

## GaAs SMT pHEMT DUAL CHANNEL LOW NOISE AMPLIFIER, 1.7 - 2.2 GHz

### Typical Applications

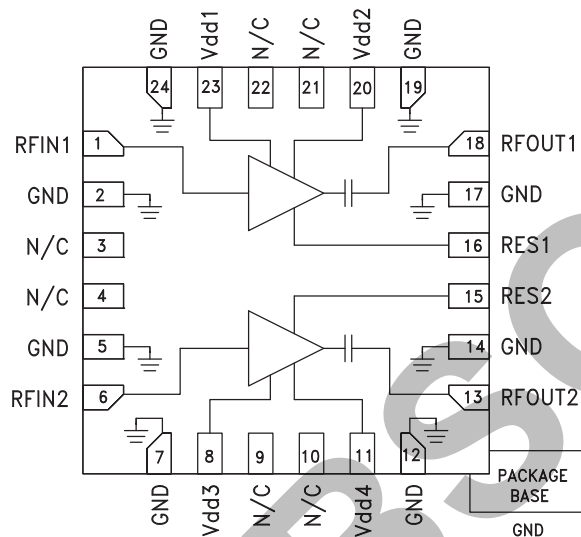
The HMC818LP4E is ideal for:

- Cellular/3G and LTE/WiMAX/4G
- BTS & Infrastructure
- Repeaters and Femtocells
- Public Safety Radios

### Features

- Low Noise Figure: 0.85 dB
- High Gain: 20.5 dB
- High OIP3: +35 dBm
- Single Supply: +3V to +5V
- 50 Ohm Matched Input/Output
- 24 Lead 4x4mm QFN Package: 16mm<sup>2</sup>

### Functional Diagram



### General Description

The HMC818LP4E is a GaAs pHEMT Dual Channel Low Noise Amplifier that is ideal for Cellular/3G and LTE/WiMAX/4G basestation front-end receivers operating between 1.7 - 2.2 GHz. The amplifier has been optimized to provide 0.85 dB noise figure, 20.5 dB gain and +35 dBm output IP3 from a single supply of +5V. Input and output return losses are excellent and the LNA requires minimal external matching and bias decoupling components. The HMC818LP4E can be biased with +3V to +5V and features an externally adjustable supply current which allows the designer to tailor the linearity performance of each channel of the LNA for a specific application.

### Electrical Specifications,

$T_A = +25^\circ C$ ,  $R_{bias} = 10K$ ,  $V_{dd} = V_{dd1}, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $I_{dd} = I_{dd1} + I_{dd2}, I_{dd3} + I_{dd4}$

Parameter	Vdd = 3V						Vdd = 5V						Units
	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	
Frequency Range	1700 - 2000			2000 - 2200			1700 - 2000			2000 - 2200			MHz
Gain	15	18		14	16.5		17	20.5		15.5	17.5		dB
Gain Variation Over Temperature		0.010			0.008			0.015			0.012		dB/°C
Noise Figure		0.95	1.2		0.95	1.2		0.85	1.1		0.85	1.1	dB
Input Return Loss		18			17			21			18		dB
Output Return Loss		16			15			15			13		dB
Output Power for 1 dB Compression (P1dB)		14			15			19			21		dBm
Saturated Output Power (Psat)		15			16			20			21.5		dBm
Output Third Order Intercept (IP3)		24.5			25			33			35		dBm
Supply Current (Idd)	30	42	55	30	42	55	78	112	146	78	112	146	mA

\* Rbias resistor sets current, see application circuit herein

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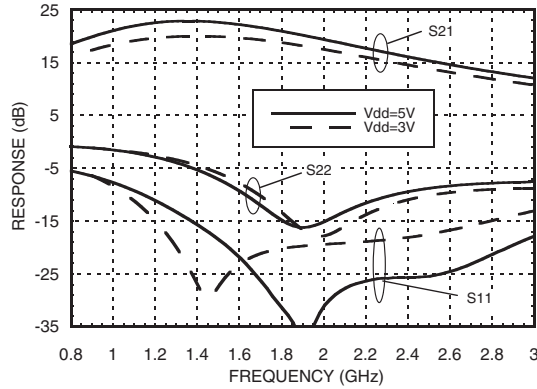
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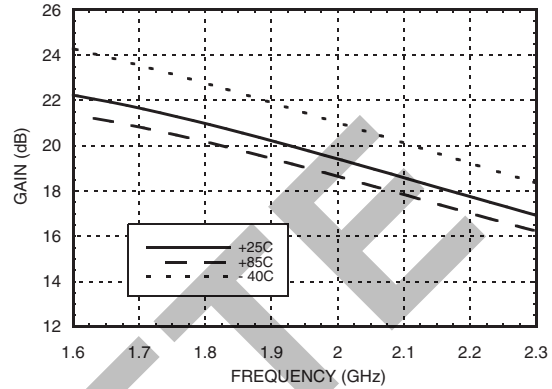


