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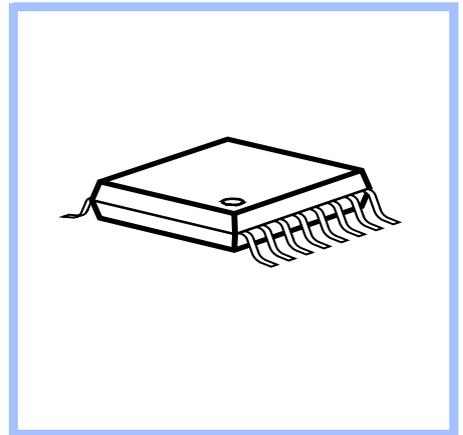
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Product Info

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- Remote control systems
- Alarm systems
- Communication systems

Ordering Information

| Type | Ordering Code | Package |
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| TDK 5101 | Q67100-H2062 | P-TSSOP-16 |
| available on tape and reel | | |

2 Product Description

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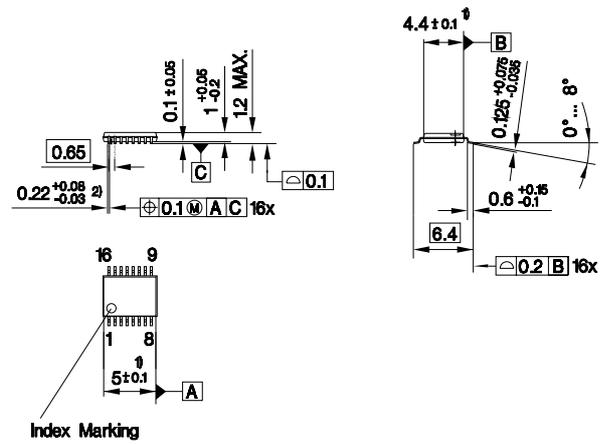
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 2) Does not include dambar protrusion

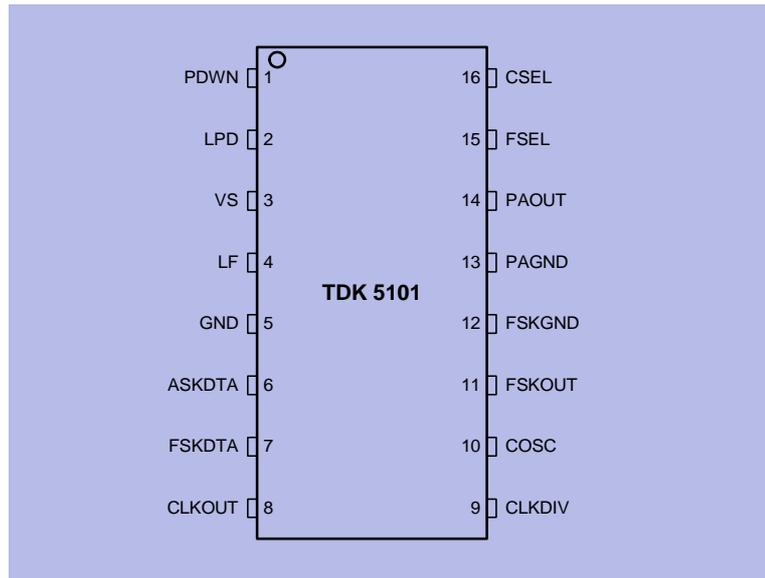
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3.1 Pin Configuration

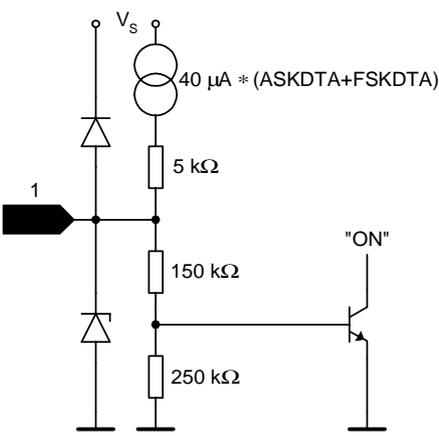
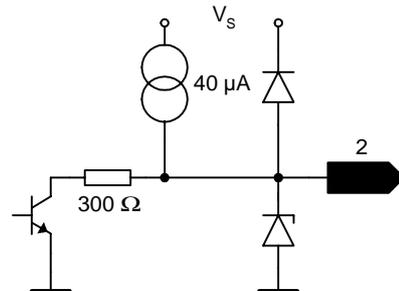


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Figure 3-1 IC Pin Configuration

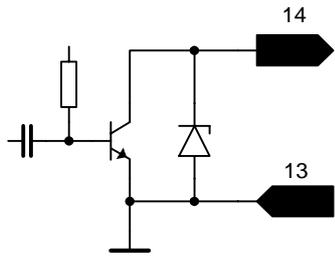
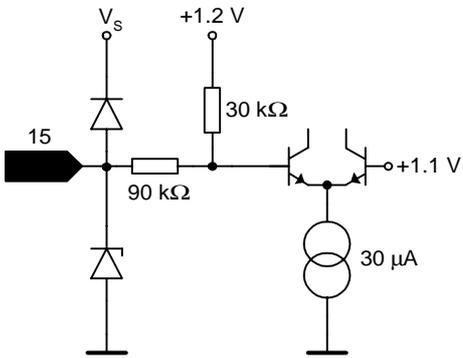
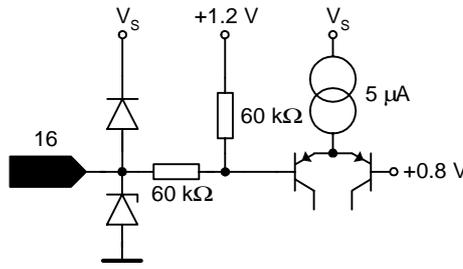
| Table 3-1 | | |
|-----------|--------|--|
| Pin No. | Symbol | Function |
| 1 | PDWN | Power Down Mode Control |
| 2 | LPD | Low Power Detect Output |
| 3 | VS | Voltage Supply |
| 4 | LF | Loop Filter |
| 5 | GND | Ground |
| 6 | ASKDTA | Amplitude Shift Keying Data Input |
| 7 | FSKDTA | Frequency Shift Keying Data Input |
| 8 | CLKOUT | Clock Driver Output |
| 9 | CLKDIV | Clock Divider Control |
| 10 | COSC | Crystal Oscillator Input |
| 11 | FSKOUT | Frequency Shift Keying Switch Output |
| 12 | FSKGND | Frequency Shift Keying Ground |
| 13 | PAGND | Power Amplifier Ground |
| 14 | PAOUT | Power Amplifier Output |
| 15 | FSEL | Frequency Range Selection: Has to be shorted to ground for 315 MHz operation |
| 16 | CSEL | Crystal Frequency Selection: Has to be left open |

3.2 Pin Definitions and Functions

| Table 3-2 | | | |
|-----------|--------|---|--|
| Pin No. | Symbol | Interface Schematic ¹⁾ | Function |
| 1 | PDWN |  | <p>Disable pin for the complete transmitter circuit.</p> <p>A logic low (PDWN < 0.7 V) turns off all transmitter functions.</p> <p>A logic high (PDWN > 1.5 V) gives access to all transmitter functions.</p> <p>PDWN input will be pulled up by 40 µA internally by setting FSKDTA or ASKDTA to a logic high-state.</p> |
| 2 | LPD |  | <p>This pin provides an output indicating the low-voltage state of the supply voltage VS.</p> <p>VS < 2.15 V will set LPD to the low-state.</p> <p>An internal pull-up current of 40 µA gives the output a high-state at supply voltages above 2.15 V.</p> |
| 3 | VS | | <p>This pin is the positive supply of the transmitter electronics.</p> <p>An RF bypass capacitor should be connected directly to this pin and returned to GND (pin 5) as short as possible.</p> |

