

### Product Description

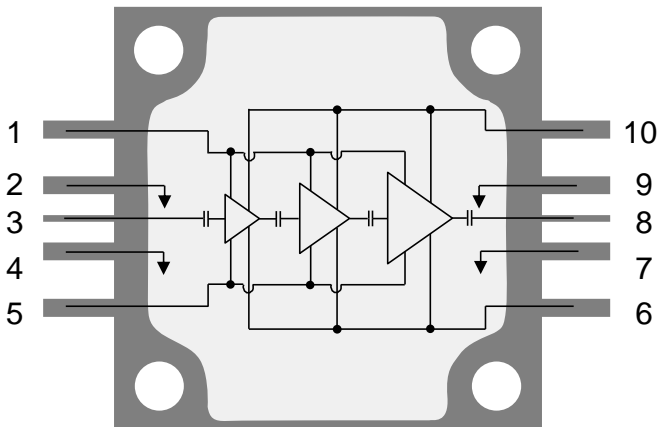
Qorvo's TGA2963-CP is a broadband high power MMIC amplifier fabricated on Qorvo's production 0.15um GaN on SiC process (QGaN15). The TGA2963-CP operates from 6 – 18 GHz and typically provides 20 W saturated output power with power-added efficiency of 20% and large-signal gain of 18 dB. This combination of wideband performance provides the flexibility designers are looking for to improve system performance while reducing size and cost.

The TGA2963-CP is offered in a 10-lead 15 x 15 mm bolt-down package. Assembled with a pure-copper base, coupled with its high efficiency, the TGA2963-CP minimizes the strain on the system-level cooling requirements, further reducing system operating costs. The broadband performance makes it ideally suited to support test instrumentation and electronic warfare, as well as, supporting multiple radar and communication bands.

Both RF ports have integrated DC blocking capacitors and are fully matched to 50 Ohms.

RoHS compliant.

### Functional Block Diagram



### Product Features

- Frequency Range: 6 – 18 GHz
- $P_{OUT}$ : 43 dBm @  $P_{IN} = 25$  dBm
- PAE: 20 % @  $P_{IN} = 25$  dBm
- Large Signal Gain: 18 dB @  $P_{IN} = 25$  dBm
- Small Signal Gain: 26 dB
- Bias:  $V_D = +20$  V,  $I_{DQ} = 2500$  mA,  $V_G = -2.3$  V Typical
- Process Technology: QGaN15
- Package Dimensions: 15.2 x 15.2 x 3.5 mm
- Package base is pure Cu offering superior thermal management

*Performance is typical across frequency. Please reference electrical specification table and data plots for more details.*

### Applications

- Test Instrumentation
- Electronic Warfare (EW)
- Radar
- Communications

### Ordering Information

Part No.	Description
TGA2963-CP	6 – 18 GHz 20 W GaN Power Amplifier



### Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Value / Range
Drain Voltage ( $V_D$ )	+29.5 V
Gate Voltage Range ( $V_G$ )	-8 to 0 V
Drain Current	8160 mA
Forward Gate Current ( $I_G$ )	See $I_{G\_MAX}$ plot
Power Dissipation ( $P_{DISS}$ ), 85 °C, CW	150 W
Input Power ( $P_{IN}$ ): CW, 50 $\Omega$ , $V_D = +20$ V, $I_{DQ} = 2500$ mA, 85 °C	30 dBm
Input Power ( $P_{IN}$ ): CW, VSWR 3:1, $V_D = +20$ V, $I_{DQ} = 2500$ mA, 85 °C	30 dBm
Mounting Temperature	Refer to Assembly Notes, page 15
Storage Temperature	-55 to 150 °C

Operation of this device outside the parameter ranges given above may cause permanent damage. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these conditions is not implied.

### Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Value / Range
Drain Voltage ( $V_D$ )	+20 V
Drain Current ( $I_{DQ}$ )	2500 mA
Gate Voltage ( $V_G$ )	-2.9 to -2.0 V (Typ.)
Temperature ( $T_{BASE}$ )	-40 to 85 °C

