

DATA SHEET

SKY65374-11: 1850 to 1915 MHz High Linearity, Active Bias Low-Noise Variable Gain Amplifier

Applications

- LTE, WCDMA, GSM wireless infrastructure
- Low-noise, high-linearity systems
- Macro-base stations
- Small cells

Features

- Fully integrated low-noise front end
- High gain: 38 dB
- Excellent return loss: >20 dB
- High-linearity gain control > 35 dB
- Low NF: 0.85 dB
- Switchable high/low gain state modes
- Temperature and process stable active bias
- Small MCM (16-pin, 8 x 8 mm) package (MSL3 @ 260 °C per JEDEC J-STD-020)



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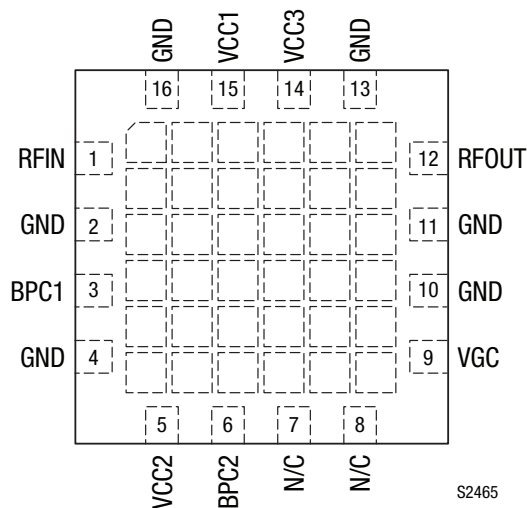


Figure 2. SKY65374-11 Pinout (Top View)

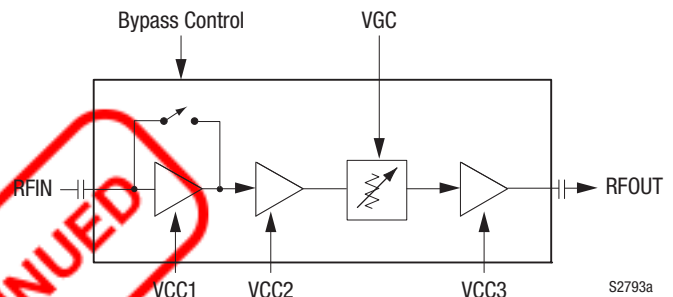


Figure 1. SKY65374-11 Block Diagram

Description

The SKY65374-11 is variable gain low-noise amplifier (LNA) with an active bias and high-linearity performance. The first stage of the device is comprised of an LNA with a bypass switch that is followed by a high-linearity driver amplifier, a variable voltage attenuator, and a high-linearity power amplifier. This module architecture provides excellent return loss, low noise, and high linearity performance.

The internal active bias circuitry ensures repeatable performance over temperature. The device is fully integrated and requires minimal external components.

The SKY65374-11 is manufactured in a compact, 8 x 8 mm, 16-pin Multi-Chip Module (MCM) package. A functional block diagram is shown in Figure 1. The pin configuration and package are shown in Figure 2. Signal pin assignments and functional pin descriptions are provided in Table 1.

The SKY65374-11 is part of a family of LNAs that cover the frequency range of 699 MHz to 2570 MHz:

Part Number	Frequency
SKY65369-11	832 to 862 MHz
SKY65370-11	814 to 849 MHz
SKY65371-11	880 to 915 MHz
SKY65372-11	699 to 798 MHz
SKY65373-11	1710 to 1785 MHz
SKY65374-11	1850 to 1915 MHz
SKY65375-11	1920 to 1980 MHz
SKY65376-11	2500 to 2570 MHz

Table 1. SKY65374-11 Signal Descriptions

Pin	Name	Description	Pin	Name	Description
1	RFIN	RF input	9	VGC	Gain control, 0 V (maximum gain) to +3.3 V (minimum gain)
2	GND	Ground	10	GND	Ground
3	BPC1	Bypass switch for high/low gain state, terminal 1. See Table 8.	11	GND	Ground
4	GND	Ground	12	RFOUT	RF output
5	VCC2	Second state amplifier bias. Connect to +5 V, 120 mA minimum DC supply.	13	GND	Ground
6	BPC2	Bypass switch for high/low gain state, terminal 2. See Table 8.	14	VCC3	Third stage amplifier bias. Connect to +5 V, 120 mA minimum DC supply.
7	N/C	No connection. Can be left open or grounded.	15	VCC1	First stage amplifier bias. Connect to +5 V, 120 mA minimum DC supply.
8	N/C	No connection. Can be left open or grounded.	16	GND	Ground

Electrical and Mechanical Specifications

The absolute maximum ratings of the SKY65374-11 are provided in Table 2. The recommended operating conditions are specified in Table 3.

