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Features

- **High Gain:**
 - Typically 33 dB gain across 2.4–2.5 GHz over temperature -40°C to +85°C
- **High linear output power:**
 - >30 dBm P1dB
 - Please refer to “Absolute Maximum Stress Ratings” on page 5
 - Meets 802.11g OFDM spectrum mask requirement up to 28.5 dBm
 - EVM~3% up to 25 dBm for 54 Mbps 802.11g signal
 - 2.5% EVM up to 23.5 dBm, 802.11n, HT40
 - 1.75% EVM up to 21.5 dBm, 802.11ac MCS8
 - Meets 802.11b ACPR requirement up to 28.5 dBm
- **High-speed power-up/down**
 - Turn on/off time (10%-90%) <100 ns
- **10:1 VSWR survivability (unconditionally stable up to 28.5 dBm)**
- **On-chip power detection**
 - 20 dB dynamic range
 - VSWR- and temperature-insensitive
- **Simple input/output matching**
- **Packages available**
 - 16-contact VQFN (3mm x 3mm)
- **All non-Pb (lead-free) devices are RoHS compliant**

Applications

- **WLAN (IEEE 802.11b/g/n)**
- **AP router**
- **WiMax (IEEE 802.16e)**
- **Home RF**
- **Cordless phones**
- **2.4 GHz ISM wireless equipment**
- **1.8 GHz Pico Cell**

Product Description

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This PA can be easily configured for high-power applications with high power-added efficiency while operating over the 2.4-2.5 GHz frequency band. It typically provides 33 dB gain with 15% power-added efficiency @ $P_{OUT} = 25$ dBm for 802.11g.

SST12CP11 has excellent linearity, typically 3% added EVM at 25 dBm output power with 54 Mbps 802.11g operation while meeting 802.11g spectrum mask at 28.5 dBm. SST12CP11 also has a single-ended power detector which lowers the users' cost for power control.

The power amplifier IC also features easy board-level usage along with high-speed power-up/-down control.

SST12CP11 is offered in 16-contact VQFN package. See Figure 2 for pin assignments and Table 1 for pin descriptions.

Functional Blocks

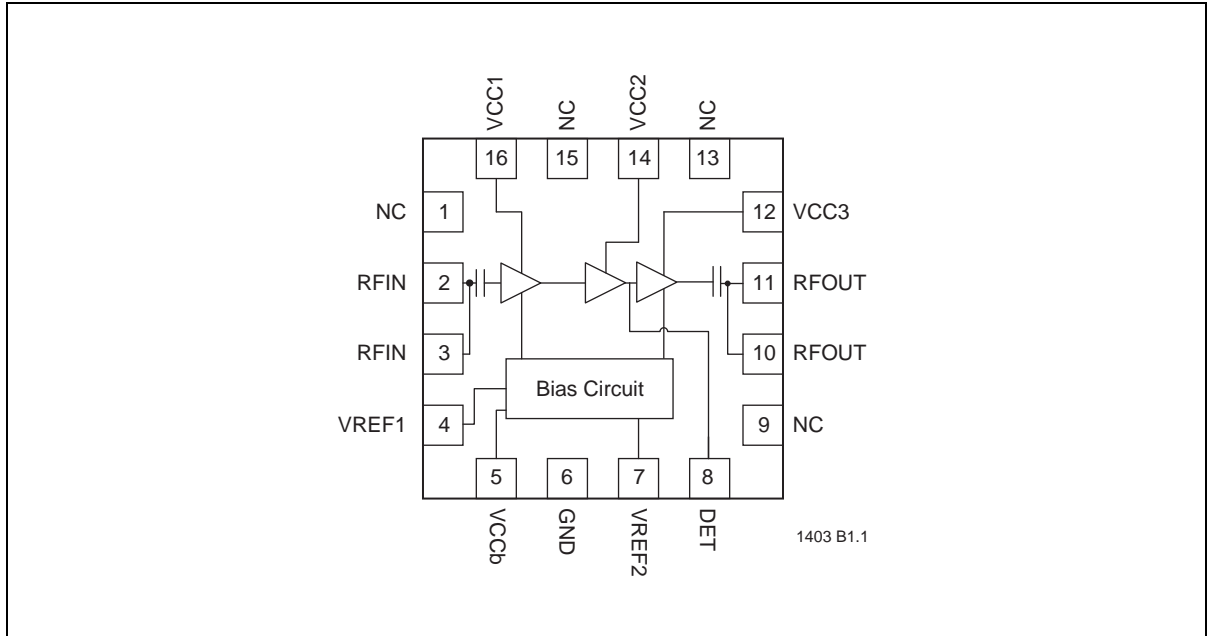


Figure 1: Functional Block Diagram

Pin Assignments

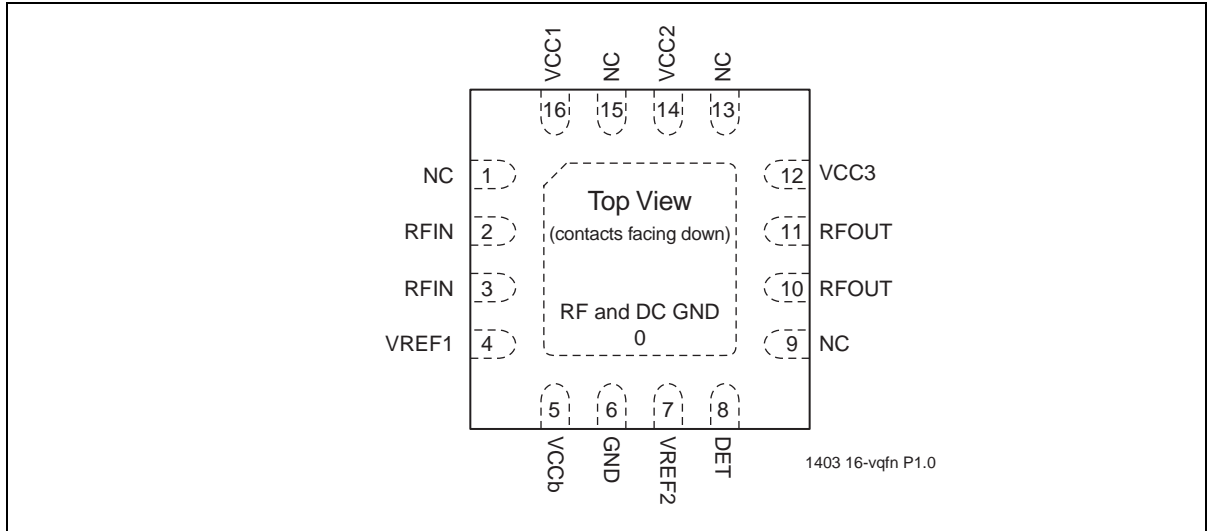


Figure 2: Pin Assignments for 16-contact VQFN

Pin Descriptions

Table 1: Pin Description

| Symbol | Pin No. | Pin Name | Type ¹ | Function |
|--------|---------|---------------|-------------------|---|
| GND | 0 | Ground | | The center pad should be connected to RF ground with several low inductance, low resistance vias. |
| NC | 1 | No Connection | | Unconnected pins. |
| RFIN | 2 | | I | RF input, DC decoupled |
| RFIN | 3 | | I | RF input, DC decoupled |
| VREF1 | 4 | Power Supply | PWR | 1 st stage, idle-current control |
| VCCb | 5 | Power Supply | PWR | Supply voltage for bias circuit |
| GND | 6 | Ground | | |
| VREF2 | 7 | Power supply | PWR | 2 nd and 3 rd stage, idle-current control |
| Det | 8 | | O | On-chip power detector |
| NC | 9 | No Connection | | Unconnected pins. |
| RFOUT | 10 | | O | RF output |
| RFOUT | 11 | | O | RF output |
| VCC3 | 12 | Power Supply | PWR | Power supply, 3rd stage |
| NC | 13 | No Connection | | Unconnected pins. |
| VCC2 | 14 | Power Supply | PWR | Power supply, 2nd stage |
| NC | 15 | No Connection | | Unconnected pins. |
| VCC1 | 16 | Power Supply | PWR | Power supply, 1st stage |

1. I=Input, O=Output

Electrical Specifications

The AC and DC specifications for the power amplifier interface signals. Refer to Table 3 for the DC voltage and current specifications. Refer to Figures 3 through 21 for the RF performance.

Absolute Maximum Stress Ratings (Applied conditions greater than those listed under “Absolute Maximum Stress Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at these conditions or conditions greater than those defined in the operational sections of this data sheet is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum stress rating conditions may affect device reliability.)

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Input power to pins 2 and 3 (P_{IN}) | -3 dBm |
| Supply Voltage at pins 5, 12, 14, 16 (V_{CC}) | +5.5V |
| Reference voltage to pins 4 (V_{REF1}) and pin 7 (V_{REF2}) | +3.1V |
| DC supply current (I_{CC}) | 650 mA |
| Operating Temperature (T_A) | -40°C to +85°C |
| Storage Temperature (T_{STG}) | -40°C to +120°C |
| Maximum Junction Temperature (T_J) | +150°C |
| Surface Mount Solder Reflow Temperature | 260°C for 10 seconds |

Table 2: Operating Range

| Range | Ambient Temp | V_{CC} |
|------------|----------------|----------|
| Industrial | -40°C to +85°C | 5.0V |

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Table 3: DC Electrical Characteristics at 25°C

| Symbol | Parameter | Min. | Typ | Max. | Unit |
|-----------|--|------|-----|------|------|
| V_{CC} | Supply Voltage at pins 5, 12, 14, 16 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.25 | V |
| I_{CC} | Average Current | | | | |
| | for 802.11g, 28.5 dBm | | 570 | | mA |
| | for 802.11b, 28.5 dBm | | 575 | | mA |
| I_{CQ} | Idle current for 802.11g to meet EVM<3% @24.5 dBm | | 230 | | mA |
| V_{REG} | 1 st reference voltage with 56Ω resistor and 2 nd / 3 rd reference voltage with 6.2Ω resistor | 2.85 | 2.9 | 3.0 | V |

