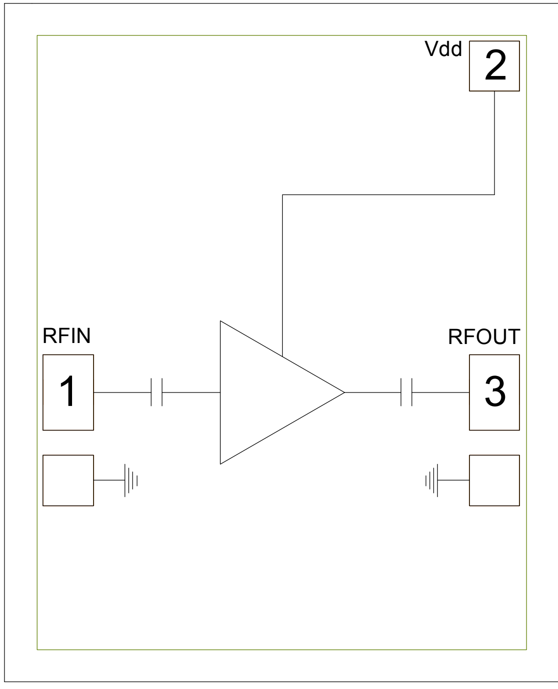
CMD167

10-17 GHz Low Noise Amplifier

Features

- ► Ultra low noise performance
- ► Low current consumption
- ► Small die size

Functional Block Diagram



Description

The CMD167 is a highly efficient GaAs MMIC low noise amplifier ideally suited for EW and communications systems where small size and low power consumption are needed. At 14 GHz the device delivers greater than 16 dB of gain with a corresponding output 1 dB compression point of +11 dBm and noise figure of 1.8 dB. The CMD167 is a 50 ohm matched design which eliminates the need for external DC blocks and RF port matching. The CMD167 offers full passivation for increased reliability and moisture protection. This amplifier is the perfect alternative to higher cost hybrid amplifiers.

Electrical Performance - V_{dd} = 3.0 V, T_A = 25 °C, F=14 GHz

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Frequency Range		10 - 17		GHz
Gain		16		dB
Noise Figure		1.8		dB
Input Return Loss		20		dB
Output Return Loss		25		dB
Output P1dB		11		dBm
Supply Current		55		mA

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Specifications

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Rating
Drain Voltage, Vdd	5.0 V
RF Input Power	+ 20 dBm
Channel Temperature, Tch	150 °C
Power Dissipation, Pdiss	416 mW
Thermal Resistance	156 °C/W
Operating Temperature	-55 to 85 °C
Storage Temperature	-55 to 150 °C

Operation of this device outside the maximum ratings may cause permanent damage.

Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Vdd	2.0	3.0	4.0	V
Idd		55		mA

Electrical performance is measured at specific test conditions. Electrical specifications are not guaranteed over all recommended operating conditions.

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Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Frequency Range		10 - 14			14 - 17		GHz
Gain	13	16.5	19.5	12	15.5	18.5	dB
Noise Figure		2	2.8		1.8	2.3	dB
Input Return Loss		18			18		dB
Output Return Loss		20			23		dB
Output P1dB		11			11		dBm
Output IP3		23			23		dBm
Supply Current	40	55	70	40	55	70	mA
Gain Temperature Coefficient		0.012			0.012		dB/°C
Noise Figure Temperature Coefficient		0.008			0.008		dB/°C

