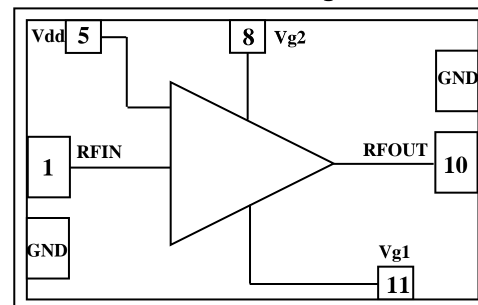
1-26 GHz Ultra-Wideband Amplifier

Features

- **Ultra-wideband performance**
- **9.0 dB Nominal gain**
- **Noise Figure: 4.5 @12GHz**
- **P1 dB: 12 dBm at 10GHz.**
- **Input Return Loss > 10 dB**
- **Output Return Loss > 10 dB**
- **DC decoupled input and output**
- **0.15 µm InGaAs pHEMT Technology**
- **Chip dimension: 3.0 x 1.13 x 0.1 mm**

Functional Diagram



Typical Applications

- **Wideband LNA/Gain block**
- **Electronic warfare**
- **Test Instrumentation**

Description

The ASL5003 is a broadband pHEMT GaAs MMIC TWA designed to operate over 2GHz to 20 GHz frequency range. The design employs a 4-stage, cascode-connected pHEMT structure to ensure flat gain and good return loss. The device offers a typical small signal gain of 9 dB over the operating frequency band and has a Noise figure of 5 dB in 8-18GHz band. The P1dB is 12dBm at 10GHz. The Input & output are matched to 50Ω with a VSWR better than 1.9:1. The chip is unconditionally stable over the entire operating frequency range.

The ASL5003 is suitable for a variety of wideband electronic warfare systems such as radar warning receivers, jammers and instrumentation. In addition, the chip may also be used as a pre-driver or a gain block. The die has been fabricated using a reliable 0.15µm InGaAs pHEMT technology.

Absolute Maximum Ratings (1)

Parameter	Absolute Maximum	Units
Positive DC voltage	+8	V
RF input power	+16	dBm
Supply Current	150	mA
Operating Temperature	-55 to +85	°C
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150	°C

1. Operation beyond these limits may cause permanent damage to the component

Electrical Specifications @ T_A = 25 °C , Z_o =50 Ω

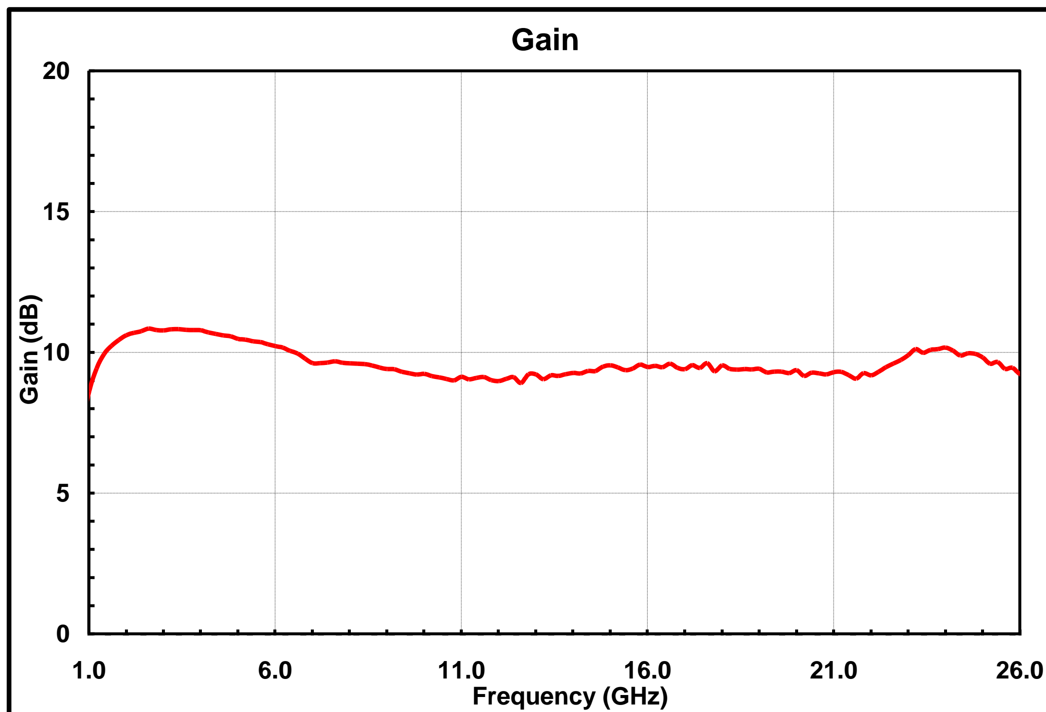
Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range	1.0	–	26.0	GHz
Gain	8.5	9.5	11.0	dB
Gain Flatness	–	± 1.2	–	dB
Noise Figure	4.5	6.0	–	dB
Input Return Loss	10	12	–	dB
Output Return Loss	10	12	–	dB
Output Power (P1 dB)	–	12	–	dBm
Saturated output power (Psat)	–	16	–	dBm
Supply Current	–	90	100	mA

