

# AM9057 – Receiver Mini Module

## 0.9 GHz to 18 GHz Wideband Miniature Tuner Module

### High performance and low SWaP (size, weight and power)

- Fully integrated tuner module provides high dynamic range coverage of 0.9 GHz to 18 GHz
- Also provides a bypass path from 10 MHz to 6 GHz for direct spectrum capture
- Multiple tuner sets can be configured to work together for coherent operation and N-channel applications



**AM9057 is a fully integrated tuner module that provides high dynamic range coverage from 0.9 GHz to 18 GHz.** The tuner also provides a bypass path from 10 MHz to 6 GHz for direct spectrum capture. The heterodyne tuner module is designed for high performance and low size, weight, and power (low SWaP) and is mechanically mountable to a host circuit board for use in multi-channel receiver applications.

Input limiter, sub-octave preselectors, pre-amplifiers, local oscillators, frequency converters, ADC driver amplifiers, power and control line filtering, a temperature sensor, and a control FPGA are included as well as a calibration input port. The analog IF output frequency is centered at 2 GHz with a 1 GHz bandwidth. The AM9057 is designed to work in a 2 module stack with either its companion transmit module the AM9058 or another AM9057. The second module will mount on top of the first to maintain a narrow profile and allowing up to 8 channels on a 3U module.

### FEATURES

- 0.9 GHz to 18 GHz Frequency Range
- 1 GHz Bandwidth
- 2 GHz IF Output Frequency
- 10 MHz to 6 GHz Tuner Bypass Path
- Optional 500 MHz bandwidth with 1GHz IF center
- Input Signal Limiter
- Calibration Input Port
- Integrated Temperature Sensor
- 14 dB Noise Figure, +5 dBm IIP3
- +5.0V and +3.3V DC Operation
- 6.0 W Max Power Consumption
- -40C to +85C Operation
- 1.6oz / 45g Module Weight
- 4" x 0.75" x 0.38" (101.6 x 19.05 x 9.6 mm)

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REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Notes
April 15, 2026	1.0	Initial Release

RELATED PARTS / ORDERING INFORMATION

Part Number	Description
AM9057	Stand-alone Downconvert Tuner Module, 2.0 GHz IF Output w/ 1 GHz Bandwidth
AM9058	Stand-alone Upconvert Tuner Module, 2.0 GHz IF Input w/ 1 GHz Bandwidth
AM9059	2-Channel Stacked Downconvert Modules. Consists of two AM9057s
AM9060	2-Channel Stacked Up/Downconvert Modules. Consists of one AM9057 and one AM9058
AM9057_58-EVAL-ABXY	AM9057/58 Eval Board with one slot occupied with a stack of A(1-2) AM9057s and B (0 or 1) AM9058s and the second slot occupied with a stack of X AM9057s (0-2) and Y AM9058s (0-1). For example, an eval board with a 9057/58 stack in the first slot and AM9058 in the second slot has the part number AM9057_58-EVAL-1101

**Note:** Eval boards include low-dropout regulators, reference distribution circuitry, and control circuitry. All that is required for operation is an input signal, a reference, and a Windows computer for the USB control of the evaluation board. See “Evaluation PC Board” section for more details. The output may be driven into a spectrum analyzer or directly into an ADC. Contact Mercury for ADC recommendations.

SPECIFICATIONS

Absolute Maximum Ratings

	Testing Conditions	Min	Maximum
RF Input Power	Pulsed		9.0 W
	Continuous Wave		2.0 W
+5.0 VDC Supply			+5.5 V
+3.3 VDC Supply			+3.6 V
Operating Temperature		-40 C	+85 C
Storage Temperature Range		-55 C	+150 C

**Note:** Any device operation beyond the Absolute Maximum Ratings may result in permanent damage to the device. The values listed in this table are extremes and do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond what is listed under Recommended Operating Conditions. Any part subjected to conditions outside of what is recommended for an extended amount of time may suffer from reliability concerns.

DC Electrical Characteristics

(T = 25 °C unless otherwise specified)

Param	Testing Conditions	Min	Typical	Max
+5 VDC Supply		+4.8 V	+5.0 V	+5.2 V
+3.3 VDC Supply		+3.2 V	+3.3 V	+3.5 V
+5 VDC Current				0.5 A
+3.3 VDC Current				1.3 A
Power Dissipated				6.0 W
Logic Level Low		0 V		+0.8 V
Logic Level High		+2.0 V		+3.5 V

Handling Information

	Minimum	Maximum
Storage Temperature Range (Recommended)	-50 C	+125 C



Mercury products are electrostatic sensitive. Follow safe handling practices to avoid damage.