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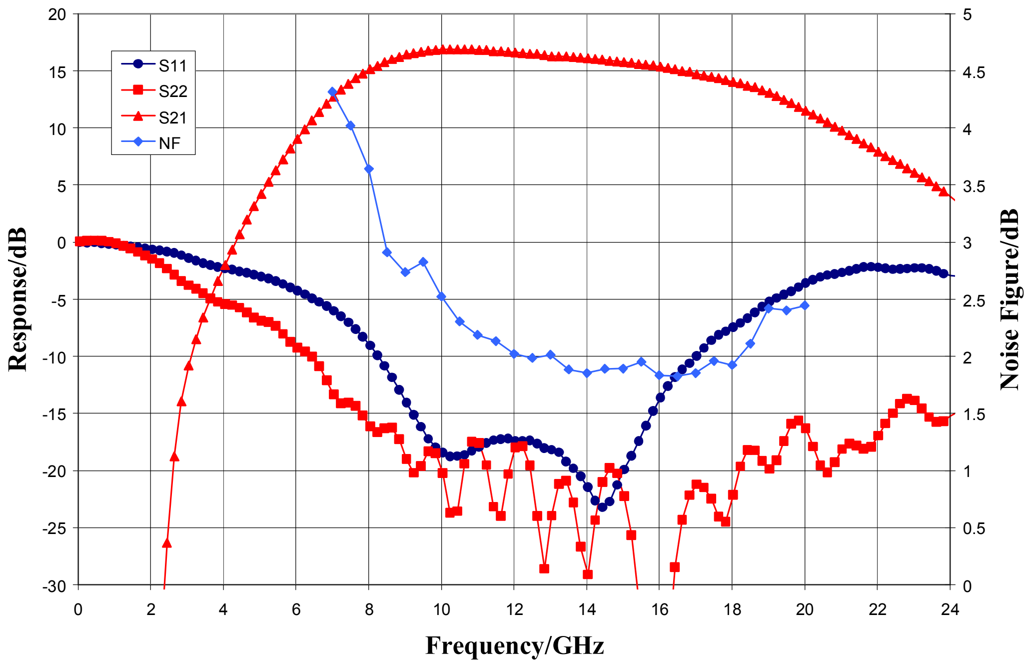
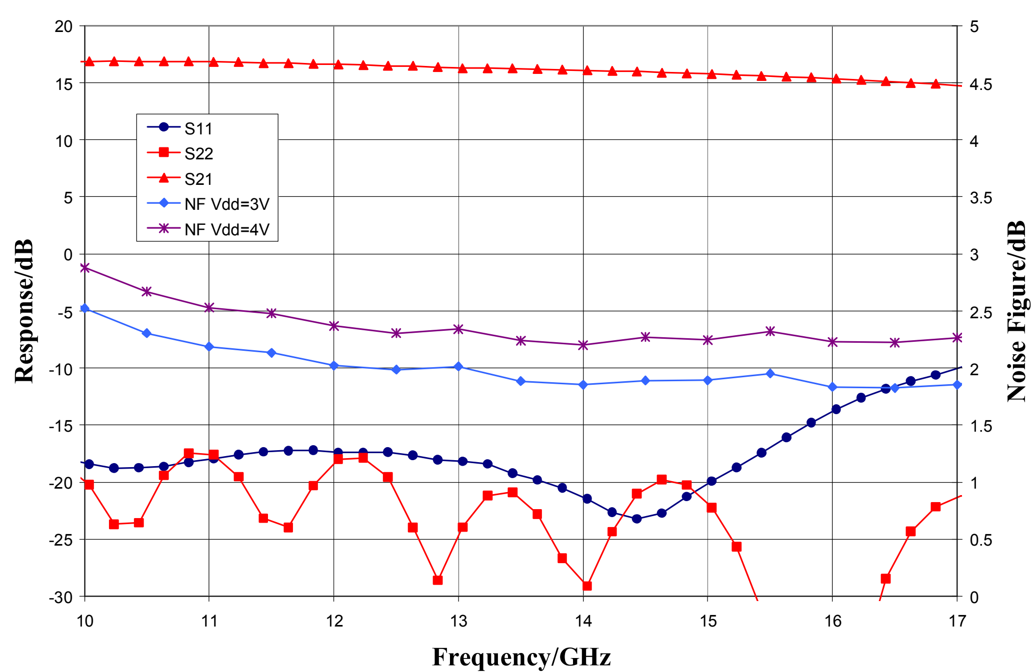
Typical Performance

