


FRACTIONAL-N SYNTHESIZER w/ INTEGRATED VCO
860 - 1040, 1720 - 2080, 3440 - 4160 MHz
General Description

The HMC821LP6CE is a fully functional Fractional-N Phase-Locked-Loop (PLL) Frequency Synthesizer with an Integrated Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO). The synthesizer consists of an integrated low noise VCO with a tri-band output, an autocalibration subsystem for low voltage VCO tuning, a very low noise digital Phase Detector (PD), a precision controlled charge pump, a low noise reference path divider and a fractional divider.

The fractional synthesizer features an advanced delta-sigma modulator design that allows both ultra-fine step sizes and low spurious products. The phase detector (PD) features cycle slip prevention (CSP) technology to allow faster frequency hopping times. Ultra low in-close phase noise and low spurious also allows wider loop bandwidths for faster frequency hopping and low micro-phonics.

For theory of operation and register map refer to the "PLLs w/ Integrated VCOs - RF VCOs" Operating Guide. To view the [Operating Guide](#), please visit www.hittite.com and choose HMC821LP6CE from the "Search by Part Number" pull down menu.

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$

VPPCP, VDDCP, VCC1, VCC2 = 5V \pm 4%; RVDD, AVDD, DVDD3V, VCCPD, VCCHF, VCCPS = 3.3V \pm 6% GNDCP = GNDLS = Ground Paddle = 0V

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
RF Output Characteristics					
VCO Frequency at PLL Input		1720		2080	MHz
RF Output Frequency at $f_{VCO}/2$		860		1040	MHz
RF Output Frequency at f_{VCO}		1720		2080	MHz
RF Output Frequency at $2f_{VCO}$		3440		4160	MHz
RF Output Power at $f_{VCO}/2$		7.5	10	12.5	dBm
RF Output Power at f_{VCO}		3	6.5	10	dBm
RF Output Power at $2f_{VCO}$		-9	-4	1	dBm
VCO Tuning Sensitivity	Measured at fo, 2V	12	16	24	MHz/V
VCO Supply Pushing	Measured at fo, 2V	-2		1.5	MHz/V
RF Output fo/2 Harmonic	Doubler Mode		-22	-18	dBc
RF Output 3fo/2 Harmonic	Doubler Mode		-50	-41	dBc
RF Output 2nd Harmonic	fo/2/fo/2fo		-25 / -30 / -42	-20 / -19 / -36	dBc
RF Output 5fo/2 Harmonic	Doubler Mode		-60	-56	dBc
RF Output 3rd Harmonic	fo/2/fo/2fo		-27 / -40 / -60	-24 / -30 / -51	dBc
RF Output 7fo/2 Harmonic	Doubler Mode		-65	-61	dBc
RF Output 4th Harmonic	fo/2/fo/2fo		-30 / -50 / -68	-25 / -42 / -62	dBc
RF Divider Characteristics					
19-Bit N-Divider Range (Integer)	Max = $2^{19} - 1$			524,287	1
19-Bit N-Divider Range (Fractional)	Fractional nominal divide ratio varies (-3 / +4) dynamically max			524,283	
REF Input Characteristics					
Max Rep Input Frequency		200			MHz
Max Ref Frequency with AutoCal			TBD		MHz
Min Ref Input Frequency			100		kHz
Ref Input Range	AC Coupled	1.5	2	3.3	Vpp
Ref Input Capacitance				5	pF
14-Bit R-Divider Range		1		16,383	


