ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V)

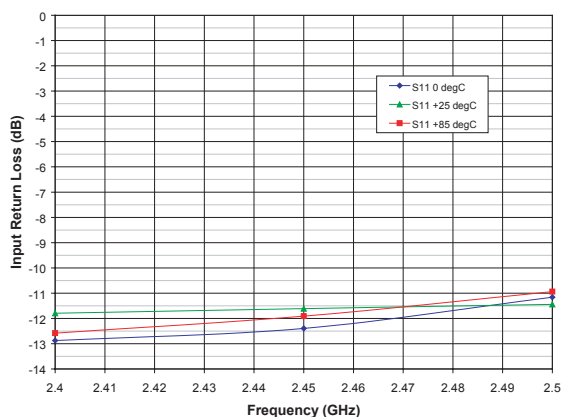


Figure 31: 2 GHz Output Return Loss vs. Frequency Across Temperature ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V)

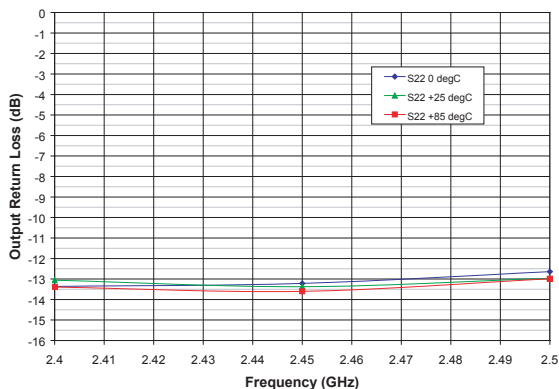


Figure 32: 5 GHz Input and Output Return Losses vs. Freq ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V, $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$)

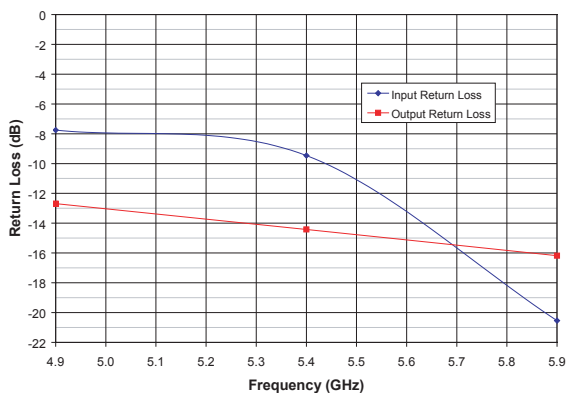


Figure 33: 5 GHz Input Return Loss vs. Frequency Across Temperature ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V)

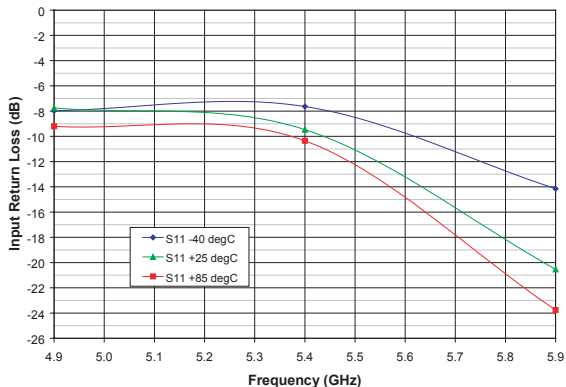
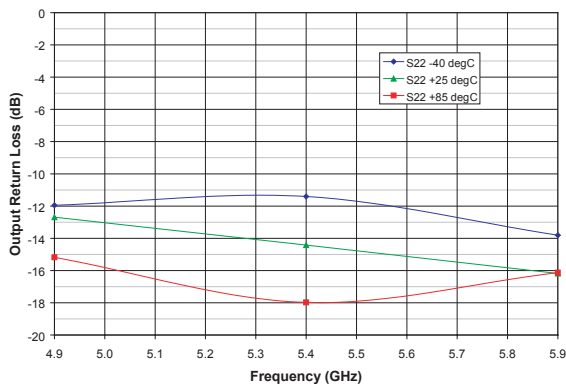


