

ALM-1912

GPS Filter–LNA Front–End Module



Data Sheet

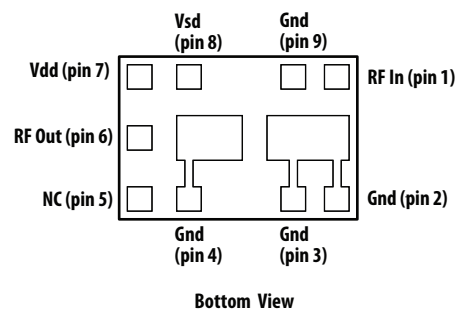
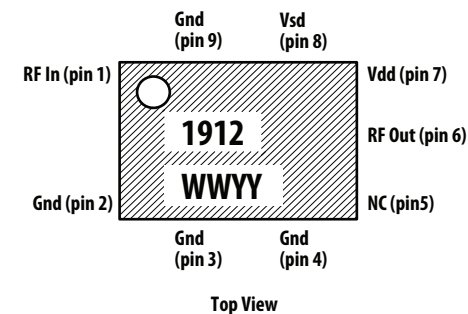
Description

Avago Technologies' ALM-1912 is a GPS front-end module that combines a GPS FBAR filter with high-gain low-noise amplifier (LNA). The LNA uses Avago Technologies' proprietary GaAs Enhancement-mode pHEMT process to achieve high gain with very low noise figure and high linearity. Noise figure distribution is very tightly controlled. A CMOS-compatible shutdown pin is included either for turning the LNA on/off or for current adjustment. The filter uses Avago Technologies' leading-edge FBAR filter for low GPS band insertion loss and exceptional rejection at Cellular, PCS and WLAN band frequencies.

The low noise figure and high gain, coupled with low current consumption make it suitable for use in critical low-power GPS applications or during low-battery situations.

Component Image

Surface Mount 2.9 x 2.0 x 0.95 mm³ 9-lead MCOB



Note:
 Package marking provides orientation and identification
 "1912" = Product Code
 "YY" = Year of manufacture
 "WW" = Work week of manufacture

Features

- Very Low Noise Figure
- Exceptional Cell/PCS/WLAN-Band rejection
- Low external component count
- Fully-matched at RF input and RF output
- Shutdown current : < 1 uA
- CMOS compatible shutdown pin (SD)
- ESD : > 3kV at RFin pin
- 2.9 x 2.0 x 0.95 mm size
- Adjustable bias current via single external resistor/ voltage
- Lead-free and Halogen free

Specifications (Typical performance @ 25°C)

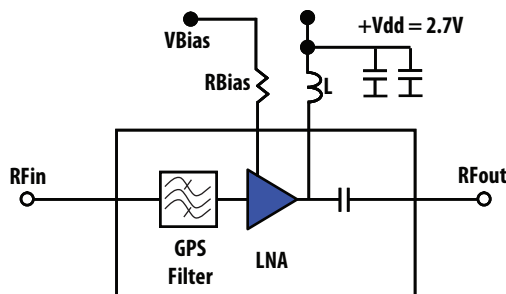
At 1.575GHz, Vdd = 2.7V, Idd = 6mA

- Gain = 19.3 dB
- NF = 1.62 dB
- IIP3 = +1.5 dBm
- IP1dB = -8 dBm
- S11 = -9.5 dB
- S22 = -13.5 dB
- Cell-Band Rejection: > 57dBc
- PCS-Band Rejection: > 53dBc
- WLAN-Band Rejection: > 52dBc

Application

- GPS Front-end Module

Application Circuit



Absolute Maximum Rating^[1] T_A=25°C

Symbol	Parameter	Units	Absolute Max.
V _{dd}	Device Frain to Source Voltage ^[2]	V	4.5
I _{dd}	Drain Current ^[2]	mA	15
P _{in,max}	CW RF Input Power (V _{dd} = 2.7V, I _{dd} = 6mA)	dBm	13
P _{diss}	Total Power Dissipation ^[4]	mW	54
T _L	Operating Temperature	°C	-40 to 85
T _j	Junction Temperature	°C	150
T _{STG}	Storage Temperature	°C	-65 to 150

**Thermal Resistance^[3]
(V_{dd} = 2.7V, I_{dd} = 6mA), θ_{jc} = 82.1°C/W**

Notes:

1. Operation of this device in excess of any of these limits may cause permanent damage.
2. Assuming DC quiescent conditions.
3. Thermal resistance measured using Infra-Red measurement technique.
4. Board (module belly) temperature T_B is 25°C. Derate 4.2 mW/°C for T_B>145.6°C.

Electrical Specifications

T_A = 25°C, Freq = 1.575GHz, measured on demo board^[1] unless otherwise specified – Typical Performance^[1]

Table 1. Performance at Vdd = Vsd = 2.7V, Idd = 6mA (R2 = 4.7k Ohm, see Fig 7) nominal operating conditions

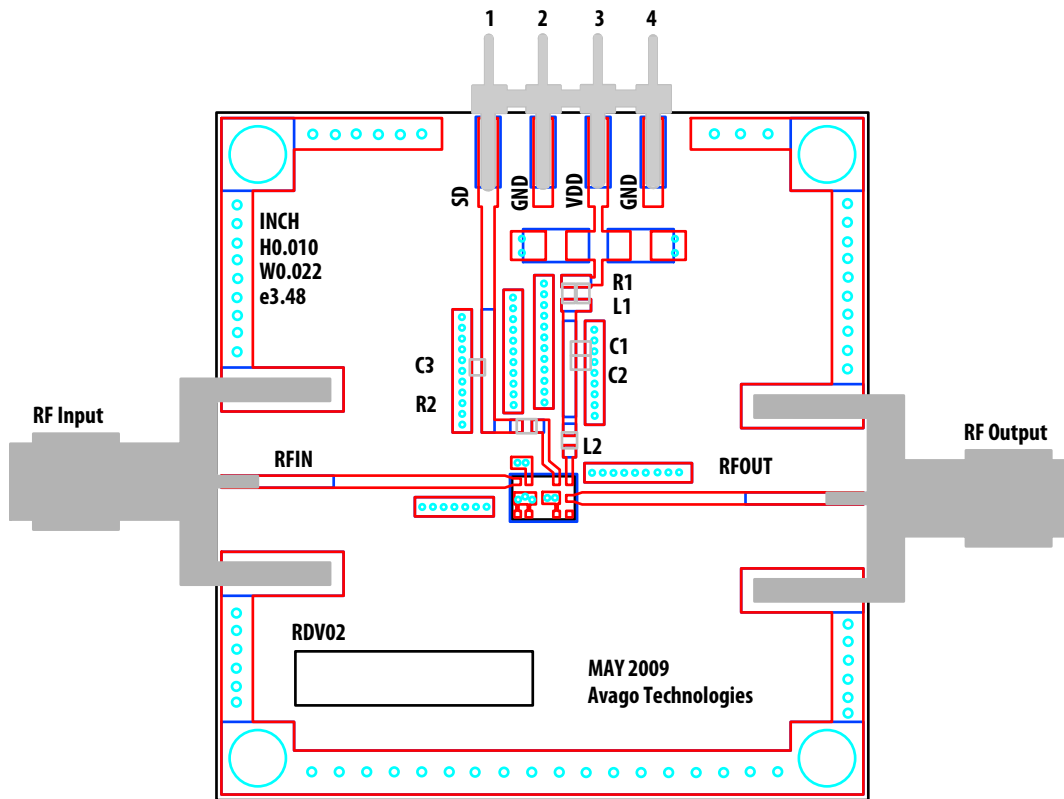
Symbol	Parameter and Test Condition	Units	Min.	Typ	Max.
G	Gain	dB	17	19.3	–
NF	Noise Figure	dB	–	1.62	2.0
IP1dB	Input 1dB Compressed Power	dBm	–	-8	–
IIP3 ^[2]	Input 3 rd Order Intercept Point (2-tone @ Fc +/- 2.5MHz)	dBm	–	+1.5	–
S11	Input Return Loss	dB	–	-9.5	–
S22	Output Return Loss	dB	–	-13.5	–
S12	Reverse Isolation	dB	–	-29	–
Cell Band Rejection	Worst-case relative to 1.575GHz within (827-928)MHz band	dBc	51	57	–
PCS Band Rejection	Worst-case relative to 1.575GHz within (1710-1980)MHz band	dBc	45	53	–
WLAN Band Rejection	Worst-case relative to 1.575GHz within (2400-2500)MHz band	dBc	43	52	–
IP1dB _{928MHz}	Input 1dB gain compression interferer signal level at 928MHz	dBm	–	+39	–
IP1dB _{1980MHz}	Input 1dB gain compression interferer signal level at 1980MHz	dBm	–	+44	–
IP1dB _{2400MHz}	Input 1dB gain compression interferer signal level at 2400MHz	dBm	–	+43	–
Idd	Supply DC current at Shutdown (SD) voltage Vsd=2.7V	mA	–	6	11.5
Ish	Shutdown Current @ VSD = 0V	uA	–	0.5	–

