Product data sheet

A5G38H045N Airfast RF Power GaN Amplifier

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1 General description

This 5.4 W asymmetrical Doherty RF power GaN amplifier is designed for cellular base station applications requiring very wide instantaneous bandwidth capability covering the frequency range of 3400 to 4000 MHz.

This part is characterized and performance is guaranteed for applications operating in the 3400 to 4000 MHz band. There is no guarantee of performance when this part is used in applications designed outside of these frequencies.

2 Features and benefits

- · High terminal impedances for optimal broadband performance
- · Improved linearized error vector magnitude with next generation signal
- Able to withstand extremely high output VSWR and broadband operating conditions
- · Designed for low complexity linearization systems
- · Optimized for massive MIMO active antenna systems for 5G base stations

3 Typical performance

Table 1. 3700–3980 MHz — Typical Doherty single-carrier W-CDMA reference circuit performance V_{DD} = 48 Vdc, I_{DQA} = 35 mA, V_{GSB} = -4.2 Vdc, P_{out} = 5.4 W Avg., Input Signal PAR = 9.9 dB @ 0.01% Probability on CCDF.^[1]

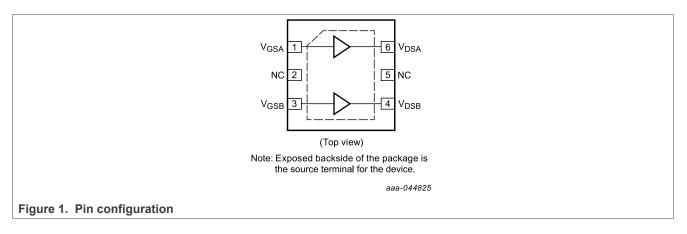
Frequency	G _{ps} (dB)	η _D (%)	Output PAR (dB)	ACPR (dBc)
3700 MHz	15.5	52.0	8.0	-29.1
3840 MHz	14.9	50.8	8.4	-30.7
3980 MHz	14.2	50.3	8.7	-32.3

[1] All data measured with device soldered to NXP reference circuit.



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4 Pinning information



5 Ordering information

Table 2. Ordering information

Device	Tape and Reel Information	Package
A5G38H045NT4	T4 Suffix = 2,500 Units, 16 mm Tape Width, 13-inch Reel	DFN 7 × 6.5

6 Product marking

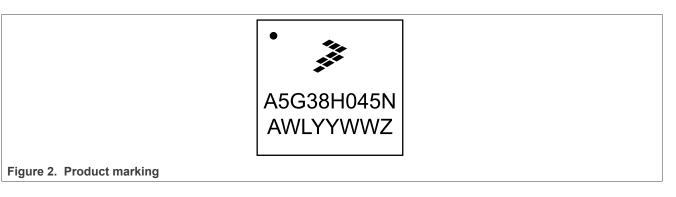


Table 3. Product marking trace code

Identifier	Description
A	Assembly location
WL	Wafer lot indicator
YYWW	Date code
Z	Assembly lot

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7 Limiting values

Table 4. Limiting values

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Drain-Source Voltage	V _{DSS}	125	Vdc
Gate-Source Voltage	V _{GS}	-16, 0	Vdc
Operating Voltage	V _{DD}	55	Vdc
Maximum Forward Gate Current, $I_{G (A+B)}$, @ $T_{C} = 25^{\circ}C$	I _{GMAX}	6.9	mA
Storage Temperature Range	T _{stg}	-65 to +150	°C
Case Operating Temperature Range	T _C	-55 to +150	°C
Maximum Channel Temperature	Т _{СН}	225	°C

8 Recommended operating conditions

Table 5. Recommended operating conditions

Characteristic	Symbol	Value	Unit
Operating Voltage	V _{DD}	48	Vdc

9 Thermal characteristics

Table 6. Thermal characteristics

Characteristic	Symbol	Value	Unit
Thermal Resistance by Infrared Measurement, Active Die Surface-to-Case Case Temperature 116°C, $P_D = 6.3$ W	R _{θJC} (IR)	5.1 ^[1]	°C/W
Thermal Resistance by Finite Element Analysis, Channel-to-Case Case Temperature 116°C, P _D = 6.4 W	R _{θCHC} (FEA)	11.0 ^[2]	°C/W

[1] Refer to AN1955, Thermal Measurement Methodology of RF Power Amplifiers. Go to http://www.nxp.com/RF and search for AN1955.

