

High-Power Dual-Band (2.4-GHz to 2.5-GHz and 4.9-GHz to 5.9-GHz) RF Front-End

FEATURES

- Highly Integrated 802.11 a/b/g Radio Frequency Front End ASIC
- Fully Integrated Up/Down Converters, LNAs, PAs and T/R Switches
- Super Heterodyne Architecture for Superior Adjacent Channel Rejection Performance
- Differential LO and IF Interface for Enhanced Spurious/EMI Performance
- Common Frequency Plan uses a Single LO and Common IF for Single IF Filter for Both Bands

- Integrated Temperature Compensated TX
 Power Detectors
- PA Bias Control Function
- Lead Free Package (TBD)
- Antenna Port OP_{1dB} = +23 dBm Typical
- Antenna Port OIP3 = +33 dBm, Typical
- Frequency Range: 2.4 to 2.5 and 4.9 to 5.9 GHz
- Noise Figure: 4 dB ISM Band, 6 dB 5 GHz Bands Typical
- Typical Gain: 38 dB TX, 20dB RX
- IF = 374 MHz





DESCRIPTION

The TRF2436 is a fully integrated Dual Band Tri Mode Radio Frequency Front End (RFFE) designed specifically for use in 802.11 a/b/g applications. The TRF2436 is designed to perform RF up and down conversions in the unlicensed ISM and 4.9-5.9 GHz bands. The TRF2436 uses a common IF frequency for both bands, eliminating the need for additional IF filtering. Combined with the TI TRF2432 IF/IQ Transceiver/Synthesizer, the TRF2436 completes the TI WLAN two-chip radio.

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The TRF2436 incorporates all of the RF blocks for both the "b/g" and "a" bands except for low cost ceramic filters. The ASIC includes LNAs, PAs, mixers, bias circuitry, RX gain control, transmit coupler detectors, and T/R switches. High integration and internal RF matching enhances performance and greatly reduce external part count. The only external components needed (other than simple passives) for operation are RF filters and external low power DC switching FETs.

V+ V+ PABCA RFA MXA ABSEL TR RFANTA RXGC T/R IF T/R T/R \neq **RFANTB** $\overline{}_{2}$ LO PABCB RFB MXB V+ DET $\frac{1}{2}$ ->

Functional Block Diagram

DEVICE INFORMATION

TERMINAL FUNCTIONS

| TERMINAL | | 1/0 | TVDE | DESCRIPTION | | |
|----------|-----|-----|---------|---|--|--|
| NAME | NO. | | | | | |
| MXB | 1 | I/O | RF SE | B band RF Input/Output to mixer. 50- Ω single ended. Do not apply DC. | | |
| ABSEL | 2 | Ι | Digital | Band select pin. HIGH = A-band. LOW = B-band. | | |
| V+LOB | 3 | I | Power | B band LO amplifier bias +3.3V | | |
| RSVD1 | 4 | - | - | Not connected for normal operation. Leave Open. | | |
| LOP | 5 | Ι | RF Dif. | LO input (differential) Positive, AC coupled | | |
| LON | 6 | Ι | RF Dif. | LO input (differential) Negative, AC coupled | | |
| IFP | 7 | I/O | RF Dif. | IF input/output (differential) Positive, DC coupled, typical DC Voltage is 2.6V | | |
| IFN | 8 | I/O | RF Dif. | IF input/output(differential) Negative, DC coupled, typical DC Voltage is 2.6V | | |
| MXA | 9 | I/O | RF SE | A band RF Input/Output to mixer. 50- Ω single ended. Do not apply DC. | | |

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DEVICE INFORMATION (continued)

TERMINAL FUNCTIONS (continued)

