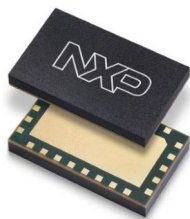


# A5M37TG240

## Airfast Power Amplifier Module

Rev. 2 — 1 April 2025

Product data sheet



## 1 General description

The A5M37TG240 is a fully integrated Doherty power amplifier module designed for wireless infrastructure applications that demand high performance in the smallest footprint. Ideal for applications in massive MIMO systems, outdoor small cells and low power remote radio heads. The field-proven LDMOS and GaN power amplifiers are designed for TDD LTE and 5G systems.

## 2 Features and benefits

- 2-stage module solution that includes an LDMOS integrated circuit as a driver and a GaN final stage amplifier
- Advanced high performance in-package Doherty
- Fully matched (50 ohm input/output, DC blocked)
- Designed for low complexity digital linearization systems
- Reduced memory effects for improved linearized error vector magnitude
- Supports up to 530 MHz instantaneous signal bandwidth

## 3 Typical performance

Table 1. 3400–4000 MHz — Typical LTE performance

$P_{out} = 9\text{ W Avg.}$ ,  $V_{DC1} = V_{DP1} = 5\text{ Vdc}$ ,  $V_{DC2} = V_{DP2} = 48\text{ Vdc}$ ,  $1 \times 20\text{ MHz LTE}$ , input signal PAR = 8 dB @ 0.01% probability on CCDF.<sup>[1]</sup>

Carrier center frequency	Gain (dB)	ACPR (dBc)	PAE (%)
3410 MHz	32.6	−26.9	44.0
3500 MHz	33.0	−26.2	45.5
3600 MHz	33.0	−26.8	46.8
3700 MHz	32.9	−29.1	47.0
3800 MHz	33.0	−32.6	46.8
3900 MHz	32.7	−36.1	46.1
3970 MHz	32.2	−36.1	45.9
3990 MHz	32.1	−35.9	45.8

[1] All data measured with device soldered to NXP reference circuit.