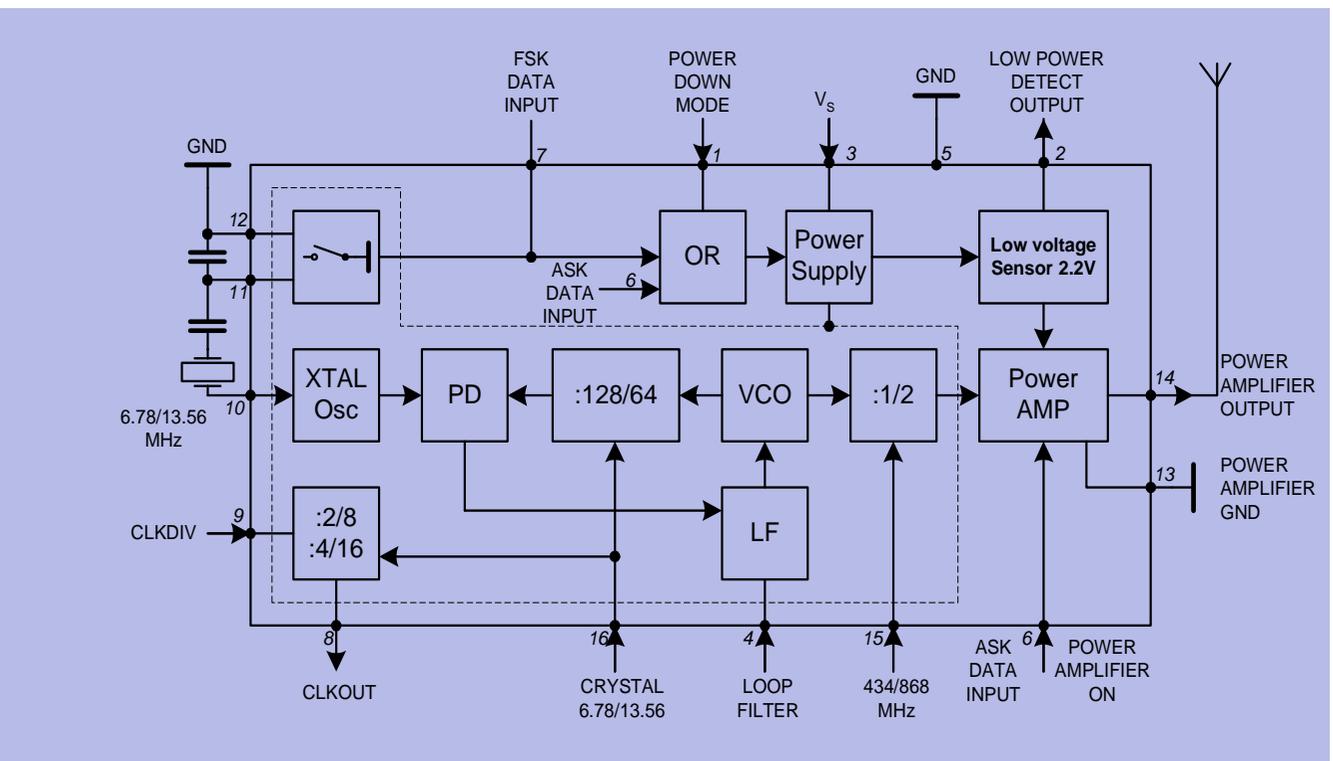
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|----------|---------------|--|--|
| <p>4</p> | <p>LF</p> | | <p>Output of the charge pump and input of the VCO control voltage. The loop bandwidth of the PLL is 150 kHz when only the internal loop filter is used. The loop bandwidth may be reduced by applying an external RC network referencing to the positive supply VS (pin 3).</p> |
| <p>5</p> | <p>GND</p> | | <p>General ground connection.</p> |
| <p>6</p> | <p>ASKDTA</p> | | <p>Digital amplitude modulation can be imparted to the Power Amplifier through this pin. A logic high (ASKDTA > 1.5 V or open) enables the Power Amplifier. A logic low (ASKDTA < 0.5 V) disables the Power Amplifier.</p> |
| <p>7</p> | <p>FSKDTA</p> | | <p>Digital frequency modulation can be imparted to the Xtal Oscillator by this pin. The VCO-frequency varies in accordance to the frequency of the reference oscillator. A logic high (FSKDTA > 1.5V or open) sets the FSK switch to a high impedance state. A logic low (FSKDTA < 0.5 V) closes the FSK switch from FSKOUT (pin 11) to FSKGND (pin 12). A capacitor can be switched to the reference crystal network this way. The Xtal Oscillator frequency will be shifted giving the designed FSK frequency deviation.</p> |

| | | | |
|----|--------|--|--|
| 8 | CLKOUT | | <p>Clock output to supply an external device. An external pull-up resistor has to be added in accordance to the driving requirements of the external device.</p> <p>A clock frequency of 2.46 MHz is selected by a logic low at CLKDIV input (pin9). A clock frequency of 615 kHz is selected by a logic high at CLKDIV input (pin9).</p> |
| 9 | CLKDIV | | <p>This pin is used to select the desired clock division rate for the CLKOUT signal. A logic low (CLKDIV < 0.2 V) applied to this pin selects the 2.46 MHz output signal at CLKOUT (pin 8). A logic high (CLKDIV open) applied to this pin selects the 615 kHz output signal at CLKOUT (pin 8).</p> |
| 10 | COSC | | <p>This pin is connected to the reference oscillator circuit. The reference oscillator is working as a negative impedance converter. It presents a negative resistance in series to an inductance at the COSC pin.</p> |
| 11 | FSKOUT | | <p>This pin is connected to a switch to FSKGND (pin 12).</p> <p>The switch is closed when the signal at FSKDTA (pin 7) is in a logic low state.</p> <p>The switch is open when the signal at FSKDTA (pin 7) is in a logic high state.</p> <p>FSKOUT can switch an additional capacitor to the reference crystal network to pull the crystal frequency by an amount resulting in the desired FSK frequency shift of the transmitter output frequency.</p> |
| 12 | FSKGND | | <p>Ground connection for FSK modulation output FSKOUT.</p> |

| | | |
|----|---|--|
| 13 | PAGND | <p>Ground connection of the power amplifier.</p> <p>The RF ground return path of the power amplifier output PAOUT (pin 14) has to be concentrated to this pin.</p> |
| 14 | <p>PAOUT</p>  | <p>RF output pin of the transmitter.</p> <p>A DC path to the positive supply VS has to be supplied by the antenna matching network.</p> |
| 15 | <p>FSEL</p>  | <p>This pin has to be shorted to ground to select the 315 MHz transmitter frequency range.</p> <p>A logic low (FSEL < 0.5 V) applied to this pin sets the transmitter to the 315 MHz frequency range.</p> <p>A logic high (FSEL open) applied to this pin sets the transmitter to the 630 MHz frequency range.</p> |
| 16 | <p>CSEL</p>  | <p>This pin is used to select the desired reference frequency.</p> <p>A logic high (CSEL open) applied to this pin sets the internal frequency divider to accept a reference frequency of 9.84 MHz.</p> |

1) Indicated voltages and currents apply for PLL Enable Mode and Transmit Mode. In Power Down Mode, the values are zero or high-ohmic.

3.3 Functional Block diagram



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Figure 3-2 Functional Block diagram

3.4 Functional Blocks

3.4.1 PLL Synthesizer

The Phase Locked Loop synthesizer consists of a Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO), an asynchronous divider chain, a phase detector, a charge pump and a loop filter. It is fully implemented on chip. The tuning circuit of the VCO consisting of spiral inductors and varactor diodes is on chip, too. Therefore no additional external components are necessary. The nominal center frequency of the VCO is 630 MHz. The oscillator signal is fed both, to the synthesizer divider chain and to the power amplifier. The overall division ratio of the asynchronous divider chain is 64. The phase detector is a Type IV PD with charge pump. The passive loop filter is realized on chip. In all 315 MHz applications, the FSEL pin is shorted to ground (logic low) and the CSEL pin is not connected (logic high).

3.4.2 Crystal Oscillator

The crystal oscillator operates at 9.84 MHz. Frequencies of 615 kHz or 2.46 MHz are available at the clock output CLKOUT (pin 8) to drive the clock input of a micro controller.

The frequency at CLKOUT (pin 8) is controlled by the signal at CLKDIV (pin 9)

| CLKDIV (pin 9) | CLKOUT Frequency |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Low ¹⁾ | 2.46 MHz |
| Open ²⁾ | 615 kHz |

- 1) Low: Voltage at pin < 0.2 V
- 2) Open: Pin open

To achieve FSK transmission, the oscillator frequency can be detuned by a fixed amount by switching an external capacitor via FSKOUT (pin 11).

The condition of the switch is controlled by the signal at FSKDTA (pin 7).

| FSKDTA (pin7) | FSK Switch |
|---|------------|
| Low ¹⁾ | CLOSED |
| Open ²⁾ , High ³⁾ | OPEN |

- 1) Low: Voltage at pin < 0.5 V
- 2) Open: Pin open
- 3) High: Voltage at pin > 1.5 V

3.4.3 Power Amplifier

For operation at 315 MHz, the power amplifier is fed with the VCO frequency divided by 2. It is possible to feed the power amplifier directly from the voltage controlled oscillator. This is controlled by FSEL (pin 15) as described in the table below.

| Table 3-5 | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| FSEL (pin 15) | Radiated Frequency Band |
| Low ¹⁾ | 315 MHz |
| Open ²⁾ | 630 MHz |

- 1) Low: Voltage at pin < 0.5 V
- 2) Open: Pin open

In all 315 MHz applications, the pin FSEL is connected to ground.

The Power Amplifier can be switched on and off by the signal at ASKDTA (pin 6).

| Table 3-6 | |
|---|-----------------|
| ASKDTA (pin 6) | Power Amplifier |
| Low ¹⁾ | OFF |
| Open ²⁾ , High ³⁾ | ON |

- 1) Low: Voltage at pin < 0.5 V
- 2) Open: Pin open
- 3) High: Voltage at pin > 1.5 V

The Power Amplifier has an Open Collector output at PAOUT (pin 14) and requires an external pull-up coil to provide bias. The coil is part of the tuning and matching LC circuitry to get best performance with the external loop antenna. To achieve the best power amplifier efficiency, the high frequency voltage swing at PAOUT (pin 14) should be twice the supply voltage.

The power amplifier has its own ground pin PAGND (pin 13) in order to reduce the amount of coupling to the other circuits.

3.4.4 Low Power Detect

The supply voltage is sensed by a low power detector. When the supply voltage drops below 2.15 V, the output LPD (pin 2) switches to the low-state. To minimize the external component count, an internal pull-up current of 40 µA gives the output a high-state at supply voltages above 2.15 V.

The output LPD (pin 2) can either be connected to ASKDTA (pin 6) to switch off the PA as soon as the supply voltage drops below 2.15 V or it can be used to inform a micro-controller to stop the transmission after the current data packet.

3.4.5 Power Modes

The IC provides three power modes, the POWER DOWN MODE, the PLL ENABLE MODE and the TRANSMIT MODE.

3.4.5.1 Power Down Mode

In the POWER DOWN MODE the complete chip is switched off.

The current consumption is typically 0.3 nA at 3 V 25°C.

This current doubles every 8°C. The values for higher temperatures are typically 14 nA at 85°C and typically 600 nA at 125°C.

3.4.5.2 PLL Enable Mode

In the PLL ENABLE MODE the PLL is switched on but the power amplifier is turned off to avoid undesired power radiation during the time the PLL needs to settle. The turn on time of the PLL is determined mainly by the turn on time of the crystal oscillator and is less than 1 msec when the specified crystal is used.