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Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Phase Detector (PD)					
PD Frequency Fractional Mode	Max PD Freq. Min VCO Freq/20	0.1			MHz
PD Frequency Integer Mode	Max PD Freq. Min VCO Freq/16	0.1		110	MHz
Charge Pump					
Max Output Current			2.54		mA
Min Output Current			20		μA
Charge Pump Gain Step Size (5-Bits)			20		μA
Charge Pump Offset Step Size (4-Bits)			5		μA
PD/Charge Pump Noise	50 MHz Ref, Input Referred, Integer, add 6 dB for Fractional				
1 kHz			-141		dBc/Hz
10 kHz			-149		dBc/Hz
100 kHz			-155		dBc/Hz
Compliance Voltage	Less than 3 dB degradation typ. at these limits				
	-385 μA Offset	0.4		VPPCP-0.8	V
	+385 μA Offset	0.8		VPPCP-0.4	V
Logic Inputs					
VIH Output High Voltage		DVDD3V-0.4		DVDD3V	V
VIL Output Low Voltage		0		0.4	V
Logic Outputs					
VOH Output High Voltage		DVDD3V-0.4		DVDD3V	V
VOL Output Low Voltage		0		0.4	V
Power Supply Voltages					
Analog 3.3V Supplies	AVDD, VCCHF, VCCPS, VCCPD, RVDD	3.0	3.3	3.5	V
Digital Supply	DVDD3V	3.0	3.3	3.5	V
Analog 5V Supplies	VPPCP, VDDCP, VCC1, VCC2	4.8	5	5.2	V
Power Supply Currents					
+5V Analog Charge Pump	VPPCP, VDDCP		5.3		mA
+5V VCO Core and PLL Buffer	VCC2		56		mA
+5V VCO Divider and RF Buffer	VCC1		36		mA
+3.3V Analog	AVDD, VCCHF, VCCPS, VCCPD, RVDD		45		mA
+3.3V Digital	DVDD3V		6.5		mA
Power Down - Crystal Off	Reg 01h=0, Crystal Not Clocked		10		μA
Power Down - Crystal On, 100 MHz	Reg 01h=0, Crystal Clocked 100 MHz		10	200	μA
Power on Reset					
Typical Reset Voltage on DVDD			700		mV
Min DVDD Voltage for No Reset		1.5			V
Power on Reset Delay			250		μs
VCO Open Loop Phase Noise at fo/2					
10 kHz Offset			-93	-87	dBc/Hz

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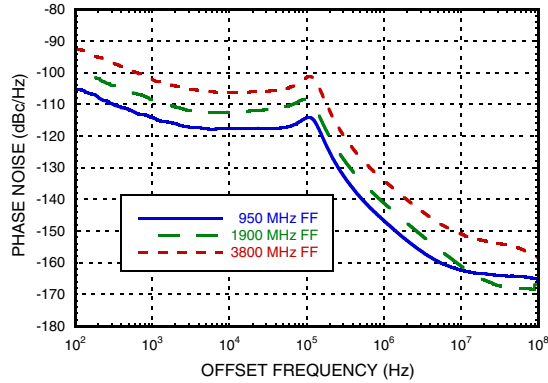
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Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
100 kHz Offset			-122	-119	dBc/Hz
1 MHz Offset			-147	-144	dBc/Hz
10 MHz Offset			-162		dBc/Hz
100 MHz Offset			-163		dBc/Hz
VCO Open Loop Phase Noise at fo					
10 kHz Offset			-87	-81	dBc/Hz
100 kHz Offset			-116	-116	dBc/Hz
1 MHz Offset			-141	-138	dBc/Hz
10 MHz Offset			-161		dBc/Hz
100 MHz Offset			-166		dBc/Hz
VCO Open Loop Phase Noise at 2fo					
10 kHz Offset			-81	-75	dBc/Hz
100 kHz Offset			-110	-110	dBc/Hz
1 MHz Offset			-135	-132	dBc/Hz
10 MHz Offset			-155		dBc/Hz
100 MHz Offset			-155		dBc/Hz
Closed Loop Phase Noise PLL + VCO at f_{vco}/2					
Integer, 25 MHz PD	1 kHz Offset		-113		dBc/Hz
Integer, 25 MHz PD	10 kHz Offset		-118		dBc/Hz
Integer, 25 MHz PD	100 kHz Offset		-118		dBc/Hz
Fractional, 25 MHz PD	1 kHz Offset		-108		dBc/Hz
Fractional, 25 MHz PD	10 kHz Offset		-113		dBc/Hz
Fractional, 25 MHz PD	100 kHz Offset		-114		dBc/Hz
Closed Loop Phase Noise PLL + VCO at f_{vco}					
Integer, 25 MHz PD	1 kHz Offset		-107		dBc/Hz
Integer, 25 MHz PD	10 kHz Offset		-112		dBc/Hz
Integer, 25 MHz PD	100 kHz Offset		-112		dBc/Hz
Fractional, 25 MHz PD	1 kHz Offset		-102		dBc/Hz
Fractional, 25 MHz PD	10 kHz Offset		-107		dBc/Hz
Fractional, 25 MHz PD	100 kHz Offset		-108		dBc/Hz
Closed Loop Phase Noise PLL + VCO at 2fo					
Integer, 25 MHz PD	1 kHz Offset		-101		dBc/Hz
Integer, 25 MHz PD	10 kHz Offset		-106		dBc/Hz
Integer, 25 MHz PD	100 kHz Offset		-106		dBc/Hz
Fractional, 25 MHz PD	1 kHz Offset		-96		dBc/Hz
Fractional, 25 MHz PD	10 kHz Offset		-101		dBc/Hz
Fractional, 25 MHz PD	100 kHz Offset		-102		dBc/Hz
Figure of Merit					
	Normalized 1 Hz				
Integer Mode	Measured w/ 50 MHz PD at 30 kHz Offset		-227		dBc/Hz
Fractional Mode	Measured w/ 50 MHz PD at 30 kHz Offset		-225		dBc/Hz

