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LA8615M, LA8615V

**Narrowband FM IF Amplifiers  
for Pager Receivers**

**OVERVIEW**

The LA8615M and LA8615V are narrowband FM IF amplifier and detector ICs that feature extremely low power consumption, making them ideal for pager receivers.

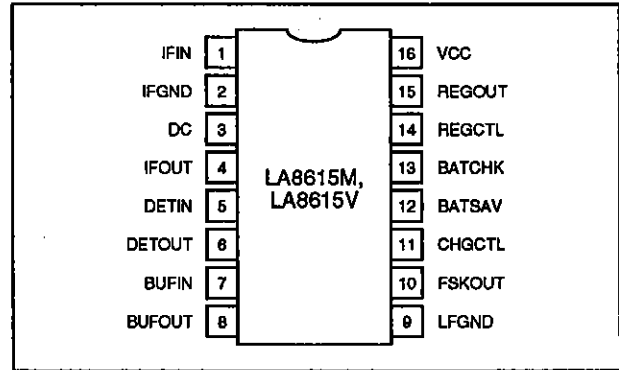
The LA8615M and LA8615V incorporate an IF amplifier, an adjustment-free quadrature detector, a buffer amplifier for a lowpass filter, a frequency-shift key (FSK) wave shaper with threshold hold circuitry, battery save and check functions and a voltage regulator.

The LA8615M and LA8615V operate from a 1.0 to 5.0 V supply and are available in 16-pin MFPs and 16-pin SSOPs, respectively.

**FEATURES**

- Narrowband IF amplifier
- Adjustment-free quadrature detector
- Buffer amplifier for lowpass filter
- FSK wave shaper
- Threshold hold circuitry
- Battery save function
- Battery check function
- 1.0 V regulator
- 700  $\mu$ A supply current
- 1.0 to 5.0 V supply
- 16-pin MFP (LA8615M) and 16-pin SSOP (LA8615V)

