



GRF2171

HIGH GAIN ULTRA LNA

1.17 to 5.35 GHz

FEATURES

- Flexible Bias Voltage and Current
- Process: GaAs pHEMT
- Compact 1.5 x 1.5 mm DFN-6 Package

Reference: 5 V / 75 mA / 3.6 GHz

- Gain: 26.8 dB
- OIP3: 35 dBm
- OP1dB: 18.7 dBm
- Evaluation Board Noise Figure: 0.8 dB

APPLICATIONS

- Ultra High Gain LNA
- CBRS
- Microwave Backhaul

DESCRIPTION

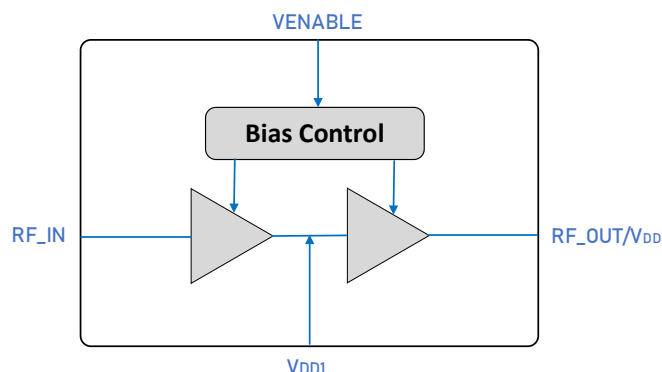
The GRF2171 is an ultra-high gain, ultra-low noise amplifier that can be tuned over a wide range of frequencies.

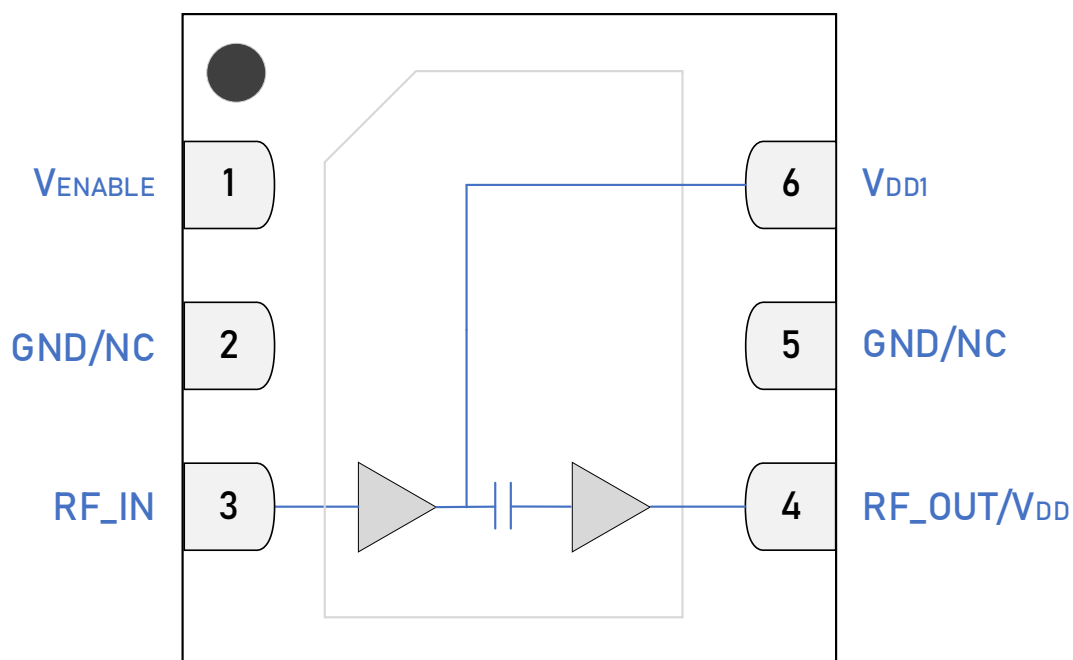
Flexible biasing allows the device to be configured for a wide range of V_{DD} and I_{DDQ} values for optimal efficiency and linearity.

Please consult with the GRF applications engineering team for custom tuning/evaluation board data and S-parameters.

Additional tunes can be found on the GRF2171 "Custom Tunes" product page: [GRF2171 Custom Tunes](#)

BLOCK DIAGRAM





1.5 x 1.5 mm DFN-6 Pin Out (Top View)

Pin Assignments

Pin	Name	Description	Note
1	V _{ENABLE}	Enable Voltage Input	V _{ENABLE} and series resistor set I _{DDQ} . V _{ENABLE} ≤ 0.2 volts disables device. On die pull-down resistor will turn the device off if this node is allowed to float.
2, 5	GND/NC	Ground or No Connect	No internal connection to die. We recommend connecting these pins to ground.
3	RF_IN	RF Input	An external DC blocking capacitor must be used.
4	RF_OUT/V _{DD}	RF Output	V _{DD} must be applied through a choke to this pin.
6	V _{DD1}	Bias Supply	Typically tied to V _{DD} via an external resistor or inductor.
PKG BASE	GND	Ground	Provides DC and RF ground as well as thermal heat sink. Recommend multiple 8-mil vias beneath the package for optimal RF and thermal performance. Refer to evaluation board top layer graphic on schematic page.

Absolute Ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Max.	Unit
Supply Voltage	V_{DD}	0	6	V
RF Input Power: Load VSWR < 2:1, $V_{DD} = 5$ V.	$P_{IN\ MAX}$		22	dBm
Operating Temperature (package base).	$T_{PKG\ BASE}$	-40	115	°C
Maximum Channel Temperature (MTTF > 10 ⁶ hours).	T_{MAX}		170	°C
Maximum Dissipated Power	$P_{DISS\ MAX}$		600	mW

Electrostatic Discharge

Human Body Model	HBM	250		V
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Storage

Storage Temperature	T_{STG}	-65	150	°C
Moisture Sensitivity Level	MSL		1	--



Caution! ESD Sensitive Device.

Exceeding Absolute Maximum Rating conditions may cause permanent damage.

