AM1018C – Amplifier

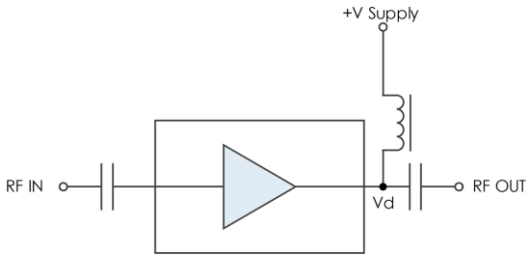
20 MHz to 6 GHz Gain Block

AM1018C is a high dynamic range cascadable gain block covering the 20 MHz to 6 GHz frequency range. It operates from a +5.0VDC supply and exhibits a flat frequency response and high third order intercept performance while also providing excellent gain stability over the operating temperature range. With internal 50Ω matching and packaged in a 3mm QFN or a shielded module, the AM1018C represents a compact total PCB footprint.

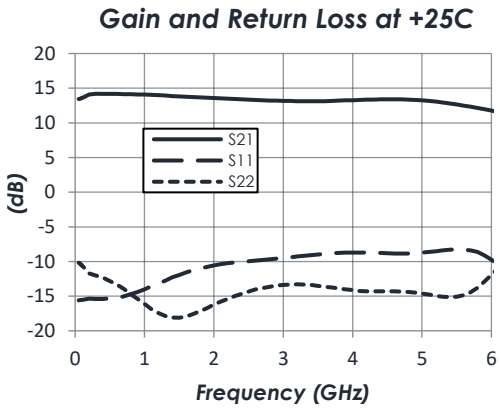
FEATURES

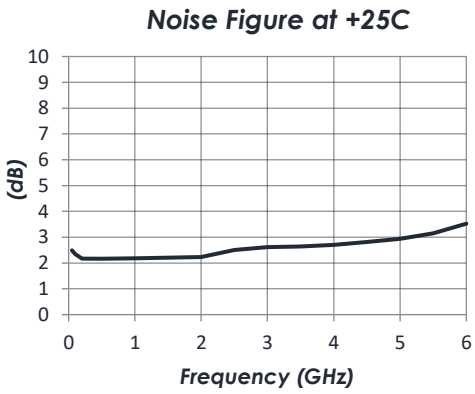
- 13 dB Gain
- 2.7 dB Noise Figure
- +36 dBm OIP3
- +55.5 dBm OIP2
- +21 dBm P1dB
- +5.0V, 96 mA
- 3mm QFN Package
- -40C to +85C Operation
- Unconditionally Stable

FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



CHARACTERISTIC PERFORMANCE





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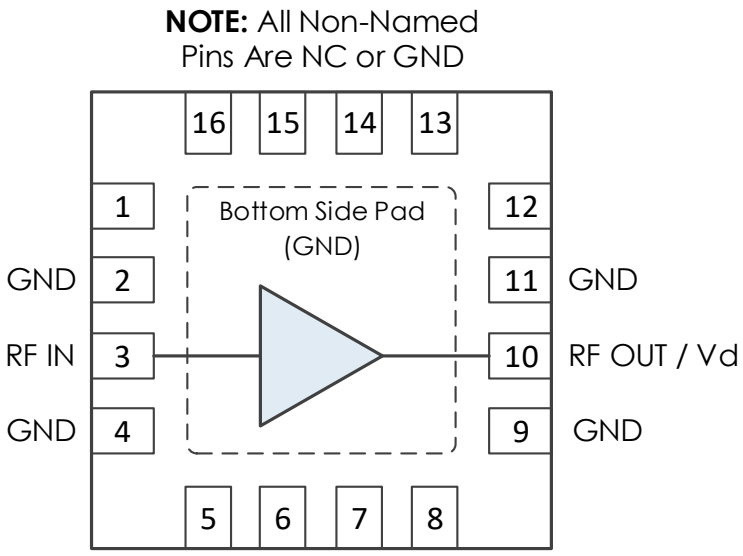
REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Notes
May 14, 2018	0	Preliminary Release
May 24, 2018	1	Initial Release
April 9, 2019	2	Pinout Corrected, Functional Diagram Added, Plots Resized, Part Picture Added.
November 25, 2019	3	RF-Shielded Module Information Added, Part Ordering Details Added.
February 4, 2020	4	Added OIP2 Plot.
November 7, 2024	5	Changed to Mercury branding. No content changes.

