

AM1146 – Amplifier

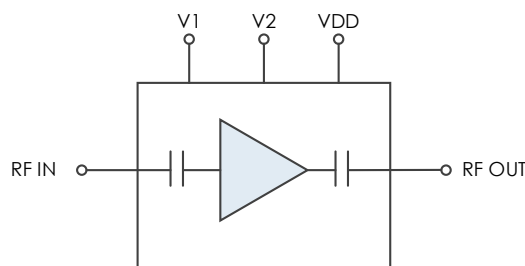
2 to 18 GHz Variable Gain Amplifier

The AM1146 is a wideband digitally controlled variable gain amplifier that covers the 2-18 GHz frequency range. It provides 2dB of gain variation with approximately equal steps of 0.6dB. Output IP3, P1dB, and noise figure are decoupled from the gain variation, so the AM1146 provides consistent noise figure and nonlinear performance for any gain state. The device is packaged in a 3mm QFN with internal 50Ω matching which makes the AM1146 ideal for demanding, low SWaP applications.

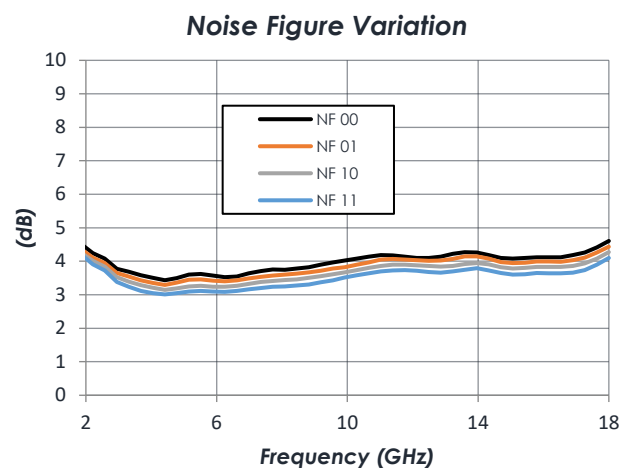
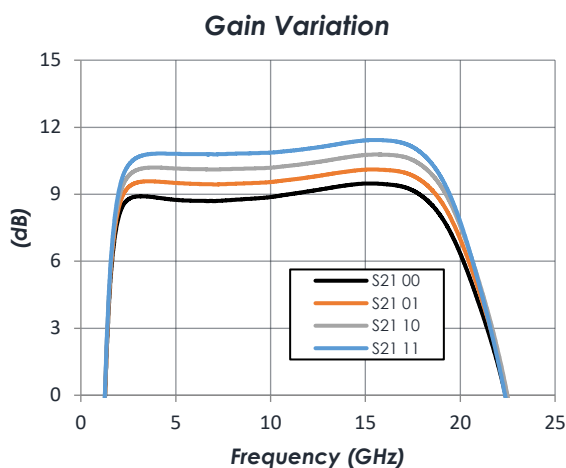
FEATURES

- 2 dB Total Gain Variation
- 9-11 dB Gain
- 3.6 dB Noise Figure
- +26 dBm OIP3
- +14 dB P1dB
- 260 mW DC Power Consumption
- +3.3V VDD and Control
- 3mm QFN Package
- -40C to +85C Operation
- Unconditionally Stable

