

Product Overview

The Qorvo QPD1881L is a 400 W (P_{3dB}) discrete GaN on SiC HEMT which operates from 2.7 to 2.9 GHz. Input pre-match within the package results in ease of external board match and saves board space. The device is in an industry standard air cavity package and is ideally suited for civilian radar, weather radar and test instrumentation. The device can support both CW and pulsed operations.

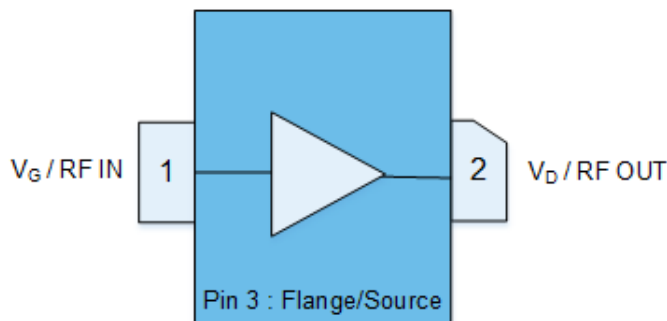
Lead-free and ROHS compliant

Evaluation boards are available upon request.



2-lead NI-780 Package (Eared)

Functional Block Diagram



Key Features

- Frequency: 2.7 to 2.9 GHz
- Output Power (P_{3dB})¹: 427 W
- Linear Gain¹: 21.2 dB
- Typical PAE_{3dB}¹: 75.1%
- Operating Voltage: 50 V
- CW and Pulse capable

Note 1: @ 2.9 GHz Load Pull

Applications

- Civilian radar
- Weather radar
- Test instrumentation

Ordering info

| Part No. | ECCN | Description |
|---------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| QPD1881L | EAR99 | 2.7 – 2.9 GHz Transistor |
| QPD1881LS2 | EAR99 | 2 Piece Sample Bag |
| QPD1881LEVB01 | EAR99 | 2.7 – 2.9 GHz Evaluation Board |

Absolute Maximum Ratings ^{1, 2, 3}

| Parameter | Rating | Units |
|---|-------------|-------|
| Breakdown Voltage, BV_{DG} | 145 | V |
| Gate Voltage Range, V_G | -7 to +2 | V |
| Drain Current, $I_{D_{MAX}}$ | 56 | A |
| Drain Voltage, V_D | 55 | V |
| Gate Current Range, I_G | See pg. 12 | mA |
| Power Dissipation, Pulsed, P_{DISS}^2 | 466 | W |
| Power Dissipation, CW, P_{DISS} | 237 | W |
| RF Input Power, Pulsed, P_{IN}^3 | 41.9 | dBm |
| Channel Temperature, T_{CH} | 275 | °C |
| Mounting Temperature (30 Seconds) | 320 | °C |
| Storage Temperature | -65 to +150 | °C |

Notes:

1. Operation of this device outside the parameter ranges given above may cause permanent damage
2. Pulsed, 100us PW, 10% DC, Package base at 85 °C
3. Pulsed, 100us PW, 10% DC, T = 25 °C

Recommended Operating Conditions ^{1, 2, 3, 4}

| Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Units |
|--|-----|------|-----|-------|
| Operating Temp. Range | -40 | +25 | +85 | °C |
| Drain Voltage Range, V_D | - | +50 | - | V |
| Drain Bias Current, I_{DQ} | - | 0.7 | - | A |
| Drain Current, I_D^4 | - | 13 | - | A |
| Gate Voltage, V_G^3 | - | -2.8 | - | V |
| Channel Temperature (T_{CH}) | - | - | 250 | °C |
| Power Dissipation (P_D) ^{2,4} | - | - | 418 | W |
| Power Dissipation (P_D), CW ² | - | - | 213 | W |

Notes:

1. Electrical performance is measured under conditions noted in the electrical specifications table. Specifications are not guaranteed over all recommended operating conditions
2. Package base at 85 °C
3. To be adjusted to desired I_{DQ}
4. Pulsed, 100us PW, 10% DC

Measured Load Pull Performance – Power Tuned ^{1, 2}

| Parameter | Typical Values | | Units |
|--|----------------|------|-------|
| | 2.7 | 2.9 | |
| Frequency, F | 2.7 | 2.9 | GHz |
| Output Power at 3dB compression, P_{3dB} | 56.2 | 56.3 | dBm |
| Power Added Efficiency at 3dB compression, PAE_{3dB} | 67.8 | 63.3 | % |
| Gain at 3dB compression, G_{3dB} | 17.3 | 16.6 | dB |

Notes:

1. Test conditions unless otherwise noted: $T_A = 25$ °C, $V_D = 50$ V, $I_{DQ} = 700$ mA
2. Pulsed, 100 us Pulse Width, 10% Duty Cycle.

Measured Load Pull Performance – Efficiency Tuned ^{1, 2}

| Parameter | Typical Values | | Units |
|--|----------------|------|-------|
| | 2.7 | 2.9 | |
| Frequency, F | 2.7 | 2.9 | GHz |
| Output Power at 3dB compression, P_{3dB} | 55.1 | 54.4 | dBm |
| Power Added Efficiency at 3dB compression, PAE_{3dB} | 73.2 | 75.1 | % |
| Gain at 3dB compression, G_{3dB} | 18.5 | 18.2 | dB |

Notes:

1. Test conditions unless otherwise noted: $T_A = 25$ °C, $V_D = 50$ V, $I_{DQ} = 700$ mA
2. Pulsed, 100 us Pulse Width, 10% Duty Cycle.

RF Characterization – 2.7 – 2.9 GHz EVB Performance at 2.8 GHz ¹

| Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Units |
|--|-----|-------|-----|-------|
| Linear Gain, G_{LIN} | – | 19.7 | – | dB |
| Output Power at 3dB compression point, P3dB | – | 306.4 | – | W |
| Drain Efficiency at 3dB compression point, DEFF3dB | – | 66.8 | – | % |
| Gain at 3dB compression point, G3dB | – | 16.7 | – | dB |

Notes:

1. $V_D = 50\text{ V}$, $I_{DQ} = 0.7\text{ A}$, Temp = +25 °C, Pulse Width = 100 us, Duty Cycle = 10%

RF Characterization – Mismatch Ruggedness at 2.8 GHz ^{1, 2, 3}

| Symbol | Parameter | dB Compression | Typical |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| VSWR | Impedance Mismatch Ruggedness | 3 | 10:1 |

Notes:

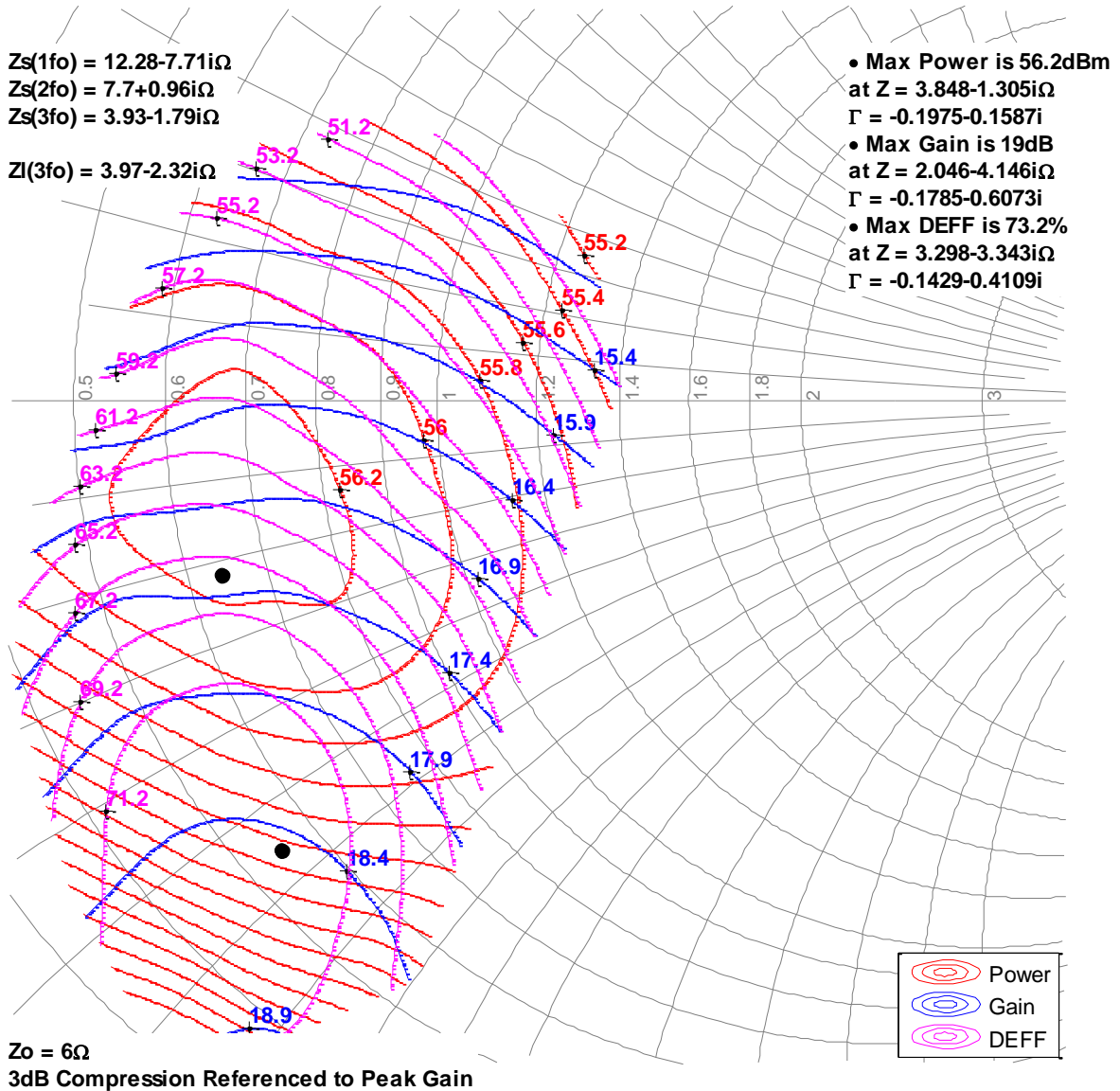
1. Test conditions unless otherwise noted: $T_A = 25\text{ °C}$, $V_D = 50\text{ V}$, $I_{DQ} = 0.7\text{ A}$
2. Input drive power is determined at pulsed 3dB compression under matched condition at EVB output connector
3. Pulse: 100us, 10% Duty cycle

Measured Load-Pull Smith Charts 1,2

Notes:

1. Test Conditions: $V_D = 50\text{ V}$, $I_{DQ} = 700\text{ mA}$, 100 us Pulse Width, 10% Duty Cycle, Temp = 25°C.
2. See page 13 for load pull reference planes where the performance was measured.

