


**Class A Amplifier with 2 DC Coupled  
Gain Blocks & Schottky Diodes**
**GK509 PRELIMINARY DATA SHEET**
*T-74-05-01*
**FEATURES**

- 100  $\mu$ A typical current drain
- low noise and distortion
- 1.0 to 5 VDC operating range
- DC coupled stages
- Class A output stage
- Schottky diodes for MPO control
- variable transducer current
- 4 k $\Omega$  microphone decoupling resistor

**STANDARD PACKAGING**

- 8 pin MICROPAC
- 8 pin MINIPAC
- 8 pin PLID®
- 8 pin SLT
- Chip ( 61 x 55 mils)
- Pb/Sn Bump
- Au Bump

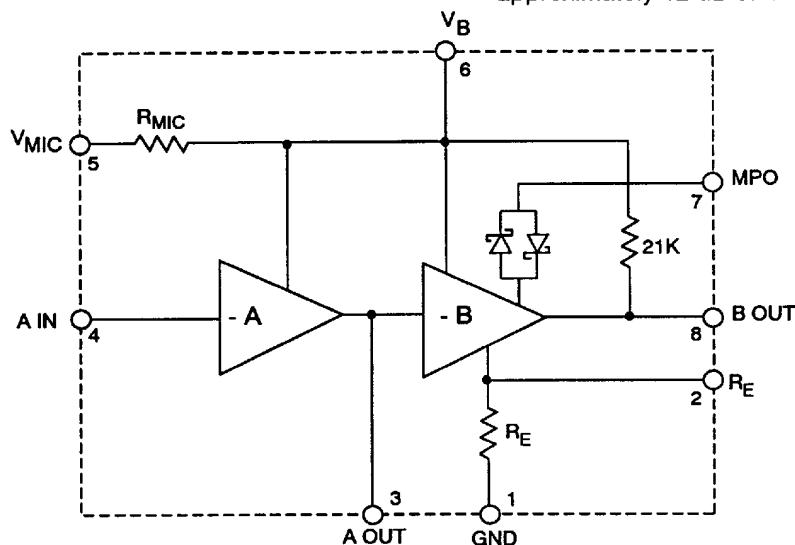
**DESCRIPTION**

The GK509 is a Class A amplifier utilizing Gennum's proprietary low voltage JFET technology. It consists of a single-ended, low noise inverting gain block, a Class A output stage, an on-chip microphone decoupling resistor, and a pair of Schottky diodes for symmetrical peak clipping.

Block A typically has an open loop voltage gain of 56 dB, with the closed loop gain set by the ratio of the feedback resistor to the source impedance. It is recommended that the maximum closed loop gain be 20 dB lower than the open loop gain. All blocks of the device are internally bias compensated, preventing any DC current flow via external feedback resistors. Without this compensation audible scratchiness would be present during changes in volume control settings.

The output stage of the GK509 is a Class A current drive. It has a fixed reference voltage of typically 30 mV at pin 2 of the device. The current that flows in the transducer is the ratio of the 30 mV reference voltage and the on-chip emitter resistor ( $R_E$ ). To increase the bias current in the transducer, simply place an external  $R_E$  resistor from pin 2 to ground, thereby decreasing the equivalent emitter resistance and increasing the current.

The GK509 also contains a pair of Schottky diodes in the feedback configuration of the output stage, which provides approximately 12 dB of MPO control.



All resistors in ohms, all capacitors in  $\mu$ F unless otherwise stated

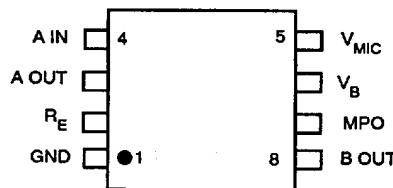
**BLOCK DIAGRAM**

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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

## PIN CONNECTION

| PARAMETER                   | VALUE/UNITS   |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Supply Voltage              | 5 V DC        |
| Operating Temperature Range | -10°C to 40°C |
| Storage Temperature Range   | -20°C to 70°C |



**CAUTION**  
CLASS 1 ESD SENSITIVITY



## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$V_p$  - Pin voltage measured with conditions as shown in Test Circuit.

