

# Frequency Synthesizer

KSN-3940A+

50Ω 3860 to 3940 MHz

## The Big Deal

- Low phase noise and spurious
- Robust design and construction
- Small size 0.80" x 0.58" x 0.15"



CASE STYLE: DK1042

## Product Overview

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## Key Features

| Feature   | Advantages   |
|---|--|
| Low phase noise and spurious: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase Noise: -96 dBc/Hz typ. @ 10 kHz offset</li><li>• Comparison Spurious: -87 dBc typ.</li><li>• Reference Spurious: -90 dBc typ.</li></ul> | Low phase noise and spurious improve system EVM (Error Vector Magnitude).  |
| Robust design and construction  | To enhance the robustness of KSN-3940A+, each internal component is secured to the substrate with chip bonder, thereby eliminating the risk of tombstoning during subsequent solder reflow operations by the customer. |
| Small size, 0.80" x 0.58" x 0.15"   | The small size enables the KSN-3940A+ to be used in compact designs.   |



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## Features

- Integrated VCO + PLL
- Low phase noise and spurious
- Robust design and construction
- Low operating voltage (VCC VCO=+5V, VCC PLL=+3.3V)
- Small size 0.80" x 0.58" x 0.15"

## Applications

- Military

## General Description

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PRICE: \$29.95 ea. QTY (1-9)

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## Simplified Schematic



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**Electrical Specifications** (over operating temperature -40°C to +85°C)

| Parameters                          |                            | Test Conditions    | Min.                                 | Typ.  | Max.  | Units            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| Frequency Range                     |                            | -                  | 3860                                 | -     | 3940  | MHz              |
| Step Size                           |                            | -                  | -                                    | 10    | -     | MHz              |
| Settling Time                       |                            | Within $\pm 1$ kHz | -                                    | 0.2   | 0.4   | mSec             |
| Output Power                        |                            | -                  | -3.0                                 | +0.4  | +3.0  | dBm              |
| SSB Phase Noise                     | @ 100 Hz offset            | -                  | -                                    | -80   | -     | dBc/Hz           |
|                                     | @ 1 kHz offset             | -                  | -                                    | -94   | -88   |                  |
|                                     | @ 10 kHz offset            | -                  | -                                    | -96   | -92   |                  |
|                                     | @ 100 kHz offset           | -                  | -                                    | -103  | -98   |                  |
|                                     | @ 1 MHz offset             | -                  | -                                    | -135  | -130  |                  |
| Reference Spurious Suppression      |                            | Ref. Freq. 20 MHz  | -                                    | -90   | -70   | dBc              |
| Comparison Spurious Suppression     |                            | Step Size 10 MHz   | -                                    | -87   | -70   |                  |
| Non - Harmonic Spurious Suppression |                            | -                  | -                                    | -90   | -     |                  |
| Harmonic Suppression                |                            | -                  | -                                    | -29   | -20   |                  |
| VCO Supply Voltage                  |                            | +5.00              | +4.75                                | +5.00 | +5.25 | V                |
| PLL Supply Voltage                  |                            | +3.30              | +3.15                                | +3.30 | +3.45 |                  |
| VCO Supply Current                  |                            | -                  | -                                    | 48    | 56    | mA               |
| PLL Supply Current                  |                            | -                  | -                                    | 16    | 24    |                  |
| Reference Input<br>(External)       | Frequency                  | 20 (square wave)   | -                                    | 20    | -     | MHz              |
|                                     | Amplitude                  | 1                  | -                                    | 1     | -     | V <sub>P-P</sub> |
|                                     | Input impedance            | -                  | -                                    | 100   | -     | K $\Omega$       |
|                                     | Phase Noise @ 1 kHz offset | -                  | -                                    | -142  | -     | dBc/Hz           |
| RF Output port Impedance            |                            | -                  | -                                    | 50    | -     | $\Omega$         |
| Input Logic Level                   | Input high voltage         | -                  | 2.65                                 | -     | -     | V                |
|                                     | Input low voltage          | -                  | -                                    | -     | 0.60  | V                |
| Digital Lock Detect                 | Locked                     | -                  | 2.60                                 | -     | 3.30  | V                |
|                                     | Unlocked                   | -                  | -                                    | -     | 0.40  | V                |
| Frequency Synthesizer PLL           |                            | -                  | ADF4106                              |       |       |                  |
| PLL Programming                     |                            | -                  | 3-wire serial 3.15V CMOS             |       |       |                  |
| Register Map @ 3940 MHz             | F_Register                 | -                  | (MSB) 010111111000000010010011 (LSB) |       |       |                  |
|                                     | N_Register                 | -                  | (MSB) 000000000001100000101001 (LSB) |       |       |                  |
|                                     | R_Register                 | -                  | (MSB) 000000000000000000001000 (LSB) |       |       |                  |