 $[P] R_{\theta CHC} (FEA) must be used for purposes related to reliability and limitations on maximum channel temperature. MTTF may be estimated by the expression MTTF (hours) = 10^{[A + B/(T + 273)]}, where T is the channel temperature in degrees Celsius, <math>A = -11.6$ and B = 9129.

10 ESD protection characteristics

Table 7. ESD protection characteristics

Test Methodology	Class
Human Body Model (per JS-001-2017)	1A
Charge Device Model (per JS-002-2014)	C3

11 Moisture sensitivity level

Table 8. Moisture sensitivity level

Test Methodology	Rating	ing Package Peak Temperature		
Per JESD22-A113, IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020	3	260	°C	

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12 Electrical characteristics

12.1 DC characteristics

12.1.1 DC characteristics — off characteristics

Table 9. DC characteristics — off characteristics

$(T_A = 25^{\circ}C \text{ unless otherwise noted})$

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Off characteristics ^[1]		1		1	
Off-State Drain Leakage	I _{D(BR)}				mAdc
(V _{DS} = 150 Vdc, V _{GS} = –8 Vdc) Carrier		_	_	1.1	
(V _{DS} = 150 Vdc, V _{GS} = –8 Vdc) Peaking		_	_	2.1	
Off-State Gate Leakage	I _{GLK}				mAdc
(V _{DS} = 48 Vdc, V _{GS} = –8 Vdc) Carrier		-1.0	_	_	
(V _{DS} = 48 Vdc, V _{GS} = –8 Vdc) Peaking		-1.0	_	—	

[1] Each side of device measured separately.

12.1.2 DC characteristics — on characteristics

Table 10. DC characteristics — on characteristics

 $(T_A = 25^{\circ}C \text{ unless otherwise noted})$

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
On characteristics — Side A, carrier					
Gate Threshold Voltage $(V_{DS} = 10 \text{ Vdc}, I_D = 2.3 \text{ mAdc})$	V _{GS(th)}	-4.6	-2.4	-1.8	Vdc
Gate Quiescent Voltage (V _{DD} = 48 Vdc, I _{DA} = 35 mAdc, Measured in Functional Test)	V _{GSA(Q)}	-2.9	-2.4	-1.9	Vdc
Gate-Source Leakage Current (V _{DS} = 150 Vdc, V _{GS} = –8 Vdc)	I _{GSS}	-0.3	—	—	mAdc
On characteristics — Side B, peaking			·		
Gate Threshold Voltage (V _{DS} = 10 Vdc, I _D = 4.6 mAdc)	V _{GS(th)}	-4.6	-2.6	-1.9	Vdc
Gate-Source Leakage Current (V _{DS} = 150 Vdc, V _{GS} = –8 Vdc)	I _{GSS}	-1.1	—	_	mAdc

12.2 Functional tests

Table 11. Functional tests

(In NXP Doherty Production $ATE^{[1]}$ Test Fixture, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C unless otherwise noted, 50 ohm system)^[2] $V_{DD} = 48$ Vdc, $I_{DQA} = 35 \text{ mA}$, $V_{GSB} = (V_t - 1.55)$ Vdc, $P_{out} = 5.4$ W Avg., f = 3980 MHz, 1-tone CW.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
Power Gain	G _{ps}	12.8	15.1	18.0	dB
Drain Efficiency	η _D	35.8	42.2		%
Saturated Power (Pulsed CW, 5% Duty Cycle)	P _{sat}	43.5	44.9	—	dBm

[1] ATE is a socketed test environment.

[2] Internally matched part.

12.3 Wideband ruggedness

Table 12. Wideband ruggedness

(In NXP Doherty Reference Circuit, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C unless otherwise noted, 50 ohm system)^[1] $I_{DQA} = 35 \text{ mA}$, $V_{GSB} = -4.2 \text{ Vdc}$, f = 3840 MHz, Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN) with 10 dB PAR.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
ISBW of 400 MHz at 55 Vdc, 12 W Avg. Modulated Output Power	No Device Degradation				
(3 dB Input Overdrive from 5.4 W Avg. Modulated Output Power)					

[1] All data measured with device soldered to NXP reference circuit.