Table 2. Performance at Vdd = Vsd = 1.8V, Idd = 4mA & Vdd = Vsd = 2.8V, Idd = 4mA (for R2 value, see Fig 7) nominal operating conditions

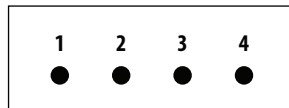
Symbol	Parameter and Test Condition	Units	Vdd=1.8V Idd=4mA	Vdd=2.8V Idd=4mA
G	Gain	dB	17.5	18
NF	Noise Figure	dB	1.68	1.65
IP1dB	Input 1dB Compressed Power	dBm	-9.6	-9.5
IIP3 ^[2]	Input 3 rd Order Intercept Point (2-tone @ Fc +/- 2.5MHz)	dBm	0	+1.0
S11	Input Return Loss	dB	-8	-8.5
S22	Output Return Loss	dB	-10	-10
S12	Reverse Isolation	dB	-27	-27
Cell Band Rejection	Worst-case relative to 1.575GHz within (827-928)MHz band	dBc	56	55
PCS Band Rejection	Worst-case relative to 1.575GHz within (1710-1980)MHz band	dBc	52	51
WLAN Band Rejection	Worst-case relative to 1.575GHz within (2400-2500)MHz band	dBc	51	50
IP1dB _{928MHz}	Input 1dB gain compression interferer signal level at 928MHz	dBm	+38	+38
IP1dB _{1980MHz}	Input 1dB gain compression interferer signal level at 1980MHz	dBm	+38	+38
IP1dB _{2400MHz}	Input 1dB gain compression interferer signal level at 2400MHz	dBm	+39	+39
Idd	Supply DC current at Shutdown (SD) voltage Vsd=1.8V	mA	4	4
Ish	Shutdown Current @ VSD = 0V	uA	0.5	0.5

Notes:

1. Measurements at 1.575GHz obtained using schematic described in Figure 7 & 8 below.
2. 1.575GHz IIP3 test condition: F_{RF1} = 1572.5 MHz, F_{RF2} = 1577.5 MHz with input power of -30dBm per tone measured at the worst case side band



DC Pin Configuration of 4-Pins connector



Pins 2, 4 = GND
 Pin 3 = Vdd Supply
 Pin 1 = Shutdown (SD)

Circuit Symbol	Size	Description	Part Number
L1	0402	22nH Inductor	(Taiyo Yuden HK100522NJ-T)
L2	0402	1.8nH Inductor	(Taiyo Yuden HK10051N8S-T)
C1	0402	0.1uF Capacitor	(Kyocera CM05X5R104K10AH)
C2	0402	47pF Capacitor	(Kyocera CM05CH470J50AHF)
C3	0402	330pF Capacitor	(Kyocera CM05CH331J16AHF)
R1	0402	10 Ohm	(KOA RK73B1ETTB100J)
R2	0402	4.7 kOhm	(KOA RK73B1ETTB472J)

Figure 2. Demoboard and application circuit components table

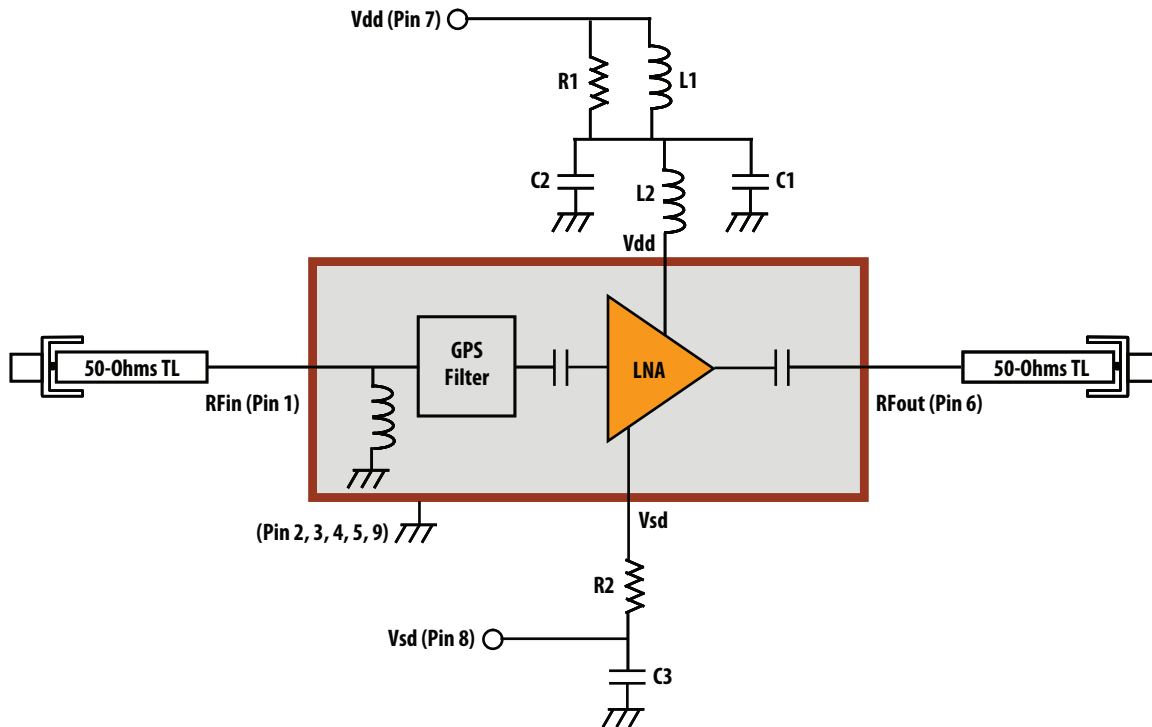


Figure 3. Demoboard and application schematic diagram

Notes

- The module is fully matched at the input and output RF pins. Both these pins also have built-in coupling and DC-blocking capacitors. Best noise performance is obtained using high-Q wirewound inductors. This circuit demonstrates that low noise figures are obtainable with standard 0402 chip inductors.
- C2 and L2 form a matching network that affects the frequency response and linearity of the LNA, these can be tuned to optimize gain and return loss.
- L1 and R1 isolates the demoboard from external disturbances during measurement. It is not needed in actual application. Likewise, C1 and C3 mitigate the effect of external noise pickup on the Vdd and Vsd lines respectively. These components are not required in actual operation.
- Bias control is achieved by either varying the Vsd voltage with/without R2, or fixing the Vsd voltage to Vdd and adjusting R2 for the desired current. R2 = 4.7Kohm will result 6mA when Vdd = Vsd = 2.7V. R2 = 2.7Kohm for 4mA when Vdd = Vsd = 1.8V & R2 = 15Kohm for 4mA when Vdd = Vsd = 2.8V.