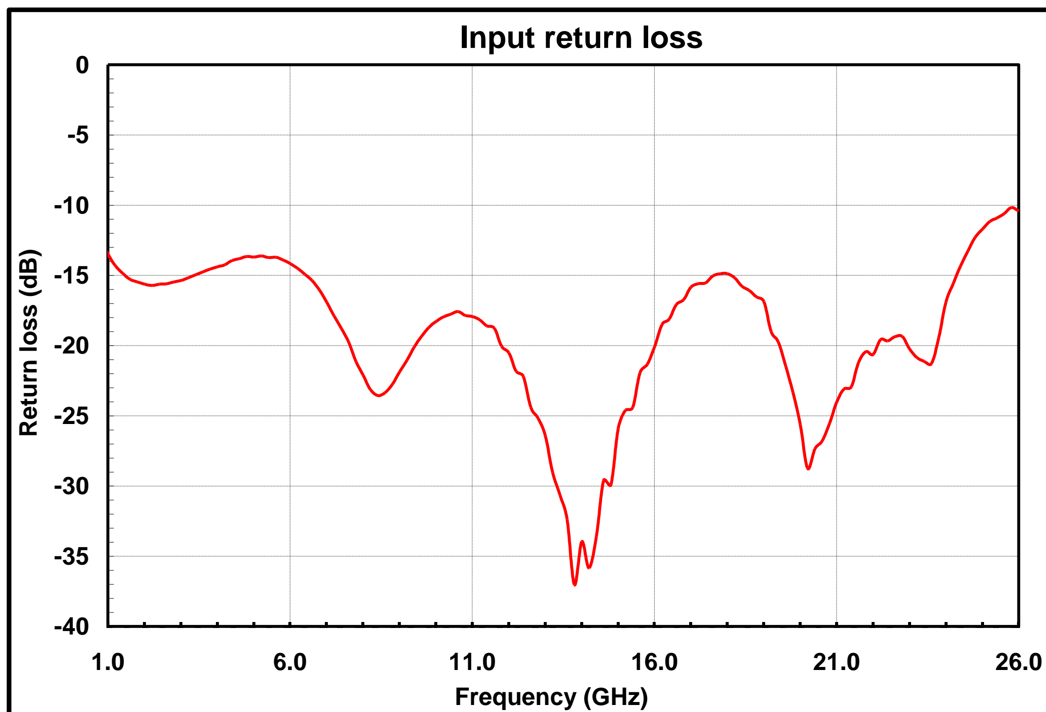
Note:

1. Electrical specifications mentioned above are measured in a test fixture.
2. The amplifier is biased with two positive supplies (VDD & VG2) and a single negative gate supply (VG1). The recommended bias conditions for the chip are VDD=5.0V/90mA, VG1=-0.3V, VG2=4.5V.