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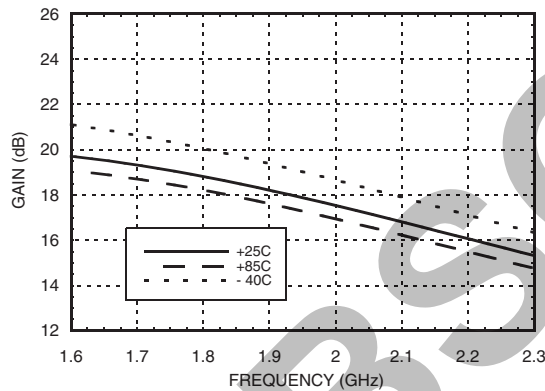
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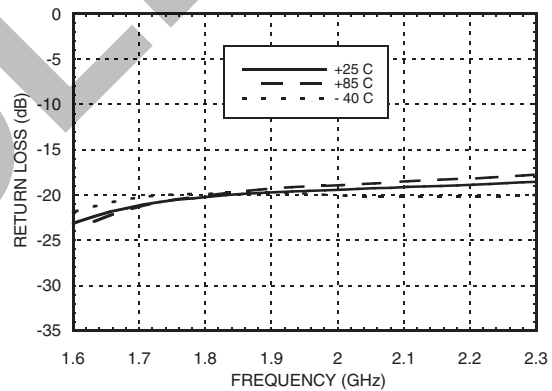
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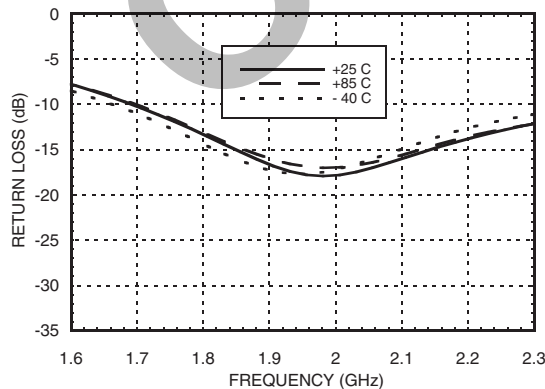
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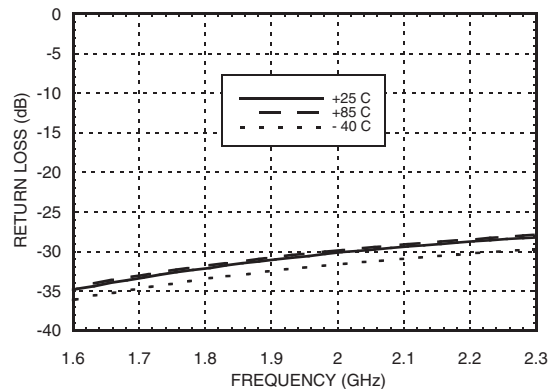
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**Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature<sup>[1]</sup>**



