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Evaluation Board Document

μ PG2413T6Z-EVAL-A

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Description:

The uPG2413T6Z-EVAL-A evaluation board provides a quick and convenient means of evaluating the performance of the NEC uPG2413T6Z switch. In addition to the device, the board provides DC block capacitors, power supply bypass capacitors, and RF and DC connectors.

A DC block capacitor is required at all RF ports. On this board, a 56pF capacitor is used for this purpose. The chosen capacitance value minimizes the mismatch effect associated with the serial capacitor over a wide frequency range. For a narrow band application or an application where the operating frequency is outside the specific frequency range, the user may select a different capacitance value. Generally the performance of the switch circuit is not sensitive, to a certain extent, to the value of DC block capacitors.

A 1000pF capacitor is used for DC bypass on all control lines. For high speed applications the user may choose smaller capacitance.

DC and RF Connections

All ports for DC and RF connections are labeled on the board. For the complete pin-out description, refer to the data sheet. The data sheet is available from CEL's website at: www.cel.com.

Information on Board Material:

The PCB is a four layer board. The top layer is 10mil thick RO4350B. Its dielectric constant is 3.48. The middle and bottom layers are 45mil and 10mil FR4 respectively. All RF transmission lines are on top metal layer. The second metal layer is ground. The third metal layer is for DC routing and the bottom metal layer is ground.

Switch Logic Table:

The following table lists the logic table for switch states.

Vcont1	Vcont2	Vcont3	RFC-RF1	RFC-RF2	RFC-RF3
Н	L	L	ON	OFF	OFF
L	Н	L	OFF	ON	OFF
L	L	Н	OFF	OFF	ON

Insertion Loss of Through Board:

It is necessary to take the loss through the connectors and PCB trace into account in assessing the insertion loss through the switch alone. To this end a through board was characterized to determine the board/connector loss. The table below lists the board loss at different frequencies.

INPUT FREQUENCY (GHz)	BOARD LOSS (dB)
1.0	0.08
2.0	0.16
2.5	0.23
3	0.26