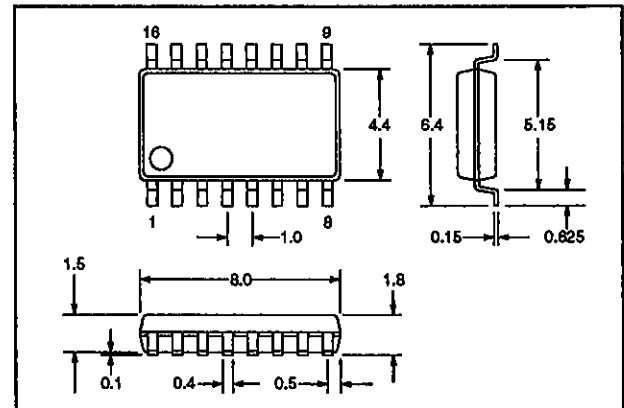
**PINOUT**



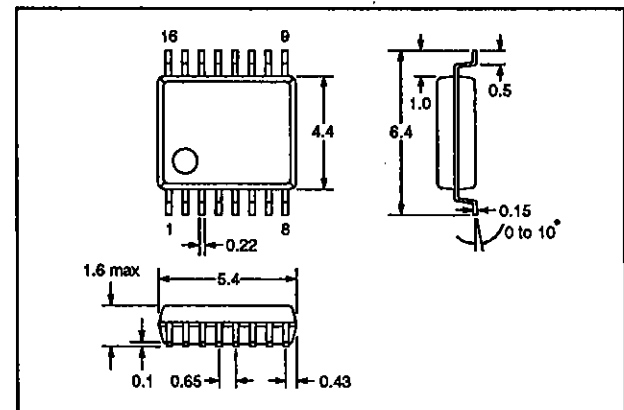
**PACKAGE DIMENSIONS**

Unit: mm

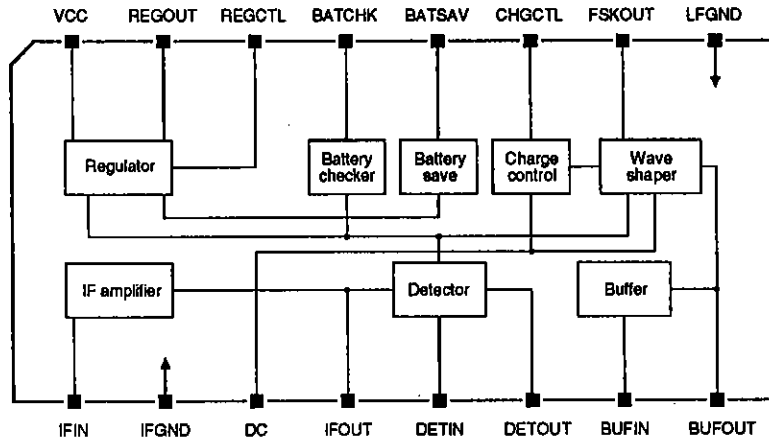
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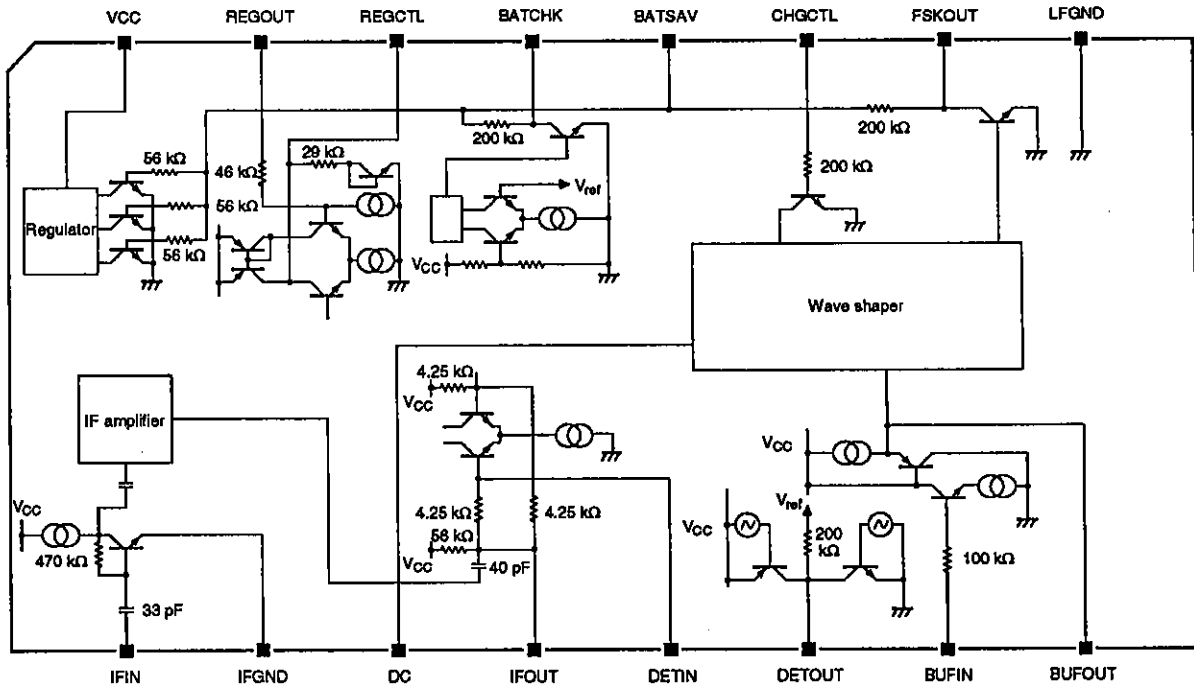
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**BLOCK DIAGRAM**



**SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM**



**PIN DESCRIPTION**

| Number | Name   | Description   |
|--------|--------|---|
| 1      | IFIN   | IF signal input   |
| 2      | IFGND  | IF ground   |
| 3      | DC     | Detector center voltage capacitor connection. Nominal voltage is 0.8 V. |
| 4      | IFOUT  | IF output. Nominal voltage is 1.4 V.                                    |
| 5      | DETIN  | Detector input. Nominal voltage is 1.4 V.                               |
| 6      | DETOU  | Detector output. Nominal voltage is 0.8 V.                              |
| 7      | BUFIN  | Buffer amplifier input. Nominal voltage is 0.8 V.                       |
| 8      | BUFOU  | Buffer amplifier output. Nominal voltage is 0.8 V.                      |
| 9      | LFGND  | LF ground   |
| 10     | FSKOUT | Frequency-shift key wave shaper output. Nominal voltage is 0 or 1.4 V.  |
| 11     | CHGCTL | Charge control input  |
| 12     | BATSAV | Battery save control input  |
| 13     | BATCHK | Battery checker output. Nominal voltage is 0 or 1.4 V.                  |
| 14     | REGCTL | Regulator transistor control. Nominal voltage is 0.7 V.                 |
| 15     | REGOUT | Regulator output sense input. Nominal voltage is 1.0 V.                 |
| 16     | VCC    | 1.0 to 5.0 V supply   |

**SPECIFICATIONS****Absolute Maximum Ratings**

| Parameter                   | Symbol           | Rating     | Unit |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------|------|
| Supply voltage              | V <sub>CC</sub>  | 6          | V    |
| BATSAV input voltage        | V <sub>I</sub>   | 6          | V    |
| Power dissipation           | P <sub>D</sub>   | 300        | mW   |
| Operating temperature range | T <sub>opr</sub> | -20 to 70  | °C   |
| Storage temperature range   | T <sub>stg</sub> | -40 to 125 | °C   |