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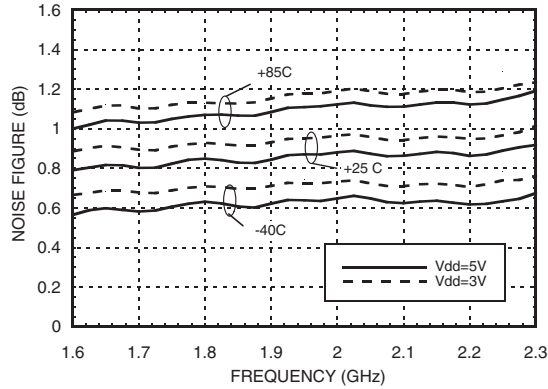
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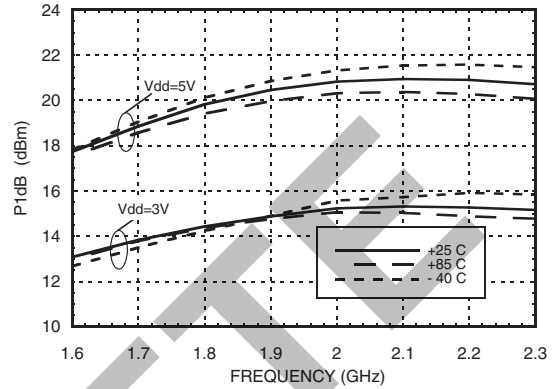
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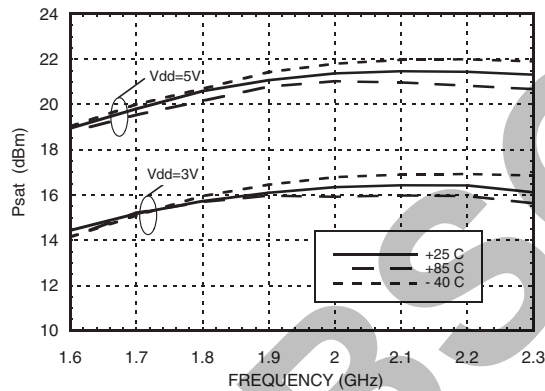
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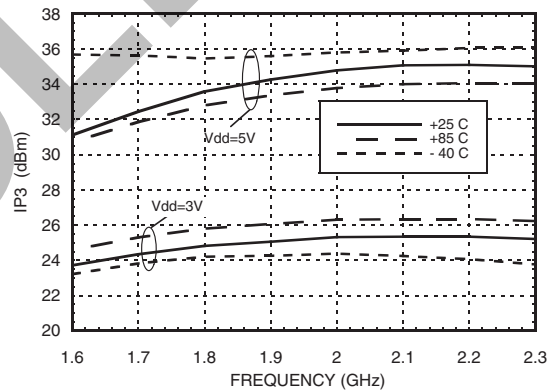
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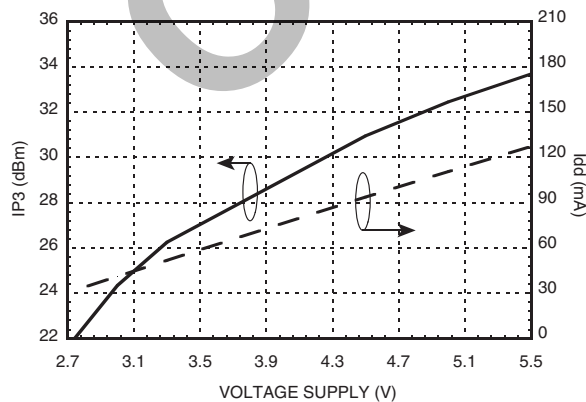
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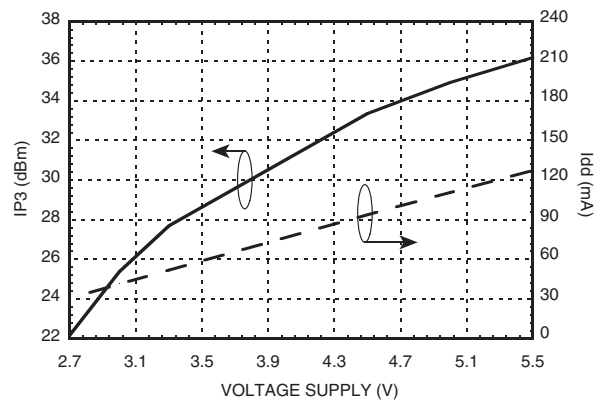
**Output IP3 vs. Temperature**



