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AM3029 – Tunable Filter Digitally Tunable 1.5 to 3.0 GHz Lowpass



The AM3029 is a miniature digitally tunable lowpass filter covering the 1.5 to 3.0 GHz frequency range. The filter provides 16 selectable lowpass cutoff states with 4 digital control bits. The tunable lowpass filter can be combined with one of Mercury's tunable highpass filters to provide a flexible tunable bandpass filter solution. AM3029 is packaged in a 4mm QFN package and operates over the -40C to +100C temperature range.

FEATURES

- Discrete low pass cutoff steps
- 4-bit control, 3V or 5V logic
- No calibration required
- 5V DC supply
- 4mm QFN package
- -40C to +100C operation

FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



CHARACTERISTIC PERFORMANCE



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REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Notes
May 16, 2016	1	Initial Release.
May 16, 2016	2	Updated NC pin recommendation.
May 19, 2016	3	Updated recommended components.
January 20, 2017	4	Updated business address.
February 16, 2017	5	Added recommended footprint.
May 26, 2021	6	Added group delay plots, moved package information to separate document, updated datasheet format.
June 4, 2021	7	Increased operating temperature to +100C.
June 20, 2024	8	Changed to Mercury branding. No content changes.

PIN LAYOUT AND DEFINITIONS



Pin	Name	Function
1-2	GND	Ground – Common
3	RF 1	RF Port 1 – 50 ohms, DC coupled. External AC coupling capacitor required.
4 - 5	GND	Ground – Common
6	NC	Do Not Connect
7	Vcc	+5.0V DC Power Input
8	А	Filter Control Bit A
9	В	Filter Control Bit B
10	С	Filter Control Bit C
11	D	Filter Control Bit D
12	NC	Do Not Connect
13 - 15	GND	Ground – Common
16	RF 2	RF Port 2 – 50 ohms, DC coupled. External AC coupling capacitor required.
17 - 24	GND	Ground – Common
Base Pad	GND	Ground – Common

SPECIFICATIONS

Absolute Maximum Ratings

	Minimum	Maximum
Supply Voltage	-0.3 V	+6.0 V
RF Input Power		+27 dBm
Operating Junction Temperature	-40 C	+150 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.

Handling Information

	Minimum	Maximum
Storage Temperature Range	-50 C	+125 C
Moisture Sensitivity Level	MSL 1	



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

Recommended Operating Conditions

	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
Supply Voltage		+5.0 V	
Operating Case Temperature	-40 C		+100 C
Operating Junction Temperature	-40 C		+125 C

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DC Electrical Characteristics

(T = 25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ unless otherwise specified)

Param	Testing Conditions	Min	Typical	Max
DC Supply Voltage		+4.7 V	+5.0 V	+5.2 V
DC Supply Current	VDD = +5.0 V		1 mA	
Power Dissipated	VDD = +5.0 V		5 mW	
Logic Level Low		-0.1 V		+0.5 V
Logic Level High		+2.0 V		+5.0 V

State Table

D	C	В	A	Typical Cutoff Freq. (GHz)
L	L	L	L	1.50
L	L	L	Н	1.55
L	L	Н	L	1.59
L	L	Н	Н	1.65
L	Н	L	L	1.70
L	Н	L	Н	1.78
L	Н	Н	L	1.84
L	Н	Н	Н	1.92
Н	L	L	L	2.00
Н	L	L	Н	2.10
Н	L	Н	L	2.20
Н	L	Н	Н	2.33
Н	Н	L	L	2.49
Н	Н	L	Н	2.67
Н	Н	Н	L	2.86
Н	Н	Н	Н	3.12

RF Performance

(T = 25 $^{\circ}$ C unless otherwise specified)

Param	Testing Conditions	Min	Typical	Max
Cutoff Frequency Range		1.5 GHz		3.0 GHz
Insertion Loss	f = 10 MHz, ABCD = 1111		0.6 dB	
	f = 1.5 GHz, ABCD = 1111		1.5 dB	
	f = 3 GHz, ABCD = 1111		4.2 dB	
Return Loss	f = 10 MHz, ABCD = 1111		26.9 dB	
	f = 1.5 GHz, ABCD = 1111		15.0 dB	
	f = 3 GHz, ABCD = 1111		11.4 dB	
Input IP3	ABCD = 1111		+40 dBm	

Timing Characteristic

	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
Switching Speed			1µs

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(T = 25 °C unless otherwise specified. Only some states shown for simplicity. Refer to s-parameters available for download on the Mercury website for more information.)



TYPICAL APPLICATION

Multiple Passives



Recommended Component List (or Equivalent)

Part	Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
C1, C2	0.1 uF	0402BB104KW160	Passives Plus
C3,C4,C5,C6,C7	0.1uF	C1005X7R1H104K050BB	TDK
FB1	-	MMZ1005A222E	TDK
R1,R2,R3,R4	100 Ohms	CRCW0402100RFKED	Vishay

Notes:

- 1. RF blocking capacitors should be high performance, low-loss, broadband capacitors for optimum performance.
- 2. RC filtering on the control lines is recommended to prevent digital noise from coupling to the RF path.
 - a. Select control line RC filter values based on desired logic source decoupling and switching speed.

Smallest Footprint



Recommended Component List (or Equivalent)

Part	Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
C1, C2	0.1 uF	0402BB104KW160	Passives Plus
FB1		MMZ1005A222E	ТДК
A1		AM35	Mercury

Notes:

- 1. RF blocking capacitors should be high performance, low-loss, broadband capacitors for optimum performance.
- 2. AM35 provides power and control line filtering with high frequency isolation to 50+ GHz.
 - a. AM35 is a 1.5mm x 3mm (0.5mm pitch) EMI filter bank providing a small total footprint for applications with tight space requirements.
 - b. Ferrite bead in series with power line provides better low frequency isolation.
 - c. See AM35 datasheet for performance details.

EVALUATION PC BOARD



RELATED PARTS

Part Number		Description
AM35	100 MHz to 40 GHz	Stopband, EMI filter bank
AM3150	30 MHz to 550 MHz	Digitally Tunable Lowpass
AM3034	150 MHz to 450 MHz	Digitally Tunable Lowpass
AM3035	500 MHz to 1200 MHz	Digitally Tunable Lowpass
AM3030	3.5 GHz to 6.5 GHz	Digitally Tunable Lowpass
AM3107	6 GHz to 12 GHz	Digitally Tunable Lowpass
AM3151	20 MHz to 320 MHz	Digitally Tunable Highpass
AM3033	100 MHz to 225 MHz	Digitally Tunable Highpass
AM3036	330 MHz to 700 MHz	Digitally Tunable Highpass
AM3031	1 GHz to 1.8 GHz	Digitally Tunable Highpass
AM3032	2.5 GHz to 4.5 GHz	Digitally Tunable Highpass

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