

Evaluating the ADPA7008 20 GHz to 54 GHz, GaAs, pHEMT, 31 dBm (1 W) Power Amplifier

FEATURES

- ▶ 2-layer Rogers 4350B evaluation board with heat spreader
- ▶ End launch 1.85 mm RF connectors
- ▶ Through calibration path

EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS

- ▶ 2-layer Rogers 4350B evaluation board with heat spreader

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- ▶ RF signal generator
- ▶ RF spectrum analyzer
- ▶ RF network analyzer
- ▶ 5 V, 2.5 A power supply
- ▶ -1.5 V, 10 mA power supply

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ADPA7008-EVALZ consists of a 2-layer printed circuit board (PCB) fabricated from 10 mil thick Rogers 4350B copper clad mounted to an aluminum heat spreader. The heat spreader assists in providing thermal relief to the ADPA7008 as well as mechanical support to the PCB. Mounting holes on the heat spreader allow it to be attached to larger heat sinks for improved thermal management. The RFIN and RFOUT ports are populated with 1.85 mm female coaxial connectors, and their respective RF traces are of 50 Ω characteristic impedance. The ADPA7008-EVALZ is populated with components suitable for use over the entire operating temperature range of the ADPA7008.

RF traces are 50 Ω grounded coplanar waveguide. Package ground leads and the exposed pad connect directly to the ground plane. Multiple vias are used to connect the top and bottom ground planes, with particular focus on the area directly beneath the ground paddle to provide adequate electrical conduction and thermal conduction to the heat spreader.

The power supply decoupling capacitors shown in the Figure 4 represent the configuration that was used to characterize and qualify the device. It is possible to reduce the number of capacitors; however, this reduction varies by system. It is instead recommended to first remove or combine the largest capacitors that are farthest from the device.

Consult the ADPA7008 data sheet in conjunction with this user guide when working with the ADPA7008-EVALZ board.

ADPA7008-EVALZ EVALUATION BOARD PHOTOGRAPHS

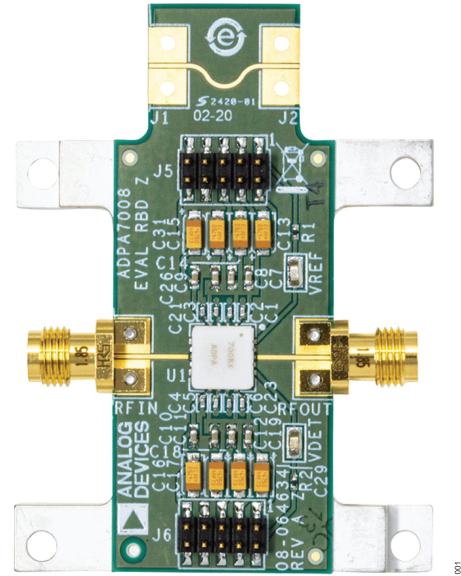


Figure 1. Primary Side

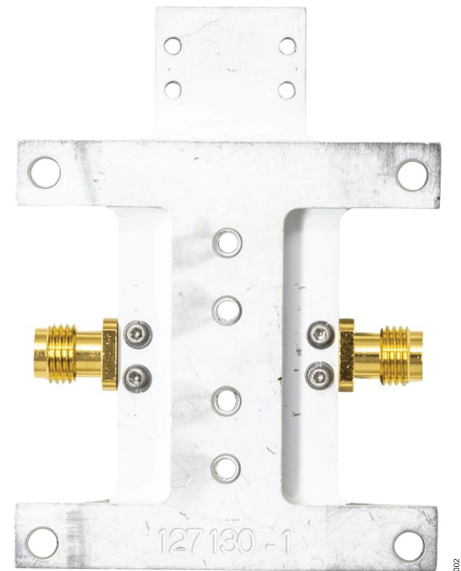


Figure 2. Secondary Side

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REVISION HISTORY

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OPERATING THE ADPA7008-EVALZ

The ADPA7008 operates by externally biasing the gate voltage. Adjust VGG1 within the -1.5 V to 0 V range through J5 or VGG2 within the -1.5 V to 0 V range through the J6 header to set the target drain current.

See the ADPA7008 data sheet for the bias sequencing information.

Ground and gate control voltages are accessed through two 10-pin headers (see Table 1 for the header pinout).

