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GRF2073

Ultra-Low Noise Amplifier 1 to 6.8 GHz

FEATURES

- Excellent Noise Figure Performance
- High Gain
- Outstanding Linearity
- Flexible Bias Voltage and Current
- Compact 2.0 x 2.0 mm DFN-8 Package
- Process: GaAs pHEMT

Reference: 5 V / 70 mA / 3.6 GHz

- Gain: 18.5 dB
- OIP3: 35 dBm
- OP1dB: 18 dBm
- Evaluation Board Noise Figure: 0.65 dB

APPLICATIONS

- Cellular Infrastructure
- Small Cells and Cellular Repeaters
- Distributed Antenna Systems
- C-Band LNA to 6 GHz
- TDD-LTE
- SDARS LNA
- GNSS/GPS Bands L1, L5, E5b

DESCRIPTION

The GRF2073 is a broadband, linear, ultra-low noise amplifier designed for small cell, wireless infrastructure, and other high performance RF applications requiring ultra-low noise figure (NF), high Gain, and linearity.

The device is a member of a family of pin-compatible, ultra-low noise devices which cover a wide range of frequency bands with industry leading NF and Gain.

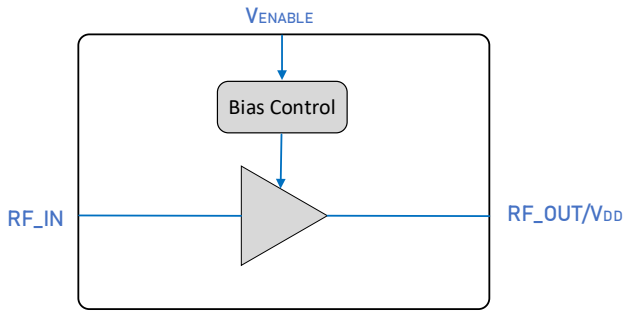
GRF2070: 0.01 to 1.7 GHz GRF2071: 0.7 to 2.7 GHz

GRF2072: 1.17 to 3.8 GHz GRF2073: 1.0 to 6.8 GHz

GRF2074: 1.0 to 6.0 GHz (Next-gen Process)

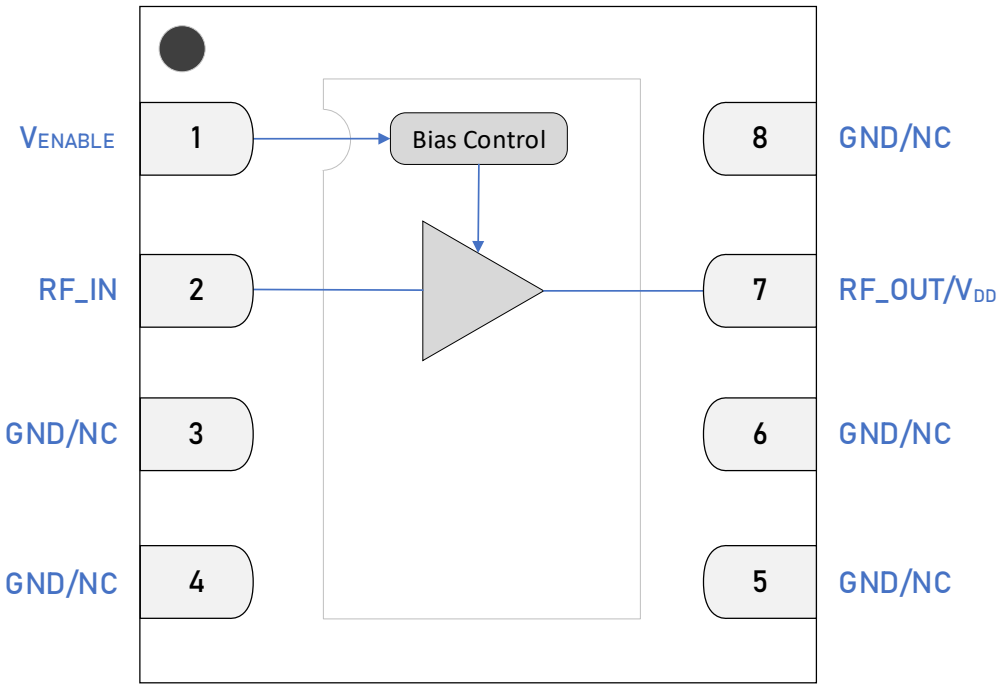
Please consult with the GRF applications engineering team for application notes and custom tuning/evaluation board data. De-embedded S-Parameters with Noise Parameters are available on the website.

BLOCK DIAGRAM



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2.0 x 2.0 mm DFN-8 Pin Out (Top View)

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Pin Assignments

Pin	Name	Description	Note
1	V_{ENABLE}	Enable Voltage Input	V_{ENABLE} and series resistor sets I_{DDQ}. $V_{ENABLE} \leq 0.2$ volts disables device.
2	RF_IN	RF Input	External match must provide DC block.
3, 4, 5, 6, 8	GND/NC	Ground or No Connect	No internal connection to die. We recommend connecting these pins to GND.
7	RF_OUT/V_{DD}	RF Output	Provides device V_{DD} via external bias inductor.
PKG BASE	GND	Ground	Provides DC and RF ground for LNA, as well as thermal heat sink. Recommend multiple 8 mil vias beneath the package for optimal RF and thermal performance. Refer to evaluation board top layer graphic on schematic page.

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Absolute Ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Max.	Unit
Supply Voltage	V_{DD}	0	6	V
RF Input Power: CW, Load VSWR < 2:1, V_{DD} = 5 V	$P_{IN\ MAX}$		23	dBm
Operating Temperature (package base)	$T_{PKG\ BASE}$	-40	105	°C
Maximum Channel Temperature (MTTF > 10^6 hours)	T_{MAX}		170	°C
Maximum Dissipated Power	$P_{DISS\ MAX}$		600	mW

Electrostatic Discharge

Charged Device Model	CDM	1500		V
Human Body Model	HBM	500		V

Storage

Storage Temperature	T_{STG}	-65	150	°C
Moisture Sensitivity Level	MSL		1	--

Caution! ESD Sensitive Device.
Exceeding Absolute Maximum Rating conditions may cause permanent damage.

Note: For additional information, please refer to *Manufacturing Note MN-001 — Package and Manufacturing Information.*

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Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Symbol	Specification			Unit	Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Supply Voltage	V_{DD}	0	5	6	V	
Operating Temperature (package base)	$T_{PKG\ BASE}$	-40		105	°C	
RF Frequency Range	F_{RF}	1	3.6	6.8	GHz	Typical application schematic with external matching components **(notes 1 & 2).**
RF_IN Port Impedance	Z_{RFIN}		50		Ω	Single-ended.
RF_OUT Port Impedance	Z_{RFOUT}		50		Ω	Single-ended.

Note 1: Operation outside of this range is possible, but with degraded performance of some parameters. Examples of other optimized tunes can be found here: GRF2073 Custom Tunes

Note 2: Contact the Guerrilla RF Applications team for guidance on optimizing the tuning of the device for alternative bands.

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Nominal Operating Parameters – General

The following conditions apply unless noted otherwise: typical application schematic. V_{DD} = 5 V, V_{ENABLE} = 5 V, I_{DD} = 70 mA, M3 = 1.07 kΩ, F_{TEST} = 3.6 GHz, $T_{PKG\ BASE}$ = 25 °C. 50 Ω system impedance. Evaluation board losses are included within the specifications.

