

LTC5549

2GHz to 14GHz Passive Bidirectional Mixer

DESCRIPTION

Demonstration circuit 2310A is optimized for evaluation of the [LTC®5549](#) passive double-balanced mixer with integrated LO frequency doubler. Its RF port is matched to 50Ω from 2GHz to 13.6GHz with 9dB return loss, and the LO port is matched to 50Ω from 1GHz to 12GHz with 10dB return loss. The IF output is matched to 50Ω from 700MHz to 6GHz with 10dB return loss. The LTC5549 can be used for upconverting and downconverting applications.

The internal LO doubler can be enabled to allow operation with a lower frequency LO input signal such as that from the [LTC6945/LTC6946](#) or [LTC6947/LTC6948](#) family of frequency synthesizers.

Design files for this circuit board are available at <http://www.linear.com/demo/DC2310A>

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM INPUT RATINGS

Supply Voltage (V_{CC})	4V
Enable Input Voltage (EN)	-0.3V to $V_{CC} + 0.3V$
LO Input Power (1GHz to 12GHz)	+10dBm
LO Input DC Voltage.....	±0.1V
RF Input Power (2GHz to 14GHz)	+20dBm
RF Input DC Voltage.....	±0.1V
IF Input Power (0.5GHz to 6GHz)	+20dBm
IF Input DC Voltage	±0.1V
Operating Temperature Range (T_C)	-40°C to 105°C
Junction Temperature (T_J)	150°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to 150°C

CAUTION: This part is sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). Observe proper ESD precautions when handling the LTC5549.

