

1 Watt P1dB, 30 MHz to 3 GHz, Medium Power GaAs  
Amplifier, SMA Input, SMA Output, 27 dB Gain, 39 dBm IP3



## PE15A4017

### Features

- 30 MHz to 3 GHz Frequency Range
- P1dB: 30 dBm
- Small Signal Gain: 27 dB typ
- Gain Flatness:  $\pm 1.0$  dB typ
- Gain Variation:  $\pm 0.75$  dB typ
- Output IP3: 39 dBm
- Reverse Isolation: 45 dB min
- 50 Ohm Input and Output Matched
- -40 to +75°C Operating Temperature
- Unconditionally Stable
- Single DC Positive Supply
- Built-in DC Voltage Regulator

### Applications

- Laboratory Applications
- R&D Labs
- Radar Systems
- Telecom Infrastructure
- Test Instrumentation
- Military & Space
- Communication Systems
- Satellite Communications
- Wireless Communications
- Microwave Radio Systems
- Power Amplifier
- Low Noise Amplifier
- General Purpose Amplification
- RF Front Ends

### Description

PE15A4017 is a broadband multi-octave RF 1W power amplifier, operating in the 20 MHz to 3 GHz frequency range. The amplifier offers 30 dBm of P1dB and 27 dB small signal gain, with the excellent gain flatness of  $\pm 1.25$  dB max, along with an outstanding IP3 performance of 39 dBm. This performance is achieved through using hybrid MIC design and advanced GaAs PHEMT devices. This power amplifier requires only a single positive DC supply, unconditionally stable, and operates over the temperature range of -40°C to 75°C.

Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Frequency Range	0.03		3	GHz
Small Signal Gain	25	27	30	dB
Gain Flatness		$\pm 1$	$\pm 1.25$	dB
Gain Variation Over Temperature		0.75		dB
Output Power at 1 dB Compression Point	+28	+30		dBm
Output 3rd Intercept Point	+34	+39		dBm
Reverse Isolation	45			dB
Noise Figure 1		5		dB
Impedance (Input)		50		Ohms
Impedance (Output)		50		Ohms
Input VSWR		1.8:1	2.3:1	
Output VSWR		1.6:1	2:1	
Operating DC Voltage		+12	+13	Volts
Operating DC Current		480	520	mA
Operating Temperature Range	-40		+75	°C

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### Absolute Maximum Rating

Parameter	Rating	Units
Source Voltage	+13	Volts
RF input Power	+15	dBm
Maximum Load VSWR	3:1	
Operating Temperature (base-plate)	-40 to +75	°C
Storage Temperature	-55 to +125	°C



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ESD Workstation.

### Mechanical Specifications

#### Size

Length	2.08 in [52.83 mm]
Width	1.08 in [27.43 mm]
Height	0.5 in [12.7 mm]
Weight	0.0955 lbs [43.32 g]
Input Connector	SMA Female
Output Connector	SMA Female

### Environmental Specifications

#### Temperature

Operating Range	-40 to +75 deg C
Storage Range	-55 to +125 deg C

### Compliance Certifications (see [product page](#) for current document)

### Plotted and Other Data

#### Notes:

- Values at 25 °C, sea level
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- Heat Sink Required for Proper Operation, Unit is cooled by conduction to heat sink.
- Caution: This Power Amplifier is matched for a 50 ohm input and output load impedance. Applications such as driving a wideband antenna can introduce a load impedance mismatch condition that could result in reflected waves potentially damaging the amplifier output power stage which will void the warranty. Pasternack highly recommends using an Isolator at the output port of the power amplifier where the termination load will absorb any potentially damaging signal reflections.