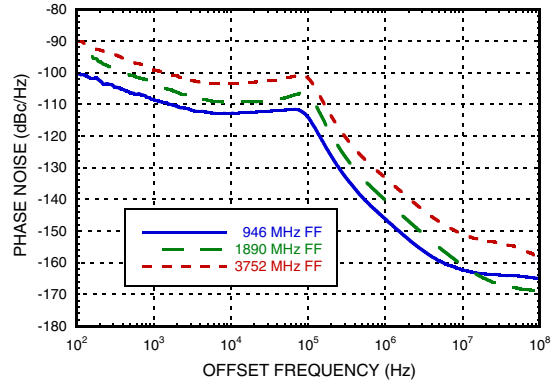


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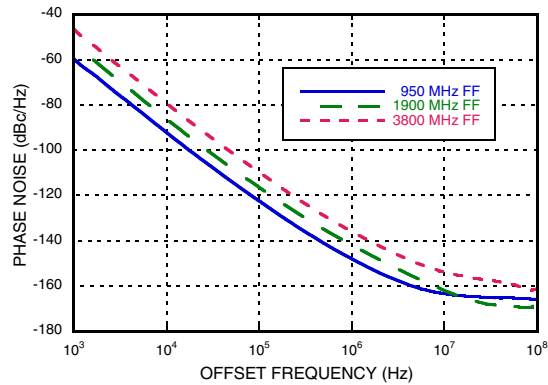
Closed Loop Integer Phase Noise



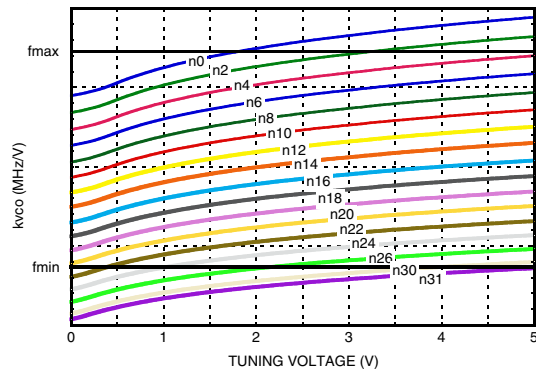
Typical Closed Loop Fractional Phase Noise [1]



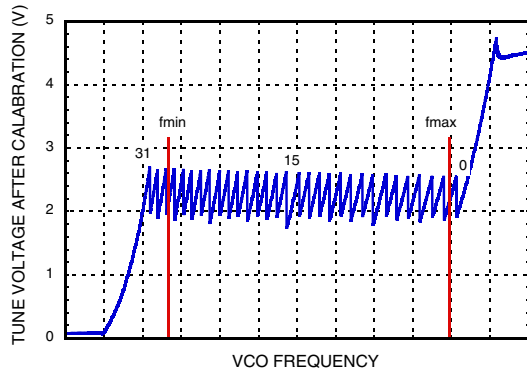
Free Running Phase Noise



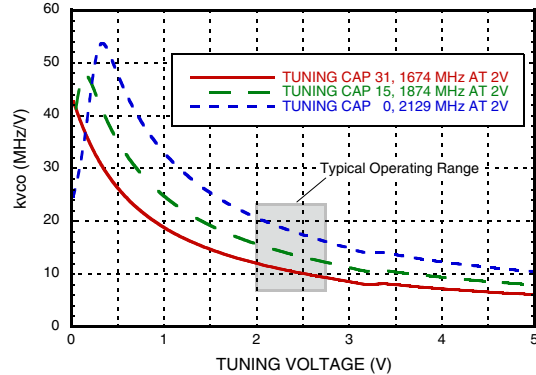
Typical Tuning Curves vs. Switch Position