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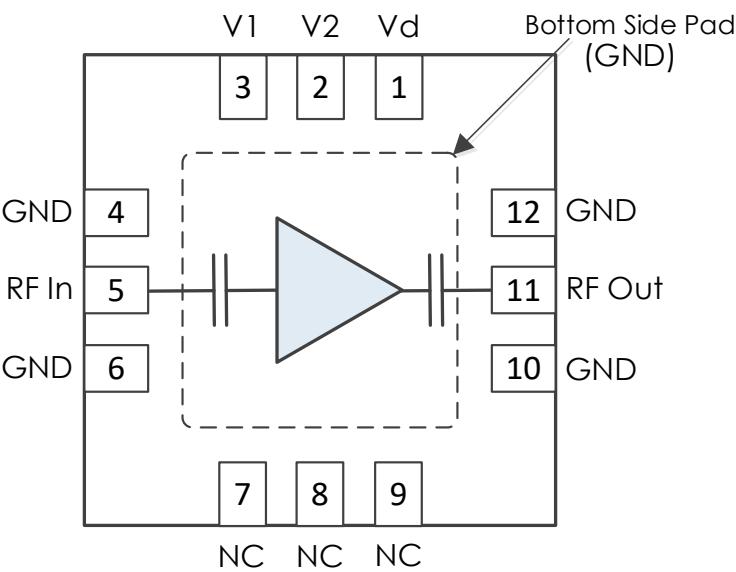
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REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Notes
March 18, 2022	1	Initial Release
February 12, 2025	2	Changed to Mercury branding. No content changes.

PIN LAYOUT AND DEFINITIONS



Pin	Name	Function
1	Vd	DC Power Input
2	V2	Control Voltage 2
3	V1	Control Voltage 1
4	GND	Ground - Common
5	RF In	RF Input - 50 Ohms - AC Coupled
6	GND	Ground - Common
7-9	NC	No Connect*
10	GND	Ground - Common
11	RF Out	RF Output - 50 Ohms - AC Coupled
12	GND	Ground - Common

***Note:** NC pins may be grounded or left floating.

SPECIFICATIONS

Absolute Maximum Ratings

	Minimum	Maximum
Supply Voltage	-0.3 V	+3.6 V
RF Input Power		+20 dBm
Storage Temperature Range	-55C	+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. Devices subjected to conditions outside of what is recommended for extended periods may affect device reliability.

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.

Timing Characteristics

(T = 25 °C unless otherwise specified)

Param	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
Switching Speed		20 ns	

Note: Timing Characteristics measured from 50% control to 90% RF.

Recommended Operating Conditions

	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
Supply Voltage		+3.3 V	
Operating Case Temperature	-40 C		+85 C

Thermal Information

Junction to Case Thermal Resistance (θ_{JC})	215 C/W
Nominal Junction Temperature at +85C Ambient	+142 C
Channel Temperature to Maintain 1 Million Hour MTTF	+175 C

DC Electrical Characteristics

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Param	Testing Conditions	Min	Typical	Max
DC Supply Voltage			+3.3 V	
DC Supply Current	All States, VDD = +3.3 V		79 mA	
Power Dissipated	VDD = +3.3 V		260 mW	
Logic Level Low		-0.1 V		+0.4 V
Logic Level High		+2.2 V		+VDD
DC Control Current	VDD = +3.3 V		<100 µA	

State Table

(T = 25 °C unless otherwise specified)

V1	V2	Gain (10 GHz)
Low	Low	8.9 dB
Low	High	9.6 dB
High	Low	10.2 dB
High	High	10.9 dB

RF Performance

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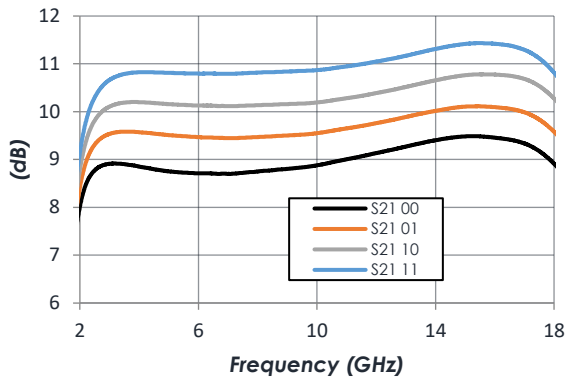
Param	Testing Conditions	Min	Typical	Max
Frequency Range		2 GHz		18 GHz
Gain	State 00, f=10 GHz		8.9 dB	
	State 01, f=10 GHz		9.6 dB	
	State 10, f=10 GHz		10.2 dB	
	State 11, f=10 GHz		10.9 dB	
Return Loss	State 00, f=10 GHz		-11.5 dB	
	State 01, f=10 GHz		-11.4 dB	
	State 10, f=10 GHz		-11.3 dB	
	State 11, f=10 GHz		-10.5 dB	
Output IP3	f = 10GHz		+26.5 dBm	
Output P1dB	f = 10GHz		+14 dBm	
Noise Figure	State 00, f=10 GHz		4.1 dB	
	State 01, f=10 GHz		3.8 dB	
	State 10, f=10 GHz		3.7 dB	
	State 11, f=10 GHz		3.6 dB	

