



MMIC REFLECTIONLESS

Low Pass Filter

XLF-252+

Mini-Circuits

50Ω DC to 2500 MHz

THE BIG DEAL

- Match to 50Ω in the stop band, eliminates undesired reflections
- Cascadable
- Excellent Power handling
- Temperature sData, up to +105°C
- Small size, 3 x 3 mm
- Protected by US Patent No. 8,392,495

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CASE STYLE: DQ1225

+RoHS Compliant

The +Suffix identifies RoHS Compliance.
See our website for methodologies and qualifications

APPLICATIONS

- Harmonics Rejection
- Wideband Matching
- Transmitters / Receivers

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' XLF-252+ reflectionless filter employs a novel filter topology which absorbs and terminates stop band signals internally rather than reflecting them back to the source. This new capability enables unique applications for filter circuits beyond those suited to traditional approaches. Traditional filters are reflective in the stop band, sending signals back to the source at 100% of the power level. These reflections interact with neighboring components and often result in inter-modulation and other interferences. Reflectionless filters eliminate stop band reflections, allowing them to be paired with sensitive devices and used in applications that otherwise require circuits such as isolation amplifiers or attenuators.

KEY FEATURES

| Features | Advantages |
|---|--|
| Reflectionless Technology | Reflectionless filters absorb unwanted signals, preventing reflections back to the source. This reduces generation of additional unwanted signals without the need for extra components like attenuators, improving system dynamic range and saving board space. |
| 50Ω Match in Stopband | Reflectionless filters maintain good impedance matching in the stopband, allowing for integration with high gain, wideband amplifiers without the risk of creating out-of-band instabilities. |
| Excellent RF Performance Repeatability | Fabricated on a GaAs process, X-series filters are inherently repeatable for large-volume production. |
| Excellent Stability over temperature | With ±0.3 dB variation over temperature, is ideal for use in wide temperature range applications without the need for additional temperature compensation. |
| Excellent Power Handling in a Compact Package | High power handling extends the usability of these filters to the transmit path for inter-stage filtering. |

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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS¹ AT +25°C

| Parameter | F# | Frequency (MHz) | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|------|------|------|
| Passband | Insertion Loss | DC - F1 | DC - 2500 | — | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| | Frequency Cut-off | F2 | 3220 | — | 3.0 | — |
| | VSWR | DC - F1 | DC - 2500 | — | 1.3 | — |
| Stopband | Rejection | F3 - F4 | 4550 - 16000 | 12 | 15 | — |
| | | F4 - F5 | 16000 - 30000 | — | 18 | — |
| | VSWR | F3 - F4 | 4550 - 16000 | — | 1.2 | — |
| | | F4 - F5 | 16000 - 30000 | — | 1.8 | — |

1. Measured on Mini-Circuits Characterization Test Board TB-844-252+

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS²

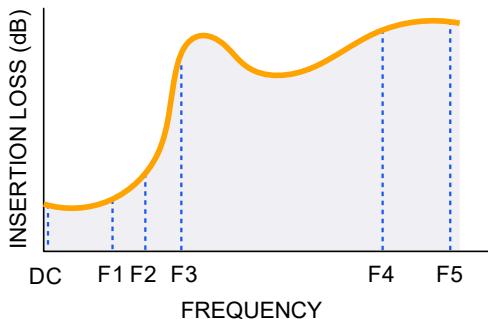
| Parameter | Ratings |
|---|-----------------|
| Operating Temperature | -55°C to +105°C |
| Storage Temperature | -65°C to +150°C |
| RF Power Input, Passband (DC-F1) ³ | 2 W at +25°C |
| RF Power Input, Stopband (F2-F5) ⁴ | 0.5 W at +25°C |

2. Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

3. Passband rating derates linearly to 1 W at 105°C ambient

4. Stopband rating derates linearly to 0.25 W at 105°C ambient

SPECIFICATION DEFINITION





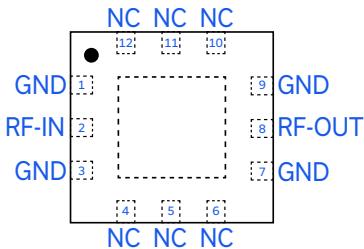
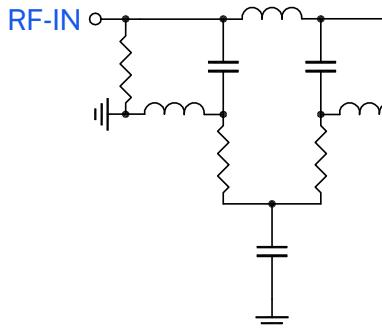
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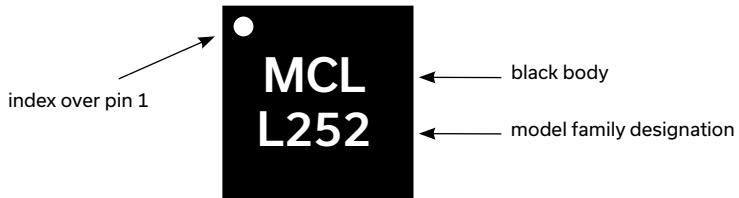
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SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC AND PAD DESCRIPTION



| Function | Pad Number | Description |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| RF-IN | 2 | RF Input Pad |
| RF-OUT | 8 | RF Output Pad |
| GND | 1,3,7,9, Paddle | Connected to ground |
| NC (GND Externally) | 4,5,6,10,11,12 | No internal connection |

PRODUCT MARKING



Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control

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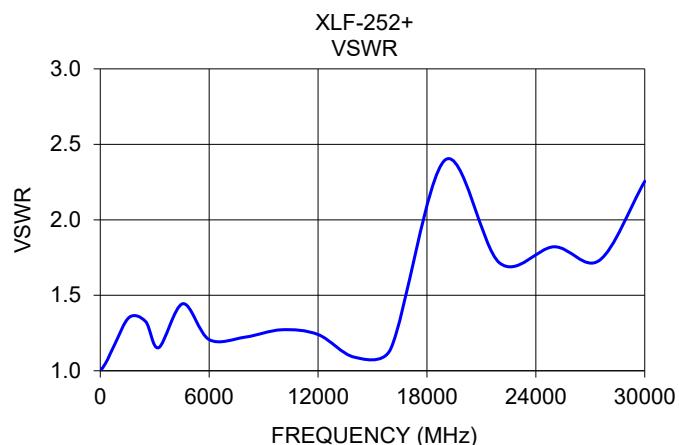
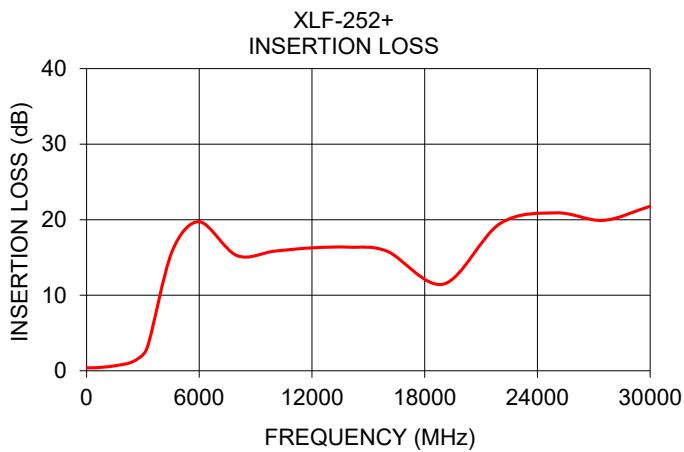
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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA AT +25°C

