BGA7204

400 MHz to 2750 MHz high linearity variable gain amplifier

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Product data sheet

1. Product profile

1.1 General description

The BGA7204 MMIC is an extremely linear Variable Gain Amplifier (VGA), operating from 0.4 GHz to 2.75 GHz. At minimum attenuation it has a gain of 18.5 dB, an output IP3 of 38 dBm and a noise figure of 7 dB. The attenuation range is 31.5 dB with an attenuation step of 0.5 dB.

The gain control is offered through a digital parallel interface or a digital serial interface (SPI). The digital serial interface offers advanced features like reprogramming the attenuation curve and on-chip temperature monitoring. The interfaces can be combined to support response to fast fading. The serial interface can be used to pre-set the desired gain level, whereas the parallel interface can be used to select this gain setting in 0.15 μ s.

It has been designed and qualified for the severe mission profile of cellular base stations, but its outstanding RF performance and interfacing flexibility makes it suitable for a wide variety of applications.

The BGA7204 is housed in a 32 pins 5 mm \times 5 mm leadless HVQFN package.

1.2 Features and benefits

- High output IP3 of 38 dBm
- Attenuation range of 31.5 dB
- Output power at 1 dB compression of 21 dBm
- Noise figure of 7 dB at minimum attenuation
- Single 5 V supply
- Digital parallel and digital serial control (SPI)
- Programmable attenuation curve
- Temperature sensor
- ESD protection on all pins (HBM > 2 kV)
- Moisture sensitivity level 1
- Compliant to Directive 2002/95/EC, regarding Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)

1.3 Applications

- IF and RF applications
- WiMAX and cellular base stations
- Cable modem termination systems
- Temperature compensation circuits



1.4 Quick reference data

Table 1.Quick reference data

4.75 V \leq V_{SUP} \leq 5.25 V; f = 400 MHz to 2750 MHz; -40 °C \leq T_{amb} \leq +85 °C; input and output are terminated with 50 Ω , unless otherwise specified.

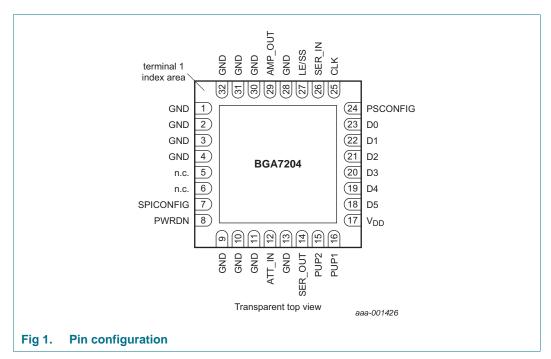
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
V _{SUP}	supply voltage		[1]	4.75	5.0	5.25	V
I _{CC(tot)}	total supply current	PWRDN = 0		-	115	133	mA
		PWRDN = 1		-	15	-	mA
T _{amb}	ambient temperature			-40	+25	+85	°C
G _p	power gain	minimum attenuation					
		400 MHz \leq f \leq 1450 MHz		16	18.5	21	dB
		1450 MHz \leq f \leq 2100 MHz		15	17.5	20	dB
		$2100 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 2750 \text{ MHz}$		14	16.5	19	dB
α_{range}	attenuation range	$400 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 1450 \text{ MHz}$		29	31.5	34	dB
		1450 MHz \leq f \leq 2100 MHz		28	30.5	33	dB
		$2100 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 2750 \text{ MHz}$		27	30.0	33	dB
α_{step}	attenuation step			0	0.5	1	dB
NF	noise figure	minimum attenuation					
		$400 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 700 \text{ MHz}$		-	7	9.5	dB
		700 MHz \leq f \leq 2100 MHz		-	6.5	9	dB
		$2100 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 2750 \text{ MHz}$		-	7.0	10	dB
IP3 ₀	output third-order intercept point	minimum attenuation					
		$400 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 700 \text{ MHz}$	[2]	34	38	-	dBm
		700 MHz \leq f \leq 1450 MHz	[2]	33	37.5	-	dBm
		1450 MHz \leq f \leq 2100 MHz	[2]	31	36	-	dBm
		$2100 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 2750 \text{ MHz}$	[2]	28.5	34	-	dBm
P _{L(1dB)}	output power at 1 dB gain compression	minimum attenuation					
		$400 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 1450 \text{ MHz}$		19	21	-	dBm
		1450 MHz \leq f \leq 2100 MHz		18	20.5	-	dBm
		2100 MHz \leq f \leq 2750 MHz		17.5	20	-	dBm

[1] Absolute maximum DC voltage on pin RF_OUT and $V_{\text{DD}}.$

[2] $\Delta f = 1$ MHz; $P_i = -12$ dBm per tone.

