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# High-Linearity, 1700MHz to 3000MHz Upconversion/ **Downconversion Mixer with LO Buffer/Switch**

## **General Description**

The MAX2041 high-linearity passive upconverter or downconverter mixer is designed to provide 7.4dB NF and a 7.2dB conversion loss for an RF frequency range of 1700MHz to 3000MHz to support UMTS/WCDMA, DCS, PCS, and WiMAX base-station transmitter or receiver applications. The IIP3 is typically +33.5dBm for both downconversion and upconversion operation. With an LO frequency range of 1900MHz to 3000MHz, this particular mixer is ideal for high-side LO injection architectures. (For a pin-compatible mixer meant for low-side LO injection, refer to the MAX2039.)

In addition to offering excellent linearity and noise performance, the MAX2041 also yields a high level of component integration. This device includes a double-balanced passive mixer core, a dual-input LO selectable switch, and an LO buffer. On-chip baluns are also integrated to allow for a single-ended RF input for downconversion (or RF output for upconversion), and single-ended LO inputs. The MAX2041 requires a nominal LO drive of 0dBm, and supply current is guaranteed to be below 145mA.

The MAX2041 is pin compatible with the MAX2031 815MHz to 995MHz mixer, making this family of passive upconverters and downconverters ideal for applications where a common PC board layout is used for both frequency bands.

The MAX2041 is available in a compact 20-pin thin QFN package (5mm x 5mm) with an exposed paddle. Electrical performance is guaranteed over the extended -40°C to +85°C temperature range.

## **Applications**

UMTS/WCDMA Base Stations DCS 1800/PCS 1900 EDGE Base Stations cdmaOne<sup>™</sup> and cdma2000<sup>®</sup> Base Stations WiMAX Base Stations and Customer Premise Equipment **PHS/PAS Base Stations** Predistortion Receivers **Fixed Broadband Wireless Access** Wireless Local Loop Private Mobile Radio Military Systems Microwave Links Digital and Spread-Spectrum Communication Systems

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## Features

- 1700MHz to 3000MHz RF Frequency Range
- 1900MHz to 3000MHz LO Frequency Range
- 1500MHz to 2000MHz LO Frequency Range (MAX2039)
- DC to 350MHz IF Frequency Range
- 7.2dB Conversion Loss
- +33.5dBm Input IP3
- +23.3dBm Input 1dB Compression Point
- 7.4dB Noise Figure
- Integrated LO Buffer
- Integrated RF and LO Baluns
- Low -3dBm to +3dBm LO Drive
- Built-In SPDT LO Switch with 43dB LO1 to LO2 **Isolation and 50ns Switching Time**
- Pin Compatible with the MAX2031 815MHz to 995MHz Mixer
- External Current-Setting Resistor Provides Option for Operating Mixer in Reduced-Power/Reduced-**Performance Mode**
- Lead-Free Package Available

## **Ordering Information**

PART	TEMP RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	PKG CODE
MAX2041ETP	-40°C to +85°C	20 Thin QFN-EP* (5mm x 5mm) bulk	T2055-3
MAX2041ETP-T	-40°C to +85°C	20 Thin QFN-EP* (5mm x 5mm) T/R	T2055-3
MAX2041ETP+	-40°C to +85°C	20 Thin QFN-EP* (5mm x 5mm) lead-free bulk	T2055-3
MAX2041ETP+T	-40°C to +85°C	20 Thin QFN-EP* (5mm x 5mm) lead-free T/R	T2055-3

\*EP = Exposed paddle.

T = Tape-and-reel package.

+ = Lead free.

Pin Configuration and Typical Application Circuit appear at end of data sheet.

