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## CC2592 2.4-GHz Range Extender

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### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Features

- Seamless Interface to 2.4-GHz Low-Power RF Devices from Texas Instruments
- +22-dBm Output Power
- 3-dB Typical Improved Sensitivity on CC2520, CC253X, and CC85XX
- Very Few External Components
  - Integrated Switches
  - Integrated Matching Network
  - Integrated Balun
  - Integrated Inductors
  - Integrated PA
  - Integrated LNA
- Digital Control of LNA Gain by HGM Terminal
- 100 nA in Power Down (LNA\_EN = PA\_EN = 0)
- Low-Transmit Current Consumption
  - 155 mA at 3 V for +22 dBm, PAE = 34%
- Low-Receive Current Consumption
  - 4.0-mA for High-Gain Mode
  - 1.9-mA for Low-Gain Mode
- 4.7-dB LNA Noise Figure, Including T/R Switch and External Antenna Match
- RoHS Compliant 4-mm × 4-mm QFN-16 Package
- 2.0-V to 3.7-V Operation
- –40°C to +125°C Operation

#### 1.2 Applications

- All 2.4-GHz ISM Band Systems
- Wireless Sensor Networks
- Wireless Industrial Systems
- IEEE 802.15.4 and ZigBee® Metering Systems
- IEEE 802.15.4 and ZigBee Gateways
- Wireless Consumer Systems
- Wireless Audio Systems

#### 1.3 Description

The CC2592 device is a cost-effective and high-performance RF front end for low-power and low-voltage 2.4-GHz wireless applications.

The CC2592 device is a range extender for all CC25XX 2.4-GHz low-power RF transceivers, transmitters, and system-on-chip products from Texas Instruments.

To increase the link budget, the CC2592 device provides a power amplifier for increased output power and an LNA with a low-noise figure for improved receiver sensitivity.

The CC2592 device provides a very small size, high-output power RF design with its 4-mm × 4-mm QFN-16 package.

The CC2592 device contains PA, LNA, switches, RF-matching, and balun for simple design of high-performance wireless applications.



### 1.4 Functional Block Diagram

Figure 1-1 shows a simplified block diagram of the CC2592 device.

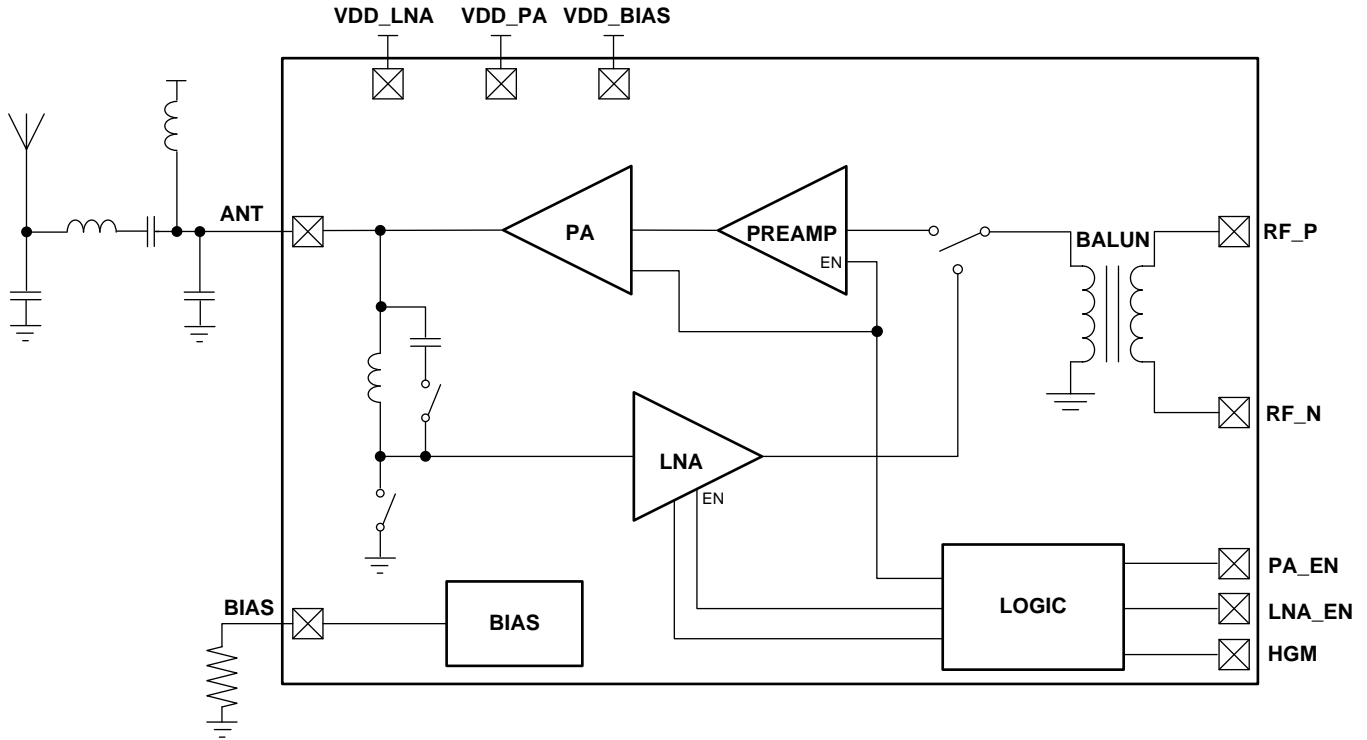


Figure 1-1. CC2592 Simplified Block Diagram

**Revision History**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Literature Number</b>	<b>Changes</b>
February 2014	SWRS159	Initial release

## 2 Device Characteristics

### 2.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Under no circumstances must the absolute maximum ratings be violated. Stress exceeding one or more of the limiting values may cause permanent damage to the device.