Note: For additional information, please refer to [Package Manufacturing Information | Guerrilla RF \(guerrilla-rf.com\)](#)



All Guerrilla RF products are provided in RoHS compliant lead (Pb)-free packaging requiring no exemptions. Additional information for this topic can be found at this link - [Environmental and Restricted Substance Statement Library](#)

Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Symbol	Specification			Unit	Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Supply Voltage	V_{DD}	2.7	5	6	V	
RF Frequency Range	F_{RF}	1.17	3.6	5.35	GHz	Typical application schematic with external matching components (notes 1 & 2).
Operating Temperature (package base)	$T_{PKG\ BASE}$	-40		115	°C	
RF_IN Port Impedance	Z_{RF_IN}		50		Ω	
RF_OUT Port Impedance	Z_{RF_OUT}		50		Ω	

Note 1: Operation outside of this range is supported by using different custom tunes. Examples of other optimized tunes can be found here: [GRF2171 Custom Tunes](#).

Note 2: Contact the Guerrilla RF applications team for guidance on optimizing the tuning of the device for alternative bands.

Nominal Operating Parameters – General

The following conditions apply unless noted otherwise: typical application schematic using the 3.4 to 3.8 GHz tuning set. $V_{DD} = 5\text{ V}$, $F_{TEST} = 3.6\text{ GHz}$, $50\ \Omega$ system impedance, $T_{PKG\ BASE} = 25\ ^\circ\text{C}$. Evaluation board losses are included within the specifications.

Parameter	Symbol	Specification			Unit	Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Supply Current	I_{DD}	55	75	95	mA	$V_{DD} = 5\text{ V}$, $V_{ENABLE} = 5\text{ V}$. $M5 = 1.2\text{ k}\Omega$.
Enable Current	I_{ENABLE}		3.1		mA	$V_{DD} = 5\text{ V}$, $V_{ENABLE} = 5\text{ V}$. $M5 = 1.2\text{ k}\Omega$.
Switching Rise Time	T_{RISE}		800		ns	Gain mode to Disabled mode (note 3).
Switching Fall Time	T_{FALL}		900		ns	Disabled mode to Gain mode (note 4).

Disabled Mode

Leakage Current	$I_{LEAKAGE}$		325	1000	μA	$V_{DD} = 5\text{ V}$, $V_{ENABLE} = 0\text{ V}$.
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Thermal Data

Thermal Resistance: (Infrared Scan)	Θ_{JC}		40		$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$	On standard evaluation board (note 5).
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Note 3: Switching Time: 50% of V_{ENABLE} to 90% of P_{OUT} .

Note 4: Switching Time: 50% of V_{ENABLE} to 10% of P_{OUT} .

