



6.3 Watt Psat, 3.5 GHz to 7 GHz, High Power GaAs Amplifier, SMA, 19 dB Gain, 47 dBm IP3, 12 dB NF

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PE15A5008

PE15A5008 is a broadband 6 W GaAs PHEMT MMIC-based coaxial power amplifier module designed to be used in a wide range of commercial and defense applications in the 3.5 to 7.0 GHz frequency range. The amplifier offers 19 dB small signal gain with the gain flatness of ± 2 dB. This performance is achieved through the use of advanced GaAs PHEMT MMIC circuitry. The amplifier requires manual voltage sequencing (see pages 4 & 5) and operates over the temperature range of -55°C to 85°C. This Innovative design is characterized by light weight (45 g) and small size (1.5"x1.2"x0.56"). An available finned heatsink (model PE15C5014) is recommended to maintain an optimum baseplate temperature during operation.

Features

- 3.5 GHz to 7 GHz Frequency Range
- P1dB Output Power: 37.5 dBm
- Psat: 38 dBm
- Small Signal Gain: 19 dB
- Gain Flatness: ± 2 dB
- Power Added Efficiency @Psat: 23%
- 50 Ohm Input and Output Matched
- -55 to +85°C Operating Temperature
- Small Size & Light Weight
- Manual Voltage Sequencing
- Optional Heatsink Available: Model PE15C5014

Applications

- Telecom Infrastructure
- Fixed Microwave Backhaul
- Microwave Radio Systems
- Military & Space
- Radar & Sensors
- Satellite Communication
- Driver Amplifier
- High Power Output
- General Purpose Amplification

Electrical Specifications (TA = +25°C Vdd1,2 = +14V, Iddq1 = 0.3A, Iddq2 = 1.2A, Vgs1,2 = -0.89V)

Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
Frequency Range	3.5		7	GHz
Small Signal Gain		19		dB
Gain Flatness		± 2		dB
Pout at Sat.		+38		dBm
Efficiency Psat		23		%
Output Power at 1 dB Compression Point	+35	+37		dBm
Output 3rd Order Intercept Point		+47		dBm
Noise Figure		12		dB
Impedance (Input)		50		Ohms
Impedance (Output)		50		Ohms
Input Return Loss		15		dB
Output Return Loss		4		dB
Operating DC Drain Source Voltage		14		Volts
Operating DC Gate Source Voltage		-1		Volts
Operating Temperature Range	-55		+85	°C
Thermal Resistance		5.2		°C/W

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Absolute Maximum Rating

Parameter	Rating	Units
Drain Source Voltage Vdd 1,2	+16	Volts
Gate Source Voltage Vgs 1,2	-3	Volts
Drain Source Current Idsq 1	0.375	A
Drain Source Current Idsq 2	1.5	A
Continuous Dissipation at 25°C	38	W
Channel Temperature	175	°C
Operating Temperature (base-plate)	-55 to +85	°C
Storage Temperature	-55° to +135	°C



ESD Sensitive Material,
Transport material in
Approved ESD bags.
Handle only in approved
ESD Workstation.

Mechanical Specifications

Size

Length	1.2 in [30.48 mm]
Width	1.5 in [38.1 mm]
Height	0.56 in [14.22 mm]
Weight	0.106 lbs [48.08 g]
Input Connector	SMA Female
Output Connector	SMA Female

Environmental Specifications

Temperature

Operating Range	-55 to +85 deg C
Storage Range	-55 to +135 deg C

Compliance Certifications (see [product page](#) for current document)

Plotted and Other Data

Notes:

- Values at +25 °C, sea level
- ESD Sensitive Material, Transport material in Approved ESD bags. Handle only in approved ESD Workstation.
- Heat Sink Required for Proper Operation, Unit is cooled by conduction to heat sink. The amplifier module has 4 screw slots for mounting to a heat sink.
- DO NOT apply Vds without proper negative voltage on Vgs pins.