Parameter	Conditions	Value	Unit
Supply voltage	All supply terminals must have the same voltage	-0.3 to 3.8	V
Voltage on any digital terminal		-0.3 to VDD+0.3, max 3.8	V
Input RF level		+10	dBm

### 2.2 Handling Ratings

Under no circumstances must the handling ratings be violated. Stress exceeding one or more of the limiting values may cause permanent damage to the device.

Parameter	Conditions	Value	Unit
Storage temperature range		-50 to 150	°C
ESD	Human Body Model	2000	V
	Charge Device Model	1000	V

### 2.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

The operating conditions for the CC2592 device are listed below.

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
Ambient temperature range		-40	125	°C
Operating supply voltage		2.0	3.7	V
Operating frequency range		2400	2483.5	MHz

## 2.4 Electrical Characteristics

$T_c = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_{DD} = 3.0\text{ V}$ ,  $f_{RF} = 2440\text{ MHz}$  (unless otherwise noted). Measured on CC2592EM reference design including external matching components.

Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Receive current, high-gain mode	HGM = 1		4		mA
Receive current, low-gain mode	HGM = 0		1.9		mA
Transmit current	$P_{OUT} = 20\text{ dBm}$		123		mA
	$P_{OUT} = 22\text{ dBm}$		155		
Transmit current	No input signal		50		mA
Power down current	EN = 0		0.1	0.3	$\mu\text{A}$
High-input level (control terminals)	PA_EN, LNA_EN, HGM	1.3		Vdd	V
Low-input level (control terminals)	PA_EN, LNA_EN, HGM			0.3	V
Power down - Receive mode switching time			1		$\mu\text{s}$
Power down - Transmit mode switching time			1		$\mu\text{s}$
<b>RF Receive</b>					
Gain, high-gain mode	HGM = 1		11		dB
Gain, low-gain mode	HGM = 0		6		dB
Gain variation over frequency	2400 to 2483.5 MHz, HGM = 1		2		dB
Gain variation over power supply	2.0 V to 3.7 V, HGM = 1		1.5		dB
Gain variation over temperature	$-40^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$ , HGM = 1		1.7		dB
Gain variation over temperature	$85^\circ\text{C}$ to $125^\circ\text{C}$ , HGM = 1		1		dB
Noise figure, high-gain mode	HGM = 1, including internal T/R switch and external antenna match		4.7		dB
Input 1-dB compression, high-gain mode	HGM = 1		-18		dBm
Input IP3, high-gain mode	HGM = 1		-9		dBm
Input reflection coefficient, S11	HGM = 1, measured at antenna port		-15		dB
<b>RF Transmit</b>					
Gain			24		dB
Output power, $P_{OUT}$	$P_{IN} = 0.0\text{ dBm}$		20.3		dBm
	$P_{IN} = 4.0\text{ dBm}$		21.9		
Power added efficiency, PAE	$P_{OUT} = 22\text{ dBm}$		34		%
Output 1-dB compression			15		dBm
Output power variation over frequency	2400 to 2483.5 MHz, $P_{IN} = 4\text{ dBm}$		0.5		dB
Output power variation over power supply	2.0 V to 3.7 V, $P_{IN} = 4\text{ dBm}$		3.8		dB
Output power variation over temperature	$-40^\circ\text{C}$ to $125^\circ\text{C}$ , $P_{IN} = 4\text{ dBm}$		1.7		dB
Second harmonic power	FCC requirement			-41.2	dBm
Third harmonic power	FCC requirement			-41.2	dBm
VSWR	No damage	20:1			
	Stability	7.5:1			

### 3 Device Information

#### 3.1 Terminal and I/O Configuration

Figure 3-1 and Table 3-1, provide the terminal layout and description for the CC2592 device.