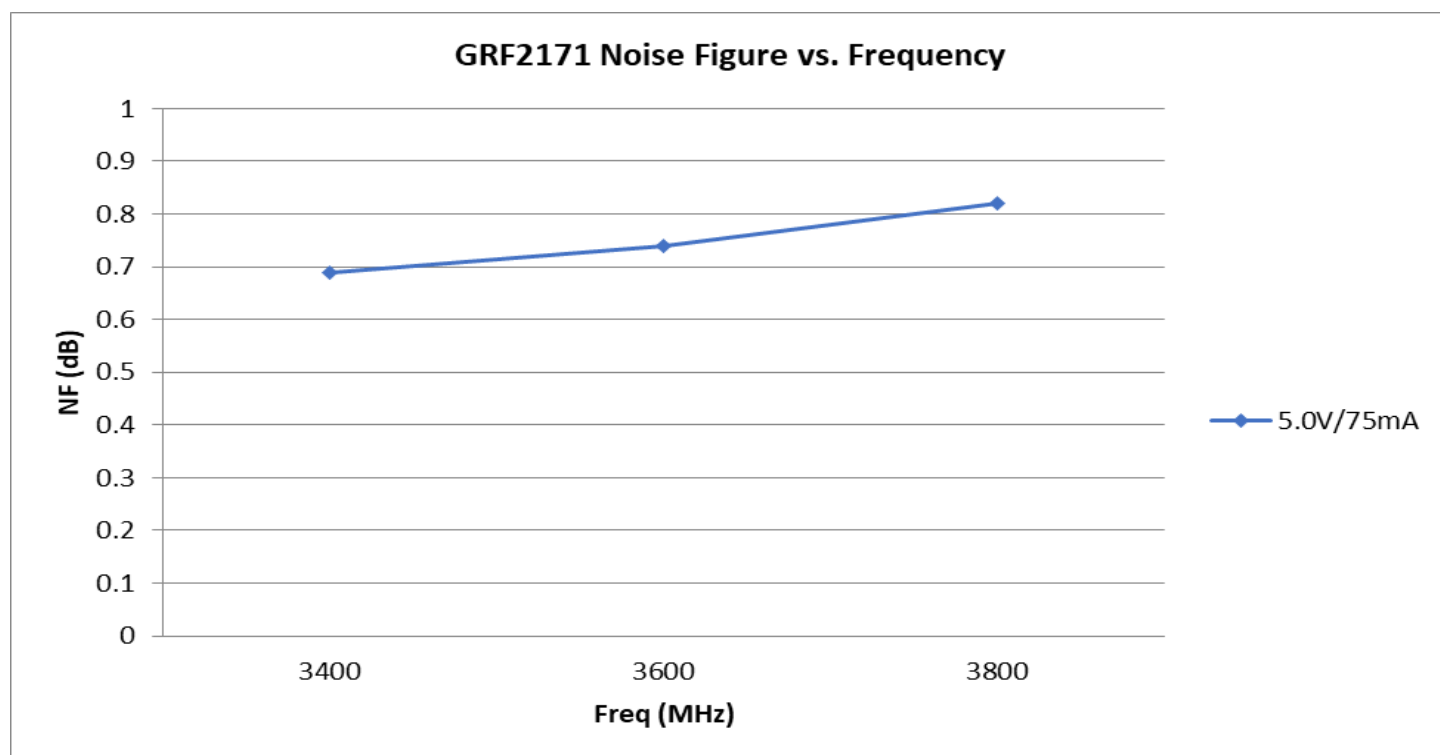
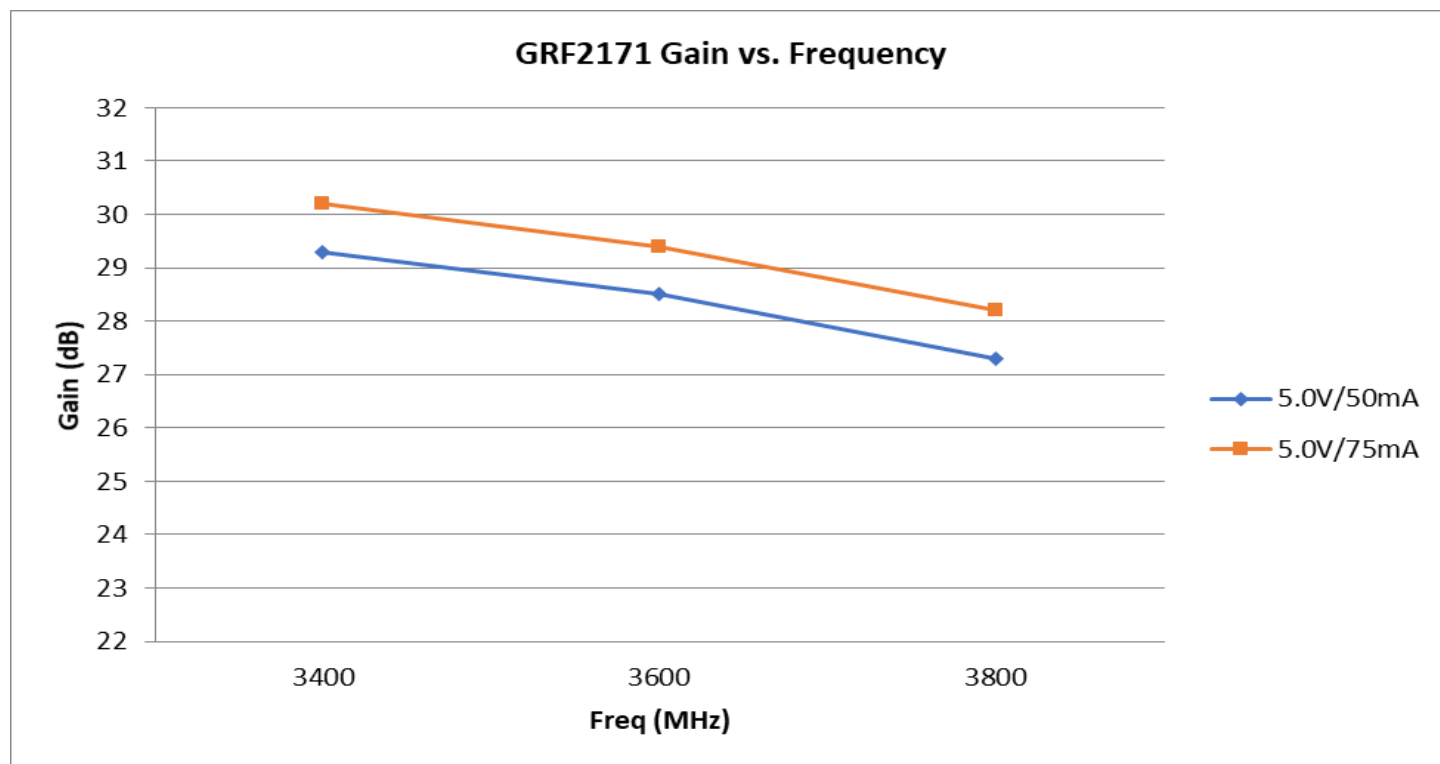
Note 5: MTTF > 10^6 hours for $T_{CHANNEL} \leq 170\ ^\circ\text{C}$.