**Output IP3 and I<sub>dd</sub> vs. Supply Voltage @ 1700 MHz**



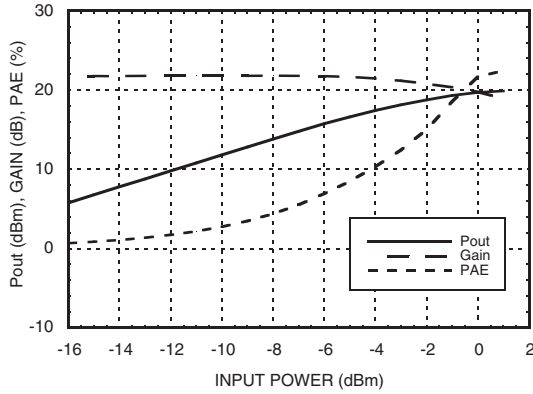
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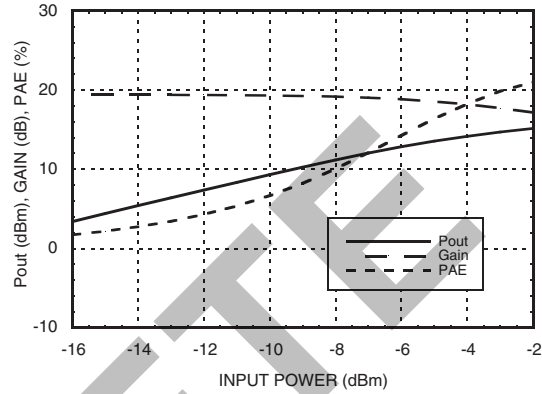
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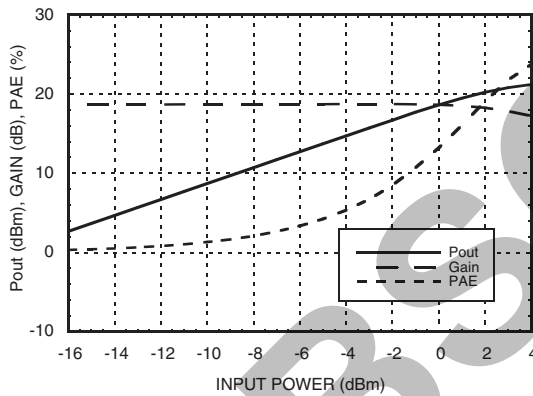
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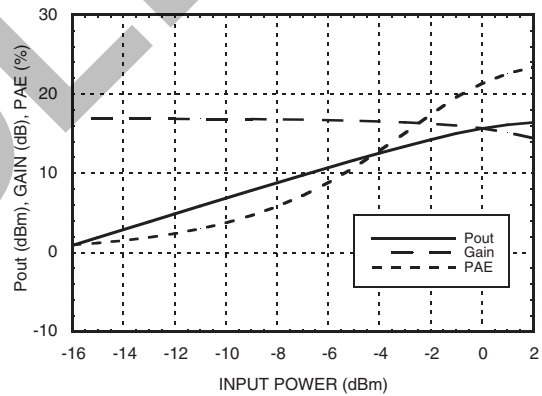
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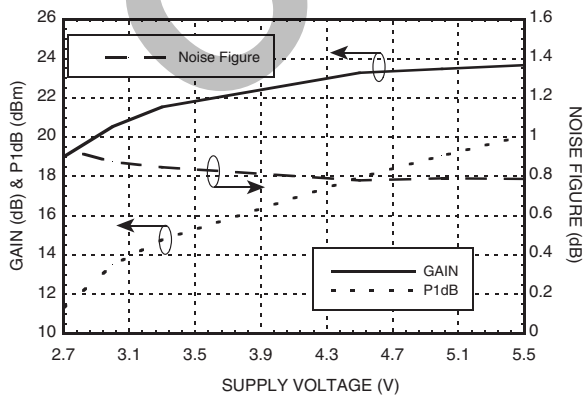
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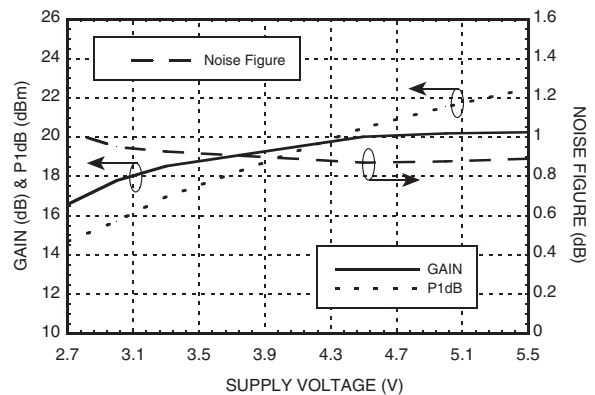
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Gain, Power & Noise Figure vs. Supply Voltage @ 1700 MHz