4 Pinning information

4.1 Pinning

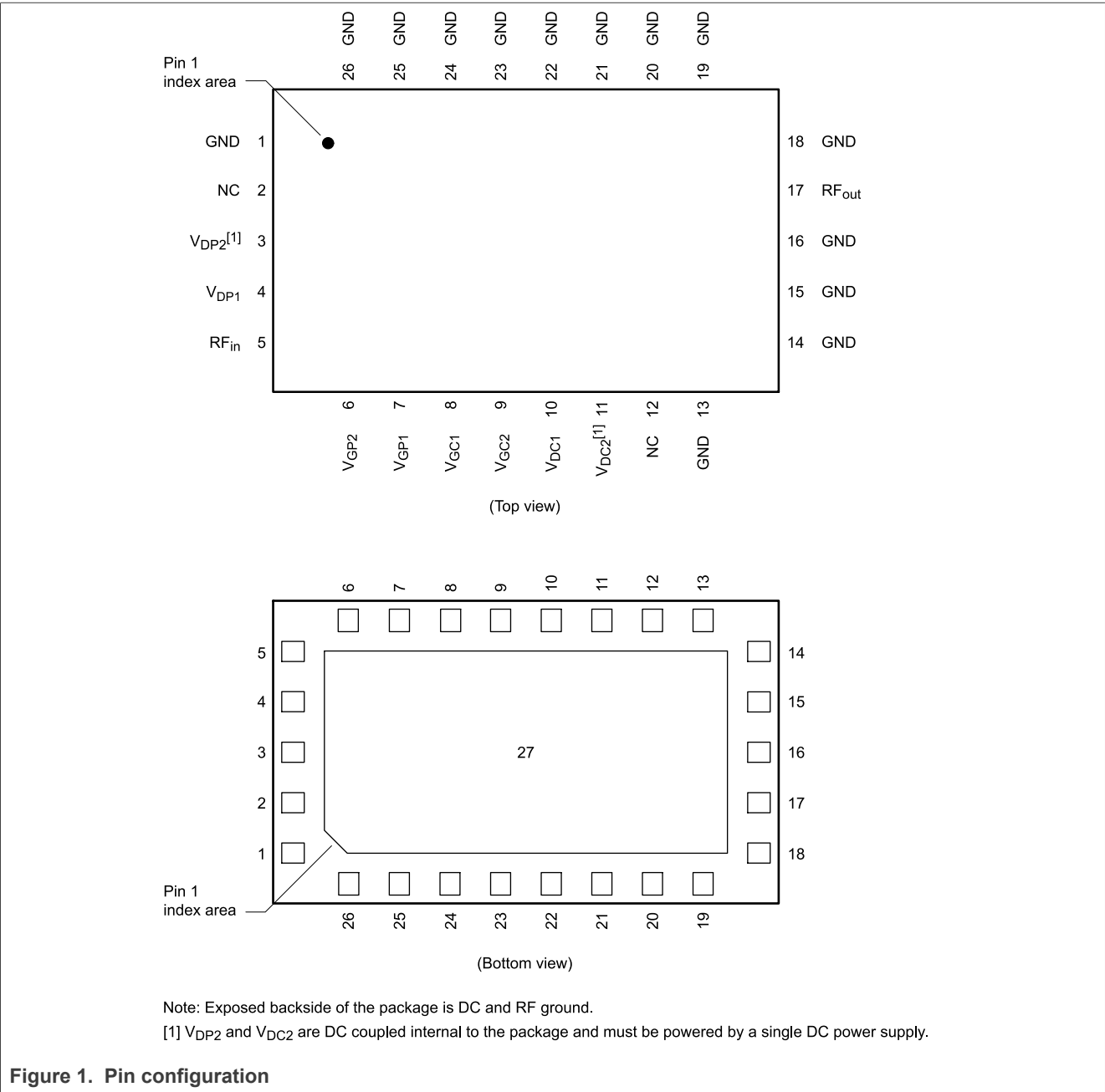


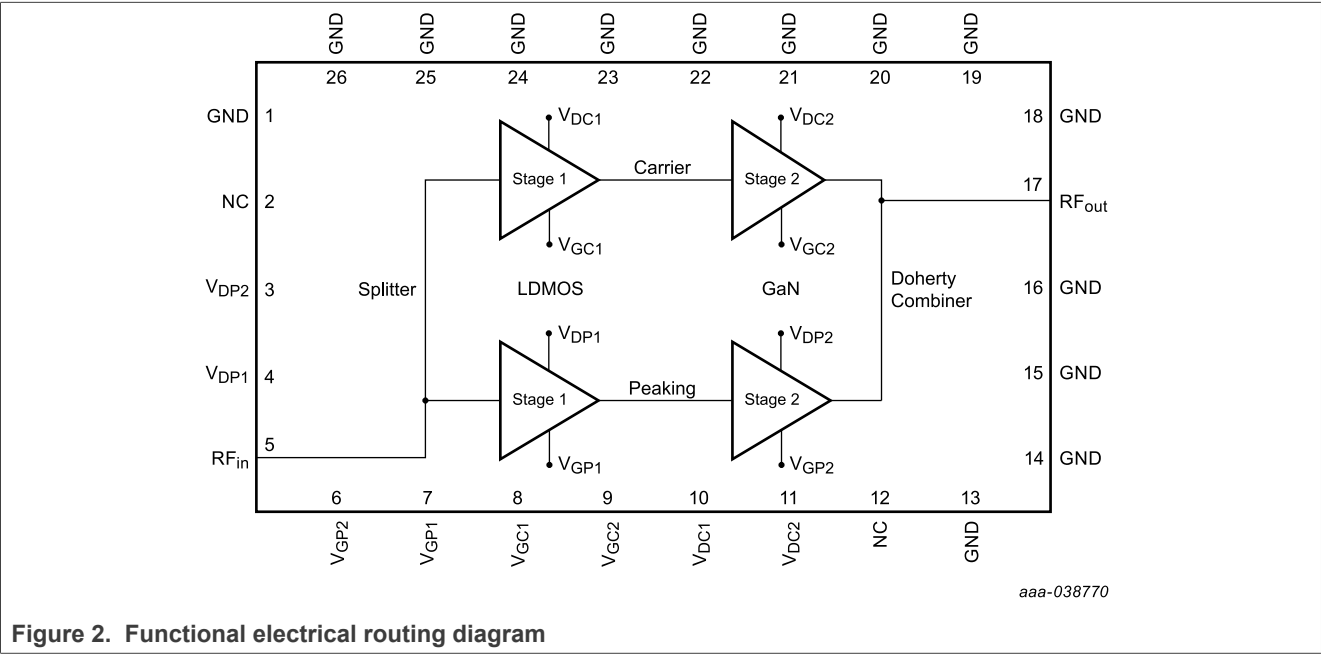
Figure 1. Pin configuration

4.2 Pin description

Table 2. Pin description

Pin number	Pin function	Pin description
1, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	GND	Ground
2, 12	NC	No connection
3	V <sub>DP2</sub>	Peaking drain supply, stage 2
4	V <sub>DP1</sub>	Peaking drain supply, stage 1
5	RF <sub>in</sub>	RF input
6	V <sub>GP2</sub>	Peaking gate supply, stage 2
7	V <sub>GP1</sub>	Peaking gate supply, stage 1
8	V <sub>GC1</sub>	Carrier gate supply, stage 1
9	V <sub>GC2</sub>	Carrier gate supply, stage 2
10	V <sub>DC1</sub>	Carrier drain supply, stage 1
11	V <sub>DC2</sub>	Carrier drain supply, stage 2
17	RF <sub>out</sub>	RF output

5 Functional electrical routing diagram



6 Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

Device	Tape and reel information	Package
A5M37TG240T2	T2 suffix = 2,000 units, 24 mm tape width, 13-inch reel	10 mm × 6 mm Module

7 Product marking

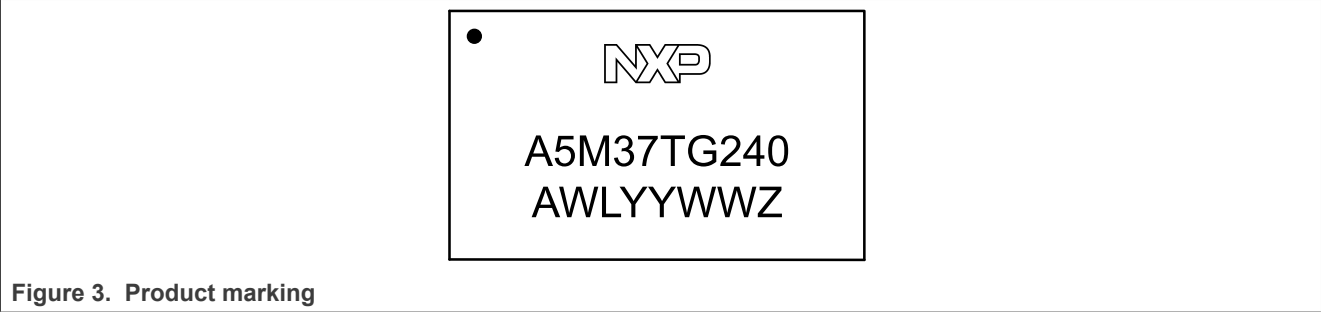


Table 4. Product marking trace code

Identifier	Description
A	Assembly location
WL	Wafer lot indicator
YYWW	Date code
Z	Assembly lot

