



HMC631LP3 / 631LP3E

GaAs HBT VECTOR MODULATOR 1.8 - 2.7 GHz

Typical Applications

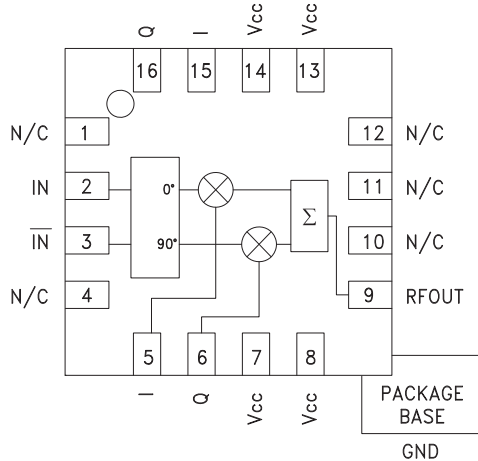
The HMC631LP3(E) is ideal for:

- Cellular/3G & WiMAX Systems
- Wireless Infrastructure HPA & MPCA Error Correction
- Pre-Distortion or Feed-Forward Linearization
- Beam Forming & Nulling Circuits

Features

- Continuous Phase Control: 360°
- Continuous Gain Control: 40 dB
- Output Noise Floor: -160 dBm/Hz
- Input IP3: +35 dBm
- 16 Lead 3x3mm SMT Package: 9mm²

Functional Diagram



General Description

The HMC631LP3 & HMC631LP3E are high dynamic range Vector Modulator RFICs which are targeted for RF predistortion and feed-forward cancellation circuits, as well as RF cancellation, beam forming and amplitude/phase correction circuits. The I & Q ports of the HMC631LP3(E) can be used to continuously vary the phase and amplitude of RF signals by up to 360 degrees and 40 dB respectively, while supporting a 3 dB modulation bandwidth of 200 MHz. With an output IP3 of +26 dBm and output noise floor of -160 dBm/Hz (at maximum gain setting), the IP3/noise floor ratio is 186 dB.

Electrical Specifications, T_A = +25° C, Vcc = +8V

| Parameter | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|---|------|--------------|-------|------|--------------|------|---------|
| Frequency Range | | 1.8 - 2.2 | | | 2.2 - 2.7 | | GHz |
| Maximum Gain ⁽¹⁾ | -11 | -9 | | | -11 | | dB |
| Gain Variation Over Temperature | | 0.016 | 0.025 | | 0.016 | | dB / °C |
| Gain Flatness Across Any 60 MHz Bandwidth | | 0.15 | | | 0.4 | | dB |
| Gain Range | | 40 | | | 40 | | dB |
| Input Return Loss | | 9 | | | 9 | | dB |
| Output Return Loss | | 13 | | | 10 | | dB |
| Input Power for 1dB Compression (P1dB) | 15 | 18 | | | 21 | | dBm |
| Input Third Order Intercept (IP3) | | 35 | | | 37 | | dBm |
| Output Noise | | -160 | | | -160 | | dBm/Hz |
| Control Port Bandwidth (-3 dB) | | 200 | | | 200 | | MHz |
| Control Port Impedance | | 1.45k | | | 1.45k | | Ohms |
| Control Port Capacitance | | 0.22 | | | 0.22 | | pF |
| Control Voltage Range | | +0.5 to +2.5 | | | +0.5 to +2.5 | | Vdc |
| Group Delay Variation Over 60 MHz Bandwidth | | 20 | | | 20 | | ps |
| Supply Current (Icq) | | 93 | | | 93 | | mA |

Unless otherwise noted, measurements are made @ max. gain setting and 45° phase setting. See application circuit for details.

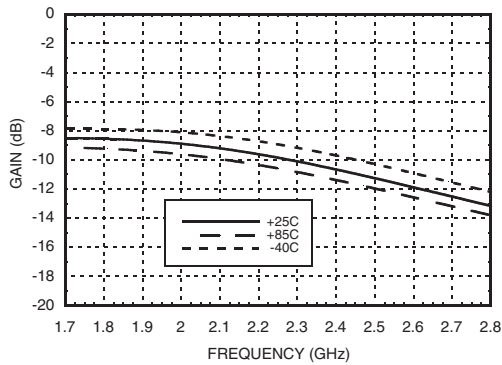
⁽¹⁾Includes loss of input balun (0.8 dB typ.)