Broadband Performance, V_{dd} = 3.0 V, I_{dd} = 55 mA, T_A = 25 °C



Narrow-band Performance, V_{dd} = 3.0 V, I_{dd} = 55 mA, T_A = 25 °C



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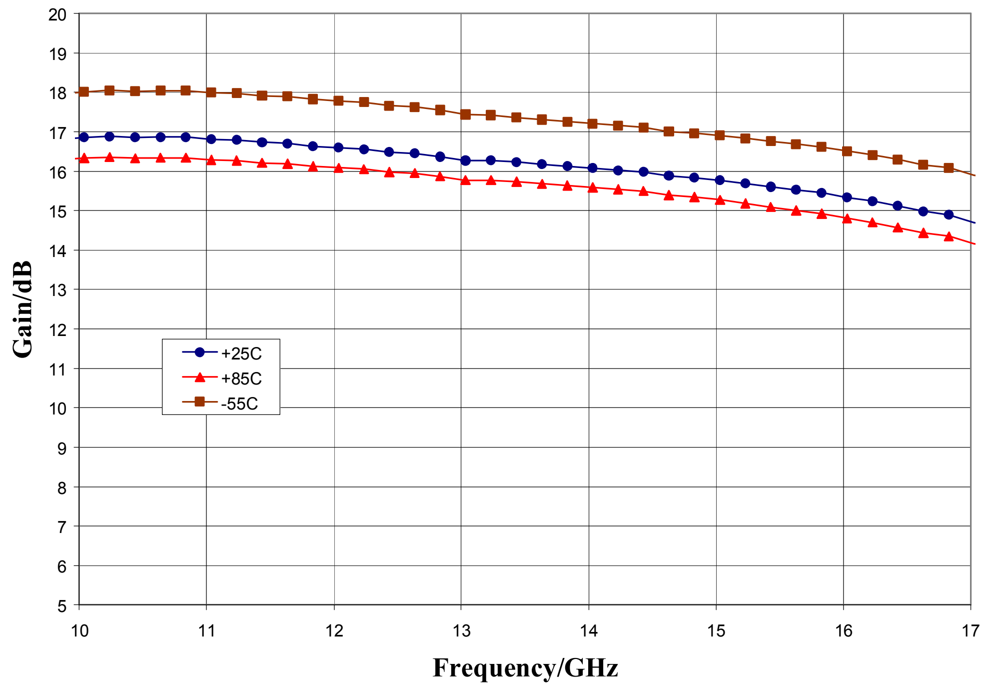
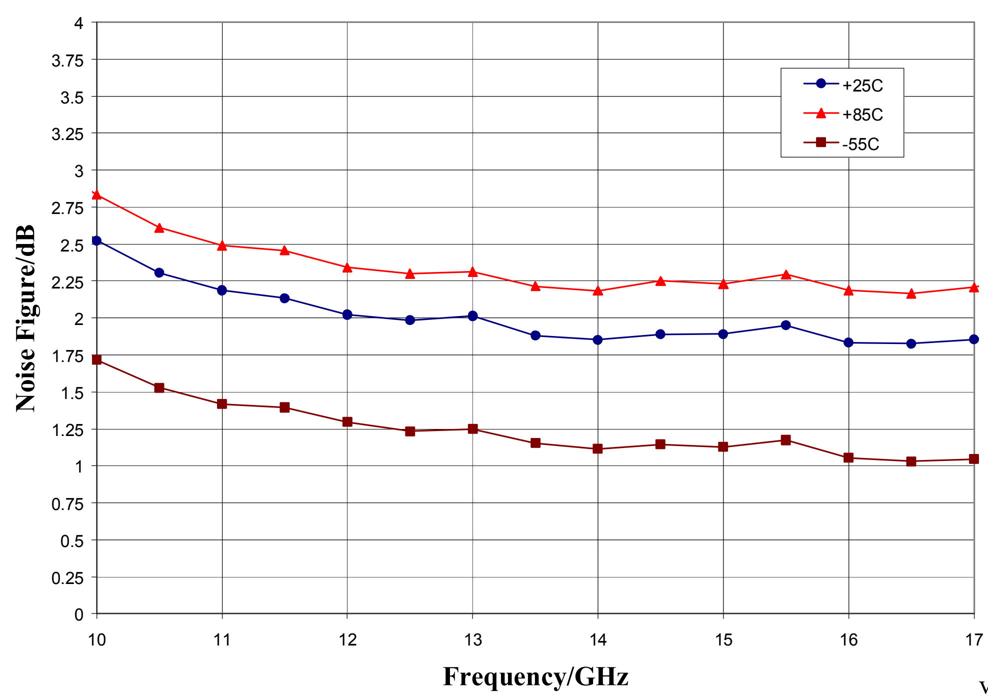
Typical Performance