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Table 4: AC Electrical Characteristics for Configuration at 25°C

| Symbol | Parameter | Min. | Typ | Max. | Unit |
|------------------|---|------|------|------|---------|
| F _{LU} | Frequency range in 802.11b/g applications (see Figure 22) | 2400 | | 2500 | MHz |
| P _{OUT} | Output power at 3% EVM with 802.11g OFDM at 54 Mbps | | 25 | | dBm |
| | Output power at 2.5% EVM with 802.11n HT40 | | 23.5 | | dBm |
| | Output power at 1.75% EVM with 802.11ac MCS8 | | 21.5 | | dBm |
| | Output power meeting 802.11g spectral mask | | 28 | | dBm |
| | Output power meeting 802.11n HT40 spectral mask | | 24.5 | | dBm |
| | Output power meeting 802.11ac spectral mask | | 24 | | dBm |
| | Output power meeting 802.11b spectral mask | | 28.5 | | dBm |
| G | Power gain for 802.11b/g | 32 | 34 | | dB |
| | Power gain for 802.11n | | 33 | | dB |
| | Power Gain for 802.11ac | | 30 | | dB |
| G _{VAR} | Gain variation over each band (2500 MHz) | | | ±0.5 | dB |
| 2f | Harmonics at 28 dBm, 802.11b mask compliance | | -21 | | dBm/MHz |
| 2f | Harmonics at 24.5 dBm | | -38 | | dBm/MHz |

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Typical Performance Characteristics

Test Conditions: $V_{CC} = 5.0V$, $V_{REG} = 2.9V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$ Unless otherwise specified

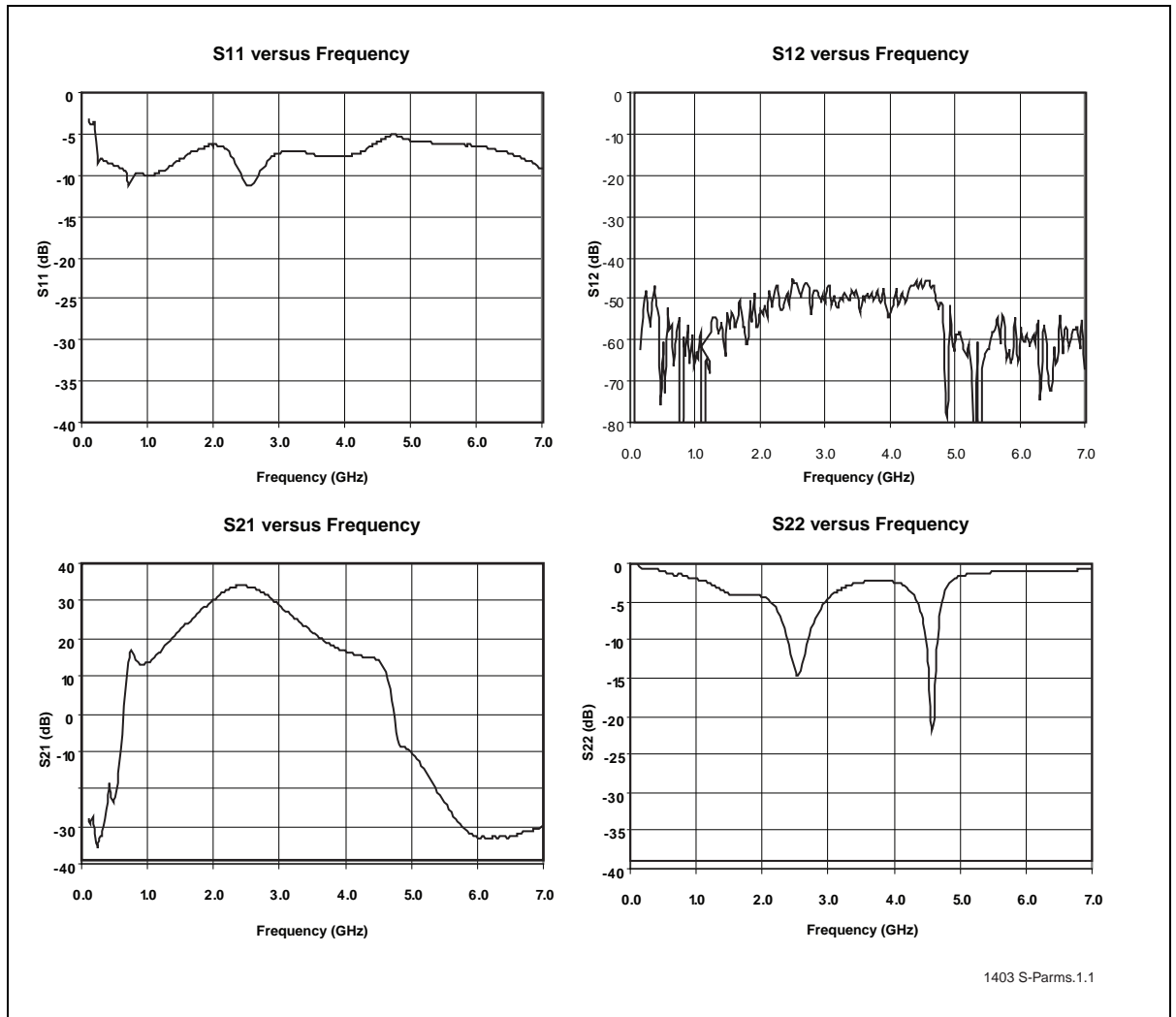


Figure 3: S-Parameters

802.11ac Applications

Typical Performance Characteristics

Test Conditions: $V_{CC} = 5.0V$, $V_{REG} = 3.20V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, MCS8 signal, unless otherwise specified

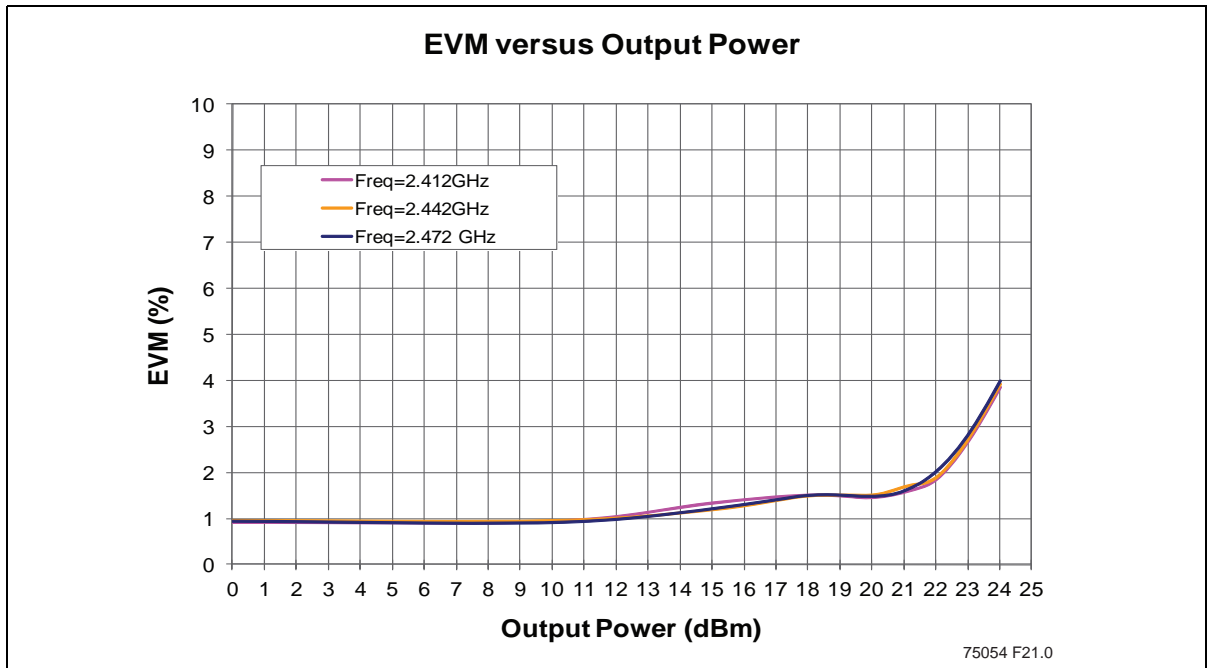


Figure 4: EVM versus Output Power

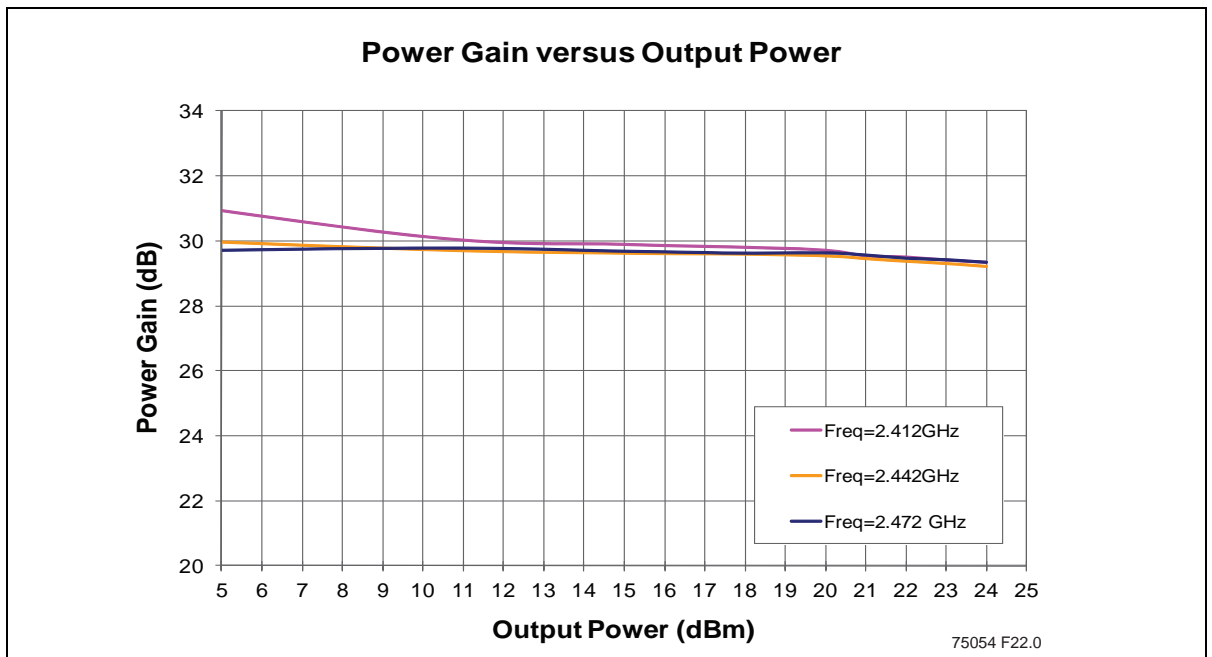


Figure 5: Power Gain versus Output Power

802.11ac Applications (continued)

