



### Typical Applications

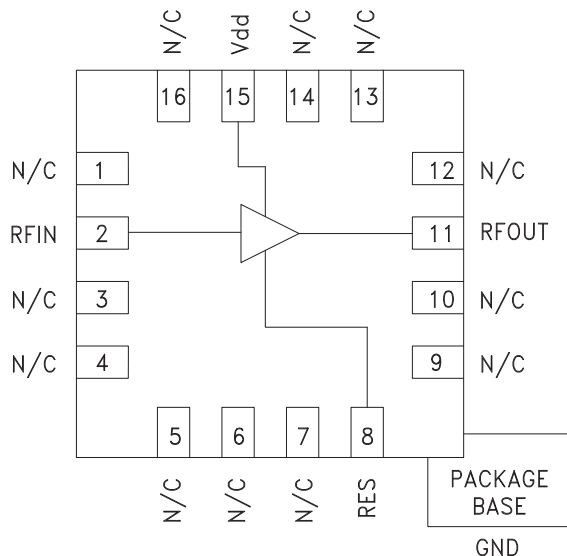
The HMC715LP3(E) is ideal for:

- Cellular/3G and LTE/WiMAX/4G
- BTS & Infrastructure
- Repeaters and Femtocells
- Public Safety Radio
- Access Points

### Features

- Noise Figure: 0.9 dB
- Gain: 19 dB
- Output IP3: +33 dBm
- Single Supply: +3V to +5V
- 16 Lead 3x3mm QFN Package: 9 mm<sup>2</sup>

### Functional Diagram



### General Description

The HMC715LP3(E) is a GaAs PHEMT MMIC Low Noise Amplifier that is ideal for Cellular/3G and LTE/WiMAX/4G basestation front-end receivers operating between 2.1 and 2.9 GHz. The amplifier has been optimized to provide 0.9 dB noise figure, 19 dB gain and +33 dBm output IP3 from a single supply of +5V. Input and output return losses are excellent and the LNA requires minimal external matching and bias decoupling components. The HMC715LP3(E) can be biased with +3V to +5V and features an externally adjustable supply current which allows the designer to tailor the linearity performance of the LNA for each application.

### Electrical Specifications

$T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $R_{\text{bias}} = 2\text{k Ohms}$  for  $V_{\text{dd}} = +5\text{V}$ ,  $R_{\text{bias}} = 47\text{k Ohms}$  for  $V_{\text{dd}} = +3\text{V}$  [1]

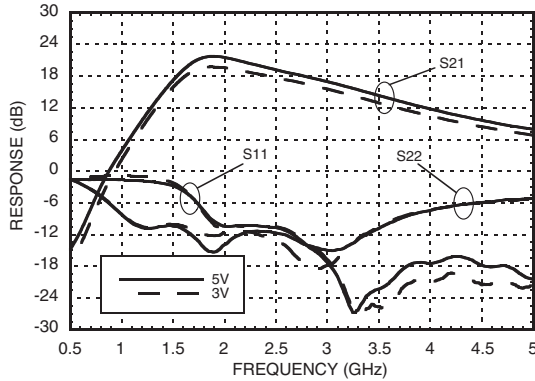
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	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	
Frequency Range	2.1 - 2.9			2.3 - 2.7			2.1 - 2.9			2.3 - 2.7			MHz
Gain	14.5	18		15	18		15.5	19		16.5	19		dB
Gain Variation Over Temperature		0.01			0.01			0.01			0.01		dB/°C
Noise Figure		0.9	1.2		0.9	1.2		0.9	1.2		0.9	1.2	dB
Input Return Loss		11.5			11			11.5			11		dB
Output Return Loss		14			13.5			12.5			12		dB
Output Power for 1 dB Compression (P1dB)	10.5	14.5		12.5	15		15	19		16.5	19.5		dBm
Saturated Output Power (Psat)		16			16.5			20			20.5		dBm
Output Third Order Intercept (IP3)		28			28.5			33			33.5		dBm
Supply Current (Idd)		47	65		47	65		95	126		95	126	mA

