

**FEATURES**

- **current mode class H output stage**
- **current drive power amp**
- **low distortion / low noise**
- **low amplifier current 190  $\mu$ A typical**

**STANDARD PACKAGING**

- Chip (84 x 112 mils)

**DESCRIPTION**

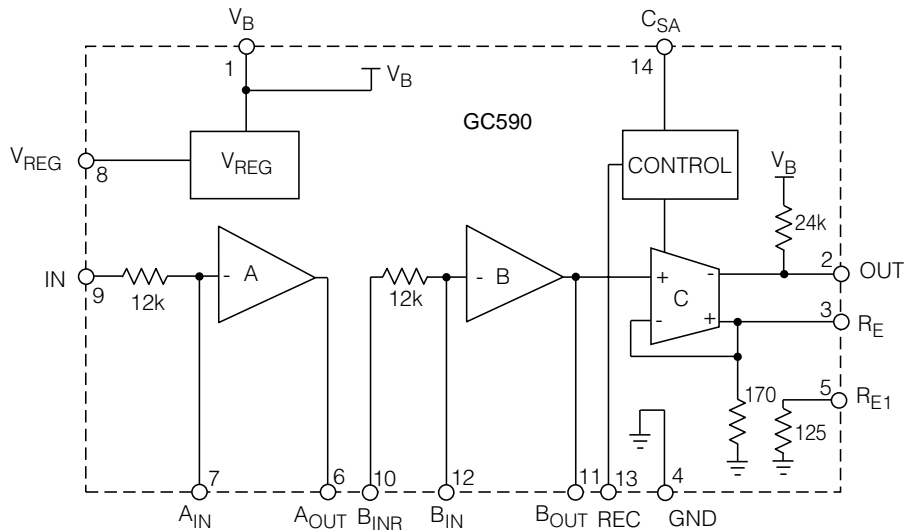
The GC590 is a linear amplifier system containing three amplifier stages.

This product incorporates a current mode class H power amplifier.

By adapting the bias of the output stage to the requirements of the signal being processed, significant current savings can be realised compared to traditional class A amplifiers.

The adaptive action does not compromise the characteristics of a current drive output stage.

In addition to the output stage, two additional stages of preamplification are provided to allow filtering and gain adjustment to be easily accomplished.



All resistors in ohms, all capacitors in farads unless otherwise stated.

**FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**

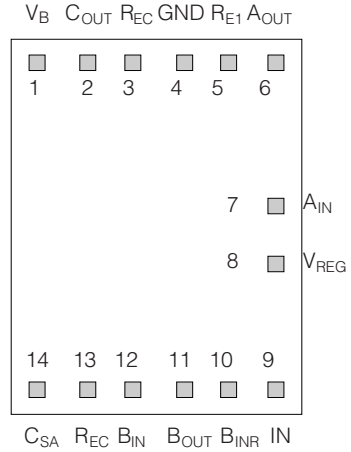
## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

PARAMETER	VALUE / UNITS
Supply Voltage	5 VDC
Power Dissipation	25 mW
Operating Temperature Range	-10° C to 40° C
Storage Temperature Range	-20° C to 70° C