**Recommended Operating Conditions**T<sub>a</sub> = 25 °C

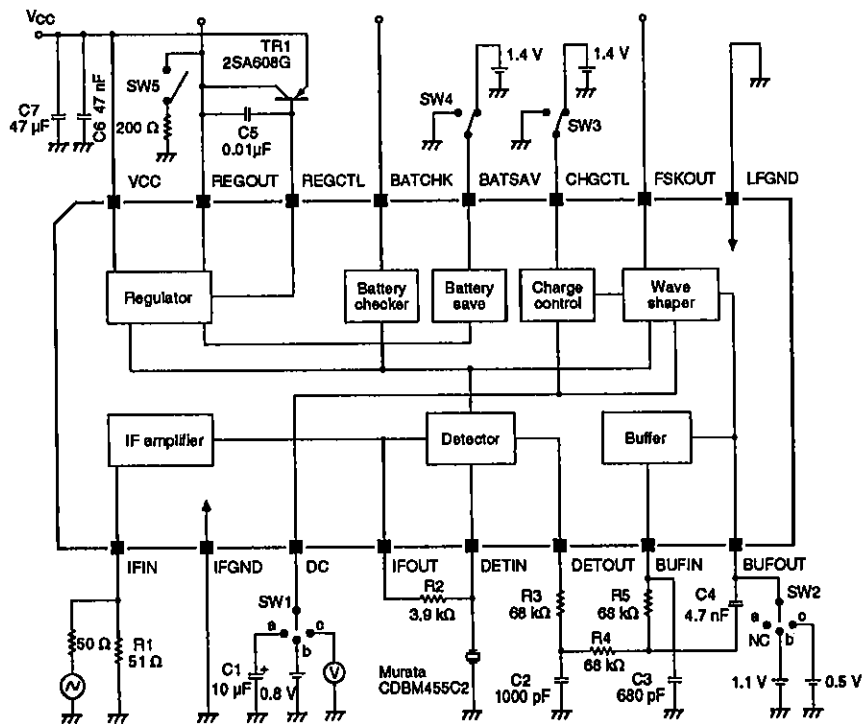
| Parameter            | Symbol          | Rating     | Unit |
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| Supply voltage       | V <sub>CC</sub> | 1.4        | V    |
| Supply voltage range | V <sub>CC</sub> | 1.0 to 5.0 | V    |

**Electrical Characteristics**

$V_{CC} = 1.4 \text{ V}$ ,  $T_a = 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $f_c = 455 \text{ kHz}$ ,  $f_m = 600 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\pm 4.5 \text{ kHz}$  deviation, 30% modulation

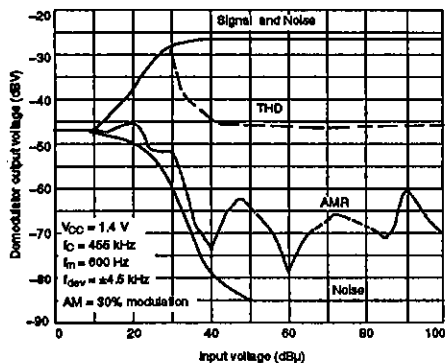
| Parameter                             | Symbol            | Condition  | Rating |      |      | Unit           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------|------|------|----------------|
|                                       |                   |  | min    | typ  | max  |                |
| Operating supply current              | $I_{CC1}$         | No input, $V_{I1} = 0 \text{ V}$ ,<br>$V_{I2} = 1.4 \text{ V}$                       | -      | 0.7  | 1.0  | mA             |
| Standby supply current                | $I_{CC2}$         | No input, $V_{I1} = V_{I2} = 0 \text{ V}$  | -      | -    | 1    | $\mu\text{A}$  |
| -3 dB limiting sensitivity            | -3 dBLS           | $V_I = 80 \text{ dB}\mu$ reference,<br>-3 dB input                                   | 30     | 26   | -    | $\text{dB}\mu$ |
| Demodulator rms output voltage        | $V_O$             | $V_I = 80 \text{ dB}\mu$   | 30     | 50   | -    | mV             |
| Total harmonic distortion             | THD               | $V_I = 80 \text{ dB}\mu$   | -      | 1.0  | 4.0  | %              |
| Signal-to-noise ratio                 | S/N               | $V_I = 80 \text{ dB}\mu$   | 40     | 50   | -    | dB             |
|                                       |                   | $V_I = 21 \text{ dB}\mu$   | 8      | -    | -    |                |
| AM rejection ratio                    | AMR               | $V_I = 80 \text{ dB}\mu$   | 30     | 40   | -    | dB             |
| Wave shaper LOW-level output voltage  | $V_L$             | $V_3 = 0.8 \text{ V}$ , $V_8 = 1.1 \text{ V}$ ,<br>$V_{I1} = V_{I2} = 1.4 \text{ V}$ | -      | -    | 0.15 | V              |
| Wave shaper HIGH-level output voltage | $V_H$             | $V_3 = 0.8 \text{ V}$ , $V_8 = 0.5 \text{ V}$ ,<br>$V_{I1} = V_{I2} = 1.4 \text{ V}$ | 1.0    | -    | -    | V              |
| Duty cycle                            | Duty              |  | 43     | 50   | 57   | %              |
| Battery checker threshold voltage     | $V_{8\text{bat}}$ |  | 1.03   | 1.10 | 1.17 | V              |
| Regulator output voltage              | $V_{\text{Reg}}$  | $V_{CC} = 1.1 \text{ V}$ , $R_L = 200 \text{ }\Omega$                                | 0.93   | 1.00 | 1.07 | V              |