Recommended Operating Conditions

	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
Operating Case Temperature	-40 C		+70 C

**RF Performance<sup>1</sup>**

(T = 25 °C unless otherwise specified)

Param	Notes	Min	Typical	Max
Frequency Range	Heterodyne Path	0.9 GHz		18 GHz
	Bypass Path	10 MHz		6 GHz
Instantaneous Bandwidth			1.0 GHz	
IF Center Frequency			2.0 GHz	
Tune Frequency Range		1.4 GHz		17.5 GHz
Tuning Step Size			5 MHz	
Frequency Reference	External 100 MHz (note 3)	-2dBm (0.5Vpp)	+6dBm	+13.5dBm (3Vpp)
Input Limiter P1dB			+14 dBm	
Input Limiter Recovery Time			10 ps	
Input IP3			+3 dBm	
Input IP2			+45 dBm	
Noise Figure			13 dB	
Image Rejection		60 dB	80 dB	
IF Rejection	Stopband Relative to Passband	60 dB	80 dB	
LO Radiation	Measured at Antenna In		-70 dBm	
LO Leakage	Measured at IF Output		-70 dBm	
Gain			24 dB +/-2dB	
Gain Control <sup>1</sup>	(note 1)		45 dB	
Tuning Speed	(note 2)		100 μs	450 μs
Phase Noise	1 kHz Offset		-90 dBc/Hz	
	10 kHz Offset		-100 dBc/Hz	
	100 kHz Offset		-100 dBc/Hz	
	1 MHz Offset		-106 dBc/Hz	
	10 MHz Offset		-127 dBc/Hz	

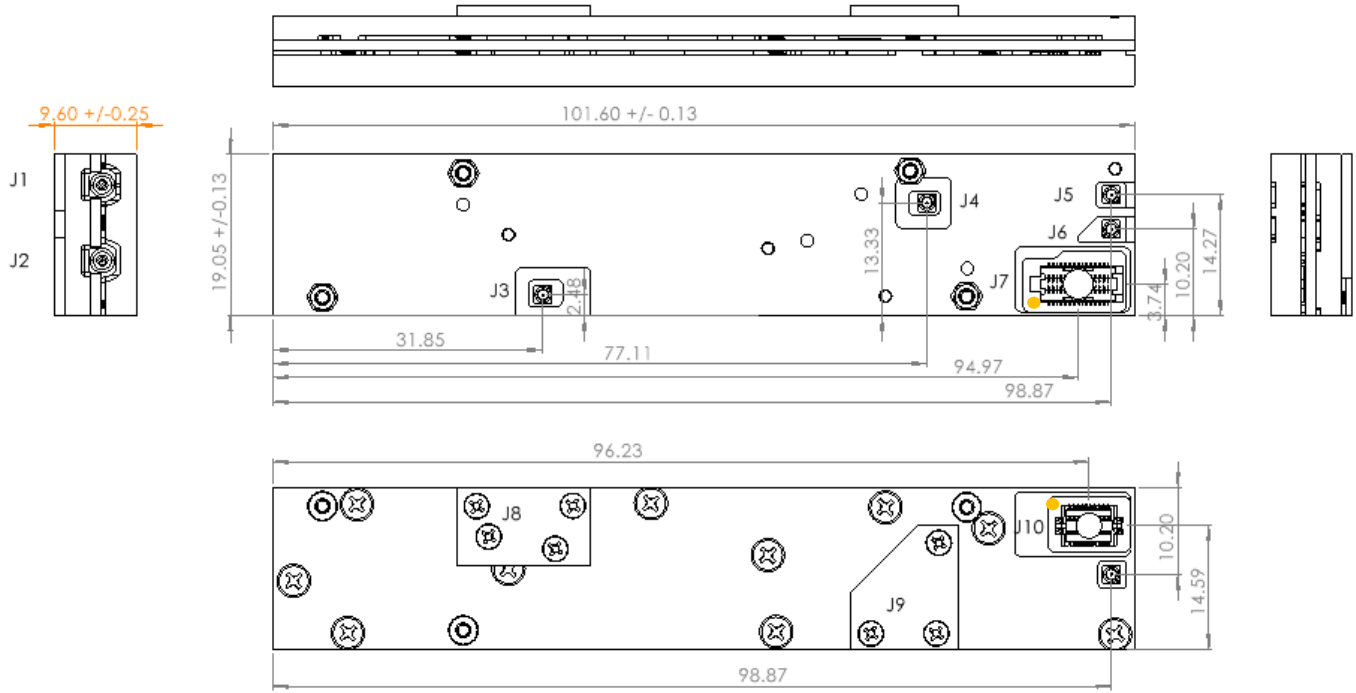
**Note 1:** Additional gain control beyond calibrated gain, in 1 dB steps. Heterodyne path only.