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#### **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

V <sub>CC</sub> to GND0.3V TAP, LOBIAS, LOSEL to GND0.3V to (V <sub>CC</sub>	
LO1, LO2, IF+, IF- to GND0.3V	
IF, LO1, LO2 Input Power	
RF Input Power	
RF (RF is DC shorted to GND through a balun)	
Continuous Power Dissipation ( $T_A = +70^{\circ}C$ )	
20-Pin QFN-EP (derated 20mW/°C above +70°C)	2.2W

θJA+33°C/W	
θJC+8°C/W	
Operating Temperature Range (Note A)T <sub>C</sub> = -40°C to +85°C	
Junction Temperature+150°C	
Storage Temperature Range65°C to +165°C	
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s)+300°C	

Note A: T<sub>C</sub> is the temperature on the exposed paddle of the package.

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

## **DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

(MAX2041 *Typical Application Circuit*,  $V_{CC}$  = +4.75V to +5.25V, no RF signals applied, IF+ and IF- DC grounded through a transformer,  $T_C$  = -40°C to +85°C. Typical values are at  $V_{CC}$  = +5V,  $T_C$  = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
Supply Voltage	V <sub>CC</sub>		4.75	5.00	5.25	V
Supply Current	lcc			104	145	mA
LO_SEL Input Logic Low	VIL				0.8	V
LO_SEL Input Logic High	VIH		2			V

# AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (DOWNCONVERTER OPERATION)

(MAX2041 *Typical Application Circuit*,  $V_{CC} = +4.75V$  to +5.25V, RF and LO ports are driven from  $50\Omega$  sources,  $P_{LO} = -3dBm$  to +3dBm,  $P_{RF} = 0dBm$ ,  $f_{RF} = 1700MHz$  to 3000MHz,  $f_{LO} = 1900MHz$  to 3000MHz,  $f_{IF} = 200MHz$ ,  $f_{LO} > f_{RF}$ ,  $T_C = -40^{\circ}C$  to +85°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $V_{CC} = +5V$ ,  $P_{RF} = 0dBm$ ,  $P_{LO} = 0dBm$ ,  $f_{RF} = 1900MHz$ ,  $f_{LO} = 2100MHz$ ,  $f_{IF} = 200MHz$ ,  $T_{C} = +25^{\circ}C$ , unless otherwise noted.) (Note 1)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	МАХ	UNITS
RF Frequency Range	fRF		1700		3000	MHz
	6	MAX2041	1900		3000	
LO Frequency Range	flo	MAX2039	1500		2000	MHz
IF Frequency Range	fIF	External IF transformer dependent	DC		350	MHz
Conversion Loss	LC	P <sub>RF</sub> < +2dBm		7.2		dB
Loss Variation Over Temperature		$T_{\rm C} = -40^{\circ}{\rm C}$ to $+85^{\circ}{\rm C}$		dB/°C		
Input Compression Point	P <sub>1dB</sub>	(Note 2)		23.3		dBm
Input Third-Order Intercept Point	IIP3	Two tones: $f_{RF1} = 1900MHz$ , $f_{RF2} = 1901MHz$ , $P_{RF} = 0dBm/tone$ , $f_{LO} = 2100MHz$ , $P_{LO} = 0dBm$		33.5		dBm
Input IP3 Variation Over Temperature		$T_{\rm C} = -40^{\circ}{\rm C}$ to $+85^{\circ}{\rm C}$		±0.75		dB
Noise Figure	NF	Single sideband		7.4		dB
Noise Figure Under-Blocking		$P_{RF} = 5dBm$ , $f_{RF} = 2000MHz$ , $f_{LO} = 2190MHz$ , $f_{BLOCK} = 2100MHz$ (Note 3)		19		dB

# AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (DOWNCONVERTER OPERATION) (continued)

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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
LO Drive			-3		+3	dBm
	2 x 2	2LO - 2RF, P <sub>RF</sub> = 0dBm		63		
Spurious Response at IF	3 x 3	3LO - 3RF, P <sub>RF</sub> = 0dBm		69		dBc
LO1 to LO2 Isolation		LO2 selected, 1900MHz < f <sub>LO</sub> < 2100MHz		49		dD
LOT to LO2 isolation		LO1 selected, 1900MHz < f <sub>LO</sub> < 2100MHz		43		dB
Maximum LO Leakage at RF Port		$P_{LO} = +3dBm$ (Note 4)		-18.5		dBm
Maximum LO Leakage at IF Port		$P_{LO} = +3dBm$		-30		dBm
Minimum RF-to-IF Isolation				35		dB
LO Switching Time		50% of LOSEL to IF settled to within 2°		50		ns
RF Port Return Loss				18		dB
		LO port selected, LO and IF terminated		16		-10
LO Port Return Loss		LO port unselected, LO and IF terminated		26		dB
IF Port Return Loss		LO driven at 0dBm, RF terminated into 50 $\Omega$		20		dB

# AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (UPCONVERTER OPERATION)

 $(MAX2041 \ Typical \ Application \ Circuit, \ V_{CC} = +4.75V \ to +5.25V, \ P_{LO} = -3dBm \ to +3dBm, \ P_{IF} = 0dBm, \ f_{RF} = 1700MHz \ to 3000MHz, \ f_{LO} = 1900MHz \ to 3000MHz, \ f_{IF} = 200MHz, \ f_{RF} = f_{LO} - f_{IF}, \ T_{C} = -40^{\circ}C \ to +85^{\circ}C, \ unless \ otherwise \ noted. \ Typical \ values \ are \ at \ V_{CC} = +5V, \ P_{IF} = 0dBm, \ P_{LO} = 0dBm, \ f_{RF} = 1900MHz, \ f_{LO} = 2100MHz, \ f_{IF} = 200MHz, \ T_{C} = +25^{\circ}C, \ unless \ otherwise \ noted. ) \ (Note \ 1)$ 

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	ТҮР	МАХ	UNITS
Input Compression Point	P <sub>1dB</sub>	(Note 2)		23.3		dBm
Input Third-Order Intercept Point	IIP3	Two tones: $f_{IF1} = 200MHz$ , $f_{IF2} = 201MHz$ , $P_{IF} = 0dBm/tone$ , $f_{LO} = 1900MHz$ , $P_{LO} = 0dBm$		33.5		dBm
LO ± 2IF Spur		LO - 2IF		67		dBc
LO ± 21F Spui		LO + 2IF		65		UDC
		LO - 3IF		75		dBc
LO ± 3IF Spur		LO + 3IF		72		UDC
Output Noise Floor		P <sub>OUT</sub> = 0dBm		-160		dBm/ Hz

Note 1: All limits include external component losses. Output measurements taken at IF port for downconverter and RF port for upconverter from the *Typical Application Circuit*.

**Note 2:** Compression point characterized. It is advisable not to continuously operate the mixer RF or IF input above +15dBm. **Note 3:** Measured with external LO source noise filtered so the noise floor is -174dBm/Hz. This specification reflects the effects of all

SNR degradations in the mixer, including the LO noise as defined in Maxim Application Note 2021.

**Note 4:** Refer to the MAX2043 for improved LO leakage of -52dBm typical.









## **Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)**

(MAX2041 Typical Application Circuit,  $V_{CC} = +5.0V$ ,  $P_{LO} = 0dBm$ ,  $P_{RF} = 0dBm$ ,  $f_{LO} > f_{RF}$ ,  $f_{IF} = 200MHz$ ,  $R1 = 549\Omega$ , unless otherwise noted.)

