

9 GHz Divide-by-8 to 511 Programmable Integer Divider

Features

- Wide Operating Range: DC-9 GHz
- Contiguous Divide Ratios: 8 to 511
- Large Output Swings: >1 V_{pp}/side
- Single-Ended or Differential Drive
- Size: 6 mm x 6 mm
- Parallel Control Lines
- Low Power Consumption

Description

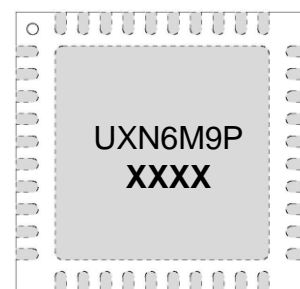
The UXN6M9P is a highly programmable integer divider covering all integer divide ratios between 8 and 511. The device features single-ended or differential inputs and outputs. Parallel control inputs are CMOS and LVTTTL compatible for ease of system integration. The UXN6M9P is packaged in a 40-pin, 6 mm x 6 mm leadless plastic surface mount package.

Application

The UXN6M9P can be used as a low power, general purpose, highly configurable, divider in a variety of high frequency synthesizer applications. Fast switching combined with a wide range of divide ratios make the UXN6M9P an excellent choice for programmable frequency generation.

Pad Metallization

The QFN package pad metallization consists of a 300-800 micro-inch (typical thickness 435 micro-inch or 11.04 μm) 100% matte Sn plate. The plating covers a Cu (C194) leadframe. The packages are manufactured with a >1hr 150 °C annealing/heat treating process, and the matte (non-glossy) plating, specifically to mitigate tin whisker growth.



Key Specifications (T = 25 °C):

V_{ee} = -3.3 V, I_{ee} = 140 mA, Z_i = 50 Ω, Z_o = 100 Ω

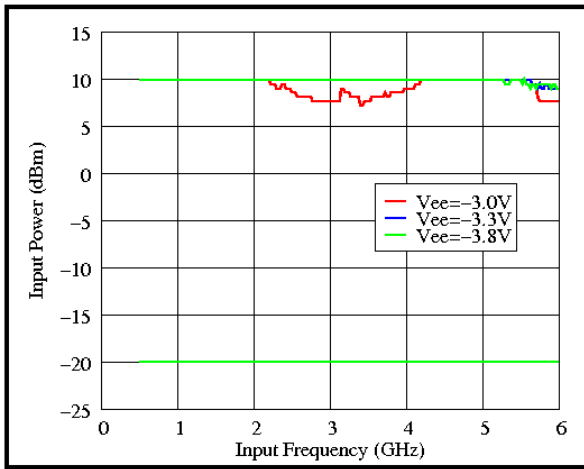
Parameter	Description	Min	Typ	Max
F _{in} (GHz)	Input Frequency	DC ¹	-	9 ²
P _{in} (dBm)	Input Power	-15	0	+5 ³
P _{out} (dBm)	Output Power	-	+4	-
PDC (mW)	DC Power Dissipation	-	460	-
V _{ee} (V)	Negative DC Supply	-3	-3.3	-3.6
θ _{jc} (°C/W)	Junction-Case Thermal Resistance	-	34	-

¹ Low frequency limit dependent on input edge speed

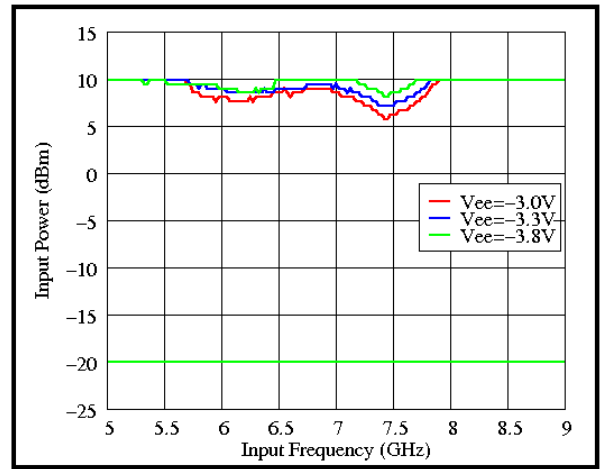
² Use FRS to extend frequency range beyond 6 GHz. (see page 10)