**Absolute Maximum Ratings**

| Parameters                               | Ratings                    |
|--|----------------------------|
| VCO Supply Voltage                       | 5.8V                       |
| PLL Supply Voltage                       | 3.6V                       |
| VCO Supply Voltage to PLL Supply Voltage | -0.3V to +5.8V             |
| Reference Frequency Voltage              | -0.3Vmin, VCC PLL +0.3Vmax |
| Data, Clock, LE Levels                   | -0.3Vmin, VCC PLL +0.3Vmax |
| Operating Temperature                    | -40°C to +85°C             |
| Storage Temperature                      | -55°C to +100°C            |

Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded



## Typical Performance Data

| FREQUENCY<br>(MHz) | POWER OUTPUT<br>(dBm) |       |       | VCO CURRENT<br>(mA) |       |       | PLL CURENT<br>(mA) |       |       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
|                    | -45°C                 | +25°C | +85°C | -45°C               | +25°C | +85°C | -45°C              | +25°C | +85°C |
| 3860               | 0.16                  | 0.24  | -0.16 | 45.81               | 48.47 | 50.59 | 14.34              | 16.12 | 18.68 |
| 3870               | 0.21                  | 0.28  | -0.07 | 45.80               | 48.47 | 50.58 | 14.41              | 16.18 | 18.74 |
| 3880               | 0.29                  | 0.34  | 0.06  | 45.79               | 48.48 | 50.59 | 14.48              | 16.24 | 18.81 |
| 3890               | 0.39                  | 0.40  | 0.23  | 45.77               | 48.49 | 50.56 | 14.55              | 16.32 | 18.88 |
| 3900               | 0.44                  | 0.45  | 0.37  | 45.77               | 48.47 | 50.59 | 14.60              | 16.36 | 18.93 |
| 3910               | 0.46                  | 0.48  | 0.45  | 45.76               | 48.48 | 50.55 | 14.65              | 16.43 | 18.98 |
| 3920               | 0.51                  | 0.53  | 0.49  | 45.76               | 48.49 | 50.59 | 14.69              | 16.49 | 19.01 |
| 3930               | 0.54                  | 0.60  | 0.47  | 45.76               | 48.50 | 50.59 | 14.74              | 16.55 | 19.04 |
| 3940               | 0.57                  | 0.66  | 0.40  | 45.76               | 48.51 | 50.61 | 14.79              | 16.60 | 19.06 |

| FREQUENCY<br>(MHz) | HARMONICS (dBc) |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                    | F2              |        |        | F3     |        |        |
|                    | -45°C           | +25°C  | +85°C  | -45°C  | +25°C  | +85°C  |
| 3860               | -46.57          | -42.86 | -46.33 | -30.17 | -30.86 | -29.09 |
| 3870               | -45.76          | -43.44 | -46.57 | -29.73 | -30.50 | -28.58 |
| 3880               | -42.38          | -42.70 | -48.33 | -29.00 | -30.00 | -28.15 |
| 3890               | -43.91          | -42.53 | -47.88 | -28.43 | -29.40 | -27.70 |
| 3900               | -43.97          | -42.79 | -46.92 | -27.51 | -28.38 | -26.83 |
| 3910               | -42.20          | -42.39 | -45.77 | -27.77 | -28.38 | -26.88 |
| 3920               | -42.91          | -41.76 | -45.51 | -26.85 | -27.50 | -26.28 |
| 3930               | -41.59          | -40.64 | -42.90 | -26.46 | -26.91 | -25.45 |
| 3940               | -41.31          | -40.90 | -42.54 | -26.38 | -26.77 | -25.03 |



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| FREQUENCY<br>(MHz) | PHASE NOISE (dBc/Hz) @ OFFSETS |        |        |         |         |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
|                    | +25°C                          |        |        |         |         |
|                    | 100Hz                          | 1kHz   | 10kHz  | 100kHz  | 1MHz    |
| 3860               | -83.76                         | -93.71 | -95.96 | -103.39 | -135.70 |
| 3870               | -81.26                         | -93.80 | -96.22 | -103.53 | -135.55 |
| 3880               | -83.93                         | -94.62 | -95.52 | -103.54 | -135.32 |
| 3890               | -80.33                         | -93.22 | -95.76 | -103.44 | -135.34 |
| 3900               | -82.03                         | -92.97 | -96.05 | -103.46 | -135.32 |
| 3910               | -82.25                         | -94.42 | -95.81 | -103.42 | -135.17 |
| 3920               | -84.49                         | -94.49 | -96.18 | -103.01 | -135.06 |
| 3930               | -83.16                         | -93.77 | -96.08 | -102.77 | -135.16 |
| 3940               | -83.34                         | -96.11 | -96.35 | -102.64 | -135.00 |

