

RTC6649EX : 2.4 – 2.5 GHz Power Amplifier for 802.11b/g/n/ac

Description

The RTC6649EX is a power amplifier (PA) designed for 2.4 ~ 2.5 GHz frequency range, compatible with 802.11b/g/n/ac wireless LAN system. The device is manufactured based on advanced InGaP/GaAs HBT (Heterojunction Bipolar Transistor) process. The amplifier consists of 3 gain stages with inter-stage matching, build-in input matching network, and a power detector for close loop power control operation. The device is capable to provide +26.5 dBm linear power under 3% low EVM (Error-Vector-Magnitude) of 802.11g OFDM 64QAM 54Mbps and +23 dBm linear power under 1.8% low EVM of 802.11ac 256QAM HT40 MCS8 by single supply voltage 5V. The device is provided in a tiny industrial standard 16-lead surface mount package QFN-3.0x3.0x1.0(max) mm³.

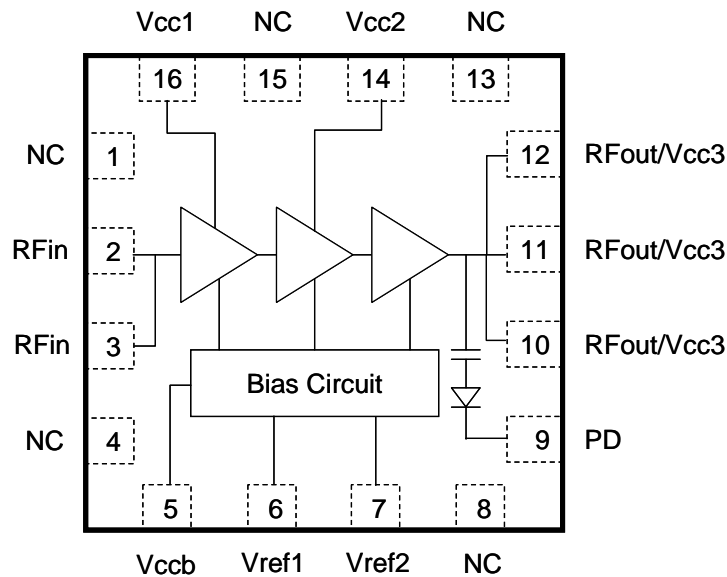
Feature

- ◆ Frequency Range: 2.4 – 2.5 GHz
- ◆ Voltage Supply : 5 V
- ◆ High Gain : 31 dB
- ◆ +26.5 dBm linear output power for 802.11g 64QAM, 54Mbps, 3% EVM, 5V
- ◆ +23 dBm linear output power for 802.11ac 256QAM, HT40, MCS8, 1.8% EVM, 5V
- ◆ On-chip Input Matching
- ◆ 16L QFN-3.0x3.0x1.0(max) mm³ Package
- ◆ RoHS / Halogen Free Compliant
- ◆ Moisture Sensitivity Level : MSL 3

Application

- ◆ High Power WLAN applications
- ◆ IEEE 802.11b/g/n Wireless LAN System
- ◆ IEEE 802.11ac 256QAM Wireless LAN
- ◆ 2.4GHz ISM Band Application
- ◆ 2.4GHz Cordless Phones

Pin Out (top view through package)



Pin Function Description

| Pin | Function | Description |
|-------------|------------|--|
| 1 | NC | Not connected |
| 2 | RFin | RF input. Input matching network is built on chip. |
| 3 | RFin | Same as pin 2 |
| 4 | NC | Not connected |
| 5 | Vccb | Power supply for bias control circuit |
| 6 | Vref1 | Bias control voltage for 1 st & 2 nd stage |
| 7 | Vref2 | Bias control voltage for 3 rd stage |
| 8 | NC | Not connected |
| 9 | PD | Detector output voltage for output power index |
| 10 | RFout/Vcc3 | RF output & power supply for power stage-3 |
| 11 | RFout/Vcc3 | Same as pin 10 |
| 12 | RFout/Vcc3 | Same as pin 10 |
| 13 | NC | Not connected |
| 14 | Vcc2 | Power supply for power stage-2 |
| 15 | NC | Not connected |
| 16 | Vcc1 | Power supply for power stage-1 |
| Exposed Pad | | Must be connected to Ground |

Absolute Maximum Rating

| Parameter | Rating | Units |
|--|-------------|-------|
| Supply Voltage (Vcc) | 6 | V |
| Bias Voltage (Vref) | 3.5 | V |
| RF Input Level (RFin), under 50Ω output terminated | +15 | dBm |
| Operating Temperature | -40 to +85 | °C |
| Storage Temperature | -40 to +150 | °C |