**Note 2:** Longest tune speed is seen when switching from  $F_c \leq 5500$  to  $F_c > 5500$  or from  $F_c > 5500$  to  $F_c \leq 5500$ . Switching between center frequencies in either  $F_c \leq 5500$  range or  $F_c > 5500$  range will follow typical tuning speed.

**Note 3:** External reference input impedance is 50 Ohms. Tolerant of sine wave or square wave. Reference waveform may affect spurious and phase noise performance of the tuner.

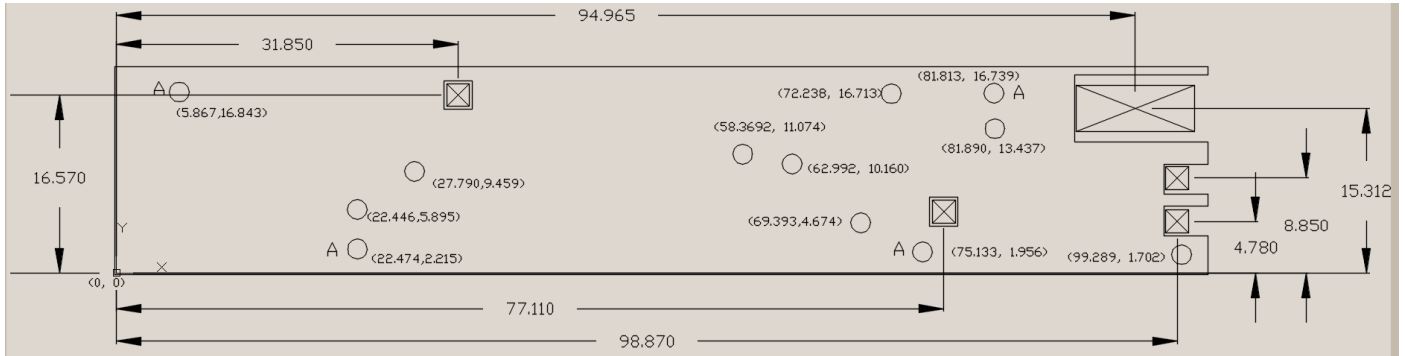
CONNECTOR AND PIN DEFINITIONS

Board Connector Layout:



Connector	Name	Function
J1	CAL IN	10 MHz to 18 GHz Calibration Input, AC-Coupled
J2	RF IN	10 MHz to 18 GHz RF Input, AC-Coupled
J3	Ext LO In 1	9 – 21 GHz LO Input. Only needed in shared LO mode when in a 2 module stacked configuration.
J4	Ext LO In 2	5 – 8 GHz LO Input. Only needed in shared LO mode when in a 2 module stacked configuration
J5	Ext IF I/O	2 GHz center with 1 GHz BW IF I/O for daughter module in 2 module stack (Input if AM9058 Tx installed, output if AM9057 Rx installed)
J6	IF Out	2 GHz center with 1 GHz BW IF Output
J7	Multipin Connector	Connector for 100 MHz reference input, SPI interface, and power for both this module and a potential daughter card.
J8	Ext LO Out 2	9 – 21 GHz LO Output. Same x-y location as J3. Not shown in image due to cover. Only used in 2 module stack (cover is removed)
J9	Ext LO Out 2	5 – 8 GHz LO Output. Same x-y location as J4. Not shown in image due to cover. Only used in 2 module stack (cover is removed)
J10	Multipin Connector	Connector for 100 MHz reference input, SPI Interface, and power for the daughter card