| FREQUENCY<br>(MHz) | PHASE NOISE (dBc/Hz) @ OFFSETS |        |        |         |         |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
|                    | -45°C                          |        |        |         |         |
|                    | 100Hz                          | 1kHz   | 10kHz  | 100kHz  | 1MHz    |
| 3860               | -80.17                         | -95.03 | -96.28 | -102.36 | -136.30 |
| 3870               | -79.96                         | -93.27 | -96.12 | -102.45 | -136.17 |
| 3880               | -78.43                         | -92.75 | -96.75 | -102.58 | -135.97 |
| 3890               | -81.03                         | -93.30 | -96.40 | -102.69 | -135.93 |
| 3900               | -79.05                         | -92.92 | -96.04 | -102.96 | -136.07 |
| 3910               | -77.82                         | -93.44 | -96.37 | -103.31 | -136.04 |
| 3920               | -79.77                         | -92.62 | -95.72 | -103.51 | -136.01 |
| 3930               | -77.55                         | -94.44 | -96.09 | -103.93 | -135.89 |
| 3940               | -82.08                         | -95.67 | -95.58 | -103.75 | -135.72 |

| FREQUENCY<br>(MHz) | PHASE NOISE (dBc/Hz) @ OFFSETS |        |        |         |         |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
|                    | +85°C                          |        |        |         |         |
|                    | 100Hz                          | 1kHz   | 10kHz  | 100kHz  | 1MHz    |
| 3860               | -80.49                         | -94.30 | -96.71 | -104.13 | -134.97 |
| 3870               | -80.97                         | -96.26 | -95.76 | -103.63 | -134.72 |
| 3880               | -80.18                         | -94.25 | -96.18 | -103.09 | -134.45 |
| 3890               | -79.62                         | -93.92 | -96.28 | -102.86 | -134.40 |
| 3900               | -79.00                         | -94.07 | -95.91 | -102.45 | -134.30 |
| 3910               | -84.70                         | -93.81 | -96.04 | -102.21 | -134.20 |
| 3920               | -81.22                         | -97.66 | -96.09 | -101.84 | -134.28 |
| 3930               | -82.60                         | -95.14 | -96.59 | -102.27 | -134.42 |
| 3940               | -82.60                         | -97.35 | -96.51 | -102.55 | -134.32 |



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|---------------------------------|---|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|
|                                 | -45°C   | +25°C   | +85°C   | -45°C   | +25°C   | +85°C   | -45°C   | +25°C   | +85°C   |
| -5                              | -93.96  | -101.24 | -100.11 | -93.94  | -100.59 | -99.50  | -100.14   | -101.97 | -96.69  |
| -4                              | -90.07  | -95.95  | -98.73  | -88.73  | -98.82  | -97.03  | -97.38  | -98.75  | -95.44  |
| -3                              | -96.29  | -105.60 | -100.47 | -97.21  | -102.17 | -96.86  | -108.46   | -94.79  | -99.82  |
| -2                              | -92.75  | -97.63  | -90.49  | -89.97  | -89.93  | -90.56  | -94.04  | -87.55  | -88.77  |
| -1                              | -102.54   | -97.04  | -95.21  | -99.68  | -99.22  | -94.65  | -102.72   | -92.82  | -99.27  |
| 0 <sup>note 2</sup>             | -   | -       | -       | -   | -       | -       | -   | -       | -       |
| +1                              | -101.32   | -99.04  | -96.44  | -114.62   | -96.81  | -97.63  | -100.12   | -96.41  | -107.57 |
| +2                              | -93.10  | -92.11  | -92.41  | -98.05  | -87.89  | -90.11  | -89.95  | -94.00  | -88.79  |
| +3                              | -107.96   | -98.49  | -98.95  | -103.05   | -95.27  | -100.68 | -95.63  | -95.45  | -102.28 |
| +4                              | -93.12  | -92.52  | -99.63  | -95.93  | -91.98  | -99.44  | -91.00  | -97.14  | -98.30  |
| +5                              | -102.13   | -99.13  | -100.74 | -104.23   | -96.97  | -102.34 | -94.49  | -97.60  | -100.62 |

Note 1: Comparison frequency 10 MHz

Note 2: All spurs are referenced to carrier signal (n=0).