2.7GHz, Load-pull

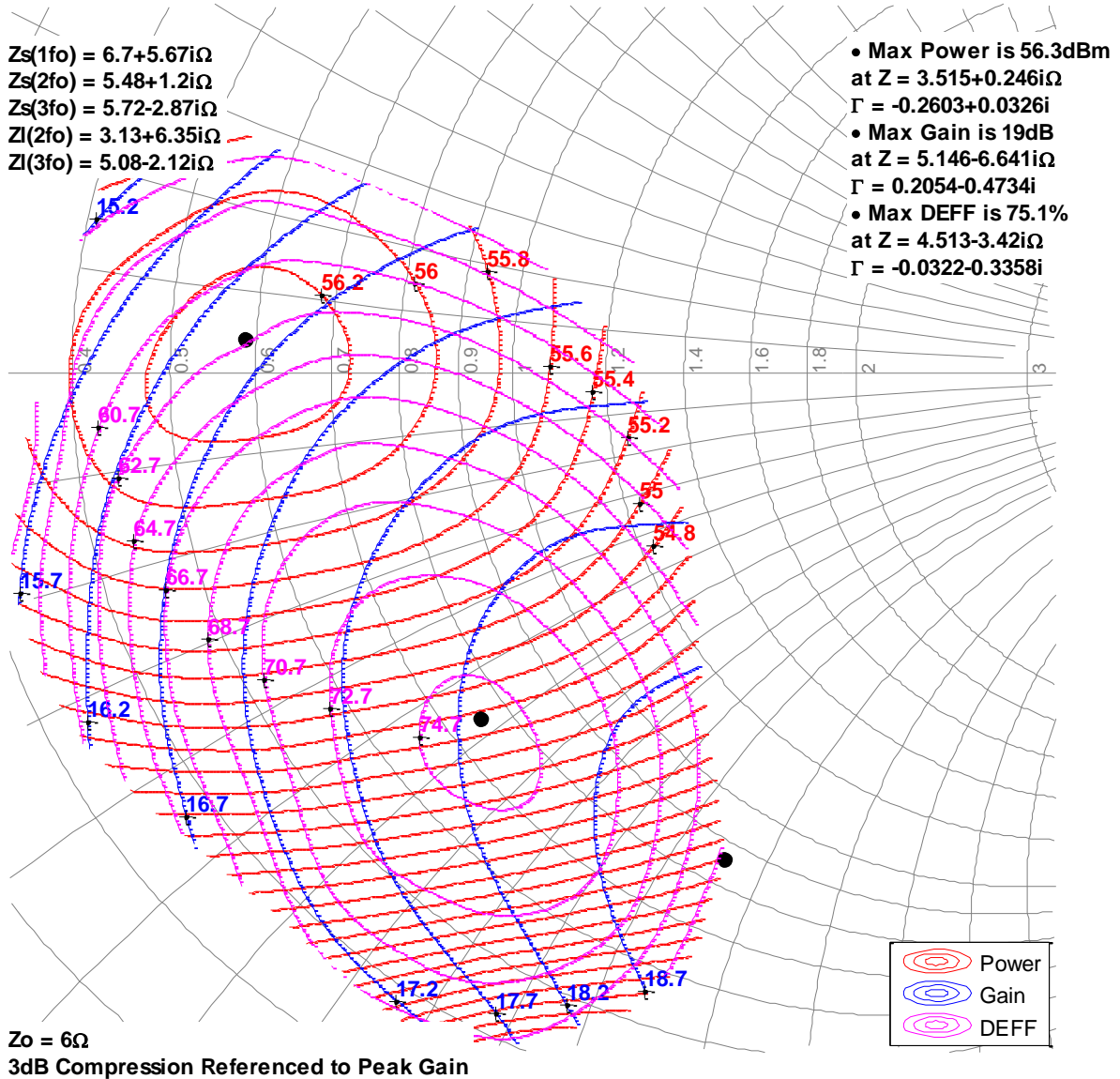


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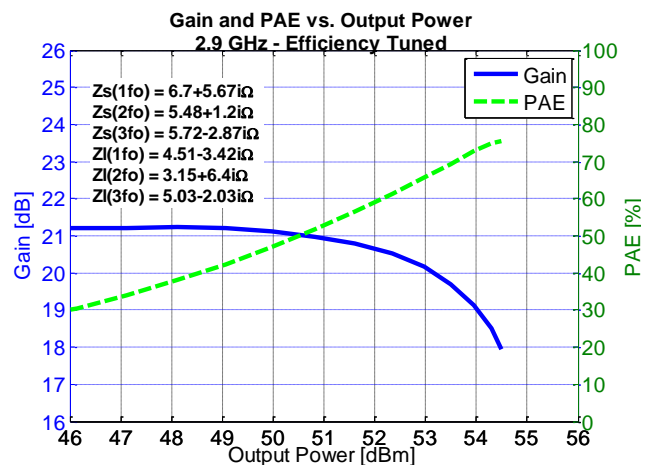
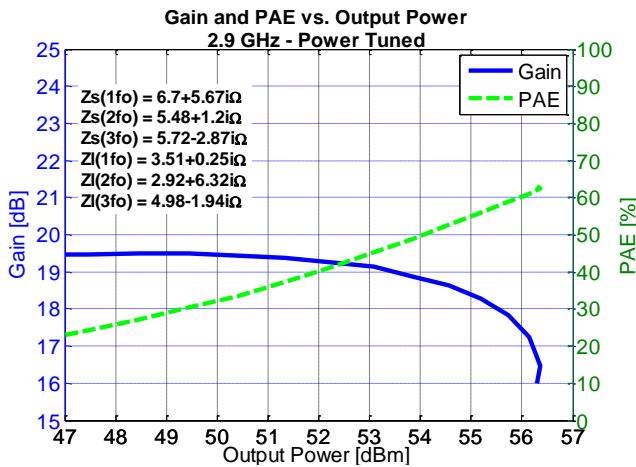
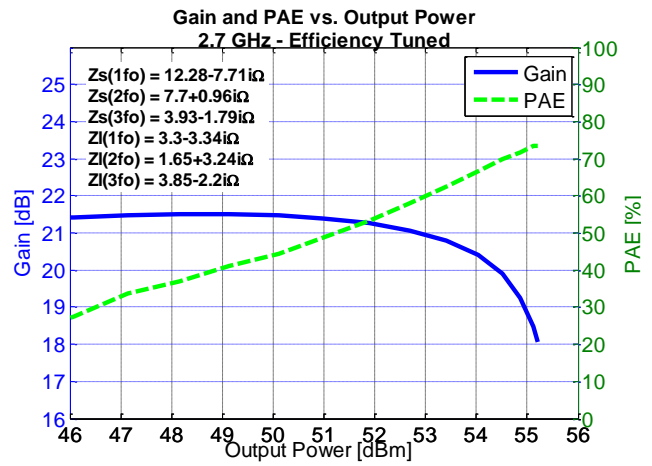
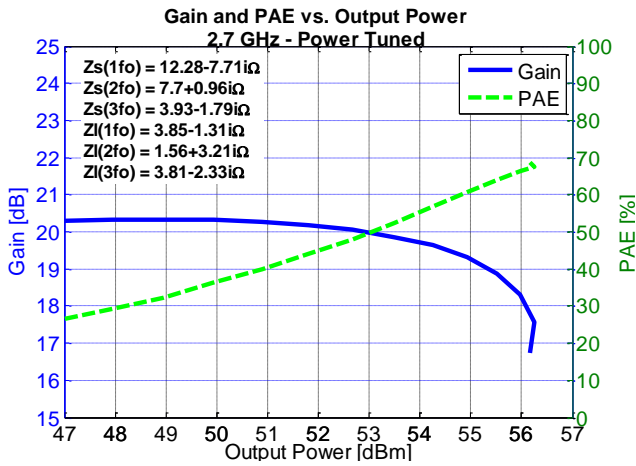
2.9GHz, Load-pull



Typical Measured Performance – Load-Pull Drive-up ^{1,2}

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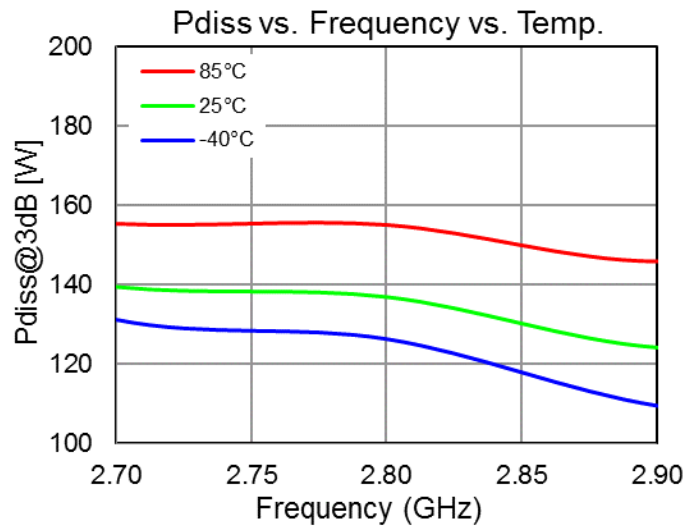
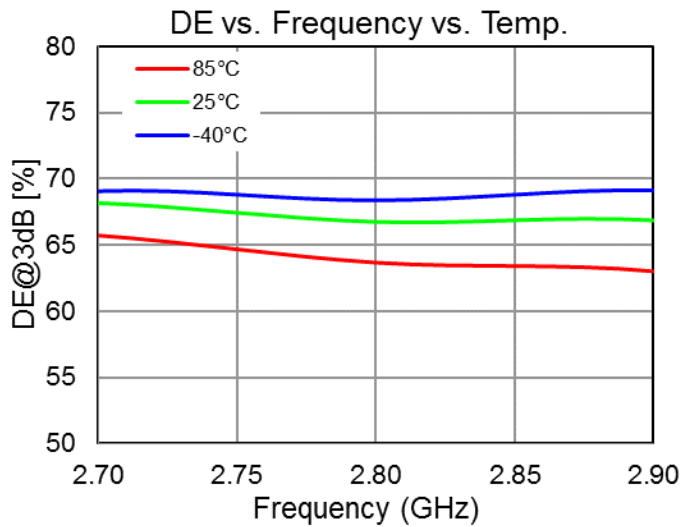
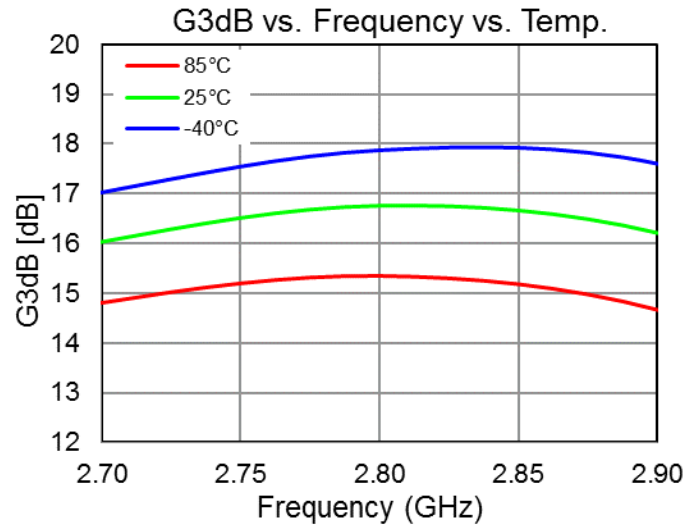
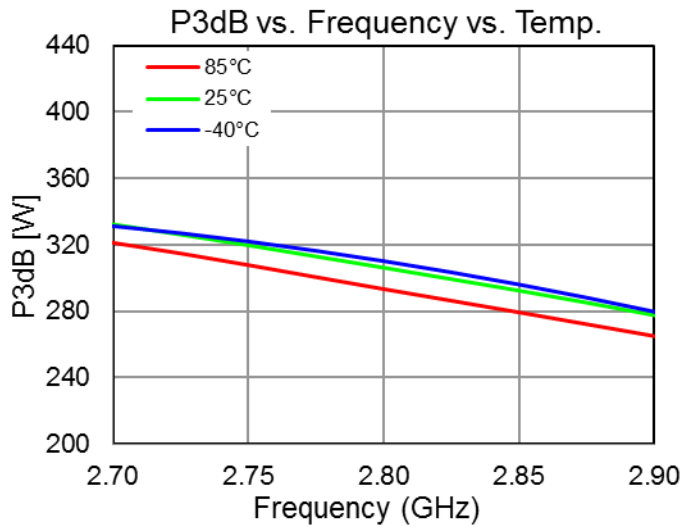
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Large signal performance over temperatures of 2.7 – 2.9 GHz EVB ¹