Parameter	Symbol	Specification			Unit	Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Supply Current	I_{DD}	50	70	90	mA	V_{DD} = 5 V, V_{ENABLE} = 5 V.
Enable Current	I_{ENABLE}		3.5		mA	
Switching Rise Time	T_{RISE}		300		ns	Disabled mode to Gain mode (**note 3**).
Switching Fall Time	T_{FALL}		300		ns	Gain mode to Disabled mode **(note 4)**.

Thermal Data

Thermal Resistance (Infrared Scan)	Θ_{JC}		60		°C/W	On standard evaluation board (**note 5).**

Note 3: Switching Time: 50% of V_{ENABLE} to 90% of P_{OUT}.

Note 4: Switching Time: 50% of V_{ENABLE} to 10% of P_{OUT}.

Note 5: MTTF > 10^6 hours for $T_{CHANNEL}$ ≤170 °C.

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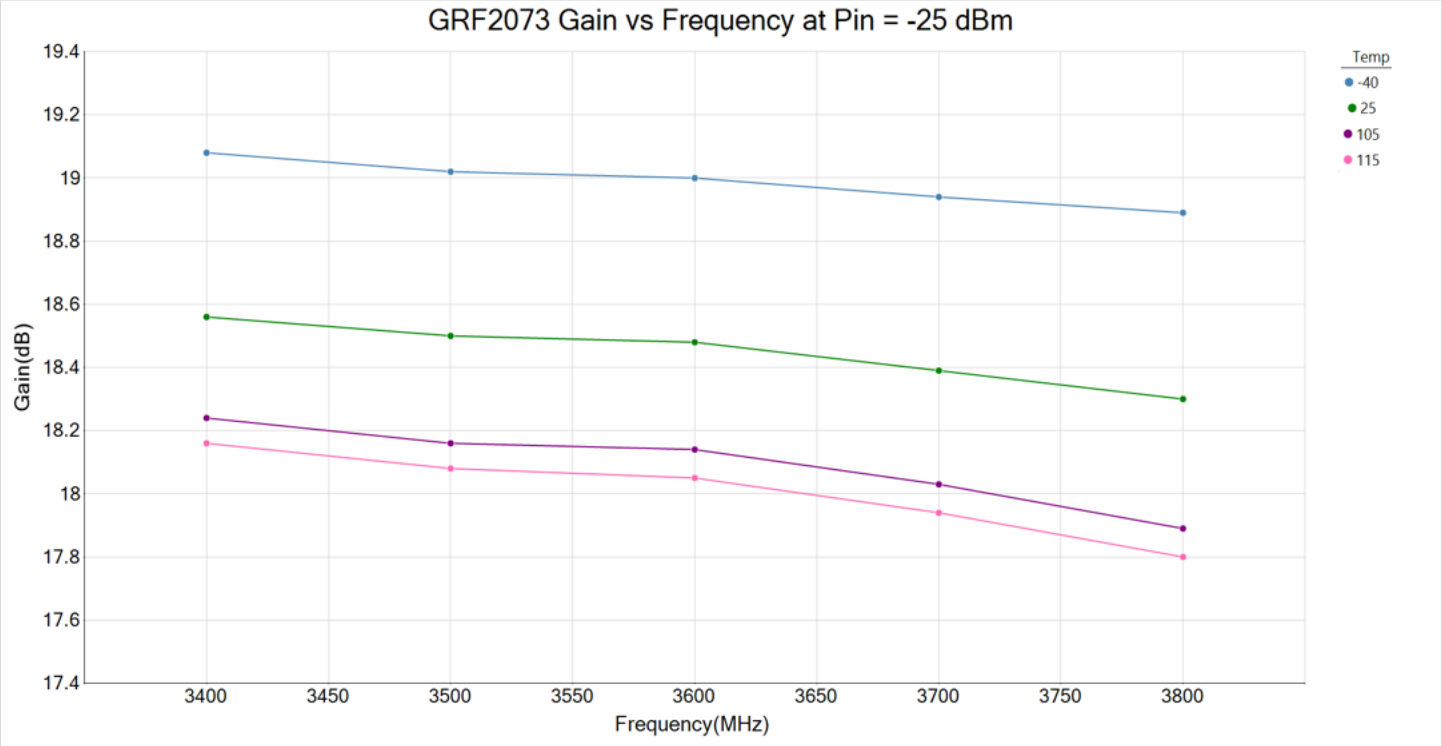
Nominal Operating Parameters – RF

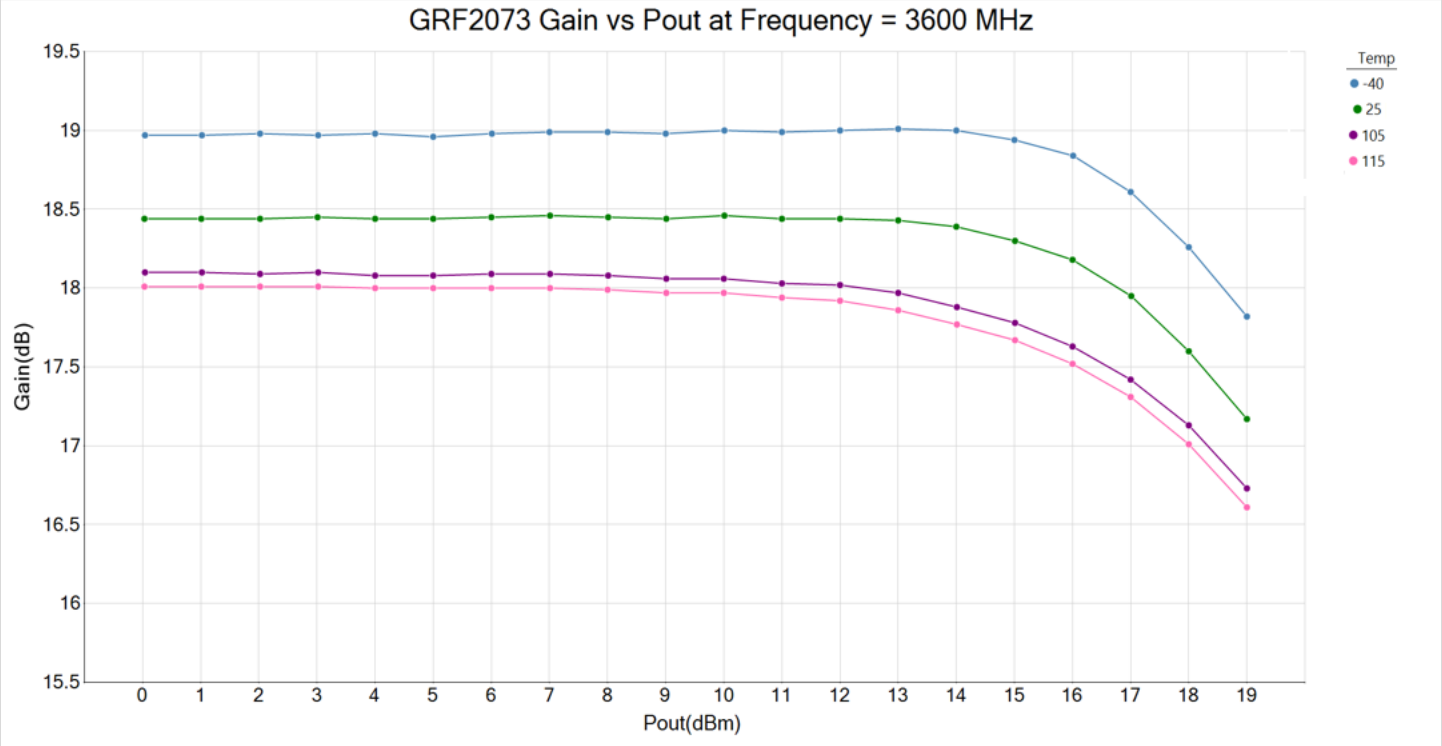
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Parameter	Symbol	Specification			Unit	Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Gain	S21	17.5	18.5		dB	
Reverse Isolation	S12		< -24		dB	F_{TEST} = 3.4 to 3.8 GHz.
Noise Figure	NF		0.65	0.85	dB	On standard evaluation board.
Output 3rd Order Intercept Point	OIP3		35		dBm	+3 dBm P_{OUT} per tone at 2 MHz spacing (3599 and 3601 MHz).
Output 1 dB Compression Power	OP1dB	16.5	18		dBm	