Gain vs. Temperature, V_{dd} = 3.0 V



Noise Figure vs. Temperature, V_{dd} = 3.0 V



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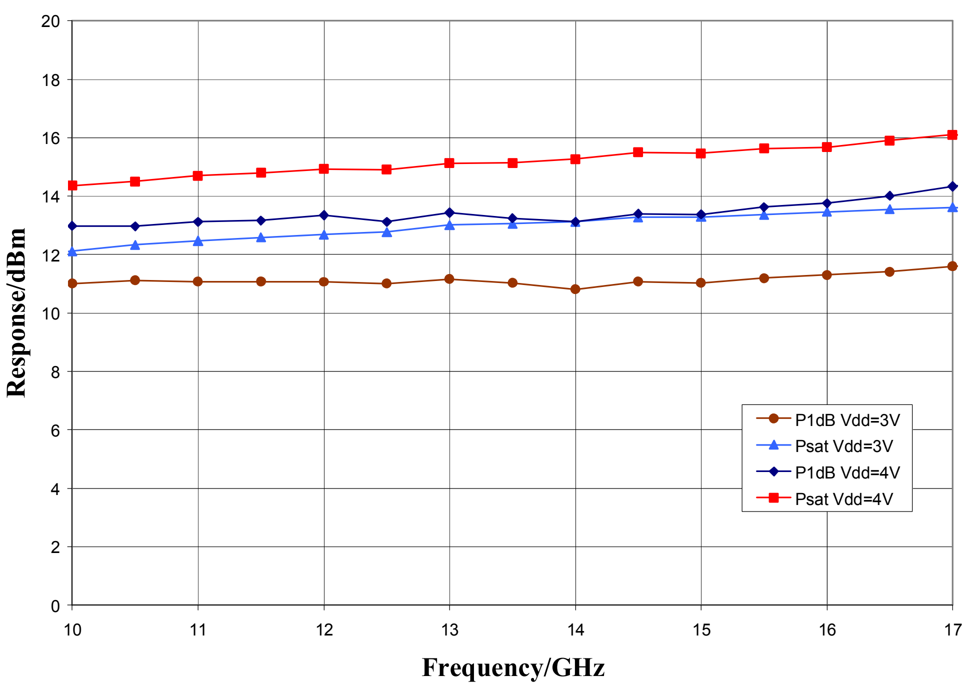
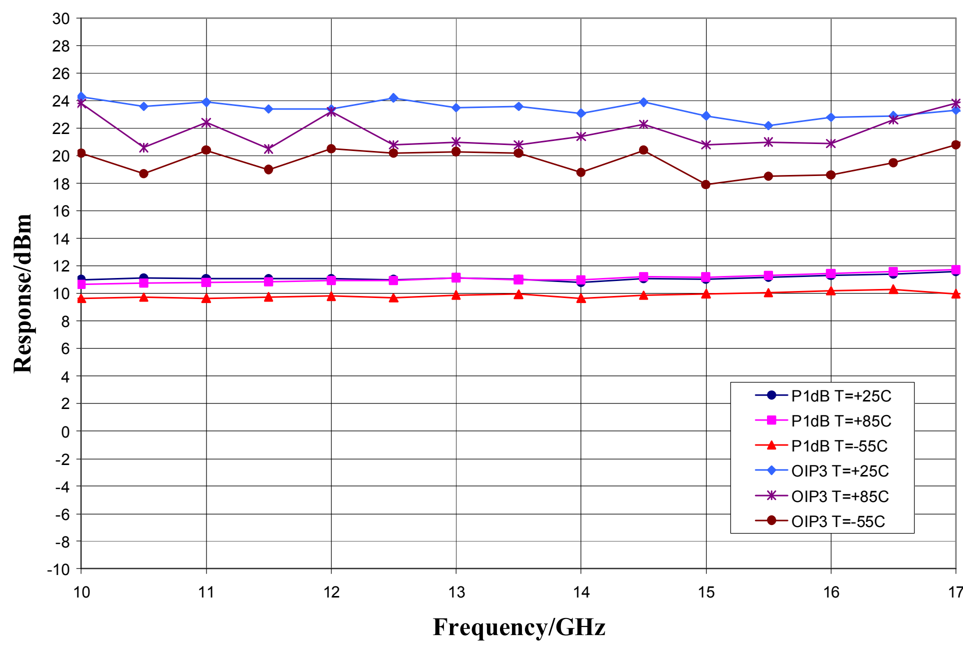
Typical Performance