Nominal Operating Parameters – RF

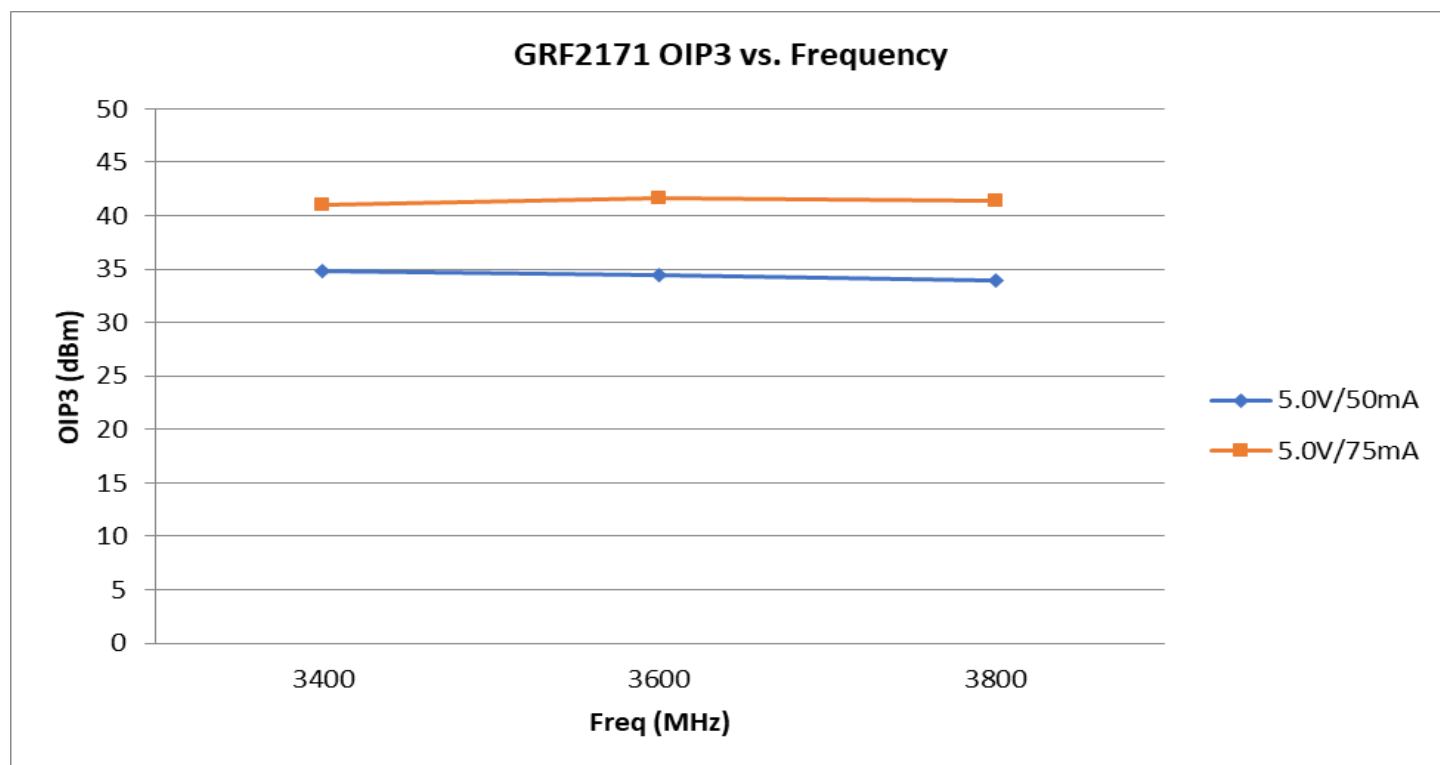
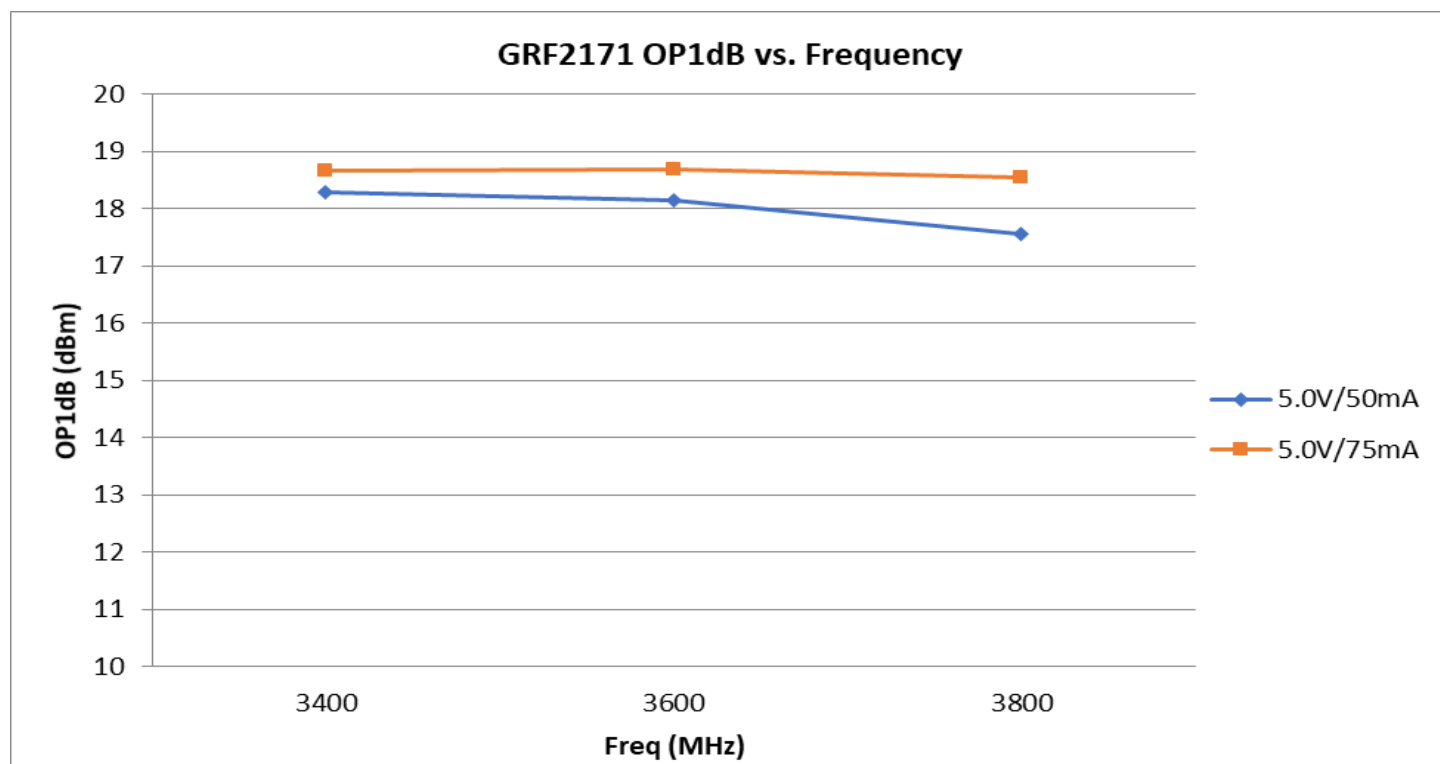
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Parameter	Symbol	Specification			Unit	Condition
		Min.	Typ.	Max.		
Gain	S21	24.8	26.8		dB	
Noise Figure	NF		0.8	1	dB	On standard evaluation board.
Output 3 rd Order Intercept Point	OIP3		35		dBm	4 dBm P_{OUT} per tone at 2 MHz spacing (3599 and 3601 MHz).
Output 1 dB Compression Power	OP1dB	16.7	18.7		dBm	