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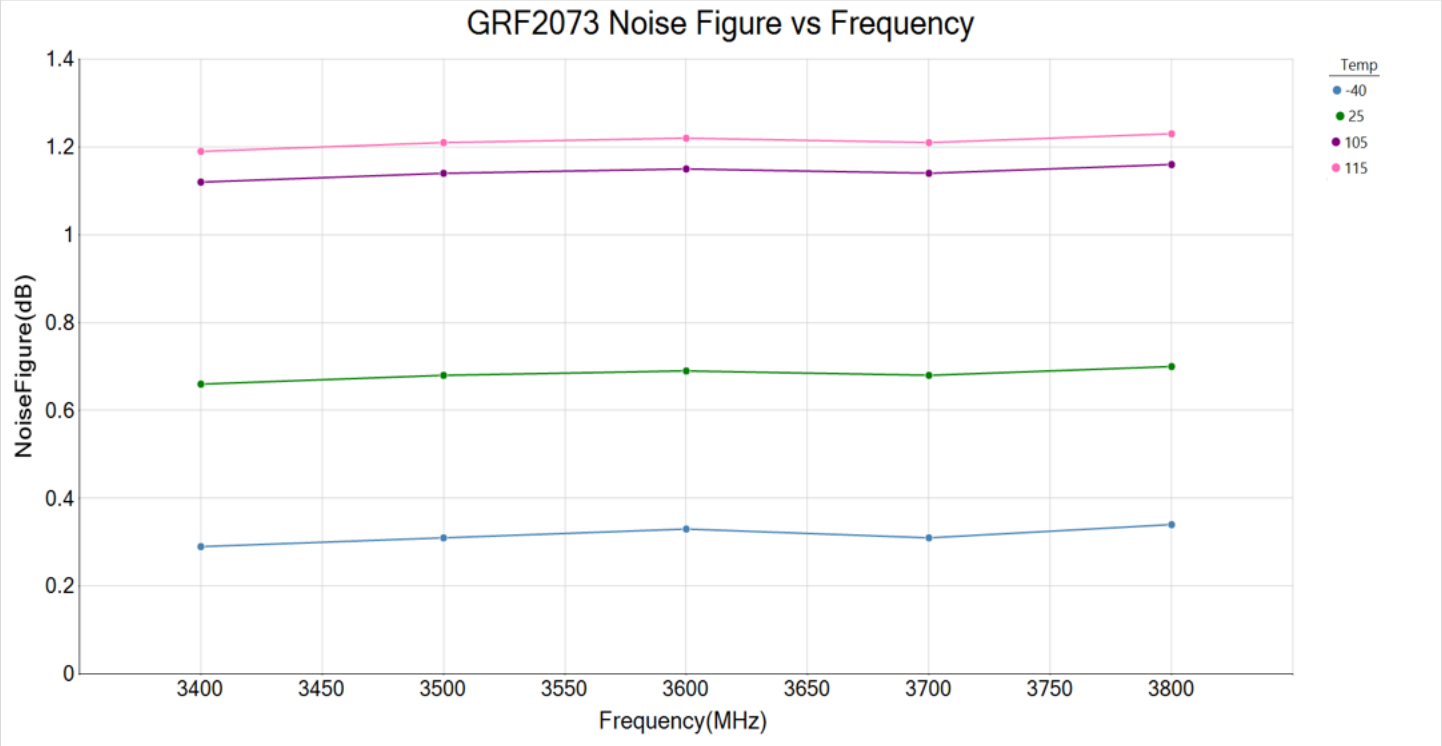
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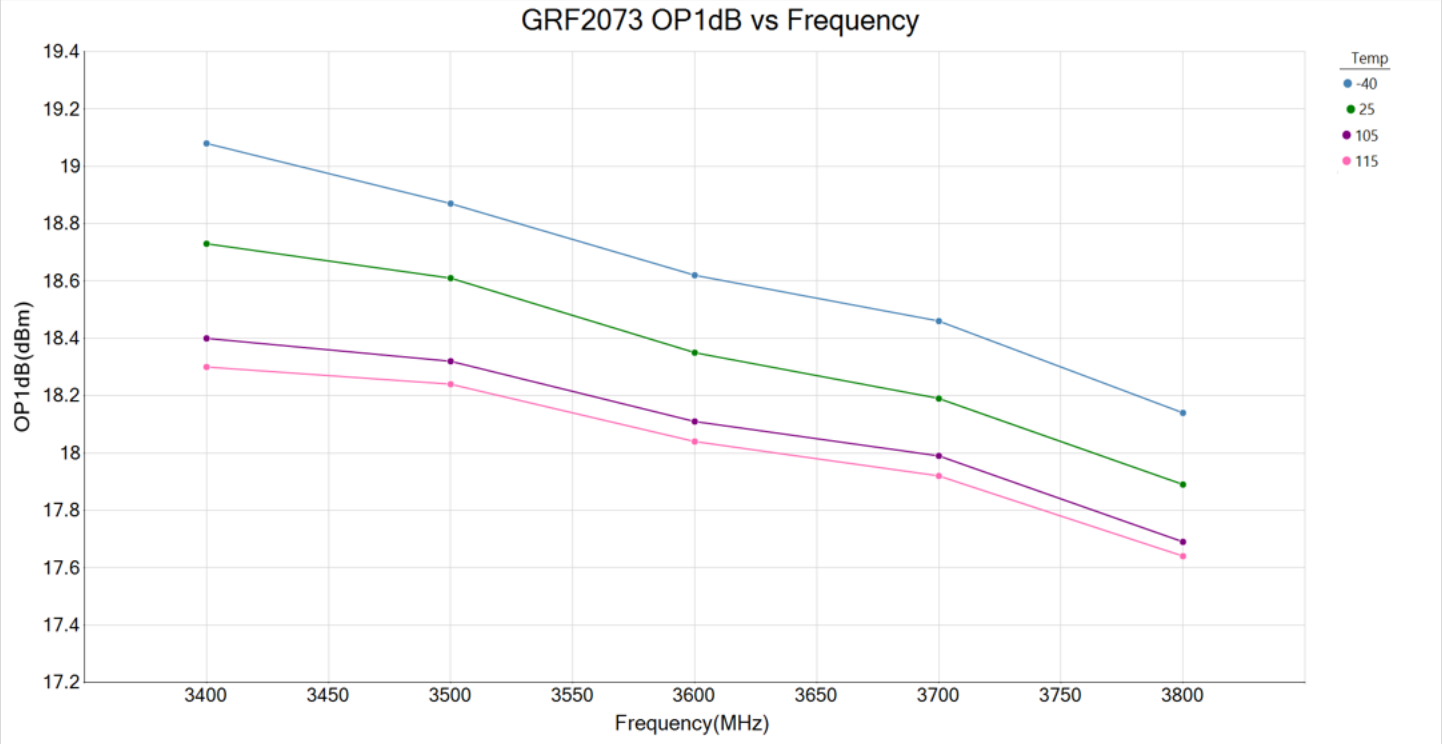




