Amplifier-Switch 2.3 to 2.5 GHz 200mW (+23 dBm)

T/R modes switched by control signal

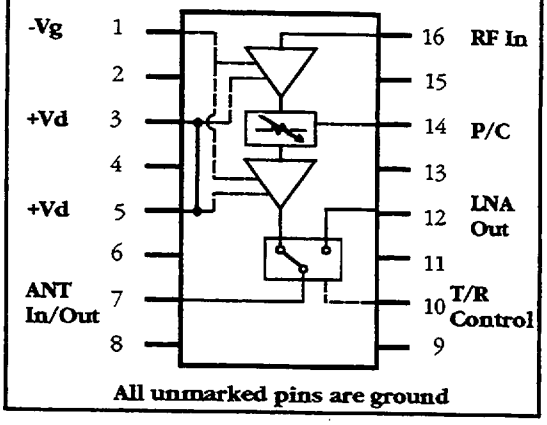
Features

- **200mW (+23 dBm) output power**
- **20% power added efficiency (including output switch loss)**
- **12 dB power control range**
- **Surface mount SOIC-16 narrow plastic package**
- **PCMCIA compatible**

Applications

- **Portable wireless communication (PCS/PCN, cordless phones)**
- **Wireless local area networks (WLANs)**
- **2.4 GHz ISM band systems**

Functional Block Diagram



All unmarked pins are ground

Description

The CAS2402 is a power amplifier-switch designed for PCS/PCN and WLAN applications in the 2.3 to 2.5 GHz frequency range. The CAS2402 provides a +23dBm output signal from a +5dBm input signal with a typical power added efficiency of 20 %. An output switch is used to switch the RF path between Receive and Transmit modes. The CAS2402 requires both a positive and a negative supply to operate. Switching between the two modes is accomplished through switching a control signal **(T/R Control)** to the switch. The main supply voltage to the amplifier **(+Vd)** remains on in both Transmit and Receive modes. The negative supply voltage can be increased to cause the amplifier to "pinch off" to draw low current from the positive supply in Receive mode. The output power can be externally attenuated over a 12dB range via a positive control voltage applied to the power control **(P/C)** pin. When in Receive mode, the loss from the antenna pin **(ANT)** to the low noise amplifier pin **(LNA)** is typically less than 1dB.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Rating
Drain voltage (+Vd)	+8V
Drain current (Id)	350mA
Power dissipation	1.5 W
Thermal resistance	55 °C/W

Parameter	Rating
Gate voltage (-Vg)	-6V
Power control (P/C)	+8V
T/R control signal	+8V
RF input power	13dBm

Parameter	Rating
Storage temperature	-65 °C to 150 °C
Soldering temperature	260 °C for 5 sec
Channel temperature	175 °C

Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Typ	Units
Drain voltage (+Vd), Switch supply (+Vs)	3.0 - 5.0	V
Drain current (Id), set by -Vg adjustment	250	mA

Parameter	Min	Max	Units
Operating temperature (PC board)	-20	70	°C

Electrical Characteristics

The following specifications are guaranteed at room temperature with drain voltage **(+Vd)** = 4.0V +/- 5%, drain current **(Id)** = 250mA +/- 10% (-Vg set to approximately -1.5V), T/R control signal **(T/R Control)** = 4.0V +/- 5%, RF input power = +5 dBm, and power control **(P/C)** = 0V.

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Frequency Range		2.3		2.5	GHz
Pout		22	23		dBm
Power added efficiency **(1)**			20 %		
Gate voltage (-Vg)	Id = 250 mA	-1.0	-1.5	-3.0	V
Gate current (Ig)	Id = 250 mA		1.0	3.0	mA
T/R control current			1.0		mA
Small signal gain	Pin = -5dBm		18.0		dB
Input/Output VSWR			2 : 1		
Power control range	P/C = 0V to +Vd	10.0	12.0		dB
Low noise amplifier (LNA) pin leakage	Transmit mode		14.0	16.0	dBm
Antenna (ANT) to low noise amplifier (LNA) pin insertion loss	Receive mode		1.0	1.3	dB
Switching speed			100		nS

(1) Efficiency includes output switch loss. Typical efficiency of amplifier alone is 25%.