***Note:** OIP3 measured with 10 MHz tone spacing.

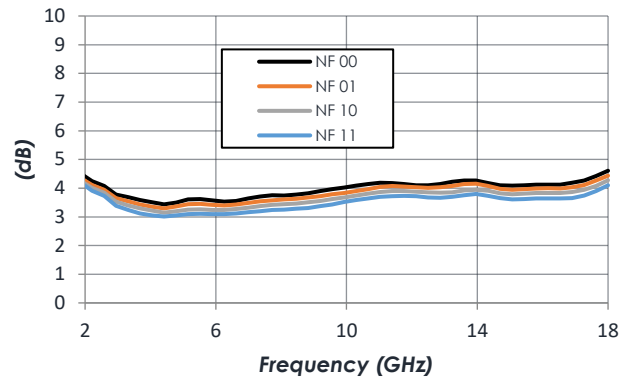
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE

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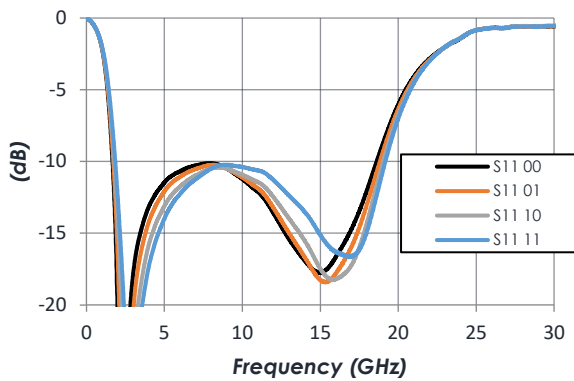
Gain Variation