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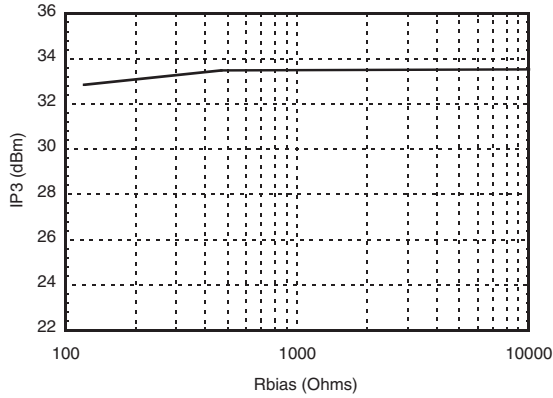
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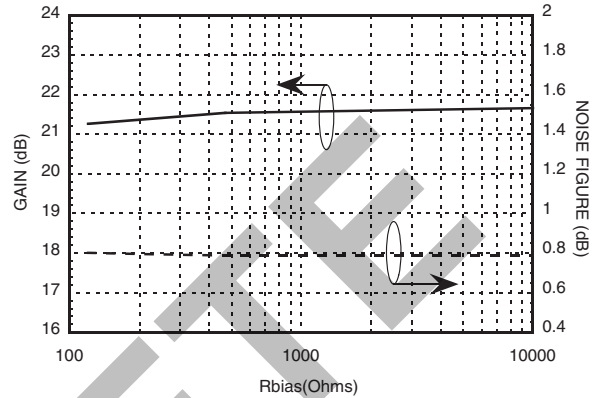
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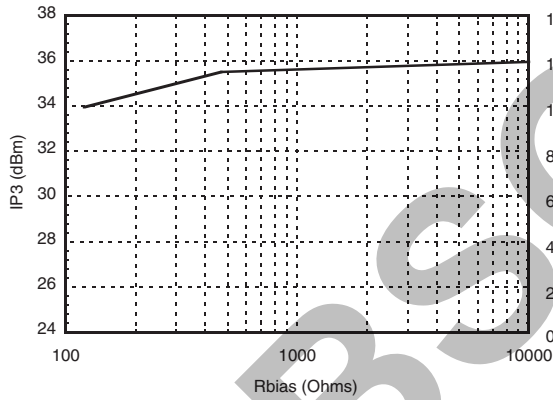
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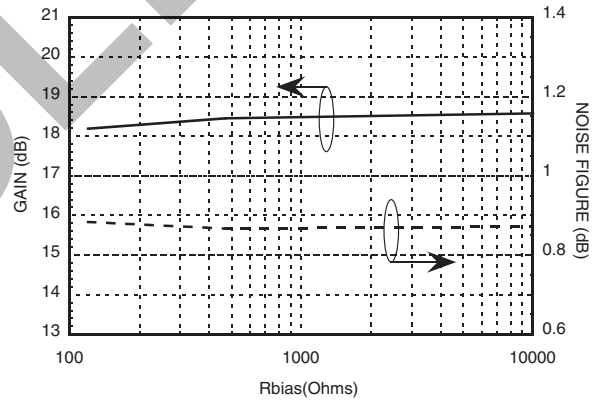
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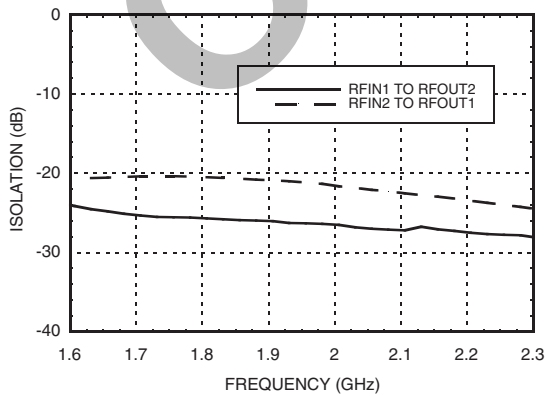
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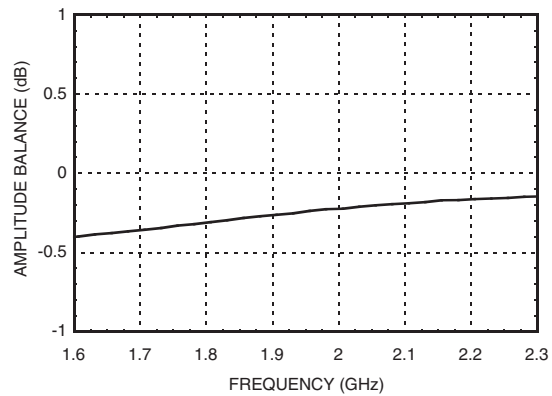
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Cross Channel Isolation [1]