Positive current corresponds to current INTO the pin.

Negative current corresponds with current OUT of the pin.

Conditions: Frequency = 1 kHz, Temperature = 25°C, Supply Voltage  $V_B$  = 1.3 V

| PARAMETER                      | SYMBOL            | CONDITIONS   | MIN  | TYP | MAX  | UNITS         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|------|-----|------|---------------|
| Amplifier Current              | $I_{AMP}$         |  | 55   | 100 | 145  | $\mu A$       |
| Transducer Current             | $I_{TRANS}$       |  | 170  | 230 | 290  | $\mu A$       |
| Maximum Transducer Current     | $I_{TRANS (MAX)}$ | $V_{P2} = 0 V$   | 2    | -   | -    | mA            |
| A Input Bias Voltage (pin 4)   | $V_{BIAS\ A}$     |  | 500  | 570 | 650  | mV            |
| A Input Bias Current (pin 4)   | $I_{BIAS\ A}$     | $R_{FA} = 1 M\Omega$ , (Note 1)  | -50  | 0   | 50   | nA            |
| A O/P Voltage Swing-Hi (pin 3) | $V_{OH\ A}$       | $V_{IN} = 0.4 V\text{DC}$ , $R_{FA} = \infty$ ,<br>$I_{P3} = -10 \mu A$ (Note 2) | 200  | 580 | -    | mV            |
| A Output Swing-Lo (pin 3)      | $V_{OL\ A}$       | $V_{IN} = +1 \mu A$ , $R_{FA} = \infty$ ,<br>$I_{P3} = +10 \mu A$ (Note 3)       | 200  | 280 | -    | mV            |
| A Open Loop Voltage Gain       | $A_{OL}$          |  | 46   | 56  | -    | dB            |
| B Output Sat. Voltage (pin 8)  | $V_{SAT\ B}$      | $R_L = 1 k\Omega$ , $V_{P2} = 0 V$   | -    | 100 | 180  | mV            |
| A Output Current Capability    | $I_{OUT}$         |  | -    | 30  | -    | $\mu A$       |
| Diode Voltage Drop             | $V_D$             | (S2 = b), $RL = \infty$ , (Note 4)   | 140  | 265 | 325  | mV            |
| Emitter Bias Voltage (pin 2)   | $V_{RE}$          |  | 21.5 | 30  | 35.5 | mV            |
| On-chip Microphone Resistor    | $R_{MIC}$         |  | 3    | 4   | 5    | $k\Omega$     |
| On-chip Emitter Resistor       | $R_E$             |  | 90   | 125 | 160  | $\Omega$      |
| Input Referred Noise           | IRN               | NFB 0.2 to 10kHz at 12 dB/Oct  | -    | 1   | -    | $\mu V_{RMS}$ |
| Harmonic Distortion            | THD               | 500 mVRMS Output   | -    | 1   | -    | %             |

All parameters and switches remain as shown in Test Circuit unless otherwise stated in "Conditions" column.