Typical VCO Tuning Voltage After Calibration



Typical VCO Sensitivity vs. Cap @ Fo Voltage



[1] Fractional Mode, 50 MHz Crystal, R=1, ~80 kHz Loop BW, (Loop filter values: Contact factory for component values) 2mA Charge Pump, -385µA Offset.



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Typical Output Power - Narrow Band Match

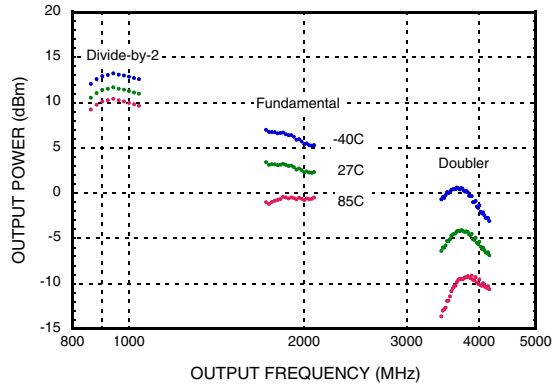
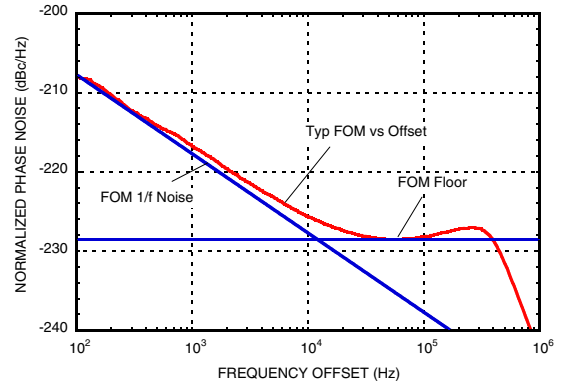


Figure of Merit




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Pin Descriptions

Pin Number	Function	Description
1	AVDD	DC Power Supply for analog circuitry.
2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 - 14, 18 - 22, 24, 26, 34, 37, 38	N/C	The pins are not connected internally; however, all data shown herein was measured with these pins connected to RF/DC ground externally.
3	VPPCP	Power Supply for charge pump analog section
4	CP	Charge Pump Output
7	VDDCP	Power Supply for the charge pump digital section
10	RVDD	Reference Supply
15	XREFP	Reference Oscillator Input
16	DVDD3V	DC Power Supply for Digital (CMOS) Circuitry
17	CEN	Chip Enable. Connect to logic high for normal operation.
23	VTUNE	VCO Varactor. Tuning Port Input.
25	VCC2	VCO Analog Supply 2
27	VCC1	VCO Analog Supply 1
28	RF_N ^[1]	RF Positive Output
29	RF_P ^[1]	RF Negative Output
30	SEN	PLL Serial Port Enable (CMOS) Logic Input
31	SDI	PLL Serial Port Data (CMOS) Logic Input
32	SCK	PLL Serial Port Clock (CMOS) Logic Input
33	LD_SDO	Lock Detect, or Serial Data, or General Purpose (CMOS) Logic Output (GPO)
35	VCCHF	DC Power Supply for Analog Circuitry
36	VCCPS	DC Power Supply for Analog Prescaler
39	VCCPD	DC Power Supply for Phase Detector
40	BIAS	External bypass decoupling for precision bias circuits. Note: 1.920V \pm 20mV reference voltage (BIAS) is generated internally and cannot drive an external load. Must be measured with 10G Ω meter such as Agilent 34410A, normal 10M Ω DVM will read erroneously.

[1] For doubler mode of operation, pin 28 (RF_N) and pin 29 (RF_P) outputs must be shorted together.