**Measurement Circuit**

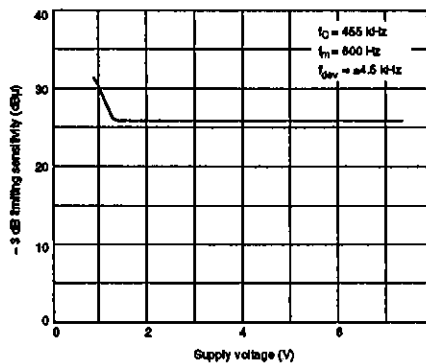


Typical Performance Characteristics

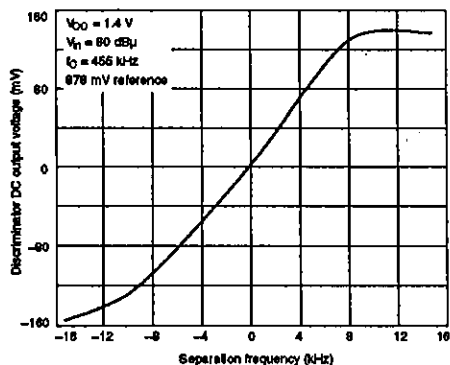
Output voltage vs. input voltage (with THD and AMR)



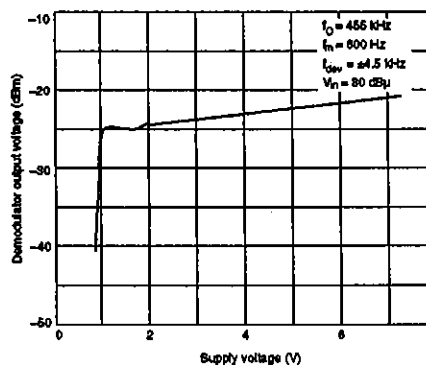
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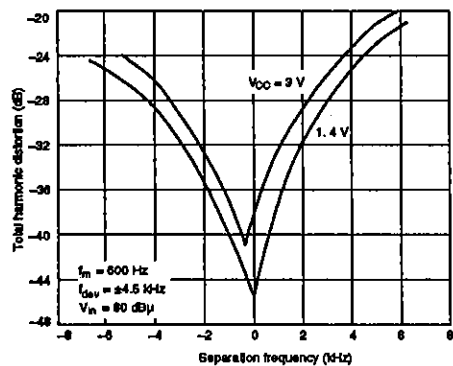
Discriminator output voltage vs. separation frequency



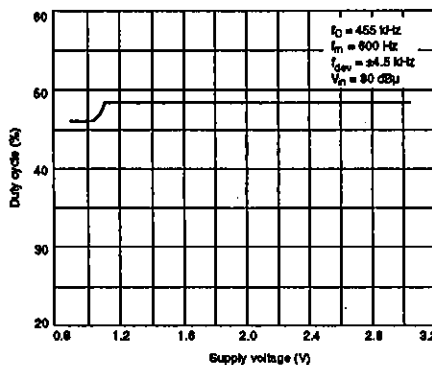
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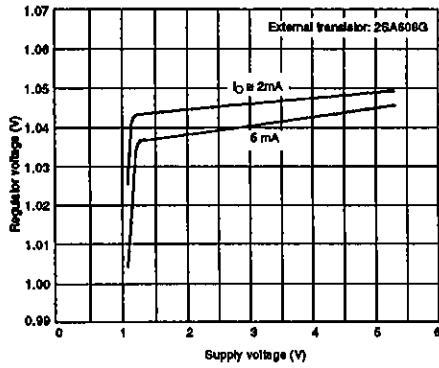
Total harmonic distortion vs. separation frequency



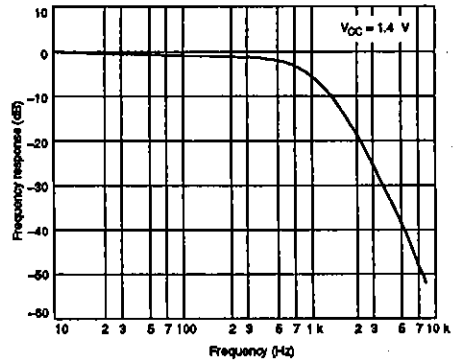
Wave shaper duty cycle vs. supply voltage