**NOTES:** 1.  $I_{BIAS\ A} = (V_{P4} - V_{P4|RFA=1M})/1M$

2.  $V_{OH\ A} = (V_{P3} - V_{P3|VIN=0.4VDC, RFA=\infty, IP3=-10\mu A})$

3.  $V_{OL\ A} = (V_{P3} - V_{P3|VIN=+1\mu A, RFA=\infty, IP3=+10\mu A})$

4.  $V_D = (V_{P8|ID=+(1.5 \times ITRANS)} - V_{P8|ID=+(0.5 \times ITRANS)})/2$

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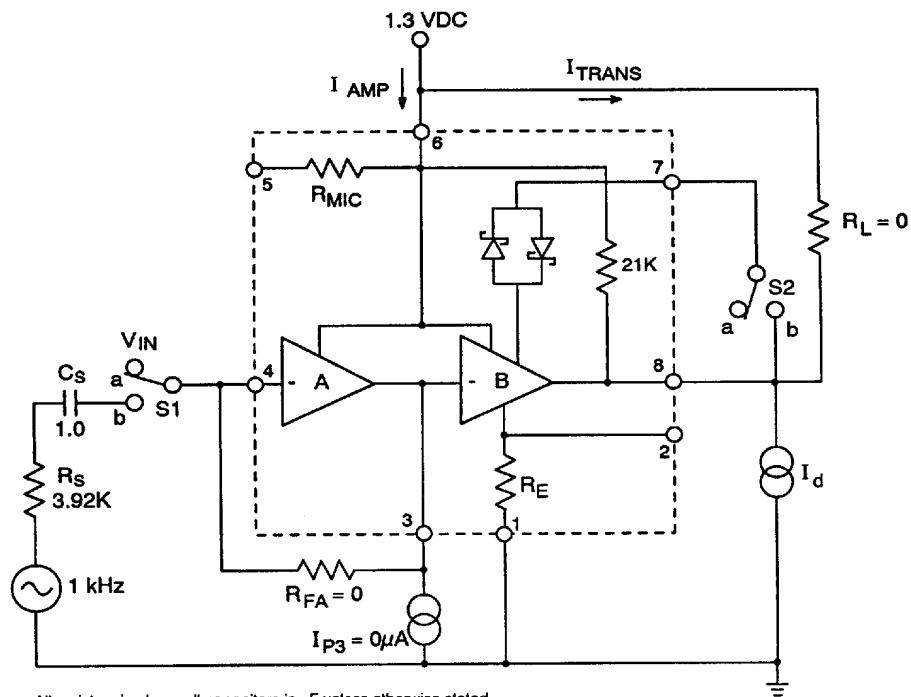
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Fig. 1 Test Circuit

