
#### Abstract

General Description The MAX2654/MAX2655/MAX2656 high third-order intercept point (IP3), low-noise amplifiers (LNAs) are designed for applications in GPS, PCS, WLL, and satellite phone systems. The MAX2654/MAX2655/MAX2656 incorporate on-chip internal output matching to $50 \Omega$, eliminating the need for external matching components. A shutdown feature in the MAX2654/MAX2655 reduces operating current to $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$, eliminating the need for an external supply switch. The MAX2654 operates in the GPS frequency of 1575 MHz with 15.1 dB of gain, 1.5 dB noise figure, and only consumes 5.8 mA . The MAX2655 is designed with high-input IP3 to improve operation in cellular applications where the cellular power amplifier leaks into the GPS receiver. The MAX2656 is designed for PCS phone applications with 13.5 dB of gain in high-gain mode and 0.8 dB of gain in low-gain mode (selected by a logic control) and 1.9 dB noise figure. The IP3 of MAX2655/MAX2656 is adjustable by a single external bias resistor (RBIAS), allowing supply current to be optimized for a specific application. The MAX2654/MAX2655/MAX2656 operate from +2.7 V to +5.5 V single supply and are available in the miniature 6-pin SC70 package.


Applications
GPS Receivers
GPS Receivers in Cell Phones
DCS/PCS Cell Phones
Satellite Phones
Wireless Local Loop
Pin Configuration


Features

- Low Noise Figure

MAX2654: 1.5dB at 1575MHz
MAX2655: 1.45 dB at 1575 MHz
MAX2656: 1.9dB at 1960MHz

- High Gain

MAX2654: 15.1dB at 1575 MHz
MAX2655: 14.1 dB at 1575 MHz
MAX2656: 13.5dB at 1960MHz

- 12.7dB Gain Step (MAX2656 only)
- Integrated $50 \Omega$ Output Matching
- Variable IP3 Set by One Bias Resistor (MAX2655/MAX2656 only)
- 0.1 $\mu \mathrm{A}$ Shutdown Mode (MAX2654/MAX2655 only)
- +2.7V to +5.5V Single-Supply Operation
- Ultra-Small 6-Pin SC70 Package

Ordering Information

| PART | TEMP. <br> RANGE | PIN- <br> PACKAGE | SOT <br> TOP- <br> MARK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MAX2654EXT-T | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 6 SC70-6 | AAI |
| MAX2655EXT- T | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $6 \mathrm{SC} 70-6$ | AAJ |
| MAX2656EXT-T | $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+95^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $6 \mathrm{SC} 70-6$ | AAK |

Typical Operating Circuit


| PART | FREQUENCY | L1(nH) | C1(pF) | C2(pF) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MAX2654 | 1575 | 5.6 | 6 | 1.6 |
| MAX2655 | 1575 | 5.6 | 1800 | 1.5 |
| MAX2656 | 1960 | 4.7 | 1800 | 1.2 |

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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

$V_{C c}$ to GND -0.3 V to +6 V RF Input Power $\ldots+5 \mathrm{dBm}$
Continuous Power Dissipation ( $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )
6 -Pin SC70 (derate $3.1 \mathrm{~mW} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) $\qquad$

Operating Temperature Range $\qquad$ $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Maximum Junction Temperature $\qquad$ ............ $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Storage Temperature $\qquad$ Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) ....................................................... ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
$\qquad$ $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ .$+300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS
$\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+2.7 \mathrm{~V}\right.$ to $+5.5 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{BIAS}}=511 \Omega \pm 1 \%, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. No RF signal applied. RFIN is AC-coupled and terminated to $50 \Omega$. RFOUT is unconnected. Typical values are at $\mathrm{V}_{C C}=+3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 1)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS |  | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Supply Voltage |  |  | 2.7 |  | 5.5 | V |
| Operating Supply Current <br> (MAX2654 only) | $V_{\text {RFOUT }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 5.8 | 8.2 | mA |
|  |  | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |  | 9.2 |  |
|  | $V_{\text {RFOUT }}=$ GND | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 0.1 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |  | 2.1 |  |
| Operating Supply Current (MAX2655 only) | $\begin{aligned} & V_{\text {RFOUT }}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}} \\ & \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ | RBIAS $=511 \Omega \pm 1 \%$ |  | 8.3 | 10 | mA |
|  |  | RBIAS $=698 \Omega \pm 1 \%$ |  | 5.9 |  |  |
|  |  | RBIAS $=357 \Omega \pm 1 \%$ |  | 10.1 |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RBIAS }=511 \Omega \pm 1 \%, \\ & \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \text { to }+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 11.1 |  |
|  | $V_{\text {RFOUT }}=$ GND | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 0.1 | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |  | 2.2 |  |
| Operating Supply Current (MAX2656 only) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { VRFOUT }=\text { GND } \\ & \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ | RBIAS $=511 \Omega \pm 1 \%$ |  | 11.5 | 15.2 | mA |
|  |  | RBIAS $=715 \Omega \pm 1 \%$ |  | 8.5 |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RBIAS }=511 \Omega \pm 1 \%, \\ & T_{A}=+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ |  | 13.6 |  |  |
|  | $V_{\text {RFOUT }}=\mathrm{V}_{\text {CC }}$ | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 12.3 |  | mA |
|  |  | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 14.6 |  |  |
| Input Logic High at VRFOUT | (Note 2) |  | 2 |  |  | V |
| Input Logic Low at VRFOUT | (Note 3) |  |  |  | 0.6 | V |
| Input Logic High Current at $\mathrm{V}_{\text {RFOUT }}$ (Note 4) | MAX2654/MAX2655 |  |  |  | 15.6 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  | MAX2656 |  |  |  | 71 |  |
| Input Logic Low Current at $\mathrm{V}_{\text {RFOUT }}$ (Note 5) | MAX2654/MAX2655 |  |  |  | 1 | $\mu \mathrm{A}$ |
|  | MAX2656 |  |  |  | -24 |  |

