

DATA SHEET

SKY67100-396LF: 1.2 to 3.0 GHz High Linearity, Active Bias Low-Noise Amplifier

Applications

- GSM, CDMA, WCDMA, and TD-SCDMA cellular infrastructure
- Ultra-low-noise systems

Features

- Ultra-low noise figure: 0.71 dB @ 1.95 GHz
- Excellent input return loss > 20 dB
- High OIP3 performance: +34 dBm @ 1.95 GHz
- Adjustable supply current and gain
- Temperature and process-stable active bias
- Miniature DFN (8-pin, 2 x 2 mm) package (MSL1 @ 260 °C per JEDEC J-STD-020)
- For RoHS and other product compliance information, see the [Skyworks Certificate of Conformance](#)

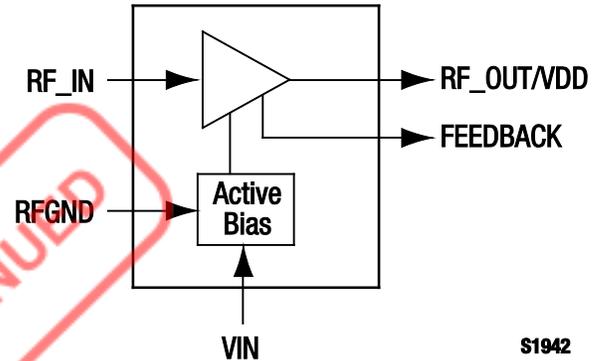


Figure 1. SKY67100-396LF Block Diagram

Description

The SKY67100-396LF is a GaAs, pHEMT low-noise amplifier (LNA) with an active bias and high linearity performance. The advanced GaAs pHEMT enhancement mode process provides excellent return loss, low noise, and high linearity performance.

The internal active bias circuitry provides stable performance over temperature and process variation. The device offers the ability to externally adjust supply current and gain. Supply voltage is applied to the RFOUT/VDD pin through an RF choke inductor. Pin 4 (VIN) should be connected to RFOUT/VDD through an external resistor to control the supply current. The RFIN and RFOUT/VDD pins should be DC blocked to ensure proper operation. Pin 5 (FEEDBACK) is connected through an RC network to externally adjust the gain of the device without affecting the noise figure (NF) of the LNA.

The SKY67100-396LF operates in the frequency range of 1.2 to 3.0 GHz with proper tuning. For lower and higher frequency operation, the pin-compatible SKY67101-396LF and SKY67102-396LF should be used.

The LNA is manufactured in a compact, 2 x 2 mm, 8-pin Dual Flat No-Lead (DFN) 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.

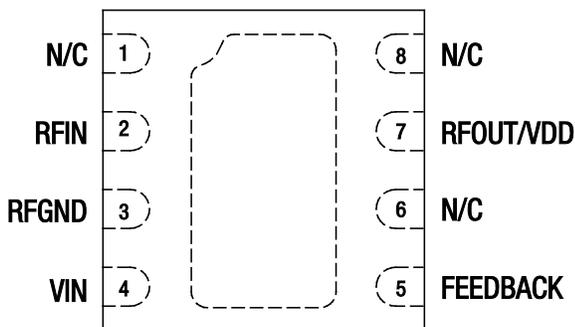


Figure 2. SKY67100-396LF Pinout – 8-Pin DFN (Top View)

Table 1. SKY67100-396LF Signal Descriptions

Pin	Name	Description	Pin	Name	Description
1	N/C	No connection. May be connected to ground with no change in performance.	5	FEEDBACK	LNA external gain control. Connect to RFOUT using a series RD network.
2	RFIN	RF input. DC blocking capacitor required.	6	N/C	No connection. May be connected to ground with no change in performance.
3	RFGND	RF ground. Connect to ground through a capacitor.	7	RFOUT/VDD	RF output. Apply VDD through RF choke inductor. DC blocking capacitor required.
4	VIN	LNA supply current. Connect through series resistor to VDD.	8	N/C	No connection. May be connected to ground with no change in performance.

Table 2. SKY67100-396LF Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

Parameter	Symbol	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
Supply voltage	V _{DD}			5.5	V
Supply current	I _{DD}			100	mA
RF input power	P _{IN}			+22	dBm
Storage temperature	T _{STG}	-65	+25	+125	°C
Operating temperature	T _A	-40	+25	+85	°C
Junction temperature	T _J			+150	°C
Electrostatic discharge:	ESD				
Charged Device Model (CDM), Class 4				1000	V
Human Body Model (HBM), Class 1B				500	V
Machine Model (MM), Class A				30	V

Note 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.
 Thermal resistance = 80 °C/W @ 4 V bias.

CAUTION: 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. Static charges may easily produce potentials of several kilovolts on the human body or equipment, which can discharge without detection. Industry-standard ESD precautions should be used at all times.

Electrical and Mechanical Specifications

The absolute maximum ratings of the SKY67100-396LF are provided in Table 2. Electrical specifications are provided in Tables 3, 4, and 5.