8 Limiting values

Table 5. Limiting values

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Gate-bias voltage range	$V_{G1}$ $V_{G2}$	−0.5 to +10 −8, 0	Vdc
Operating voltage range	$V_{DD1}$ $V_{DD2}$	4.75 to 5.25 +38 to +55	Vdc
Maximum forward gate current, $I_G$ (A+B), @ $T_C = 25^{\circ}C$	$I_{GMAX}$	8.7	mA
Storage temperature range	$T_{stg}$	−65 to +150	$^{\circ}C$
Case operating temperature	$T_C$	125	$^{\circ}C$
Maximum channel temperature	$T_{CH}$	225	$^{\circ}C$
Peak input power (3700 MHz, pulsed CW, 10 $\mu$ sec(on), 10% duty cycle, $V_{DC1} = V_{DP1} = 5$ Vdc, $V_{DC2} = V_{DP2} = 48$ Vdc)	$P_{in}$	28	dBm

9 Lifetime

Table 6. Lifetime

Characteristic	Symbol	Value	Unit
Mean time to failure (Case temperature 125 $^{\circ}C$ , 75% duty cycle, 9 W Avg., $V_{DC1} = V_{DP1} = 5$ Vdc, $V_{DC2} = V_{DP2} = 48$ Vdc)	MTTF	> 10	Years

## 10 Thermal characteristics

Table 7. Thermal characteristics

Characteristic	Symbol	Value	Unit
Thermal resistance by infrared measurement, active die surface-to-case (Case temperature 125°C, P <sub>D</sub> = 13.0 W)	R <sub>θSC</sub> (IR)	5.7 <sup>[1]</sup>	°C/W
Thermal resistance by finite element analysis, channel-to-case (Case temperature 125°C, P <sub>D</sub> = 9.1 W) (Case temperature 110°C, P <sub>D</sub> = 11.9 W)	R <sub>θCHC</sub> (FEA)	11.0 <sup>[2]</sup> 9.7 <sup>[2]</sup>	°C/W

[1] Refer to AN1955, *Thermal Measurement Methodology of RF Power Amplifiers*. Go to <http://www.nxp.com/RF> and search for AN1955.

[2] R<sub>θCHC</sub> (FEA) must be used for purposes related to reliability and limitations on maximum channel temperature. MTTF may be estimated by the expression  $MTTF \text{ (hours)} = 10^{[A + B/(T + 273)]}$ , where T is the channel temperature in degrees Celsius, A = -12.47 and B = 9729.

## 11 ESD protection characteristics

Table 8. ESD protection characteristics

Test methodology	Class
Human Body Model (per JS-001-2023)	2
Charge Device Model (per JS-002-2022)	C3

## 12 Moisture sensitivity level

Table 9. Moisture sensitivity level

Test methodology	Rating	Package peak temperature	Unit
Per JESD22-A113, IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020	3	260	°C

## 13 Electrical characteristics

### 13.1 DC characteristics — off characteristics

Table 10. DC characteristics — off characteristics

(T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Carrier + peaking stage 2, GaN — off characteristics</b>					
Off-state drain leakage <sup>[1]</sup> (V <sub>DS</sub> = 150 Vdc, V <sub>GS</sub> = -8 Vdc)	I <sub>D(BR)</sub>	—	—	4.0	mAdc
Off-state gate leakage (V <sub>DS</sub> = 48 Vdc, V <sub>GS</sub> = -7 Vdc)	I <sub>GLK</sub>	-4.0	—	—	mAdc

[1] Carrier side and peaking side are tied together for these measurements.

## 13.2 DC characteristics — on characteristics

**Table 11. DC characteristics — on characteristics**

( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Typ	Range	Unit
<b>Carrier stage 1, LDMOS — on characteristics</b>				
Gate threshold voltage ( $V_{DS} = 5\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_{DC1} = 120\text{ }\mu\text{Adc}$ )	$V_{GS(th)}$	1.4	$\pm 0.4$	Vdc
Gate quiescent voltage ( $V_{DS} = 5\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_{DQC1} = 90\text{ mAdc}$ , measured in functional test)	$V_{GS(Q)}$	2.0	$\pm 0.4$	Vdc
<b>Carrier stage 2, GaN — on characteristics</b>				
Gate threshold voltage <sup>[1]</sup> ( $V_{DS} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_D = 8.7\text{ mAdc}$ )	$V_{GS(th)}$	-2.6	$\pm 1.0$	Vdc
Gate quiescent voltage ( $V_{DS} = 48\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_{DQC2} = 58\text{ mAdc}$ , measured in functional test)	$V_{GS(Q)}$	-2.8	$\pm 1.0$	Vdc
<b>Peaking stage 1, LDMOS — on characteristics</b>				
Gate threshold voltage ( $V_{DS} = 5\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_{DP1} = 120\text{ }\mu\text{Adc}$ )	$V_{GS(th)}$	1.4	$\pm 0.4$	Vdc
Gate quiescent voltage ( $V_{DS} = 5\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_{DQP1} = 60\text{ mAdc}$ , measured in functional test)	$V_{GS(Q)}$	2.0	$\pm 0.4$	Vdc
<b>Peaking stage 2, GaN — on characteristics</b>				
Gate threshold voltage <sup>[1]</sup> ( $V_{DS} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_D = 8.7\text{ mAdc}$ )	$V_{GS(th)}$	-2.6	$\pm 1.0$	Vdc
Gate quiescent voltage ( $V_{DS} = 48\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_{DQP2} = 0\text{ mAdc}$ , measured in functional test)	$V_{GS(Q)}$	-3.9	$\pm 1.0$	Vdc

[1] Carrier side and peaking side are tied together for these measurements.