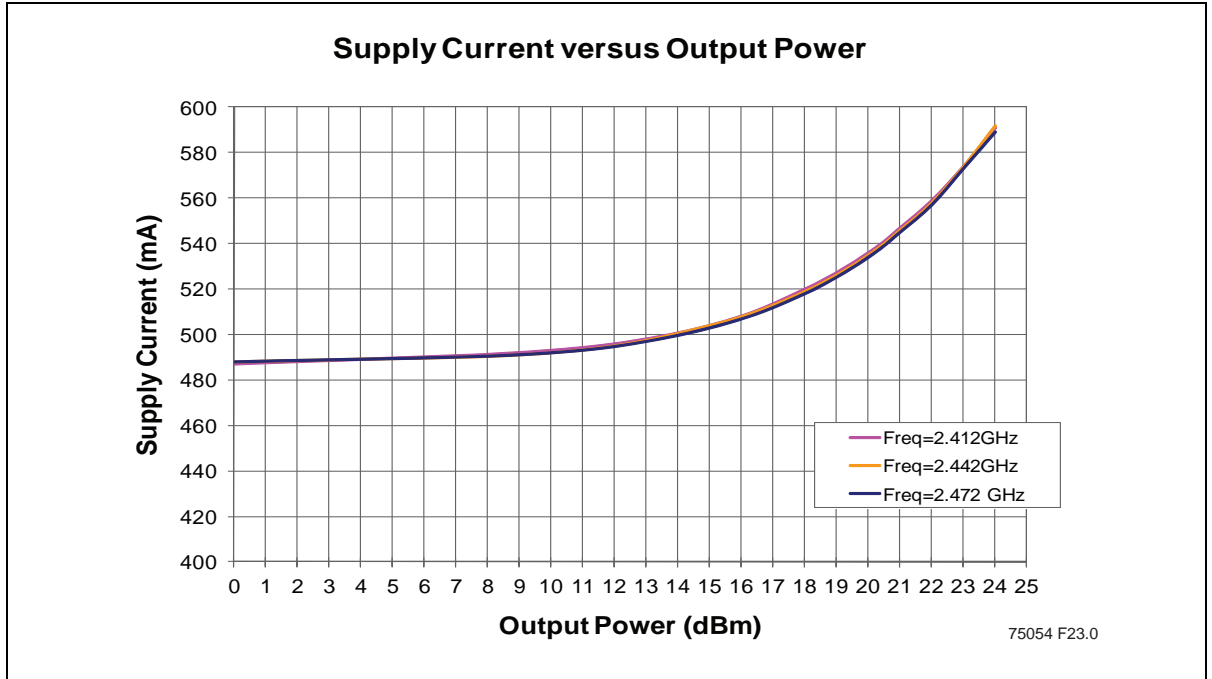


Figure 6: Supply Current versus Output Power

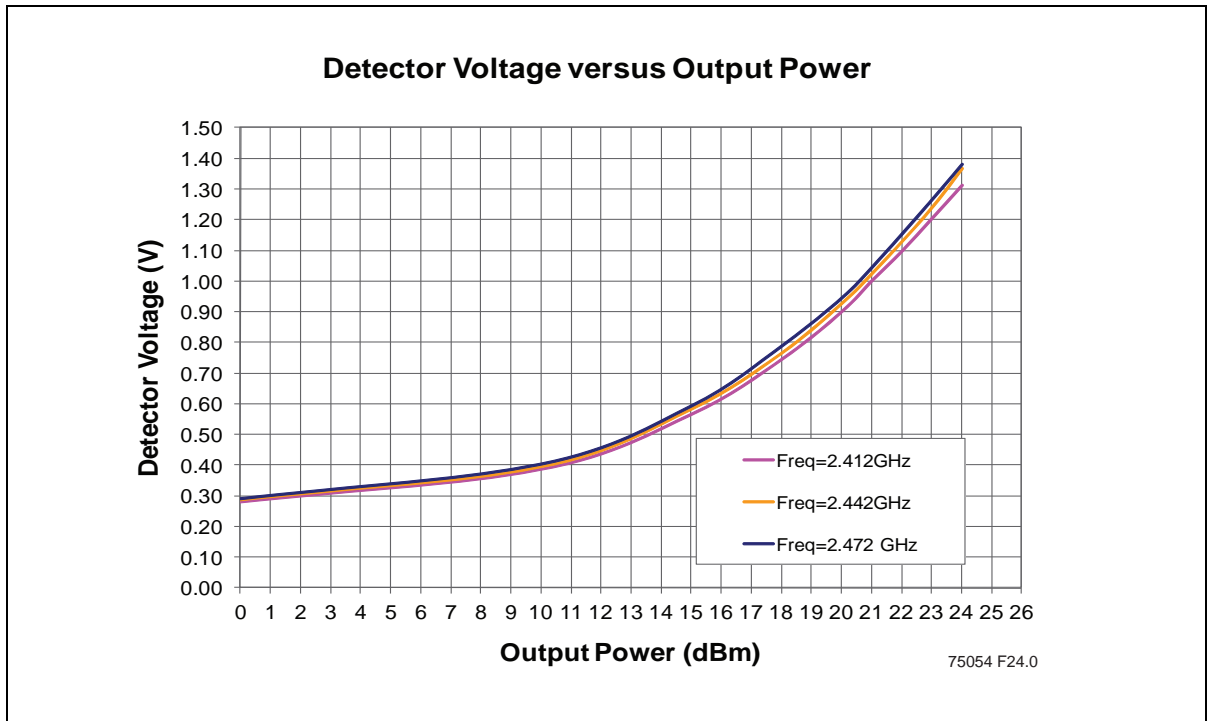


Figure 7: Detector Characteristic versus Output Power

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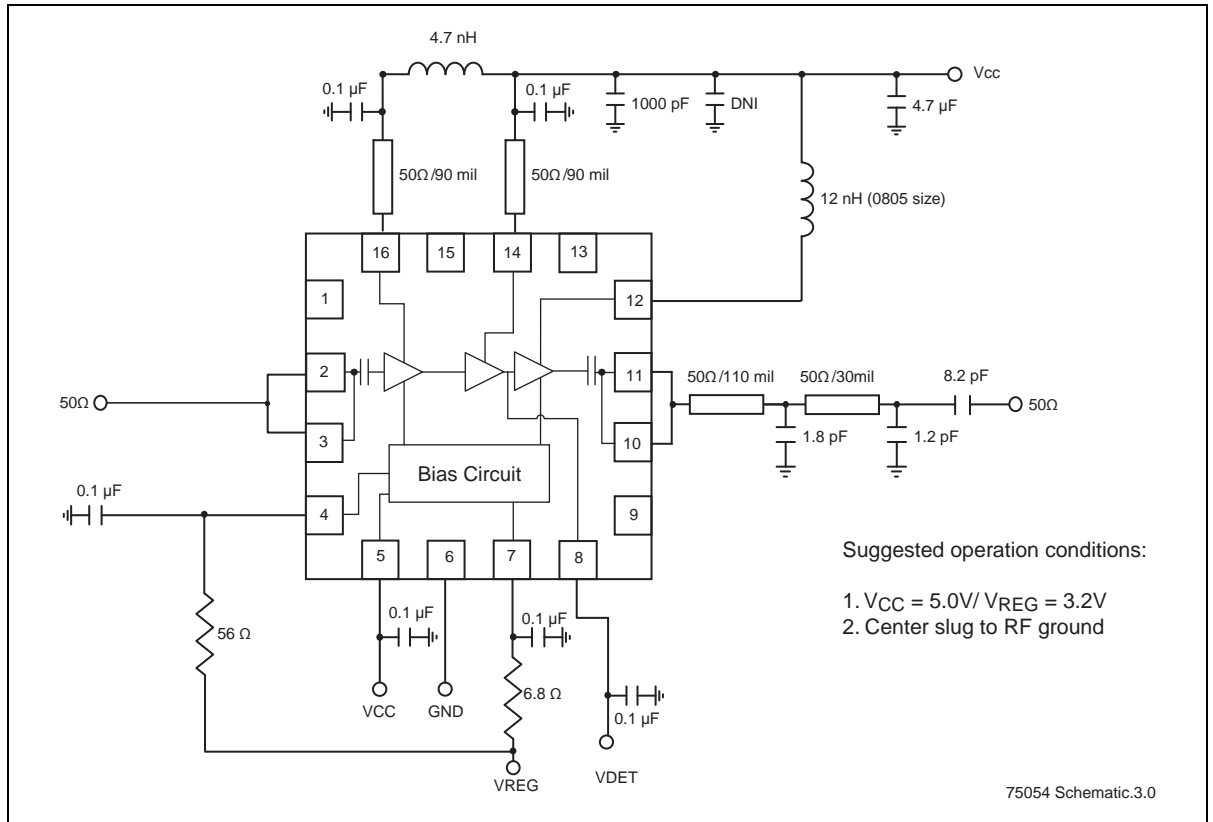