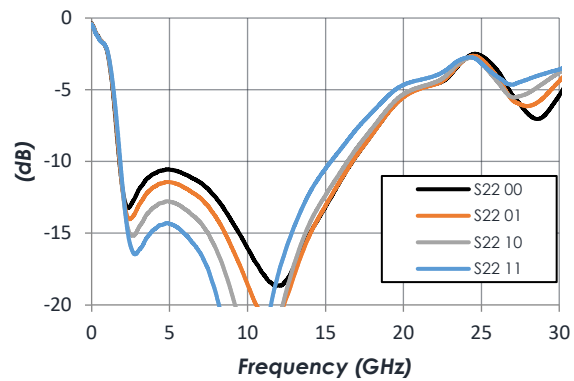
Noise Figure Variation



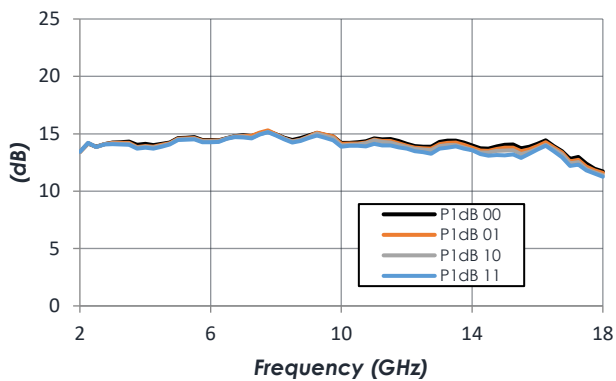
Input Return Loss Variation



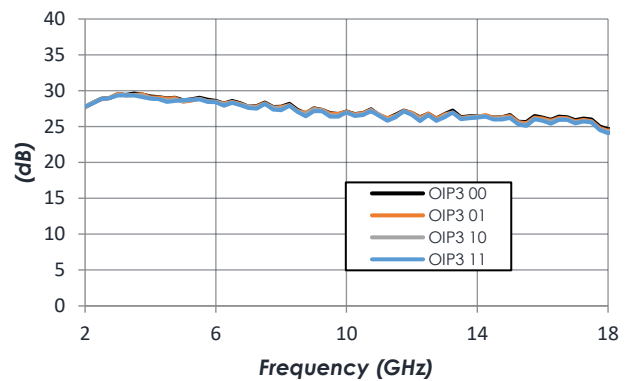
Output Return Loss Variation



P1dB Variation



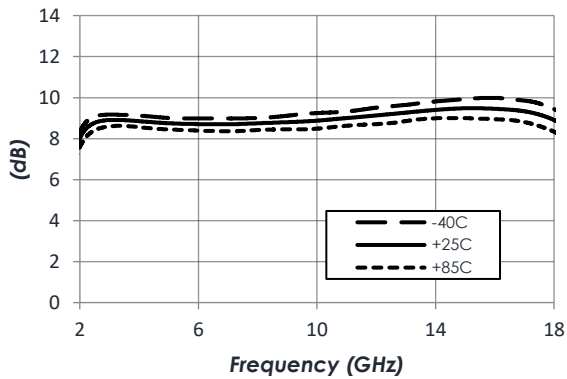
OIP3 Variation



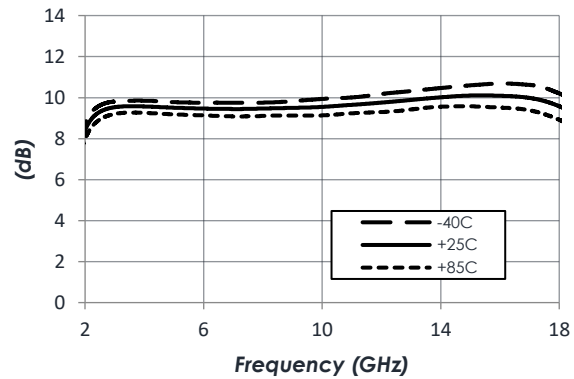
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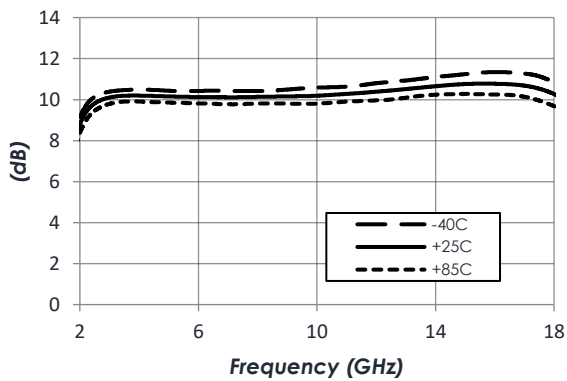
Gain vs Temperature State 00



