

A5M36TG040-TC

Airfast Power Amplifier Module

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Product data sheet



1 General description

The A5M36TG040-TC is a fully integrated Doherty power amplifier module designed for wireless infrastructure applications that demand high performance in the smallest footprint. Ideal for applications in massive MIMO systems, outdoor small cells and low power remote radio heads. The field-proven LDMOS and GaN-on-SiC power amplifiers are designed for TDD LTE and 5G systems.

2 Features and benefits

- 2-stage module solution that includes an LDMOS integrated circuit as a driver and a GaN final stage amplifier
- Advanced high performance in-package Doherty
- Thermal path is separated from electrical/solder connection path for enhanced thermal dissipation
- Fully matched (50 ohm input/output, DC blocked)
- Designed for low complexity digital linearization systems
- Reduced memory effects for improved linearized error vector magnitude

3 Typical performance

Table 1. 3400–3800 MHz — Typical LTE performance

$P_{out} = 10\text{ W Avg.}$, $V_{DC1} = V_{DP1} = 5\text{ Vdc}$, $V_{DC2} = V_{DP2} = 48\text{ Vdc}$, $1 \times 20\text{ MHz LTE}$, $\text{Input Signal PAR} = 8\text{ dB @ } 0.01\%$ Probability on CCDF.^[1]

Carrier Center Frequency	Gain (dB)	ACPR (dBc)	PAE (%)
3410 MHz	31.0	-27.7	42.9
3600 MHz	31.2	-28.2	46.9
3790 MHz	31.0	-31.7	45.4

[1] All data measured with device soldered to NXP reference circuit.



4 Pinning information

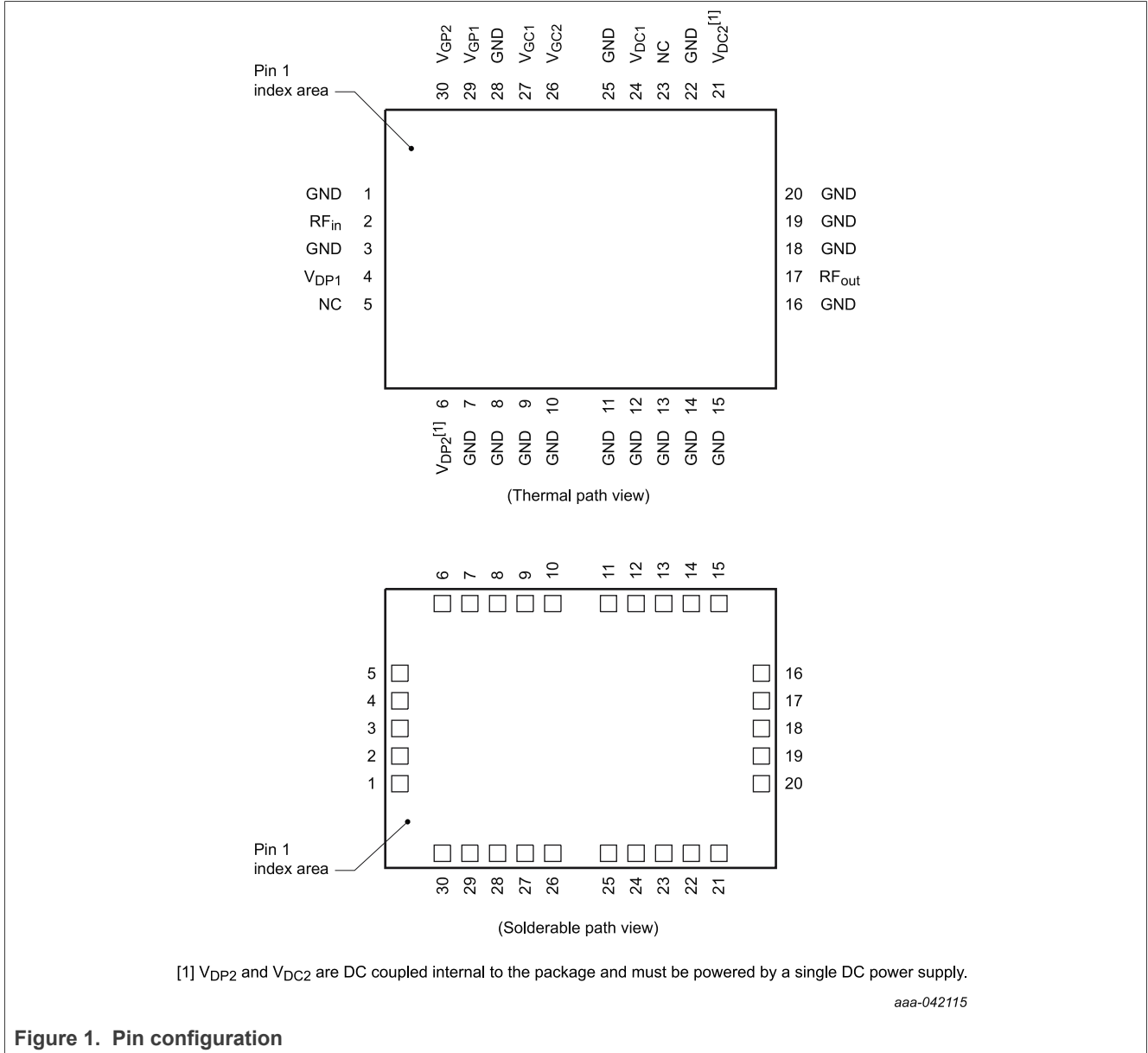


Figure 1. Pin configuration

Table 2. Pin description

Pin Number	Pin Function	Pin Description
1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 28	GND	Ground
2	RF _{in}	RF Input
4	V _{DP1}	Peaking Drain Supply, Stage 1
5, 23	NC	No Connection
6	V _{DP2}	Peaking Drain Supply, Stage 2
17	RF _{out}	RF Output
21	V _{DC2}	Carrier Drain Supply, Stage 2
24	V _{DC1}	Carrier Drain Supply, Stage 1
26	V _{GC2}	Carrier Gate Supply, Stage 2
27	V _{GC1}	Carrier Gate Supply, Stage 1
29	V _{GP1}	Peaking Gate Supply, Stage 1
30	V _{GP2}	Peaking Gate Supply, Stage 2

