

# A5G26S004N

## Airfast RF Power GaN Transistor

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Data Sheet: Technical Data

This 24 dBm RF power GaN transistor is designed for cellular base station applications covering the frequency range of 2496 to 2690 MHz.

### 2600 MHz

- Typical Single-Carrier W-CDMA Reference Circuit Performance:  
 $V_{DD} = 48 \text{ Vdc}$ ,  $I_{DQ} = 10 \text{ mA}$ ,  $P_{out} = 24 \text{ dBm Avg.}$ , Input Signal PAR = 9.9 dB @ 0.01% Probability on CCDF.<sup>(1)</sup>

Frequency	$G_{ps}$ (dB)	$\eta_D$ (%)	Output PAR (dB)	ACPR (dBc)
2515 MHz	18.7	18.8	10.2	-39.6
2595 MHz	19.6	20.5	9.8	-42.0
2675 MHz	18.9	20.6	9.7	-44.7

1. All data measured in reference circuit with device soldered to printed circuit board.

### Features

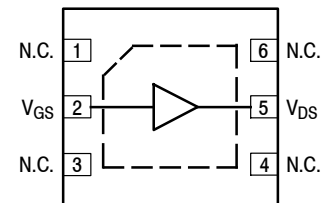
- High terminal impedances for optimal broadband performance
- Designed for low complexity analog or digital linearization systems
- Universal broadband driver
- Optimized for massive MIMO active antenna systems for 5G base stations

## A5G26S004N

2496–2690 MHz, 24 dBm Avg., 48 V  
AIRFAST RF POWER GaN  
TRANSISTOR



DFN 4.5 x 4  
PLASTIC



(Top View)

Note: Exposed backside of the package is the source terminal for the transistor.

**Figure 1. Pin Connections**

**Table 1. Maximum Ratings**

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Drain- Source Voltage	$V_{DSS}$	125	Vdc
Gate- Source Voltage	$V_{GS}$	-8, 0	Vdc
Operating Voltage	$V_{DD}$	55	Vdc
Maximum Forward Gate Current @ $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$I_{GMAX}$	0.74	mA
Storage Temperature Range	$T_{stg}$	-65 to +150	$^\circ\text{C}$
Case Operating Temperature Range	$T_C$	-55 to +150	$^\circ\text{C}$
Maximum Channel Temperature	$T_{CH}$	225	$^\circ\text{C}$

**Table 2. Recommended Operating Conditions**

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Operating Voltage	$V_{DD}$	48	Vdc

**Table 3. Thermal Characteristics**

Characteristic	Symbol	Value	Unit
Thermal Resistance by Infrared Measurement, Active Die Surface- to- Case Case Temperature $115^\circ\text{C}$ , $P_D = 1.1\text{ W}$	$R_{\theta JC}$ (IR)	9.5 (1)	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
Thermal Resistance by Finite Element Analysis, Channel- to- Case Case Temperature $115^\circ\text{C}$ , $P_D = 1.1\text{ W}$	$R_{\theta CHC}$ (FEA)	32 (2)	$^\circ\text{C/W}$

**Table 4. ESD Protection Characteristics**

Test Methodology	Class
Human Body Model (per JS- 001- 2017)	1B
Charge Device Model (per JS- 002- 2014)	C3

**Table 5. Moisture Sensitivity Level**

Test Methodology	Rating	Package Peak Temperature	Unit
Per JESD22- A113, IPC/JEDEC J- STD- 020	3	260	$^\circ\text{C}$

**Table 6. Electrical Characteristics** ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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**Off Characteristics**

Off- State Drain Leakage ( $V_{DS} = 150\text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{GS} = -8\text{ Vdc}$ )	$I_{D(BR)}$	—	—	0.74	mAdc
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**On Characteristics**

Gate Threshold Voltage ( $V_{DS} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_D = 0.74\text{ mAdc}$ )	$V_{GS(th)}$	-4.9	-2.6	-1.9	Vdc
Gate Quiescent Voltage ( $V_{DD} = 48\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_D = 10\text{ mAdc}$ , Measured in Functional Test)	$V_{GS(Q)}$	-2.9	-2.5	-2.0	Vdc
Gate- Source Leakage Current ( $V_{DS} = 150\text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{GS} = -12\text{ Vdc}$ )	$I_{GSS}$	-0.74	—	—	mAdc

1. Refer to AN1955, *Thermal Measurement Methodology of RF Power Amplifiers*. Go to <http://www.nxp.com/RF> and search for AN1955.
2.  $R_{\theta CHC}$  (FEA) must be used for purposes related to reliability and limitations on maximum channel temperature. MTTF may be estimated by the expression  $MTTF$  (hours) =  $10^{[A + B/(T + 273)]}$ , where  $T$  is the channel temperature in degrees Celsius,  $A = -11.1$  and  $B = 8366$ .