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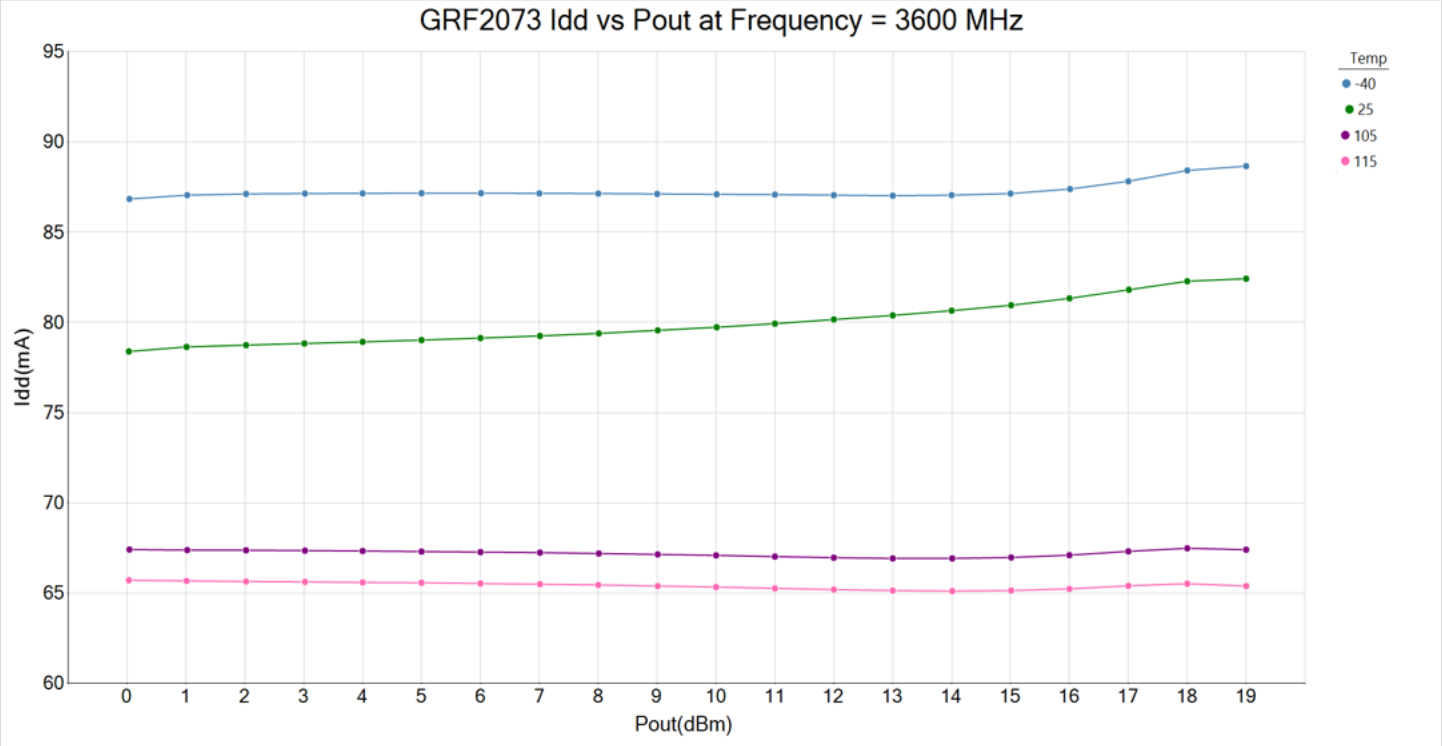
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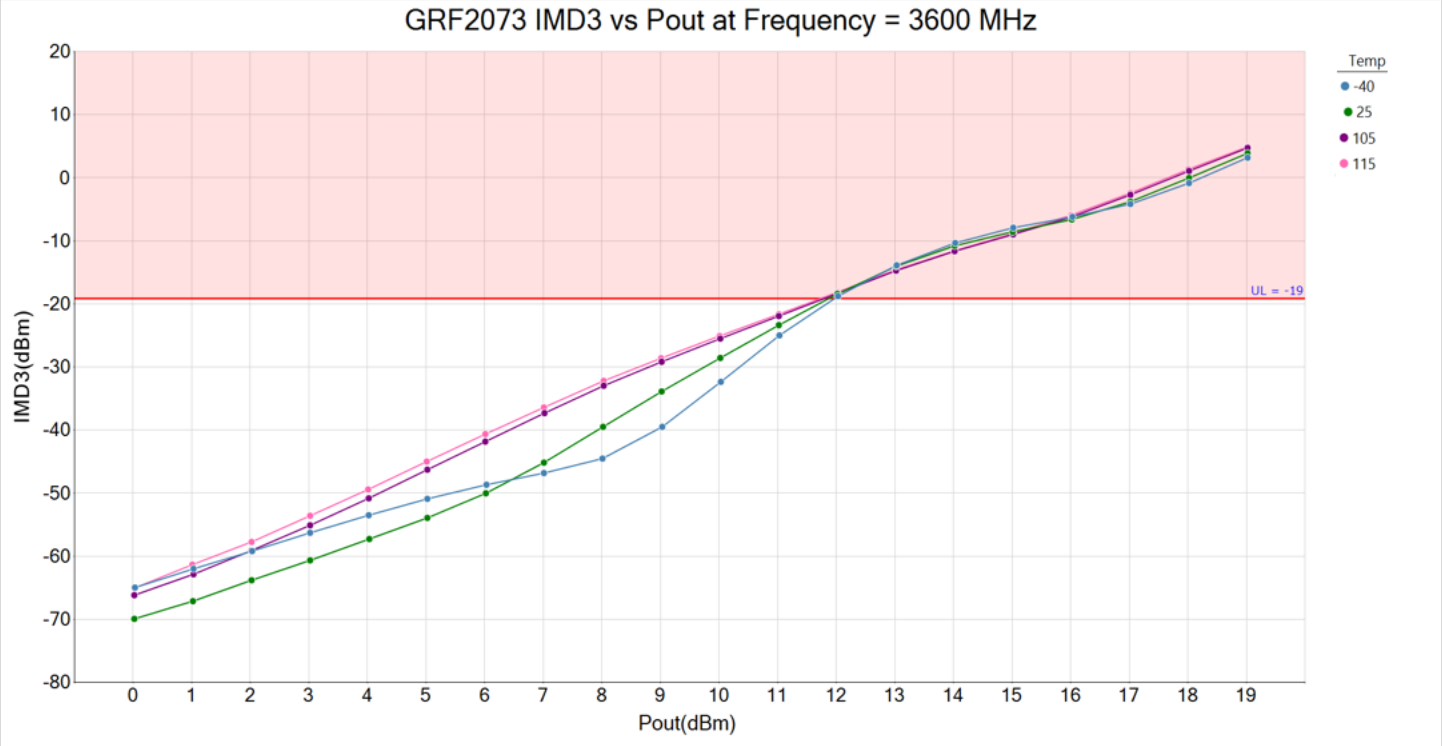