Typical performance characteristics of the SKY67100-396LF are illustrated in Figures 3 through 14.

Table 3. SKY67100-396LF Electrical Specifications (Note 1)

($V_{DD} = 4.0\text{ V}$, $I_{DD} = 56\text{ mA}$, $T_A = +25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $P_{IN} = -20\text{ dBm}$, Characteristic Impedance [Z_0] = $50\ \Omega$, Refer to Table 6 [4.0 V, 56 mA BOM])

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
RF Specifications						
Noise Figure (Note 2)	NF	@ 1.75 GHz @ 1.85 GHz @ 1.95 GHz		0.62 0.65 0.71	1.00	dB dB dB
Small signal gain	IS21I	@ 1.75 GHz @ 1.85 GHz @ 1.95 GHz	17.3 17.0 16.6	18.3 18.0 17.6	19.3 19.0 18.6	dB dB dB
Input return loss	IS11I	@ 1.75 GHz @ 1.85 GHz @ 1.95 GHz		30.4 25.3 20.6		dB dB dB
Output return loss	IS22I	@ 1.75 GHz @ 1.85 GHz @ 1.95 GHz		11.6 12.4 12.7		dB dB dB
Reverse isolation	IS12I	@ 1.75 GHz @ 1.85 GHz @ 1.95 GHz		43.0 43.1 43.3		dB dB dB
3 rd Order Input Intercept Point	IIP3	$\Delta f = 1\text{ MHz}$, $P_{IN} = -20\text{ dBm/ tone}$ @ 1.75 GHz @ 1.85 GHz @ 1.95 GHz		+15.7 +16.1 +16.4		dBm dBm dBm
3 rd Order Output Intercept Point	OIP3	$\Delta f = 1\text{ MHz}$, $P_{IN} = -20\text{ dBm/ tone}$ @ 1.75 GHz @ 1.85 GHz @ 1.95 GHz	+32.5	+34.0 +34.3 +34.0		dBm dBm dBm
1 dB Input Compression Point	IP1dB	@ 1.75 GHz @ 1.85 GHz @ 1.95 GHz		+0.47 +0.65 +0.80		dBm dBm dBm
1 dB Output Compression Point	OP1dB	@ 1.75 GHz @ 1.85 GHz @ 1.95 GHz		+18.7 +18.4 +18.4		dBm dBm dBm
Stability	u1, u2	Up to 18 GHz, -40 °C to +85 °C		>1		-
DC Specifications						
Supply voltage	V_{DD}			4		V
Supply current	I_{DD}	Set with external resistor		56		mA

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

Note 2: Loss from the input SMA connector and Evaluation Board up to component C1 has been de-embedded from the NF measurement.

Typical Performance Characteristics

($V_{DD} = 4.0\text{ V}$, $I_{DD} = 56\text{ mA}$, $T_A = +25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $P_{IN} = -20\text{ dBm}$, Characteristic Impedance [Z_0] = $50\ \Omega$)