| REFERENCE<br>SPURIOUS<br>ORDER | REFERENCE SPURIOUS<br>@ Fcarrier<br>3860MHz+(n*Freference)<br>(dBc) note 3 |        |         | REFERENCE SPURIOUS<br>@ Fcarrier<br>3900MHz+(n*Freference)<br>(dBc) note 3 |         |         | REFERENCE SPURIOUS<br>@ Fcarrier<br>3940MHz+(n*Freference)<br>(dBc) note 3 |         |         |
|--------------------------------|--|--------|---------|--|---------|---------|--|---------|---------|
|                                | -45°C  | +25°C  | +85°C   | -45°C  | +25°C   | +85°C   | -45°C  | +25°C   | +85°C   |
| -5                             | -88.84   | -93.27 | -107.15 | -88.89   | -94.75  | -105.33 | -91.41   | -103.96 | -92.43  |
| -4                             | -87.53   | -91.00 | -103.10 | -86.79   | -90.49  | -102.60 | -91.66   | -100.55 | -92.06  |
| -3                             | -91.94   | -97.29 | -101.92 | -91.12   | -101.06 | -96.18  | -100.10  | -99.09  | -94.79  |
| -2                             | -90.07   | -95.95 | -98.73  | -88.72   | -98.11  | -97.54  | -97.38   | -98.75  | -95.44  |
| -1                             | -92.75   | -97.63 | -90.49  | -90.06   | -90.04  | -93.39  | -94.04   | -87.55  | -88.77  |
| 0 <sup>note 4</sup>            | -  | -      | -       | -  | -       | -       | -  | -       | -       |
| +1                             | -93.10   | -92.11 | -92.41  | -97.61   | -87.79  | -89.15  | -89.95   | -94.00  | -88.79  |
| +2                             | -93.12   | -92.52 | -99.63  | -95.79   | -92.02  | -97.51  | -91.00   | -97.14  | -98.30  |
| +3                             | -95.40   | -93.33 | -99.28  | -100.72  | -94.08  | -100.32 | -91.25   | -98.43  | -100.94 |
| +4                             | -90.41   | -92.43 | -99.65  | -91.57   | -91.82  | -98.66  | -90.76   | -100.56 | -95.57  |
| +5                             | -92.37   | -94.67 | -102.86 | -97.90   | -95.73  | -105.26 | -90.46   | -99.94  | -99.04  |

Note 3: Reference frequency 20 MHz

Note 4: All spurs are referenced to carrier signal (n=0).



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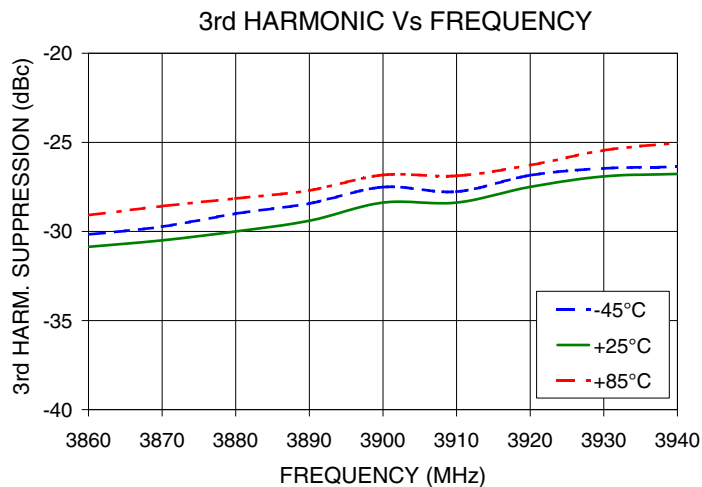
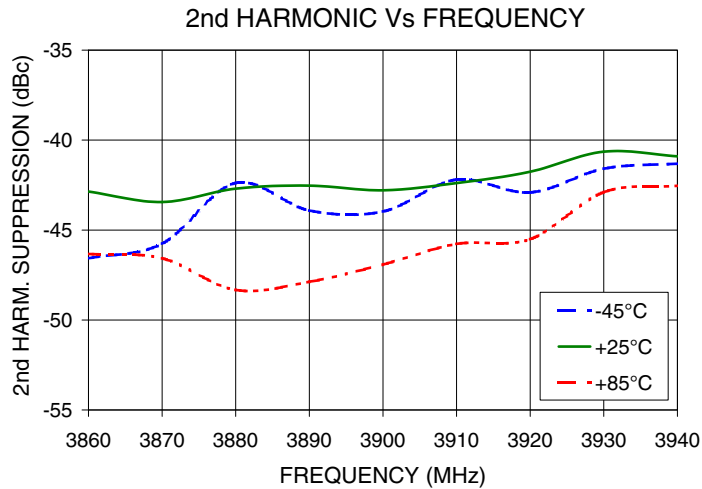
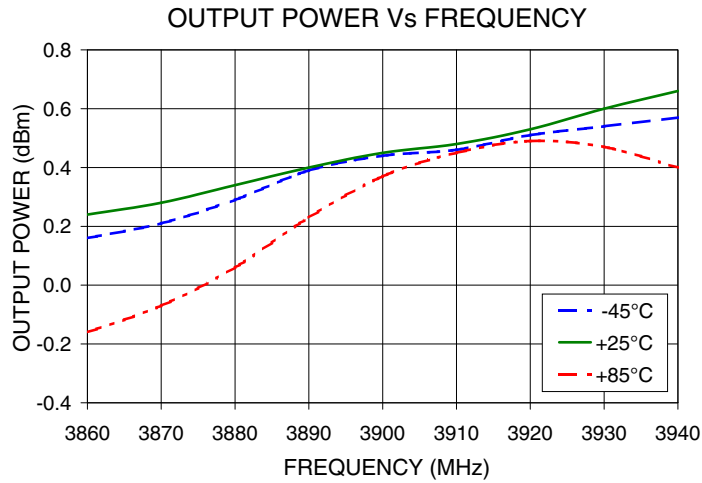


