

NE5550779A-EV09-A

Evaluation Board

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Circuit Description

The NE5550779A-EV09-A is an evaluation circuit board for Renesas' LDMOS power FET, NE5550779A optimized for the performance at 915MHz. The circuit board is RoHS compliant.

Matching and Bias Circuits

Both input and output matching networks consist of shunt capacitors and sections of transmission lines (refer to the schematic and assembly drawing in the last page of this document for the component designation). The electrical lengths of the transmission lines labeled on the schematic are estimated and for reference only. Some bench tuning on the actual circuit board is usually required to achieve optimal performance. For applications where there is a constraint on the board space, serial inductors, instead of transmission lines, can be used for the matching circuits. The efficiency spec, PAE, usually will be slightly lower in that case.

LDMOSFETs essentially draw no gate current under normal operation conditions. Therefore a large value resistor, in the order of $k\Omega$, can be used for the gate biasing. At the drain an inductor is used as the RF choke. The current rating for this inductor should be high enough to provide the required current at the operation conditions.

Bias Conditions

This evaluation board was optimized at a specific drain voltage, 7.5V. For different supply voltages, the matching circuits should be adjusted to fully utilize the device capability. The quiescent current is 100mA for the data shown below. The gain is higher at higher quiescent currents, particularly when the device is not completely saturated. For many communication systems, where the PA is never at idle state, a high quiescent current might be used.

PCB Material:

The PCB is Getek 28mil two layer board. The dielectric constant of Getek is 4.2.

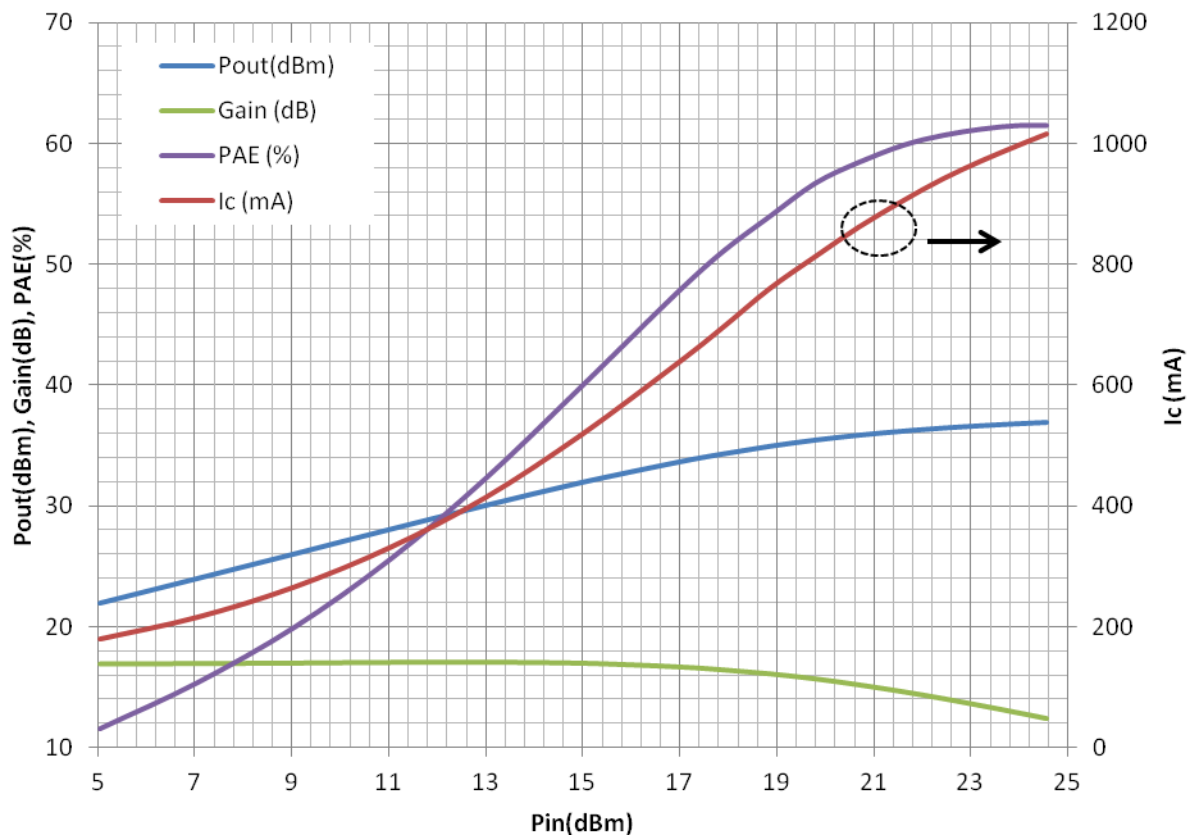
Typical Performance Data

Test Conditions:

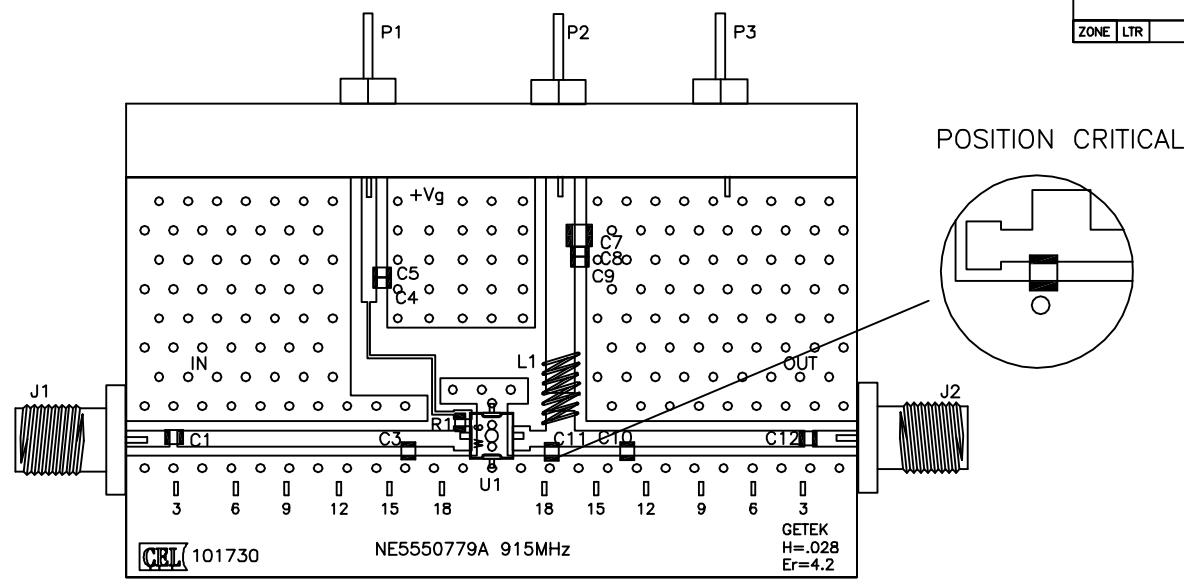
f=915MHz

Vd=7.5V, Idsq=100mA

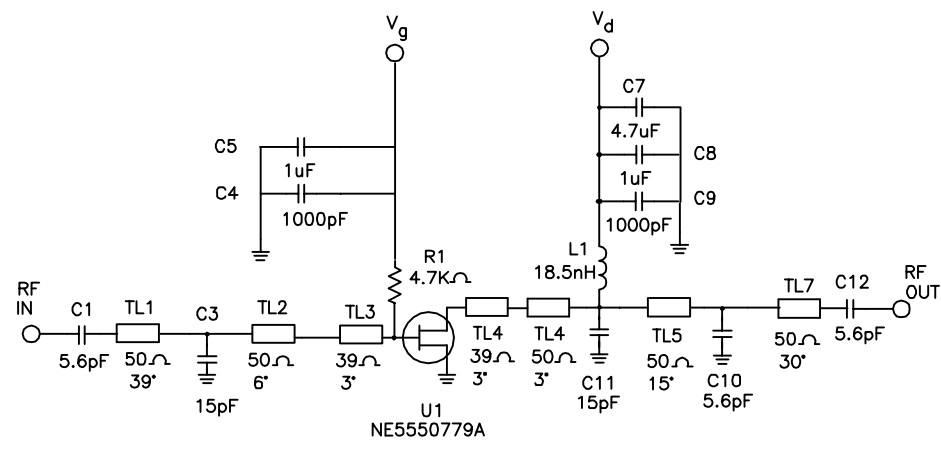
Pout, Gain, PAE and Current vs Pin are shown in the following plot.



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101730
 NE5550779A 915MHz
 GETEK
 H=.028
 Er=4.2



Note: All trace electrical lengths are at 915MHz

QTY	PART OR IDENTIFYING NO.	NOMENCLATURE OR DESCRIPTION	MATERIAL/SPECIFICATION	ITEM NO.
1	TF-101642		BLOCK	13
1	267M1002475K	C7	4.7uF 10V TANT CHIP CAP B MATS	12
2	GRM1885C1H102JA01B	C4,C9	0603 1000pF CAP MURATA	11
2	GRM185R61C105KE44	C5,C8	0603 1uF CAP MURATA	10
1	ATC100A220JT	C10	5.6pF CAP ATC	9
2	ATC100A150JT	C3,C11	15pF CAP ATC	8
2	ATC100A6R8CT	C1,C12	5.6pF CAP ATC	7
1	GENERIC	R1	0603 4.7 KOHM RES	6
1	A05TJ	L1	18.5nH 5 TURN INDUCTOR, COILCRAFT	5
3	1205-003	P1, P2, P3	FEEDTHRU MURATA	4
2	142-0701-841	J1, J2	SMA FEMALE CONNECTOR E.F. JOHNSON	3
1	NE5550779A	U1	IC RENESAS	2
1	CL-101730	PCB	COMPONENT LAYOUT DRAWING	1

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