

Low Cost MMIC Mixer 1400 - 2100 MHz

Rev. V7

Features

- +12 dBm Input Power @ 1 dB Compression
- High Isolation, 28 dB LO to RF
- +3 to +8 dBm LO Drive Level
- DC - 500 MHz 3 dB IF Bandwidth
- Does not require DC bias
- Ultra-Miniature SOT-25 Plastic Package

Description

M/A-COM's MD54-0006 is a passive mixer that achieves the performance of a double balanced diode mixer in an ultra-miniature SOT-25 package. The MD54-0006 is ideally suited for use where high level RF signals and very wide dynamic range are required. Typical applications include frequency up/down conversion, modulation and demodulation in receivers and transmitters for basestation and portable systems.

The MD54-0006 uses FETs as mixing elements to achieve very wide dynamic range in a low cost plastic package. The mixer operates with LO drive levels of +3 dBm to +8 dBm. The LO port may be externally tuned for operation in various frequency bands.

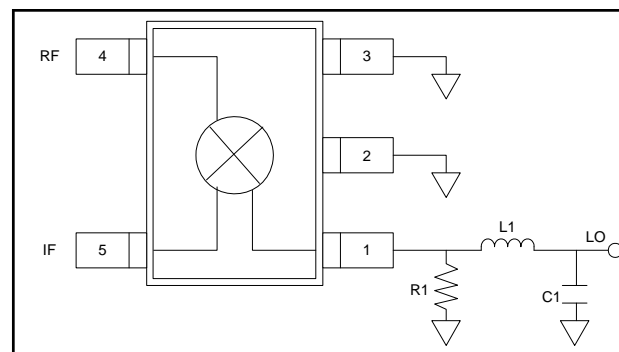
M/A-COM's MD54-0006 is fabricated using a mature 0.5 micron gate length GaAs MESFET process. The process features full passivation for increased performance and reliability. The MD54-0006 is 100% RF tested to ensure performance specification compliance.

Ordering Information ¹

Part Number	Package
MD54-0006	Bulk Packaging
MD54-0006TR	1000 piece reel
MD54-0006SMB	Sample Test Board

1. Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.

Functional Block Diagram



Pin Configuration

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description
1	LO Port	LO Input
2	GND	Ground
3	GND	Ground
4	RF Port	RF Input
5	IF Port	IF Output

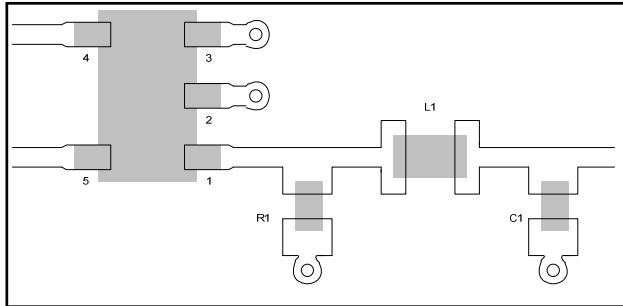
External Circuitry Parts List

LO Frequency			
Part	1500 MHz	1710 MHz	2300 MHz
R1	470 Ohms	470 ohms	820 ohms
L1	6.8 nH	4.7 nH	2.7 nH
C1	3.3 pF	2.2 pF	2.2 pF

- The external LO matching network allows tuning from 1400 MHz to 2300 MHz. The networks given above are intended to serve as guidelines for matching in different bands.
- All off-chip components are low-cost surface mount components obtainable from multiple sources (0.060 in. x 0.030 in. or 0.080 in. x 0.050 in).

Recommended PCB Configuration

Layout View

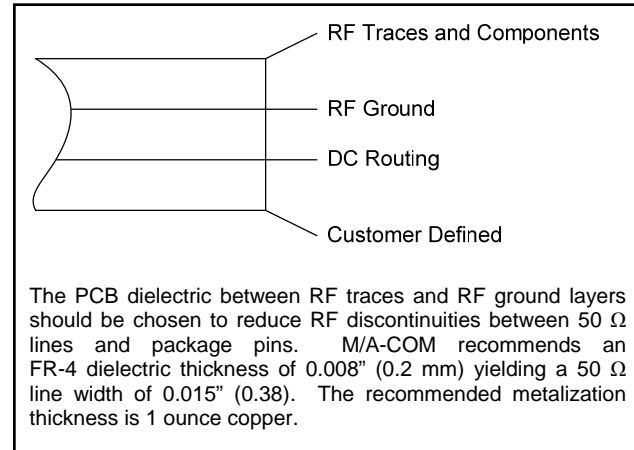


Designer's Kit MD54-0006SMB

The MD54-0006SMB Designer's Kit allows for immediate evaluation of M/A-COM's MD54-0006. The Designer's Kit consists of an MD54-0006, and evaluation board, and a floppy disk containing typical performance data and a DXF file of the recommended PCB layout.