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## Typical Performance Curves



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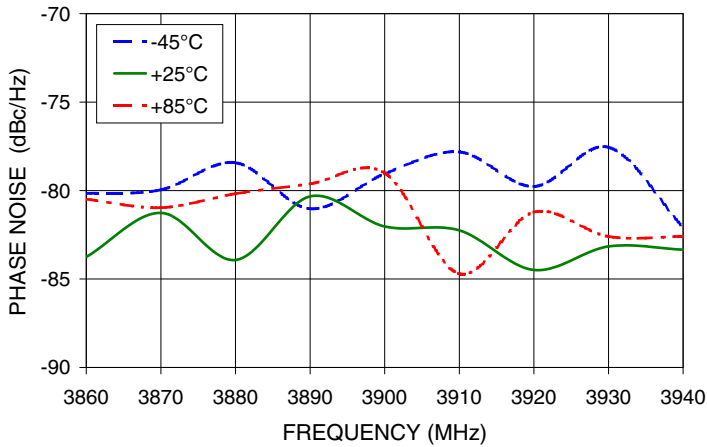


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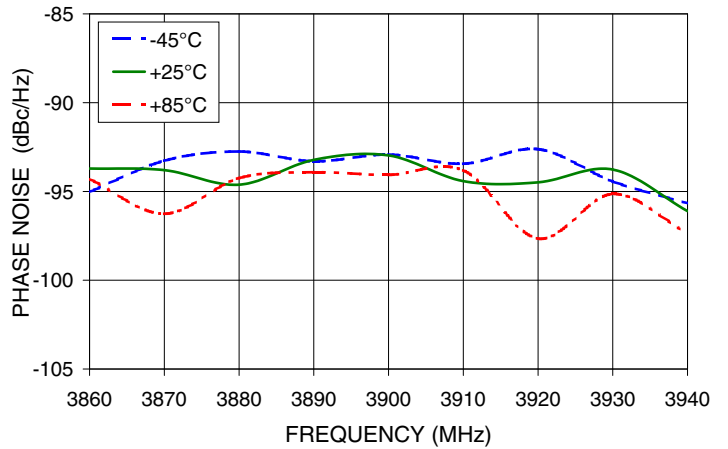


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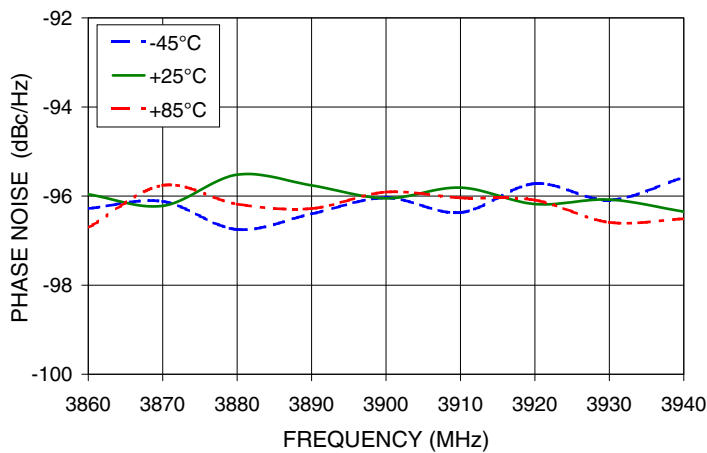
PHASE NOISE @ 100Hz offset



