Ku Band 6.5 W Power Amplifier

**Key Features**
- Frequency Range: 13 - 18 GHz
- 38.5 dBm Nominal Psat from 13.75 - 14 GHz
- 38 dBm Nominal Psat from 13-16 GHz
- 37.5 dBm Nominal Psat from 16-18 GHz
- 33 dBc IMD3 @ 27 dBm Pout/tone @ 14 GHz
- 24 dB Nominal Gain
- 12 dB Nominal Return Loss
- 0.25-µm 3MI pHEMT Technology
- Bias Conditions: 8 V @ 2.6 A Idq
- Chip size: 2.87 x 3.90 x .10 mm
- (0.113 x 0.154 x 0.004)

**Primary Applications**
- Ku band VSAT Transmitter
- Point to Point Radio

**Product Description**

The TriQuint TGA2514 is a compact 6.5 W Ku-band Power Amplifier which operates from 13-18 GHz. The TGA2514 is designed using TriQuint’s proven standard 0.25-µm gate pHEMT production process.

The TGA2514 provides a nominal 38 dBm of saturated power with a small signal gain of 24 dB. Typical return loss is 14 dB.

The TGA2514 is 100% DC and RF tested on-wafer to ensure performance compliance.

*Note: Datasheet is subject to change without notice.*
### TABLE I
Absolute Maximum Ratings 1/  

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<tr>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<tr>
<td>V+</td>
<td>Positive Supply Voltage</td>
<td>9 V</td>
<td>2/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V-</td>
<td>Negative Supply Voltage Range</td>
<td>-5V TO 0V</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Id</td>
<td>Drain Current</td>
<td>3.8 A</td>
<td>2/</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ig</td>
<td>Gate Current Range</td>
<td>-18 to 18 mA</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Pin</td>
<td>Input Continuous Wave Power</td>
<td>21 dBm</td>
<td>2/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tchannel</td>
<td>Channel Temperature</td>
<td>200 °C</td>
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1/ These ratings represent the maximum operable values for this device. Stresses beyond those listed under “Absolute Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device and/or affect device lifetime. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these conditions is not implied.

2/ Combinations of supply voltage, supply current, input power, and output power shall not exceed maximum power dissipation listed in Table IV.
TABLE II
RF CHARACTERIZATION TABLE
\( (T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}, \text{Nominal}) \)
\( (V_d = 8\text{V}, I_d = 2.6\text{ A}) \)

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<tr>
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<th>TEST CONDITION</th>
<th>TYPICAL</th>
<th>UNITS</th>
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<tr>
<td>Gain</td>
<td>Small Signal Gain</td>
<td>( f = 13-18\text{ GHz} )</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>dB</td>
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<tr>
<td>IRL</td>
<td>Input Return Loss</td>
<td>( f = 13-18\text{ GHz} )</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>dB</td>
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<tr>
<td>ORL</td>
<td>Output Return Loss</td>
<td>( f = 13-18\text{ GHz} )</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>dB</td>
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<tr>
<td>Psat</td>
<td>Saturated Power</td>
<td>( f = 13-16\text{ GHz} ) ( f = 16-18\text{ GHz} )</td>
<td>38 ( \begin{array}{c} \text{37.5} \end{array} )</td>
<td>dBm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOI</td>
<td>Third Order Intercept @ Pout/tone = 27dBm</td>
<td>( f = 14\text{ GHz} )</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>dBm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IMD3</td>
<td>Output IMD3 @ Pout/tone = 27 dBm</td>
<td>( f = 14\text{ GHz} )</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>dBc</td>
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Note: Table III Lists the RF Characteristics of typical devices as determined by fixture measurements.
# TABLE III
Power Dissipation and Thermal Properties