| Frequency (MHz) | Insertion Loss (dB) | VSWR (:1) |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 10 | 0.41 | 1.01 |
| 100 | 0.40 | 1.01 |
| 200 | 0.40 | 1.03 |
| 400 | 0.41 | 1.07 |
| 800 | 0.47 | 1.18 |
| 1600 | 0.70 | 1.35 |
| 2500 | 1.27 | 1.33 |
| 3220 | 3.01 | 1.15 |
| 4550 | 15.78 | 1.44 |
| 6000 | 19.73 | 1.21 |
| 8000 | 15.26 | 1.22 |
| 10000 | 15.84 | 1.27 |
| 12000 | 16.27 | 1.24 |
| 14000 | 16.36 | 1.09 |
| 16000 | 15.82 | 1.14 |
| 19000 | 11.48 | 2.40 |
| 22000 | 19.48 | 1.71 |
| 25000 | 20.90 | 1.82 |
| 27500 | 19.91 | 1.73 |
| 30000 | 21.78 | 2.26 |





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ADDITIONAL DETAILED TECHNICAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR DASH BOARD. TO ACCESS [CLICK HERE](#)

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|--|---|
| Performance Data & Graphs | Data Graphs S-Parameter (S2P Files) Data Set (.zip file) |
| Case Style | DQ1225 Plastic package, exposed paddle lead finish: matte-tin |
| Tape & Reel Standard quantities available on reel | F66 7" reels with 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 ,1000, 2000, 3000 devices |
| Suggested Layout for PCB Design | PL-451 |
| Evaluation Board | TB-844-252+ (without connectors) TB-844-252C+ (with connectors) B20-118-F1+ connector sold separately |
| Environmental Ratings | ENV82 |

ESD RATING

Human body model (HBM): Class 1A (250 to <500V) in accordance with ANSI/ESD 5.1-2001

MSL RATING

Moisture Sensitivity: MSL1 in accordance with IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020D

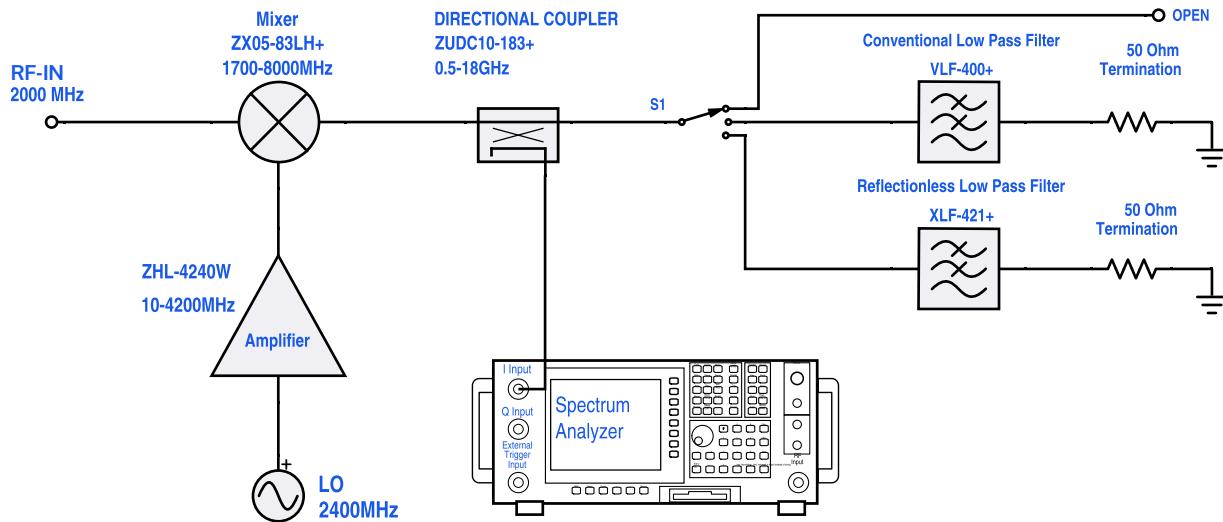


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REFLECTIONLESS FILTER APPLICATION NOTE
Application Circuit Example: Pairing mixers with reflectionless filters to improve system dynamic range