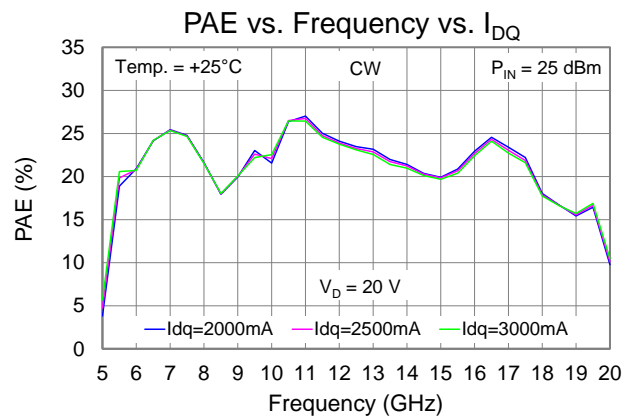
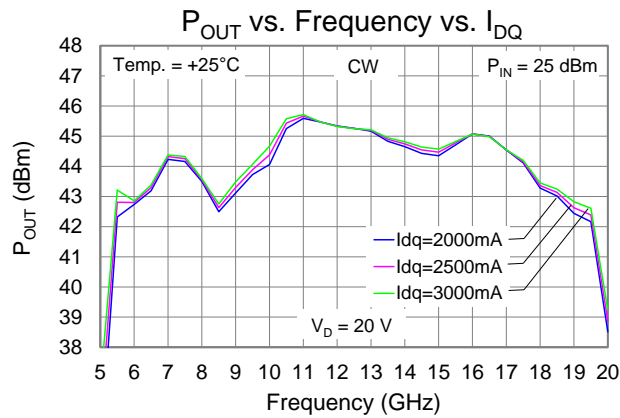
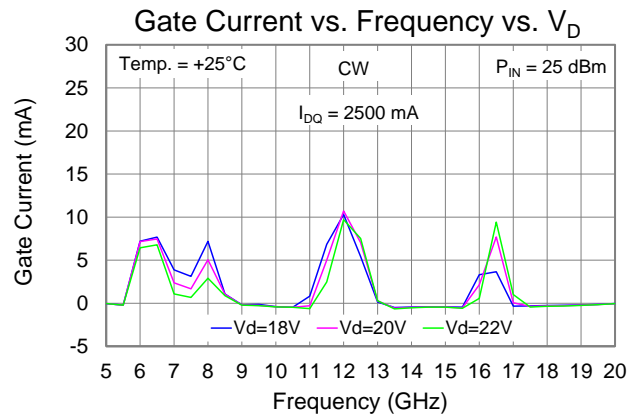
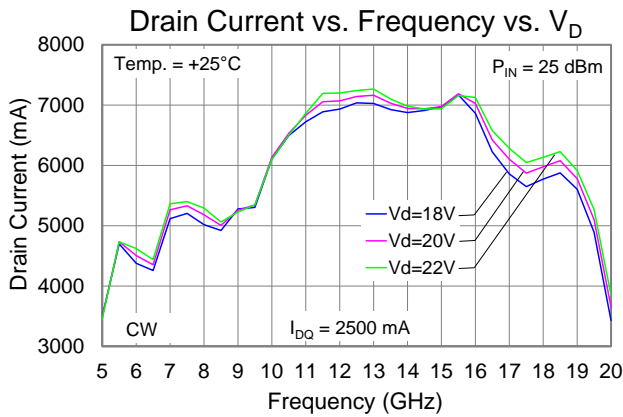
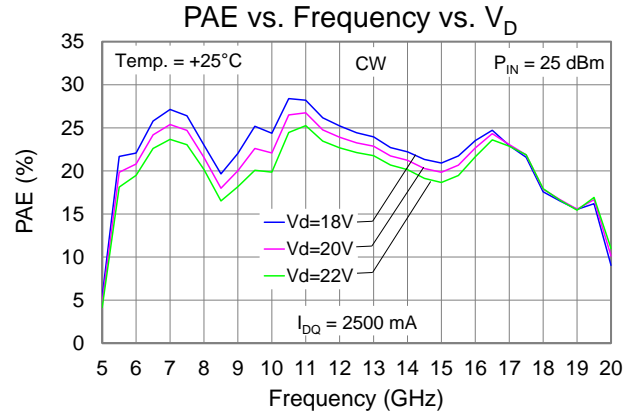
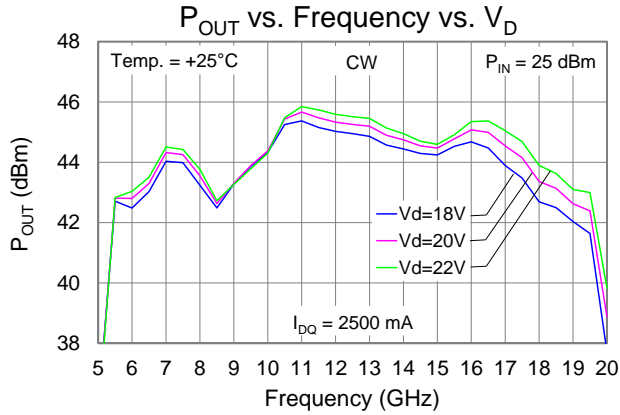
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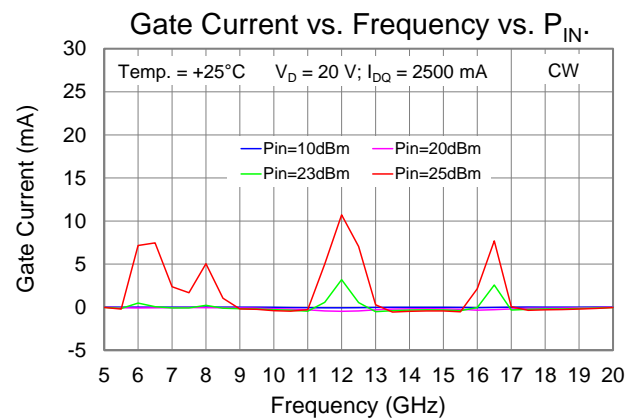
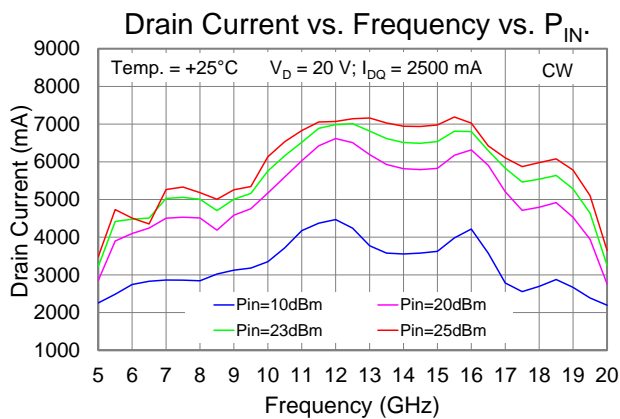
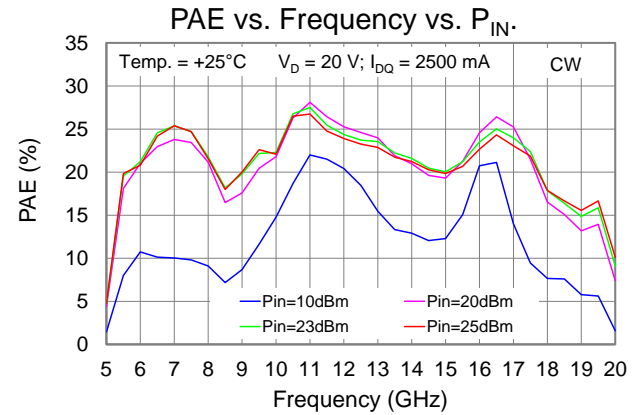
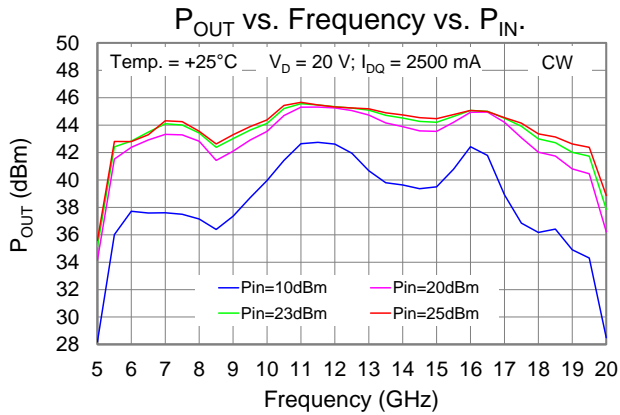
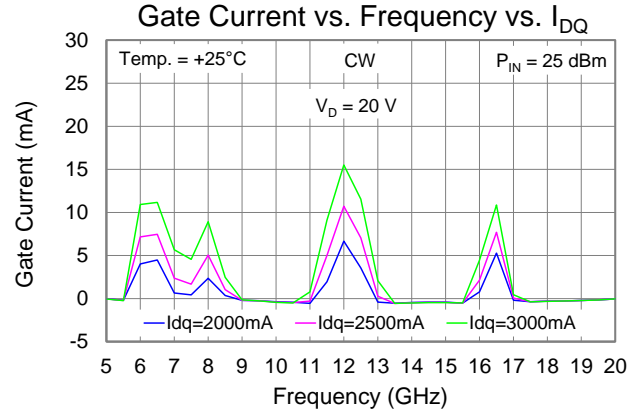
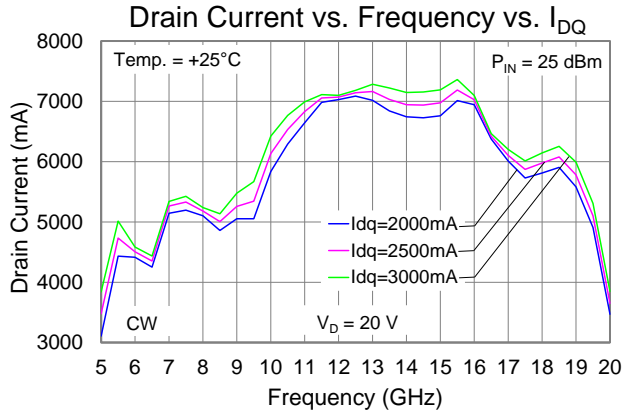
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Parameter		Min	Typ	Max	Units
Operational Frequency Range		6	–	18	GHz
Output Power @ $P_{IN} = 25$ dBm	Frequency = 6 GHz		42.8	–	dBm
	Frequency = 12 GHz		45	–	
	Frequency = 18 GHz		43	–	
Power Added Efficiency @ $P_{IN} = 25$ dBm	Frequency = 6 GHz		21	–	%
	Frequency = 12 GHz		24	–	
	Frequency = 18 GHz		18	–	
Small Signal Gain	Frequency = 6 GHz		28	–	dB
	Frequency = 12 GHz		34	–	
	Frequency = 18 GHz		24	–	
Input Return Loss	Frequency = 6 GHz		16	–	dB
	Frequency = 12 GHz		12	–	
	Frequency = 18 GHz		9	–	
Output Return Loss	Frequency = 6 GHz		10	–	dB
	Frequency = 12 GHz		7.7	–	
	Frequency = 18 GHz		6.7	–	
Small Signal Gain Temperature Coefficient		–	-0.08	–	dB/°C
Output Power Temperature Coefficient		–	-0.015	–	dBm/°C
Gate Leakage ( $V_D = 10$ V, $V_G = -3.7$ V)		-21.6			mA