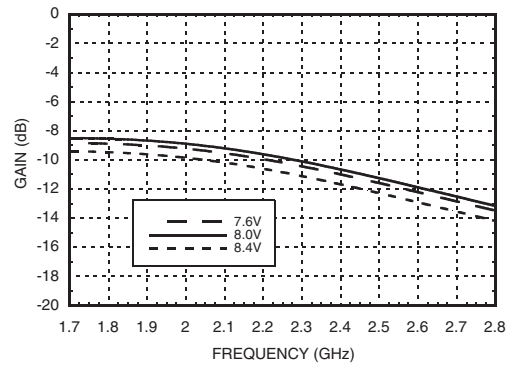
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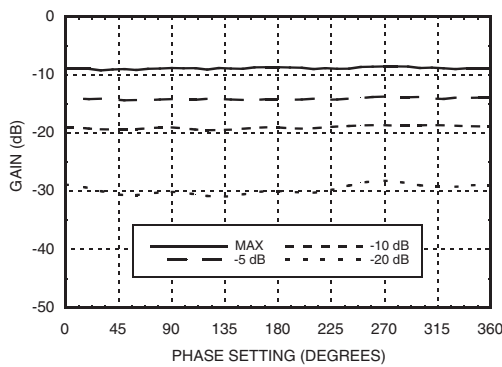
Maximum Gain vs. Temperature



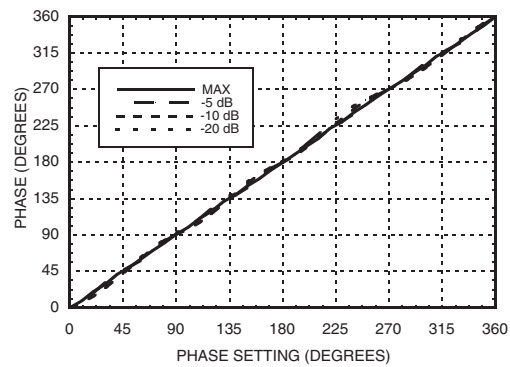
Maximum Gain vs. Supply Voltage



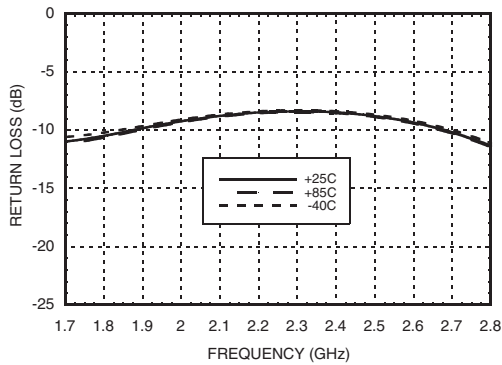
Gain vs. Phase Settings @ F= 2 GHz



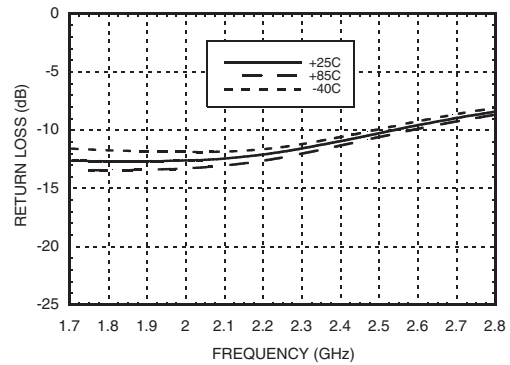
Phase vs. Phase Settings @ F= 2 GHz
vs. Various Gain Settings