2. Pinning information

2.1 Pinning



2.2 Pin description

Table 2. Pi	n description	
Symbol	Pin	Description
GND	1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 28, 30, 31, 32	Ground
n.c.	5, 6	not connected
SPICONFIG	7	set SPI mode [1]
PWRDN	8	power-down RF section [2]
ATT_IN	12	RF input to attenuator
SER_OUT	14	SPI data output
PUP2	15	power-up control 2
PUP1	16	power-up control 1
V _{DD}	17	supply voltage
D5	18	attenuation control word [3]
D4	19	attenuation control word [3]
D3	20	attenuation control word [3]
D2	21	attenuation control word [3]
D1	22	attenuation control word [3]
D0	23	attenuation control word [3]
PSCONFIG	24	set digital gain control mode [4]
CLK	25	SPI clock input

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Table 2. Pin description ... continued

Symbol	Pin	Description
SER_IN	26	SPI data input
LE/SS	27	latch enable or slave select [5]
AMP_OUT	29	RF output of amplifier
GND	GND paddle	exposed die pad

[1] 0 = extended; 1 = basic; unconnected pulled up.

[2] 0 = enabled; 1 = disabled; unconnected pulled down.

[3] D5 = MSB; D0 = LSB; unconnected pulled down.

[4] 0 = parallel; 1 = SPI; unconnected pulled down.

[5] parallel = LE; SPI = SS (active LOW); unconnected pulled up.

Ordering information 3.

Table 3. Ordering information								
Type number	Package							
	Name	Description	Version					
BGA7204	HVQFN32	plastic thermal enhanced very thin quad flat package; no leads; 32 terminals; body $5 \times 5 \times 0.85$ mm	SOT617-3					

Marking 4.

Marking code	Description
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****	manufacturing code
TSDyww	yww = The actual assembly date code.
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5. Limiting values

Table 5. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Max	Unit
V _{SUP}	supply voltage		<u>[1]</u>	-0.6	+8	V
VI	input voltage		[2]	-0.6	+8	V
Vo	output voltage		<u>[3]</u>	-0.6	+8	V
I	input current		<u>[4]</u>	-20	+20	mA
lo	output current		<u>[5]</u>	-20	+20	mA
T _{stg}	storage temperature			-65	+150	°C
Tj	junction temperature			-	150	°C
$P_{i(RF)(ATT_IN)}$	RF input power on pin ATT_IN			-	30	dBm
V _{ESD}	electrostatic discharge voltage	Human Body Model (HBM); According JEDEC standard 22-A114E		-	4	kV
		Charged Device Model (CDM); According JEDEC standard 22-C101B		-	2	kV

[1] Absolute maximum DC voltage on pin RF_OUT and V_{DD} .

[2] Absolute maximum DC voltage on pin SPICONFIG, PWRDN, D5, D4, D3, D2, D1, D0, PSCONFIG, CLK, SER_IN and LE/SS.

[3] Absolute maximum DC voltage on pin SER_OUT.

[4] Absolute maximum DC current through pin SPICONFIG, PWRDN, D5, D4, D3, D2, D1, D0, PSCONFIG, CLK, SER_IN and LE/SS.

[5] Absolute maximum DC current through pin SER_OUT.

6. Thermal characteristics

Table 6.	Thermal characteristics			
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Тур	Unit
R _{th(j-sp)}	thermal resistance from junction to solder point	$T_{sp} \le 85 \ ^{\circ}C$	<mark>[1]</mark> 10	K/W
[1] T ic.	the temperature at the solder point			

[1] T_{sp} is the temperature at the solder point.

7. Static characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
V _{SUP}	supply voltage		<u>[1]</u> 4.75	5.0	5.25	V
I _{CC(tot)}	total supply current	PWRDN = 0	-	115	133	mA
		PWRDN = 1	-	15	-	mA
T _{amb}	ambient temperature		-40	+25	+85	°C
I _{DD}	supply current	on pin V _{DD}				
		PWRDN = 0	-	43	-	mA
		PWRDN = 1	-	15	-	mA
		on pin AMP_OUT				
		PWRDN = 0	-	72	-	mA
		PWRDN = 1	-	0.05	-	mA

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Table 7.	Static characteristics	continued
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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
V _{IL}	LOW-level input voltage		<u>[2]</u> –0.1	0	+0.8	V
V _{IH}	HIGH-level input voltage		<u>[2]</u> 2	3.3	V _{SUP} + 0.1	V
V _{OL}	LOW-level output voltage		<u>[3]</u> –0.1	0	+0.8	V
V _{OH}	HIGH-level output voltage		3 2.5	3.3	3.4	V
I _{OL}	LOW-level output current		<u>[3]</u> –4	-	-	mA
I _{OH}	HIGH-level output current		<u>[3]</u>	-	4	mA

[1] Supply voltage on pin RF_OUT and V_{DD} .