[1] Rbias resistor sets current, see application circuit herein

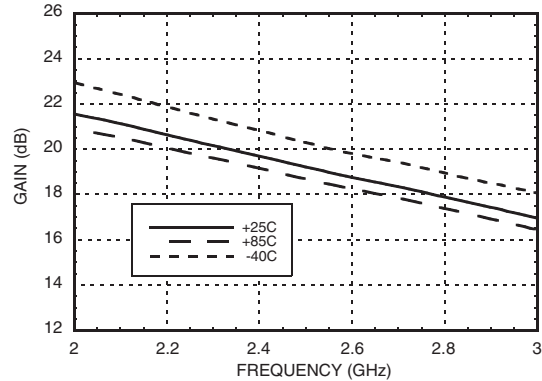


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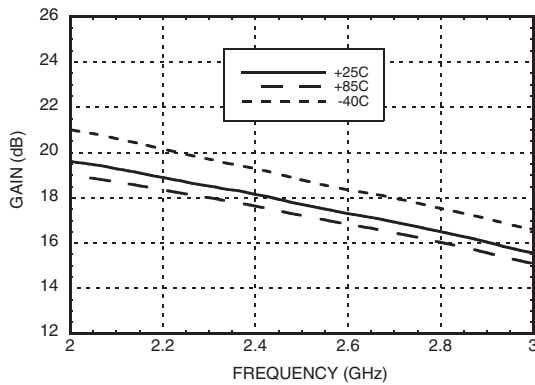
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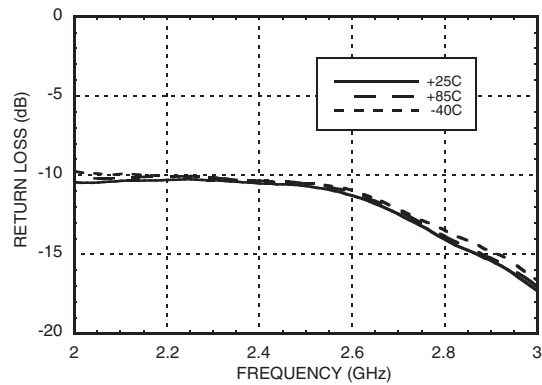
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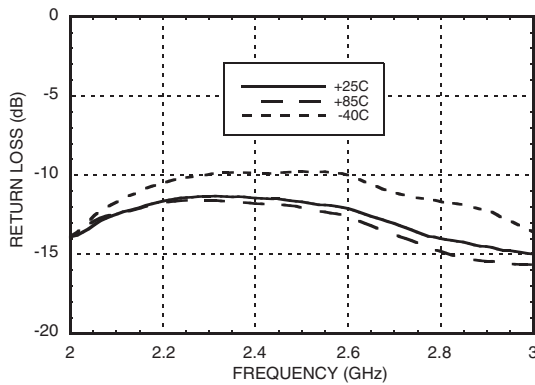
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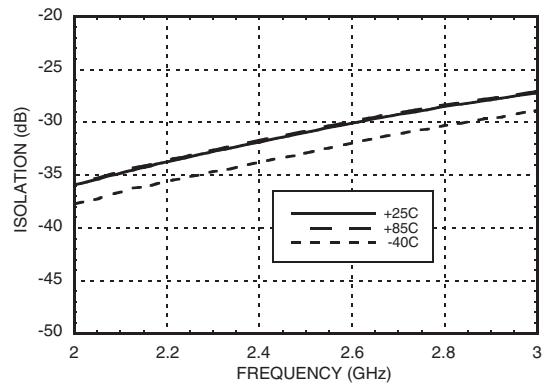
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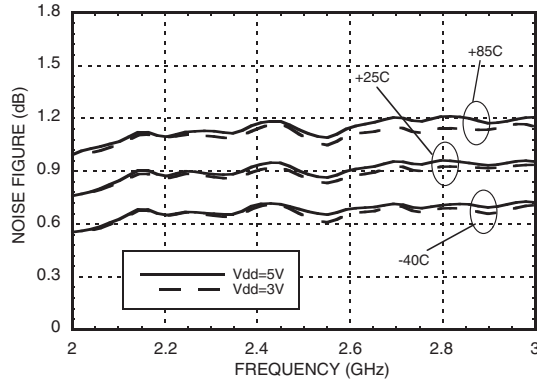