³ Operating Temperature = 25 °C

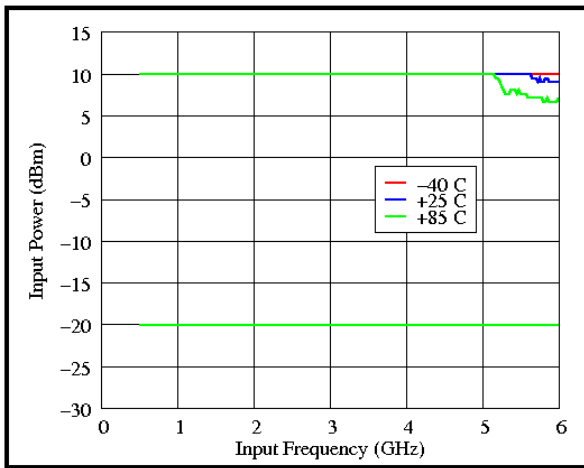
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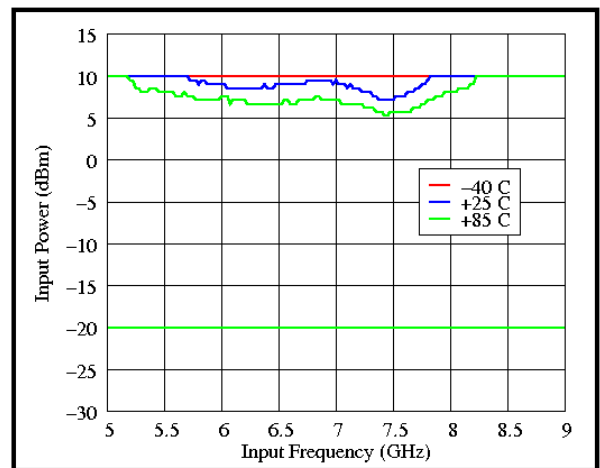
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Input Sensitivity, T=25°C, Divide-by-10, FRS=0



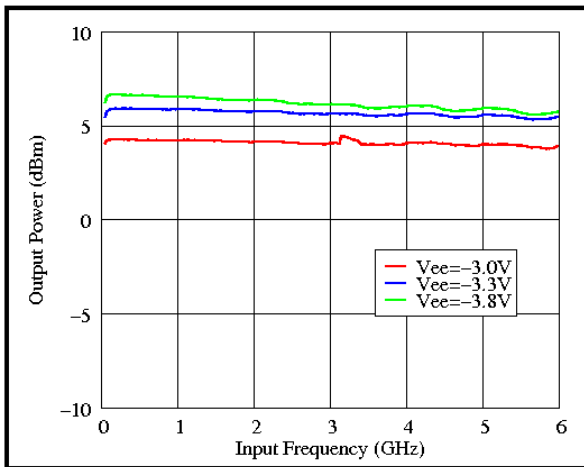
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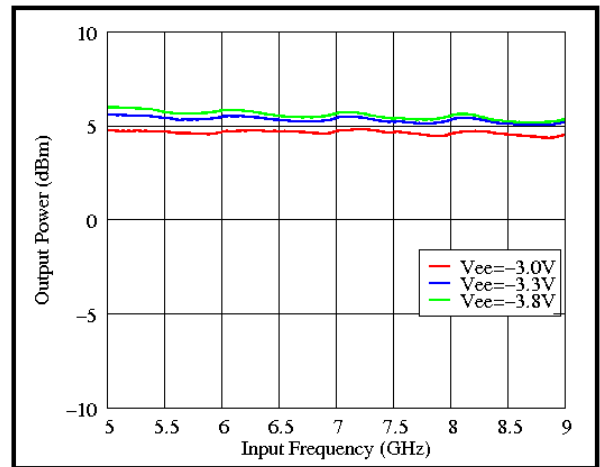
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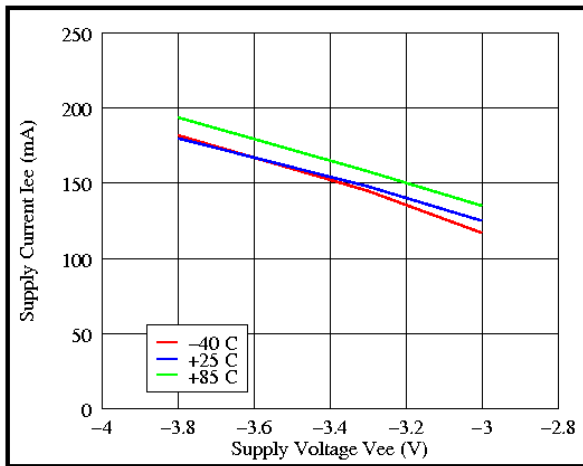


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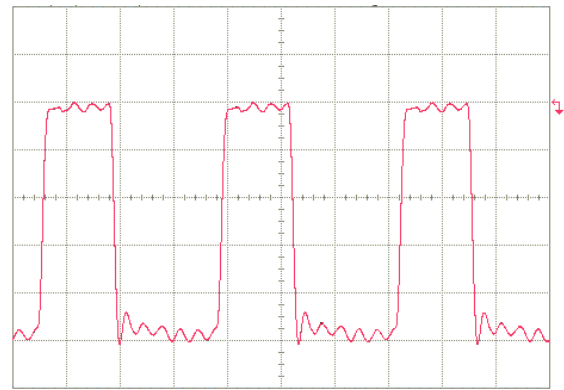