Electrical specifications are provided in Tables 4 through 7. The gain control logic is shown in Table 8.

Table 2. SKY65374-11 Absolute Maximum Ratings¹

Parameter	Symbol	Minimum	Maximum	Units
Supply voltage	V _{CC}		5.5	V
RF input power	P _{IN}		+15	dBm
Storage temperature	T _{STG}	−55	+150	°C
Operating temperature	T _C	−40	+100	°C
Junction temperature	T _J		+150	°C
Thermal resistance	R _{TH}		20	C/W

¹ Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may reduce device reliability. There is no damage to device with only one parameter set at the limit and all other parameters set at or below their nominal value. Exceeding any of the limits listed here may result in permanent damage to the device.

ESD HANDLING: Although this device is designed to be as robust as possible, electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage this device. This device must be protected at all times from ESD when handling or transporting. Static charges may easily produce potentials of several kilovolts on the human body or equipment, which can discharge without detection. Industry-standard ESD handling precautions should be used at all times.

Table 3. SKY65374-11 Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Symbol	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
RF input power	P _{IN}		-25		dBm
Frequency range	f	1850		1915	MHz
Supply voltage	V _{CC}	4.75	5.00	5.25	V
Gain control voltage	V _{GC}	0		+3.3	V
Bypass control voltage: Logic high	V _{BPC1} , V _{BPC2}	2.7	3.0	3.3	V
Logic low		0		0.6	V
Operating case temperature	T _C	-40		+85	°C

Table 4. SKY65374-11 Electrical Specifications¹ (1 of 2)

(V_{DD} = 5.0 V @ Maximum Gain [V_{GC} = V_{BPC1} = 0 V, V_{BPC2} = 3.3 V], T_C = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -25 dBm, f = 1880 MHz,
Characteristic Impedance [Z₀] = 50 Ω, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
RF Specifications						
Frequency range	f		1850		1915	MHz
Quiescent current	I _Q			380	440	mA
Noise figure ²	NF	Gain = +35 dB		0.85	1.00	dB
Small signal gain	IS ₂₁	P _{IN} = -25 dBm	37.5	39	43	dB
Gain variation over frequency		P _{IN} = -25 dBm: Gain = 3 and 19 dB (low gain) Gain = 20 and 35 dB (high gain)		0.60	0.80	dB
Part-to-part gain variation		Gain = 31, 28, 25, 22, 13, 10, and 7 dB	-1		+1	
Absolute gain, high gain mode		P _{IN} = -25 dBm, BPC1 = 0, BPC2 = 1, V _{GC} = 0 V	37.5	39.0	43.0	dB
Absolute gain, high gain mode		P _{IN} = -25 dBm, BPC1 = 0, BPC2 = 1, V _{GC} = 3.3 V	12	15	18	dB
Absolute gain, low gain mode		P _{IN} = -25 dBm, BPC1 = 1, BPC2 = 0, V _{GC} = 0 V	20.0	21.5	23.0	dB
Absolute gain, low gain mode		P _{IN} = -25 dBm, BPC1 = 1, BPC2 = 0, V _{GC} = 3.3 V	-10	-6	+1	dB
Input return loss	IS ₁₁	P _{IN} = -25 dBm: Gain = 3 dB (low gain) Gain = 19 dB (low gain) Gain = 20 dB (high gain) Gain = 35 dB (high gain)	18.2 18.2 18.2 20.4	24.0 25.0 22.0 23.0		dB dB dB dB
Output return loss	IS ₂₂	P _{IN} = -25 dBm: Gain = 3 dB (low gain) Gain = 19 dB (low gain) Gain = 20 dB (high gain) Gain = 35 dB (high gain)	16.6 16.6 16.6 16.6	21 22 21 22		dB dB dB dB

Table 4. SKY65374-11 Electrical Specifications¹ (2 of 2)