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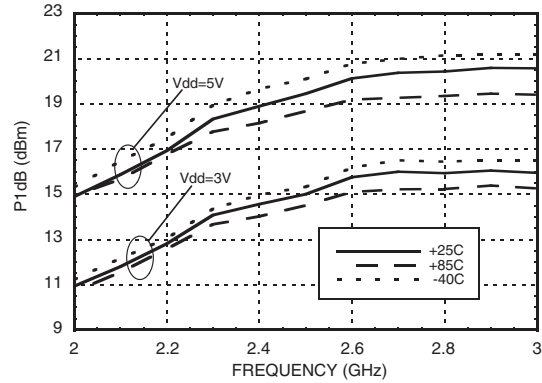


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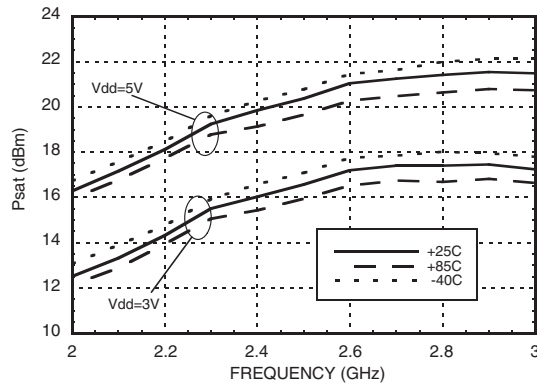
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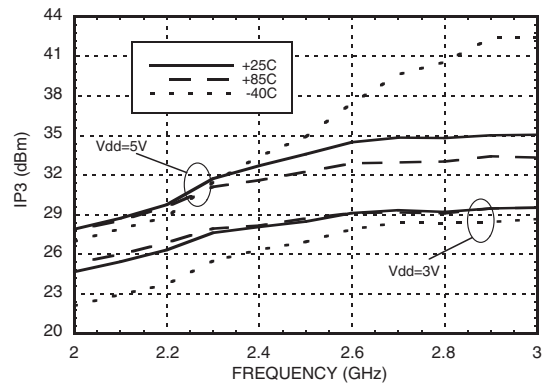
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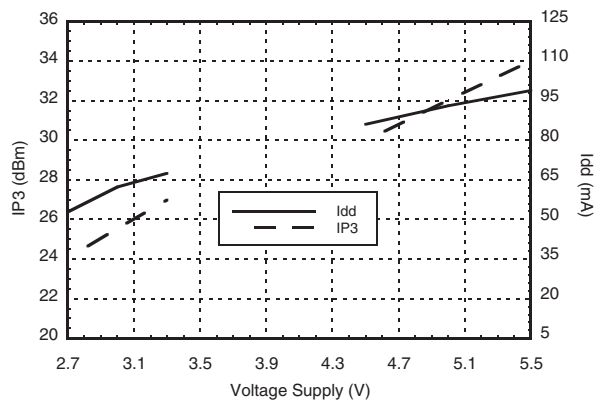
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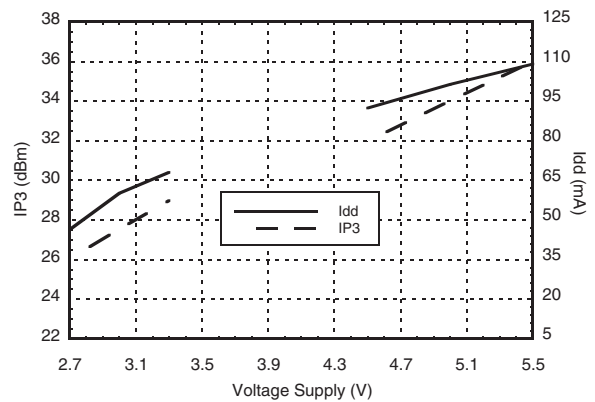
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**Output IP3 and Supply Current vs. Supply Voltage @ 2300 MHz [3]**