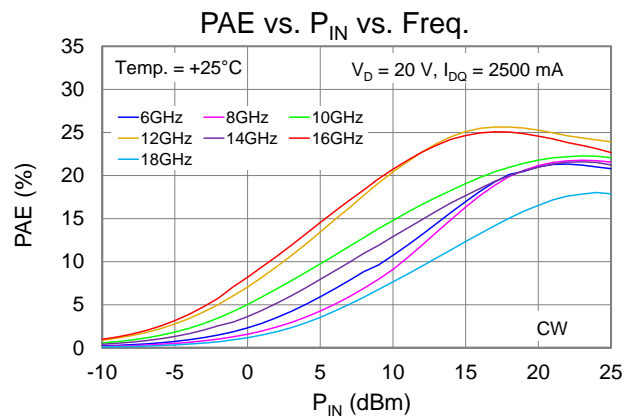
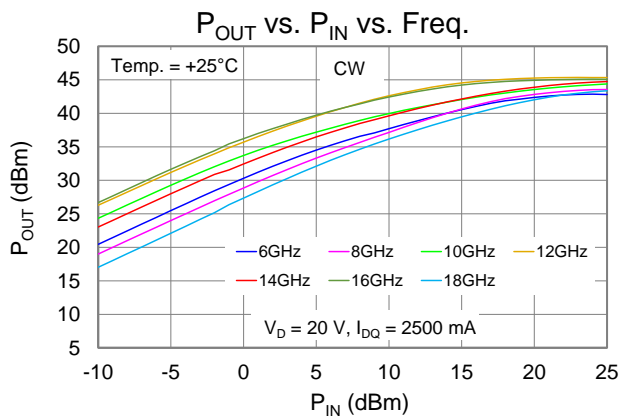
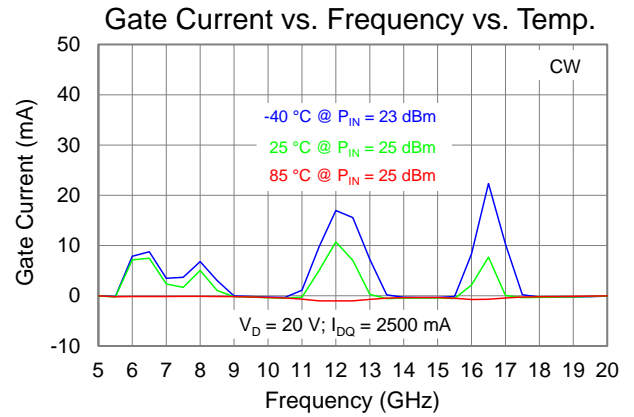
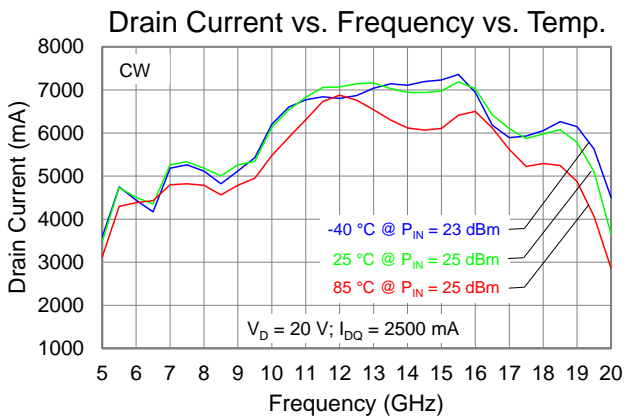
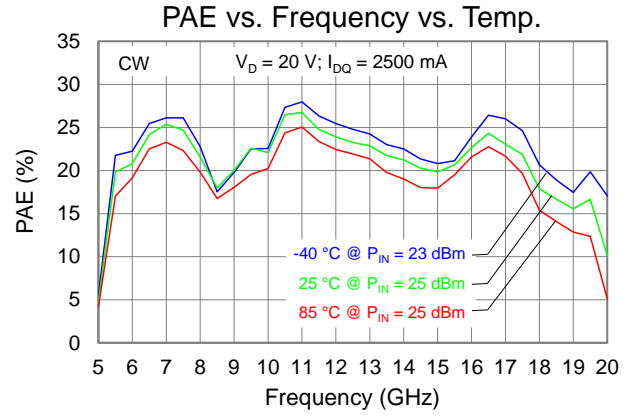
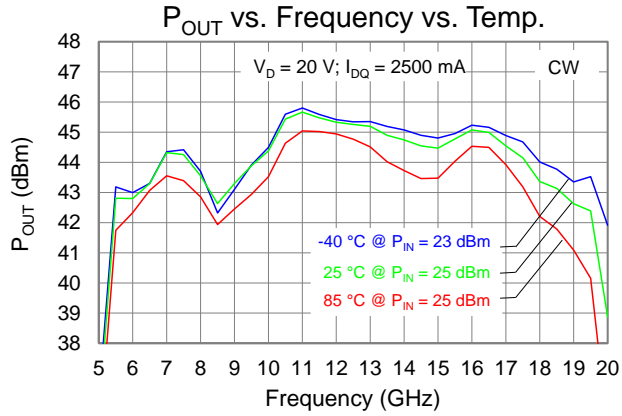
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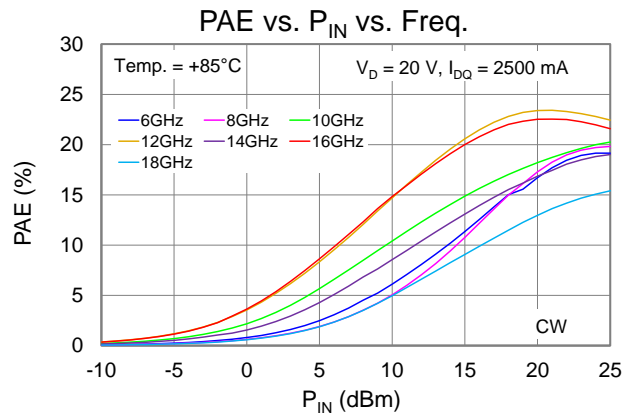
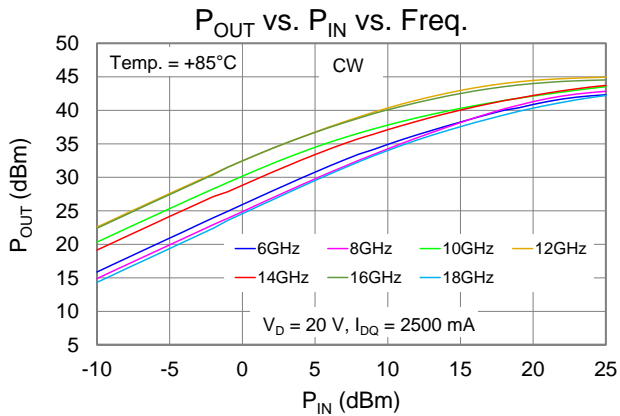
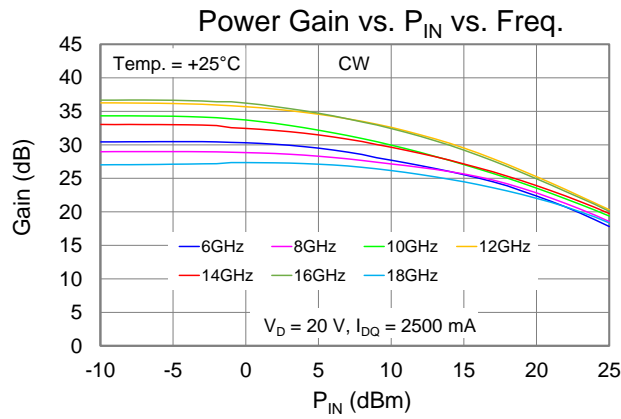
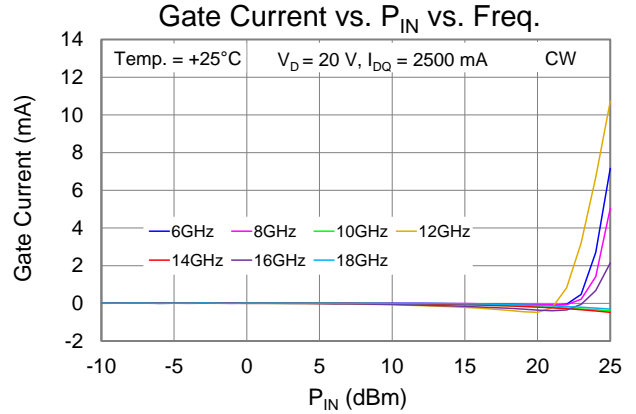
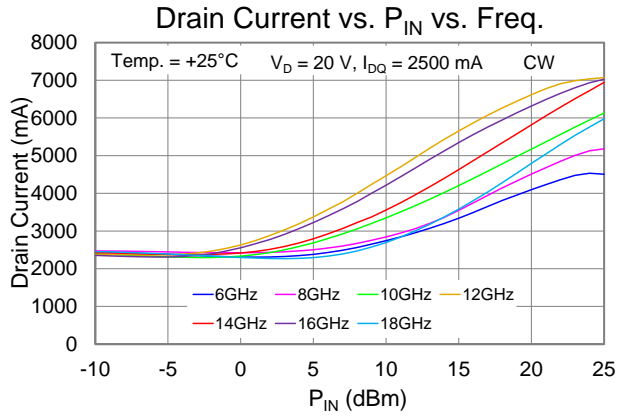
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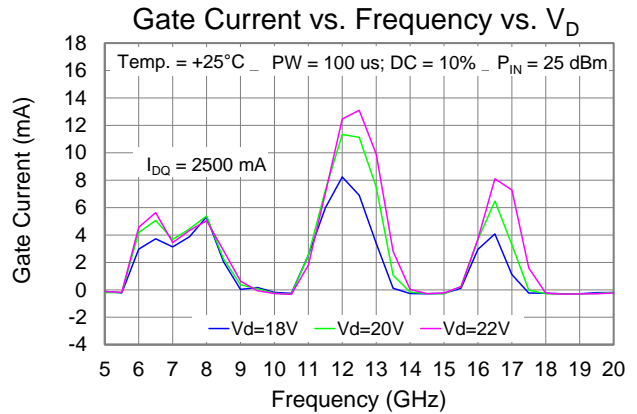
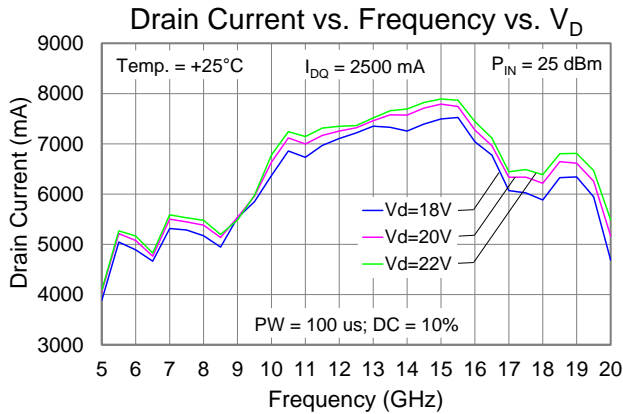
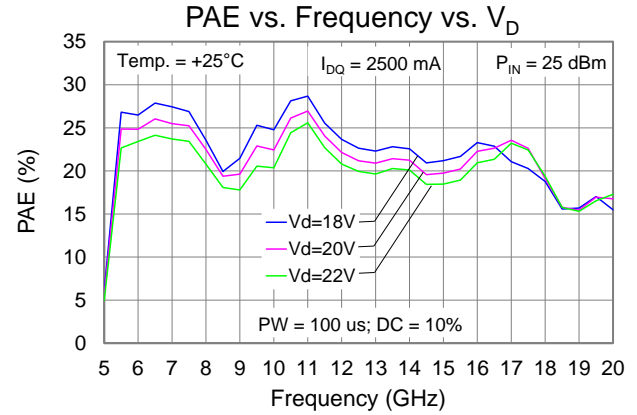
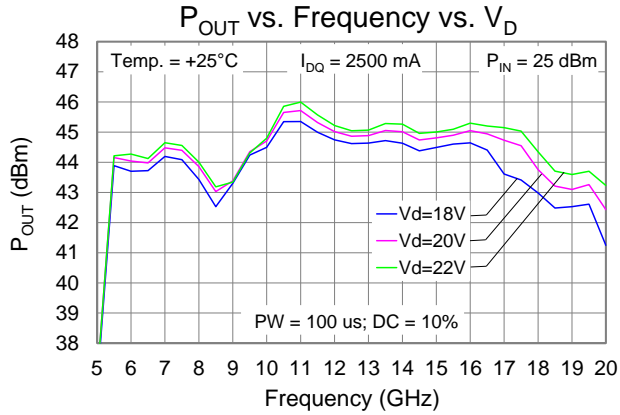
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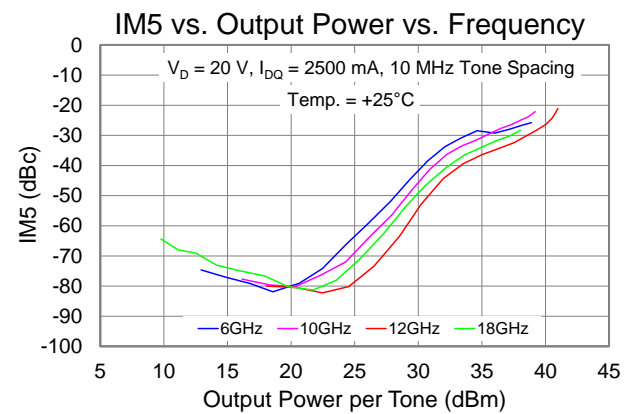
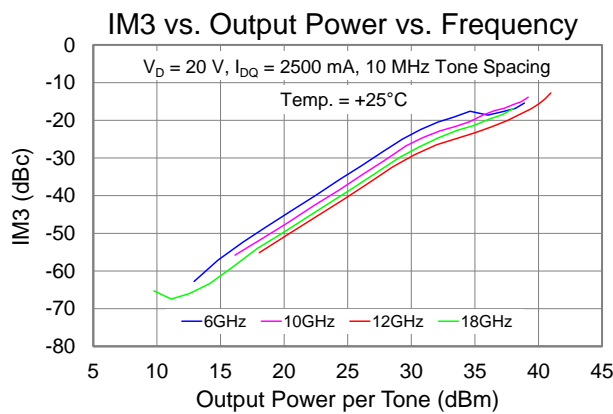
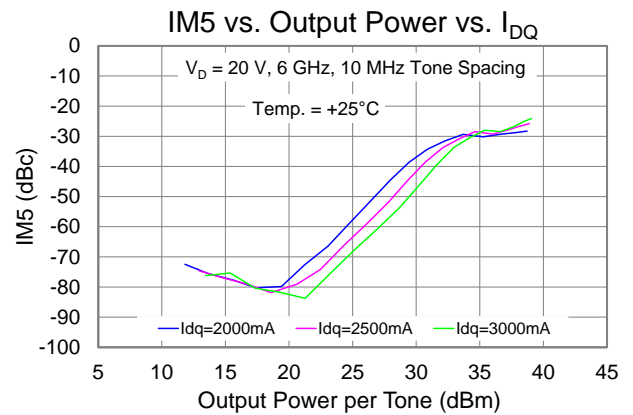
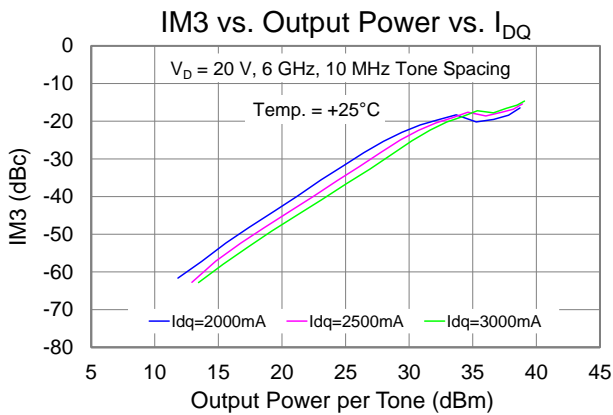
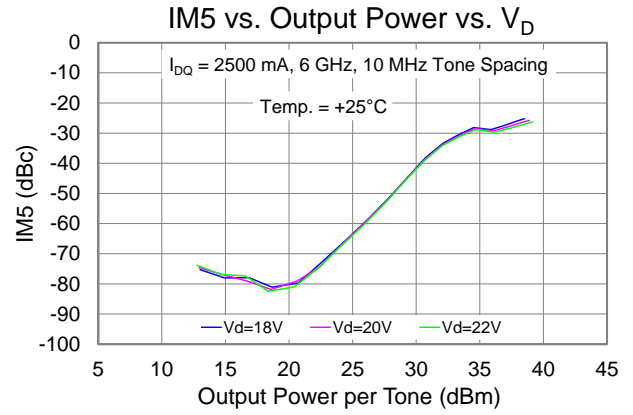
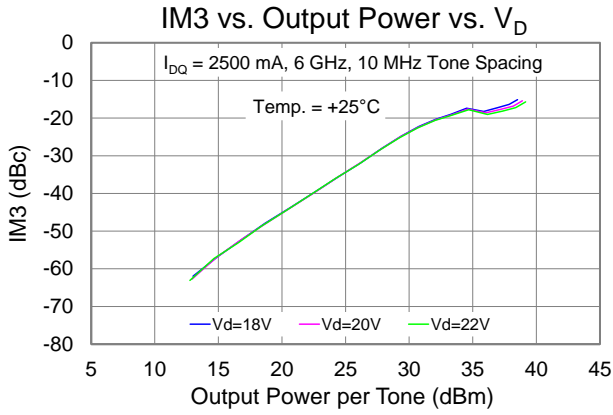
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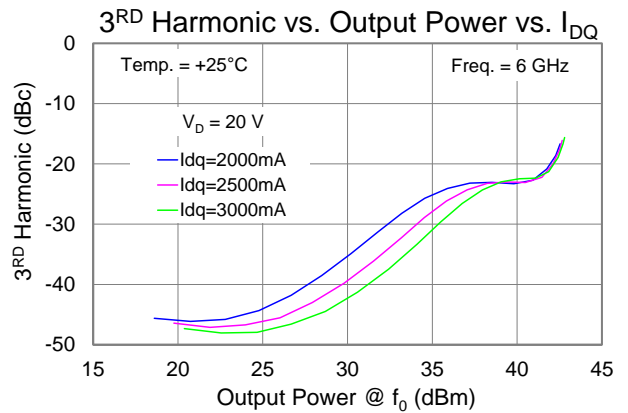
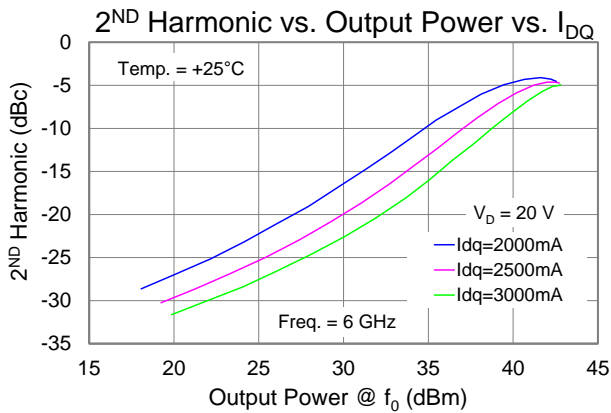
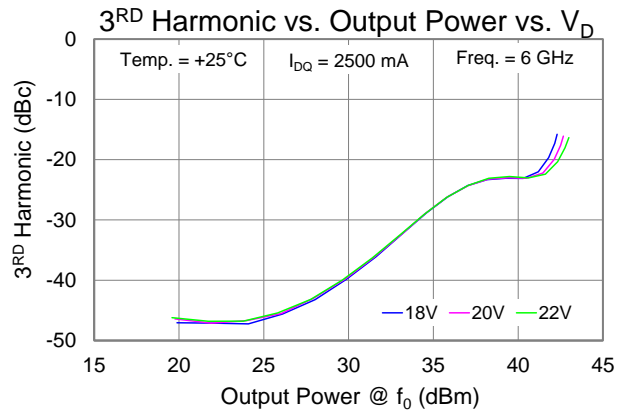
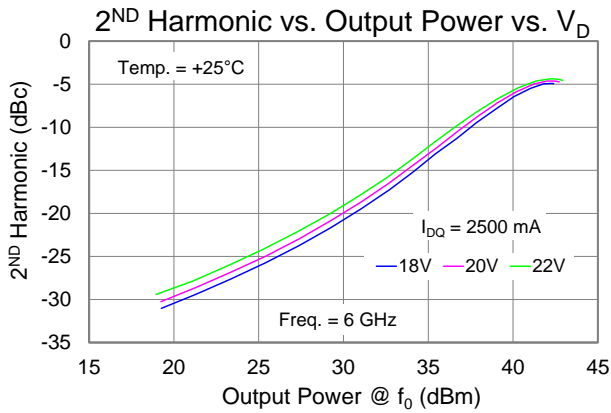
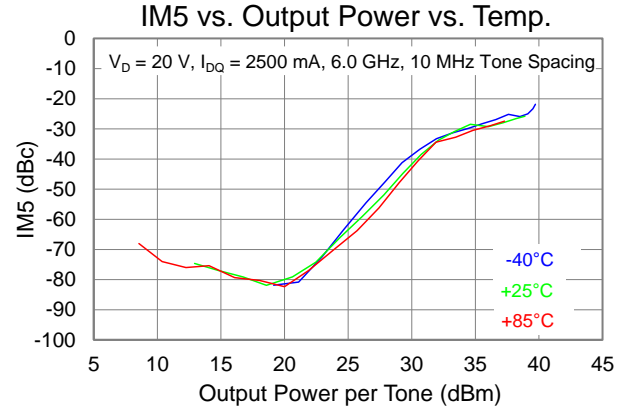
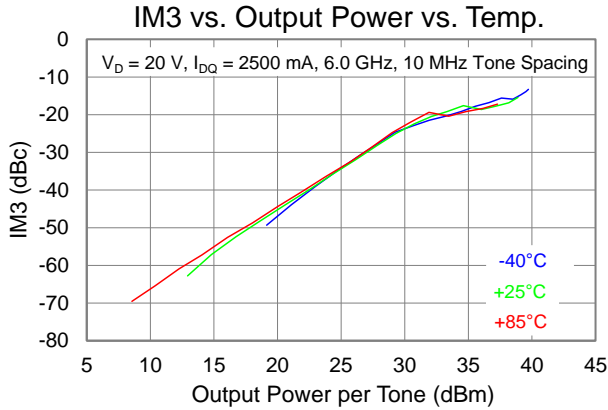