## 13.3 Functional tests

**Table 12. Functional tests — 3400 MHz**

(In NXP Doherty production ATE<sup>[1]</sup> test fixture,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted, 50 ohm system)<sup>[2]</sup>  $V_{DD1} = 5\text{ Vdc}$ ,  $V_{DD2} = 48\text{ Vdc}$ ,  $I_{DQC1} = 90\text{ mA}$ ,  $I_{DQC2} = 58\text{ mA}$ ,  $I_{DQP1} = 60\text{ mA}$ ,  $V_{GP2} = (V_{BIAS} - 1.0)^{[3]}\text{ Vdc}$ ,  $P_{out} = 9\text{ W Avg.}$ , 1-tone CW,  $f = 3400\text{ MHz}$ .

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Gain	G	29.9	33.2	—	dB
Drain efficiency	$\eta_D$	38.0	43.7	—	%
Saturated power <sup>[4]</sup> (Pulsed CW, 5% duty cycle)	$P_{sat}$	46.3	47.9	—	dBm

[1] ATE is a socketed test environment.

[2] Part input and output matched to 50 ohms.

[3] Increase  $V_{GP2}$  (peaking side) until  $I_{DQP2} = 20\text{ mA}$  current is attained, and then subtract 0.94 V for final  $V_{GP2}$  bias voltage.

[4]  $P_{sat}$  is defined at P6dB compression point.

### 13.4 Wideband ruggedness

**Table 13. Wideband ruggedness**

(In NXP Doherty power amplifier module reference circuit,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted, 50 ohm system)<sup>[1]</sup>

$I_{DQC1} = 90\text{ mA}$ ,  $I_{DQC2} = 58\text{ mA}$ ,  $I_{DQP1} = 60\text{ mA}$ ,  $V_{GP2} = (V_{BIAS} - 1.0)^{[2]}\text{ Vdc}$ ,  $f = 3700\text{ MHz}$ , Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN) with 10 dB PAR.

Characteristic	Test results
ISBW of 400 MHz at 55 Vdc, 3 dB input overdrive from 9 W Avg. modulated output power	No device degradation

[1] All data measured with device soldered to NXP reference circuit.

[2] Increase  $V_{GP2}$  (peaking side) until  $I_{DQP2} = 20\text{ mA}$  current is attained, and then subtract 0.94 V for final  $V_{GP2}$  bias voltage.

### 13.5 Typical performance

**Table 14. Typical performance**

(In NXP Doherty power amplifier module reference circuit,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted, 50 ohm system)<sup>[1]</sup>

$V_{DD1} = 5\text{ Vdc}$ ,  $V_{DD2} = 48\text{ Vdc}$ ,  $I_{DQC1} = 90\text{ mA}$ ,  $I_{DQC2} = 58\text{ mA}$ ,  $I_{DQP1} = 60\text{ mA}$ ,  $V_{GP2} = (V_{BIAS} - 1.0)^{[2]}\text{ Vdc}$ ,  $f = 3700\text{ MHz}$ .

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
VBW resonance point, 2-tone, 1 MHz tone spacing (IMD third order intermodulation inflection point)	VBW <sub>res</sub>	—	300	—	MHz
<b>1-carrier 20 MHz LTE, 8 dB input signal PAR</b>					
Gain	G	—	32.9	—	dB
Power added efficiency	PAE	—	47.0	—	%
Adjacent channel power ratio	ACPR	—	-29.1	—	dBc
Adjacent channel power ratio	ALT1	—	-43.4	—	dBc
Adjacent channel power ratio	ALT2	—	-47.6	—	dBc
Gain flatness <sup>[3]</sup>	G <sub>F</sub>	—	0.9	—	dB
<b>Pulsed CW, 10% duty cycle</b>					
Saturated power <sup>[4]</sup>	P <sub>sat</sub>	—	48.0	—	dBm
AM/PM @ saturated power <sup>[4]</sup>	Φ	—	-27.0	—	°
Gain variation @ Avg. power over temperature (-40°C to +105°C)	ΔG	—	0.062	—	dB/°C
Output power variation @ saturated power over temperature <sup>[4]</sup> (-40°C to +105°C)	ΔP <sub>sat</sub>	—	0.004	—	dB/°C

[1] All data measured with device soldered to NXP reference circuit.

[2] Increase  $V_{GP2}$  (peaking side) until  $I_{DQP2} = 20\text{ mA}$  current is attained, and then subtract 0.94 V for final  $V_{GP2}$  bias voltage.

[3] Gain flatness =  $\text{Max}(G(f_{\text{Low}} \text{ to } f_{\text{High}})) - \text{Min}(G(f_{\text{Low}} \text{ to } f_{\text{High}}))$ .

[4] P<sub>sat</sub> is defined at P6dB compression point.

**Correct Biasing Sequence****Turn ON:****Bias ON the GaN final stage first**

1. Set gate voltage  $V_{GC2}$  and  $V_{GP2}$  to  $-5$  V.
2. Set drain voltage  $V_{DC2}$  and  $V_{DP2}$  to nominal supply voltage ( $+48$  V).
3. Increase  $V_{GP2}$  (peaking side) until  $I_{DQP2} = 20$  mA current is attained, and then subtract  $0.94$  V for final  $V_{GP2}$  bias voltage.
4. Increase  $V_{GC2}$  (carrier side) until  $I_{DQC2}$  current is attained.