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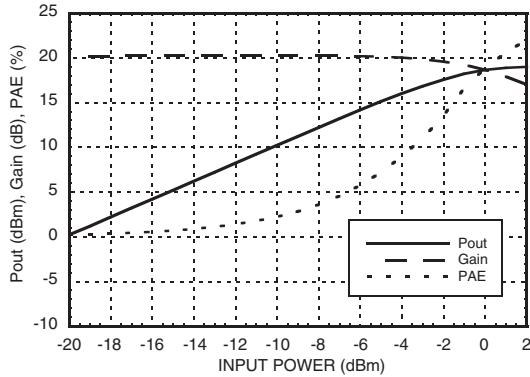
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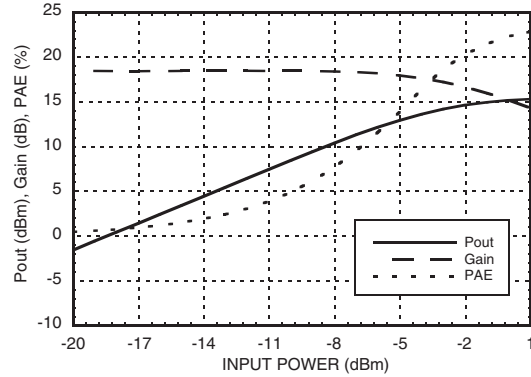
[4] Measurement reference plane shown on evaluation PCB drawing.



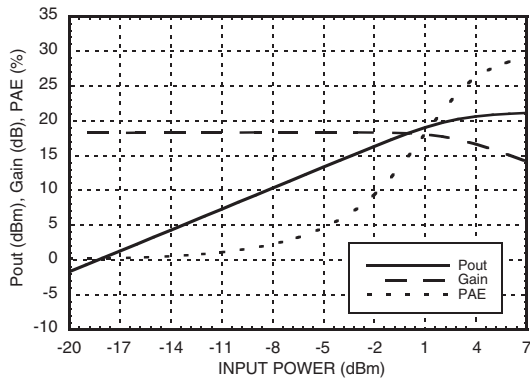
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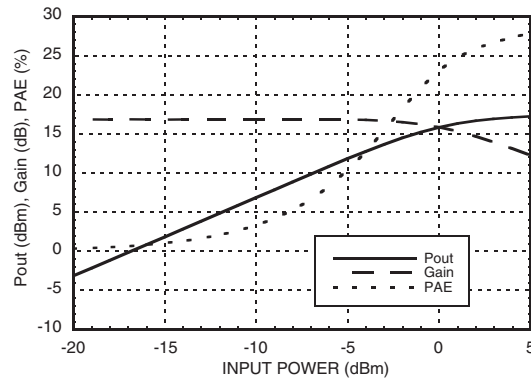
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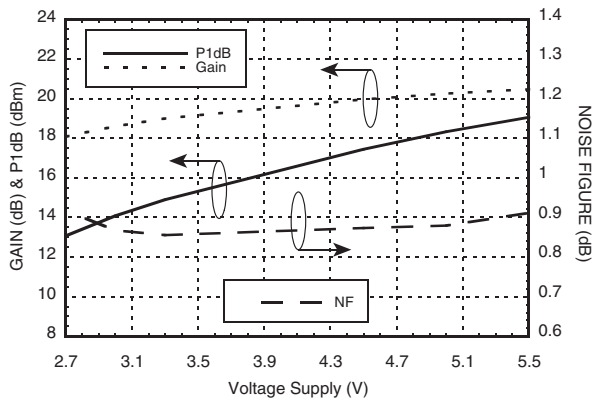
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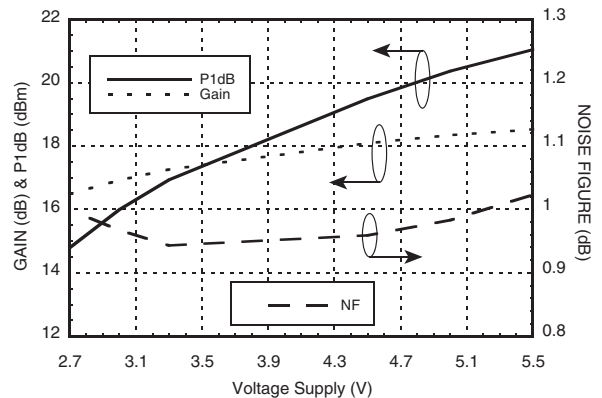
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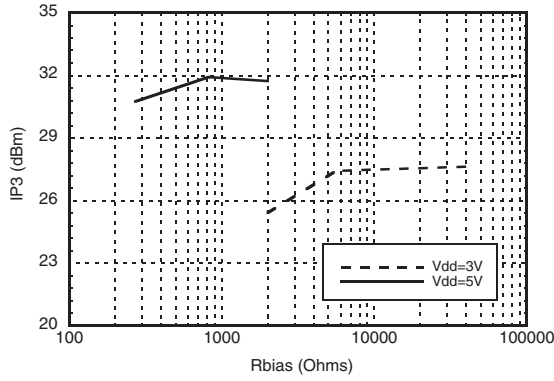


