

MODAMP[™] MMIC Nomenclature

Application Note S002

Hewlett-Packard's MODAMP[™] series of Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuits are numbered using a significant numbering system. The user can, therefore, tell a fair amount about the product he or she is using from its name alone. The details of this numbering system are described below.



The prefix "MSA" is used to designate a product that is a "standard" (catalog) Monolithic Silicon Amplifier MMIC. All MSA products are feedback amplifiers consisting of two bipolar transistors connected in Darlington and surrounded by an on-chip network of resistors to provide feedback and biasing.

Die Geometries

The first two digits following the prefix specify the MODAMP die used in the product. There are presently eleven geometries available:

General Purpose

- **01:** low power (+1 dBm), high gain (19 dB), low frequency (dc to 1.2 GHz 3 dB bandwidth), moderate noise figure (5.5 dB)
- **02:** moderate power (+4 dBm), medium gain (12 dB), moderate frequency (dc to 2.5 GHz 3 dB bandwidth), moderate noise figure (6.5 dB)
- **03:** higher power (+10 dBm), medium gain (12 dB), moderate frequency (dc to 2.5 GHz 3 dB bandwidth), moderate noise figure (6 dB)

Medium Power

- **04:** up to +19 dBm, moderate gain (8 dB), high frequency (dc to 4 GHz 3 dB bandwidth), moderate noise figure (6.5 dB)
- **05:** up to +26 dBm, moderate gain (8 dB), moderate frequency (50 MHz to 2.8 GHz 3 dB bandwidth), moderate noise figure (6.5 dB)
- 10: up to +29 dBm, moderate gain (8 dB), moderate frequency (50 MHz to 2.6 GHz 3 dB bandwidth), moderate noise figure (7 dB), 25 Ω characteristic impedance for push-pull use

Low Noise

- 06: low noise (2.8 dB), lower operating voltage version of 01
- **07:** low noise (4.5 dB), lower operating voltage version of 02
- **20:** low noise (4.3 dB), moderate power (+9 dBm)
- **21:** low noise (3.3 dB), moderate power (+10 dBm), low operating voltage
- **31:** low noise (3.5 dB), moderate power (+9 dBm)

Special Purpose

- **08:** minimum feedback design: trades flat frequency response and unconditional stability for gain and high frequency operation (30 dB @ 100 MHz, 10 dB @ 4 GHz); low noise (3 dB), medium power (+12 dBm)
- **09:** ultra broadband (100 MHz to 6 GHz 3 dB bandwidth), medium noise (6 dB), medium power (+11.5 dBm)
- **99:** high gain, open loop design, user selectable external feedback, moderate power (+14.5 dBm)
- **11:** high dynamic range: combines up to +18 dBm power with 3.5 dB noise figure; medium gain (12 dB), moderate frequency (50 MHz to 1.5 GHz 3 dB bandwidth), 50 Ω or 70 Ω operation

Package Description The third and fourth digits are package specifiers. The package options are:

00:	chip	unpackaged semiconductor die
04:	plastic package	145 mil plastic microstripline, low cost with some sacrifice in high frequency performance
05:	surface mount plastic package	145 mil plastic microstripline, low cost package with leads formed and trimmed for automated assembly; some high frequency performance is lost due to the higher parasitics of the formed lead
10:	100 mil hermetic stripline	100 mil hermetic microstripline package for high reliability, premium performance applications
11:	surface mount SOT-143	Industry standard plastic surface mount low cost package; significant degradation in thermal and high frequency performance due to package conductivity and parasitics
20:	BeO package	200 mil surface mountable microstripline ceramic package with excellent thermal conductivity for higher power applications
23:	BeO flange package	230 mil metal/beryllia flange mount package with excellent thermal conductivity for higher power applications
35:	"micro-X" package	100 mil economical glass sealed surface mountable microstripline package with excellent high frequency characteristics
36:	short lead "micro-X"	100 mil economical glass sealed micro- stripline package with leads trimmed for automated assembly, excellent high frequency characteristics
70:	70 mil hermetic stripline	70 mil surface mountable gold/alumina hi-rel microstripoline package for premium performance applications
85:	"micro plastic" package	85 mil low cost plastic microstripline package with high frequency performance compar- able to that of the "micro-X"
86:	surface mount "micro- plastic" package	85 mil low cost surface mountable plastic microstripline package with leads formed and trimmed for automated assembly; some high frequency performance is lost due to the higher parasitics of the formed leads



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