#### **Downconverter Curves** 2LO - 2RF RESPONSE vs. RF FREQUENCY 2LO - 2RF RESPONSE vs. RF FREQUENCY 2LO - 2RF RESPONSE vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO1 SELECTED) (LO1 SELECTED) (LO1 SELECTED) $P_{RF} = 0 dBm$ $P_{RF} = 0 dBm$ $P_{RF} = 0 dBm$ $P_{LO} = OdBm$ Г<sub>С</sub> = +85°С $V_{CC} = 5.25V$ $P_{L0} = -3dBm$ 2L0 - 2RF RESPONSE (dBc) 2L0 - 2RF RESPONSE (dBc) **2RF RESPONSE (dBc)** 2L0 -= +25°C $\Gamma_{\rm C} = -40^{\circ}{\rm C}$ $V_{CC} = 4.75V$ $V_{CC} = 5.0V$ $P_{L0} = +3dBm$ FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) 2LO - 2RF RESPONSE vs. RF FREQUENCY 2L0 - 2RF RESPONSE vs. RF FREQUENCY 2L0 - 2RF RESPONSE vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO2 SELECTED) (LO2 SELECTED) (LO2 SELECTED) $P_{RF} = 0 dBm$ $P_{RF} = 0 dBm$ $P_{RF} = 0 dBm$ $V_{CC} = 5.25V$ 2<sub>L0</sub> = -3dBm 2RF RESPONSE (dBc) +85°C 2LO - 2RF RESPONSE (dBc) 2RF RESPONSE (dBc) Tc = $V_{CC} = 4.75V$ 2L0 -2L0 - $T_{C} = -40^{\circ}C$ $P_{LO} = +3dBm$ $P_{L0} = 0 dBm$ T<sub>C</sub> = +25°C $V_{CC} = 5.0V$ FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) **3LO - 3RF RESPONSE vs. RF FREQUENCY 3LO - 3RF RESPONSE vs. RF FREQUENCY 3LO - 3RF RESPONSE vs. RF FREQUENCY** $P_{RF} = 0 dBm$ $P_{RF} = 0 dBm$ $P_{RF} = 0 dBm$ +25°C 5.25V Vcc Tc - 3RF RESPONSE (dBc) 3L0 - 3RF RESPONSE (dBc) 3L0 - 3RF RESPONSE (dBc) $V_{CC} = 5.0V$ $T_{\rm C} = -40^{\circ}{\rm C}$ -3dBm, 0dBm, +3dBm $T_C = +85^{\circ}C$ $P_{L0} =$ $V_{CC} = 4.75V$ 3L0 -FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz)

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#### Typical Operating Characteristics (continued) (MAX2041 Typical Application Circuit, V<sub>CC</sub> = +5.0V, P<sub>LO</sub> = 0dBm, P<sub>RF</sub> = 0dBm, f<sub>LO</sub> > f<sub>RF</sub> , f<sub>IF</sub> = 200MHz, R1 = 549Ω, unless otherwise noted.) **Downconverter Curves**

#### INPUT P1dB vs. RF FREQUENCY 27 26 25 T<sub>C</sub> = +25°C 24 INPUT P<sub>1dB</sub> (dBm) 23 +85°C $T_{\rm C} =$ 22 21 $T_C = -40^{\circ}C$ 20 19 18 17 2300 1500 1700 1900 2100 RF FREQUENCY (MHz)



LO SWITCH ISOLATION vs. LO FREQUENCY



LO SWITCH ISOLATION vs. LO FREQUENCY



55 LO SWITCH ISOLATION (dB) 50  $P_{L0} = +3dBm$ 45  $P_{LO} = -3dBm$ 40  $P_{L0} = 0 dBm$ 35

1500 1700 1900 2100 2300 2500 LO FREQUENCY (MHz)

LO LEAKAGE AT IF PORT vs. LO FREQUENCY

 $P_{L0} = +3dBm$ 

-10

-15

-20

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LO SWITCH ISOLATION vs. LO FREQUENCY



LO LEAKAGE AT IF PORT vs. LO FREQUENCY



LO LEAKAGE AT IF PORT vs. LO FREQUENCY -10 -15 -20  $T_C = +25^{\circ}C$ LO LEAKAGE (dBm) LO LEAKAGE (dBm) -25 -30 -+85°C -35  $T_C = -40^{\circ}C$ -40 -45 1700 1900 2100 2300 2500 LO FREQUENCY (MHz)



LO FREQUENCY (MHz)

## \_Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

(MAX2041 *Typical Application Circuit*,  $V_{CC} = +5.0V$ ,  $P_{LO} = 0dBm$ ,  $P_{RF} = 0dBm$ ,  $f_{LO} > f_{RF}$ ,  $f_{IF} = 200MHz$ ,  $R1 = 549\Omega$ , unless otherwise noted.)