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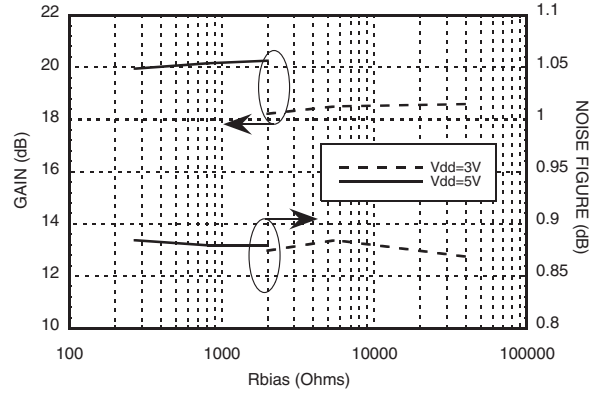


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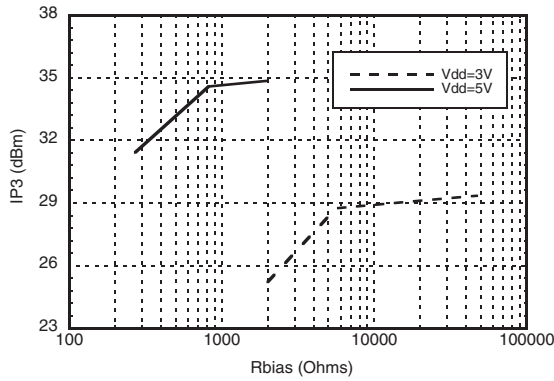
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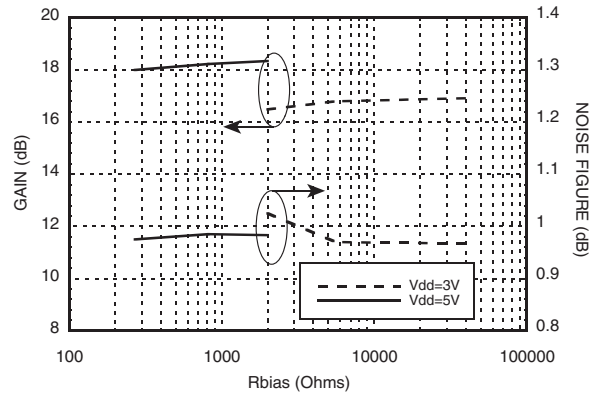
**Gain, Noise Figure & Rbias @ 2300 MHz**



**Output IP3 vs. Rbias @ 2700 MHz**



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**Absolute Bias Resistor  
Range & Recommended Bias Resistor Values**

Vdd (V)	Rbias (Ohms)			Idd (mA)
	Min	Max	Recommended	
3V	1.8k [1]	Open Circuit	2K	28
			5.6K	40
			47K	47
5V	0	Open Circuit	270	61
			820	81
			2K	95

[1] With Vdd= 3V and Rbias < 1.8k Ohms may result in the part becoming conditionally stable which is not recommended.