| TERMINAL | | 1/0 | | DESCRIPTION | | |
|----------|--------|-----|---------|--|--|--|
| NAME | NO. | 1/0 | ITPE | DESCRIPTION | | |
| V+LOA | 10 | I | Power | A band LO amplifier bias +3.3V | | |
| V+IF | 11 | I | Power | IF amplifier bias +3.3V. | | |
| V+IFP | 12 | I | Power | IFP amplifier bias +3.3V. | | |
| V+IFN | 13 | I | Power | IFN amplifier bias +3.3V. | | |
| RFA | 14 | I/O | RF SE | A Band RF Input/Output to PA/LNA. 50- Ω single ended. AC coupled. | | |
| V+PA1A | 15 | I | Power | A band Power amplifier bias +3.3V. | | |
| V+GEN | 16 | I | Power | DC Bias Control Bias +3.3V. | | |
| V+PA2A | 17 | I | Power | A band Power amplifier bias +3.3V. | | |
| PABCA | 18 | - | - | A band PA Bias Control Input | | |
| V+PA3A | 19 | - | - | A band Power amplifier bias +3.3V. | | |
| BCOUT | 20 | 0 | Analog | Bias Control Output. | | |
| BYPIN | 21 | I | Analog | DC Bias Bypass Input | | |
| BYPOUT | 22 | 0 | Analog | DC Bias Bypass Output | | |
| GND | 23, 24 | - | - | Connect to ground | | |
| RFANTA | 25 | I/O | RF SE | A band RF in/out to antennas. AC coupled. | | |
| V+LNABA | 26 | I | Power | A and B Band LNA bias +3.3V. | | |
| RFANTB | 27 | I/O | RF SE | B band RF in/out to antennas. AC coupled. | | |
| DETN | 28 | 0 | Analog | Negative RF power detector output | | |
| DETP | 29 | 0 | Analog | Positive RF power detector output. | | |
| V+PA3B | 30 | I | Power | B band Power amplifier bias +3.3V. | | |
| V+PA2B | 31 | I | Power | B band Power amplifier bias +3.3V. | | |
| BCIN | 32 | I | Analog | Bias control input | | |
| PABCB | 33 | - | - | B band PA Bias Control Input | | |
| V+PA1B | 34 | I | Power | B band Power amplifier bias +3.3V. | | |
| RSVD2 | 35 | - | - | Not Connected for normal operation. Leave Open. | | |
| RFB | 36 | I/O | RF SE | B band RF Input/Output to PA/LNA. 50- Ω single ended. AC coupled. | | |
| RXDGC | 37 | I | Digital | Rx Gain Control. HIGH = minimum gain. LOW = maximum gain | | |
| TR | 38 | I | Digital | Transmit/Receive mode control. HIGH = transmit. LOW = receive. | | |
| LOADJB | 39 | - | - | Not connected for normal operation. Leave Open. B band LO amp bias adjust. | | |
| TXGADJB | 40 | - | - | Not connected for normal operation. Leave open. PAB Amplifier bias adjust. | | |

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

| | UNIT |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 0 to 6.9 V |
| | 600 mA |
| Any port and any mode | +10 dBm |
| | -0.3 V to 5 V |
| | 175°C |
| | 35°C/W |
| | -20°C to +85°C |
| | -40°C to +105°C |
| 40 sec maximum | +220°C |
| | Any port and any mode |

DC CHARACTERISTICS

TYP ratings are at 25°C and V_{CC} = 3.3 V, MIN and MAX ratings are over operating free-air temperature and voltage ranges (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER | | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| V _{CC} | Supply votlage | Specification compliant | 2.7 | 3.3 | 4.2 | V |
| I _{CC} | Total supply current | B Band, RX Mode | | 65 | 105 | mA |
| | | A Band, RX Mode | | 80 | 120 | mA |
| | | B Band, TX Mode, Max PABC input | | 410 | 520 | mA |
| | | A Band, TX Mode, Max PABC input | | 450 | 550 | mA |
| V _{IH} | High-level input voltage | | 1.7 | | | V |
| V _{IL} | Low-level input voltage | | | | 0.5 | V |
| I _{IH} | High-level input current | | | 100 | 300 | μA |
| I _{IL} | Low-level input current | | | | -50 | μA |

RECEIVER CHARACTERISTICS

TR = Low, 2dB base band filter loss in RX band, MIN, TYP, and MAX rating are at 25°C and V_{CC} = 3.3 V (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER | | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---|------|-----|------|------|
| f _{IRF} | RF input frequency | B band | 2400 | | 2500 | MHz |
| | | A band | 4900 | | 5900 | MHz |
| f _{LO} | LO input frequency | B band | 2774 | | 2874 | MHz |
| | | A band | 2637 | | 3137 | MHz |
| f _{IF} | IF input frequency | | | 374 | | MHz |
| G | Gain | B Band High Gain Mode RXGC=LOW | 17 | 19 | | dB |
| | | A Band High Gain Mode RXGC=LOW | 18 | 23 | | dB |
| ΔG | Gain step size | B Band Low Gain Mode RXGC=HIGH | | 25 | | dB |
| | | A Band Low Gain Mode RXGC=HIGH | | 15 | | dB |
| | Noise figure | B Band. Max Gain | | 4 | 5 | dB |
| | | A Band. Max Gain | | 6 | 7.5 | dB |
| | Input P _{-1dB} | B Band High Gain Mode RXGC=LOW | -16 | -13 | | dBm |
| | | B Band Low Gain Mode RXGC=HIGH | | | | dBm |
| | | A Band High Gain Mode RXGC=LOW | -22 | -18 | | dBm |
| | | A Band Low Gain Mode RXGC=HIGH | -16 | -13 | | dBm |
| | Input 3rd order intercept point | B Band High Gain Mode RXGC=LOW | -6 | -2 | | dBm |
| | | B Band Low Gain Mode RXGC=HIGH | 4 | 8 | | dBm |
| | | A Band High Gain Mode RXGC=LOW | -12 | -8 | | dBm |
| | | A Band Low Gain Mode RXGC=HIGH | -6 | -3 | | dBm |
| | RF input return loss | $Z = 50 \Omega$ Both Bands, Both Gain modes | 8 | | | dB |
| | LNA out return loss RF | $Z = 50 \Omega$ Both Bands, Both Gain modes | 9 | | | dB |
| | Mixer input MX return loss | $Z = 50 \Omega$ Both Bands | 10 | | | dB |