PIN LAYOUT AND DEFINITIONS



Pin	Name	Function
1	NC	Not Connected *
2	GND	Ground – Common
3	RF IN	RF Input – 50 ohms – DC Coupled, External DC Block Required
4	GND	Ground – Common
5-8	NC	Not Connected *
9	GND	Ground – Common
10	RF OUT/Vd	RF Output and DC Power Input – 50 ohms – DC Coupled, External DC Block Required
11	GND	Ground – Common
12-16	NC	Not Connected *
Bottom Pad	GND	Ground – Common

* NC pins may be grounded or left open.

SPECIFICATIONS

Absolute Maximum Ratings

	Minimum	Maximum
Device Voltage, Vd	-0.3 V	+4.5 V
RF Input Power		+20 dBm
Operating Junction Temperature	-40 C	+150 C
Storage Temperature Range	-50C	+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.

Handling Information

	Minimum	Maximum
Storage Temperature Range (Recommended)	-50 C	+125 C
Moisture Sensitivity Level	MSL 3	

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

Recommended Operating Conditions

	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
Supply Voltage, Vsupply	+4.7 V	+5.0 V	+5.3 V
Device Voltage, Vd	+3.5 V	+4.0 V	+4.5 V
Operating Case Temperature	-40 C	+25 C	+85 C
Operating Junction Temperature	-40 C		+132 C

Thermal Information

	Thermal Resistance (°C / W)
Junction to Case Thermal Resistance (θ_{JC})	123.8

DC Electrical Characteristics

(T = 25 °C unless otherwise specified)

Param	Testing Conditions	Min	Typical	Max
Device Voltage, Vd	Vsupply = +5.0 V	+3.5 V	+4.0 V	+4.5 V
DC Supply Current	Vsupply = +5.0 V	94 mA	96 mA	98 mA
Power Dissipated	Vsupply = +5.0 V		0.38 W	

RF Performance

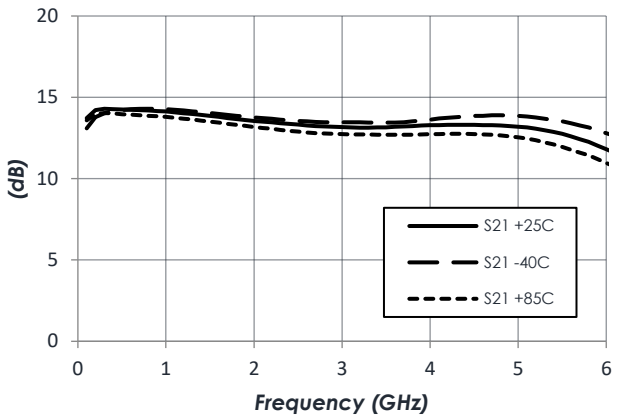
(T = 25 °C unless otherwise specified)

Param	Testing Conditions	Min	Typical	Max
Frequency Range		20 MHz		6 GHz
Gain	f = 3 GHz		13 dB	
Output IP3	f = 3 GHz		+36 dBm	
Output IP2	f = 3 GHz		+55.5 dBm	
Output P1dB	f = 3 GHz		+21 dBm	
Noise Figure	f = 3 GHz		2.7 dB	

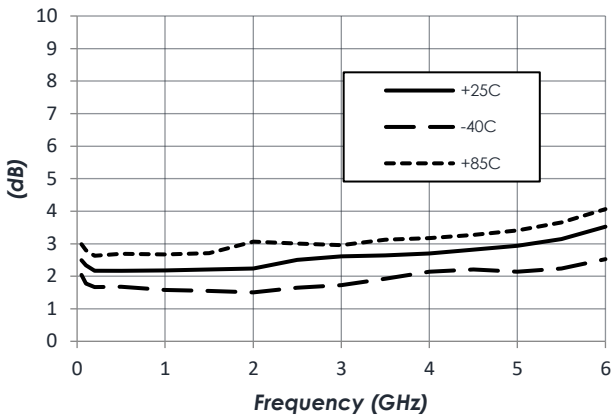
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE

(Vd = +4.0V, ID=96mA)

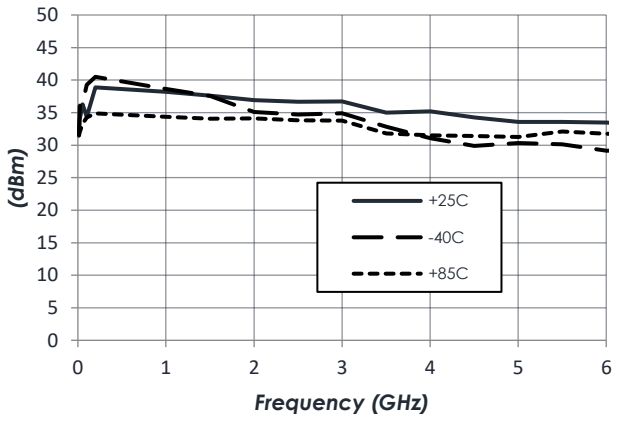
Gain vs Temperature



Noise Figure vs Temperature



Output IP3 vs Temperature



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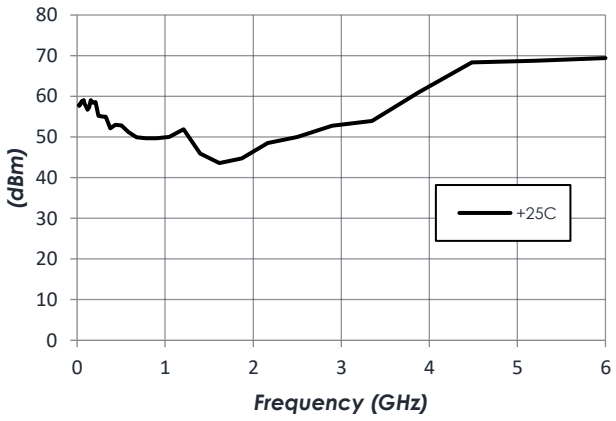
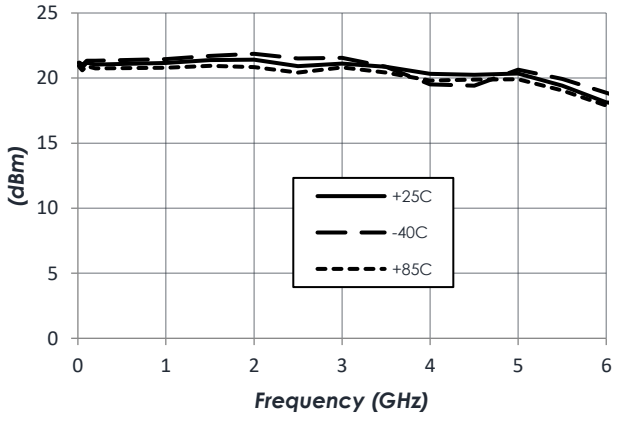
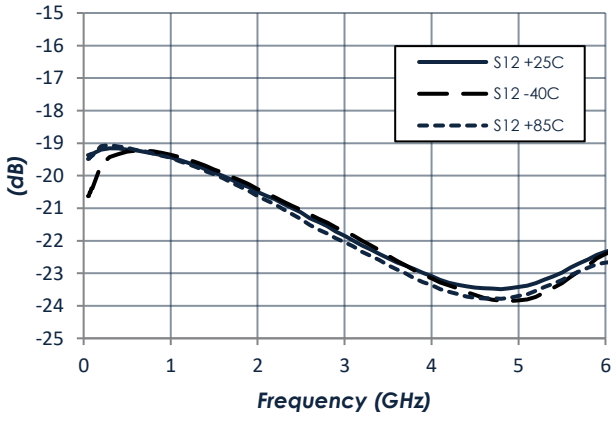