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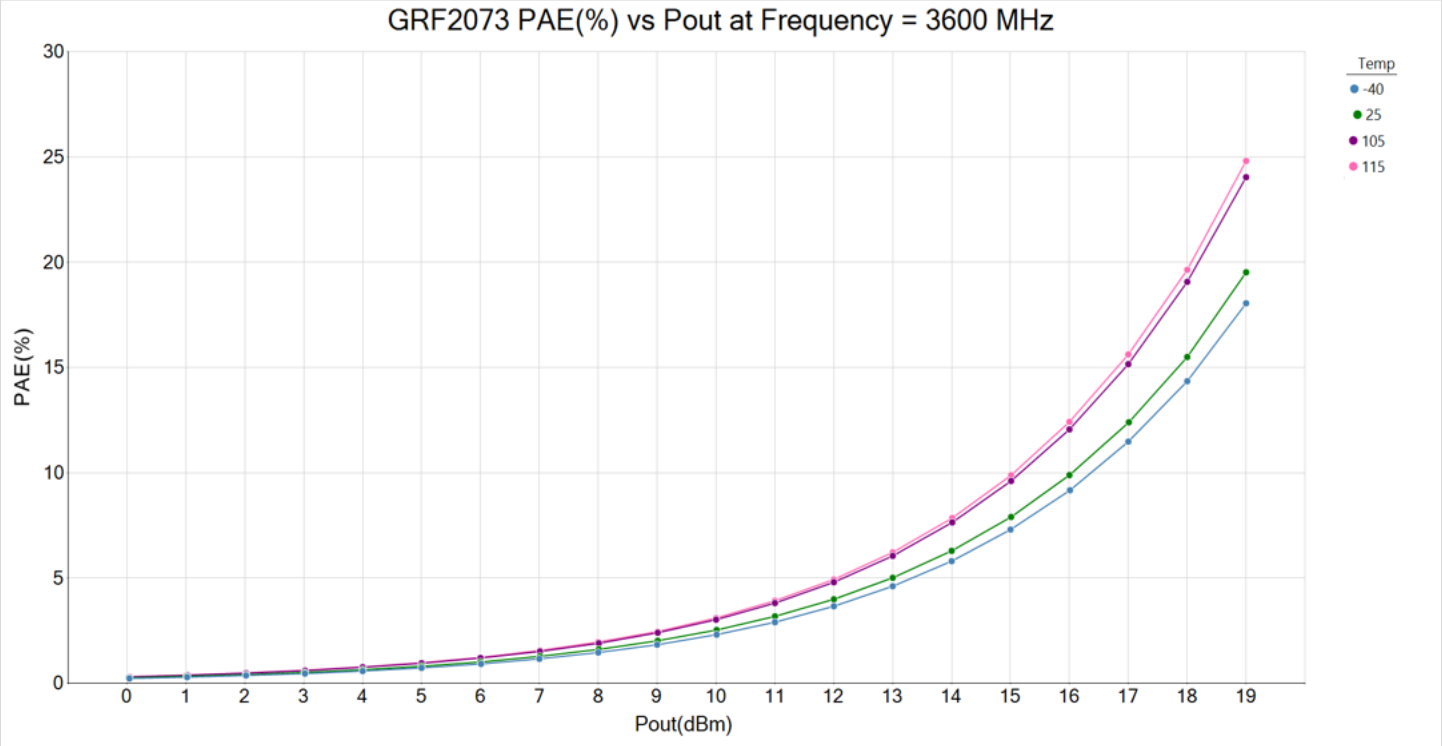
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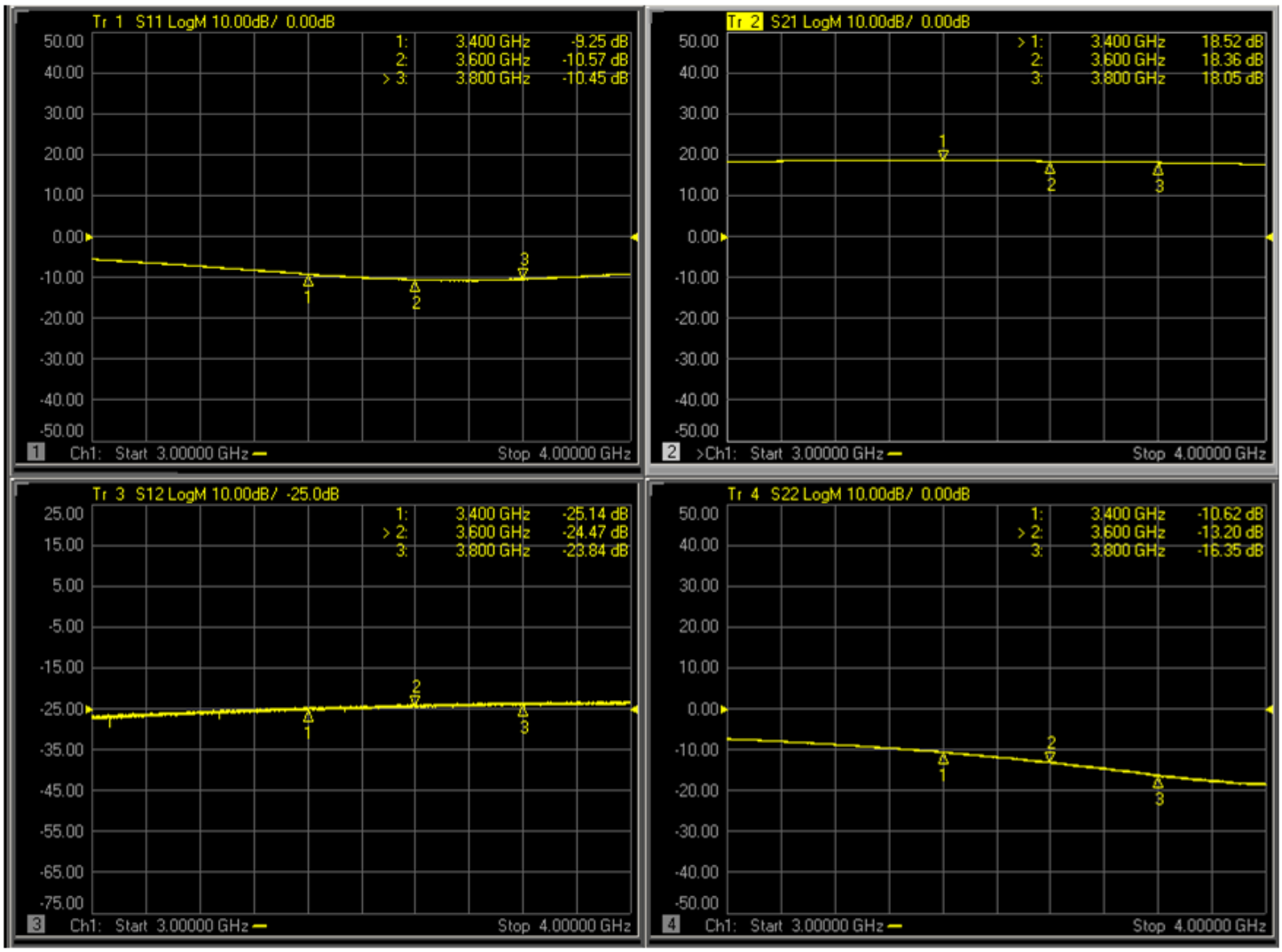
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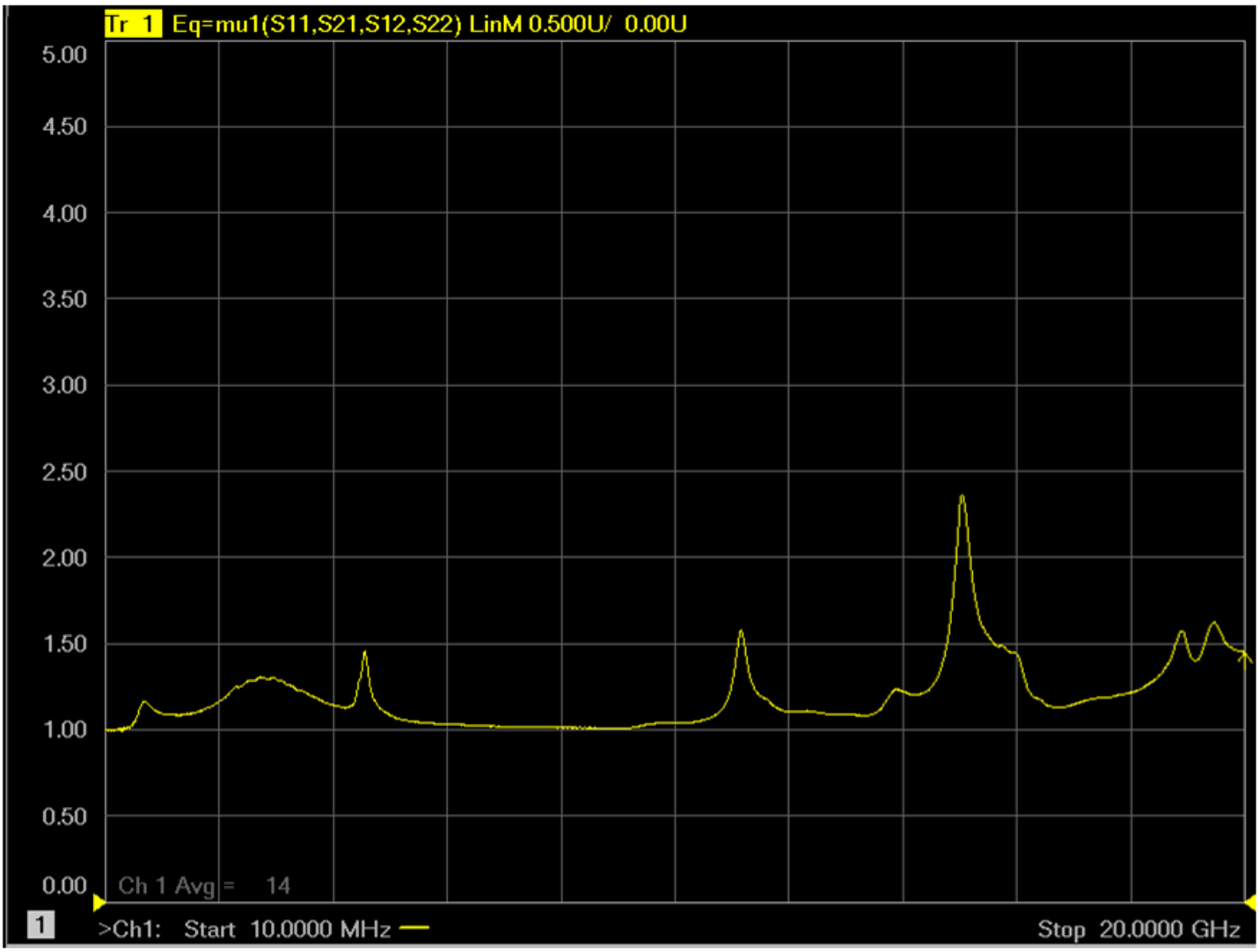
GRF2073 Typical Operating Curves: S-Parameters (3.4 to 3.8 GHz Tune)



