



## 100 MHz–2500 MHz 45 dB RF Detector/Controller

# AD8314

## FEATURES

### Complete RF Detector/Controller Function

**Typical Range -58 dBV to -13 dBV**

**-45 dBm to 0 dBm re 50  $\Omega$**

### Frequency Response from 100 MHz to 2.5 GHz

### Temperature-Stable Linear-in-dB Response

**Accurate to 2.5 GHz**

**Rapid Response: 70 ns to a 10 dB Step**

**Low Power: 12 mW at 2.7 V**

### Power-Down to 20 $\mu$ A

## APPLICATIONS

### Cellular Handsets (TDMA, CDMA, GSM)

## RSSI and TSSI for Wireless Terminal Devices

## Transmitter Power Measurement and Control

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The AD8314 is a complete low-cost subsystem for the measurement and control of RF signals in the frequency range 0.1 GHz–2.5 GHz, with a typical dynamic range of 45 dB, intended for use in a wide variety of cellular handsets and other wireless devices. It provides a wider dynamic range and better accuracy than possible using discrete diode detectors. In particular, its temperature stability is excellent over the full operating range of  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Its high sensitivity allows control at low power levels, thus reducing the amount of power that needs to be coupled to the detector. It is essentially a voltage-responding device, with a typical signal range of 1.25 mV to 224 mV rms or -58 dBV to -13 dBV. This is equivalent to -45 dBm to 0 dBm re 50  $\Omega$ .

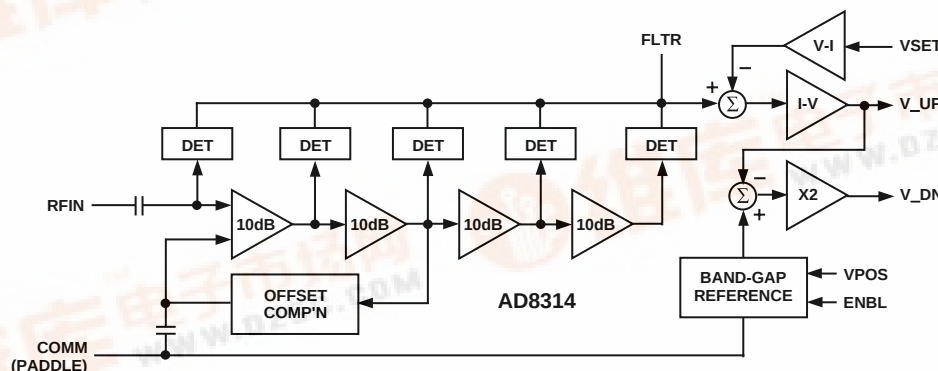
For convenience, the signal is internally ac-coupled, using a 5 pF capacitor to a load of 3 k $\Omega$  in shunt with 2 pF. This high-pass coupling, with a corner at 16 MHz, determines the lowest operating frequency. Thus, the source may be dc-grounded.

The AD8314 provides two voltage outputs. The first, called V\_UP, increases from close to ground to about 1.2 V as the input signal level increases from 1.25 mV to 224 mV. This output is intended for use in measurement mode. Consult the Applications section of this data sheet for information on use in this mode. A capacitor may be connected between the V\_UP and FLTR pins when it is desirable to increase the time interval over which averaging of the input waveform occurs.

The second output, V\_DN, is an inversion of V\_UP, but with twice the slope and offset by a fixed amount. This output starts at about 2.25 V (provided the supply voltage is  $\geq 3.3$  V) for the minimum input and falls to a value close to ground at the maximum input. This output is intended for analog control loop applications. A setpoint voltage is applied to VSET and V\_DN is then used to control a VGA or power amplifier. Here again, an external filter capacitor may be added to extend the averaging time. Consult the Applications section of this data sheet for information on use in this mode.

The AD8314 is available in a micro\_SOIC package and consumes 4.5 mA from a 2.7 V to 5.5 V supply. When powered down, the typical sleep current is 20  $\mu$ A.

### FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



# AD8314—SPECIFICATIONS (V<sub>S</sub> = 3 V, T<sub>A</sub> = +25°C, unless otherwise noted)

| Parameter                           | Condition                                                                       | Min                  | Typ                | Max              | Unit                        |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>             |                                                                                 |                      |                    |                  |                             |
| Frequency Range                     | To Meet All Specifications                                                      | 0.1                  |                    | 2.5              | GHz                         |
| Input Voltage Range                 | Internally AC-Coupled                                                           | 1.25                 |                    | 224              | mV rms                      |
| Equivalent Power Range              | 52.3 $\Omega$ External Termination                                              | −45                  |                    | 0                | dBm                         |
| Logarithmic Slope                   | Main Output, V <sub>UP</sub> , 100 MHz <sup>1</sup>                             | 18.85                | 21.3               | 23.35            | mV/dB                       |
| Logarithmic Intercept               | Main Output, V <sub>UP</sub> , 100 MHz                                          | −68                  | −62                | −56              | dBV                         |
| Equivalent dBm Level                | 52.3 $\Omega$ External Termination                                              | −55                  | −49                | −43              | dBm                         |
| <b>INPUT INTERFACE</b>              |                                                                                 |                      |                    |                  |                             |
| DC Resistance to COMM               | (Pin RFIN)                                                                      |                      | 100                |                  | k $\Omega$                  |
| Inband Input Resistance             | f = 0.1 GHz                                                                     |                      | 3                  |                  | k $\Omega$                  |
| Input Capacitance                   | f = 0.1 GHz                                                                     |                      | 2                  |                  | pF                          |
| <b>MAIN OUTPUT</b>                  |                                                                                 |                      |                    |                  |                             |
| Voltage Range                       | (Pin V <sub>UP</sub> )<br>V <sub>UP</sub> Connected to VSET                     | 0.01                 |                    | 1.2              | V                           |
| Minimum Output Voltage              | No Signal at RFIN, R <sub>L</sub> $\geq$ 10 k $\Omega$                          | 0.01                 | 0.02               | 0.05             | V                           |
| Maximum Output Voltage <sup>2</sup> | R <sub>L</sub> $\geq$ 10 k $\Omega$                                             | 1.9                  | 2                  |                  | V                           |
| General Limit                       | 2.7 V $\leq$ V <sub>S</sub> $\leq$ 5.5 V                                        | V <sub>S</sub> − 1.1 | V <sub>S</sub> − 1 |                  | V                           |
| Available Output Current            | Sourcing/Sinking                                                                | 1/0.5                | 2/1                |                  | mA                          |
| Response Time                       | 10%–90%, 10 dB Step                                                             |                      | 70                 |                  | ns                          |
| Residual RF (at 2f)                 | f = 0.1 GHz (Worst Condition)                                                   |                      | 100                |                  | $\mu$ V                     |
| <b>INVERTED OUTPUT</b>              |                                                                                 |                      |                    |                  |                             |
| Gain Referred to V <sub>UP</sub>    | (Pin V <sub>DN</sub> )<br>V <sub>DN</sub> = 2.25 V − 2 $\times$ V <sub>UP</sub> |                      | −2                 |                  |                             |
| Minimum Output Voltage              | V <sub>S</sub> $\geq$ 3.3 V                                                     | 0.01                 | 0.05               | 0.1              | V                           |
| Maximum Output Voltage              | V <sub>S</sub> $\geq$ 3.3 V <sup>3</sup>                                        | 2.1                  | 2.2                | 2.5              | V                           |
| Available Output Current            | Sourcing/Sinking                                                                | 4/100                | 6/200              |                  | mA/ $\mu$ A                 |
| Output-Referred Noise               | RF Input = 2 GHz, −33 dBV, f <sub>NOISE</sub> = 10 kHz                          |                      | 1.05               |                  | $\mu$ V/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ |
| Response Time                       | 10%–90%, 10 dB Input Step                                                       |                      | 70                 |                  | ns                          |
| Full-Scale Settling Time            | −40 dBm to 0 dBm Input Step, to 95%                                             |                      | 150                |                  | ns                          |
| <b>SETPOINT INPUT</b>               |                                                                                 |                      |                    |                  |                             |
| Voltage Range                       | (Pin VSET)<br>Corresponding to Central 40 dB                                    | 0.15                 |                    | 1.2              | V                           |
| Input Resistance                    |                                                                                 | 7                    | 10                 |                  | k $\Omega$                  |
| Logarithmic Scale Factor            | f = 0.900 GHz                                                                   |                      | 20.7               |                  | mV/dB                       |
|                                     | f = 1.900 GHz                                                                   |                      | 19.7               |                  | mV/dB                       |
| <b>ENABLE INTERFACE</b>             |                                                                                 |                      |                    |                  |                             |
| Logic Level to Enable Power         | (Pin ENBL)<br>HI Condition, −30°C $\leq$ T <sub>A</sub> $\leq$ +85°C            | 1.6                  |                    | V <sub>POS</sub> | V                           |
| Input Current when HI               | 2.7 V at ENBL, −30°C $\leq$ T <sub>A</sub> $\leq$ +85°C                         |                      | 20                 | 300              | $\mu$ A                     |
| Logic Level to Disable Power        | LO Condition, −30°C $\leq$ T <sub>A</sub> $\leq$ +85°C                          | −0.5                 |                    | 0.8              | V                           |
| <b>POWER INTERFACE</b>              |                                                                                 |                      |                    |                  |                             |
| Supply Voltage                      | (Pin VPOS)                                                                      | 2.7                  | 3.0                | 5.5              | V                           |
| Quiescent Current                   |                                                                                 | 3.0                  | 4.5                | 5.7              | mA                          |
| Over Temperature                    | −30°C $\leq$ T <sub>A</sub> $\leq$ +85°C                                        | 2.7                  | 4.4                | 6.6              | mA                          |
| Total Supply Current when Disabled  |                                                                                 |                      | 20                 | 95               | $\mu$ A                     |
| Over Temperature                    | −30°C $\leq$ T <sub>A</sub> $\leq$ +85°C                                        |                      | 40                 |                  | $\mu$ A                     |

## NOTES

<sup>1</sup>Mean and Standard Deviation specifications are available in Table I.

