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# HMC129LC4

## GaAs MMIC DOUBLE-BALANCED MIXER, 4 - 8 GHz

### Typical Applications

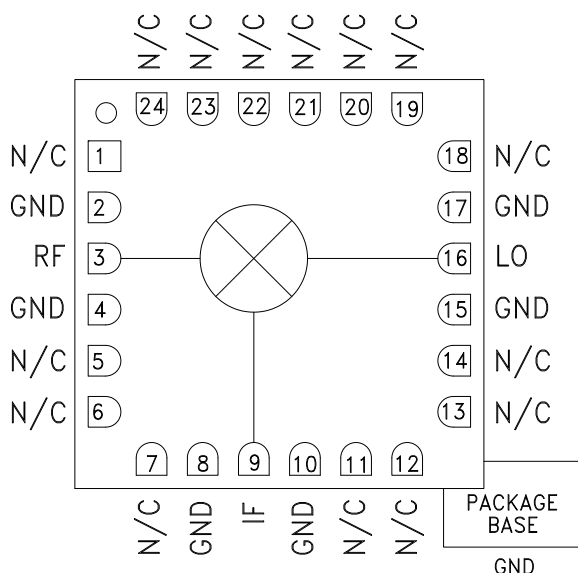
The HMC129LC4 is ideal for:

- Microwave & VSAT Radios
- Test Equipment
- Military EW, ECM, C<sup>3</sup>I

### Features

- Conversion Loss: 7 dB
- LO to RF and IF Isolation: 40 dB
- Input IP3: +17 dBm
- RoHS Compliant 4x4 mm SMT Package

### Functional Diagram



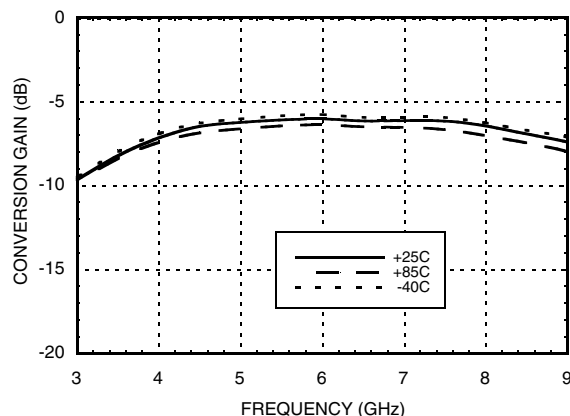
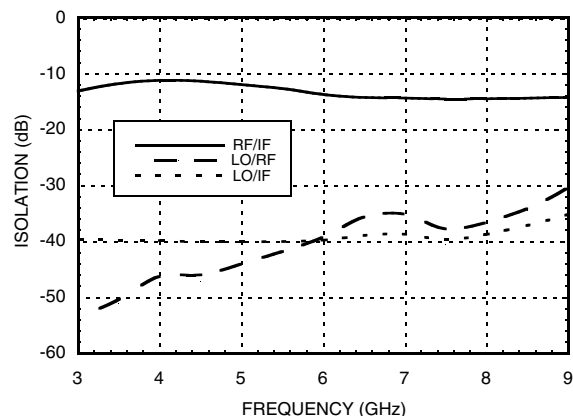
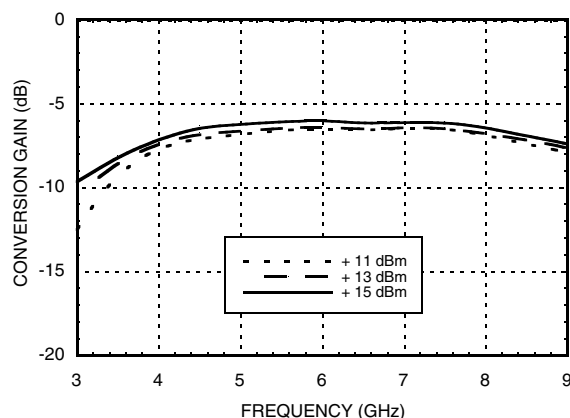
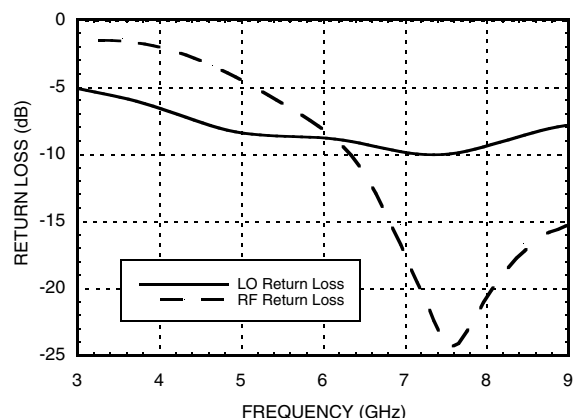
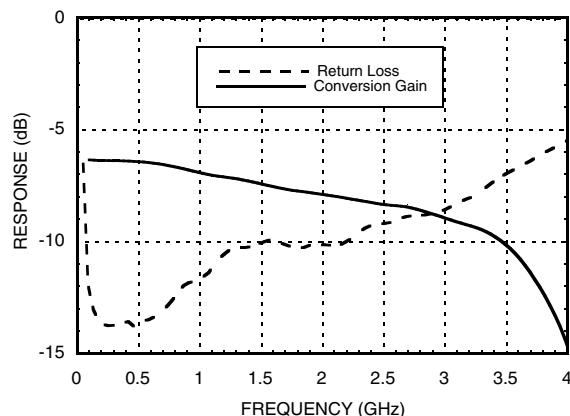
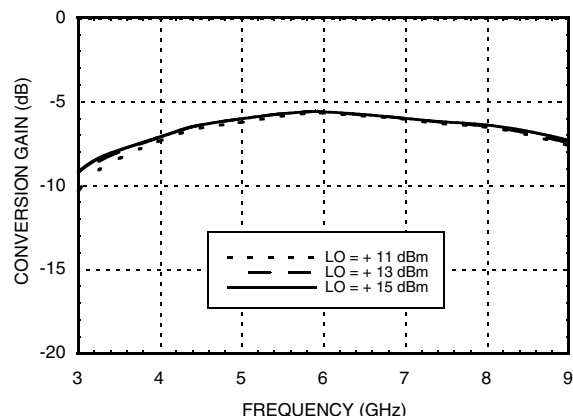
### General Description