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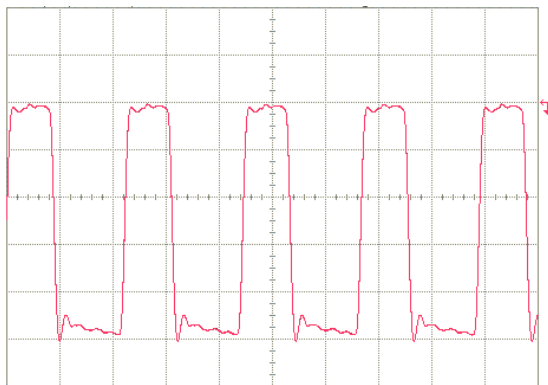


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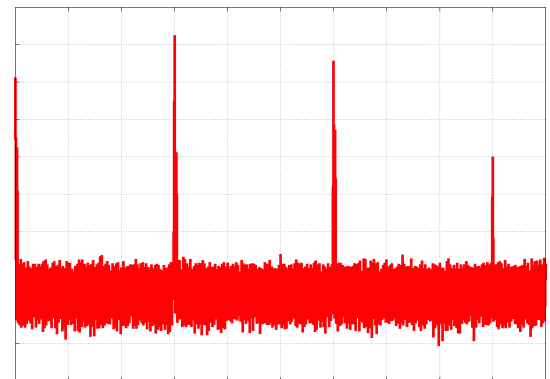
500 ps/DIV, 200 mV/DIV

Waveform, Static Divide-by-10 Configuration
Input Freq = 6 GHz, $FRS=0$



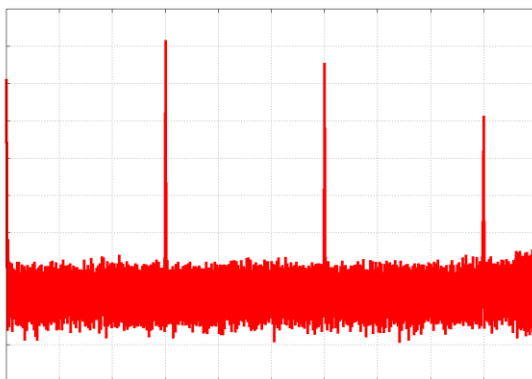
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Waveform, Static Divide-by-10 Configuration
Input Freq = 9 GHz, $FRS=1$



10dB/DIV, Center=1GHz, Span=2GHz

Spectrum, Static Divide-by-10 Configuration
Input Freq = 6 GHz, $FRS=0$



10dB/DIV, Center=1.5GHz, Span=3GHz

Spectrum, Static Divide-by-10 Configuration
Input Freq = 9 GHz, $FRS=1$

Functional Block Diagram

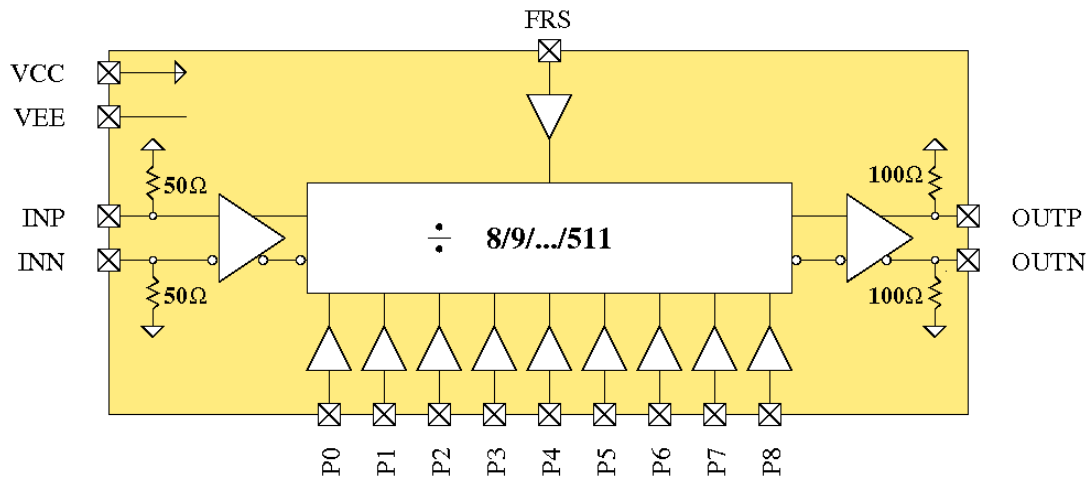


Table 1: Pin Description

Port Name	Description	Notes
INP	Divider Input, Positive Terminal	CML signal levels
INN	Divider Input, Negative Terminal	CML signal levels
OUTP	Divider Output, Positive Terminal	CML signal levels
OUTN	Divider Output, Negative Terminal	CML signal levels
P0-P8	Divider Modulus Control (P8=MSB)	CMOS levels, see Equation 1, defaults to logic 0
FRS	Frequency Range Selector	CMOS levels, defaults to logic 0, see page 9
VCC	RF & DC Ground	Positive Supply Voltage
VEE	-3.3 V @ 140 mA	Negative Supply Voltage