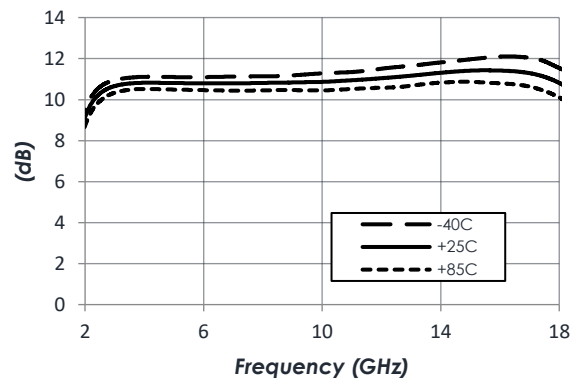
Gain vs Temperature State 01



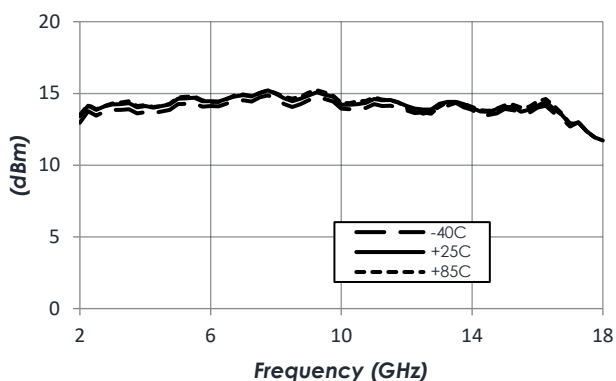
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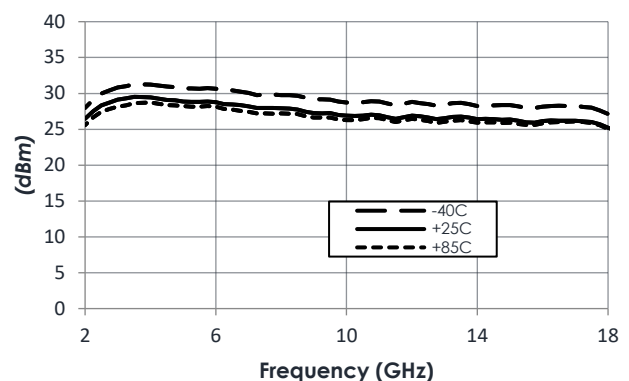
Gain vs Temperature State 11



P1dB vs Temperature



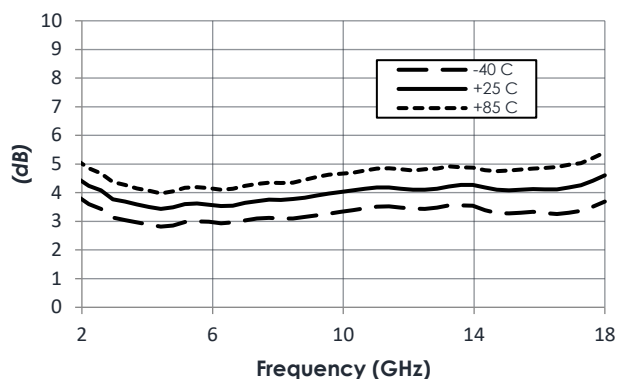
Output IP3 vs Temperature



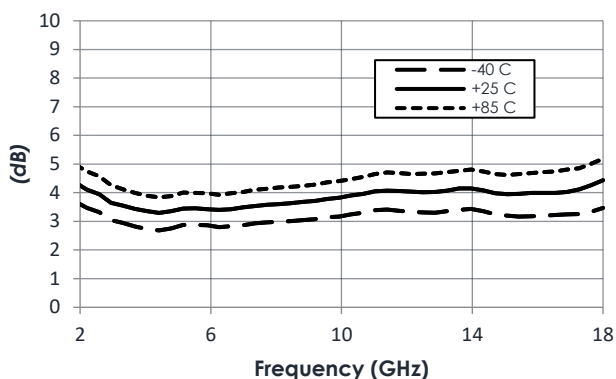
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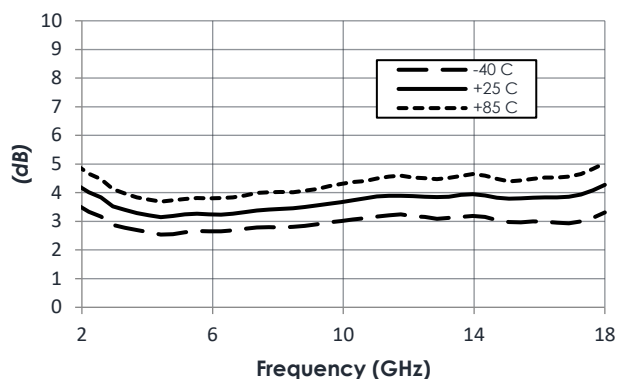
Noise Figure vs Temperature State 00



