

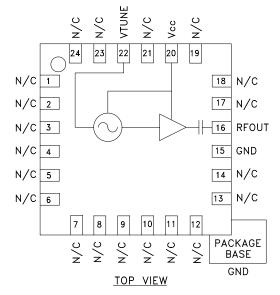
MMIC VCO w/ BUFFER AMPLIFIER, 7.8 - 8.7 GHz

Typical Applications

Low noise MMIC VCO w/Buffer Amplifier for:

- VSAT Radio
- Point to Point/Multipoint Radio
- Test Equipment & Industrial Controls
- Military End-Use

Functional Diagram



Features

Pout: +14 dBm Phase Noise: -103 dBc/Hz @ 100 KHz No External Resonator Needed Single Supply: +3V @ 77 mA QFN Leadless SMT Package, 16 mm²

General Description

The HMC506LP4 is a GaAs InGaP Heterojunction Bipolar Transistor (HBT) MMIC VCO with integrated resonator, negative resistance device, varactor diode, and buffer amplifier. Covering 7.8 to 8.7 GHz, the VCO's phase noise performance is excellent over temperature, shock and vibration due to the oscillator's monolithic structure. Power output is +14 dBm typical from a single supply of +3.0V @ 77 mA. The voltage controlled oscillator is packaged in a leadless QFN 4 x 4 mm surface mount package.

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^{\circ} C$, Vcc = +3V

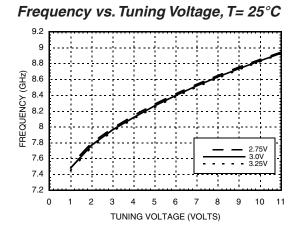
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|--|-----------|------------|------|------------|
| Frequency Range | 7.8 - 8.7 | | GHz | |
| Power Output | 11.0 | 14.0 | | dBm |
| SSB Phase Noise @ 100 kHz Offset, Vtune= +5V @ RF Output | | -103 | | dBc/Hz |
| Tune Voltage (Vtune) | 1 | | 11 | V |
| Supply Current (Icc) (Vcc = +3.0V) | | 77 | | mA |
| Tune Port Leakage Current | | | 10 | μΑ |
| Output Return Loss | | 7 | | dB |
| Harmonics 2nd 3rd | | -16 -28 | | dBc dBc |
| Pulling (into a 2.0:1 VSWR) | | 28 | | MHz pp |
| Pushing @ Vtune= +5V | | 78 | | MHz/V |
| Frequency Drift Rate | | 0.85 | | MHz/°C |

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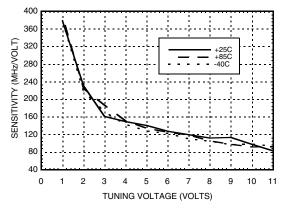
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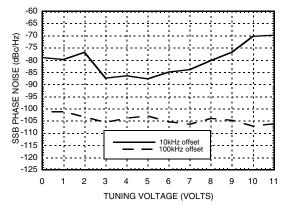
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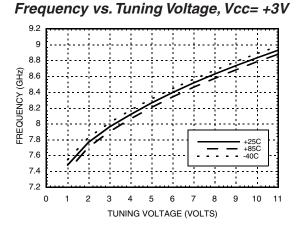


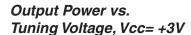
Sensitivity vs. Tuning Voltage, Vcc= +3V

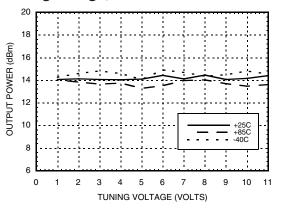


Phase Noise vs. Tuning Voltage

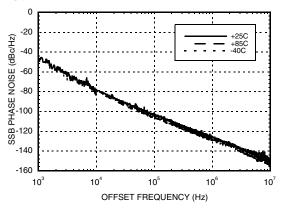








Typical SSB Phase Noise @ Vtune= +5V



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Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Vcc | +3.5 Vdc | |
|---|----------------|--|
| Vtune | 0 to +11V | |
| Channel Temperature | 135 °C | |
| Continuous Pdiss (T = 85°C) (derate 6.07 mW/°C above 85°C) | 303 mW | |
| Thermal Resistance (junction to ground paddle) | 165 °C/W | |
| Storage Temperature | -65 to +150 °C | |
| Operating Temperature | -40 to +85 °C | |
| | | |



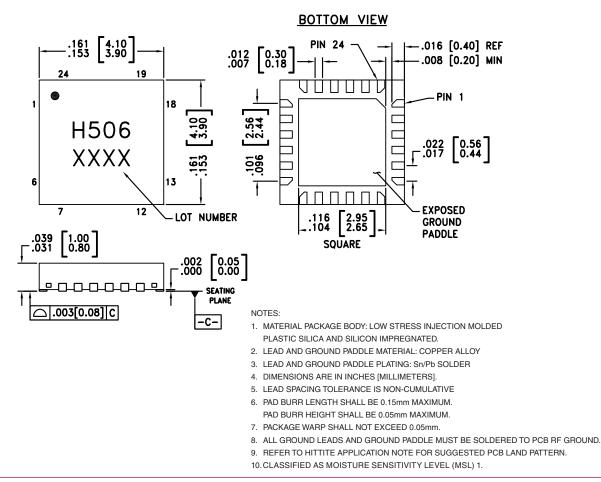
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Outline Drawing

Typical Supply Current vs. Vcc

| Vcc (V) | Icc (mA) | |
|---------|----------|--|
| 2.75 | 66 | |
| 3.0 | 77 | |
| 3.25 | 88 | |

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



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Pin Descriptions

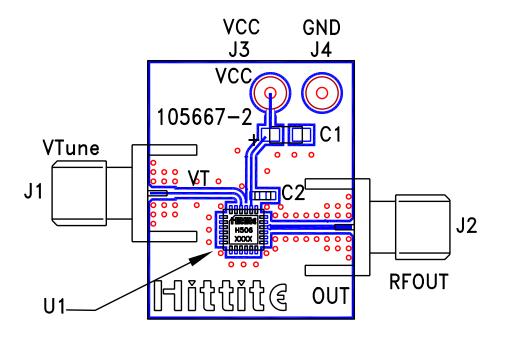
| Pin Number | Function | Description | Interface Schematic |
|-------------------------------|----------|---|---------------------|
| 1- 14, 17 - 19, 21, 23, 24 | N/C | No Connection | |
| 15 | GND | This pin must be connected to RF & DC ground. | |
| 16 | RFOUT | RF output (AC coupled) | RFOUT |
| 20 | Vcc | Supply Voltage Vcc= 3V | |
| 22 | VTUNE | Control Voltage Input. Modulation port bandwidth dependent on drive source impedance. | VTUNE 0 5.2pF |
| | GND | Package bottom has an exposed metal paddle that must be RF & DC grounded. | |

NCOs - SMT



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Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 105706*

| Item | Description | |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| J1 - J2 | PC Mount SMA RF Connector | |
| J3 - J4 | DC Pin | |
| C1 | 4.7 µF Tantalum Capacitor | |
| C2 | 10,000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg. | |
| U1 | 1 HMC506LP4 VCO | |
| PCB** | 105667 Eval Board | |
| ** Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350 | | |

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 circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.

* Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB.

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