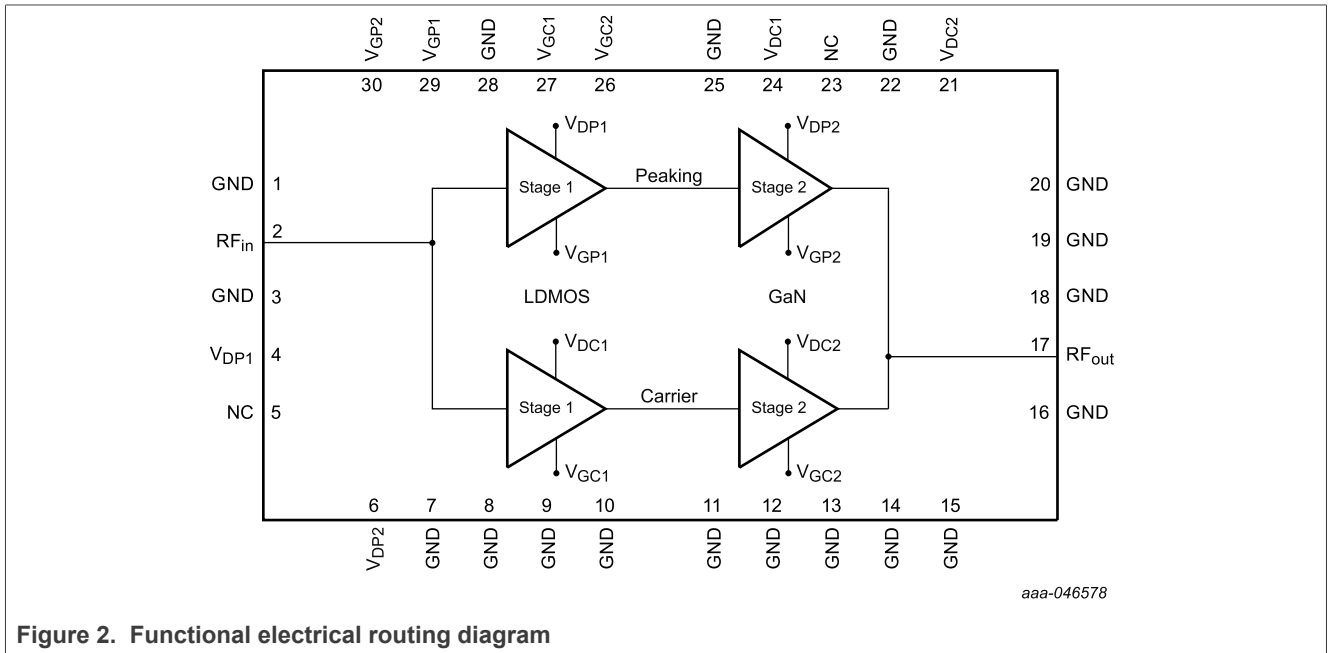


Figure 2. Functional electrical routing diagram

5 Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

Device	Tape and Reel Information	Package
A5M36TG040-TCT1	T1 Suffix = 1,000 Units, 24 mm Tape Width, 13-inch Reel	14 mm × 10 mm Module