ALM-1912 Typical Performance Curves at 25°

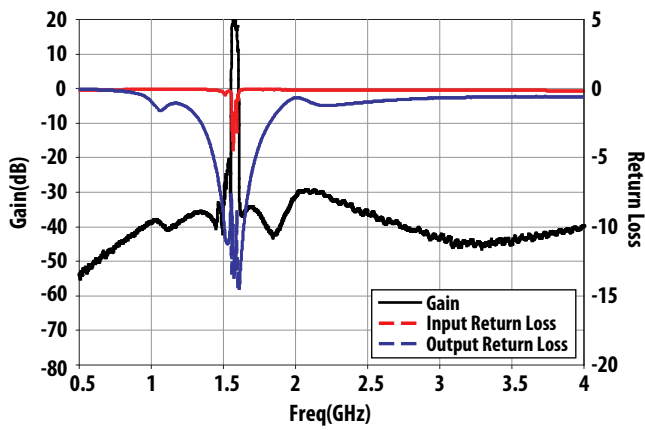


Figure 3a. Typical S-Parameter Plot @ Vdd = 2.7V, Idd = 6mA

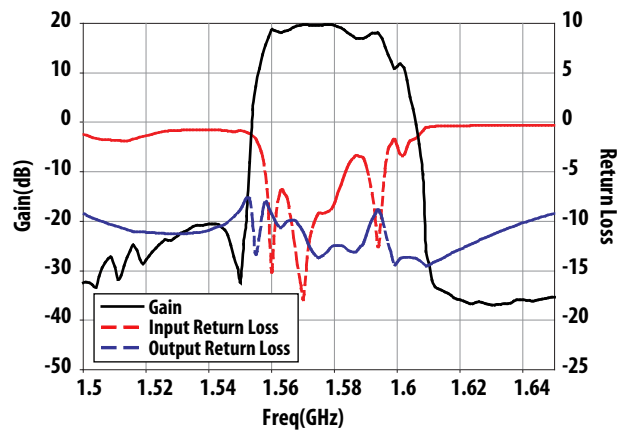


Figure 3b. Passband response of typical S-Parameter Plot @ Vdd = 2.7V, Idd = 6mA

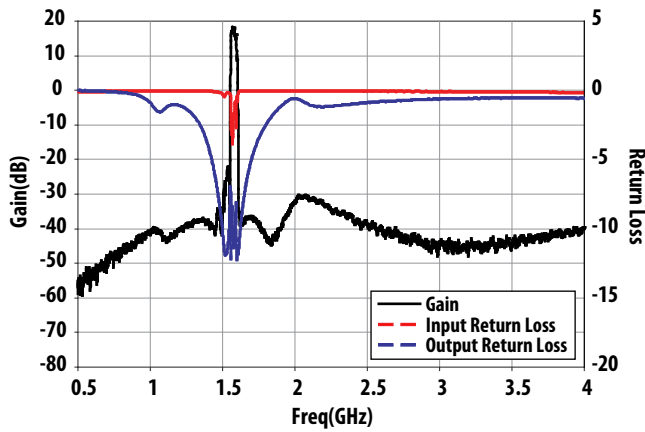


Figure 4a. Typical S-Parameter Plot @ Vdd = 1.8V, Idd = 4mA

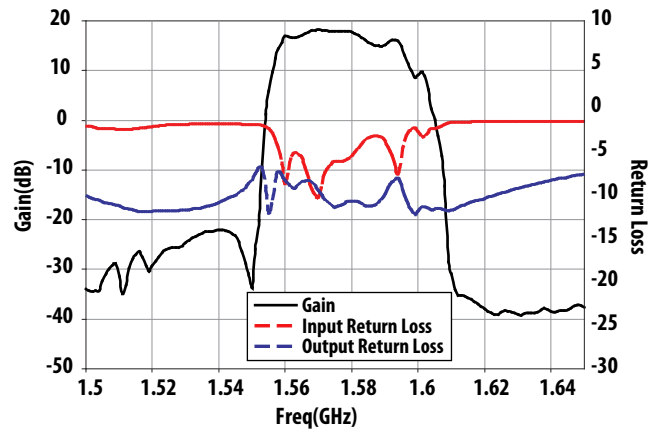


Figure 4b. Passband response of typical S-Parameter Plot @ Vdd = 1.8V, Idd = 4mA

ALM-1912 Typical Performance Curves at 25°C, R2 = 4.7kOhm

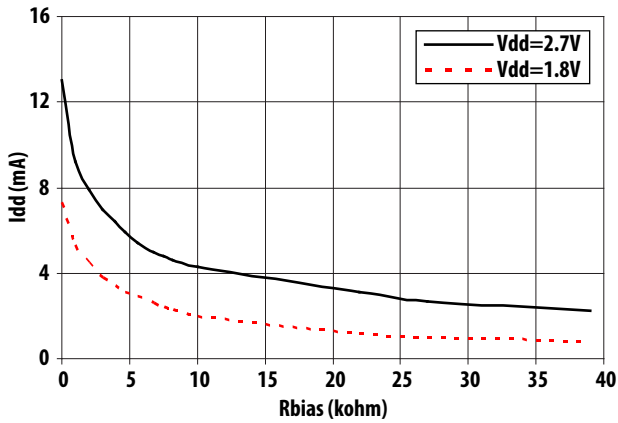


Figure 5. Idd vs Rbias at 25°C

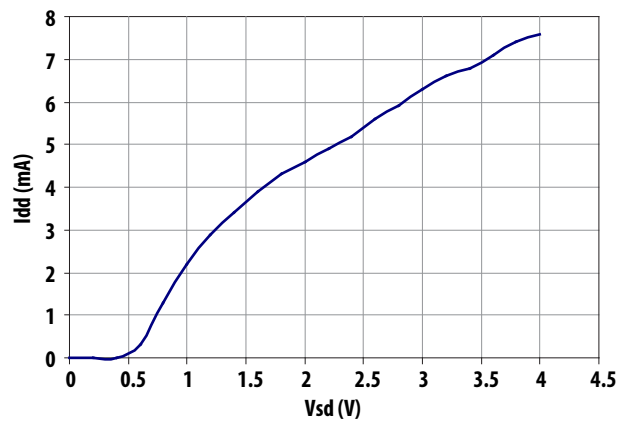


Figure 6. Idd vs Vsd for Vdd = 2.7V, R2 = 4.7k Ohm

