

Agilent MSA-0486 Cascadable Silicon Bipolar MMIC Amplifier

Data Sheet

Description

The MSA-0486 is a high performance silicon bipolar Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuit (MMIC) housed in a low cost, surface mount plastic package. This MMIC is designed for use as a general purpose 50 Ω gain block. Typical applications include narrow and broad band IF and RF amplifiers in commercial and industrial applications.

The MSA-series is fabricated using Agilent's 10 GHz f_T , 25 GHz f_{MAX} , silicon bipolar MMIC process which uses nitride self-alignment, ion implantation, and gold metallization to achieve excellent performance, uniformity and reliability. The use of an external bias resistor for temperature and current stability also allows bias flexibility.

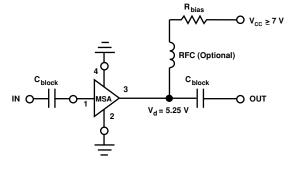
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Features

- Lead-free Option Available
- Cascadable 50 Ω Gain Block
- **3 dB Bandwidth:** DC to 3.2 GHz
- 8 dB Typical Gain at 1.0 GHz
- 12.5 dBm Typical $P_{1 dB}$ at 1.0 GHz
- Unconditionally Stable (k>1)
- Surface Mount Plastic Package
- Tape-and-Reel Packaging Option Available

Typical Biasing Configuration





MSA-0486 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Absolute Maximum ^[1]	Thermal Resistance ^[2,4] :
Device Current	85 mA	$\theta_{\rm jc} = 100^{\circ}{\rm C/W}$
Power Dissipation ^[2,3]	500 mW	Notes:
RF Input Power	+13 dBm	1. Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.
Junction Temperature	150°C	$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \\ 2. \ T_{CASE} = 25^{\circ}C. \end{array}$
Storage Temperature	-65 to 150°C	3. Derate at 10 mW/°C for $T_C > 100$ °C.

Electrical Specifications^[1], $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$

Symbol	Parameters and Test Conditions:	Units	Min.	Тур.	Max.	
GP	Power Gain $(S_{21} ^2)$	$\begin{array}{l} f=0.1 \ \mathrm{GHz} \\ f=1.0 \ \mathrm{GHz} \end{array}$	dB	7.0	8.3 8.0	
ΔG_P	Gain Flatness	f = 0.1 to 2.0 GHz	dB		±0.6	
f _{3 dB}	3 dB Bandwidth		GHz		3.2	
VSWR	Input VSWR	f = 0.1 to 3.0 GHz			1.5:1	
VSWR	Output VSWR	$\mathbf{f}=0.1 \text{ to } 3.0 \text{ GHz}$			1.9:1	
NF	50 Ω Noise Figure	f = 1.0 GHz	dB		7.0	
P _{1 dB}	Output Power at 1 dB Gain Compression	f = 1.0 GHz	dBm		12.5	
IP ₃	Third Order Intercept Point	f = 1.0 GHz	dBm		25.5	
t _D	Group Delay	f = 1.0 GHz	psec		140	
Vd	Device Voltage		V	4.2	5.25	6.3
dV/dT	Device Voltage Temperature Coefficient		mV/°C		-8.0	

Note:

1. The recommended operating current range for this device is 30 to 70 mA. Typical performance as a function of current is on the following page.

Ordering Information

Part Numbers	No. of Devices	Comments		
MSA-0486-BLK	100	Bulk		
MSA-0486-BLKG	100	Bulk		
MSA-0486-TR1	1000	7" Reel		
MSA-0486-TR1G	1000	7" Reel		
MSA-0486-TR2	4000	13" Reel		
MSA-0486-TR2G	4000	13" Reel		

Note: Order part number with a "G" suffix if lead-free option is desired.

Freq.	S ₁₁		S ₂₁		S ₁₂			\mathbf{S}_{22}		
GHz	Mag	Ang	dB	Mag	Ang	dB	Mag	Ang	Mag	Ang
0.1	.14	178	8.4	2.62	175	-16.2	.154	1	.16	-10
0.2	.14	175	8.3	2.61	170	-16.3	.153	2	.16	-20
0.4	.14	171	8.2	2.57	161	-16.3	.154	3	.17	-39
0.6	.13	168	8.1	2.54	151	-16.0	.158	4	.18	-57
0.8	.13	166	8.0	2.52	141	-15.9	.161	5	.20	-74
1.0	.13	165	7.9	2.48	131	-15.7	.165	6	.21	-88
1.5	.15	168	7.7	2.42	108	-14.8	.182	8	.27	-121
2.0	.21	168	7.3	2.32	84	-14.0	.199	7	.32	-149
2.5	.29	165	6.8	2.18	65	-13.1	.222	4	.38	-168
3.0	.37	153	5.9	1.97	43	-12.7	.231	-1	.40	173
3.5	.44	142	4.8	1.74	24	-12.5	.238	-5	.41	157
4.0	.50	130	3.6	1.52	7	-12.5	.238	-10	.41	145
5.0	.61	109	1.3	1.16	-21	-12.7	.231	-17	.43	132

MSA-0486 Typical Scattering Parameters ($Z_0 = 50 \Omega$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, $I_d = 50 mA$)

Typical Performance, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$

(unless otherwise noted)

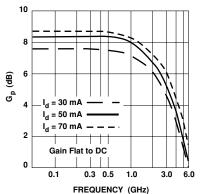


Figure 1. Typical Power Gain vs. Frequency, $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$.

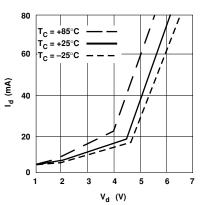


Figure 2. Device Current vs. Voltage.

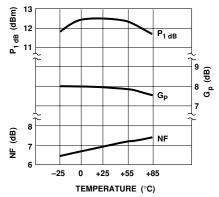


Figure 3. Output Power at 1 dB Gain Compression, NF and Power Gain vs. Case Temperature, f = 1.0 GHz, $I_d = 50$ mA.

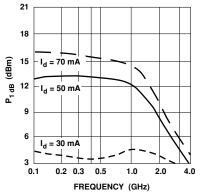
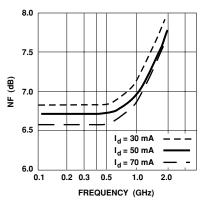
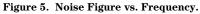
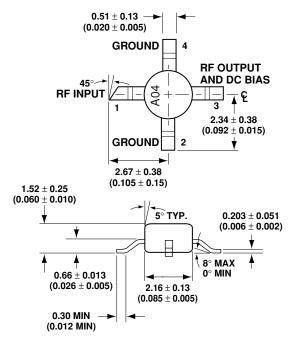


Figure 4. Output Power at 1 dB Gain Compression vs. Frequency.





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