6 Product marking

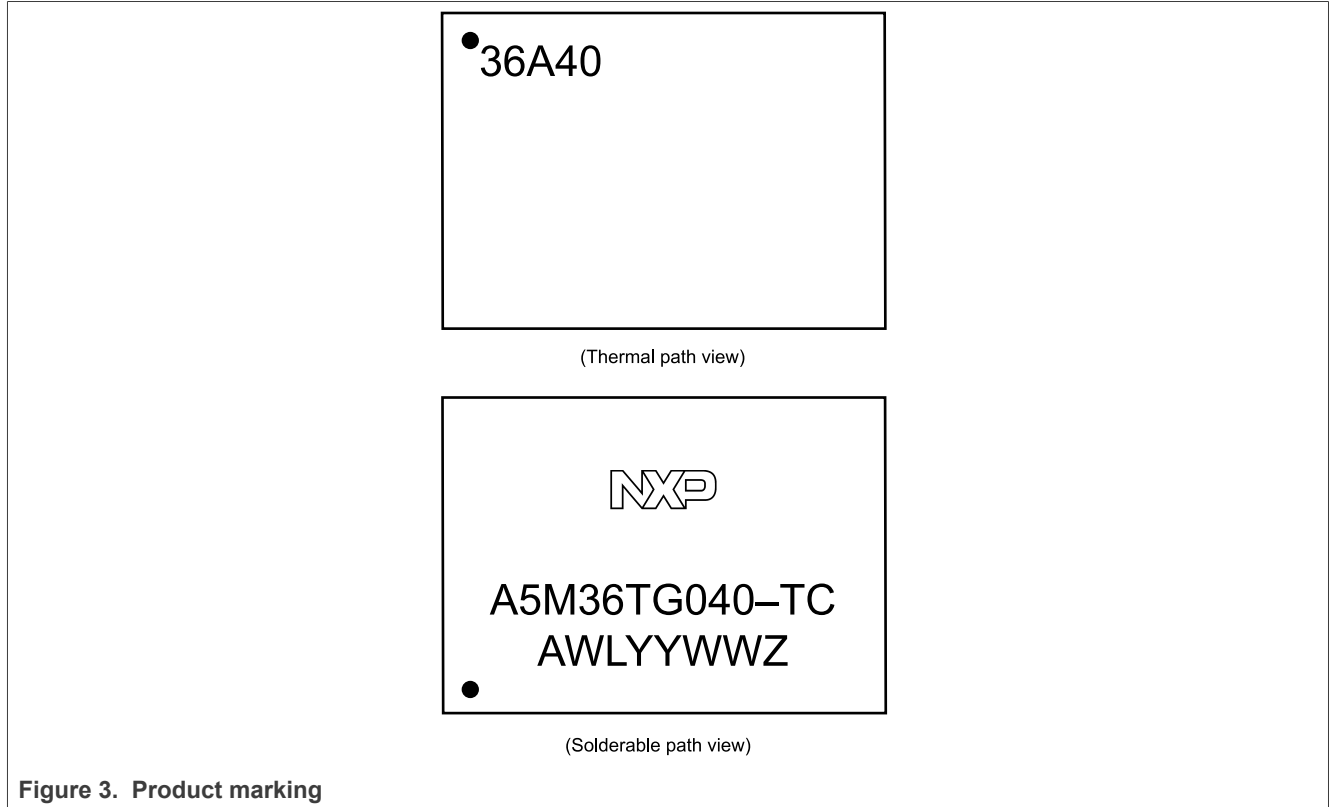


Figure 3. Product marking

Table 4. Product marking trace code

Identifier	Description
A	Assembly location
WL	Wafer lot indicator
YYWW	Date code
Z	Assembly lot

7 Limiting values

Table 5. Limiting values

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Gate-Bias Voltage Range	V_{G1} V_{G2}	-0.5 to +10 -6, 0	Vdc
Operating Voltage Range	V_{DD1} V_{DD2}	4.75 to 5.25 +38 to +55	Vdc
Maximum Forward Gate Current, $I_{G(A+B)}$, @ $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$	I_{GMAX}	11.3	mA
Storage Temperature Range	T_{stg}	-65 to +150	$^\circ\text{C}$
Case Operating Temperature	T_C	125	$^\circ\text{C}$
Maximum Channel Temperature	T_{CH}	225	$^\circ\text{C}$
Peak Input Power (3600 MHz, Pulsed CW, 10 $\mu\text{sec}(\text{on})$, 10% Duty Cycle, $V_{DC1} = V_{DP1} = 5 \text{ Vdc}$, $V_{DC2} = V_{DP2} = 48 \text{ Vdc}$)	P_{in}	28	dBm

8 Lifetime

Table 6. Lifetime

Characteristic	Symbol	Value	Unit
Mean Time to Failure (Case Temperature 125°C , 75% Duty Cycle, 10 W Avg., $V_{DC1} = V_{DP1} = 5 \text{ Vdc}$, $V_{DC2} = V_{DP2} = 48 \text{ Vdc}$)	MTTF	> 10	Years

9 Thermal characteristics

Table 7. Thermal characteristics

Characteristic	Symbol	Value	Unit
Thermal Resistance by Infrared Measurement, Active Die Surface-to-Case (Case Temperature 125°C , $P_D = 12.6 \text{ W}$)	$R_{\theta SC} \text{ (IR)}$	4.3 ^[1]	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
Thermal Resistance by Finite Element Analysis, Channel-to-Case (Case Temperature 125°C , $P_D = 15.4 \text{ W}$)	$R_{\theta CHC} \text{ (FEA)}$	6.5 ^[2]	$^\circ\text{C/W}$

- [1] Refer to AN1955, *Thermal Measurement Methodology of RF Power Amplifiers*. Go to <http://www.nxp.com/RF> and search for AN1955. High conductivity thermal interface used.
- [2] $R_{\theta CHC} \text{ (FEA)}$ must be used for purposes related to reliability and limitations on maximum channel temperature. MTTF may be estimated by the expression $\text{MTTF (hours)} = 10^{[A + B/(T + 273)]}$, where T is the channel temperature in degrees Celsius, A = -11.6 and B = 9129.

10 ESD protection characteristics

Table 8. ESD protection characteristics

Test Methodology	Class
Human Body Model (per JS-001-2017)	2
Charge Device Model (per JS-002-2014)	C3

11 Moisture sensitivity level

Table 9. Moisture sensitivity level

Test Methodology	Rating	Package Peak Temperature	Unit
Per JESD22-A113, EIA/IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020/JEDEC J-STD-075A	3/R6	250	°C

12 Electrical characteristics

12.1 DC characteristics — off characteristics

Table 10. DC characteristics — off characteristics

($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Carrier + Peaking Stage 2, GaN — off characteristics					
Off-State Drain Leakage ^[1] ($V_{DS} = 150\text{ Vdc}$, $V_{GS} = -8\text{ Vdc}$)	$I_{D(BR)}$	—	—	5.0	mAdc
Off-State Gate Leakage ($V_{DS} = 48\text{ Vdc}$, $V_{GS} = -7\text{ Vdc}$)	I_{GLK}	-4.0	—	—	mAdc

[1] Carrier side and Peaking side are tied together for these measurements.

12.2 DC characteristics — on characteristics

Table 11. DC characteristics — on characteristics

($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Typ	Range	Unit
Carrier Stage 1, LDMOS — on characteristics				
Gate Threshold Voltage ($V_{DS} = 5\text{ Vdc}$, $I_{DC1} = 120\ \mu\text{Adc}$)	$V_{GS(th)}$	1.3	± 0.4	Vdc
Gate Quiescent Voltage ($V_{DS} = 5\text{ Vdc}$, $I_{DQC1} = 145\text{ mAdc}$, Measured in Functional Test)	$V_{GS(Q)}$	2.0	± 0.4	Vdc
Carrier Stage 2, GaN — on characteristics				
Gate Threshold Voltage ^[1] ($V_{DS} = 10\text{ Vdc}$, $I_D = 11.3\text{ mAdc}$)	$V_{GS(th)}$	-3.0	± 1.0	Vdc
Gate Quiescent Voltage ($V_{DS} = 48\text{ Vdc}$, $I_{DQC2} = 25\text{ mAdc}$, Measured in Functional Test)	$V_{GS(Q)}$	-2.7	± 1.0	Vdc
Peaking Stage 1, LDMOS — on characteristics				
Gate Threshold Voltage ($V_{DS} = 5\text{ Vdc}$, $I_{DP1} = 120\ \mu\text{Adc}$)	$V_{GS(th)}$	1.4	± 0.4	Vdc
Gate Quiescent Voltage ($V_{DS} = 5\text{ Vdc}$, $I_{DQP1} = 37\text{ mAdc}$, Measured in Functional Test)	$V_{GS(Q)}$	1.8	± 0.4	Vdc
Peaking Stage 2, GaN — on characteristics				
Gate Threshold Voltage ^[1] ($V_{DS} = 10\text{ Vdc}$, $I_D = 11.3\text{ mAdc}$)	$V_{GS(th)}$	-3.0	± 1.0	Vdc
Gate Quiescent Voltage ($V_{DS} = 48\text{ Vdc}$, $I_{DQP2} = 0\text{ mAdc}$, Measured in Functional Test)	$V_{GS(Q)}$	-2.9	± 1.0	Vdc

