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Features

- GaN on Si HEMT Depletion Mode Transistor
- Suitable for Linear and Saturated Applications
- Tunable from DC 3.5 GHz
- 48 V Operation
- 13.5 dB Gain at 3.5 GHz
- 55 % Drain Efficiency at 3.5 GHz
- 100 % RF Tested
- Standard package with bolt down flange
- RoHS* Compliant and 260°C reflow compatible



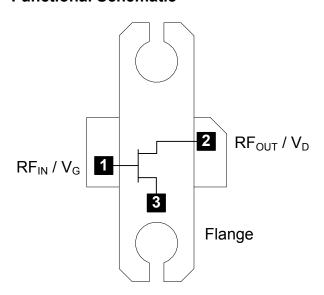
The NPT2020 GaN HEMT is a wideband transistor optimized for DC - 3.5 GHz operation. This device supports CW, pulsed, and linear operation with output power levels to 50 W (47 dBm) in an industry standard surface mount package.

The NPT2020 is ideally suited for defense communications, land mobile radio, avionics, wireless infrastructure, ISM applications and VHF/UHF/L/S-band radar.

Built using the SIGANTIC® process - a proprietary GaN-on-Silicon technology.



Functional Schematic



Ordering Information

Part Number	Package
NPT2020	Bulk Quantity
NPT2020-SMBPPR	Custom Sample Board ¹
NPT2020-SMB2	1250-1850 MHz Sample Board

When ordering, specify application requirements (frequency, linearity, etc.)

Pin Configuration

Pin No.	Pin Name	Function
1	RF _{IN} / V _G	RF Input / Gate
2	RF _{OUT} / V _D	RF Output / Drain
3	Flange ²	Ground / Source

^{2.} The Flange must be connected to RF and DC ground. This path must also provide a low thermal resistance heat path.

^{*} Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, European Union Directive 2011/65/EU.



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RF Electrical Specifications: $T_A = 25$ °C, $V_{DS} = 48$ V, $I_{DQ} = 350$ mA

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Small Signal Gain	CW, 3.5 GHz	Gss	-	14.5	-	dB
Saturated Output Power	CW, 3.5 GHz	GHz P _{SAT}		48	-	dBm
Drain Efficiency at Saturation	CW, 3.5 GHz	η_{SAT}	-	60	-	%
Power Gain	3.5 GHz, P _{OUT} = 50 W	G_P	12	13.5	-	dB
Drain Efficiency	iency 3.5 GHz, P _{OUT} = 50 W		50	55	-	%
Ruggedness: Output Mismatch	All phase angles	Ψ	VSWR = 10:1, No Device Damag		amage	

DC Electrical Characteristics: $T_A = 25$ °C

Parameter Test Conditions S		Symbol	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Drain-Source Leakage Current	V _{GS} = -8 V, V _{DS} = 160 V	I _{DLK}	-	-	14	mA
Gate-Source Leakage Current	V_{GS} = -8 V, V_{DS} = 0 V	I_{GLK}	-	-	7	mA
Gate Threshold Voltage	V _{DS} = 48 V, I _D = 14 mA	V _T	-2.5	-1.5	-0.5	V
Gate Quiescent Voltage	V _{DS} = 48 V, I _D = 350 mA	V_{GSQ}	-2.1	-1.2	-0.3	V
On Resistance	V _{DS} = 2 V, I _D = 105 mA	R _{ON}	-	0.34	-	Ω
Saturated Drain Current	V _{DS} = 7 V pulsed, pulse width 300 μs	I _{D,MAX}	-	8.2	-	Α



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Absolute Maximum Ratings^{3,4,5}

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
Drain Source Voltage, V _{DS}	160 V
Gate Source Voltage, V _{GS}	-10 to 3 V
Gate Current, I _G	28 mA
Junction Temperature, T _J	+200°C
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +55°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +150°C

- 3. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
- 4. MACOM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
- 5. Operating at nominal conditions with $T_J \le 200^{\circ}$ C will ensure MTTF > 1 x 10⁶ hours.

Thermal Characteristics⁶

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Typical	Units
Thermal Resistance	V _{DS} = 48 V, T _J = 200°C	$R_{ heta JC}$	2.1	°C/W

Junction temperature (T_J) measured using IR Microscopy. Case temperature measured using thermocouple embedded in heat-sink.