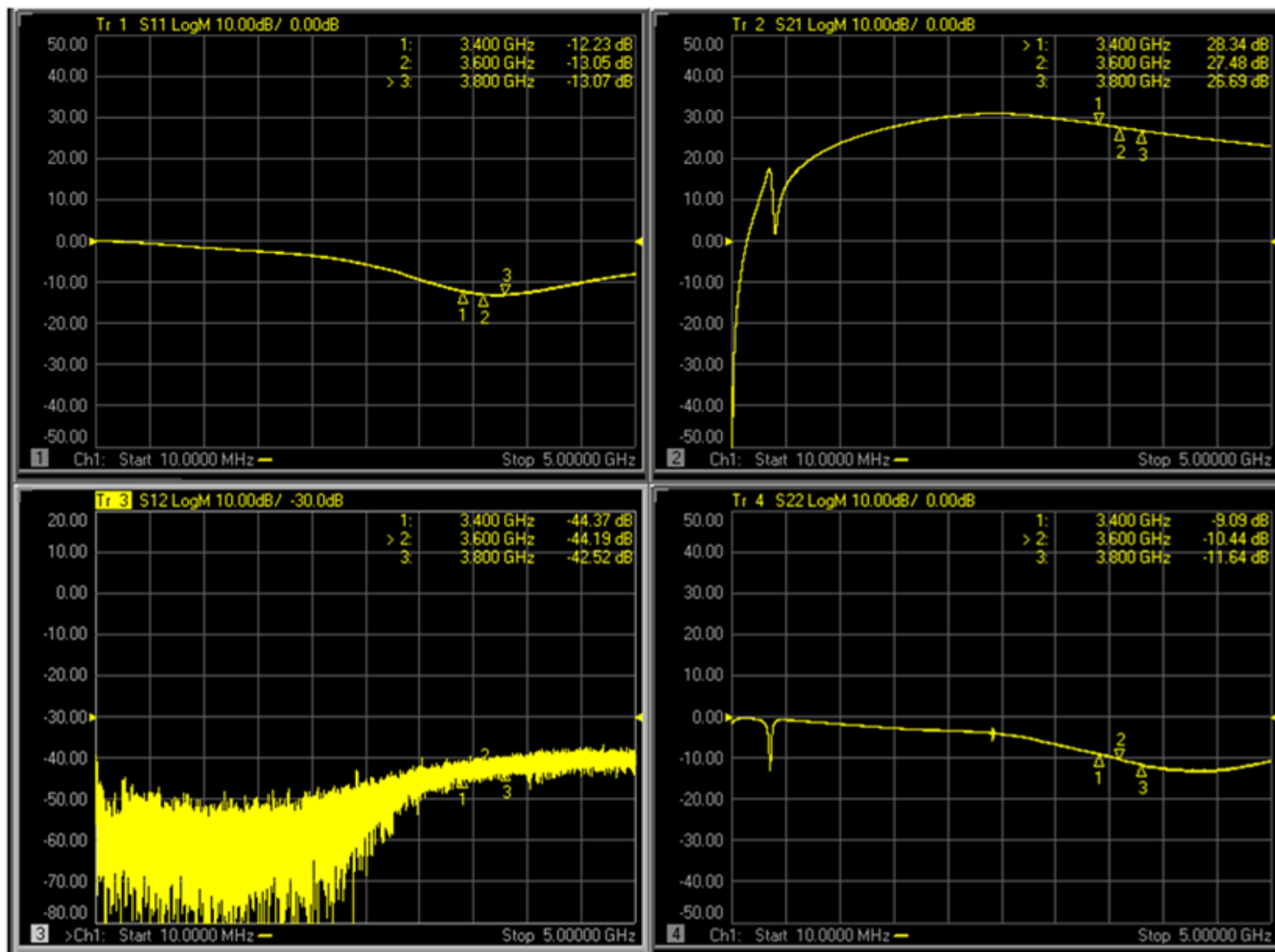
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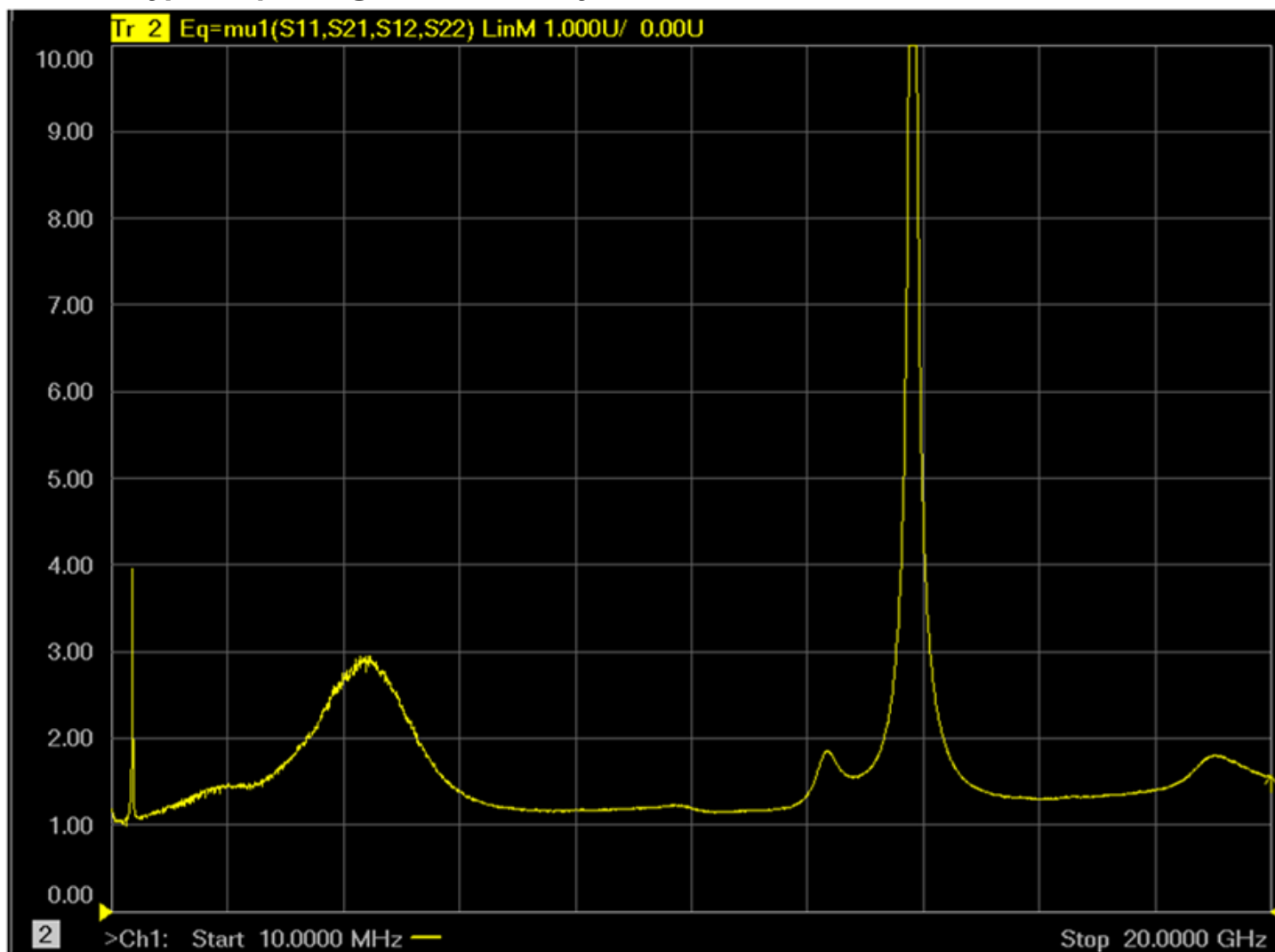
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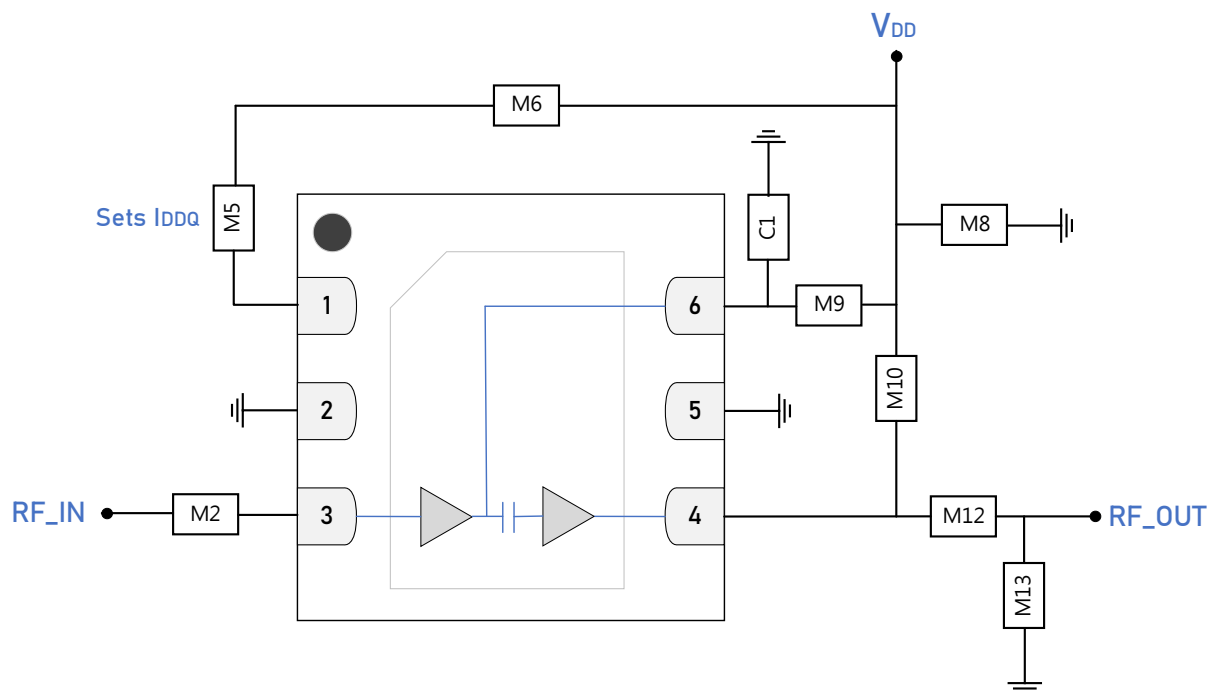
GRF2171 Typical Operating Curves: S-Parameters (3.4 to 3.8 GHz Tune)