P1dB vs Temperature



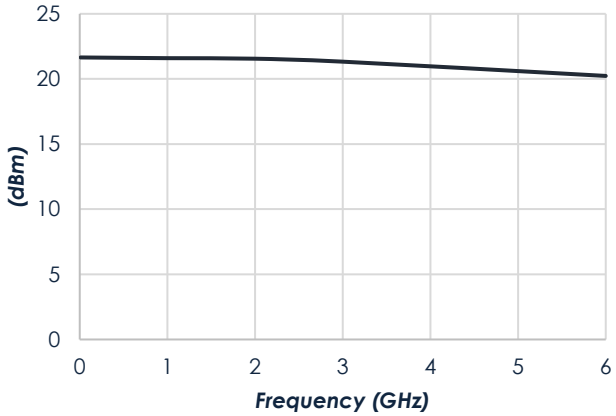
Reverse Isolation vs Temperature



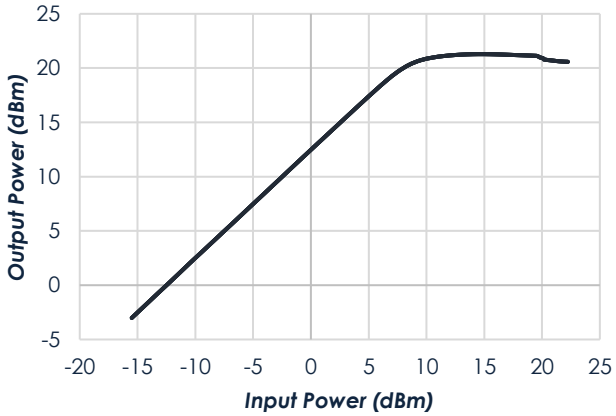
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

(VD = +3.3 V, ID = 85 mA)

Saturated Output Power



Pin vs Pout at 1GHz



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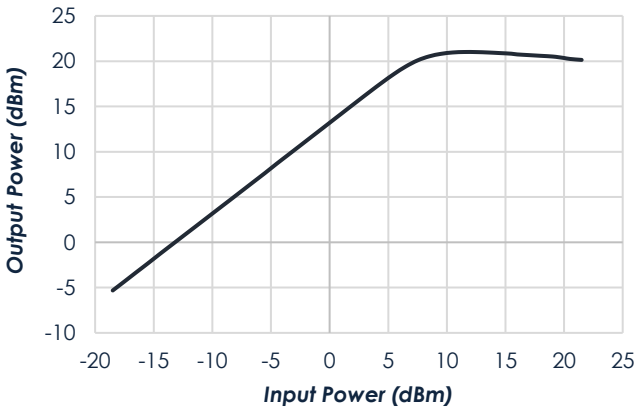

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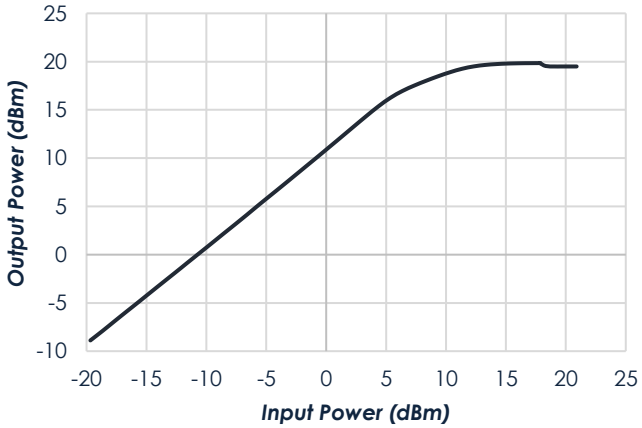

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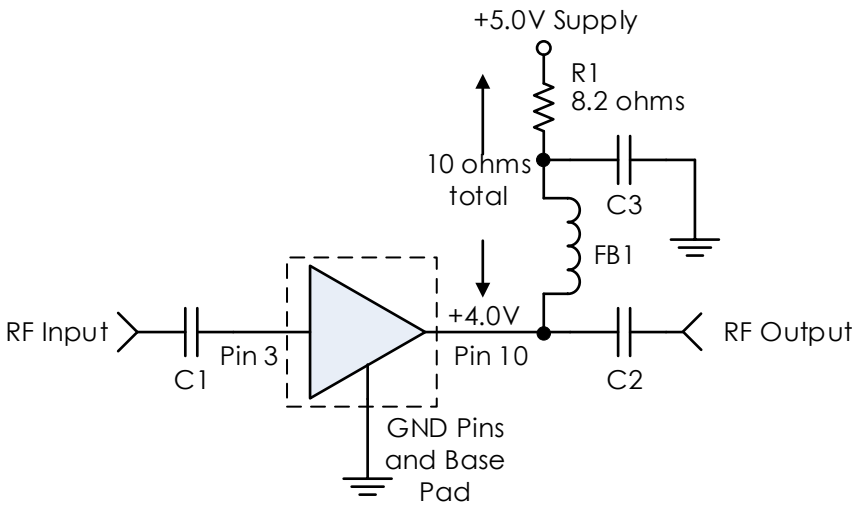


