

# SAC3911

GaAs MMIC Driver Amplifier  
24GHz~40GHz

Rev 1.6

## Features

- Frequency : 24GHz~40GHz
- Gain: 12dB
- Output P<sub>1dB</sub>: 15dBm
- Supply Voltage: +4~+6V
- Balanced Amplifier
- Die Size: 1.67mm×1.22mm×0.1mm

## Typical Applications

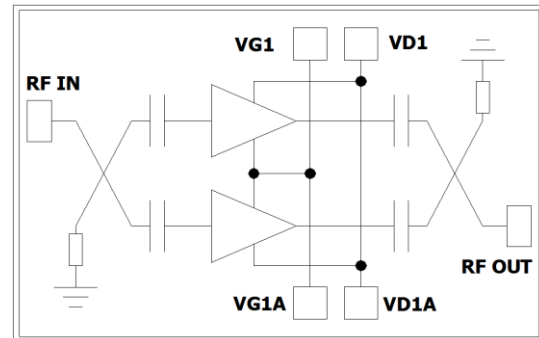
- Point-to-Point Radios
- SATCOM
- Military and Space
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- LO Driver

## General Description

The SAC3911 is a wideband GaAs MMIC driver amplifier which operates between 24GHz~40GHz. The amplifier has moderate gain and output P<sub>1dB</sub>, making it an ideally linear gain block or driver amplifier for microwave radios.

The SAC3911 offers full passivation for increased reliability and moisture protection.

## Functional Diagram



## Electrical Performance ( T<sub>A</sub>=25°C, V<sub>D</sub>=+4V, I<sub>D</sub>=60mA, Z<sub>0</sub>=50Ω )

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	
Frequency Range	24~40			GHz	
Gain	9	12	—	dB	
Gain Flatness	—	±1.0	—	dB	
Reverse Isolation	—	-35	—	dB	
Input/Output Return Loss	—	-15	—	dB	
Noise Figure	—	5	—	dB	
Output Power for 1 dB Compression (OP <sub>1dB</sub> )	—	15	—	dBm	
Drain Voltage(V <sub>D</sub> )	3.8	4	6	V	
Supply Current(I <sub>D</sub> )	—	60	110	mA	
Typical Supply Current(I <sub>D</sub> ) vs. V <sub>D</sub>	4V	-	60	85	mA
	5V	-	80	100	
	6V	-	80	100	

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

Maximum Input Power	+12dBm	Operating Temperature	-55°C~+85°C
Junction Temperature	+150°C	Storage Temperature	-65°C~+150°C
Maximum V <sub>D</sub>	+6.5V	Maximum V <sub>G</sub>	-1.2V

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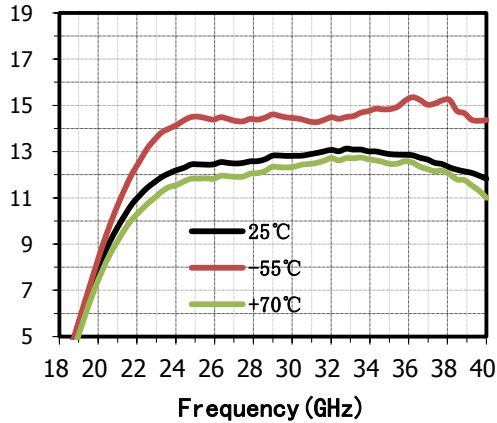
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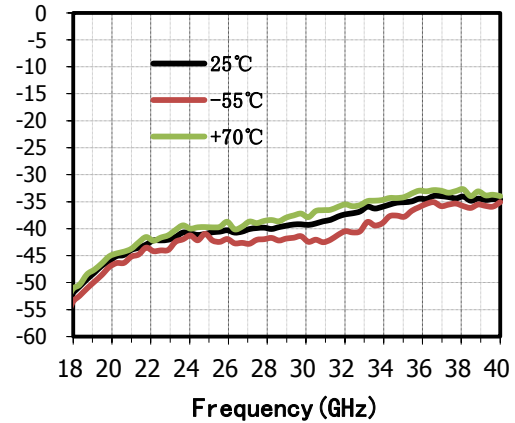
## Typical Performance Curve Data Based on the On-Wafer RF Probe Test Results