The HMC129LC4 is a general purpose double-balanced MMIC mixer housed in a leadless "PB Free" RoHS-Compliant SMT package which can be used as an upconverter or downconverter in the 4 to 8 GHz band. The HMC129LC4 is ideally suited for applications where small size, no DC bias, and consistent IC performance are required. This mixer can operate over a wide LO drive input of +9 to +15 dBm. It performs equally well as a Bi-Phase modulator or demodulator. The HMC129LC4 eliminates the need for wire bonding, allowing use of surface mount manufacturing techniques.

### Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ \text{C}$ , LO Drive = +15 dBm\*

| Parameter                     | Min. | Typ.      | Max. | Units |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------|------|-------|
| Frequency Range, RF & LO      |      | 4.0 - 8.0 |      | GHz   |
| Frequency Range, IF           |      | DC - 3.0  |      | GHz   |
| Conversion Loss               |      | 7         | 9    | dB    |
| Noise Figure (SSB)            |      | 7         | 9    | dB    |
| LO to RF Isolation            | 30   | 40        |      | dB    |
| LO to IF Isolation            | 32   | 40        |      | dB    |
| IP3 (Input)                   |      | 17        |      | dBm   |
| IP2 (Input)                   |      | 50        |      | dBm   |
| 1 dB Gain Compression (Input) |      | 10        |      | dBm   |

\* Unless otherwise noted, all measurements performed as downconverter, IF = 100 MHz

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**Conversion Gain vs. Temperature**  
**LO = +15 dBm**