<sup>2</sup>Increased output possible when using an attenuator between V<sub>UP</sub> and VSET to raise the slope.

<sup>3</sup>Refer to Figure 19 for details.

Specifications subject to change without notice.

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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS\*

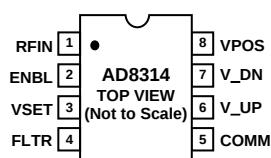
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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Supply Voltage VPOS                       | 5.5 V           |
| V_UP, V_DN, VSET, ENBL                    | 0 V, VPOS       |
| Input Voltage                             | 1.6 V rms       |
| Equivalent Power                          | +17 dBm         |
| Internal Power Dissipation                | 200 mW          |
| $\theta_{JA}$                             | 200°C           |
| Maximum Junction Temperature              | 125°C           |
| Operating Temperature Range               | –30°C to +85°C  |
| Storage Temperature Range                 | –65°C to +150°C |
| Lead Temperature Range (Soldering 60 sec) | 300°C           |

\*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.

## Pin Function Descriptions

| Pin | Name | Function                                                                                                               |
|-----|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | RFIN | RF Input.                                                                                                              |
| 2   | ENBL | Connect pin to $V_S$ for normal operation.<br>Connect pin to ground for disable mode.                                  |
| 3   | VSET | Setpoint input for operation in controller mode. To operate in detector mode connect VSET to V_UP                      |
| 4   | FLTR | Connection for an external capacitor to slow the response of the output. Capacitor is connected between FLTR and V_UP. |
| 5   | COMM | Device Common (Ground).                                                                                                |
| 6   | V_UP | Logarithmic output. Output voltage increases with increasing input amplitude.                                          |
| 7   | V_DN | Inversion of V_UP, governed by the following equation: $V_{DN} = 2.25 V - 2 \times V_{UP}$ .                           |
| 8   | VPOS | Positive supply voltage ( $V_S$ ), 2.7 V to 5.5 V.                                                                     |

## PIN CONFIGURATION



## ORDERING GUIDE

| Model           | Temperature Range | Package Description     | Package Option |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| AD8314ARM*      | –30°C to +85°C    | Tube, 8-Lead micro_SOIC | RM-8           |
| AD8314ARM-REEL  |                   | 13" Tape and Reel       |                |
| AD8314ARM-REEL7 |                   | 7" Tape and Reel        |                |
| AD8314-EVAL     |                   | Evaluation Board        |                |

\*Device branded as J5A.

## CAUTION

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Electrostatic charges as high as 4000 V readily accumulate on the human body and test equipment and can discharge without detection. Although the AD8314 features proprietary ESD protection circuitry, permanent damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy electrostatic discharges. Therefore, proper ESD precautions are recommended to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.



# AD8314–Typical Performance Characteristics

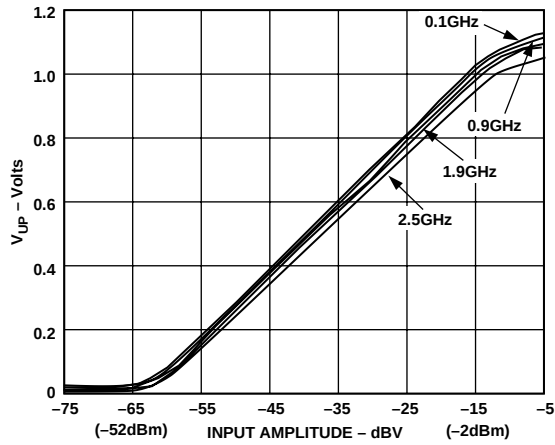


Figure 1.  $V_{UP}$  vs. Input Amplitude

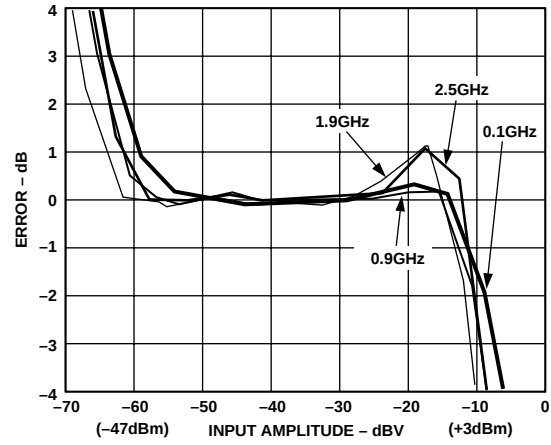


Figure 4. Log Conformance vs. Input Amplitude

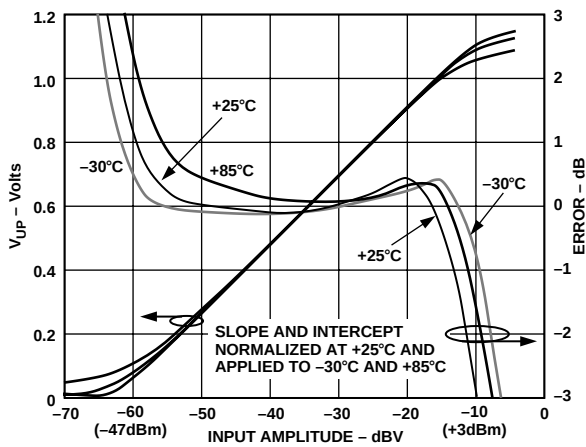


Figure 2.  $V_{UP}$  and Log Conformance vs. Input Amplitude at 0.1 GHz;  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$

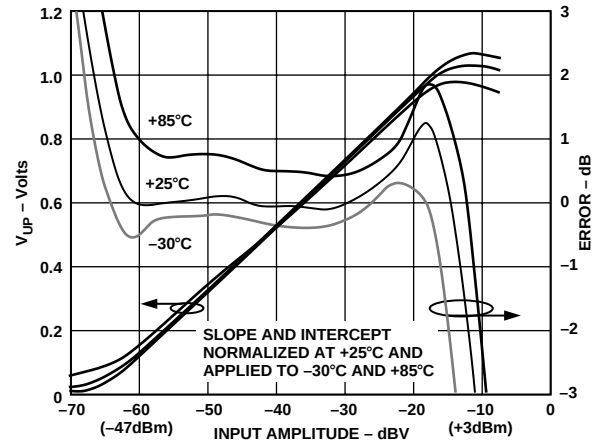


Figure 5.  $V_{UP}$  and Log Conformance vs. Input Amplitude at 1.9 GHz;  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$

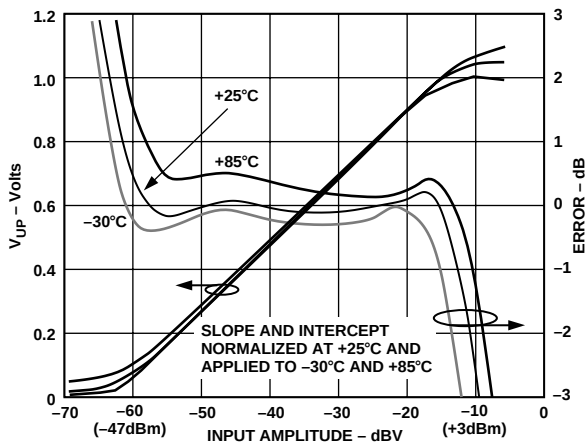


Figure 3.  $V_{UP}$  and Log Conformance vs. Input Amplitude at 0.9 GHz;  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$