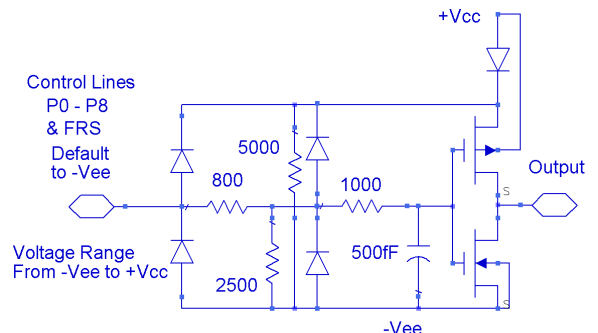
Equation 3:

$$\text{Divider Modulus} = N = P_0 \cdot 2^0 + P_1 \cdot 2^1 + P_2 \cdot 2^2 + \dots + P_8 \cdot 2^8 \quad \text{for } 8 \leq N \leq 511$$

Table 2: CMOS Levels for control line P0-P8

Logic Level	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
1 (High)	Vcc-1.25 V	Vcc	Vcc
0 (Low)	Vee	Vee	Vee+1.25 V

Simplified Control Logic Schematic



Application Notes

Low Frequency Operation:

Low frequency operation is limited by external bypass capacitors and the slew rate of the input clock. The next paragraph shows the calculations for the bypass capacitors. If DC coupled, the device operates down to DC for square-wave inputs. Sine-wave inputs are limited to ~50 MHz due to the 10 dBm max input power limitation.

The values of the coupling capacitors for the high-speed inputs and outputs (I/O's) is determined by the lowest frequency the IC will be operated at.

$$C \gg \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 50 \Omega \cdot f_{\text{lowest}}}$$

For example to use the device below 30 kHz, coupling capacitors should be larger than 0.1 μ F.

IC Assembly:

The device is designed to operate with either single-ended or differential inputs. Figures 1, 2 & 3 show the IC assembly diagrams for positive and negative supply voltages. In either case the supply should be capacitively bypassed to the ground to provide a good AC ground over the frequency range of interest. The backside paddle of the QFN package should be connected to a good thermal heat sink.

All RF I/O's are connected to Vcc through on-chip termination resistors. This implies that when Vcc is not DC grounded (as in the case of positive supply), the RF inputs and outputs should be AC coupled through series capacitors unless the connecting circuit can generate the correct levels through level shifting.

ESD Sensitivity:

Although SiGe IC's have robust ESD sensitivities, preventive ESD measures should be taken while storing, handling, and assembling.

Inputs are more ESD susceptible as they could expose the base of a BJT or the gate of a MOSFET. For this reason, all the inputs are protected with ESD diodes. These inputs have been tested to withstand voltage spikes up to 400 V through a human body model (HBM) power limiting impedance.

Table 3: Negative CML Logic Levels for DC Coupling (T=25°C) Assuming 50 Ω terminations at inputs and outputs

Parameter		Minimum	Typical	Maximum	
Input	Differential	Logic Input _{high}	Vcc	Vcc	Vcc
		Logic Input _{low}	Vcc - 0.05 V	Vcc - 0.3 V	Vcc - 1 V
	Single	Logic Input _{high}	Vcc + 0.05 V	Vcc + 0.3 V	Vcc + 1 V
		Logic Input _{low}	Vcc - 0.05 V	Vcc - 0.3 V	Vcc - 1 V
Output	Differential & Single	Logic Input _{high}	Vcc	Vcc	Vcc
		Logic Input _{low}	Vcc - 0.2 V	Vcc - 0.3 V	Vcc - 1 V

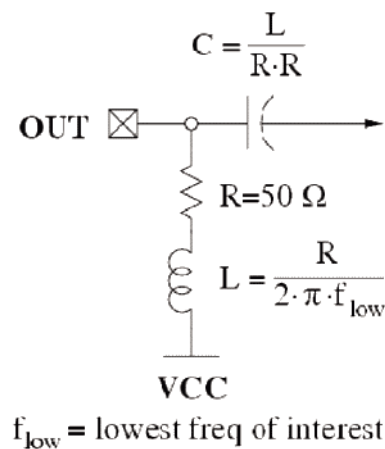
Differential vs. Single-Ended:

The UXN6M9P is fully differential to maximize signal-to-noise ratios for high-speed operation. All high-speed inputs and outputs are terminated to Vcc with on-chip resistors (refer to functional block diagram for specific resistor values). The maximum DC voltage on any terminal must be limited to Vcc +/- 1 V to prevent damaging the termination resistors with excessive current. Regardless of bias conditions, the following equation should be satisfied when driving the inputs differentially:

$$VCC-1 < VAC/4 + VDC < VCC+1$$

Where VAC is the input signal p-p voltage and VDC is common-mode voltage.