Input Return Loss vs. Temperature



Output Return Loss vs. Temperature



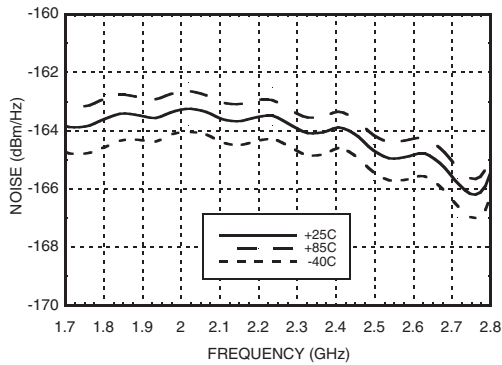
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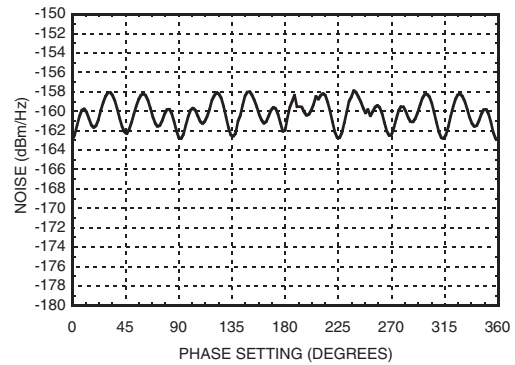
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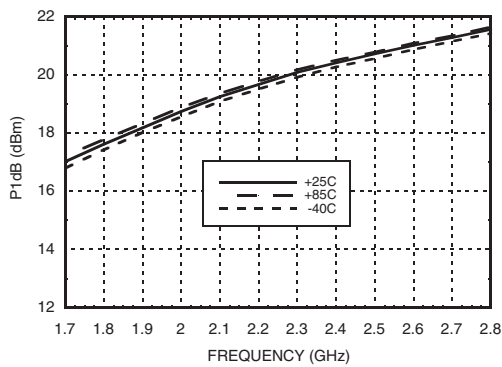
Output Noise vs. Temperature



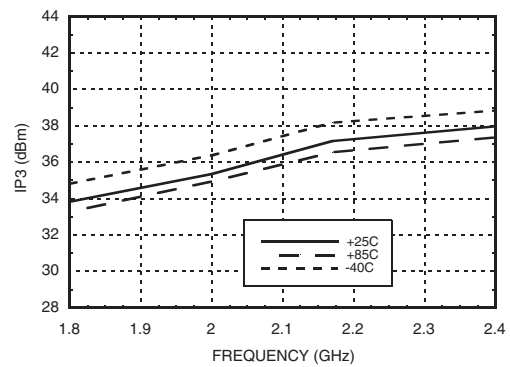
Output Noise vs. Phase Settings @ F= 2 GHz



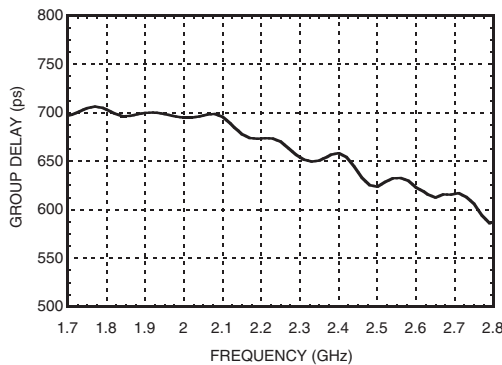
Input P1dB vs. Temperature



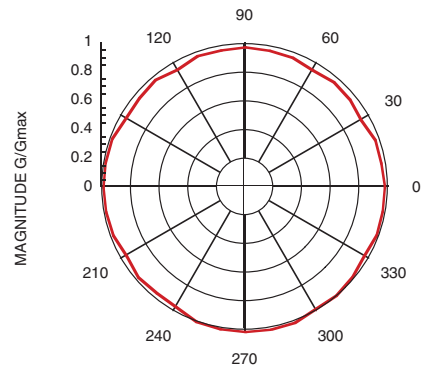
Input IP3 vs. Temperature



Group Delay



Linear Gain vs. Phase Setting



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Typical Supply Current vs. Vcc

| Vcc (V) | Icc (mA) |
|---------|----------|
| 7.6 | 88 |
| 8.0 | 93 |
| 8.4 | 99 |

Note:
Modulator will operate over full voltage range shown above.