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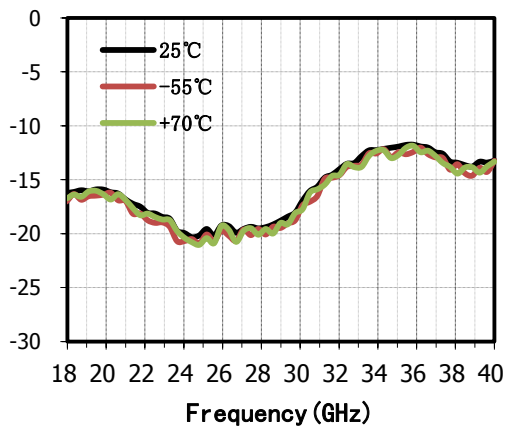
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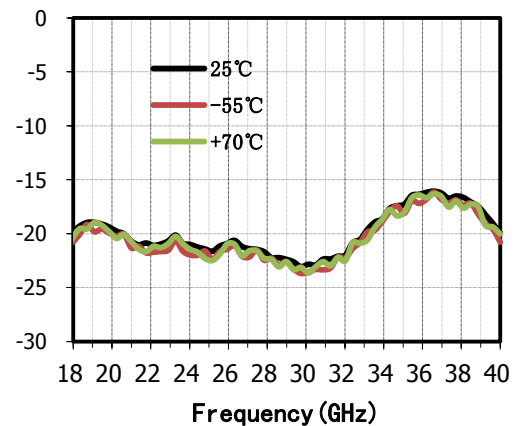
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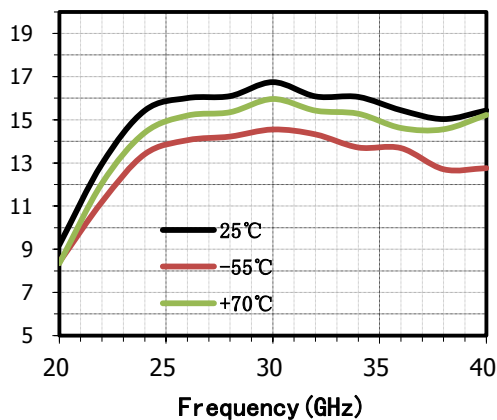
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**Output Return Loss(dB) vs.Temperature**