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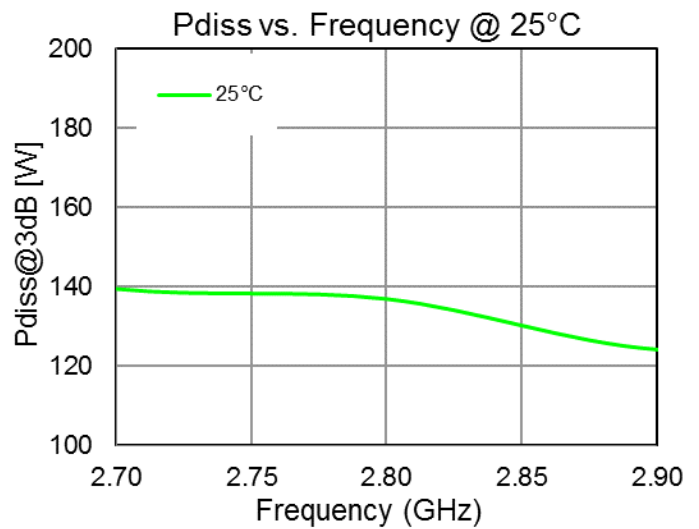
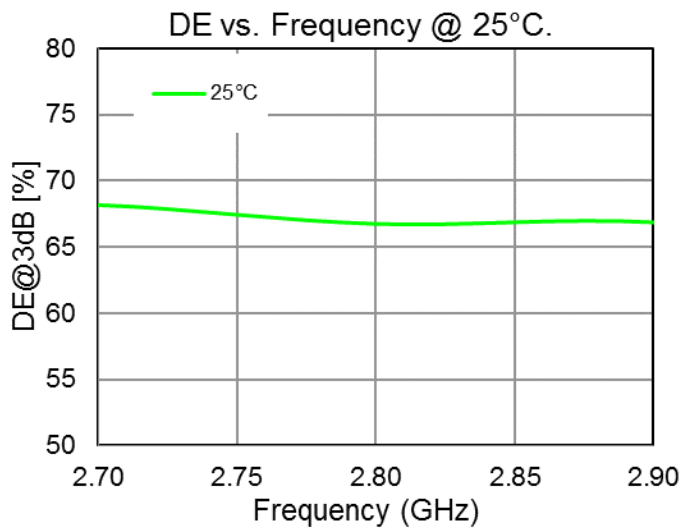
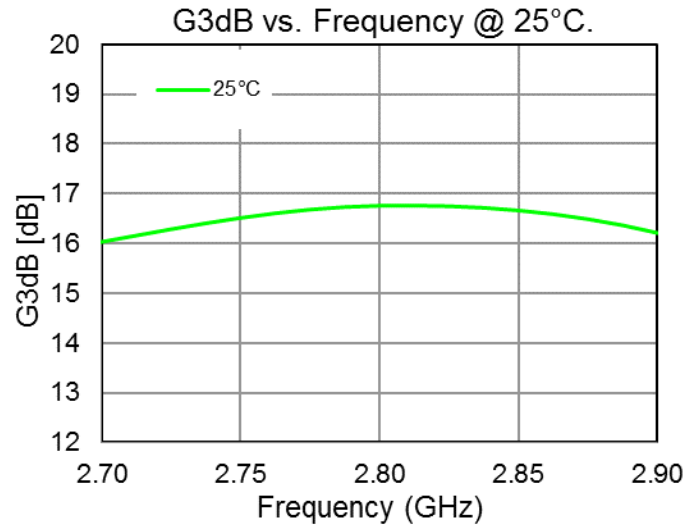
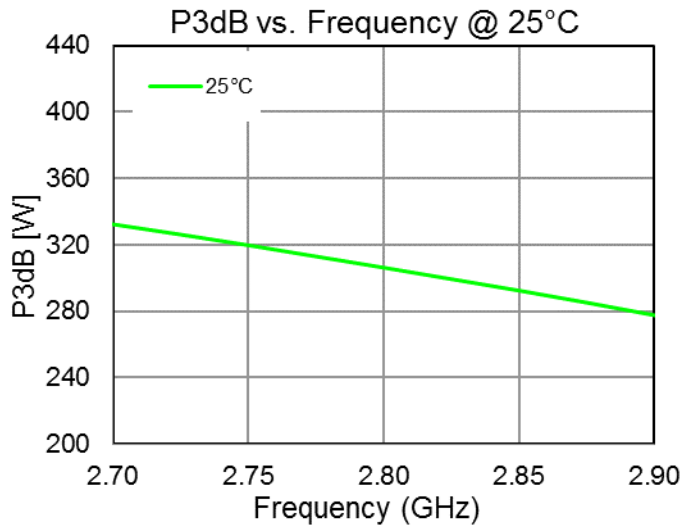
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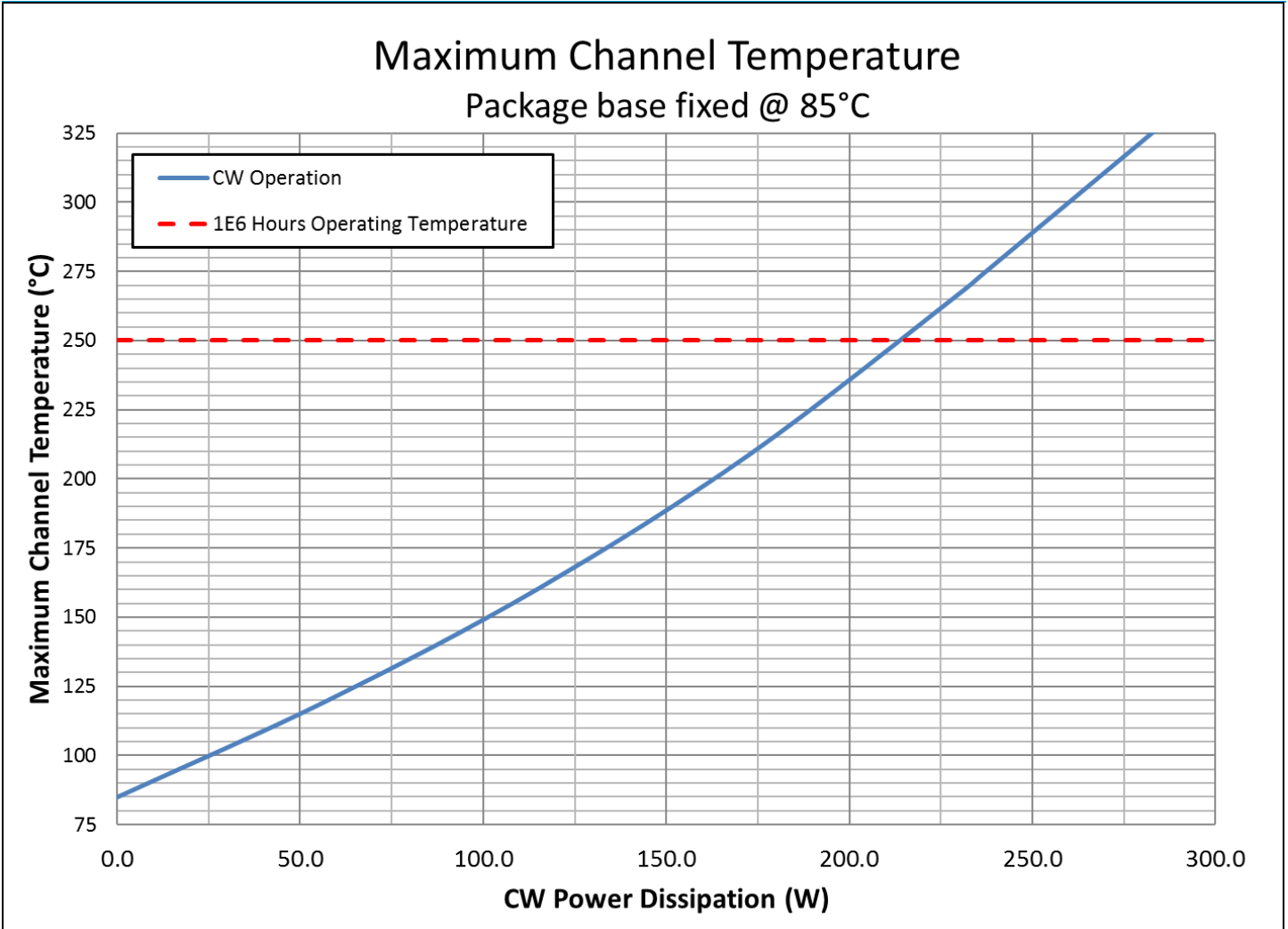
Large signal performance at 25°C of 2.7 – 2.9 GHz EVB ¹

Notes:

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Thermal and Reliability Information – CW^{1, 2, 3}