Handling Procedures

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

Static Sensitivity

Gallium Nitride Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these HBM Class 1A devices.

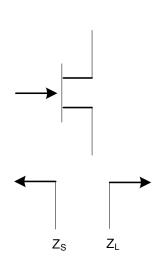


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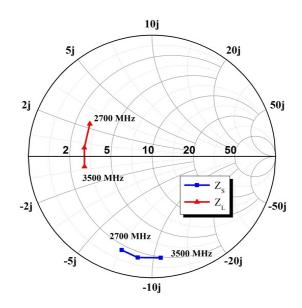
Load-Pull Performance: V_{DS} = 48 V, I_{DQ} = 350 mA, T_{C} = 25 °C Reference Plane at Device Leads, CW Drain Efficiency and Output Power Tradeoff Impedance

Frequency (MHz)	Z _S (Ω)	Z _L (Ω)	P _{SAT} (W)	G _{SS} (dB)	Drain Efficiency at P _{SAT} (%)
2700	1.6 - j7.2	2.9 + j2.3	65	16.2	58
3100	1.5 - j8.6	2.9 + j0.6	64	16.1	55
3500	1.9 - j10.7	2.9 - j0.7	62	15.7	53

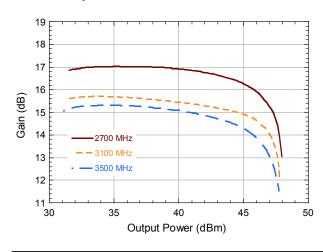
Impedance Reference



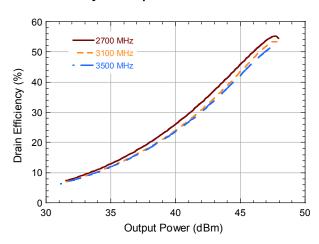
Z_S and Z_L vs. Frequency



Gain vs. Output Power



Drain Efficiency vs. Output Power



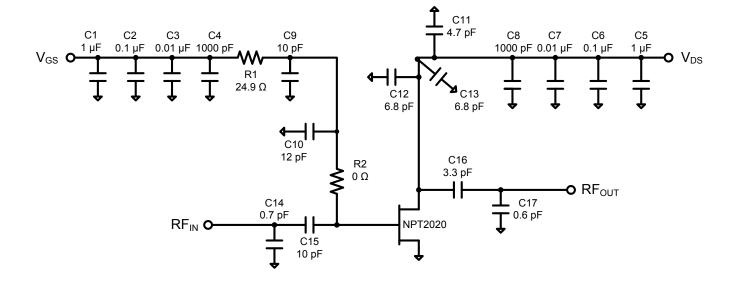
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Evaluation Board and Recommended Tuning Solution

3.5 GHz Narrowband Circuit



Description

Parts measured on evaluation board (20-mil thick RO4350). Matching is provided using a combination of lumped elements and transmission lines as shown in the simplified schematic above. Recommended tuning solution component placement, transmission lines, and details are shown on the next page.

Bias Sequencing

Turning the device ON

- 1. Set V_{GS} to the pinch-off (V_P) , typically -5 V.
- 2. Turn on V_{DS} to nominal voltage (48 V).
- 3. Increase V_{GS} until the I_{DS} current is reached.
- 4. Apply RF power to desired level.

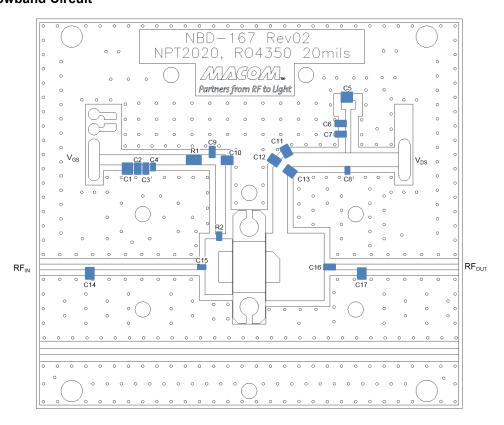
Turning the device OFF

- 1. Turn the RF power off.
- 2. Decrease V_{GS} down to V_{P.}
- 3. Decrease V_{DS} down to 0 V.
- 4. Turn off V_{GS}.



