

MECGaNX27

8.5 to 10.2 GHz GaN HEMT Power Amplifier



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Product Description

MECGaNX27 is a GaN HEMT based High Power Amplifier designed by MEC for X-Band applications and fabricated on 0.25 μ m GaN on SiC process.

The MECGaNX27 provides more than 27 W of saturated output power in the frequency range from 8.5 GHz to 10.2 GHz with a PAE higher than 35% and 24 dB of small signal Gain.

The MECGaNX27 is fully matched to 50 Ω with DC decoupling capacitors on both Input and Output ports. Bond Pad are gold plated for compatibility with thermo-compression bonding process.

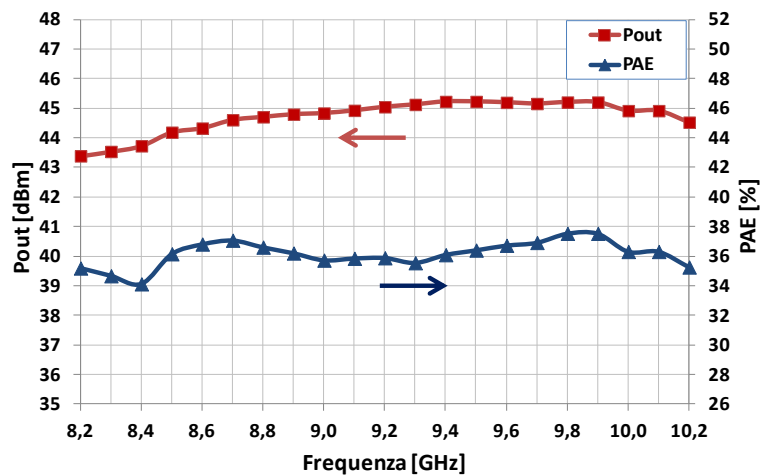
Main Features

- 0.25 μ m GaN HEMT Technology
- 8.5 – 10.2 GHz full performances Frequency Range
- 27W Output Power @ Pin 27 dBm
- 36% PAE @ Pin 27 dBm
- 24 dB Small Signal Gain
- Bias: Vd = 30V, Id = 1A, Vg = -2.85V (Typ.)
- Chip Size: 5.5 x 4.0 x 0.1 mm

Primary Applications

- Radar
- Telecom

Measured Data



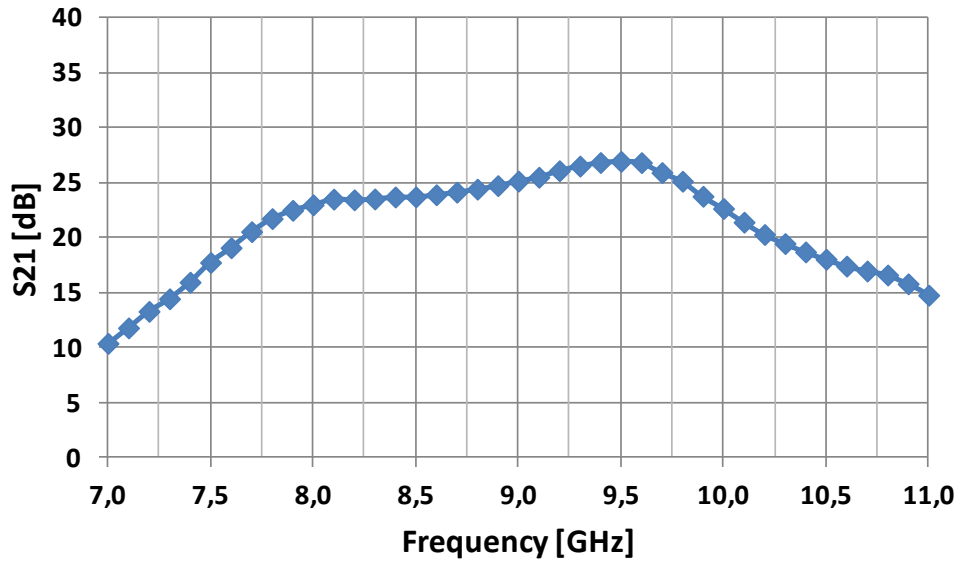
Main Characteristics

Test Conditions: $T_{\text{base_plate}} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_d = 30\text{ V}$, $I_{dq} = 1\text{ A}$, Pulse Width = 50 μs , Duty Cycle = 15%