Test block diagram: IF output reflection spectrum with single input frequency

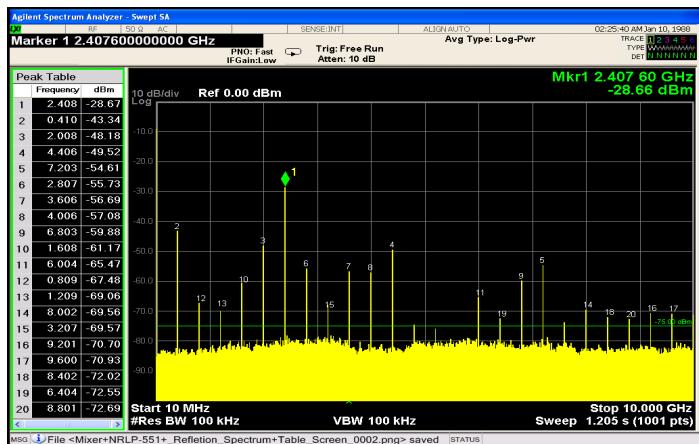


Figure 1. IF output reflection spectrum without filter

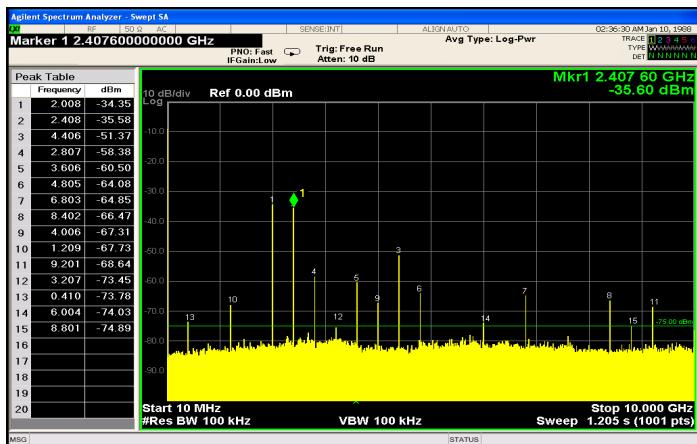


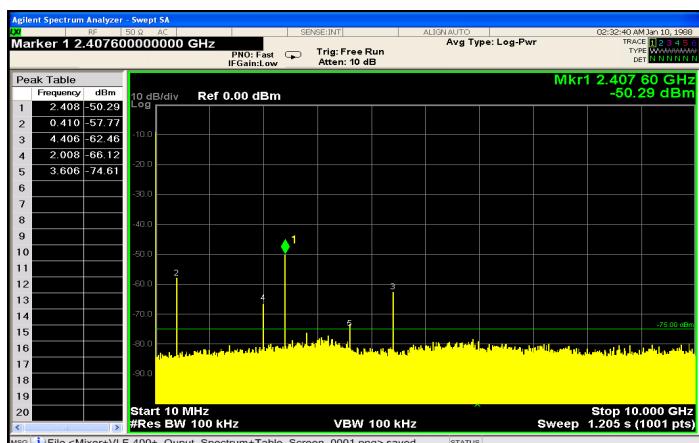
Figure 2. IF output reflection spectrum with conventional filter

An application circuit was assembled to measure the IF reflection spectrum at the output of a mixer when the mixer was paired with a conventional filter versus a reflectionless filter.

While the conventional filter reduces the reflections present when the mixer is used alone (no filter), the reflectionless filter virtually eliminates those reflections altogether.

The reflected signal at marker 1 in the figures above exhibits a reduction of more than 20 dB from -28.7 dBm to -50.3 dBm when the reflectionless filter is used as compared to the conventional filter, thus eliminating unwanted spurious mixing products and improving system dynamic range.