Figure 8: Typical Schematic for 802.11ac Applications

802.11n Applications

Typical Performance Characteristics

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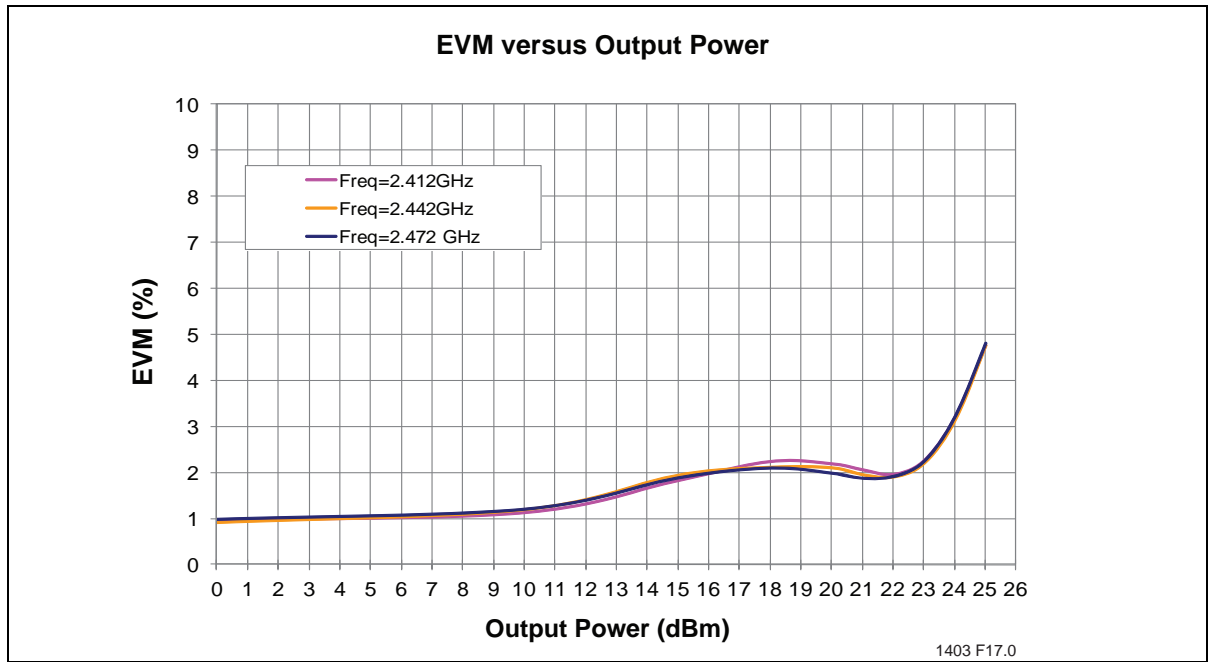


Figure 9: EVM versus Output Power

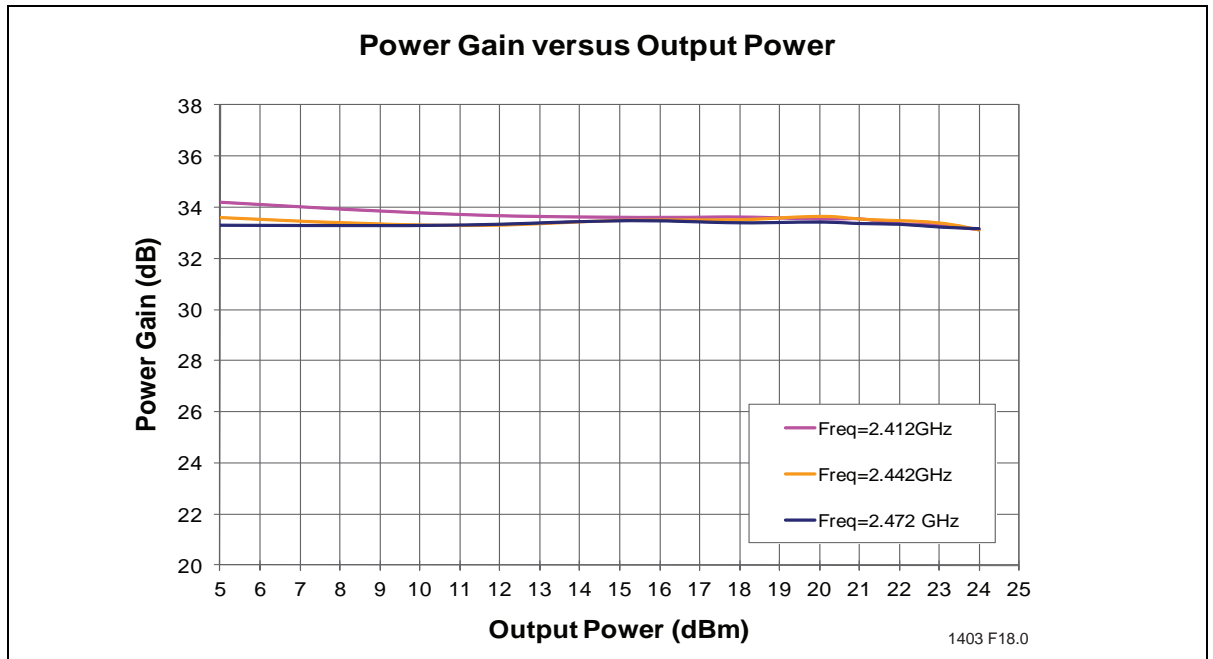


Figure 10: Power Gain versus Output Power

802.11n Applications (continued)

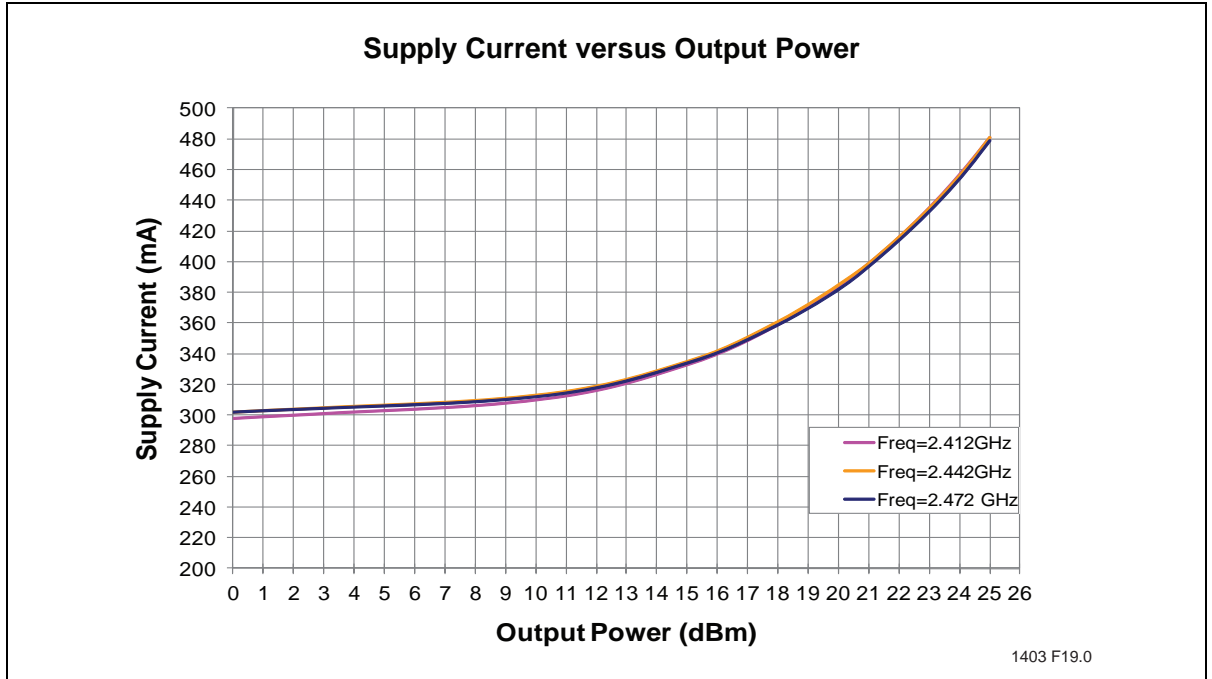


Figure 11:Supply Current versus Output Power

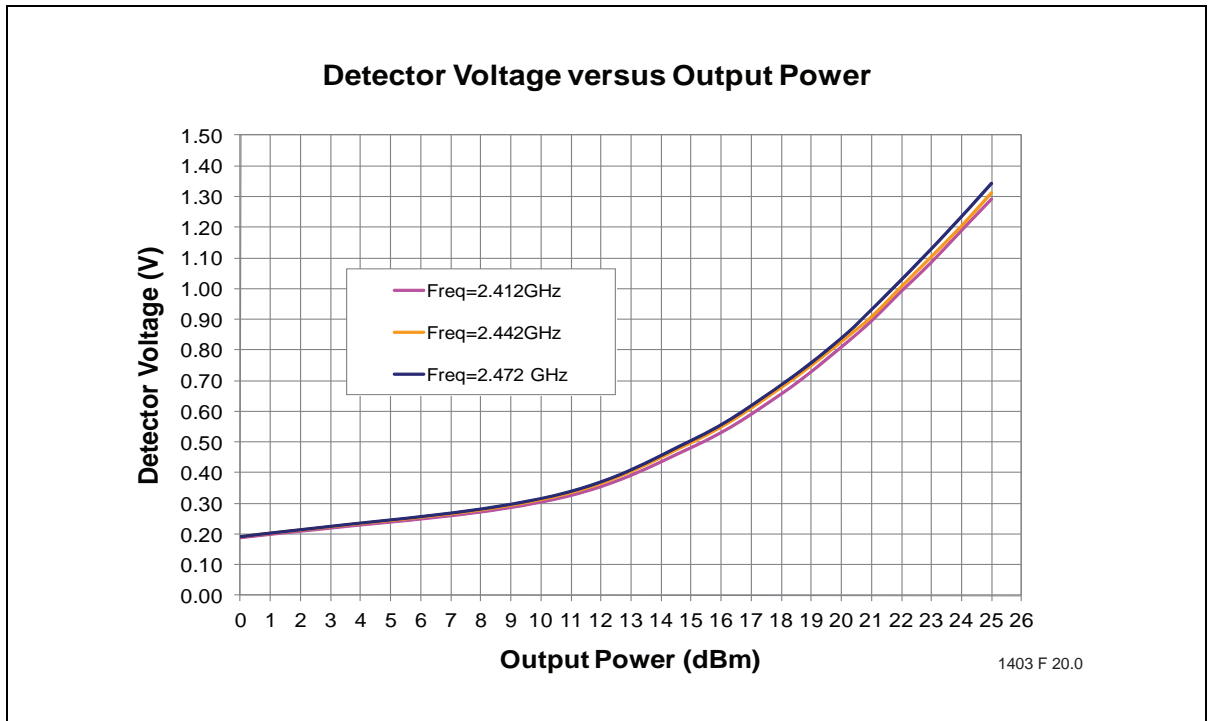


Figure 12:Detector Characteristic versus Output Power

802.11n Applications (continued)