[2] Digital input pins are: SPICONFIG, PWRDN, PUP2, PUP1, D5, D4, D3, D2, D1, D0, PSCONFIG, CLK, SER_IN and LE/SS.

[3] Digital output pins are: SER_OUT.

8. Dynamic characteristics

Table 8.Dynamic characteristics

4.75 V \leq V_{SUP} \leq 5.25 V; f = 400 MHz to 2750 MHz; -40 °C \leq T_{amb} \leq +85 °C; input and output are terminated with 50 Ω ; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
G _p	power gain	minimum attenuation					
		$400 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 1450 \text{ MHz}$		16	18.5	21	dB
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		$2100 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 2750 \text{ MHz}$		27	30.0	33	dB
α_{step}	attenuation step			0	0.5	1	dB
ΔG_p	power gain variation		[1]	-2.0	-	+2.0	dB
G _{p(flat)}	power gain flatness	minimum attenuation; per 100 MHz		-	-	0.4	dB
RL _{in}	input return loss	$400~MHz \leq f \leq 2750~MHz$		10	-	-	dB
RL _{out}	output return loss	$400~MHz \leq f \leq 2750~MHz$		8	-	-	dB
NF	noise figure	minimum attenuation					
		$400 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 700 \text{ MHz}$		-	7	9.5	dB
		700 MHz \leq f \leq 2100 MHz		-	6.5	9	dB
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IP3 ₀	output third-order intercept point	minimum attenuation					
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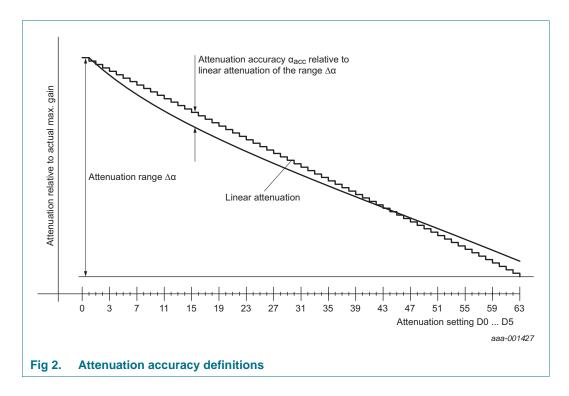
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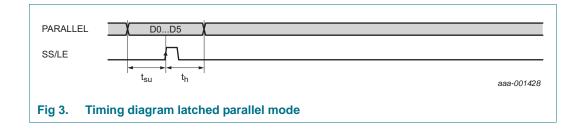
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Мах	Unit
P _{L(1dB)}	output power at 1 dB gain compression	minimum attenuation				
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		$2100 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 2750 \text{ MHz}$	17.5	20	-	dBm

[1] Normalized to maximum gain and attenuation; see Figure 2.

[2] $\Delta f = 1 \text{ MHz}$; P_i = -12 dBm per tone.



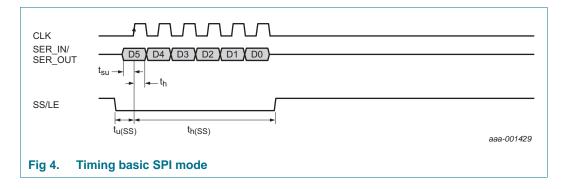
Interface timing characteristics 9.



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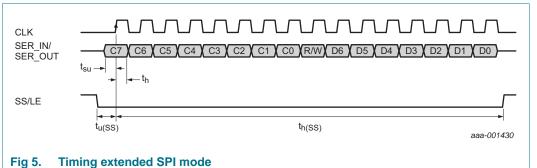
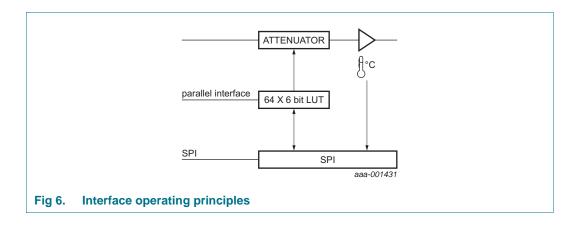


Table 9. Interface timing characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
f _{SPI}	SPI frequency		-	-	10	MHz
f _{intf(par)}	parallel interface frequency		-	-	2	MHz
t _{su}	set-up time		-	10	-	ns
t _h	hold time		-	10	-	ns
t _{su(SS)}	set-up time on pin SS		-	10	-	ns
t _{h(SS)}	hold time on pin SS		-	0	-	ns

10. Control modes

10.1 Interface operating principles



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Control pin configuration	Parallel	Basic SPI	Extended SPI
PSCONFIG (pin 24)	0	1	1
SPICONFIG (pin 7)	don't care	1	0
Control features	Parallel	Basic SPI	Extended SPI
6 bits digital control	Yes	Yes	Yes
programmable attenuation curve	No [1]	No [1]	Yes
junction temperature read out	No	No	Yes
enable over-temperature protection	No	No	Yes
disable attenuator block	No	No	Yes
disable amplifier block	No	No	Yes
chip type read-out	No	No	Yes
chip version read-out	No	No	Yes
reset	No	No	Yes
daisy chaining multiple VGA's	No	Yes	No

Table 10. Control modes, control options and features

[1] One could however switch to the SPI extended mode, reprogram the attenuation curve and switch back to the digital parallel or SPI basic control mode.