**Isolation @ LO = +15 dBm**

**Conversion Gain vs. LO Drive**

**Return Loss @ LO = +15 dBm**

**IF Bandwidth @ LO = +15 dBm**

**Upconverter Performance**  
**Conversion Gain vs. LO Drive**




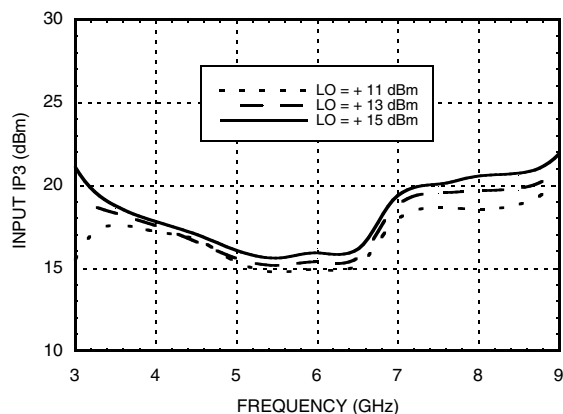
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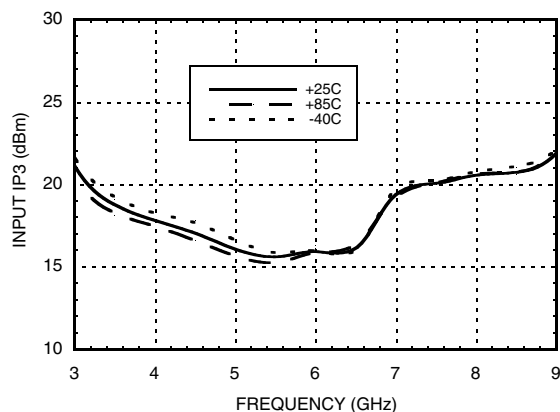
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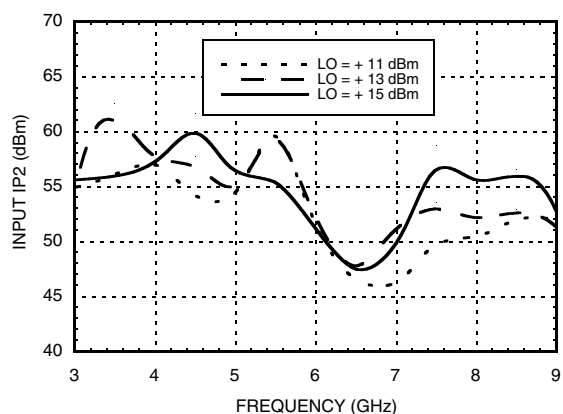
### Input IP3 vs. LO Drive



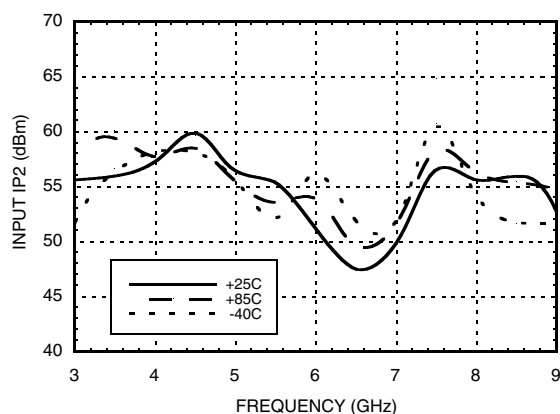
### Input IP3 vs. Temperature @ LO = +15 dBm



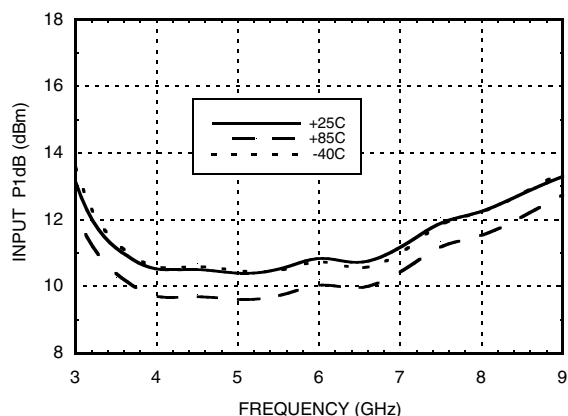
### Input IP2 vs. LO Drive



### Input IP2 vs. Temperature @ LO = +15 dBm



### Input P1dB vs. Temperature @ LO = +15 dBm



### Harmonics of LO

| LO Freq. (GHz) | nLO Spur @ RF Port |    |    |    |
|----------------|--------------------|----|----|----|
|                | 1                  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 3              | 55                 | 47 | 57 | 68 |
| 4              | 42                 | 50 | 42 | 69 |
| 5              | 42                 | 54 | 54 | 56 |
| 6              | 39                 | 54 | 40 | 66 |
| 7              | 35                 | 55 | 35 | 63 |
| 8              | 35                 | 63 | 45 | 82 |
| 9              | 29                 | 45 | 37 | 81 |
| 10             | 15                 | 42 | 35 | 88 |

