THIN FILM SURFACE MOUNT

Low Pass Filter

ALF-9000+

50Ω DC to 9GHz

KEY FEATURES

- Low Passband Insertion Loss of 1dB Typ.
- High Rejection of 43dB Typ.
- Good Return Loss of 16dB Typ.
- Small Size, 5.59 x 8.13 x 2.03 mm



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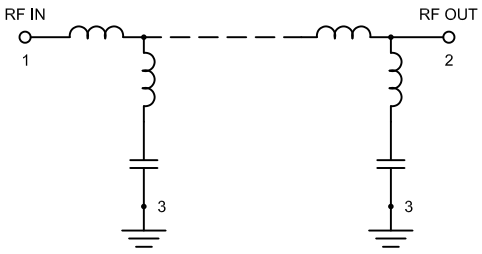
APPLICATIONS

- Electronic Warfare (EW)
- Transmitters/Receivers.
- Test and Measurement Equipment

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' Surface Mount Thin-Film filters offer low insertion loss and high rejection realized via Thin-Film on Alumina substrate, using a sputtering process that can guarantee an enhanced Q and repeatable performance. Low pass, high pass, and bandpass surface mount thin-film designs can be realized with this technology up to 40GHz in a small form factor helping customers achieve their SWaP objectives. Using our high quality thin-film manufacturing process we can guarantee repeatability on large batches of filters.

FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS[1,2] AT +25°C

Parameter		F#	Frequency (GHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Pass Band	Insertion Loss	DC-F1	DC - 9	—	1	1.7	dB
	Freq. Cut-Off[3]	Fc	10.325	—	3	—	dB
	Return Loss	DC-F1	DC - 9	—	16	—	dB
Stop Band	Rejection	F2-F3	11.9 - 15	22	40	—	dB
		F3-F4	15 - 20	35	43	—	
		F4-F5	20 - 23	—	40	—	

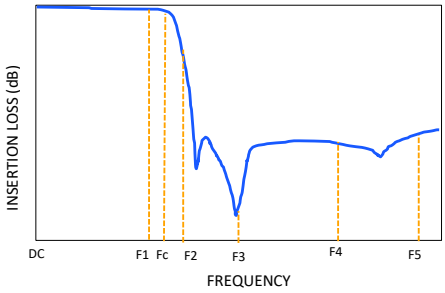
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2. This filter is bi-directional RF1 and RF2 ports may be interchanged, see S-Parameters for actual performance.
3. Typical variation ±3%

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS[4]

Parameter	Ratings
Operating Temperature	-55°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature	-55°C to +125°C
Input Power[5]	9W Max. at 25°C

4. Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.
5. Power rating applies only to signals within the passband.

TYPICAL FREQUENCY RESPONSE



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ECO-020317
ALF-9000+
EDU4571
URJ
231219

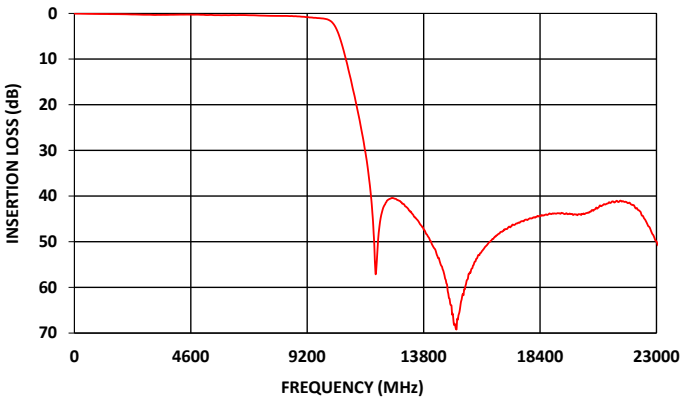
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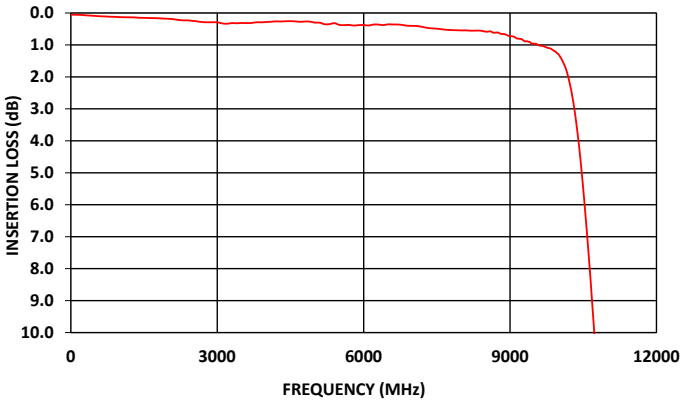
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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS AT +25°C