10.2 Attenuation truth table

Table 11.Attenuation control truth tableFactory setting of look-up table; major states only.

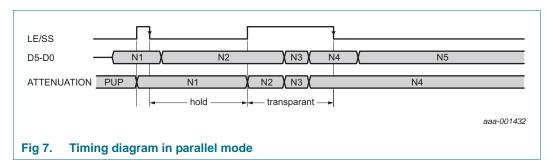
,	0	,	,	,	,	
Attenuation control word						Typical attenuation at 700 MHz
D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	
16 dB	8 dB	4 dB	2 dB	1 dB	0.5 dB	
1	1	1	1	1	1	0 dB
1	1	1	1	1	0	0.5 dB
1	1	1	1	0	1	1 dB
1	1	1	0	1	1	2 dB
1	1	0	1	1	1	4 dB
1	0	1	1	1	1	8 dB
0	1	1	1	1	1	16 dB
0	0	0	0	0	0	31.5 dB
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10.3 Parallel control mode

The parallel input is connected internally to a latch. If LE/SS (pin 27) is logical HIGH the attenuation control word D5 to D0 is transferred to the attenuator register and the attenuator assumes the new attenuation setting. Upon a negative edge of LE/SS (pin 27) the actual attenuation control word will be hold: any changes in the control word at the parallel interface will be ignored. The timing is depicted in Figure 7.

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LE/SS (pin 27) is provided with an internal pull-up resistor and can be left unconnected.

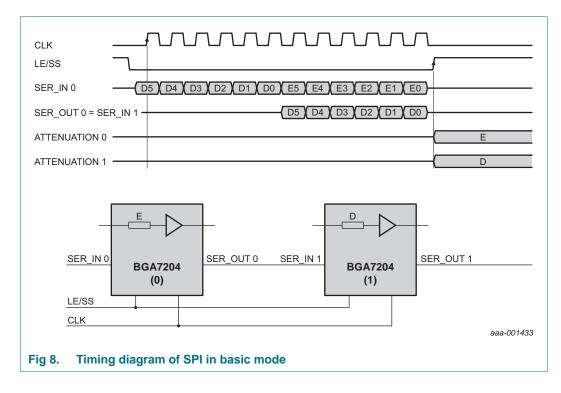
10.4 Basic SPI mode

In the Basic SPI mode the attenuator register is loaded via the SPI interface.

Table 12.	SPI commands	s for basic I	node: PSC	ONFIG (pin	24) = 1; SP	ICONFIG (p	oin 7) = 1
Control wo	rd [<u>1]</u>	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Default atter	nuation	16 dB	8 dB	4 dB	2 dB	1 dB	0.5 dB

[1] D5 to D0 (bit 5 to 0) form the attenuation selecting word (address of the look-up table).

Figure 4 depicts the timing diagram of SPI data format in the basic SPI mode. The data is clocked into a 6-bit shift register. This mode also allows daisy chaining of multiple chips. Figure 8 shows a configuration of two VGAs in daisy chain. Data word D5 to D0 is stored in Attenuator 1, while data word E5 to E0 is stored in Attenuator 0. On the rising edge of LE/SS (pin 27), the data is captured and stored in the attenuator register. At the same moment the stored words become active on the attenuator outputs.



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10.5 Extended SPI mode

Table 13. SPI commands for extended mode: PSCONFIG (pin 24) = 1; SPICONFIG (pin 7) = 0 Pit Z is used to indicate whether it is a read operation (bit Z = 1) or a write operation (bit Z = 0). In case of a read

Bit 7 is used to indicate whether it is a read operation (bit 7 = 1) or a write operation (bit 7 = 0). In case of a read operation the logic state of bits 0 to 6 don't care for the data from the master to the slave. The bits are updated by the slave.

	Со	Command				Data					Reset value						
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Attenuation [1]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	rw	0	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	0x00
Temperature status [2]	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	D3	D2	D1	D0	0x8-
Temperature configuration [3]	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	rw	RF	PG	MG	D3	D2	D1	D0	0x00
Enable [4]	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	rw	0	0	0	0	AT	AM	ΤS	0x3F
Program LUT / attenuation curve ^[5]	1	0	C5	C4	C3	C2	C1	C0	rw	0	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	N/A
Chip type 6	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0x84

[1] D0 to D5 (bit 5 to 0) forms the attenuation selecting word (address of the look-up table).