**OP-1dB(dBm) vs.Temperature**



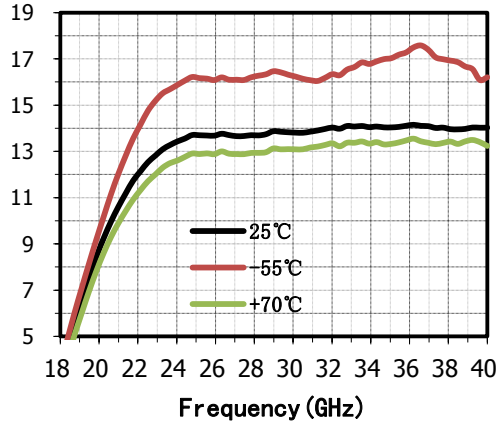
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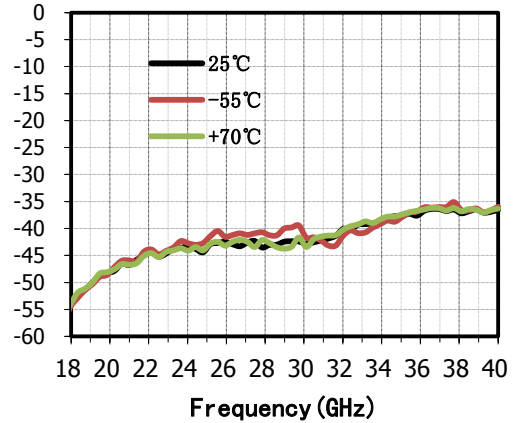
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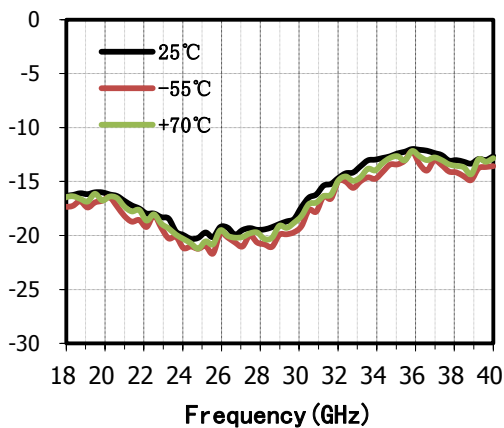
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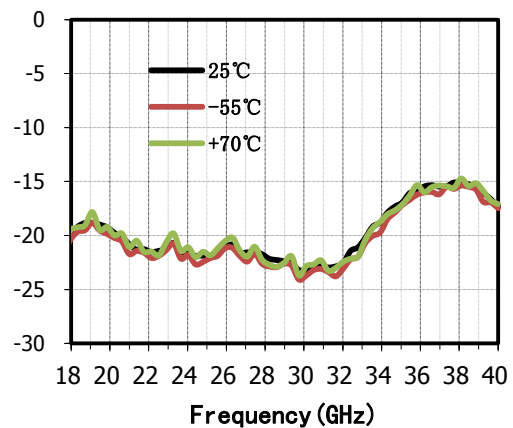
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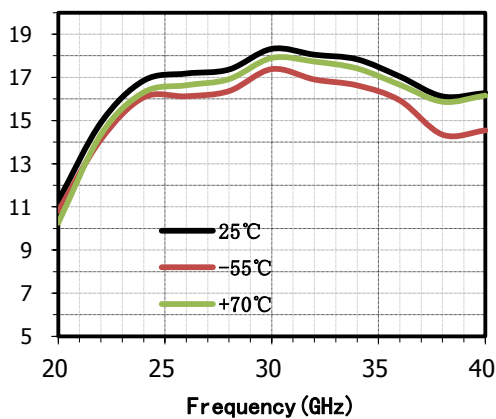
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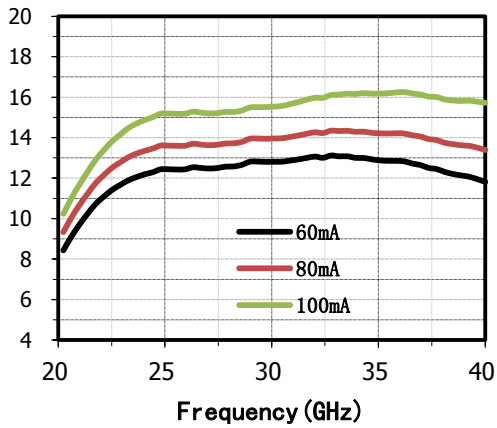
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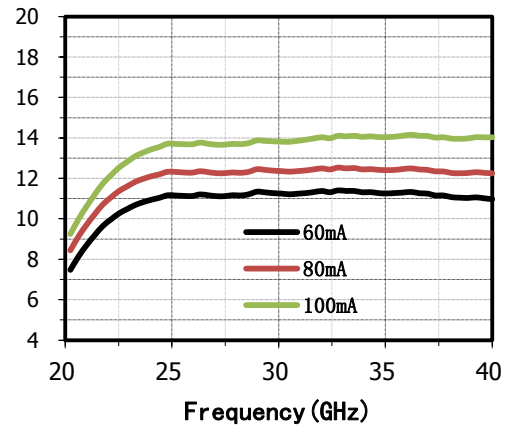
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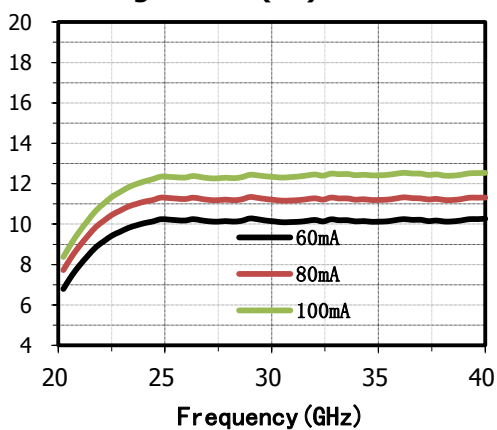
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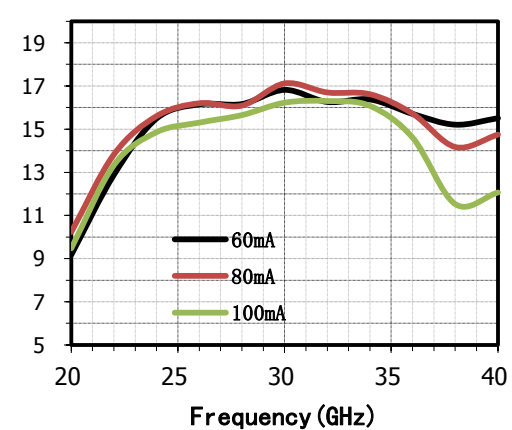
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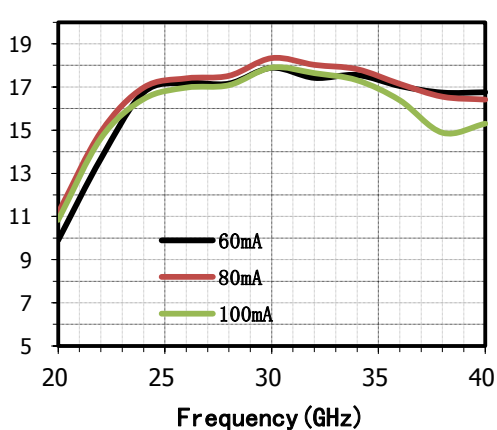
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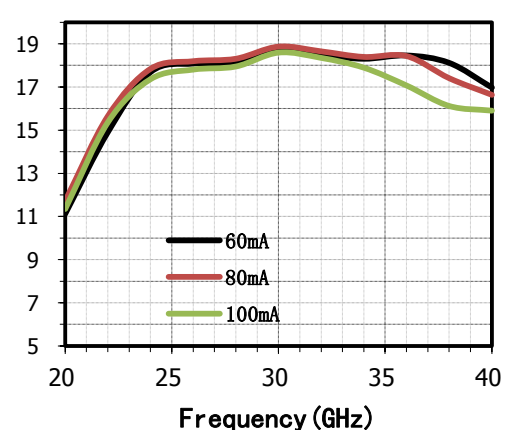
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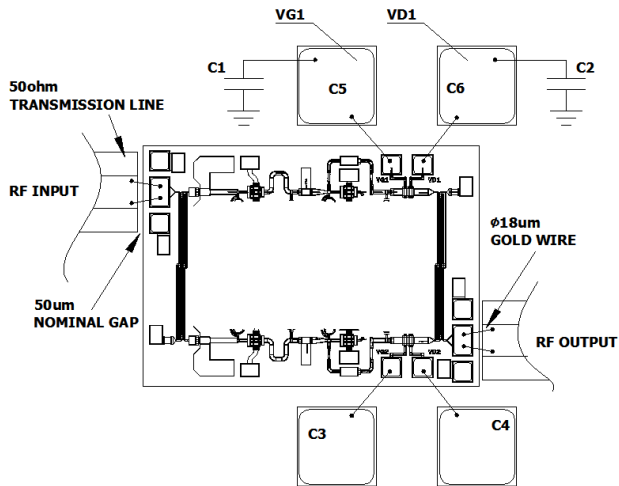
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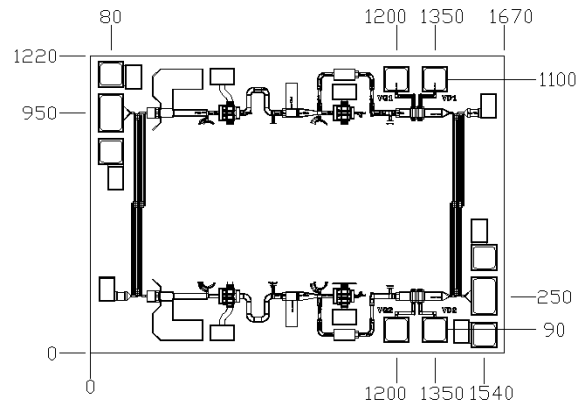


## Die Outline

(all dimensions in um)

RF Bonding pad size:100x150um

VG/VD bonding pas size :100x100um



## Components List

Reference Des.	Value	Part Number	Manuf.	Size
C1~C2	2.2uF	0603YD225KAT2A	AVX	0603
C3~C6	10pF	-	ANY	SLC

## Notes

1. The SAC3911 is biased with a positive drain voltage supply and negative gate voltage supply.  
When the drain voltage is set to 4 V, the recommended gate voltage is set to -0.5~-0.7 V.
2. RF connections should be made as short as possible to reduce the inductive effect of the bond wire. Use of a 0.8 mil thermo-sonic wedge bonding is highly recommended as the loop height will be minimized. The RF input and output require a double bond wire as being shown.
3. The backside of the SAC3911 is RF grounded. Die attach should be accomplished with electrically and thermally conductive epoxy only.
4. Bypass caps C1 and C2 should be placed no more than 1.5mm from the amplifier.
5. Bond pads VG and VD exist on the upper and lower sides of the MMIC for assembly convenience.  
For best performance the unused pad should be attached with a 10pF cap to ground.

## Attention:

GaAs MMIC devices are susceptible to damage from electrostatic discharge. Proper precautions should be observed during handling, assembly and test.

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