The current consumption is typically 3.5 mA.

3.4.5.3 Transmit Mode

In the TRANSMIT MODE the PLL is switched on and the power amplifier is turned on too.

The current consumption of the IC is typically 7 mA when using a proper transforming network at PAOUT, see Figure 4-1.

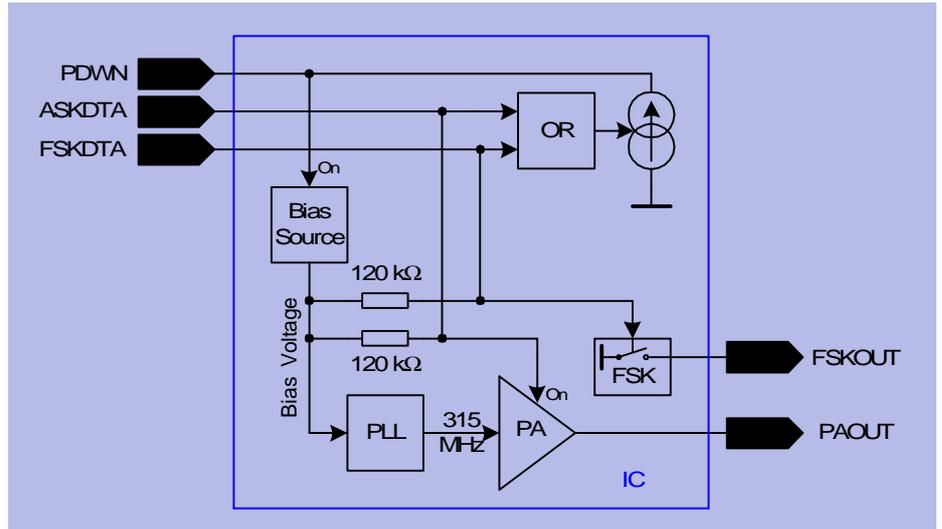
3.4.5.4 Power mode control

The bias circuitry is powered up via a voltage $V > 1.5$ V at the pin PDWN (pin 1). When the bias circuitry is powered up, the pins ASKDTA and FSKDTA are pulled up internally.

Forcing the voltage at the pins low overrides the internally set state.

Alternatively, if the voltage at ASKDTA or FSKDTA is forced high externally, the PDWN pin is pulled up internally via a current source. In this case, it is not necessary to connect the PDWN pin, it is recommended to leave it open.

The principle schematic of the power mode control circuitry is shown in Figure 3-5.



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Figure 3-5 Power mode control circuitry

Table 3-7 provides a listing of how to get into the different power modes

| Table 3-7 | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| PDWN | FSKDTA | ASKDTA | MODE |
| Low ¹⁾ | Low, Open | Low, Open | POWER DOWN |
| Open ²⁾ | Low | Low | |
| High ³⁾ | Low, Open, High | Low | PLL ENABLE |
| Open | High | Low | |
| High | Low, Open, High | Open, High | TRANSMIT |
| Open | High | Open, High | |
| Open | Low, Open, High | High | |

1) Low: Voltage at pin < 0.7 V (PDWN)
Voltage at pin < 0.5 V (FSKDTA, ASKDTA)

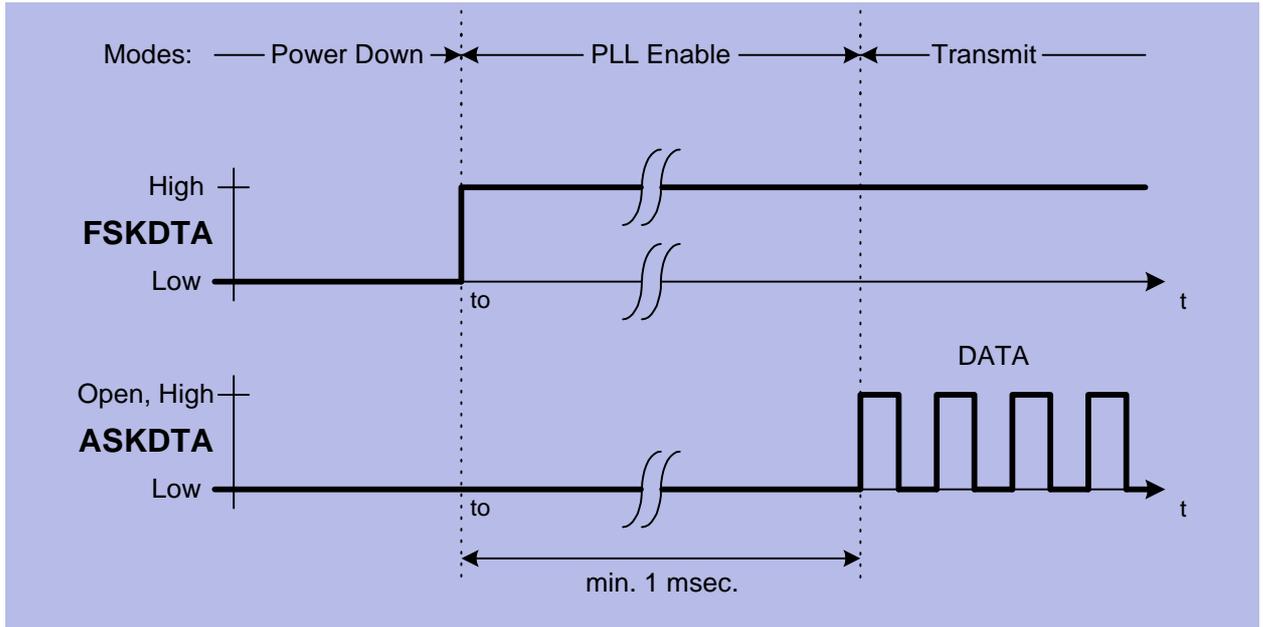
2) Open: Pin open

3) High: Voltage at pin > 1.5 V

Other combinations of the control pins PDWN, FSKDTA and ASKDTA are not recommended.

3.4.6 Recommended timing diagrams for ASK- and FSK-Modulation

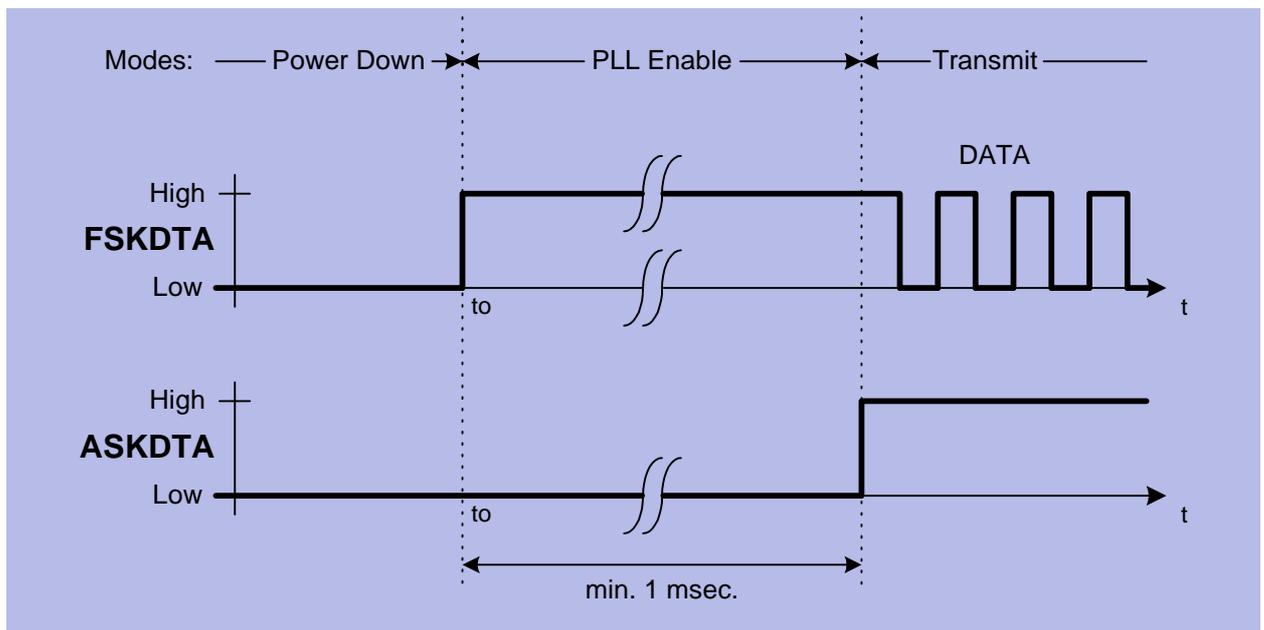
ASK Modulation using FSKDTA and ASKDTA, PDWN not connected