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<th>Test Conditions</th>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum Power Dissipation</td>
<td>T_{baseplate} = 70</td>
<td>P_d = 33.3 W</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>T_{channel} = 200 °C</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thermal Resistance, $\theta_{jc}$</td>
<td>V_d = 8V</td>
<td>$\theta_{jc} = 3.9 \degree C/W$</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>I_d = 2.6 A</td>
<td>T_{channel} = 151 °C</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>P_d = 20.8 W</td>
<td>T_m = 9.3E5 hrs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thermal Resistance, $\theta_{jc}$ Under RF Drive</td>
<td>V_d = 8 V</td>
<td>$\theta_{jc} = 3.9 \degree C/W$</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>I_d = 3.6 A</td>
<td>T_{channel} = 158 °C</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>P_{out} = 38 dBm</td>
<td>T_m = 5.2E5 hrs</td>
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<td></td>
<td>P_d = 22.5 W</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mounting Temperature</td>
<td>30 Seconds</td>
<td>320°C</td>
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<tr>
<td>Storage Temperature</td>
<td></td>
<td>-65 to 150°C</td>
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Median Lifetime (T_m) vs. Channel Temperature (T_{ch})

![Graph showing the relationship between median lifetime (T_m) and channel temperature (T_{ch}).](image-url)
Measured Fixture Data
Bias Conditions: $V_d = 8\, V$, $I_d = 2.6\, A$
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Bias Conditions: \( V_d = 8 \, \text{V}, \, I_{dq} = 2.6 \, \text{A} \)

- **Power Output (dBm)** vs. Input Power (dBm)
  - Frequency bands: 13 GHz, 13.5 GHz, 14 GHz, 14.5 GHz, 15 GHz, 15.5 GHz, 16 GHz, 16.5 GHz, 17 GHz, 17.5 GHz, 18 GHz

- **Drain Current (A)** vs. Input Power (dBm)
  - Frequency bands: 13 GHz, 13.5 GHz, 14 GHz, 14.5 GHz, 15 GHz, 15.5 GHz, 16 GHz, 16.5 GHz, 17 GHz, 17.5 GHz, 18 GHz

- **Power Gain (dB)** vs. Input Power (dBm)
  - Frequency bands: 13 GHz, 13.5 GHz, 14 GHz, 14.5 GHz, 15 GHz, 15.5 GHz, 16 GHz, 16.5 GHz, 17 GHz, 17.5 GHz, 18 GHz
Measured Fixture Data
Bias Conditions: $V_d = 8\,V$, $I_{dq} = 2.6\,A$

**Top Graph:**
- TOI (dBm) vs. Output Power/Tone (dBm)
- Frequency bands from 13 GHz to 18 GHz

**Bottom Graph:**
- IMD3 (dBc) vs. Output Power/Tone (dBm)
- Frequency bands from 13 GHz to 18 GHz
Recommended Chip Assembly Diagram

GaAs MMIC devices are susceptible to damage from Electrostatic Discharge. Proper precautions should be observed during handling, assembly and test.

Notes:
1. Vg can be connected from either side, but 100 pf, 0.01 uf, 1uf caps and 10 ohm resistor are needed for both sides.
2. Vd connection must be biased from both sides.
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Assembly Process Notes

Reflow process assembly notes:

- Use AuSn (80/20) solder with limited exposure to temperatures at or above 300°C (for 30 sec max).
- An alloy station or conveyor furnace with reducing atmosphere should be used.
- No fluxes should be utilized.
- Coefficient of thermal expansion matching is critical for long-term reliability.
- Devices must be stored in a dry nitrogen atmosphere.

Component placement and adhesive attachment assembly notes:

- Vacuum pencils and/or vacuum collets are the preferred method of pick up.
- Air bridges must be avoided during placement.
- The force impact is critical during auto placement.
- Organic attachment can be used in low-power applications.
- Curing should be done in a convection oven; proper exhaust is a safety concern.
- Microwave or radiant curing should not be used because of differential heating.
- Coefficient of thermal expansion matching is critical.

Interconnect process assembly notes:

- Thermosonic ball bonding is the preferred interconnect technique.
- Force, time, and ultrasonics are critical parameters.
- Aluminum wire should not be used.
- Discrete FET devices with small pad sizes should be bonded with 0.0007-inch wire.
- Maximum stage temperature is 200°C.

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