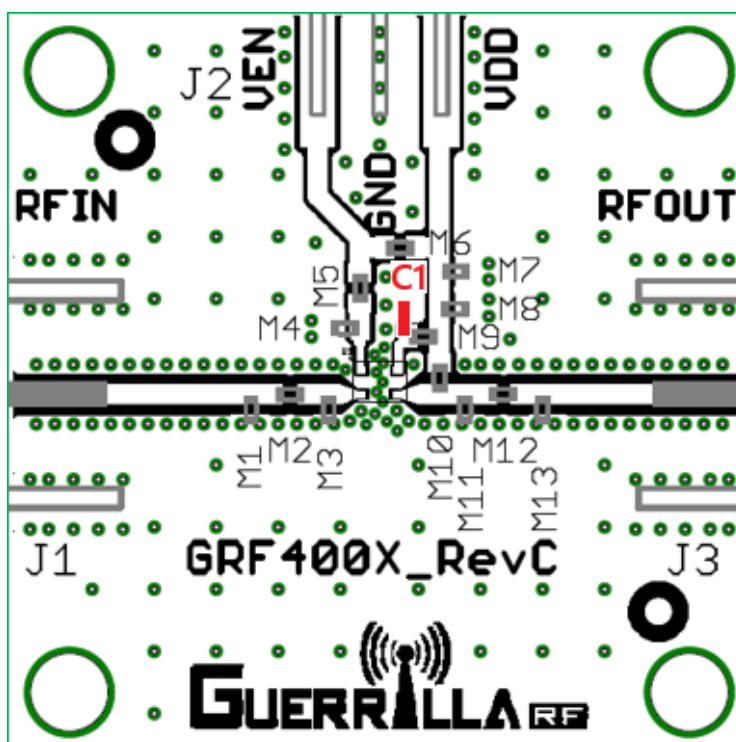
GRF2171 Typical Operating Curves: Stability Mu Factor (10 MHz to 20 GHz)



Note: $\mu \geq 1.0$ implies unconditional stability.