12.4 Typical performance

Table 13. Typical performance

(In NXP Doherty Reference Circuit, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C unless otherwise noted, 50 ohm system)^[1] $V_{DD} = 48$ Vdc, $I_{DQA} = 35$ mA, $V_{GSB} = -4.2$ Vdc, 3700–3980 MHz Bandwidth.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
Fast CW, 27 ms sweep					
Saturated Power	P _{sat}	_	48	_	W
AM/PM (Maximum value measured at saturated power across the 3700–3980 MHz bandwidth)	Φ		-12		o
Gain Variation @ Avg. Power over Temperature (–40°C to +85°C)	ΔG		0.035	_	dB/°C
Output Power Variation @ Saturated Power over Temperature (-40°C to +85°C)	ΔP _{sat}		0.002	_	dB/°C
Single-carrier W-CDMA, unclipped					
Gain Flatness in 280 MHz Bandwidth @ P _{out} = 5.4 W Avg.	G _F		1.4		dB
2-tone CW					
VBW Resonance Point (IMD Third Order Intermodulation Inflection Point)	VBW _{res}	_	300	_	MHz

[1] All data measured with device soldered to NXP reference circuit.

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Correct biasing sequence for GaN depletion mode amplifiers in a Doherty configuration

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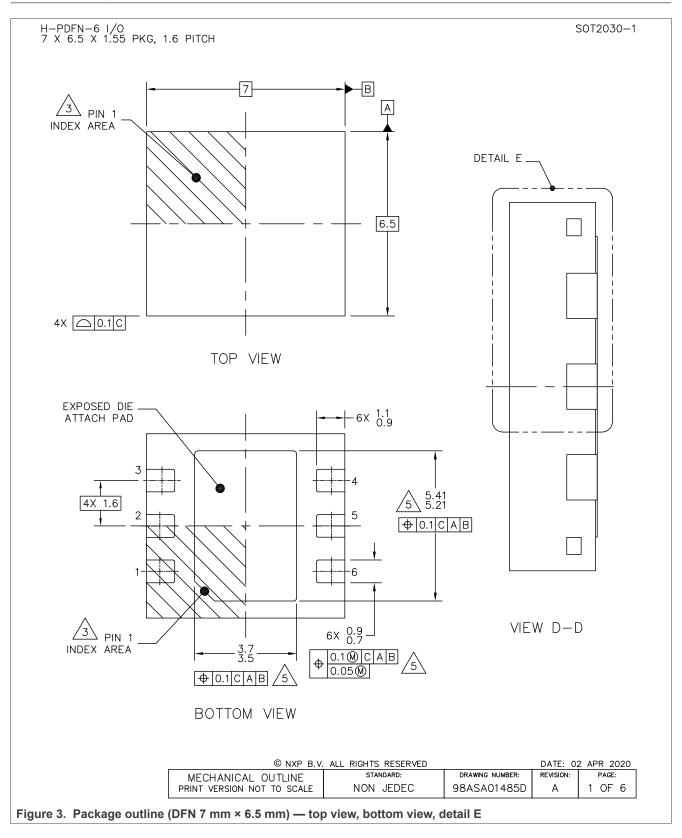
- 1. Set gate voltage V_{GSA} and V_{GSB} to –5 V.
- 2. Set drain voltage V_{DSA} and V_{DSB} to nominal supply voltage (+48 V).
- 3. Increase V_{GSA} (carrier side) until I_{DQA} current is attained.
- 4. Increase V_{GSB} (peaking side) to target bias voltage.
- 5. Apply RF input power to desired level.