**Absolute Maximum Ratings**

Drain Bias Voltage (Vdd)	+5.5V
RF Input Power (RFIN) (Vdd = +5 Vdc)	+10 dBm
Channel Temperature	150 °C
Continuous P <sub>diss</sub> (T= 85 °C) (derate 11.1 mW/°C above 85 °C)	0.72 W
Thermal Resistance (channel to ground paddle)	90 °C/W
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85 °C
ESD Sensitivity (HBM)	Class 1A



**ELECTROSTATIC SENSITIVE DEVICE  
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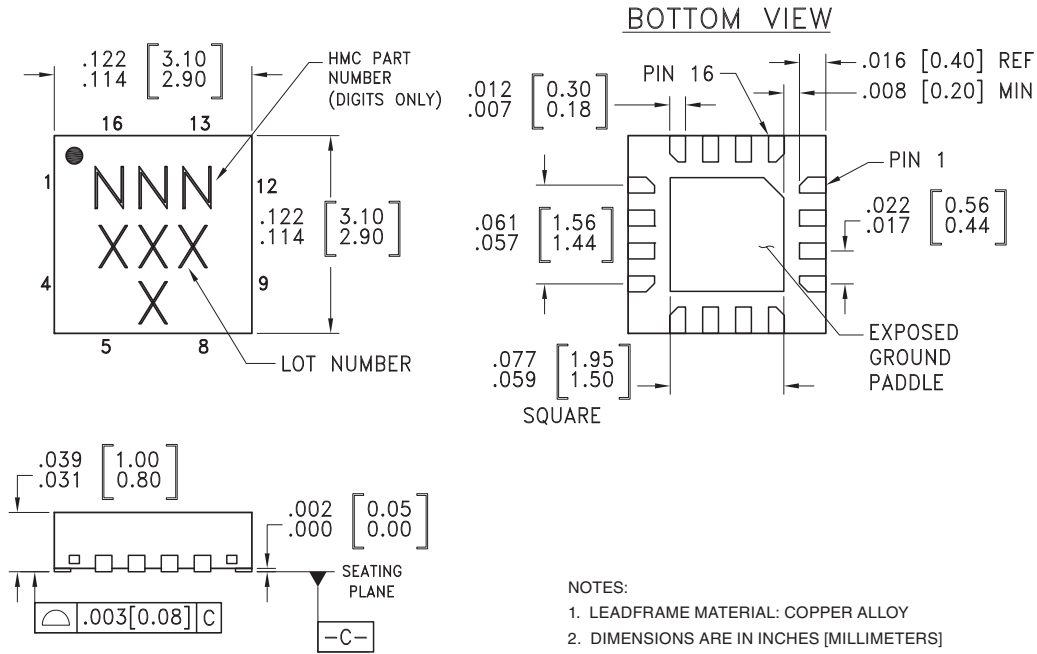
**Typical Supply Current vs. Supply Voltage**

(R<sub>bias</sub> = 2k for V<sub>dd</sub> = 5V, R<sub>bias</sub> = 47k for V<sub>dd</sub> = 3V)

Vdd (V)	Idd (mA)
2.7	35
3.0	47
3.3	57
4.5	80
5.0	95
5.5	110

Note: Amplifier will operate over full voltage ranges shown above.