Specifications subject to change without notice.

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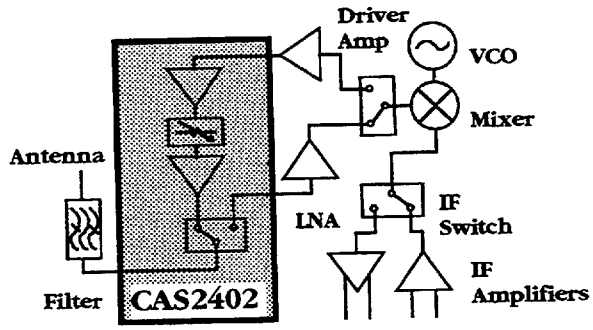
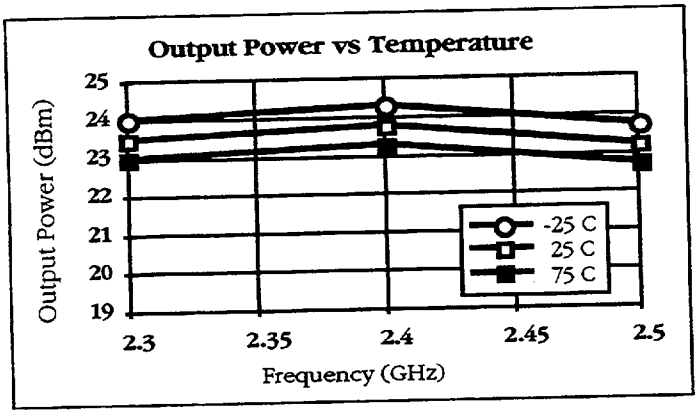
Typical Transceiver Application

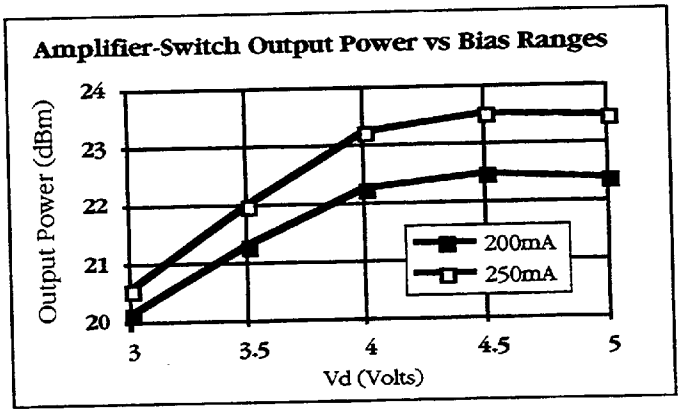
The CAS2402 Amplifier-Switch is an ideal choice for wireless transceivers. The block diagram to the right shows an implementation of the chip. The integrated switch simplifies the overall architecture of the transceiver as well as adding reliability through integration. Power control adds flexibility for varying transmit power environments.