[2] D3 to D0 (bit 3 to 0) forms the temperature read out word.

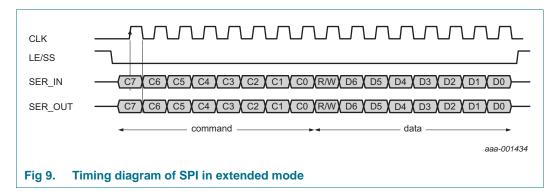
[3] D3 to D0 (bit 3 to 0) forms the temperature threshold for the temperature protection. Next to the temperature, RF, PG or MG is selected (mutual exclusive). In case RF is selected the RF part of the chip will switch off if the threshold is exceeded. If PG is selected the attenuator will switch to the attenuation gain that is configured with the PUPn pins if the threshold is exceeded. If MG is selected the attenuation gain will drop to a minimum value if the threshold is exceeded.

[4] TS (bit 0) enables the temperature sensor, AM (bit 1) enables the amplifier and AT (bit 2) enables the attenuator.

[5] D5 to D0 (bit 5 to 0) forms the attenuation control word to be programmed at address C5 to C0 (bit 13 to 8). After reset the curve is linear: D5 to D0 = C5 to C0 for all attenuation states.

[6] Returns 04: 4 bits for third digit (0000 = 0) and 4 bits for the last digit (0010 = 2) of the chip type.

Figure 9 depicts the timing diagram of SPI data write format in extended mode. The first 8 bits indicate the command. The first data bit indicates if it is a read or write action. In case of a read action, the data bits on pin SER_OUT (pin 14) are replaced with the read value.



10.6 Temperature sensor

In the extended SPI mode the temperature sensor can be read out. The temperature sensor is located close to the amplifier junctions. The temperature coding is listed in Table 14.

Table 14. Temperature ranges

The overlap between ranges reflects the inaccuracy of the temperature sensor.

T _j (°C)	D3	D2	D1	D0
< -15	0	0	0	0
-35 to +5	0	0	0	1
–15 to +35	0	0	1	0
15 to 80	0	0	1	1
60 to 110	0	1	0	0
90 to 130	0	1	0	1
110 to 140	0	1	1	0
120 to 150	0	1	1	1
130 to 160	1	0	0	0
> 140	1	0	0	1

10.7 Power-up states

The VGA is provided with power-up program pins. These pins configure the attenuation after start-up (see <u>Table 15</u>) depending on how LE/SS (pin 27) and PSCONFIG (pin 24) are configured at start-up (see <u>Table 16</u>).

Table 15.Power-up configuration

PUP2 (pin 15)	PUP1 (pin 16)	Attenuator gain at 700 MHz
0	0	–31.5 dB
0	1	–24 dB
1	0	–16 dB
1	1	0 dB

Table 16. Power-up states

LE/SS (pin 27)	PSCONFIG (pin 24)	Power up state defined by
0	don't care	power-up program pins (PUP2 and PUP1) [1]
1	0	D5 to D0 (bit 5 to 0)
1	1	power-up program pins (PUP2 and PUP1) [1]

[1] See <u>Table 15</u>.

The attenuation gain remains valid until it is updated with the parallel interface or SPI interface.

10.8 Power-on sequence

Digital inputs (SPICONFIG, PWRDN, PUP2, PUP1, D5, D4, D3, D2, D1, D0, PSCONFIG and LE/SS) should be powered simultaneously or after V_{DD} and GND are powered (see also <u>Table 5</u>). This prevents damage to the ESD protection diodes of the digital input. If the digital inputs need to be powered before V_{DD} is powered measures should be taken to limit the current to 20 mA, e.g. by means of an external resistor.

11. Application information

11.1 Application board

A customer application board is available from NXP upon request. It includes USB interface circuitry and customer software to facilitate evaluation of the BGA7204.

The final application shall be decoupled as depicted in <u>Figure 10</u>. The ground leads and exposed paddle should be connected directly to the ground plane. Enough via holes should be provided to connect the top and bottom ground planes in the final application board. Sufficient cooling should be provided that the temperature of the exposed die pad does not exceed 85 °C.