**CAUTION**

CLASS 1 ESD SENSITIVITY

## CHIP PIN CONNECTION



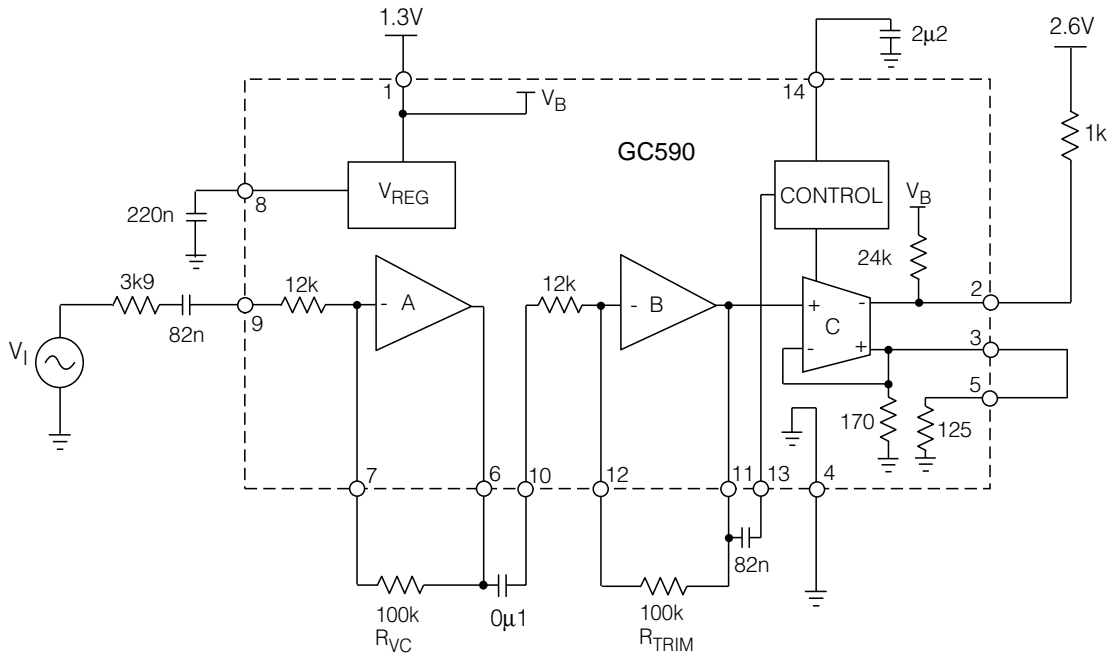
## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Conditions: Frequency = 1 kHz, Temperature 25 °C, Voltage Supply = 1.3 VDC

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
<b>OVERALL</b>						
Amplifier Current	$I_{AMP}$		80	190	300	$\mu A$
Minimum Operating Voltage	$V_B$		-	-	1.1	V
Overall Gain	$A_V$		51	54	57	dB
Distortion	THD	$V_{IN} = -40$ dBV $R_{TRIM} = R_{VC} = 10$ k $\Omega$	-	0.2	1	%
Input Referred Noise	IRN	A Weighted Filter	-	-	2.5	$\mu VRMS$
<b>VOLTAGE REGULATOR</b>						
Regulator Voltage	$V_{REG}$	$I_{LOAD} = 30$ $\mu A$	870	920	970	mVDC
Output Noise		A Weighted	-	2.9	-	$\mu VRMS$
<b>STAGE A AND STAGE B</b>						
Input Bias Current	$I_{BIAS}$		-25	0	25	nA
DC Voltage Gain	Stage A	$A_{OL-A}$	-	52	-	dB
	Stage B	$A_{OL-B}$	-	42	-	dB
Current Source Capabilities	$I_{SOURCE}$		15	30	-	$\mu A$
Output Voltage Swing - Low	$V_{SINK}$		260	315	-	mV
<b>STAGE C AND CONTROL CIRCUIT</b>						
Maximum Current Sinking	$I_{SINK}$	$R_E$ grounded, $V_{P4} = 1.3$ V	3	6	-	mA
Output Impedance	$R_{OUT}$		-	24	-	k $\Omega$
Minimum Emitter Voltage	$V_{RE-MIN}$		2	5	9	mV
Maximum Emitter Voltage	$V_{RE-MAX}$		62	66	74	mV
Minimum Transducer Current	$I_{T-MIN}$	$R_E, R_{E1}$ shorted	26	71	126	$\mu A$
Maximum Transducer Current	$I_{T-MAX}$	$R_E, R_{E1}$ shorted	750	930	1100	$\mu A$
Maximum/Minimum Transducer Current Ratio	$I_{RANGE}$		16	20	28	dB
Dynamic Headroom	Headroom	Note 1	14	17	22	dB
Time Constant	$T_C$		-	100	-	mS