Recommended Component List (or Equivalent)

Part	Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
C1, C2	0.1 µF	0402BB104KW160	Passives Plus
C3	0.1 µF	GRM155R71C104KA88	Murata
FB1	-	MMZ1005A222E	TDK
R1	8.2 ohms	RL0510S-8R2-F	Susumu (1/6 W)

Notes:

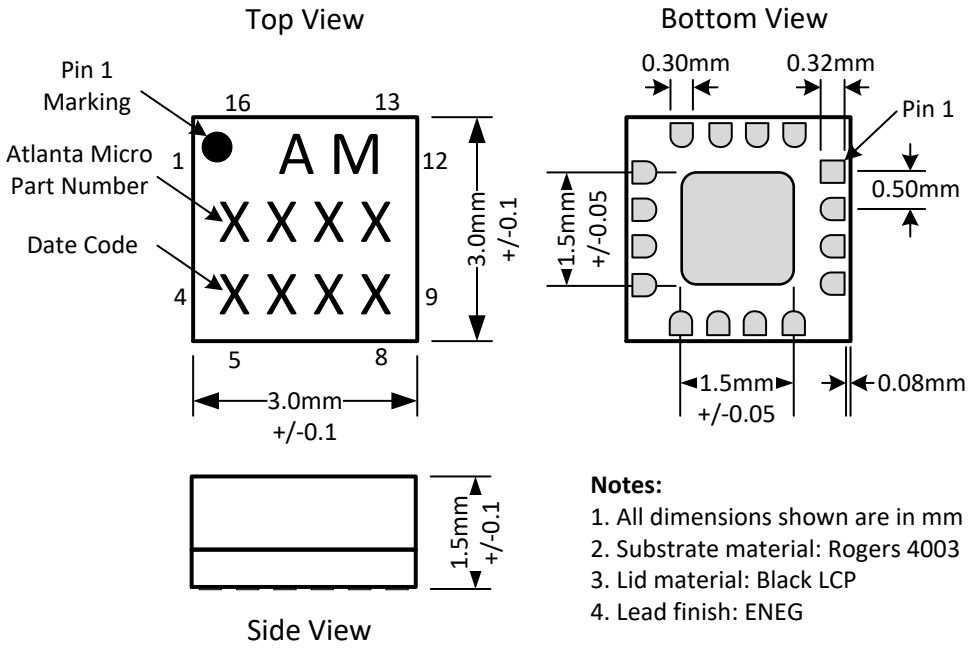
1. Dropping resistor R1 is required.

PART ORDERING DETAILS

Part Number	Description
AM1018C	3mm 16 Lead QFN
AM1018C Eval	AM1018C Evaluation Board
AM1018C-M	AM1018C in 0.95" x 1.13" x 0.6" RF-Shielded Module with Integrated Bias Tee and Field Replaceable SMA Connectors

PACKAGE DETAILS

Package Drawing



Notes:
1. All dimensions shown are in mm
2. Substrate material: Rogers 4003
3. Lid material: Black LCP
4. Lead finish: ENEG

