# GaAs MMIC SPST FAILSAFE SWITCH, DC - 6 GHz 

## Typical Applications

The HMC550A / HMC550AE is ideal for:

- RFID \& Electronic Toll Collection (ETC)
- Tags, Handsets \& Portables
- ISM, WLAN, WiMAX \& WiBro
- Automotive Telematics
- Test Equipment

Functional Diagram


Features<br>Failsafe Operation - "On" When Unpowered<br>Wide Vdd Range: 1.2 V to 5 V<br>Very Low On State Current: 200 nA<br>Low Insertion Loss: 0.7 dB<br>High IP3: +52 dBm<br>Compact SOT26 SMT Package

## General Description

The HMC550A and HMC550AE are low-cost SPST Failsafe switches in 6-lead SOT26 plastic packages for use in switching applications which require low insertion loss and very low current consumption. With 0.7 dB typical loss, these devices can control signals from DC to 6 GHz and are especially suited for IF and RF applications including RFID, ISM, automotive and battery powered tags and portables. RF1 and RF2 are reflective opens when "Off". The switch requires a minimal amount of DC current in the "On" state, and offers compatibility with CMOS and some TTL logic families. The failsafe topology results in the switch being normally "On", i.e. low insertion loss from RF1 to RF2, when no DC bias is applied.
Electrical Specifications
$T_{A}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{Vdd}=+3.3 \mathrm{Vdc}, \mathrm{Vctl}=0 /+3.3 \mathrm{Vdc}$ (Unless Otherwise Stated), 50 Ohm System

| Parameter | Frequency | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Insertion Loss | DC - 6.0 GHz |  | 0.7 | 0.9 | dB |
| Isolation | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{DC}-2.0 \mathrm{GHz} \\ & \mathrm{DC}-6.0 \mathrm{GHz} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 8 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & 12 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{dB} \\ & \mathrm{~dB} \end{aligned}$ |
| Return Loss | DC - 6.0 GHz |  | 20 |  | dB |
| Input Power for 0.1 dB Compression $\quad \mathrm{Vctl}=0 /+3.3 \mathrm{~V}$ | $0.5-6.0 \mathrm{GHz}$ | 28 | 32 |  | dBm |
| Input Third Order Intercept <br> (Two-tone Input Power $=+17 \mathrm{dBm}$ Each Tone) Vctl = 0/+3.3V | 0.5-6.0 GHz |  | 52 |  | dBm |
| Switching Characteristics <br> tRISE, tFALL (10/90\% RF) tON, tOFF ( $50 \%$ CTL to $10 / 90 \%$ RF) | DC - 6.0 GHz |  | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ns } \\ & \text { ns } \end{aligned}$ |

## $T_{A}=+25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{Vctl} \& \mathrm{Vdd}$ Unpowered

| Insertion Loss | DC -6.0 GHz |  | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Return Loss | $\mathrm{DC}-6.0 \mathrm{GHz}$ |  | 20 |  |
| Input Power for 0.1 dB Compression | $0.5-6.0 \mathrm{GHz}$ | 28 | 33 | dB |
| Input Third Order Intercept <br> (Two-tone Input Power $=+17 \mathrm{dBm}$ Each Tone) | $0.5-0.6 \mathrm{GHz}$ |  | dBm |  |

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Insertion Loss


Isolation


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Return Loss


Input IP3 vs. Temperature


Input P0.1dB vs. Temperature

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Insertion Loss, Power Off


Return Loss, Power Off


Input P0.1dB, Power Off


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Input IP3, Power Off


## Operating Conditions

Vdd \& VctI = 0 Vdc to +5 Vdc; VctI_max = Vdd + 0.2 Vdc; Idd \& Ictl $=0.1 \mu$ A, Typical

| Conditions | Vdd $-\mathrm{Vctl} \geq+1.2 \mathrm{Vdc}$ | $-0.2 \mathrm{Vdc}<\mathrm{Vdd}-\mathrm{Vctl}<+0.4 \mathrm{Vdc}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RF1 - RF2 | OFF | ON |

Examples of Typical Operating Conditions - Idd \& Ictl = $0.1 \mu A$, Typical

| Vdd (V) | 0 (Unpowered) | 1.6 |  | 2.2 |  | 3.3 |  | $\gg 4.6$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vctl (V) | 0 (Unpowered) | 0 | $>1.2$ | $<1.0$ | $>1.8$ | $<2.1$ | $>2.9$ | $<3.8$ | $>0$ |
| RF1 - RF2 | ON | OFF | ON | OFF | ON | OFF | ON | OFF | ON |

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## Absolute Maximum Ratings

| RF Input Power $(\mathrm{Vctl}=0 /+3.3 \mathrm{~V})$ | +34 dBm |
| :--- | :--- |
| Supply Voltage (Vdd) | +12 Vdc |
| Control Voltage Range (VctI) | -0.2 to $+(\mathrm{Vdd}+0.2) \mathrm{Vdc}$ |
| Channel Temperature | $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Continuous Pdiss $\left(\mathrm{T}=85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ <br> (derate $5.54 \mathrm{~mW} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ above $\left.85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 0.360 W |
| Thermal Resistance | $180.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{W}$ |
| Storage Temperature | -65 to $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Operating Temperature | -40 to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| ESD Sensitivity (HBM) | Class 1 A |

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## Outline Drawing



## Package Information

| Part Number | Package Body Material | Lead Finish | MSL Rating | Package Marking ${ }^{[3]}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HMC550A | Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | Sn/Pb Solder | MSL1 ${ }^{[1]}$ | $550 A$ <br> XXXX |
| HMC550AE | RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | $100 \%$ matte Sn | MSL1 $^{[2]}$ | $550 A E$ <br> XXXX |

[1] Max peak reflow temperature of $235^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
[2] Max peak reflow temperature of $260^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
[3] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

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Pin Descriptions

| Pin Number | Function | Description | Interface Schematic |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1,3 | RF1, RF2 | These pins are DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms. <br> Blocking capacitors are required. |  |
| 2,5 | GND | These pins must be connected to RF ground. |  |
| 6 | Vapply Voltage |  |  |

## Typical Application Circuit



Note:

1. DC Blocking capacitors are required for each RF port as shown. Capacitor value determines lowest frequency of operation.

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## Evaluation PCB



List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 109266 - HMC550A ${ }^{[1]}$

| Item | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| J1- J2 | PCB Mount SMA RF Connector |
| J3- J5 | DC Pin |
| C1 | 1,000 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg. |
| C2 - C3 | 100 pF capacitor, 0402 Pkg. |
| R1, R2 | 100 Ohm Resistor, 0402 Pkg. |
| U1 | HMC550A / HMC550AE SPST Switch |
| PCB [2] | 108436 Evaluation PCB |

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB
[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350

The circuit board used in the final application should be generated with proper RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines at the RF port should have 50 Ohm impedance and the package ground leads should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown above. The evaluation circuit board shown above is available from Hittite Microwave Corporation upon request.