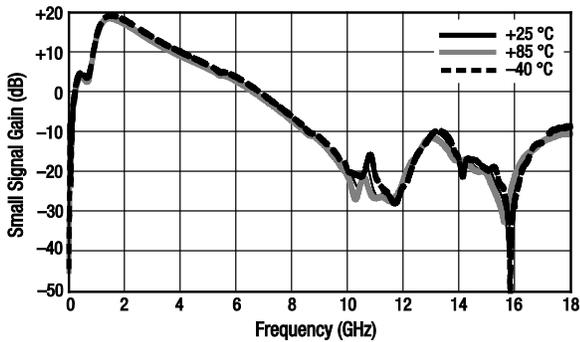


Figure 3. Broadband Gain Response vs Frequency

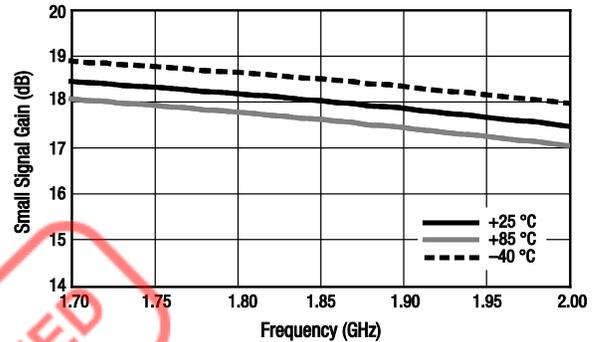


Figure 4. Narrowband Gain Response vs Frequency

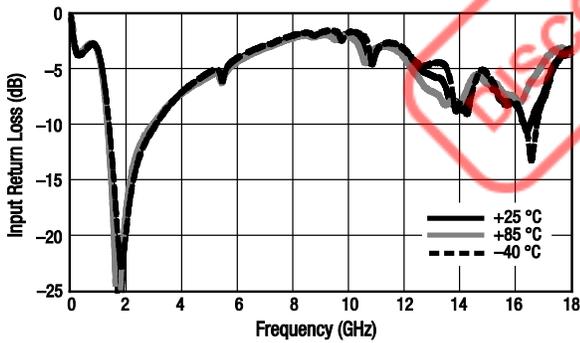


Figure 5. Broadband Input Return Loss vs Frequency

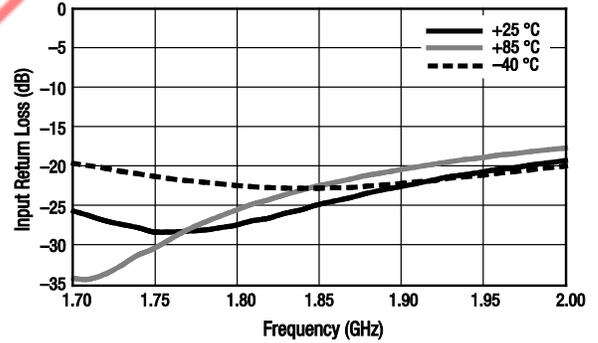


Figure 6. Narrowband Input Return Loss vs Frequency

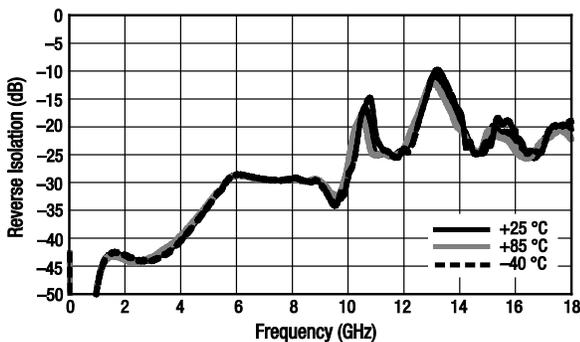


Figure 7. Broadband Reverse Isolation vs Frequency

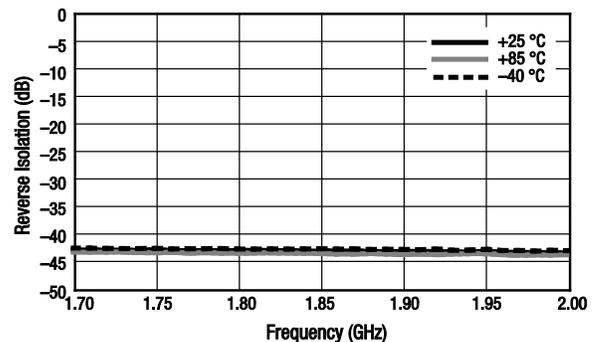
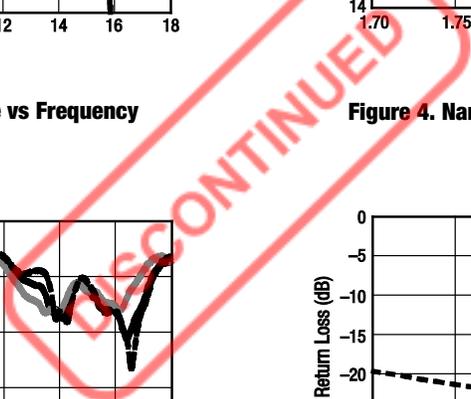


