

ASL38G Data Sheet

GPS Low Noise Two-Stage Amplifier with External Filter Connectable

1. Product Overview

1.1 General Description

ASL38G is low noise high gain amplifier applicable to from about a few hundred MHz to about 3 GHz and especially for use in the RF front-end of GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, and COMPASS. It consists of two amplifier stages (AMP1 and AMP2) which allow an external (off-chip) filter to be connected in between. It has an active bias circuit for stable current over temperature and process variation. The amplifier is available in ten-lead TDFN10 package and passes through the stringent DC, RF, and reliability tests

1.2 Features

- First Amp Noise Figure : 0.9 dB at 1575 ~ 1610 MHz
- High Gain : 37 dB (AMP1 & AMP2 Cascaded) at 1575 ~ 1610 MHz
- First Amp Noise Figure : 0.8 dB at 1164 ~ 1300 MHz
- High Gain : 38 dB (AMP1 & AMP2 Cascaded) at 1164 ~ 1300 MHz
- For each amplifier, V_{DD} and I_{DD} in 1.8 ~ 5.0 V and 6 ~ 18 mA, respectively
- Small, Low-Cost Package (3mm x 3mm)

1.3 Applications

- 300 ~ 3000 MHz low power consumption, high gain, and low noise application
- GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, COMPASS Receivers
- Automotive antenna

1.4 Package Profile & RoHS Compliance



2. Summary on Product Performances

2.1 Typical Performance

Test conditions : T = +25 °C, V_{DD} = +3 V, CW, Z_O = 50 Ω.

| Parameters | Test Conditions | | | | | Units |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Operation Frequency | | 1176 | 1227 | 1278 | 1575 | MHz |
| AMP1 Gain | 50 Ω source with input match Pin = -40 dBm | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 18.5 | dB |
| AMP1 Noise Figure | | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | dB |
| AMP1 Input Third-Order Intercept Point | Two tones at 1574.5 MHz and 1575.5 MHz, -30 dBm per tone | -1.5 | -1.0 | 0.5 | -7.0 | dBm |
| AMP1 Input Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -10 | -12 | -15 | -12 | dB |
| AMP1 Output Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -10 | -10 | -10 | -15 | dB |
| AMP1 Reverse Isolation | Pin = -40 dBm | -40 | -40 | -40 | -40 | dB |
| AMP1 Supply Current | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | mA |
| AMP2 Gain | Pin = -40 dBm | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 18.5 | dB |
| AMP2 Noise Figure | | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | dB |
| AMP2 Output Third-Order Intercept Point | Two tones at 1574.5 MHz and 1575.5 MHz, Pin = -30 dBm per tone | 18.0 | 19.0 | 19.5 | 12.0 | dBm |
| AMP2 Output 1dB Compression Point | | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 1.0 | dBm |
| AMP2 Input Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -10 | -12 | -15 | -12 | dB |
| AMP2 Output Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -10 | -10 | -10 | -15 | dB |
| AMP2 Reverse Isolation | Pin = -40 dBm | -40 | -40 | -40 | -40 | dB |
| AMP2 Supply Current | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | mA |

2.2 Product Specifications

Test conditions : T = +25 °C, V_{DD} = +3 V, CW, Z_O = 50 Ω, for AMP1 and AMP2 cascaded.

| Parameters | Min | Typ | Max | Units |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-------|
| Operation Frequency | | 1575 | | MHz |
| Small Signal Gain | | 37 | | dB |
| Input Return Loss | | -12 | | dB |
| Output Return Loss | | -15 | | dB |
| Supply Current | 16 | 20 | 28 | mA |

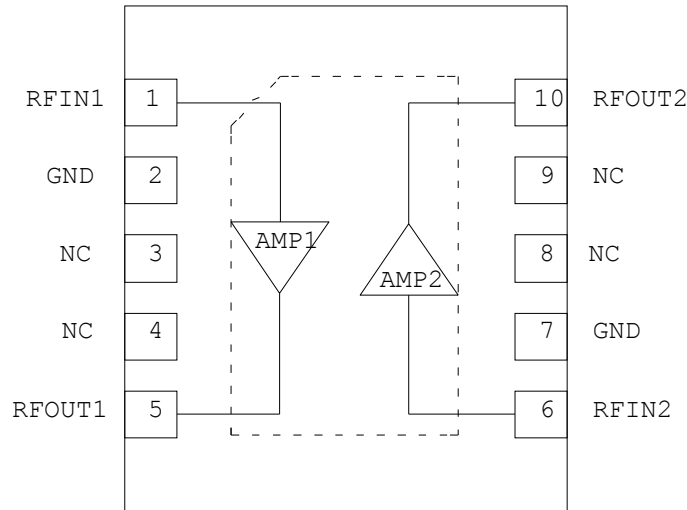
2.3 Absolute Maximum Ratings, $T_A = +25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

| Parameters | Max. Ratings |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Operating Case Temperature (T_c) | -40 to + 105 $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Storage Temperature (T_{stg}) | -40 to + 150 $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Device Voltage (V_{DD}) | + 6 V |
| AMP1 Input RF Power (P_{in})* | + 15 dBm |

The operation of this device in excess of any of these limits may cause permanent damage.

* The max. input RF power, in principle, depends upon application frequency, matching circuit, and device voltage.

2.4 Pin Descriptions



TOP VIEW

| Pin | Pin Name | Description |
|---------|----------|---|
| 1 | RFIN1 | AMP1 input. Requires external DC-blocking capacitor and input matching circuits. |
| 2,7 | GND | Electrical Ground |
| 5 | RFOUT1 | AMP1 output. This output is externally configured to RF choke and matching circuit. This output is connected to be a bandpass filter. |
| 6 | RFIN2 | AMP2 input. Requires external DC-blocking capacitor. This input is connected to be a bandpass filter. |
| 10 | RFOUT2 | AMP2 output. This output is externally configured to RF choke. |
| 3,4,8,9 | NC | Not connected |

2.5 ESD Classification & Moisture Sensitivity Level

ESD Classification

HBM Class 0
Voltage Level: 200 V

MM Class A
Voltage Level: 50 V

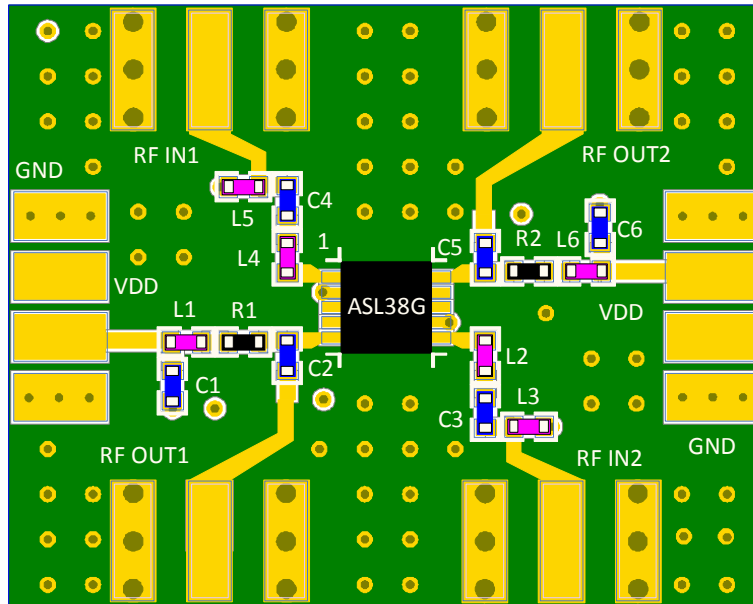
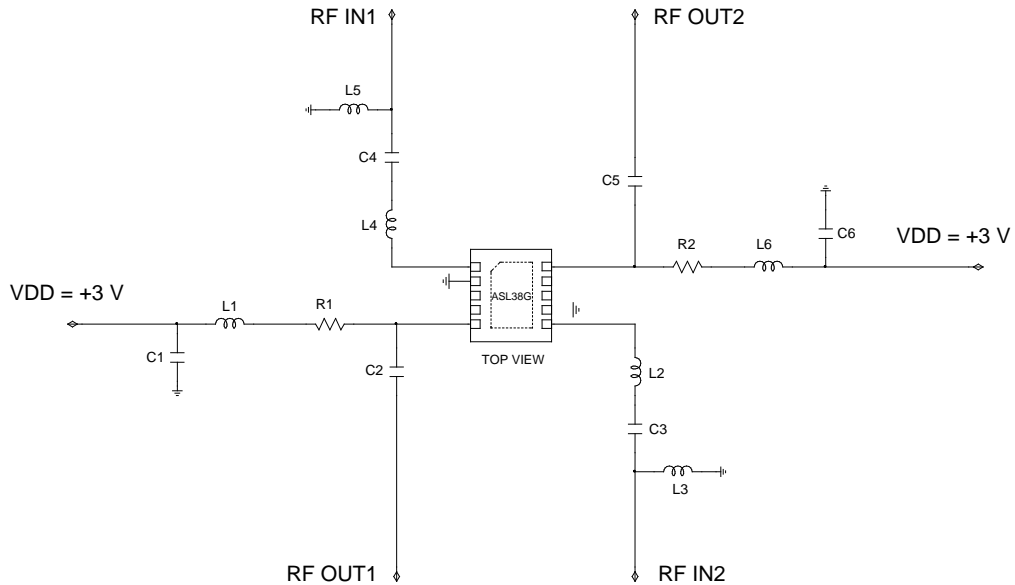
CAUTION: Gallium Arsenide Integrated Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices

Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL)

Level 3 at 260 °C reflow

3. Application1: 1575 ~ 1610 MHz

3.1 Application Circuit & Evaluation Board



Bill of Material

| Symbol | Size | Value | Manufacturer | Symbol | Size | Value | Manufacturer |
|--------|------|--------|--------------|--------|------|--------|--------------|
| ASL38G | 3x3 | - | ASB | R1, R2 | 1005 | 10 Ω | Samsung |
| C1, C6 | 1005 | 1.0 μF | MURATA | L3, L5 | 1005 | 5.6 nH | MURATA |
| C2, C5 | 1005 | 1.0 pF | MURATA | L2, L4 | 1005 | 5.1 nH | MURATA |
| C3, C4 | 1005 | 5 pF | MURATA | L1, L6 | 1005 | 4.7 nH | MURATA |

