

SiGe – Low Noise Amplifier (900 MHz)



Description

The TST0950 is a low-noise amplifier (LNA) in SiGe technology. This LNA offers the possibility to apply a gain switching through a control input pin, and provides a power-down mode function for extending the battery operation time.

In low-gain mode, the output drive capability is not reduced, resulting in improved intermodulation performance. The nominal gain is very precise and has max. ± 1.0 dB gain variation over full temperature range and supply-voltage range.

Electrostatic sensitive device.
Observe precautions for handling.



Features

- Input frequency 925 to 960 MHz
- Low noise figure at high gain mode (typ. 2.2 dB)
- Precise gain (19 dB, ± 1.0 dB)
- Low- / high gain mode
- High gain flatness (± 0.3 dB max.)
- Power-down function
- High reverse isolation (min. -40 dB)
- Small package (TSSO8)

Block Diagram

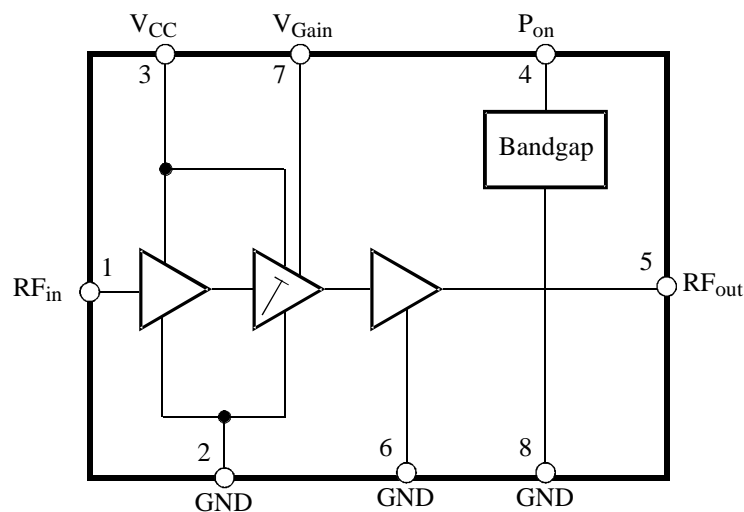


Figure 1. Block diagram

Ordering Information

Extended Type Number	Package	Remarks
TST0950-MFDG3	TSSO8	Taped and reeled

Pin Description

Pin	Symbol	Function
1	RF _{in}	RF input
2	GND	Ground
3	V _{CC}	Supply voltage
4	P _{on}	Power-down input
5	RF _{out}	RF output
6	GND	Ground
7	V _{Gain}	Gain switching input
8	GND	Ground

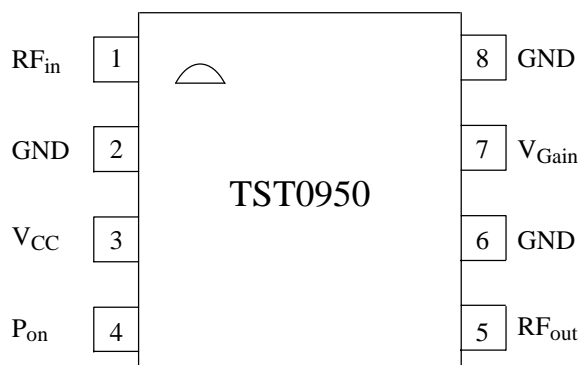


Figure 2. Pinning

Functional Description

The TST0950 is a very precise amplifier, especially designed for GSM telephone applications. The circuit consists of three stages. By attenuating the output signal of the first stage, the complete amplifier gain is reduced and the intermodulation behavior is improved.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

All voltages refer to GND (Pins 2, 6 and 8)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Max.	Unit
Supply voltage Pin 3	V _{CC}	2.7	3.3	V
Junction temperature	T _j	−40	+125	°C
Storage temperature	T _{stg}	−40	+150	°C
Input power Pin 1	RF _{in}	–	−10	dBm
Power-down input Pin 4	P _{on}	0	V _{CC}	V
Gain switching input Pin 7	V _{Gain}	0	V _{CC}	V

Solder Reflow Profile (SMD Packages)

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
Maximum heating rate	T _D	1 to 3	°C/s
Peak temperature in preheat zone	T _{PH}	100 to 140	°C
Duration of time above melting point of solder	t _{MP}	Min. 10 / Max. 130	s
Peak reflow temperature	T _{Peak}	220 to 225	°C
Maximum cooling rate	T _{Peak}	2 to 4	°C/s

Wave Soldering (Through-Hole Packages)

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
Maximum lead temperature (5 s)	T _D	260	°C

Operating Range

All voltages refer to GND (Pins 2, 6 and 8)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Supply voltage	V_{CC}	2.7	2.8	2.9	V
Ambient temperature	T_{amb}	-20		+70	°C
Input frequency	f_{in}	925		960	MHz

Note for biasing: supply first V_{CC} , then P_{on} and V_{Gain} (see absolute maximum ratings)

Electrical Characteristics

Test conditions: $V_{CC} = +2.8$ V, $T_{amb} = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$, unless otherwise specified,

^{*)} with external matching (see application circuit)