**PCB Locations of Screw Holes and Connectors**



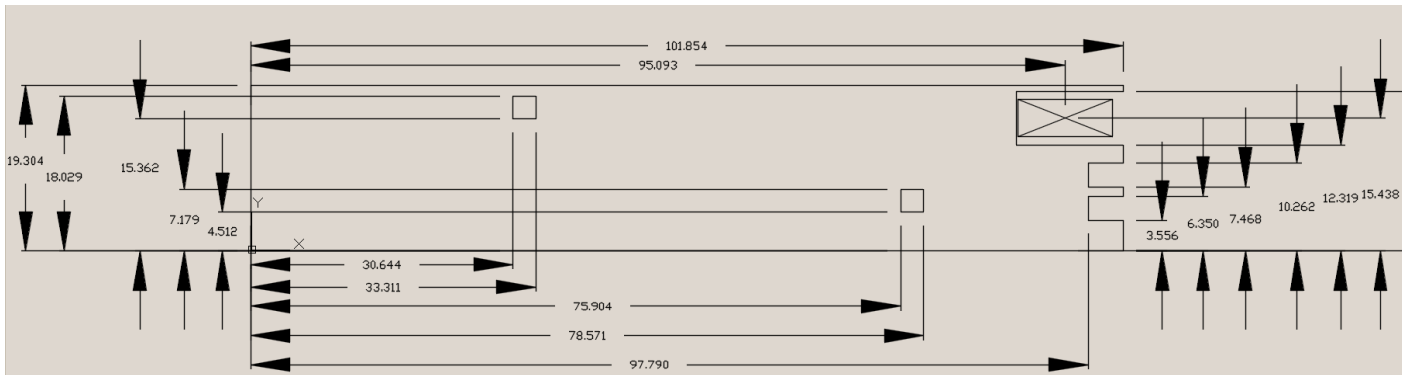
All Dimensions in mm.

Screw locations marked "A" are for module stacking use only. A clearance hole on the carrier board must be in these locations.

All unlabeled screw locations are #1-72 threaded holes with a depth of 0.06"

**Module Solder Mask Relief**

This drawing shows the area where solder mask should be relieved. It is a minimum of 0.127 mm (5 mils) outside of the physical module dimensions.



All dimensions in mm.