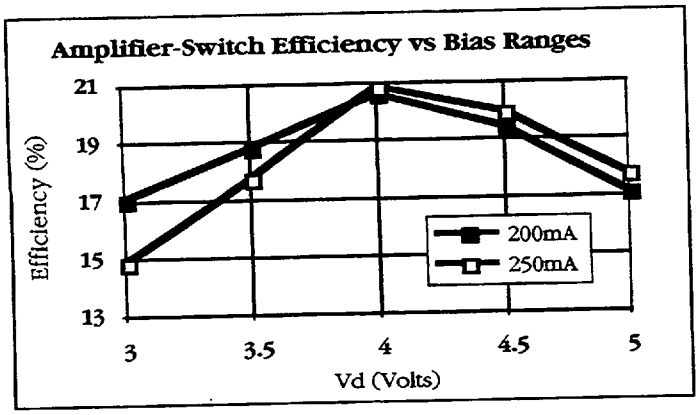


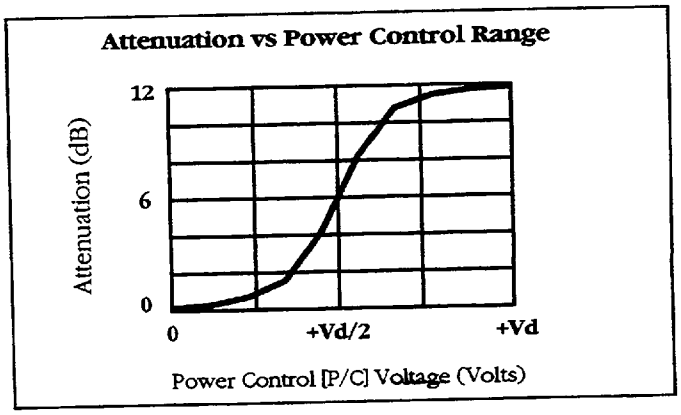
Typical performance curves

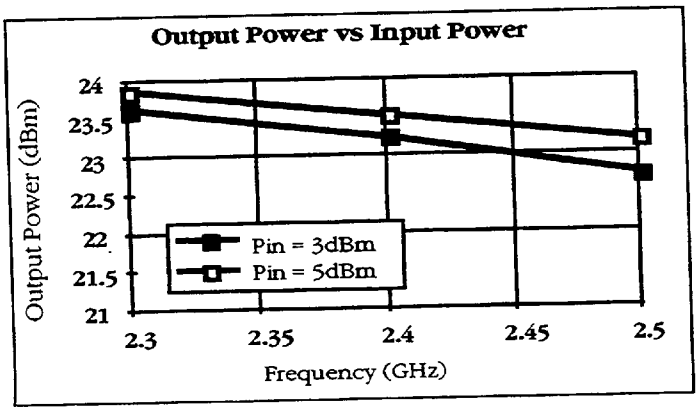
The.following typical performance was tested at room temperature with drain voltage **(+Vd)** = 4.0V +/- 5%, drain current **(Id)** = 250mA +/- 10% (-Vg set to approximately -1.5V), T/R control signal **(T/R Control)** = 4.0V +/- 5%, RF input power = +5 dBm, Frequency = 2.5GHz, and power control **(P/C)** = 0V unless otherwise specified.

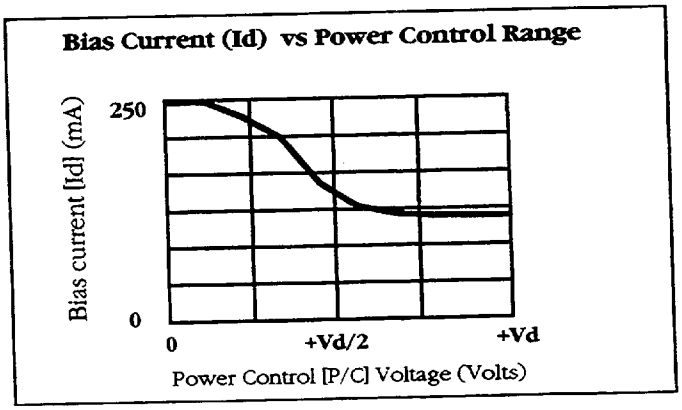












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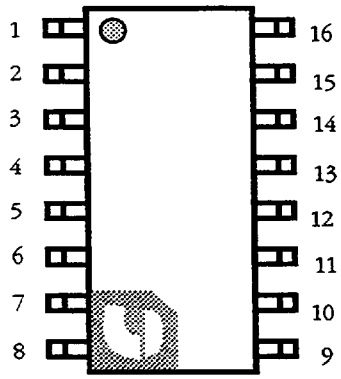
Connection Diagram and Pin Description



Pin #	Name	I/O	Description
1	-Vg	I	Negative voltage input for amplifier gate control.
2	GND		Ground connection.
3	+Vd	I	Drain voltage internally connected to pin 5. **(1)**
4	GND		Ground connection.
5	+Vd	I	Drain voltage internally connected to pin 3. **(1)**
6	GND		Ground connection.
7	ANT	I/O	Antenna connection. Input in Receive mode, Output in Transmit.
8	GND		Ground connection.
9	GND		Ground connection.
10	T/R Control	I	T/R Control Signal. **(2)**
11	GND		Ground connection.
12	LNA	O	External LNA output (Receive mode).
13	GND		Ground connection.
14	P/C	I	Power Control connection. 0V to +Vd attenuates output power level.
15	GND		Ground connection.
16	RF In	I	RF input to switch amplifier for Transmit mode.

