



GPS1502L

SiGe:C low-noise amplifier MMIC for GPS, GLONASS, Galileo and COMPASS

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Product data sheet

1 General description

The GPS1502L is a Low-Noise Amplifier (LNA) for GNSS receiver applications and is available in a small plastic 6-pin extremely thin leadless package. The GPS1502L requires only one external matching inductor.

The GPS1502L adapts itself to the changing environment resulting from co-habitation of different radio systems in modern cellular handsets. It has been designed for low power consumption and optimal performance when jamming signals from co-existing cellular transmitters are present. At low jamming power levels, it delivers 17 dB gain at a noise figure of 0.6 dB and a supply current of 4.2 mA. During high jamming power levels, resulting, for example, from a cellular transmit burst, it temporarily increases its bias current to improve sensitivity.

The GPS1502L is optimized for 1164 MHz to 1299 MHz.

2 Features and benefits

- Covers full GNSS lower L-band, from 1164 MHz to 1299 MHz
- Noise figure = 0.6 dB
- Gain 17 dB
- High-input 1 dB compression point of -13 dBm
- High in-band IP_{3i} of -1 dBm
- Supply voltage 1.5 V to 3.1 V
- Optimized performance at a low supply current of 4.2 mA
- Integrated RF supply decoupling capacitor
- Power-down mode current consumption < 1 μ A
- Integrated temperature stabilized bias for easy design
- Requires only one input matching inductor
- Integrated DC blocking at both RF input and output
- Integrated matching for the output
- ESD protection on all pins
- Self-shielding package concept
- Low Bill of Materials
- 6-pin leadless package: 1.1 mm \times 0.7 mm \times 0.37 mm; 0.4 mm pitch
- 180 GHz transit frequency - SiGe:C technology
- Moisture sensitivity level 1



3 Applications

- Smart phones
- Feature phones
- Tablets
- Digital still cameras
- Digital video cameras
- RF front-end modules
- Complete GNSS modules
- Personal health applications

4 Quick reference data

Table 1. Quick reference data

$f = 1176\text{ MHz}$; $V_{CC} = 1.8\text{ V}$; $V_{I(ENABLE)} \geq 0.8\text{ V}$; $P_i = -45\text{ dBm}$; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$; input matched to $50\text{ }\Omega$ (see [Figure 3](#) and [Table 10](#)). Unless otherwise specified.

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-----|-----|------|
| I_{CC} | supply current | | 2.3 | 4.2 | 6.1 | mA |
| G_p | power gain | | 15.6 | 17 | 18 | dB |
| NF | noise figure | | [1] - | 0.6 | 0.8 | dB |
| $P_{i(1dB)}$ | input power at 1 dB gain compression | | -15 | -13 | - | dBm |
| $IP3_i$ | input third-order intercept point | $\Delta f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | -6 | -1 | - | dBm |

[1] PCB losses are subtracted.

5 Ordering information

Table 2. Ordering information

| Type number | Orderable part number | Package | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------|---|---------|
| | | Name | Description | Version |
| GPS1502L | GPS1502LX | XSON6 | plastic extremely thin small outline package; no leads; 6 terminals; body 1.1 mm × 0.7 mm × 0.37 mm | SOT1232 |