BOARD LAYOUT

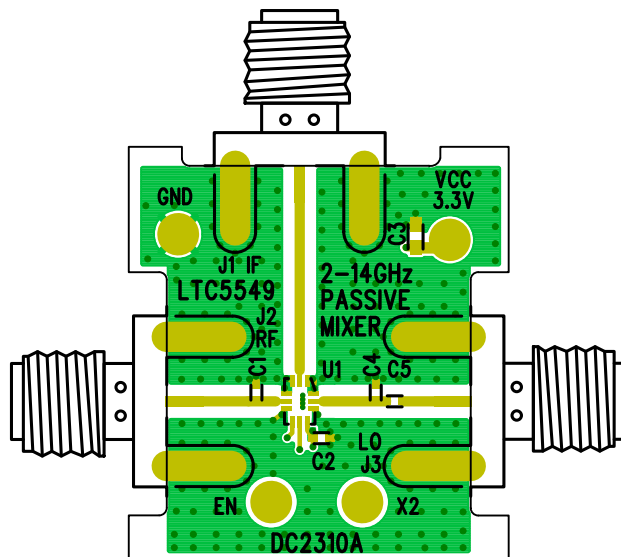


Figure 1. DC2310A

PROPER TEST SETUPS

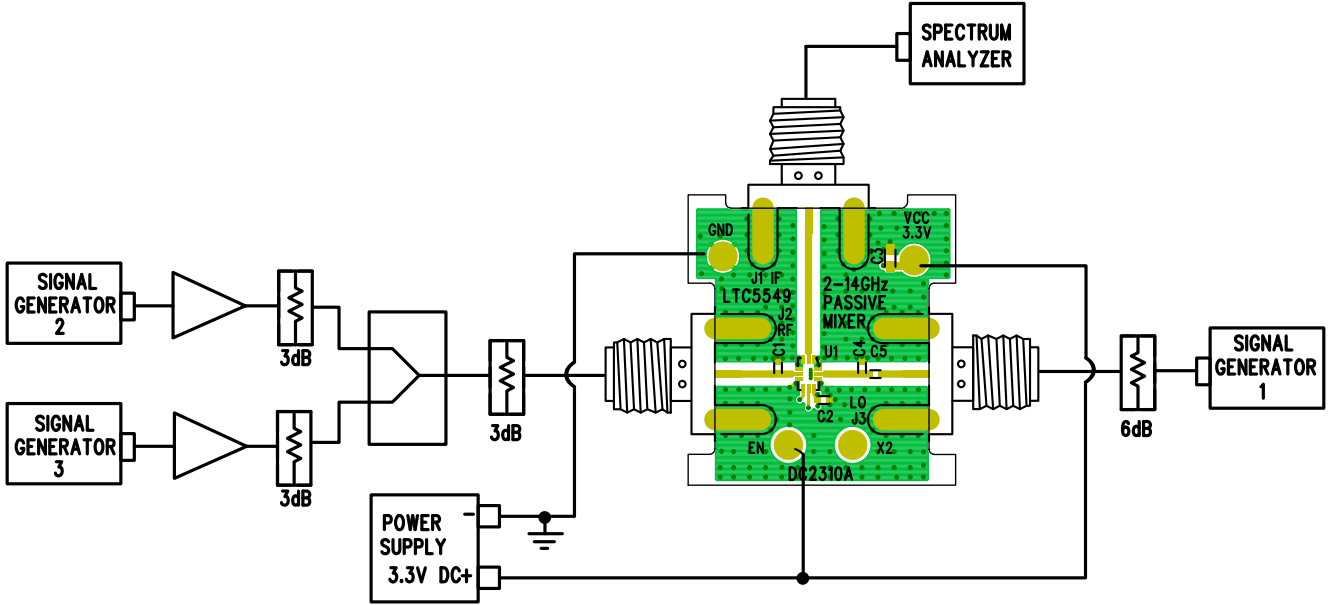


Figure 2. Test Setup for Downconverting Mixer 2-Tone Measurements

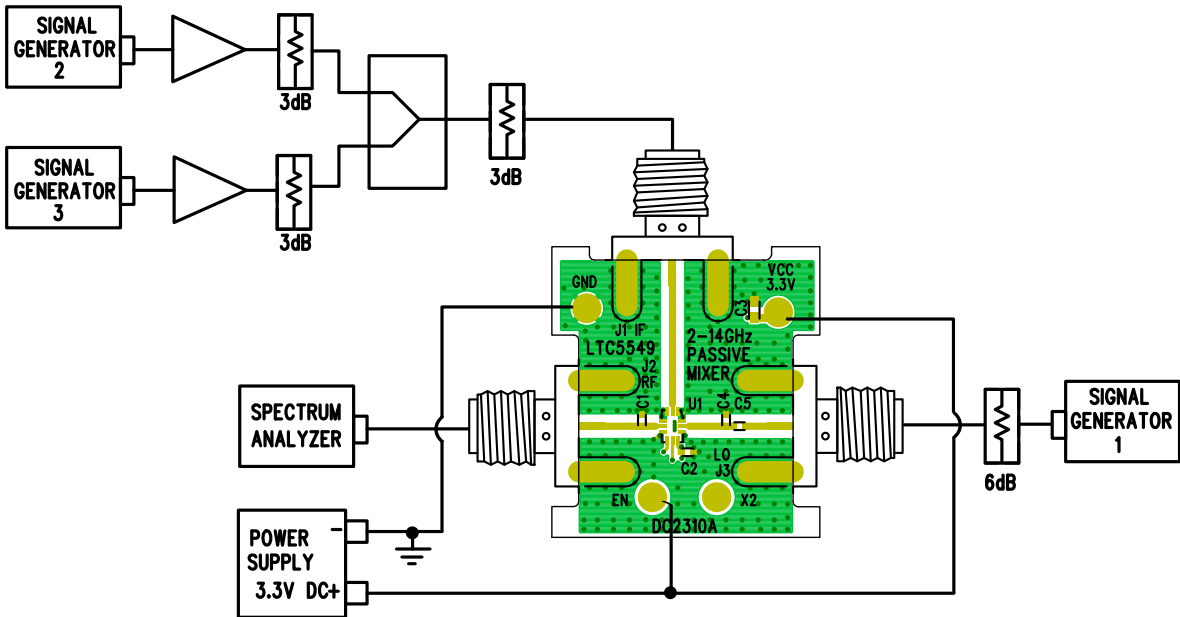


Figure 3. Test Setup for Upconverting Mixer 2-Tone Measurements

NOTES ON TEST EQUIPMENT AND SETUP

- High performance signal generators with low harmonic outputs should be used for 2-tone measurements. Otherwise, low pass filters at the signal generator outputs should be used to suppress harmonics.
- High quality combiners should be used to present a broadband 50Ω termination on all ports as well as provide good port-to-port isolation. Adding attenuator pads further improves source isolation and helps prevent the signal generators from producing intermodulation products.
- Spectrum analyzers can produce significant internal distortion products if they are overdriven. Generally, spectrum analyzers are designed to operate at their best with about -30dBm to -40dBm at their input. The spectrum analyzer's input attenuation setting should be used to avoid saturating the instrument.
- Set the spectrum analyzer's input attenuation depending on the spectrum analyzer used.
- Before performing measurements on the DUT, the system performance should be evaluated to ensure that a clean input signal is obtained and that the spectrum analyzer's internal distortion is minimized.

QUICK START PROCEDURE

1. Connect all test equipment as shown in Figure 2.
2. Set the power supply output voltage to 3.3V, and set the current limit to 200mA.
3. Connect the ground and V_{CC} turrets to the power supply. **BE SURE TO CONNECT THE V_{CC} TURRET *BEFORE* THE EN TURRET TO ENSURE THAT THE PART DOES NOT GET DAMAGED. ALSO, REMOVE POWER FROM EN TURRET *BEFORE* REMOVING POWER FROM THE V_{CC} TURRET.**
4. Connect the EN turret to the power supply.
5. Set the LO signal generator to provide a 3910MHz CW signal at about 0dBm to the demo board's LO port.
6. Set the RF signal generators to provide one 5799MHz CW signal and one 5801MHz CW signal. The signals should be applied to the 2-way combiner. The output of the combiner should be applied to the demo board's RF input port. The two tones should be set to -5dBm each at the mixer's RF input port.
7. Set the spectrum analyzer's center frequency to 1890GHz.
8. Perform various measurements (Conversion Gain, OIP3, LO leakage, etc.)