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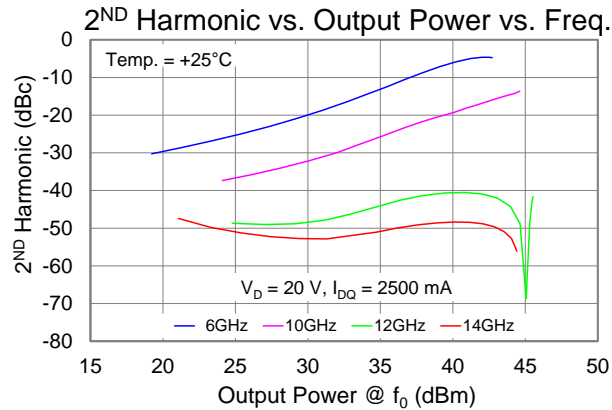
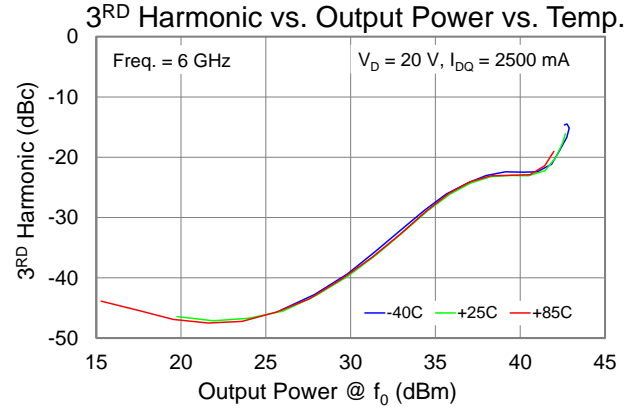
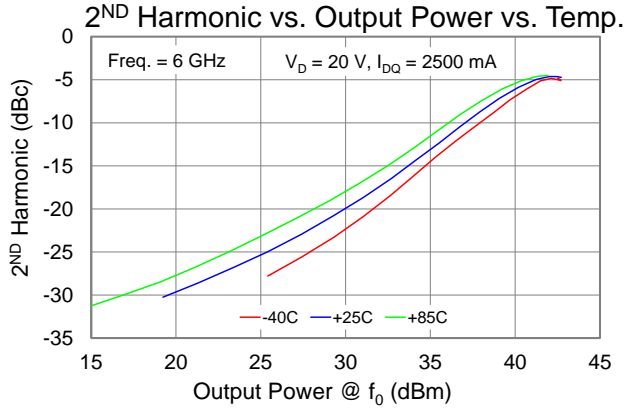