LO = +15 dBm  
All values in dBc below input LO level measured at RF port

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### MxN Spurious @ IF Port

|     | nLO |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| mRF | 0   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| 0   | xx  | 10  | 25  | 13  | 41  |
| 1   | 9   | 0   | 33  | 44  | 46  |
| 2   | 78  | 76  | 70  | 78  | 86  |
| 3   | 88  | 91  | 87  | 64  | 81  |
| 4   | 97  | 102 | 104 | 109 | 110 |

RF Freq. = 6.1 GHz @ -10 dBm  
LO Freq. = 6.0 GHz @ +15 dBm  
Measured as downconverter

### Absolute Maximum Ratings

|                                                                   |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| RF/IF Input                                                       | +15 dBm        |
| LO Drive                                                          | +27 dBm        |
| IF DC Current                                                     | 4 mA           |
| Channel Temperature                                               | 150 °C         |
| Continuous Pdiss (T = 85 °C)<br>(derate 4.957 mW/ °C above 85 °C) | 124 mW         |
| Thermal Resistance<br>(channel to ground paddle)                  | 131.4 °C/W     |
| Storage Temperature                                               | -65 to +150 °C |
| Operating Temperature                                             | -40 to +85 °C  |
| ESD Sensitivity (HBM)                                             | Class 1A       |



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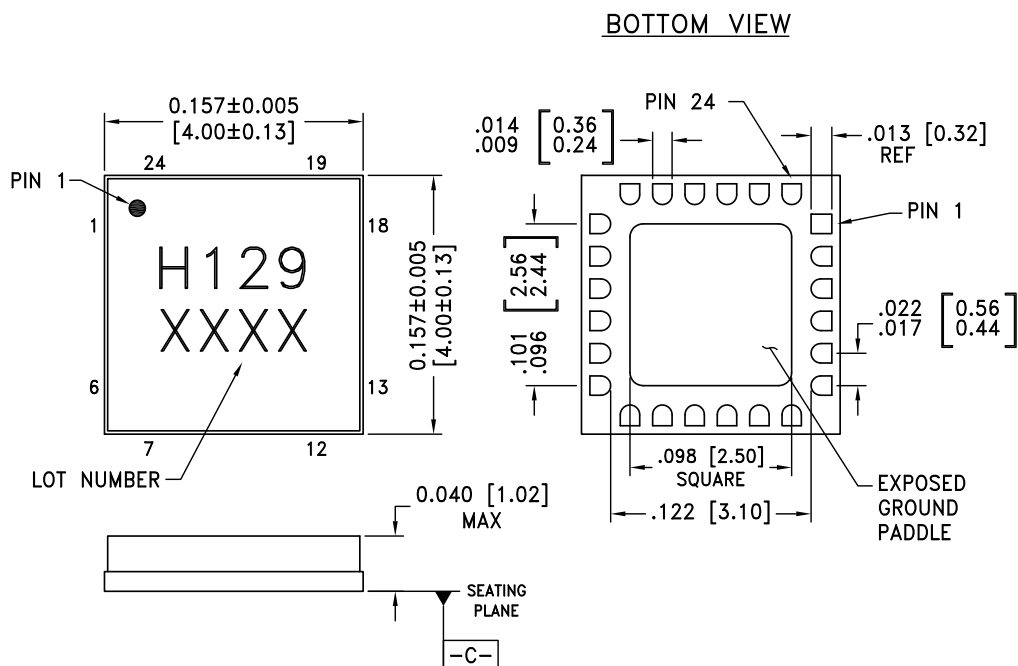
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## Outline Drawing



### NOTES:

1. PACKAGE BODY MATERIAL: ALUMINA
2. LEAD AND GROUND PADDLE PLATING: GOLD FLASH OVER Ni
3. DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MILLIMETERS]
4. LEAD SPACING TOLERANCE IS NON-CUMULATIVE
5. PACKAGE WARP SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.05mm DATUM -C-
6. ALL GROUND LEADS AND GROUND PADDLE MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB RF GROUND

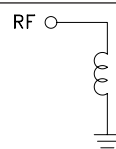
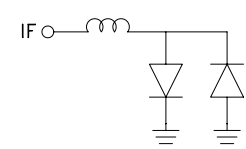
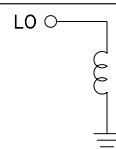
## Package Information

| Part Number | Package Body Material | Lead Finish      | MSL Rating          | Package Marking <sup>[2]</sup> |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| HMC129LC4   | Alumina, White        | Gold over Nickel | MSL3 <sup>[1]</sup> | H129<br>XXXX                   |

