

A 30 GHz MMIC Receiver for Satellite Transponders

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The development of 30-GHz-band MMIC's and multichip MMIC modules (low-noise amplifier and frequency converters) is reported. A 30-GHz-band full-MMIC receiver for satellite transponders has been successfully constructed using the MMIC modules. The performance of the full-MMIC receiver is evaluated. Test results indicate its successful performance as a satellite receiver system. In this paper, the design and performance of the MMIC's (a two-stage amplifier, an image rejection mixer, and a frequency multiplier), of multichip-type MMIC modules (a 30-GHz-band low-noise amplifier module with a gain of 30 dB and a noise figure of 8.2 dB, and an image rejection frequency converter with a 10 dB conversion loss and an 18 dB image rejection ratio), and of the full-MMIC receiver, which weighs 1/6 as much as a conventional hybrid IC, are presented.

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