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Figure 3-6 ASK Modulation

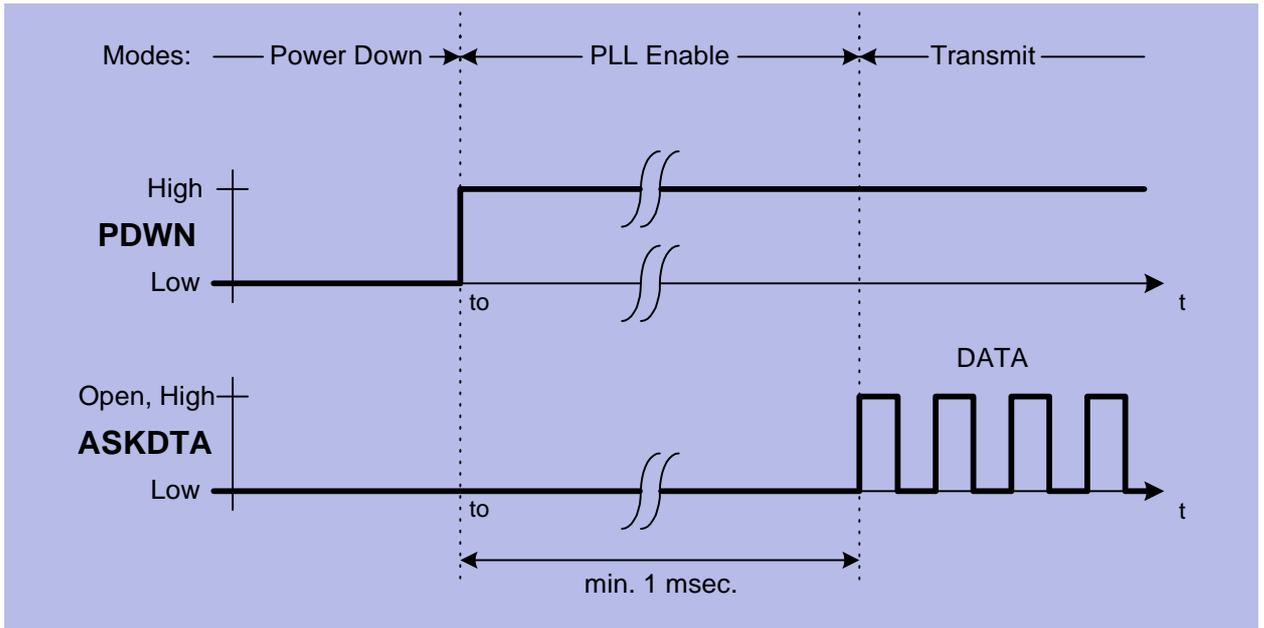
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Figure 3-7 FSK Modulation

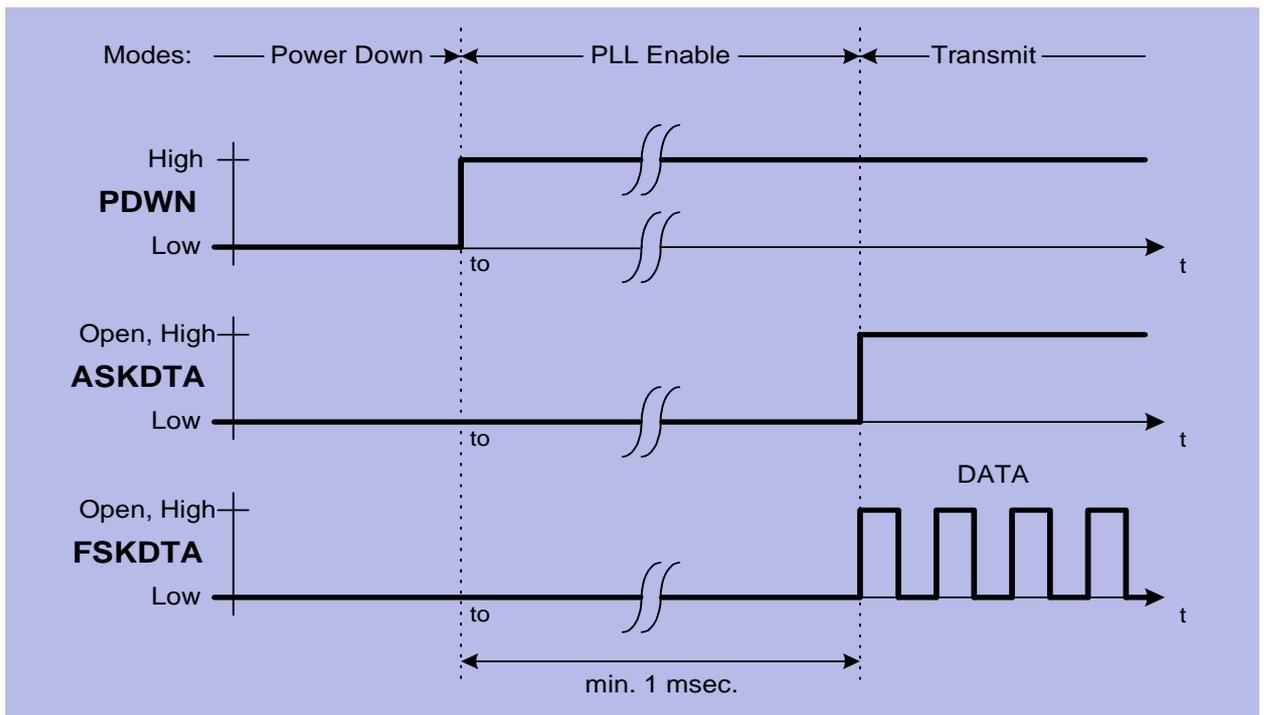
Alternative ASK Modulation, FSKDTA not connected.



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Figure 3-8 Alternative ASK Modulation

Alternative FSK Modulation



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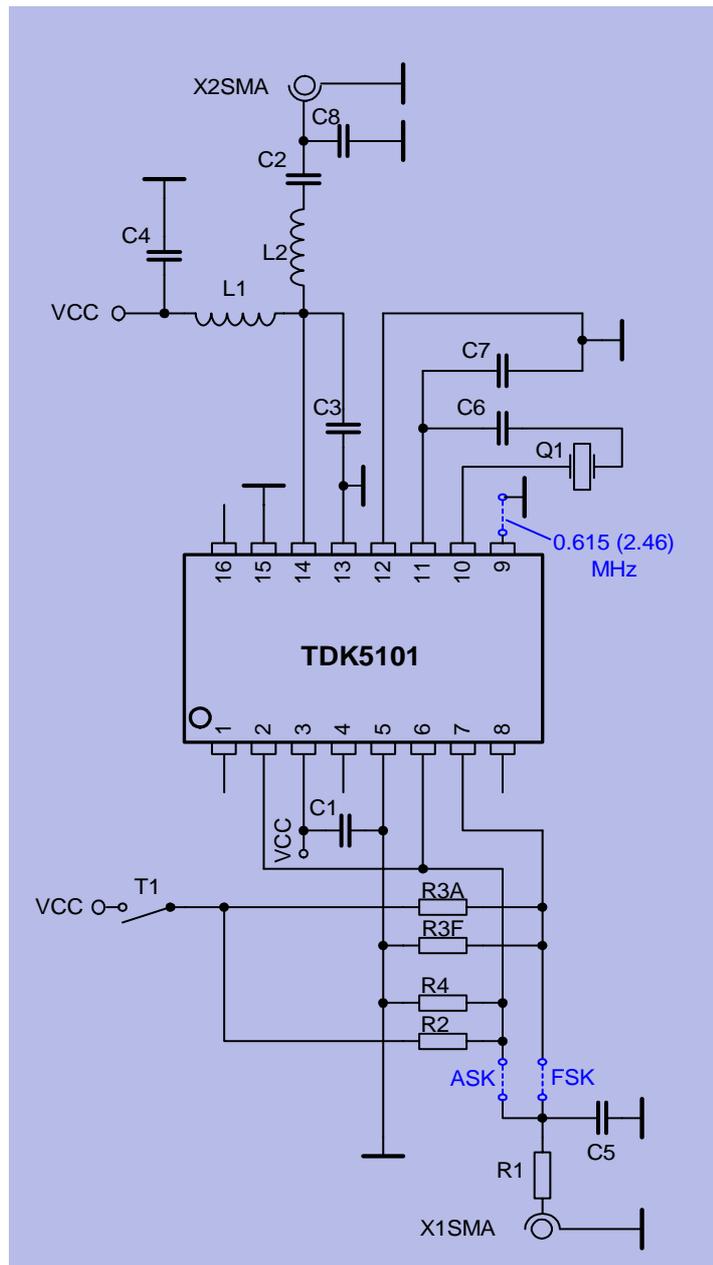
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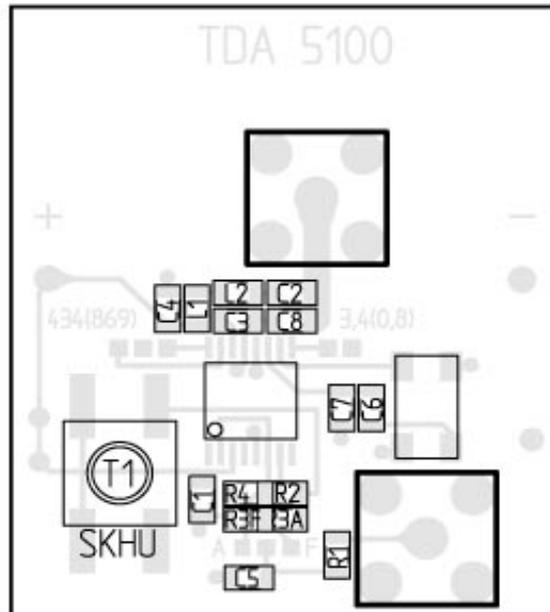
4.1 50 Ohm-Output Testboard Schematic



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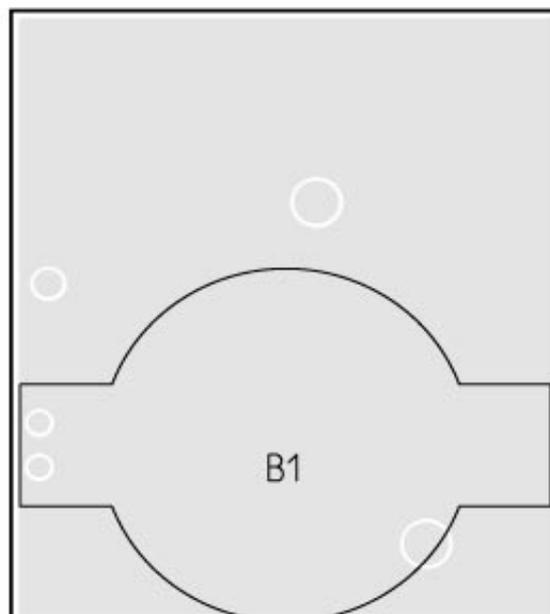
Figure 4-1 50 Ω-Output testboard schematic

4.2 50 Ohm-Output Testboard Layout



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Figure 4-2 Top Side of TDK 5101-Testboard with 50 Ω -Output.
It is the same testboard as for the TDA 5100.