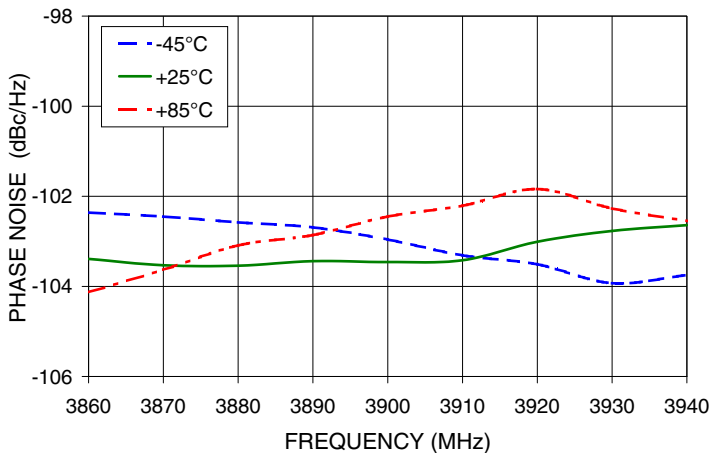
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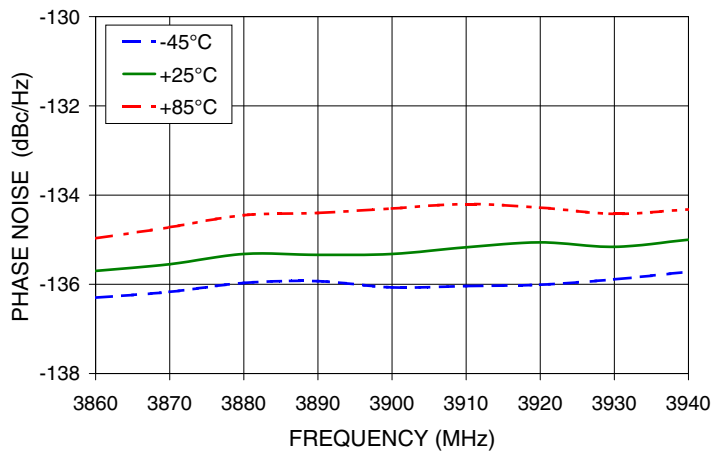
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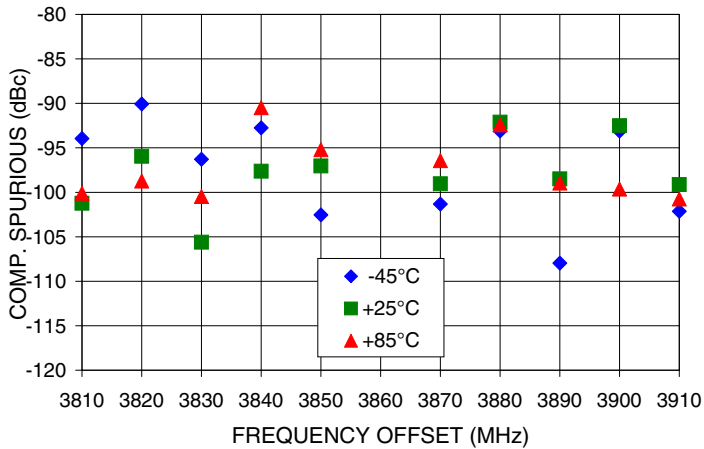
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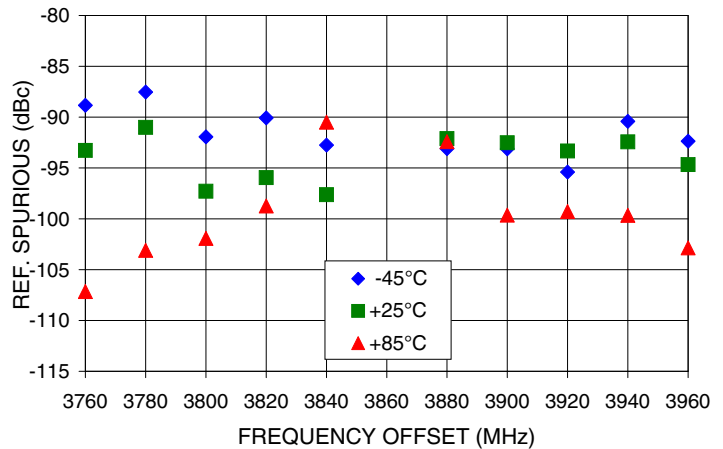
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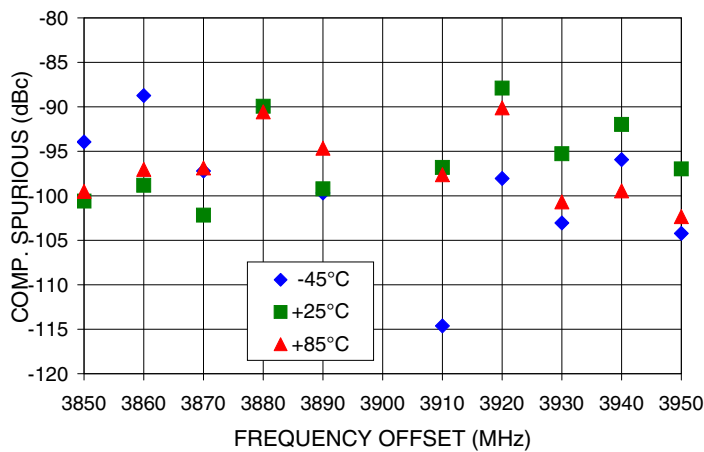