For more information, refer to application note [AN-75-007](#)



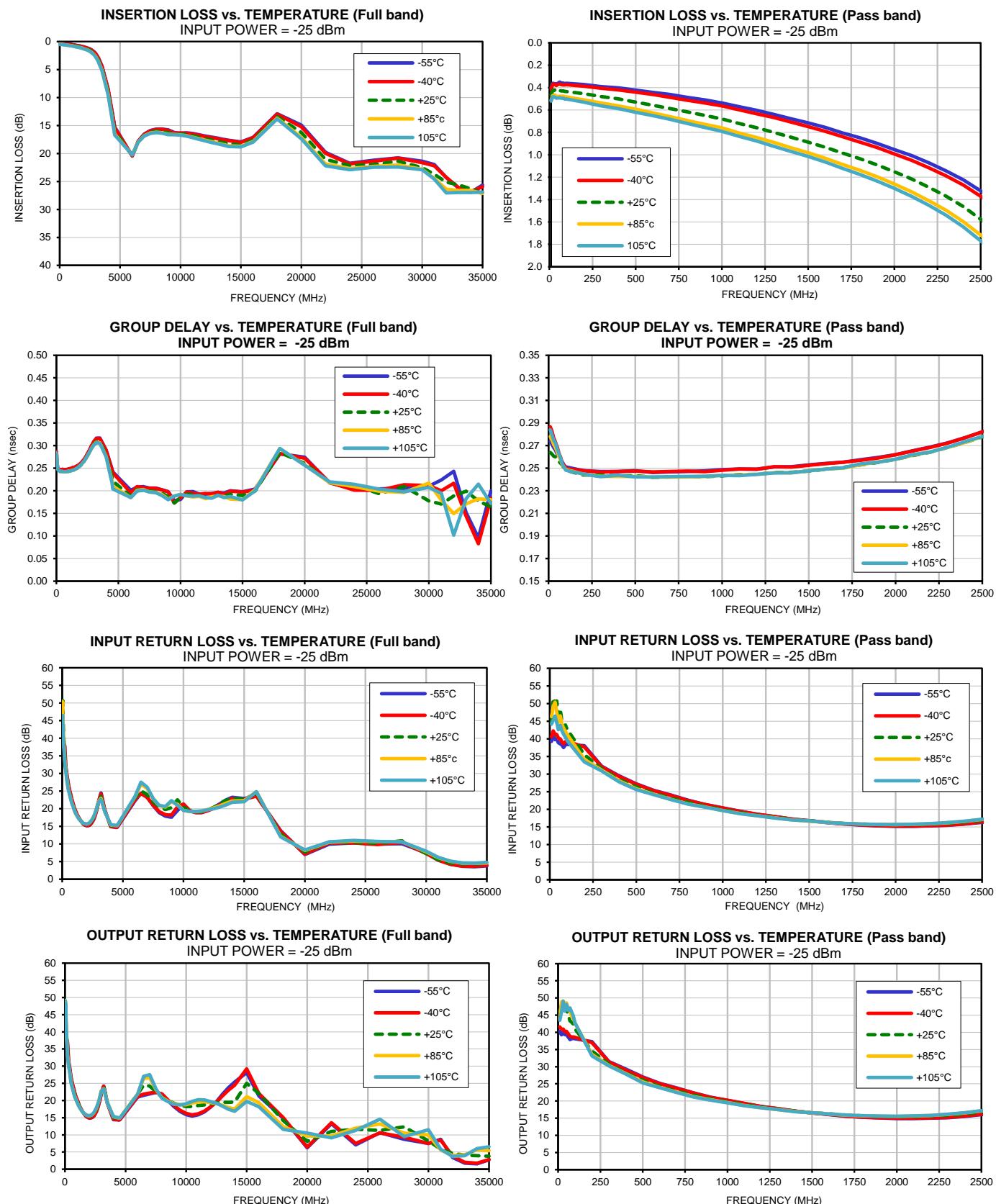
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Typical Performance Curves