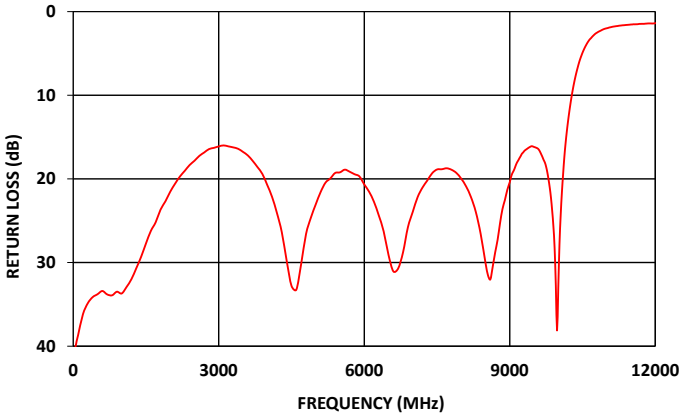
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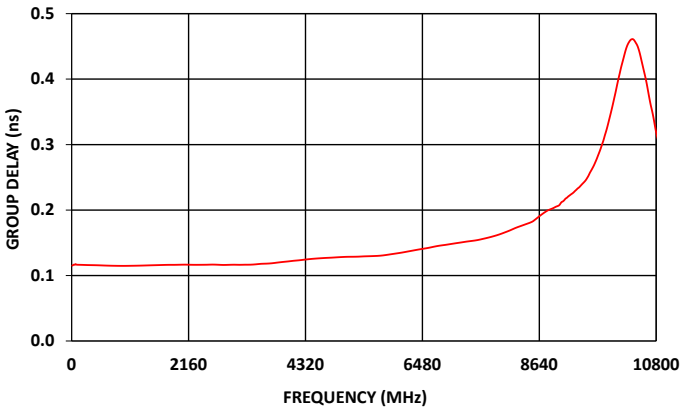
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INSERTION LOSS (Zoomed)



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RETURN LOSS



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GROUP DELAY



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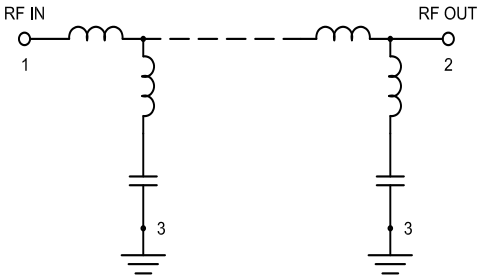
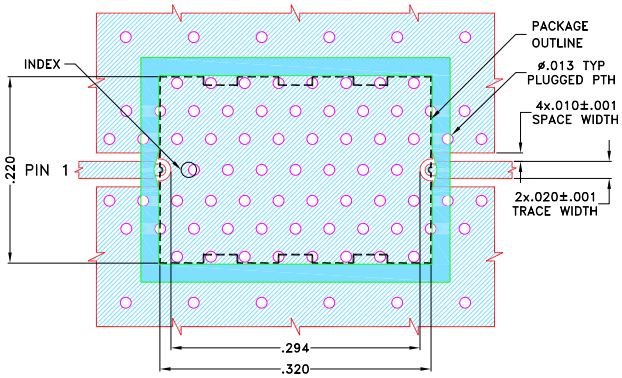


Figure 1. ALF-9000+ Functional Diagram

PAD DESCRIPTION

Function	Pad Number	Description
RF1[2]	1	Connects to RF Input Port
RF2[2]	2	Connects to RF Output Port
GROUND	3	Connects to Ground on PCB, (See drawing PL-652)
NC	—	No connection, not used internally. See drawing PL-652 for connection to PCB

SUGGESTED PCB LAYOUT (PL-652)



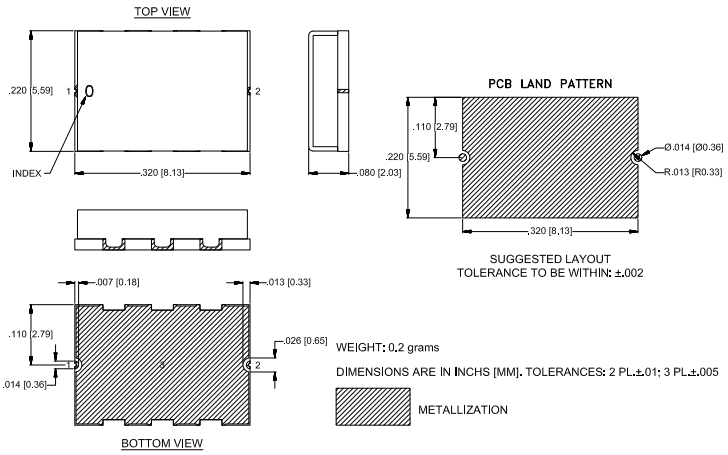
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Figure 2. Suggested PCB Layout PL-652