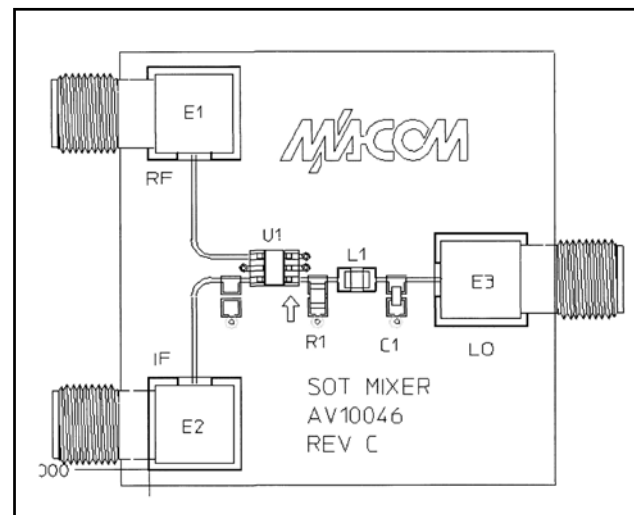
Port Reference	Approximate RF Loss
RF Port	0.30 dB @ 1850 MHz
LO Port	0.20 dB @ 1710 MHz
IF Port	0.075 dB @ 140 MHz

Cross Section View



Mixer PCB

The evaluation board consists of the recommended external surface mount circuitry and RF connectors mounted to a multi-layer PCB. The MD54-0006SMB evaluation PCB is shown below with all functional ports labeled.



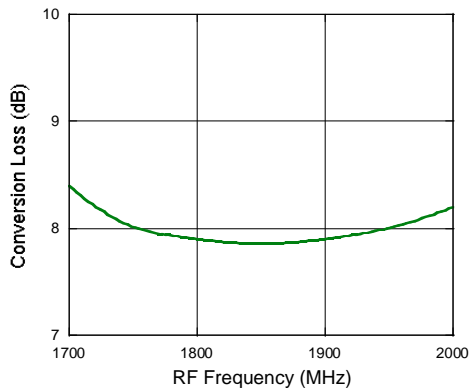
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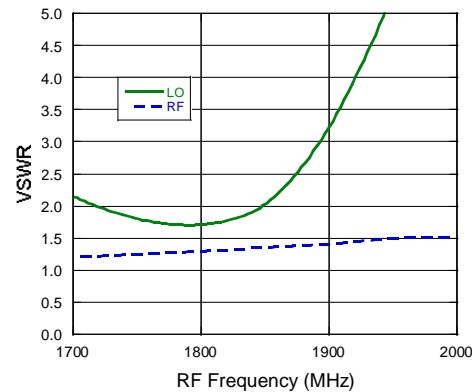
Typical Performance Curves

- **Test Conditions for Down Converter Application:** RF = 1850 MHz (-10 dBm), IF = 140 MHz, LO = 1710 MHz (+5 dBm).
- **Test Conditions for Up Converter Application:** LO = 1710 MHz (-5 dBm), IF = 140 MHz (-10 dBm), RF = 1850 MHz.

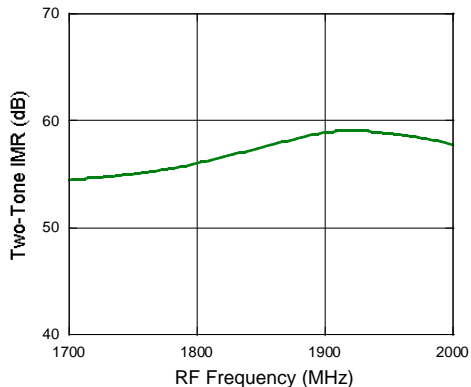
Conversion Loss (Up/Down) vs. Frequency



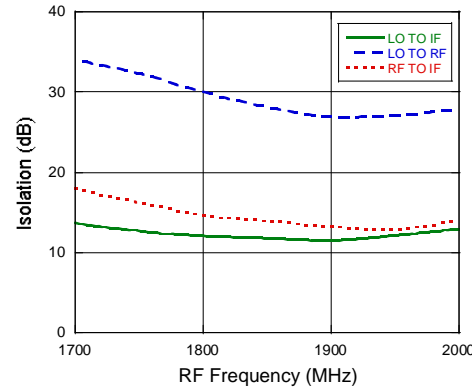
VSWR vs. Frequency



Two-Tone IMR vs. Frequency



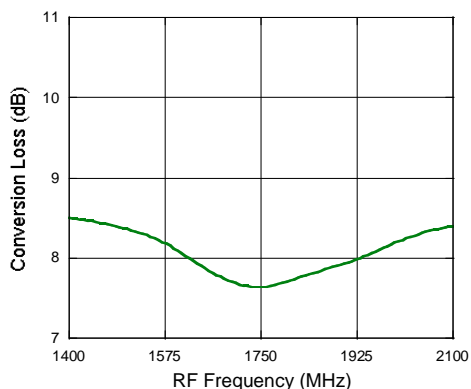
Isolation vs. Frequency



Wide-Band Performance Curves

- **Test Conditions for Wide-Band Application:** RF = -10 dBm, IF = 140 MHz, LO = +11 dBm, LO Port resistively matched. Lower LO drive operation is available for narrow band performance using external reactive matching. The 3 dB IF bandwidth is 500 MHz. IF frequencies above 200 MHz can be optimized for low conversion loss by using external matching components.

Conversion Loss vs. Frequency



Two-Tone IMR vs. Frequency