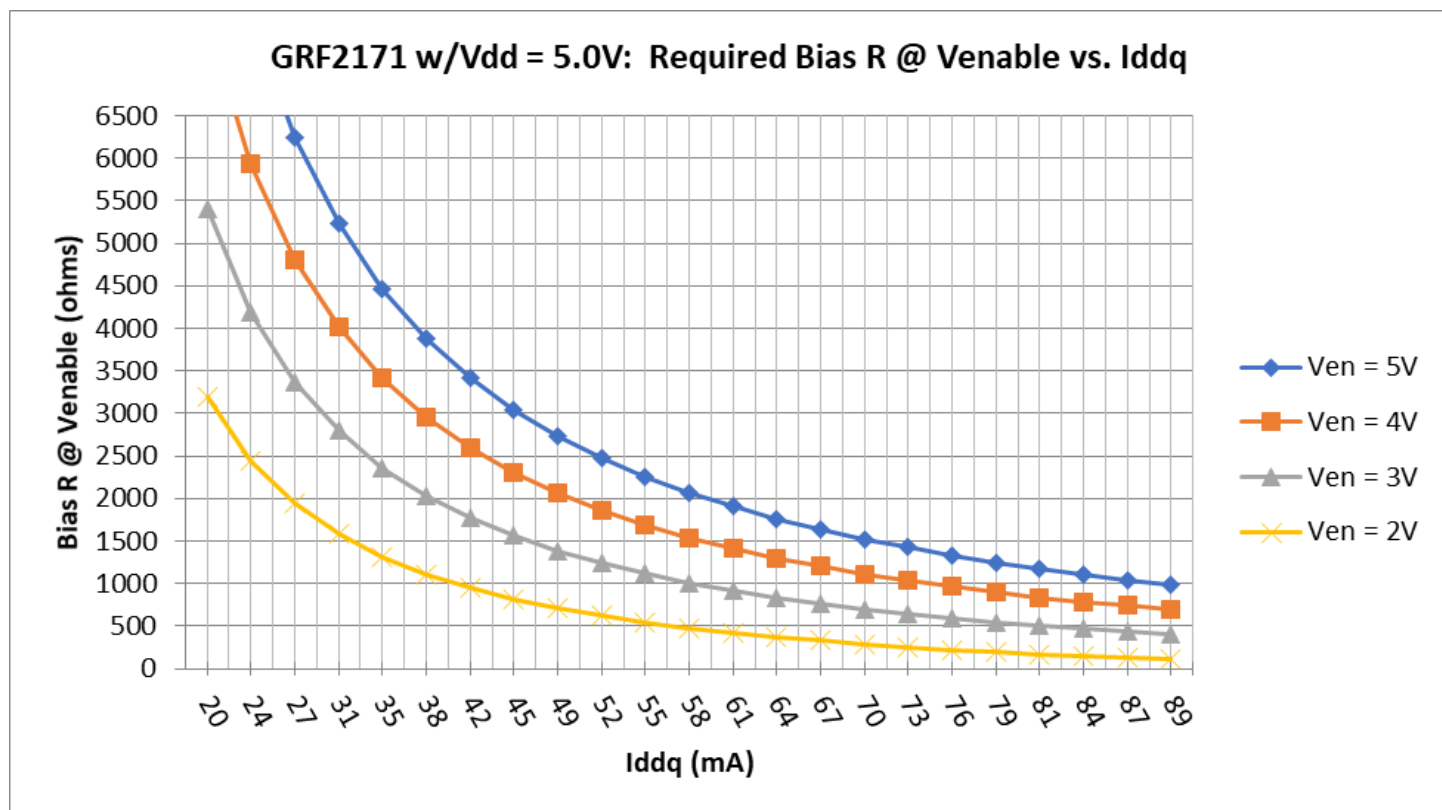
GRF2171 Standard Evaluation Board Schematic

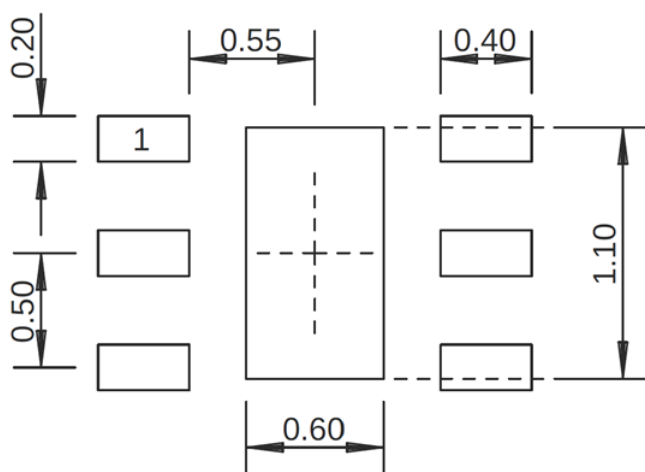
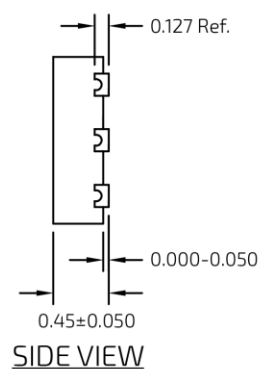
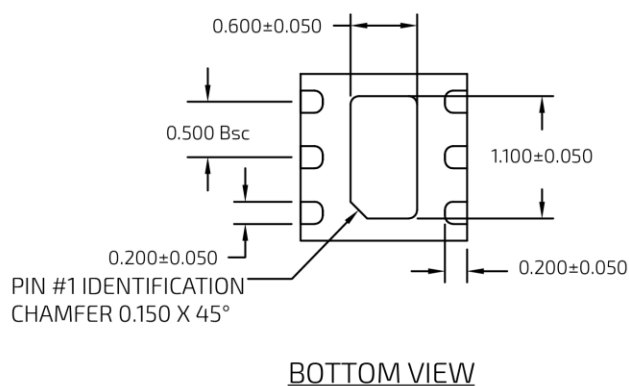
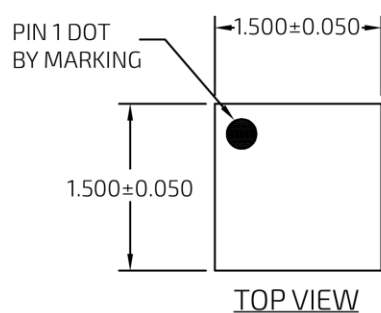