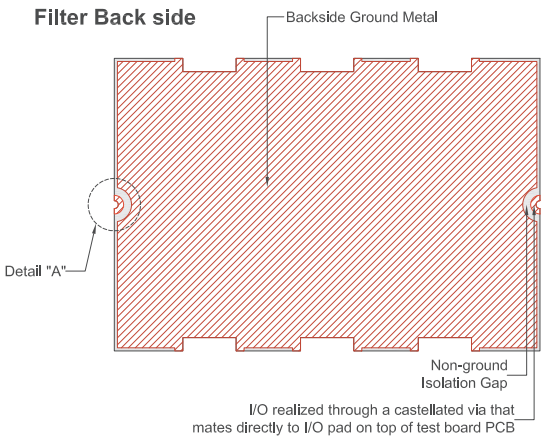
CASE STYLE DRAWING



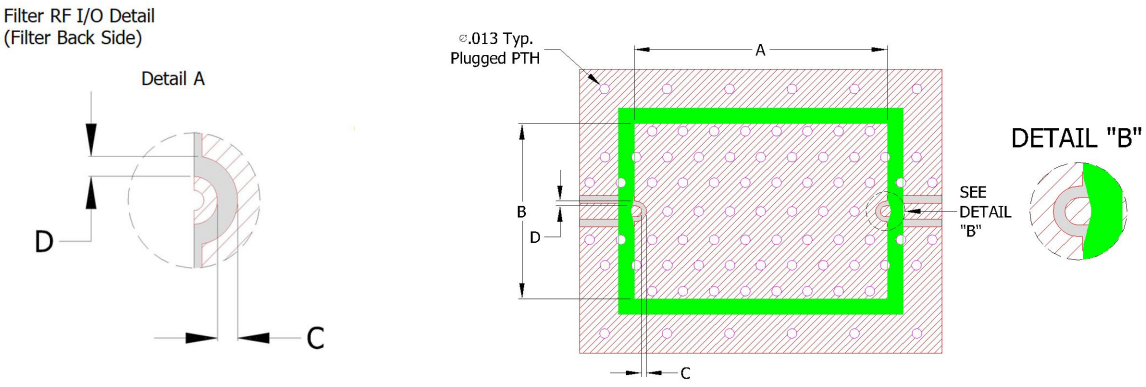
PRODUCT MARKING*: ALF-9000

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RECOMMENDED PCB LAYOUT PATTERN FOR FILTER



PCB Pattern Recommendations



1) Customer PCB's ground pattern length (dimension A) can be similar to filter length.
2) Customer PCB's ground pattern width (dimension B) can be similar filter width.
3) Dimensions C and D on Filter RF I/O detail and Customer PCB pattern can be closely match. The dimensions of C and D on the Customer PCB pattern can be slightly larger to account for component alignment tolerance (ground metal can be pulled back from RF I/O trace).
4) Recommend to use Solder mask at Customer PCB at outer area of filter pattern/ footprint with a clearance of about 1.25mil at each side. (Tighter registration tolerance required for solder mask)
5) Recommended to use Solder mask at I/O of Customer PCB as per above diagram (refer detail B).

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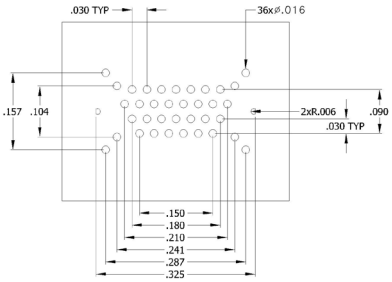
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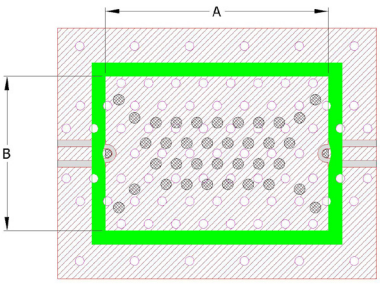
COMMENTS ON COMPONENT HANDLING AND SOLDER ATTACH

1) Avoid using soldering iron directly to the ceramic filter. This would lead to development of crack in the component due to thermal shock.
2) Vacuum pick-up tool or plastic tweezers are recommended for handling the components. Extra care should be taken not to scratch the filter or metal area.
3) Use 2-3 mil thickness stencil plate and screen print the solder. Refer below picture for recommended stencil pattern to get the best solder attachment.

Stencil opening drawing



Solder location after screen print



4) Plugged ground vias in the PWB will improve attachment consistency.
5) Recommended to have a similar or closer test board material and thickness (refer Mini-Circuits evaluation board for details) to minimize the CTE over the temperature range.