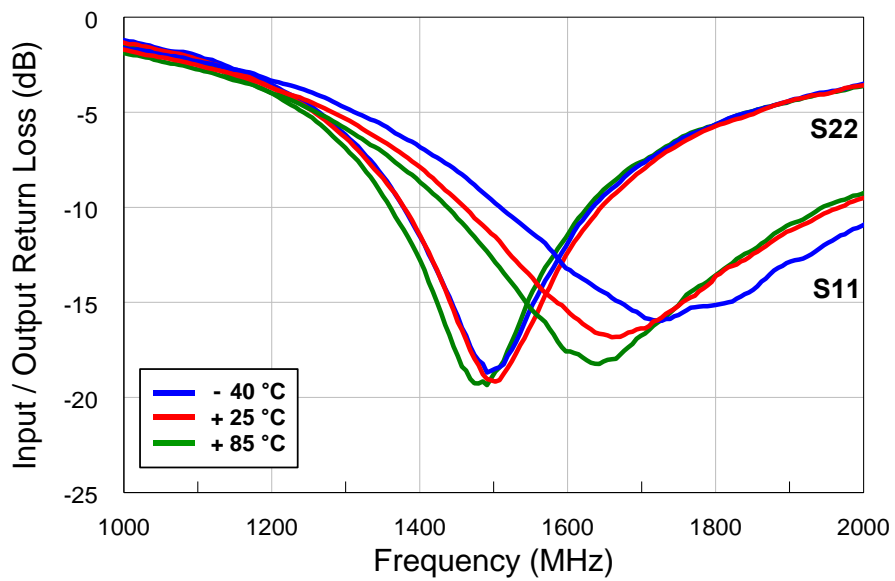
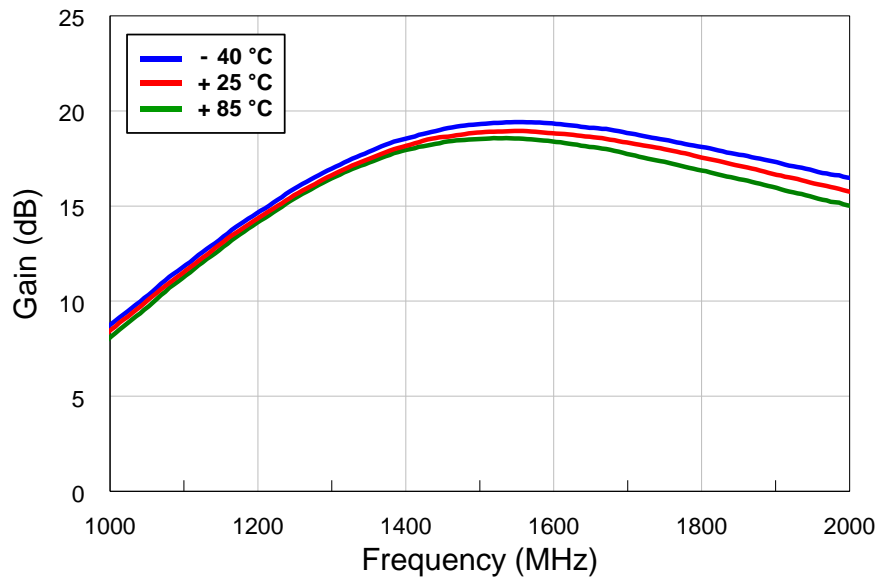
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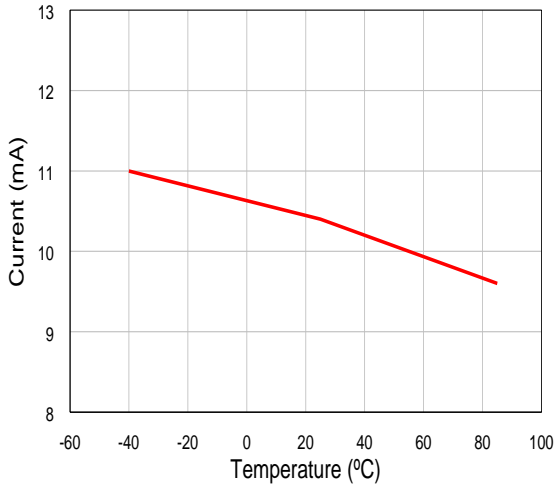
| Parameters | Test Conditions | + 3 V | + 4 V | + 5 V | Units |
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| Operation Frequency | | 1575 | 1575 | 1575 | MHz |
| AMP1 Gain | 50 Ω source with input match Pin = -40 dBm | 18.5 | 19.0 | 19.3 | dB |
| AMP1 Noise Figure | | 0.90 | 0.85 | 0.85 | dB |
| AMP1 Input Third-Order Intercept Point | Two tones at 1574.5 MHz and 1575.5 MHz, -30 dBm per tone | -7 | -4 | -2 | dBm |
| AMP1 Input Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -12 | -10 | -10 | dB |
| AMP1 Output Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -15 | -12 | -12 | dB |
| AMP1 Reverse Isolation | Pin = -40 dBm | -40 | -40 | -40 | dB |
| AMP1 Supply Current | | 10 | 14 | 18 | mA |
| AMP2 Gain | Pin = -40 dBm | 18.5 | 19.0 | 19.3 | dB |
| AMP2 Noise Figure | | 0.90 | 0.85 | 0.85 | dB |
| AMP2 Output Third-Order Intercept Point | Two tones at 1574.5 MHz and 1575.5 MHz, Pin = -30 dBm per tone | 12 | 16 | 18 | dBm |
| AMP2 Output 1dB Compression Point | | 1 | 4 | 6 | dBm |
| AMP2 Input Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -12 | -10 | -10 | dB |
| AMP2 Output Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -15 | -12 | -12 | dB |
| AMP2 Reverse Isolation | Pin = -40 dBm | -40 | -40 | -40 | dB |
| AMP2 Supply Current | | 10 | 14 | 18 | mA |

3.3 Plots of Performances

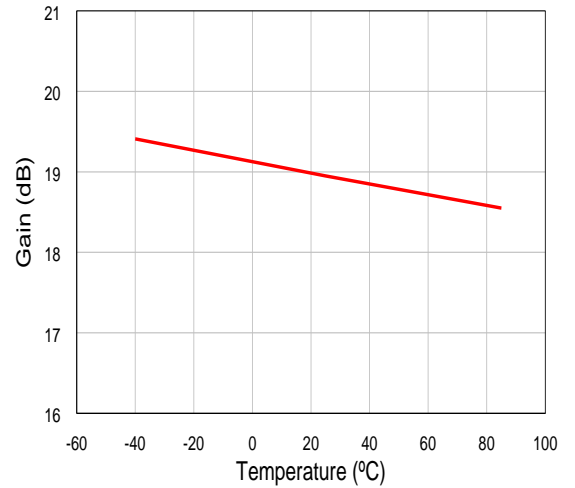
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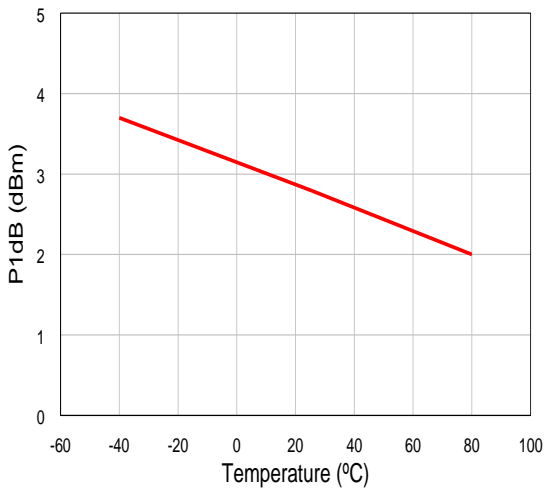
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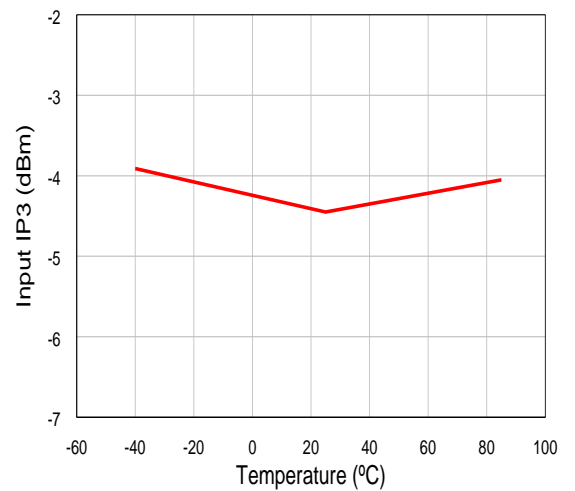
AMP1 Gain vs. Temperature



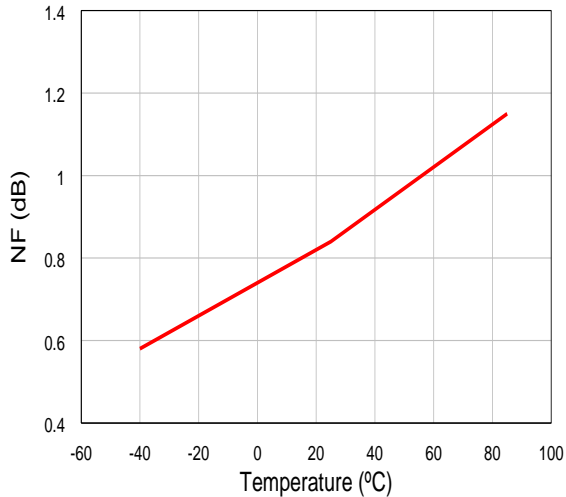
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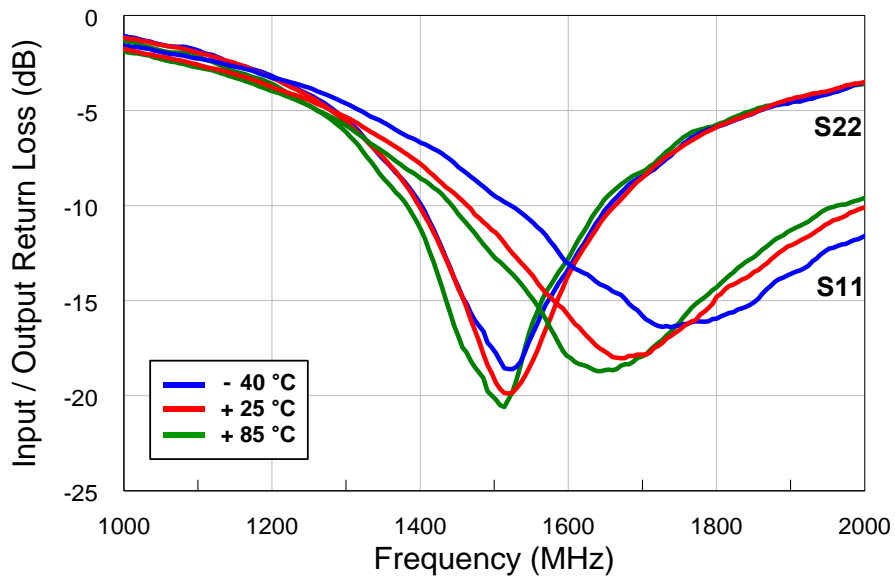
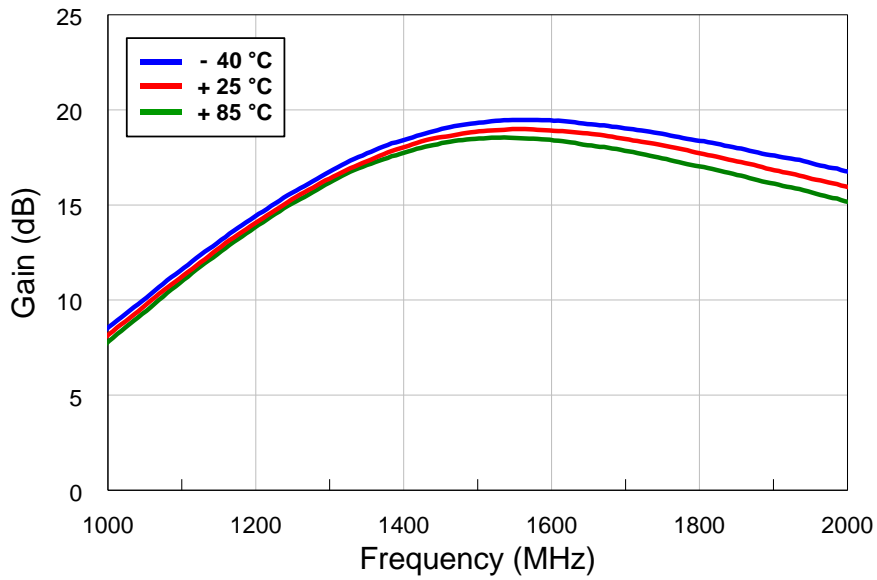
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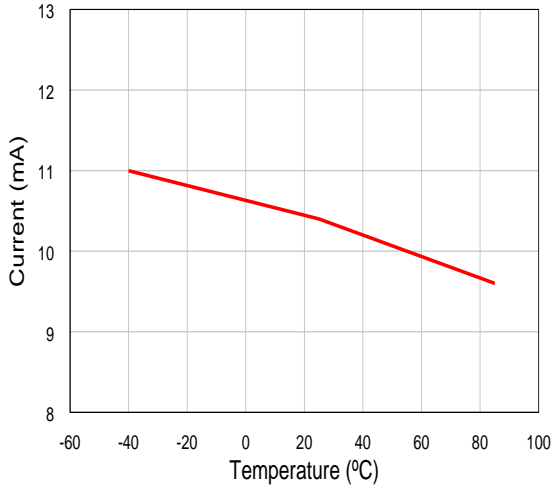
AMP1 NF vs. Temperature