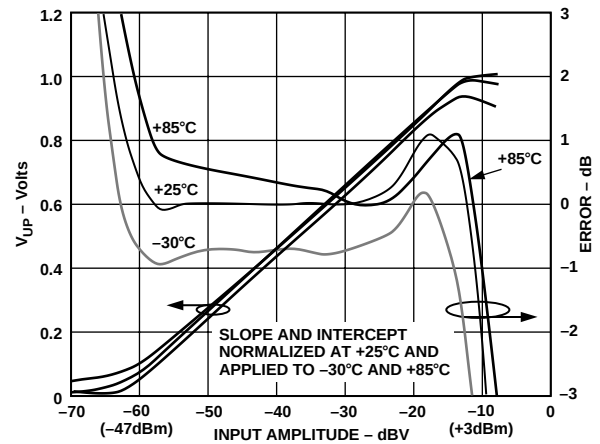


Figure 6.  $V_{UP}$  and Log Conformance vs. Input Amplitude at 2.5 GHz;  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$

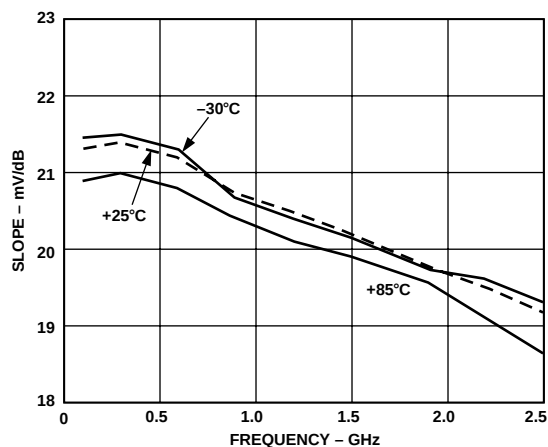


Figure 7. Slope vs. Frequency;  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$

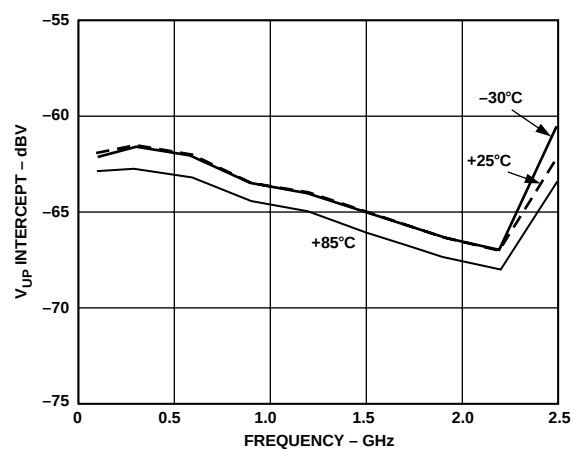


Figure 10.  $V_{UP}$  Intercept vs. Frequency;  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and  $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$

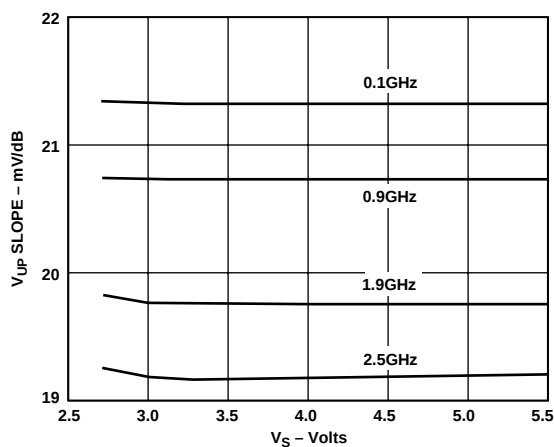


Figure 8.  $V_{UP}$  Slope vs. Supply Voltage

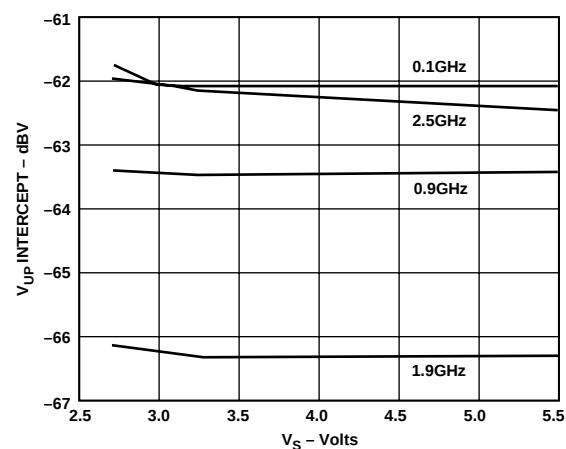


Figure 11.  $V_{UP}$  Intercept vs. Supply Voltage

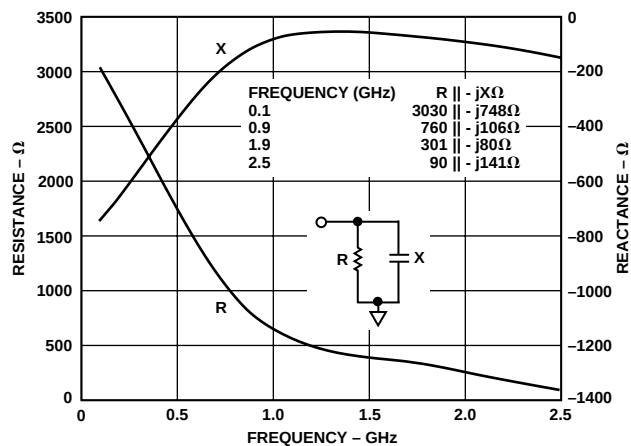


Figure 9. Input Impedance

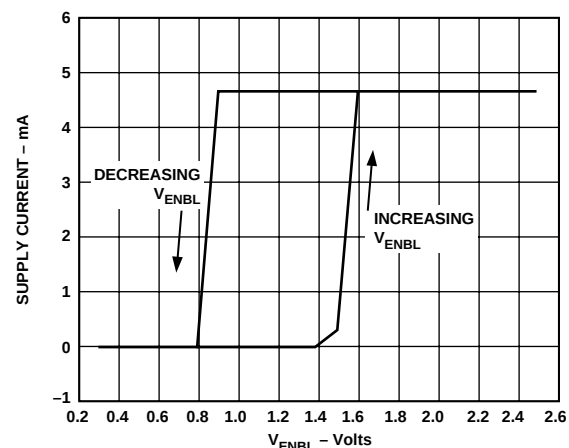


Figure 12. Supply Current vs. ENBL Voltage,  $V_S = 3\text{ V}$

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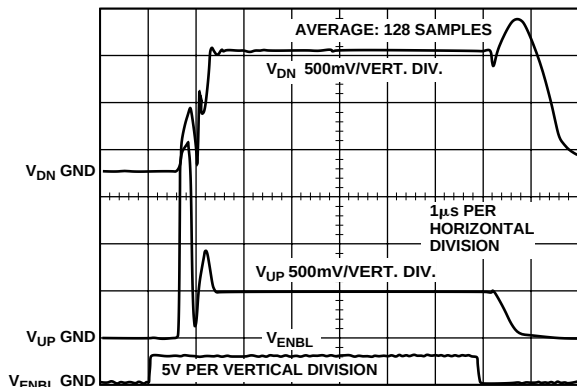