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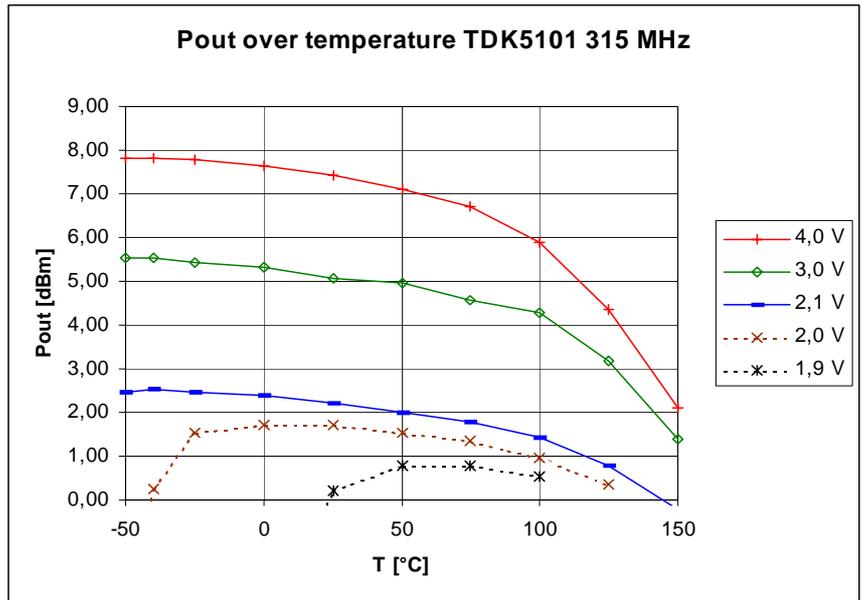
Figure 4-3 Bottom Side of TDK 5101-Testboard with 50 Ω -Output.
It is the same testboard as for the TDA 5100.

4.3 Bill of material (50 Ohm-Output Testboard)

| Table 4-1 Bill of material | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Part | ASK 315 MHz | FSK 315 MHz | Specification |
| R1 | 4.7 kΩ | 4.7 kΩ | 0805, ± 5% |
| R2 | | 12 kΩ | 0805, ± 5% |
| R3A | 15 kΩ | | 0805, ± 5% |
| R3F | | 15 kΩ | 0805, ± 5% |
| R4 | open | open | 0805, ± 5% |
| C1 | 47 nF | 47 nF | 0805, X7R, ± 10% |
| C2 | 33 pF | 33 pF | 0805, COG, ± 5% |
| C3 | 5.6 pF | 5.6 pF | 0805, COG, ± 0.1 pF |
| C4 | 330 pF | 330 pF | 0805, COG, ± 5% |
| C5 | 1 nF | 1 nF | 0805, X7R, ± 10% |
| C6 | 8.2 pF | 8.2 pF | 0805, COG, ± 0.1 pF |
| C7 | 0 Ω Jumper | 47 pF | 0805, COG, ± 5% 0805, 0Ω Jumper |
| C8 | 22 pF | 22 pF | 0805, COG, ± 5% |
| L1 | 150 nH | 150 nH | TOKO LL2012-J |
| L2 | 56 nH | 56 nH | TOKO LL2012-J |
| Q1 | 9843.75 kHz, CL=12pF | 9843.75 kHz, CL=12pF | Tokyo Denpa TSS-3B 9843.75 kHz Spec.No. 10-50221 |
| IC1 | TDK 5101 | TDK 5101 | |
| T1 | Push-button | Push-button | replaced by a short |
| B1 | Battery clip | Battery clip | HU2031-1, RENATA |
| X1 | SMA-S | SMA-S | SMA standing |
| X2 | SMA-S | SMA-S | SMA standing |

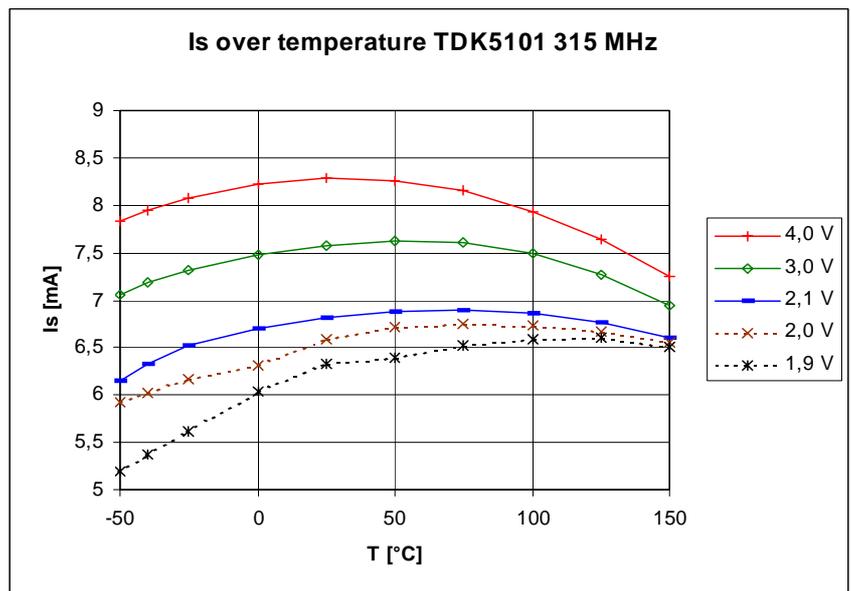
4.4 50 Ohm-Output Testboard: Measurement results

Note the specified operating range: 2.1 V to 4.0 V and -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$.



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Figure 4-4 Pout over Temperature of the 50Ω-testboard with TDK5101 at 315 MHz

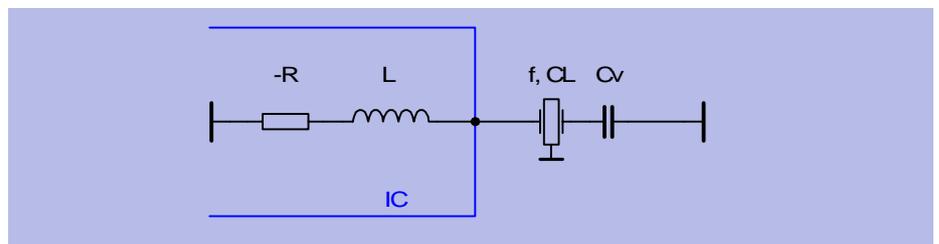


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Figure 4-5 Is over temperature of the 50Ω-testboard with TDK5101 at 315 MHz

4.5 Application Hints on the crystal oscillator

As mentioned before, the crystal oscillator achieves a turn on time less than 1 msec. To achieve this, a NIC oscillator type is implemented in the TDK 5101. The input impedance of this oscillator is a negative resistance in series to an inductance. Therefore the load capacitance of the crystal C_L (specified by the crystal supplier) is transformed to the capacitance C_v .



$$C_v = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_L} + \omega^2 L} \quad (1)$$

C_L : crystal load capacitance for nominal frequency

ω : angular frequency

L : inductance of the crystal oscillator

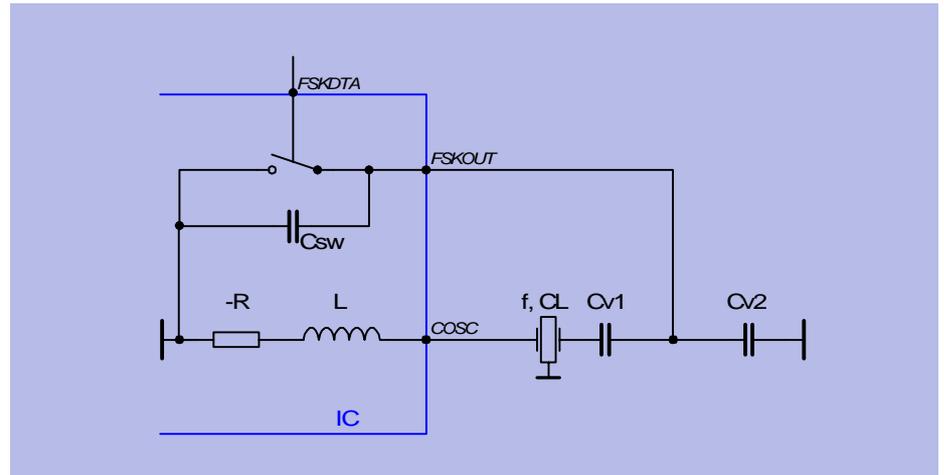
Example for the ASK-Mode:

Referring to the application circuit, in ASK-Mode the capacitance C_7 is replaced by a short to ground. Assume a crystal frequency of 9.84 MHz and a crystal load capacitance of $C_L = 12$ pF. The inductance L at 9.84 MHz is about 4.4 μ H. Therefore C_6 is calculated to 10 pF.

$$C_v = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_L} + \omega^2 L} = C_6$$

Example for the FSK-Mode:

FSK modulation is achieved by switching the load capacitance of the crystal as shown below.