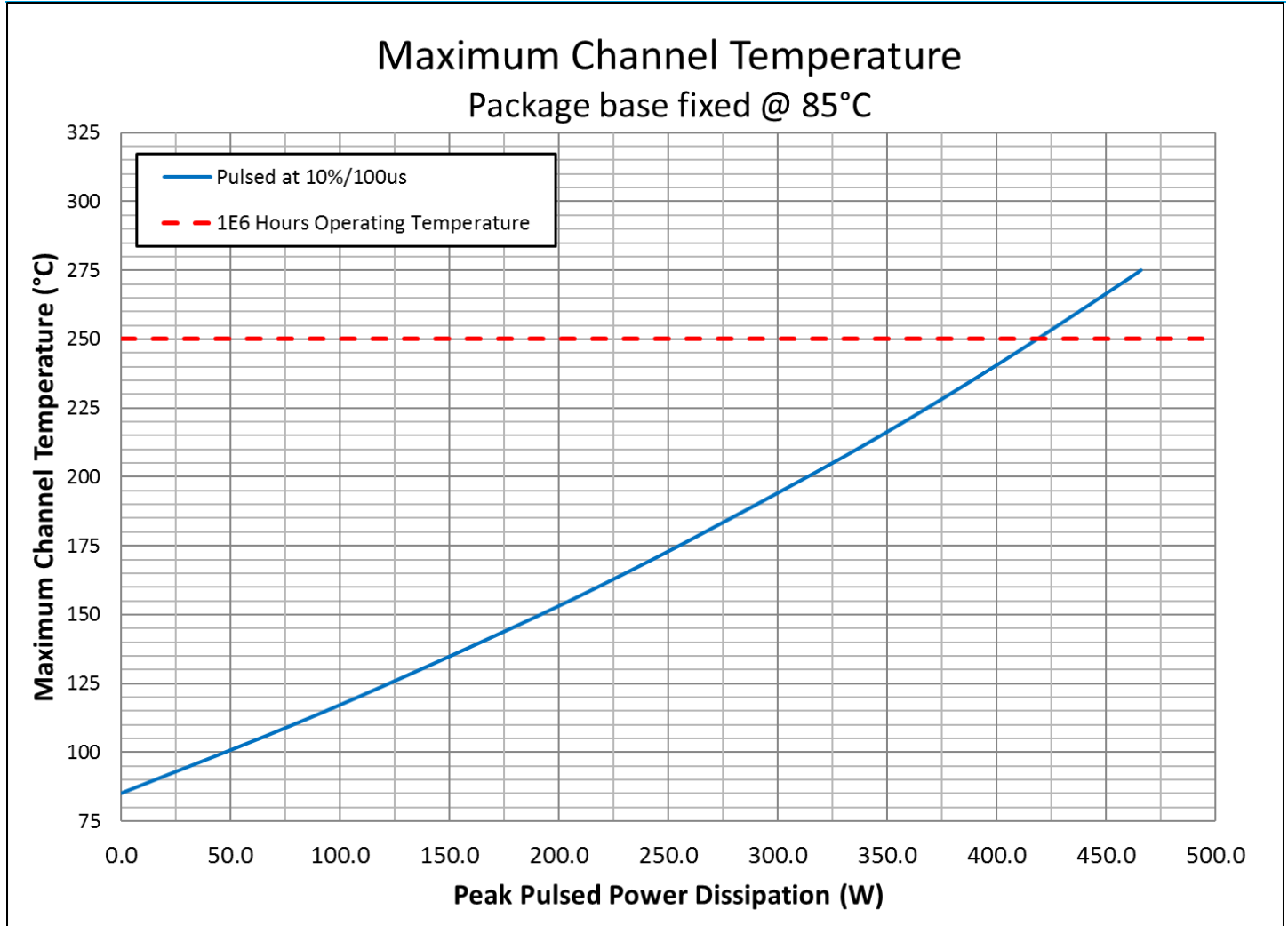


| Parameter | Conditions | Values | Units |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Thermal Resistance, FEA (θ_{JC}) ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | 85 °C Case Pdiss = 57.6 W CW | 0.61 | °C/W |
| Peak Channel Temperature, FEA (T_{CH}) ⁽¹⁾ | | 120 | °C |
| Median Lifetime, FEA (T_M) ⁽¹⁾ | | 1.6E11 | Hrs |
| Peak Channel Temperature, IR ⁽²⁾ | | 109 ⁽²⁾ | °C |
| Thermal Resistance, FEA (θ_{JC}) ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | 85 °C Case Pdiss = 115.2 W CW | 0.66 | °C/W |
| Peak Channel Temperature, FEA (T_{CH}) ⁽¹⁾ | | 161 | °C |
| Median Lifetime, FEA (T_M) ⁽¹⁾ | | 1.9E9 | Hrs |
| Peak Channel Temperature, IR ⁽²⁾ | | 137 ⁽²⁾ | °C |
| Thermal Resistance, FEA (θ_{JC}) ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | 85 °C Case Pdiss = 172.8 W CW | 0.72 | °C/W |
| Peak Channel Temperature, FEA (T_{CH}) ⁽¹⁾ | | 209 | °C |
| Median Lifetime, FEA (T_M) ⁽¹⁾ | | 2.0E7 | Hrs |
| Peak Channel Temperature, IR ⁽²⁾ | | 166 ⁽²⁾ | °C |

Notes:

- Finite Element Analysis (FEA) thermal values shall be used to determine performance and reliability. Unless otherwise noted, all thermal references are FEA.
- Infrared (IR) thermal values are for reference only and can not be used to determine performance or reliability.
- Thermal resistance measured to backside of package.

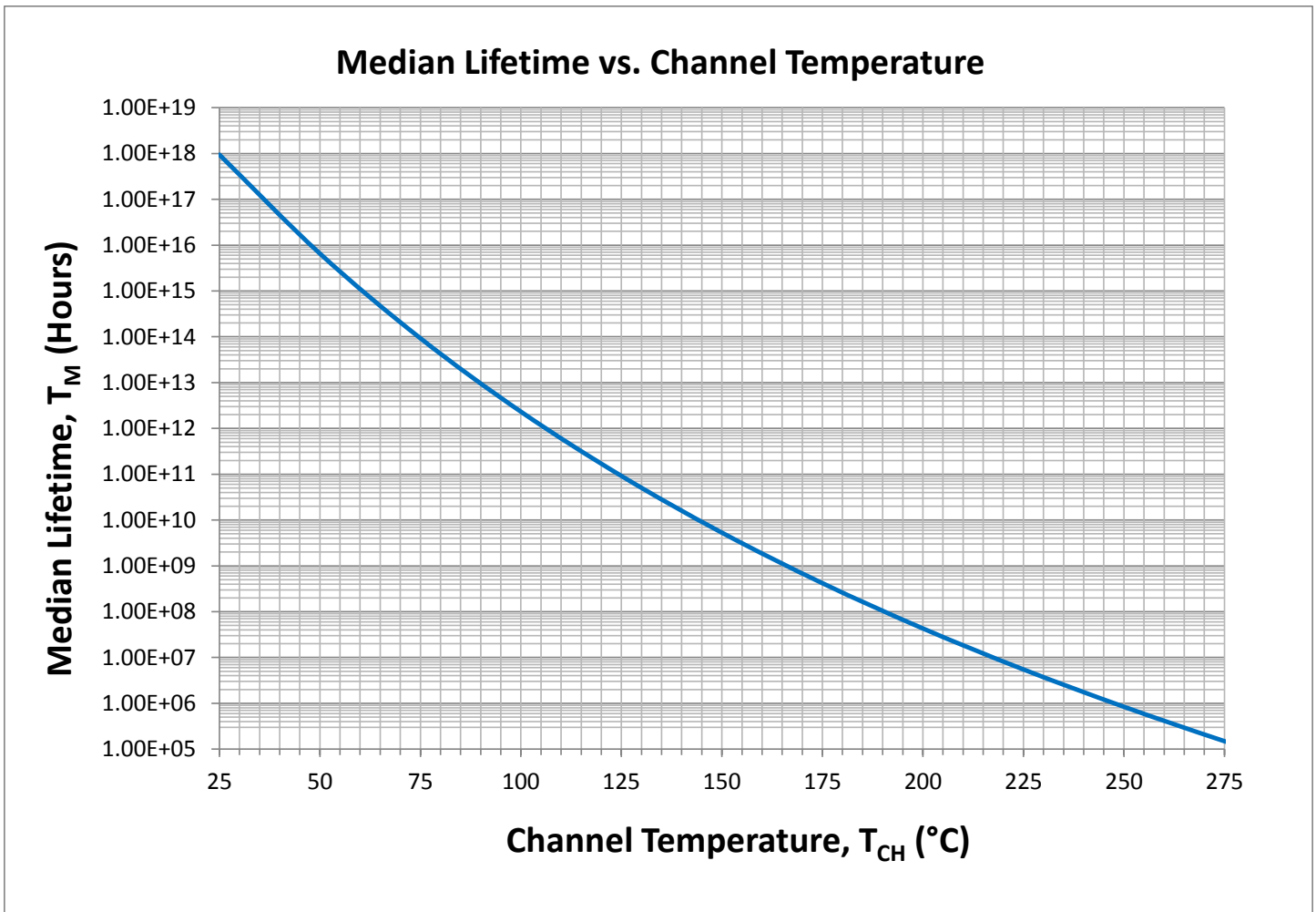
Thermal and Reliability Information – Pulsed ^{1, 2, 3}