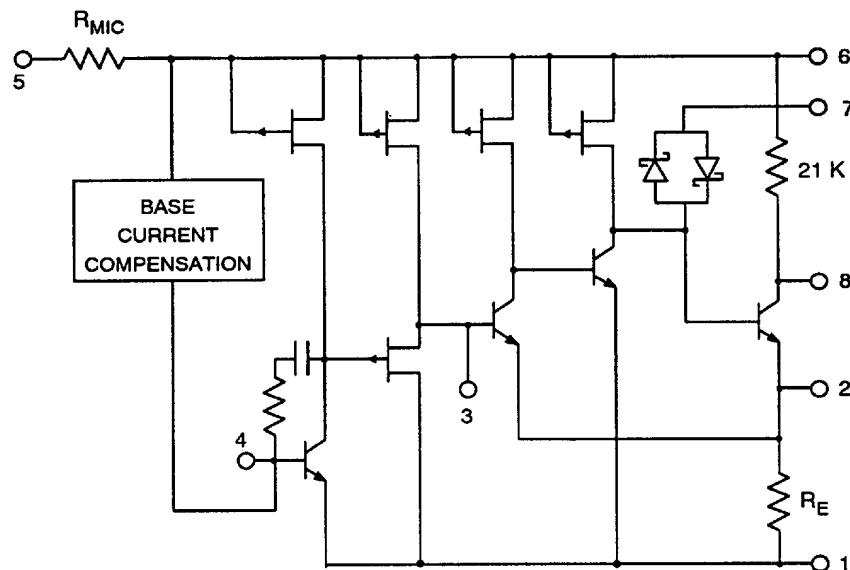
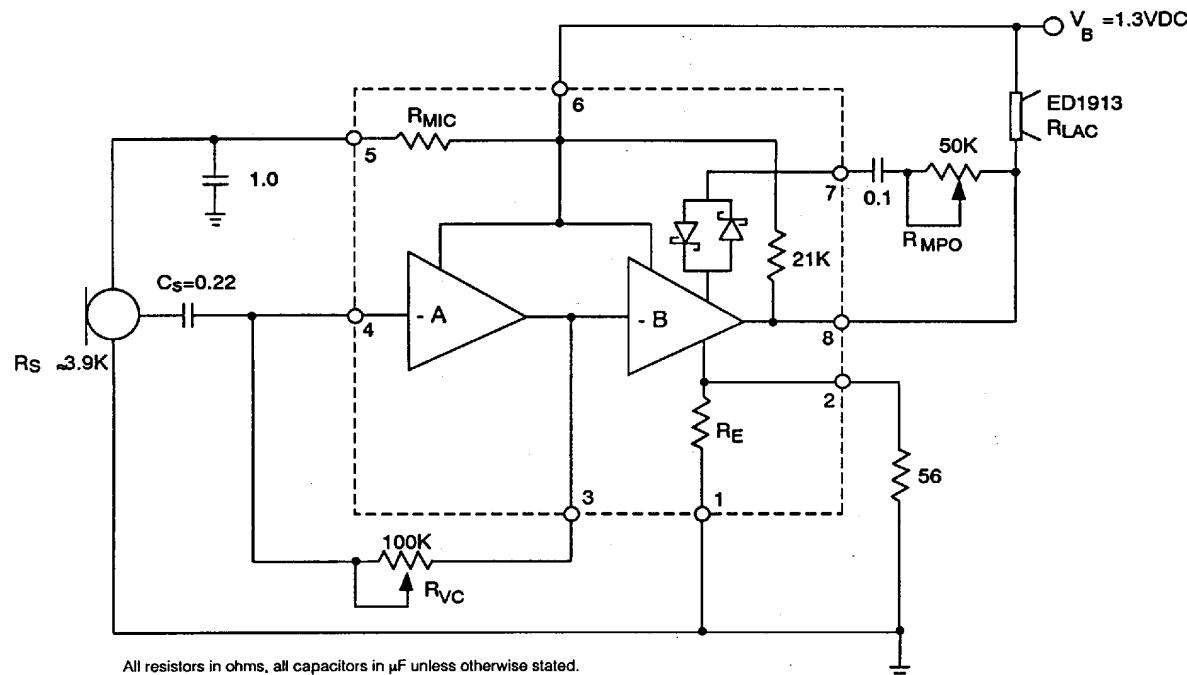
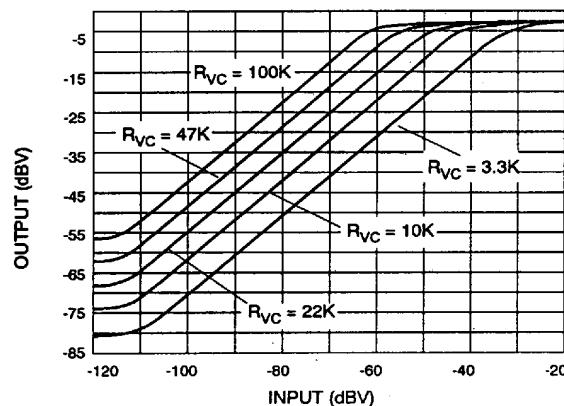
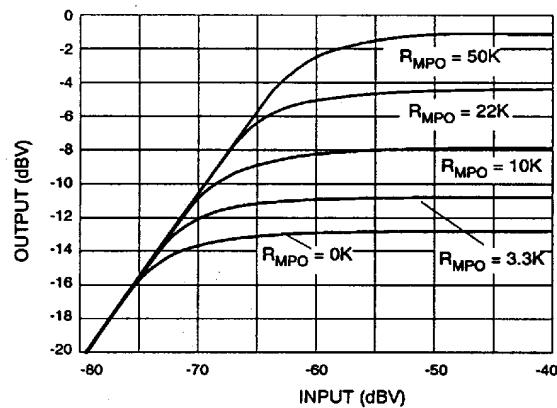
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Fig. 2 Functional Schematic



$$\text{Gain of Stage A} = 20 \log \frac{R_{VC}}{R_S} \quad \text{Gain of Stage B} = 20 \log \frac{R_{LAC} // 21\text{K}}{56 // R_E}$$

Fig. 3 Typical Hearing Aid Application

Fig. 4 I/O Curves at Various  $R_{VC}$  SettingsFig. 5 I/O Curves at Various  $R_{MPO}$  Values