Note : Stresses above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only, functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Operation between operation range maximum and absolute maximum for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Recommended Operating Condition

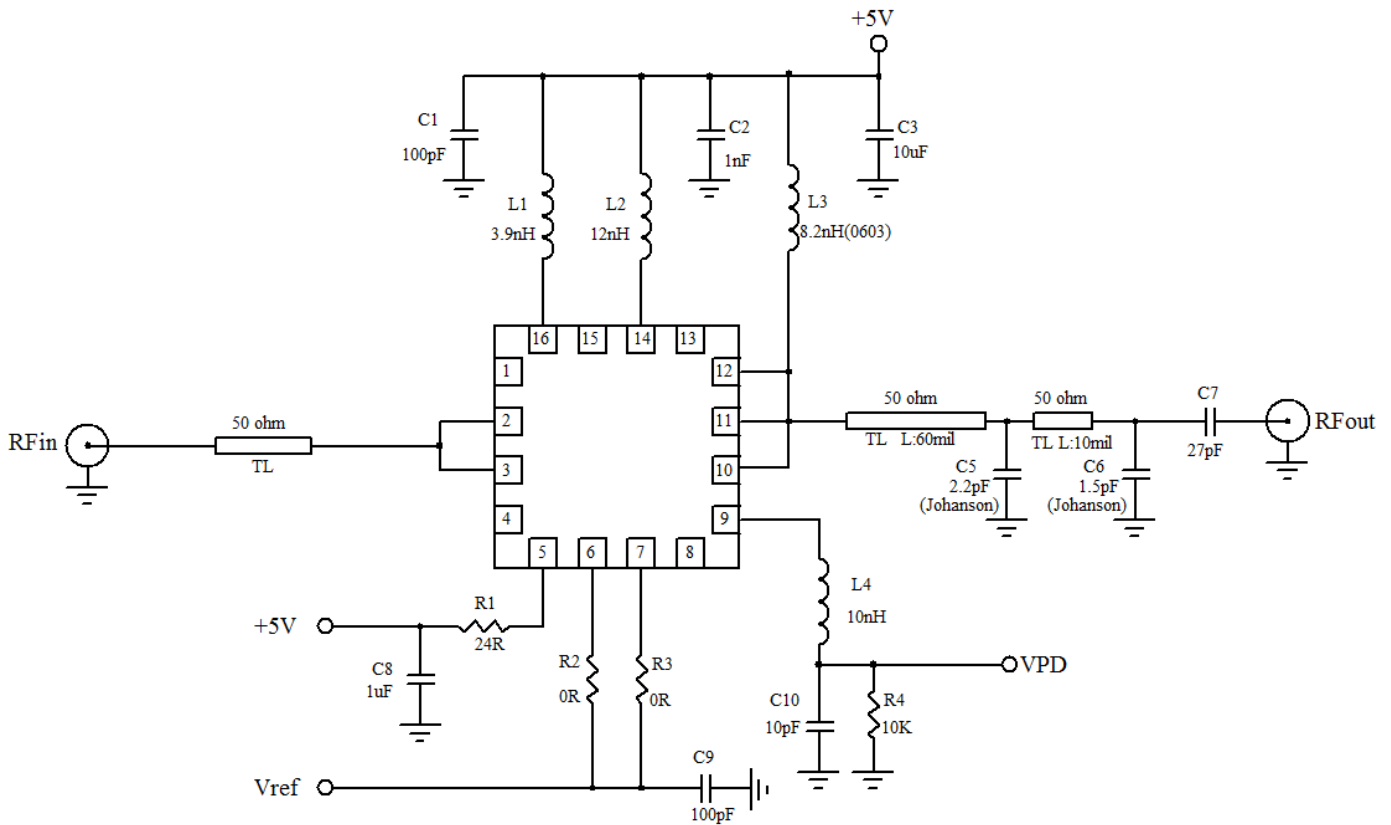
| PARAMETER | CONDITION | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
|----------------------------|-----------|------|-----|------|-------|
| Vcc = 5 V operation | | | | | |
| Vcc1, Vcc2, Vcc3, Vccb | | 4.75 | 5 | 5.25 | Volts |
| Vref | | 2.75 | 2.8 | 2.9 | Volts |