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## AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (MAX2654)

(MAX2654 Evaluation Kit, $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3.0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{PIN}=-30 \mathrm{dBm}, \mathrm{fiN}_{\mathrm{I}}=1575 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{RFO}} \mathrm{Cut}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ through a $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Typical values are at $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 6)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Frequency Range (Note 7) |  | 1400 |  | 1700 | MHz |
| Gain | (Note 8) | 12.7 | 15.1 |  | dB |
| Gain Variation Over Temperature | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 0.15 | 1 | dB |
| Input Third-Order Intercept Point (Note 9) |  |  | -7.2 |  | dBm |
| Input 1dB Compression Point |  |  | -18 |  | dBm |
| Noise Figure (Note 10) |  |  | 1.5 | 1.8 | dB |
| Input Return Loss |  |  | 9.7 |  | dB |
| Output Return Loss |  |  | 8.4 |  | dB |
| Reverse Isolation |  |  | 30 |  | dB |

## AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (MAX2655)

(MAX2655 Evaluation Kit, $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3.0 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{PIN}=-30 \mathrm{dBm}, \mathrm{f} \operatorname{IN}=1575 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{V}_{\text {RFOUT }}=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}$ through a $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor, $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{BI}} \mathrm{AS}=511 \Omega \pm 1 \%$, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Typical values are at $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 6)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Frequency Range (Note 7) |  | 1400 |  | 1700 | MHz |
| Gain | (Note 8) | 12 | 14.1 |  | dB |
| Gain Variation Over Temperature | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | 0.6 | 1.1 | dB |
| Input Third-Order Intercept Point (Note 9) | RBIAS $=511 \Omega \pm 1 \%$ |  | 2.8 |  | dBm |
|  | RBIAS $=698 \Omega \pm 1 \%$ |  | 2.2 |  |  |
|  | RBIAS $=357 \Omega \pm 1 \%$ |  | 3.8 |  |  |
| Input 1dB Compression Point |  |  | -12.2 |  | dBm |
| Noise Figure (Note 10) |  |  | 1.45 | 1.9 | dB |
| Input Return Loss |  |  | 16.1 |  | dB |
| Output Return Loss |  |  | 15.5 |  | dB |
| Reverse Isolation |  |  | 32 |  | dB |

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## AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (MAX2656)

(MAX2656 Evaluation Kit, $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{PIN}=-30 \mathrm{dBm}, \mathrm{fIN}=1960 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{V}_{\text {RFOUT }}=$ GND through a $12 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor, RBIAS $=511 \Omega \pm 1 \%, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}$ $=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Typical values are at $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 6)

| PARAMETER | CONDITIONS | MIN TYP | MAX | UNIT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Frequency Range (Note 7) |  | 1800 | 2000 | MHz |
| Gain, High-Gain Mode | (Note 11) | 1213.5 |  | dB |
| Gain, Low-Gain Mode | (Note 12) | 0.8 |  | dB |
| Gain Variation Over Temperature | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 0.3 | 1.2 | dB |
| Gain Step |  | 12.7 |  | dB |
| Input Third-Order Intercept Point (Note 13) | RBIAS $=511 \Omega \pm 1 \%$ | 1.5 |  | dBm |
|  | RBIAS $=715 \Omega \pm 1 \%$ | -3 |  |  |
|  | Low-gain mode (Note 12) | 7.2 |  |  |
| Input 1dB Compression Point | High-gain mode (Note 11) | -7 |  | dBm |
|  | Low-gain mode (Note 12) | -1.2 |  |  |
| Noise Figure (Note 10) | High-gain mode (Note 11) | 1.9 | 2.4 | dB |
|  | Low-gain mode (Note 12) | 10.8 |  |  |
| Input Return Loss | High-gain mode (Note 11) | 14.4 |  | dB |
|  | Low-gain mode (Note 12) | 19.3 |  |  |
| Output Return Loss | High-gain mode (Note 11) | 10.7 |  | dB |
|  | Low-gain mode (Note 12) | 7.3 |  |  |
| Reverse Isolation | High-gain mode (Note 11) | 28 |  | dB |
|  | Low-gain mode (Note 12) | 25 |  |  |
| Gain Step Response Time |  | 3.2 |  | $\mu \mathrm{s}$ |