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ADDITIONAL DETAILED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR DASH BOARD. CLICK HERE

Performance Data and Graphs	Data Graphs S-Parameter (S2P Files) Data Set (.zip file) De-embedded to device pads
Case Style	UC2731 Lead Finish: Gold over Nickel plate.
RoHS Status	Compliant
Tape and Reel	TR-F003
Suggested Layout for PCB Design	PL-652
Evaluation Board	TB-ALF-9000+
	Gerber File
Environmental Rating	ENV120

NOTES

A. Performance and quality attributes and conditions not expressly stated in this specification document are intended to be excluded and do not form a part of this specification document.
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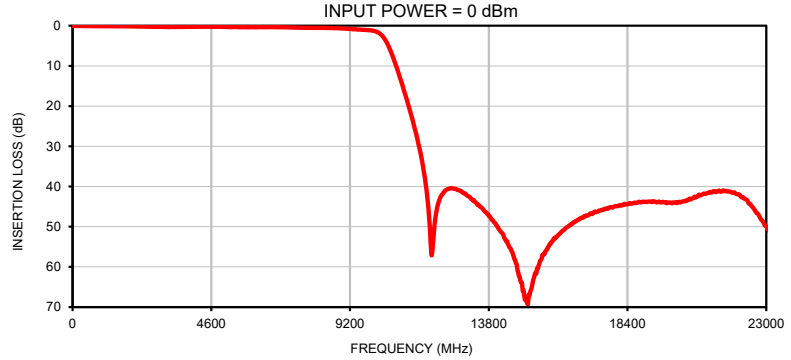
Typical Performance Data

FREQ. (MHz)	Insertion Loss (dB)	Input Return Loss (dB)	Output Return Loss (dB)
10	0.05	41.96	42.18
20	0.05	41.44	41.52
40	0.05	40.44	40.61
50	0.05	40.00	40.09
80	0.05	39.16	38.81
100	0.06	38.69	38.27
200	0.06	36.19	36.02
400	0.08	34.14	33.60
600	0.10	33.40	32.17
800	0.12	33.92	31.52
900	0.12	33.49	31.19
1000	0.13	33.69	31.11
1100	0.13	32.92	30.60
1500	0.15	27.71	27.38
1700	0.16	25.18	24.94
1900	0.17	22.69	22.86
2100	0.19	20.57	20.88
2500	0.25	17.83	18.11
3000	0.29	16.11	16.28
3500	0.31	16.77	16.70
4000	0.28	20.73	20.27
4500	0.26	32.78	26.48
5000	0.30	23.04	20.30
5500	0.37	19.21	17.76
6000	0.38	20.66	19.83
6500	0.35	29.08	28.68
7000	0.40	23.94	23.06
7500	0.49	18.87	18.71
8000	0.54	19.97	20.09
8500	0.58	30.04	32.26
9000	0.72	20.40	20.46
9500	0.97	16.18	16.18
10325	3.09	8.56	7.97
11000	16.45	1.99	1.76
11150	20.21	1.78	1.57
11500	30.45	1.54	1.37
11900	57.04	1.41	1.26
12500	40.51	1.32	1.18
13500	44.87	1.30	1.16
14500	55.28	1.27	1.21
15000	68.21	1.28	1.21
16000	52.97	1.36	1.19
16500	49.53	1.45	1.18
17000	47.40	1.57	1.20
17500	46.00	1.67	1.26
18000	44.86	1.73	1.34
18500	44.29	1.73	1.45
19000	43.82	1.68	1.54
19500	43.97	1.58	1.61
20000	44.01	1.47	1.67
20500	43.23	1.37	1.70
21000	41.79	1.35	1.70
21400	41.14	1.42	1.65
21600	41.06	1.43	1.61
21800	41.28	1.47	1.57
22000	41.83	1.53	1.53
22400	43.95	1.65	1.47
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23000	49.92	1.86	1.34

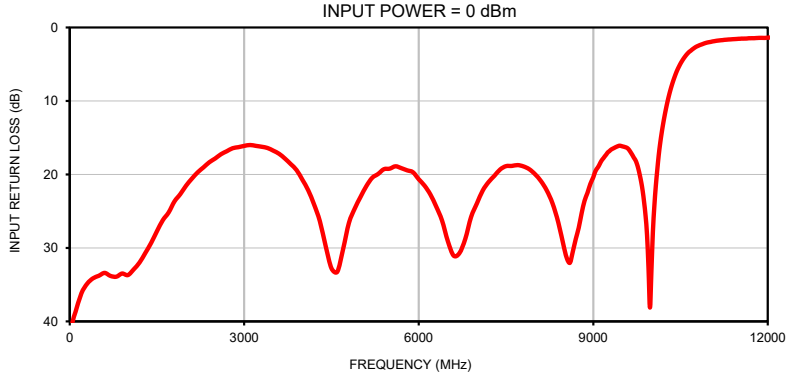
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3600	0.12
4000	0.12
4400	0.13
4800	0.13
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5200	0.13
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5800	0.13
5900	0.13
6000	0.13
6500	0.14
7000	0.15
7500	0.15
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8600	0.19
9000	0.21