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Amplifier Power-up Precautions

- 1.) Confirm that proper ESD precautions and controls are always in place before handling any Amplifier module.
- 2.) Confirm adequate thermal management is in place to effectively dissipate heat away from the Amplifier package. The Amplifier operational baseplate temperature must be within the operational temperature range stated in the Amplifier datasheet. Depending on the design and thermal requirements, using a heatsink with cooling fan is always recommended for safe reliable operation. A heat sink without a cooling fan may also be used. Damage caused from overheating will void the warranty.
- 3.) Confirm adequate system grounding is established. The DC power supply and Amplifier must have a common ground in order to operate properly.
- 4.) Power Amplifiers may require additional DC Current when initially powered-up. Depending on the design, the input current draw could range from an additional 10% to 100% above the maximum rated DC current of the Amplifier. This varies based on product part number.
- 5.) Confirm the DC power supply, if limited, is set to allow for additional start-up current that's rated for the Power Amplifier.
- 6.) Confirm the system is designed and calibrated for 50 ohms. Any impedance mismatch may cause performance issues.
- 7.) Perform a CALIBRATION (if required) with the loads before connecting the Amplifier to the Network Analyzer to ensure proper performance.
- 8.) Use a fixed attenuator between the signal source and input port of the Amplifier to optimize the input VSWR match.
- 9.) Confirm the input power level at the input port of the amplifier does not exceed the maximum rated limit for input power (as stated in the Amplifier datasheet).
 P_{in} for Small Signal Gain = P1dB-SSG-10 dB
 P_{in} for P1dB = P1dB-SSG+1 dB
- 10.) Confirm the Network Analyzer is always connected to the Amplifier first before DC power is applied to the Amplifier.
- 11.) As long as the input and output ports of the amplifier are connected to a 50Ohm load and RF signal power is applied, the Amplifier can be powered up with DC voltage.
- 12.) Confirm the Amplifier output load is matched for a 50 Ohm impedance and will not exceed the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit for the Amplifier. Exceeding the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit will result in reflected signal power that could damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 13.) **Power Amplifier connected to an Antenna for signal transmission** - It's strongly recommended to use a high power fixed attenuator pad or an Isolator between the output port of the Amplifier and input port to the antenna. Any reflected signal power due to impedance mismatch will likely damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 14.) The attenuator or isolator used at the output port of the Amplifier must be rated to handle the output power level and operational frequency band of the amplifier.

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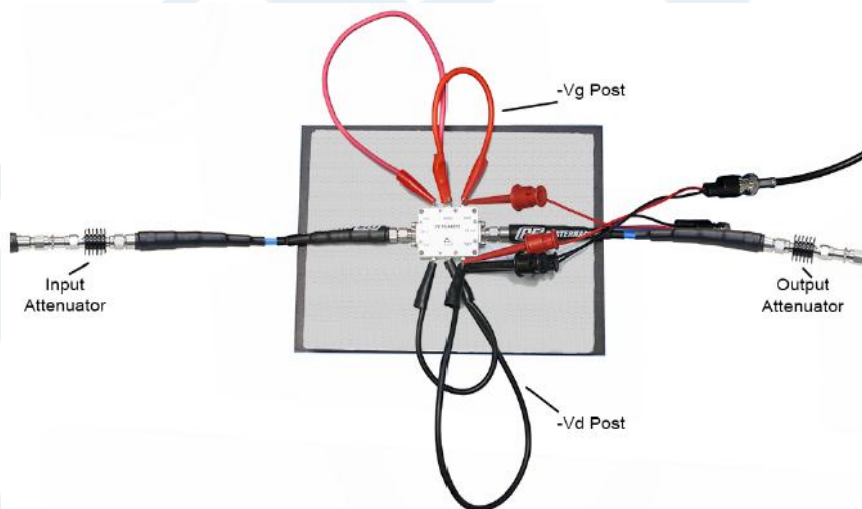
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- GaAs PHEMT MMIC-Based Power up sequence

1. Connect common ports
 - a. Connect single GND lead
 - b. Connect all -Vg ports together
 - c. Connect all +Vd ports together
2. Connect the load, attenuator to protect the VNA. To avoid potential damage, all series components must have power ratings that exceed the output power of the amplifier.
3. Load impedance should be matched for 50 ohms. Any load impedance mismatch (such as from an antenna) will result in reflected power that may cause potential damage to the amplifier. Use of an Isolator with a sufficient power rating (such as model PE8312) will absorb any reflected signals and protect the amplifier.
4. Connect the input port, may have an attenuator at the input (perform the CAL with the loads before connecting the amplifier to the VNA).