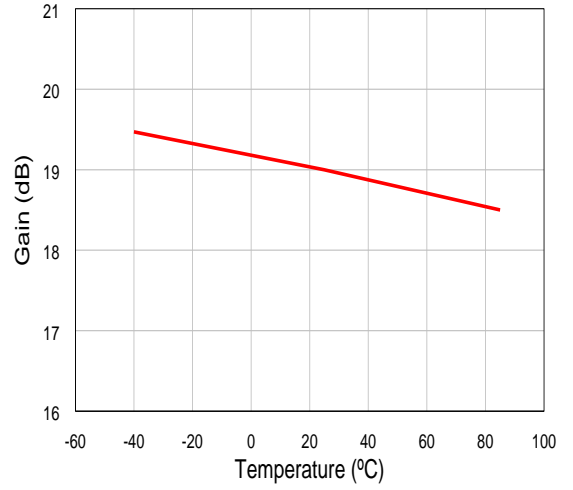
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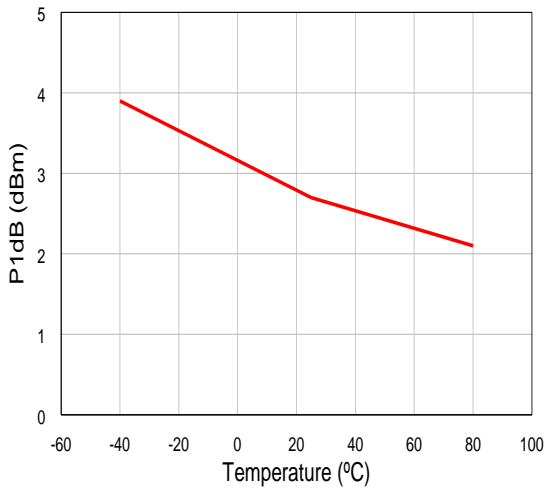
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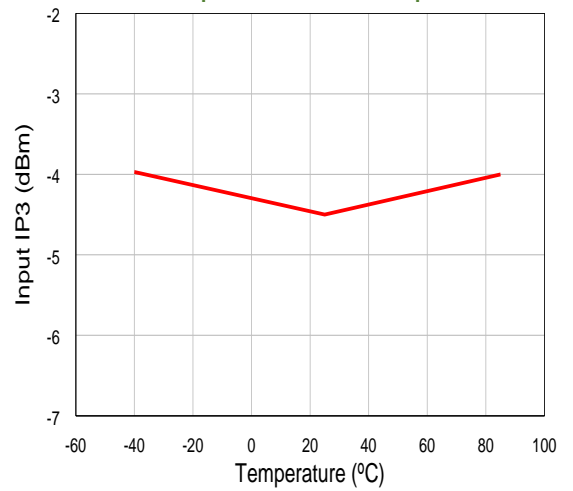
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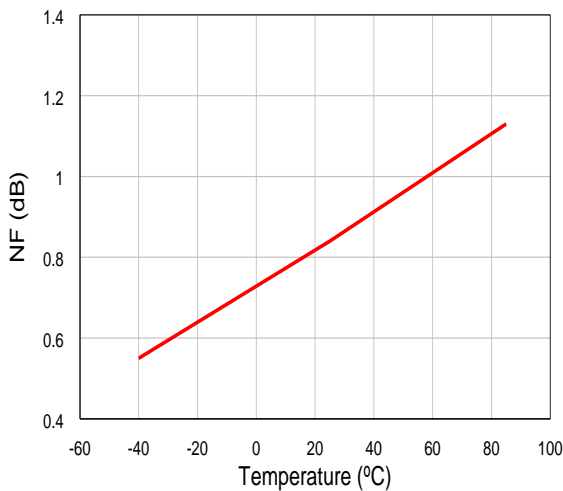
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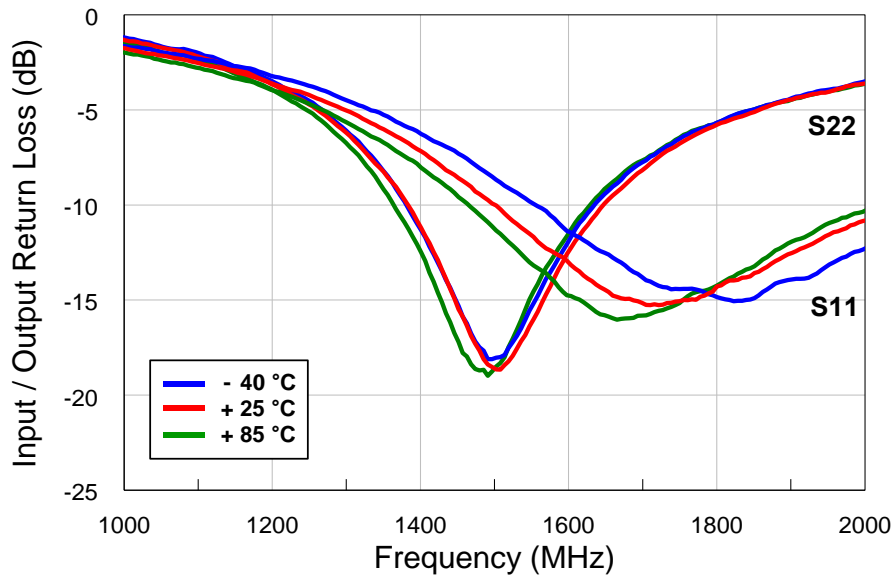
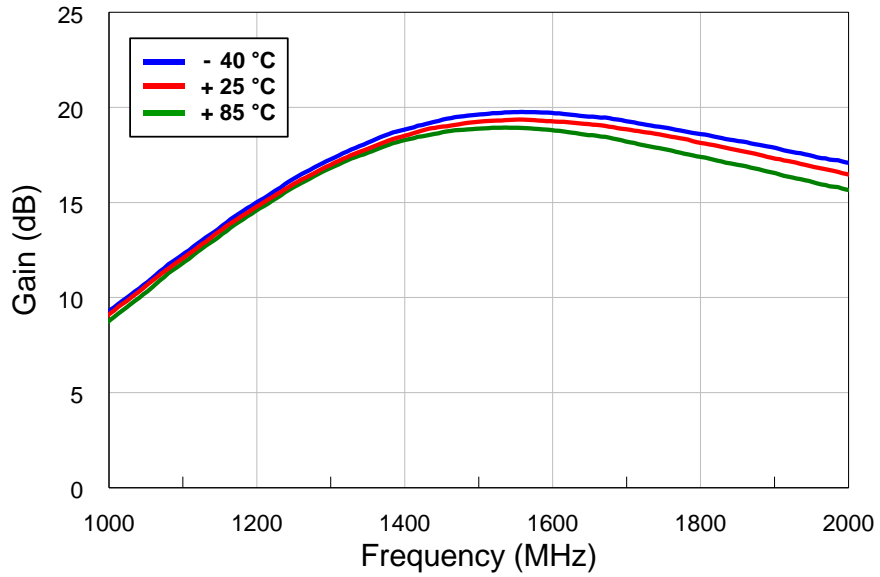
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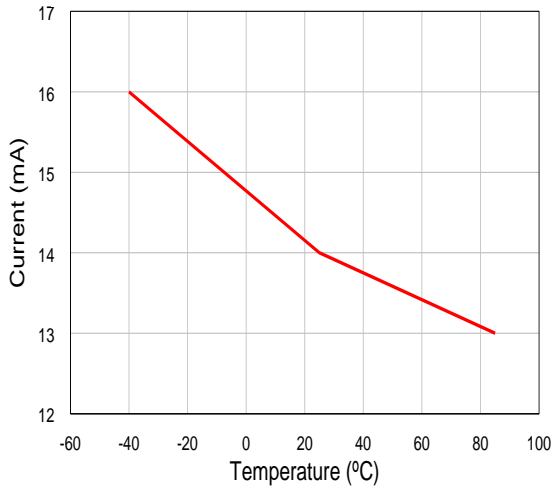
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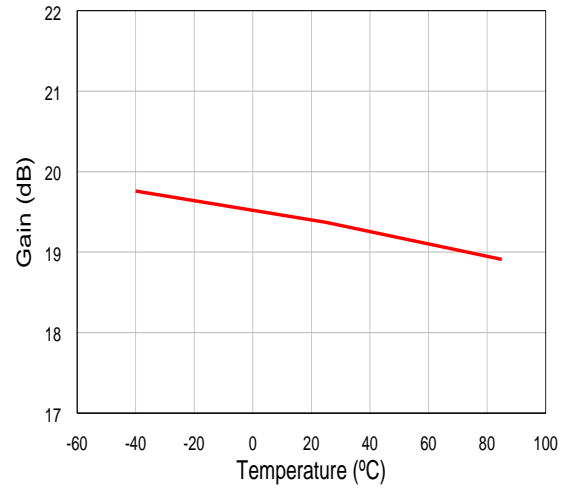
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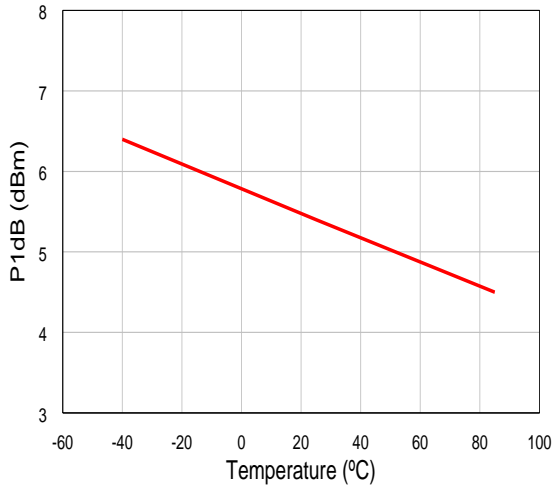
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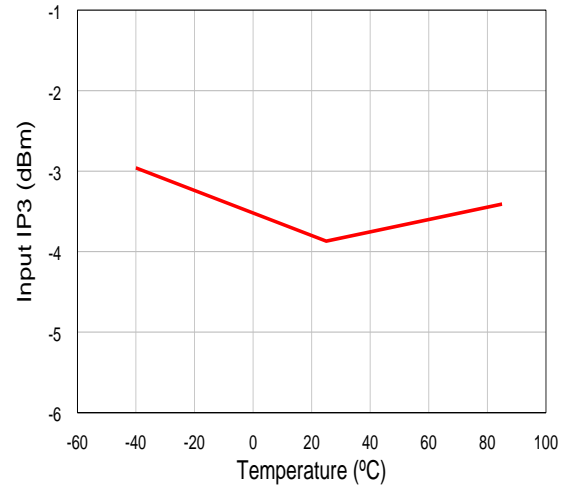
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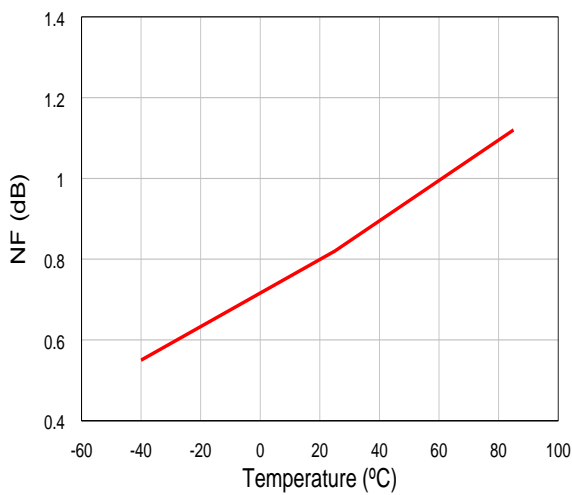