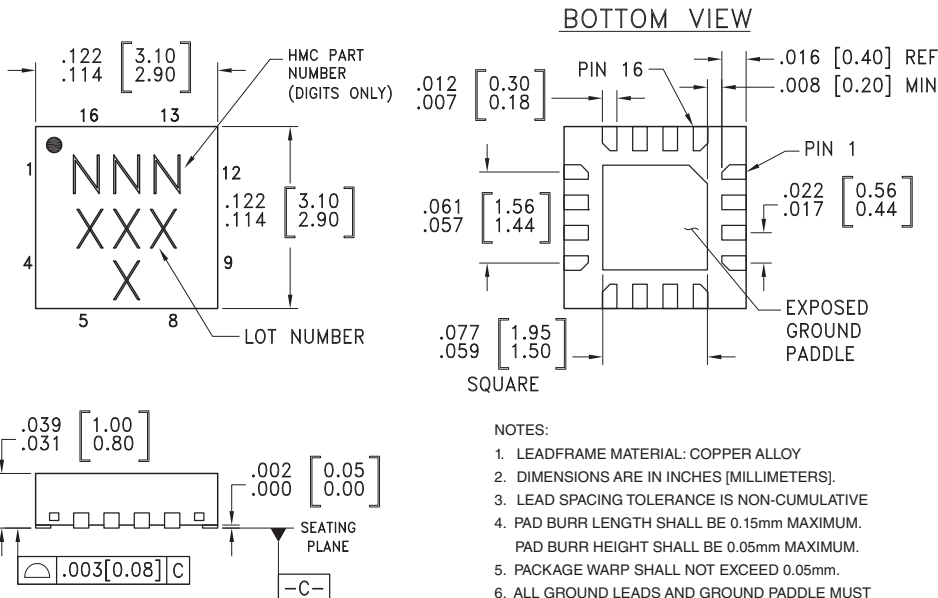


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Absolute Maximum Ratings

| | |
|---|----------------|
| RF Input (Vcc = +8V) | 27 dBm |
| Supply Voltage (Vcc) | +10V |
| I & Q Input | -0.5V to +5V |
| Junction Temperature (Tc) | 135 °C |
| Continuous P _{diss} (T = 85°C) (Derate 34 mW/°C above 85°C) | 1.7 W |
| Thermal Resistance (R _{th}) (junction to ground paddle) | 29.6 °C/W |
| Storage Temperature | -65 to +150 °C |
| Operating Temperature | -40 to +85 °C |

Outline Drawing



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

Package Information

| Part Number | Package Body Material | Lead Finish | MSL Rating | Package Marking ^[3] |
|-------------|--|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| HMC631LP3 | Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | Sn/Pb Solder | MSL1 ^[1] | 631 XXXX |
| HMC631LP3E | RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | 100% matte Sn | MSL1 ^[2] | 631 XXXX |

[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 235 °C

[2] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C

[3] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

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Pin Description

| Pin Number | Function | Description | Interface Schematic |
|---------------|----------|---|---------------------|
| 1, 4, 10 - 12 | N/C | No connection. These pins may be connected to RF ground. Performance will not be affected | |
| 2, 3 | IN, IN̄ | Differential RF inputs, 100 Ohms differential impedance. (i.e. each pin is 50 Ohms to ground). Must be DC blocked. | |
| 5, 15 | I | In-phase control input. Pins 5 and 15 are redundant. Either input can be used. | |
| 6, 16 | Q | Quadrature control input. Pins 6 and 16 are redundant. Either input can be used. | |
| 7, 8, 13, 14 | Vcc | Supply Voltage, pins are DC connected on-chip. It is only necessary to supply Vcc to any 1 of the 4 pins, but all 4 pins must be bypassed to ground. (See application circuit). | |
| 9 | RFOUT | RF Output: Must be DC blocked. | |
| | GND | Ground: Backside of package has exposed metal ground paddle which must be connected to RF/DC ground. | |

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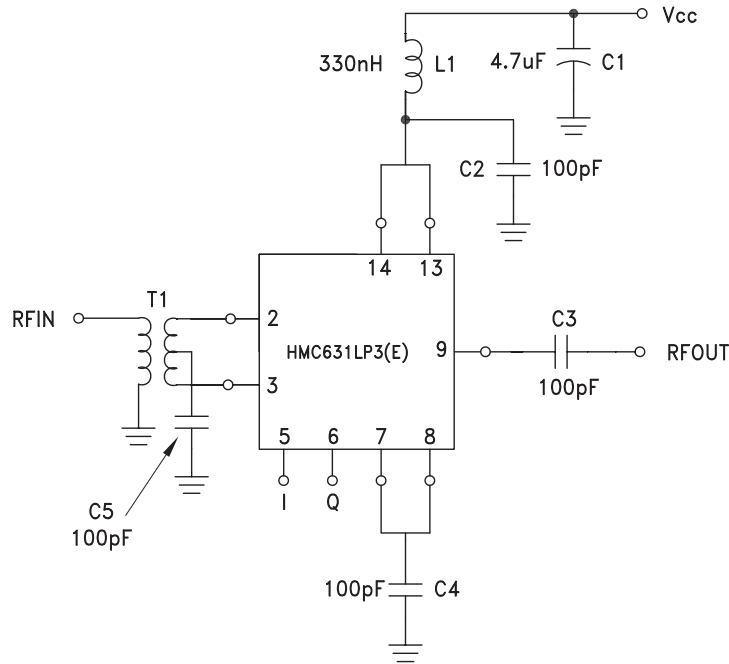
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Application Circuit



* Pins 15 & 16 are redundant I & Q inputs.