[1] Carrier side and Peaking side are tied together for these measurements.

12.3 Functional tests

Table 12. Functional tests — 3400 MHz

(In NXP Doherty Production ATE^[1] Test Fixture, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted, 50 ohm system)^[2] $V_{DD1} = 5\text{ Vdc}$, $V_{DD2} = 48\text{ Vdc}$, $I_{DQC1} = 145\text{ mA}$, $I_{DQC2} = 25\text{ mA}$, $I_{DQP1} = 37\text{ mA}$, $V_{GP2} = (V_{BIAS} - 0.11)^{[3]}$ Vdc, $P_{out} = 10\text{ W Avg.}$, 1-tone CW, $f = 3400\text{ MHz}$.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Gain	G	28.2	31.3	—	dB
Drain Efficiency	η_D	36.0	42.0	—	%
P_{out} @ 3 dB Compression Point (Pulsed CW, 5% Duty Cycle)	P3dB	47.4	48.7	—	dBm

[1] ATE is a socketed test environment.

[2] Part input and output matched to 50 ohms.

[3] Increase V_{GP2} (peaking side) until $I_{DQP2} = 38\text{ mA}$ current is attained, and then subtract 0.11 V for final V_{GP2} bias voltage.

Table 13. Functional tests — 3800 MHz

(In NXP Doherty Production ATE^[1] Test Fixture, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted, 50 ohm system)^[2] $V_{DD1} = 5\text{ Vdc}$, $V_{DD2} = 48\text{ Vdc}$, $I_{DQC1} = 145\text{ mA}$, $I_{DQC2} = 25\text{ mA}$, $I_{DQP1} = 37\text{ mA}$, $V_{GP2} = (V_{BIAS} - 0.11)^{[3]}$ Vdc, $P_{out} = 10\text{ W Avg.}$, 1-tone CW, $f = 3800\text{ MHz}$.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Gain	G	28.1	31.9	—	dB
Drain Efficiency	η_D	40.0	48.6	—	%
P_{out} @ 3 dB Compression Point (Pulsed CW, 5% Duty Cycle)	P3dB	47.5	48.7	—	dBm

[1] ATE is a socketed test environment.

[2] Part input and output matched to 50 ohms.

[3] Increase V_{GP2} (peaking side) until $I_{DQP2} = 38\text{ mA}$ current is attained, and then subtract 0.11 V for final V_{GP2} bias voltage.

12.4 Wideband ruggedness

Table 14. Wideband ruggedness

(In NXP Doherty Power Amplifier Module Reference Circuit, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted, 50 ohm system)^[1] $I_{DQC1} = 145\text{ mA}$, $I_{DQC2} = 25\text{ mA}$, $I_{DQP1} = 35\text{ mA}$, $V_{GP2} = (V_{BIAS} - 0.11)^{[2]}$ Vdc, $f = 3600\text{ MHz}$, Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN) with 10 dB PAR.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
ISBW of 400 MHz at 55 Vdc, 3 dB Input Overdrive from 10 W Avg. Modulated Output Power		No Device Degradation			

[1] All data measured in fixture with device soldered to NXP reference circuit.

[2] Increase V_{GP2} (peaking side) until $I_{DQP2} = 40\text{ mA}$ current is attained, and then subtract 0.11 V for final V_{GP2} bias voltage.

12.5 Typical performance

Table 15. Typical performance

(In NXP Doherty Power Amplifier Module Reference Circuit, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted, 50 ohm system)^[1]

$V_{DD1} = 5\text{ Vdc}$, $V_{DD2} = 48\text{ Vdc}$, $I_{DQC1} = 145\text{ mA}$, $I_{DQC2} = 25\text{ mA}$, $I_{DQP1} = 35\text{ mA}$, $V_{GP2} = (V_{BIAS} - 0.11)^{[2]}$ Vdc, 3600 MHz.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
VBW Resonance Point, 2-tone, 1 MHz Tone Spacing (IMD Third Order Intermodulation Inflection Point)	VBW _{res}	—	330	—	MHz
1-carrier 20 MHz LTE, 8 dB Input Signal PAR					
Gain	G	—	31.2	—	dB
Power Added Efficiency	PAE	—	46.9	—	%
Adjacent Channel Power Ratio	ACPR	—	-28.2	—	dBc
Adjacent Channel Power Ratio	ALT1	—	-42.4	—	dBc
Adjacent Channel Power Ratio	ALT2	—	-49.0	—	dBc
Gain Flatness ^[3]	G _F	—	0.2	—	dB
Pulsed CW, 10% Duty Cycle					
P _{out} @ 3 dB Compression Point	P3dB	—	49.3	—	dBm
AM/PM @ P3dB	Φ	—	-27	—	°
Gain Variation @ Avg. Power over Temperature (-40°C to +125°C)	ΔG	—	0.051	—	dB/°C
P3dB Variation over Temperature (-40°C to +125°C)	ΔP3dB	—	0.006	—	dB/°C

[1] All data measured in fixture with device soldered to NXP reference circuit.