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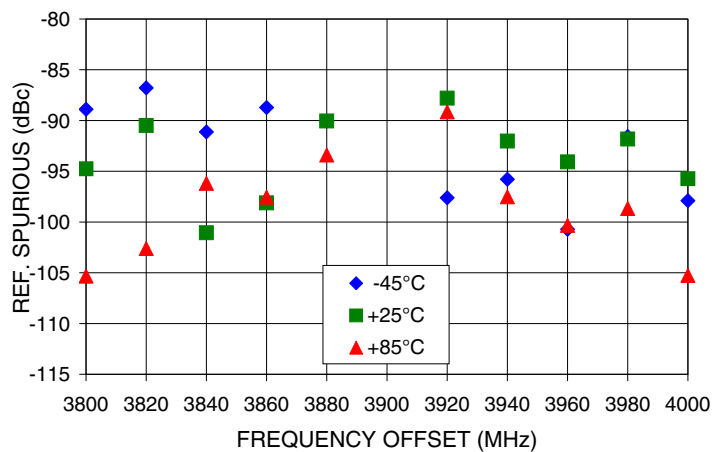
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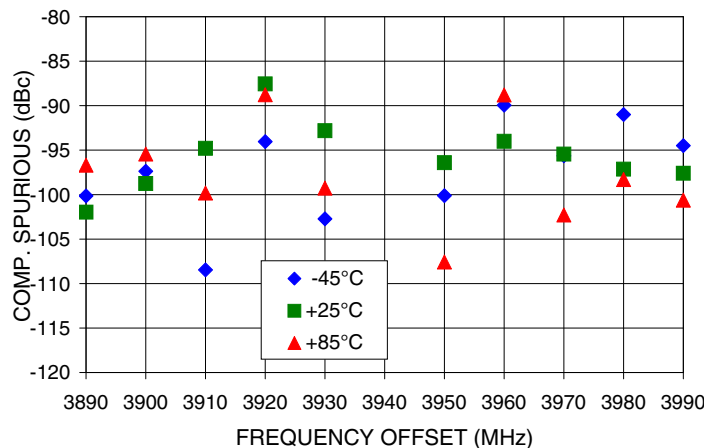
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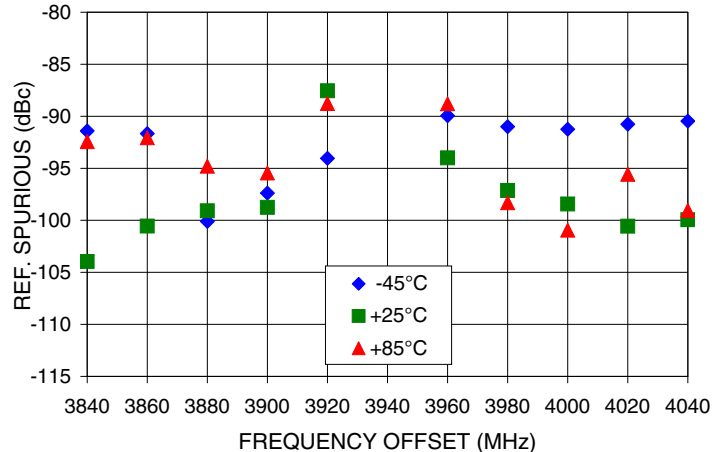
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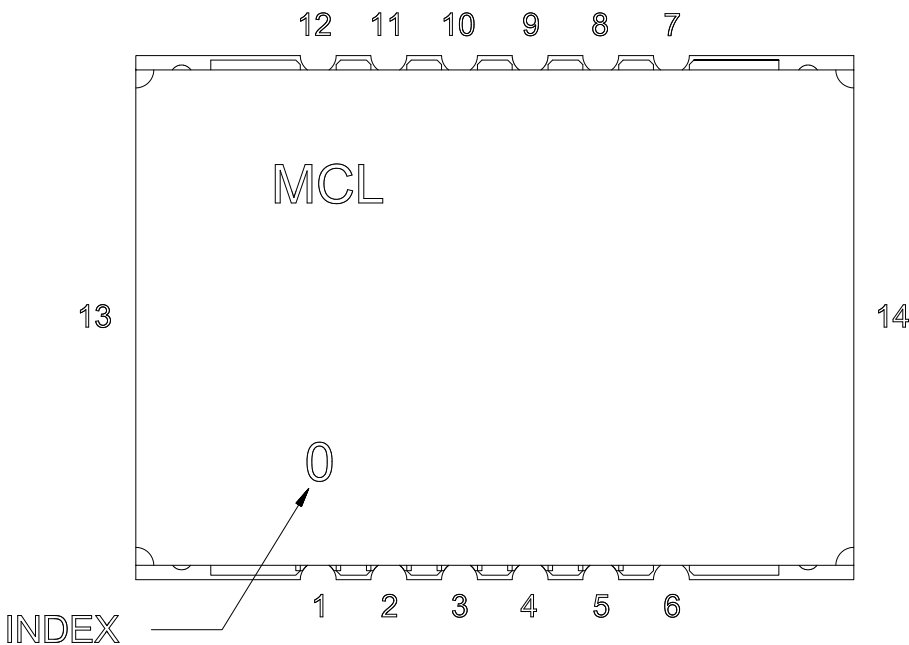