Figure 13. ENBL Response Time

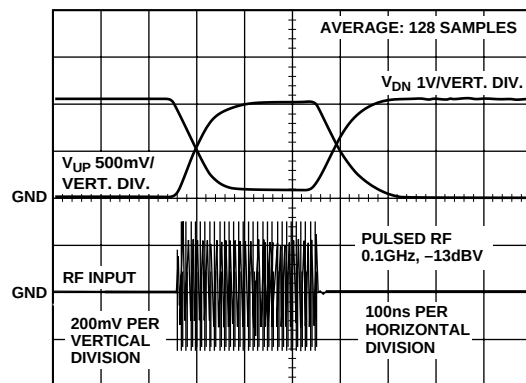


Figure 16.  $V_{UP}$  and  $V_{DN}$  Response Time, -40 dBm to 0 dBm

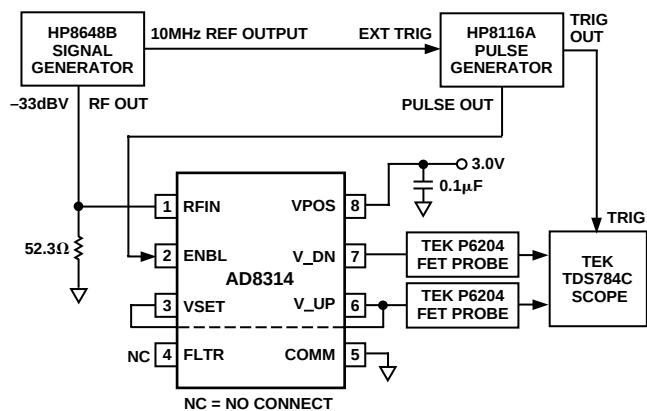


Figure 14. Test Setup for ENBL Response Time

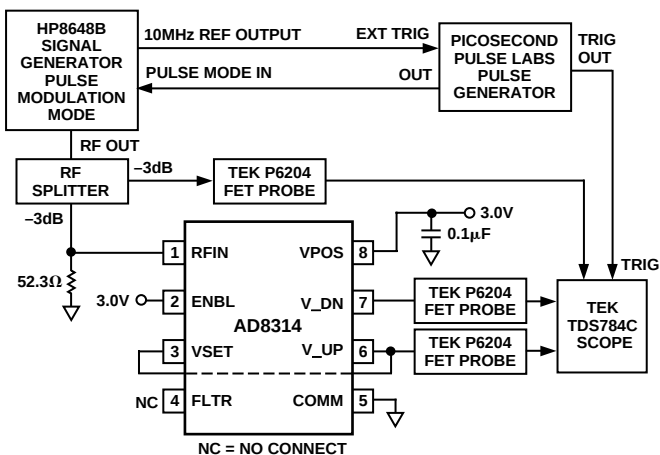


Figure 17. Test Setup for Pulse Response

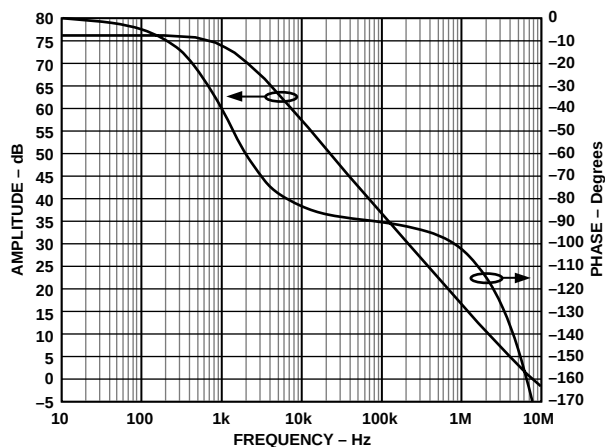


Figure 15. AC Response from VSET to  $V_{DN}$

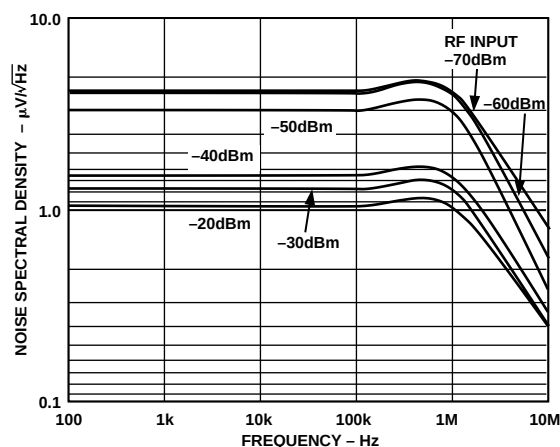


Figure 18.  $V_{DN}$  Noise Spectral Density

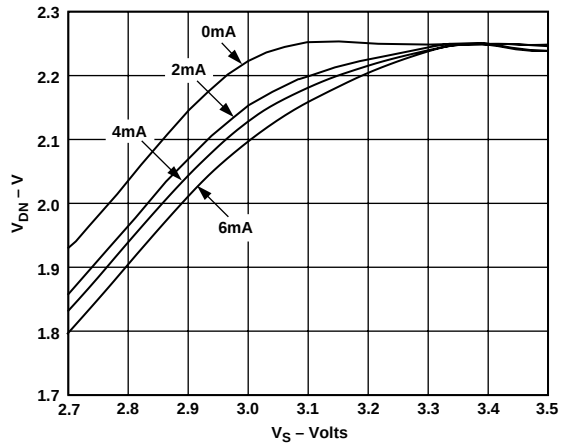


Figure 19. Maximum  $V_{DN}$  Voltage vs.  $V_S$  by Load Current

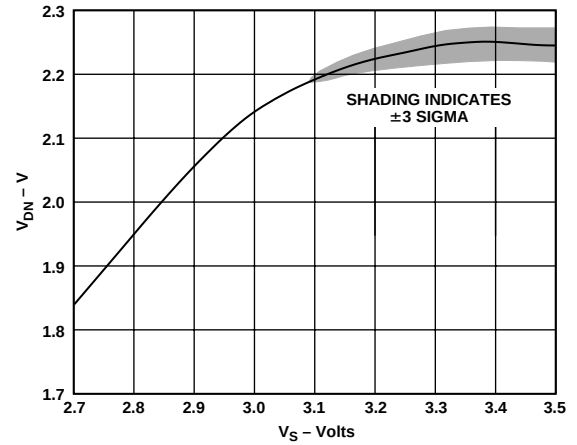


Figure 22. Maximum  $V_{DN}$  Voltage vs.  $V_S$  with 3 mA Load

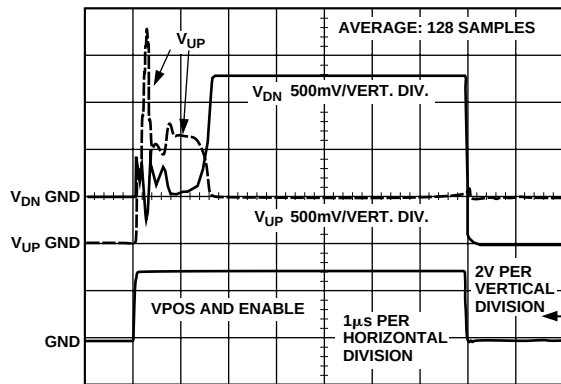


Figure 20. Power-On and -Off Response, Measurement Mode

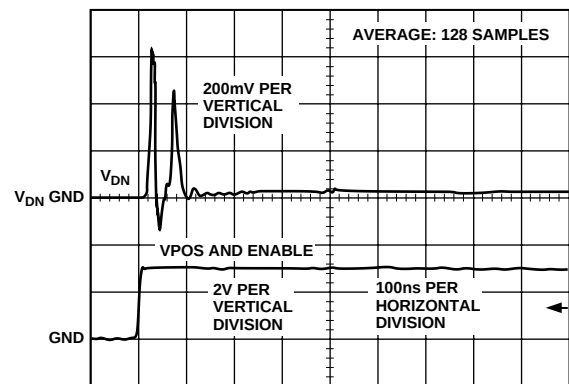


Figure 23. Power-On Response,  $V_{DN}$ , Controller Mode with  $VSET$  Held Low

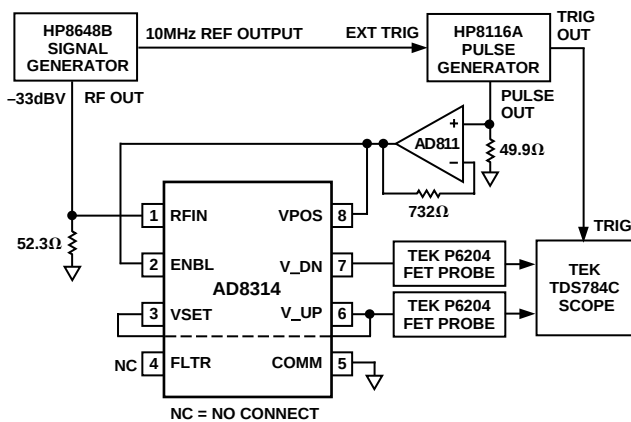


Figure 21. Test Setup for Power-On and -Off Response

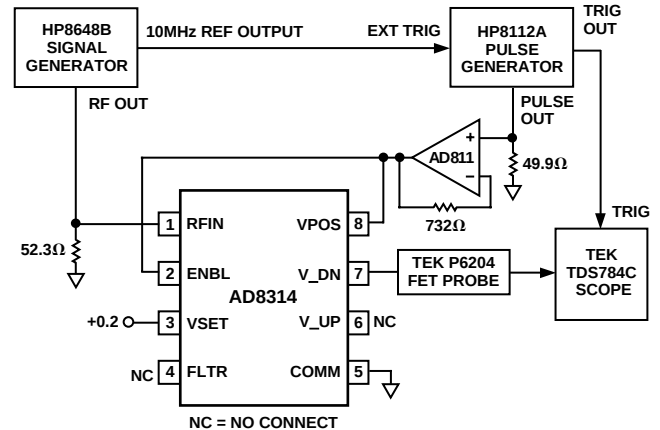


Figure 24. Test Setup for Power-On Response at  $V_{DN}$  Output, Controller Mode with  $VSET$  Pin Held Low

*Figure 25. Block Schematic*

frequencies, due to the declining gain of the amplifier stages and other effects in the detector cells. For the AD8314, the slope at low frequencies is nominally 21.3 mV/dB, falling almost linearly with frequency to about 19.2 mV/dB at 2.5 GHz. These values are sensibly independent of temperature (see Figure 7) and almost totally unaffected by the supply voltage from 2.7 V to 5.5 V (Figure 8).