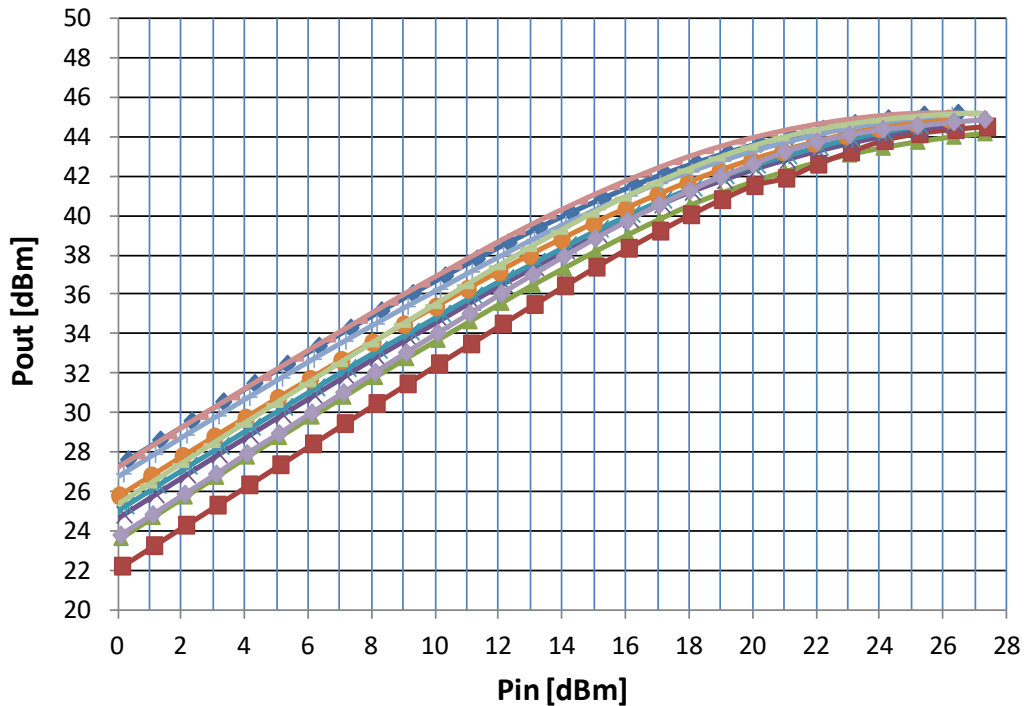
| Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--|------|-------|------|------|
| Operating frequency | 8.5 | | 10.2 | GHz |
| Small Signal Gain | 21 | 24 | 27 | dB |
| Input Return Loss | 7 | 10 | | dB |
| Output Return Loss | 8 | 10 | | dB |
| Saturated Output Power | 44.5 | | 45.2 | dBm |
| Power Added Efficiency @ $P_{\text{out}}=P_{\text{sat}}$ | 35 | | 38 | % |
| Gain @ $P_{\text{out}}=P_{\text{sat}}$ | 17 | | 19 | |
| Drain Supply Voltage | | 30 | | V |
| Supply Quiescent Drain Current | | 1 | | A |
| Supply Drain Current | 2.0 | | 3.0 | A |
| Gate Voltage | | -2.85 | | V |