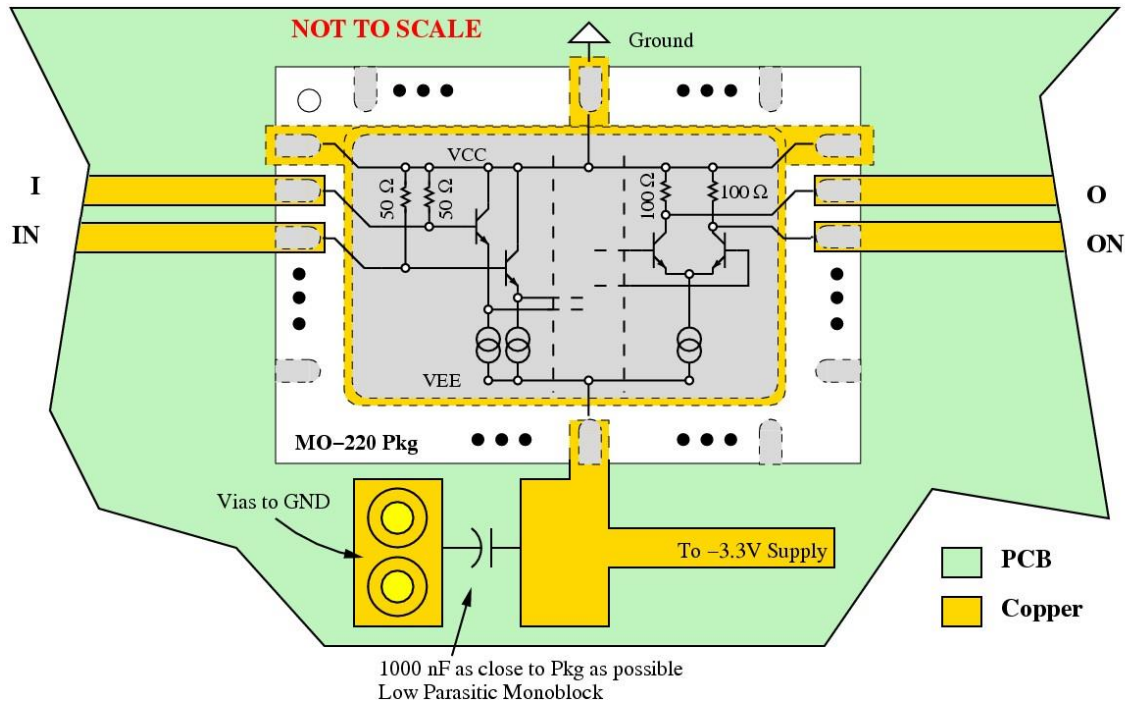
The outputs require a DC return path capable of handling ~30 mA per side. If DC coupling is employed, the DC resistance of the receiving circuits should be 50 ohms to Vcc. If AC coupling is used, a bias tee circuit should be used such as shown below. The discrete R/L/C elements should be resonance free up to the maximum frequency of operation for broadband applications.



In addition to the maximum input signal levels, single-ended operation imposes additional restrictions: the average DC value of the waveform at IC should be equal to Vcc for single-ended operation. In practice, this is easily achieved with a single capacitor on the input acting as a DC block. The value of the capacitor should be large enough to pass the lowest frequencies of interest.