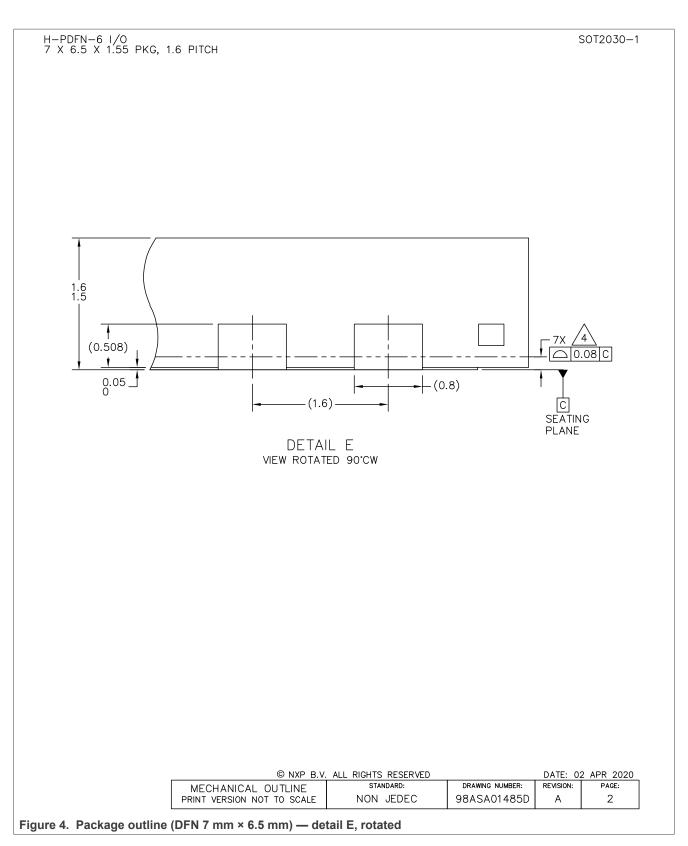
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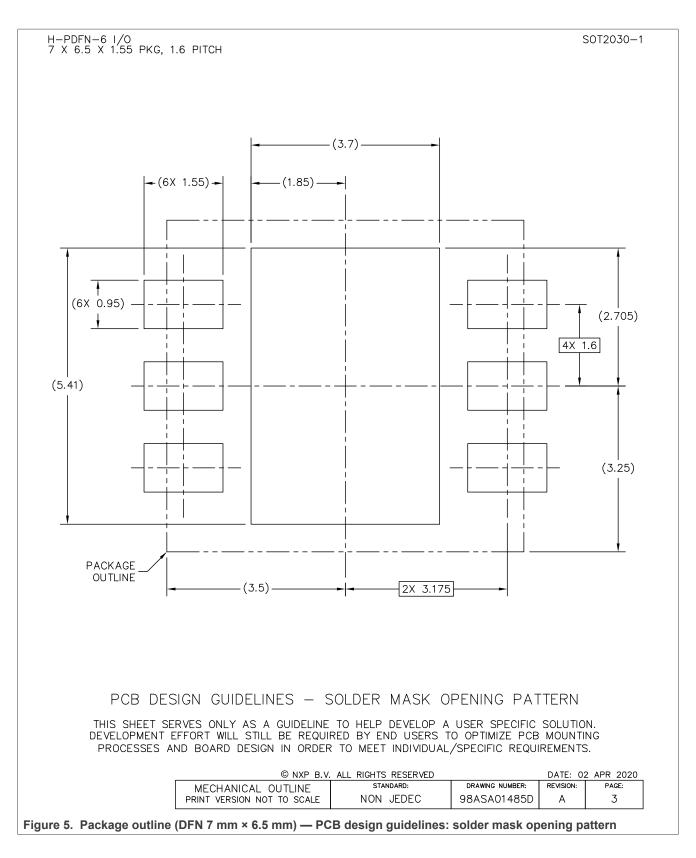
- 1. Disable RF input power.
- 2. Adjust gate voltage V_{GSA} and V_{GSB} to –5 V.
- 3. Adjust drain voltage V_{DSA} and V_{DSB} to 0 V. Allow adequate time for drain voltage to reduce to 0 V from external drain capacitors.
- 4. Disable V_{GSA} and V_{GSB} .