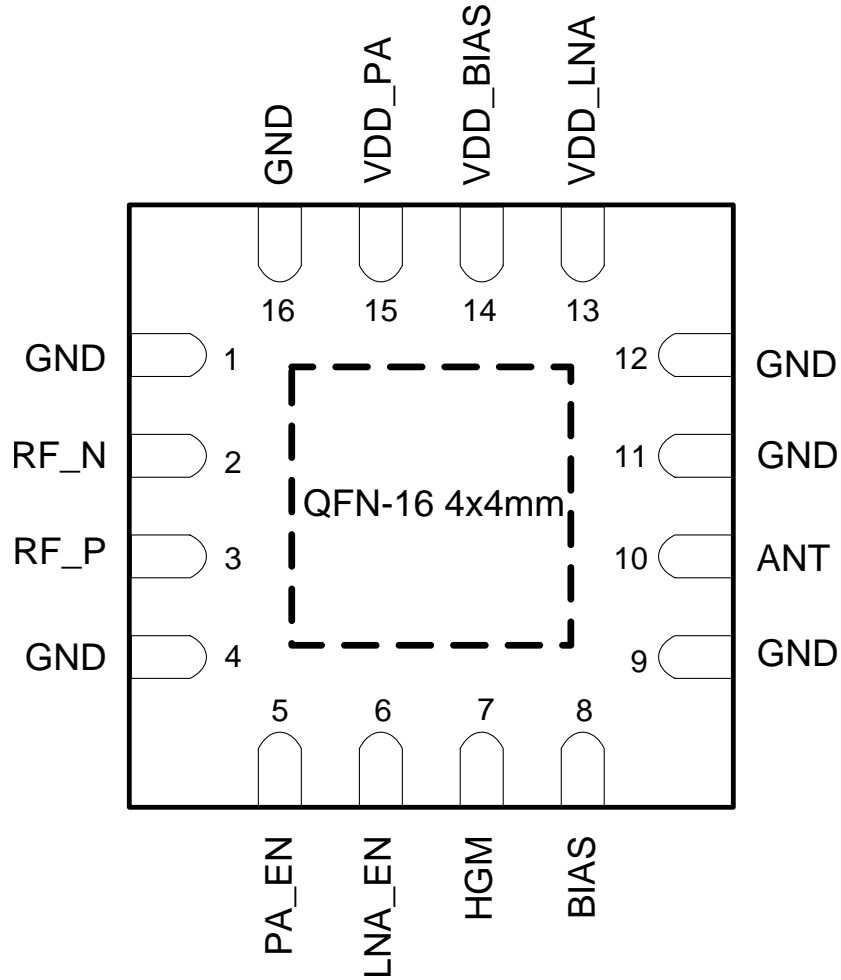
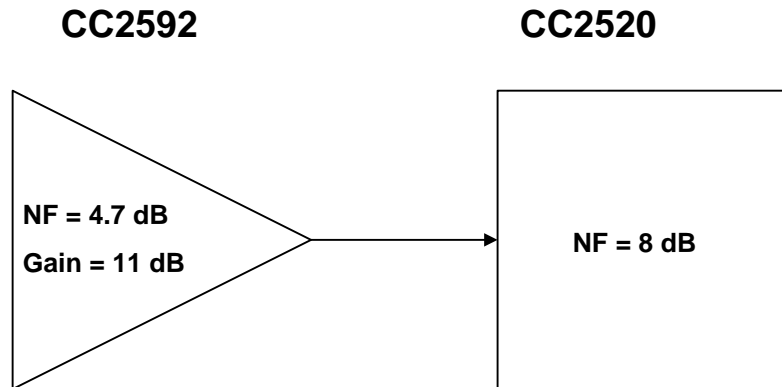


Figure 3-1. Terminal Top View

**Table 3-1. Terminal Functions**

Terminal		Type	Description
No.	Name		
–	GND	Ground	The exposed die attach pad must be connected to a solid ground plane. See CC2592EM reference design for the recommended layout.
1, 4, 9, 11, 12, 16	GND	Ground	Ground connections. Only terminals 9, 11, and 12 should be shorted to the die attach pad on the top PCB layer.
2	RF_N	RF	RF interface toward CC25xx device
3	RF_P	RF	RF interface toward CC25xx device
5	PA_EN	Digital input	Digital control terminal. See <a href="#">Table 9-1</a> for details.
6	LNA_EN	Digital input	Digital control terminal. See <a href="#">Table 9-1</a> or details.
7	HGM	Digital input	Digital control terminal HGM = 1 → Device in High Gain Mode HGM = 0 → Device in Low Gain Mode
8	BIAS	Analog	Biasing input. Resistor between this node and ground sets bias current for PA and LNA.
10	ANT	RF	Antenna interface
13	VDD_LNA	Power	2.0- to 3.7-V power
14	VDD_BIAS	Power	2.0- to 3.7-V power
15	VDD_PA	Power	2.0- to 3.7-V power

## 4 Sensitivity Improvement Example



**Figure 4-1.**

The noise factor of a system consisting of the CC2592 device and a CC2520 device, as seen in [Figure 4-1](#) is given by:

$$F = F_1 + \frac{F_2 - 1}{G_1} = 10^{\frac{4.7}{10}} + \frac{10^{\frac{8}{10}} - 1}{10^{\frac{11}{10}}} = 3.37 \quad (1)$$

The noise figure is:

$$NF = 10 \log(F) = 10 \log(3.37) = 5.28 \text{ dB} \quad (2)$$

The noise figure is reduced from 8 dB for the CC2520 standalone to 5.28 dB for the CC2592 and CC2520 device combination, leading to a 2.72-dB theoretical improvement in sensitivity.

In practice, tests on the CC2592 and CC25XX devices show around 3-dB improvement in sensitivity. For the CC2538 and CC2592 devices, the improvement is almost 4 dB (approximately –97 dBm to –101 dBm)



## 5 CC2592EM Evaluation Module

Figure 5-1 shows an evaluation module circuit of the CC2592 device.