The frequency deviation of the crystal oscillator is multiplied with the divider factor N of the Phase Locked Loop to the output of the power amplifier. In case of small frequency deviations (up to +/- 1000 ppm), the two desired load capacitances can be calculated with the formula below.

$$CL_{\pm} = \frac{CL \mp C_0 \frac{\Delta f}{N * f_1} \left(1 + \frac{2(C_0 + CL)}{C_1}\right)}{1 \pm \frac{\Delta f}{N * f_1} \left(1 + \frac{2(C_0 + CL)}{C_1}\right)}$$

- CL: crystal load capacitance for nominal frequency
- C0: shunt capacitance of the crystal
- f: frequency
- ω: ω = 2πf: angular frequency
- N: division ratio of the PLL
- df: peak frequency deviation

Because of the inductive part of the TDK 5101, these values must be corrected by formula 1). The value of Cv± can be calculated.

If the FSK switch is closed, C_v- is equal to C_{v1} ($C6$ in the application diagram).
 If the FSK switch is open, C_{v2} ($C7$ in the application diagram) can be calculated.

$$C_{v2} = C7 = \frac{C_{sw} * C_{v1} - (C_{v+}) * (C_{v1} + C_{sw})}{(C_{v+}) - C_{v1}}$$

C_{sw} : parallel capacitance of the FSK switch (3 pF incl. layout parasitics)

Remark: These calculations are only approximations. The necessary values depend on the layout also and must be adapted for the specific application board.

The 50Ω-Output testboard shows an FSK-deviation of +/- 22.5 kHz, typically.

4.6 Design hints on the buffered clock output (CLKOUT)

The CLKOUT pin is an open collector output. An external pull up resistor (R_L) should be connected between this pin and the positive supply voltage. The value of R_L is depending on the clock frequency and the load capacitance CLD (PCB board plus input capacitance of the microcontroller). R_L can be calculated to:

$$R_L = \frac{1}{f_{CLKOUT} * 8 * CLD}$$

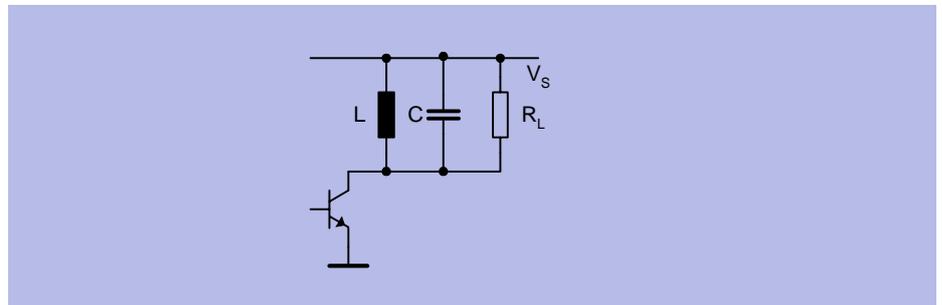
Table 4-2

| fCLKOUT= 615 kHz | | fCLKOUT= 2.46 MHz | |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| CLD[pF] | R_L [kOhm] | CLD[pF] | R_L [kOhm] |
| 5 | 39 | 5 | 10 |
| 10 | 18 | 10 | 4.7 |
| 20 | 10 | 20 | 2.2 |

Remark: To achieve a low current consumption and a low spurious radiation, the largest possible R_L should be chosen.

4.7 Application Hints on the Power-Amplifier

The power amplifier operates in a high efficient class C mode. This mode is characterized by a pulsed operation of the power amplifier transistor at a current flow angle of $\theta < \pi$. A frequency selective network at the amplifier output passes the fundamental frequency component of the pulse spectrum of the collector current to the load. The load and its resonance transformation to the collector of the power amplifier can be generalized by the equivalent circuit of Figure 4-6. The tank circuit L//C//RL in parallel to the output impedance of the transistor should be in resonance at the operating frequency of the transmitter.



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Figure 4-6 Equivalent power amplifier tank circuit

The optimum load at the collector of the power amplifier for “critical” operation under idealized conditions at resonance is:

$$R_{LC} = \frac{V_s^2}{2P_o}$$

The theoretical value of R_{LC} for an RF output power of $P_o = 5$ dBm (3.16 mW) is:

$$R_{LC} = \frac{3^2}{2 * 0.00316} = 1423 \Omega$$

“Critical” operation is characterized by the RF peak voltage swing at the collector of the PA transistor to just reach the supply voltage V_s .

The high degree of efficiency under “critical” operating conditions can be explained by the low power losses at the transistor. During the conducting phase of the transistor, its collector voltage is very small. This way the power loss of the transistor, equal to $i_C * u_{CE}$, is minimized. This is particularly true for small current flow angles of $\theta < \pi$.

In practice the RF-saturation voltage of the PA transistor and other parasitics reduce the “critical” R_{LC} .

The output power P_o is reduced by operating in an “overcritical” mode characterised by $R_L > R_{LC}$. The power efficiency (and the bandwidth) increase when operating at a slightly higher R_L , as shown in Figure 4-7. The collector efficiency E is defined as

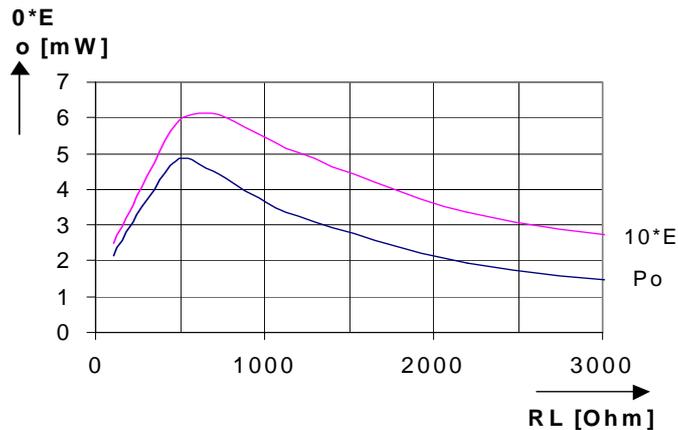
$$E = \frac{P_o}{V_s I_C}$$

The diagram of Figure 4-7 was measured directly at the PA-output at $V_s = 3\text{ V}$. Losses in the matching circuitry decrease the output power by about 1.5 dB. As can be seen from the diagram, $700\ \Omega$ is the optimum impedance for operation at 3 V. For an approximation of R_{OPT} and P_{OUT} at other supply voltages those 2 formulas can be used:

$$R_{OPT} \sim V_s$$

and

$$P_{OUT} \sim R_{OPT}$$

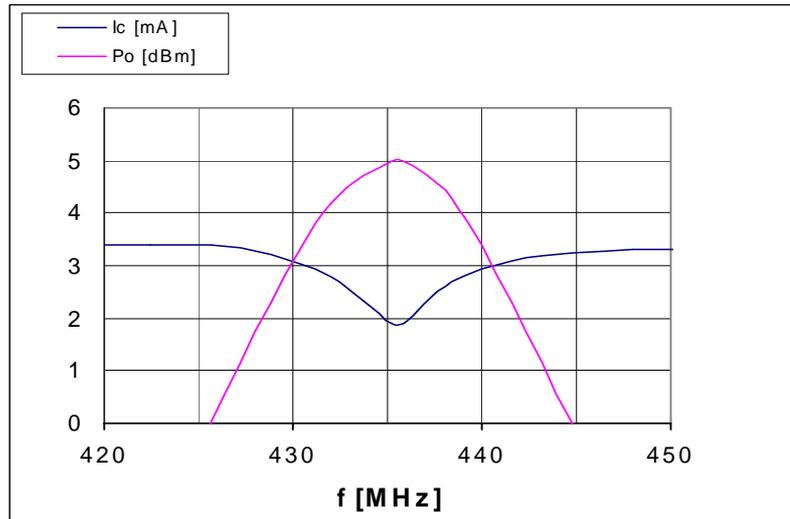


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Figure 4-7 Output power P_o (mW) and collector efficiency E vs. load resistor R_L .

The DC collector current I_c of the power amplifier and the RF output power P_o vary with the load resistor R_L . This is typical for overcritical operation of class C amplifiers. The collector current will show a characteristic dip at the resonance frequency for this type of “overcritical” operation. The depth of this dip will increase with higher values of R_L .

As Figure 4-8 shows, detuning beyond the bandwidth of the matching circuit results in a significant increase of collector current of the power amplifier and in some loss of output power. This diagram shows the data for the circuit of the test board at the frequency of 315 MHz. The effective load resistance of this circuit is $R_L = 700 \Omega$, which is the optimum impedance for operation at 3 V. This will lead to a dip of the collector current of approx. 40%.



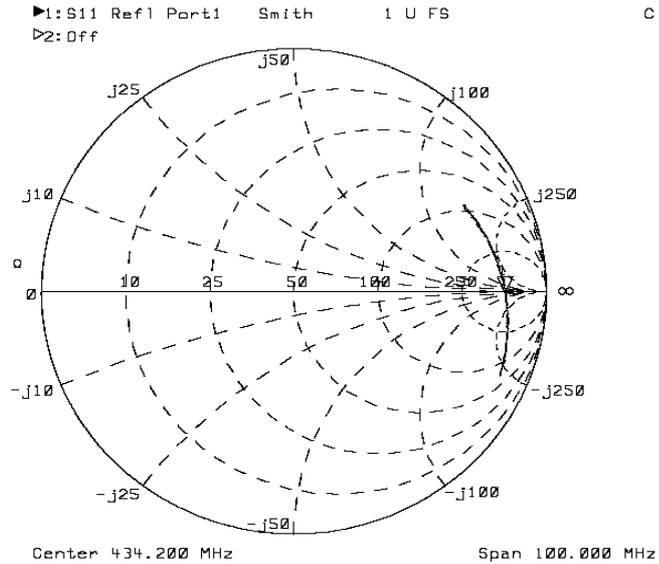
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Figure 4-8 Output power and collector current vs. frequency

C3, L2-C2 and C8 are the main matching components which are used to transform the 50Ω load at the SMA-RF-connector to a higher impedance at the PA-output ($700 \Omega @ 3 \text{ V}$). L1 can be used for some finetuning of the resonant frequency but should not become too small in order to keep its losses low.