Magnitude Balance [1]

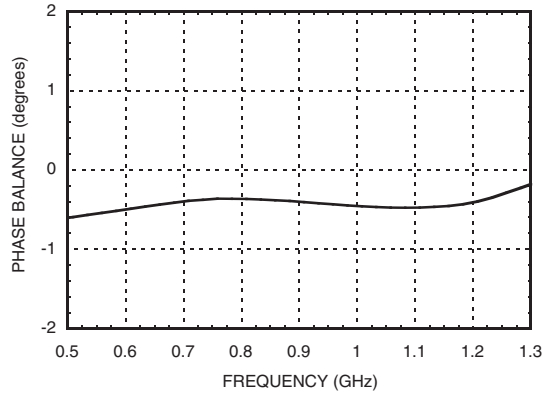


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**Phase Balance [1]**



**Absolute Bias Resistor**

**Range & Recommended Bias Resistor Values for Idd**

Vdd (V)	Rbias			Idd (mA)
	Min (Ohms)	Max (Ohms)	R1 (Ohms)	
3V	10K [2]	Open Circuit	10K	42
5V	0	Open Circuit	120	64
			470	82
			10K	112

[2] With Vdd= 3V and Rbias < 10K Ohm may result in the part becoming conditionally unstable which is not recommended.

**Absolute Maximum Ratings**

Drain Bias Voltage (Vdd)	6V
RF Input Power (RFIN) (Vdd = +5 Vdc)	+10 dBm
Channel Temperature	150 °C
Continuous Pdiss (T= 85 °C) (derate 19.35 mW/°C above 85 °C)	1.26 W
Thermal Resistance (channel to ground paddle)	51.67 °C/W
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85 °C

**Typical Supply  
Current vs. Vdd (R<sub>bias</sub> = 10K)**

Vdd (V)	Idd (mA)
2.7	31
3.0	42
3.3	52
4.5	95
5.0	112
5.5	129

Note: Amplifier will operate over full voltage ranges shown above.