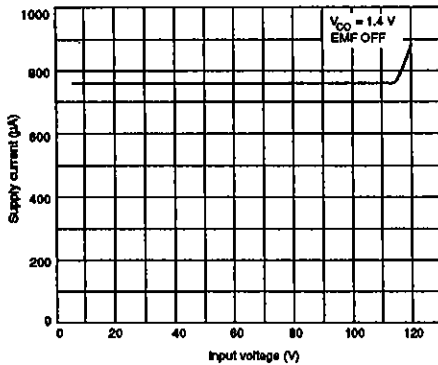
Regulator output voltage vs. supply voltage



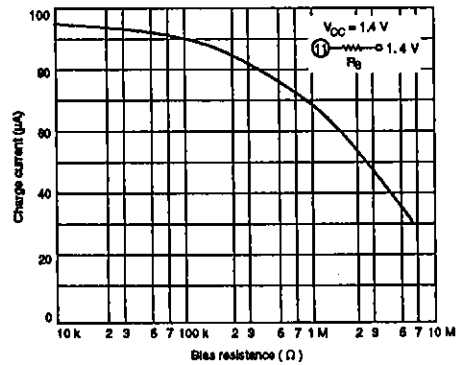
Lowpass filter frequency response



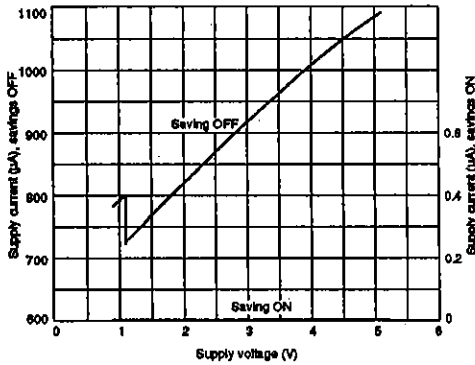
Supply current vs. input voltage (1)



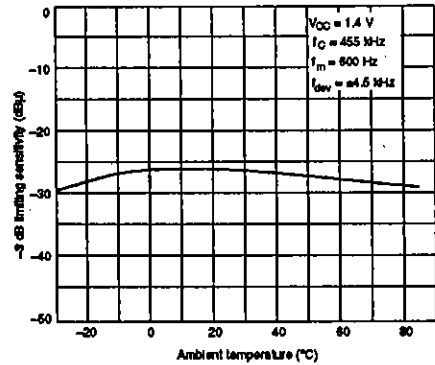
Charge current vs. bias resistance



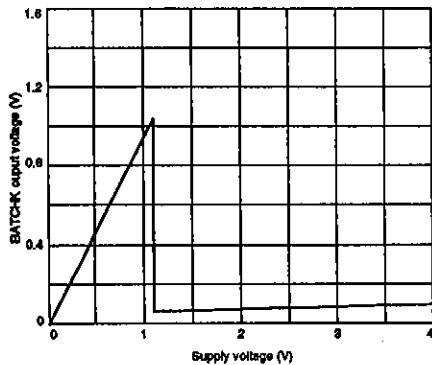
Supply current vs. Input voltage (2)



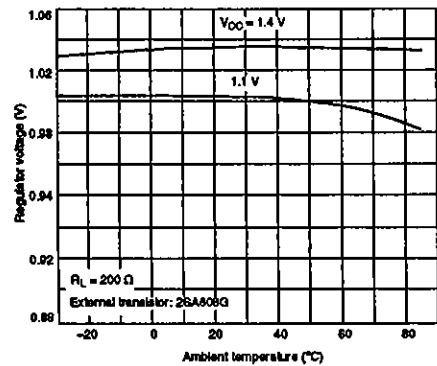
-3 dB limiting sensitivity vs. ambient temperature



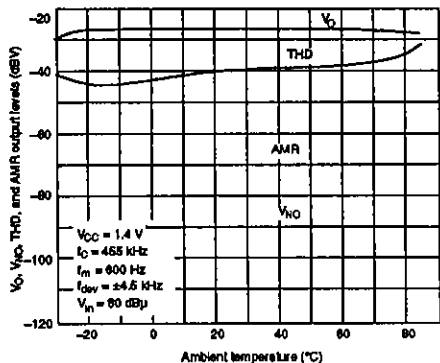
Battery checker output vs. supply voltage



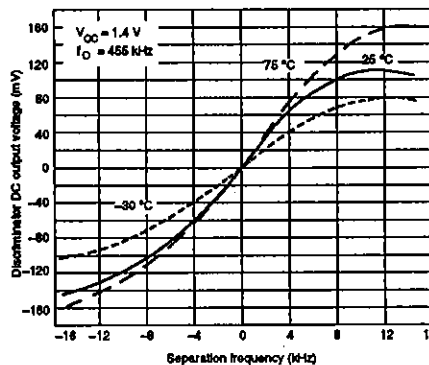
Regulator output vs. ambient temperature