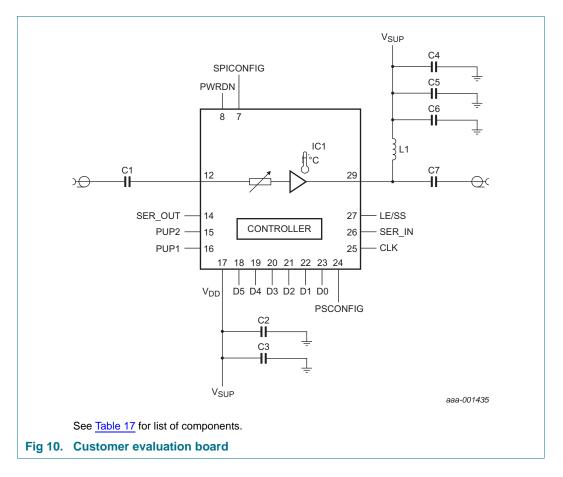


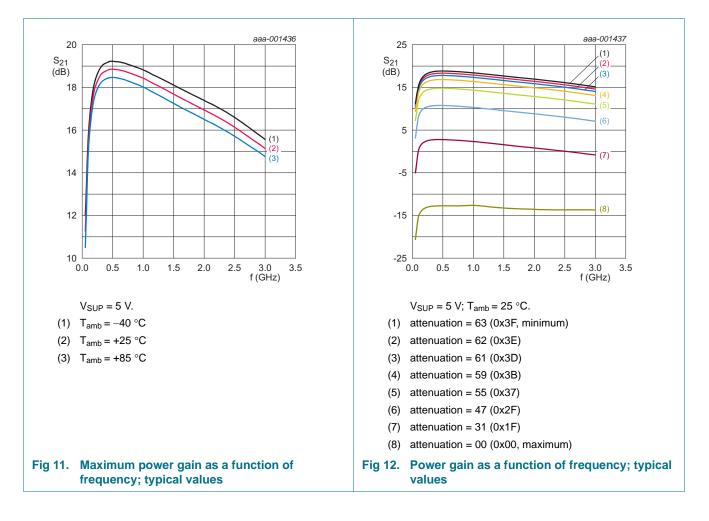
Table 17.List of componentsSee Figure 10 for schematics.

Component	Description	Value	Supplier				
C1	capacitor	100 pF	various				
C2	capacitor	330 nF	various				
C3	capacitor	100 pF	various				
C4	capacitor	100 nF	various				
C5	capacitor	100 pF	various				
C6	capacitor	4.7 μF	various				

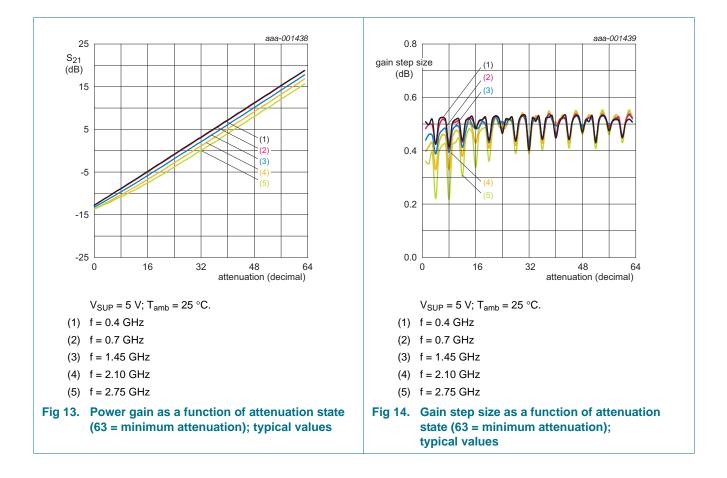
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Table 17. List of components continued See <u>Figure 10</u> for schematics.							
Component	Description	Value	Supplier				
C7	capacitor	100 pF	various				
IC1	BGA7204		NXP				
L1	choke	47 nH					