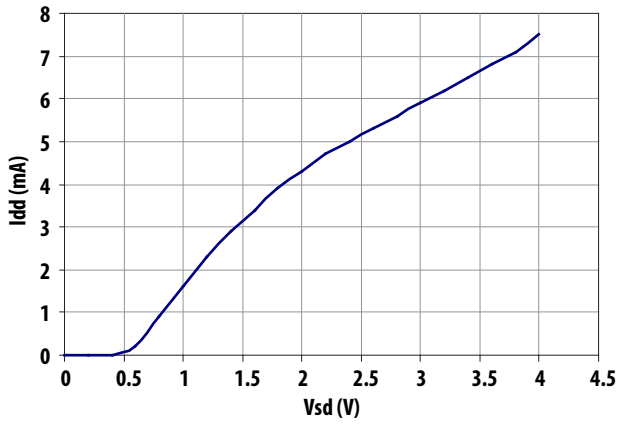


Figure 7. Idd vs Vsd for Vdd = 1.8V, R2 = 2.7k Ohm

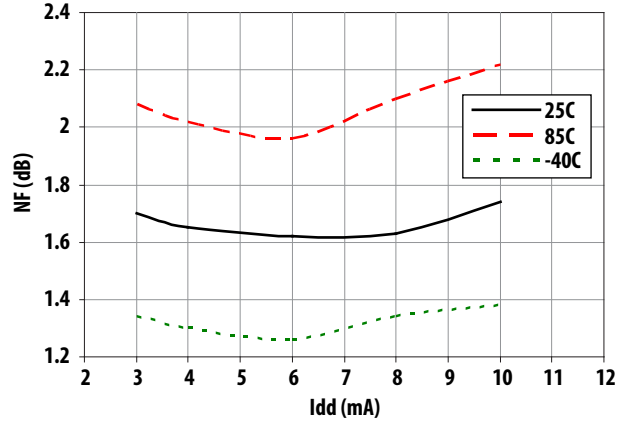


Figure 8. NF vs. Idd at Vdd = 2.7V

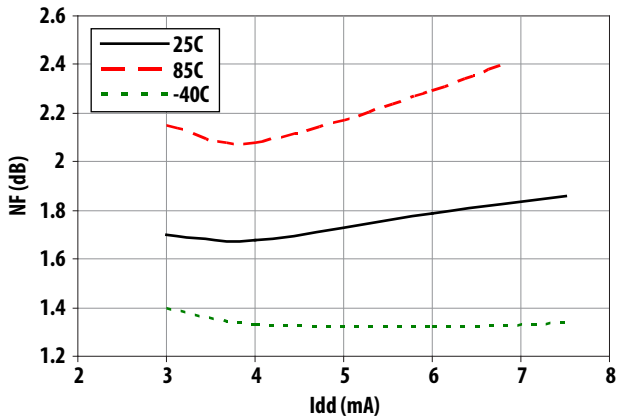


Figure 9. NF vs Idd at Vdd = 1.8V

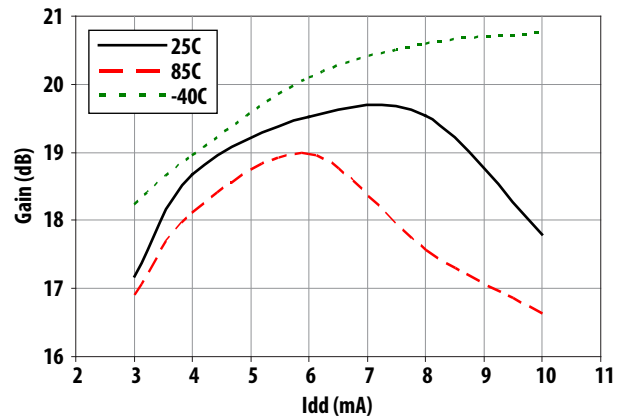


Figure 10. Gain vs. Idd at Vdd = 2.7V

ALM-1912 Typical Performance Curves at 25°C, R2 = 4.7kOhm

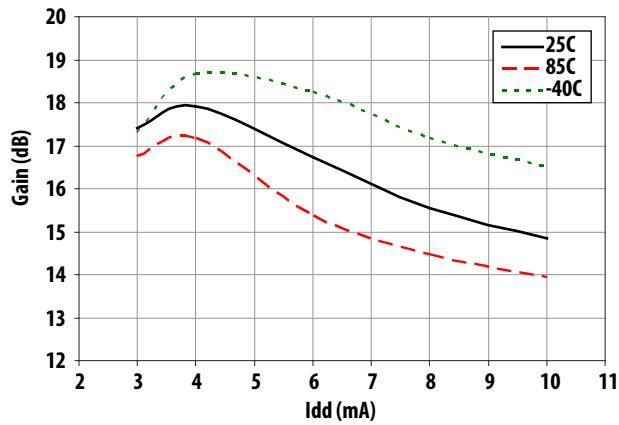


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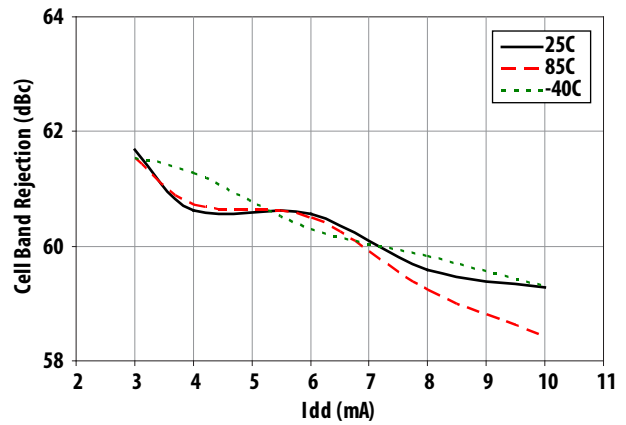


Figure 12. Cell band rejection vs. Idd at Vdd = 2.7V

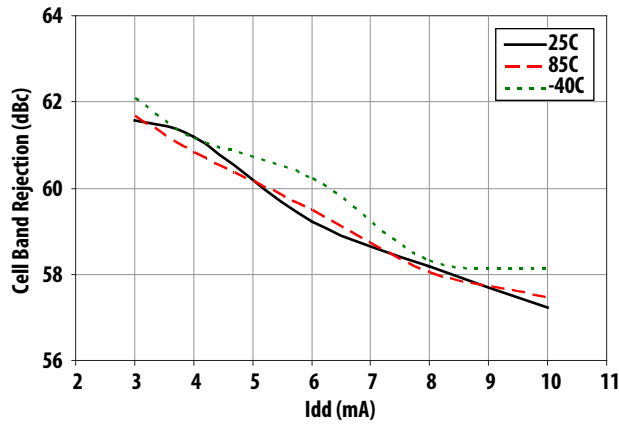


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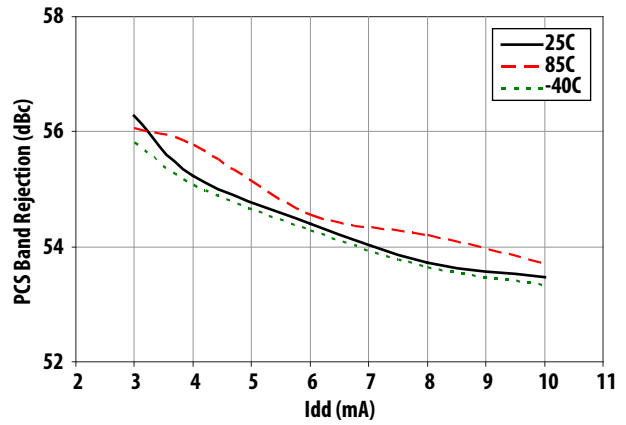