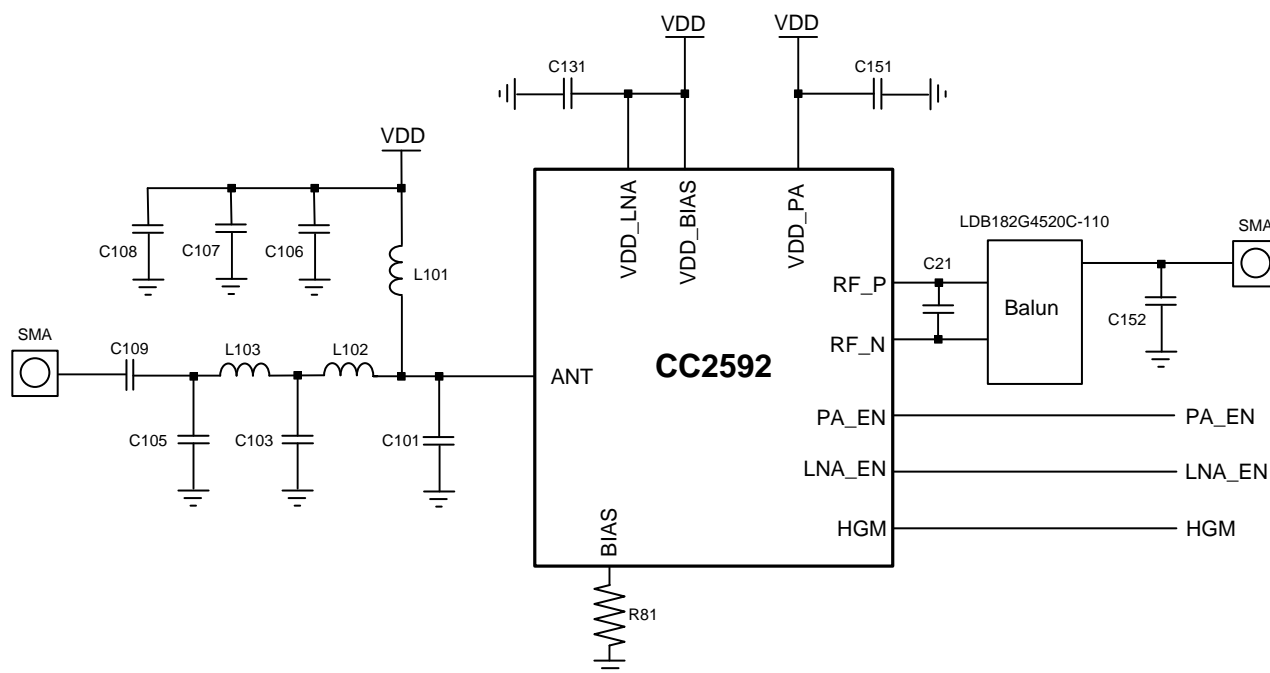


Figure 5-1. CC2592 Evaluation Module

Table 5-1 lists the materials in the CC2592 evaluation module circuit.

Table 5-1. List of Materials

Device	Function	Value
L101	PA bias inductor	4.7 nH, Multilayer chip inductor
L102	Part of antenna match	1 nH, Multilayer chip inductor
L103	Part of antenna match	1.8 nH, Multilayer chip inductor
C101	Part of antenna match	2.2-pF 0402 Chip capacitor
C103	Part of antenna match	2.2-pF 0402 Chip capacitor
C105	Part of antenna match	0.1-pF 0402 Chip capacitor
C106	Decoupling	12-pF 0402 Chip capacitor
C107	Decoupling	1-nF 0402 Chip capacitor
C108	Decoupling	1- $\mu$ F 0402 Chip capacitor
C109	DC block	18-pF 0402 Chip capacitor
C21	Balun matching capacitor	0.2-pF 0402 Chip capacitor
C152	Balun matching capacitor	0.3-pF 0402 Chip capacitor
C131	Decoupling	1-nF 0402 Chip capacitor
C151	Decoupling	12-pF 0402 Chip capacitor
R81	Bias resistor	3.9 k $\Omega$ , 0402 resistor