**Bias ON the LDMOS driver stage second**

5. Set drain voltage  $V_{DC1}$  and  $V_{DP1}$  to nominal supply voltage ( $+5$  V).
6. Increase  $V_{GC1}$  (carrier side) until  $I_{DQC1}$  current is attained.
7. Increase  $V_{GP1}$  (peaking side) until  $I_{DQP1}$  current is attained.
8. Apply RF input power to desired level.

**Turn OFF:****Bias OFF the GaN final stage first**

1. Disable RF input power.
2. Adjust gate voltage  $V_{GC2}$  and  $V_{GP2}$  to  $-5$  V.
3. Adjust drain voltage  $V_{DC2}$  and  $V_{DP2}$  to  $0$  V. Allow adequate time for drain voltage to reduce to  $0$  V from external drain capacitors.
4. Disable  $V_{GC2}$  and  $V_{GP2}$ .

**Bias OFF the LDMOS driver stage second**

5. Adjust gate voltage  $V_{GC1}$  and  $V_{GP1}$  to  $0$  V.
6. Adjust drain voltage  $V_{DC1}$  and  $V_{DP1}$  to  $0$  V.



14 Component layout and parts list

14.1 Component layout

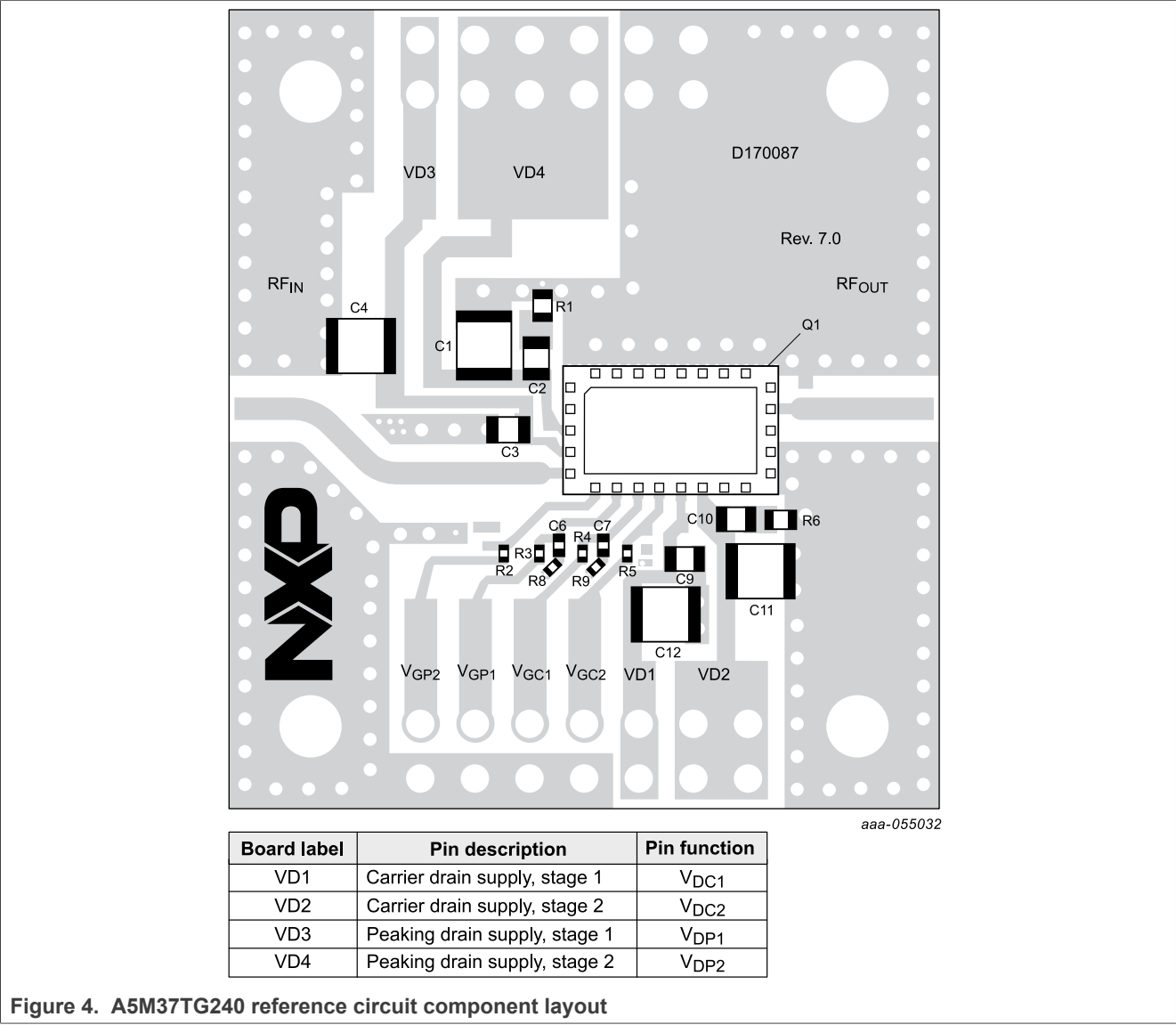