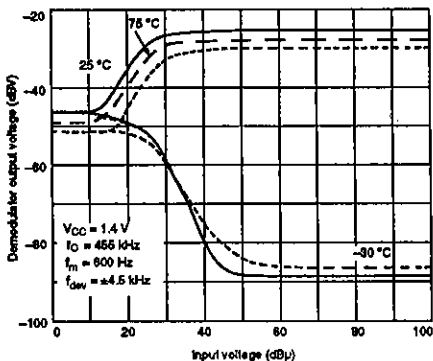
Output voltage, noise voltage, AM rejection and THD vs. ambient temperature



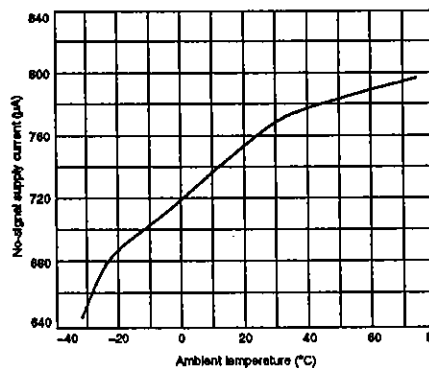
Discriminator output voltage vs. separation frequency



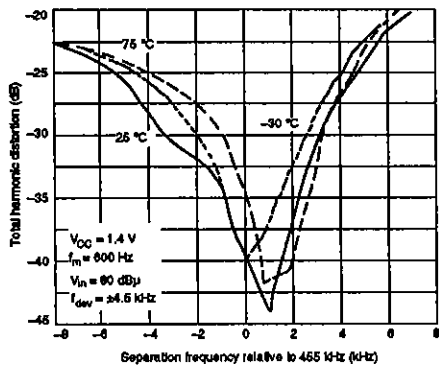
Output voltage vs. input voltage



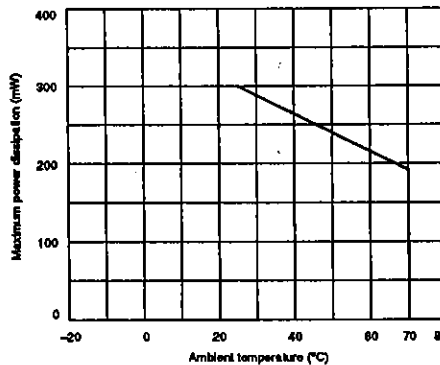
Quiescent supply current vs. ambient temperature



Tuning characteristics



Power dissipation vs. ambient temperature



FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

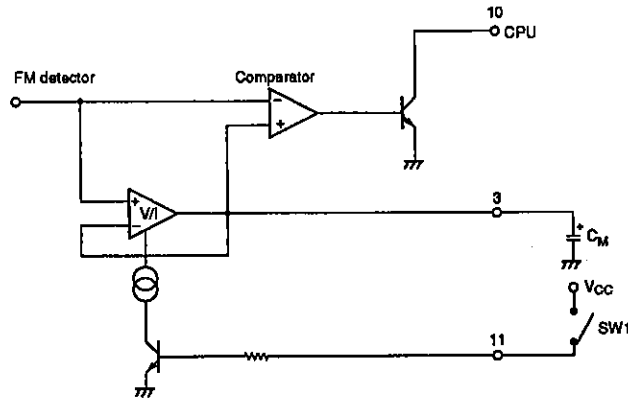


Figure 1. Wave shaper equivalent circuit

When CHGCTL goes HIGH, the voltage-to-current converter is activated, coupling the FM detector output to the detector center voltage tracking capacitor,  $C_M$ , as shown in figure 1. As  $C_M$  is connected to the noninverting input of the comparator, and the FM detector output, to the inverting input, the duty cycle of the FSK wave

shaper output signal on FSKOUT is constant. Note that the FM detector center voltage can vary as the frequency fluctuates. The wave shaper output and voltage across  $C_M$  for varying FM detector center voltage are shown in figures 2 and 3.