## 6 Typical Characteristics

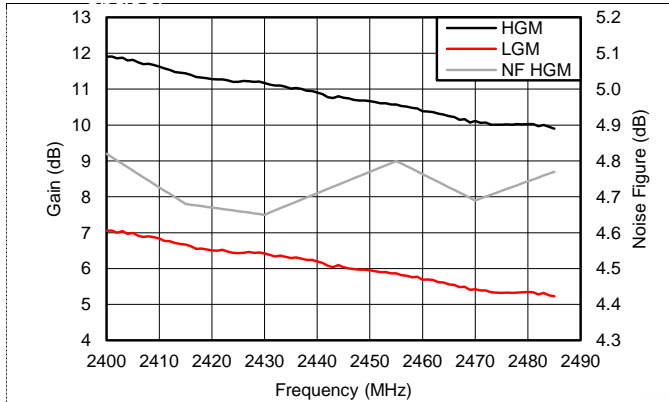


Figure 1. LNA Gain and Noise Figure Versus Frequency

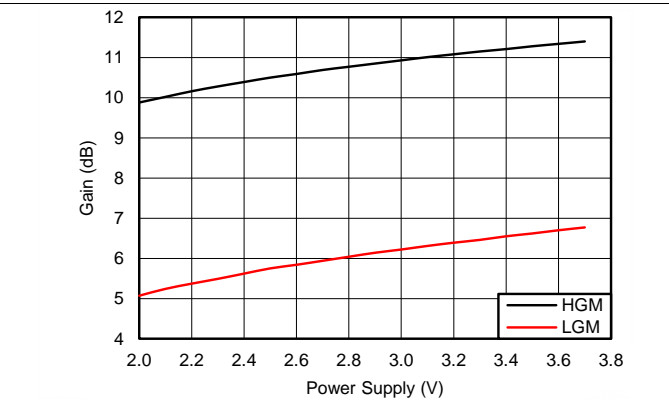


Figure 2. LNA Gain Versus Power Supply

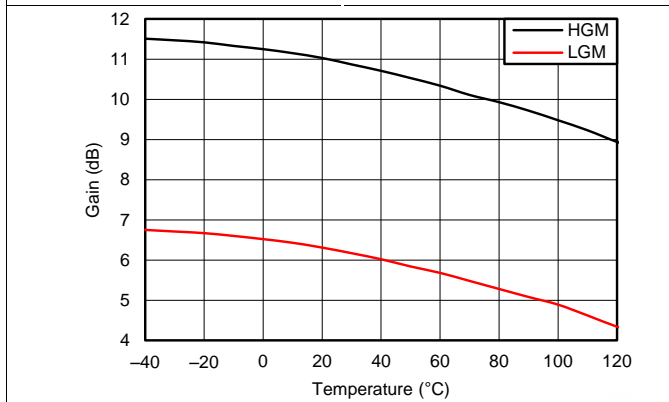


Figure 3. LNA Gain Versus Temperature

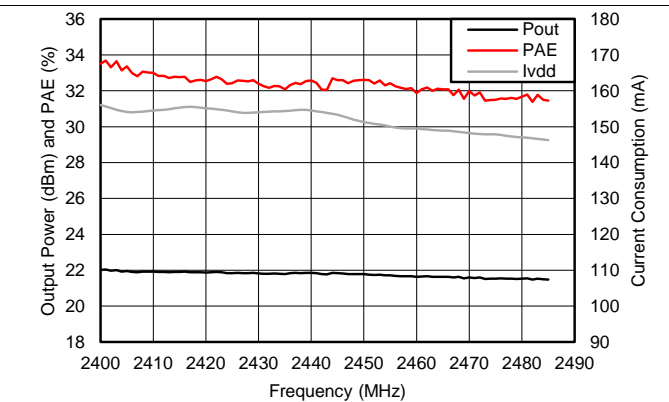


Figure 4. Output Power, PAE, and Current Consumption Versus Frequency  
Input Power Level = +4 dBm

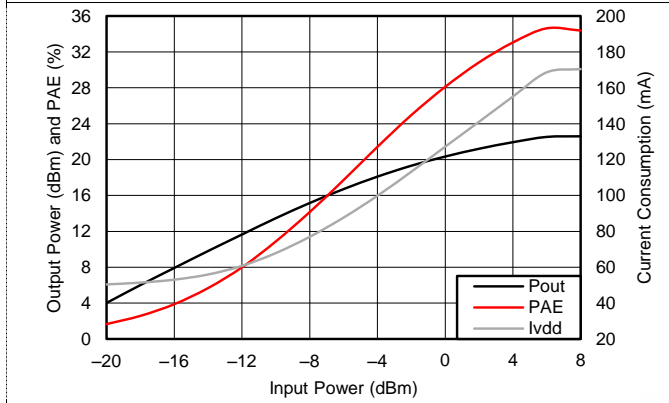


Figure 5. Output Power, PAE, and Current Consumption Versus Input Power

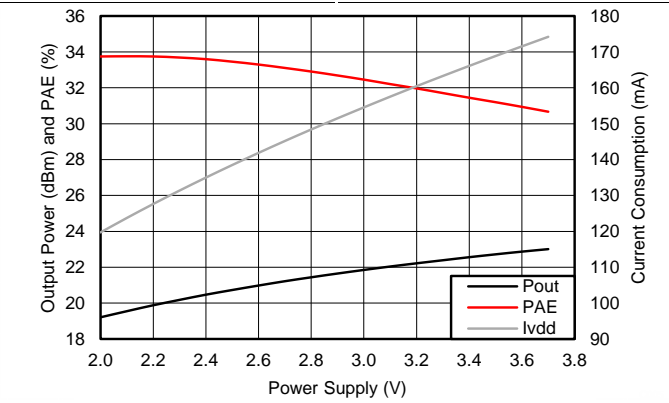


Figure 6. Output Power, PAE, and Current Consumption Versus Power Supply  
Input Power Level = +4 dBm

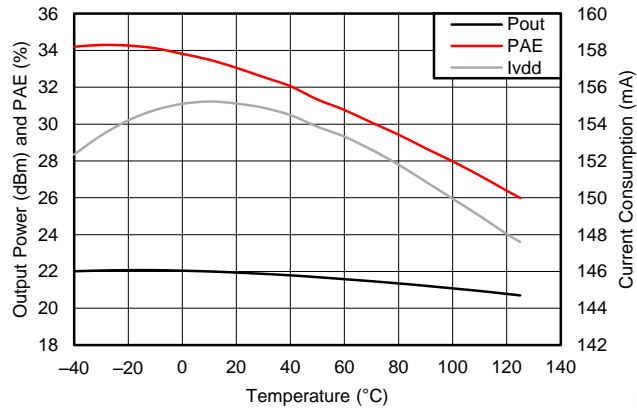


Figure 7. Output Power, PAE, and Current Consumption Versus Temperature  
Input Power Level = +4 dBm

## 7 Controlling the Output Power from CC2592

The output power of the CC2592 device is controlled by controlling the input power. The CC2592 PA is designed to work in compression (class AB).

Driving the CC2592 device too far into saturation might result in spurious emissions and harmonics above regulatory limits. This caution should especially be considered for systems targeting a wide operating temperature range, where a combination of low temperature, low supply voltage, and a transceiver that increases output power (drive level) at low temperature, can result in high spurious emissions.

Figure 7-1 shows the maximum recommended drive level versus temperature and supply voltage.