Figure 4. A5M37TG240 reference circuit component layout

14.2 Component designations and values

Table 15. A5M37TG240 reference circuit component designations and values

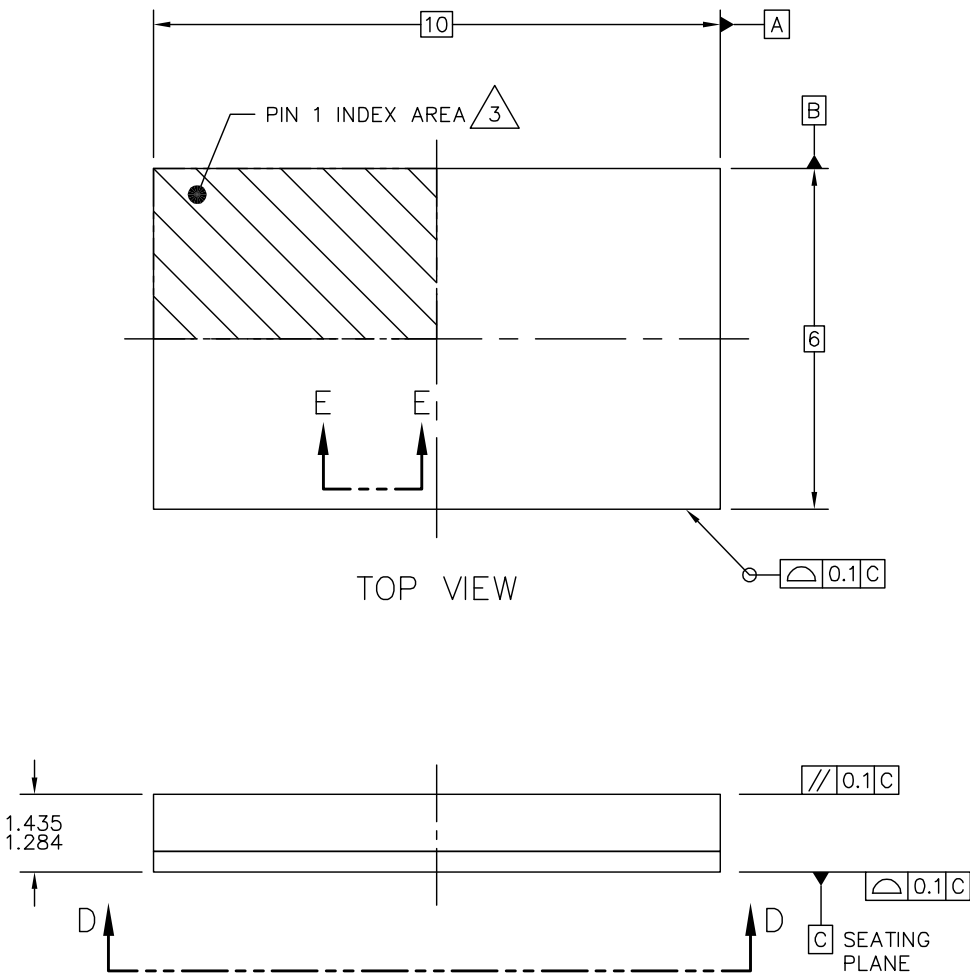
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C1, C4, C11, C12	10 µF chip capacitor	GRM32EC72A106KE05L	Murata
C2, C3, C9, C10	1 µF chip capacitor	GRM21BC72A105KE01L	Murata
C6, C7	1000 pF chip capacitor	GRM155R72A102KA01D	Murata
Q1	Power amplifier module	A5M37TG240	NXP
R1, R6	0 Ω, 0.063 W chip resistor	6-1622826-4	TE Connectivity
R2, R5, R8, R9	0 Ω, 1/20 W chip resistor	RC0201JR-070RL	Yageo
R3, R4	10 Ω, 1/20 W chip resistor	RC0201FR-0710RL	Yageo
PCB	Rogers RO4350B, 0.020", ε <sub>r</sub> = 3.66	D170087	MTL

Note: Component numbers C5, C8 and R7 are intentionally omitted.

15 Package information

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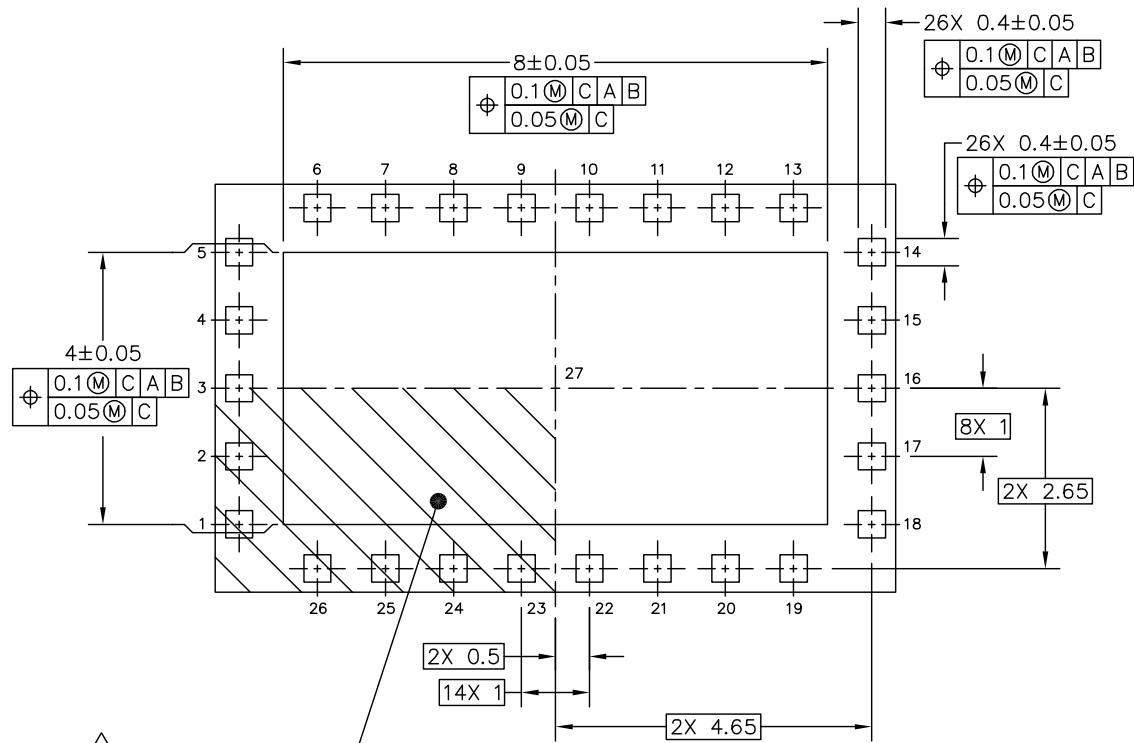