GRF2171 Evaluation Board Assembly Diagram

GRF2171 Evaluation Board Assembly Diagram Reference: 3.4 to 3.8 GHz Tune

Component	Type	Manufacturer	Family	Value	Package Size	Substitution
M2	Capacitor	Murata	GJM	20 pF	0402	ok
M5 (sets I_{DDQ})	Resistor	Various	5%	see curves	0402	ok
M6	Resistor (jumper)	Various	5%	0 Ω	0402	ok
M8	Capacitor	Murata	GRM	0.1 μ F	0402	ok
M9	Inductor	Murata	LQG	5.6 nH	0402	ok
M10	Inductor	Murata	LQG	2.4 nH	0402	ok
M12	Capacitor	Murata	GRM	1000 pF	0402	ok
M13	Resistor	Various	5%	500 Ω	0402	ok
C1	Capacitor	Murata	GRM	0.1 μ F	0402	ok
Evaluation Board	GRF400X_RevC					

GRF2171 Bias Resistor Selection Curves:



1.5 x 1.5 mm DFN-6 Suggested PCB Footprint (Top View)

1.5 x 1.5 mm DFN-6 Package Dimensions

Package Marking Diagram



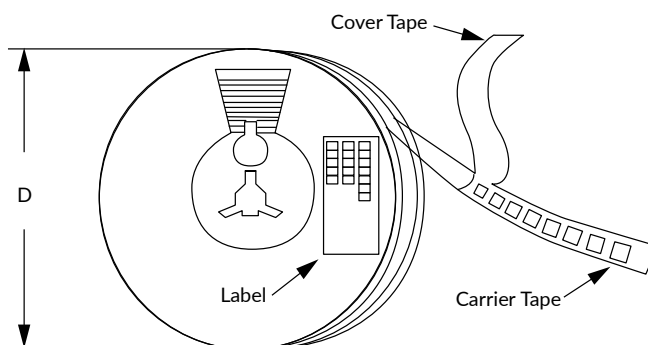
- Line 1: "Y" = YEAR (single digit). "WW" = WORK WEEK the device was assembled.
- Line 2: "XXXX" = Device PART NUMBER.

Tape and Reel Information

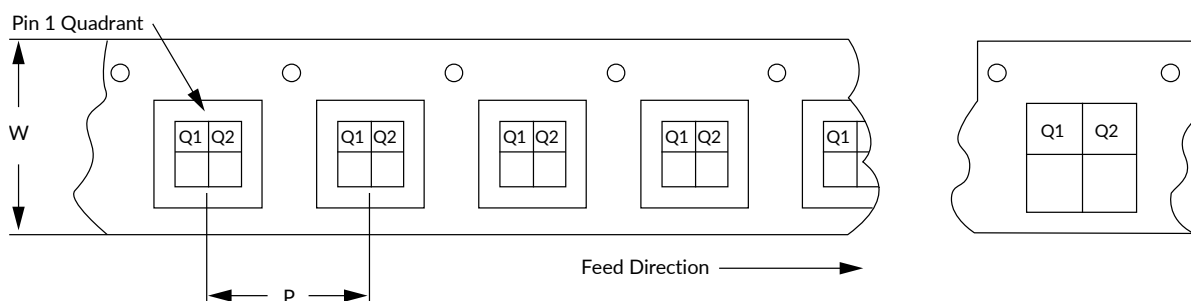
Guerrilla RF's tape and reel specification complies with Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA) standards for "Embossed Carrier Tape of Surface Mount Components for Automatic Handling" (reference EIA-481). See the following page for the Tape and Reel Specification and Device Package Information table, which includes units per reel.

Devices are loaded with pins down into the carrier pocket with protective cover tape and reeled onto a plastic reel. Each reel is packaged in a cardboard box. There are product labels on the reel, the protective ESD bag and the outside surface of the box.

For the Tape and Reel Reference Table, please refer to: [Package Manufacturing Information | Guerrilla RF \(guerrilla-rf.com\)](#)



Tape and Reel Packaging with Reel Diameter Noted (D)



Carrier Tape Width (W), Pitch (P), Feed Direction and Pin 1 Quadrant Information

Revision History

Revision Date	Description of Change
July 18, 2019	Preliminary Data Sheet.
July 1, 2021	Release A Data Sheet.
February 27, 2025	Upgraded Data Sheet to new format only. No change to device or device specifications.
April 30, 2025	Raised Maximum Operating Temperature from 105 to 115 °C. Changed Frequency Range from 2.5 - 5 GHz to 1.17 - 5.35 GHz.
January 6, 2026	Changed evaluation board to GRF400X_RevC.
February 23, 2026	Updated enable current specification. Added new package dimensions drawing.



Data Sheet Classifications

Data Sheet Status	Notes
Advance	S-parameter and NF data based on EM simulations for the fully packaged device using foundry-supplied transistor S-parameters. Linearity estimates based on device size, bias condition and experience with related devices.
Preliminary	All data based on limited evaluation board measurements taken within the Guerrilla RF Applications Lab. All parametric values are subject to change pending the collection of additional data.
Release Ø	All data based on measurements taken with <i>production-released</i> material. TYP values are based on a combination of ATE and bench-level measurements, with MIN/MAX limits defined using <i>modelled estimates</i> that account for part-to-part variations and expected process spreads. Although unlikely, future refinements to the TYP/MIN/MAX values may be in order as multiple lots are processed through the factory.
Release A-Z	All data based on measurements taken with production-released material <i>derived from multiple lots which have been fabricated over an extended period of time</i> . MIN/MAX limits may be refined over previous releases as more statistically significant data is collected to account for process spreads.

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