(continued)

**Table 6. Electrical Characteristics** ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted) (continued)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Functional Tests</b> <sup>(1)</sup> (In NXP Production Test Fixture, 50 ohm system) $V_{DD} = 48\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_{DQ} = 10\text{ mA}$ , $P_{out} = 24\text{ dBm Avg.}$ , $f = 2690\text{ MHz}$ , 1-tone CW.					
Power Gain	$G_{ps}$	18.0	20.9	24.0	dB
Drain Efficiency	$\eta_D$	20.0	22.4	—	%
$P_{out}$ @ 6 dB Compression Point	P6dB	35.0	37.4	—	dBm

**Wideband Ruggedness** <sup>(2)</sup> (In NXP Reference Circuit, 50 ohm system)  $I_{DQ} = 10\text{ mA}$ ,  $f = 2595\text{ MHz}$ , Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN) with 10 dB PAR

ISBW of 400 MHz at 55 Vdc, 0.64 W Avg. Modulated Output Power (3 dB Input Overdrive from 0.3 W Avg. Modulated Output Power)	No Device Degradation				
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**Typical Performance** <sup>(2)</sup> (In NXP Reference Circuit, 50 ohm system)  $V_{DD} = 48\text{ Vdc}$ ,  $I_{DQ} = 10\text{ mA}$ , 2515–2675 MHz Bandwidth

VBW Resonance Point (IMD Third Order Intermodulation Inflection Point)	$VBW_{res}$	—	250	—	MHz
Gain Flatness in 160 MHz Bandwidth @ $P_{out} = 24\text{ dBm Avg.}$	$G_F$	—	0.9	—	dB
<b>Fast CW, 27 ms Sweep</b>					
$P_{out}$ @ 6 dB Compression Point	P6dB	—	4.0	—	W
AM/PM (Maximum value measured at the P6dB compression point across the 2515–2675 MHz bandwidth)	$\Phi$	—	–16	—	°
Gain Variation over Temperature (–40°C to +85°C)	$\Delta G$	—	0.012	—	dB/°C
Output Power Variation over Temperature (–40°C to +85°C)	$\Delta P_{6dB}$	—	0.002	—	dB/°C

**Table 7. Ordering Information**

Device	Tape and Reel Information	Package
A5G26S004NT6	T6 Suffix = 5,000 Units, 12 mm Tape Width, 13-inch Reel	DFN 4.5 × 4

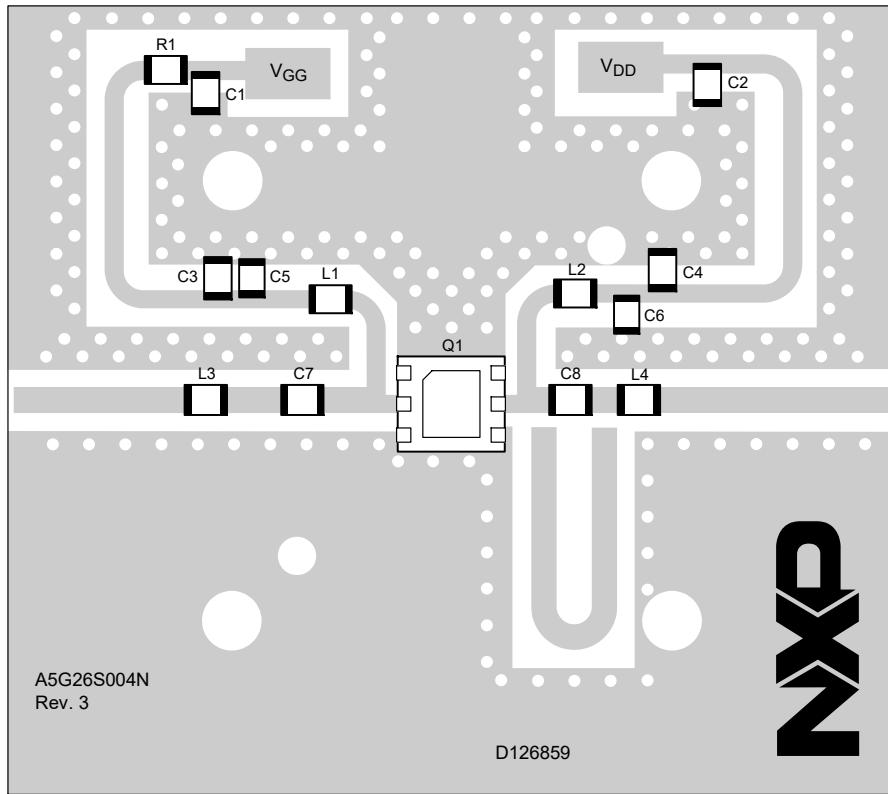
1. Part internally input matched.
2. All data measured in reference circuit with device soldered to printed circuit board.