(V_{DD} = 5.0 V @ Maximum Gain [V_{GC} = V_{BPC1} = 0 V, V_{BPC2} = 3.3 V], T_c = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -25 dBm, f = 1880 MHz, Characteristic Impedance [Z₀] = 50 Ω, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
RF Specifications (continued)						
Reverse isolation	S ₁₂	P _{IN} = -25 dBm, gain = 35 dB (high gain)	61	70		dB
Third order input intercept point ³	IIP3	Δf = 1 MHz, P _{IN} = -25 dBm/tone:				
		Gain = 11 dB	+18.5	+21.0		dBm
		Gain = 17 dB	+15.0	+18.5		dBm
		Gain = 29 dB	+5.5	+8.0		dBm
1 dB input compression point ⁴	IP1dB	Gain = 35 dB	+2.5	+5.0		dBm
		Gain = 11 dB	+9.0	+16.0		dBm
		Gain = 17 dB	+5.0	+12.0		dBm
		Gain = 29 dB	-8.0	-4.5		dBm
		Gain = 35 dB	-10.0	-7.5		dBm

¹ Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table.

² Loss from the input SMA connector and Evaluation Board up to pin 1 has been de-embedded from the NF measurement. See Table 5 for full specification.

³ See Table 6 for full specification.

⁴ See Table 7 for full specification.

Table 5. SKY65374-11 Electrical Specifications: Noise Figure¹

(V_{DD} = 4.75 to 5.25 V, T_c = -40 °C to +85 °C, P_{IN} = -25 dBm, f = 1850 to 1915 MHz, Characteristic Impedance [Z₀] = 50 Ω, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Noise figure	NF	Gain = 3 to 6 dB			22.80	dB
		Gain = 7 to 8 dB			20.80	dB
		Gain = 9 to 10 dB			18.80	dB
		Gain = 11 to 12 dB			16.80	dB
		Gain = 13 to 14 dB			14.80	dB
		Gain = 15 to 16 dB			12.80	dB
		Gain = 17 to 18 dB			10.80	dB
		Gain = 19 to 20 dB			8.80	dB
		Gain = 21 to 22 dB			7.30	dB
		Gain = 23 to 24 dB			5.30	dB
		Gain = 25 to 26 dB			3.50	dB
		Gain = 27 to 28 dB			2.40	dB
		Gain = 29 to 30 dB			2.10	dB
		Gain = 31 to 32 dB			1.60	dB
		Gain = 33 to 34 dB			1.35	dB
		Gain = 35 dB			1.25	dB

¹ Verified by characterization.

Table 6. SKY65374-11 Electrical Specifications: IIP3V

(V_{DD} = 4.75 to 5.25 V, T_c = -40 °C to +85 °C, P_{IN} = -25 dBm, f = 1850 to 1915 MHz, Characteristic Impedance [Z₀] = 50 Ω, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Third order input intercept point	IIP3	Gain = 3 to 11 dB	+18			dBm
		Gain = 12 to 17 dB	+14			dBm
		Gain = 18 to 28 dB	+3			dBm
		Gain = 30 to 35 dB	+1			dBm

¹ Verified by characterization.

Table 7. SKY65374-11 Electrical Specifications: IP1dB¹

(V_{DD} = 4.75 to 5.25 V, T_c = -40 °C to +85 °C, P_{IN} = -25 dBm, f = 1850 to 1915 MHz, Characteristic Impedance [Z₀] = 50 Ω, Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
1 dB input compression point	IP1dB	Gain = 3 to 5 dB	+10.5			dBm
		Gain = 6 to 11 dB	+8.0			dBm
		Gain = 12 to 17 dB	+4.0			dBm
		Gain = 18 to 28 dB	-7.0			dBm
		Gain = 29 dB	-10.0			dBm
		Gain = 30 to 35 dB	-14.0			dBm

¹ Verified by characterization.