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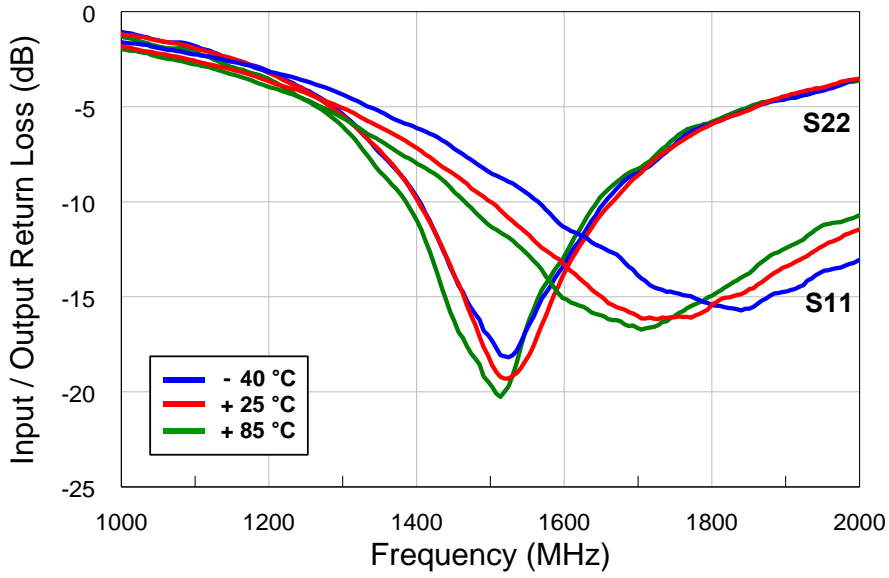
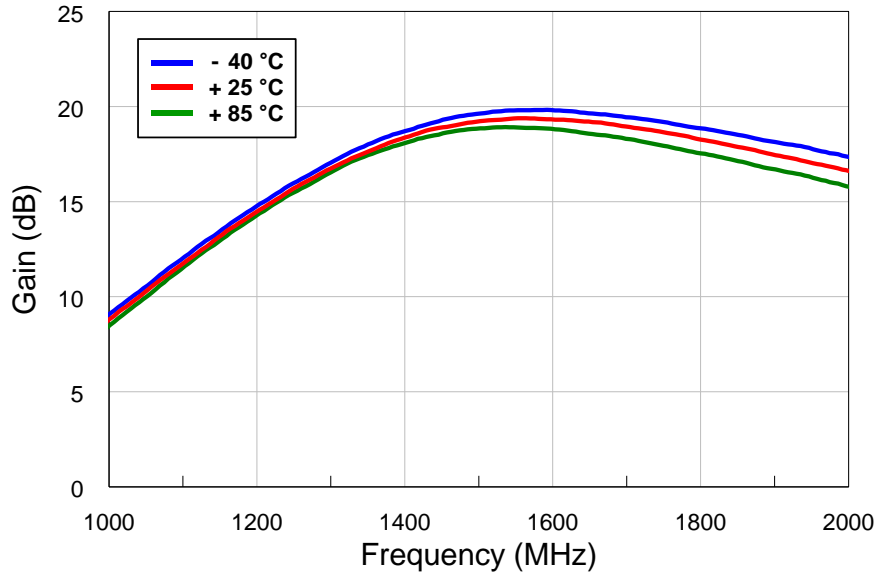
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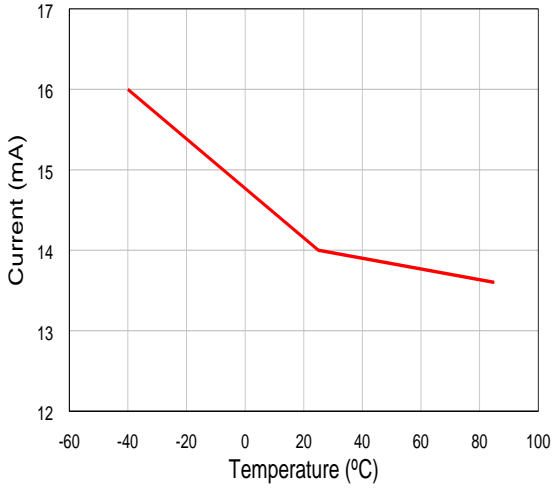
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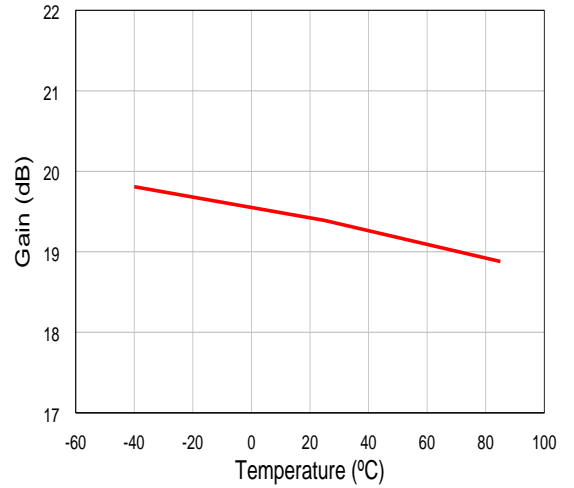
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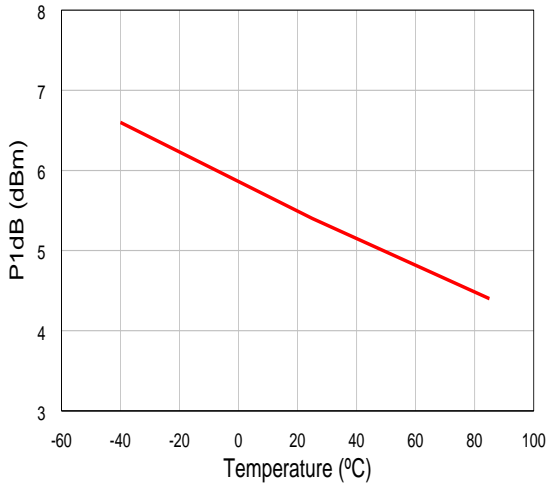
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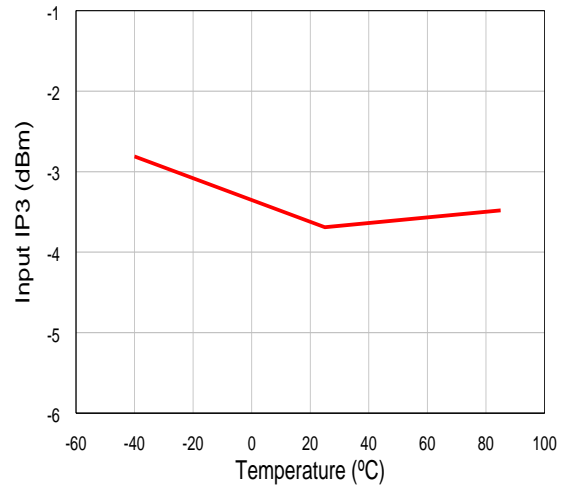
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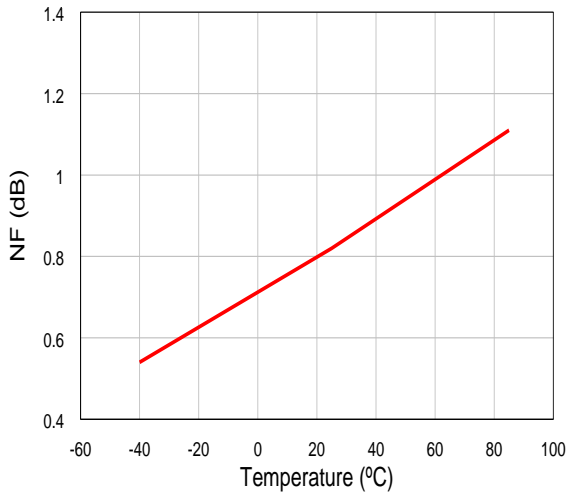
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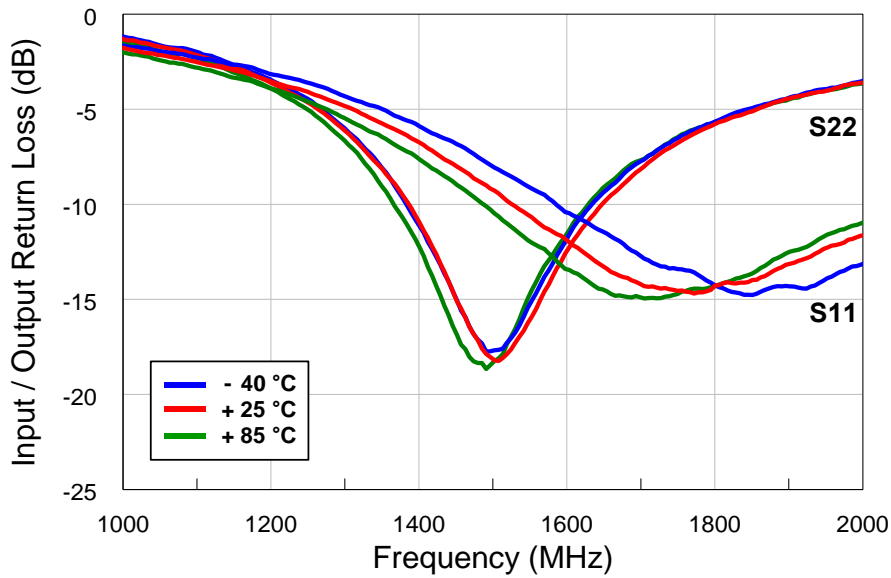
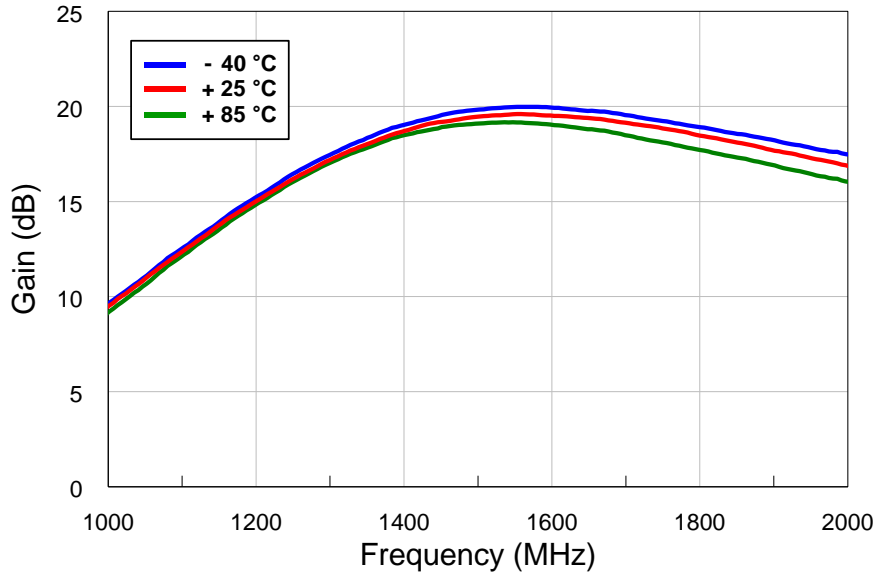
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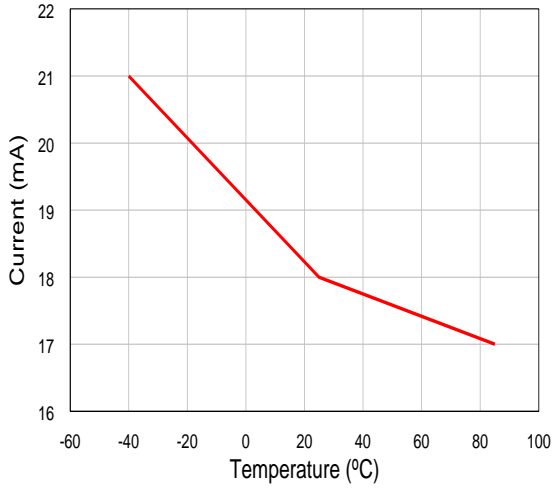
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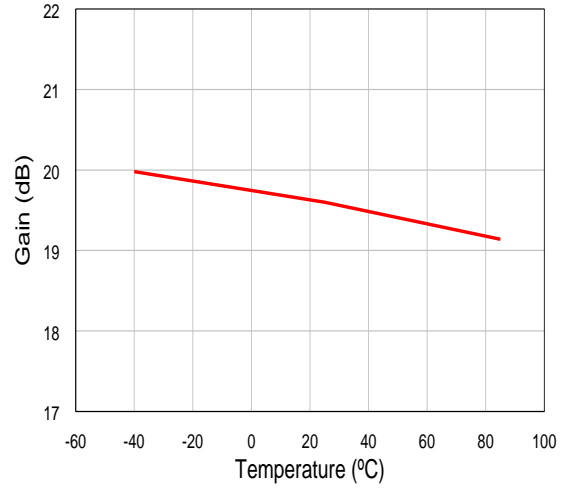