[2] Increase V_{GP2} (peaking side) until I_{DQP2} = 40 mA current is attained, and then subtract 0.11 V for final V_{GP2} bias voltage.

[3] Gain flatness = Max(G(f_{Low} to f_{High})) - Min(G(f_{Low} to f_{High})).

Correct Biasing Sequence**Turn ON:****Bias ON the GaN final stage first**

1. Set gate voltage V_{GC2} and V_{GP2} to -5 V.
2. Set drain voltage V_{DC2} and V_{DP2} to nominal supply voltage ($+48$ V).
3. Increase V_{GP2} (peaking side) until $I_{DQP2} = 40$ mA current is attained, and then subtract 0.11 V for final V_{GP2} bias voltage.
4. Increase V_{GC2} (carrier side) until I_{DQC2} current is attained.

Bias ON the LDMOS driver stage second

5. Set drain voltage V_{DC1} and V_{DP1} to nominal supply voltage ($+5$ V).
6. Increase V_{GC1} (carrier side) until I_{DQC1} current is attained.
7. Increase V_{GP1} (peaking side) until I_{DQP1} current is attained.
8. Apply RF input power to desired level.

Turn OFF:**Bias OFF the GaN final stage first**

1. Disable RF input power.
2. Adjust gate voltage V_{GC2} and V_{GP2} to -5 V.
3. Adjust drain voltage V_{DC2} and V_{DP2} to 0 V. Allow adequate time for drain voltage to reduce to 0 V from external drain capacitors.
4. Disable V_{GC2} and V_{GP2} .