The transformed impedance of $700+j0 \Omega$ at the PA-output-pin can be verified with a network analyzer using the following measurement procedure:

1. Calibrate your network analyzer.
2. Connect some short, low-loss 50Ω cable to your network analyzer with an open end on one side. Semirigid cable works best.
3. Use the „Port Extension“ feature of your network analyzer to shift the reference plane of your network analyzer to the open end of the cable.
4. Connect the center-conductor of the cable to the solder pad of the pin „PA“ of the IC. The outer conductor has to be grounded. Very short connections have to be used. Do not remove the IC or any part of the matching-components!
5. Screw a 50Ω dummy-load on the RF-I/O-SMA-connector
6. Be sure that your network analyzer is AC-coupled and turn on the power supply of the IC. The TDK5101 must not be in Transmit-Mode.
7. Measure the S-parameter S11



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Figure 4-9 Sparam_measured_200M

Above you can see the measurement of the evalboard with a span of 100 MHz. The evalboard has been optimized for 3 V. The load is about $700+j0 \Omega$ at the transmit frequency.

A tuning-free realization requires a careful design of the components within the matching network. A simple linear CAE-tool will help to see the influence of tolerances of matching components.

Suppression of spurious harmonics may require some additional filtering within the antenna matching circuit. The total spectrum of a typical 50 Ω -Output testboard can be summarized as:

| Table 4-3 | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Frequency | Output Power 315 MHz Testboard |
| 315 MHz | +5 dBm |
| 315 MHz – 9.84 MHz | –72 dBc |
| 315 MHz + 9.84 MHz | –74 dBc |
| 2 nd harmonic | –49 dBc |
| 3 rd harmonic | –43 dBc |

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5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

The AC / DC characteristic limits are not guaranteed. The maximum ratings must not be exceeded under any circumstances, not even momentarily and individually, as permanent damage to the IC may result.

Table 5-1

| Parameter | Symbol | Limit Values | | Unit | Remarks |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------|------|------------------------------|
| | | Min | Max | | |
| Junction Temperature | T_J | -40 | 150 | °C | |
| Storage Temperature | T_S | -40 | 125 | °C | |
| Thermal Resistance | R_{thJA} | | 230 | K/W | |
| Supply voltage | V_S | -0.3 | 4.0 | V | |
| Voltage at any pin excluding pin 14 | V_{pins} | -0.3 | $V_S + 0.3$ | V | |
| Voltage at pin 14 | V_{pin14} | -0.3 | $2 * V_S$ | V | No ESD-Diode to V_S |
| Current into pin 11 | I_{pin11} | -10 | 10 | mA | |
| ESD integrity, all pins | V_{ESD} | -1 | +1 | kV | JEDEC Standard JESD22-A114-B |
| ESD integrity, all pins excluding pin 14 | V_{ESD} | -2 | +2 | kV | JEDEC Standard JESD22-A114-B |

Ambient Temperature under bias: $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$

Note: All voltages referred to ground (pins) unless stated otherwise.

Pins 5, 12 and 13 are grounded.

5.2 Operating Range

Within the operational range the IC operates as described in the circuit description.

Table 5-2

| Parameter | Symbol | Limit Values | | Unit | Test Conditions |
|---------------------|--------|--------------|-----|------|-----------------|
| | | Min | Max | | |
| Supply voltage | V_S | 2.1 | 4.0 | V | |
| Ambient temperature | T_A | -40 | 125 | °C | |

5.3 AC/DC Characteristics

5.3.1 AC/DC Characteristics at 3V, 25°C

Table 5-3 Supply Voltage $V_S = 3\text{ V}$, Ambient temperature $T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{C}$

| Parameter | Symbol | Limit Values | | | Unit | Test Conditions |
|--|------------------|--------------|-----|-------------|---------------|--|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| Current consumption | | | | | | |
| Power down mode | $I_{S\ PDWN}$ | | 0.3 | 100 | nA | V (Pins 1, 6 and 7) < 0.2 V |
| PLL enable mode | $I_{S\ PLL_EN}$ | | 3.5 | 4.2 | mA | |
| Transmit mode | $I_{S\ TRANSM}$ | | 7 | 9 | mA | Load tank see Figure 4-1 and 4-2 |
| Power Down Mode Control (Pin 1) | | | | | | |
| Power down mode | V_{PDWN} | 0 | | 0.7 | V | $V_{ASKDTA} < 0.2\text{ V}$ $V_{FSKDTA} < 0.2\text{ V}$ |
| PLL enable mode | V_{PDWN} | 1.5 | | V_S | V | $V_{ASKDTA} < 0.5\text{ V}$ |
| Transmit mode | V_{PDWN} | 1.5 | | V_S | V | $V_{ASKDTA} > 1.5\text{ V}$ |
| Input bias current PDWN | I_{PDWN} | | | 30 | μA | $V_{PDWN} = V_S$ |
| Low Power Detect Output (Pin 2) | | | | | | |
| Internal pull up current | I_{LPD1} | 30 | | | μA | $V_S = 2.3\text{ V} \dots V_S$ |
| Input current low voltage | I_{LPD2} | 1 | | | mA | $V_S = 1.9\text{ V} \dots 2.1\text{ V}$ |
| Loop Filter (Pin 4) | | | | | | |
| VCO tuning voltage | V_{LF} | $V_S - 1.4$ | | $V_S - 0.7$ | V | $f_{VCO} = 630\text{ MHz}$ |
| Output frequency range 315 MHz-band | $f_{OUT, 315}$ | 305 | 315 | 325 | MHz | $V_{FSEL} = 0\text{ V}$ $f_{OUT} = f_{VCO} / 2$ |
| ASK Modulation Data Input (Pin 6) | | | | | | |
| ASK Transmit disabled | V_{ASKDTA} | 0 | | 0.5 | V | |
| ASK Transmit enabled | V_{ASKDTA} | 1.5 | | V_S | V | |
| Input bias current ASKDTA | I_{ASKDTA} | | | 30 | μA | $V_{ASKDTA} = V_S$ |
| Input bias current ASKDTA | I_{ASKDTA} | -20 | | | μA | $V_{ASKDTA} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| ASK data rate | f_{ASKDTA} | | | 20 | kHz | |

Table 5-3 Supply Voltage $V_S = 3\text{ V}$, Ambient temperature $T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{C}$

| Parameter | Symbol | Limit Values | | | Unit | Test Conditions |
|--|---------------|--------------|-----|-------|---------------|----------------------------|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| FSK Modulation Data Input (Pin 7) | | | | | | |
| FSK Switch on | V_{FSKDTA} | 0 | | 0.5 | V | |
| FSK Switch off | V_{FSKDTA} | 1.5 | | V_S | V | |
| Input bias current FSKDTA | I_{FSKDTA} | | | 30 | μA | $V_{FSKDTA} = V_S$ |
| Input bias current FSKDTA | I_{FSKDTA} | -20 | | | μA | $V_{FSKDTA} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| FSK data rate | f_{FSKDTA} | | | 20 | kHz | |
| Clock Driver Output (Pin 8) | | | | | | |
| Output current (High) | I_{CLKOUT} | | | 5 | μA | $V_{CLKOUT} = V_S$ |
| Saturation Voltage (Low) ¹⁾ | V_{SATL} | | | 0.56 | V | $I_{CLKOUT} = 1\text{ mA}$ |
| Clock Divider Control (Pin 9) | | | | | | |
| Setting Clock Driver output frequency $f_{CLKOUT}=2.46\text{ MHz}$ | V_{CLKDIV} | 0 | | 0.2 | V | |
| Setting Clock Driver output frequency $f_{CLKOUT}=615\text{ kHz}$ | V_{CLKDIV} | | | | V | pin open |
| Input bias current CLKDIV | I_{CLKDIV} | | | 30 | μA | $V_{CLKDIV} = V_S$ |
| Input bias current CLKDIV | I_{CLKDIV} | -20 | | | μA | $V_{CLKDIV} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| Crystal Oscillator Input (Pin 10) | | | | | | |
| Load capacitance | $C_{COSCmax}$ | | | 5 | pF | |
| Serial Resistance of the crystal | | | | 100 | Ω | $f = 9.84\text{ MHz}$ |
| Input inductance of the COSC pin | | 3.4 | 4.4 | 5.4 | μH | $f = 9.84\text{ MHz}$ |
| FSK Switch Output (Pin 11) | | | | | | |
| On resistance | R_{FSKOUT} | | | 220 | Ω | $V_{FSKDTA} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| On capacitance | C_{FSKOUT} | | | 6 | pF | $V_{FSKDTA} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| Off resistance | R_{FSKOUT} | 10 | | | k Ω | $V_{FSKDTA} = V_S$ |
| Off capacitance | C_{FSKOUT} | | | 1.5 | pF | $V_{FSKDTA} = V_S$ |

Table 5-3 Supply Voltage $V_S = 3\text{ V}$, Ambient temperature $T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{C}$

| Parameter | Symbol | Limit Values | | | Unit | Test Conditions |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----|-----|---------------|---|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| Power Amplifier Output (Pin 14) | | | | | | |
| Output Power ²⁾ transformed to 50 Ohm | P_{OUT315} | 4 | 5 | 6 | dBm | $f_{OUT} = 315\text{ MHz}$ $V_{FSEL} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| Frequency Range Selection (Pin 15) | | | | | | |
| Transmit frequency 315 MHz | V_{FSEL} | 0 | | 0.5 | V | |
| Input bias current FSEL | I_{FSEL} | | | 30 | μA | $V_{FSEL} = V_S$ |
| Input bias current FSEL | I_{FSEL} | -20 | | | μA | $V_{FSEL} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| Crystal Frequency Selection (Pin 16) | | | | | | |
| Crystal frequency 9.84 MHz | V_{CSEL} | | | | V | pin open |
| Input bias current CSEL | I_{CSEL} | | | 50 | μA | $V_{CSEL} = V_S$ |
| Input bias current CSEL | I_{CSEL} | -25 | | | μA | $V_{CSEL} = 0\text{ V}$ |

- 1) Derating linearly to a saturation voltage of max. 140 mV at $I_{CLKOUT} = 0\text{ mA}$
- 2) Power amplifier in overcritical C-operation.
Matching circuitry as used in the 50 Ohm-Output Testboard.
Tolerances of the passive elements not taken into account.