Test fixture data

VD= +5V, Vg2 =4.5V Vg1 = -0.3V, Total Current =90 mA, T_A = 25 °C





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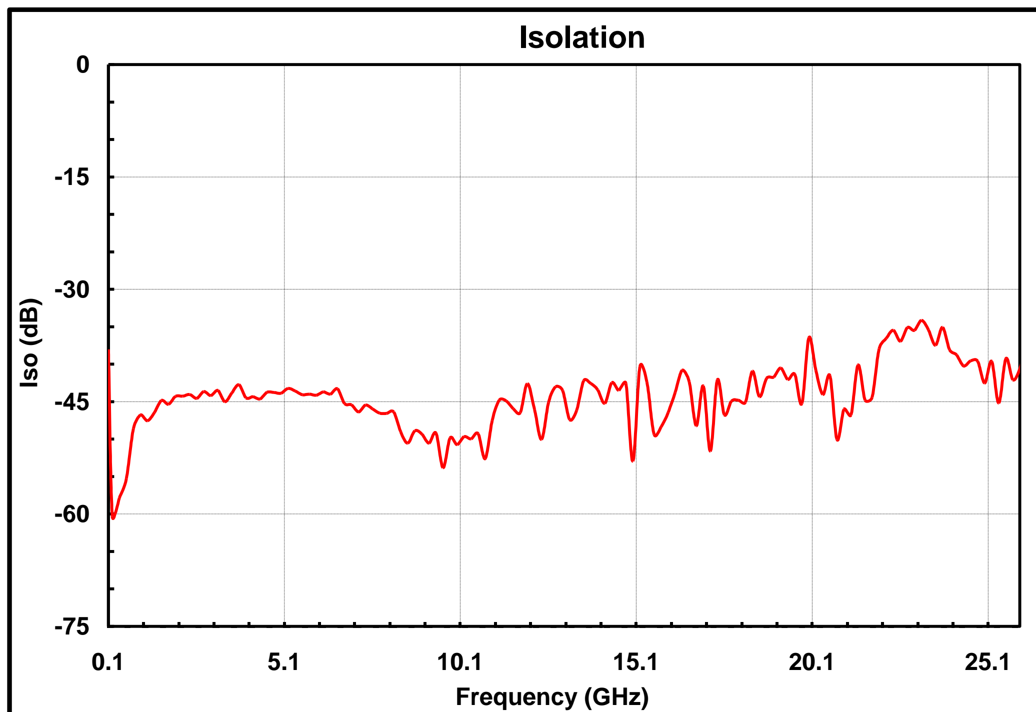

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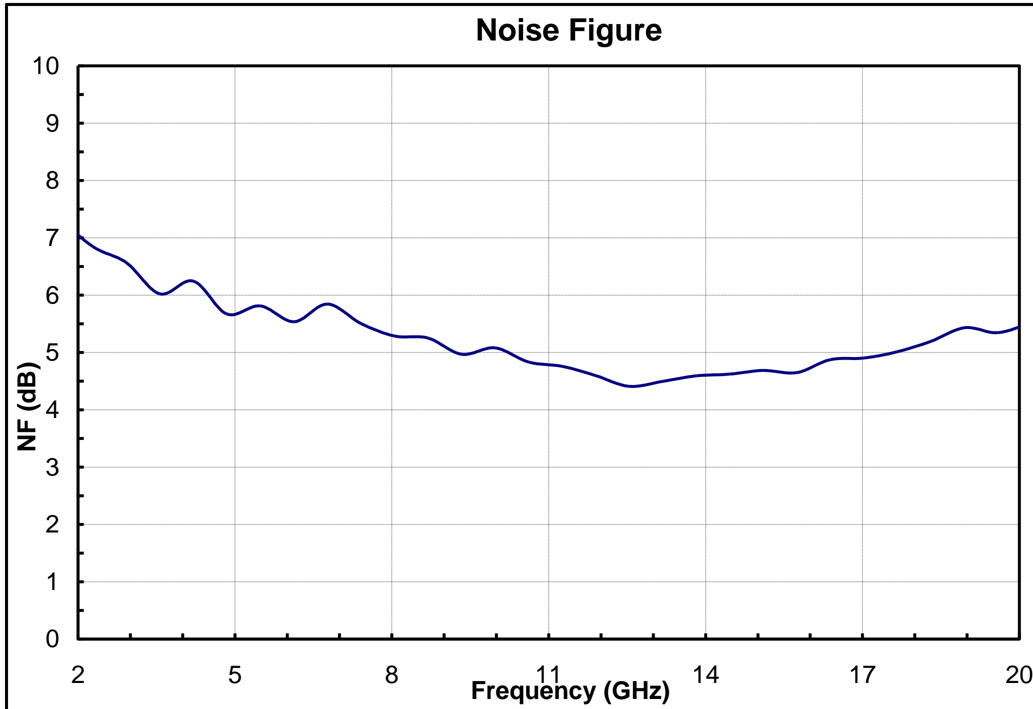