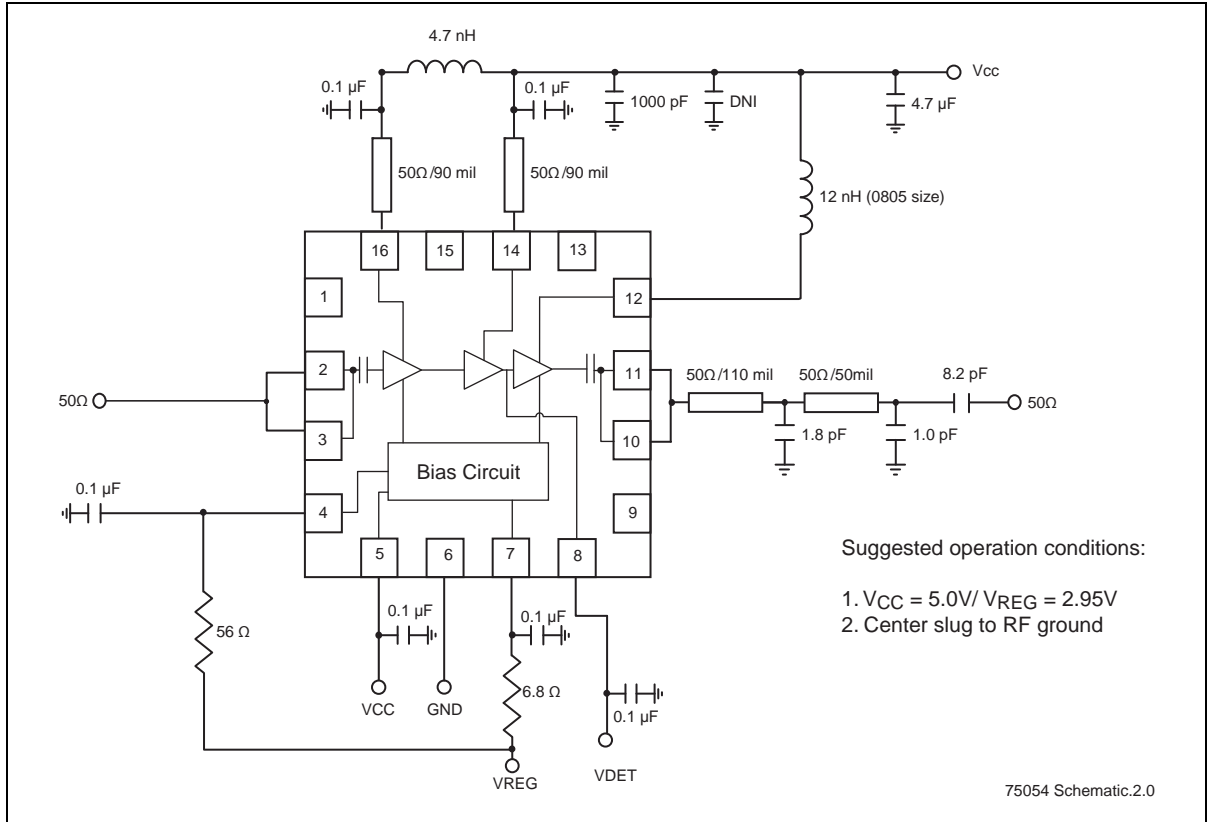


Figure 13: Typical Schematic for 802.11n Applications

802.11b/g Applications

Typical Performance Characteristics

Test Conditions: $V_{CC} = 5.0V$, $V_{REG} = 2.9V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, unless otherwise specified
 54 Mbps 802.11g OFDM Signal

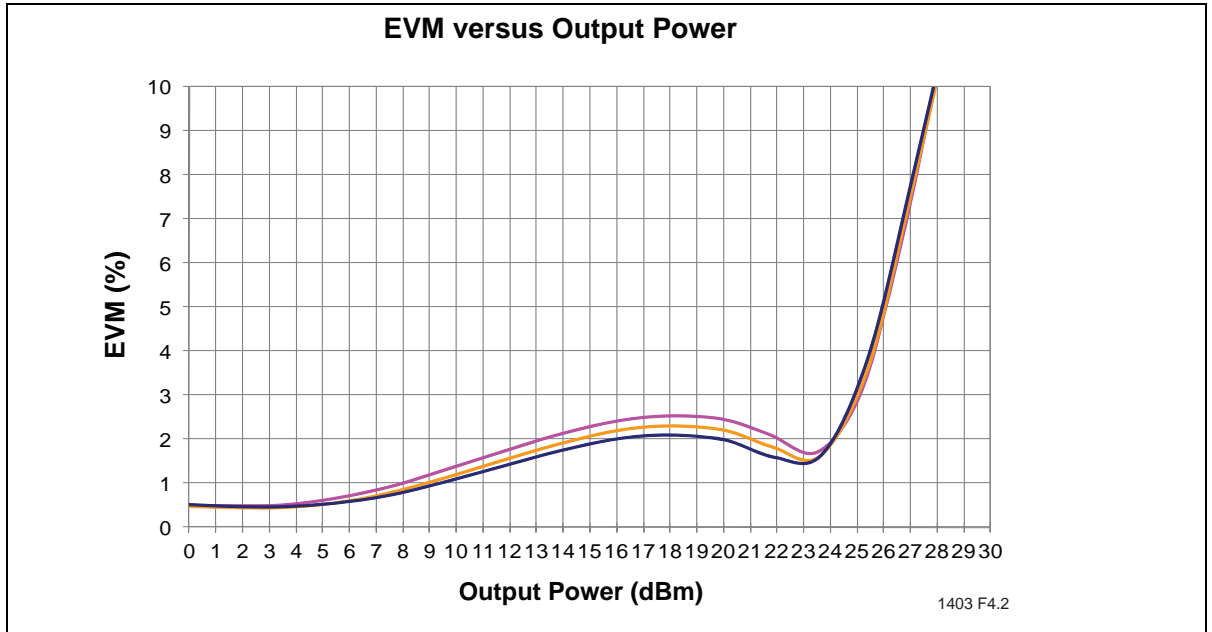


Figure 14: EVM versus Output Power

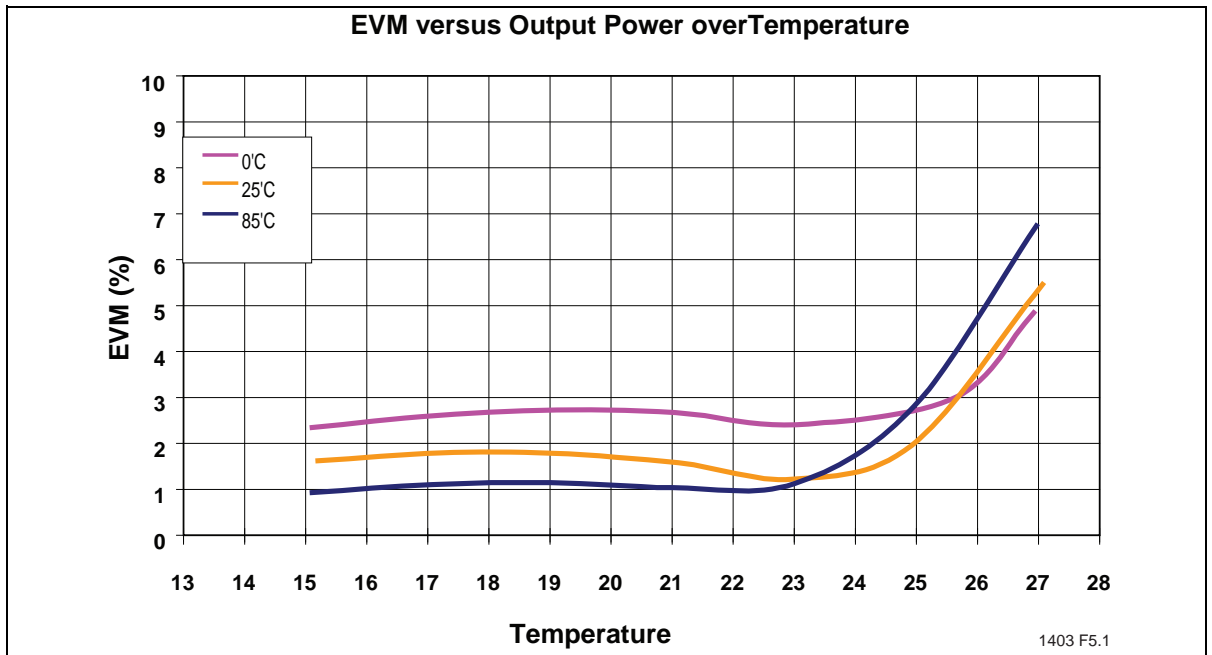


Figure 15: EVM versus Output Power over Temperature, $V_{CC} = 5$, $V_{REG} = 2.9$

802.11b/g Applications (continued)

Test Conditions: $V_{CC} = 5.0V$, $V_{REG} = 2.9V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, 54 Mbps 802.11g OFDM Signal