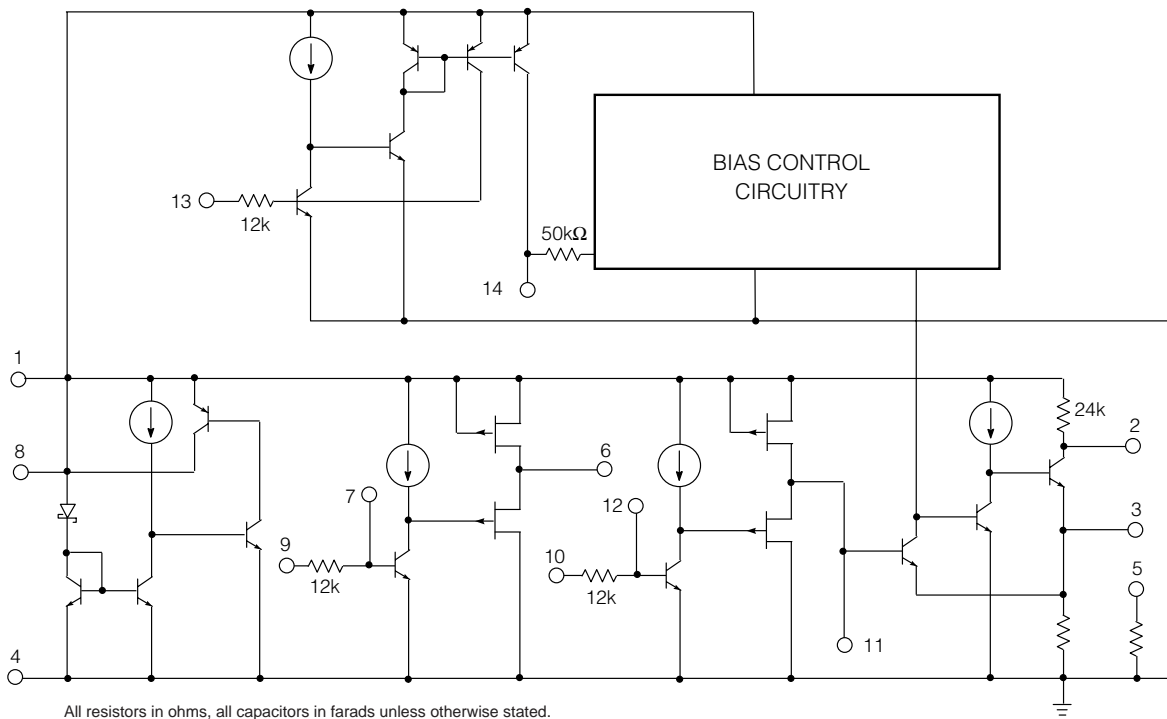
All parameters and switches remain as shown in the Test Circuit unless otherwise stated in CONDITIONS column.

**Notes:** 1. Headroom =  $20 \text{ Log} (V_{REDC} / V_{REACRMS})$  [ $V_{IN} = -70$  dBV]



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Fig. 1 Test Circuit



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Fig. 2 Functional Schematic Diagram