(1) As Pins 3 and 5 are internally connected, only one pin requires applied voltage.
(2) Transmit mode selected when +Vd is applied. Receive mode selected when 0V is applied.

Application Information

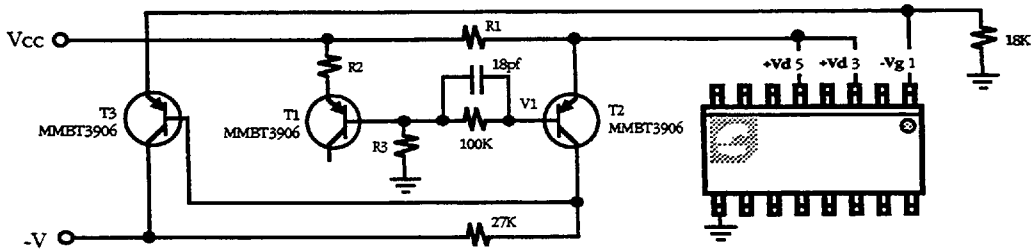
The CAS2402 is specified at +4.0V, 250mA. The typical relationship of output power (and overall efficiency) to bias is shown in the performance curves. Care should be taken to keep the maximum dissipated power below 1.5W and PC board temperature below 70°C in order to keep the active device junction well below the maximum rated temperature. For optimum performance, good thermal design is necessary.

The CAS2402 is a microwave device. By nature, its performance is affected by the circuit environment within which it operates. Celeritek has found that shunt capacitance (typically less than 1pF) at the RF pins optimizes performance. Because circuit board layout will affect the impedance presented to the device, Celeritek recommends a prototype phase for board design to realize best results.

Power up/power down sequence In order to prevent damage to the CAS2402 due to excessive power dissipation (greater then the 1.5W specified), the negative supply (-V) must be powered on prior to the positive supply (+V). When powering down, the positive supply must be powered off prior to the negative supply.

Biasing the CAS2402 The CAS2402 was designed for optimum efficiency and maximum output power when operated at a drain voltage (Vd) of 4 Volts and a drain current (Id) of 250 mA. The drain current of the CAS2402 is set by adjusting the gate voltage (-Vg) to the device. Designs need to incorporte a means of setting this voltage within the -1.0 to -3.0 Volt range specified to obtain Id = 250 mA. The exact relationship of gate voltage (-Vg) to drain current (Id) will vary. For this reason an active bias circuit similar to the one shown below is recommended. This active bias circuit has been designed to hold the drain current (and the output power) constant from device to device in high volume manufacturing by automatically adjusting the gate voltage.

Active Bias Circuit Diagram



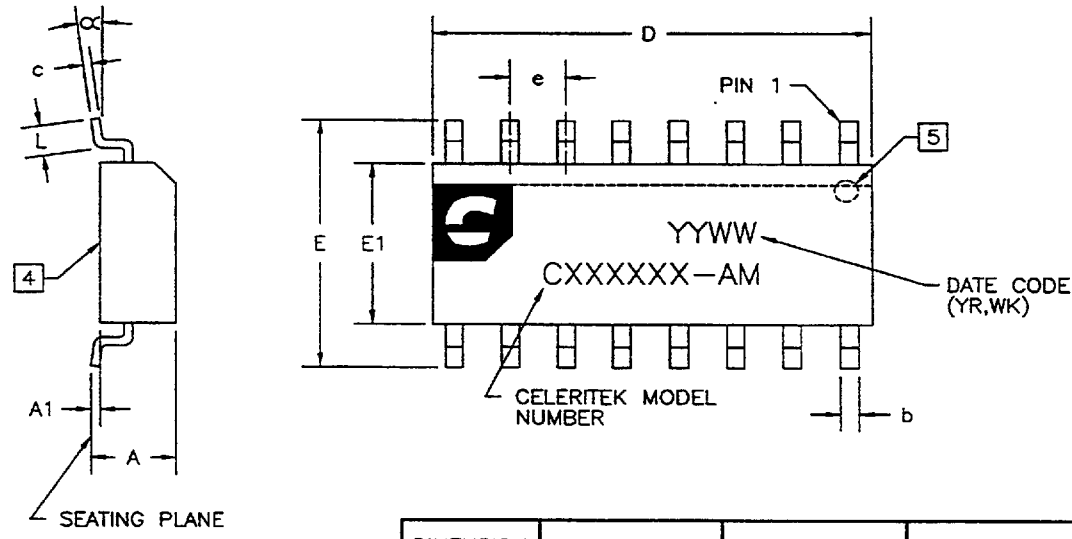
Circuit Operation A temperature compensated reference is formed by R2, R3, and T1 at node V1. As variations from device to device occur on the CAS2402 due to normal processing tolerances, the drain current will change with a constant voltage applied to the -Vg pin (pin 1). As the drain current changes transistor T2 is either turned on harder or turned off more, which changes the voltage on the base of transistor T3, turning it off or on. This negative feedback adjusts the pin 1 gate voltage to cause a relatively constant drain current condition.