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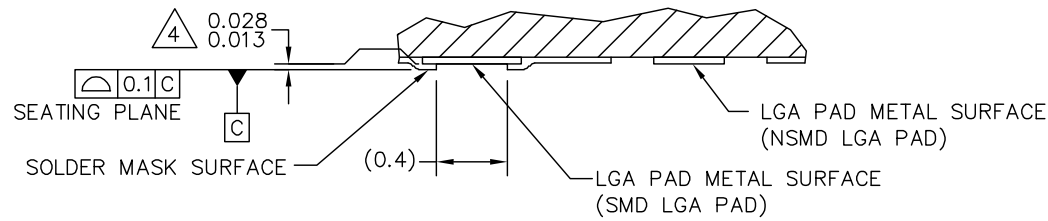
Figure 5. Package outline (10 mm × 6 mm Module) — top view

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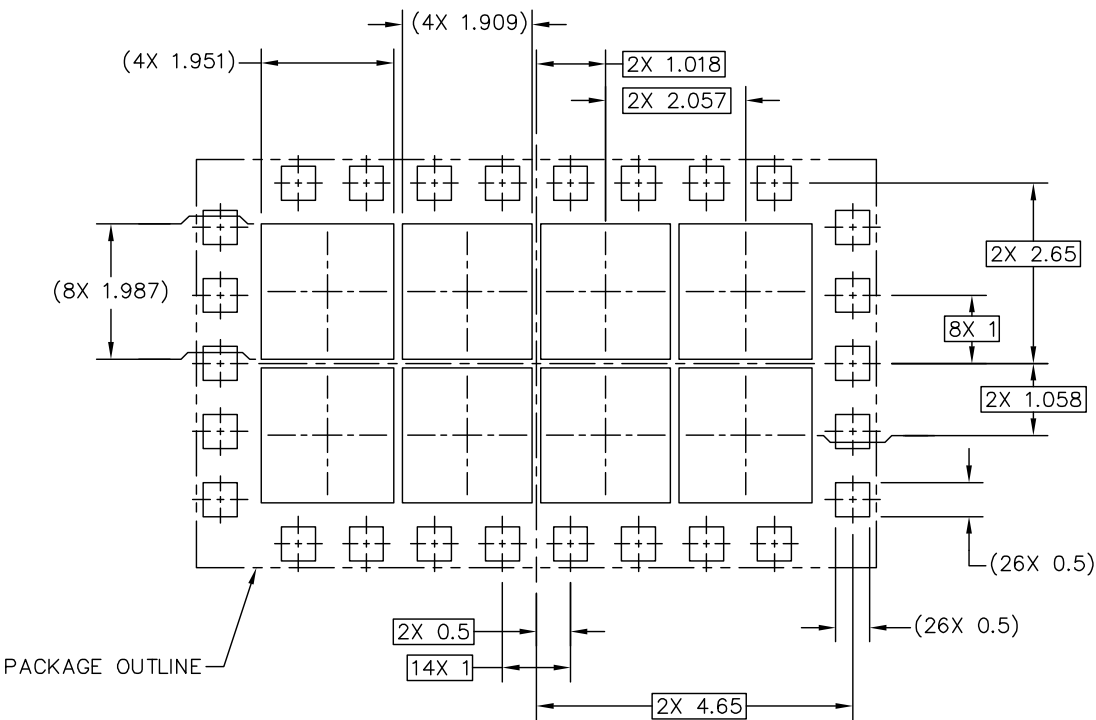
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Figure 6. Package outline (10 mm × 6 mm Module) — bottom view