Parameter	Test Conditions / Pins	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Power supply						
Supply voltage	Pin 3	V_{CC}	2.7	2.8	2.9	V
Current consumption		I_a		10	12	mA
active mode		I_{pd}		50	200	μA
power-down mode						
IF input						
Input impedance ^{*)}	Pin 1	Z_i		50		Ω
Output impedance ^{*)}	Pin 5	Z_o		50		Ω
Frequency band		f_{in}	925		960	MHz
Nominal gain	Pin 1 to 5	G	18	19	20	dB
Gain attenuation related to nominal gain	Pin 1 to 5	ΔG	15		17	dB
Gain flatness	Pin 1 to 5		-0.3		+0.3	dB
Noise figure	Pin 1 to 5					
in low-gain mode		NF		11	20	dB
in high-gain mode		NF		2.2	2.5	dB
Input VSWR ^{*)}	LNA active					
in low-gain mode	Pin 1	VSWR			2:1	
in high-gain mode		VSWR			2:1	
Output VSWR ^{*)}	LNA active					
	PON = '1' Pin 5	VSWR			2:1	
	LNA inactive					
	PON = '0' Pin 5	VSWR			3:1	
Input 1 dB compression point						
in low-gain mode	Pin 1 to 5		-16			dBm
in high-gain mode			-21			dBm
Input intercept point 3rd order						
in low-gain mode	Pin 1 to 5		-7			dBm
in high-gain mode			-12			dBm
Reverse isolation						
in low-gain mode	Pin 5 to 1		40			dB
in high-gain mode			38			dB

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

Test conditions: $V_{CC} = +2.8\text{ V}$, $T_{amb} = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$, unless otherwise specified,
 *) with external matching (see application circuit)

Parameter	Test Conditions / Pins	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Control function						
Control inputs threshold high level	Pins 4 and 7	V_{TH}	$0.97 \times V_{CC}$		$0.03 \times V_{CC}$	V
low level		V_{TH}				V
Leakage current on control inputs low level	Pins 4 and 7	I_l			100	μA

Power-Down Logic

Level	P_{on}	Power Status
	'0'	Power OFF
	'1'	Power ON

Gain Control Logic

Gain Level	V_{Gain}	Gain
	'0'	Minimum gain
	'1'	Maximum gain

Test Circuit

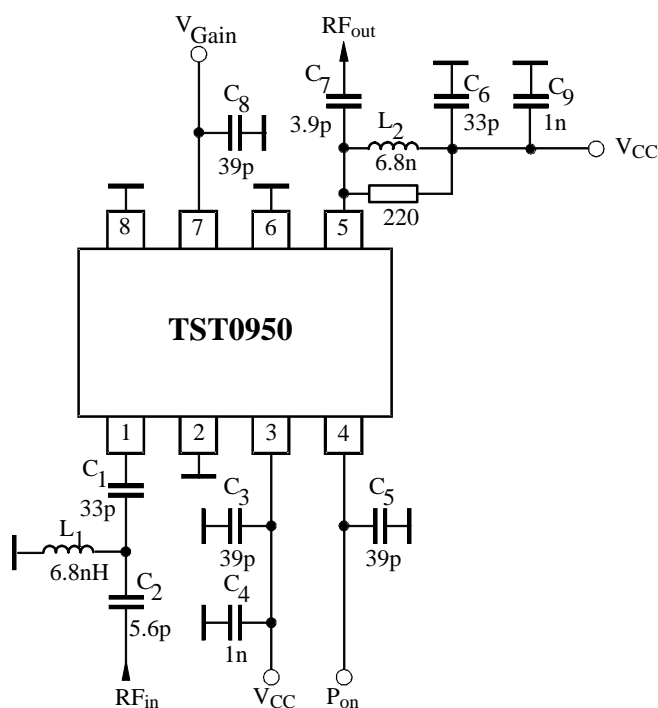
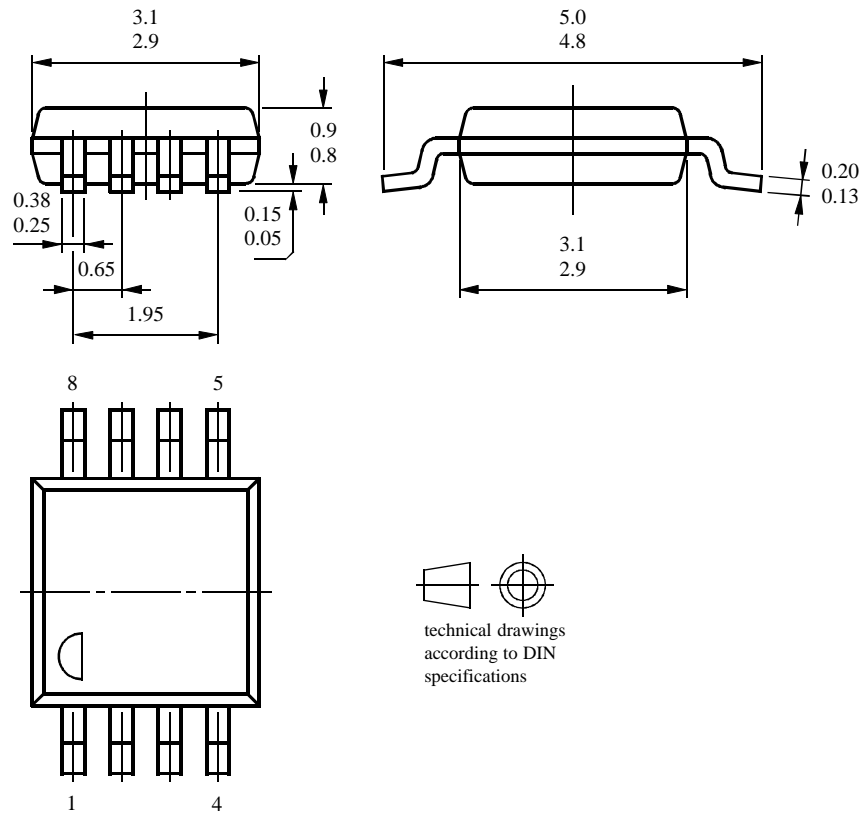


Figure 3. Test circuit

Package Information

Package TSSO8

Dimensions in mm



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