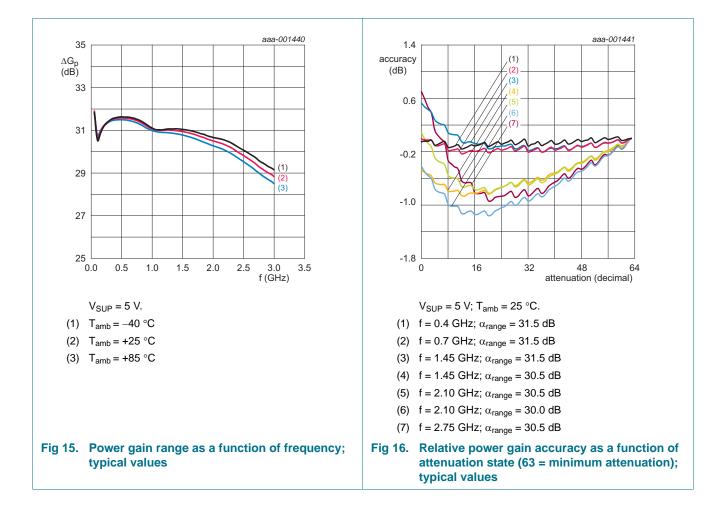
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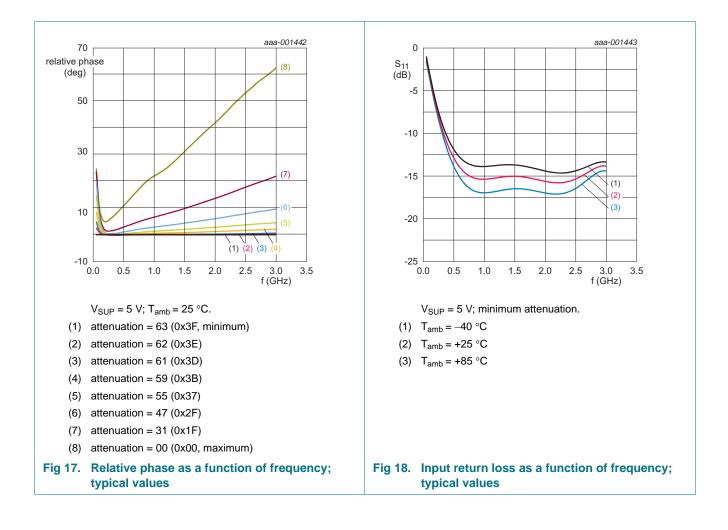
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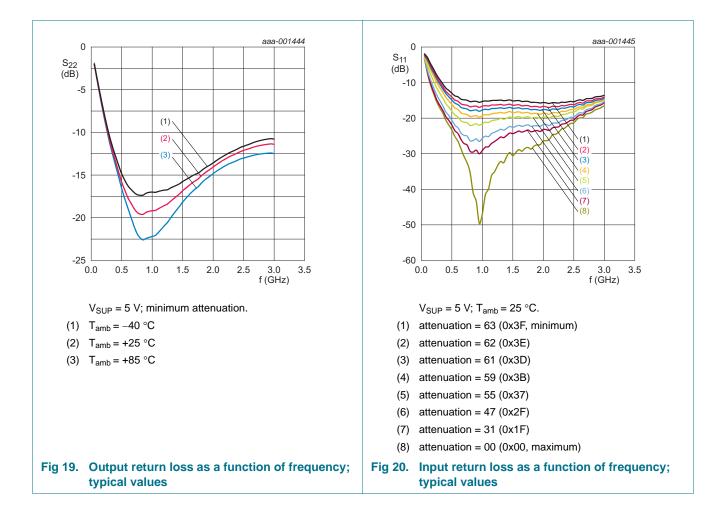
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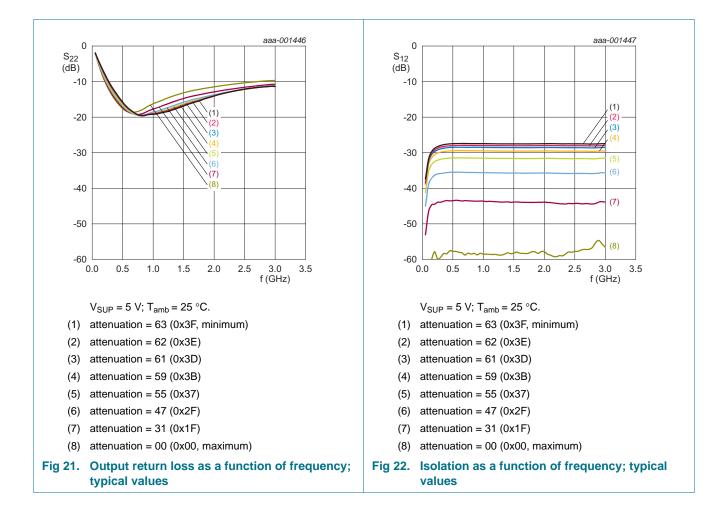
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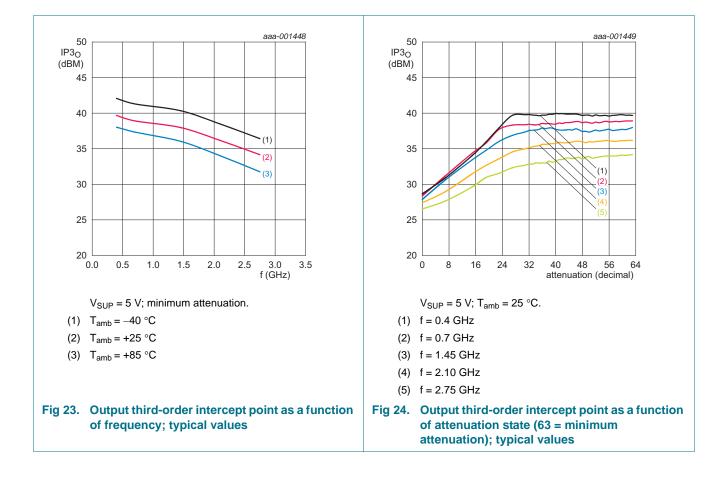
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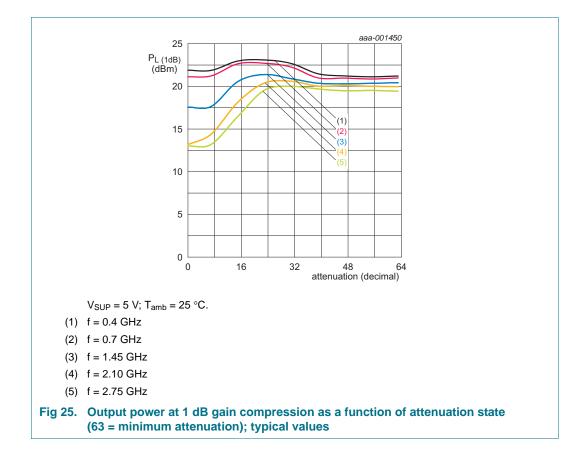


