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Typical Applications

The HMC329LC3B is ideal for:

- Point-to-Point Radios
- Point-to-Multi-Point Radios & VSAT
- Test Equipment & Sensors
- Military End-Use

Functional Diagram



HMC329LC3B

GaAs MMIC FUNDAMENTAL MIXER, 24 - 32 GHz

Features

Passive: No DC Bias Required Input IP3: +18 dBm LO/RF Isolation: 38 dB Wide IF Bandwidth: DC - 8 GHz Robust 500V ESD, Class 1B 12 Lead Ceramic 3x3 mm SMT Package: 9mm²

General Description

The HMC329LC3B is a general purpose double balanced mixer in a leadless RoHS compliant SMT package that can be used as an upconverter or downconverter between 24 and 32 GHz. This mixer requires no external components or matching circuitry. The HMC329LC3B provides excellent LO to RF and LO to IF suppression due to optimized balun structures. The mixer operates with LO drive levels above +9 dBm. The HMC329LC3B eliminates the need for wire bonding, allowing use of surface mount manufacturing techniques.

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^{\circ}$ C, IF= 1 GHz, LO= +13 dBm*

Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range, RF & LO	24 - 32			GHz
Frequency Range, IF	DC - 8		GHz	
Conversion Loss		10.5	12.5	dB
Noise Figure (SSB)		10.5	12.5	dB
LO to RF Isolation	32	38		dB
LO to IF Isolation	20	40		dB
RF to IF Isolation	20	30		dB
IP3 (Input)		18		dBm
IP2 (Input)		40		dBm
1 dB Gain Compression (Input)		13		dBm

*Unless otherwise noted, all measurements performed as downconverter, IF= 1 GHz.

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Conversion Gain vs. Temperature

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Conversion Gain vs. LO Drive



IF Bandwidth





Return Loss



Upconverter Performance Conversion Gain vs. LO Drive



MIXERS - SINGLE & DOUBLE BALANCED - SMT

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Input IP3 vs. LO Drive *



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Input IP2 vs. LO Drive *



Input P1dB vs. Temperature



* Two-tone input power = -10 dBm each tone, 1 MHz spacing.

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Input IP2 vs. Temperature *



MxN Spurious Outputs

	nLO				
mRF	0	1	2	3	4
0	xx	9	xx	хх	xx
1	20	0	42	хх	xx
2	xx	72	58	80	xx
3	xx	хх	98	70	90
4	xx	хх	xx	100	104
RF = 28 GHz @ -10 dBm LO = 27 GHz @ +13 dBm					

All values in dBc below the IF output power level.

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ROHS V

Absolute Maximum Ratings

RF / IF Input	+13 dBm
LO Drive	+27 dBm
Channel Temperature	150 °C
Continuous Pdiss (Ta = 85 °C) (derate 5.88 mW/°C above 85 °C)	382 mW
Thermal Resistance (junction to ground paddle)	170 °C/W
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85 °C
ESD Sensitivity (HBM)	Class 1B



ELECTROSTATIC SENSITIVE DEVICE OBSERVE HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

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Package Information

Part Number	Package Body Material	Lead Finish	MSL Rating	Package Marking ^[2]
HMC329LC3B	Alumina, White	Gold over Nickel	MSL3 ^[1]	H329 XXXX

[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 $^\circ\text{C}$

[2] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

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Pin Descriptions

Pin Number	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9	GND	Package bottom must also be connected to RF/DC ground.	
2	LO	This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.	
5	IF	This pin is DC coupled. For applications not requiring operation to DC, this port should be DC blocked externally using a series capacitor whose value has been chosen to pass the necessary IF frequency range. For operation to DC, this pin must not source or sink more than 2 mA of current or part non-function and possible part failure will result.	
8	RF	This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.	RF O
10, 11, 12	N/C	No connection required. These pins may be connected to RF/ DC ground without affecting performance.	

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Evaluation PCB



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List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 109952 [1]

Item	Description
J1, J2	SRI SMA Connector
J3	Johnson SMA Connector
U1	HMC329LC3B Mixer
PCB [2]	117611 Evaluation PCB

Reference this number when ordering compete evaluation PCB
Circuit Board Material: Arlon 25FR

The circuit board used in this 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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