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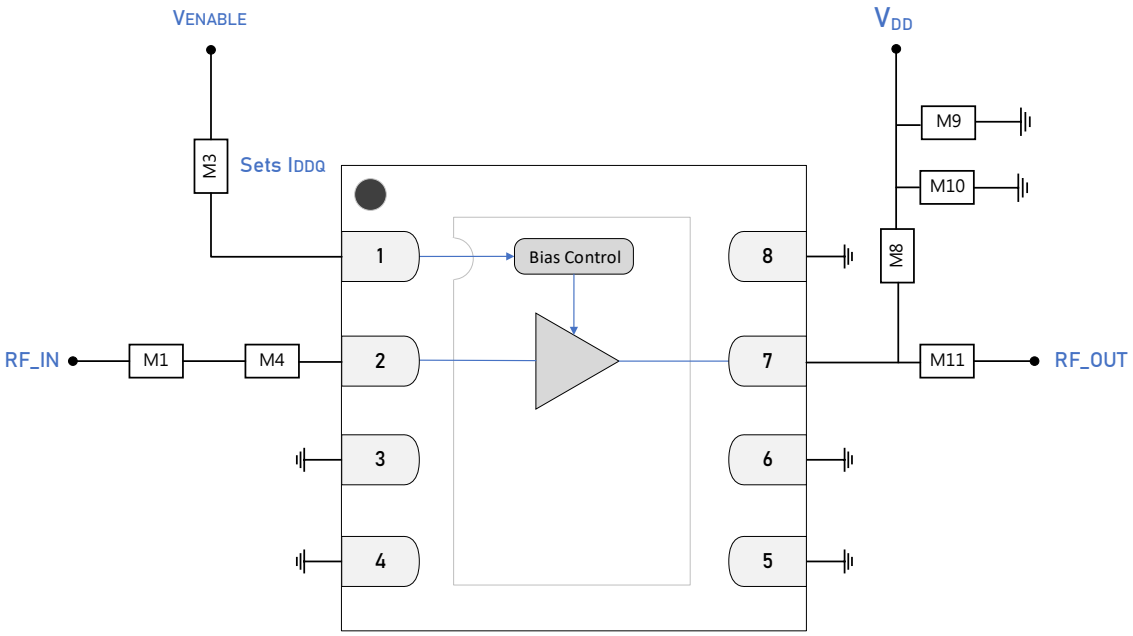
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GRF2073 Typical Operating Curves: Stability Mu (10 MHz to 20 GHz)