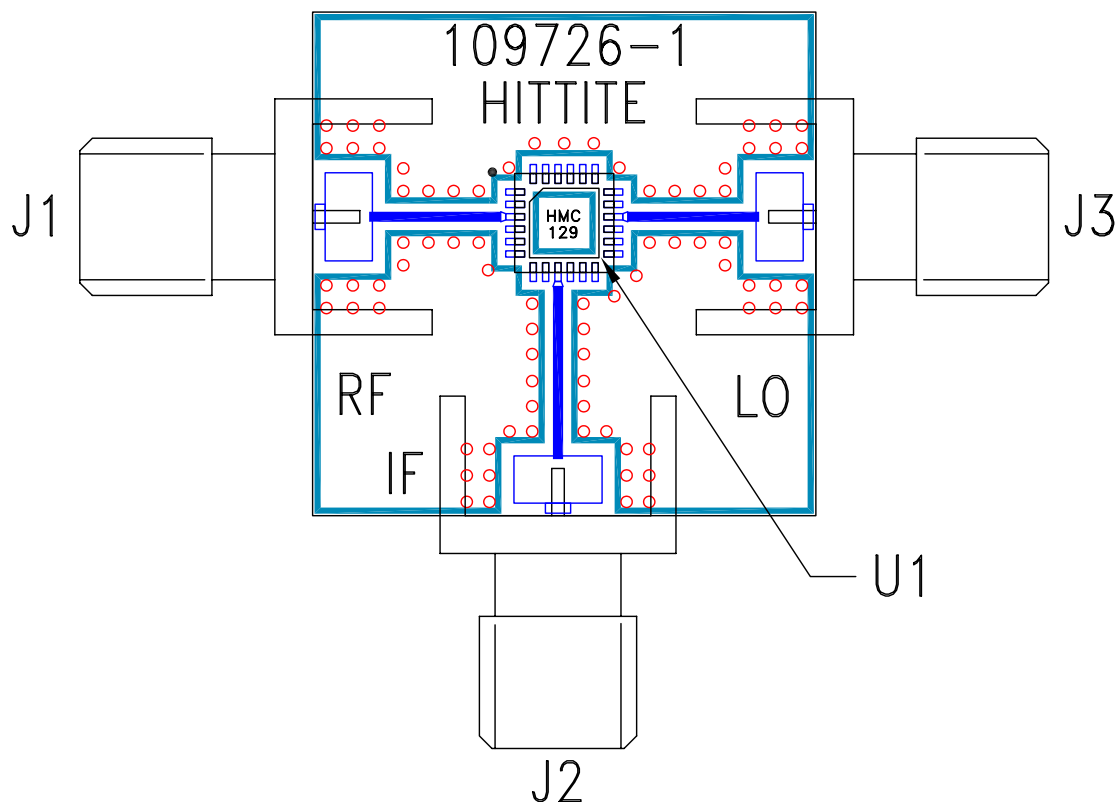
[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C

[2] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

### Pin Descriptions

| Pin Number                    | Function | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interface Schematic                                                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1, 5 - 7, 11 - 14,<br>18 - 24 | N/C      | No Connection. These pins may be connected to RF/DC ground.<br>Performance will not be affected.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |
| 2, 4, 8, 10,<br>15, 17        | GND      | These pins and package bottom<br>must be connect to RF/DC ground.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |   |
| 3                             | RF       | This pin is DC coupled<br>and matched to 50 Ohms.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |   |
| 9                             | IF       | This pin is DC coupled. For applications not requiring operation<br>to DC, this port should be DC blocked externally using a series<br>capacitor whose value has been chosen to pass the necessary IF<br>frequency range. For operation to DC, this pin must not source/<br>sink more than 2 mA of current or die non-function and possible<br>die failure will result. |   |
| 16                            | LO       | This pin is DC coupled<br>and matched to 50 Ohms.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |

# Evaluation PCB



## List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 109728 <sup>[1]</sup>

| Item    | Description             |
|---------|-------------------------|
| J1 - J3 | PCB Mount SMA Connector |
| U1      | HMC129LC4               |
| PCB [2] | 109726 Evaluation Board |

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350

The circuit board used in the 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.



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