Figure 8. Narrowband Reverse Isolation vs Frequency



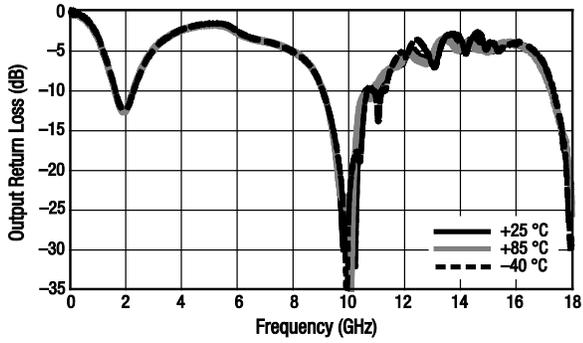


Figure 9. Broadband Output Return Loss vs Frequency

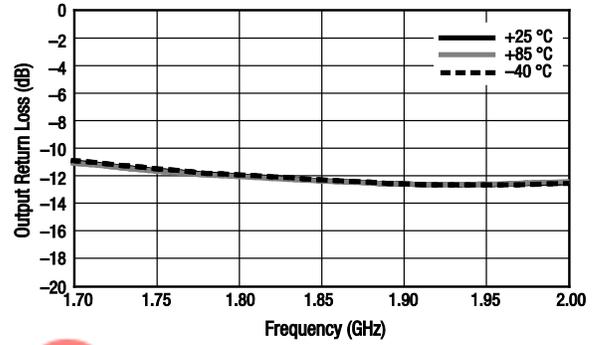


Figure 10. Narrowband Output Return Loss vs Frequency

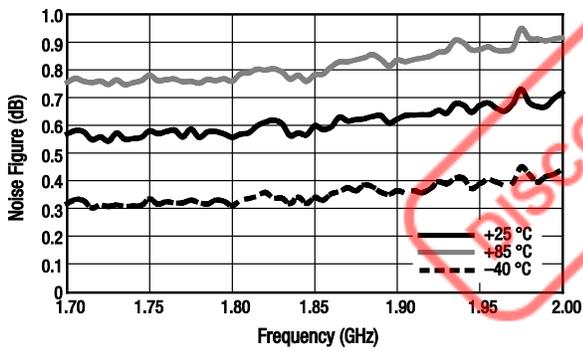


Figure 11. Noise Figure vs Frequency

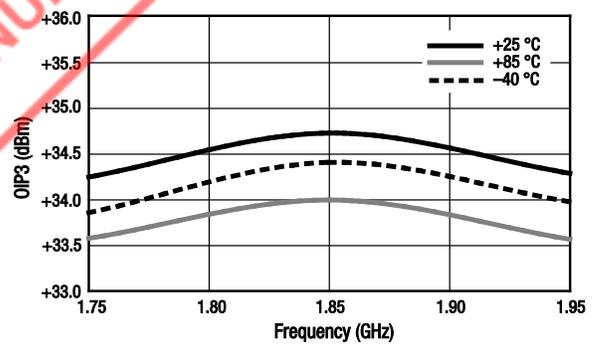


Figure 12. OIP3 vs Frequency
($P_{IN} = -20$ dBm, Spacing = 5 MHz)

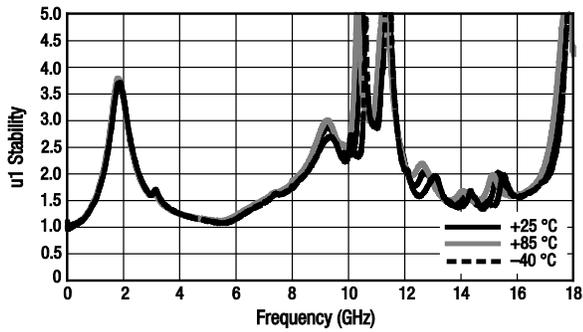


Figure 13. μ_1 Stability vs Frequency

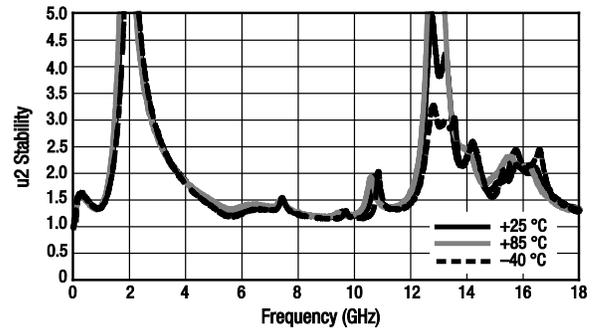


Figure 14. μ_2 Stability vs Frequency

Table 4. SKY67100-396LF Electrical Specifications (Note 1)

(V_{DD} = 3.3 V, I_{DD} = 51 mA, T_A = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -20 dBm, Characteristic Impedance [Z₀] = 50 Ω, Refer to Table 7 [3.3 V, 51 mA, 1950 MHz Tuning BOM])

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Noise figure (Note 2)	NF	@ 1.95 GHz		0.78		dB
Small signal gain	IS21I	@ 1.95 GHz		17.6		dB
Input return loss	IS11I	@ 1.95 GHz		20.0		dB
Output return loss	IS22I	@ 1.95 GHz		15.0		dB
Reverse isolation	IS12I	@ 1.95 GHz		42.0		dB
Input Third Order Intercept Point	IIP3	ΔF=1 MHz, P _{IN} =-20 dBm/tone 1950 MHz		15.5		dBm
Output Third Order Intercept Point	OIP3	ΔF=1 MHz, P _{IN} =-20 dBm/tone 1950 MHz		32.8		dBm
Input 1 dB Compression Point	IP1dB	@ 1.95 GHz		-1.0		dBm
Output 1 dB Compression Point	OP1dB	@ 1.95 GHz		15.9		dBm
Stability	μ1, μ2, K, B			>1		
DC Specifications						
Supply voltage	V _{DD}			3.30		V
Quiescent supply current	I _{DD}			51		mA

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

Note 2: Loss from the input SMA connector and Evaluation Board up to component C1 has been de-embedded from the NF measurement.