Bias OFF the LDMOS driver stage second

5. Adjust gate voltage V_{GC1} and V_{GP1} to 0 V.
6. Adjust drain voltage V_{DC1} and V_{DP1} to 0 V.

13 Component layout and parts list

13.1 Component layout

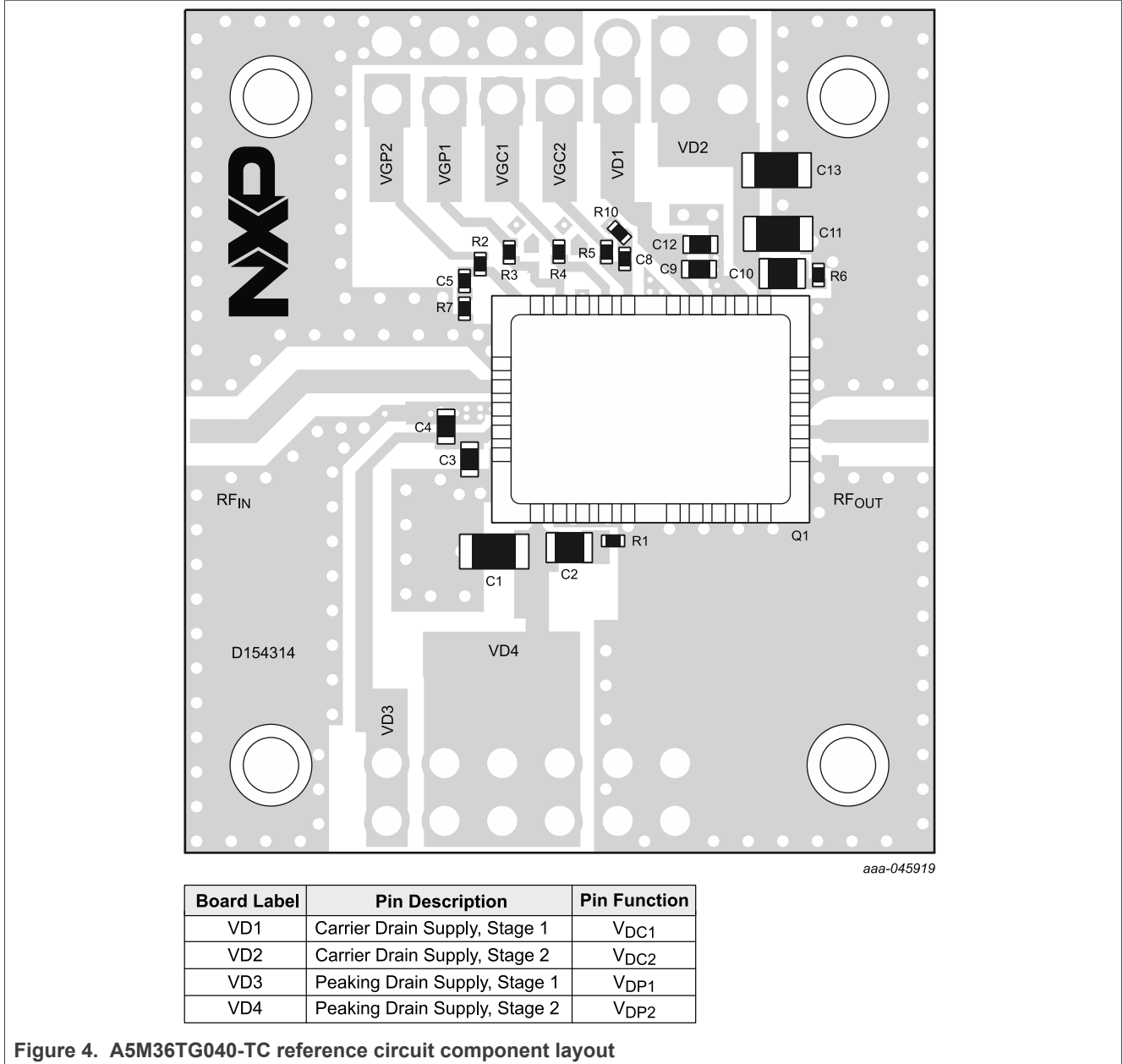


Figure 4. A5M36TG040-TC reference circuit component layout

13.2 Component designations and values**Table 16. A5M36TG040-TC reference circuit component designations and values**

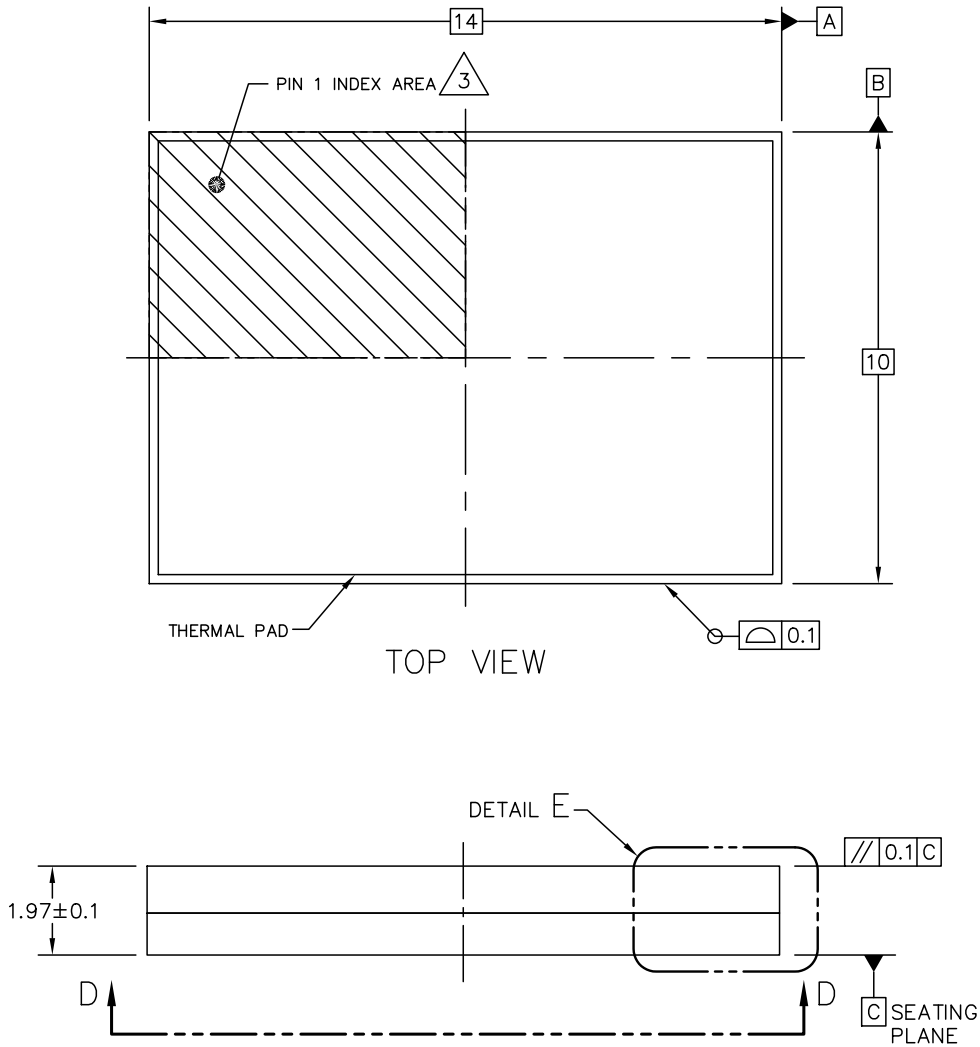
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C1, C11, C13	4.7 μ F Chip Capacitor	GRM31CC72A475KE11L	Murata
C2, C10	1 μ F Chip Capacitor	GRM21BC72A105KE01L	Murata
C3, C9	1 μ F Chip Capacitor	GRT188R61H105KE13D	Murata
C4, C12	10 μ F Chip Capacitor	GRM188R61E106KA73D	Murata
C5	0.1 μ F Chip Capacitor	GRM155R61H104KE19D	Murata
C8	10 nF Chip Capacitor	GRM155R71E103KA01D	Murata
Q1	Power Amplifier Module	A5M36TG040-TC	NXP
R1, R6	2 Ω , 1/10 W Chip Resistor	ERJ-2GEJ2R0X	Panasonic
R2, R3, R5	1 Ω , 1/10 W Chip Resistor	ERJ-2GEJ1R0X	Panasonic
R4, R10	10 Ω , 1/10 W Chip Resistor	ERJ-2GEJ100X	Panasonic
R7	0 Ω , 1/20 W Chip Resistor	ERJ-1GN0R00C	Panasonic
PCB	Megtron R-5575, 0.020", $\epsilon_r = 3.67$	D154314	MTL

Note: Component numbers C6, C7, R8 and R9 are intentionally omitted.

14 Package information

H-PLGA-30 I/O
14 X 10 X 1.97 PKG, 1 PITCH

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Figure 5. Package outline (14 mm × 10 mm Module) — top view, detail E