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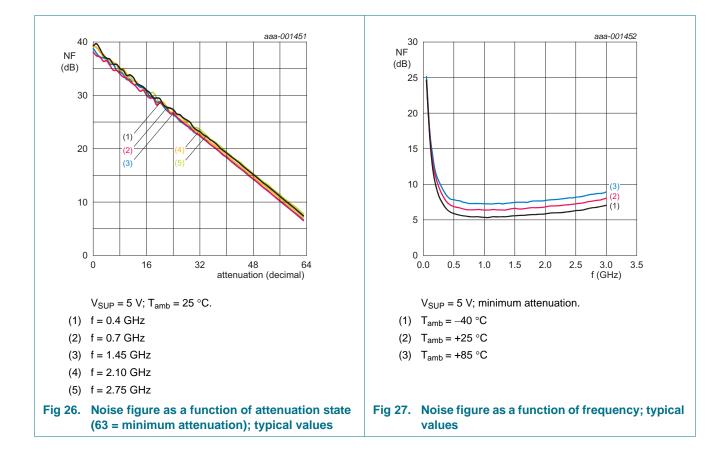
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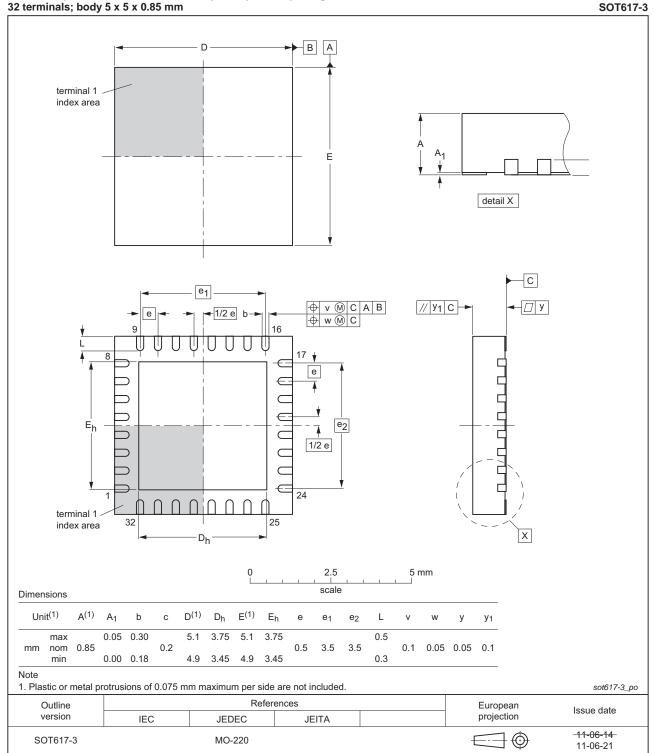
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12. Package outline



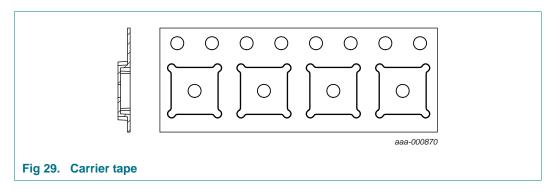
HVQFN32: plastic thermal enhanced very thin quad flat package; no leads; 32 terminals; body 5 x 5 x 0.85 mm

Fig 28. Package outline SOT617-3 (HVQFN32)

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13. Packing information

The BGA7204 will be delivered in reel pack SMD 7", 1500 pieces per reel.



14. Abbreviations

Table 18. Abb	reviations
Acronym	Description
ESD	ElectroStatic Discharge
HBM	Human Body Model
IF	Intermediate Frequency
LSB	Least Significant Bit
LUT	Look-Up Table
MMIC	Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuit
MSB	Most Significant Bit
RF	Radio Frequency
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface
USB	Universal Serial Bus
WiMAX	Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access

15. Revision history

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