Output Power, V_{dd} = 3.0 V & 4.0 V, T_A = 25 °C



P1dB & Output IP3 vs. Temperature, V_{dd} = 3.0 V



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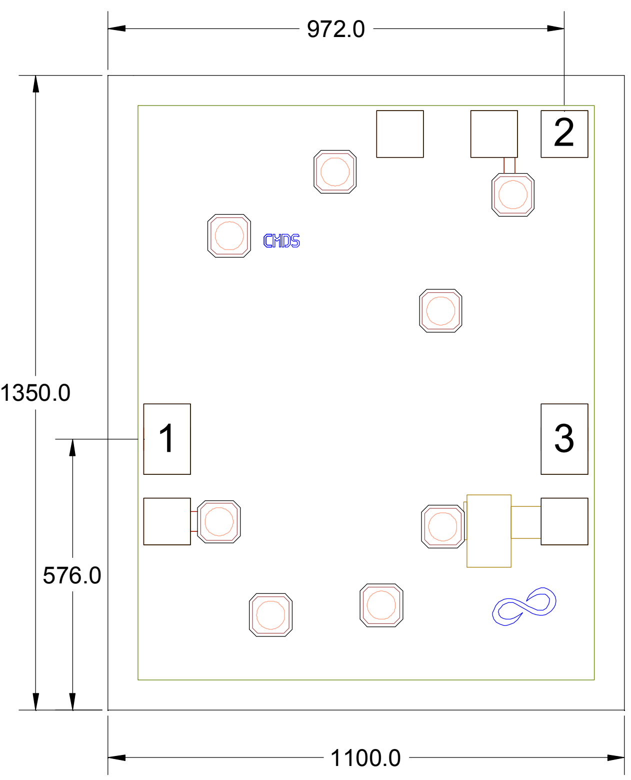
Mechanical Information

Die Outline (all dimensions in microns)



Notes:
1. No connection required for unlabeled pads
2. Backside is RF and DC ground
3. Backside and bond pad metal: Gold
4. Die is 85 microns thick
5. DC bond pads are 100 microns square

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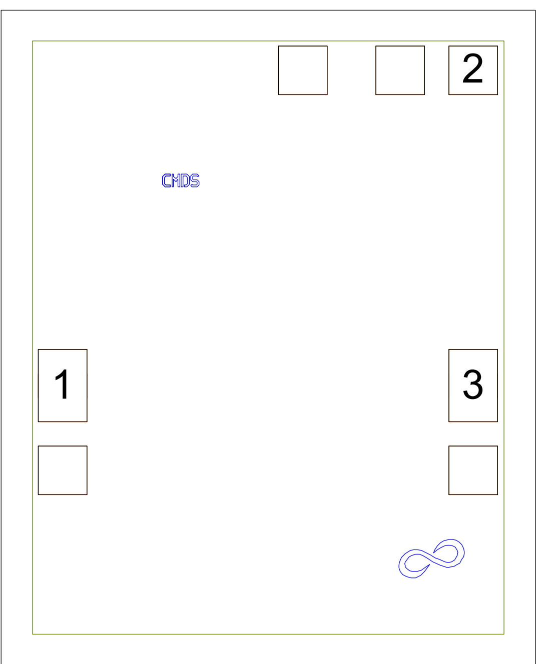
Pad Description

