## Broadband Variable Gain Amplifier (VGA) 400 MHz - 20 GHz

#### Features

- 12 dB Gain
- 50 Ω Input / Output Match over Gain Range
- 30 dB Gain Control with 0 to -2 V Control
- +18 dBm Output Power
- +5 V, -0.5 V DC, 70 mA
- Lead-Free 1.5 x 1.2 mm 6-lead TDFN Package
- RoHS\* Compliant and 260°C Reflow Compatible

#### Description

The MAAM-011100 is an easy-to-use, broadband, general purpose variable gain amplifier. Its over 30 dB gain range is controlled by a single control pin and 50  $\Omega$  match is maintained over all settings.

The MAAM-011100 operates from 400 MHz to 20 GHz and features flat gain control from +10 dB to -20 dB. At maximum gain setting (V<sub>C</sub>=Open) it delivers up to +18 dBm power and under 5 dB noise figure. Both reduce proportionally as gain is reduced with V<sub>C</sub>. The input IP3 exceeds +15 dBm at max/min gain settings. The device is typically biased with a V<sub>D</sub> = +5 V, V<sub>G</sub> = -0.5 V, and a control of 0 V to -2 V. Typical current is 70 mA with V<sub>G</sub> at -0.5 V

The MAAM-011100 is ideally suited for use as a power amplifier driver, gain trimming block, or temperature compensation in the receive or transmit mode. Typical applications include Wi-Fi, LTE. Point-to-Point, IMS, EW, and A&D systems.

This device is assembled in a leadless 1.5 X 1.2 mm package that can be handled and placed with standard pick and place assembly equipment.

## Ordering Information<sup>1,2</sup>

Part Number	Package
MAAM-011100	bulk quantity
MAAM-011100-TR1000	1000 piece reel
MAAM-011100-001SMB	Sample board

1. Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.

2. All sample boards include 5 loose parts.

\* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, European Union Directive 2011/65/EU.

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## Functional Schematic



## **Pin Configuration**

Pin No.	Pin Name	Function	
1	RF <sub>out</sub> /V <sub>D</sub>	RF Output	
2	N/C	No Connection	
3	RF <sub>IN</sub> /V <sub>G</sub>	RF Input	
4	Vc	Voltage Control	
5	N/C	No Connection	
6	N/C	No Connection	
7	Paddle <sup>3</sup>	Ground	

3. The exposed paddle centered on the package bottom must be connected to RF and DC ground.



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#### Electrical Specifications (unless otherwise noted):

### Freq = 10 GHz, $T_A$ = +25°C, $V_D$ = +5 V, $V_G$ = -0.5 V, $V_C$ = Open, $Z_{IN}$ = $Z_{OUT}$ = 50 $\Omega$

Parameter	Test Conditions	Units	Min.	Тур.	Max.
Highest Gain	$V_{C}$ = open @ 400 MHz $V_{C}$ = open @ 10 GHz $V_{C}$ = open @ 20 GHz	dB	8	12 10 11	
Lowest Gain	V <sub>C</sub> = -2 V @ 400 MHz V <sub>C</sub> = -2 V @ 10 GHz V <sub>C</sub> = -2 V @ 20 GHz	dB	_	-33 -23 -25	-18
Gain Control	$V_{\rm C}$ = 0 to -2 V	dB	_	30	
Isolation	All States	dB	_	28	_
Input Return Loss	All States	dB	_	14	_
Output Return Loss	All States	dB	_	12	_
Noise Figure	At maximum gain	dB	_	5	_
P1dB	At maximum gain @ 10 GHz	dBm	_	+15	_
Input IP3	At maximum or minimum gain	dBm	_	+15	_
Stability	Any Load	-		unconditional	
Voltage Supply	External Choke	V	_	5	_
Bias Current	V <sub>D</sub> = +5 V V <sub>G</sub> = -0.5 V	mA	_	75 0.01	_

#### Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>4,5,6</sup>

Parameter	Absolute Max.		
Input Power	+15 dBm		
Operating Voltage	+8 Volts		
Operating Current	110 mA		
Junction Temperature <sup>7</sup>	+150°C		
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C		
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +150°C		

- 4. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
- MACOM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
- 6. Operating at nominal conditions with  $T_{\rm J}$   $\leq$  150°C will ensure MTTF > 1 x 10^6 hours.
- 7. Junction Temperature  $(T_J) = T_C + \Theta_{JC} * ((V * I) (P_{OUT} P_{IN}))$ Typical thermal resistance  $(\Theta_{JC}) = 67^{\circ}C/W$ 
  - a) For  $T_C = 25^{\circ}C$ ,

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 $T_J = 47^{\circ}C @ 5 V$ , 70 mA,  $P_{OUT} = 15 dBm$ ,  $P_{IN} = 6 dBm$ b) For  $T_C = 85^{\circ}C$ ,

T<sub>J</sub> = 107°C @ 5 V, 70 mA, P<sub>OUT</sub> = 15 dBm, P<sub>IN</sub> = 6 dBm

#### **Handling Procedures**

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

#### Static Sensitivity

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.

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## **Evaluation Board**



## **Recommended PCB Layout**



#### Parts List

Component	Value	Package
C1, C4	0.22 μF	0201
C2, C3	0.22 μF	0402
FB <sup>8</sup>	407 Ω	0402
R1	1 ΚΩ	0402

8. MACOM recommends using Murata part BLM15GG471.

#### **Application Schematic**



### Application Information for DC & pins

For proper MAAM-011100 operation a DC voltage must be applied at the V<sub>G</sub> (-0.5V) and V<sub>D</sub> (+5V) pins *in that order.* Adjusting V<sub>G</sub> from -0.2 V to -0.6 V will change the quiescent current which can effect power and linearity if set below or above 70 mA.

The gain of the MAAM-011100 is controlled with the V<sub>C</sub> pin. The gain reduction is almost linear with V<sub>C</sub> between 0 V to -2 V. Below -2 V internal ESD protection diodes will draw increasing current. The nominal open circuit voltage at the V<sub>C</sub> pin is +1 V and produces maximum gain and power. Limiting applications and zero crossing adjustment can be done by adjusting the V<sub>G</sub> and V<sub>C</sub> pins together.

To bias properly, a DC voltage must be applied at the output pin. Typically this is done with a 2 element bias network that consists of a choke and a DC blocking capacitor. We recommend a ferrite bead for the main bias choke and quality capacitor for the DC block. A simple 1 K $\Omega$  resistor can be used as a RF choke for the negative V<sub>G</sub> as applied to the input pin.

It is recommended that the total ground (common mode) inductance not exceed 0.03 nH (30 pH). This is equivalent to placing at least four 8-mil (200- $\mu$ m) diameter vias under the device, assuming an 8-mil (200- $\mu$ m) thick RF layer to ground

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### **Typical Performance Curves over Temperature**

Gain,  $V_c = 0 V$ , -2 V



**Reverse** Isolation









Noise Figure







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### **Typical Performance Curves vs. Control Voltage**



Input Return Loss









**Output Return Loss** 





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## **Typical Performance Curves**

#### Saturated Power



Gain @ 10 GHz



Input IP3 @ 10 GHz



Saturated Power @ 10 GHz



Noise Figure @ 10 GHz







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### Lead-Free 1.5 x 1.2 mm 6-lead TDFN



<sup>†</sup> Reference Application Note S2083 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations. Meets JEDEC moisture sensitivity level 1 requirements. Plating is matte tin over Copper.

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