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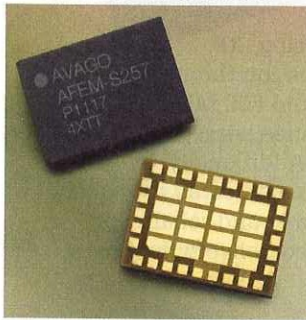
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Wireless

Front-end Module Enables WiMAX Coexistence Operation on Same Device

Avago announced a complete RF front-end module (FEM) for WiMAX radios in mobile handset or portable PC applications. The AFEM-S257 module is designed for coexistence operation of WiMAX with other cellular and WiFi radios in the same device. The module features two receive ports and a single transmit port in a small 5 mm x 7 mm package for space-constrained mobile applications in the 2.5 GHz to 2.7 GHz frequency range. Using the company's 0.25- μ m GaAs enhancement-mode pHEMT process and Film Bulk Acoustic Resonator (FBAR) filtering technologies, the module delivers desirable performance across voltage and temperature levels. FBAR technology delivers steep roll-off and low insertion loss, resulting in extended battery life and talk time and better signal quality. Avago Technologies, 800-235-0312, www.avagotech.com

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Power Sources

Iron Phosphate Battery Presents as a Sealed Lead Acid Battery Replacement

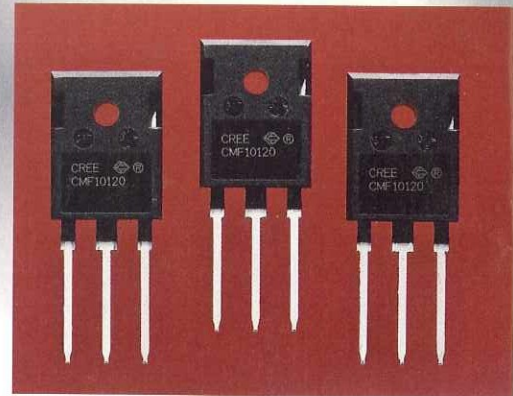
Micro Power's IronWorks Iron Phosphate battery solution serves as a drop-in replacement for Sealed Lead Acid (SLA) batteries. This new standard U1 format battery intended for use with mobile equipment offers light weight, long runtime, fast charge time and long cycle life. IronWorks is based on Lithium Iron Phosphate. The battery features thousands of cycles with full 100 percent discharge, zero maintenance for several years; and fuel gauging and battery status are reported via standard SMBus. They accept SLA charge regimens and tout a robust mechanical design. Micro Power, 800-576-6177, www.micro-power.com

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Passive & Discrete Components (tie)

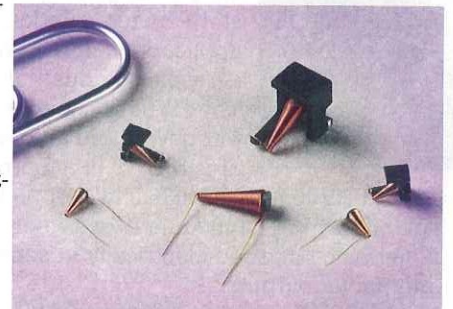
1200-V SiC MOSFET Helps Conserve Energy for 3-10 kW Alternative Energy, Power Applications

Cree, Inc. extended its Z-FET family with a lower amperage 1200V SiC MOSFET. The new device features a smaller current rating that enables it to replace the silicon transistors (IGBTs) that are currently used in power inverter designs between 3 kW and 10 kW. Applications include high-voltage power supplies and auxiliary power electronics circuits, especially those designed for conversion of three-phase input power, solar power inverters, industrial motor drives, high-power DC data center power architectures, and PFC circuits. Cree's new SiC MOSFET is rated for 12 A at its operating temperature of 100°C and delivers blocking voltages up to 1200 V with a typical on-state resistance ($R_{DS(ON)}$) of 160 m Ω at 25°C. Cree's new SiC MOSFET exhibits an $R_{DS(ON)}$ value that remains below 200 m Ω across its entire operating temperature range to reduce switching losses in many applications by up to 50 percent, increasing overall system efficiencies up to 2 percent while operating at 2- to 3-times the switching frequencies when compared to the best silicon IGBTs, according to the company.

Cree, Inc., 919-313-5300, www.cree.com

Conical Inductors Address Broadband Industry's High-frequency, High-power and Wide bandwidth Trends

Gowanda Electronics' inaugural line of Ultra-Broadband Conical Inductors – the "C" Series – offers up to 150-W power capability, desirable co-planarity, and robust construction. Gowanda's broadband conicals address industry design trends requiring higher frequency, higher power, smaller size and wider bandwidth components. The conicals' 3-in-1 design (replacing three inductors with one conical) reduces the number of components, thereby saving precious board space and enhancing performance. The conicals also provide a predictable frequency response and repeatable RF performance.

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