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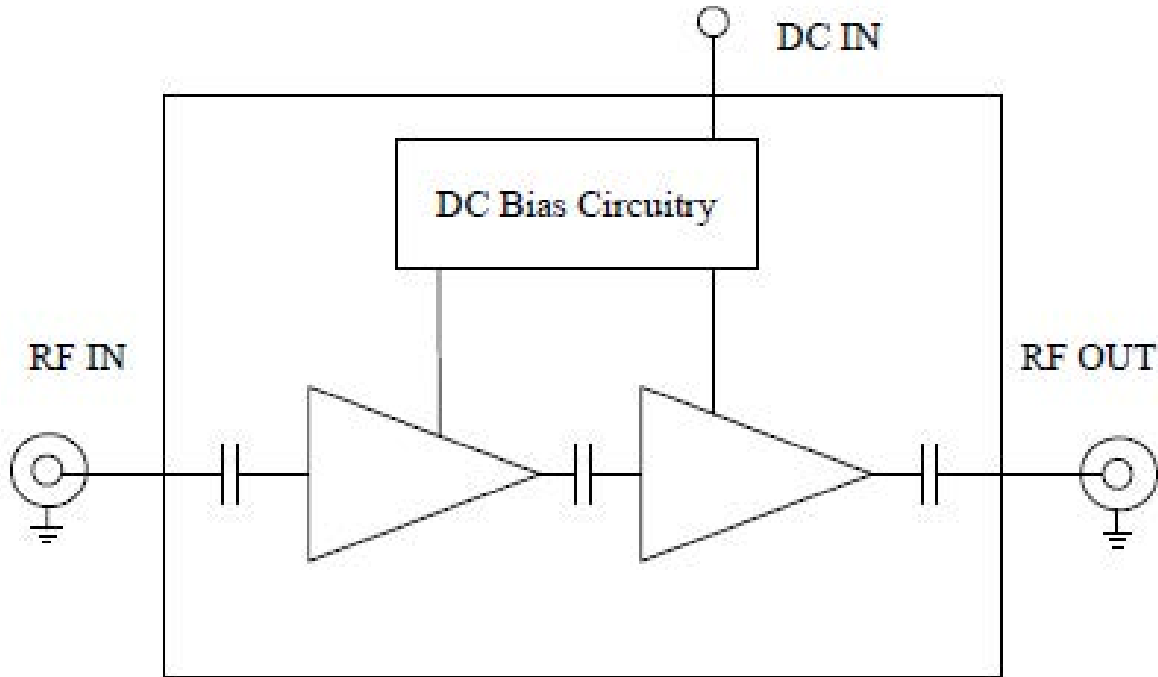
### Amplifier Power-up Precautions

- 1.) Confirm that proper ESD precautions and controls are always in place before handling any Amplifier module.
- 2.) Confirm adequate thermal management is in place to effectively dissipate heat away from the Amplifier package. The Amplifier operational baseplate temperature must be within the operational temperature range stated in the Amplifier datasheet. Depending on the design and thermal requirements, using a heatsink with cooling fan is always recommended for safe reliable operation. A heat sink without a cooling fan may also be used. Damage caused from overheating will void the warranty.
- 3.) Confirm adequate system grounding is established. The DC power supply and Amplifier must have a common ground in order to operate properly.
- 4.) Power Amplifiers may require additional DC Current when initially powered-up. Depending on the design, the input current draw could range from an additional 10% to 100% above the maximum rated DC current of the Amplifier. This varies based on product part number.
- 5.) Confirm the DC power supply, if limited, is set to allow for additional start-up current that's rated for the Power Amplifier.
- 6.) Confirm the system is designed and calibrated for 50 ohms. Any impedance mismatch may cause performance issues.
- 7.) Perform a CALIBRATION (if required) with the loads before connecting the Amplifier to the Network Analyzer to ensure proper performance.
- 8.) Use a fixed attenuator between the signal source and input port of the Amplifier to optimize the input VSWR match.
- 9.) Confirm the input power level at the input port of the amplifier does not exceed the maximum rated limit for input power (as stated in the Amplifier datasheet).  
 $P_{in}$  for Small Signal Gain = P1dB-SSG-10 dB  
 $P_{in}$  for P1dB = P1dB-SSG+1 dB
- 10.) Confirm the Network Analyzer is always connected to the Amplifier first before DC power is applied to the Amplifier.
- 11.) As long as the input and output ports of the amplifier are connected to a 50Ohm load and RF signal power is applied, the Amplifier can be powered up with DC voltage.
- 12.) Confirm the Amplifier output load is matched for a 50 Ohm impedance and will not exceed the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit for the Amplifier. Exceeding the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit will result in reflected signal power that could damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 13.) **Power Amplifier connected to an Antenna for signal transmission** - It's strongly recommended to use a high power fixed attenuator pad or an Isolator between the output port of the Amplifier and input port to the antenna. Any reflected signal power due to impedance mismatch will likely damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 14.) The attenuator or isolator used at the output port of the Amplifier must be rated to handle the output power level and operational frequency band of the amplifier.