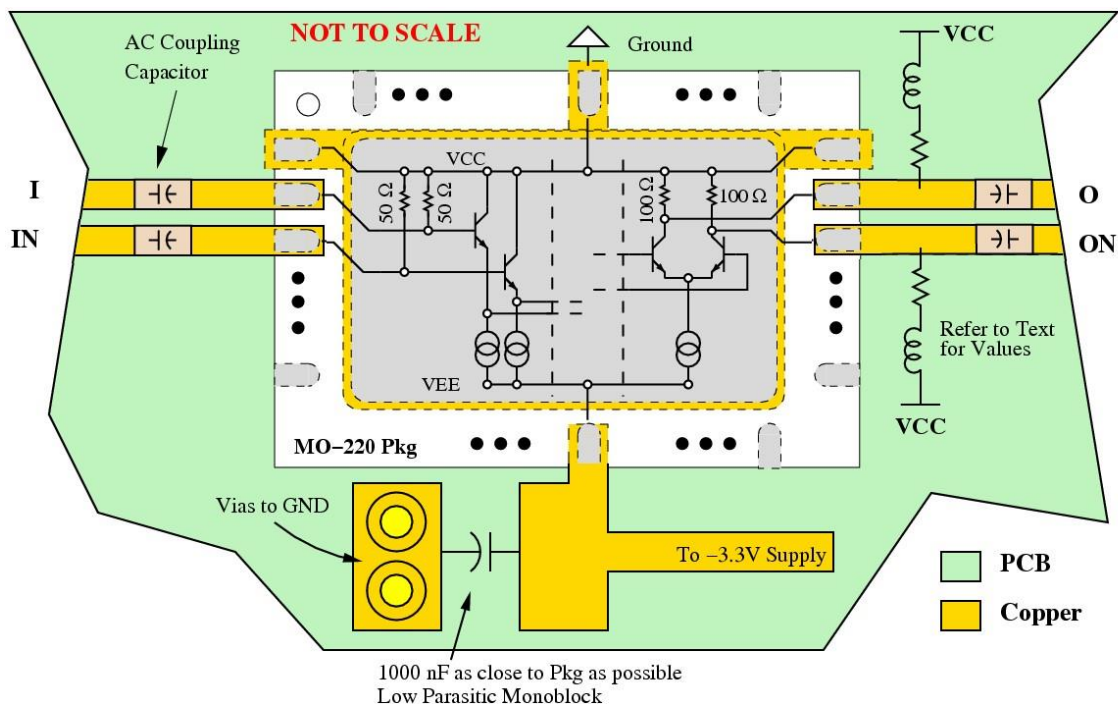
Note that a potential oscillation mechanism exists if both inputs are static and have identical DC voltages; a small DC offset on either input is sufficient to prevent possible oscillations. Connecting a 10k ohm resistor between the unused input and Vee should provide sufficient offset to prevent oscillation.

Negative Supply (DC Coupling)



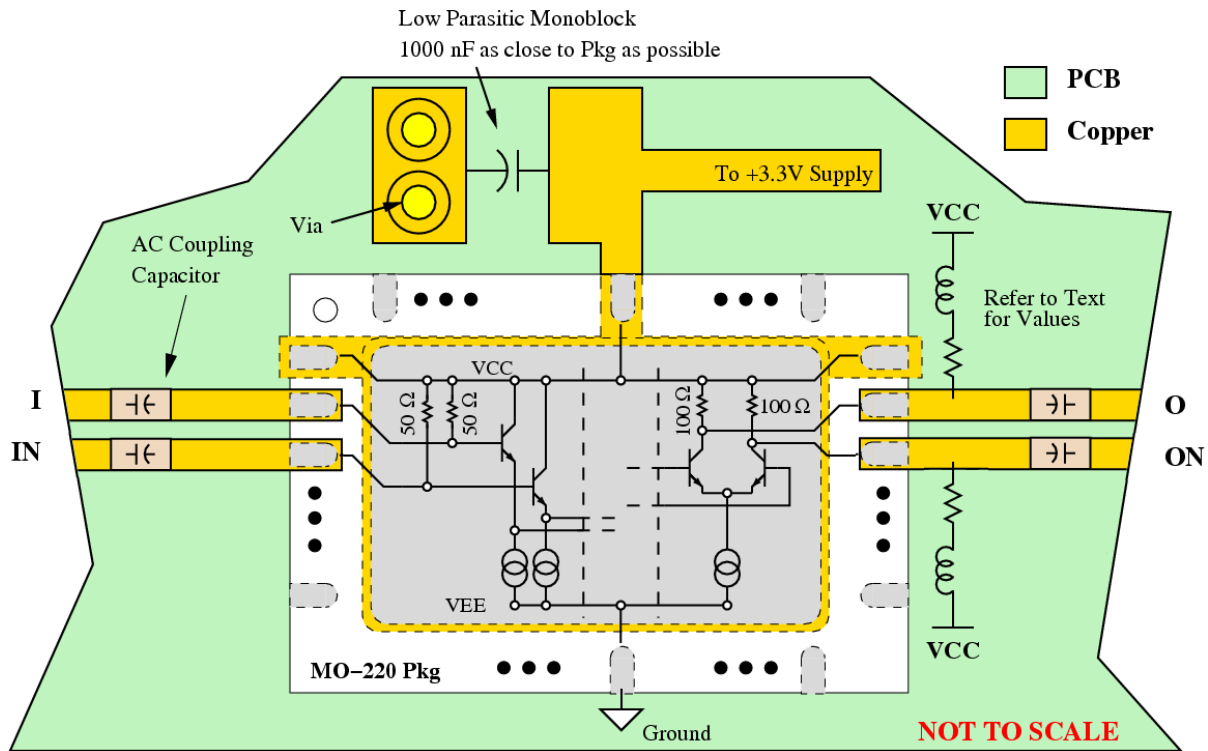
Negative Supply-DC Coupling

Negative Supply (AC Coupling)



Negative Supply-AC Coupling

Positive Supply (AC Coupling)



We recommend attaching the backside paddle to a good thermal heat sink.