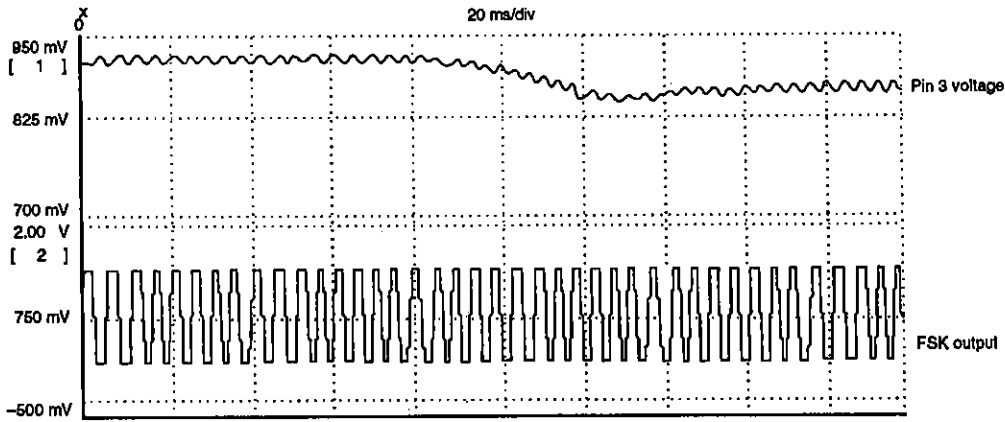


Figure 2. Wave shaper response 1

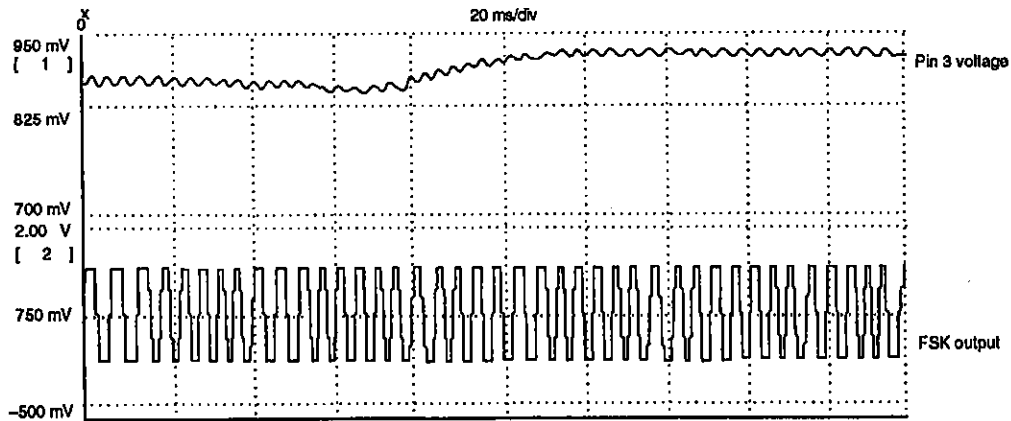


Figure 3. Wave shaper response 2



When CHGCTL goes LOW, the voltage-to-current converter is deactivated, isolating capacitor  $C_M$ . The hold voltage across  $C_M$  is then used as a threshold voltage to detect LOW-level and HIGH-level signals, for example a frame sync signal. This is called the threshold hold

function. Note that the wave shaper continues to function regardless of the level on CHGCTL. The FSK wave shaper output as  $C_M$  discharges is shown in figures 4 to 7.

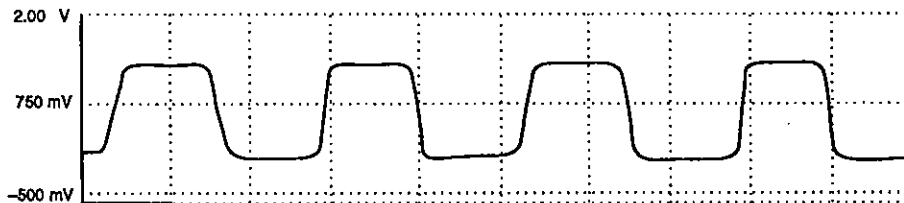


Figure 4. Wave shaper after 2 seconds

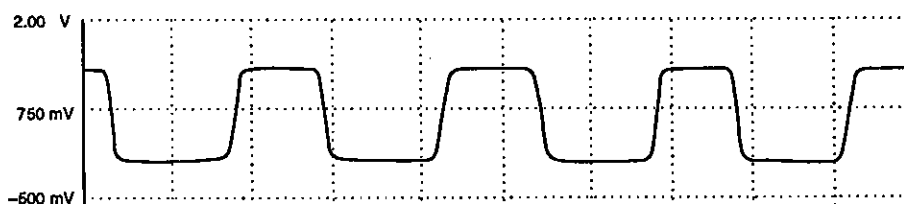


Figure 5. Wave shaper after 4 seconds

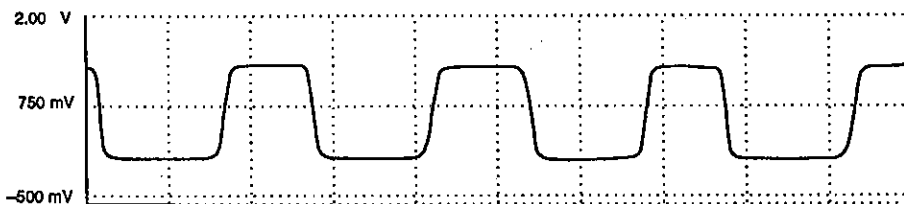


Figure 6. Wave shaper after 5 seconds



Figure 7. Wave shaper after 10 seconds

If the threshold hold function is not required, connect a 150 k $\Omega$  resistor between DC and BUFOUT as shown in figure 8.