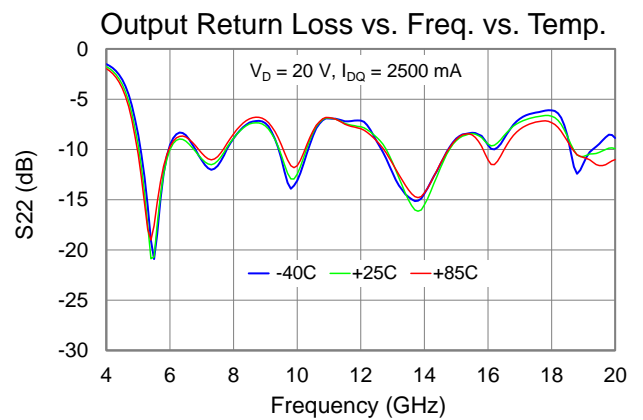
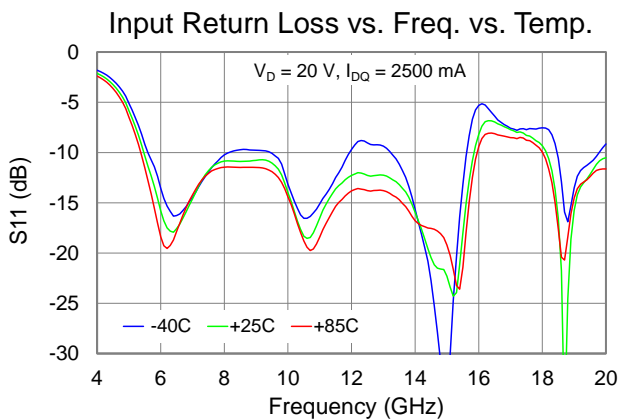
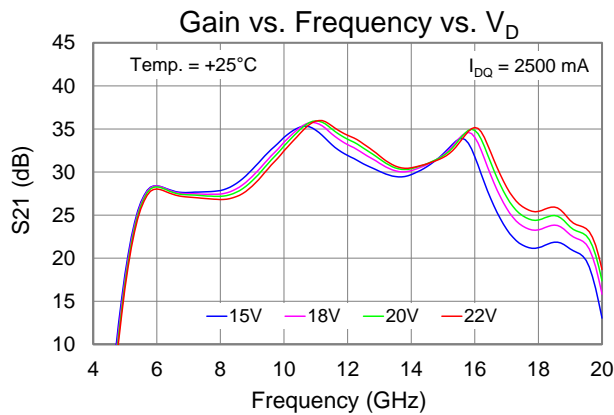
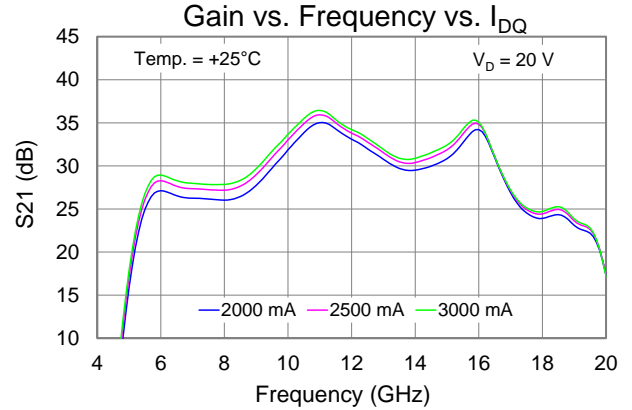
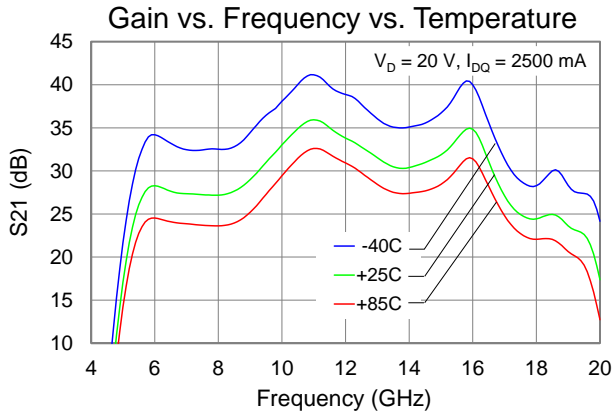
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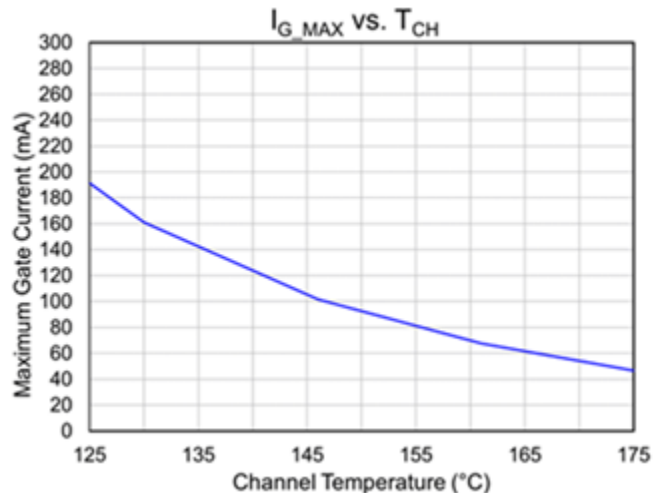
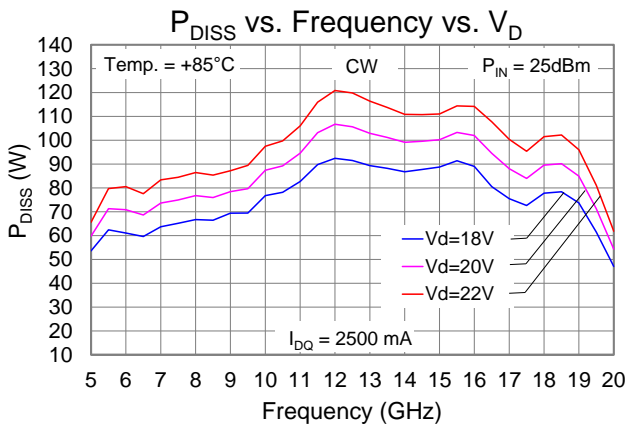
### Thermal and Reliability Information