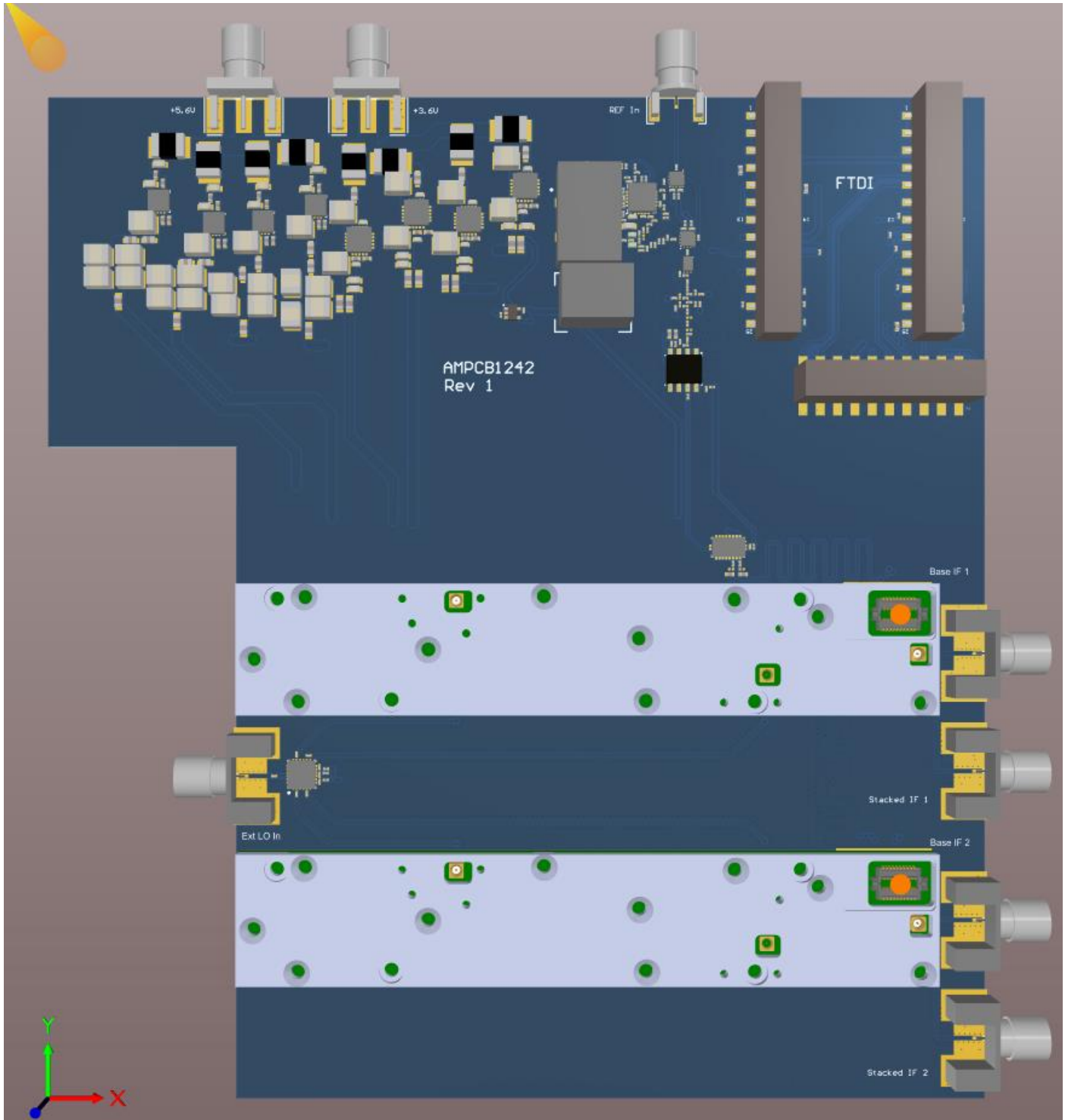
**Required Components List**

Connector	Mating Connector Part Number	Manufacturer
J1 – J2	SMPM bullet	COTS SMPM bullet or cable assembly
J3–J6, J8, J9	55057-006J 54033-004B	Southwest Microwave full detent connector and bullet
J7	ST5-15-1.00-L-D-P-TR	Samtec
J10	SLH-010-1.50-G-D-K	Samtec