**NOTE: Correct Biasing Sequence for GaN Depletion Mode Transistors****Turning the device ON**

1. Set  $V_{GS}$  to the pinch-off voltage, typically –5 V.
2. Turn on  $V_{DS}$  to nominal supply voltage (+48 V).
3. Increase  $V_{GS}$  until  $I_{DS}$  current is attained.
4. Apply RF input power to desired level.

**Turning the device OFF**

1. Turn RF power off.
2. Reduce  $V_{GS}$  down to the pinch-off voltage, typically –5 V.
3. Adjust drain voltage  $V_{DS}$  to 0 V. Allow adequate time for drain voltage to reduce to 0 V from external drain capacitors.
4. Turn off  $V_{GS}$ .



Note: All data measured in reference circuit with device soldered to printed circuit board. *aaa-039741*

**Figure 2. A5G26S004N Reference Circuit Component Layout**

**Table 8. A5G26S004N Reference Circuit Component Designations and Values**

Part	Description	Part Number	Manufacturer
C1, C2	2.2 $\mu$ F Chip Capacitor	GRM32ER72A225KA35L	Murata
C3, C4	1 $\mu$ F Chip Capacitor	GRM31MR71H105KA88L	Murata
C5, C6, C7, C8	8.2 pF Chip Capacitor	GQM2195C2E8R2BB12D	Murata
L1	3.9 nH Chip Inductor	0603HP-3N9XJLW	Coilcraft
L2, L3	1.6 nH Chip Inductor	0603HP-1N6XJLW	Coilcraft
L4	4.7 nH Chip Inductor	0603HP-4N7XJLW	Coilcraft
Q1	RF Power GaN Transistor	A5G26S004N	NXP
R1	10 $\Omega$ , 1/8 W Chip Resistor	CRCW080510R0FKEA	Vishay
PCB	Rogers RO4350B, 0.020", $\epsilon_r = 3.66$	D126859	MTL