Electrical Specification

| Parameter | Condition | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--|---|------|---------|---------|------|
| Frequency Range | | 2.4 | – | 2.5 | GHz |
| T = 25°C, Vcc1 = Vcc2 = Vcc3 = Vccb = 5 V, Vref = 2.8 V | | | | | |
| Small Signal Gain | $P_{in} = -30$ dBm | 29 | 31 | | dB |
| P1dB | 1dB Gain compression | 30 | 32 | | dBm |
| Linear Pout for 11ac usage | 256QAM, HT40, MCS8 1.8% EVM | 21 | 23 | | dBm |
| Linear Pout for 11g usage | 64 QAM/54 Mbps 3% EVM | 24.5 | 26.5 | | dBm |
| 11g mask compliant power | OFDM 6Mbps | 27 | 29 | | dBm |
| 11b mask compliant power | DSSS 1Mbps | 27 | 29 | | dBm |
| Gain Flatness | within band(2.4 ~ 2.5GHz) | | | 1 | dB |
| Input return loss | $P_{in} = -30$ dBm | | -11 | -8 | dB |
| Output return loss | $P_{in} = -30$ dBm | | -16 | -12 | dB |
| 2f /3f harmonics | Pout = 26 dBm, CW without harmonic filter (note 1) | | -30/-30 | -25/-25 | dBm |
| Tdr, Tdf Delay and rise/fall Time | 50 % of V_{EN} edge and 90/10 % of final output power level | | 150 | | ns |
| Icq | Quiescent, No RF | | 295 | | mA |
| Icc | 802.11g, 64QAM, Pout = 26 dBm | | 500 | 650 | mA |
| Icc | 802.11ac, 256QAM, HT40, Pout = 23 dBm | | 450 | 600 | mA |
| Iref | Current at Vref, No RF | | 6 | | mA |
| Power Detector Output | 64 QAM/54Mbps Pout = 17dBm | | 0.36 | | V |
| | 64 QAM/54Mbps Pout = 26dBm | | 0.88 | | V |

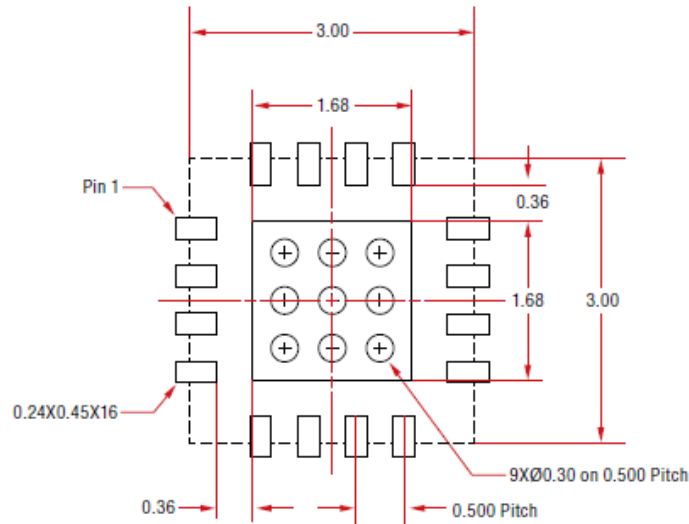
Note 1: Apply external harmonic filter can further suppress harmonics less than -50dBm/MHz