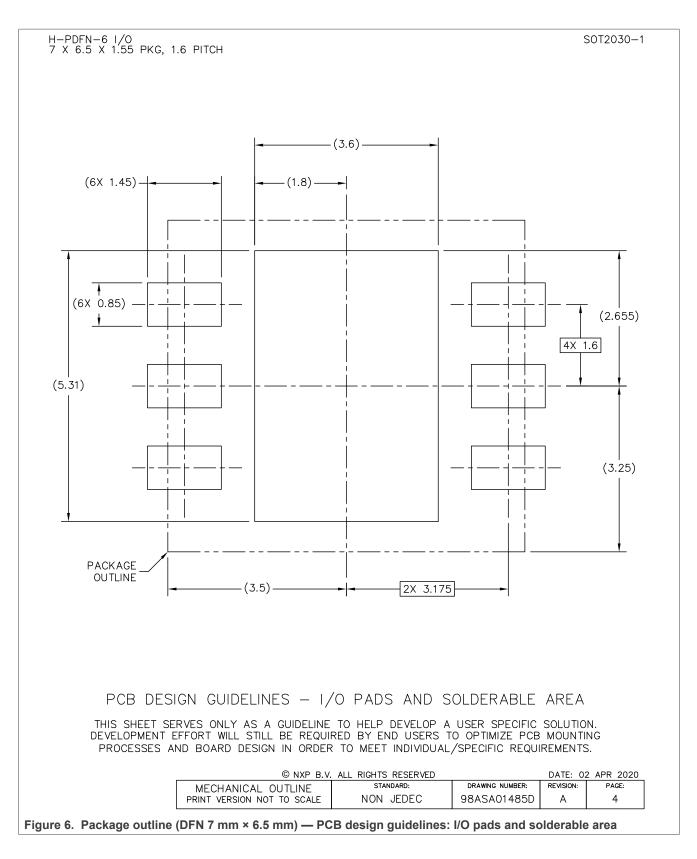
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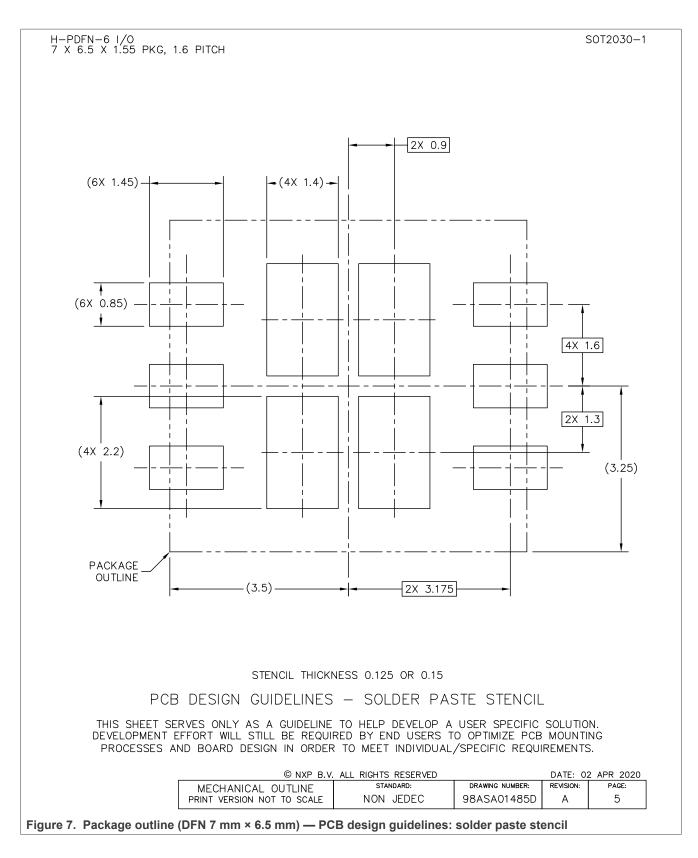
13 Package information











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Figure 8. Package outline (DFN 7 mm × 6.5 mm) — notes

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14 Product documentation and software

Refer to the following resources to aid your design process.

Application notes

- AN1907: Solder Reflow Attach Method for High Power RF Devices in Plastic Packages
- AN1955: Thermal Measurement Methodology of RF Power Amplifiers

Software

• .s2p File

15 Revision history

The following table summarizes revisions to this document.

Table 14. Revision history

Revision	Date	Description
0	22 June 2022	Initial release of data sheet
1	30 November 2022	 Table 1, Maximum Ratings: Gate-Source Voltage: updated -8, 0 to -16, 0 Vdc, p. 2 Table 4, ESD Protection Characteristics, Human Body Model: updated to reflect test data, p. 2 General updates made to align data sheet to current standard Revision date updated to Nov. 2022
2	18 October 2023	 Figure 2, Product Marking: added, p. 2 Table 3, Product Marking Trace Code: added, p. 2 Table 11, Functional Tests: updated output power test condition, p. 5 General updates made to align data sheet to current standard

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