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Low distortion and high efficiency 17 W power GaAs FETs for satellite communication system applications

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We have developed a GaAs FET power amplifier that demonstrated a high power-added efficiency of 68% with 17.1 W output power and a 16 dB linear gain at 1.5 GHz. The developed 17 W amplifier also exhibited state of the art low distortion characteristics of less than -21 dBc NPR (Noise Power Ratio) at the 5 dB-output power back-off point from 2 dB-gain compression point. These excellent results are performed by optimizing the drain bias circuit as well as the internal matching network.

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