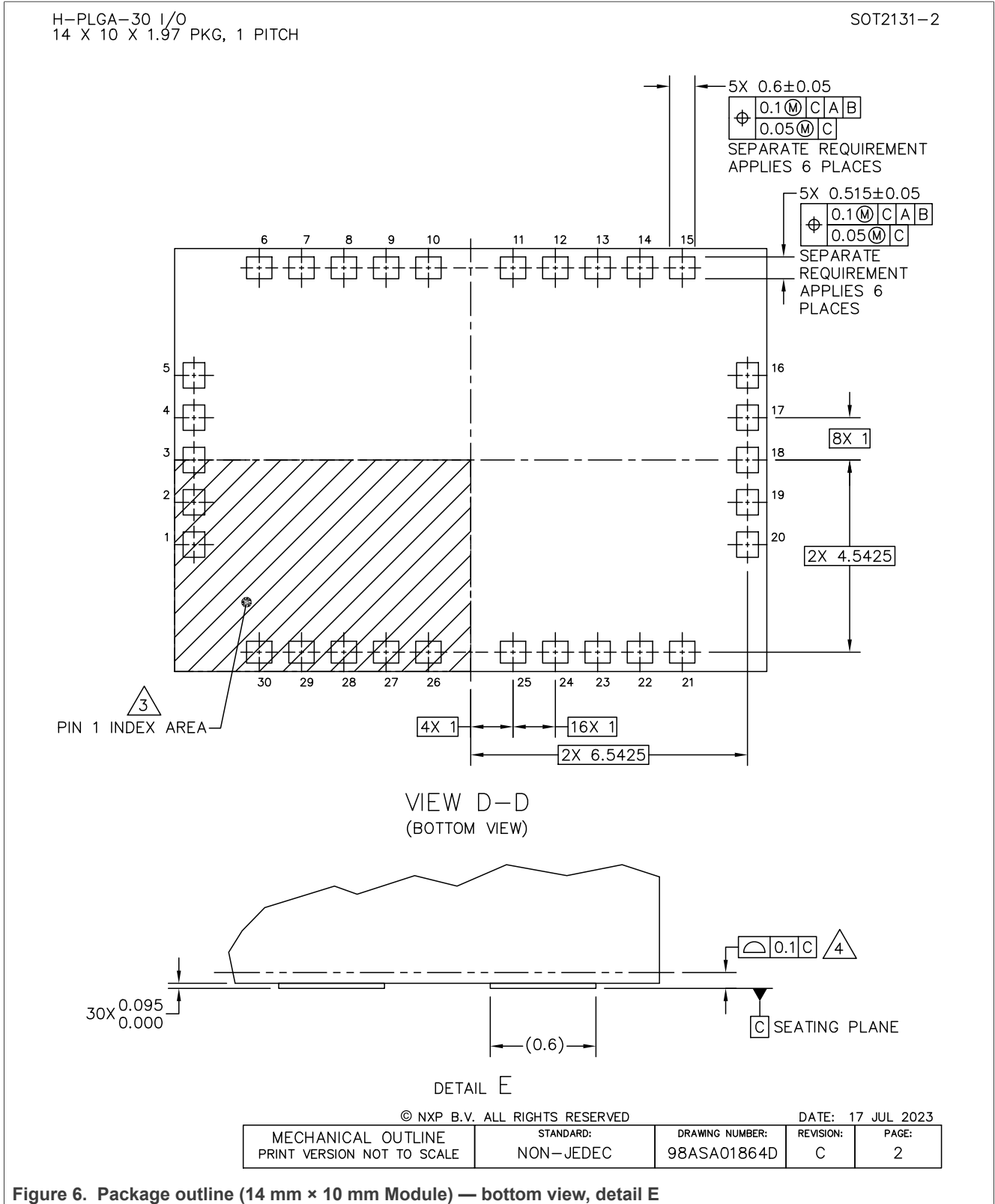
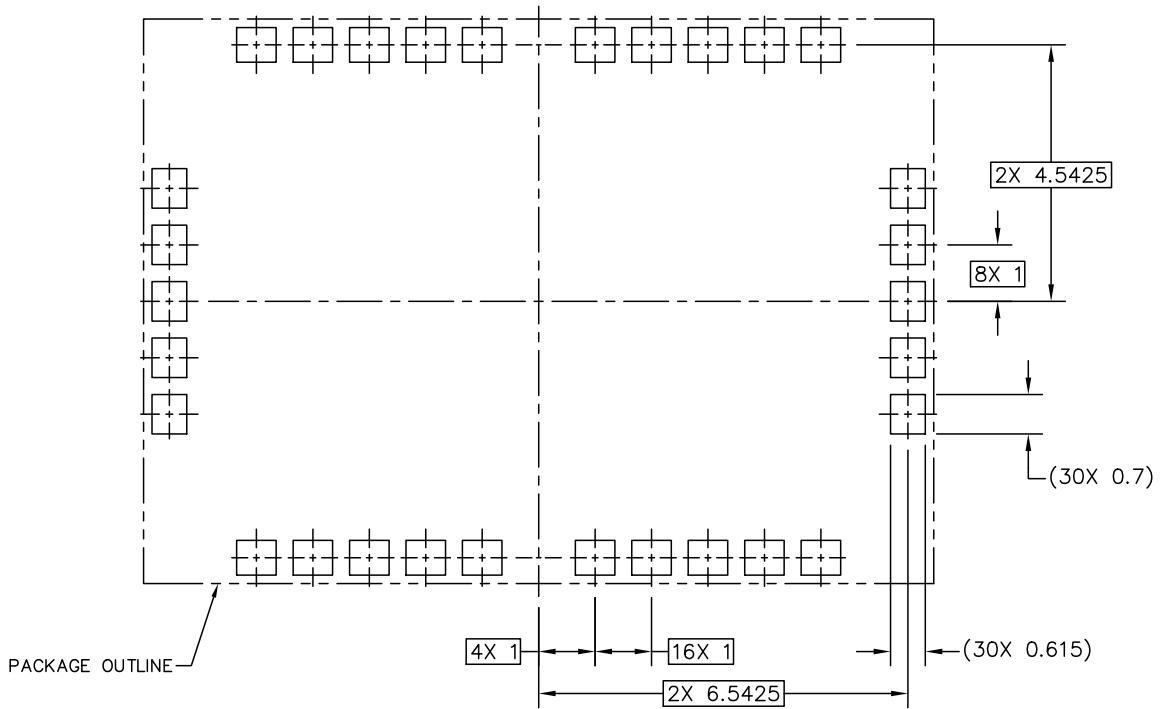