## **Downconverter Curves**



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## **Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)**

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#### **Downconverter Curves**



# **Typical Operating Characteristics**

 $(MAX2041 Typical Application Circuit, V_{CC} = +5.0V, P_{LO} = 0dBm, P_{IF} = 0dBm, f_{RF} = f_{LO} - f_{IF}, f_{IF} = 200MHz, R1 = 549\Omega, unless otherwise noted.)$  Upconverter Curves



#### **CONVERSION LOSS vs. RF FREQUENCY**



#### **CONVERSION LOSS vs. RF FREQUENCY**





## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

INPUT IP3 (dBm)

L0 + 2IF REJECTION (dBc

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#### **INPUT IP3 vs. RF FREQUENCY** 39 37 +85°C T<sub>C</sub> = +25°C 35 INPUT IP3 (dBm) 33 31 = -40°C Tc 29 27 25 1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 RF FREQUENCY (MHz)

LO + 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO1 SELECTED)



LO + 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO2 SELECTED)





LO + 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO1 SELECTED)



LO + 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO2 SELECTED)



# INPUT IP3 vs. RF FREQUENCY



LO + 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO1 SELECTED)



L0 + 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (L02 SELECTED)



# **Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)**

(MAX2041 Typical Application Circuit, V<sub>CC</sub> = +5.0V, P<sub>LO</sub> = 0dBm, P<sub>IF</sub> = 0dBm, f<sub>RF</sub> = f<sub>LO</sub> - f<sub>IF</sub>, f<sub>IF</sub> = 200MHz, R1 = 549Ω, unless otherwise noted.) Upconverter Curves

#### LO - 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO1 SELECTED) 80 $P_{IF} = 0 dBm$ $T_{\rm C} = +25^{\circ}{\rm C}$ 75 LO - 2IF REJECTION (dBc) **2IF REJECTION (dBc)** 70 65 60 ċ 55 +85°C $T_C = -40^{\circ}C$ 50 45 1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 FUNDAMENTAL RE FREQUENCY (MHz) LO - 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO2 SELECTED) 85 $P_{IF} = 0 dBm$ 80 $T_C = +85^{\circ}C$ 75 2IF REJECTION (dBc) 70 65 $T_C = +25^{\circ}C$







LO - 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO2 SELECTED)



LO + 3IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY



LO - 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO1 SELECTED)



LO - 2IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY (LO2 SELECTED)



LO + 3IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY



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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(MAX2041 Typical Application Circuit, V_{CC} = +5.0V, P_{LO} = 0dBm, P_{IF} = 0dBm, f_{RF} = f_{LO} - f_{IF}, f_{IF} = 200MHz, R1 = 549\Omega, unless otherwise noted.)$  Upconverter Curves