Figure 14. PCS band rejection vs. Idd at Vdd = 2.7V

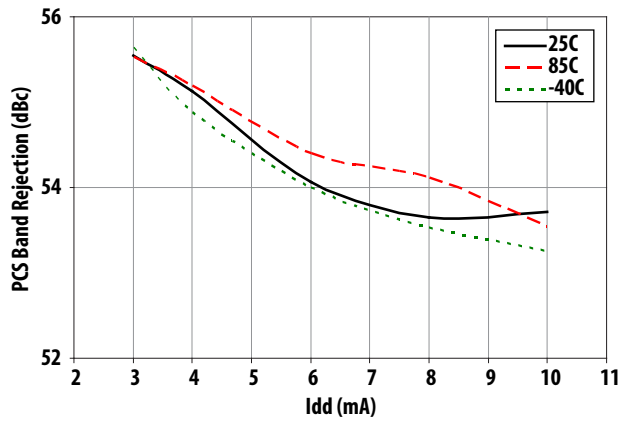


Figure 15. PCS band rejection vs. Idd at Vdd = 1.8V

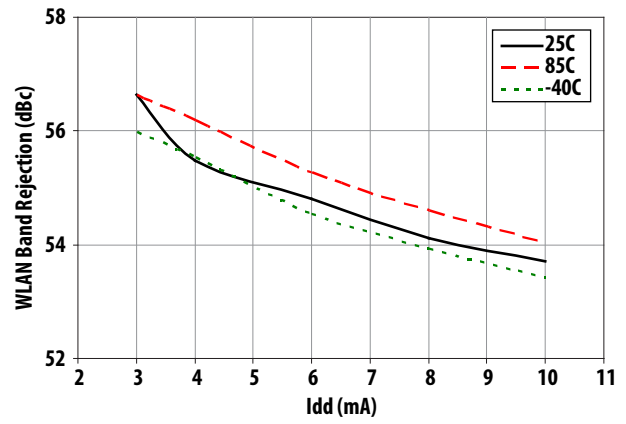


Figure 16. WLAN band rejection vs. Idd at Vdd = 2.7V

ALM-1912 Typical Performance Curves at 25°C, R2 = 4.7kOhm

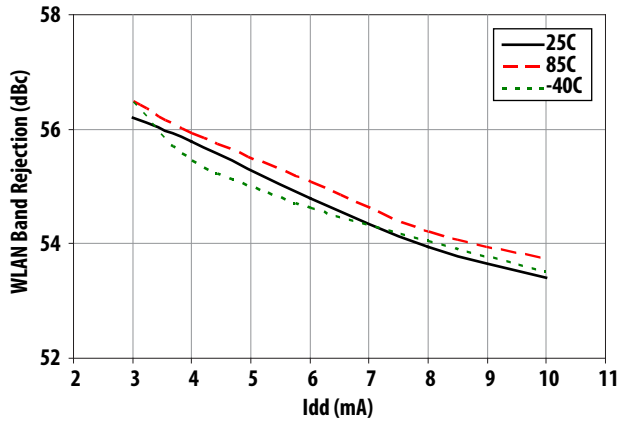


Figure 17. WLAN band rejection vs. Idd at Vdd = 1.8V

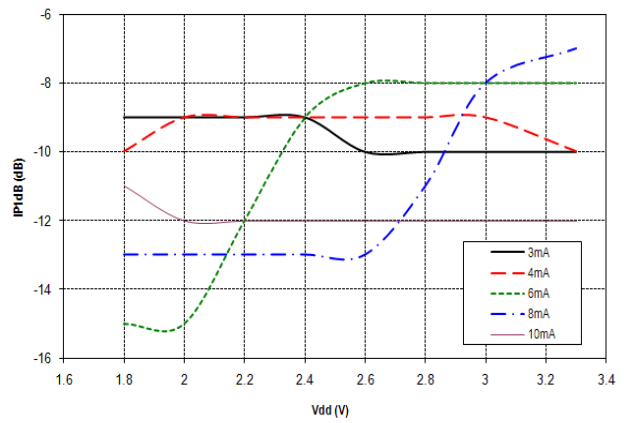


Figure 18. IP1dB vs. Vdd at 25°C

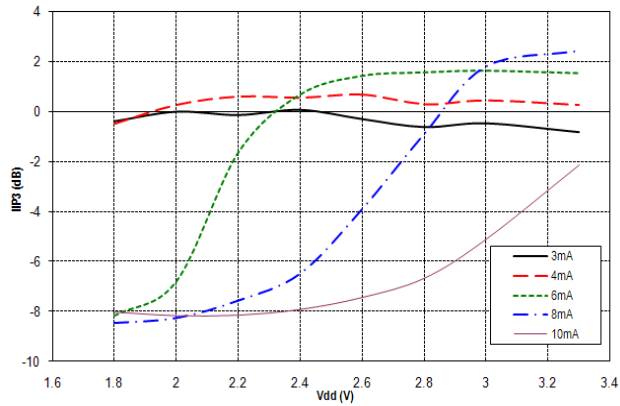


Figure 19. IIP3 vs. Vdd at 25°C

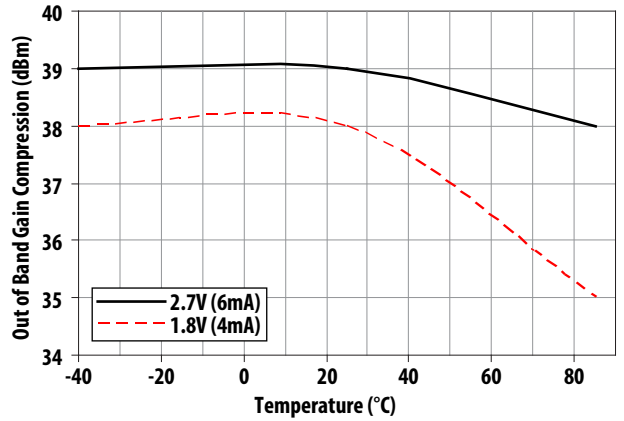


Figure 20. Input signal required at 928MHz interference signal to cause 1dB gain compression at 1.575GHz

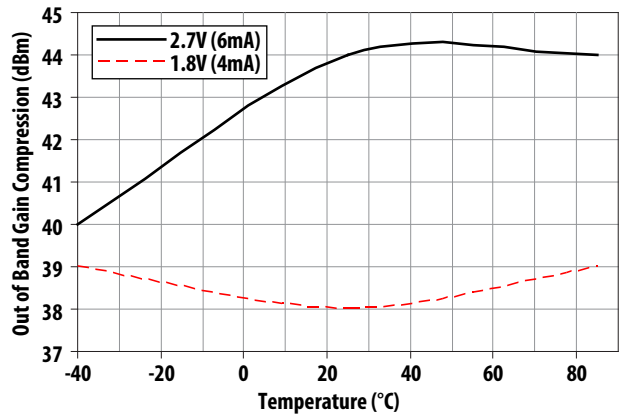


Figure 21. Input signal required at 1980MHz interference signal to cause 1dB gain compression at 1.575GHz

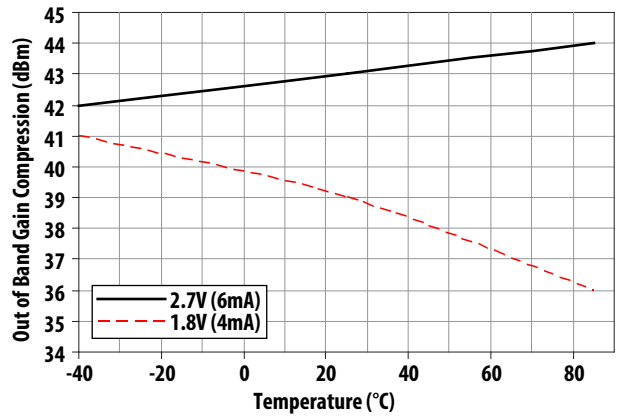


Figure 22. Input signal required at 2400MHz interference signal to cause 1dB gain compression at 1.575GHz