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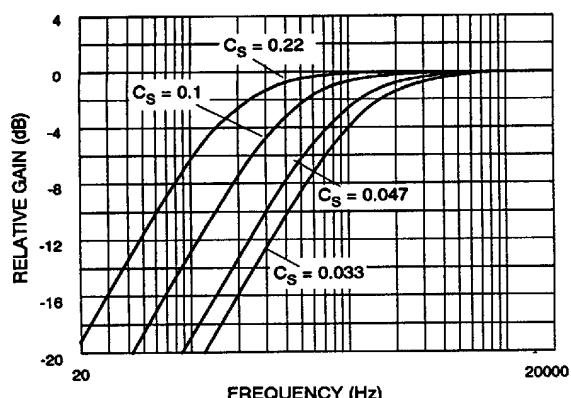


Fig. 6 Closed Loop Frequency Response  
with Various  $C_S$  Values

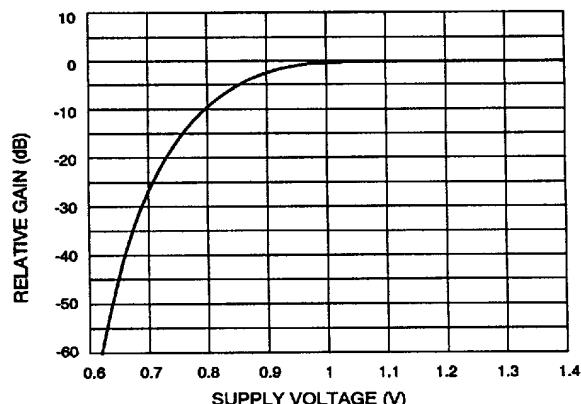


Fig. 7 Gain vs Supply Voltage

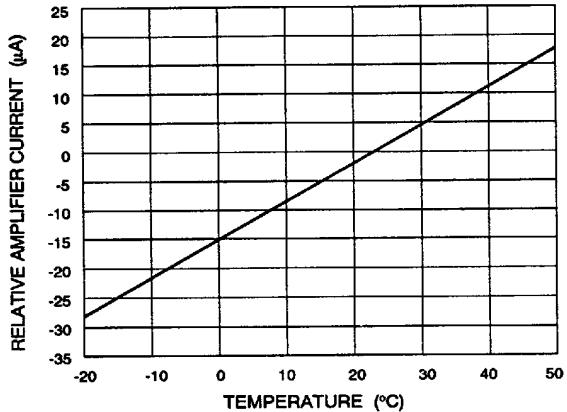


Fig. 8 Amplifier Current vs Temperature

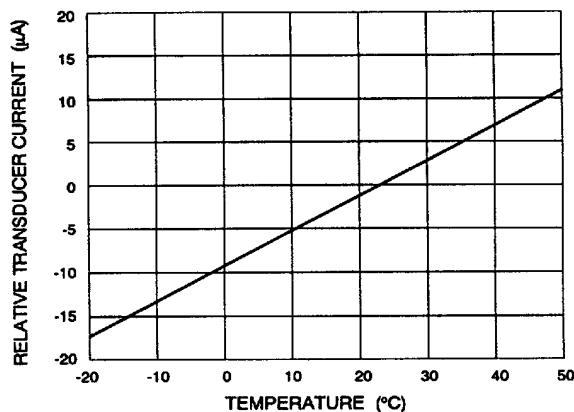


Fig. 9 Transducer Current vs Temperature

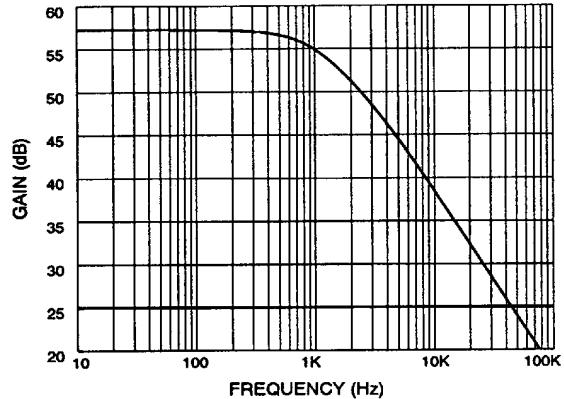


Fig. 10 Preamplifier Open Loop  
Frequency Response

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#### REVISION NOTES

Block diagram added, new application circuit, all new response graphs.

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