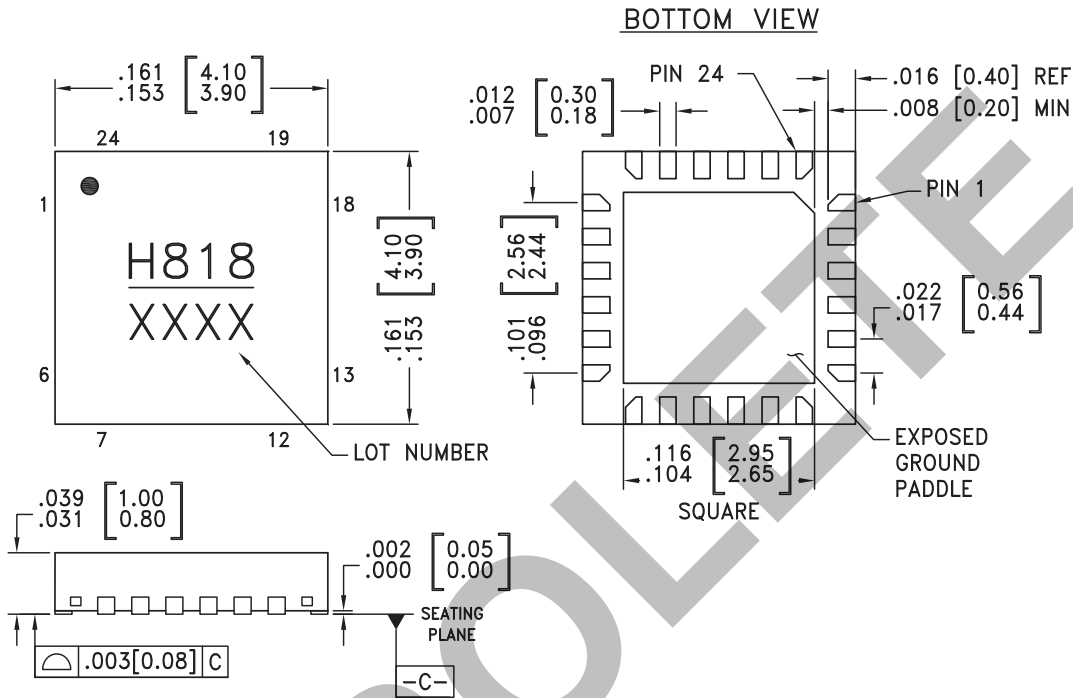


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[1] Vdd = 5V



### Outline Drawing



### Package Information

Part Number	Package Body Material	Lead Finish	MSL Rating	Package Marking <sup>[1]</sup>
HMC818LP4E	RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic	100% matte Sn	MSL1 <sup>[2]</sup>	818 XXXX

[1] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

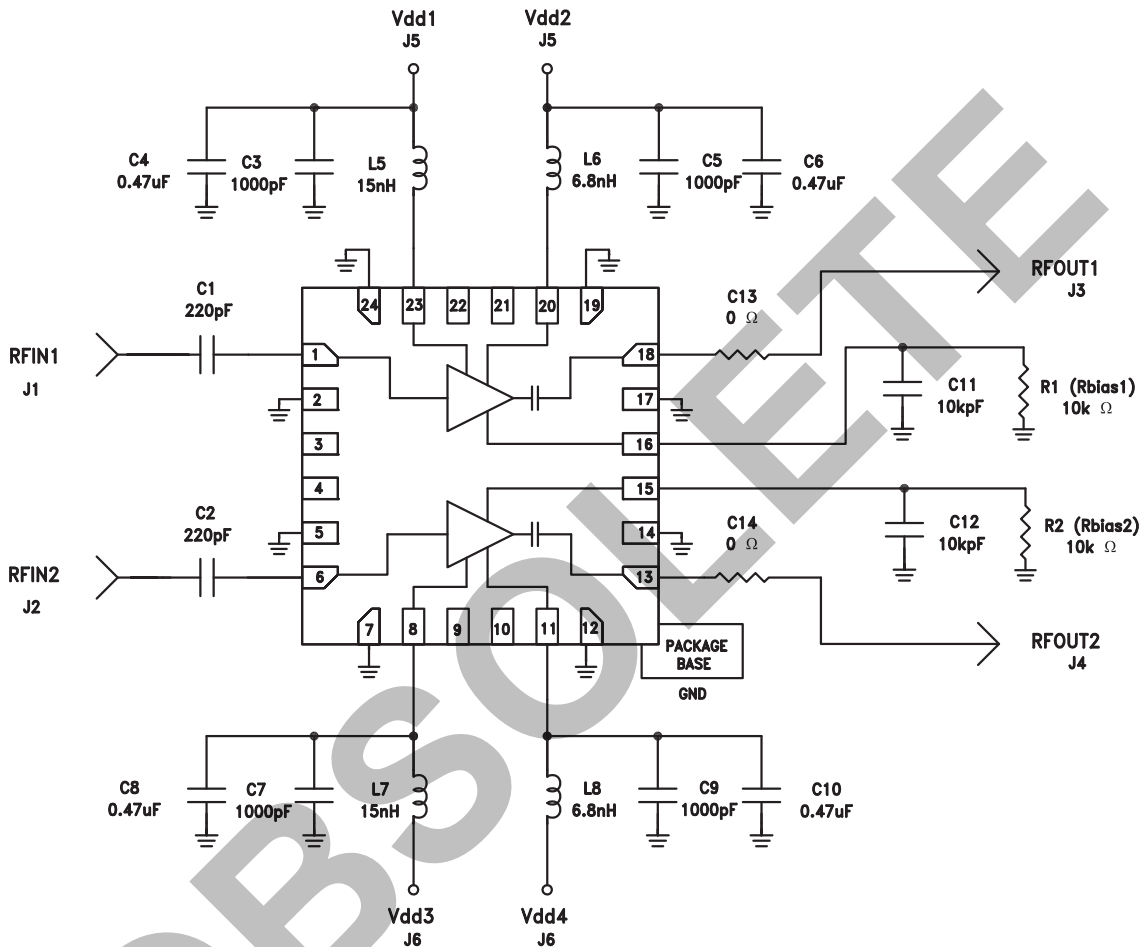
[2] Max peak reflow temperature of 235 °C