ALM-1912 Typical Performance Curves at 25°C, R2 = 4.7kOhm

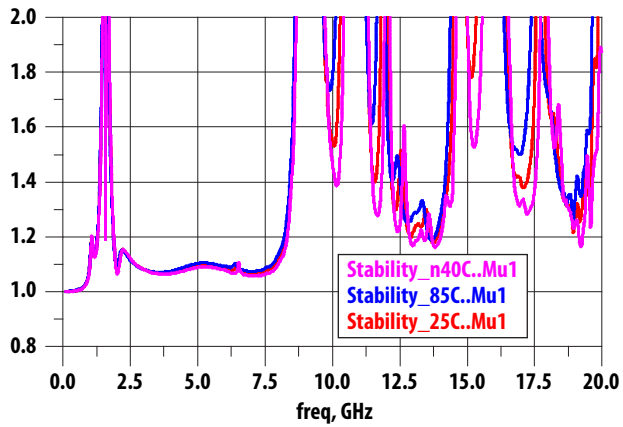


Figure 23. Edwards-Sinsky Output Stability Factor (μ) at $V_{dd} = 2.7V$

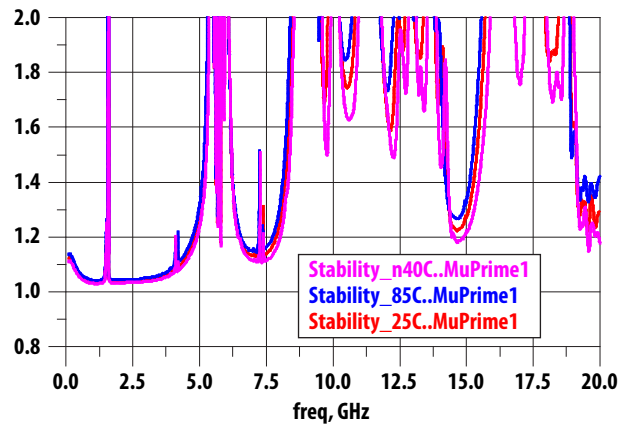


Figure 24. Edwards-Sinsky Input Stability Factor (μ') at $V_{dd} = 2.7V$

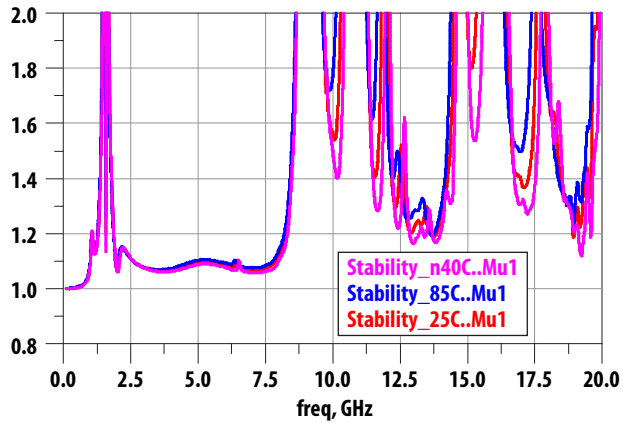


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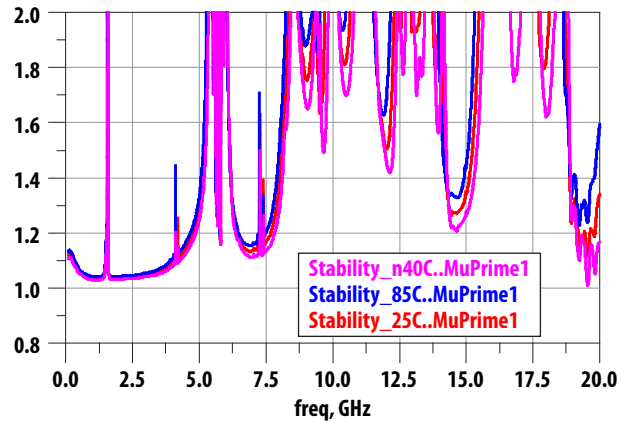


Figure 26. Edwards-Sinsky Input Stability Factor (μ') at $V_{dd} = 1.8V$

ALM-1912 Scattering Parameter and Measurement Reference Planes

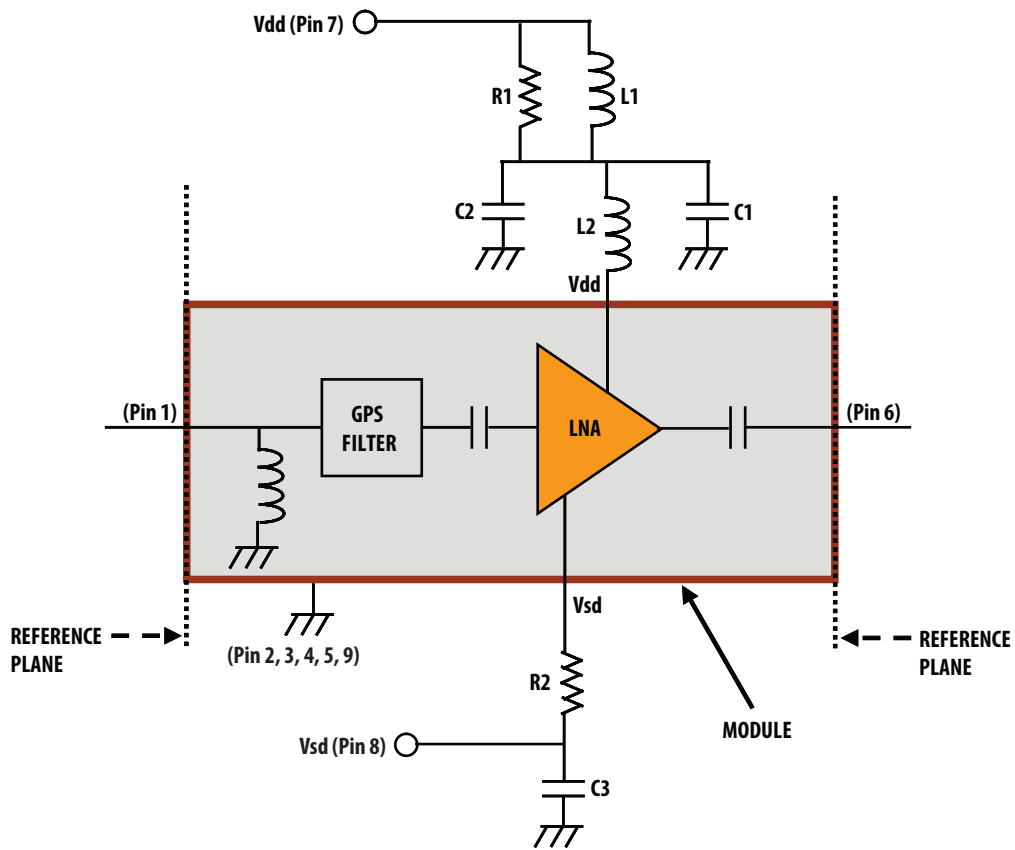


Figure 27. Scattering parameter measurement reference planes

ALM-1912 Typical Scattering Parameters at 25°C, Vdd = 2.7V, Idd = 6mA

The S- and Noise Parameters are measured using a coplanar waveguide PCB with 10 mils Rogers® RO4350. Figure 33 shows the input and output reference planes. The circuit values are as indicated in Figure 7.