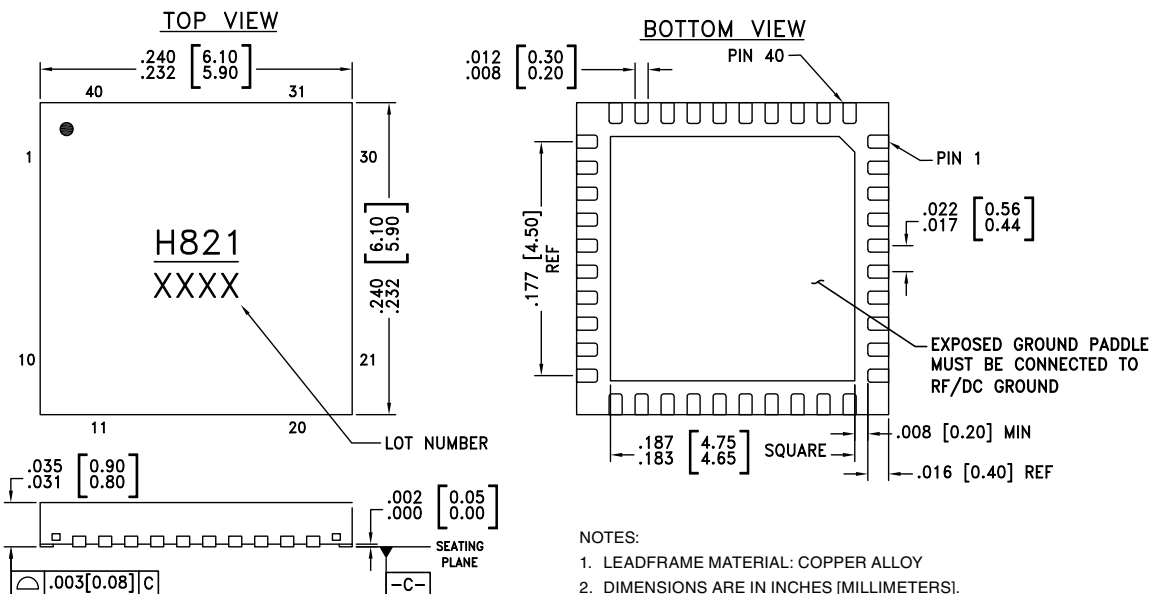
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Absolute Maximum Ratings

AVDD, RVDD, DVDD3V, VCCPD, VCCHF, VCCPS	-0.3V to +3.6V
VPPCP, VDDCP, VCC1	-0.3V to +5.8V
VCC2	-0.3V to +5.5V
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to 125°C
Maximum Junction Temperature	150°C
Reflow Soldering	
Peak Temperature	260°C
Time at Peak Temperature	40 sec
ESD Sensitivity (HBM)	Class 1B

Stresses above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Outline Drawing