## Inverted Output

The second provision is the inclusion of an inverting amplifier to the output, for use in controller applications. Most power amplifiers require a gain-control bias that must decrease from a large positive value toward ground level as the power output is required to decrease. This control voltage, which appears at the pin V\_DN, is not only of the opposite polarity to V\_UP, but also needs to have an offset added in order to determine its most positive value when the power level (assumed to be monitored through a directional coupler at the output of the PA) is minimal.

The starting value of V\_DN is nominally 2.25 V, and it falls on a slope of twice that of V\_UP, in other words, -43 mV/dB. Figure 26 shows how this is achieved: the reference voltage that determines the maximum output is derived from the on-chip voltage reference, and is substantially independent of the supply voltage or temperature. However, the full output cannot be attained for supply voltages under 3.3 V; Figure 19 shows this dependency. The relationship between V\_UP and V\_DN is shown in Figure 27.

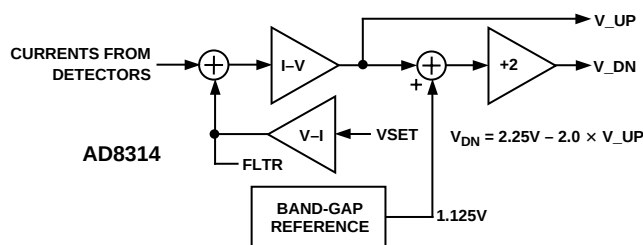


Figure 26. Output Interfaces

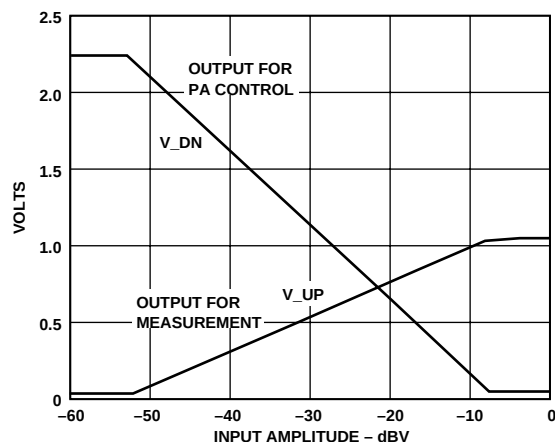


Figure 27. Showing V\_UP and V\_DN Relationship

## APPLICATIONS

### Basic Connections

Figure 28 shows connections for the basic measurement mode. A supply voltage of 2.7 V to 5.5 V is required. The supply to the VPOS pin should be decoupled with a low inductance 0.1  $\mu$ F surface mount ceramic capacitor. A series resistor of about 10  $\Omega$  may be added; this resistor will slightly reduce the supply voltage to the AD8314 (maximum current into the VPOS pin is approximately 9 mA when V\_DN is delivering 5 mA). Its use should be avoided in applications where the power supply voltage is very low (i.e., 2.7 V). A series inductor will provide similar power supply filtering with minimal drop in supply voltage.

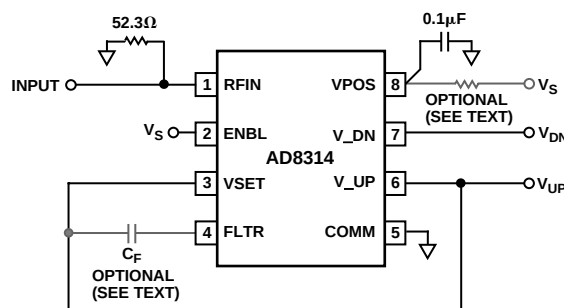


Figure 28. Basic Connections for Operation in Measurement Mode

The ENBL pin is here connected to VPOS. The AD8313 may be disabled by pulling this pin to ground when the chip current is reduced to about 20  $\mu$ A from its normal value of 4.5 mA. The logic threshold is around  $+V_S/2$  and the enable function occurs in about 1.5  $\mu$ s. Note, however, further settling time is generally needed at low input levels.

The AD8314 has an internal input coupling capacitor. This eliminates the need for external ac-coupling. A broadband input match is achieved in this example by connecting a 52.3  $\Omega$  resistor between RFIN and ground. This resistance combines with the internal input impedance of approximately 3 k $\Omega$  to give an overall broadband input resistance of 50  $\Omega$ . Several other coupling methods are possible; these are described in the Input Coupling section.

The measurement mode is selected by connecting VSET to V\_UP, which establishes a feedback path and sets the logarithmic slope to its nominal value. The peak voltage range of the measurement extends from -58 dBV to -13 dBV at 0.9 GHz, and only slightly less at higher frequencies up to 2.5 GHz. Thus, using the 50  $\Omega$  termination, the equivalent power range is -45 dBm to 0 dBm. At a slope of 21.5 mV/dB, this would amount to an output span of 967 mV. Figure 29 shows the transfer function for V\_UP at a supply voltage of 3 V, and input frequency of 0.9 GHz.

V\_DN, which will generally not be used when the AD8314 is used in the measurement mode, is essentially an inverted version of V\_UP. The voltage on V\_UP and V\_DN are related by the equation.

$$V_{DN} = 2.25 \text{ V} - 2 V_{UP}$$

While V\_DN can deliver up to 6 mA, the load resistance on V\_UP should not be lower than 10 k $\Omega$  in order that the full-scale output of 1 V can be generated with the limited available current of 200  $\mu$ A max. Figure 29 shows the logarithmic conformance under the same conditions.

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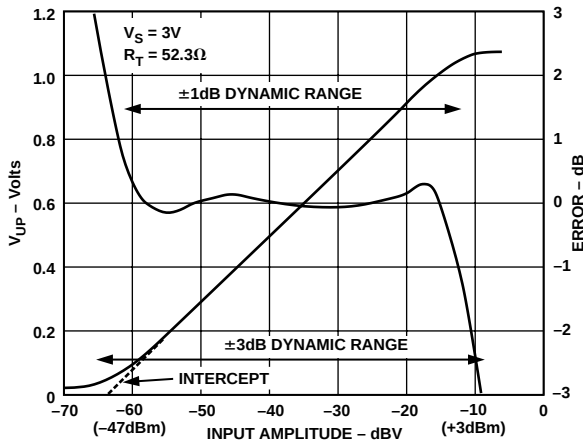


Figure 29.  $V_{UP}$  and Log Conformance Error vs. Input Level vs. Input Level at 900 MHz

## Transfer Function in Terms of Slope and Intercept

The transfer function of the AD8314 is characterized in terms of its Slope and Intercept. The logarithmic slope is defined as the change in the RSSI output voltage for a 1 dB change at the input. For the AD8314, slope is nominally 21.5 mV/dB. So a 10 dB change at the input results in a change at the output of approximately 215 mV. The plot of Log-Conformance (Figure 29) shows the range over which the device maintains its constant slope. The dynamic range can be defined as the range over which the error remains within a certain band, usually  $\pm 1$  dB or  $\pm 3$  dB. In Figure 29, for example, the  $\pm 1$  dB dynamic range is approximately 50 dB (from  $-13$  dBV to  $-63$  dBV).

The intercept is the point at which the extrapolated linear response would intersect the horizontal axis (Figure 29). Using the slope and intercept, the output voltage can be calculated for any input level within the specified input range using the equation:

$$V_{UP} = V_{SLOPE} \times (P_{IN} - P_O)$$

where  $V_{UP}$  is the demodulated and filtered RSSI output,  $V_{SLOPE}$  is the logarithmic slope, expressed in V/dB,  $P_{IN}$  is the input signal, expressed in decibels relative to some reference level (either dBm or dBV in this case) and  $P_O$  is the logarithmic intercept, expressed in decibels relative to the same reference level.

For example, at an input level of  $-40$  dBV ( $-27$  dBm), the output voltage will be

$$V_{OUT} = 0.020 \text{ V/dB} \times (-40 \text{ dBV} - (-63 \text{ dBV})) = 0.46 \text{ V}$$

## dBV vs. dBm

The most widely used convention in RF systems is to specify power in dBm, that is, decibels above 1 mW in 50  $\Omega$ . Specification of log amp input levels in terms of power is strictly a concession to popular convention; they do *not* respond to power (tacitly “power absorbed at the input”), but to the input voltage. The use of dBV, defined as *decibels with respect to a 1 V rms sine wave*, is more precise, although this is still not unambiguous because waveform is also involved in the response of a log amp, which, for a complex input (such as a CDMA signal), will not follow the rms value exactly. Since most users specify RF signals in terms of power—more specifically, in dBm/50  $\Omega$ —we use both dBV and dBm in specifying the performance of the AD8314, showing equivalent dBm levels for the special case of a 50  $\Omega$  environment. Values in dBV are converted to dBm re 50  $\Omega$  by adding 13.