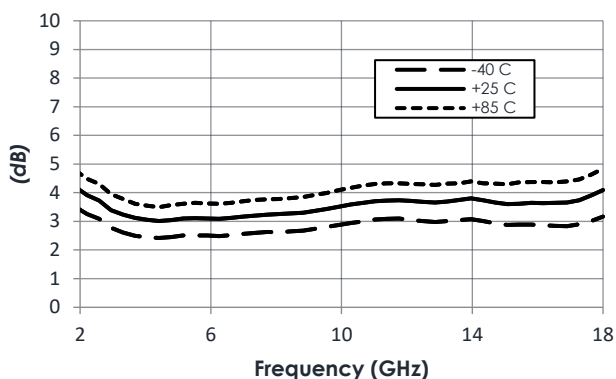
Noise Figure vs Temperature State 01



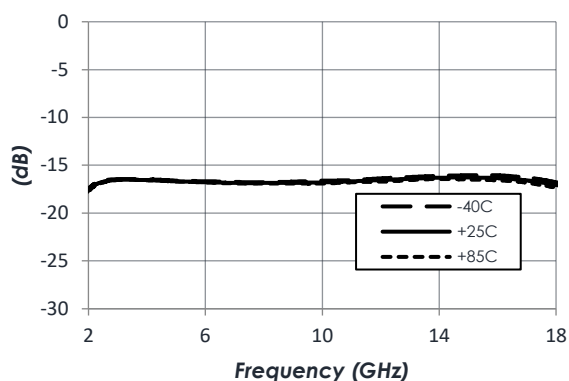
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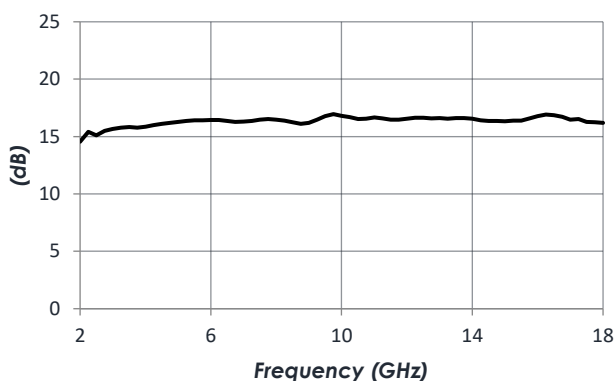
Noise Figure vs Temperature State 11



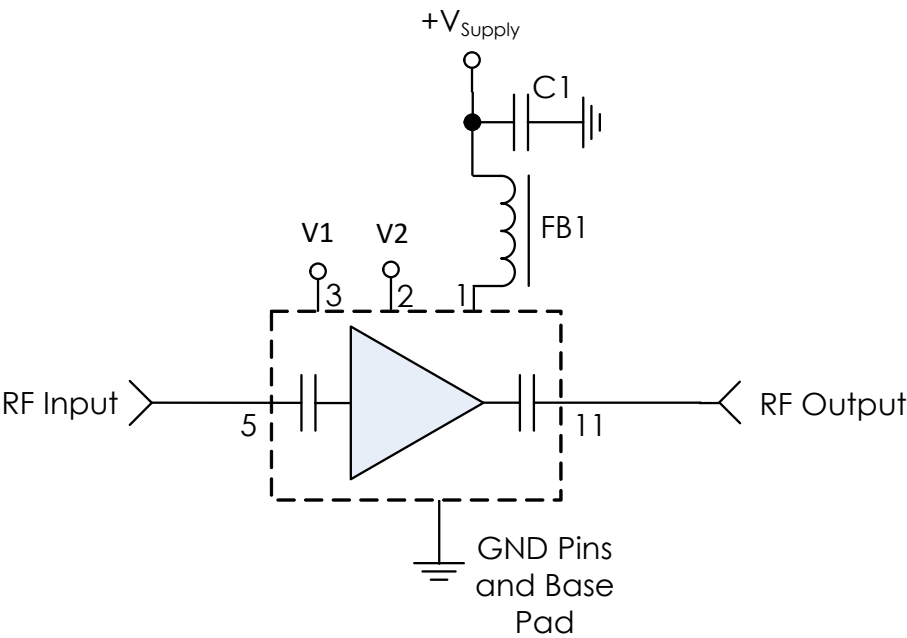
Typical Reverse Isolation vs Temperature