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Parts list

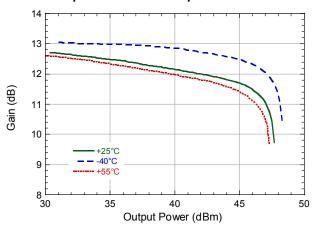
Reference	Value	Tolerance	Manufacturer	Part Number			
C1, C5	1 μF	10%	AVX	1210C105KAT2A			
C2, C6	0.1 μF	10%	Kemet	C1206C104K1RACTU			
C3, C7	0.01 μF	10%	AVX	12061C103KAT2A			
C4, C8	1000 pF	10%	Kemet	C0805C102K1RACTU			
C9	10 pF	5%	ATC	ATC800B100JT500X			
C10	12 pF	5%	ATC	ATC800B120JT500X			
C11	4.7 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800B4R7BT500X			
C12, C13	6.8 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800B6R8BT500X			
C14	0.7 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800B0R7BT500X			
C15	10 pF	5%	ATC	ATC800A100JT250X			
C16	3.3 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800B3R3BT500X			
C17	0.6 pF	+/- 0.1 pF	ATC	ATC800B0R6BT500X			
R1	24.9 Ω	1%	Panasonic	ERJ-6GEY24R9V			
R2	0 Ω	1%	Panasonic	ERJ-6ENF00R0V			
PCB		Rogers RO4350, ε_r = 3.5, 20 mil					



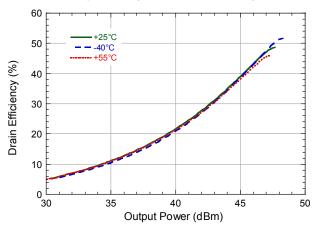
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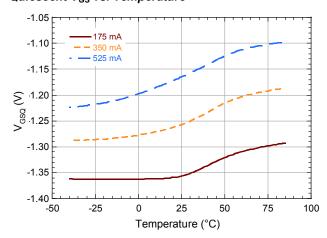
Gain vs. Output Power over Temperature



Drain Efficiency vs. Output Power over Temperature



Quiescent V_{GS} vs. Temperature

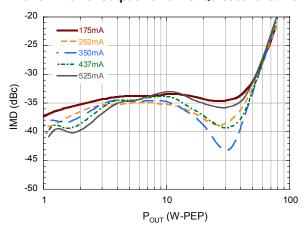




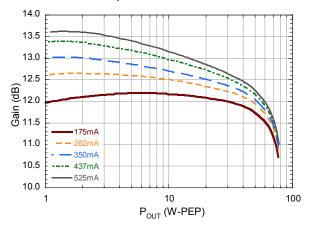
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Typical 2-Tone Performance as measured in the 3.5 GHz evaluation board: 1 MHz Tone Spacing, V_{DS} = 48 V, I_{DQ} = 350 mA, T_{C} = 25 °C (unless noted)

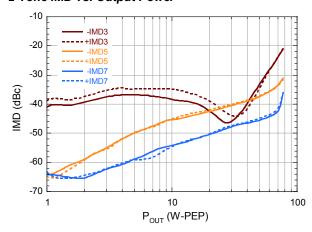
2-Tone IMD3 vs. Output Power vs. Quiescent Current



2-Tone Gain vs. Output Power vs. Quiescent Current



2-Tone IMD vs. Output Power

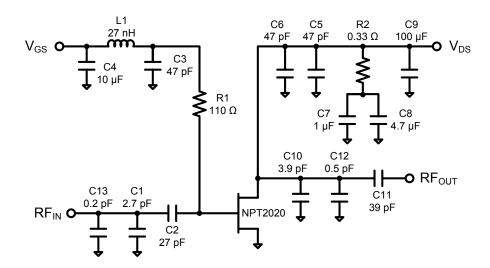




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Evaluation Board and Recommended Tuning Solution

1250-1850 MHz Broadband Circuit



Description

Parts measured on evaluation board (25-mil thick 6010LM). Matching is provided using a combination of lumped elements and transmission lines as shown in the simplified schematic above. Recommended tuning solution component placement, transmission lines, and details are shown on the next page.

Bias Sequencing

Turning the device ON

- 1. Set V_{GS} to the pinch-off (V_P) , typically -5 V.
- 2. Turn on V_{DS} to nominal voltage (48 V).
- 3. Increase V_{GS} until the I_{DS} current is reached.
- 4. Apply RF power to desired level.