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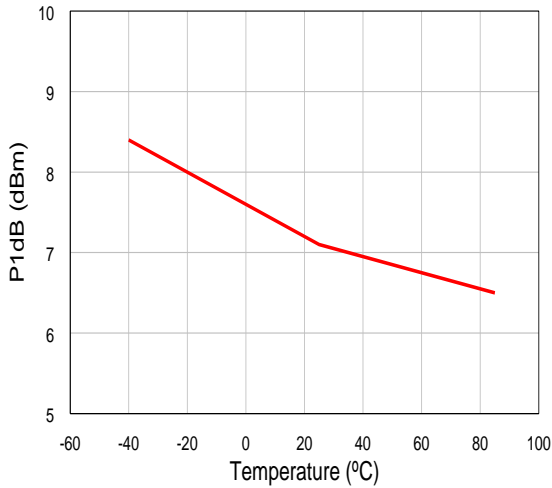
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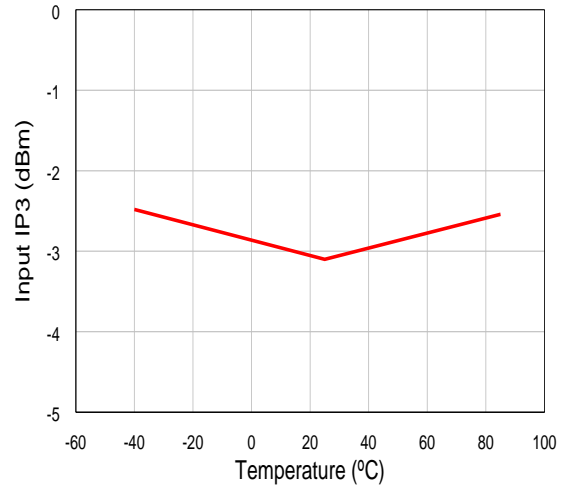
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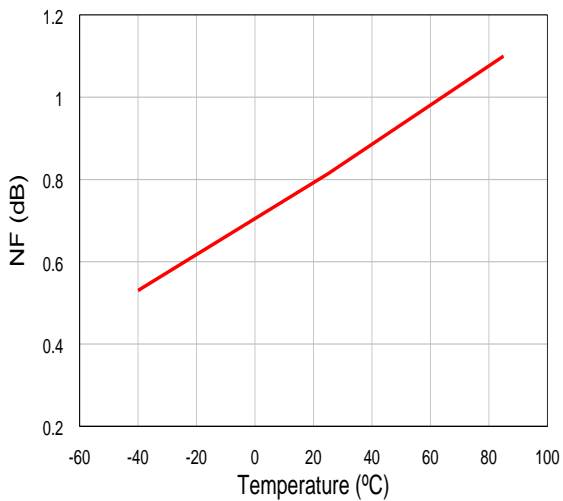
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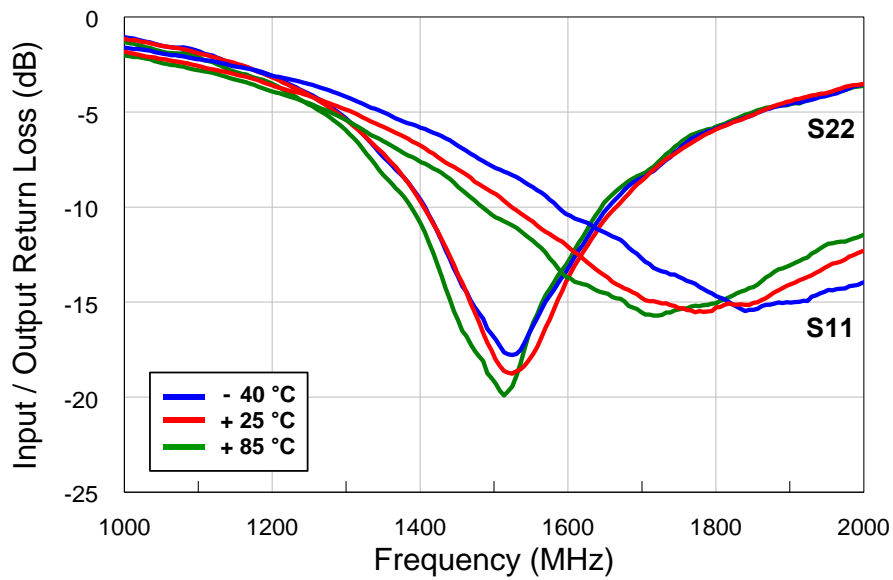
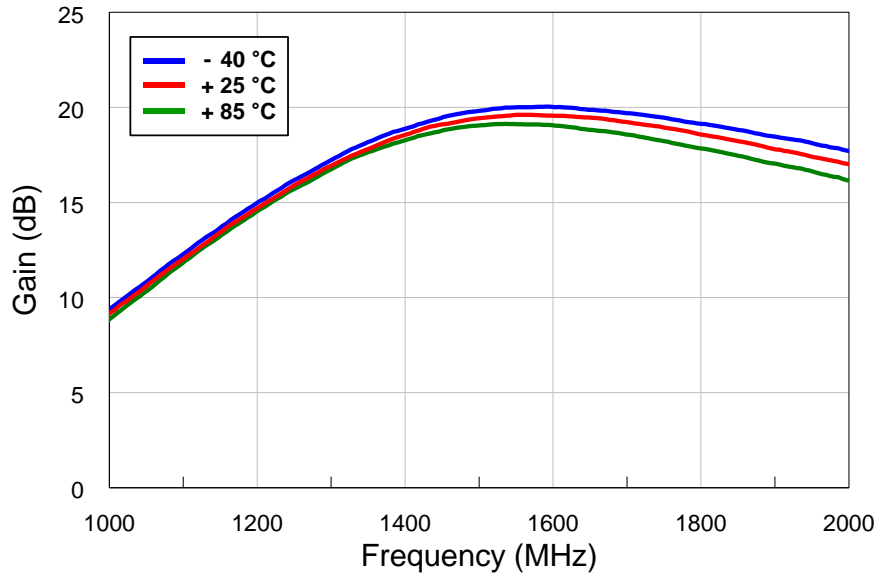
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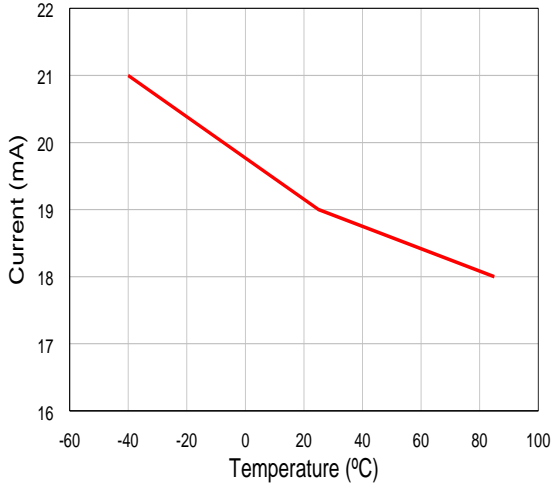
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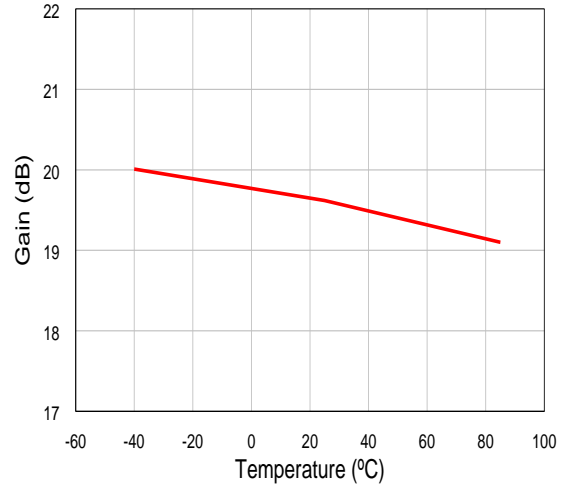
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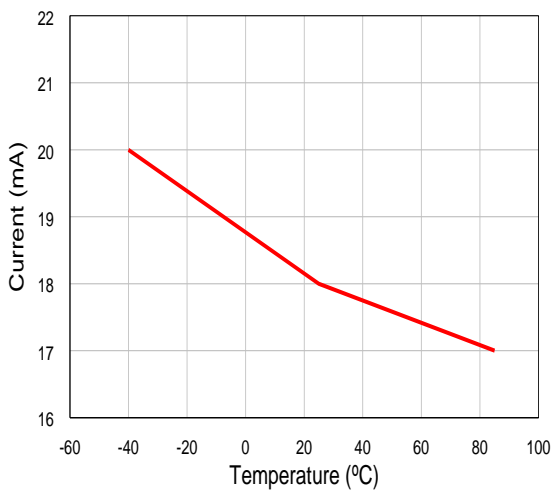
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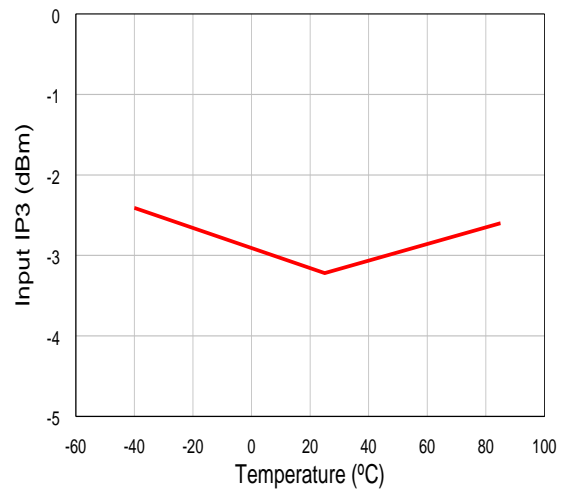
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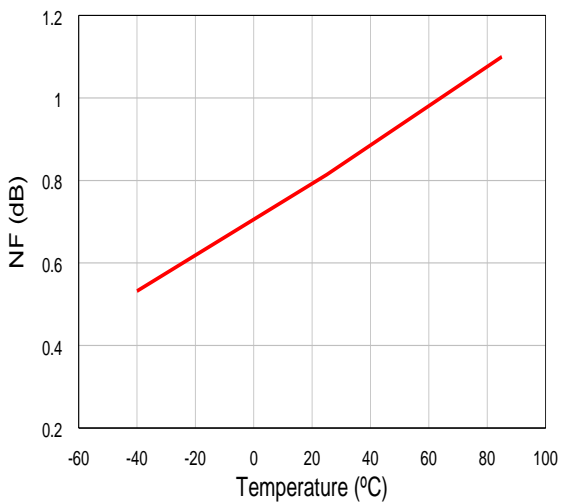
AMP2 P1dB vs. Temperature