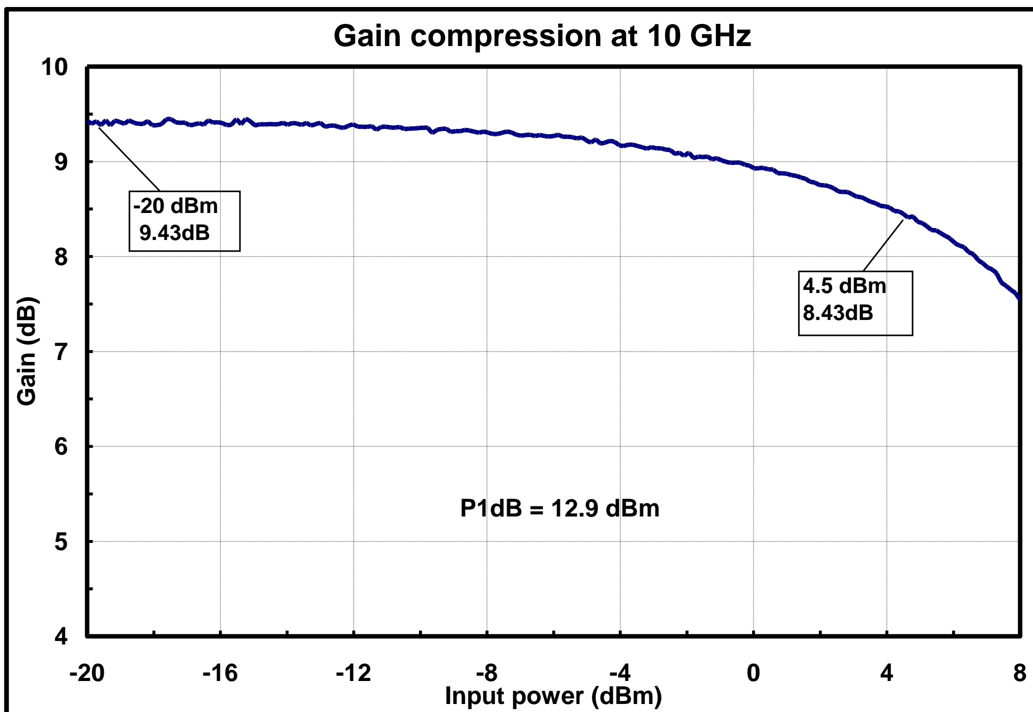

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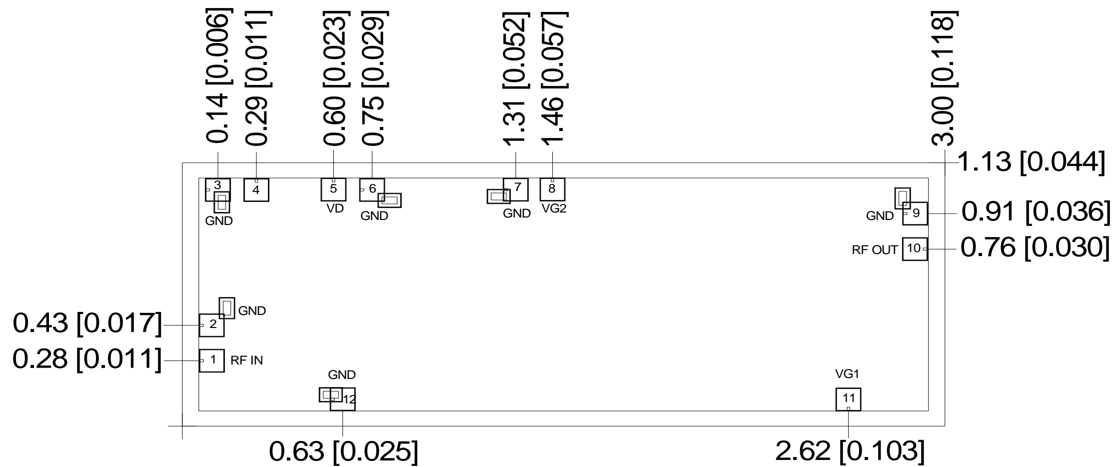
Mechanical Characteristics