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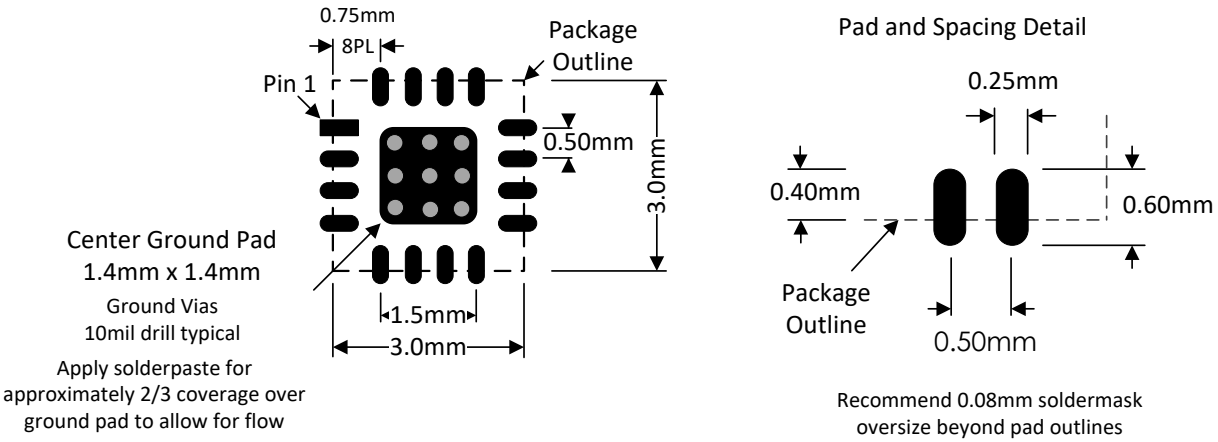

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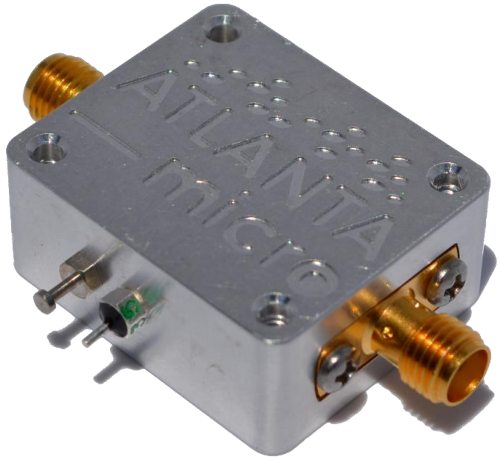

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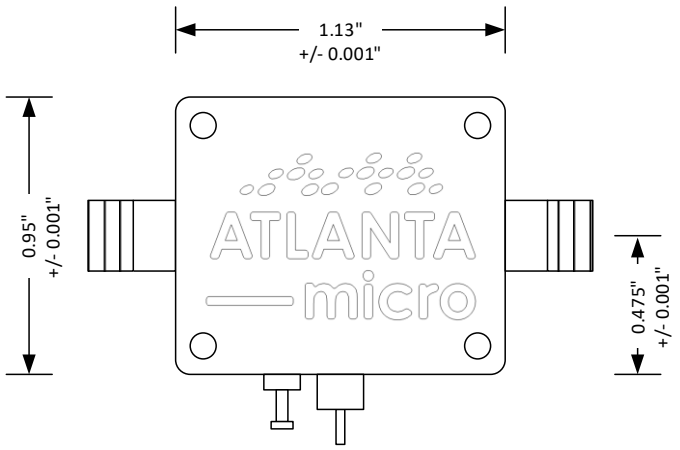