AMP2 Input IP3 vs. Temperature



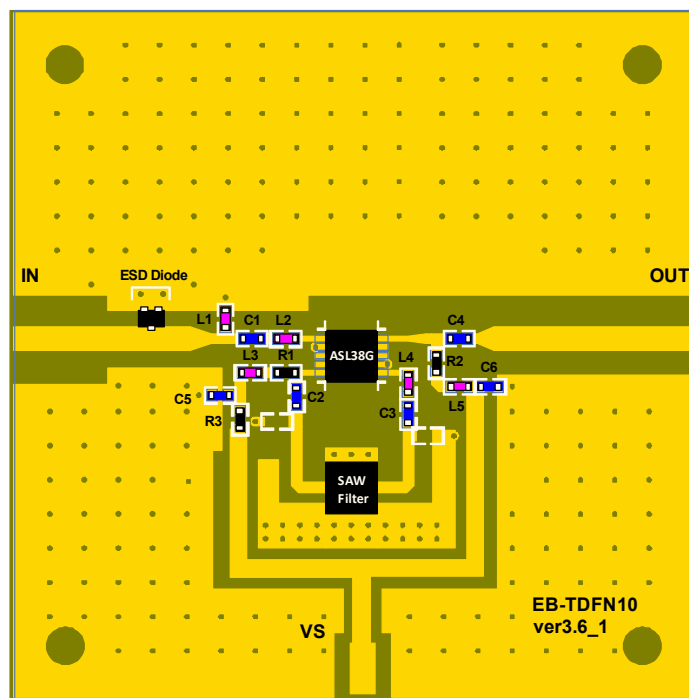
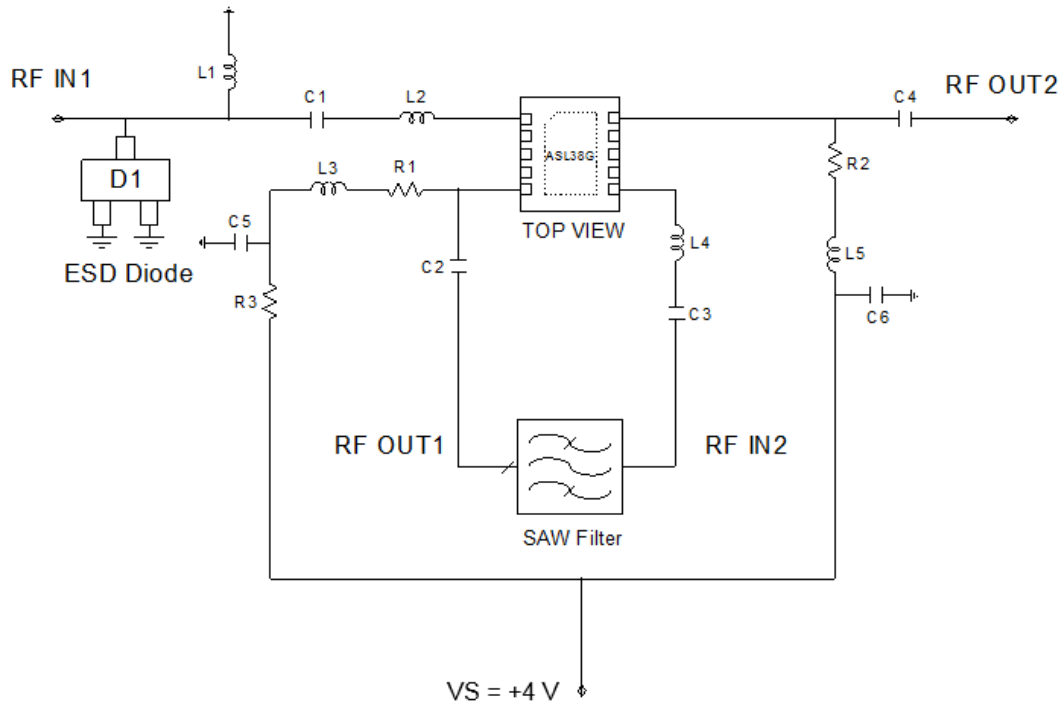
AMP2 NF vs. Temperature



4. Application2 : ESD Diode + AMP1 + SAW Filter + AMP2

Robust ESD : $\geq \pm 15$ kV

4.1 Application Circuit & Evaluation Board



Bill of Material

| Symbol | Size | Value | Manufacturer |
|------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|
| ASL38G | - | - | ASB |
| C1 | 1005 | 3 pF | MURATA |
| C2 | 1005 | 2.7 pF | MURATA |
| C3 | 1005 | 4 pF | MURATA |
| C4 | 1005 | 1 pF | MURATA |
| C5,C6 | 1005 | 1 μ F | MURATA |
| R1 | 1005 | 18 Ω | Samsung |
| R2 | 1005 | 10 Ω | Samsung |
| R3 | 1005 | 390 Ω | Samsung |
| L1 | 1005 | 5.1 nH | MURATA |
| L2 | 1005 | 6.8 nH | MURATA |
| L3 | 1005 | 4.3 nH | MURATA |
| L4 | 1005 | 9.1 nH | MURATA |
| L5 | 1005 | 3.9 nH | MURATA |
| SAW Filter ¹⁾ | 3x3 | - | EPCOS |
| D1 : ESD Diode ²⁾ | 2x1 | - | Infineon |