## Filter Capacitor

The video bandwidth of both  $V_{UP}$  and  $V_{DN}$  is approximately 3.5 MHz. In CW applications where the input frequency is much higher than this, no further filtering of the demodulated signal will be required. Where there is a low-frequency modulation of the carrier amplitude, however, the low-pass corner must be reduced by the addition of an external filter capacitor,  $C_F$  (see Figure 28). The video bandwidth is related to  $C_F$  by the equation

$$\text{Video Bandwidth} = \frac{1}{2 \pi \times 4.4 \text{ k}\Omega \times (10 \text{ pF} + C_F)}$$

## Operating in Controller Mode

Figure 30 shows the basic connections for operation in the controller mode and Figure 31 shows a block diagram of a typical controller mode application. The feedback from  $V_{UP}$  to VSET is broken and the desired setpoint voltage is applied to VSET from the controlling source (often this will be a DAC).  $V_{DN}$  will rail high (2.2 V on a 3.3 V supply, 1.9 V on a 2.7 V supply) when the applied power is less than the value corresponding to the setpoint voltage. When the input power slightly exceeds this value,  $V_{DN}$  would, in the absence of the loop via the power amplifier gain pin, decrease rapidly toward ground. In the closed loop, however, the reduction in  $V_{DN}$  causes the power amplifier to reduce its output. This restores a balance between the actual power level sensed at the input of the AD8314 and the demanded value determined by the setpoint. This assumes that the gain control sense of the variable gain element is positive, that is, an increasing voltage from  $V_{DN}$  will tend to increase gain. The output swing and current sourcing capability of  $V_{DN}$  are shown in Figures 19 and 20.

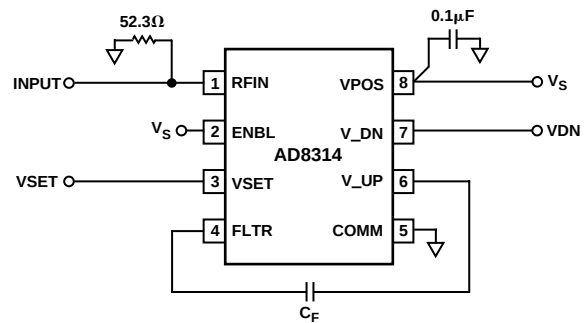


Figure 30. Basic Connections for Operation in Controller Mode

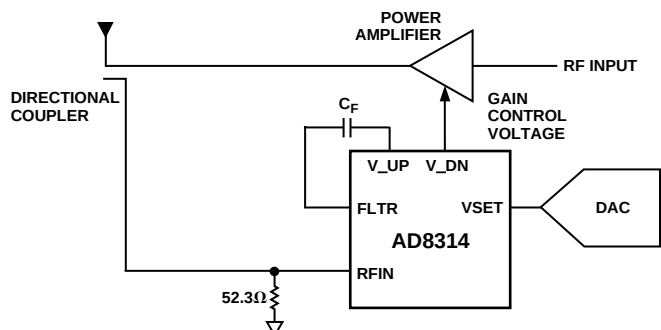


Figure 31. Typical Controller Mode Application

The relationship between the input level and the setpoint voltage follows from the nominal transfer function of the device ( $V_{UP}$  vs. Input Amplitude, see Figure 1). For example, a voltage of 1 V on VSET is demanding a power level of 0 dBm at RFIN. The corresponding power level at the output of the power amplifier will be greater than this amount due to the attenuation through the directional coupler.

When connected in a PA control loop, as shown in Figure 31, the voltage  $V_{UP}$  is not explicitly used, but is implicated in again setting up the required averaging time, by choice of  $C_F$ . However, now the effective loop response time is a much more complicated function of the PA's gain-control characteristics, which are very nonlinear. A complete solution requires specific knowledge of the power amplifier.

The transient response of this control loop is determined by the filter capacitor,  $C_F$ . When this is large, the loop will be unconditionally stable (by virtue of the "dominant pole" generated by this capacitor), but the response will be sluggish. The minimum value ensuring stability should be used, requiring full attention to the particulars of the power amplifier control function. Because this is invariably nonlinear, the choice must be made for the worst-case condition, which usually corresponds to the smallest output from the PA, where the gain function is steepest. In practice, an improvement in loop dynamics can often be achieved by adding a response zero, formed by a resistor in series with  $C_F$ .

## Power-On and Enable Glitch

As already mentioned, the AD8314 can be put into a low power mode by pulling the ENBL pin to ground. This reduces the quiescent current from 4.5 mA to 20  $\mu$ A. Alternatively, the supply can be turned off completely to eliminate the quiescent current. Figures 13 and 23 show the behavior of the  $V_{DN}$  output under these two conditions (in Figure 23, ENBL is tied to VPOS). The glitch that results in both cases can be reduced by loading the  $V_{DN}$  output.

## Input Coupling Options

The internal 5 pF coupling capacitor of the AD8314, along with the low frequency input impedance of 2 k $\Omega$  give a high-pass input corner frequency of approximately 16 MHz. This sets the minimum operating frequency. Figure 32 shows three options for input coupling. A broadband resistive match can be implemented by connecting a shunt resistor to ground at RFIN (Figure 32a). This 52.3  $\Omega$  resistor (other values can also be used to select different overall input impedances) resistor combines with the input impedance of the AD8314 (3 k $\Omega$ ||2 pF) to give a broadband input impedance of 50  $\Omega$ . While the input resistance and capacitance ( $C_{IN}$  and  $R_{IN}$ ) will vary by approximately  $\pm 20\%$  from device to device, the dominance of the external shunt resistor means that the variation in the overall input impedance will be close to the tolerance of the external resistor.

At frequencies above 2 GHz, the input impedance drops below 250  $\Omega$  (see Figure 9), so it is appropriate to use a larger value of shunt resistor. This value is calculated by plotting the input impedance (resistance and capacitance) on a Smith Chart and choosing the best value of shunt resistor to bring the input impedance closest to the center of the chart. At 2.5 GHz, a shunt resistor of 165  $\Omega$  is recommended.

A reactive match can also be implemented as shown in Figure 32b. This is not recommended at low frequencies as device tolerances will dramatically vary the quality of the match because of

the large input resistance. For low frequencies, Option a or Option c (see below) are recommended.

In Figure 32b, the matching components are drawn as general reactances. Depending on the frequency, the input impedance at that frequency and the availability of standard value components, either a capacitor or an inductor will be used. As in the previous case, the input impedance at a particular frequency is plotted on a Smith Chart and matching components are chosen (shunt or series L, shunt or series C) to move the impedance to the center of the chart. Table II gives standard component values for some popular frequencies. Matching components for other frequencies can be calculated using the input resistance and reactance data over frequency which is given in Figure 9. Note that the reactance is plotted as though it appears in parallel with the input impedance (which it does because the reactance is primarily due to input capacitance).

The impedance matching characteristics of a reactive matching network provide voltage gain ahead of the AD8314; this increases the device sensitivity (see Table II). The voltage gain is calculated using the equation:

$$\text{Voltage Gain}_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} \sqrt{\frac{R_2}{R_1}}$$

where  $R_2$  is the input impedance of the AD8314 and  $R_1$  is the source impedance to which the AD8314 is being matched. Note that this gain will only be achieved for a perfect match. Component tolerances and the use of standard values will tend to reduce the gain.

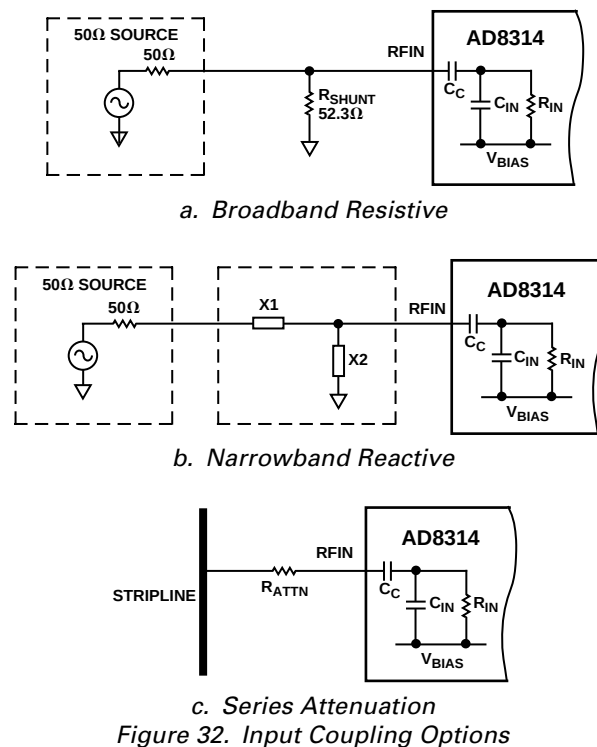


Figure 32. Input Coupling Options

Figure 32c shows a third method for coupling the input signal into the AD8314, applicable in applications where the input signal is larger than the input range of the log amp. A series resistor, connected to the RF source, combines with the input impedance

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of the AD8314 to resistively divide the input signal being applied to the input. This has the advantage of very little power being “tapped off” in RF power transmission applications.