Application Circuit

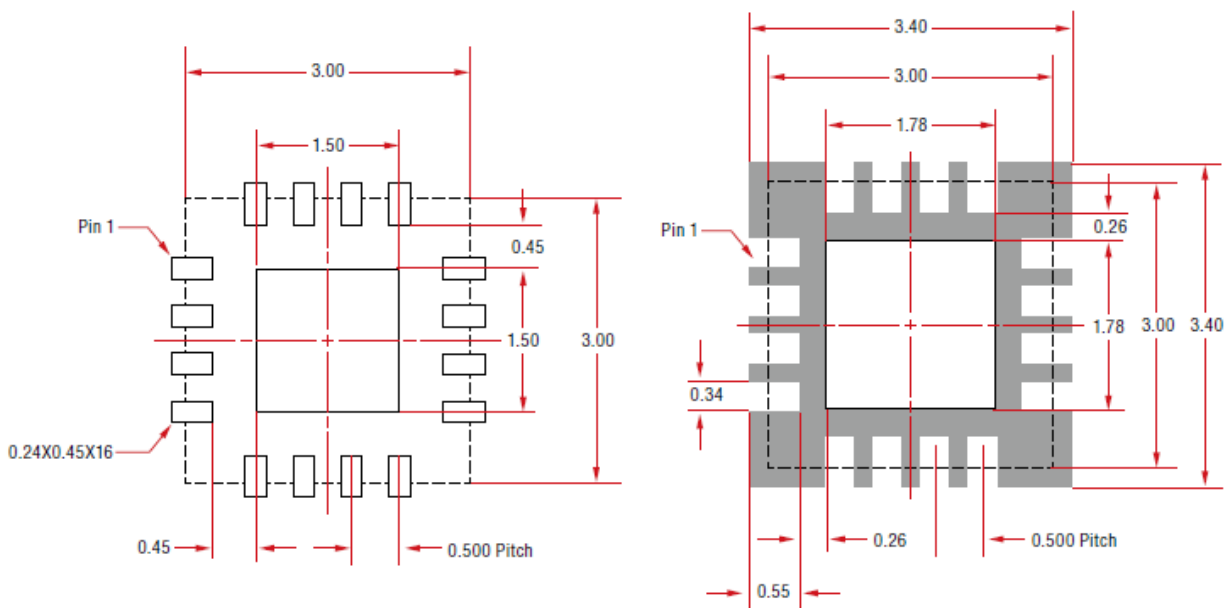


Note : paddle must be connected to GND

Recommended PCB Footprint



**PCB Board Metal & Via Pattern
Top View**

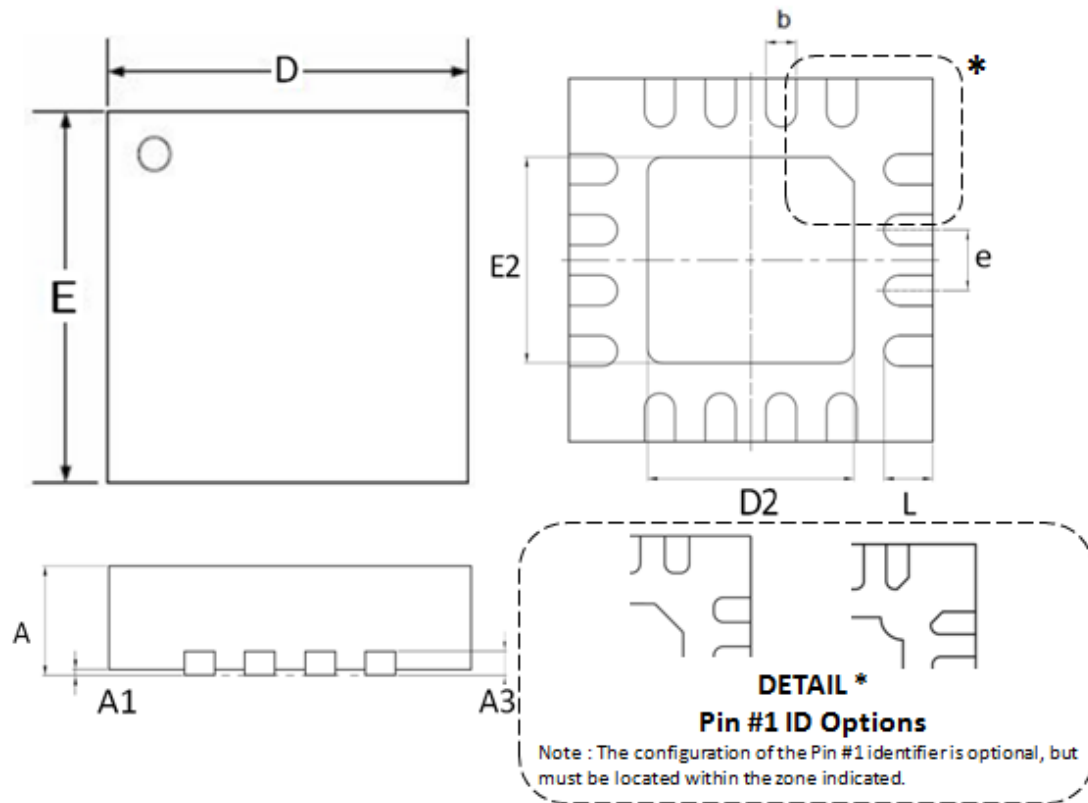


**PCB Stencil Pattern
Top View
80% solder coverage on Pad**

**PCB Solder Mask Pattern
Top View**

NOTE: All dimensions are measured in millimeters.

Package Outline Dimension



| 16L QFN 3X3X1-A | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Symbol | Dimensions in Millimeters | |
| | MIN | MAX |
| A | 0.800 | 1.000 |
| A1 | 0.000 | 0.050 |
| A3 | 0.200REF | |
| b | 0.180 | 0.300 |
| D | 2.900 | 3.100 |
| D2 | 1.550 | 1.800 |
| e | 0.500TYP | |
| E | 2.900 | 3.100 |
| E2 | 1.550 | 1.800 |
| L | 0.200 | 0.400 |