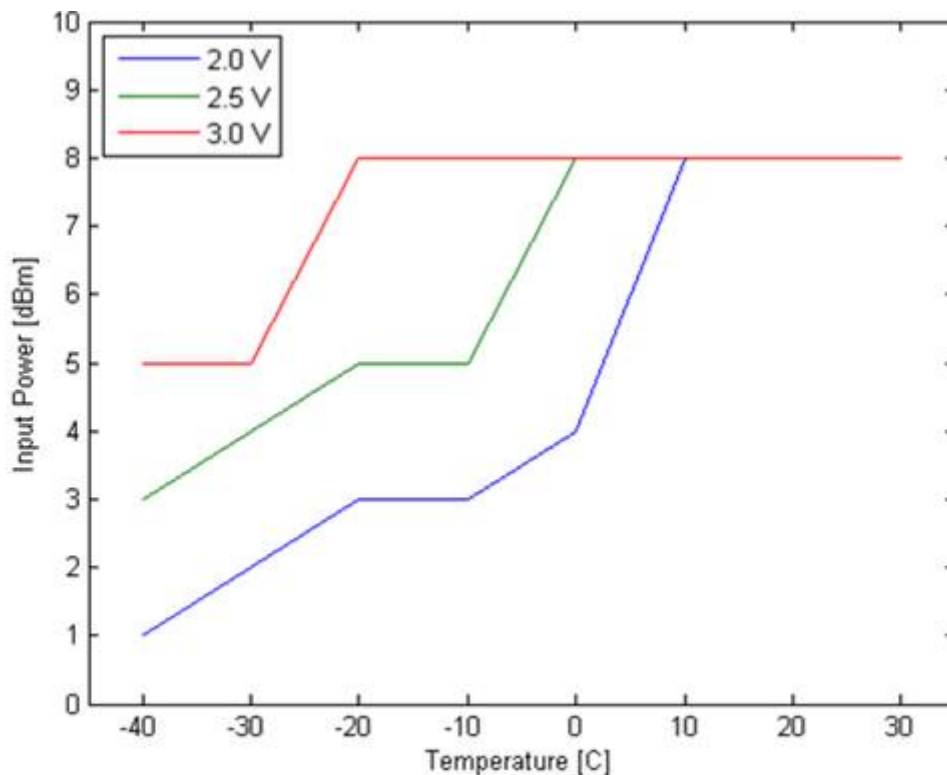


Figure 7-1. Maximum Recommended Drive Level

## 8 Input Levels on Control Terminals

The three digital control terminals (PA\_EN, LNA\_EN, and HGM) have built-in level-shifting functionality, meaning that if the CC2592 device operates off a 3.7-V supply voltage, the control terminals still sense 1.6- to 1.8-V signals as a logical 1. However, the input voltages should not have a logical 1 level that is higher than the supply.

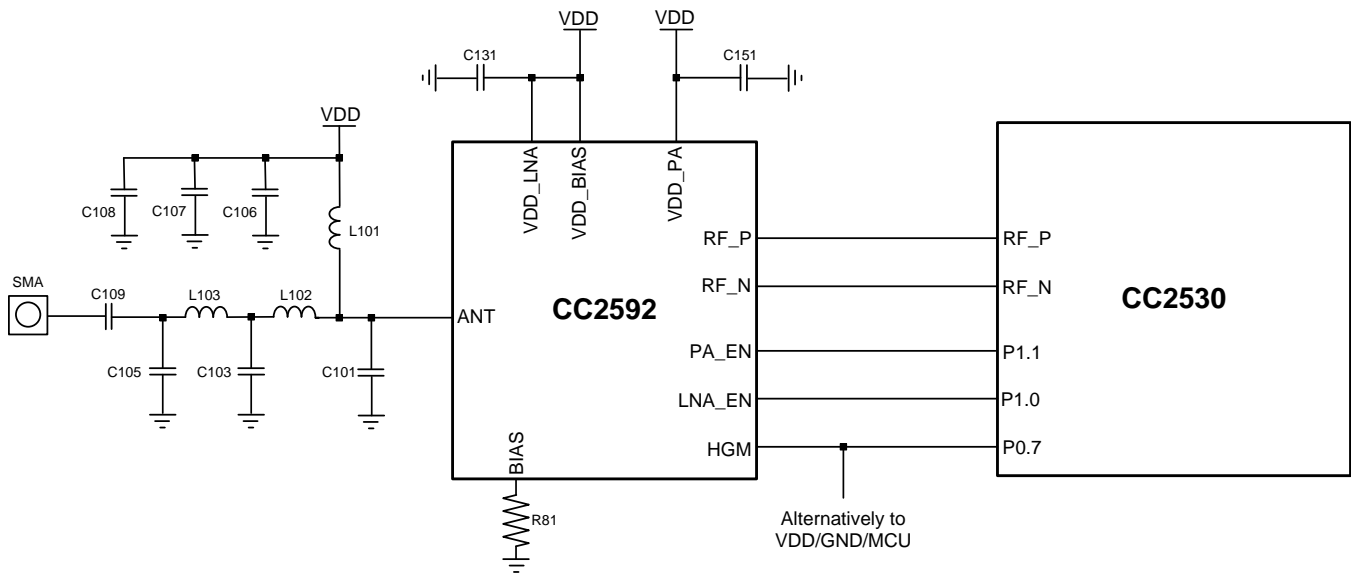
## 9 Connecting the CC2592 Device to a CC25xx Device

Table 9-1 shows the control logic for connecting CC2592 to a CC25xx device.

**Table 9-1. Control Logic for Connecting CC2592 to a CC25xx Device**

PA_EN	LNA_EN	HGM	Mode of Operation
0	0	X	Power Down
X	1	0	RX Low-Gain Mode
X	1	1	RX High-Gain Mode
1	0	X	TX

Figure 9-1 shows the application circuit for the CC2592 and CC253X devices.



**Figure 9-1. Application Circuit Example for CC2530 + CC2592**

## 10 Device and Documentation Support

### 10.1 Related Links

The table below lists quick access links. Categories include technical documents, support and community resources, tools and software, and quick access to sample or buy.

**Table 10-1. Related Links**

PARTS	PRODUCT FOLDER	SAMPLE & BUY	TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS	TOOLS & SOFTWARE	SUPPORT & COMMUNITY
CC2592	<a href="#">Click here</a>	<a href="#">Click here</a>	<a href="#">Click here</a>	<a href="#">Click here</a>	<a href="#">Click here</a>

### 10.2 Trademarks

ZigBee is a registered trademark of ZigBee Alliance.