Typical Performance Curves

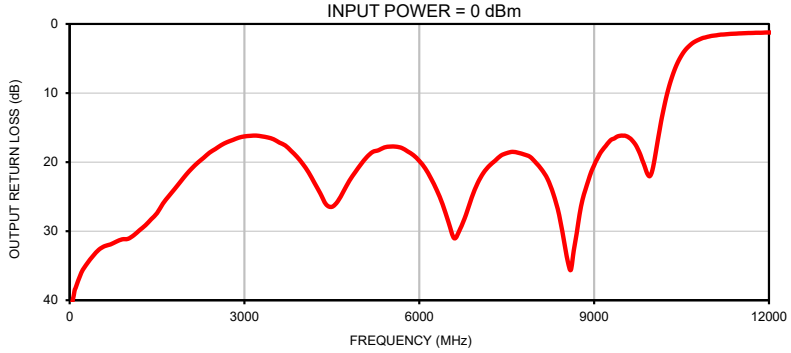
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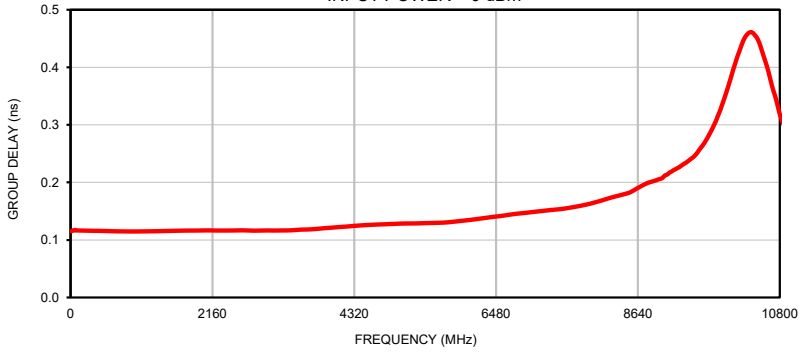
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OUTPUT RETURN LOSS
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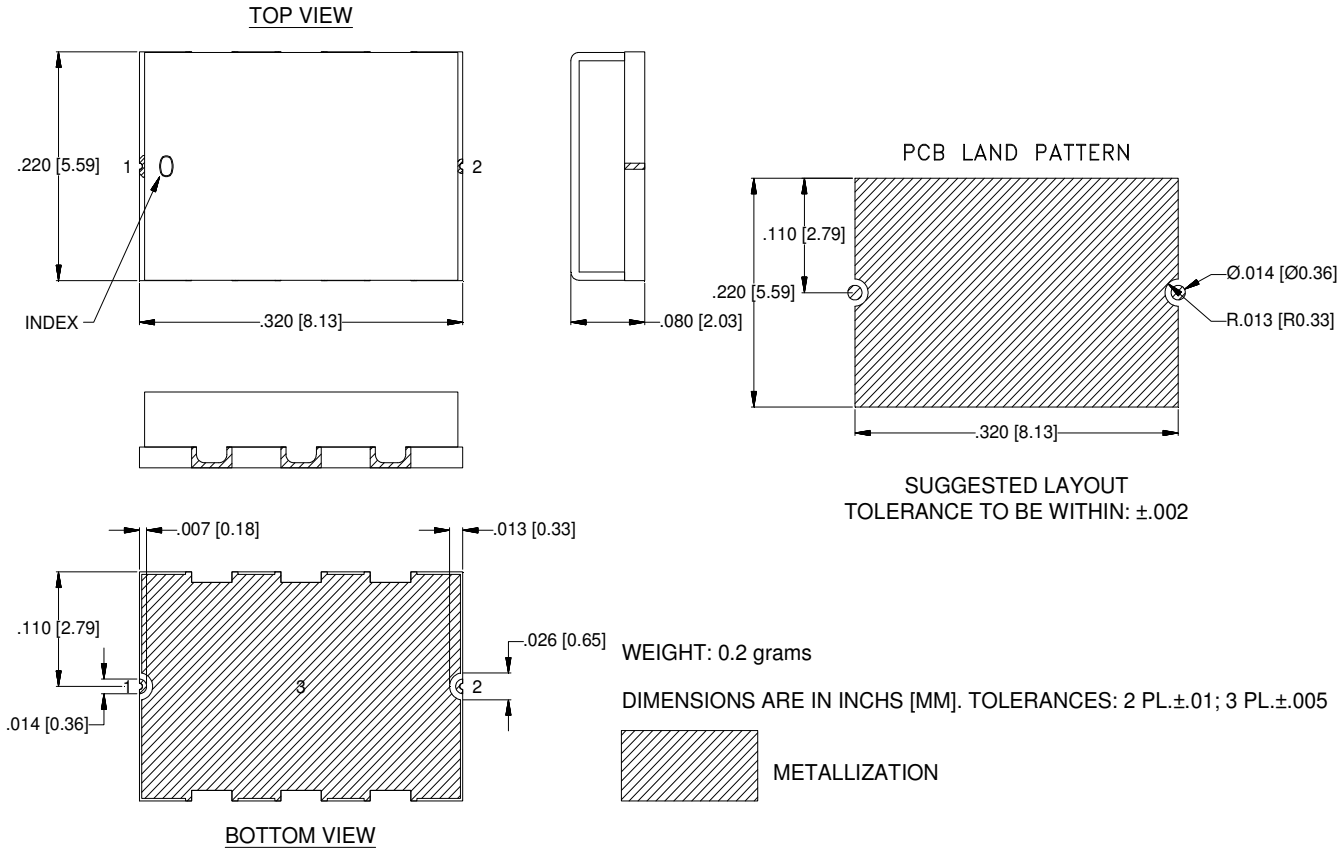