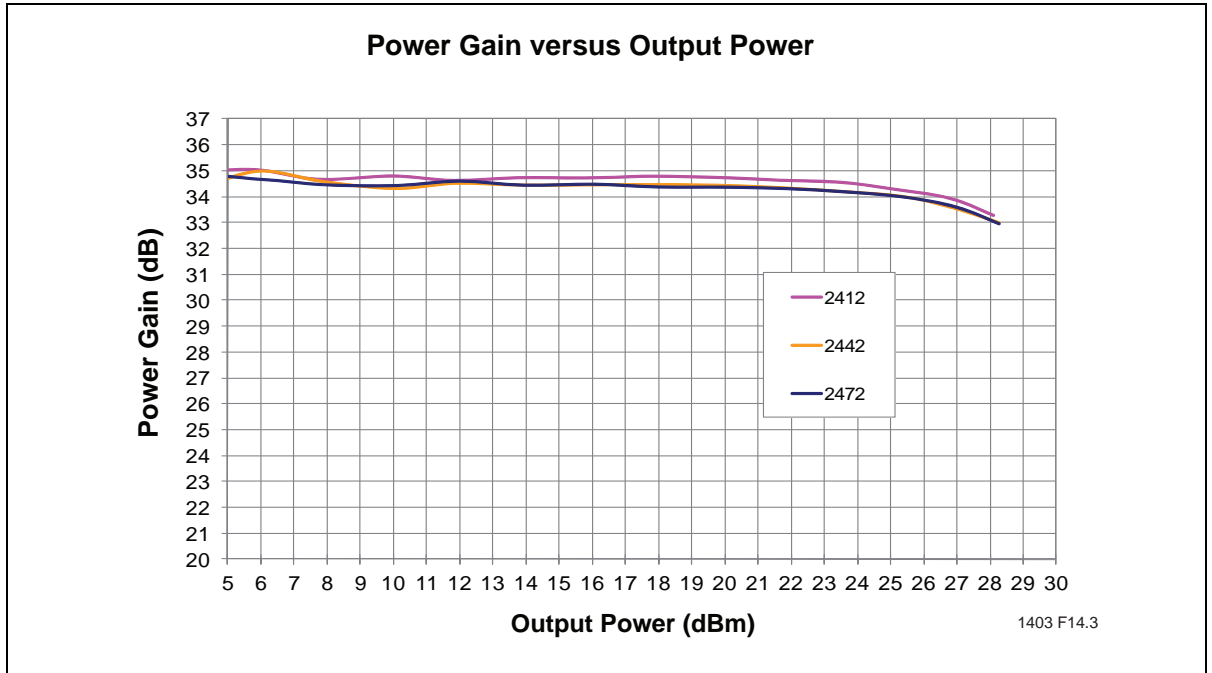


Figure 16: Power Gain versus Output Power, measured with sequence only, see Figure 22

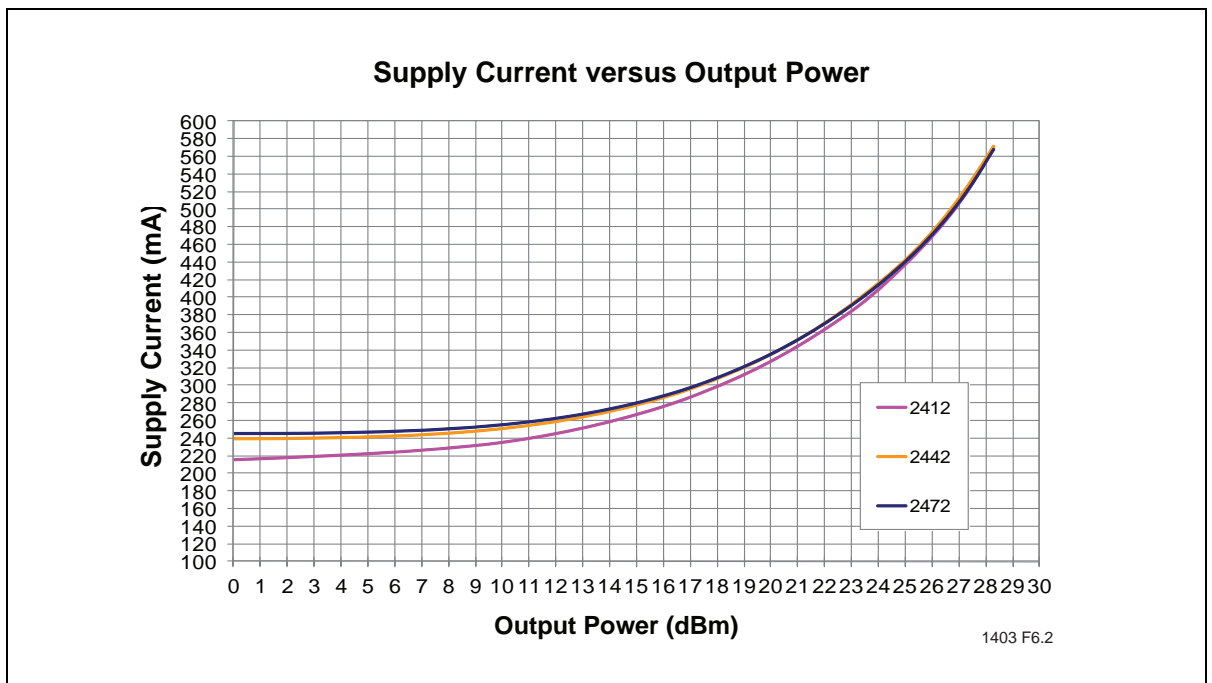


Figure 17: Total Current Consumption versus Output Power, see Figure 22

802.11b/g Applications (continued)

Test Conditions: $V_{CC} = 5.0V$, $V_{REG} = 2.9V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, 54 Mbps 802.11g OFDM Signal

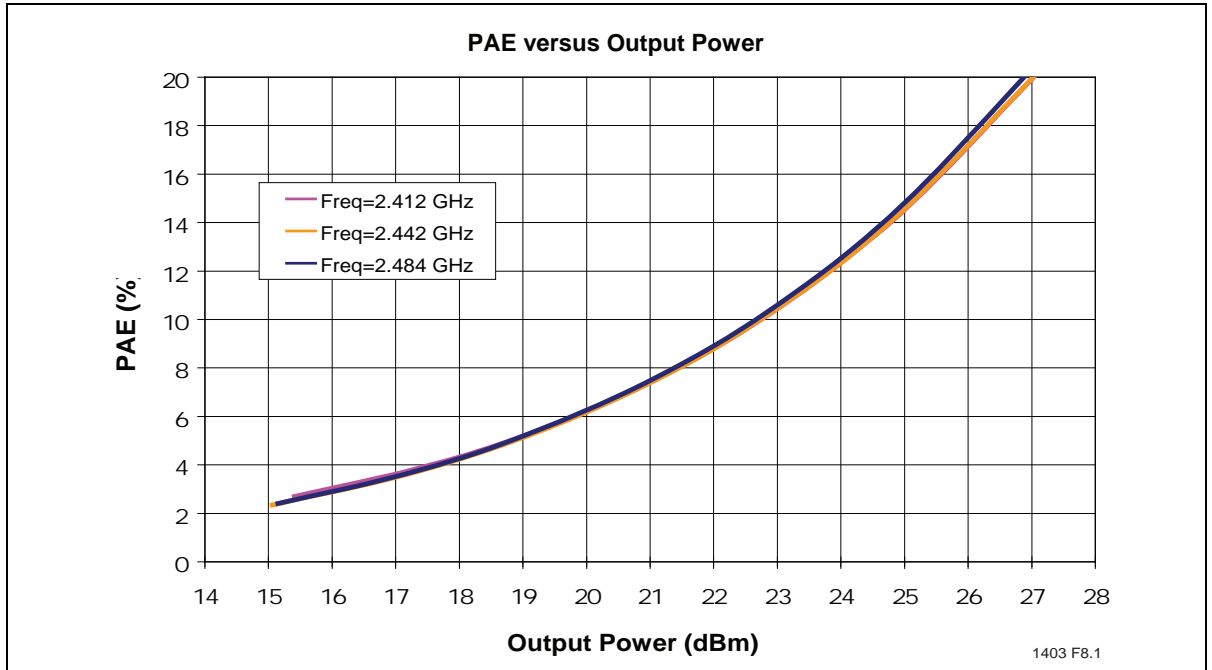


Figure 18: PAE versus Output Power

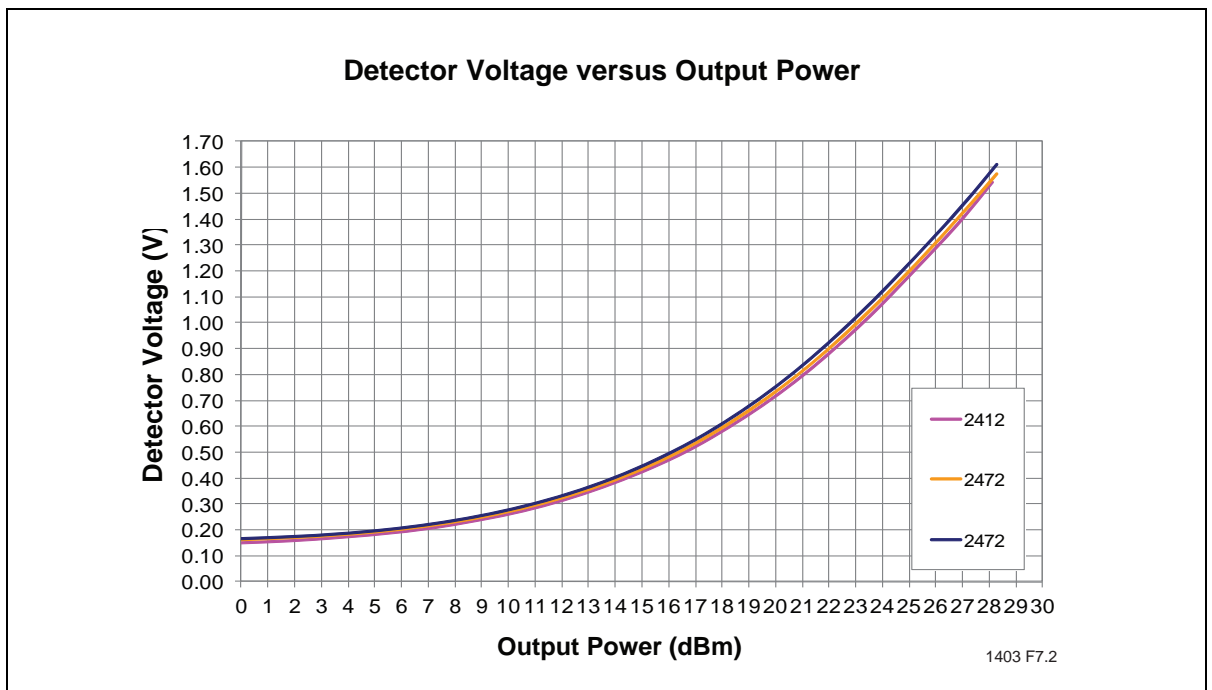


Figure 19: Detector Characteristic versus Output Power

802.11b/g Applications (continued)