### 10.3 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD. Texas Instruments recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage.

ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

### 10.4 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms and definitions.

**PACKAGING INFORMATION**

Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead finish/ Ball material (6)	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
CC2592RGVR	ACTIVE	VQFN	RGV	16	2500	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	CC2592	<a href="#">Samples</a>
CC2592RGVT	ACTIVE	VQFN	RGV	16	250	RoHS & Green	Call TI   NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	CC2592	<a href="#">Samples</a>

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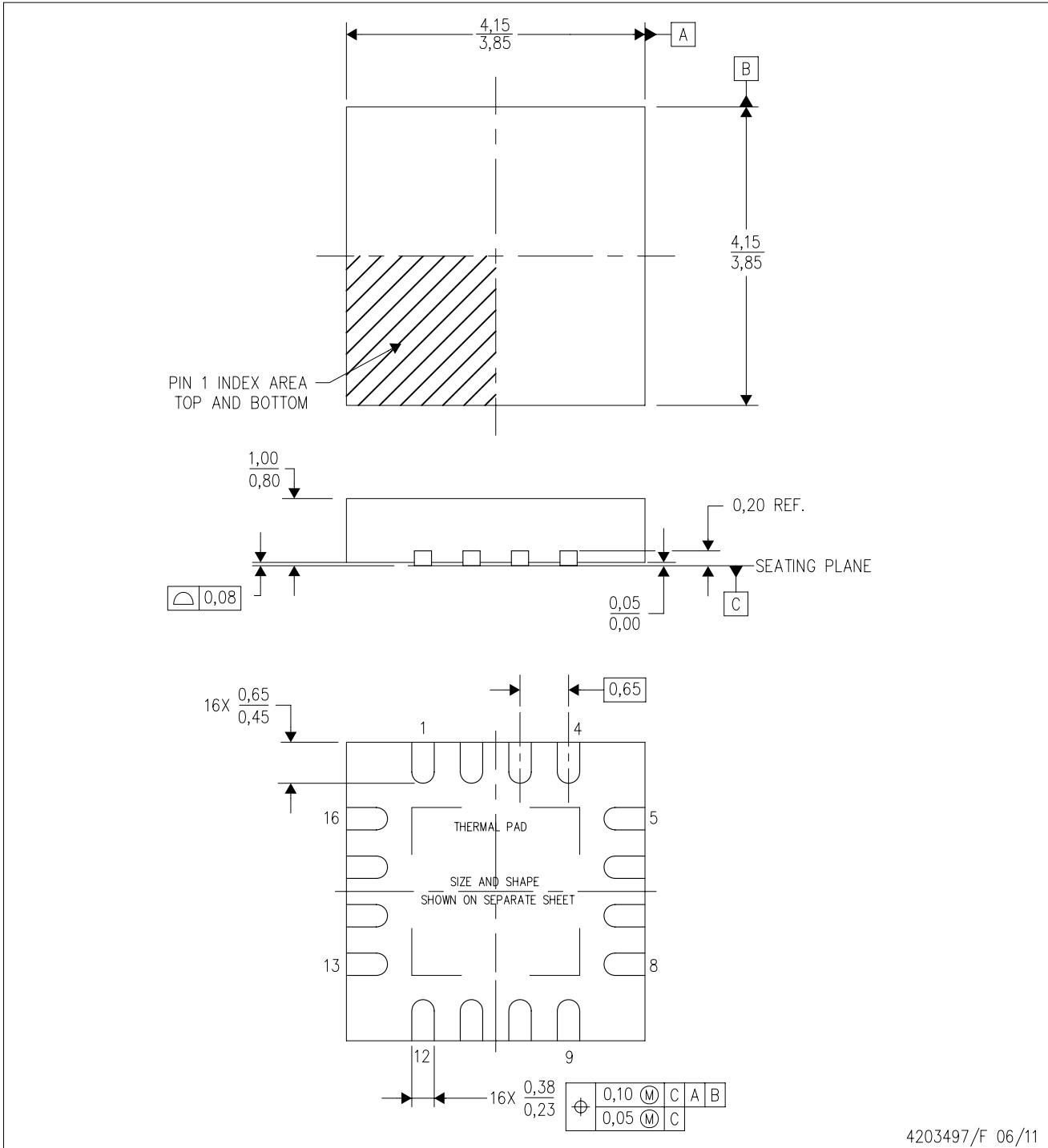
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RGV (S-PVQFN-N16)

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- A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M-1994.
  - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
  - C. Quad Flatpack, No-leads (QFN) package configuration.
  - D. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance.
  - E. See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions.
  - F. Falls within JEDEC MO-220.