Table 5. SKY67100-396LF Electrical Specifications (Note 1)

(V_{DD} = 3.3 V, I_{DD} = 51 mA, T_A = +25 °C, P_{IN} = -20 dBm, Characteristic Impedance [Z₀] = 50 Ω, Refer to Table 8 [3.3 V, 51 mA, 1750 MHz Tuning BOM])

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Noise figure (Note 2)	NF	@ 1.75 GHz		0.69		dB
Small signal gain	IS21I	@ 1.75 GHz		18.3		dB
Input return loss	IS11I	@ 1.75 GHz		30.0		dB
Output return loss	IS22I	@ 1.75 GHz		13.0		dB
Reverse isolation	IS12I	@ 1.75 GHz		42.0		dB
Input Third Order Intercept Point	IIP3	ΔF=1 MHz, P _{IN} =-20 dBm/tone 1750 MHz		16.5		dBm
Output Third Order Intercept Point	OIP3	ΔF=1 MHz, P _{IN} =-20 dBm/tone 1750 MHz		34.8		dBm
Input 1 dB Compression Point	IP1dB	@ 1.75 GHz		0.0		dBm
Output 1 dB Compression Point	OP1dB	@ 1.75 GHz		17.3		dBm
Stability	μ1, μ2, K, B			>1		
DC Specifications						
Supply voltage	V _{DD}			3.30		V
Quiescent supply current	I _{DD}			51		mA

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

Note 2: Loss from the input SMA connector and Evaluation Board up to component C1 has been de-embedded from the NF measurement.

Evaluation Board Description

The SKY67100-396LF Evaluation Board is used to test the performance of the SKY67100-396LF LNA. An assembly drawing for the Evaluation Board is shown in Figure 15. An Evaluation Board schematic diagram is provided in Figure 16. Table 6 provides the Bill of Materials (BOM) list for Evaluation Board components at 4.0 V and 56 mA operation. Table 7 provides the BOM for 3.3 V, 51 mA, and 1960 MHz tuning. Table 8 provides the BOM for 3.3 V, 51 mA, and 1750 MHz tuning.

The test board uses a 10 mil Rogers 4350B substrate on a 50 mil FR4 supporting substrate. The Rogers 4350B material was selected for the RF circuit because of its low dielectric constant (ϵ_r) and low ϵ_r variation over temperature for the best possible noise performance.

Package Dimensions

The PCB layout footprint for the SKY67100-396LF is provided in Figure 17. Typical case markings are shown in Figure 18. Package dimensions for the 8-pin DFN are shown in Figure 19, and tape and reel dimensions are provided in Figure 20.

Package and Handling Information

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 SKY67100-396LF is rated to Moisture Sensitivity Level 1 (MSL1) at 260 °C. It can be used for lead or lead-free soldering. For additional information, refer to the Skyworks Application Note, *Solder Reflow Information*, document number 200164.

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.