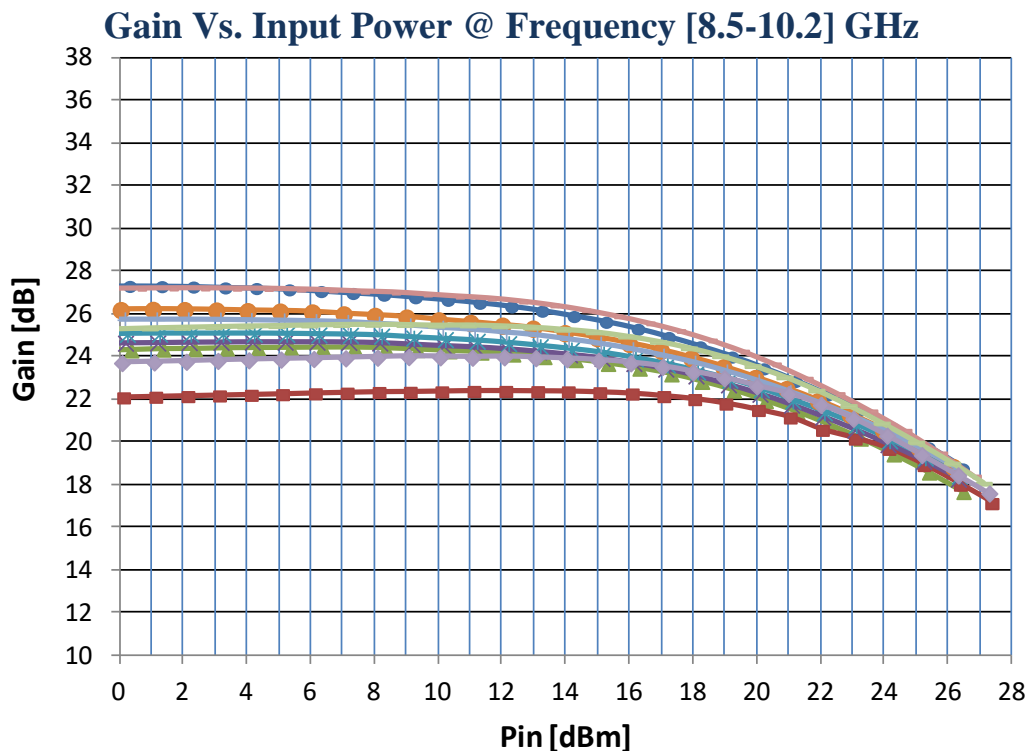
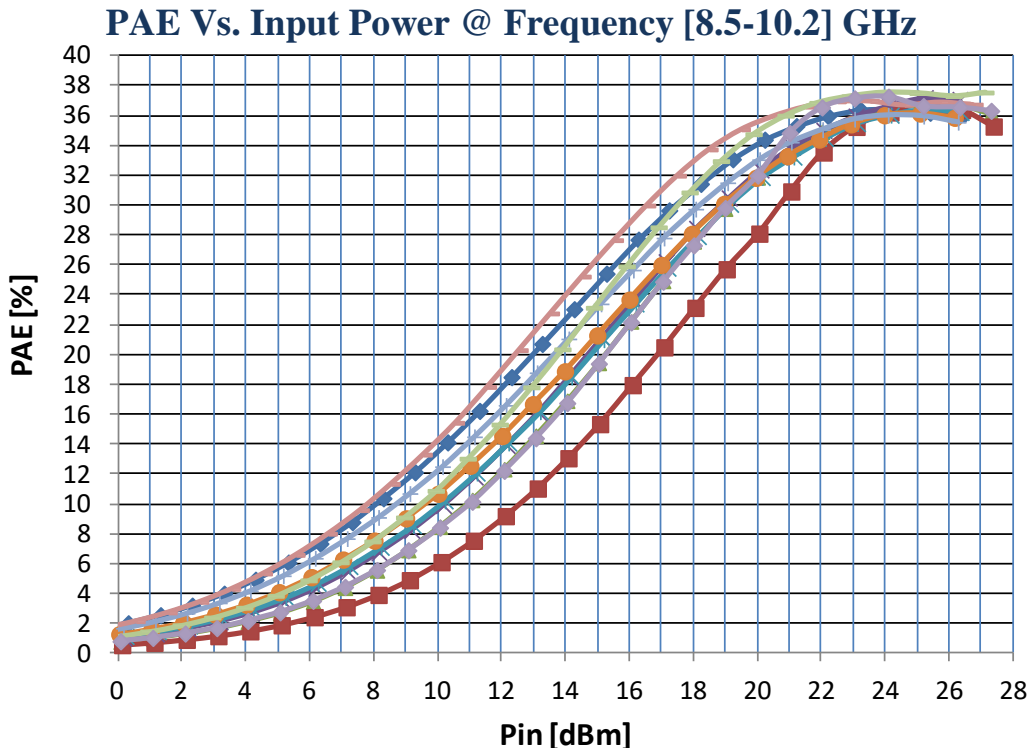
Typical Measured Performances