Parameter	Test Conditions	Value	Units
Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JC}$ ) <sup>(1)</sup>	$T_{BASE} = 85^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $V_D = +20\text{ V (CW)}$ , $I_{DQ} = 2500\text{ mA}$ , $P_{DISS} = 50\text{ W (No RF drive)}$	0.76	$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$
Channel Temperature ( $T_{CH}$ ) (Quiescent)		123	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JC}$ ) <sup>(1)</sup>	$T_{BASE} = 85^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $V_D = +20\text{ V (CW)}$ , Freq = 12 GHz, $P_{IN} = 25\text{ dBm}$ , $I_{DQ} = 2500\text{ mA}$ , $I_{D\_Drive} = 6.9\text{ A}$ , $P_{OUT} = 45\text{ dBm}$ , $P_{DISS} = 107\text{ W}$	0.85	$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$
Channel Temperature ( $T_{CH}$ ) (Under RF drive)		176	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Thermal Resistance ( $\theta_{JC}$ ) <sup>(1)</sup>	$T_{BASE} = 85^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $V_D = +22\text{ V (CW)}$ , Freq = 12 GHz, $P_{IN} = 25\text{ dBm}$ , $I_{DQ} = 2500\text{ mA}$ , $I_{D\_Drive} = 7\text{ A}$ , $P_{OUT} = 45\text{ dBm}$ , $P_{DISS} = 120\text{ W}$	0.87	$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$
Channel Temperature ( $T_{CH}$ ) (Under RF drive)		189	$^{\circ}\text{C}$