6 Marking

Table 3. Marking code

| Type number | Marking code |
|-------------|--------------|
| GPS1502L | L |

7 Block diagram

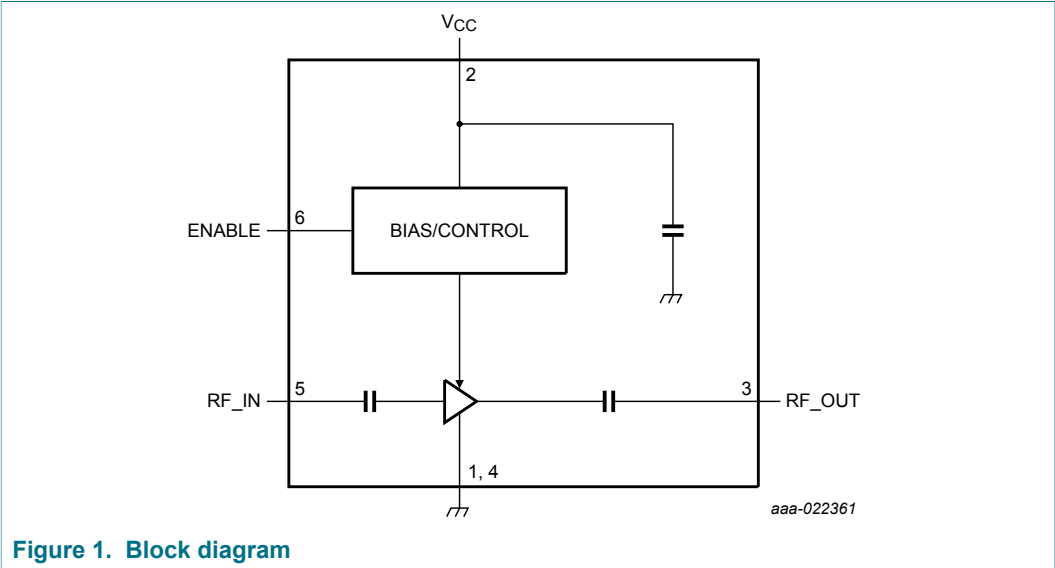


Figure 1. Block diagram

8 Pinning information

8.1 Pinning

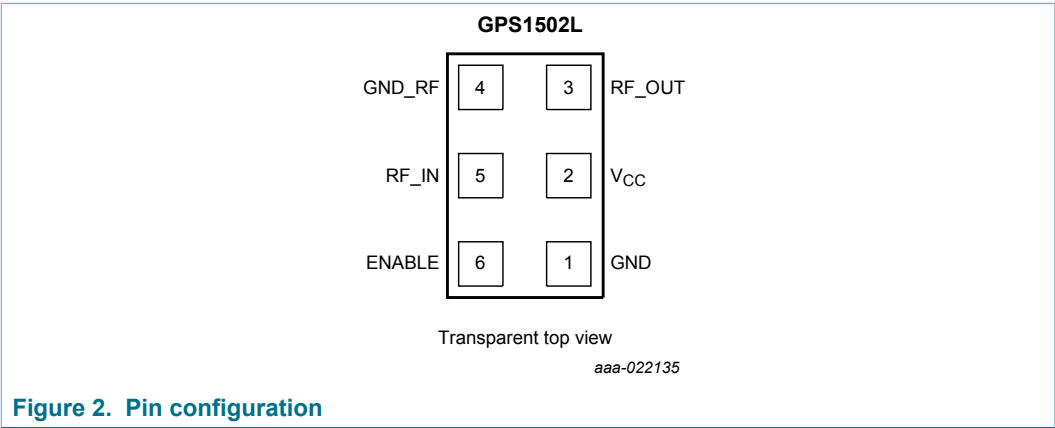


Figure 2. Pin configuration

8.2 Pin description

Table 4. Pin description

| Symbol | Pin | Description |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|
| GND | 1 | ground |
| V _{CC} | 2 | supply voltage |
| RF_OUT | 3 | RF output |
| GND_RF | 4 | ground RF |
| RF_IN | 5 | RF input |
| ENABLE | 6 | enable |

9 Limiting values

Table 5. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Max | Unit |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--|------|------|------|
| V_{CC} | supply voltage | | -0.5 | +6.0 | V |
| $V_{I(ENABLE)}$ | input voltage on pin ENABLE | $V_{I(ENABLE)} < V_{CC} + 0.5 \text{ V}$ | -0.5 | +5.0 | V |
| $V_{I(RF_IN)}$ | input voltage on pin RF_IN | DC [1] | -0.5 | +0.5 | V |
| $V_{I(RF_OUT)}$ | input voltage on pin RF_OUT | DC; $V_{I(RF_OUT)} < V_{CC} + 0.5 \text{ V}$ [1] | -0.5 | +5.0 | V |
| P_i | input power | RF; ON state, OFF state | - | 15 | dBm |
| T_{stg} | storage temperature | | -65 | +150 | °C |
| T_j | junction temperature | | - | 150 | °C |
| V_{ESD} | electrostatic discharge voltage | Human Body Model (HBM); according to JEDEC standard JS-001 | - | ±2 | kV |
| | | Charged Device Model (CDM); according to JEDEC standard JS-002 | - | ±1 | kV |

[1] The RF input and RF output are AC coupled through internal DC blocking capacitors.