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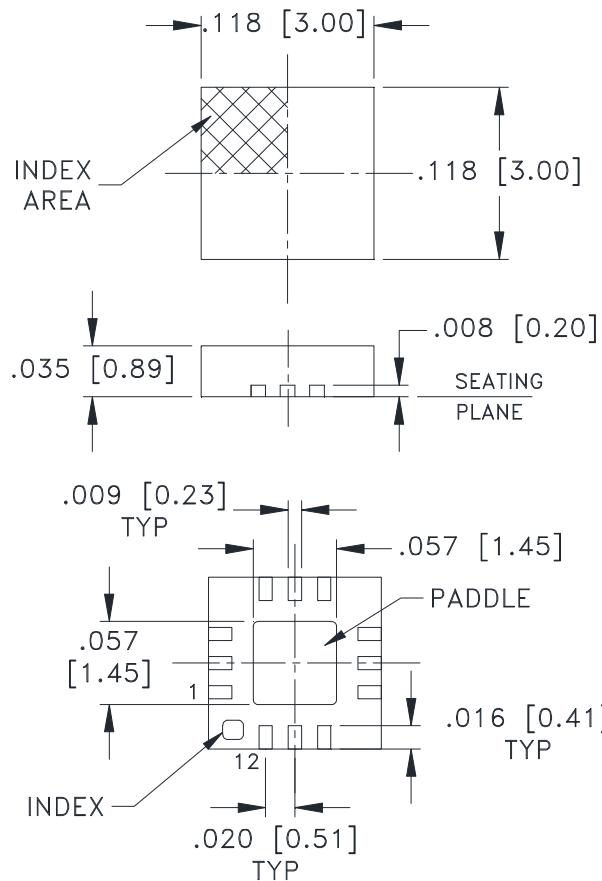
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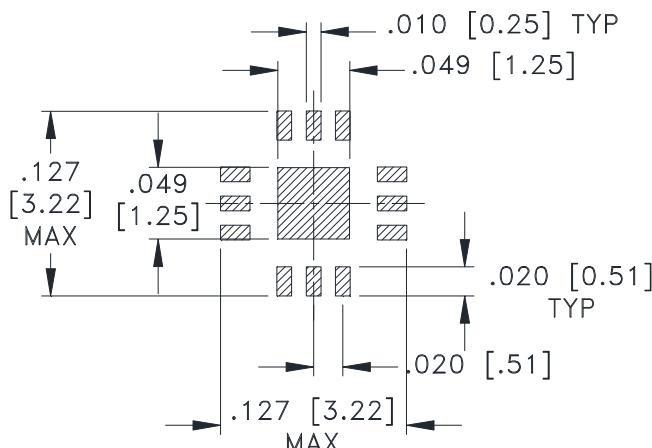
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Outline Dimensions



PCB Land Pattern



SUGGESTED LAYOUT,
TOLERANCE TO BE WITHIN $\pm .002$

Weight: .02 Grams

Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2Pl. $\pm .01$; 3 Pl. $\pm .004$

Notes:

1. Case material: Plastic.
2. Termination finish:

For RoHS Case Styles: Tin-Silver alloy plate over Nickel barrier or Matte-Tin. All models, (+) suffix.
See Data sheet.

For RoHS-5 Case Styles: Tin-Lead plate. All models, no (+) suffix.