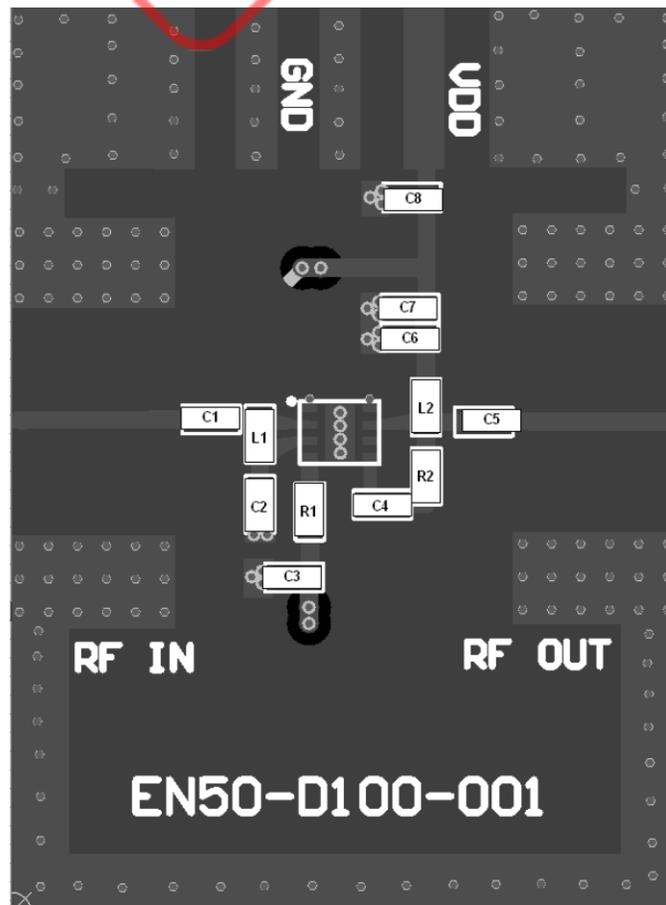


Figure 15. SKY67100-396LF Evaluation Board Assembly Diagram

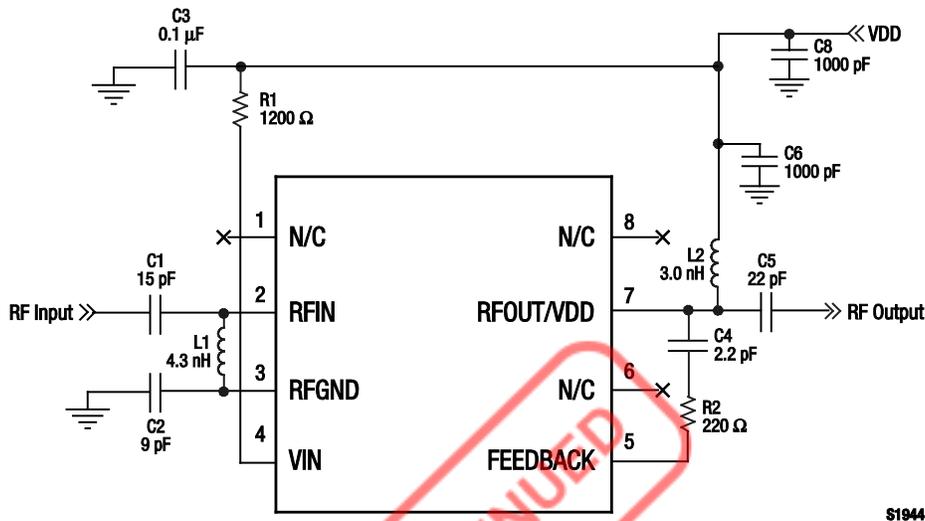


Figure 16. SKY67100-396LF Evaluation Board Schematic

Table 6. SKY67100-396LF Evaluation Board Bill of Materials
(VDD = 4.0 V, IDD = 56 mA)

Component	Value	Size	Manufacturer	Mfr Part Number	Comments
C1	15 pF	0402	Murata	GJM1555C1H150JB01	Capacitor
C2	9 pF	0402	Murata	GJM1555C1H9R0CB01	Capacitor
C3	0.1 μF	0402	Murata	GRM155F51C104ZA01E	Capacitor
C4	2.2 pF	0402	Murata	GJM1555C1H2R2CB01	Capacitor
C5	22 pF	0402	Murata	GRM1555C1H220JZ01	Capacitor
C6	1000 pF	0402	Murata	GRM1555R71H102KA01	Capacitor
C7	DNI	-	-	-	-
C8	1000 pF	0402	Murata	GRM155R71H102KA01	Capacitor
L1	4.3 nH	0402	Coilcraft	0402CS-4N3X_L	Inductor
L2	3.0 nH	0402	TDK	MLG1005S3N0S	Inductor
R1	1200 Ω	0402	Panasonic	ERJ2GEJ122X	Resistor
R2	220 Ω	0402	Panasonic	ERJ2RHD2200X	Resistor

Table 7. SKY67100-396LF Evaluation Board Bill of Materials
(V_{DD} = 3.3 V, I_{DD} = 51 mA, 1950 MHz Tuning)

Component	Value	Size	Manufacturer	Mfr Part Number	Comments
C1	15 pF	0402	Murata	GJM1555C1H150JB01	Capacitor
C2	9 pF	0402	Murata	GJM1555C1H9R0CB01	Capacitor
C3	0.1 μF	0402	Murata	GRM155F51C104ZA01E	Capacitor
C4	5.6 pF	0402	Murata	GJM1555C1H5R6CB01	Capacitor
C5	82 pF	0402	Murata	GRM1555C1H820JZ01	Capacitor
C6	1000 pF	0402	Murata	GRM1555R71H102KA01	Capacitor
C7	DNI	–	–	–	–
C8	1000 pF	0402	Murata	GRM155R71H102KA01	Capacitor
L1	4.7 nH	0402	Coilcraft	0402CS-4N7X_L	Inductor
L2	3.0 nH	0402	TDK	MLG1005S3N0S	Inductor
R1	1000 Ω	0402	Panasonic	ERJ2GEJ102X	Resistor
R2	220 Ω	0402	Panasonic	ERJ2RHD2200X	Resistor

Table 8. SKY67100-396LF Evaluation Board Bill of Materials
(V_{DD} = 3.3 V, I_{DD} = 51 mA, 1750 MHz Tuning)

Component	Value	Size	Manufacturer	Mfr Part Number	Comments
C1	15 pF	0402	Murata	GJM1555C1H150JB01	Capacitor
C2	9 pF	0402	Murata	GJM1555C1H9R0CB01	Capacitor
C3	0.1 μF	0402	Murata	GRM155F51C104ZA01E	Capacitor
C4	2.2 pF	0402	Murata	GJM1555C1H2R2CB01	Capacitor
C5	22 pF	0402	Murata	GRM1555C1H220JZ01	Capacitor
C6	1000 pF	0402	Murata	GRM1555R71H102KA01	Capacitor
C7	DNI	–	–	–	–
C8	1000 pF	0402	Murata	GRM155R71H102KA01	Capacitor
L1	4.3 nH	0402	Coilcraft	0402CS-4N3X_L	Inductor
L2	3.0 nH	0402	TDK	MLG1005S3N0S	Inductor
R1	1000 Ω	0402	Panasonic	ERJ2GEJ102X	Resistor
R2	220 Ω	0402	Panasonic	ERJ2RHD2200X	Resistor