10 Operating conditions

Table 6. Operating conditions

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----|-----|----------|------|
| V_{CC} | supply voltage | | 1.5 | - | 3.1 | V |
| T_{amb} | ambient temperature | | -40 | +25 | +85 | °C |
| $V_{I(ENABLE)}$ | input voltage on pin ENABLE | OFF state | 0.0 | - | 0.3 | V |
| | | ON state | 0.8 | - | V_{CC} | V |

11 Thermal characteristics

Table 7. Thermal characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Typ | Unit |
|----------------|--|------------|-----|------|
| $R_{th(j-sp)}$ | thermal resistance from junction to solder point | | 225 | K/W |

12 Characteristics

Table 8. Characteristics at $V_{CC} = 1.8\text{ V}$

$f = 1176\text{ MHz}$; $V_{CC} = 1.8\text{ V}$; $V_{I(ENABLE)} \geq 0.8\text{ V}$; $P_i < -40\text{ dBm}$; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Input matched to $50\text{ }\Omega$ (see [Figure 3](#) and [Table 10](#)). Unless otherwise specified.

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|------|------|------|---------------|
| I_{CC} | supply current | $V_{I(ENABLE)} \geq 0.8\text{ V}$ | | | | |
| | | $P_i < -40\text{ dBm}$ | 2.3 | 4.2 | 6.1 | mA |
| | | $P_i = -20\text{ dBm}$ | - | 4.9 | - | mA |
| | | $V_{I(ENABLE)} \leq 0.3\text{ V}$ | - | - | 1 | μA |
| G_p | power gain | no jammer | 15.6 | 17 | 18 | dB |
| | | $P_{jam} = -21\text{ dBm}$; $f_{jam} = 915\text{ MHz}$ | - | 17 | - | dB |
| | | $P_{jam} = -21\text{ dBm}$; $f_{jam} = 1427\text{ MHz}$ | - | 17 | - | dB |
| RL_{in} | input return loss | | 8 | 11 | - | dB |
| RL_{out} | output return loss | | 7 | 10 | - | dB |
| ISL | isolation | | 25 | 27 | - | dB |
| K | Rollett stability factor | | 1 | - | - | |
| NF | noise figure | no jammer ^[1] | - | 0.60 | 0.80 | dB |
| | | $P_{jam} = -22\text{ dBm}$; $f_{jam} = 915\text{ MHz}$ ^[1] | - | 0.80 | - | dB |
| | | $P_{jam} = -22\text{ dBm}$; $f_{jam} = 1427\text{ MHz}$ ^[1] | - | 0.90 | - | dB |
| $P_{I(1dB)}$ | input power at 1 dB gain compression | | -15 | -13 | - | dBm |
| $IP3_i$ | input third-order intercept point | $\Delta f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | -6 | -1 | - | dBm |
| t_{on} | turn-on time | time from $V_{I(ENABLE)}$ ON to 90 % of the gain | - | - | 2 | μs |
| t_{off} | turn-off time | time from $V_{I(ENABLE)}$ OFF to 10 % of the gain | - | - | 1 | μs |

[1] PCB losses are subtracted.

Table 9. Characteristics at $V_{CC} = 2.8\text{ V}$

$f = 1176\text{ MHz}$; $V_{CC} = 2.8\text{ V}$; $V_{I(ENABLE)} \geq 0.8\text{ V}$; $P_i < -40\text{ dBm}$; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Input matched to $50\text{ }\Omega$ (see [Figure 3](#) and [Table 10](#). Unless otherwise specified.

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|------|------|------|---------------|
| I_{CC} | supply current | $V_{I(ENABLE)} \geq 0.8\text{ V}$ | | | | |
| | | $P_i < -40\text{ dBm}$ | 2.4 | 4.4 | 6.4 | mA |
| | | $P_i = -20\text{ dBm}$ | - | 5.1 | - | mA |
| | | $V_{I(ENABLE)} \leq 0.3\text{ V}$ | - | - | 1 | μA |
| G_p | power gain | no jammer | 15.6 | 17 | 18 | dB |
| | | $P_{jam} = -21\text{ dBm}$; $f_{jam} = 915\text{ MHz}$ | - | 17 | - | dB |
| | | $P_{jam} = -21\text{ dBm}$; $f_{jam} = 1427\text{ MHz}$ | - | 17 | - | dB |
| RL_{in} | input return loss | | 9 | 12 | - | dB |
| RL_{out} | output return loss | | 7 | 10 | - | dB |
| ISL | isolation | | 25 | 27 | - | dB |
| K | Rollett stability factor | | 1 | - | - | |
| NF | noise figure | no jammer ^[1] | - | 0.65 | 0.85 | dB |
| | | $P_{jam} = -22\text{ dBm}$; $f_{jam} = 915\text{ MHz}$ ^[1] | - | 0.85 | - | dB |
| | | $P_{jam} = -22\text{ dBm}$; $f_{jam} = 1427\text{ MHz}$ ^[1] | - | 0.95 | - | dB |
| $P_{I(1dB)}$ | input power at 1 dB gain compression | | -11 | -9 | - | dBm |
| $IP3_i$ | input third-order intercept point | $\Delta f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | -6 | 0 | - | dBm |
| t_{on} | turn-on time | time from $V_{I(ENABLE)}$ ON to 90 % of the gain | - | - | 2 | μs |
| t_{off} | turn-off time | time from $V_{I(ENABLE)}$ OFF to 10 % of the gain | - | - | 1 | μs |