# THERMAL PAD MECHANICAL DATA

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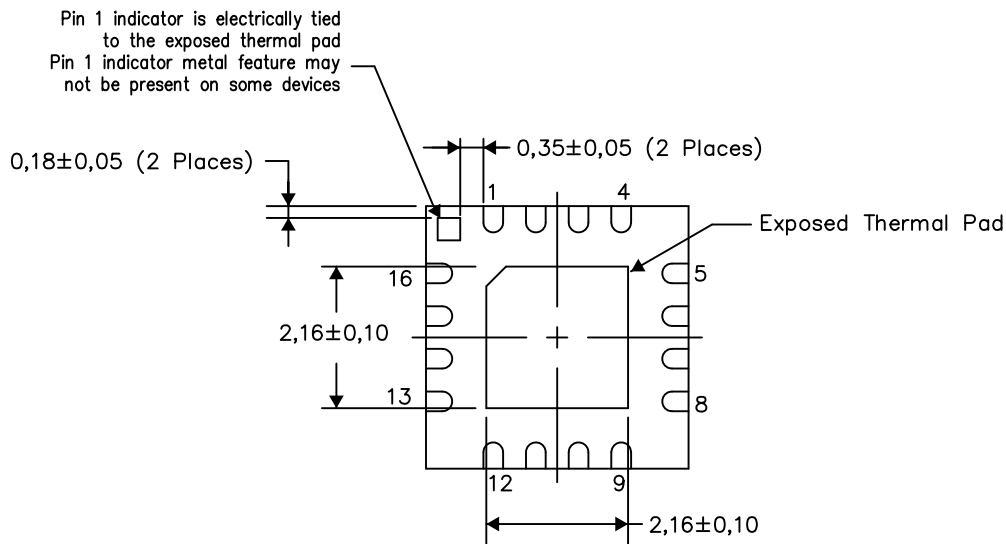
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## THERMAL INFORMATION

This package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached directly to an external heatsink. The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the printed circuit board (PCB). After soldering, the PCB can be used as a heatsink. In addition, through the use of thermal vias, the thermal pad can be attached directly to the appropriate copper plane shown in the electrical schematic for the device, or alternatively, can be attached to a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

For information on the Quad Flatpack No-Lead (QFN) package and its advantages, refer to Application Report, QFN/SON PCB Attachment, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271. This document is available at [www.ti.com](http://www.ti.com).

The exposed thermal pad dimensions for this package are shown in the following illustration.



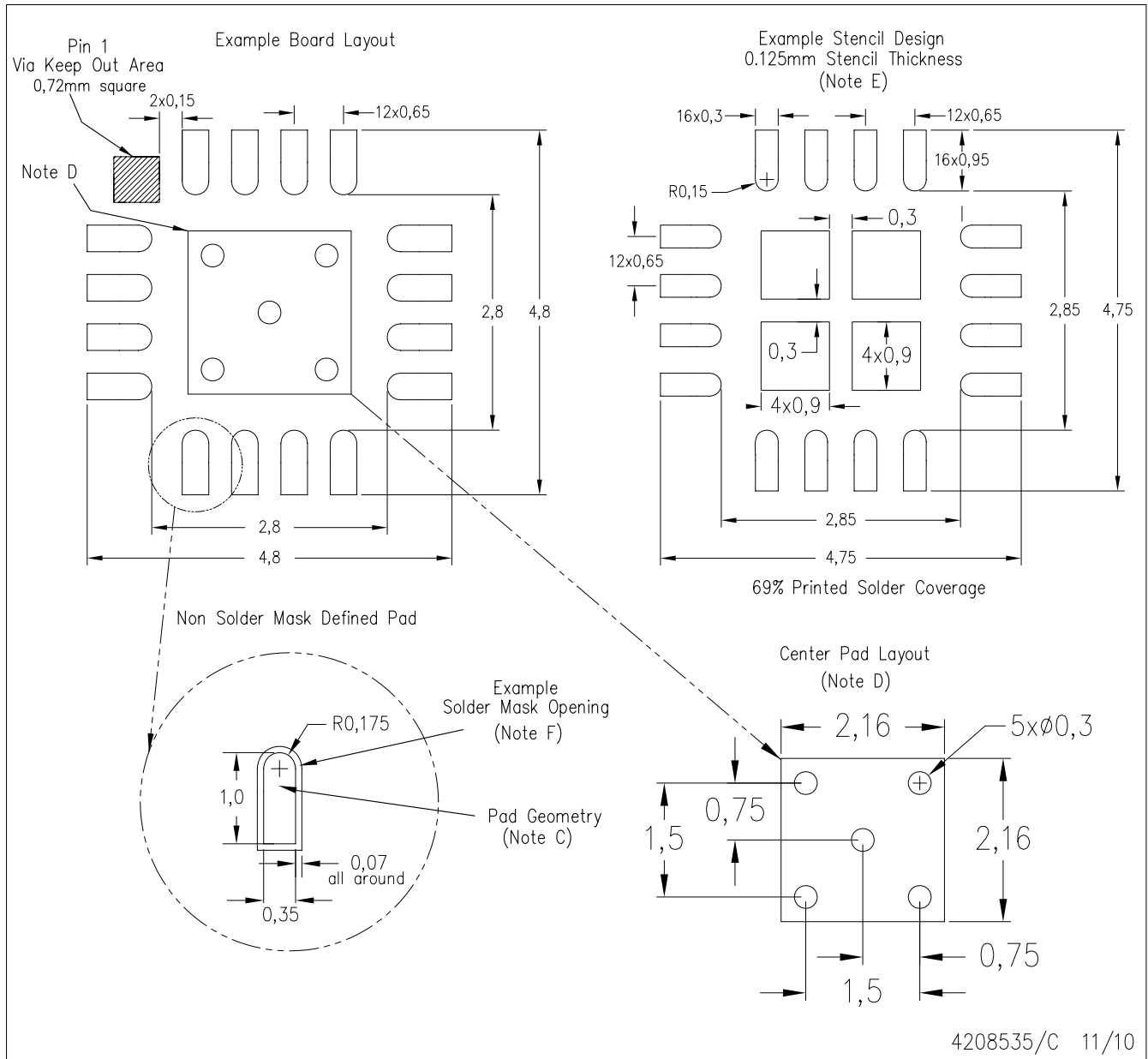
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  - Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Refer to IPC 7525 for stencil design considerations.
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