Table 1. J5 and J6 Header Connections to the ADPA7008

Header Pin No.	ADPA7008 Pin
J5	
1	VGG1
5, 7, 9	VDD1, VDD3, VDD5, respectively
10	VREF
2, 3, 4, 6, 8 ¹	GND ¹
J6	
2	VGG2
6, 8, 10	VDD2, VDD4, VDD6, respectively
9	VDET
1, 3, 4, 5, 7 ¹	GND ¹

¹ These header pins are connected to all GND pins, and the exposed pad of the ADPA7008 on the evaluation board.

THROUGH CALIBRATION PATH

To calibrate out board trace losses, a through (thru) calibration path is provided between J1 and J2. J1 and J2 must be populated with RF connectors to use the through calibration path.

Figure 3 shows the plot of the data in Table 2 of the through calibration path (J1 to J2). See Figure 4 for the evaluation board schematic.

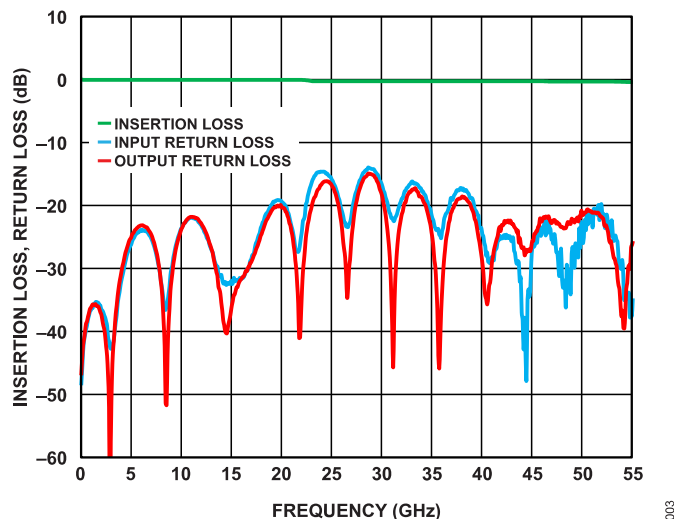


Figure 3. Insertion Loss and Return Loss of Through Calibration Path

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Frequency (GHz)	Insertion Loss (dB)
0.01	-0.01
1	-0.18
5	-0.54
10	-0.92
15	-1.20
20	-1.51
25	-1.87
30	-2.02
35	-2.20
40	-2.45
45	-2.73
50	-3.08
55	-3.52

EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATIC AND ARTWORK

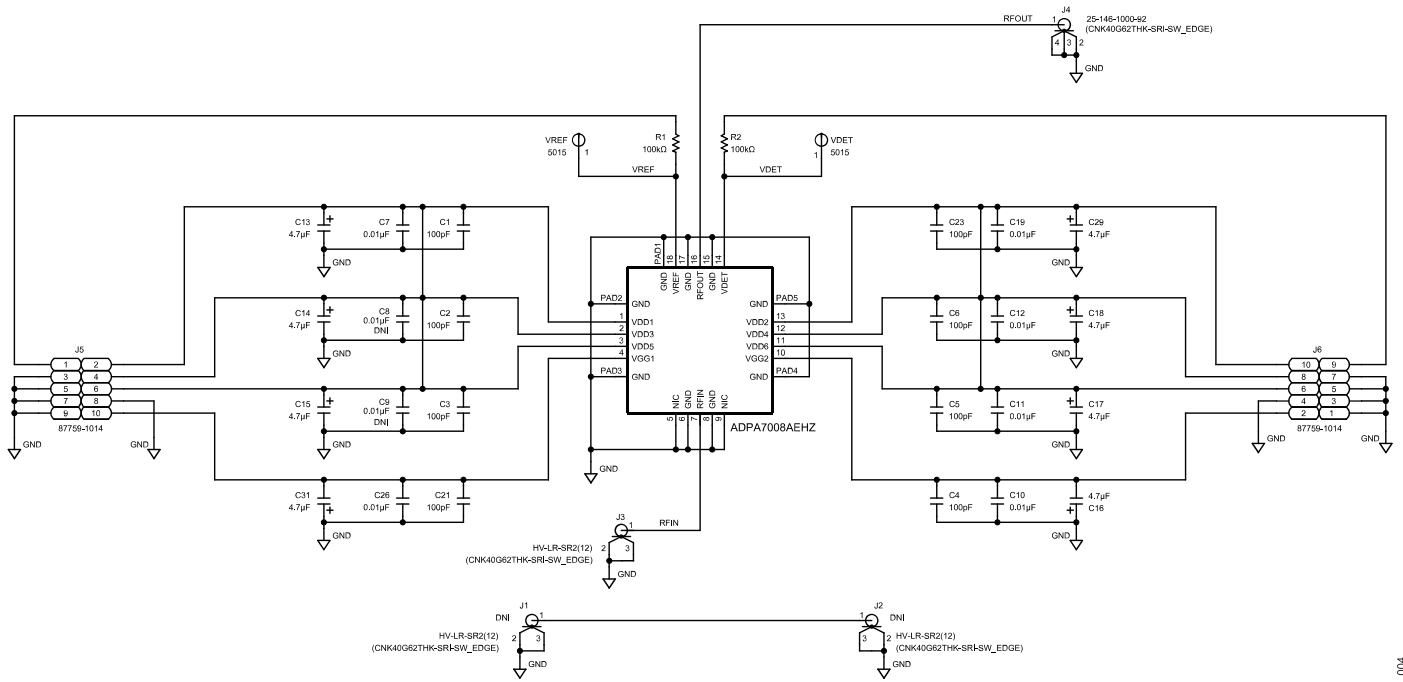


Figure 4. ADPA7008-EVALZ Evaluation Board Schematic

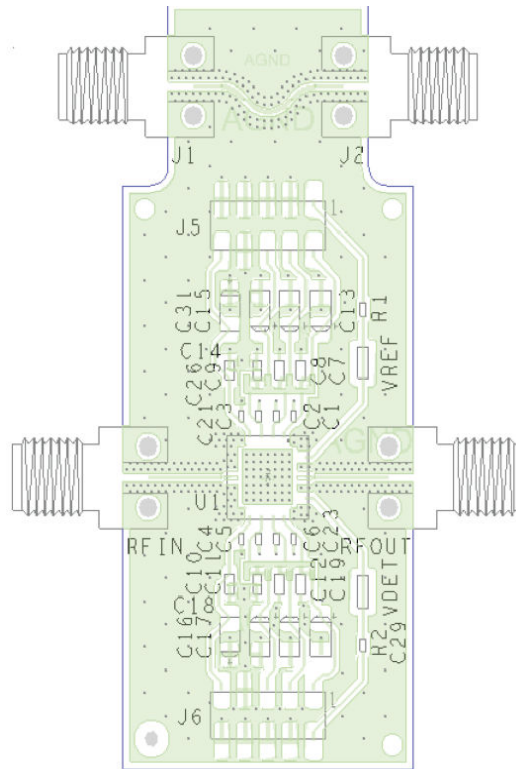


Figure 5. ADPA7008-EVALZ Assembly Drawing (Note That J1 and J2 Are Not Installed)

ORDERING INFORMATION

BILL OF MATERIALS

Table 3.

Reference Designator	Description	Manufacturer	Part Number
C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C21, C23	Ceramic capacitors, C0G, 100 pF	Kemet	C0402C101J5GACTU
C7, C8, C9, C10, C11, C12, C19, C26	Ceramic capacitors, X7R, 0.01 μ F	Yageo	CC0603KRX7R9BB103
C13, C14, C15, C16, C17, C18, C29, C31	Tantalum capacitors, 4.7 μ F	AVX	TAJA475K020RNJ
J1, J2	CONN-PCB, 1.85 MM, Coax, 50 Ω , 67 GHZ	HIROSE ELECTRIC CO.	HV-LR-SR2(12)
RFIN, RFOUT	CONN-PCB, 1.85 MM Coax, 50 Ω , 67 GHZ	HIROSE ELECTRIC CO.	HV-LR-SR2(12)
J5, J6	Connectors, PCB header, vertical, dual row, 10-position, 2 mm pitch	Molex	87759-1014
R1, R2	Resistors, precision, thick film chip, 100 k Ω	Panasonic	ERJ-2RKF1003X
U1	Gallium arsenide (GaAs), pseudomorphic high electron mobility transfer (pHEMT), monolithic microwave integrated circuit (MMIC), 1 W, 20 GHz to 54 GHz power amplifier	Analog Devices, Inc.	ADPA7008AEHZ
Not applicable	Aluminum heat spreader, 02.51 in. \times 1.9 in.	Not applicable	Not applicable

**ESD Caution**

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

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