**J7 Pinout**

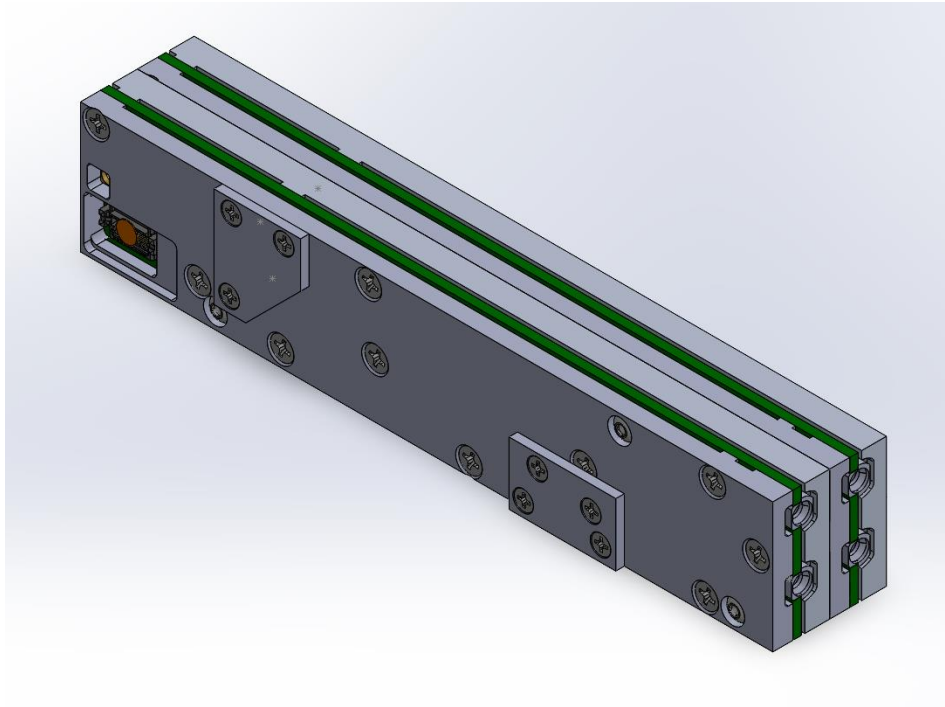
Pin	Pin Name	Pin Function
1,2,4,5,6,17, 18, 26, 30	GND	Ground connections
3	Reference Input	100 MHz single ended 50 ohm Reference Input for this module. -2 to +10 dBm
7, 9	+3.3V In Tuner 1	+3.3V Input Pin for this module, allowable input range +3.2V to +3.5V. Max current 1.3A
8	+5.0V In Tuner 1	+5.0V Input Pin for this module, allowable input range +4.8V to +5.2V. Max current 0.5A
10	SPI Clock Tuner 1	Clock input pin for SPI interface for this module
11	POP	Power On Pin, soft reset line for the tuner FPGA. Holding this line low holds the FPGA in reset. Resets both this module and the module mated with it if present.
12	SPI MISO Tuner 1	MISO pin for SPI interface for this module
13	CMD_CS <sub>n</sub> Tuner 1	Chip select line for SPI interface used to send configuration commands to this module.
14	SPI MOSI Tuner 1	MOSI line for SPI interface for this module
15	PROG_CS <sub>n</sub> Tuner 1	Chip select line for SPI interface used to send commands accessing core FPGA functionality for this module.
16	LO_SYNC Tuner 1	LO Sync line for this module. This is used as a trigger to allow multiple modules to maintain a consistent phase relationship at a given frequency.
17	Lock Detect Tuner 1	Lock detect signal for this tuner. Indicates lock status of the main tuning LO
19	+5.0V In Tuner 2	+5.0V Input Pin for the mated module (if applicable), allowable input range +4.8V to +5.2V. Max current 0.5A
20	SPI Clock Tuner 2	Clock input pin for SPI interface for the mated module (if applicable)
21	CMD_CS <sub>n</sub> Tuner 2	Chip select line for SPI interface used to send configuration commands to the mated module (if applicable).
22	MISO Tuner 2	MISO line for SPI interface to the mated module (if applicable).
23	PROG_CS <sub>n</sub> Tuner 2	Chip select line for SPI interface used to send commands accessing core FPGA functionality for the mated module (if applicable).
24	MOSI Tuner 2	MOSI line for SPI interface for the mated module (if applicable).
25	Lock Detect Tuner 2	Lock detect signal for this tuner. Indicates lock status of the main tuning LO
27, 29	+3.3V In Tuner 2	+3.3V Input Pin for the mated module (if applicable), allowable input range +3.2V to +3.5V. Max current 1.3A
28	REF In Tuner 2	100 MHz single ended 50 ohm Reference Input for the mated module (if applicable). -2 to +10 dBm

AM9057/AM9058 EVAL BOARD

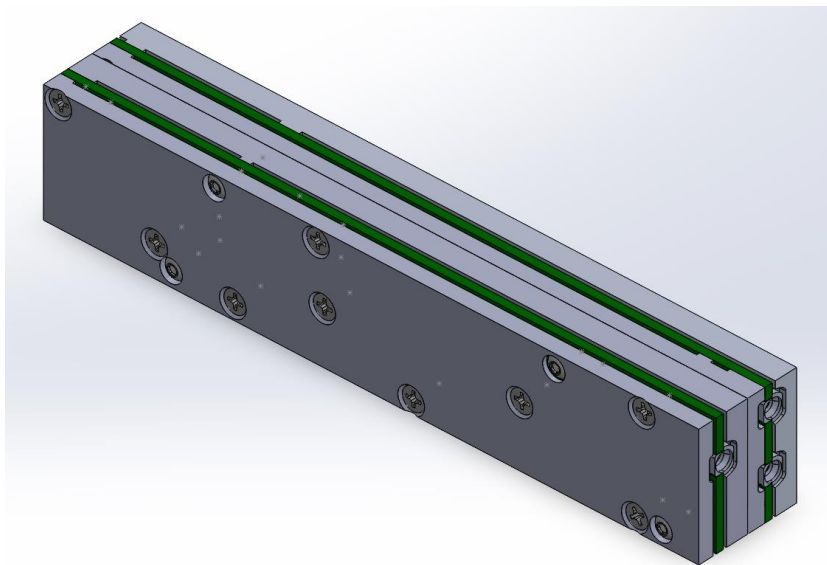


MULTIPLE MODULE CONFIGURATIONS

**2 Rx Modules (AM9059)**



**1 Rx and 1 Tx Module (AM9060)**





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