#### LO - 3IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY LO - 3IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY LO - 3IF REJECTION vs. RF FREQUENCY 90 90 90 $P_{IF} = 0 dBm$ $P_{IF} = 0 dBm$ $P_{IF} = 0 dBm$ 85 85 85 $V_{CC} = 5.25V$ $P_{LO} = +3dBm$ 80 80 80 $V_{CC} = 5.0V$ LO - 3IF REJECTION (dBc) LO - 3IF REJECTION (dBc) LO - 3IF REJECTION (dBc) $T_{\rm C} = +25^{\circ}{\rm C}$ 75 75 75 70 70 70 $P_{L0} = -3dBm$ 65 65 65 T<sub>C</sub> = +85°C $V_{CC} = 4.75V$ $T_C = -40^{\circ}C$ $P_{L0} = 0 dBm$ 60 60 60 55 55 55 50 50 50 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 1500 2200 1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) FUNDAMENTAL RF FREQUENCY (MHz) LO LEAKAGE AT RF PORT LO LEAKAGE AT RF PORT LO LEAKAGE AT RF PORT vs. LO FREQUENCY vs. LO FREQUENCY vs. LO FREQUENCY -10 -10 -10 LO LEAKAGE AT RF PORT (dBm) LO LEAKAGE AT RF PORT (dBm) LO LEAKAGE AT RF PORT (dBm) Vcç 5 25 -15 -15 -15 -20 -20 -20 $V_{CC} = 5.0V$ $P_{L0} = -3dBm, 0dBm, +3dBm$ $V_{CC} = 4.75V$ Tc -40°C, +25°C, +85°C -25 -25 -25 -30 -30 -30 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 2300 2400 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 2300 2400 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 2300 2400 LO FREQUENCY (MHz) LO FREQUENCY (MHz) LO FREQUENCY (MHz) **IF LEAKAGE AT RF vs. LO FREQUENCY IF LEAKAGE AT RF vs. LO FREQUENCY** IF LEAKAGE AT RF vs. LO FREQUENCY -40 -40 -40 -50 -50 -50 IF LEAKAGE (dBm) IF LEAKAGE (dBm) IF LEAKAGE (dBm) -60 -60 -60 $P_{LO} = -3dBm, 0dBm, +3dBm$ $T_{\rm C} = -40^{\circ}{\rm C}$ Vcc = 4.75V -70 -70 -70 -80 -80 -80 Vcc = 5.25V T<sub>C</sub> = +25°C Tc = +85°C $V_{CC} = 5.0V$ -90 -90 -90 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 2300 2400 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 2300 2400 1700 1800 1900 2000 2100 2200 2300 2400 LO FREQUENCY (MHz) LO FREQUENCY (MHz) LO FREQUENCY (MHz)

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# \_Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1, 6, 8, 14	V <sub>CC</sub>	Power-Supply Connection. Bypass each V <sub>CC</sub> pin to GND with capacitors as shown in the <i>Typical</i> Application Circuit.
2	RF	Single-Ended 50 $\Omega$ RF Input/Output. This port is internally matched and DC shorted to GND through a balun.
3	TAP	Center Tap of the Internal RF Balun. Bypass to GND with capacitors close to the IC, as shown in the <i>Typical Application Circuit</i> .
4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20	GND	Ground
7	LOBIAS	Bias Resistor for Internal LO Buffer. Connect a 549 $\Omega$ ±1% resistor from LOBIAS to the power supply.
9	LOSEL	Local Oscillator Select. Logic control input for selecting LO1 or LO2.
11	LO1	Local Oscillator Input 1. Drive LOSEL low to select LO1.
15	LO2	Local Oscillator Input 2. Drive LOSEL high to select LO2.
18, 19	IF-, IF+	Differential IF Input/Outputs
EP	GND	Exposed Ground Paddle. Solder the exposed paddle to the ground plane using multiple vias.

# **Detailed Description**

The MAX2041 can operate either as a downconverter or an upconverter mixer that provides 7.2dB of conversion loss with a typical 7.4dB noise figure. IIP3 is +33.5dBm for both upconversion and downconversion operation. The integrated baluns and matching circuitry allow for  $50\Omega$  single-ended interfaces to the RF port and two LO ports. The RF port can be used as an input for downconversion or an output for upconversion. A single-pole, double-throw (SPDT) switch provides 50ns switching time between the two LO inputs with 43dB of LO-to-LO isolation. Furthermore, the integrated LO buffer provides a high drive level to the mixer core, reducing the LO drive required at the MAX2041's inputs to a range of -3dBm to +3dBm. The IF port incorporates a differential output for downconversion, which is ideal for providing enhanced IIP2 performance. For upconversion, the IF port is a differential input.

Specifications are guaranteed over broad frequency ranges to allow for use in UMTS, cdma2000, 2G/2.5G/3G DCS 1800, PCS 1900, and WiMAX base stations. The MAX2041 is specified to operate over an RF frequency range of 1700MHz to 3000MHz, an LO frequency range of 1900MHz to 3000MHz, and an IF frequency range of DC to 350MHz. Operation beyond these ranges is possible; see the *Typical Operating Characteristics* for additional details.