Table 8. Gain Control Logic¹

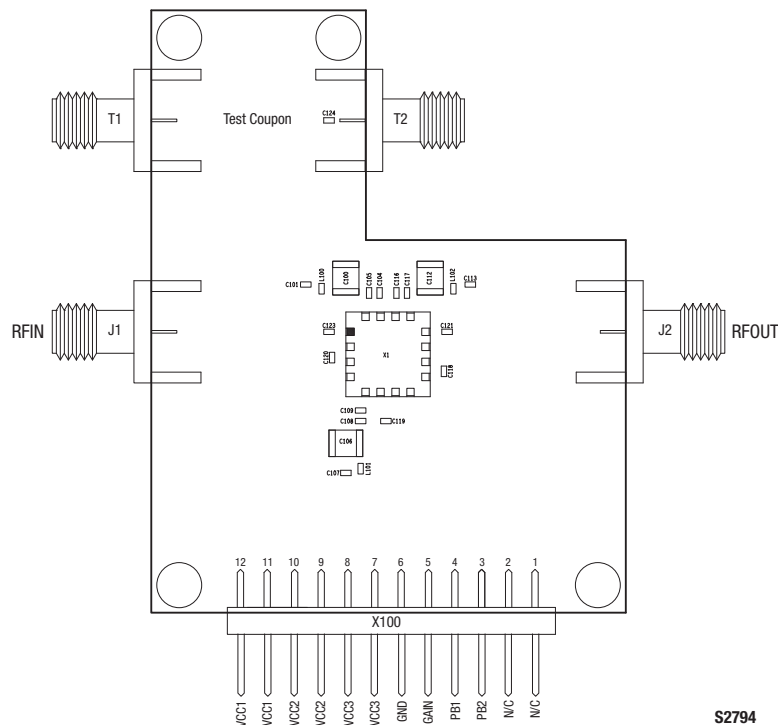
	BPC1 (Pin 3)	BPC2 (Pin 6)
High gain	0	1
Low gain	1	0

¹ "1" = 3.0 V, "0" = 0 V.

Evaluation Board Description

The SKY65374-11 Evaluation Board is used to test the performance of the SKY65374-11 LNA. An assembly drawing for the Evaluation Board is shown in Figure 3 and the layer detail is provided in Figure 4. The layer detail physical characteristics are noted in Figure 5.

An Evaluation Board schematic diagram is provided in Figure 6. Table 9 provides the Bill of Materials (BOM) list for Evaluation Board components.