Figure 6. Package outline (14 mm × 10 mm Module) — bottom view, detail E

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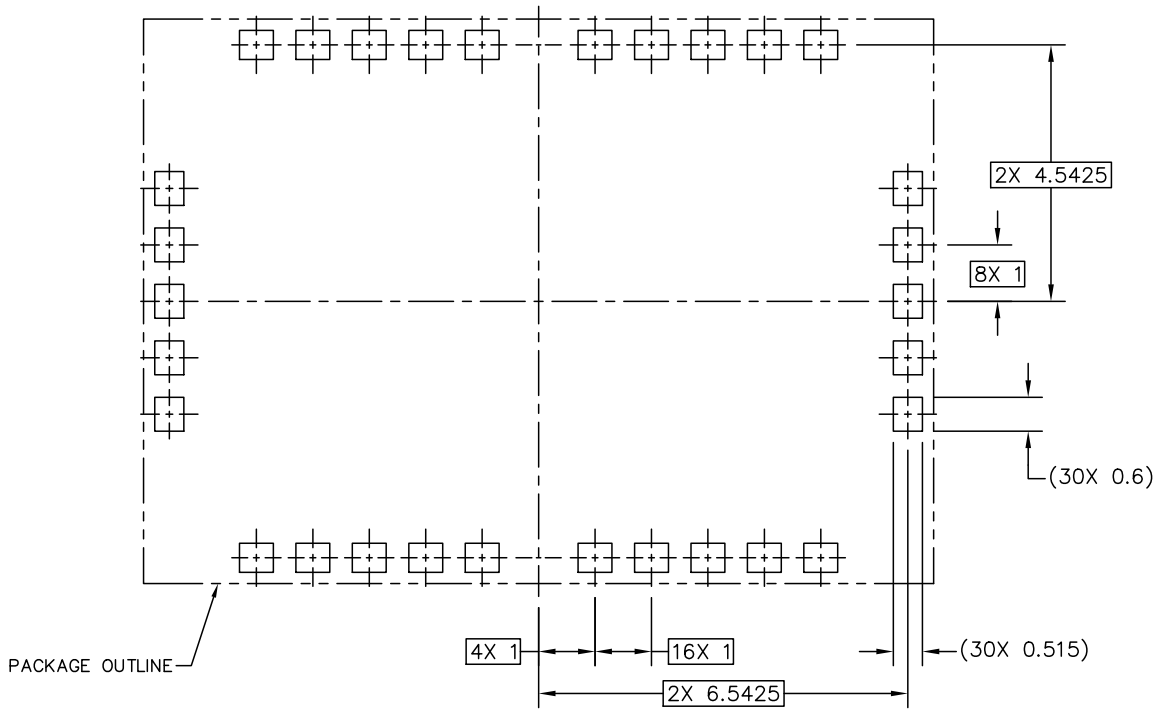
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Figure 7. Package outline (14 mm × 10 mm Module) — PCB design guidelines: solder mask opening pattern

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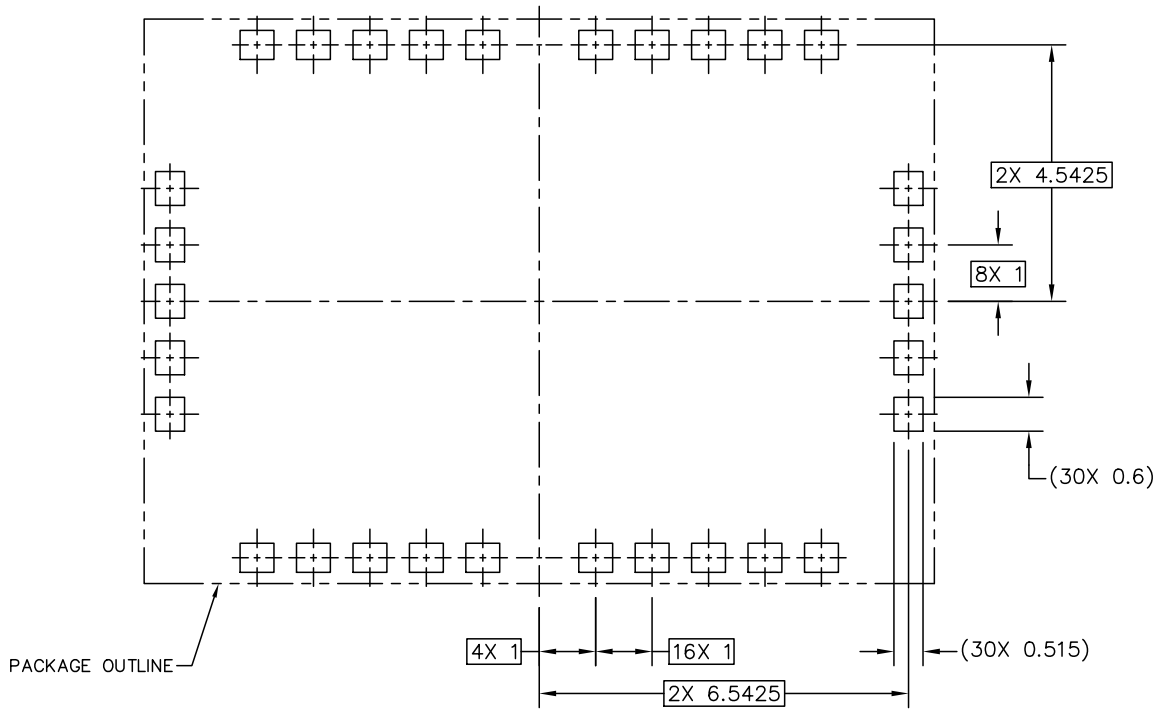
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Figure 8. Package outline (14 mm × 10 mm Module) — PCB design guidelines: I/O pads and solderable areas

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

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Figure 9. Package outline (14 mm × 10 mm Module) — PCB design guidelines: solder paste stencil

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NOTES:

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2. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ASME Y14.5M-1994.
3.  PIN 1 FEATURE SHAPE, SIZE AND LOCATION MAY VARY.
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Figure 10. Package outline (14 mm × 10 mm Module) — notes

15 Product documentation and tools

Refer to the following resources to aid your design process.

Application notes

- AN1955: Thermal Measurement Methodology of RF Power Amplifiers

Development tools

- Printed Circuit Boards

16 Revision history

The following table summarizes revisions to this document.

Table 17. Revision history

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A5M36TG040-TC Rev. 1	13 March 2024	• Initial release of product data sheet

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Data sheet status

Document status ^{[1][2]}	Product status ^[3]	Definition
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