| Parameter | Conditions | Values | Units |
|---|---|--------------------|-------|
| Thermal Resistance, FEA (θ_{JC}) ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | 85 °C Case P _{diss} = 115.2 W Pulse: 100 us PW, 10% DC | 0.32 | °C/W |
| Peak Channel Temperature, FEA (T _{CH}) ⁽¹⁾ | | 122 | °C |
| Median Lifetime, FEA (T _M) ⁽¹⁾ | | 1.0E12 | Hrs |
| Peak Channel Temperature, IR ⁽²⁾ | | 110 ⁽²⁾ | °C |
| Thermal Resistance, FEA (θ_{JC}) ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | 85 °C Case P _{diss} = 172.8 W Pulse: 100 us PW, 10% DC | 0.34 | °C/W |
| Peak Channel Temperature, FEA (T _{CH}) ⁽¹⁾ | | 143 | °C |
| Median Lifetime, FEA (T _M) ⁽¹⁾ | | 1.0E11 | Hrs |
| Peak Channel Temperature, IR ⁽²⁾ | | 125 ⁽²⁾ | °C |
| Thermal Resistance, FEA (θ_{JC}) ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | 85 °C Case P _{diss} = 230.4 W Pulse: 100 us PW, 10% DC | 0.35 | °C/W |
| Peak Channel Temperature, FEA (T _{CH}) ⁽¹⁾ | | 165 | °C |
| Median Lifetime, FEA (T _M) ⁽¹⁾ | | 1.0E10 | Hrs |
| Peak Channel Temperature, IR ⁽²⁾ | | 139 ⁽²⁾ | °C |

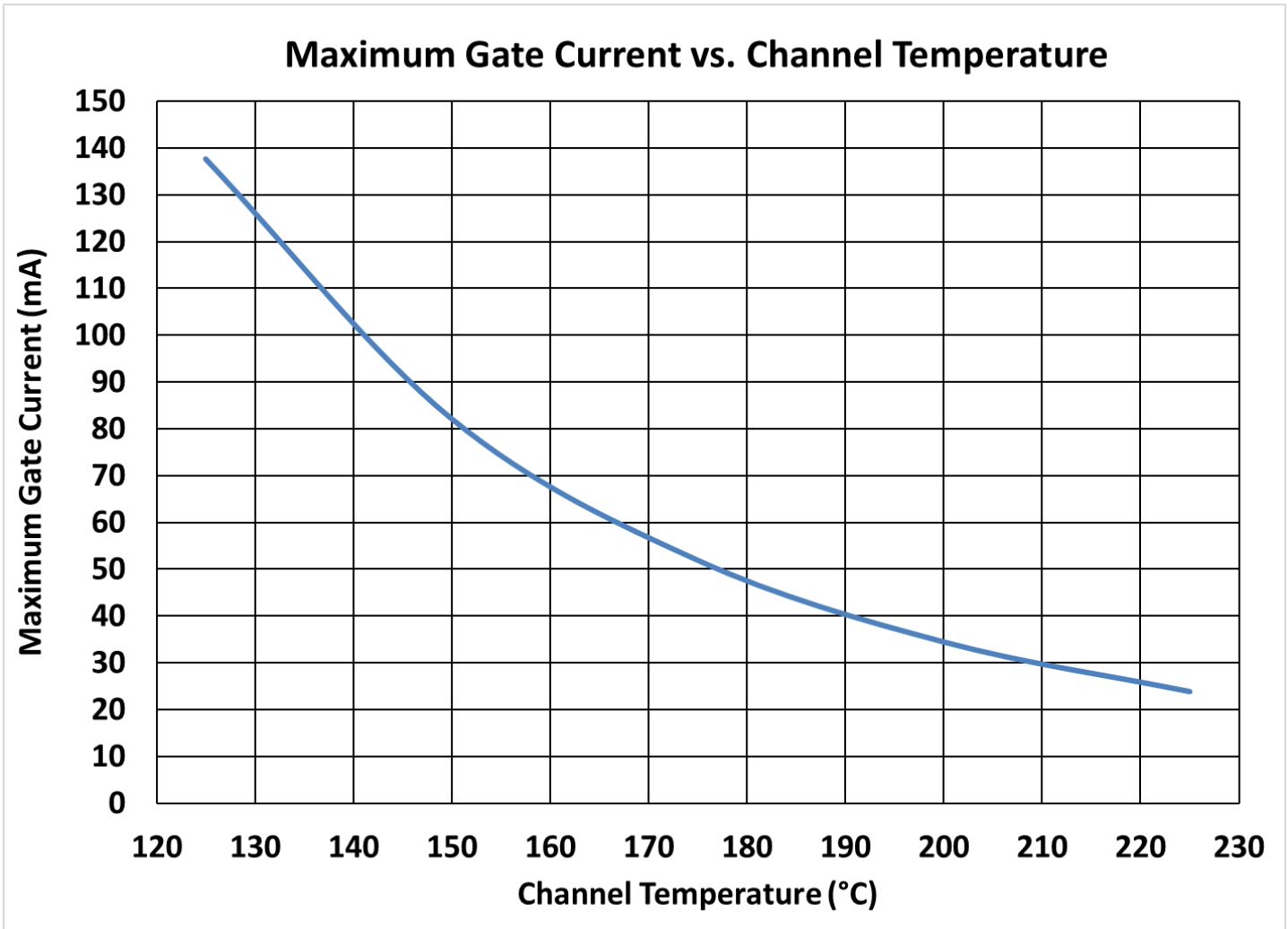
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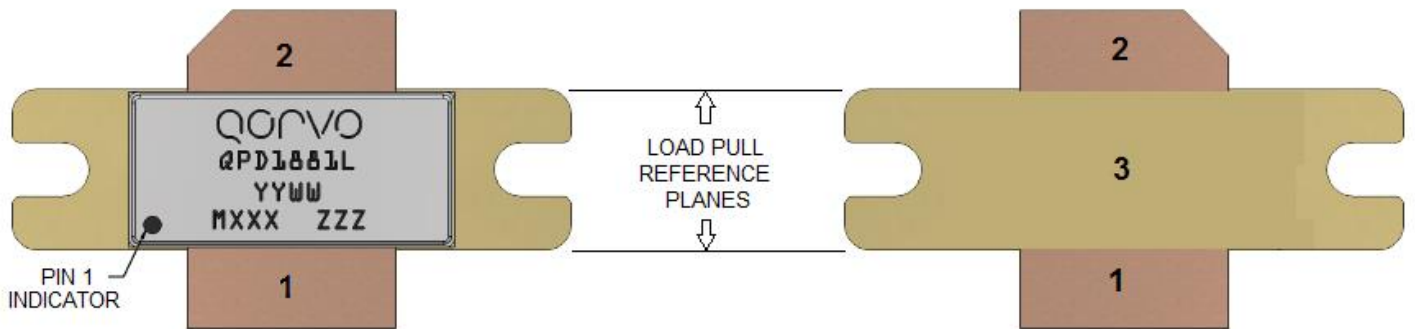
Median Lifetime ^{1,2}**Notes:**

1. Test Conditions: $V_D = +50$ V; Failure Criteria = 10% reduction in I_{D_MAX} during DC Life Testing.
2. For pulsed signals, average lifetime is average lifetime at maximum channel temperature divided by duty cycle.