**Figure 3. SKY65374-11 Evaluation Board Assembly Diagram**

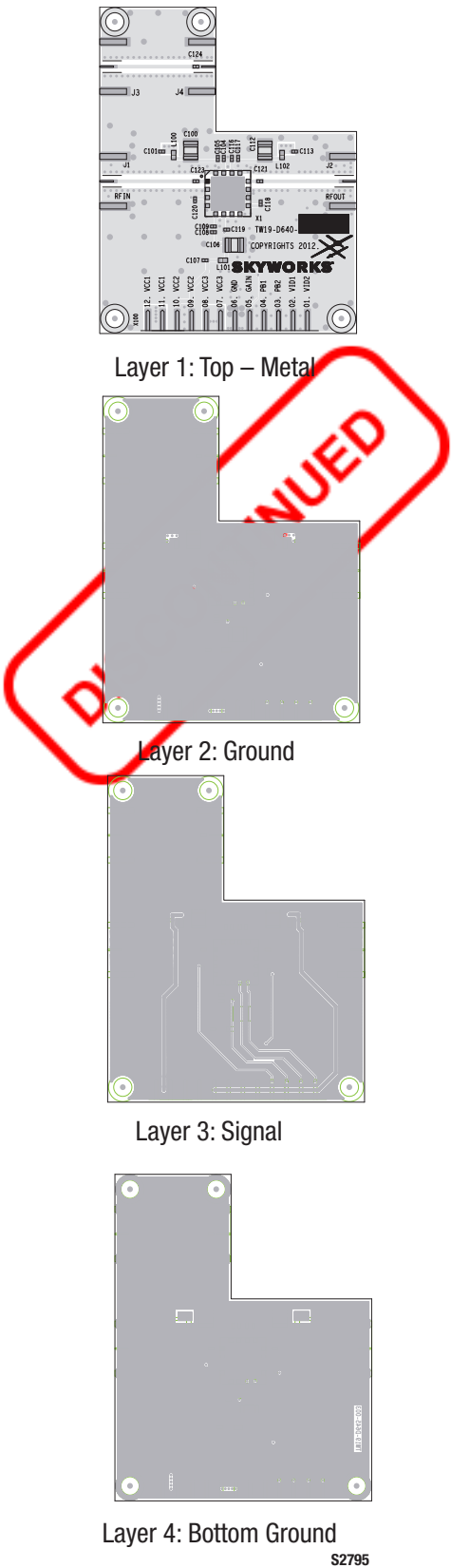

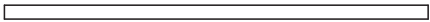







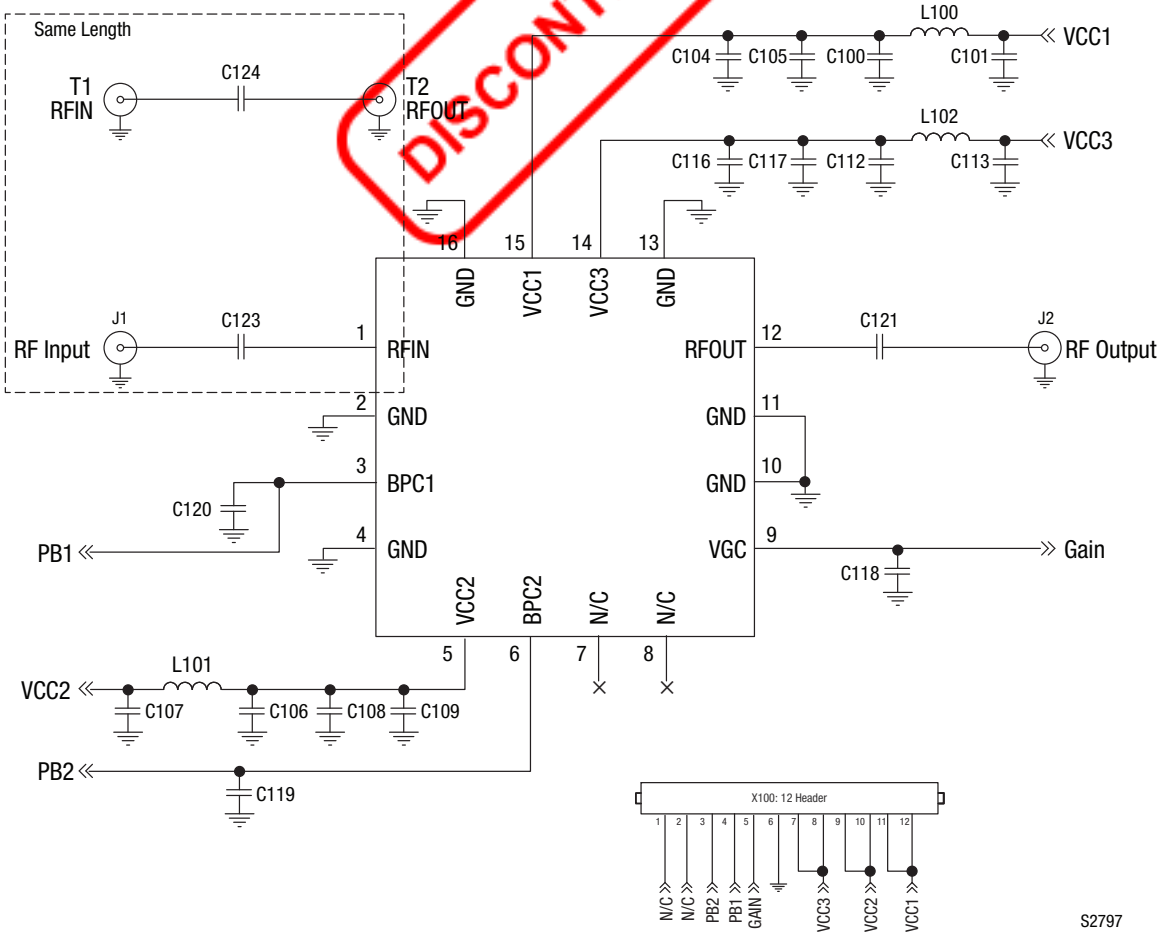


Figure 4. SKY65374-11 Evaluation Board Layer Detail

Cross Section	Name	Thickness (mm)	Material
	Tmask	0.010	Solder Resist
	L1	0.035	—
	Dielectric	0.305	R04003C
	L2	0.018	—
	Dielectric	4 x 0.101	R04350B RF
	L3	0.018	—
	Dielectric	0.305	R04003C
	L4	0.035	—
	Bmask	0.010	Solder Resist

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Figure 5. Layer Detail Physical Characteristics



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Figure 6. SKY65374-11 Evaluation Board Schematic

Table 9. SKY65374-11 Evaluation Board Bill of Materials

Component	Size	Value	Tolerance (%)
C100, C106, C112	1210	10 μ F	10
C101, C107, C113	0402	10 pF	5
C104, C109, C116, C121, C123, C124	0402	1000 pF	5
C105, C108, C117	0402	100 nF	10
C118, C119, C120	DNI	–	–
L100, L101, L102	0603	68 nH	2