Test Conditions: $V_{CC} = 5.0V$, $V_{REG} = 2.9V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, 54 Mbps 802.11g OFDM Signal

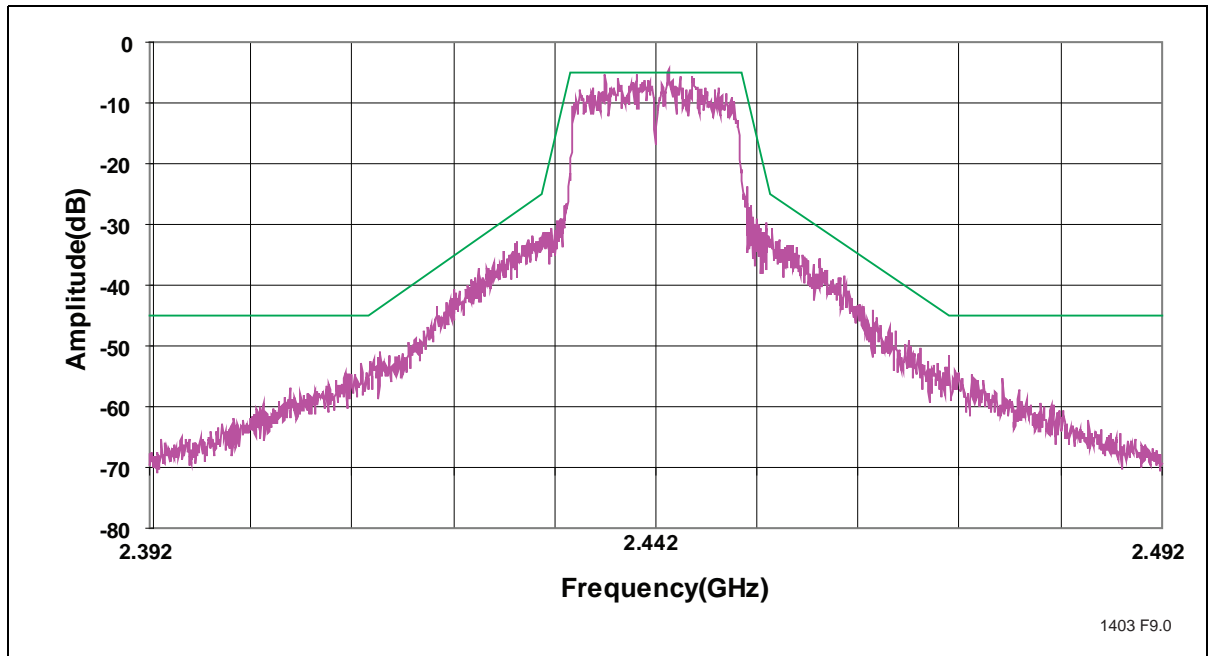


Figure 20:802.11g Spectrum Mask at 28 dBm

Test Conditions: $V_{CC} = 5.0V$, $V_{REG} = 2.9V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, 1 Mbps 802.11b CCK signal

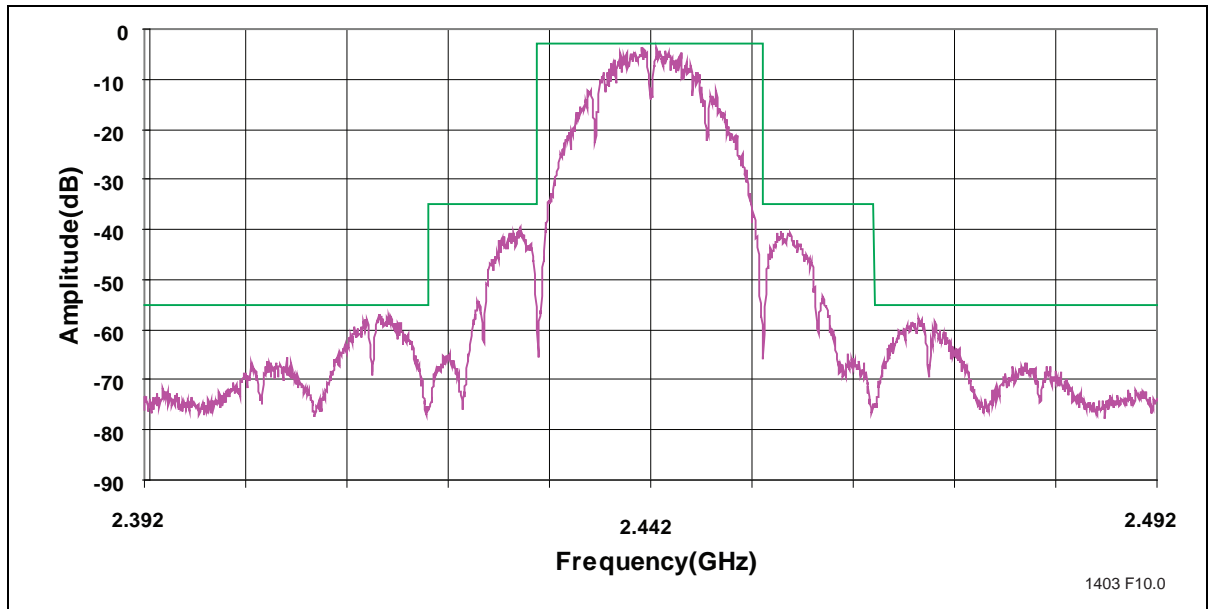


Figure 21:802.11b Spectrum Mask at 28 dBm

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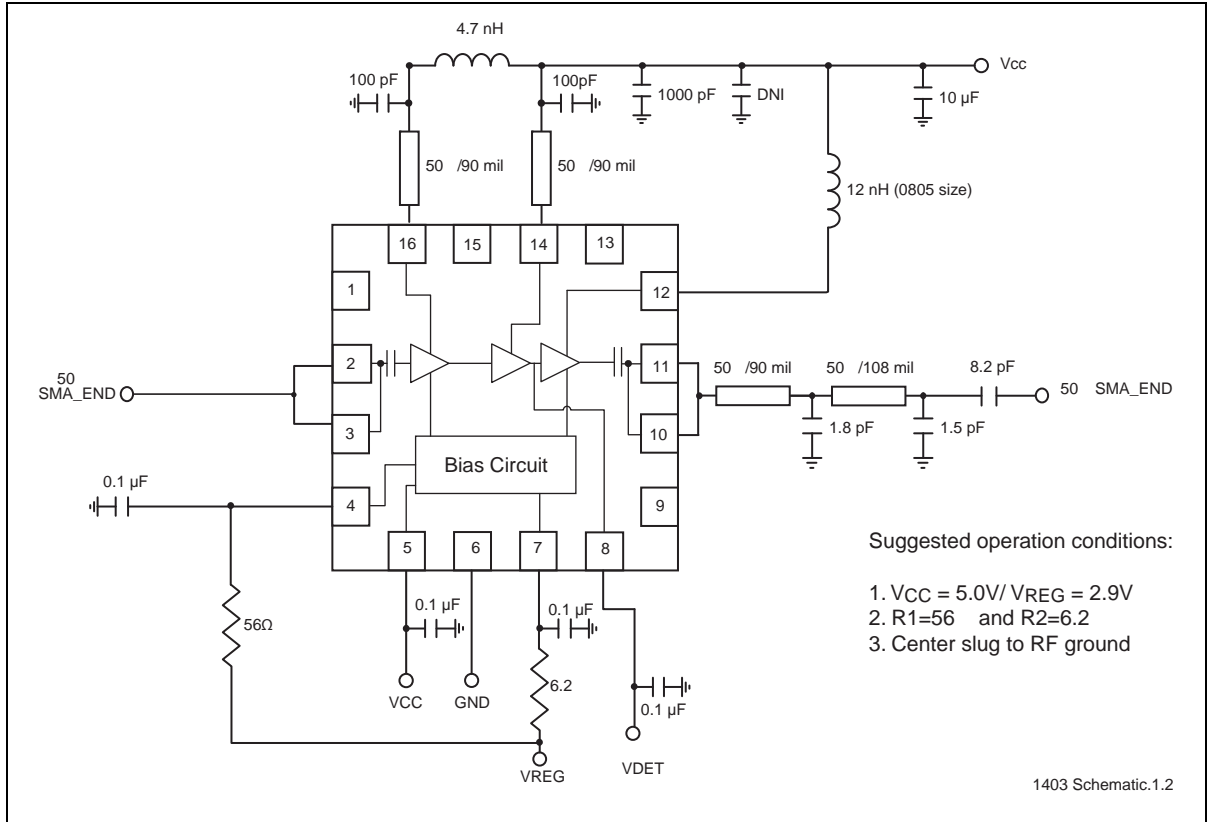


Figure 22: Typical Schematic for High-Power 802.11b/g Applications

1.8 GHz Applications

Typical Performance Characteristics

Test Conditions: $V_{CC} = 5.0V$, $V_{REG} = 2.95V$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, 54 Mbps 802.11g OFDM signal, unless otherwise specified