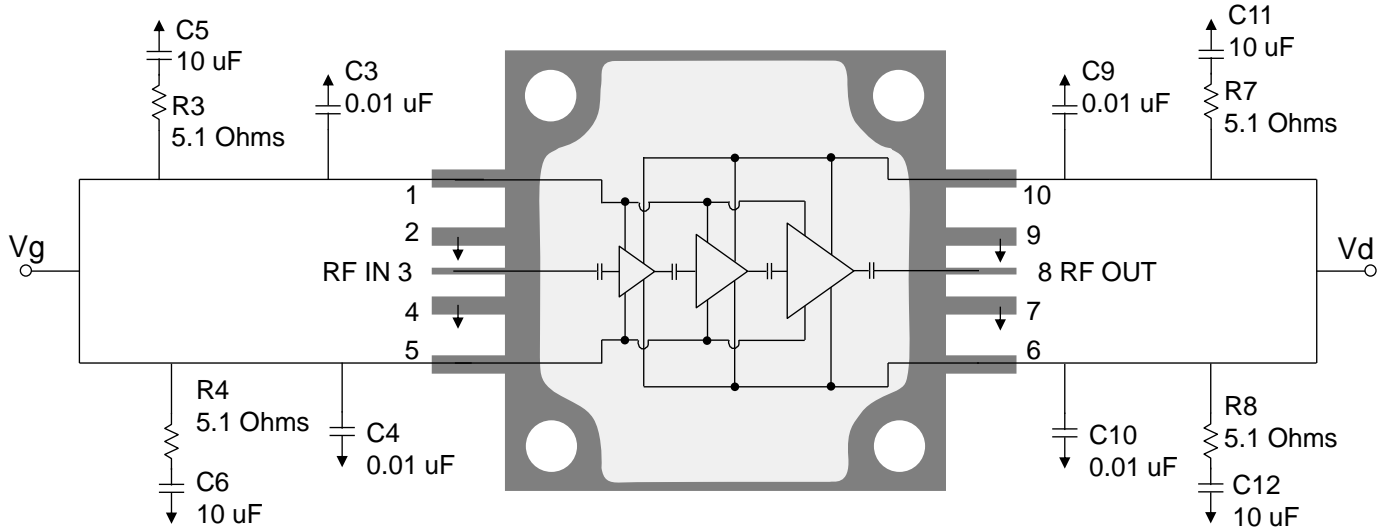
Notes:

1. Thermal resistance measured to back of package.
2. Refer to the following document: [GaN Device Channel Temperature, Thermal Resistance, and Reliability Estimates](#)

### Power Dissipation and Maximum Gate Current



### Applications Information and Pad Layout



### Bias Up Procedure

1. Set  $I_D$  limit to 8 A,  $I_G$  limit to 50 mA
2. Apply  $-5\text{ V}$  to  $V_G$
3. Apply  $+20\text{ V}$  to  $V_D$ ; ensure  $I_{DQ}$  is approx. 0 mA
4. Adjust  $V_G$  until  $I_{DQ} = 2500\text{ mA}$  ( $V_G \sim -2.3\text{ V Typ.}$ ).
5. Turn on RF supply