Figure 34: 5 GHz Output Return Loss vs. Frequency Across Temperature ($V_{CC} = +3.3$ V)



APPLICATION INFORMATION

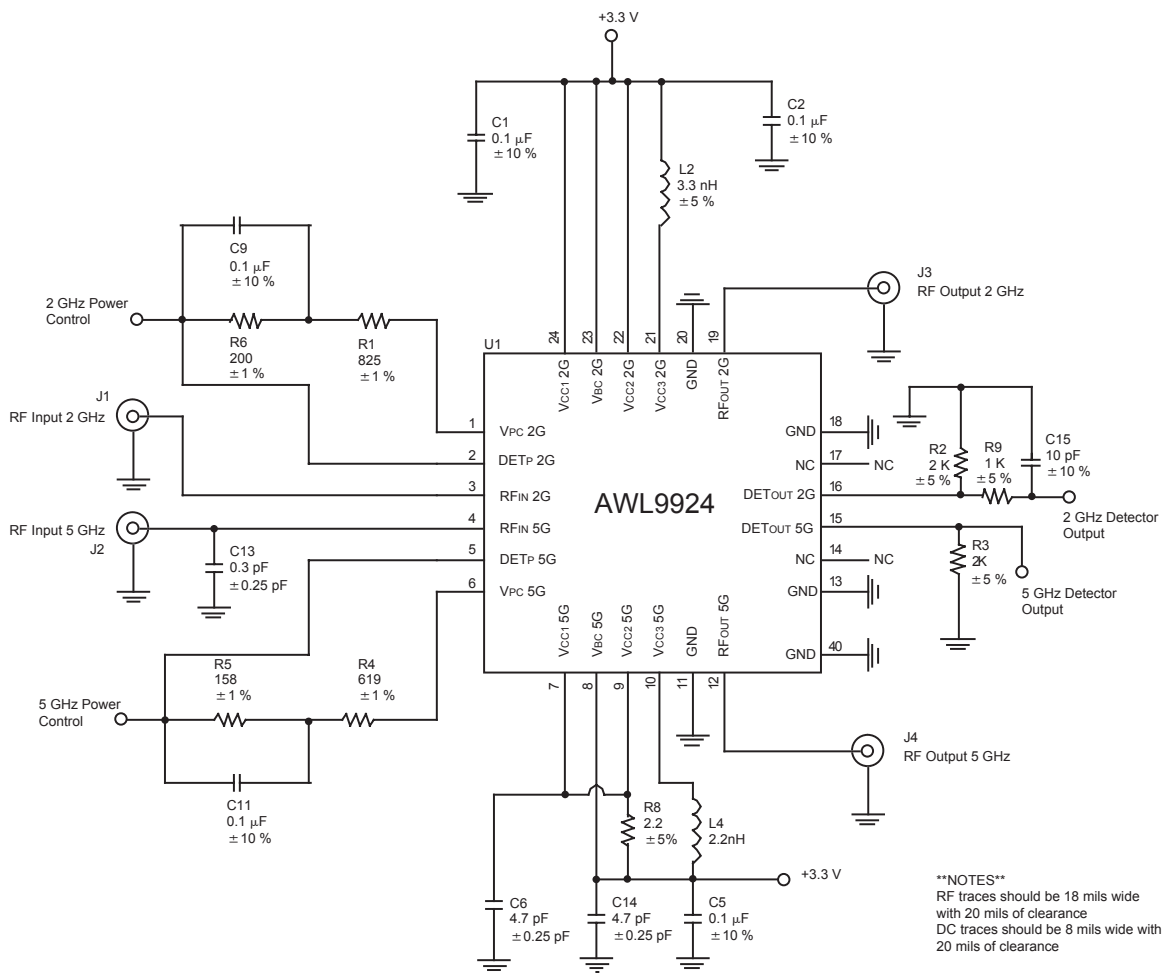
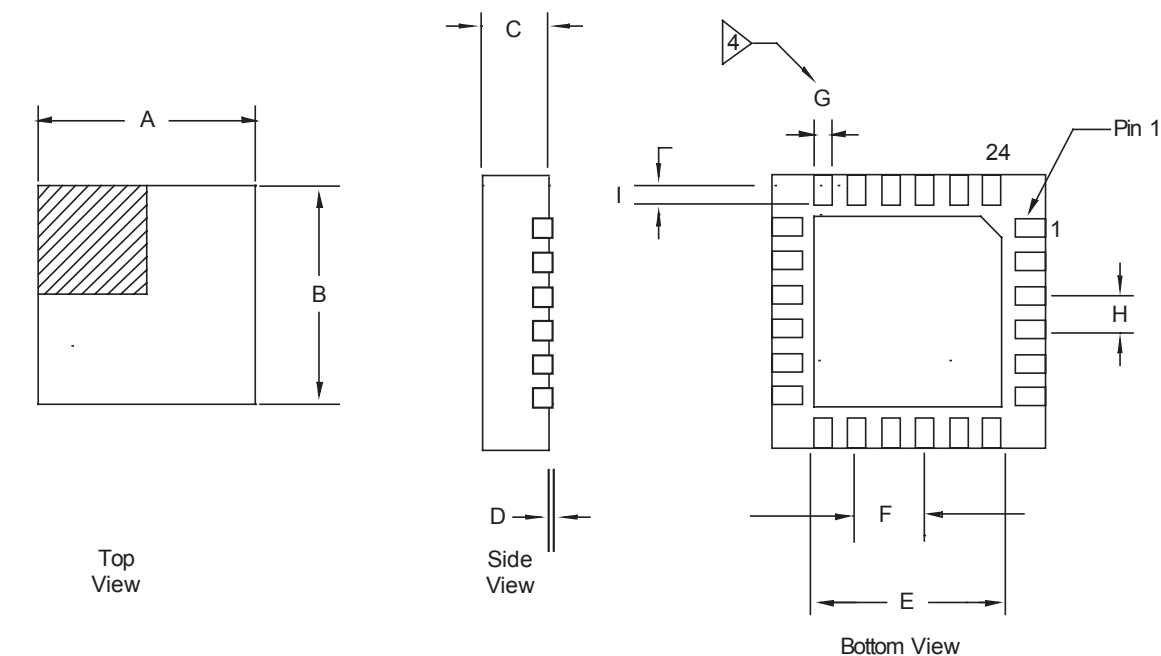


Figure 35: Application Circuit

PACKAGE OUTLINE



DIMENSION	MILLIMETERS		
	MN	TYP	MAX
A	3.90	4.00	4.10
B	3.90	4.00	4.10
C	0.80	0.90	1.00
D	0.00	0.02	0.05
E	2.50	2.65	2.80
F	1.00 BSC.		
G	0.180	0.250	0.300
H	0.50 BSC.		
I	0.35	0.40	0.45

1. All dimensions are in millimeters, angles in degrees.
2. The terminal #1 identifier and pad numbering convention shall conform to JESD 95-1 SPP-012
3. Lead coplanarity: 0.05 max
4. Dimension applies to metalized pad and is measured between 0.25 and 0.30 MM from pad tip.

Figure 36: S34 Package Outline - 24 Pin 4 mm x 4 mm x 0.9 mm LPCC

NOTES

ORDERING INFORMATION

ORDER NUMBER	TEMPERATURE RANGE	PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	COMPONENT PACKAGING
AWL9924RS34P8	-40 °C to +85°C	RoHS-Compliant 24 Pin 4 mm x 4 mm x 0.9 mm LPCC	2,500 piece Tape and Reel

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