

LMV227 Production RF Tested, RF Power Detector for CDMA and WCDMA

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¹FEATURES DESCRIPTION

² The LMV227 is a 30 dB RF power detector intended **• 30 dB Linear in dB Power Detection Range** for use in CDMA and WCDMA applications. The **• Output Voltage Range 0.2 to 2V** device has an RF frequency range from ⁴⁵⁰ MHz to **• Logic Low Shutdown** 2 GHz. It provides an accurate temperature and **• Multi-band Operation from 450 MHz to 2000** supply compensated output voltage that relates **MHz** linearly to the RF input power in dBm. The circuit operates with a single supply from 2.7V to 5V. The • **Accurate Temperature Compensation**
LMV227 has an integrated filter for low-ripple average power detection of CDMA signals with ³⁰ dB dynamic **APPLICATIONS** range. Additional filtering can be applied using ^a single external capacitor. **• CDMA RF Power Control**

•• WCDMA RF Power Control The LMV227 has an RF power detection range from -30 dBm to 0 dBm and is ideally suited for direct use **• CDMA2000 RF Power Control** in combination with resistive taps. The device is **• PA Modules** active for Enable = HI, otherwise it goes into a low power consumption shutdown mode. During shutdown the output will be LOW. The output voltage ranges from 0.2V to 2V and can be scaled down to meet ADC input range requirements. The output signal bandwidth can optionally be lowered externally as well.

TYPICAL APPLICATION

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These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (1)(2)

(1) Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is intended to be functional, but specific performance is not ensured. For ensured specifications and the test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics.

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(3) Human body model: 1.5 kΩ in series with 100 pF. Machine model, 0 Ω in series with 100 pF.

(4) The maximum power dissipation is a function of $T_{J(MAX)}$, θ_{JA} and T_A . The maximum allowable power dissipation at any ambient temperature is P_D = (T_{J(MAX)} - T_A)/θ_{JA}. All numbers apply for packages soldered directly into a PC board

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2.7 DC AND AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Unless otherwise specified, all limits are specified to $V_{DD} = 2.7V$; $T_J = 25^{\circ}$ C. **Boldface** limits apply at temperature extremes. ⁽¹⁾

(1) Electrical Table values apply only for factory testing conditions at the temperature indicated. Factory testing conditions result in very limited self-heating of the device such that $T_J = T_A$. No ensured specification of parametric performance is indicated in the electrical tables under conditions of internal self-heating where T_J > T_A .

All limits are specified by design or statistical analysis

- (3) Typical values represent the most likely parametric norm.
- (4) Power in dBV = dBm -13 when the impedance is 50 Ω .
- (5) Device is set in active mode with a 10 kΩ resistor from V_{DD} to RF_{IN}/E_N. RF signal is applied using a 50Ω RF signal generator AC coupled to the RF_{IN}/E_N pin using a 100 pF coupling capacitor.

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5.0 DC AND AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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CONNECTION DIAGRAM

Figure 1. 6-pin WSON Top View

PIN DESCRIPTIONS

BLOCK DIAGRAM

EXAS STRUMENTS

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Unless otherwise specified, $V_{DD} = 2.7V$, $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$.

RF Input Power @ 1900 MHz RF Input Power @ 2000 MHz

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

1.5 85°C 1.0 0.5 ERROR (dB) ERROR (dB) 0.0 -0.5 -1.0 -40° C -1.5 -50 -40 -30 -20 -10 0 10 20 RF INPUT POWER (dBm)

APPLICATION NOTES

CONFIGURING A TYPICAL APPLICATION

The LMV227 is a power detector intended for CDMA and WCDMA applications. Power measured on its input translates to a DC voltage on the output through a linear-in-dB response. The detector is especially suited for power measurements via a high-resistive tap, which eliminates the need for a directional coupler. In order to match the dynamic output range of the power amplifier (PA) with the dynamic range of the LMV227's input, the high resistive tap needs to be configured correctly.

Input Attenuation

The constant input impedance of the device enables the realization of a frequency independent input attenuation to adjust the LMV227's dynamic range to the dynamic range of the PA. Resistor R_1 and the 50Ω input resistance of the device realize this attenuation ([Figure](#page-9-0) 16). To minimize insertion loss, resistor R_1 needs to be sufficiently large. The following example demonstrates how to determine the proper value for R_1 .