[1] PCB losses are subtracted.

13 Application information

13.1 GNSS application

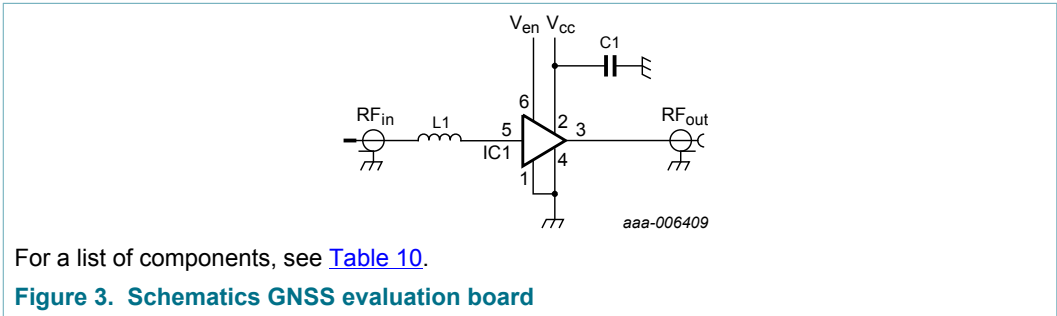


Table 10. List of components

For schematics, see [Figure 3](#).

| Component | Description | Value | Remarks |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|---|
| C1 | decoupling capacitor | 1 μ F | The total capacitance on the V_{CC} node must be at least 1 μ F. It must be positioned at a short distance from the V_{CC} pin (preferably within 15 mm). Typically, such capacitance is already present at the output of the V_{CC} voltage regulator. |
| IC1 | GPS1502L | - | NXP Semiconductors |
| L1 | high-quality matching inductor | 11 nH | Murata LQW15A |