Linear Gain Vs. Frequency

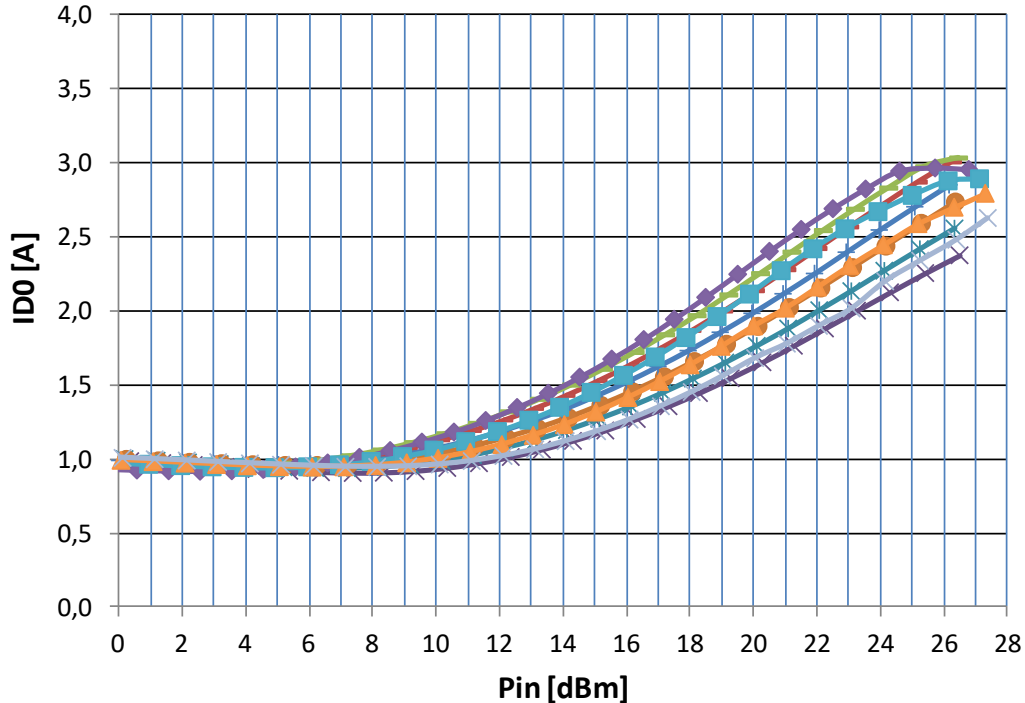


Output Power Vs. Input Power @ Frequency [8.5-10.2] GHz

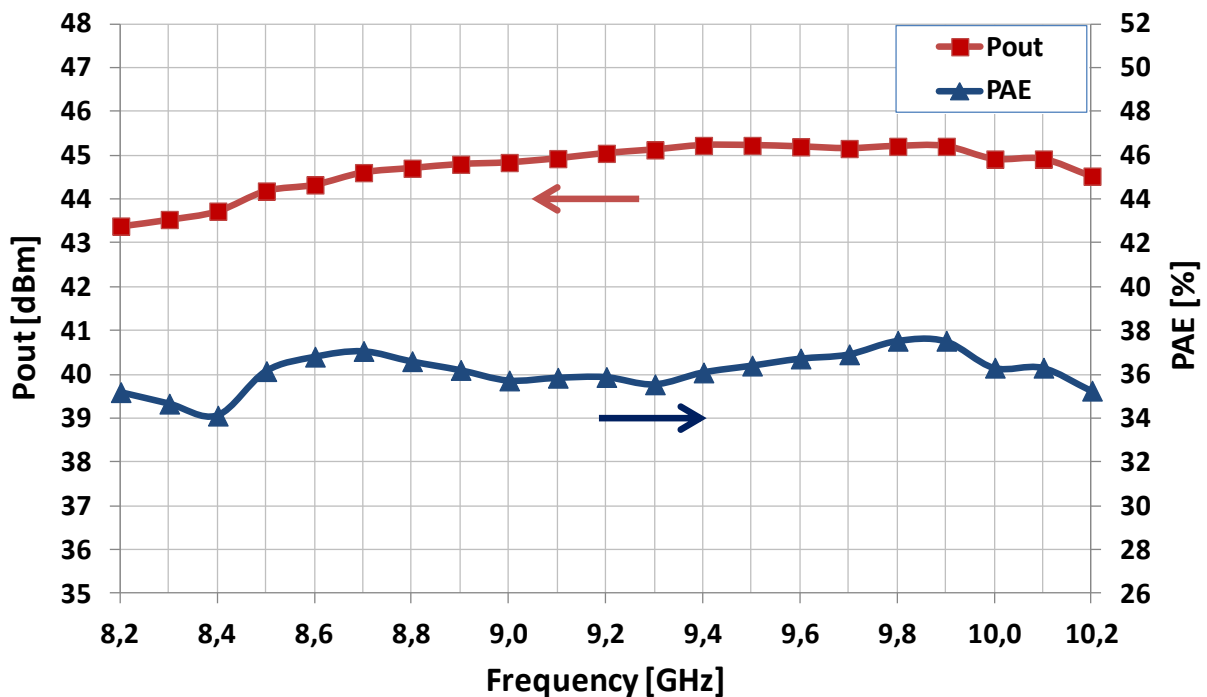