**Outline Drawing**



**NOTES:**

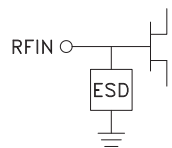
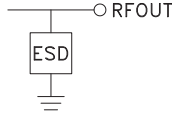
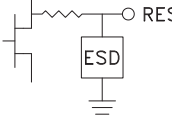
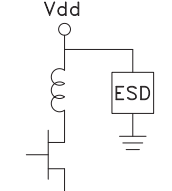
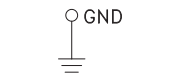
1. LEADFRAME MATERIAL: COPPER ALLOY
2. DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MILLIMETERS]
3. LEAD SPACING TOLERANCE IS NON-CUMULATIVE
4. PAD BURR LENGTH SHALL BE 0.15mm MAXIMUM.  
PAD BURR HEIGHT SHALL BE 0.05mm MAXIMUM.
5. PACKAGE WARP SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.05mm.
6. ALL GROUND LEADS AND GROUND PADDLE  
MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB RF GROUND.
7. REFER TO HITTITE APPLICATION NOTE FOR  
SUGGESTED LAND PATTERN.

**Package Information**

Part Number	Package Body Material	Lead Finish	MSL Rating	Package Marking <sup>[3]</sup>
HMC715LP3	Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic	Sn/Pb Solder	MSL1 <sup>[1]</sup>	715 XXXX
HMC715LP3E	RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic	100% matte Sn	MSL1 <sup>[2]</sup>	715 XXXX

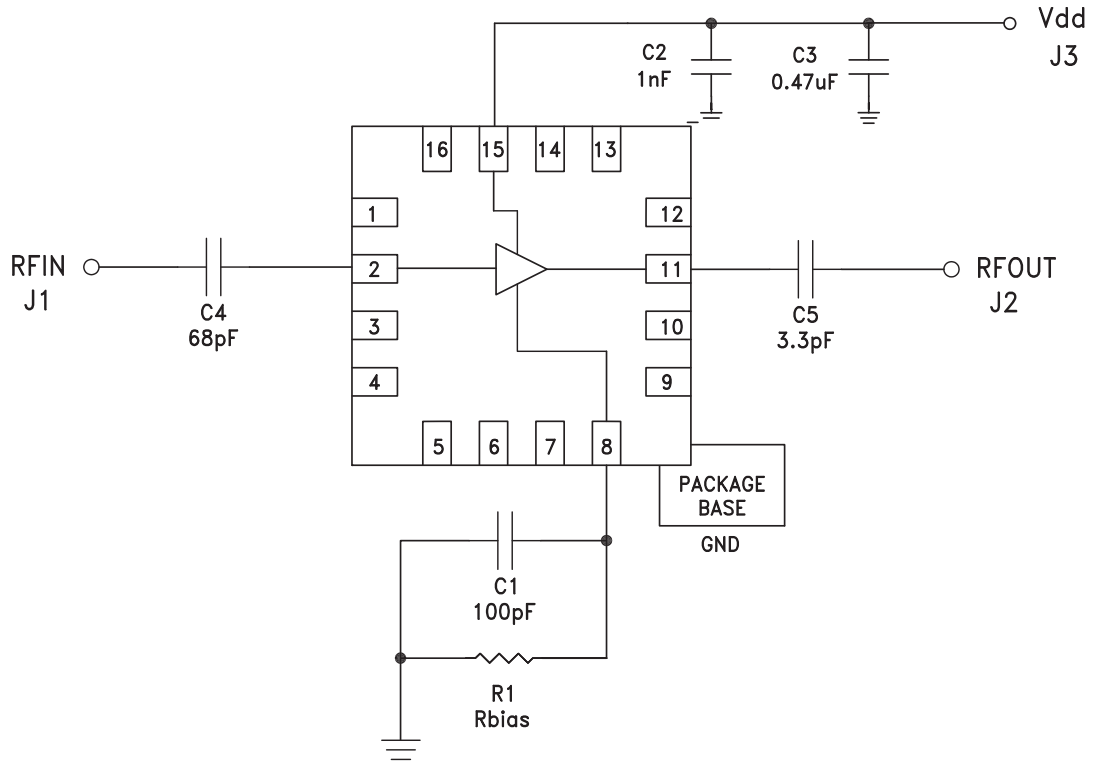
[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 235 °C  
 [2] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C  
 [3] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