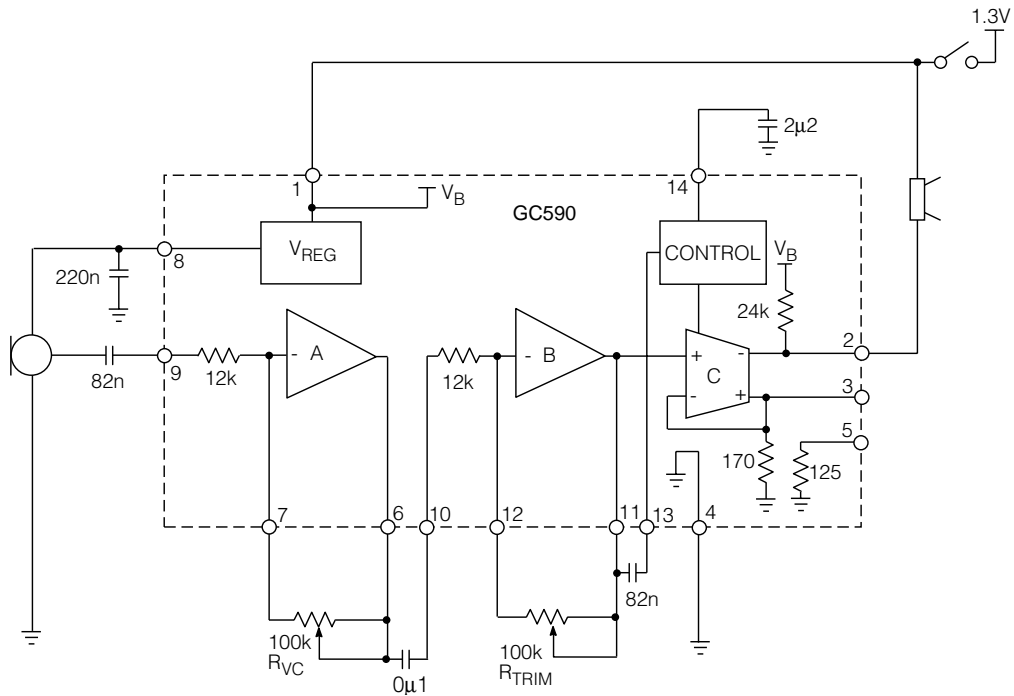


Fig. 3 Typical Hearing Instrument Application

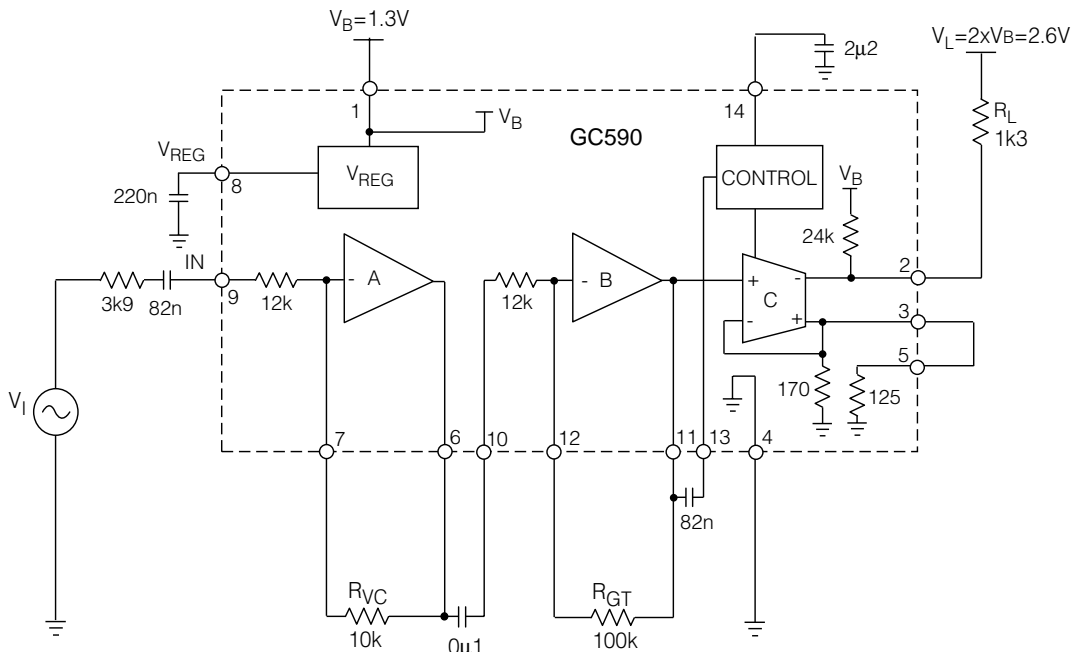


Fig. 4 Characterization Circuit

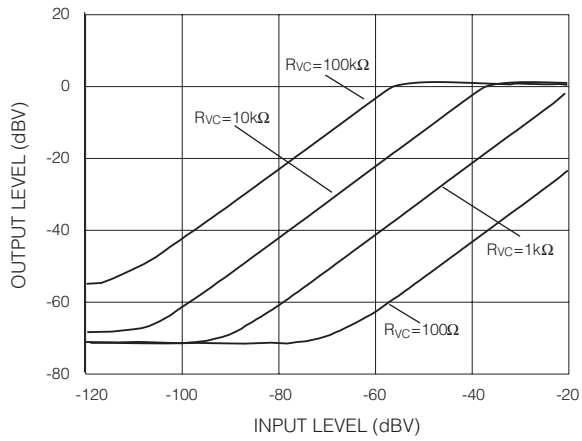


Fig. 5 Input vs Output Transfer Function for the Different Values of the  $R_{VC}$  Resistor