Package Dimensions

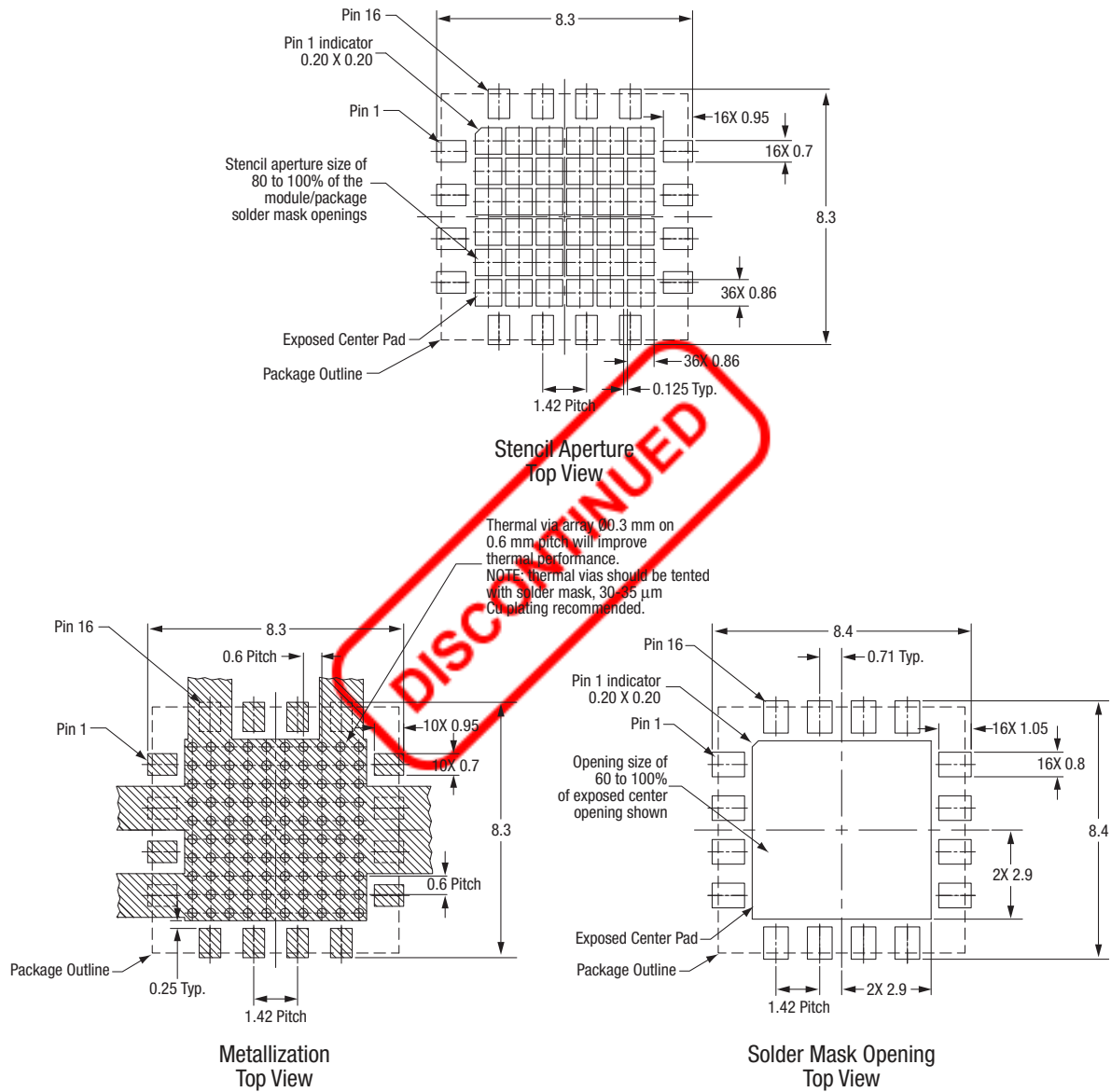
The PCB layout footprint for the SKY65374-11 is provided in Figure 7. Figure 8 shows the typical part marking. Package dimensions are shown in Figure 9, and tape and reel dimensions are provided in Figure 10.

Package and Handling Information

Since the device package is sensitive to moisture absorption, it is baked and vacuum packed before shipping. Instructions on the shipping container label regarding exposure to moisture after the container seal is broken must be followed. Otherwise, problems related to moisture absorption may occur when the part is subjected to high temperature during solder assembly.