Pad Diagram



Functional Description

Pad	Function	Description	Schematic
1	RF in	DC blocked and 50 ohm matched	RF in
2	Vdd	Power supply voltage Decoupling and bypass caps required	Vdd
3	RF out	DC blocked and 50 ohm matched	RF out
Backside	Ground	Connect to RF / DC ground	GND

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Applications Information

Assembly Guidelines

The backside of the CMD167 is RF ground. Die attach should be accomplished with electrically and thermally conductive epoxy only. Eutectic attach is not recommended. Standard assembly procedures should be followed for high frequency devices. The top surface of the semiconductor should be made planar to the adjacent RF transmission lines, and the RF decoupling capacitors placed in close proximity to the DC connections on chip.

RF connections should be made as short as possible to reduce the inductive effect of the bond wire. Use of a 0.8 mil thermosonic wedge bonding is highly recommended as the loop height will be minimized. The RF input and output require a double bond wire as shown.

The semiconductor is 85 um thick and should be handled by the sides of the die or with a custom collet. Do not make contact directly with the die surface as this will damage the monolithic circuitry. Handle with care.

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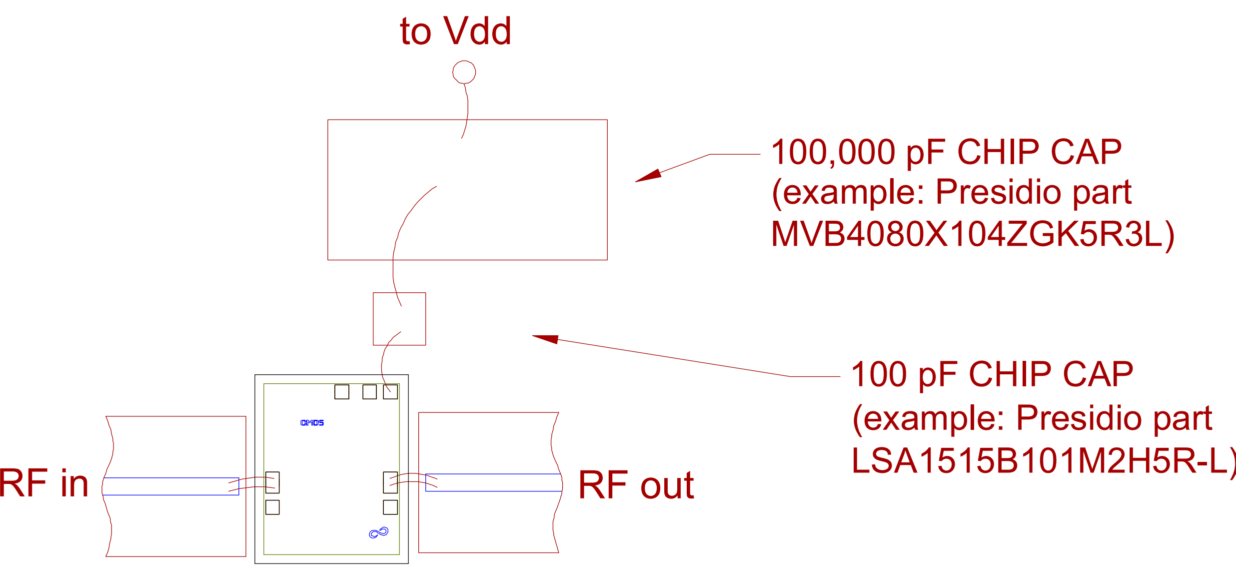

GaAs MMIC devices are susceptible to damage from Electrostatic Discharge. Proper precautions should be observed during handling, assembly and test.

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Biasing and Operation

The CMD167 is biased with a positive drain supply. Performance is optimized when the drain voltage is set to +3.0 V, though it may be set to a minimum of +2.0 V and a maximum of +4.0 V.

Turn ON procedure:

1.Apply drain voltage V_{dd} and set to +3 V

Turn OFF procedure:

1.Turn off drain voltage V_{dd}

RF power can be applied at any time.

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