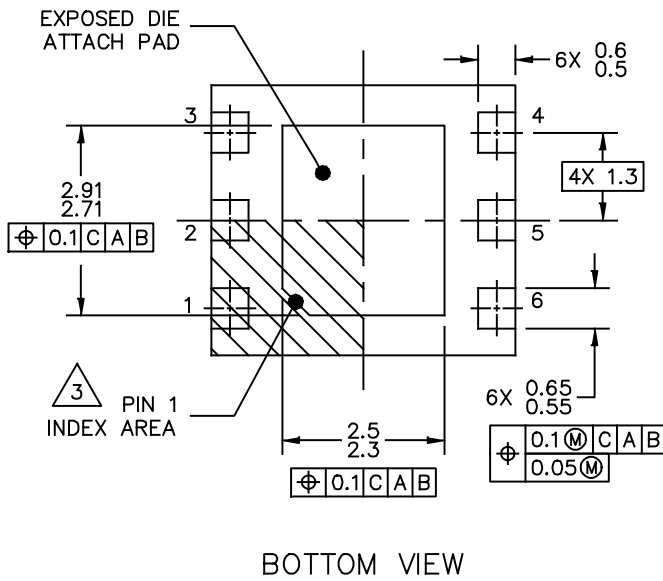
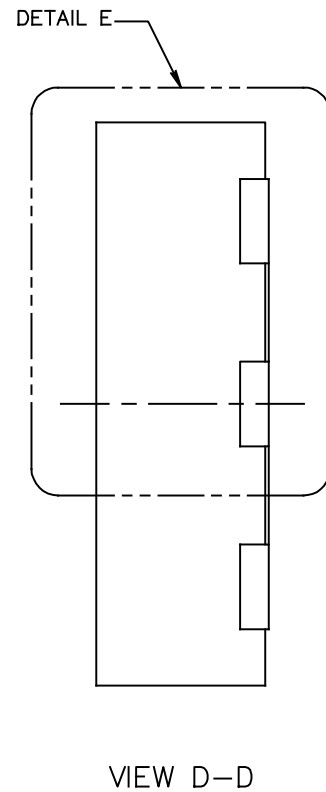
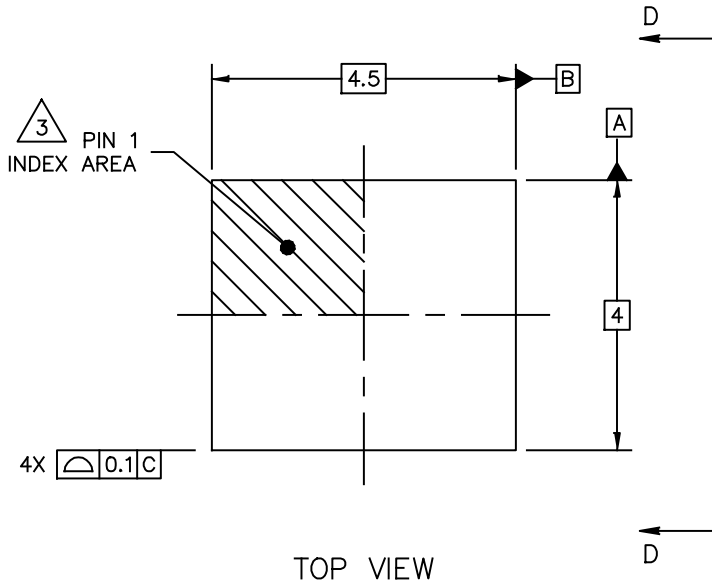