**Table II. Recommended Components for X1 and X2 in Figure 32b**

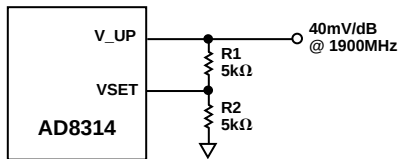
| Frequency (GHz) | X1     | X2            | Voltage Gain (dB) |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| 0.1             | Short  | 52.3 $\Omega$ |                   |
| 0.9             | 33 nH  | 39 nH         | 11.8              |
| 1.9             | 10 nH  | 15 nH         | 7.8               |
| 2.5             | 1.5 pF | 3.9 nH        | 2.55              |

## Increasing the Logarithmic Slope in Measurement Mode

The nominal logarithmic slope of 21.5 mV/dB (see Figure 7 for the variation of slope with frequency) can be increased to an arbitrarily high value by attenuating the signal between V\_UP and VSET as shown in Figure 33. The ratio R1/R2 is set using the equation

$$R1/R2 = (\text{New Slope}/\text{Original Slope}) - 1$$

In the example shown, two 5 k $\Omega$  resistors combine to change the slope at 1900 MHz from 20 mV/dB to 40 mV/dB. The slope can be increased to higher levels. This will, however, reduce the usable dynamic range of the device.



**Figure 33. Increasing the Output Slope**

## Effect of Waveform Type on Intercept

Although specified for input levels in dBm (dB relative to 1 mW), the AD8314 fundamentally responds to voltage and not to power. A direct consequence of this characteristic is that input signals of equal rms power but differing crest factors will produce different results at the log amp’s output.

The effect of differing signal waveforms is to shift the effective value of the intercept upwards or downwards. Graphically, this looks like a vertical shift in the log amp’s transfer function. The logarithmic slope, however, is not affected. For example, consider the case of the AD8314 being alternately fed by an unmodulated sine wave and by a single CDMA channel of the same rms power. The AD8314’s output voltage will differ by the equivalent of 3.55 dB (70 mV) over the complete dynamic range of the device (the output for a CDMA input being lower).

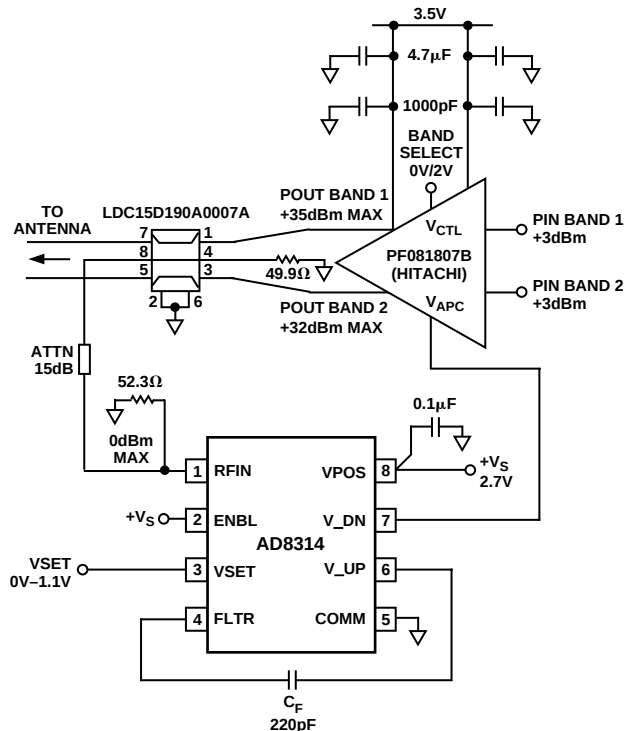
Table III shows the correction factors that should be applied to measure the rms signal strength of a various signal types. A sine wave input is used as a reference. To measure the rms power of a square wave, for example, the mV equivalent of the dB value given in the table (20 mV/dB times 3.01 dB) should be subtracted from the output voltage of the AD8314.

**Table III. Shift in AD8314 Output for Signals with Differing Crest Factors**

| Signal Type                                | Correction Factor (Add to Measured Input Level) |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Sine Wave                                  | 0 dB                                            |
| Square Wave                                | –3.01 dB                                        |
| GSM Channel (All Time Slots On)            | 0.55 dB                                         |
| CDMA Channel (Forward Link, 9 Channels On) | 3.55 dB                                         |
| CDMA Channel (Reverse Link)                | 0.5 dB                                          |
| PDC Channel (All Time Slots On)            | 0.58 dB                                         |

## Mobile Handset Power Control Examples

Figure 34 shows a complete power amplifier control circuit for a dual mode handset. This circuit is applicable to any dual mode handset using TDMA or CDMA technologies. The PF08107B (Hitachi) is driven by a nominal power level of +3 dBm. Some of the output power from the PA is coupled off using an LDC15D190A0007A (Murata) directional coupler. This has a coupling factor of approximately 19 dB for its lower frequency band (897.5  $\pm$  17.5 MHz) and 14 dB for its upper band (1747.5  $\pm$  37.5 MHz) and an insertion loss of 0.38 dB and 0.45 dB respectively. Because the PF08107B transmits a maximum power level of +35 dBm, additional attenuation of 15 dB is required before the coupled signal is applied to the AD8314.



**Figure 34. A Dual Mode Power Amplifier Control Circuit**

The setpoint voltage, in the range 0 V to 1.1 V, is applied to the VSET pin of the AD8314. This will typically be supplied by a Digital-to-Analog Converter (DAC). This voltage is compared to the input level to the AD8314. Any imbalance between VSET and the RF input level is corrected by V<sub>DN</sub>, which drives the V<sub>APC</sub> (gain control) of the power amplifier. V<sub>DN</sub> reaches a maximum value of approximately 1.9 V on a 2.7 V supply (this will be higher for higher supply voltages) while delivering approximately 3 mA to the V<sub>APC</sub> input.

A filter capacitor (C<sub>F</sub>) must be used to stabilize the loop. The choice of C<sub>F</sub> will depend to a large degree on the gain control dynamics of the power amplifier, something that is frequently poorly characterized, so some trial and error may be necessary. In this example, a 220 pF capacitor gives the loop sufficient speed to follow the GSM and DCS1800 time slot ramping profiles, while still having a stable, critically-damped response.

Figure 35 shows the relationship between the setpoint voltage, V<sub>SET</sub> and output power, at 0.9 GHz. The overall gain control function is linear in dB for a dynamic range of over 40 dB.

Figure 36 shows a similar circuit for a single band handset power amplifier. The BGY241 (Phillips) is driven by a nominal power level of 0 dBm. A 20 dB directional coupler, DC09-73 (Alpha) is used to couple the signal in this case. Figure 37 shows the relationship between the control voltage and the output power at 0.9 GHz.

In both of these examples, noise on the V<sub>DN</sub> pin can be reduced by placing a simple RC low-pass filter between V<sub>DN</sub> and the gain control pin of the power amplifier. However, the value of the resistor should be kept low to minimize the voltage drop across it due to the dc current flowing into the gain control input.