Suppose the useful output power of the PA ranges up to +31 dBm and the LMV227 can handle input power levels up to 0 dBm. Hence, R_1 should realize a minimum attenuation of 31 - 0 = 31 dB. The attenuation realized by R_1 and the effective input resistance R_{IN} of the detector equals:

$$
A_{\text{dB}} = 20 \cdot \text{LOG} \left[1 + \frac{R_1}{R_{\text{IN}}} \right] = 31 \text{dB}
$$
 (1)

Solving this expression for R₁, using that $R_{IN} = 50\Omega$, yields:

$$
R_1 = \left[10^{\frac{A_{dB}}{20}} \cdot 1\right] \cdot R_{IN} = \left[10^{\frac{31}{20}} \cdot 1\right] \cdot 50 = 1724\Omega
$$
 (2)

In [Figure](#page-9-0) 16, R₁ is set to 1800Ω resulting in an attenuation of 31.4 dB

DC and AC Behavior of the RFIN/E^N Pin

The LMV227 RF_{IN}/E_N pin has 2 functions combined:

- Shutdown functionality
- Power detection

The capacitor C and the resistor R_2 of [Figure](#page-9-0) 16 separate the DC shutdown functionality from the AC power measurement. The device is active when Enable = HI, otherwise it goes into a low power consumption shutdown mode. During shutdown the output will be LOW.

Capacitor C should be chosen sufficiently large to ensure a corner frequency far below the lowest input frequency to be measured. The corner frequency can be calculated using:

$$
f = \frac{1}{2 \pi (R_1 + R_{IN}) \frac{C \cdot C_{IN}}{C + C_{IN}}}
$$

Where $R_{IN} = 50\Omega$, $C_{IN} = 45$ pF typical.

With $R_1 = 1800\Omega$ and C is 100 pF, this results in a corner frequency of 2.8 MHz

(3)

Figure 16. Typical Application

The output voltage is linear with the logarithm of the input power, often called "linear-in-dB". [Figure](#page-9-1) 17 shows the typical output voltage versus PA output power of the LMV227 setup as depicted in [Figure](#page-9-0) 16.

Figure 17. Typical Power Detector Response, V_{OUT} vs. PA Output Power

OUTPUT RIPPLE DUE TO AM MODULATION

A CDMA modulated carrier wave generally contains some amplitude modulation that might disturb the RF power measurement used for controlling the PA. This section explains the relation between amplitude modulation in the RF signal and the ripple on the output of the LMV227. Expressions are provided to estimate this ripple on the output. The ripple can be further reduced by connecting an additional capacitor to the output of the LMV227 to ground.

Estimating Output Ripple

The CDMA modulated RF input signal of [Figure](#page-10-0) 18 can be described as:

$$
V_{IN}(t) = V_{IN}[1 + \mu(t)] \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f \cdot t)
$$
\n(4)

In which the amplitude modulation μ(t) can be between −1 and 1.

Figure 18. AM Modulated RF Signal

The ripple observed on the output of the detector equals the detectors response to variation on the input due to AM modulation [\(Figure](#page-10-0) 18). This signal has a maximum amplitude V_{IN}(1+μ) and a minimum amplitude V_{IN}(1−μ), where 1+μ can be maximum 2 and 1−μ can be minimum 0. The ripple can be described with the formula:

$$
V_{RIPPLE} = V_{Y} \left[10 \text{LOG} \left[\frac{V_{IN}^{2} (1 + \mu)^{2}}{2R_{IN}} \right] + 30 \right] - V_{Y} \left[10 \text{LOG} \left[\frac{V_{IN}^{2} (1 - \mu)^{2}}{2R_{IN}} \right] + 30 \right]
$$

Plin, IN dBm
Plin, IN dBm
(5)

where V_Y is the slope of the detection curve [\(Figure](#page-10-1) 19) and μ is the modulation index. [Equation](#page-10-2) 5 can be reduced to:

$$
V_{RIPPLE} = V_Y \cdot 20 \text{ LOG} \left[\frac{1 + \mu}{1 - \mu} \right] \tag{6}
$$

Consequently, the ripple is independent of the average input power of the RF input signal and only depends on the logarithmic slope V_Y and the ratio of the maximum and the minimum input signal amplitude.

For CDMA, the ratio of the maximum and the minimum input signal amplitude modulation is typically in the order of 5 to 6 dB, which is equivalent to a modulation index μ of 0.28 to 0.33.

A further understanding of the equation above can be achieved via the knowledge that the output voltage V_{OUT} of the LMV227 is linear in dB, or proportional to the input power P_{IN} in dBm. As discussed earlier, CDMA contains amplitude modulation in the order of 5 to 6 dB. Since the transfer is linear in dB, the output voltage V_{OUT} will vary linearly over about 5 to 6 dB in the curve [\(Figure](#page-10-1) 19).