Note 1: Devices are production tested at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Minimum and maximum values are guaranteed by design and characterization over temperature and supply voltages to $\pm 6$ sigma.
Note 2: Minimum DC voltage through a $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor that sets the MAX2654/MAX2655 to operate in normal mode and MAX2656 in low-gain mode.
Note 3: Maximum DC voltage through a 10k $\Omega$ resistor that sets the MAX2654/MAX2655 to operate in shutdown mode and MAX2656 in high-gain mode.
Note 4: DC current required when $V_{\text {RFOUT }}$ is connected to $V_{C C}$ through a $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor.
Note 5: DC current required when VRFOUT is connected to GND through a $10 k \Omega$ resistor.
Note 6: Guaranteed by design and characterization to $\pm 3$ sigma.
Note 7: The part has been characterized at the specified frequency range. Operation outside of this range is possible, but not guaranteed.
Note 8: Production tested at $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
Note 9: Measured with two input tones, $f_{1}=1570 \mathrm{MHz}, f_{2}=1580 \mathrm{MHz}$, both at -30 dBm per tone.
Note 10: Excludes PC board losses of 0.2 dB for MAX2654/MAX2655 and 0.25 dB for MAX2656.
Note 11: High-gain mode is set up by connecting RFOUT to GND through a $12 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor.
Note 12: Low-gain mode is set up by connecting RFOUT to $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{Cc}}$ through a $12 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor.
Note 13: Measured with two input tones, $f_{1}=1955 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{f}_{2}=1965 \mathrm{MHz}$, both at -30 dBm per tone.

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Typical Operating Characteristics
(PIN $=-30 \mathrm{dBm}$, input and output are terminated to $50 \Omega, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3 \mathrm{~V}$, high-gain and low-gain modes are applicable only to the MAX2656, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)


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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

(PIN $=-30 \mathrm{dBm}$, input and output are terminated to $50 \Omega, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3 \mathrm{~V}$, high-gain and low-gain modes are applicable only to the MAX2656, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)


MAX2654


MAX2655
SUPPLY CURRENT vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE


MAX2654


MAX2654
$P_{1 d B}$ vs. TEMPERATURE


MAX2655
SUPPLY CURRENT vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE


MAX2654 REVERSE ISOLATION vs. FREQUENCY


MAX2654
SHUTDOWN TIME


MAX2655
SUPPLY CURRENT vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE


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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

( $P_{I N}=-30 d B m$, input and output are terminated to $50 \Omega, V_{C C}=+3 \mathrm{~V}$, high-gain and low-gain modes are applicable only to the MAX2656, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)


MAX2655


MAX2655
GAIN vs. RBIAS


MAX2655
SHUTDOWN CURRENT vs. TEMPERATURE




MAX2655


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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

(PIN $=-30 \mathrm{dBm}$, input and output are terminated to $50 \Omega, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3 \mathrm{~V}$, high-gain and low-gain modes are applicable only to the MAX2656, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)


MAX2655


MAX2656


MAX2655
INPUT/OUTPUT RETURN LOSS vs. FREQUENCY


MAX2655


MAX2656


MAX2655
REVERSE ISOLATION vs. FREQUENCY


MAX2655
$P_{1 d B}$ vs. RBIAS


MAX2656
SUPPLY CURRENT vs. SUPPLY VOLTAGE


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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)
(PIN $=-30 \mathrm{dBm}$, input and output are terminated to $50 \Omega, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3 \mathrm{~V}$, high-gain and low-gain modes are applicable only to the MAX2656, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)


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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

(PIN $=-30 \mathrm{dBm}$, input and output are terminated to $50 \Omega, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3 \mathrm{~V}$, high-gain and low-gain modes are applicable only to the MAX2656, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)



MAX2656
GAIN vs. RBIAS





MAX2656
INPUT/OUTPUT RETURN LOSS vs. FREQUENCY


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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)
(PIN $=-30 \mathrm{dBm}$, input and output are terminated to $50 \Omega, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CC}}=+3 \mathrm{~V}$, high-gain and low-gain modes are applicable only to the MAX2656, $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)