This device can operate equally well in low-side LO injection applications as long as the LO frequency range is between 1900MHz and 3000MHz. If an LO frequency range below 1900MHz is desired, refer to the MAX2039.

#### **RF Port and Balun**

For using the MAX2041 as a downconverter, the RF input is internally matched to  $50\Omega$ , requiring no external matching components. A DC-blocking capacitor is required since the input is internally DC shorted to ground through the on-chip balun. The RF return loss is typically better than 17dB over a 1400MHz to 3000MHz frequency range. For upconverter operation, the RF port is a single-ended output similarly matched to  $50\Omega$ .

#### LO Inputs, Buffer, and Balun

The MAX2041 can be used for either high-side or lowside injection applications with a 1900MHz to 3000MHz LO frequency range. For a device with a 1500MHz to 2000MHz LO frequency range, refer to the MAX2039 data sheet. As an added feature, the MAX2041 includes an internal LO SPDT switch that can be used for frequency-hopping applications. The switch selects one of the two single-ended LO ports, allowing the external oscillator to settle on a particular frequency before it is switched in. LO switching time is typically less than 50ns, which is more than adequate for virtually all GSM applications. If frequency hopping is not employed, set the switch to either of the LO inputs. The switch is controlled by a digital input (LOSEL): logic-high selects LO2, logic-low selects LO1. To avoid damage to the part, voltage **MUST** 



be applied to V<sub>CC</sub> before digital logic is applied to LOSEL (see the *Absolute Maximum Ratings*). LO1 and LO2 inputs are internally matched to  $50\Omega$ , requiring only a 22pF DC-blocking capacitor.

A two-stage internal LO buffer allows a wide-input power range for the LO drive. The on-chip low-loss balun, along with an LO buffer, drives the double-balanced mixer. All interfacing and matching components from the LO inputs to the IF outputs are integrated on chip.

#### **High-Linearity Mixer**

The core of the MAX2041 is a double-balanced, highperformance passive mixer. Exceptional linearity is provided by the large LO swing from the on-chip LO buffer.

#### **Differential IF**

The MAX2041 mixer has an IF frequency range of DC to 350MHz. Note that these differential ports are ideal for providing enhanced IIP2 performance. Single-ended IF applications require a 1:1 balun to transform the 50 $\Omega$  differential IF impedance to a 50 $\Omega$  single-ended system. After the balun, the IF return loss is better than 15dB. The differential IF is used as an input port for upconverter operation. The user can use a differential IF amplifier following the mixer but a DC block is required on both IF pins. In this configuration, the IF+ and IF- pins need to be returned to ground through a high resistance (about 1k $\Omega$ ). This ground return can also be accomplished by grounding the RF TAP (pin 3) and AC-coupling the IF+ and IF- ports (pins 19 and 18).

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#### Input and Output Matching

The RF and LO inputs are internally matched to  $50\Omega$ . No matching components are required. Return loss at the RF port is typically better than 17dB over a 1400MHz to 3000MHz frequency range, and return loss at the LO ports is typically better than 16dB over a 1900MHz to 3000MHz frequency range. RF and LO inputs require only DC-blocking capacitors for interfacing.

The IF output impedance is  $50\Omega$  (differential). For evaluation, an external low-loss 1:1 (impedance ratio) balun transforms this impedance to a  $50\Omega$  single-ended output (see the *Typical Application Circuit*).

#### **Bias Resistor**

Bias current for the LO buffer is optimized by fine tuning resistor R1. If reduced current is required at the expense of performance, contact the factory for details. If the  $\pm 1\%$  bias resistor values are not readily available, substitute standard  $\pm 5\%$  values.