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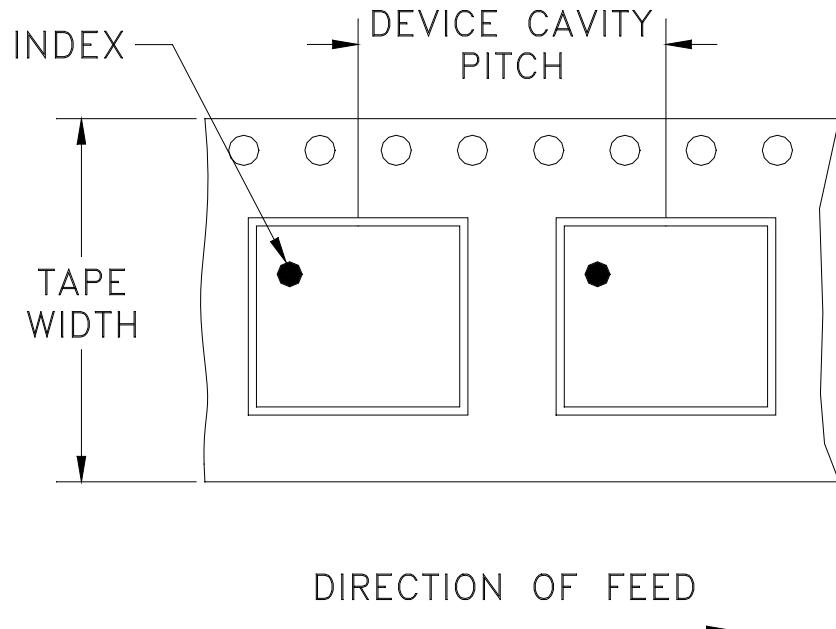
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Tape & Reel Packaging TR-F66

DEVICE ORIENTATION IN T&R



| Tape Width, mm | Device Cavity Pitch, mm | Reel Size, inches | Devices per Reel see note | |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 8 | 4 | 7 | Small quantity standard | 20 |
| | | | | 50 |
| | | | | 100 |
| | | | | 200 |
| | | | | 500 |
| | | 7 | Standard | 1000, 2000, 3000 |

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

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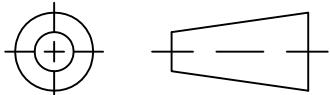
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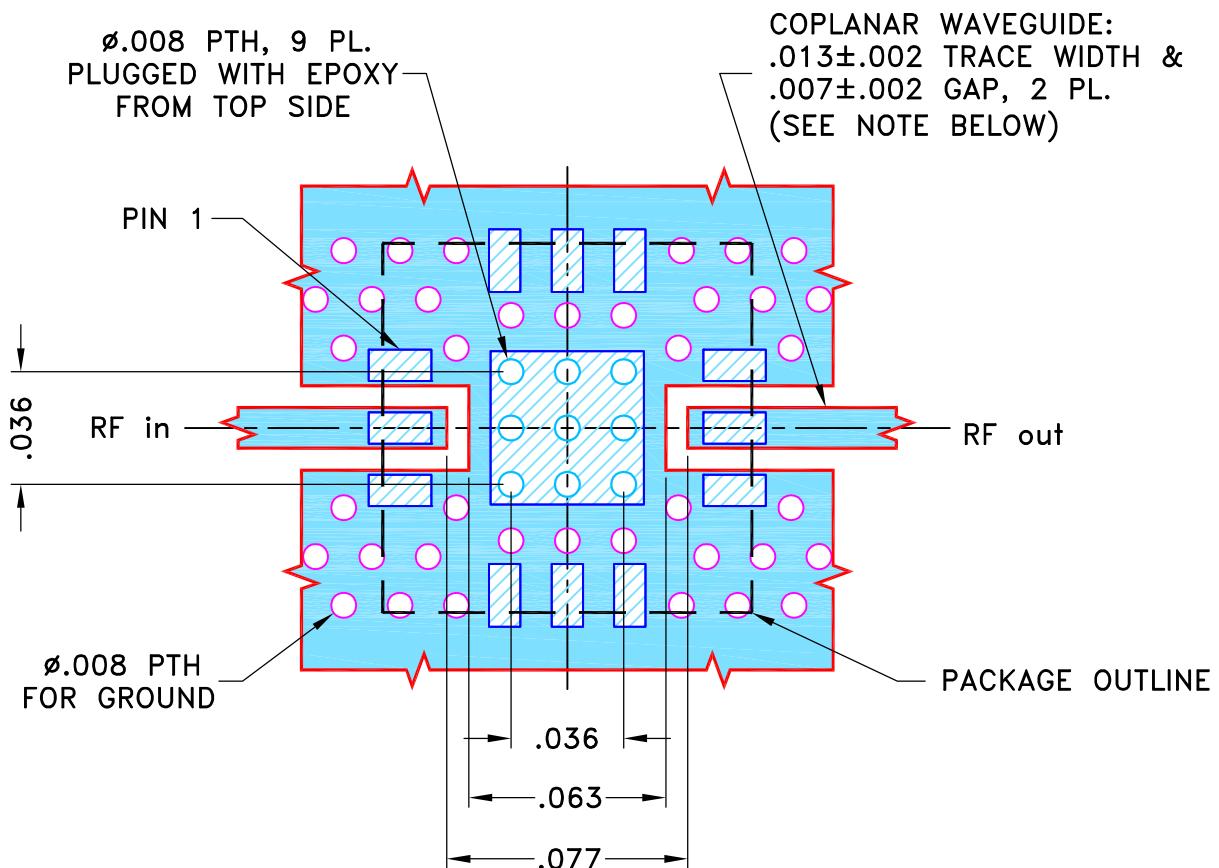
THIRD ANGLE PROJECTION