Positive Supply-AC Coupling

Duty Cycle:

The UXN6M9P output duty cycle varies between 25% and 64% as a function of the divide ratio. For divide ratios between 16 and 511, the pulse width remains constant in each octave band (e.g. between 128 and 255), and gives a duty cycle of 50% for powers of 2. Thus, the duty cycle is bounded between 25 and 50% for divide ratios between 16 and 511.

For divide ratios between 8 and 15, the pulse width does not stay fixed, but varies with the divide ratio. The duty cycle ranges from 33% to 64% for these divide ratios.

The table shown below gives pulse width and other necessary information for computing the duty cycle, given the divide ratio. The equation provided allows calculation of the duty cycle based on the information supplied by the table. A chart below summarizes the duty cycles for all possible divide ratios.

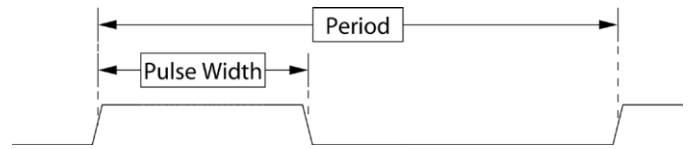
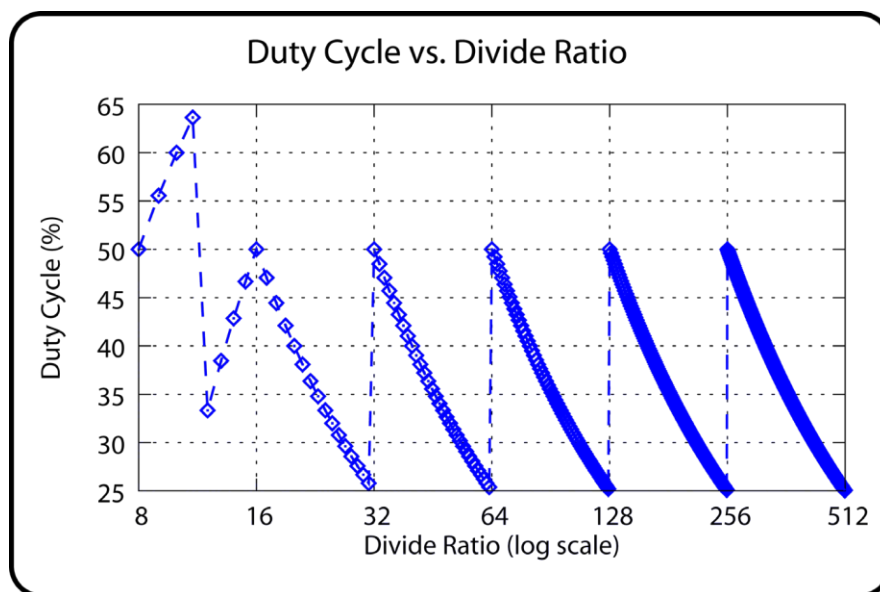


Table 4: Duty Cycle Summary

Divide Ratio	Pulse Width (Input Cycles)	Duty Cycle (%)
8	4	50
9	5	55.6
10	6	60
11	7	63.6
12	4	33.3
13	5	38.5
14	6	42.9
15	7	46.7
16-31	8	50-25
32-63	16	50-25
64-127	32	50-25
128-255	64	50-25
256-511	128	50-25

$$\text{Duty Cycle (1\%)} = \frac{\text{Pulse Width}}{\text{Period}} \times 100\%$$



Application Notes: Frequency Range Selector

The UXN6M9P includes an internal retimer using a clean signal $r(t)$ derived from the input clock in order to reduce jitter accumulated from passing through multiple divider stages. The UXN6M9P also features a frequency range selector control FRS for changing the phase of $r(t)$ by 180 degrees, or equivalently called a “clock flip”. This clock flip extends the maximum usable input frequency to 9 GHz. See the table provided on how to set FRS for the desired input frequency range.