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Pin Configuration

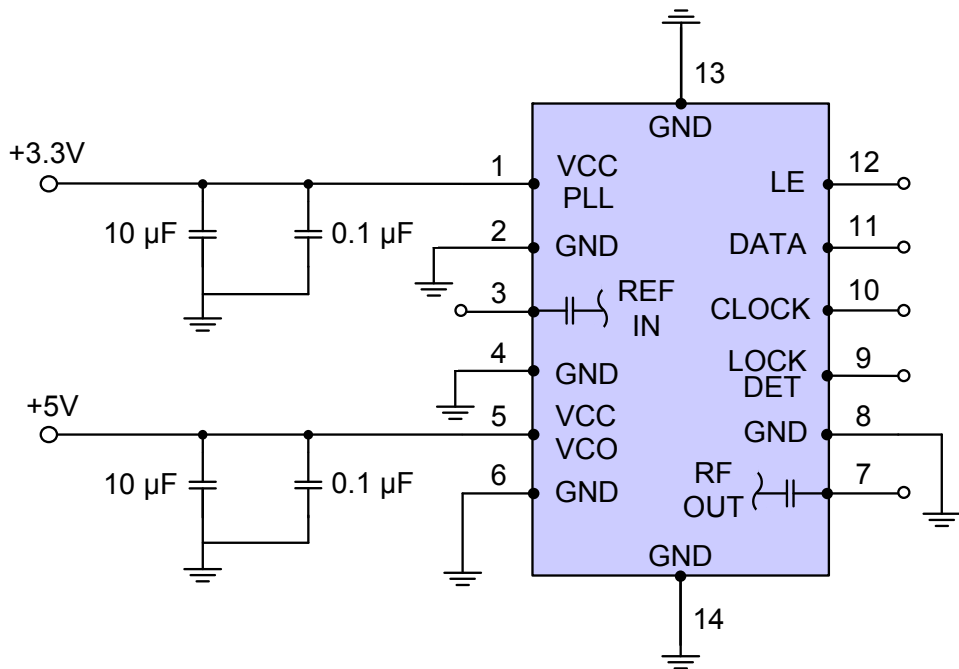


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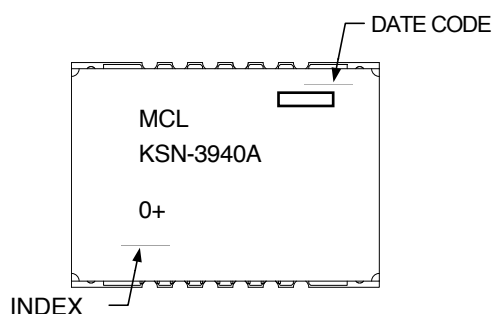
| Pin Number | Function |
|------------|----------|
| 1          | VCC PLL  |
| 2          | GND      |
| 3          | REF IN   |
| 4          | GND      |
| 5          | VCC VCO  |
| 6          | GND      |
| 7          | RF OUT   |
| 8          | GND      |
| 9          | LOCK DET |
| 10         | CLOCK    |
| 11         | DATA     |
| 12         | LE       |
| 13         | GND      |
| 14         | GND      |

Recommended Application Circuit

Note: REF IN and RF OUT ports are internally AC coupled.



## Device Marking

**Additional Detailed Technical Information**

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**Case Style:** DK1042

**Tape & Reel:** TR-F28

**Suggested Layout for PCB Design:** PL-249

**Evaluation Board:** TB-567-1+

**Environment Ratings:** ENV03T2



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