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**Pin Descriptions**

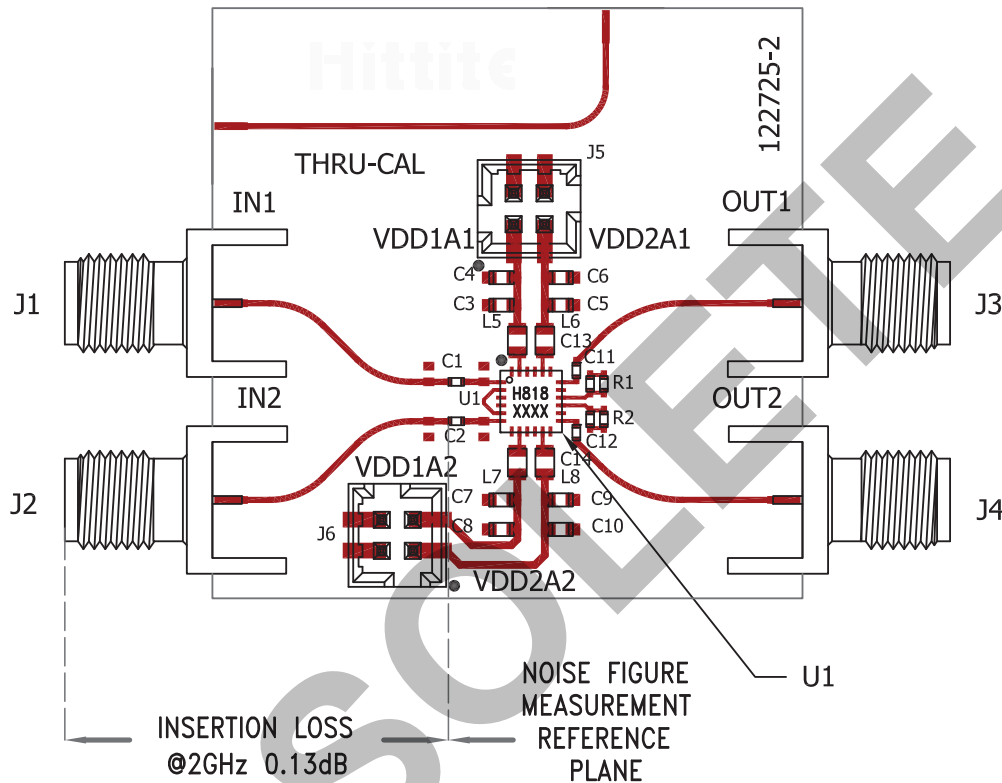
Pin Number	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1, 6	RFIN1, 2	This pin is DC coupled an off chip DC blocking capacitor is required.	RFIN1,2 ○ —
2, 5, 7, 12, 14, 17, 19, 24	GND	Package bottom must be connected to RF/DC ground.	○ GND ⏏
3, 4, 9, 10, 21, 22	N/C	No connection required. These pins may be connected to RF/DC ground without affecting performance.	
23, 20, 8, 11	Vdd1, 2, 3, 4	Power supply voltage for each amplifier. Choke inductor and bypass capacitors are required. See application circuit.	○ Vdd1,2,3,4 ⏏ ⏏ ⏏
18, 13	RFOUT1, 2	This pin is matched to 50 Ohms.	○ RFOUT1,2 ⏏ ⏏
16, 15	RES1, 2	These pins are used to set the DC current Idd2 and Idd4 in each amplifier via an external biasing resistor. See application circuit.	○ RES1,2 ⏏ ⏏ ESD ⏏



### Application Circuit



**Evaluation PCB**



**List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 122727 [1]**

Item	Description
J1 - J4	PCB Mount SMA RF Connector
J5, J6	2mm Vertical Molex 8pos Connector
C1, C2	220 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg..
C3, C5, C7, C9	1000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
C4, C6, C8, C10	0.47 μF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
C11, C12	10 kpF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C13, C14	0 Ohm Resistor, 0402 Pkg.
L5, L7	15 nH Inductor, 0603 Pkg.
L6, L8	6.8 nH Inductor, 0603 Pkg.
R1, R2 (Rbias 1, 2)	10k Ohm Resistor, 0402 Pkg.
U1	HMC818LP4(E) Amplifier
PCB [2]	122725 Evaluation PCB

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350 or Arlon 25FR

The circuit board used in this 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.