Power Saturation State 11



TYPICAL APPLICATION



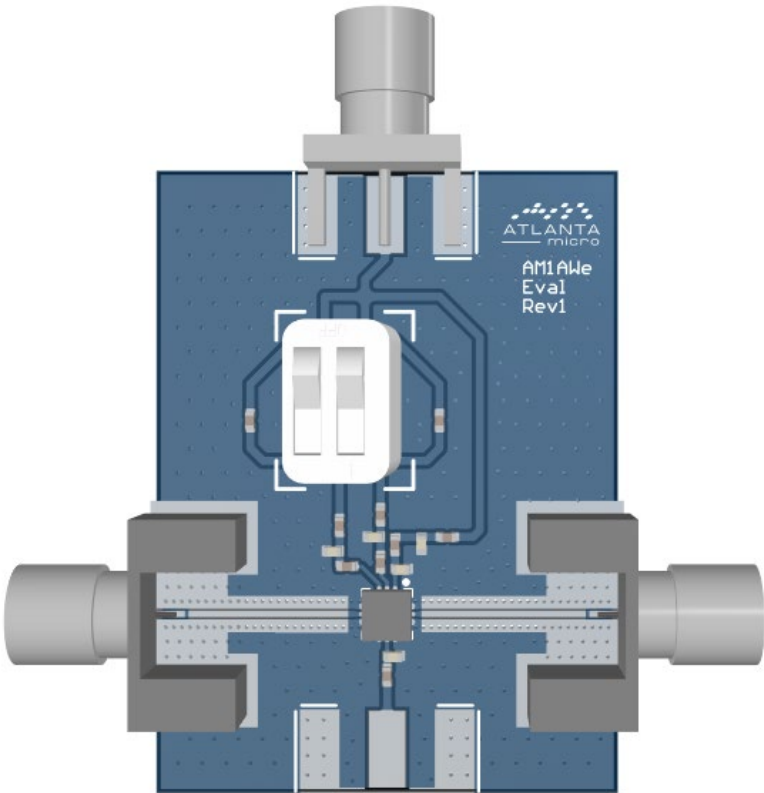
Recommended Component List (or Equivalent)

Part	Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
C1	0.1 μ F	C1005X7R1H104K05BB	TDK
FB1	-	MMZ1005A222E	TDK

Notes:

- 1. Control lines are filtered internally providing high frequency isolation.
- 2. AM1146 is AC coupled. No external DC blocking caps are required.

EVALUATION PC BOARD



RELATED PARTS

Part Number		Description
AM1101	2 GHz to 26.5 GHz	Bypassable Amplifier
AM1102	2 GHz to 22 GHz	Low Noise Amplifier
AM1134	6 GHz to 26.5 GHz	Low Noise Amplifier
AM1135	6 GHz to 26.5 GHz	Variable Gain Amplifier
AM1145	2 GHz to 18 GHz	Variable Slope Amplifier

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