1) Part number : B3415

2) Part number : ESD1P0RFW

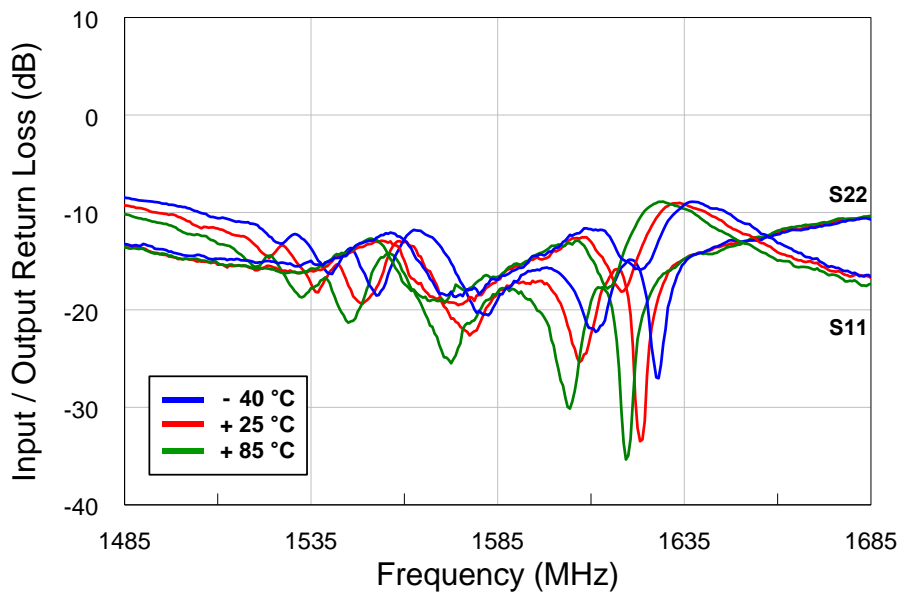
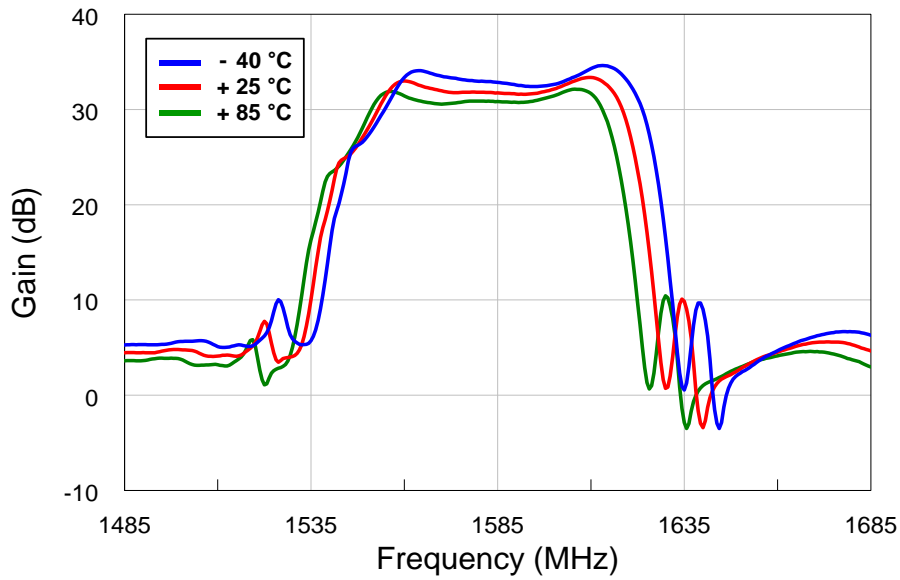
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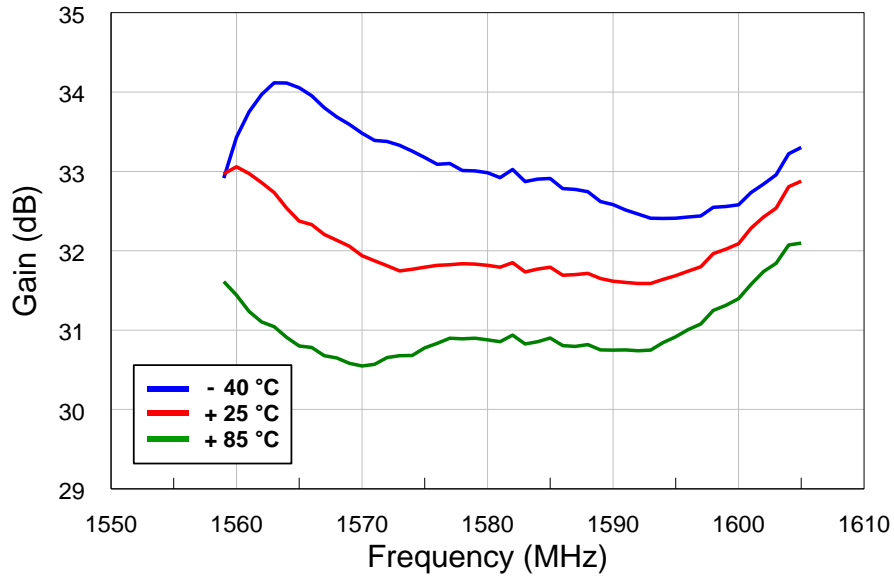
Test conditions : T = +25 °C, V_{supply} = +4 V, CW, Z₀ = 50 Ω.

| Parameters | Test Conditions | Values | Units |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------|-------|
| Operation Frequency | | 1559-1605 | MHz |
| Small Signal Gain | 50 Ω source with input match | 32 | dB |
| Noise Figure | | 1.3 | dB |
| Input Third-Order Intercept Point | two tones at the output power of -30 dBm/tone separated by 1 MHz. | -15 | dBm |
| Output Third-Order Intercept Point | two tones at the output power of -30 dBm/tone separated by 1 MHz. | 17 | dBm |
| Output 1dB Compression Point | | 4 | dBm |
| Input Return Loss | | -12 | dB |
| Output Return Loss | | -15 | dB |
| Reverse Isolation | | -40 | dB |
| Supply Current | | 20 | mA |

4.3 Plots of Performances

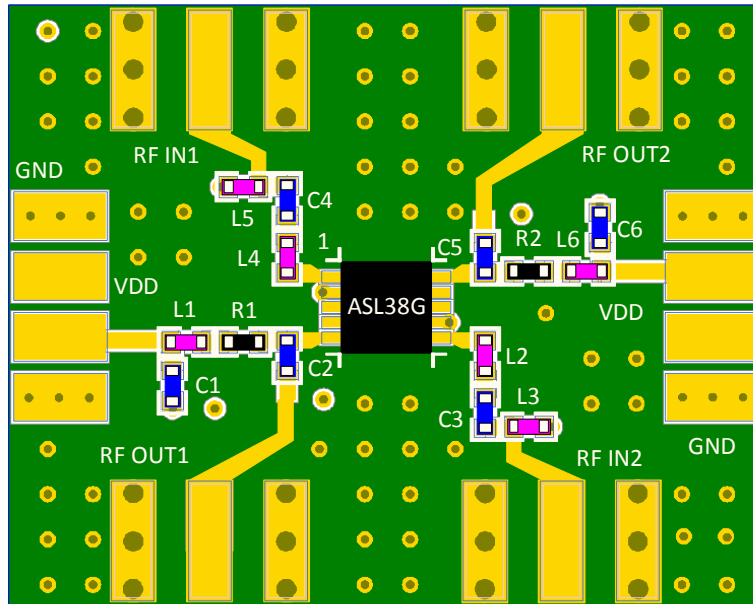
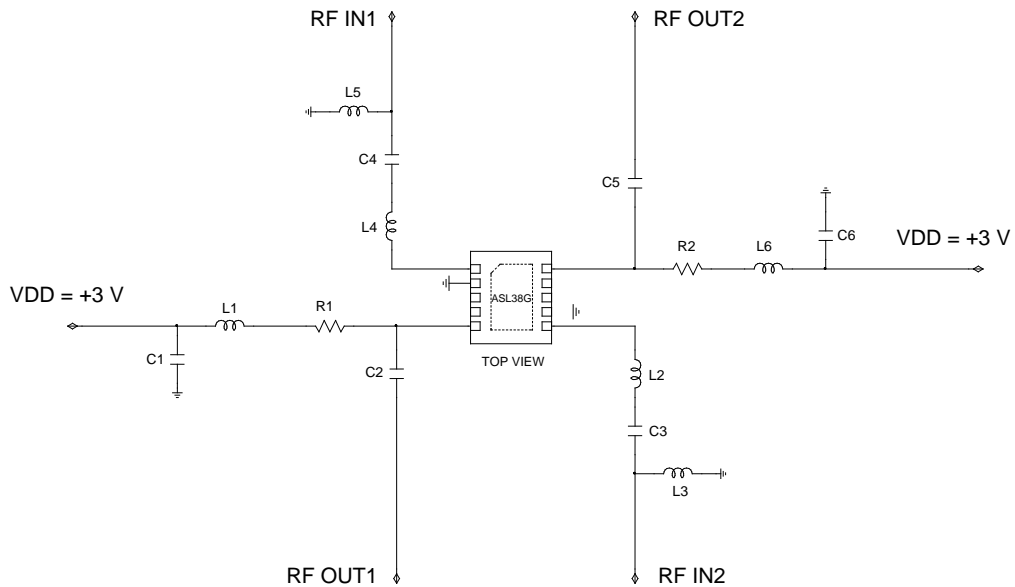
S-parameter ($V_{\text{supply}} = +4 \text{ V}$, $I_{\text{DD}} = 20 \text{ mA}$, $P_{\text{in}} = -40 \text{ dBm}$)





5. Application3: 1164 ~ 1300 MHz (L2, L5, L6 band)

5.1 Application Circuit & Evaluation Board



Bill of Material

| Symbol | Size | Value | Manufacturer | Symbol | Size | Value | Manufacturer |
|--------|------|--------|--------------|--------|------|--------|--------------|
| ASL38G | 3x3 | - | ASB | R1, R2 | 1005 | 12 Ω | Samsung |
| C1, C6 | 1005 | 1.0 μF | MURATA | L3, L5 | 1005 | 12 nH | MURATA |
| C2, C5 | 1005 | 1.8 pF | MURATA | L2, L4 | 1005 | 10 nH | MURATA |
| C3, C4 | 1005 | 5 pF | MURATA | L1, L6 | 1005 | 5.6 nH | MURATA |

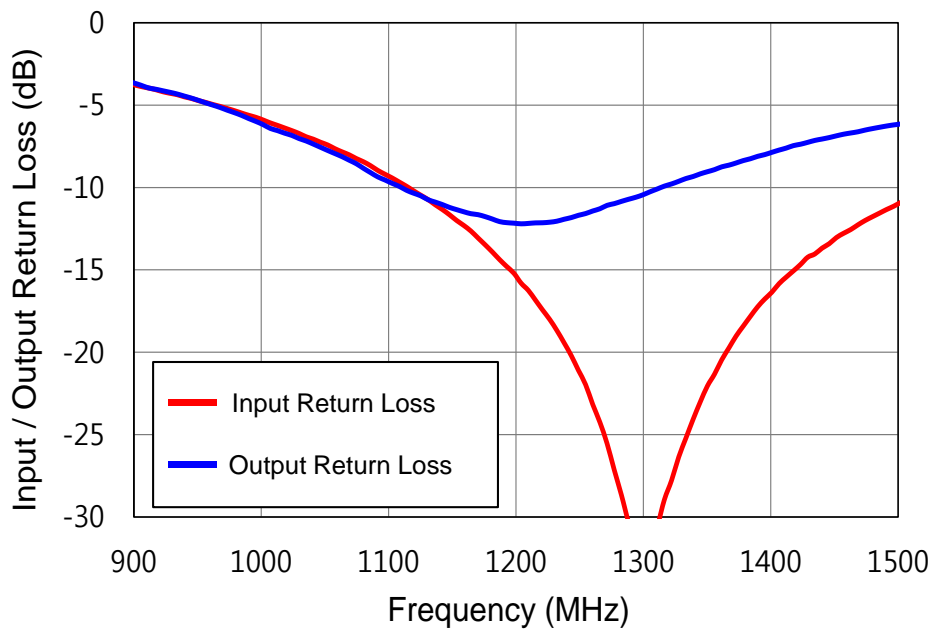
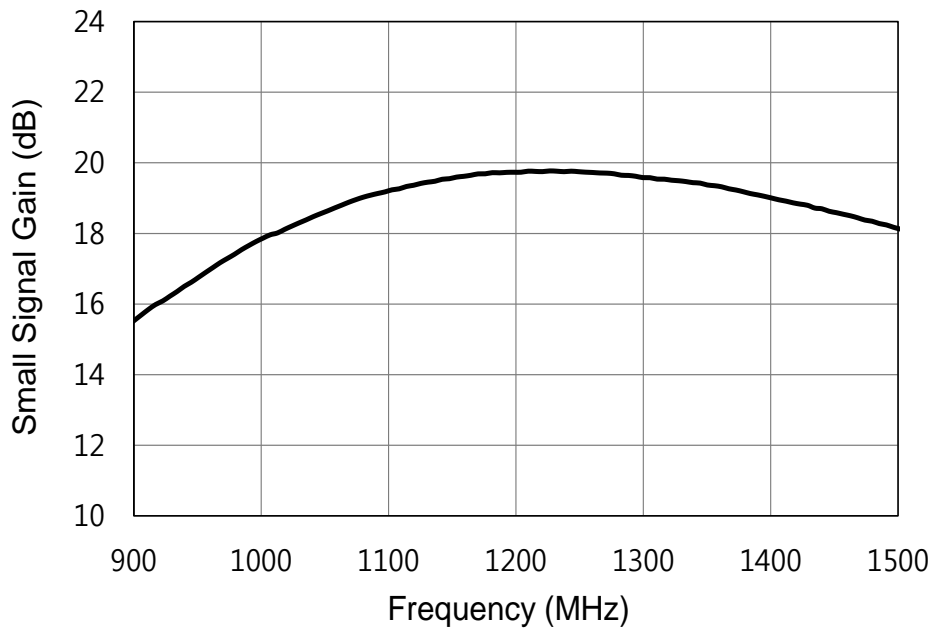
5.2 Typical Performance