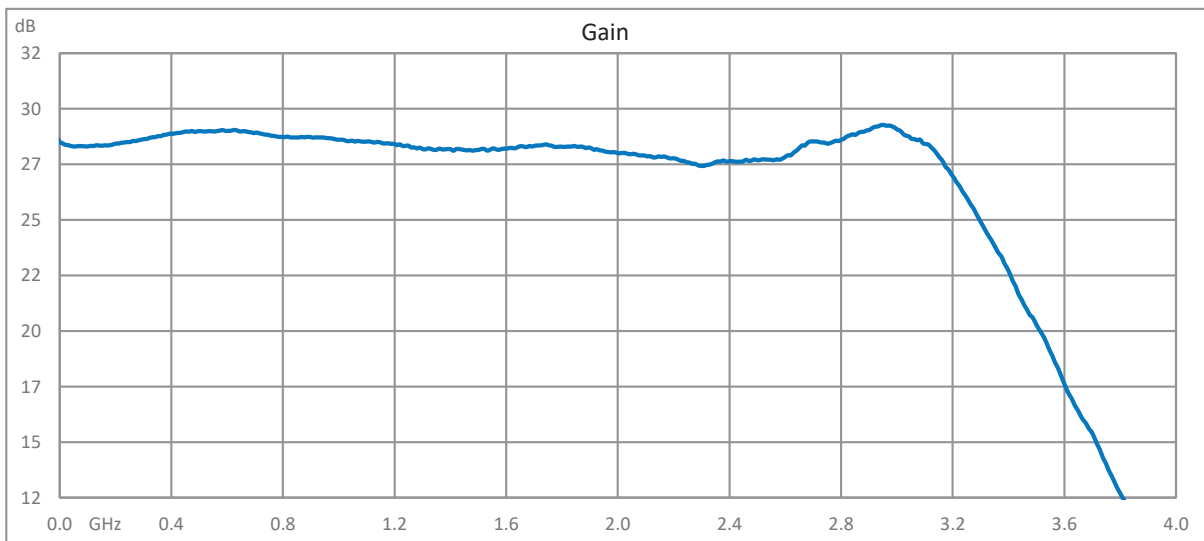
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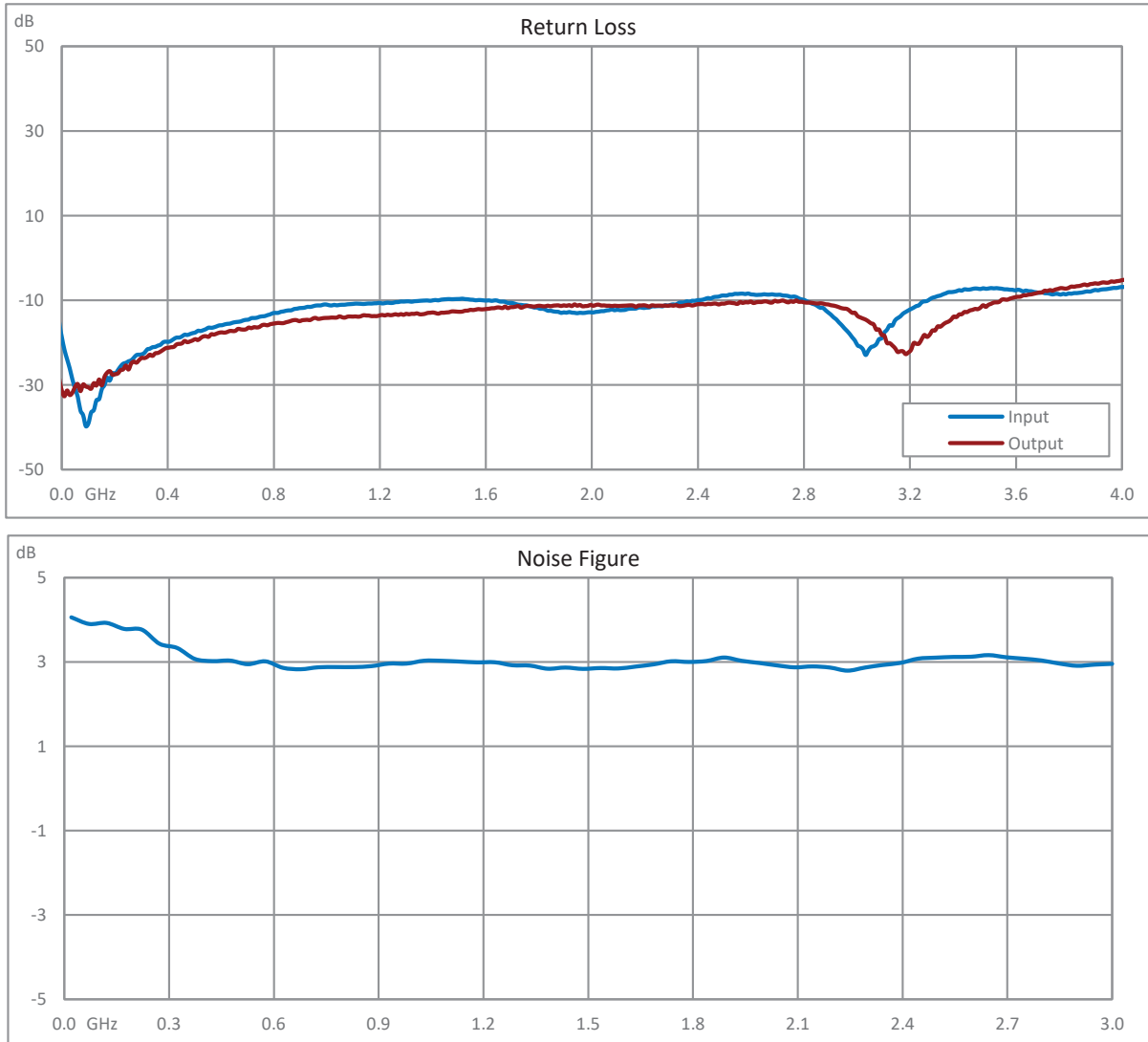
### Typical Performance Data