14 Package outline

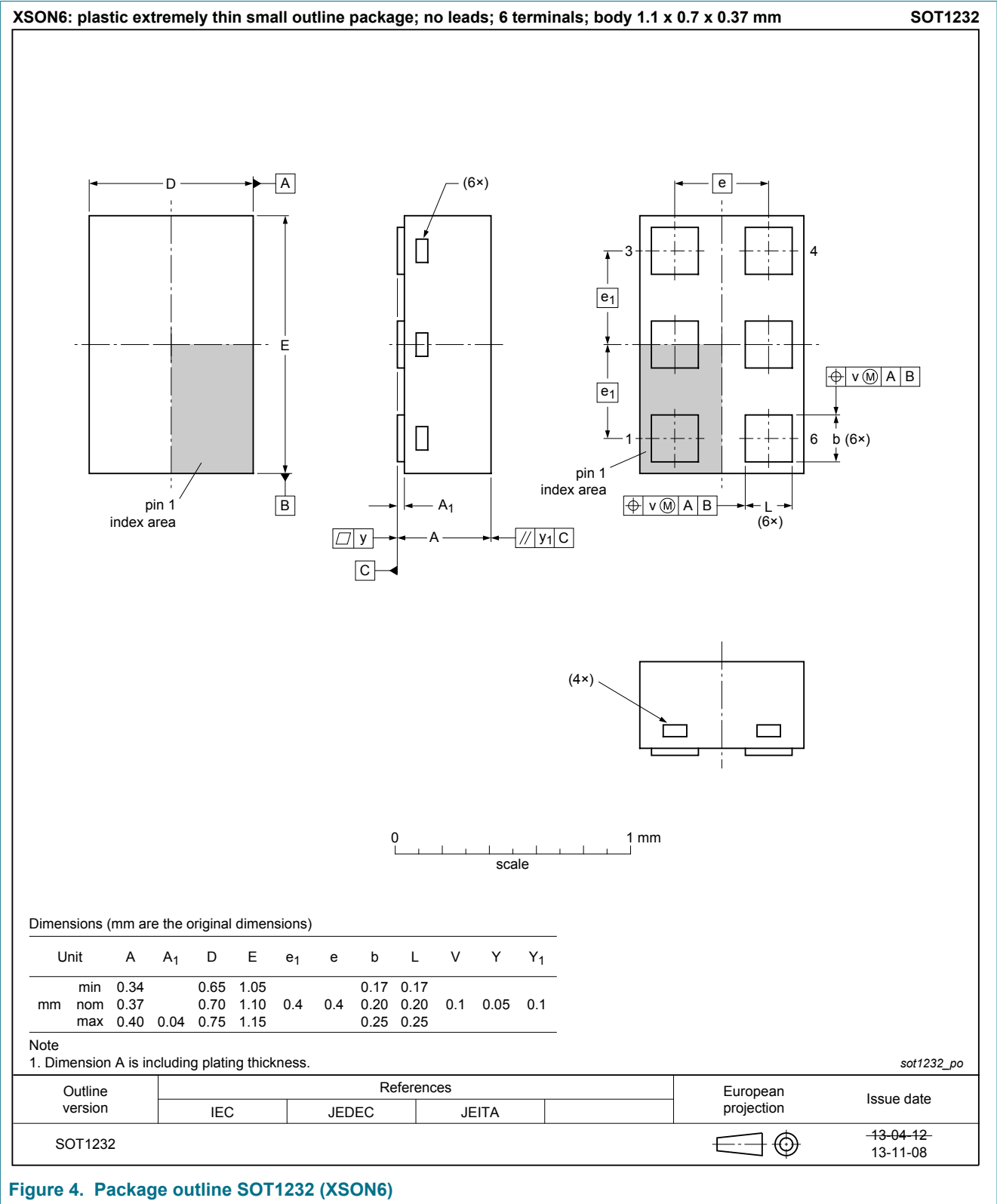


Figure 4. Package outline SOT1232 (XSON6)

15 Handling information

CAUTION



This device is sensitive to ElectroStatic Discharge (ESD). Observe precautions for handling electrostatic sensitive devices. Such precautions are described in the *ANSI/ESD S20.20*, *IEC/ST 61340-5*, *JESD625-A* or equivalent standards.

16 Abbreviations

Table 11. Abbreviations

| Acronym | Description |
|---------|---|
| ESD | electrostatic discharge |
| GLONASS | global navigation satellite system |
| GNSS | global navigation satellite system |
| GPS | global positioning system |
| HBM | human body model |
| LNA | low-noise amplifier |
| MMIC | monolithic microwave-integrated circuit |
| PCB | printed-circuit board |
| SiGe:C | silicon germanium carbon |

17 Revision history

Table 12. Revision history

| Document ID | Release date | Data sheet status | Change notice | Supersedes |
|----------------|--|------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| GPS1502L v.5 | 20190322 | Product data sheet | - | GPS1502L v.4.2 |
| Modification | • Changed the status of the data sheet from company confidential to public | | | |
| GPS1502L v.4.2 | 20181207 | Product data sheet | - | GPS1502L v.4.1 |
| Modification | • adapted the Ordering information table | | | |
| GPS1502L v.4.1 | 20181130 | Product data sheet | - | GPS1502L v.4 |
| Modification | • adapted the orderable partnumber to GPS1502LX | | | |
| GPS1502L v.4 | 20181026 | Product data sheet | - | GPS1502L v.3 |
| Modification | • Status cahanged to Product data sheet | | | |
| GPS1502L v.3 | 20180831 | Preliminary data sheet | - | GPS1502L v.2.1 |
| Modification | • updated min max values for various conditions | | | |
| GPS1502L v.2.1 | 20180730 | Preliminary data sheet | - | GPS1502L v.2 |
| Modification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • data sheet changed to Preliminary • Characteristics value on 1.8 V changed for input and output return loss | | | |
| GPS1502L v.2 | 04192018 | Objective data sheet | - | GPS1502L v.1.1 |
| Modification | • Changed max values for VCC and P _i on limiting values | | | |
| GPS1502L v.1.1 | 03302018 | Objective data sheet | - | - |
| Modification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revision update revision update | | | |
| GPS1502L v.1 | 03292018 | Objective data sheet | - | - |

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