5.3.2 AC/DC Characteristics at 2.1 V ... 4.0 V, -40°C ... +125°C

Table 5-4 Supply Voltage $V_S = 2.1\text{ V} \dots 4.0\text{ V}$, Ambient temperature $T_{\text{amb}} = -40^\circ\text{C} \dots +125^\circ\text{C}$

| Parameter | Symbol | Limit Values | | | Unit | Test Conditions |
|--|------------------------|--------------|-----|--------------|---------------|--|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| Current consumption | | | | | | |
| Power down mode | $I_{S\text{ PDWN}}$ | | | 4 | μA | V (Pins 1, 6, and 7) $< 0.2\text{ V}$ |
| PLL enable mode | $I_{S\text{ PLL_EN}}$ | | 3.5 | 4.6 | mA | |
| Transmit mode | $I_{S\text{ TRANSM}}$ | | 7 | 9.5 | mA | Load tank see Figure 4-1 and 4-2 |
| Power Down Mode Control (Pin 1) | | | | | | |
| Power down mode | V_{PDWN} | 0 | | 0.5 | V | $V_{\text{ASKDTA}} < 0.2\text{ V}$ $V_{\text{FSKDTA}} < 0.2\text{ V}$ |
| PLL enable mode | V_{PDWN} | 1.5 | | V_S | V | $V_{\text{ASKDTA}} < 0.5\text{ V}$ |
| Transmit mode | V_{PDWN} | 1.5 | | V_S | V | $V_{\text{ASKDTA}} > 1.5\text{ V}$ |
| Input bias current PDWN | I_{PDWN} | | | 38 | μA | $V_{\text{PDWN}} = V_S$ |
| Low Power Detect Output (Pin 2) | | | | | | |
| Internal pull up current | I_{LPD1} | 30 | | | μA | $V_S = 2.3\text{ V} \dots V_S$ |
| Input current low voltage | I_{LPD2} | 0.5 | | | mA | $V_S = 1.9\text{ V} \dots 2.1\text{ V}$ |
| Loop Filter (Pin 4) | | | | | | |
| VCO tuning voltage | V_{LF} | $V_S - 1.85$ | | $V_S - 0.45$ | V | $f_{\text{VCO}} = 630\text{ MHz}$ |
| Output frequency range ¹⁾ 315 MHz-band | $f_{\text{OUT}, 315}$ | 311 | 315 | 317 | MHz | $V_{\text{FSEL}} = 0\text{ V}$ $f_{\text{OUT}} = f_{\text{VCO}} / 2$ |
| ASK Modulation Data Input (Pin 6) | | | | | | |
| ASK Transmit disabled | V_{ASKDTA} | 0 | | 0.5 | V | |
| ASK Transmit enabled | V_{ASKDTA} | 1.5 | | V_S | V | |
| Input bias current ASKDTA | I_{ASKDTA} | | | 33 | μA | $V_{\text{ASKDTA}} = V_S$ |
| Input bias current ASKDTA | I_{ASKDTA} | -20 | | | μA | $V_{\text{ASKDTA}} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| ASK data rate | f_{ASKDTA} | | | 20 | kHz | |

1) The output-frequency range can be increased by limiting the temperature and supply voltage range.

Minimum $f_{\text{OUT}} - 1\text{ MHz} \Rightarrow$ Minimum $T_{\text{amb}} + 10^\circ\text{C}$

Maximum $f_{\text{OUT}} + 1\text{ MHz} \Rightarrow$ Maximum $T_{\text{amb}} - 10^\circ\text{C}$

Maximum $f_{\text{OUT}} + 1\text{ MHz} \Rightarrow$ Minimum $V_S + 50\text{ mV}$, max. + 20 MHz.

Table 5-4 Supply Voltage $V_S = 2.1\text{ V} \dots 4.0\text{ V}$, Ambient temperature $T_{amb} = -40^\circ\text{C} \dots +125^\circ\text{C}$

| Parameter | Symbol | Limit Values | | | Unit | Test Conditions |
|--|---------------|--------------|-----|-------|---------------|------------------------------|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| FSK Modulation Data Input (Pin 7) | | | | | | |
| FSK Switch on | V_{FSKDTA} | 0 | | 0.5 | V | |
| FSK Switch off | V_{FSKDTA} | 1.5 | | V_S | V | |
| Input bias current FSKDTA | I_{FSKDTA} | | | 35 | μA | $V_{FSKDTA} = V_S$ |
| Input bias current FSKDTA | I_{FSKDTA} | -20 | | | μA | $V_{FSKDTA} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| FSK data rate | f_{FSKDTA} | | | 20 | kHz | |
| Clock Driver Output (Pin 8) | | | | | | |
| Output current (High) | I_{CLKOUT} | | | 5 | μA | $V_{CLKOUT} = V_S$ |
| Saturation Voltage (Low) ¹⁾ | V_{SATL} | | | 0.5 | V | $I_{CLKOUT} = 0.6\text{ mA}$ |
| Clock Divider Control (Pin 9) | | | | | | |
| Setting Clock Driver output frequency $f_{CLKOUT}=2.46\text{ MHz}$ | V_{CLKDIV} | 0 | | 0.2 | V | |
| Setting Clock Driver output frequency $f_{CLKOUT}=615\text{ kHz}$ | V_{CLKDIV} | | | | V | pin open |
| Input bias current CLKDIV | I_{CLKDIV} | | | 30 | μA | $V_{CLKDIV} = V_S$ |
| Input bias current CLKDIV | I_{CLKDIV} | -20 | | | μA | $V_{CLKDIV} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| Crystal Oscillator Input (Pin 10) | | | | | | |
| Load capacitance | $C_{COSCmax}$ | | | 5 | pF | |
| Serial Resistance of the crystal | | | | 100 | Ω | $f = 9.84\text{ MHz}$ |
| Input inductance of the COSC pin | | 3.2 | 4.6 | 6.3 | μH | $f = 9.84\text{ MHz}$ |
| FSK Switch Output (Pin 11) | | | | | | |
| On resistance | R_{FSKOUT} | | | 280 | Ω | $V_{FSKDTA} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| On capacitance | C_{FSKOUT} | | | 6 | pF | $V_{FSKDTA} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| Off resistance | R_{FSKOUT} | 10 | | | k Ω | $V_{FSKDTA} = V_S$ |
| Off capacitance | C_{FSKOUT} | | | 1.5 | pF | $V_{FSKDTA} = V_S$ |

1) Derating linearly to a saturation voltage of max. 140 mV at $I_{CLKOUT} = 0\text{ mA}$

Table 5-4 Supply Voltage $V_S = 2.1\text{ V} \dots 4.0\text{ V}$, Ambient temperature $T_{amb} = -40^\circ\text{C} \dots +125^\circ\text{C}$

| Parameter | Symbol | Limit Values | | | Unit | Test Conditions |
|---|----------------|--------------|-----|-----|---------------|-------------------------|
| | | Min | Typ | Max | | |
| Power Amplifier Output (Pin 14) | | | | | | |
| Output Power ¹⁾ at 315 MHz transformed to 50 Ohm. $V_{FSEL} = 0\text{ V}$ | $P_{OUT, 315}$ | -0.5 | 2.2 | | dBm | $V_S = 2.1\text{ V}$ |
| | $P_{OUT, 315}$ | 0.5 | 5 | 7 | dBm | $V_S = 3.0\text{ V}$ |
| | $P_{OUT, 315}$ | 1.5 | 7.4 | | dBm | $V_S = 4.0\text{ V}$ |
| Frequency Range Selection (Pin 15) | | | | | | |
| Transmit frequency 315 MHz | V_{FSEL} | 0 | | 0.5 | V | |
| Input bias current FSEL | I_{FSEL} | | | 35 | μA | $V_{FSEL} = V_S$ |
| Input bias current FSEL | I_{FSEL} | -20 | | | μA | $V_{FSEL} = 0\text{ V}$ |
| Crystal Frequency Selection (Pin 16) | | | | | | |
| Crystal frequency 9.84 MHz | V_{CSEL} | | | | V | pin open |
| Input bias current CSEL | I_{CSEL} | | | 55 | μA | $V_{CSEL} = V_S$ |
| Input bias current CSEL | I_{CSEL} | -25 | | | μA | $V_{CSEL} = 0\text{ V}$ |

- 1) Matching circuitry as used in the 50 Ohm-Output Testboard.
Tolerances of the passive elements not taken into account.
Range @ 2.1 V, +25°C: 2.2 dBm +/- 0.7 dBm
Typ. temperature dependency at 2.1 V: +0.3 dBm@-40°C and -1.4 dBm@+125°C, reference +25°C
Range @ 3.0 V, +25°C: 5.0 dBm +/- 1.0 dBm
Typ. temperature dependency at 3.0 V: +0.4 dBm@-40°C and -1.9 dBm@+125°C, reference +25°C
Range @ 4.0 V, +25°C: 7.4 dBm +/- 2.0 dBm
Typ. temperature dependency at 4.0 V: +0.6 dBm@-40°C and -3.1 dBm@+125°C, reference +25°C

A smaller load impedance reduces the supply-voltage dependency.
A higher load impedance reduces the temperature dependency.