**Figure 3. Product Marking**

# Package Information

H-PDFN-6 I/O  
4.5 X 4.0 X 1.2 PKG, 1.3 PITCH

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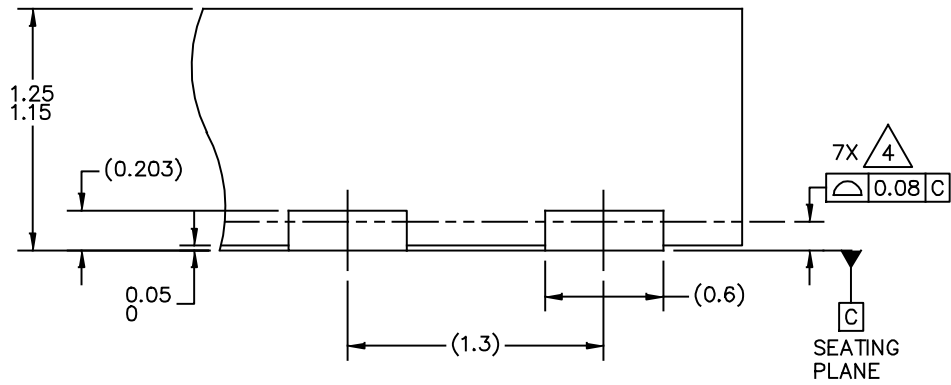
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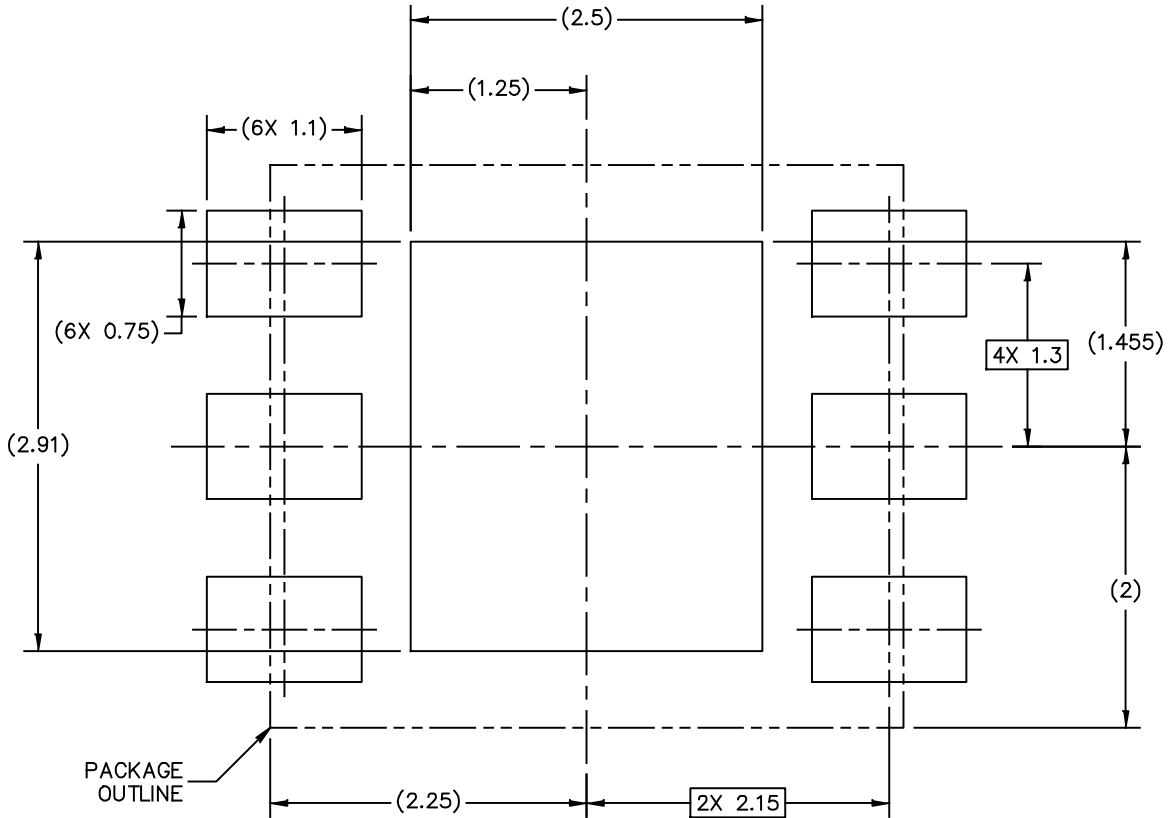
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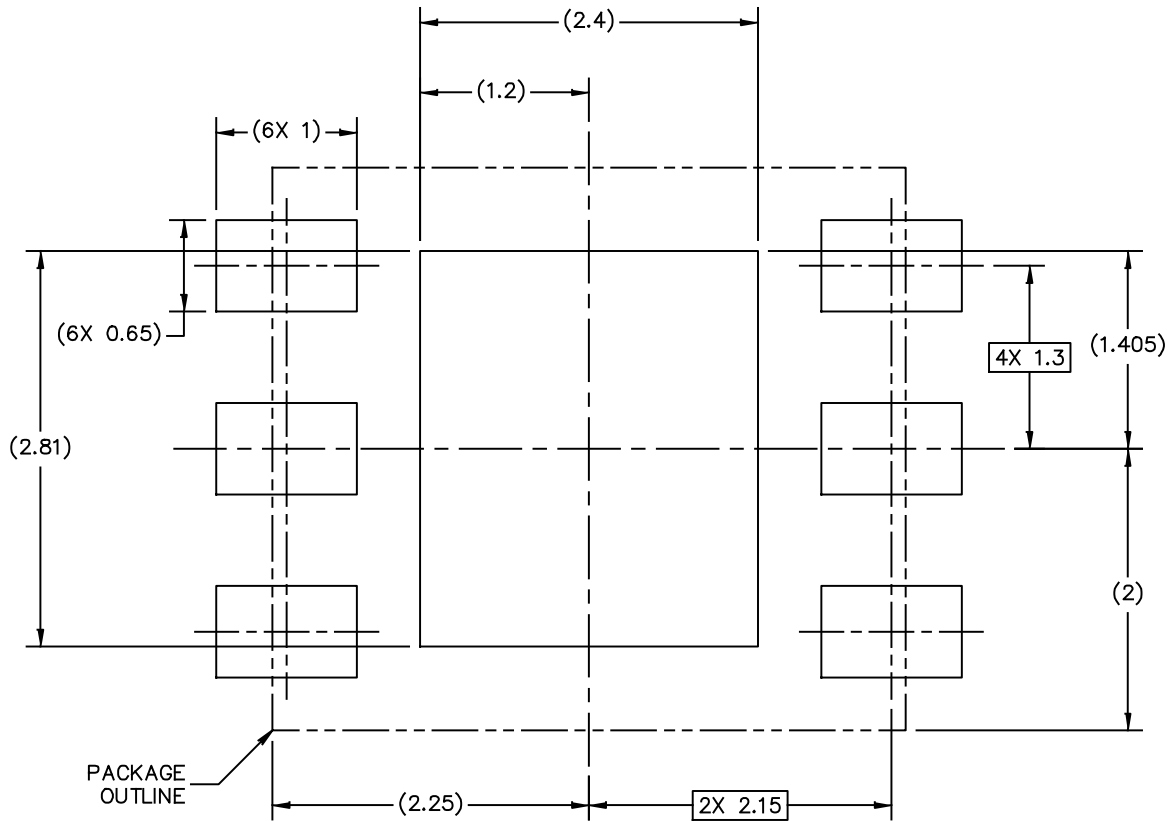
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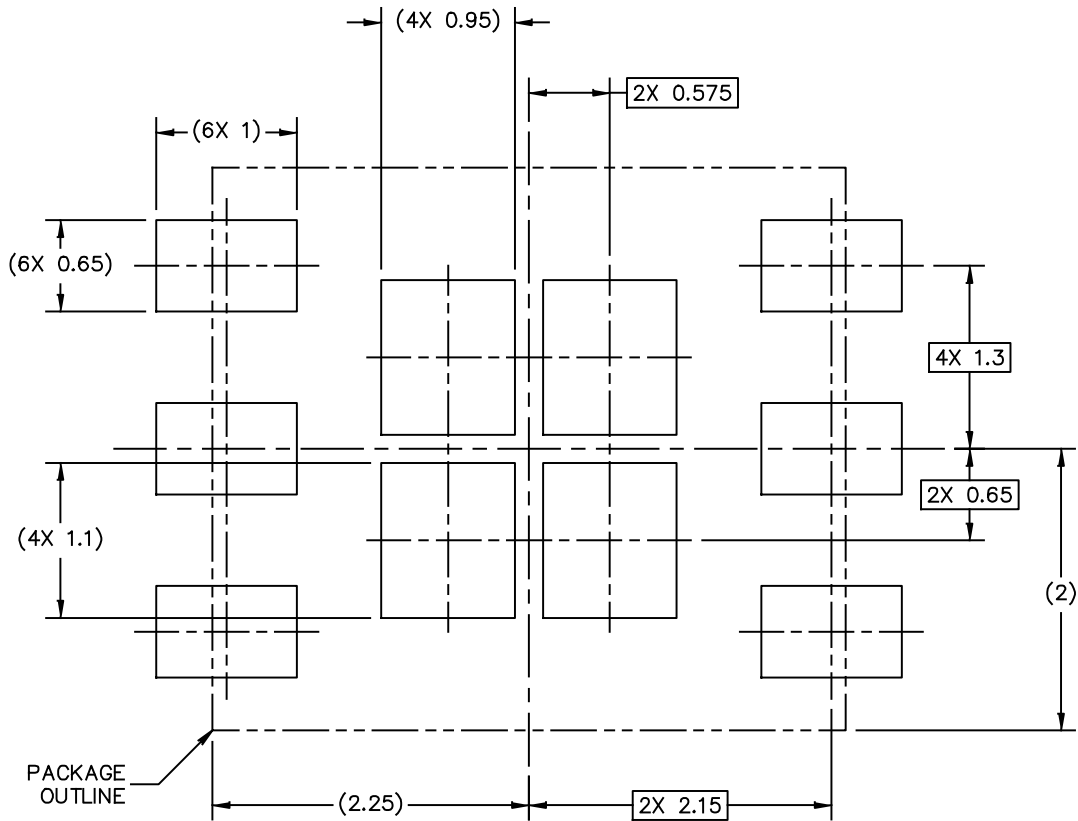
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NOTES:

1. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS.
2. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ASME Y14.5M-1994.
3. PIN 1 FEATURE SHAPE, SIZE AND LOCATION MAY VARY.
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## Product Documentation, Software and Tools

Refer to the following resources to aid your design process.

### Application Notes

- AN1907: Solder Reflow Attach Method for High Power RF Devices in Plastic Packages
- AN1955: Thermal Measurement Methodology of RF Power Amplifiers

### Software

- .s2p File

### Development Tools

- Printed Circuit Boards

## Revision History

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0	Dec. 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initial release of data sheet</li></ul>
1	Jan. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Table 1, Maximum Ratings: updated operating voltage for complete data sheet standardization, p. 2</li><li>• Table 2, Recommended Operating Conditions: added to data sheet, p. 2</li></ul>
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