5. Apply the -Vg voltage -1.0 Volts (Always apply -Vg first). Note that with the input power level applied, application of +Vd will result in instantaneous output power.
6. Apply the +Vd voltage +14 Volts (Then apply +Vd second).

CAUTION: The -Vg voltage must be applied first, and then the +Vd voltage is applied. This manual voltage sequence must be strictly followed or it will result in damage to the amplifier circuit.

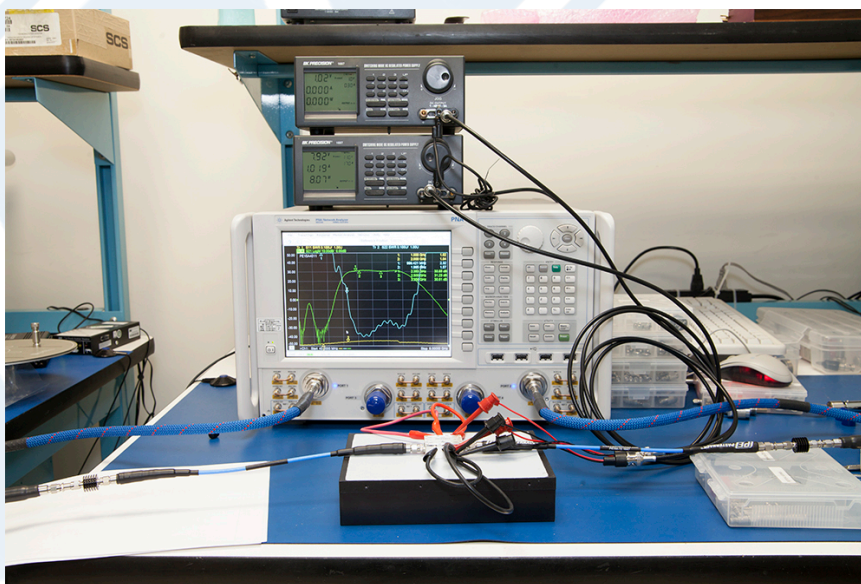
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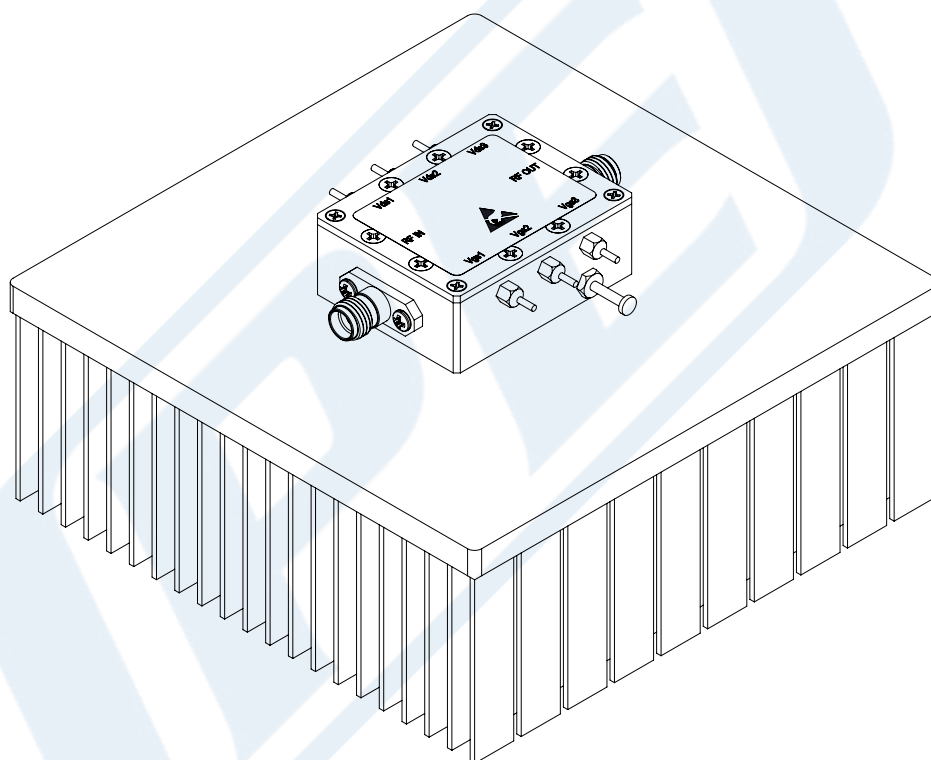


illustration of Amplifier mounted on Heatsink.
Heatsink model **PE15C5014** sold separately.
(Picture shown for Reference Only)