RECEIVER CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

TR = Low, 2dB base band filter loss in RX band, MIN, TYP, and MAX rating are at 25° C and V_{CC} = 3.3 V (unless otherwise noted)

| P | ARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|---------|-------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Output | t return loss | Measured into 200 Ω differential | 10 | | | dB |
| LO at I | MX leakage | B band | | -30 | | dBm |
| | | A Band (5274-6274MHz) | | -30 | | dBm |
| LO at | IF leakage | Both bands | | -40 | | dBm |
| Gain fl | latness full band | B band | | 1 | | dB |
| | | A band | | 2 | | dB |
| Gain fl | latness / 22 MHz | Both bands | | | | dB |
| Gain s | settling time | Full range to within 0.5 dB final. All bands | | 0.3 | | μs |
| RF to | RFANT isolation | In Band: B Band High Gain Mode RXGC=LOW | | 30 | | dB |
| | | In Band: B Band Low Gain Mode RXGC=HIGH | | 5 | | dB |
| | | In Band: A Band High Gain Mode RXGC=LOW | | 25 | | dB |
| | | In Band: A Band Low Gain Mode RXGC=HIGH | | 35 | | dB |

TRANMITTER CHARACTERISTICS

TR = High, 2dB base band filter loss in RX band, MIN, TYP, and MAX rating are at 25°C and V_{CC} = 3.3 V (unless otherwise noted)

| | PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | ТҮР | MAX | UNIT |
|------------------|------------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|
| f _{IF} | IF input frequency | | | 374 | | MHz |
| f _{ORF} | RF output frequency | B band | 2400 | | 2500 | MHz |
| | | A band | 4900 | | 5900 | MHz |
| f _{LO} | LO input frequency | B band | 2774 | | 2874 | MHz |
| | | A band | 2637 | | 3137 | MHz |
| G | Gain | B Band | 37 | 40 | | dB |
| | | A Band | 40 | 43 | | dB |
| | Output 1 dB gain compression | B band. max PABC input | 22 | 23.5 | | dBm |
| | | A band. max PABC input | 20.5 | 22.5 | | dBm |
| | | 5150 – 5350 MHz Max PABC input, V+PA = 2.9V min, Other V_{CC} = 2.7V min | 20.5 | 22.5 | | dBm |
| | Output 3rd order intercept | B band | 32 | 35 | | dBm |
| | | A band | 30 | 32.5 | | dBm |
| | Noise figure | Both bands | | 8 | | dB |
| | IF input return loss | Measured into 200 Ω differential | 8 | | | dB |
| | Mixer output return loss MX | $Z = 50 \Omega$ both bands | 10 | | | dB |
| | RF input return loss RF | $Z = 50 \Omega$ both bands | 8 | | | dB |
| | RFANT return loss | $Z = 50 \Omega$ both bands | 6 | | | dB |
| | LO leakage at MX | B band | | -35 | | dBm |
| | | A band (5274-6274MHz) | | -35 | | dBm |
| | Gain flatness full band | B band | | 1 | | dB |
| | | A band | | 2 | | dB |
| | Gain flatness / 22 MHz | Both bands | | | | dB |
| | PA harminics | Both bands CW at P1dB | | | -20 | dBc |

PRODUCT PREVIEW

TRANMITTER CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

TR = High, 2dB base band filter loss in RX band, MIN, TYP, and MAX rating are at 25°C and V_{CC} = 3.3 V (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|------|
| RFANT to RF isolation | B band | | 50 | | dB |
| | A band | | 50 | | dB |
| PA Off Isolation RF to RFANT | In band: both bands | 50 | | | dB |
| PA Turn On Time | To within 0.5dB max power | | 0.2 | | μs |
| PA Turn Off Time | To within -20dB max power | | 0.2 | | μs |
| PA droop | From max power after turn-on time, Maximum on duration is 200 ms | | | 0.5 | dB |
| PA Bias Control Input Range (PABC) | Max Current corresponds to max PA bias state | | | | mA |

COMMON ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

MIN, TYP, and MAX ratings are at 25°C and V $_{\rm CC}$ = 3.3 V (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|----------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|------|
| TR_SEL switch time | Gain within 0.5dB. Not Including PA ramp time | | 0.3 | 1 | μs |
| AB_SEL switch time | • | | | 1 | μs |
| LO input power | Reference to 100 Ω differential | -1 | | 5 | dBm |
| LO input return loss | Measured to 100 Ω differential at 25°C | 6 | | | |
| IF port impedance | Differential | | 200 | | Ω |
| LO port impedance | | | 100 | | Ω |

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

A Band Detector Output



Figure 1. A Band Detector Output



TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)



B Band Detector Output

Figure 2. B Band Detector Output







APPLICATION INFORMATION (continued)



Figure 4. Package Dimensions (Lead Free)

APPLICATION INFORMATION (continued)



Figure 5. Recommended PCB Layout



Figure 6. Tape and Reel Specifications

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