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| PIN |  | NAME |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| MAX2654 | MAX2655/ <br> MAX2656 |  |  |
| 1 | - | GND | Ground. Connect to the PC board ground plane through a 0.017in x 0.035in line. |
| 2,5 | 2,5 | GND | Ground. Connect to the PC board ground plane with as low an inductance path as <br> possible. |
| - | 1 | BIAS | Bias Control. Connect a resistor RBIAS from BIAS to GND. RBIAS sets IP3 and <br> supply current. |
| 3 | 3 | RFIN | Amplifier Input. Requires a DC-blocking capacitor and external matching components. |
| 4 | 4 | VCC | Supply Voltage. Bypass to ground with an appropriate capacitor as close to the IC as <br> possible. Refer to MAX2654/MAX2655/MAX2656 EV kits for capacitor values. |
| 6 | 6 | RFOUT | RF Output. Incorporates an internal DC-blocking capacitor. RFOUT is internally <br> matched to 50 2. DC bias on this pin selects gain mode (MAX2656) or shutdown mode <br> (MAX2654/MAX2655) (see Applications Information). |

Detailed Description
The MAX2654/MAX2655/MAX2656 are low-noise amplifiers designed for applications in GPS receivers, satellite and PCS phones. The MAX2655/MAX2656 feature variable IP3s, adjusted by a single external bias resistor. Another feature of the MAX2654/MAX2655 is a power shutdown control mode, eliminating the need for an external supply switch. The MAX2656 features a high- and low-gain control mode selected by an external logic control.

## Input and Output Ports

The MAX2654/MAX2655/MAX2656 incorporate on-chip matching networks to $50 \Omega$ at the output ports, eliminating the need for external matching components. (For MAX2655, a shunt inductor is recommended for best output return loss. Refer to the MAX2655 EV kit schematic.) The MAX2654/MAX2655/MAX2656 require simple matching networks at the input ports. The values of these matching components are recommended in the Typical Operating Circuit.

Variable IP3
The IP3 of MAX2655 and MAX2656 is adjusted through an external resistor (RBIAS). Tables 1 and 2 summarize the values of RBIAS for different IP3s for MAX2655 and MAX2656.

Table 1. RBIAS vs. IP3 for MAX2655

| $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{B I A S}}(\boldsymbol{\Omega})$ | IP3 (dBm) | ICC (mA) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 698 | 2.2 | 5.8 |
| 357 | 3.8 | 10.1 |

Table 2. RBIAS vs. IP3 for MAX2656

| R $_{\text {BIAS }}(\boldsymbol{\Omega} \mathbf{)}$ | IP3 (dBm) | ICC (mA) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 715 | -3 | 8.5 |
| 511 | 1.5 | 11.5 |

Gain-Step Control (MAX2656)
The DC bias voltage at RFOUT of the MAX2656 serves as a gain-step control input. When the applied DC voltage at RFOUT through a $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor is less than +0.6 V , the device is in high-gain mode. When the applied DC voltage is greater than +2.0 V , the device gain is attenuated by 13 dB . A standard logic output can be applied as shown in the Typical Operating Circuit.

Shutdown-Enable (MAX2654/MAX2655)
The DC bias voltage at RFOUT of the MAX2654/ MAX2655 serves as a shutdown enable input. When the applied DC voltage at RFOUT through a $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor is less than +0.6 V , the device is in shutdown mode. When the DC voltage is greater than +2 V , the device is enabled.

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## Applications Information

## Input Matching

For optimum performance, input matching is required. The MAX2654/MAX2655/MAX2656 require a simple LC matching network. The Typical Operating Circuit shows the recommended input matching networks. These values are optimized for best simultaneous gain, noise figure, and return loss performance. S-Parameter data can be found on the Maxim website at www.maxim-ic.com.

## Layout Issues

A properly designed PC board is essential to any RFmicrowave circuit. Use controlled impedance lines on all high-frequency inputs and outputs. Bypass VCC with decoupling capacitors located close to the device. For
long $V_{C C}$ lines, it may be necessary to add decoupling capacitors. Locate these additional capacitors further away from the device package. Proper grounding of the GND pins is essential. If the PC board uses a topside RF ground, connect it directly to all GND pins. For a board where the ground plane is not on the component layer, connect the GND pins to the board with a multiple vias close to the package.
For MAX2654, connect Pin1 to the PC board ground plane through a 0.017in $\times 0.035$ in line.

## Chip Information

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 135
(Same for MAX2654, MAX2655, MAX2656)

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(The package drawing(s) in this data sheet may not reflect the most current specifications. For the latest package outline information, go to www.maxim-ic.com/packages.)


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