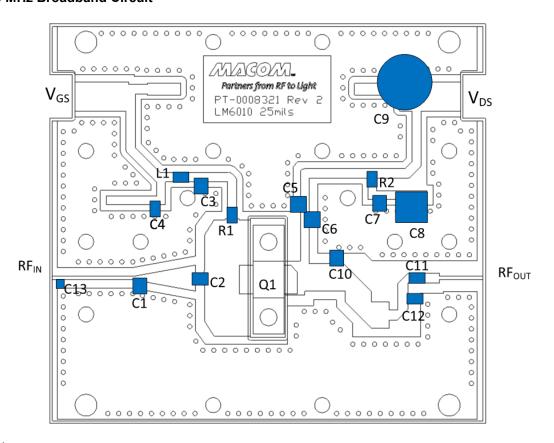
Turning the device OFF

- 1. Turn the RF power off.
- 2. Decrease V_{GS} down to V_{P}
- 3. Decrease V_{DS} down to 0 V.
- 4. Turn off V_{GS}.



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Evaluation Board and Recommended Tuning Solution 1250-1850 MHz Broadband Circuit



Parts list

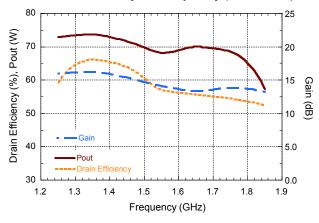
Reference	Value	Tolerance	Vendor	Part Number
C1	2.7 pF	+/- 0.1pF	ATC	ATC800B2R7BT500X
C2	27 pF	5%	ATC	ATC800B270JT500X
C3, C5, C6	47pF	5%	ATC	ATC800B470JT500X
C4	10uF-16V	5%	Digikey	C2012X5R1C106M085AC
C7	1.0uF-100V	5%	Digikey	C12101C105KAT2A
C8	4.7uF	5%	Digikey	C5750X7R2A475K230KA
C9	100uF-63V	5%	Panasonic	ECE-V1JA101P
C10	3.9pF	+/- 0.1pF	ATC	ATC800B3R9BT500X
C11	39pF	5%	ATC	ATC800B390JT500X
C12	0.5pF	+/- 0.1pF	ATC	ATC800B0R5BT500X
C13	0.2pF	+/- 0.1pF	ATC	ATC800A0R2BT250X
L1	27nH	5%	Coilcraft	0908SQ-27N
R1	110 Ohms	5%	Digikey	CR1206-JW-1100ELF
R2	0.33 Ohms	5%	Digikey	ERJ-6RQFR33V
PCB	Rogers 6010LM, $\varepsilon_{\rm r}$ = 10.2, 25 mil			



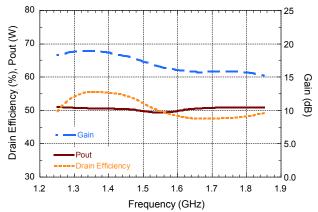
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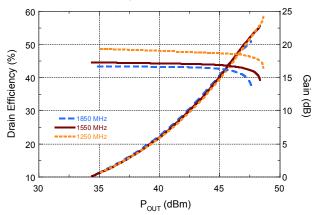
Gain & Drain Efficiency vs. Frequency (Max Power)



Gain & Drain Efficiency vs. Frequency ($P_{OUT} = 50 \text{ W}$)



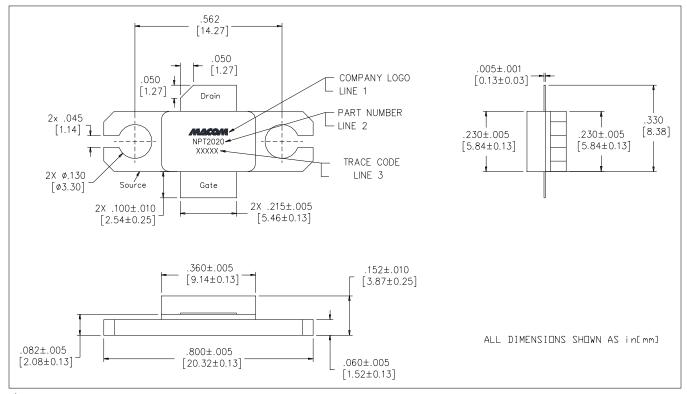
Gain & Drain Efficiency vs. Pour





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AC360B-2 Metal-Ceramic Package[†]



[†] Meets JEDEC moisture sensitivity level 1 requirements. Plating is Ni / Au.

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