The SKY65374-11 is rated to Moisture Sensitivity Level 3 (MSL3) at 260 °C. It can be used for lead or lead-free soldering. For additional information, refer to Skyworks Application Note, *PCB Design and SMT Assembly/Rework Guidelines for MCM-L Packages*, document number 101752.

Care must be taken when attaching this product, whether it is done manually or in a production solder reflow environment. Production quantities of this product are shipped in a standard tape and reel format.



All dimensions are in millimeters

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Figure 7. SKY65374-11 PCB Layout Footprint (Top View)

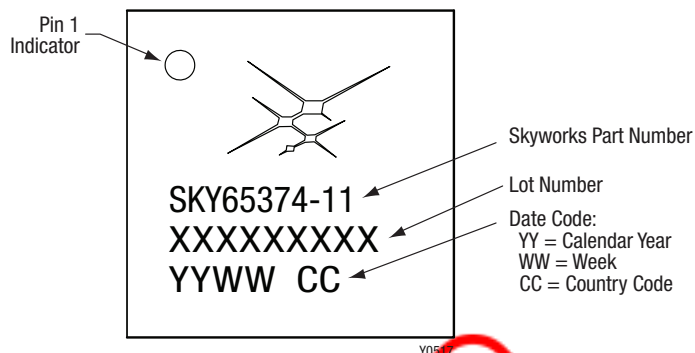
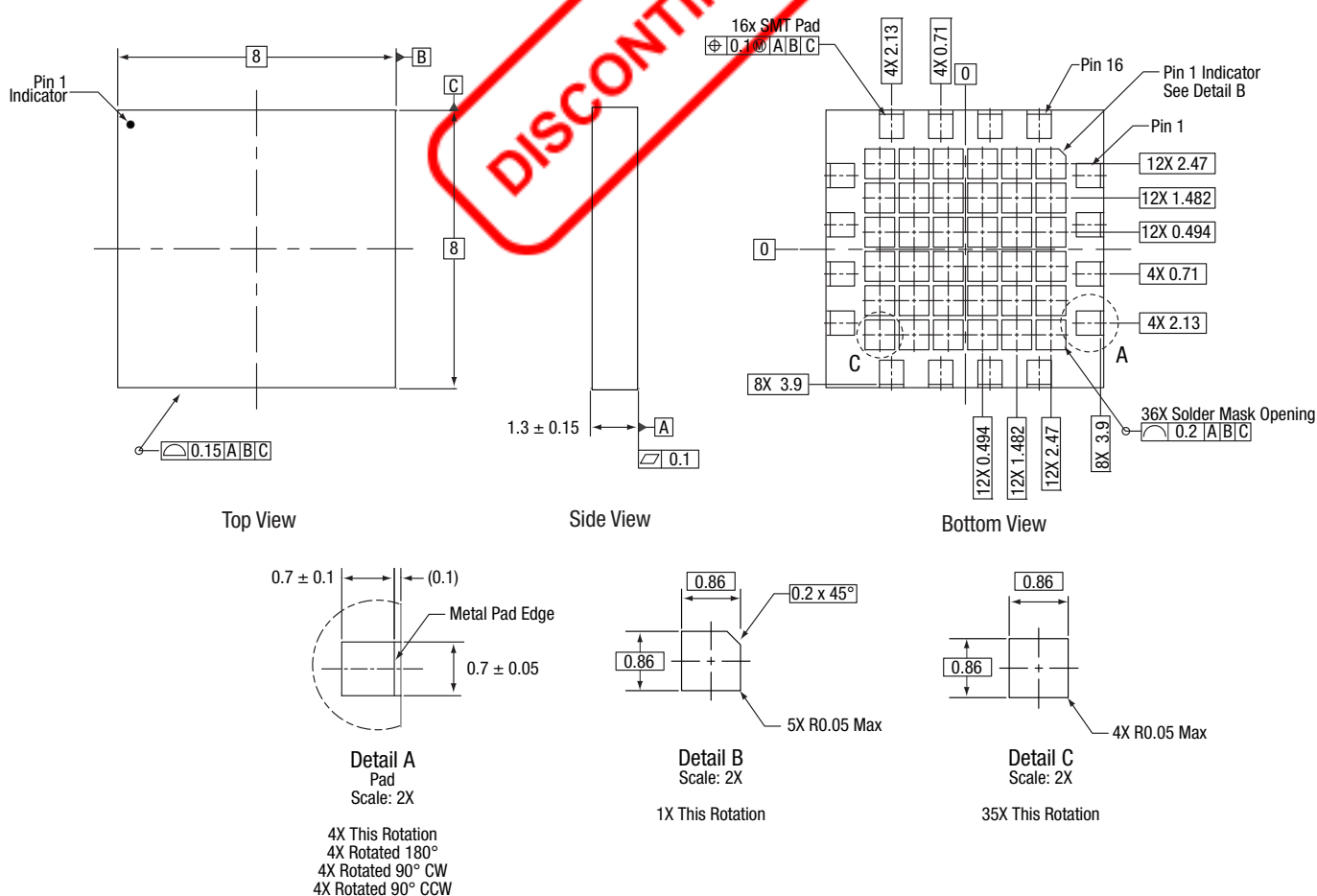