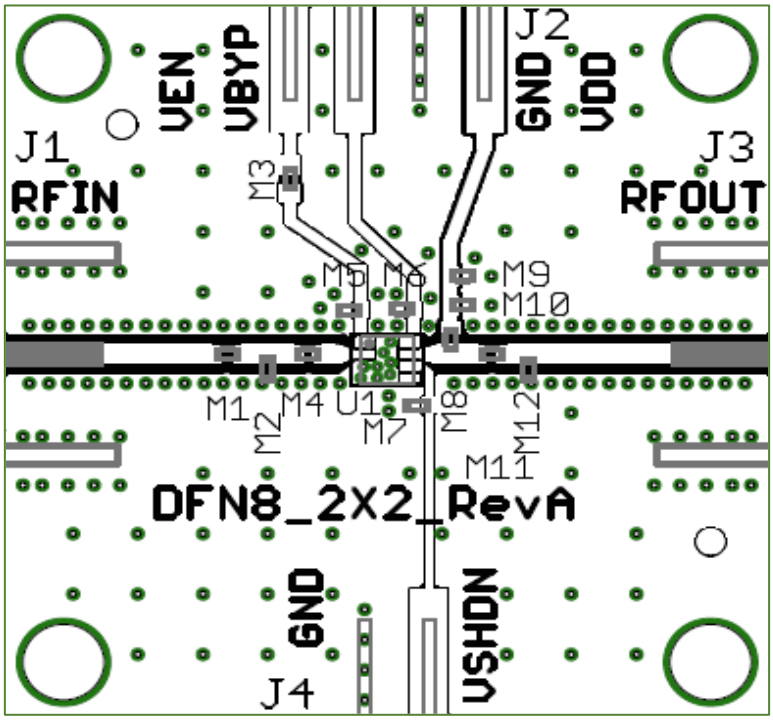


Note: Mu ≥ 1.0 implies unconditional stability.

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GRF2073 Standard Evaluation Board Schematic



GRF2073 Evaluation Board Assembly Diagram

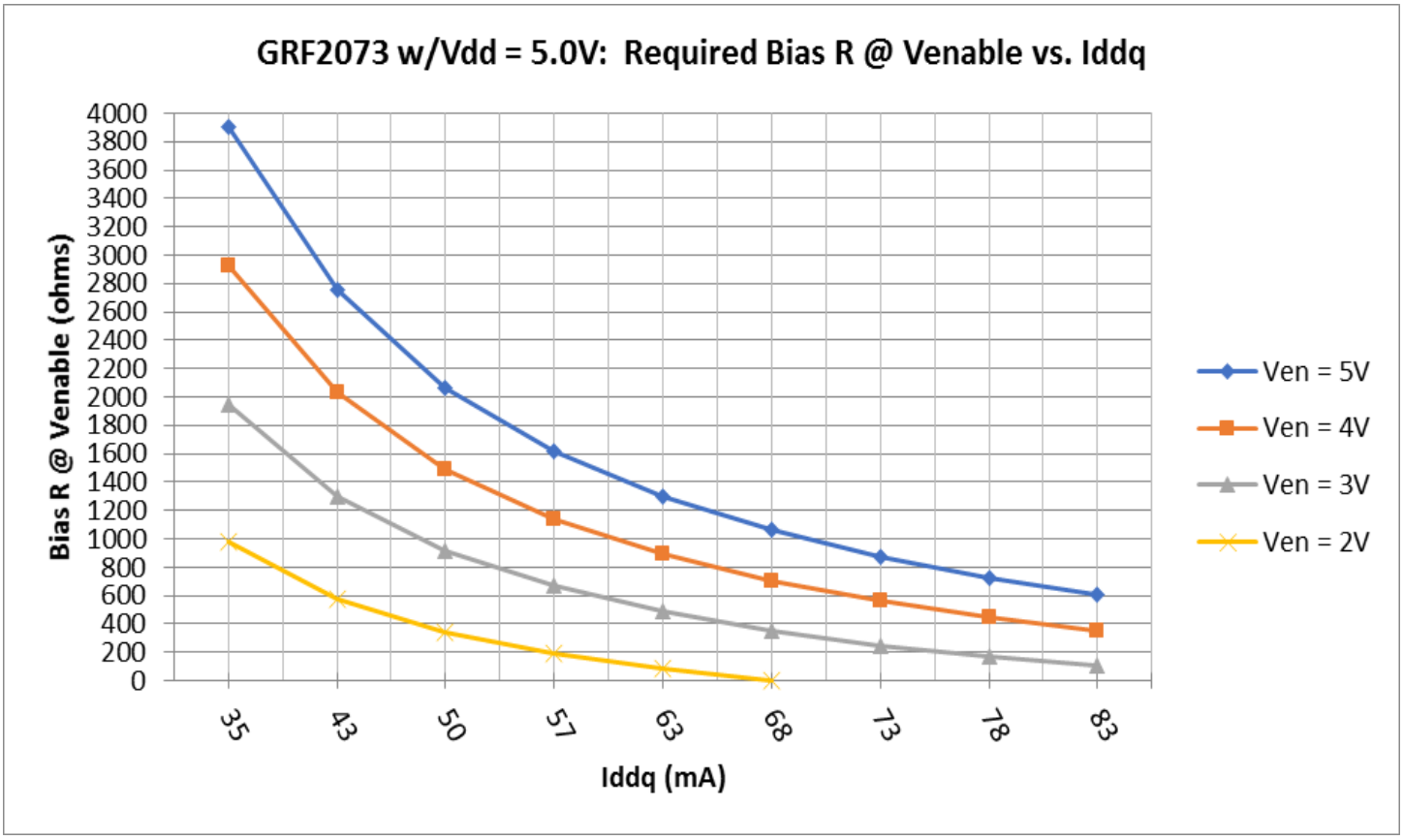
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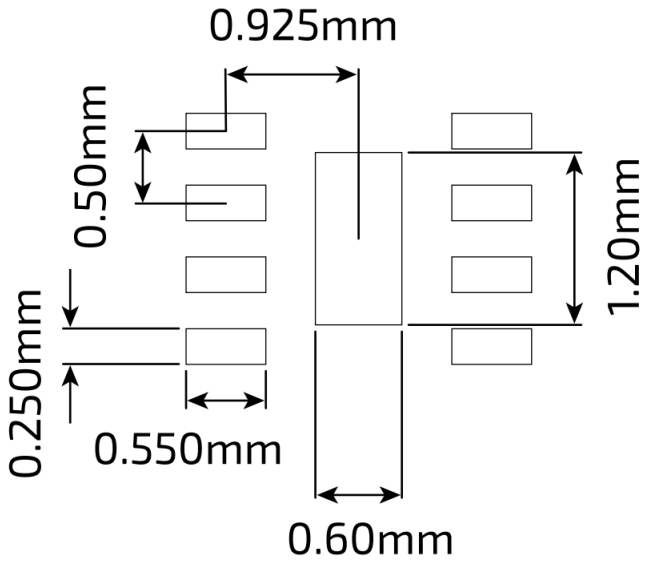
GRF2073 Evaluation Board Assembly Diagram Reference: 3.4 to 3.8 GHz Tune