Gain and Phase control are applied through the I and Q control ports. For a given linear gain (G) and phase (θ) setting, the voltages applied to these ports in all measurements are calculated as follows:

$$I(G, \theta) = V_{mi} + 1.0V \frac{G}{G_{max}} \cos(\theta)$$

$$Q(G, \theta) = V_{mq} + 1.0V \frac{G}{G_{max}} \sin(\theta)$$

Where V_{mi} and V_{mq} are the I and Q voltage settings corresponding to maximum isolation at room temperature and $F = 2$ GHz.

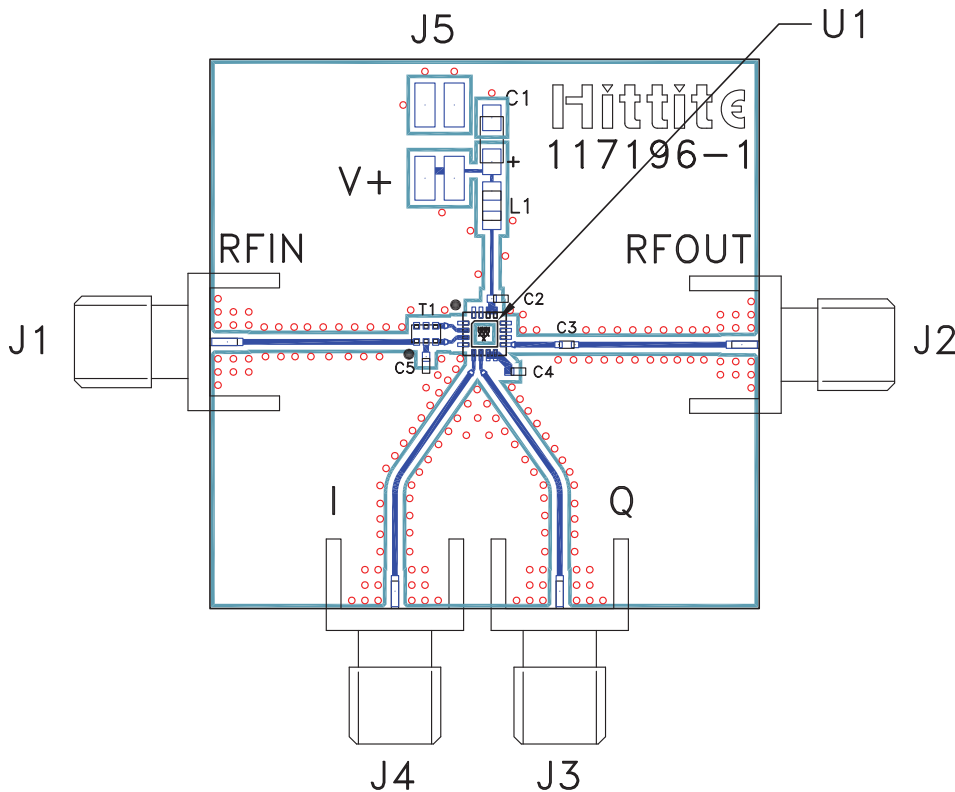
Note that $G = 10^x$ and $G_{max} = 10^y$ where $x = \frac{\text{Gain Setting (dB)}}{20}$ and $y = \frac{\text{Max Gain Setting (dB)}}{20}$. Nominally $V_{mi} = V_{mq} = 1.5V$, $G_{max} = 0.316$.



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Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 117201 [1]

| Item | Description |
|---------|--|
| J1 - J4 | PCB Mount SMA Connector |
| J5 | 2 mm DC Header |
| C1 | 4.7 μ F Capacitor, Tantalum |
| C2 - C5 | 100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg. |
| T1 | Balun, 0805 Pkg. ANAREN BD1722J50100A |
| L1 | 330 nH Inductor, 0805 Pkg. |
| U1 | HMC631LP3(E) Vector Modulator |
| PCB [2] | 117196 Evaluation PCB |

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350, Er = 3.48

The circuit board used in the final 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.

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