Freq (GHz)	S11	S11	S21	S21	S12	S12	S22	S22
	Mag. (dB)	Ang.	Mag. (dB)	Ang.	Mag. (dB)	Ang.	Mag. (dB)	Ang.
0.1	0.90	127.37	0.00	120.37	0.00	-82.40	1.00	-4.60
0.2	0.91	90.38	0.00	-24.66	0.00	123.51	1.00	-9.24
0.3	0.93	64.84	0.00	17.24	0.00	122.67	0.99	-13.92
0.4	0.95	46.42	0.00	5.69	0.00	36.92	0.99	-18.50
0.5	0.95	32.35	0.00	-8.72	0.00	138.61	0.99	-23.40
0.6	0.96	21.11	0.00	-18.53	0.00	69.29	0.99	-28.58
0.7	0.96	11.71	0.00	-28.54	0.00	118.56	0.99	-34.16
0.8	0.97	3.52	0.00	-36.62	0.00	41.88	0.99	-40.25
0.8275	0.97	-3.93	0.01	-46.68	0.00	51.42	0.98	-47.26
0.9	0.97	-5.92	0.01	-51.00	0.00	51.08	0.97	-49.42
1.0	0.97	-10.83	0.01	-62.26	0.00	42.54	0.94	-55.63
1.1	0.97	-18.84	0.01	-85.57	0.00	28.75	0.88	-58.23
1.2	0.97	-25.36	0.01	-77.54	0.00	24.49	0.92	-68.03
1.3	0.98	-32.32	0.01	-85.79	0.00	15.65	0.87	-83.31
1.4	0.98	-41.04	0.01	-94.59	0.00	-4.58	0.77	-104.67
1.5	0.88	-60.02	0.02	1.93	0.01	-39.52	0.57	-142.31
1.575	0.38	-69.26	9.45	-169.06	0.03	174.73	0.21	150.62
1.6	0.84	13.57	3.27	-133.28	0.01	-168.71	0.12	157.09
1.7	0.99	-35.68	0.02	-177.57	0.00	-74.12	0.38	52.17
1.8	0.99	-37.03	0.02	178.80	0.00	-75.60	0.41	46.69
1.885	0.99	-45.79	0.01	170.91	0.00	-96.42	0.65	12.47
1.9	0.99	-52.79	0.01	-136.49	0.00	-116.91	0.85	-12.51
2.0	0.99	-58.82	0.03	-149.24	0.00	-133.55	0.94	-34.30
2.1	0.99	-64.36	0.04	173.27	0.00	-142.26	0.88	-48.83
2.2	0.99	-69.90	0.03	145.75	0.00	-148.61	0.85	-55.23
2.3	0.99	-75.27	0.03	129.65	0.00	-150.64	0.86	-60.65
2.4	0.99	-80.54	0.02	119.00	0.00	-158.09	0.88	-66.20
2.5	0.99	-85.75	0.02	111.46	0.01	-163.55	0.89	-71.63
3.0	0.99	-110.11	0.01	100.70	0.01	167.80	0.95	-95.76
3.5	0.98	-130.93	0.01	130.14	0.01	150.08	0.97	-113.19
4.0	0.98	-148.37	0.01	139.66	0.01	136.34	0.98	-125.78
4.5	0.96	-165.25	0.01	128.82	0.01	123.10	0.99	-136.29
5.0	0.88	166.07	0.00	131.65	0.01	111.96	0.98	-147.49
6.0	0.49	-73.16	0.06	153.87	0.03	145.57	0.96	177.94
7.0	0.86	135.14	0.05	47.07	0.03	50.50	0.97	141.70
8.0	0.81	74.97	0.03	21.54	0.03	4.14	0.96	121.26
9.0	0.23	-37.83	0.10	-58.71	0.07	-128.81	0.64	100.01
10.0	0.33	-46.13	0.17	146.14	0.15	89.25	0.26	97.24
11.0	0.56	-137.13	0.06	-8.12	0.07	-73.43	0.77	156.59
12.0	0.27	-148.23	0.12	41.00	0.06	73.62	0.87	72.72
13.0	0.46	-129.23	0.13	-65.04	0.08	-52.72	0.90	47.40
14.0	0.78	157.89	0.03	-100.27	0.02	-66.53	0.96	53.91
15.0	0.80	119.17	0.04	-26.10	0.04	-19.61	0.95	61.13
16.0	0.64	102.79	0.15	-49.64	0.12	-43.23	0.81	43.12
17.0	0.37	43.63	0.39	-117.27	0.32	-109.51	0.65	-42.16
18.0	0.09	138.84	0.42	-178.97	0.36	-171.99	0.75	-60.43
19.0	0.75	68.84	0.40	110.25	0.35	116.05	0.87	-34.53
20.0	0.85	20.64	0.38	83.26	0.35	86.56	0.89	-16.65

ALM-1912 Typical Scattering Parameters at 25°C, Vdd = 1.8V, Idd = 4mA

Freq (GHz)	S11	S11	S21	S21	S12	S12	S22	S22
	Mag.	Ang.	Mag.	Ang.	Mag.	Ang.	Mag.	Ang.
0.1	0.90	127.32	0.00	94.14	0.00	-47.84	1.00	-4.57
0.2	0.91	90.34	0.00	-2.10	0.00	-107.15	1.00	-9.24
0.3	0.93	64.81	0.00	2.89	0.00	-156.72	0.99	-13.94
0.4	0.95	46.39	0.00	8.11	0.00	35.92	0.99	-18.50
0.5	0.95	32.31	0.00	-6.89	0.00	143.69	0.99	-23.40
0.6	0.96	21.09	0.00	-16.62	0.00	82.53	0.99	-28.60
0.7	0.96	11.67	0.00	-24.15	0.00	100.57	0.99	-34.18
0.8	0.97	3.47	0.00	-33.86	0.00	79.47	0.99	-40.30
0.8275	0.97	-4.01	0.01	-44.90	0.00	51.78	0.98	-47.35
0.9	0.97	-5.99	0.01	-47.28	0.00	51.83	0.97	-49.53
1.0	0.97	-10.92	0.01	-60.49	0.00	31.98	0.94	-55.83
1.1	0.97	-18.96	0.01	-83.38	0.00	31.73	0.88	-58.44
1.2	0.97	-25.52	0.01	-73.67	0.00	25.78	0.92	-68.40
1.3	0.98	-32.51	0.01	-82.53	0.00	12.80	0.87	-84.18
1.4	0.98	-41.28	0.01	-89.61	0.00	-6.47	0.76	-106.73
1.5	0.88	-60.32	0.02	-1.57	0.01	-41.17	0.54	-147.70
1.575	0.41	-78.94	7.95	-173.45	0.03	164.64	0.20	131.33
1.6	0.84	12.43	2.64	-136.63	0.01	-174.83	0.12	128.76
1.7	0.99	-35.96	0.02	-175.52	0.00	-76.78	0.43	43.37
1.8	0.99	-37.33	0.02	-179.18	0.00	-79.98	0.46	38.58
1.885	0.99	-46.13	0.01	176.29	0.00	-102.21	0.69	7.51
1.9	0.99	-53.14	0.01	-135.27	0.00	-120.48	0.87	-15.66
2.0	0.99	-59.20	0.03	-150.87	0.00	-135.87	0.95	-36.79
2.1	0.99	-64.79	0.03	168.18	0.00	-144.60	0.87	-49.90
2.2	0.99	-70.34	0.03	142.65	0.00	-148.59	0.86	-55.46
2.3	0.99	-75.71	0.02	128.27	0.00	-153.56	0.87	-61.03
2.4	0.99	-81.00	0.02	119.57	0.00	-159.62	0.89	-66.76
2.5	0.99	-86.22	0.01	113.42	0.00	-166.13	0.91	-72.29
3.0	0.99	-110.52	0.01	110.97	0.01	168.49	0.95	-96.41
3.5	0.98	-131.22	0.01	133.62	0.01	149.39	0.98	-113.77
4.0	0.98	-148.55	0.01	139.15	0.01	135.69	0.98	-126.29
4.5	0.96	-165.50	0.01	127.69	0.01	122.15	0.99	-136.77
5.0	0.88	165.46	0.00	122.42	0.01	111.77	0.98	-147.98
6.0	0.49	-73.91	0.06	151.64	0.03	145.07	0.96	177.43
7.0	0.86	133.56	0.05	44.44	0.03	49.76	0.97	141.51
8.0	0.81	74.08	0.03	17.50	0.03	2.66	0.96	121.11
9.0	0.21	-41.62	0.09	-91.72	0.06	-143.80	0.70	104.65
10.0	0.31	-47.91	0.18	122.11	0.13	77.64	0.15	75.36
11.0	0.56	-137.43	0.05	-23.74	0.06	-80.66	0.78	155.38
12.0	0.26	-146.22	0.11	40.59	0.07	72.65	0.87	72.48
13.0	0.46	-130.98	0.13	-65.47	0.08	-50.80	0.90	47.11
14.0	0.78	155.11	0.03	-100.99	0.02	-71.00	0.96	53.58
15.0	0.80	118.23	0.04	-29.47	0.04	-22.84	0.94	60.77
16.0	0.64	101.70	0.15	-52.25	0.13	-45.15	0.80	42.62
17.0	0.33	40.29	0.41	-122.82	0.35	-114.71	0.62	-43.62
18.0	0.16	128.82	0.43	171.30	0.38	178.20	0.72	-59.15
19.0	0.75	55.98	0.37	103.58	0.33	108.95	0.88	-34.50
20.0	0.81	13.70	0.35	78.38	0.34	81.34	0.89	-16.79