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Case Style UC

Outline Dimensions UC2731

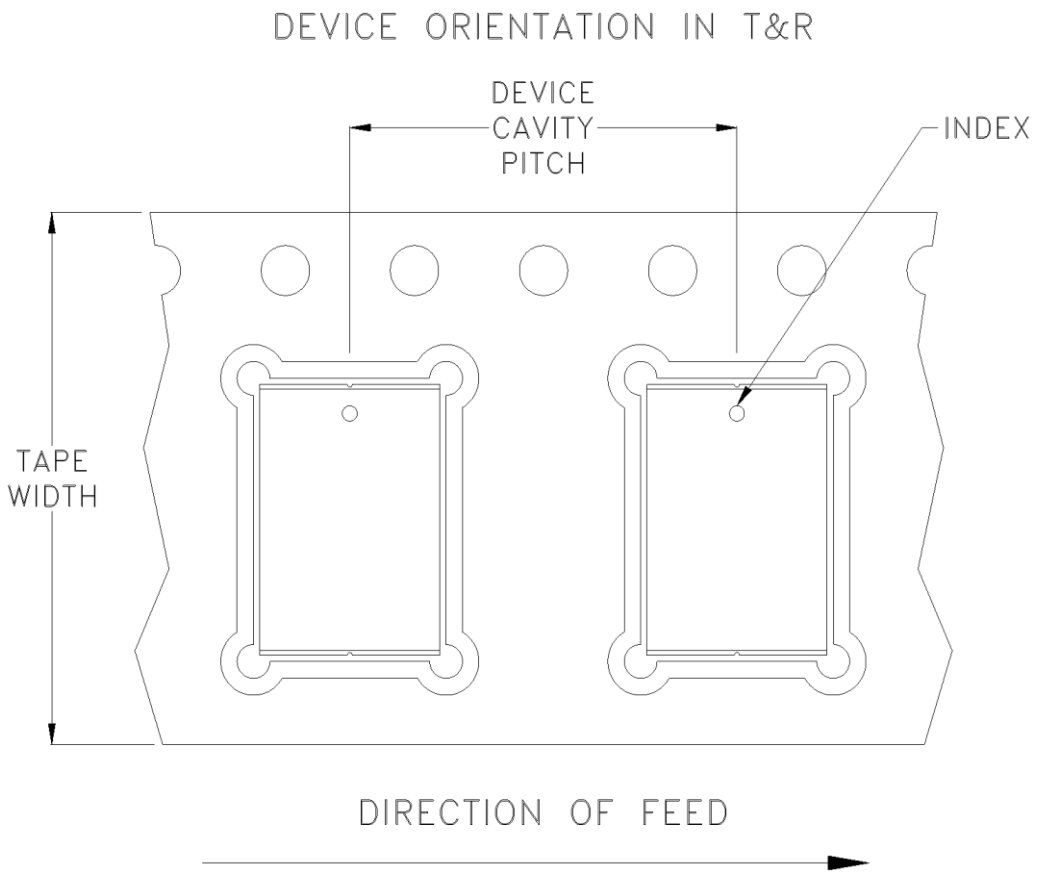


Notes:

1. Case material: Gold over Nickel over Annealed Stainless Steel.
2. Base: Ceramic
3. Termination finish: **as shown below or indicated on Data Sheet.**
   For RoHS Case Styles: Gold over Nickel plate. All models, (+) suffix.

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Tape & Reel Packaging TR-F003



Tape Width, mm	Device Cavity Pitch, mm	Real Size, inches	Devices per Reel See note
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			20
			50
			100
			200
		13	500

Note: Please consult individual model data sheet/dashboard to determine device per reel availability.