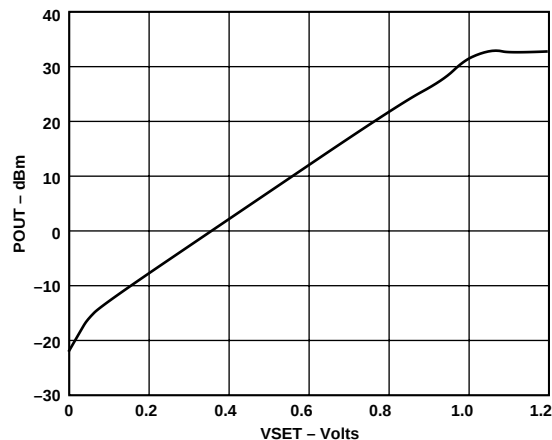


Figure 35. POUT vs. VSET at 0.9 GHz for Dual Mode Handset Power Amplifier Application

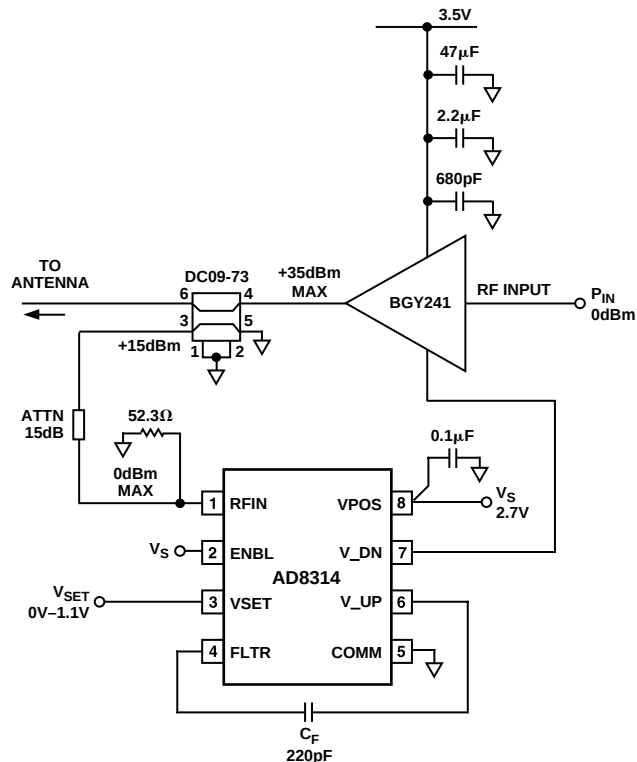


Figure 36. A Single Mode Power Amplifier Control Circuit

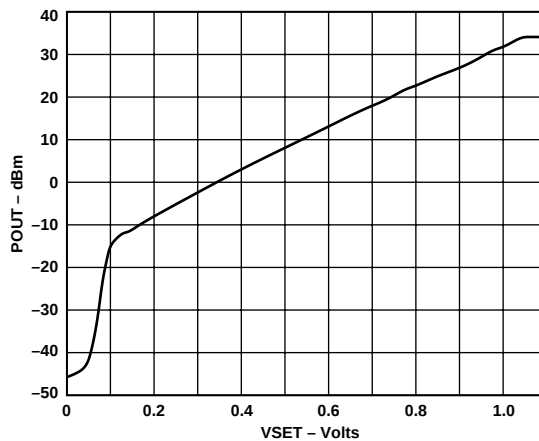


Figure 37. POUT vs. VSET at 0.9 GHz for Single Mode Handset

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## EVALUATION BOARD

Figure 38 shows the schematic of the AD8314 evaluation board. The layout and silkscreen of the component side are shown in Figures 39 and 40. The board is powered by a single supply in the range, 2.7 V to 5.5 V. The power supply is decoupled

by a single 0.1  $\mu$ F capacitor. Additional decoupling, in the form of a series resistor or inductor in R9, can also be added. Table IV details the various configuration options of the evaluation board.

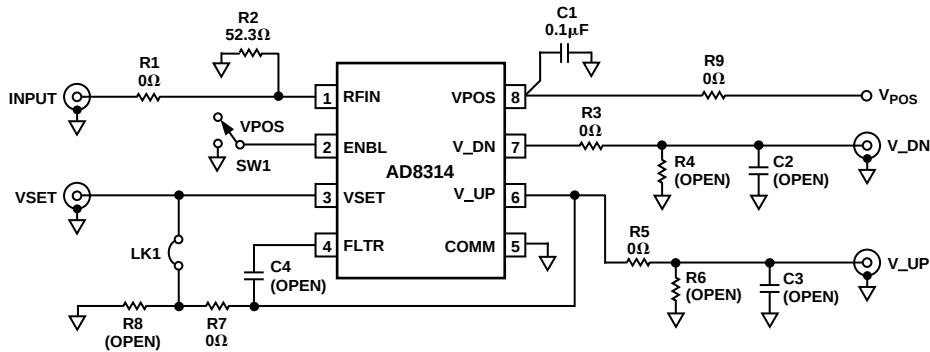


Figure 38. Evaluation Board Schematic

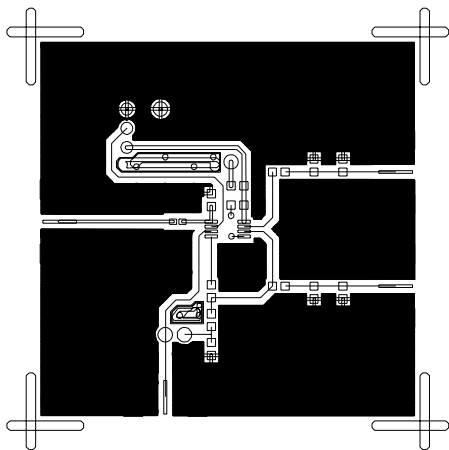


Figure 39. Layout of Component Side

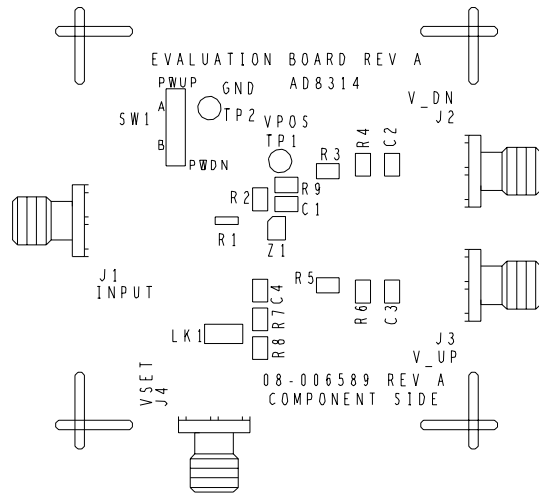


Figure 40. Silkscreen of Component Side

Table IV. Evaluation Boards Configuration Options

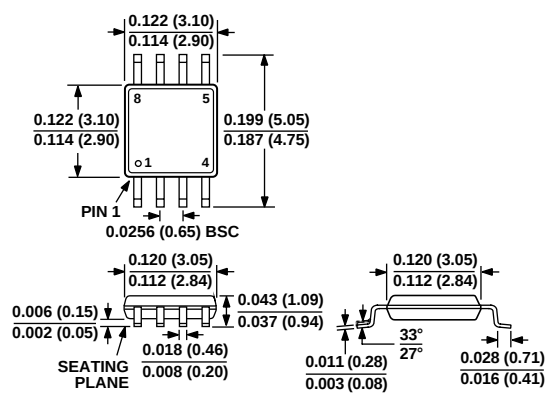
| Component              | Function                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Default Condition                                                        |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TP1, TP2<br>SW1        | <b>Supply and Ground Vector Pins</b><br><b>Device Enable:</b> When in position A, the ENBL pin is connected to $+V_S$ and the AD8314 is in operating mode. In Position B, the ENBL pin is grounded, putting the device in power-down mode.                                                                                                              | Not Applicable<br>SW1 = A                                                |
| R1, R2                 | <b>Input Interface:</b> The 52.3 $\Omega$ resistor in position R2 combines with the AD8314's internal input impedance to give a broadband input impedance of around 50 $\Omega$ . A reactive match can be implemented by replacing R2 with an inductor and R1 (0 $\Omega$ ) with a capacitor. Note that the AD8314's RF input is internally ac-coupled. | R2 = 52.3 $\Omega$ (Size 0603)<br>R1 = 0 $\Omega$ (Size 0402)            |
| R3, R4, C2, R5, R6, C3 | <b>Output Interface:</b> R4, C2, R6, and C3 can be used to check the response of $V_{UP}$ and $V_{DN}$ to capacitive and resistive loading. R3/R4 and R5/R6 can be used to reduce the slope of $V_{UP}$ and $V_{DN}$ .                                                                                                                                  | R4 = C2 = R6 = C3 = Open (Size 0603)<br>R3 = R5 = 0 $\Omega$ (Size 0603) |
| C1, R9                 | <b>Power Supply Decoupling:</b> The nominal supply decoupling consists of a 0.1 $\mu F$ capacitor (C1). A series inductor or small resistor can be placed in R9 for additional decoupling.                                                                                                                                                              | C1 = 0.1 $\mu F$ (Size 0603)<br>R9 = 0 $\Omega$ (Size 0603)              |
| C4                     | <b>Filter Capacitor:</b> The response time of $V_{UP}$ and $V_{DN}$ can be modified by placing a capacitor between FLTR (pin 4) and $V_{UP}$ .                                                                                                                                                                                                          | C4 = Open (Size 0603)                                                    |
| R7, R8                 | <b>Slope Adjust:</b> By installing resistors in R7 and R8, the nominal slope of 20 mV/dB can be increased. See Slope Adjust discussion for more details.                                                                                                                                                                                                | R7 = 0 $\Omega$ (Size 0603)<br>R8 = Open (Size 0603)                     |
| LK1                    | <b>Measurement/Controller Mode:</b> LK1 shorts $V_{UP}$ to VSET, placing the AD8314 in measurement mode. Removing LK1 places the AD8314 in controller mode.                                                                                                                                                                                             | LK1 = Installed                                                          |

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