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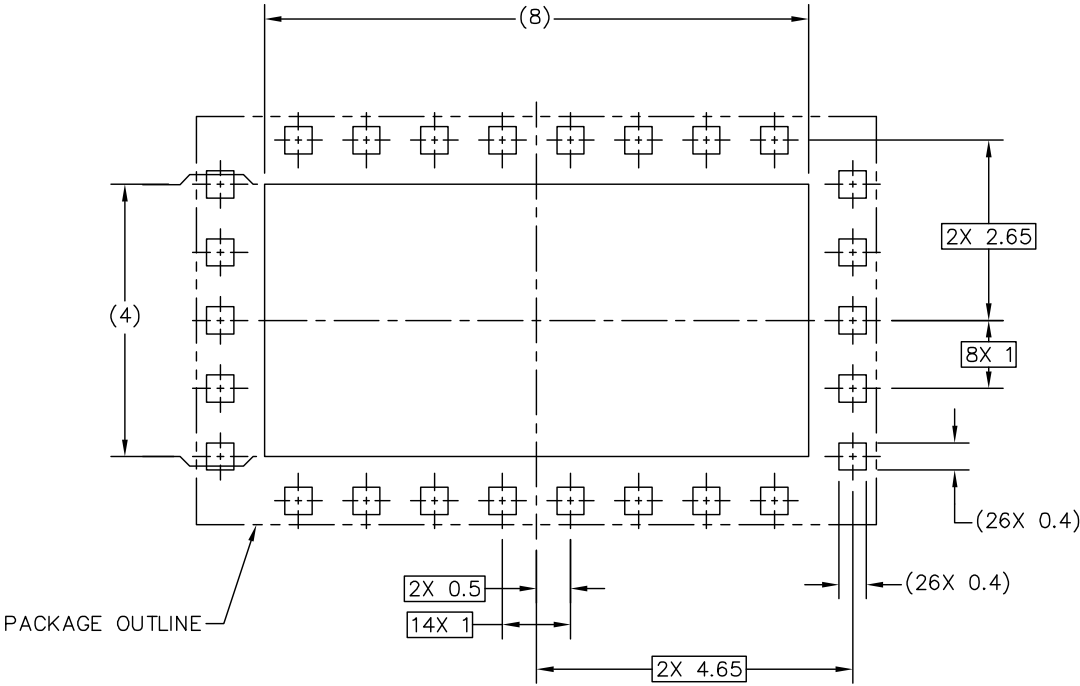
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Figure 7. Package outline (10 mm × 6 mm Module) — PCB design guidelines: solder mask opening pattern

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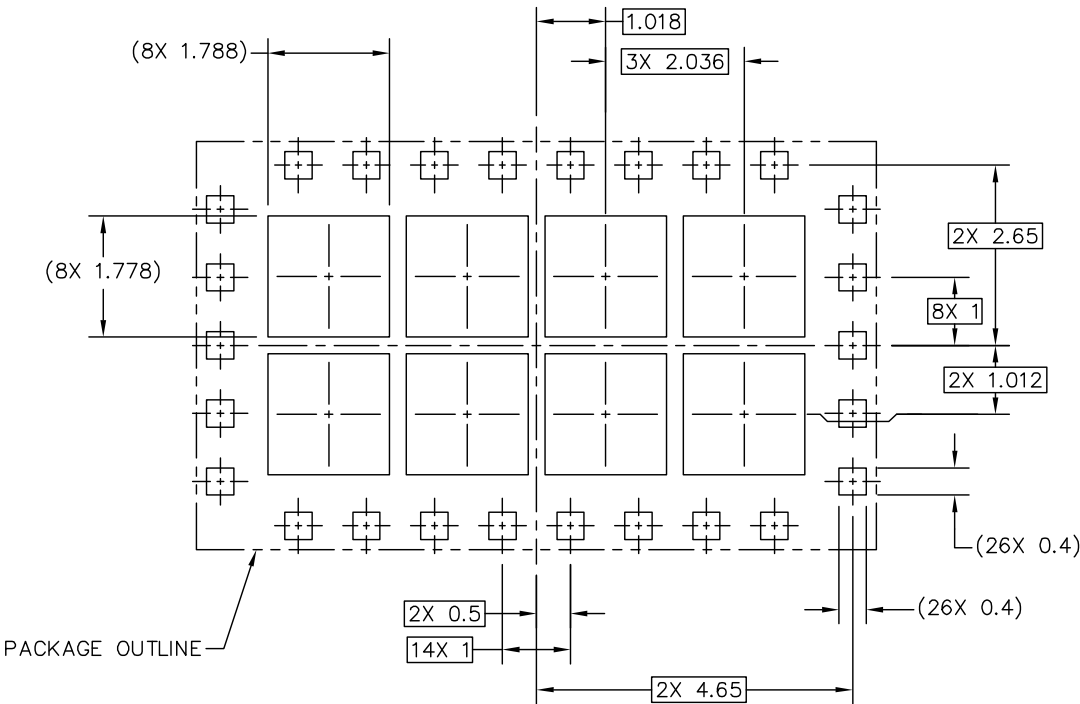
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Figure 8. Package outline (10 mm × 6 mm Module) — PCB design guidelines: I/O pads and solderable areas

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Figure 9. Package outline (10 mm × 6 mm Module) — PCB design guidelines: solder paste stencil

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NOTES:

- 1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS.
- 2. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ASME Y14.5M-1994.

3. PIN 1 FEATURE SHAPE, SIZE AND LOCATION MAY VARY.

4. DIMENSION APPLIES TO ALL LEADS AND FLAG.

5. THE BOTTOM VIEW SHOWS THE SOLDERABLE AREA OF THE PADS. THE CENTER PAD (PIN 27) IS SOLDER MASK DEFINED. SOME PERIPHERAL PADS ARE SOLDER MASK DEFINED (SMD) AND OTHERS ARE NON-SOLDERMASK DEFINED (NSMD).

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Figure 10. Package outline (10 mm × 6 mm Module) — notes



16 Product documentation and tools

Refer to the following resources to aid your design process.

Application notes

- AN1955: Thermal Measurement Methodology of RF Power Amplifiers

Development tools

- Printed circuit boards

17 Failure analysis

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18 Revision history

The following table summarizes revisions to this document.

Table 16. Revision history

Document ID	Release date	Description
A5M37TG240 Rev. 2	1 April 2025	• Biasing sequence note and corresponding footnotes: updated to reflect latest biasing sequence recommendations, pp. 6–8
A5M37TG240 Rev. 1	19 March 2024	• Initial release of product data sheet

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Document status <sup>[1][2]</sup>	Product status <sup>[3]</sup>	Definition
Objective [short] data sheet	Development	This document contains data from the objective specification for product development.
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