

EC624 Active Steering™ Switch

Active Antenna Switch for High-Performance Wi-Fi Applications



KEY BENEFITS

- Higher throughput, longer range, and broader signal coverage
- More reliable connections and reduction of Wi-Fi "dead spots"
- Flexible antenna placement and seamless design integration
- Reduced system cost

FEATURES

High Performance RF Tuning Switch

High Linearity Shuntless SP4T

Active Steering Technology

- Real-time optimization of Wi-Fi radio link performance
- Up to 3dB improvement in radio link signal gain
- Per-antenna / per-client / per-packet optimization

Designed for High-Performance Wi-Fi Devices

 Up to 8x8 MIMO support with EC477 Active Steering Processor

Data-Over-Coax (DOC) Interface

- Flexible antenna placement with optimal cost
- Allows any combination of active + passive antennas in system deign

Small Footprint:

- 16-pin FC LGA package
- 2.0 x 2.0 mm Package Size

OVERVIEW

KYOCERA AVX's EC624 Active Antenna Switch enables the "2x" performance and efficiency gains of Active Steering on a per-antenna basis. The EC624 works in conjunction with the EC477 Active Steering Processor to deliver the benefits of Wi-Fi Active Steering in a BOM efficient-solution and enables optimal antenna placement within the device for access point, gateway and client applications.

APPLICATIONS

- Access Points
- Set-top Boxes
- Wi-Fi Clients
- Wi-Fi ExtendersSmart Appliances

TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGES

The EC624 acts as a slave device to the EC477 Active Steering Processor to deliver real-time Wi-Fi radio link optimization for access point, gateway, and client applications. The EC624 performs the switching function to steer the Active Steering Antenna radiation pattern in order to maximize Wi-Fi radio link gain and performance. KYOCERA AVX patented Active Steering technology enables up to 3 dB radio link signal gain on a per-antenna basis to maximize throughput and coverage, and is additive to performance gains realized via Wi-Fi MIMO and beamforming techniques. In addition, KYOCERA AVX Active Steering Technology provides solution scalability to support next-generation 802.11ax applications.

DESIGN ADVANTAGES

The EC624 supports Ethertronics' Data-Over-Coax (DOC) interface, which allows Active Steering signaling on the same physical cable as the primary RF feed without impacting the main Wi-Fi radio signal. The DOC interface eliminates the need for custom connectors and cables, which reduces the system bill of materials, enables easier placement of off-PCB antennas, and provides seamless integration of any combination of Active and passive antennas into device designs.

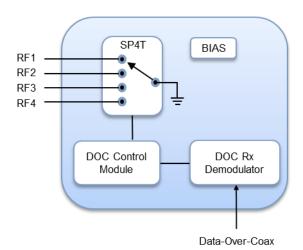


Figure 1: EC624 Block Diagram



Specifications

Table 1: Electrical Specifications @ 25° C, VDD = 2.6V

Parameter	Symbol	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units	Conditions
SP4T						
Operating Frequency	f _o	100		7000	MHz	
R _{on} 1	R _{ON}		4		Ω	Any RF Port
C _{OFF} 1	C _{OFF}		180		fF	Any RF Port, measured at 2.4 GHz
0	01		-87	-37	dBm	Pin +20 dBm, 2.535 GHZ
Second Harmonic 2f ₀ ²	2f ₀		-87	-37	dBm	Pin +20 dBm, 5.15 GHZ
Third Harmania 26.2	24		-85	-37	dBm	Pin +20 dBm, 2.535 GHZ
Third Harmonic 3f₀²	3f ₀		-88	-37	dBc	Pin +20 dBm, 5.15 GHZ
IMD3 @ 950 MHz² (Third Order	IMD ₃ LB			-60	dBc	Two tones @ +7 dBm each, spaced by 100 MHz
Intermodulation Distortion)	IMD₃ HB			-70	dBc	Two tones @ +17 dBm each, spaced by 150 MHz
Switching Time	t _{sw}			500	ns	
		DO	C _{ET} Receiver			
Nominal Carrier Frequency	F _c		240		MHz	
Modulation	Mod		ООК			
Baud Rate	BR		15		MBPS	
Bit Error Rate	BER			1 x 10 ⁻⁴		At reference sensitivity
Reference Sensitivity	MDS		80		mVpp	Carrier on voltage level
802.11AC Interference Rejection ⁴	IR _{11AC}	TBD			mVpp	To maintain BER at MDS At any 802.11AC frequency
Probability of False Alarm	P _{FA}			1 x 10 ⁻⁴		Uncorrelated in band interferer at MDS

Note 1

- Derived as real (R_{ON}) and XC (C_{OFF}) part of S11 measurement.
 Note 2:
- Reflected harmonics and IMD products.
- Measured equivalent to a 50 ohm through device.

Note 3

 Time for RF envelope to transition from within 10% of its initial value, to within 10% of its final value.

Note 4:

Residual level after application circuit rejection (nominally 40 dB)



Table 2: Operating Ranges

Parameter4	Symbol	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit	Conditions
Supply Voltage	V_{DD}	2.4	2.6	2.8	V	Supplied through DOC _{ET} Input
Power Supply Current	I _{DD}	1.95	2.3	2.67	mA	
Operating Temperature	T _{OP}	-30		+75	°C	
Storage Temperature	T _{ST}	-65		+150	°C	

Table 3: Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Minimum	Maximum	Unit	Conditions
Supply Voltage	V_{DD}	-0.3	5	V	
ESD Voltage (HBM, MIL)	НВМ		1000	V	



Figure 2: Pin Configuration (Top View)

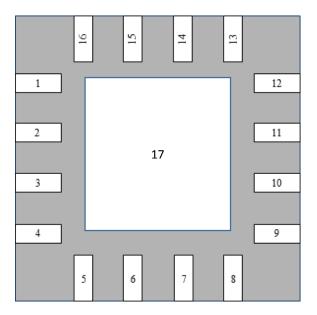


Table 4: EC624 Pin Description

Pin #	Pin Name	Pin Type	Description
1	GND	Ground	Ground
2	RSV1	Reserved	Ground in Application
3	RSV2	Reserved	Ground in Application
4	RSV3	Reserved	Do Not Connect
5	RES	Input	Bias Resistor
6	RSV4	Reserved	Do Not Connect
7	POR	Input	Time Constant Cap
8	RXIN_N	DOC Input	Ground in Application
9	RXIN_P	DOC Input	DOC Input
10	VDD	Power	Power Supply
11	RSV5	Reserved	Do Not Connect
12	GND	Ground	Ground
13	RF3	Input	RF Input 4
14	RF2	Input	RF Input 3
15	RF1	Input	RF Input 2
16	RF0	Input	RF Input 1
Paddle	GND	RF/DIG GND	Ground

Table 5: EC624 Mechanical Overview

Size	2.0 mm x 2.0 mm x 0.7 mm
Mounting	Surface Mount
Packaging	FC LGA, Tape & Reel



Figure 4: Product Marking Code

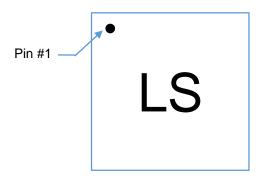


Table 7: EC624 Ordering Information

Order Code	Package	Shipping Method
EC624	16-Lead SMT 2.0 X 2.0 X 0.7 mm	3000 Units/T&R





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