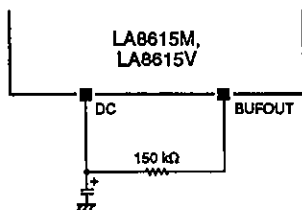
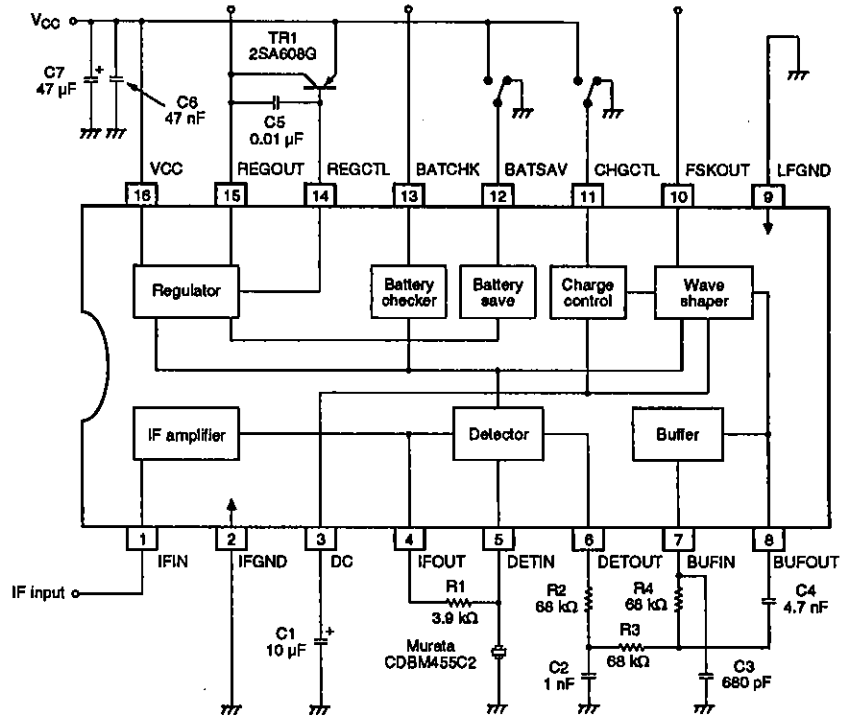
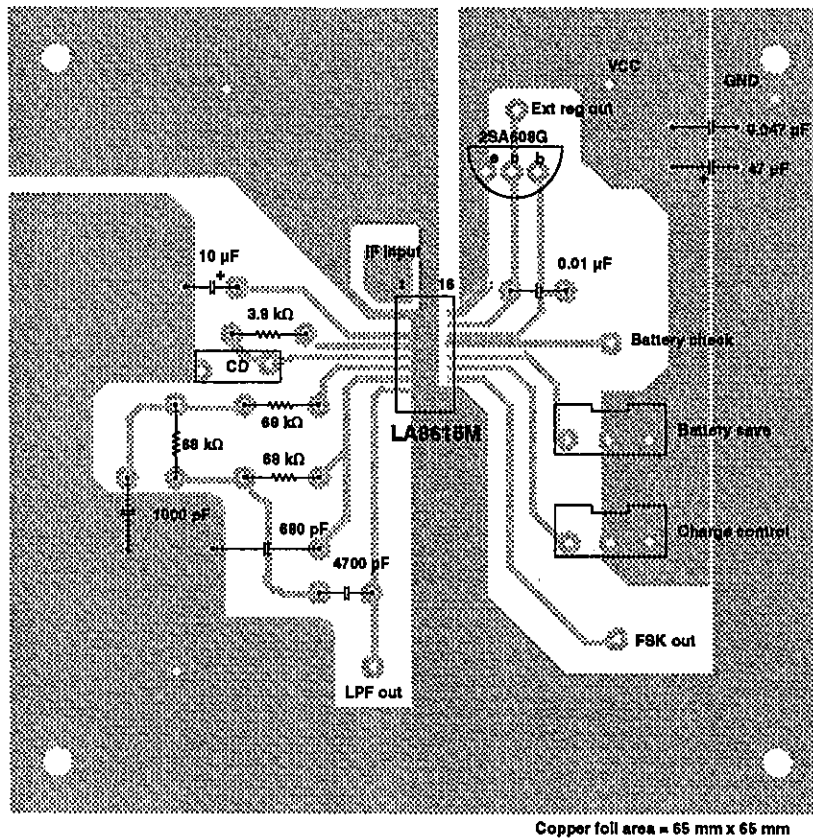


Figure 8. Connection for no threshold hold

TYPICAL APPLICATION



## LA8615M PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD LAYOUT



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