Component Selection R1 is used to set the drain current. It is a small value resistor that sets the relationship between the drain current and the drain voltage that is applied to the device. It is specified by the equation: $R1 = \frac{Vcc - Vd}{Id}$

Since the best operating point for this device is Vd = 4 Volts and Id = 250 mA, in a nominal 5 Volt system, R1 should be 4 ohms. It is important to make sure that R1 is sized to be able to handle the current that will flow through it. The ratio of the resistive divider formed by R2 and R3 is determined by the ratio of the voltage Vd and Vcc as shown: $Vd/Vcc = \frac{R3}{R2 + R3}$

R2 and R3 should be sufficiently large to minimze power dissipation in those applications that are power sensitive. A value of R3 of about 50K ohms is suggested.

Physical Dimensions



NOTES:(UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

1. DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS[INCHES].
2. LEAD MATERIAL: COPPER
3. BODY MATERIAL: PLASTIC (EPOXY).
4. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, IF OTHER THAN U.S., SHALL BE MARKED ON THIS SURFACE.
5. PIN 1 IDENTIFICATION IS A DOT OR BEVELED EDGE.

DIMENSION	MINIMUM	NOMINAL	MAXIMUM
A	1.35[0.053]	1.63[0.064]	1.75[0.069]
A1	0.10[0.004]	0.15[0.006]	0.20[0.008]
b	0.35[0.014]		0.45[0.018]
c	0.19[0.007]		0.22[0.009]
D	9.80[0.385]	9.90[0.390]	10.00[0.394]
E	5.80[0.228]	5.99[0.236]	6.20[0.244]
E1	3.80[0.150]	3.91[0.154]	4.00[0.158]
e		1.27[0.050]	
L	0.508[0.020]	0.64[0.025]	1.143[0.045]
α	0°		8°

Test Configuration and Evaluation

Celeritek tests the CAS2402 on an FR4 PC test board. FR4 was chosen for its low loss characteristics at 2.5GHz. Plated through hole connections from the top of the board to the backside ground plane minimizes inductance in the ground connections. These through hole connections are as close as possible to each ground pin. More details are available in a separate application note (AP-0001) for this product.

For evaluation purposes Celeritek offers a prototype evaluation board (PB-CAS2402-AM) for the CAS2402. Please call the factory or a local representative for more information.

Handling Precaution

Microwave devices are sensitive to electrostatic discharge. Proper precautions should be taken to avoid ESD damage.

Ordering Information

The CAS2402 is available in a surface mount SOIC-16 narrow plastic package (physical dimensions shown above).

Part Number for ordering	Package
CAS2402-AM	**SOIC-16 surface mount narrow plastic package**
CAS2402-AM-000T	**SOIC-16 surface mount narrow plastic package in tape & reel**

Please consult the factory or local representative for delivery information. Standard shipping containers 508mm [20 inch] long antistatic gravity feed tubes. Please consult the factory for military versions, and or special screening requirements.

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