Package Information

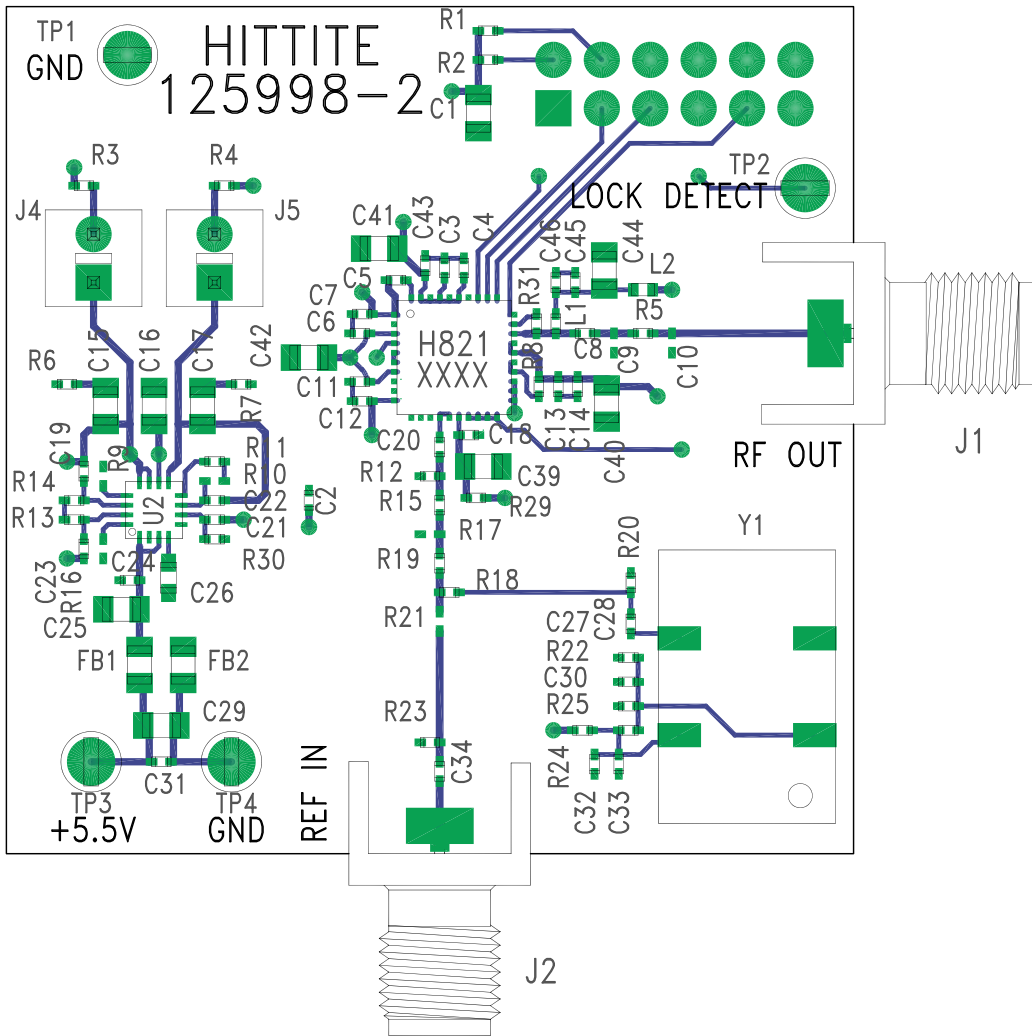
Part Number	Package Body Material	Lead Finish	MSL Rating	Package Marking ^[1]
HMC821LP6CE	RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic	100% matte Sn	MSL3	H821 XXXX

[1] 4-Digit lot number XXXX



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Evaluation PCB



The circuit board used in the final application should use RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines should have 50 Ohm impedance while the package ground leads and exposed paddle should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown. A sufficient number of via holes should be used to connect the top and bottom ground planes. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.


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List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 128147 [1]

Item	Description
J1, J2	PCB Mount SMA RF Connector
J3	Dual Row Terminal Strip
J4, J5	Connector Header
C1, C15 - C17, C25, C29	10 μ F Capacitor, 0805 Pkg.
C2, C3, C6, C7, C11, C12, C14, C18, C27, C43	0.47 μ F Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C4, C13	22 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C5, C33	1000 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C8	1.5 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C19 - C24, C28, C30 - C32, C34	0.1 μ F Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C26	1.0 μ F Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
C35	3300 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C36	270 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C37, C38	68 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C39 - C42	4.7 μ F Tantalum Capacitor, 0805 Pkg.
FB1 - FB2	1000 Ohm 200 mA Ferrite Chip, 0805 Pkg.
R1, R2, R5, R11, R15, R18, R19	Zero Ohm Resistor, 0402 Pkg.
R3, R4, R6, R7	1 kOhm Resistor, 0402 Pkg.
R8	22 Ohm Resistor, 0402 Pkg.
R12, R20, R23	51 Ohm Resistor, 0402 Pkg.
R22, R25	20 kOhm Resistor, 0402 Pkg.
R24	10 Ohm Resistor, 0402 Pkg.
R26 - R28	1k Ohm Resistor, 0402 Pkg.
L1	12 nH Inductor, 0402 Pkg.
TP3, TP4	Test Point PC Compact SMT
U1	HMC821LP6CE PLL with Integrated VCO
U2	Low Noise Quad Adjustable Linear Regulator
Y1	3.3V, 50 MHz VCXO Crystal Oscillator
PCB [2]	125998 Evaluation Board

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350 or Arlon 25FR and FR4