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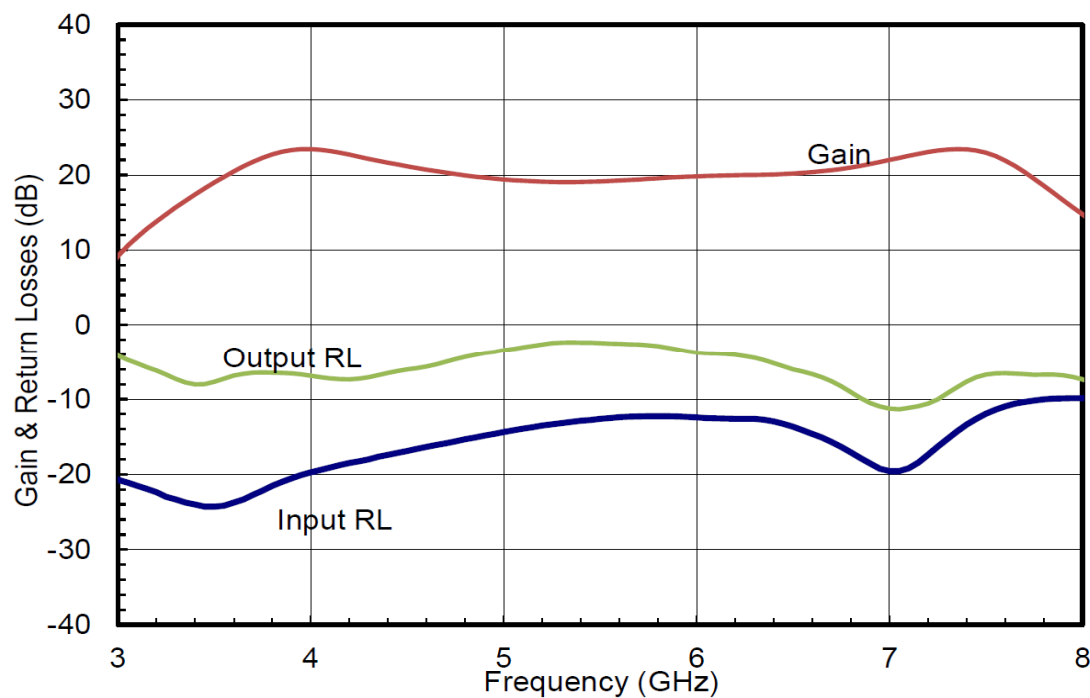