#### Layout Considerations

A properly designed PC board is an essential part of any RF/microwave circuit. Keep RF signal lines as short as possible to reduce losses, radiation, and inductance. For the best performance, route the ground pin traces directly to the exposed pad under the package. The PC board exposed pad **MUST** be connected to the ground plane of the PC board. It is suggested that multiple vias be used to connect this pad to the lower-level ground planes. This method provides a good RF/thermal conduction path for the device. Solder the exposed pad on the bottom of the device package to the PC board. The MAX2041 Evaluation Kit can be used as a reference for board layout. Gerber files are available upon request at www.maxim-ic.com.

#### **Power-Supply Bypassing**

Proper voltage-supply bypassing is essential for highfrequency circuit stability. Bypass each V<sub>CC</sub> pin and TAP with the capacitors shown in the *Typical Application Circuit;* see Table 1. Place the TAP bypass capacitor to ground within 100 mils of the TAP pin.

# Table 1. Component List Referring to theTypical Application Circuit

COMPONENT	VALUE	DESCRIPTION
C1	4pF	Microwave capacitor (0603)
C4	10pF	Microwave capacitor (0603)
C2, C6, C7, C8, C10, C12	22pF	Microwave capacitors (0603)
C3, C5, C9, C11	0.01µF	Microwave capacitors (0603)
R1	549Ω	±1% resistor (0603)
T1	1:1 Balun	IF balun with DC grounded ports M/A-COM MABAES0029
U1	MAX2041	Maxim IC

# Exposed Pad RF/Thermal Considerations

The EP of the MAX2041's 20-pin thin QFN-EP package provides a low thermal-resistance path to the die. It is important that the PC board on which the MAX2041 is mounted be designed to conduct heat from the EP. In addition, provide the EP with a low-inductance path to electrical ground. The EP **MUST** be soldered to a ground plane on the PC board, either directly or through an array of plated via holes.





# **Pin Configuration**



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PROCESS: SiGe BiCMOS

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COMMON DIMENSIONS									EXPOSED PAD VARIATIONS																
PKG.		6L 5x			20L 5x			28L 5>			2L 5x			0L 5>			PKG.		D2			E2		Lexceptions	DOWN
SYMBOL	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.		CODES	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.	-0.15	BONDS ALLOWED
A		-		-	-			0.75	0.80	-	0.75		-	0.75			T1655-2	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.00	3.10	3.20	**	YES
A1	0	0.02		0	0.02		0	0.02		0	0.02		0		0.05		T1655-3	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.00	3.10	3.20	**	NO
A3	<u> </u>	20 RE		-	20 RE			.20 RE			20 RE			20 RE			T1655N-1	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.00	3.10	3.20	**	NO
b					0.30									0.20			T2055-3	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.00	3.10	3.20	**	YES
D				4.90				5.00	5.10		5.00		4.90	5.00			T2055-4	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.00	3.10	3.20	**	NO
E					5.00			_									T2055-5	3.15	3.25	3.35	3.15	3.25	3.35	0.40	YES
e	0.25	.80 BS	50.	0.25	.65 BS		0.25	).50 BS	56.	0.25	.50 BS		0.25	.40 B	-		T2855-3	3.15	3.25	3.35	3.15	3.25	3.35	**	YES
k L	0.25	-	-		- 0.55	-		0.55	- 0.65		- 0.40	-	0.25	0.35			T2855-4	2.60	2.70	2.80	2.60	2.70	2.80	**	YES
L1	0.30	0.40	-	0.45	0.55	0.05	0.43	0.55	0.05	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.40	0.40			T2855-5	2.60	2.70	2.80	2.60	2.70	2.80	**	NO
N	-	16	-	-	20	-	-	28	-	-	32	-	0.30	40	0.50		T2855-6	3.15	3.25	3.35	3.15	3.25	3.35	**	NO
ND		4			5			7			8			10			T2855-7	2.60	2.70	2.80	2.60	2.70	2.80	**	YES
NE		4			5			7			8			10			T2855-8	3.15	3.25	3.35	3.15	3.25	3.35	0.40	YES
JEDEC	1	WHHE	3		WHHC	)		WHHC	)-1	V	VHHD	-2					T2855N-1	3.15	3.25	3.35	3.15	3.25	3.35	**	NO
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