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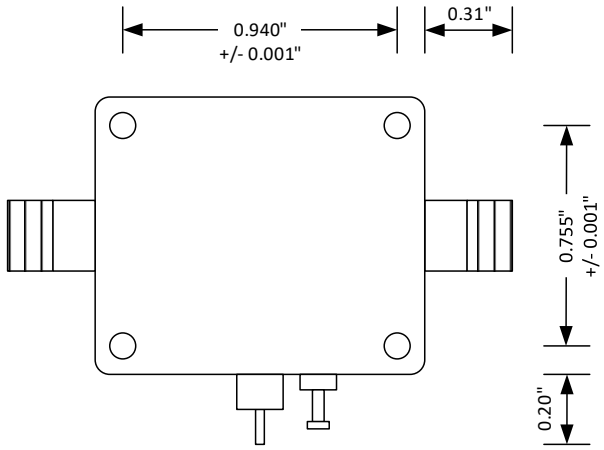
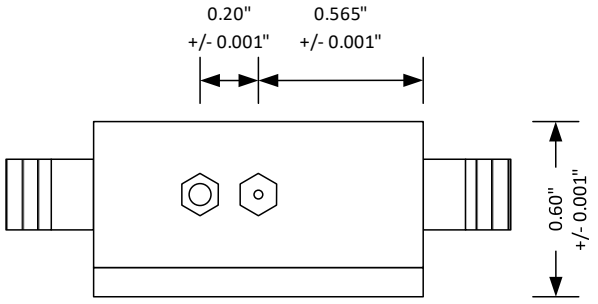
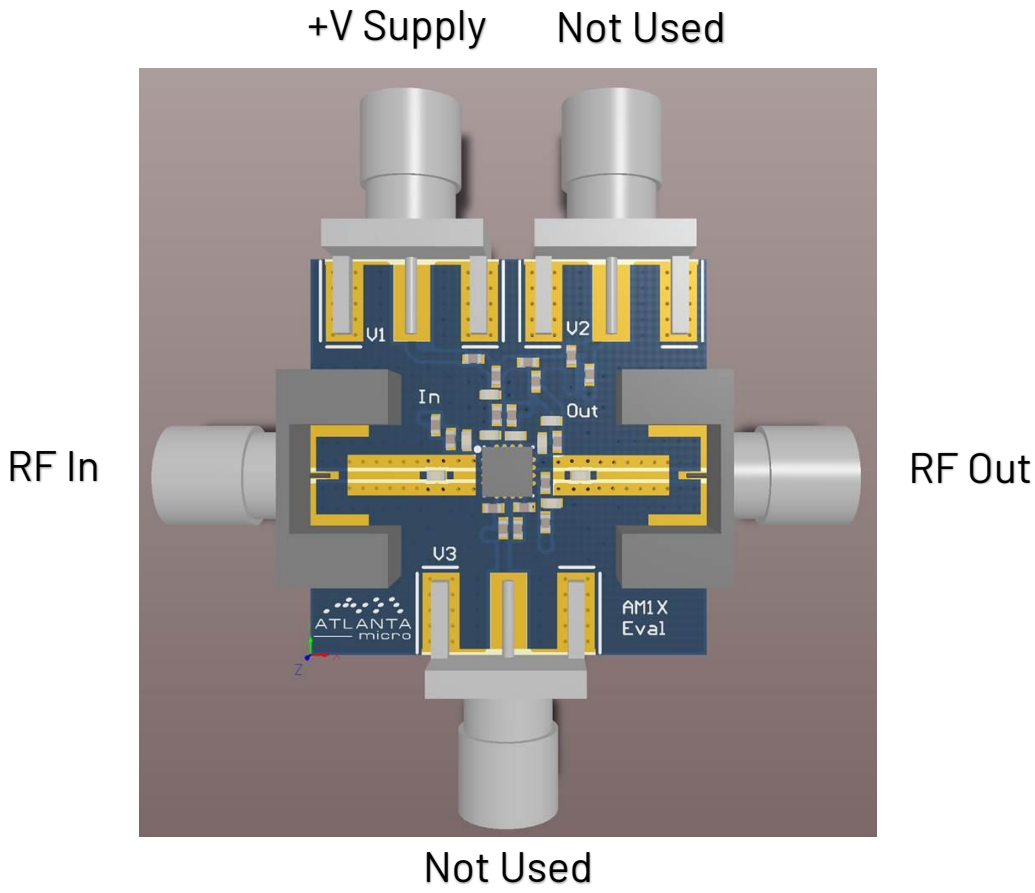




Front View

Notes:
1. All dimensions shown are in inches
2. Module material: Aluminum
3. Mounting Holes: 4-40 threaded on top side
4. RF I/O Interface: SMA
5. Power via metal turrets

AM1018C EVALUATION PC BOARD



RELATED PARTS

Part Number		Description
AM1016B	DC to 6 GHz	Gain Block
AM1031C	DC to 8 GHz	Gain Block
AM1063	DC to 10 GHz	Gain Block
AM1064	DC to 8 GHz	Gain Block

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Mercury (Hg)	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
Cadmium (Cd)	<75 PPM (0.0075% by weight)
Hexavalent Chromium (CrVI)	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
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