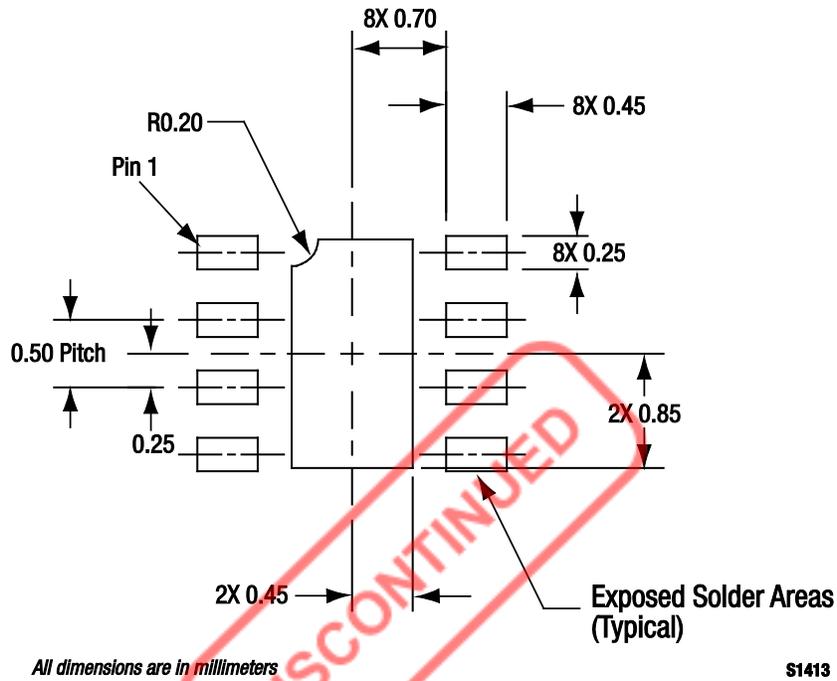


Figure 17. SKY67100-396LF PCB Layout Footprint (Top View)

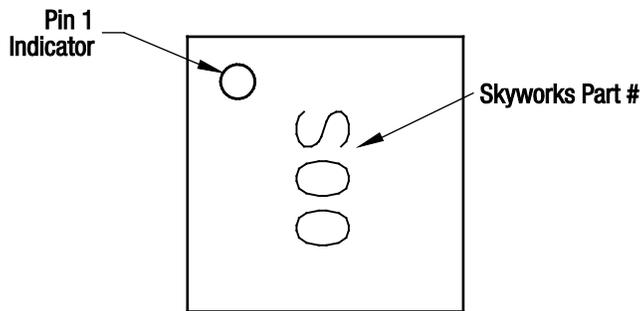
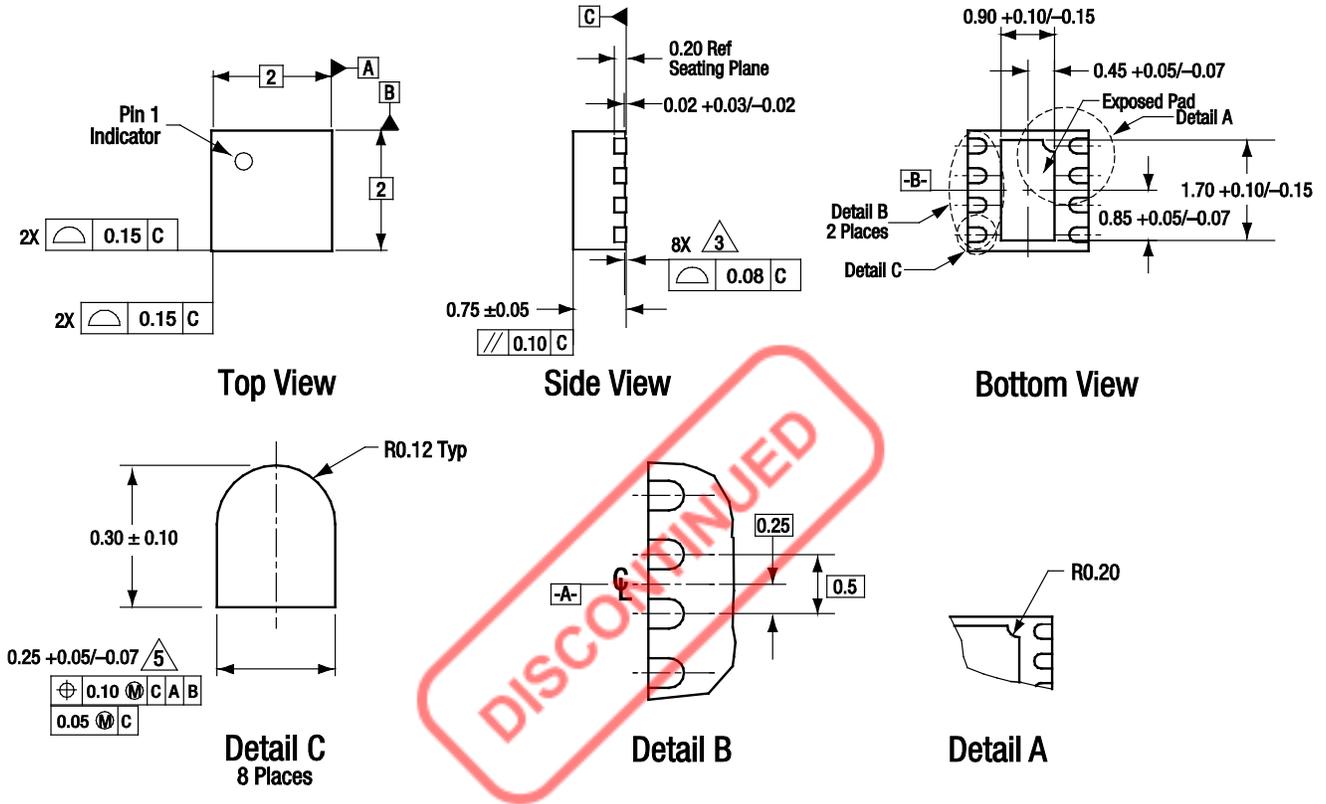