**ALM-1912 Typical Noise Parameters at 25°C,
Freq = 1.575 GHz, Vdd = 2.7V, Idd = 6mA**

Freq (GHz)	Fmin (dB)	GAMMA OPT		
		Mag	Ang	Rn/50
1.575	1.43	0.23	-108	0.15

**ALM-1912 Typical Noise Parameters at 25°C,
Freq = 1.575 GHz, Vdd = 1.8V, Idd = 4mA**

Freq (GHz)	Fmin (dB)	GAMMA OPT		
		Mag	Ang	Rn/50
1.575	1.57	0.17	-103	0.16

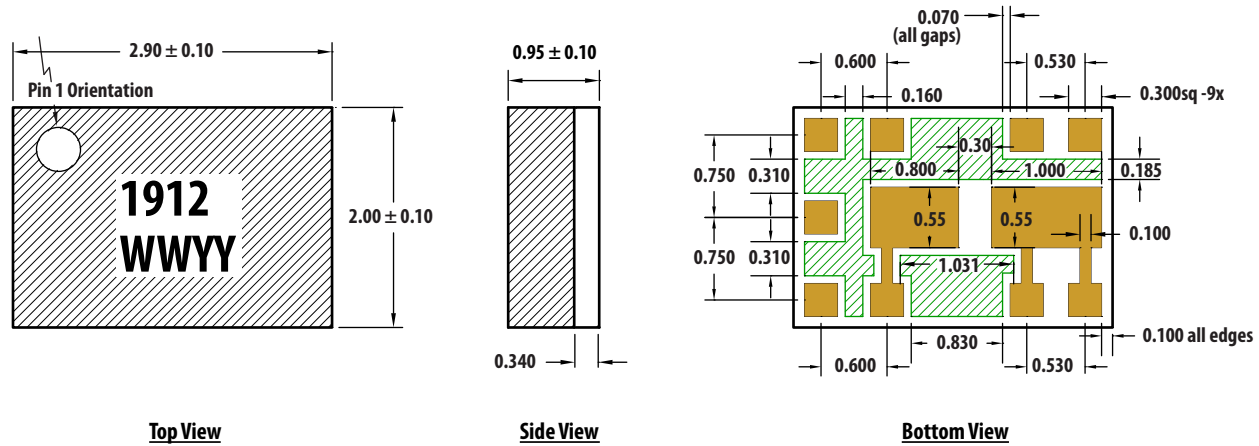
Notes:

The exceptional noise figure performance of the ALM-1912 is due to its highly optimized design. In this regard, the Fmin of the ALM-1912 shown above is locked down by the internal input pre-match. This allows the use of relatively inexpensive chip inductors for external matching.

Part Number Ordering Information

Part Number	Qty	Container
ALM-1912-BLKG	100	7" Reel
ALM-1912-TR1G	3000	13" Reel

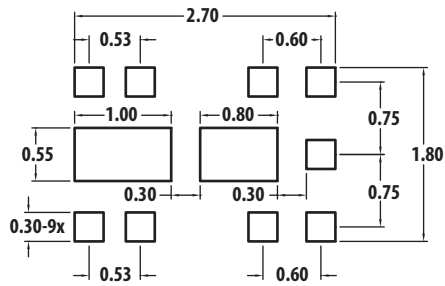
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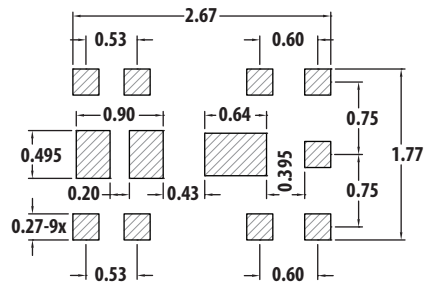
Notes:

1. All dimensions are in millimeters.
2. Dimensions are inclusive of plating.
3. Dimensions are exclusive of mold flash and metal burr.
4. Y refers to Year, W refers to Work Week.

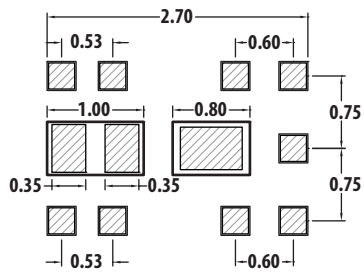
PCB Land Patterns and Stencil Design



Land Pattern



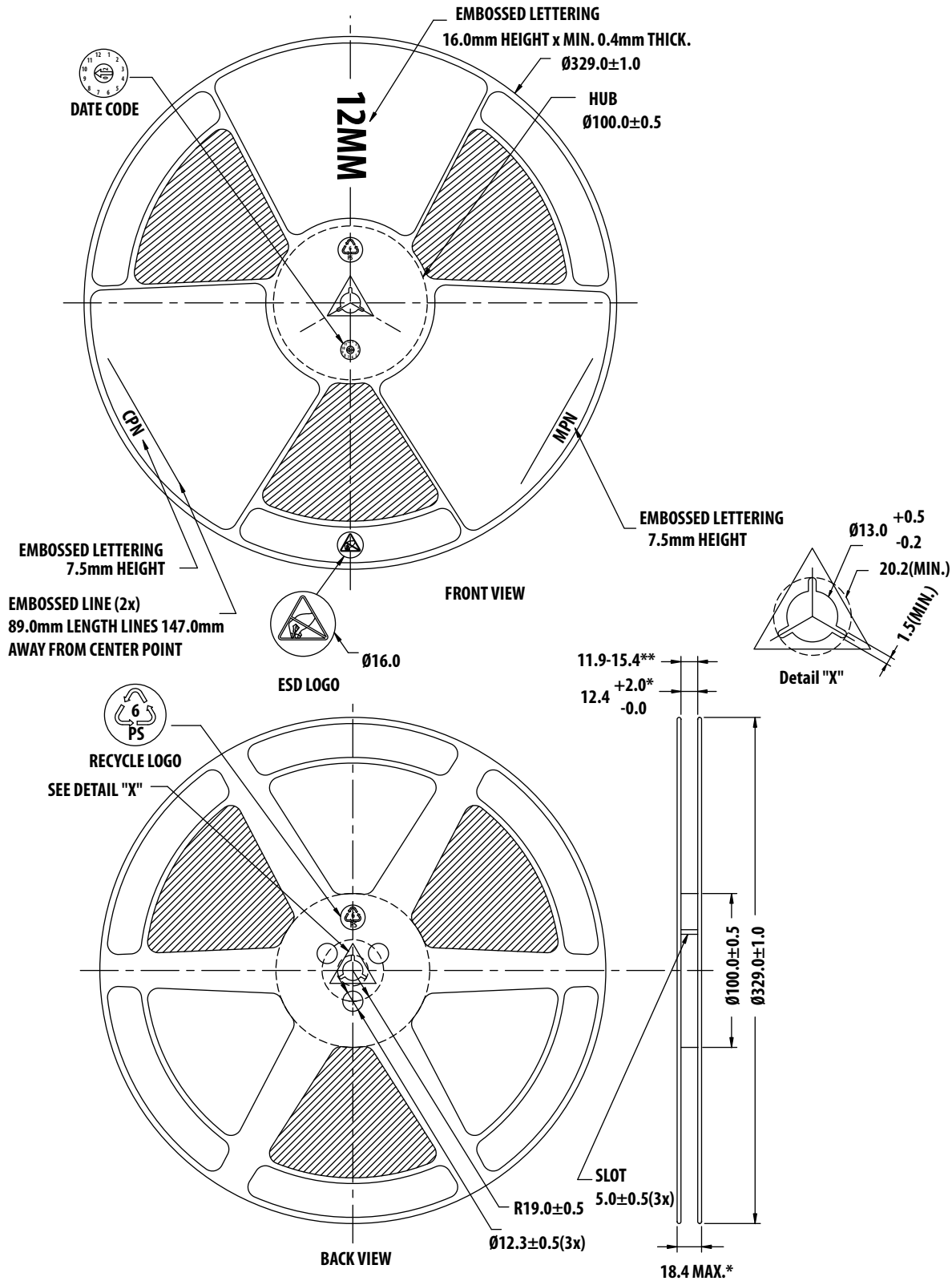
Stencil Opening



Combination of Land Pattern & Stencil Opening

Dimensions are in mm

Reel Dimensions - 13 Inch x 12mm



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