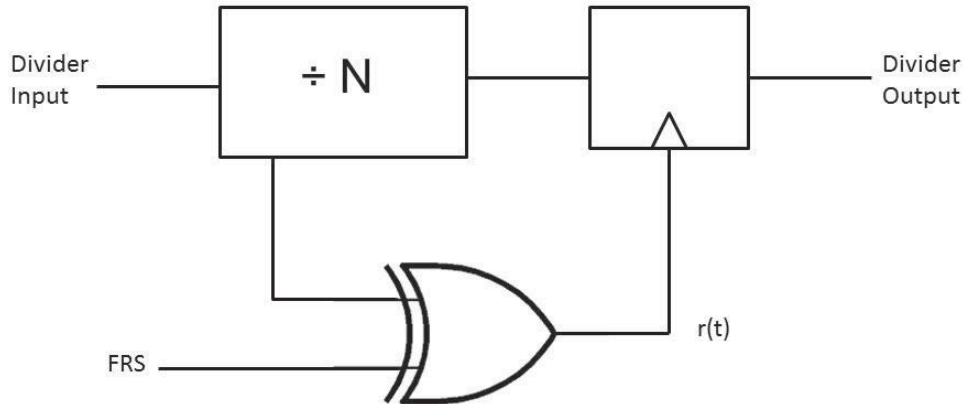


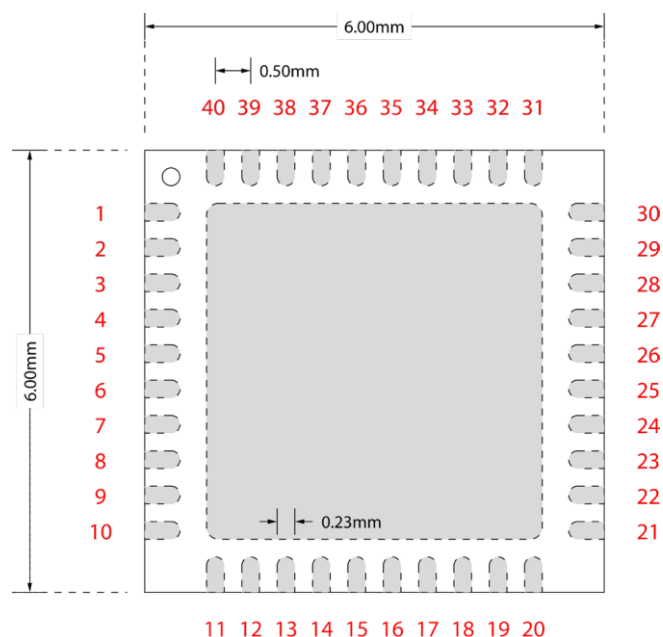
Table 5: Frequency Range Selector

Input Frequency Range	FRS
DC – 6 GHz	0
5 GHz – 9 GHz	1

Table 6: Frequency Range Selector

Parameter	Value	Unit
Supply Voltage (VEE)	-3.8	V*
RF Input Power (INP, INN)	10	dBm
Operating Temperature	-40 to 85	°C
Storage Temperature	-85 to 125	°C
Junction Temperature	125	°C

*This operating condition may reduce the lifetime of the part and is not recommended.

UXN6M9P Physical Characteristics


Pkg size:	6.00 x 6.00 mm
Pkg size tolerance:	+/- 0.25 mm
Pkg thickness:	0.9 +/- 0.1 mm
Pad dimensions:	0.23 x 0.4 mm
Center paddle:	4.20 x 4.20 mm
JEDEC designator:	MO-220

Top View
Table 7: UXN6M9P Pin Definition

	Function	Notes
5-7,14,24,39 (Vcc)	RF and DC Ground	0 V
2-4,11,17,25,36,40 (Vee)	Negative Supply Voltage	Nominally -3.3 V
1 (FRS)	Frequency Range Selector	Defaults to logic 0, connect to Vcc for logic 1
15 (OUTN)	Divider Output	Negative Terminal of differential output
16 (OUTP)	Divider Output	Positive Terminal of differential output
26 (P8)	Divide Modulus Control (MSB)	Defaults to logic 0, connect to Vcc for logic 1
27 (P7)	Divide Modulus Control	Defaults to logic 0, connect to Vcc for logic 1
28 (P7)	Divide Modulus Control	Defaults to logic 0, connect to Vcc for logic 1
29 (P5)	Divide Modulus Control	Defaults to logic 0, connect to Vcc for logic 1
30 (P4)	Divide Modulus Control	Defaults to logic 0, connect to Vcc for logic 1
31 (P3)	Divide Modulus Control	Defaults to logic 0, connect to Vcc for logic 1
32 (P2)	Divide Modulus Control	Defaults to logic 0, connect to Vcc for logic 1
33 (P1)	Divide Modulus Control	Defaults to logic 0, connect to Vcc for logic 1
34 (P0)	Divide Modulus Control (LSB)	Defaults to logic 0, connect to Vcc for logic 1
37 (INN)	Divider Input	Negative Terminal of differential input
38 (INP)	Divider Input	Positive Terminal of differential output
Paddle (Backside of Package)	Floating	Tie to ground for heat dissipation
8-10,12,13,18-23,35 (NC)	Floating Pins	

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