Table 5: AC Electrical Characteristics for Pico Cell Applications

| Symbol | Parameter | Min. | Typ | Max. | Unit |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------|-----|------|------|
| FL-U | Frequency range | 1800 | | 2000 | MHz |
| G | Gain | | 31 | | dB |
| P | Power at 3% EVM | | 24 | | dBm |
| PSAT | Output Power at 1 dB compression | | 27 | | dBm |
| I _{CC} | Current at 24 dBm | | 400 | | mA |
| PAE | Power Added Efficiency at 27 dBm | | 20 | | % |

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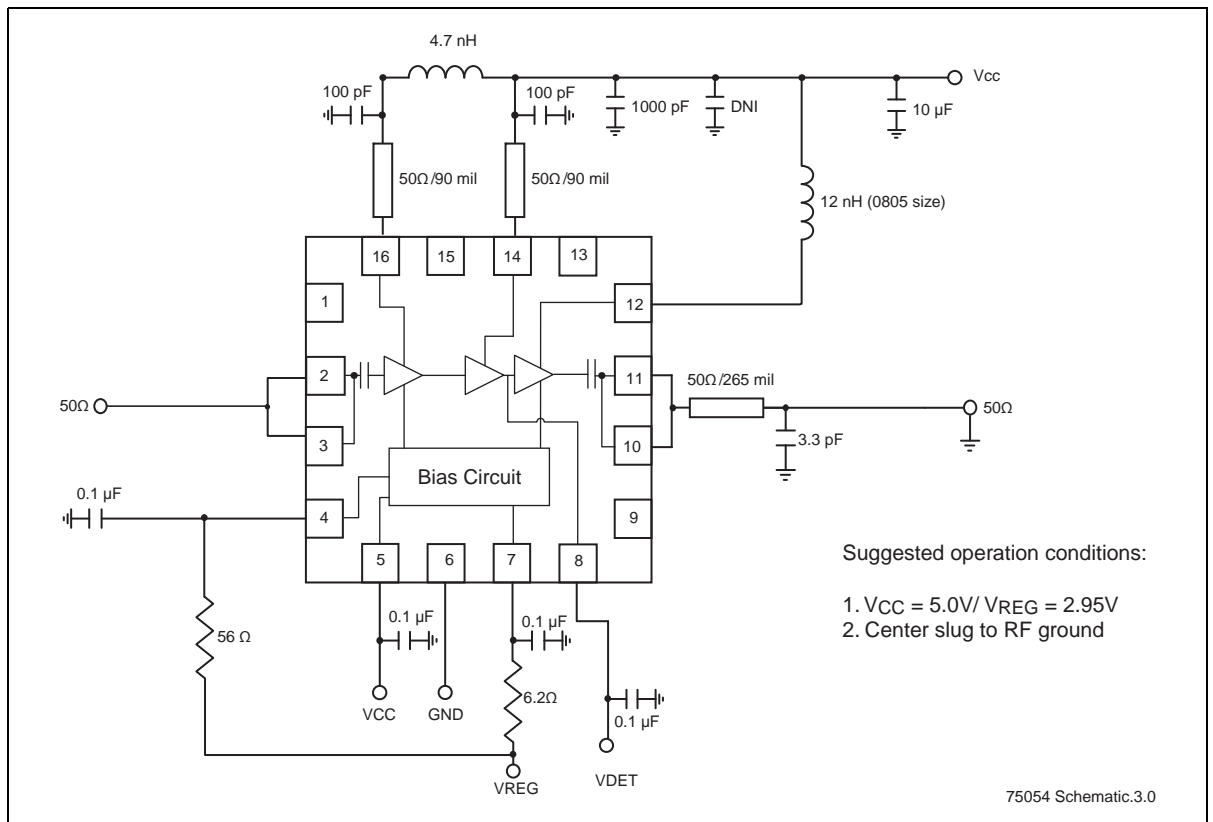
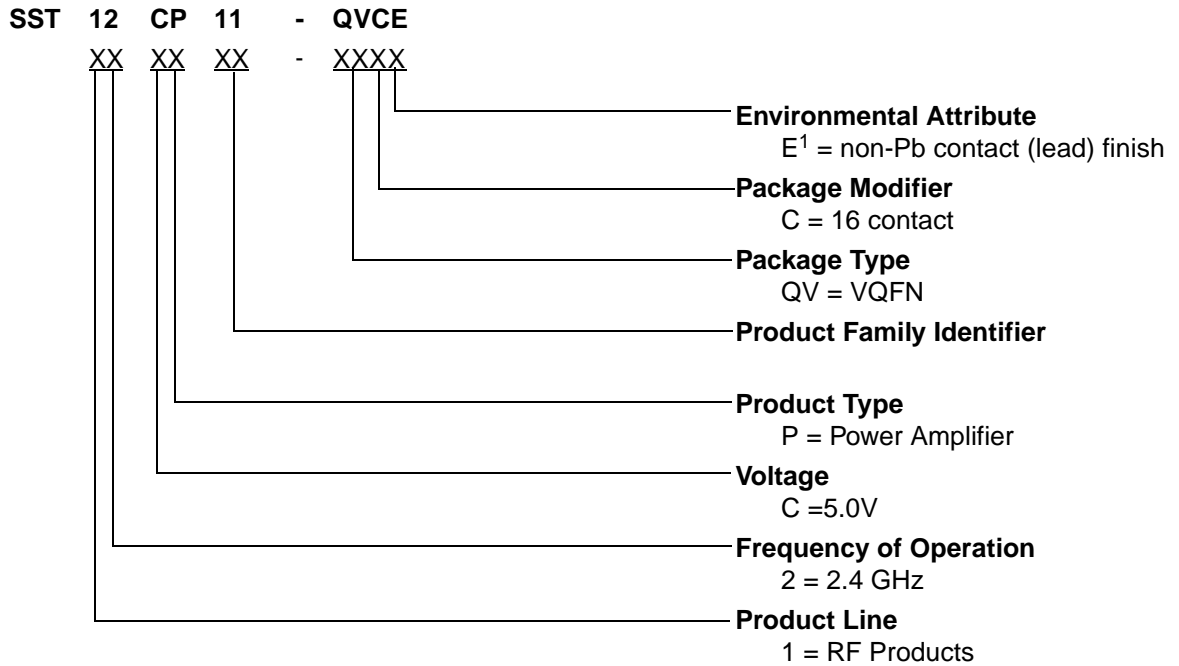


Figure 23: Typical Schematic for Pico Cell Applications

Product Ordering Information



1. Environmental suffix "E" denotes non-Pb solder. SST non-Pb solder devices are "RoHS Compliant".

Valid combinations for SST12CP11

SST12CP11-QVCE

SST12CP11 Evaluation Kits

SST12CP11-QVCE-K

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Packaging Diagrams

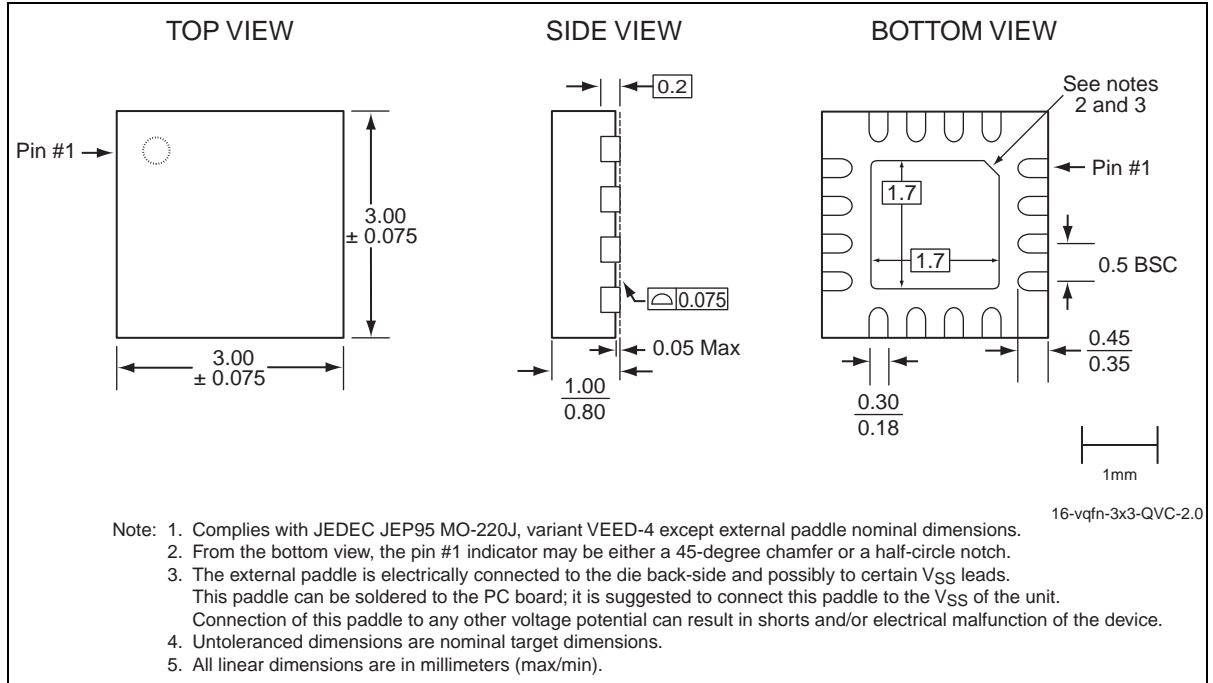


Figure 24: 16-contact Very-thin Quad Flat No-lead (VQFN)
 SST Package Code: QVC



2.4 GHz High-Power and High-Gain Power Amplifier

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Data Sheet

Table 6:Revision History

| Revision | Description | Date |
|----------|--|----------|
| 00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial release of data sheet | Mar 2009 |
| 01 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Added low-power linearity improvement. Updated Features, “Electrical Specifications”, and Figures 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 22. | Oct 2009 |
| A | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Applied new document formatReleased document under letter revision systemUpdated Spec number from S71403 to DS75054Added Figures 4-13 and 23Updated Figures 14, 16-17Revised order in which information was presented | Jan 2013 |

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