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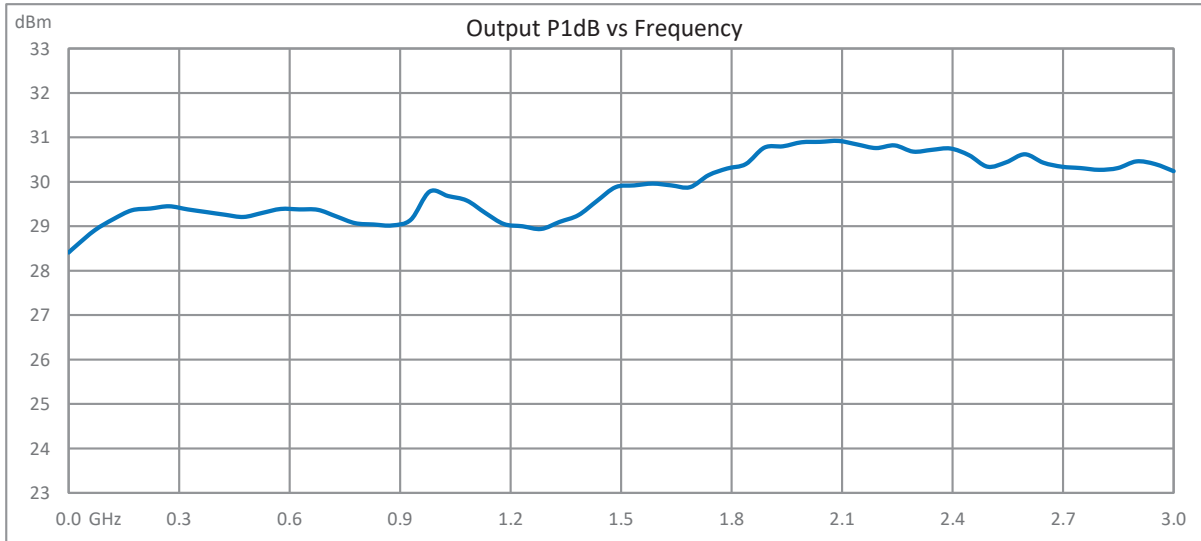
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