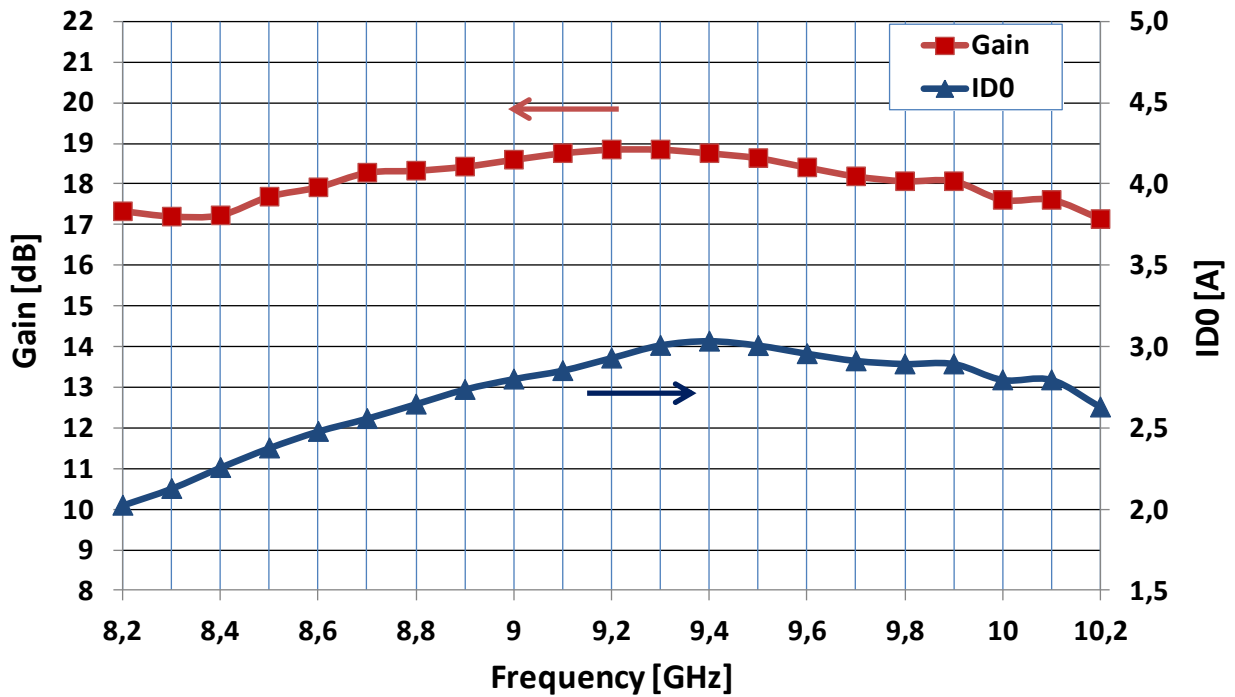
Drain Current Vs. Input Power @ Frequency [8.5-10.2] GHz



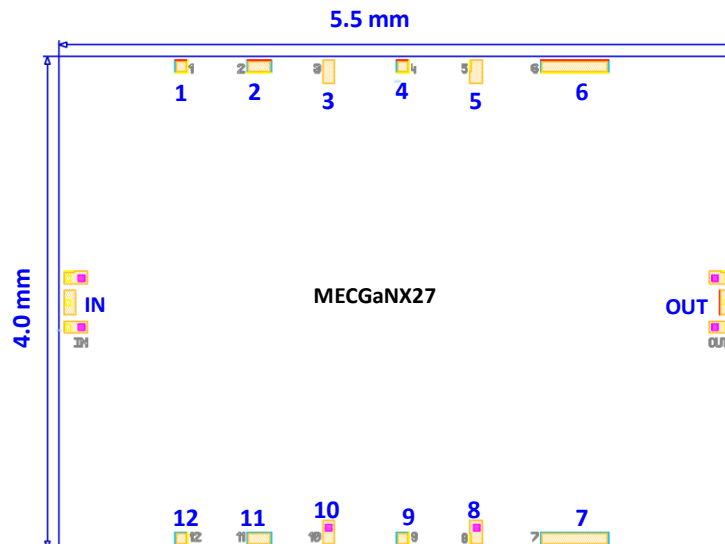
Saturated Output Power and PAE @ Pin=27dBm Vs. Frequency