Maximum Gate Current



Pin Configuration and Description ¹

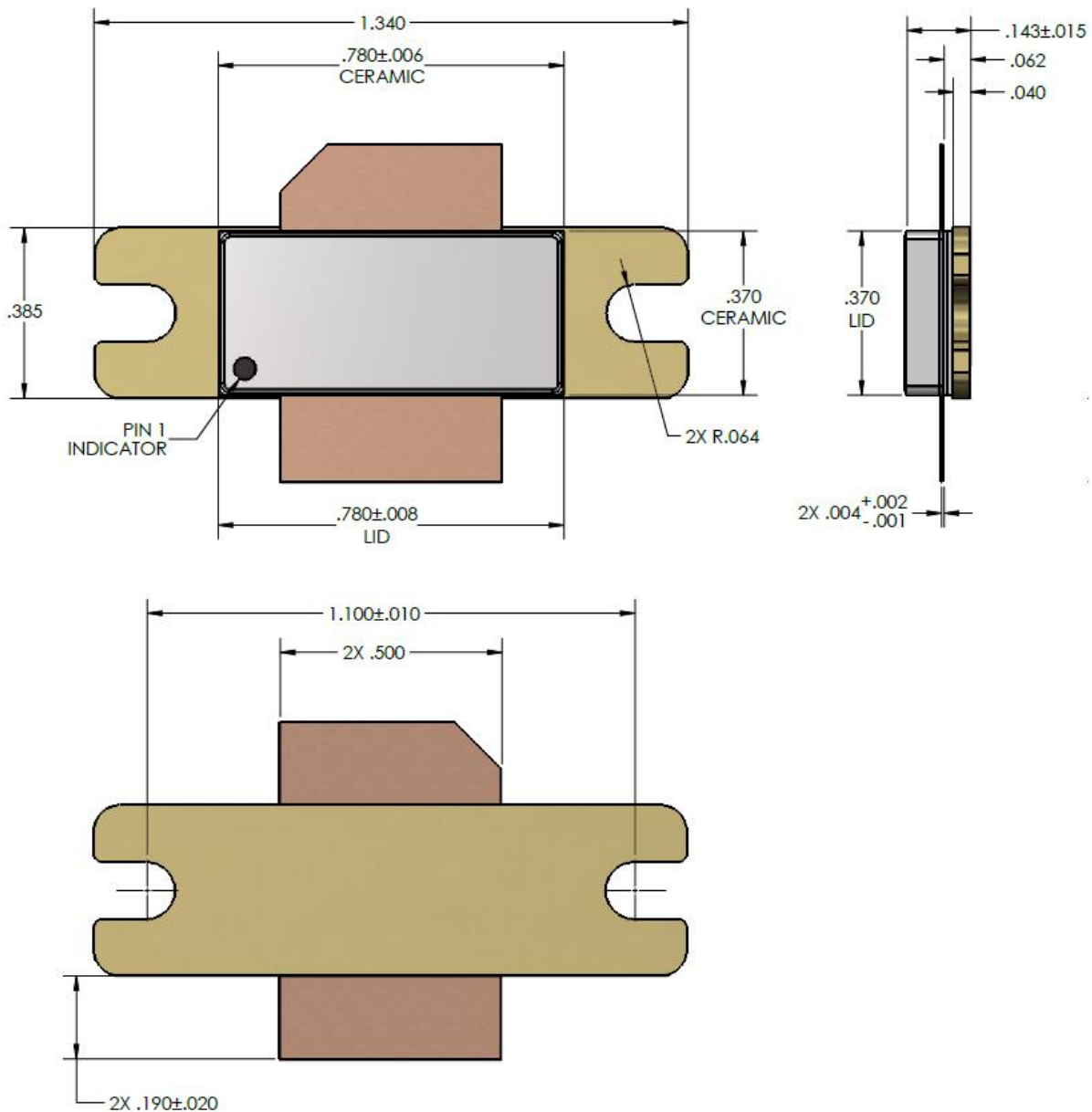


Note:

- 1- The QPD1881L will be marked with the “QPD1881L” designator and a lot code marked below the part designator. The “YY” represents the last two digits of the calendar year the part was manufactured, the “WW” is the work week of the assembly lot start, the “MXXX” is the production lot number, and the “ZZZ” is an auto-generated serial number.

| Pin | Symbol | Description |
|-----|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | RF IN / V_G | Gate |
| 2 | RF OUT / V_D | Drain |
| 3 | Source | Source / Ground / Backside of part |

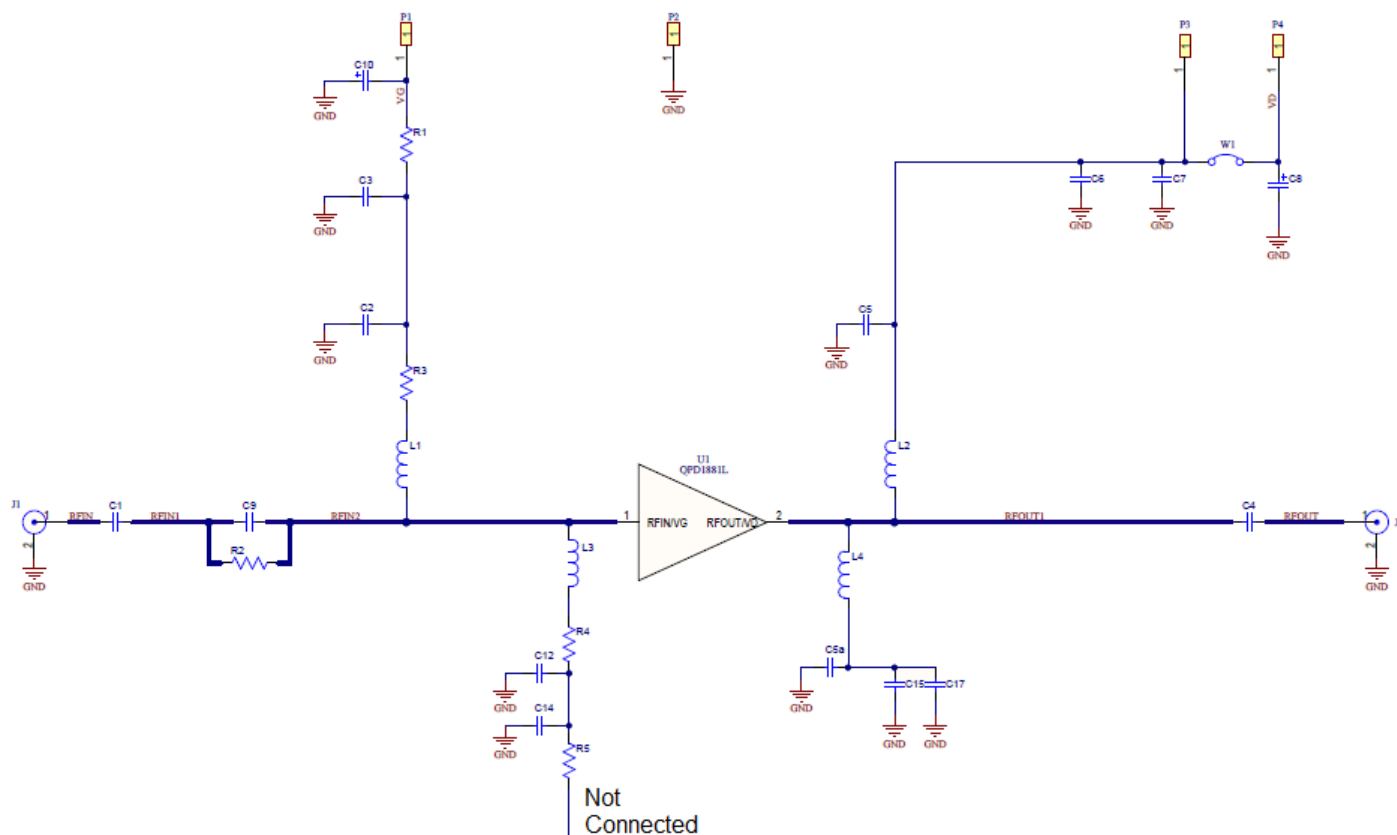
Mechanical Drawing



Notes:

- 1- ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES. DIMENSION TOLERANCE IS ± 0.005 in, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
- 2- MATERIAL:
 PACKAGE BASE : METAL/CERAMIC
 PACKAGE LID : CERAMIC
 LEAD : ALLOY 42
- 3- PACKAGE EXPOSED METAL BASE AND LEADS ARE GOLD PLATED.
- 4- PART IS EPOXY SEALED.
- 5- PARTS MEET INDUSTRY NI780 FOOTPRINT.
- 6- BODY DIMENSIONS DO NOT INCLUDE LID SHIFT OR EPOXY RUN OUT WHICH CAN BE UP TO $.020$ PER SIDE.