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PARTS LIST

ITEM	QTY	REFERENCE	PART DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER/PART NUMBER
1	2	C1, C4	CAP, 0.15pF, 100V, ± 0.01 pF, 0402	AVX, 04021JR15ZBS
2	1	C2, C5	CAP, 22pF, COG, 50V, 5%, 0402	AVX, 04025A220JAT2A
3	2	C3	CAP, 1 μ F, X7R, 10V, 10%, 0603	AVX, 0603ZD105KAT2A
4	4	E1 to E4	TEST POINT, TURRET, 0.061" MTG HOLE	MILL-MAX, 2308-2-00-80-00-00-07-0
5	3	J1 to J3	CONN, SMA 50 Ω EDGE-LAUNCH	EF JOHNS ON, 142-0701-851
6	1	U1	IC LTC5549IUSB, QFN 12 PIN, 3mm x 2mm	LINEAR TECHNOLOGY, LTC5549IUSB#PBF

DEMO BOARD SCHEMATIC

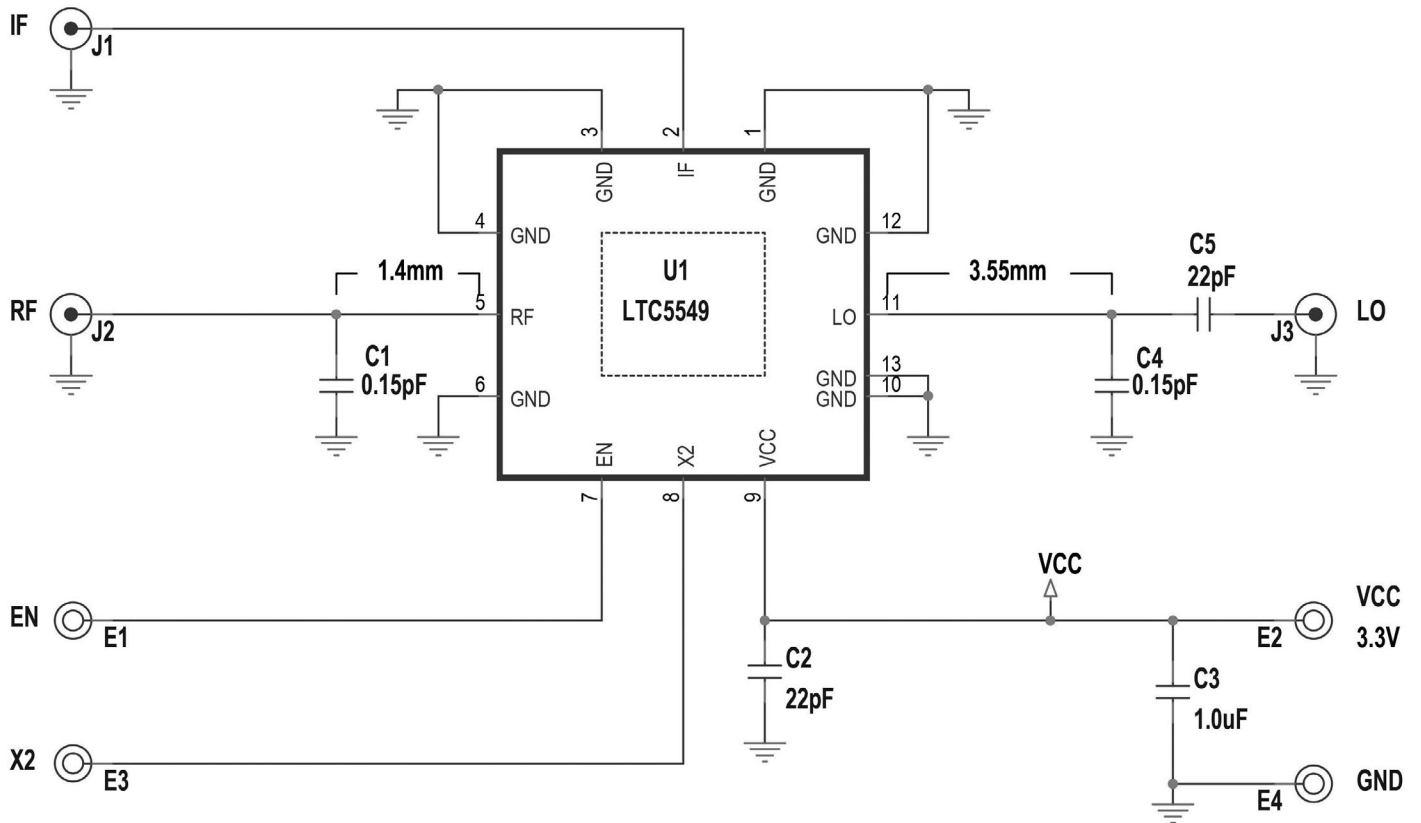


Figure 4. DC2310A Schematic

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