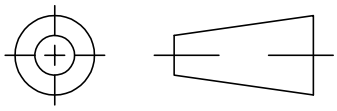
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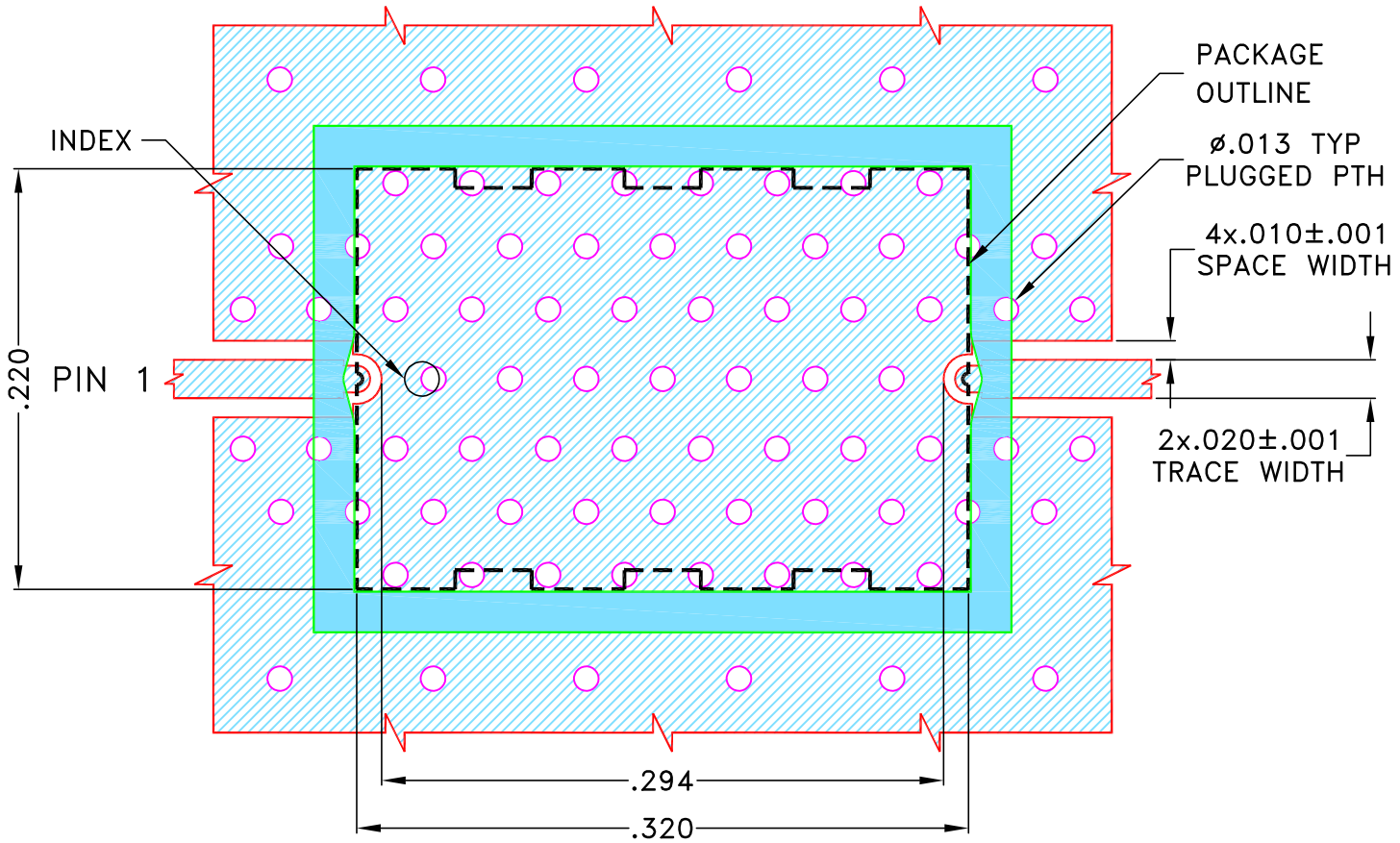
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A	ECO-010633	UPDATED AS PER CURRENT TEST BOARD	NOV 21	DDR	VC
B	ECO-019739	UPDATED TRACE AND SPACE WIDTH	OCT 23	LK	VC
		TOLERANCE ONLY NO OTHER CHANGES			

SUGGESTED MOUNTING CONFIGURATION FOR UC2731 CASE STYLE



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DENOTES PCB COPPER PATTERN FREE OF SOLDERMASK

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED		INITIALS	DATE
DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES	DRAWN	DDR	29 MAR 21
TOLERANCES ON:	CHECKED	RR	29 MAR 21
2 PL DECIMALS ±	APPROVED	NN	29 MAR 21
3 PL DECIMALS ± .005			
ANGLES ±			
FRACTIONS ±			