2.7 – 2.9 GHz Application Circuit - Schematic

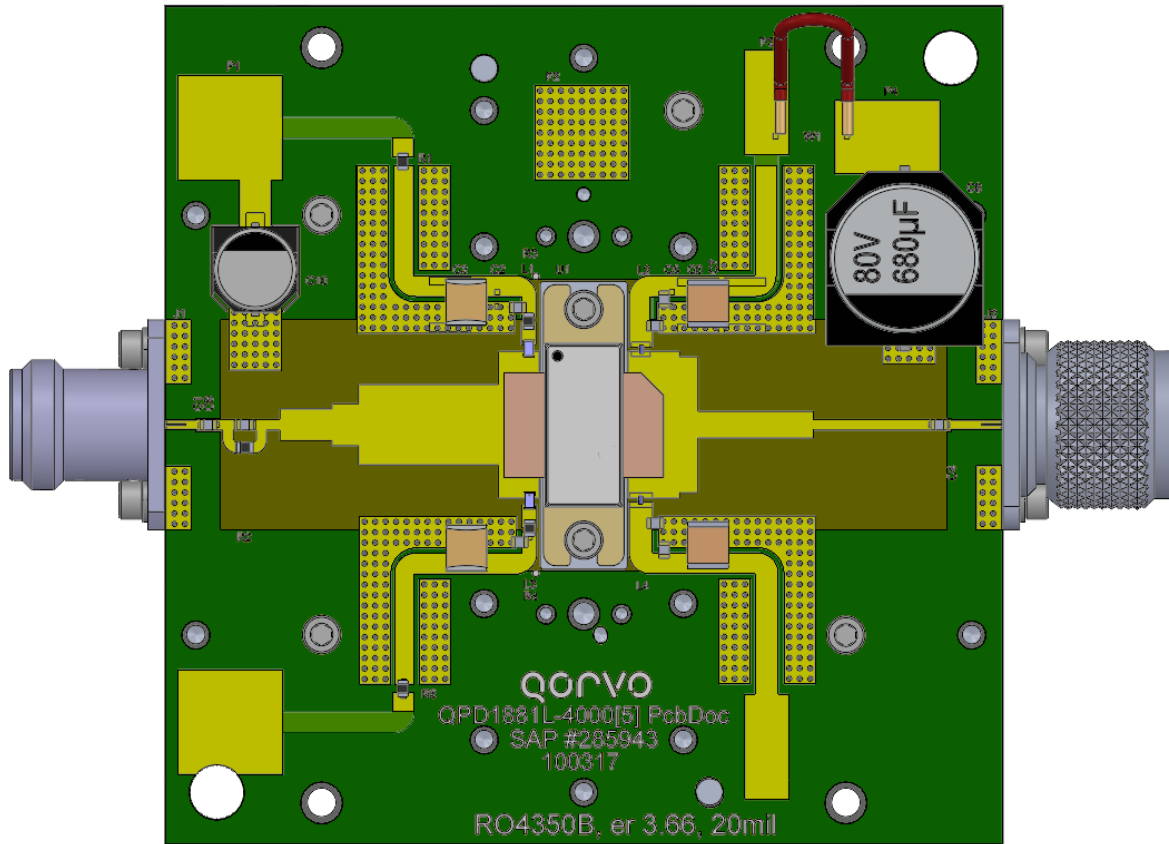


| Bias-up Procedure | Bias-down Procedure |
|---|--|
| 1. Set V_G to -5 V. | 1. Turn off RF signal. |
| 2. Set I_D current limit to 2 A. | 2. Turn off V_D |
| 3. Apply 50 V V_D . | 3. Wait 2 seconds to allow drain capacitor to discharge. |
| 4. Slowly adjust V_G until I_D is set to 0.7 A. | 4. Turn off V_G |
| 5. Apply RF. | |

2.7 – 2.9 GHz Application Circuit – Layout ¹

Notes:

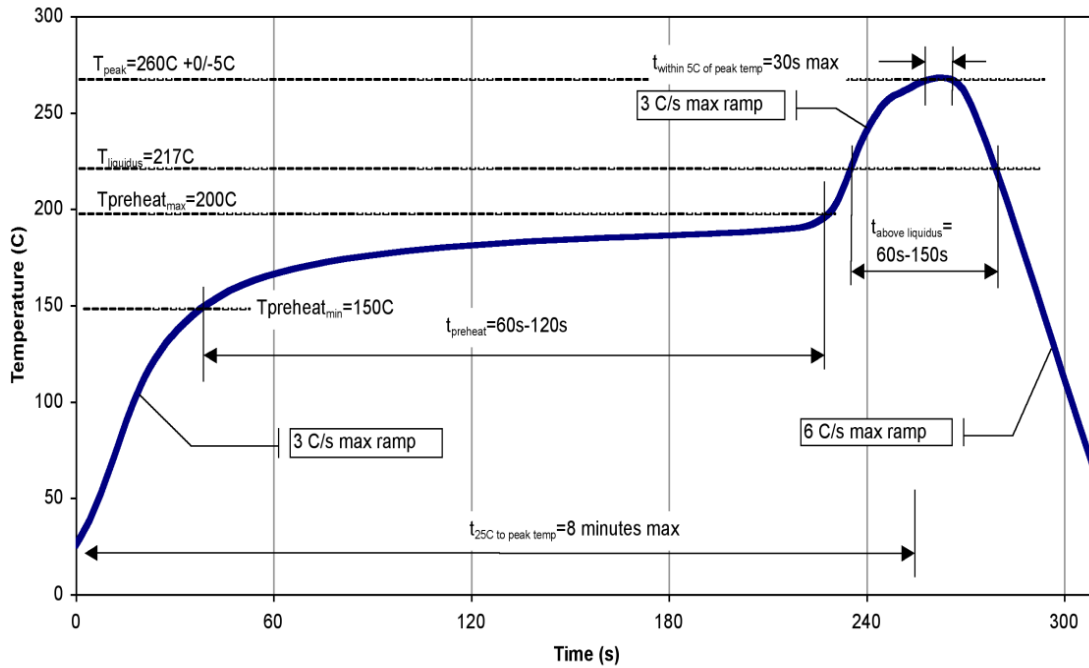
1. PCB material is RO4350B 0.020" thick, 1 oz. copper each side.



2.7 – 2.9 GHz Application Circuit – Bill of Material

| Reference Design | Value | Qty | Manufacturer | Part Number |
|------------------|---------|-----|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| R1,R5 | 0 Ohm | 2 | Kamaya Inc. | RMC1/10JPTP |
| R2 | 330 Ohm | 1 | Panasonic | ERJ-6GEYJ331 |
| R3,R4 | 10 Ohm | 2 | Panasonic | ERJ-6ENF10R0V |
| C1,C4 | 18 pF | 2 | American Technical Ceramics | 600F180FT250XT |
| C9,C2,C12,C5,C5A | 10 pF | 4 | American Technical Ceramics | 600F100FT250XT |
| C6,C15 | 100 pF | 2 | American Technical Ceramics | 600F101JT250XT |
| C7,C17 | 10 uF | 4 | TDK | C5750X7S2A106M230KB |
| C3,C14 | 10 uF | 4 | TDK | C5750X7R1H106K230KB |
| C10 | 220 uF | 1 | United Chemi-Con | EMVY500ADA221MJA0G |
| C8 | 680 uF | 1 | Vishay | MAL215099708E3 |
| L1,L3 | 8.2 nH | 2 | Coilcraft Inc. | 0805HT-8N2TJRC |
| L2,L4 | 8.1 nH | 2 | Coilcraft Inc. | 0908SQ-8N1JLB |
| Connectors | N-Type | 2 | Huber+Suhner, Inc. | 23_N-50-0-33 |

Recommended Solder Temperature Profile



Handling Precautions

| Parameter | Rating | Standard |
|----------------------------------|--------|---|
| ESD – Human Body Model (HBM) | TBD | JEDEC JS-001 |
| ESD – Charged Device Model (CDM) | TBD | JEDEC JS-002 |
| MSL – Moisture Sensitivity Level | MSL3 | JESD J-STD-020 (260°C Convection reflow) |



Caution!
ESD-Sensitive Device

Solderability

Compatible with both lead-free (260°C max. reflow temp.) and tin/lead (245°C max. reflow temp.) soldering processes.

Solder profiles available upon request.

The use of no-clean solder to avoid washing after soldering is recommended.

Contact plating: NiAu

RoHS Compliance

This part is compliant with 2011/65/EU RoHS directive (Restrictions on the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment) as amended by Directive 2015/863/EU.

This product also has the following attributes:

- Lead Free
- Halogen Free (Chlorine, Bromine)
- Antimony Free
- TBBP-A (C₁₅H₁₂Br₄O₂) Free
- PFOS Free
- SVHC Free



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