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Typical Performance Data



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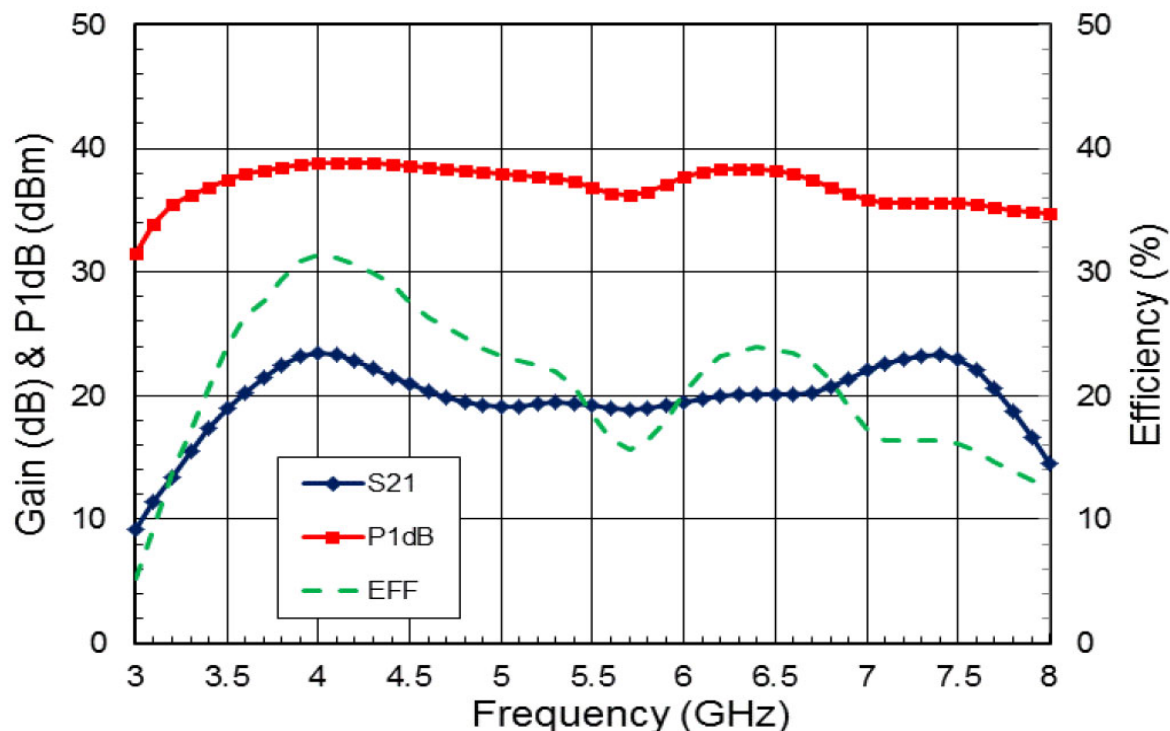
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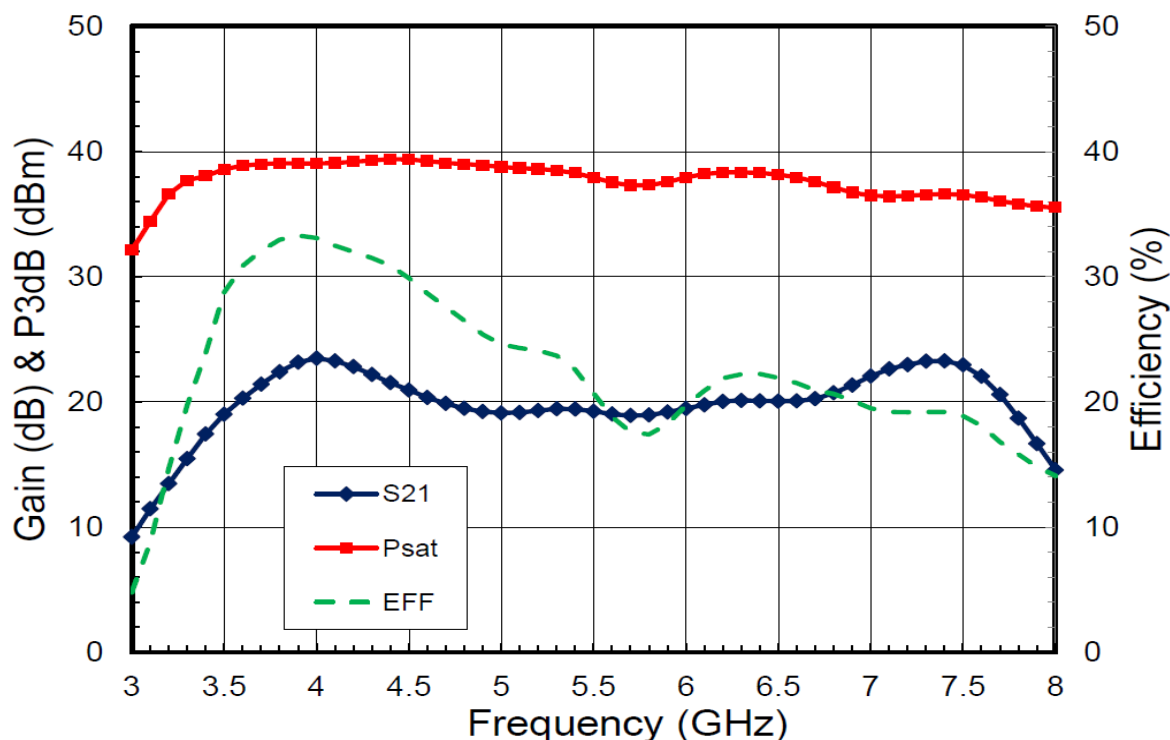
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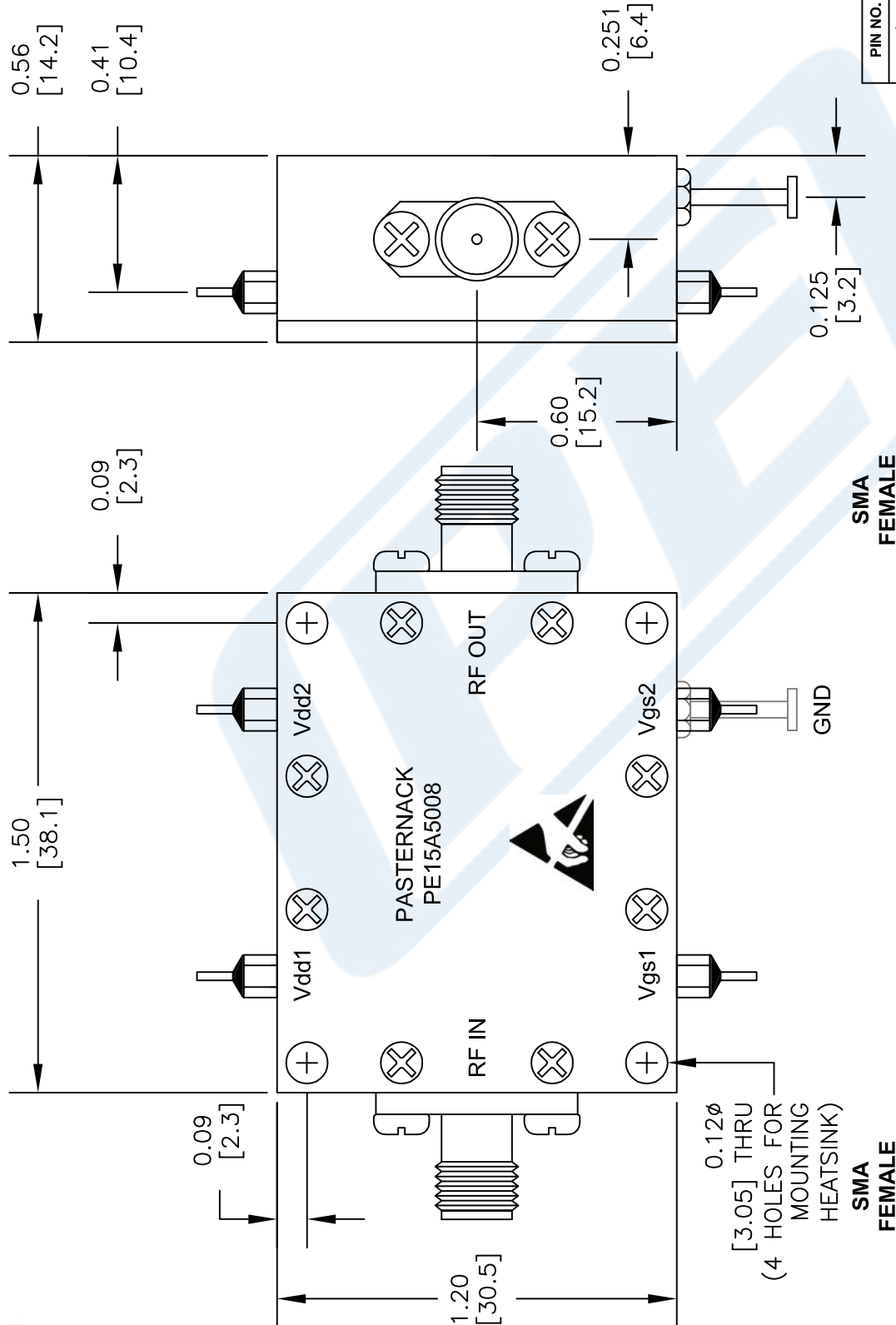
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PE15A5008 CAD Drawing

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PIN NO.	FUNCTION	BIAS
1	V _{gs1}	-0.89V
2	NC	-
3	V _{gs2}	-0.89V
4	V _{dd2}	+14V
5	NC	-
6	V _{dd1}	+14V

NOTES:

1. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED ALL DIMENSIONS ARE NOMINAL.
2. ALL SPECIFICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE AT ANY TIME.
3. DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [mm].

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