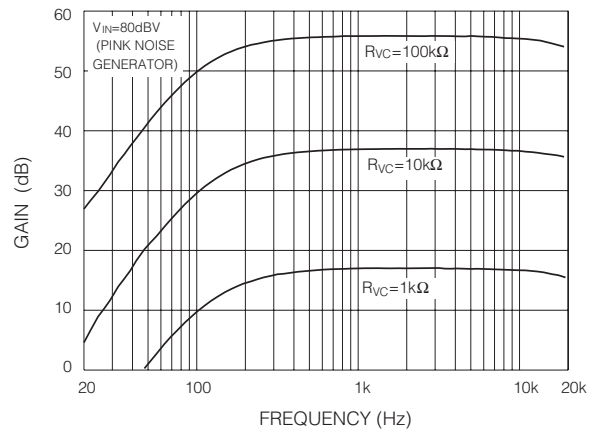


Fig. 6 Frequency Response for Different  $R_{VC}$  Values

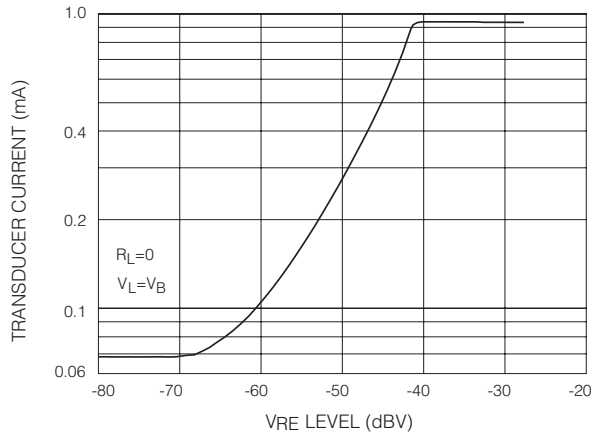


Fig. 7 Transducer Current Characteristics

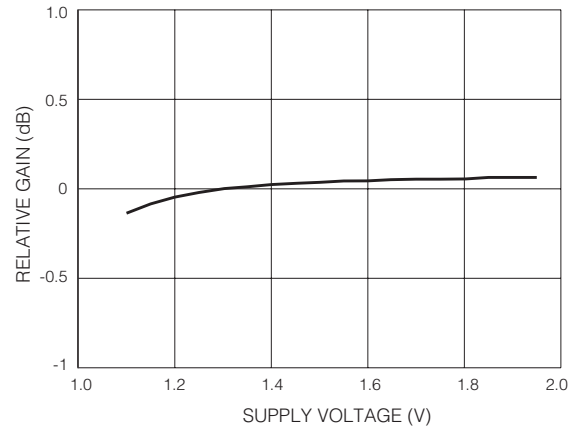


Fig. 8 System Gain vs Supply

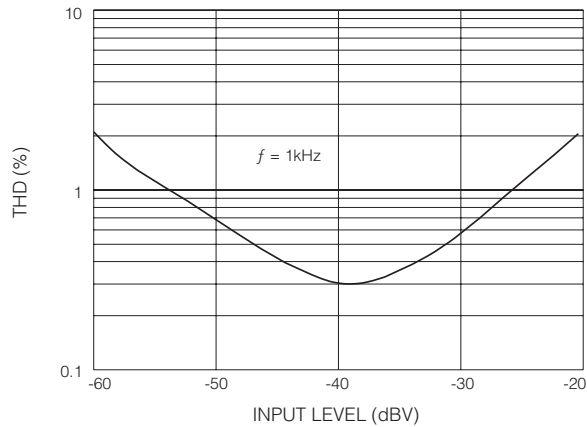


Fig. 9 THD & Noise vs Input Level

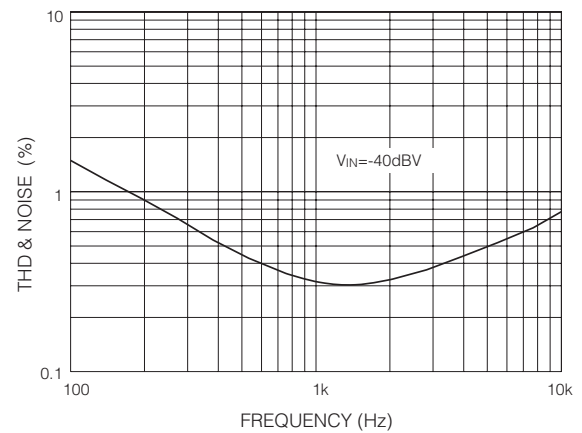


Fig. 10 THD & Noise vs Frequency