**Pin Descriptions**

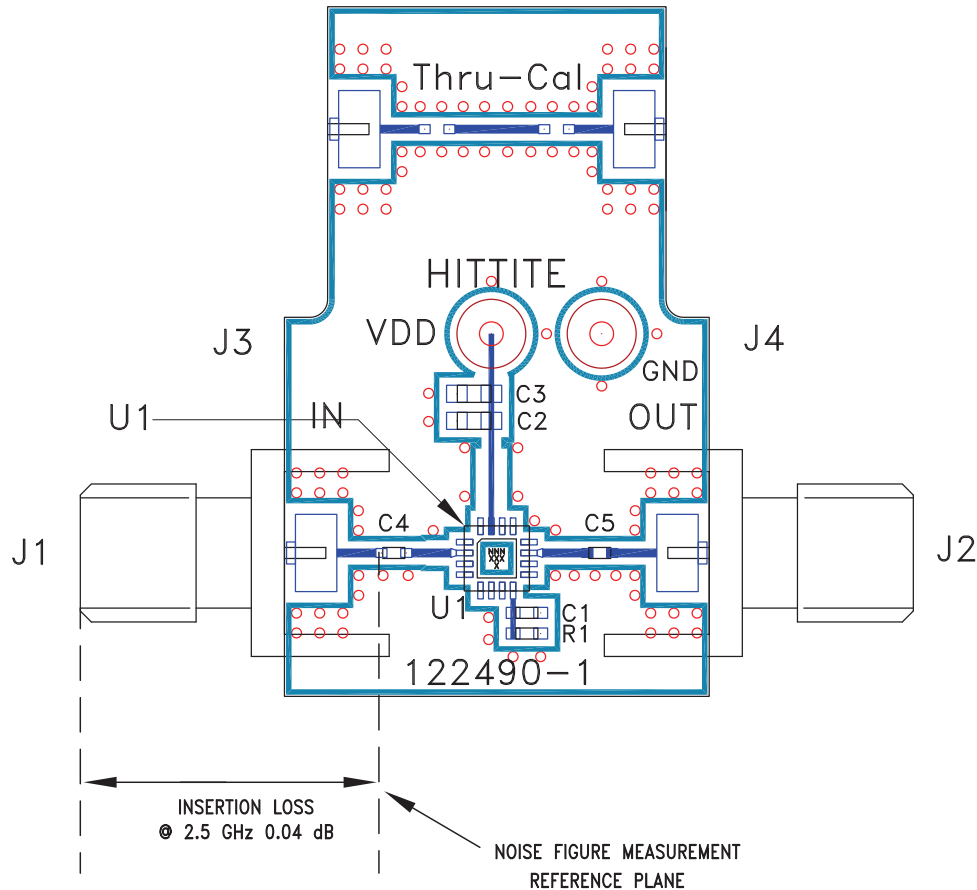
Pin Number	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1, 3 - 7, 9, 10, 12 - 14, 16	N/C	No connection required. These pins may be connected to RF/DC ground without affecting performance.	
2	RFIN	This pin is DC coupled. See application circuit for off chip component.	
11	RFOUT	This pin is DC coupled. See application circuit for off chip component.	
8	RES	This pin is used to set the DC current of the amplifier by selection of external bias resistor. See application circuit.	
15	Vdd	Power supply voltage. Bypass capacitors are required. See application circuit.	
	GND	Ground paddle must be connected to RF/DC ground.	



**Application Circuit**



**Evaluation PCB**



**List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 122492 [1]**

Item	Description
J1, J2	PCB Mount SMA RF Connector
J3, J4	DC Pin
C1	100pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C2	1000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
C3	0.47µF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
C4	68pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C5	3.3pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
R1	2kΩ Resistor, 0402 Pkg.
U1	HMC715LP3(E) Amplifier
PCB [2]	122490 Evaluation PCB

The circuit board used in this application should use RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines should have 50 Ohm impedance while the package ground leads and exposed paddle should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown. A sufficient number of via holes should be used to connect the top and bottom ground planes. The evaluation board should be mounted to an appropriate heat sink. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350. or Arlon 25R