Component	Type	Manufacturer	Family	Value	Package Size	Substitution
M1	Capacitor	Murata	GJM	1.2 pF	0402	ok
M3 (sets I_{DDQ})	Resistor	Various	5%	See Curves	0402	ok
M4	Resistor	Various	5%	0 Ω	0402	ok
M8	Inductor	Murata	LQG	1.8 nH	0402	ok
M9	Capacitor	Murata	GRM	0.1 µF	0402	ok
M10	Capacitor	Murata	GRM	100 pF	0402	ok
M11	Capacitor	Murata	GRM	5.1 pF	0402	ok
Evaluation Board	DFN8_2x2_RevA					

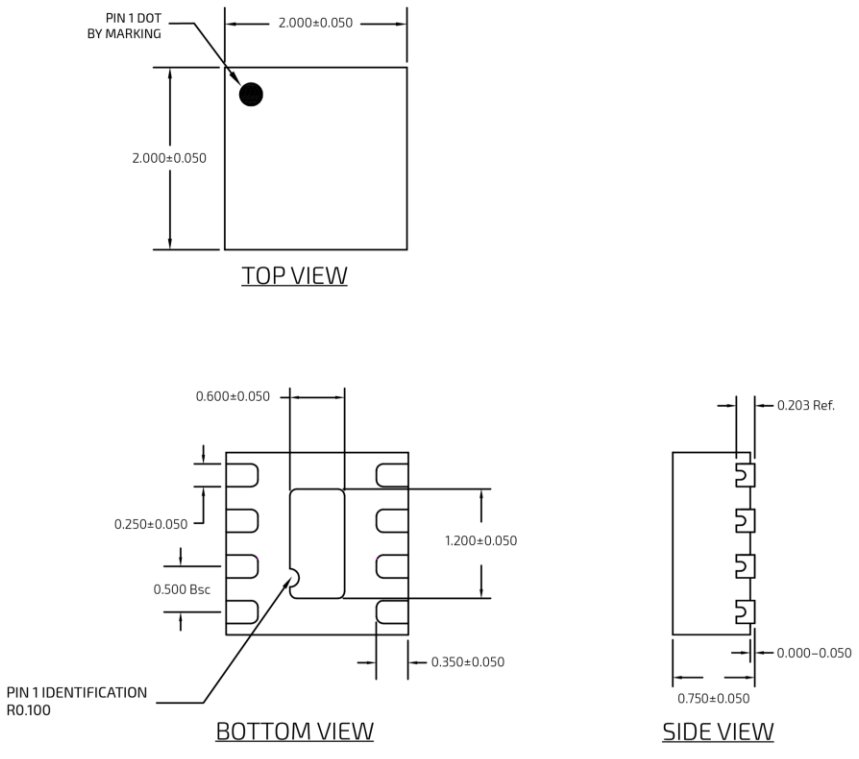
GRF2073 Bias Resistor Selection Curves



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2.0 x 2.0 mm DFN-8 Suggested PCB Footprint (Top View)

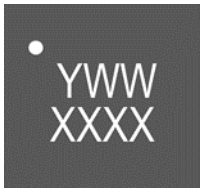


2.0 x 2.0 mm DFN-8 Package Dimensions

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Package Marking Diagram



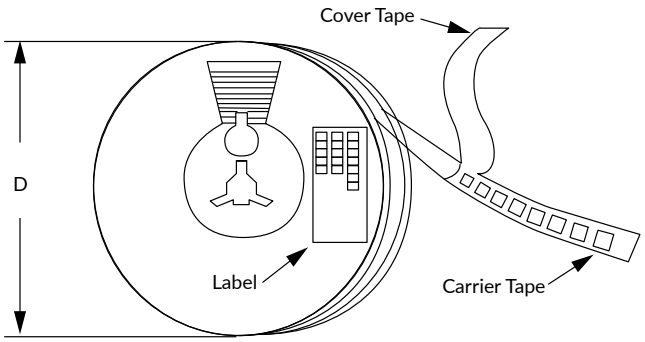
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Tape and Reel Information

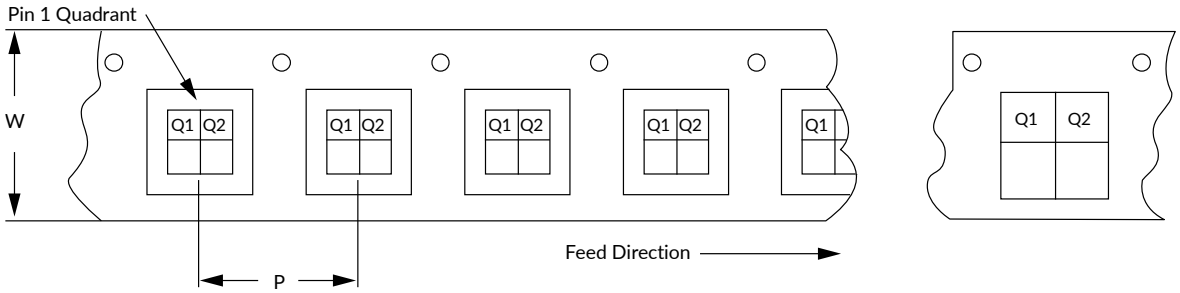
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Devices are loaded with pins down into the carrier pocket with protective cover tape and reeled onto a plastic reel. Each reel is packaged in a cardboard box. There are product labels on the reel, the protective ESD bag and the outside surface of the box.

For the Tape and Reel Reference Table, please refer to: Package Manufacturing Information | Guerrilla RF (guerrilla-rf.com)



Tape and Reel Packaging with Reel Diameter Noted (D)



Carrier Tape Width (W), Pitch (P), Feed Direction and Pin 1 Quadrant Information

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Revision History

Revision Date	Description of Change
November 8, 2018	Release Ø Data Sheet.
July 28, 2021	Release A Data Sheet. Upgraded Data Sheet to new format only. No change to device or device specifications.
May 24, 2023	Release B Data Sheet. Added Supply Current (I_{DD}) Min/Max Limits to match Production Test Plan.
September 22, 2023	Upgraded Data Sheet to new format. Added new characterization plots.
August 1, 2024	Release C Data Sheet. Lowered frequency range from 2.0 to 1.0 GHz. Added SDARS and GNSS/GPS Bands to Applications on page 1.
May 22, 2025	Extended upper frequency range from 6.0 to 6.8 GHz. Updated frequency range of family of part numbers listed on page 1.
September 11, 2025	Converted Data Sheet to new format. No change to device or device specifications.

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Advance	S-parameter and NF data based on EM simulations for the fully packaged device using foundry-supplied transistor S-parameters. Linearity estimates based on device size, bias condition and experience with related devices.
Preliminary	All data based on limited evaluation board measurements taken within the Guerrilla RF Applications Lab. All parametric values are subject to change pending the collection of additional data.
Release Ø	All data based on measurements taken with *production-released* material. TYP values are based on a combination of ATE and bench-level measurements, with MIN/MAX limits defined using *modelled estimates* that account for part-to-part variations and expected process spreads. Although unlikely, future refinements to the TYP/MIN/MAX values may be in order as multiple lots are processed through the factory.
Release A-Z	All data based on measurements taken with production-released material *derived from multiple lots which have been fabricated over an extended period of time*. MIN/MAX limits may be refined over previous releases as more statistically significant data is collected to account for process spreads.

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