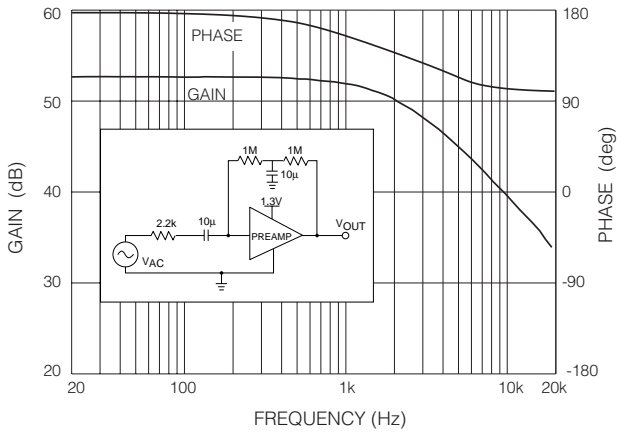


Fig. 11 Stage A Open Loop Gain & Phase vs Frequency

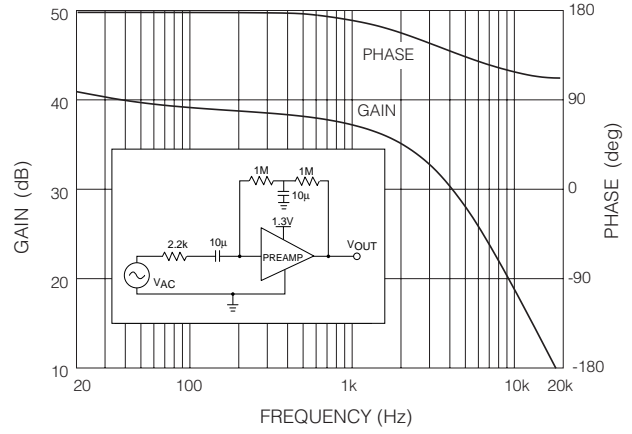


Fig. 12 Stage B Open Loop Gain & Phase vs Frequency

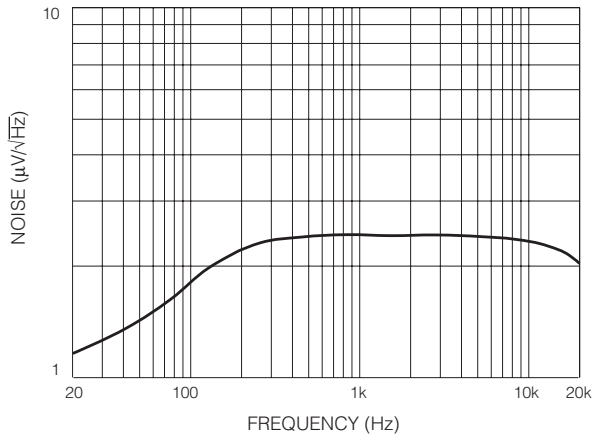


Fig. 13 Output Noise vs Frequency

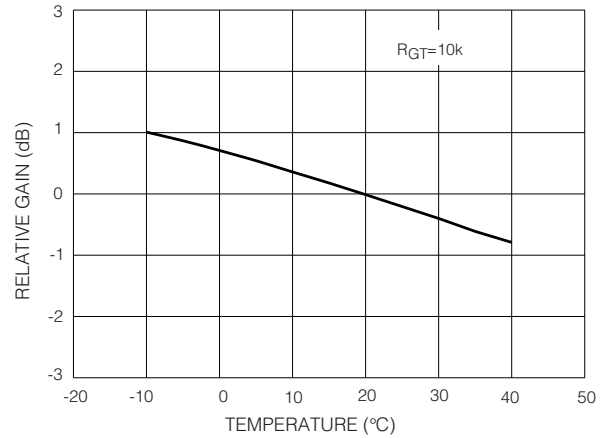


Fig. 14 Relative Gain vs Temperature

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