Test conditions : T = +25 °C, V_{DD} = +3 V, CW, Z₀ = 50 Ω.

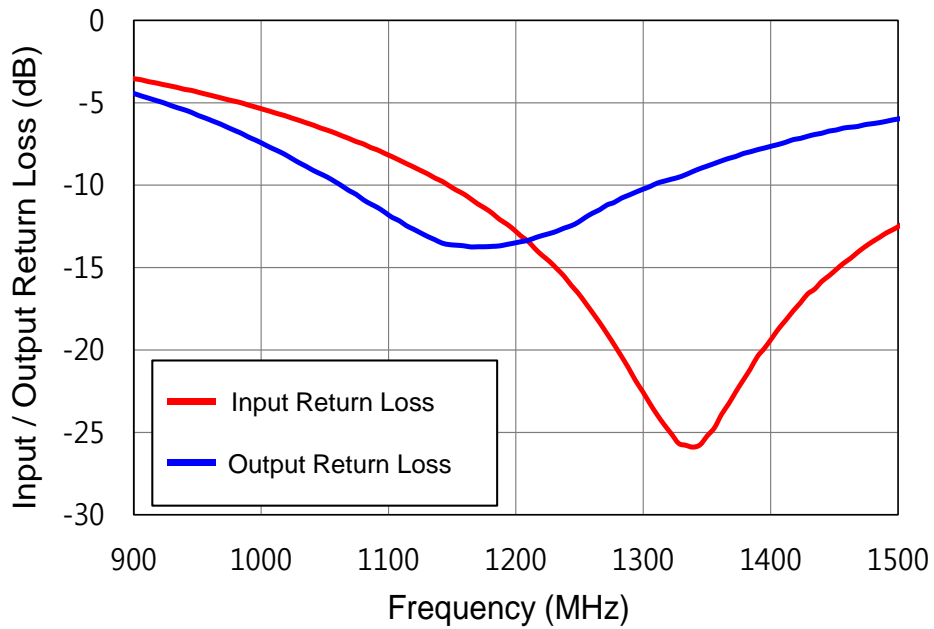
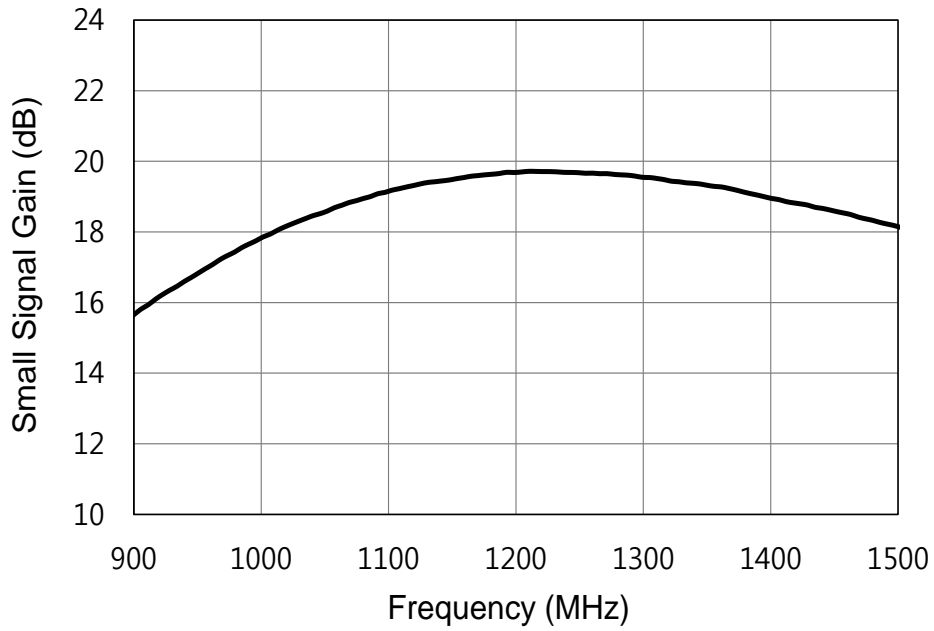
| Parameters | Test Conditions | + 3 V | | | Units |
|---|--|-------|------|------|-------|
| Operation Frequency | | 1176 | 1227 | 1278 | MHz |
| AMP1 Gain | 50 Ω source with input match Pin = -40 dBm | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | dB |
| AMP1 Noise Figure | | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | dB |
| AMP1 Input Third-Order Intercept Point | Tone separated by 1 MHz Pout = -10 dBm per tone | -1.5 | -1.0 | 0.5 | dBm |
| AMP1 Input Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -10 | -12 | -15 | dB |
| AMP1 Output Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -10 | -10 | -10 | dB |
| AMP1 Reverse Isolation | Pin = -40 dBm | -40 | -40 | -40 | dB |
| AMP1 Supply Current | | 10 | 10 | 10 | mA |
| AMP2 Gain | Pin = -40 dBm | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | dB |
| AMP2 Noise Figure | | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | dB |
| AMP2 Output Third-Order Intercept Point | Tone separated by 1 MHz Pout = -10 dBm per tone | 18.0 | 19.0 | 19.5 | dBm |
| AMP2 Output 1dB Compression Point | | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | dBm |
| AMP2 Input Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -10 | -12 | -15 | dB |
| AMP2 Output Return Loss | Pin = -40 dBm | -10 | -10 | -10 | dB |
| AMP2 Reverse Isolation | Pin = -40 dBm | -40 | -40 | -40 | dB |
| AMP2 Supply Current | | 10 | 10 | 10 | mA |

5.3 Plots of Performances

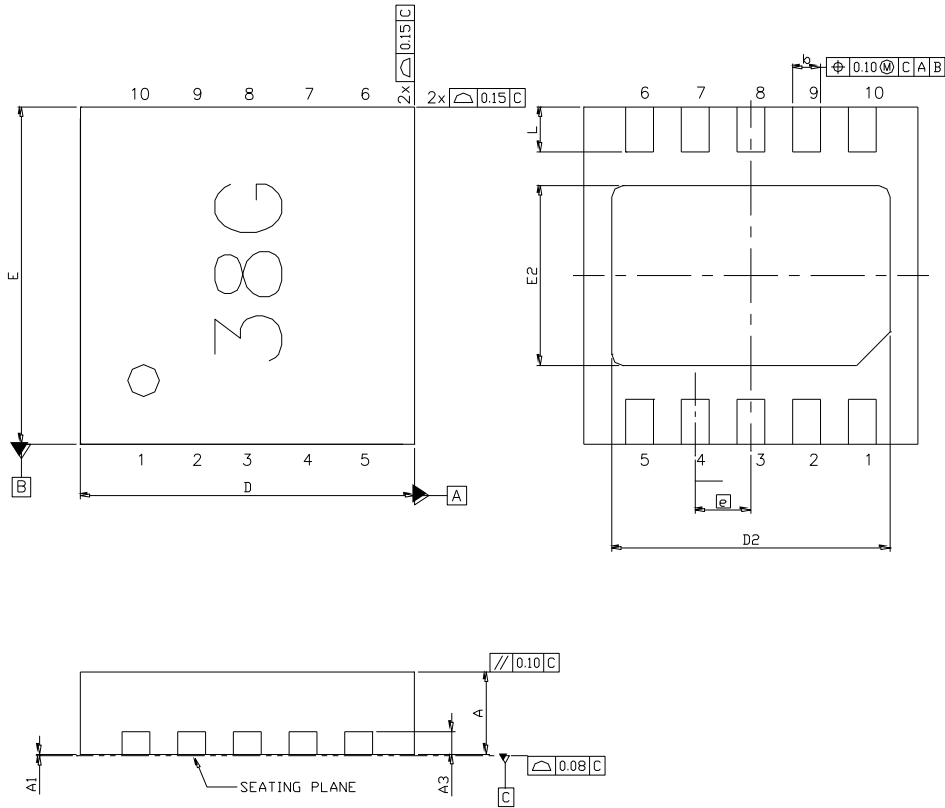
AMP1 S-parameter ($V_{DD} = +3\text{ V}$, $I_{DD} = 11\text{ mA}$, $P_{in} = -40\text{ dBm}$)



AMP2 S-parameter ($V_{DD} = +3\text{ V}$, $I_{DD} = 11\text{ mA}$, $P_{in} = -40\text{ dBm}$)



6. Package Outline



| SYMBOL | DIMENSION (MM) | | | DIMENSION (MIL) | | |
|--------|----------------|------|------|-----------------|------|------|
| | MIN. | NOM. | MAX. | MIN. | NOM. | MAX. |
| A | 0.70 | 0.75 | 0.80 | 28 | 30 | 32 |
| A1 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0 | 0.8 | 2 |
| A3 | 0.203 REF | | | 8 REF | | |
| b | 0.18 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| D | 2.90 | 3.00 | 3.10 | 114 | 118 | 122 |
| D2 | 2.40 | 2.50 | 2.60 | 94 | 98 | 102 |
| E | 2.90 | 3.00 | 3.10 | 114 | 118 | 122 |
| E2 | 1.50 | 1.60 | 1.70 | 59 | 63 | 67 |
| L | 0.35 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 14 | 16 | 18 |
| e | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.55 | 18 | 20 | 22 |

(End of Datasheet)

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