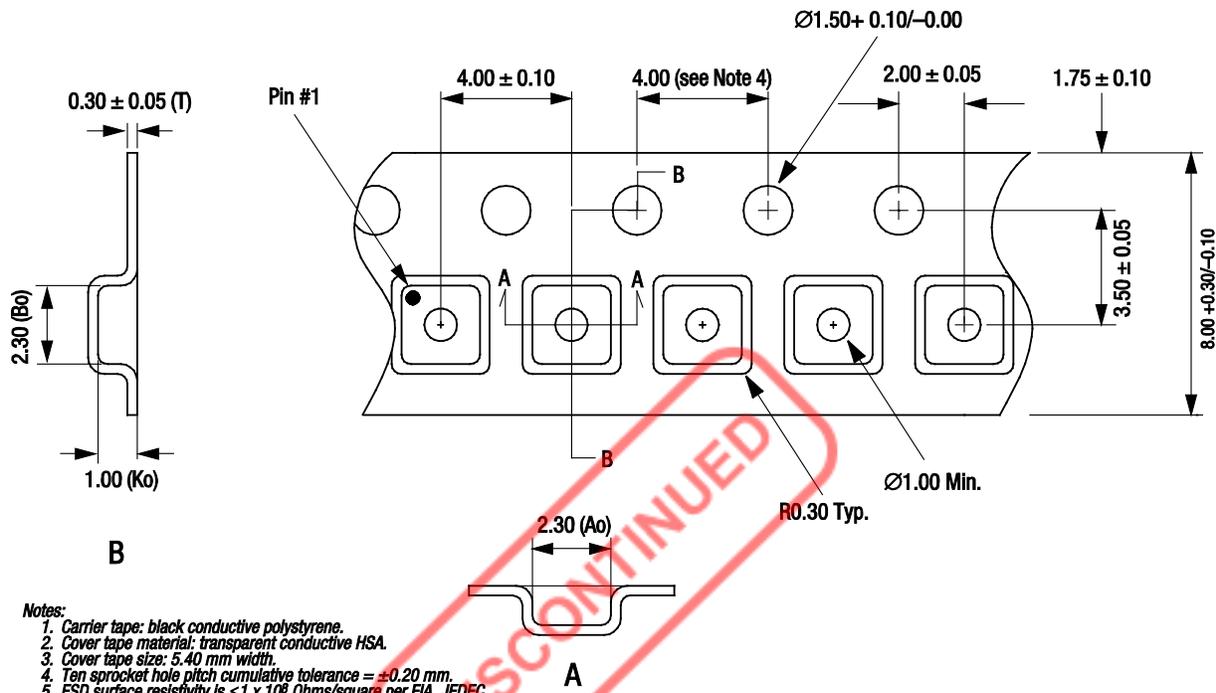
Figure 18. Typical Case Markings (Top View)



All measurements are in millimeters.
 Dimensioning and tolerancing according to ASME Y14.5M-1994.
 Coplanarity applies to the exposed heat sink slug as well as the terminals.
 Plating requirement per source control drawing (SCD) 2504.
 Dimension applies to metallized terminal and is measured between 0.15 mm and 0.30 mm from terminal tip.

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Figure 19. SKY67100-396LF 8-Pin DFN Package Dimensions



- Notes:
1. Carrier tape: black conductive polystyrene.
 2. Cover tape material: transparent conductive HSA.
 3. Cover tape size: 5.40 mm width.
 4. Ten sprocket hole pitch cumulative tolerance = ±0.20 mm.
 5. ESD surface resistivity is $\leq 1 \times 10^8$ Ohms/square per EIA, JEDEC tape and reel specification.
 6. Ao and Bo measurement point to be 0.30 mm from bottom pocket.
 7. All measurements are in millimeters.

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Figure 20. SKY67100-396LF Tape and Reel Dimensions

Ordering Information

Model Name	Manufacturing Part Number	Evaluation Board Part Number
SKY67100-396LF LNA	SKY67100-396LF	SKY67100-396LF-EVB



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