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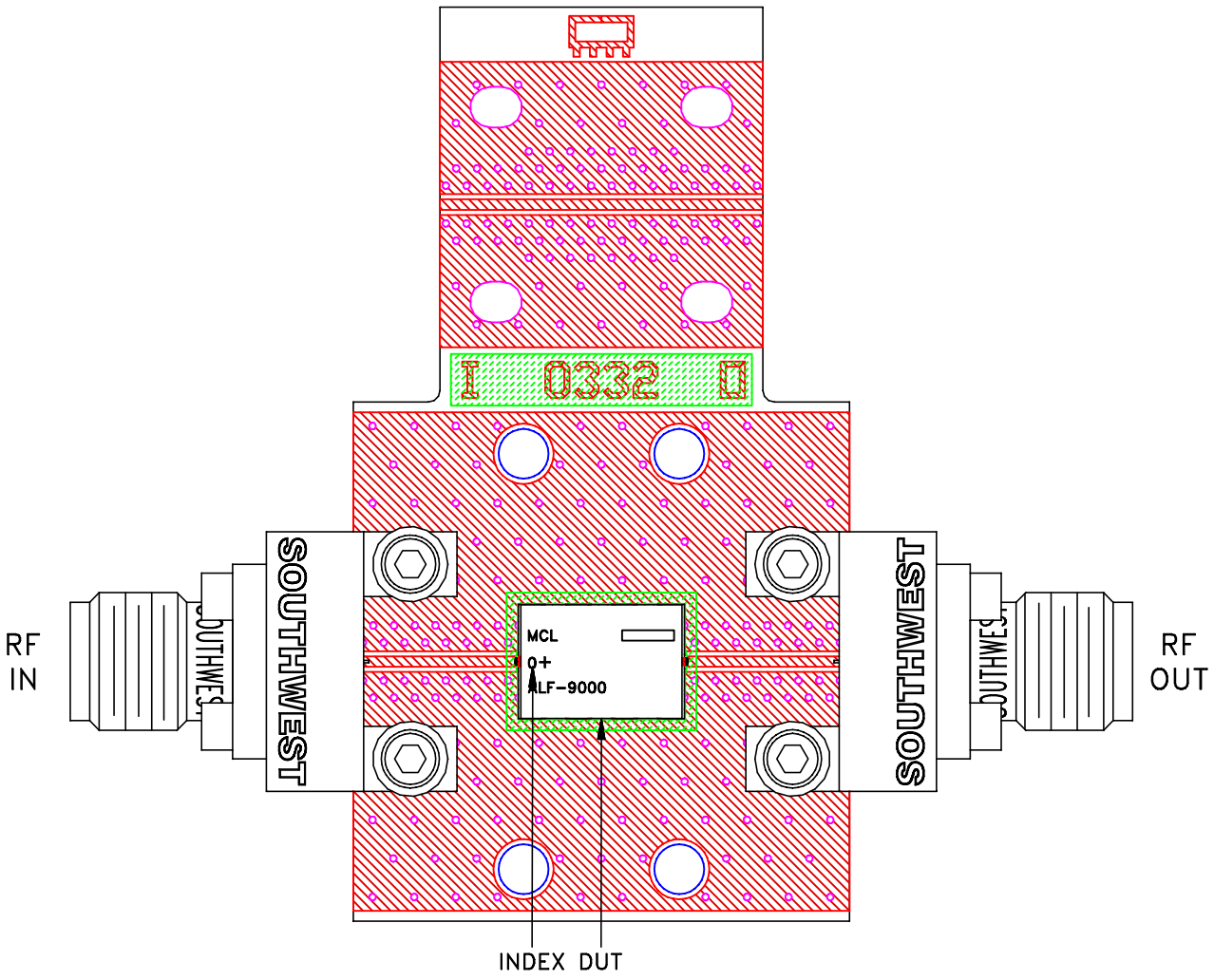
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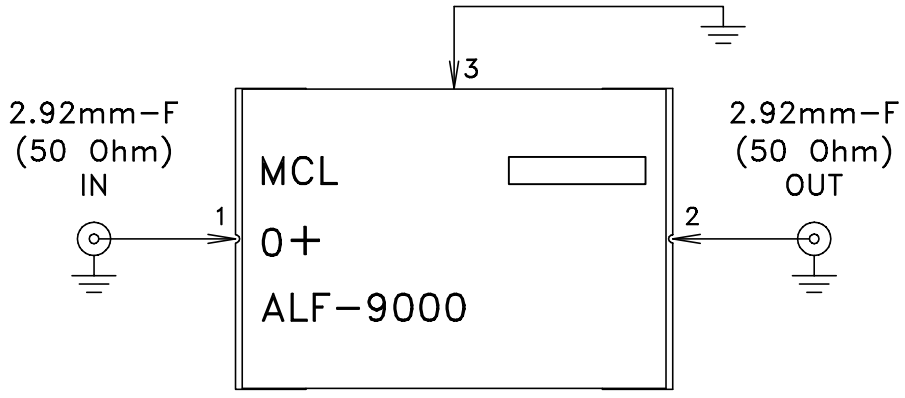
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Evaluation Board and Circuit

TB-ALF-9000+



Schematic diagram



Notes:

1. PCB Material: ROGERS (RO4350B) OR Equivalent, Dielectric Constant=3.48±.05
Dielectric Thickness: .010±.001 inch
2. 50 Ohm 2.92mm Female Connectors.

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Specification	Test/Inspection Condition	Reference/Spec
Operating Temperature	-55° to 125° C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Storage Temperature	-55° to 125° C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Solderability	10X Magnification	J-STD-002, Para 4.2.5, Test S, 95% Coverage
Thermal Shock	-55° to 125°C, 100 cycles	MIL-STD-202, Method 107, Condition A-3, Except +125°C

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