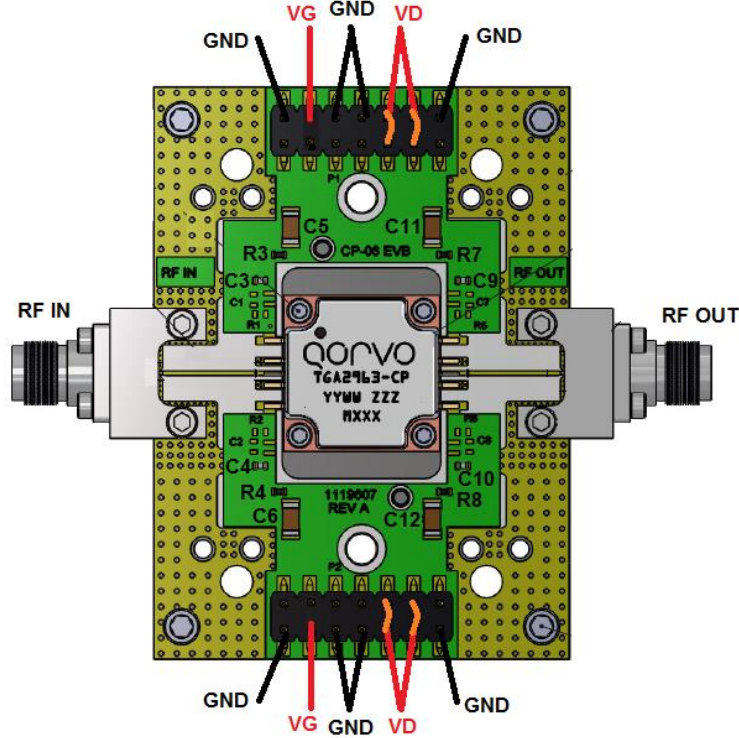
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1. Turn off RF supply
2. Reduce  $V_G$  to  $-5\text{ V}$ ; ensure  $I_{DQ}$  is approx. 0 mA
3. Set  $V_D$  to 0 V
4. Turn off  $V_D$  supply
5. Turn off  $V_G$  supply

### Pin Description

Pad No.	Symbol	Description
1,5	$V_G$	Gate voltage. Bias network is required; must be biased from both sides; see recommended Application Information above.
3	$RF_{IN}$	Input; matched to $50\ \Omega$ ; DC blocked
2,4,7,9	GND	Must be grounded on the PCB.
6,10	$V_D$	Drain voltage. Bias network is required; must be biased from both sides; see recommended Application Information above.
8	$RF_{OUT}$	Output; matched to $50\ \Omega$ ; DC blocked

### Evaluation Board



Notes:

1. Both Top and Bottom  $V_D$  and  $V_G$  must be biased.
2. Remove R7, R8, C11 & C12 for pulsed operation.

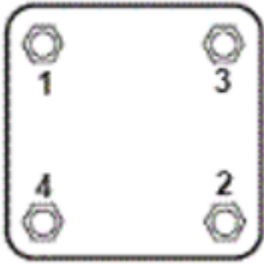
### Bill of Materials

Reference Des.	Value	Description	Manuf.	Part Number
C3, C4, C9, C10	0.01 $\mu$ F	CAP, 0.01uF, 10%, 50V, X7R, 0402	Various	–
C5, C6, C11, C12	10 $\mu$ F	CAP, 10uF, 20%, 50V, 20%, X5R, 1206	Various	–
R3, R4, R7, R8	5.1 Ohm	RES, 5.1 OHM, 5%, 50V, 0402	Various	–
J1, J2	2.92 mm	RF Connector, F, 2.92 mm	Southwest Microwave	1092-01A-5

### Assembly Notes

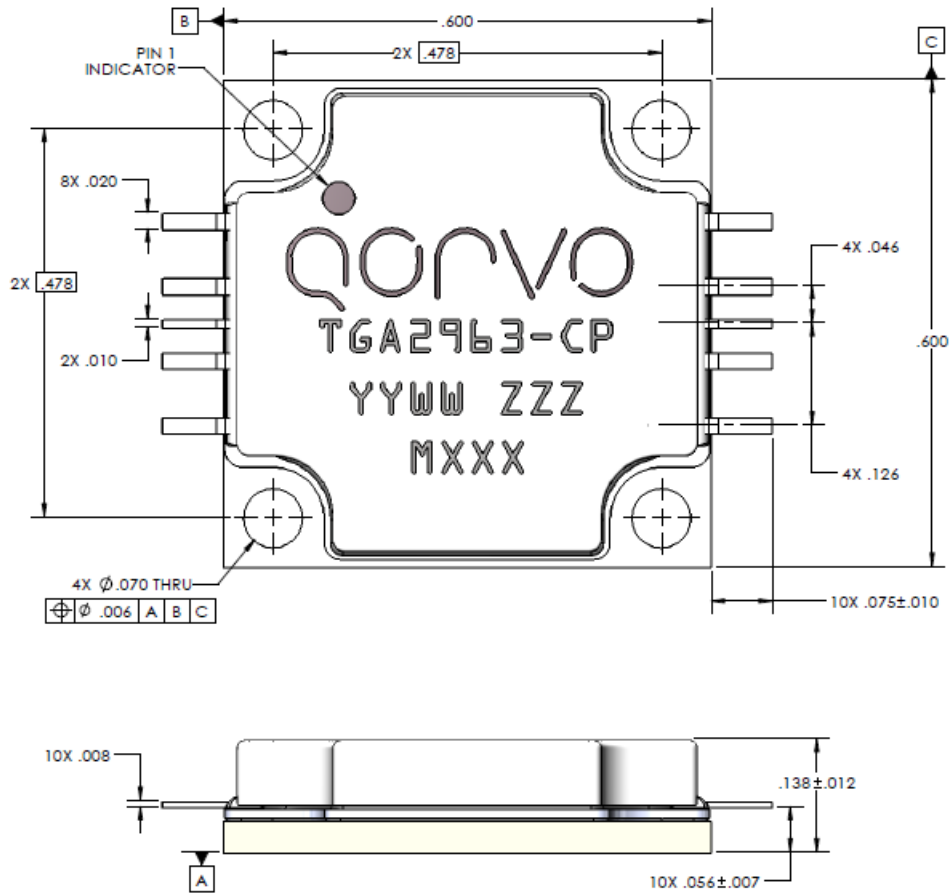
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1. Carefully clean the PC board and package leads with alcohol. Allow it to dry fully.
2. To improve the thermal and RF performance, Qorvo recommends attaching a heat sink to the bottom of the PCB and apply thermal compound (Arctic Silver 5 recommended) or 4 mil indium shim between the heat sink and the package.
3. (The following is for *information only*. There are many variables in a second level assembly that Qorvo does not control, so Qorvo does not recommend an absolute torque value.) Use screws to attach the component to the heat sink. A suggested torque value is 16 in-oz. for a 0-80 screw. Start with screws finger tight, then torque to 8 in-oz., then torque to final value. Use the following tightening pattern:



4. The component leads should be manually soldered. Apply a low residue solder alloy meeting J-STD-001 (ROL0, ROL1 or equivalent) with a liquidus temperature below 220 C to each pin of the TGA2963-CP. The use of low residue/no-clean flux (ROL0, ROL1) is recommended. Adding flux during hand soldering of the component leads with localized spot cleaning is acceptable. Soldering irons meeting the requirements of J-STD-001, Appendix A are acceptable. The packaged part should not be subjected to conventional SMT automated solder reflow processes.

### Mechanical Information



Units: inches

Tolerances: unless specified

x.xx = ± 0.01

x.xxx = ± 0.005

Materials:

Base: Copper

Lid: Plastic

All metalized features are gold plated

Part is epoxy sealed

Marking:

2963: Part number

YY: Part Assembly year

WW: Part Assembly week

ZZZ: Serial Number

MXXX: Batch ID



### Handling Precautions

Parameter	Rating	Standard
ESD – Human Body Model (HBM)	TBD	ESDA / JEDEC JS-001-2012
MSL – Moisture Sensitivity Level	N/A	



Caution!  
ESD-Sensitive Device

### Solderability

The component leads should be manually soldered, and the package cannot be subjected to conventional reflow processes. The use of no-clean solder to avoid washing after soldering is recommended.

### RoHS Compliance

This product is compliant with the 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:

- Product uses RoHS Exemption 7c-1 to meet RoHS Compliance requirements
- Halogen Free (Chlorine, Bromine)
- Antimony Free
- TBBP-A (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) Free
- PFOS Free
- SVHC Free

### Contact Information

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