Figure 8. Typical Part Marking



Notes:

1. Dimensions and tolerances according to ASME Y14.5M-1994.
2. All measurements are in millimeters.

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Figure 9. SKY65374-11 Package Dimensions

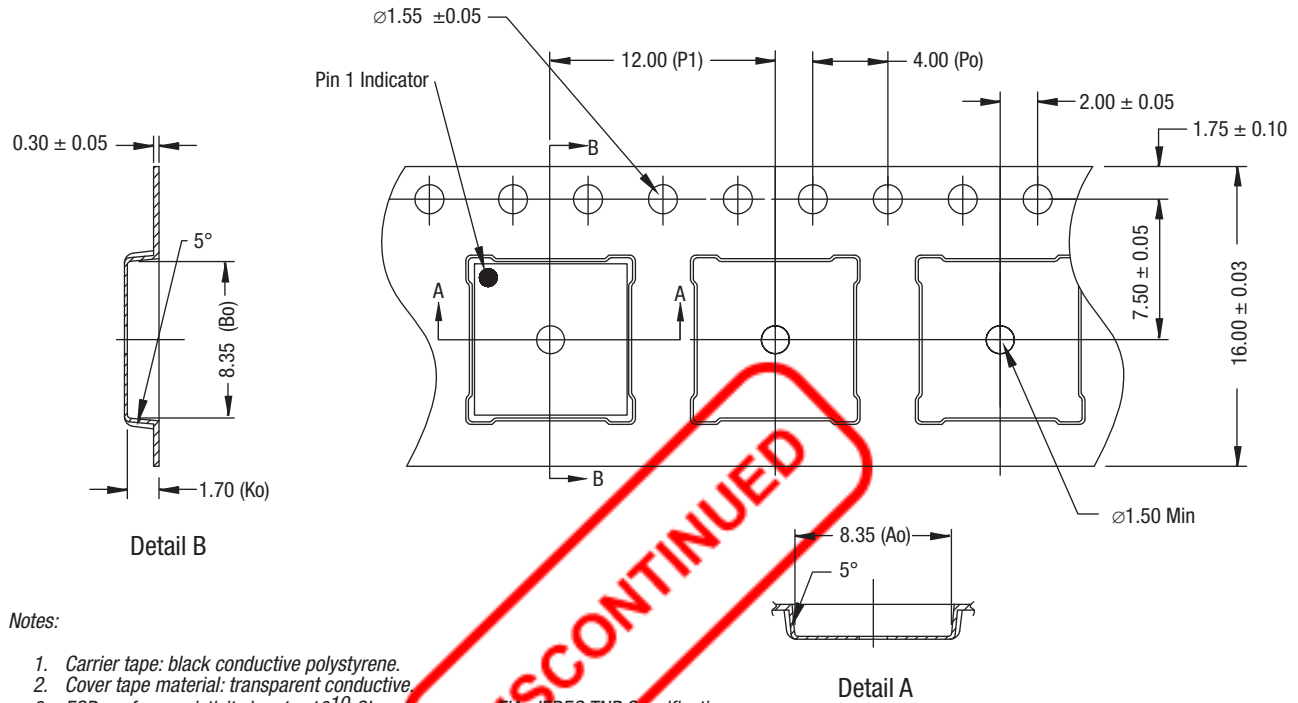


Figure 10. SKY65374-11 Tape and Reel Dimensions

Ordering Information

Model Name	Manufacturing Part Number	Evaluation Board Part Number
SKY65374-11: LNA	SKY65374-11	SKY65374-11EK1



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