Gain and Drain Current @ Psat, Pin=27dBm Vs. Frequency



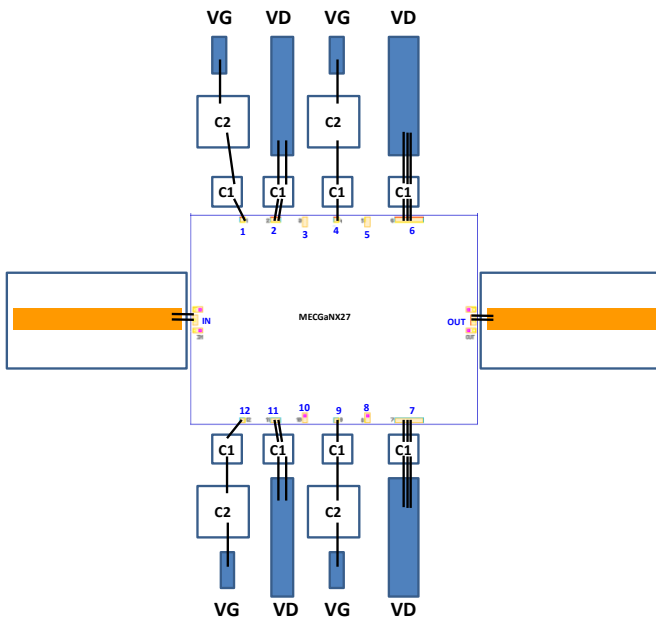
Bond Pad Configuration



- A tolerance of $\pm 35\mu\text{m}$ has to be considered for chip dimensions
- Chip Thickness is $100\ \mu\text{m} \pm 10\ \mu\text{m}$
- RF Pads [IN, OUT] = $100\mu\text{m} \times 200\mu\text{m}$
- DC Pads [1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12] = $100\mu\text{m} \times 100\mu\text{m}$
- DC Pads [2, 11] = $200\mu\text{m} \times 100\mu\text{m}$
- DC Pads [6, 7] = $550\mu\text{m} \times 100\mu\text{m}$

| Bond Pad # | Symbol | Description |
|-------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| IN | RFin | Input RF Port |
| OUT | RFout | Output RF Port |
| 1, 4, 9, 12 | Vg | Gate Negative Supply Voltage |
| 2, 6, 7, 11 | Vd | Drain Positive Supply Voltage |
| 3, 5, 8, 10 | GND | Ground Pads – Not Connected |

Assembly Recommendations



| Bond Pad # | Connection | External Components |
|------------------|---|--|
| IN and OUT | 2 Bonding Wires $L_{\text{bond}} = 0.2\text{nH}$ | |
| 1, 4, 9, 12 - Vg | $L_{\text{bond}} \leq 1\text{ nH}$ | C1 = 100pF/10V C2 = 10nF/10V |
| 2, 11 - Vd | 2 Bonding Wires $L_{\text{bond}} \leq 1\text{ nH}$ | Pulsed mode C1 = 100pF/50V |
| 6, 7 - Vd | 3 Bonding Wires $L_{\text{bond}} \leq 1\text{ nH}$ | CW mode: C1 = 100pF/50V C2 = 10nF/50V |

- Eutectic Die bond using AuSn (80/20) solder is recommended.
- Great care must be used for thermal dimensioning.
- The backside of the die is the Source (ground) contact.
- Thermosonic ball or wedge bonding are the preferred connection methods.
- Gold wire must be used for connections.

Bias Procedure

Bias-Up

1. Vg set to -5 V.
2. Vd set to +30 V.
3. Adjust Vg until quiescent Id is 1 A
(Vg = -2.85 V Typical).
4. Apply RF signal.

Bias-Down

1. Turn off RF signal.
2. Reduce Vg to -5 V ($I_{d0} \approx 0\text{ mA}$).
3. Set Vd to 0 V.
4. Set Vg to 0 V.

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