Figure 19. V_{OUT} vs. RF Input Power P_{IN}

Besides the ripple due to AM modulation, the log- conformance error contributes to a variation in V_{OUT} . For details see the typical performance [characteristics](#page-5-0) curves. The output voltage variation ΔV_{OUT} thus is always the same for RF input signals which fall within the linear range (in dB) of the detector plus the log-conformance error: $\Delta V_{\rm O} = V_{\rm Y} \cdot \Delta P_{\rm IN} + \text{Log Conformance Error}$ (7)

In which V_Y is the slope of the curve. The log-conformance error is usually much smaller than the ripple due to AM modulation. In case of the LMV227, V_Y = 40 mV/dB. With $\Delta P_{IN} = 5$ dB for CDMA, the $\Delta V_{O} = 200$ mV_{PP}. This is valid for all V_{OUT} .

Output Ripple With Additional Filtering

The calculated result above is for an unfiltered configuration. When a low pass filter is used by shunting a capacitor of e.g. C_{OUT} = 1.5 nF at the output of the LMV227 to ground, this ripple is further attenuated. The cutoff frequency follows from:

$$
f_C = \frac{1}{2 \pi C_{OUT} R_O}
$$

(8)

With the output resistance of the LMV227 R_O = 19.8 kΩ typical and C_{OUT} = 1.5 nF, the cut-off frequency equals $f_C = 5.36$ kHz. A 100 kHz AM signal then gets attenuated by 5.36/100 or 25.4 dB. The remaining ripple will be less than 20 mV. With a slope of 40 mV/dB this translates into an error of less than 0.5 dB.

Output Ripple Measurement

[Figure](#page-11-0) 20 shows the ripple reduction that can be achieved by adding additional capacitance on the output of the LMV227. The RF signal of 900 MHz is AM modulated with a 100 kHz sinewave and a modulation index of 0.3. The RF input power is swept while the modulation index remains unchanged. Without additional capacitance the ripple is about 200 mV_{PP}. Connecting a capacitor of 1.5 nF at the output to ground, results in a ripple of 12 mV_{PP}. The attenuation with a 1.5 nF capacitor is then $20 \cdot \log (200/12) = 24.4$ dB. This is very close to the number calculated in the previous paragraph.

Figure 20. Output Ripple vs. RF Input Power

PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The logarithmic response of the LMV227 is implemented by a de-modulating logarithmic amplifier as shown in [Figure](#page-12-0) 21. The logarithmic amplifier consists of a number of cascaded linear gain cells. With these gain cells, a piecewise approximation of the logarithmic function is constructed.

A/0 AD A/0 AD A/0 AD A/0 $X_0 \boldsymbol{\triangledown}$ $X_1 \boldsymbol{\triangledown}$ $X_2 \boldsymbol{\triangledown}$ $X_3 \boldsymbol{\triangledown}$ X_4

Figure 21. Logarithmic Amplifier

Every gain cell has a response according to [Figure](#page-12-1) 22. At a certain threshold (E_K) , the gain cell starts to saturate, which means that the gain drops to zero. The output of gain cell 1 is connected to the input of gain cell 2 and so

 $^{+)} \rightarrow ^{+}$ + $^{+}$ \rightarrow + $^{+}$ + $^{+}$

Y

Figure 22. Gain Cell

All gain cell outputs are AM-demodulated with a peak detector and summed together. This results in a logarithmic function. The logarithmic range is about:

 $20 \cdot n \cdot \log(A)$ (9)

where,

on.

 $n =$ number of gain cells

 $A = gain per gained$

[Figure](#page-12-2) 23 shows a logarithmic function on a linear scale and the piecewise approximation of the logarithmic function.

 $Y = LOG(X)$

 E_K/A^1 E_K

E_K/A $\mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{K}}\!/\!{\mathsf{A}}^2$

Y

[Figure](#page-13-0) 24 shows a logarithmic function on a logarithmic scale and the piecewise approximation of the logarithmic function.

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Figure 24. Log-Function on Log Scale

The maximum error for this approximation occurs at the geometric mean of a gain section, which is e.g. for the third segment:

$$
\frac{\overline{E_K}}{A^2} \cdot \frac{\overline{E_K}}{A^1} = \frac{\overline{E_K}}{A/\overline{A}}
$$
 (10)

The size of the error increases with distance between the thresholds.

LAYOUT CONSIDERATIONS

For a properly functioning part a good board layout is necessary. Special care should be taken for the series resistance R₁ [\(Figure](#page-9-0) 16) that determines the attenuation. This series resistance should have a sufficiently high bandwidth. The bandwidth will drop when the parasitic capacitance of the resistance is too high, which will cause a significant attenuation drop at the GSM frequencies and can cause non-linear behavior. To reduce the parasitic capacitance across resistor R_1 , it can be composed of several resistor in series in stead of a single component.

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