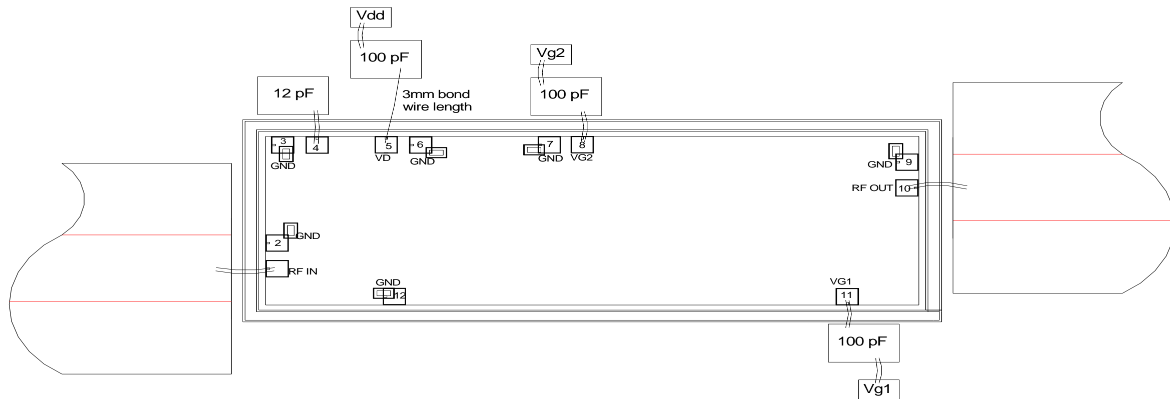
Units: millimeters [inches]

All RF and DC bond pads are 100µm x 100µm

Note:

1. **Pad no. 01: RF IN**
2. **Pad no. 05: VD**
3. **Pad no. 08: VG2**
4. **Pad no. 10: RF OUT**
5. **Pad no. 11: VG1**

Recommended Assembly Diagram



Note:

1. Two 1 mil (0.0254mm) bond wires of minimum length should be used for RF input and output.
2. 3mm long minimum bond length is to be used at the VD i.e., at Pad no. 5
3. Two 1 mil (0.0254mm) bond wires of minimum length should be used from chip bond pad to 12pF, 100pF capacitor.
4. Input and output 50 ohm lines are on 5mil Alumina/RT Duroid substrate.
5. The supply voltages are VD=5.0V, Vg1=-0.3V, Vg2=+4.5V
6. 0.1 μF capacitors may be additionally used as a second level of bypass at the power supplies for reliable operation.

Die attach: For Epoxy attachment, use of a two-component conductive epoxy is recommended. An epoxy fillet should be visible around the total die periphery. If Eutectic attachment is preferred, use of fluxless AuSn (80/20) 1-2 mil thick preform solder is recommended. Use of AuGe preform should be strictly avoided.

Wire bonding: For DC pad connections use either ball or wedge bonds. For best RF performance, use of 150 - 200μm length of wedge bonds is advised. Single Ball bonds of 250-300μm though acceptable, may cause a deviation in RF performance.

GaAs MMIC devices are susceptible to Electrostatic discharge. Proper precautions should be observed during handling, assembly & testing

All information and Specifications are subject to change without prior notice

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