REVISIONS

| REV | ECN No. | DESCRIPTION | DATE | DR | AUTH |
|-----|---------|-------------|----------|-----|------|
| OR | M152656 | NEW RELEASE | 09/11/15 | ITG | MY |
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SUGGESTED MOUNTING CONFIGURATION
FOR DQ1225 CASE STYLE, "12FL02" PIN CODE

NOTES:

1. TRACE WIDTH PARAMETERS ARE SHOWN FOR ROGERS R04350B WITH DIELECTRIC THICKNESS $.0066'' \pm .0007''$. COPPER: 1/2 OZ. EACH SIDE. FOR OTHER MATERIALS TRACE WIDTH AND GAP MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED.
2. BOTTOM SIDE OF THE PCB IS CONTINUOUS GROUND PLANE.



DENOTES PCB COPPER LAYOUT WITH SMOBC (SOLDER MASK OVER BARE COPPER).



DENOTES COPPER LAND PATTERN FREE OF SOLDER MASK.

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES

TOLERANCES ON:

2 PL DECIMALS \pm 3 PL DECIMALS $\pm .005$ ANGLES \pm FRACTIONS \pm

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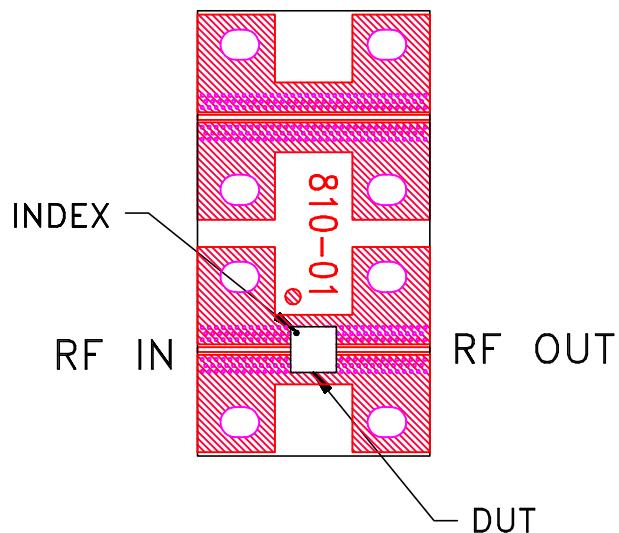
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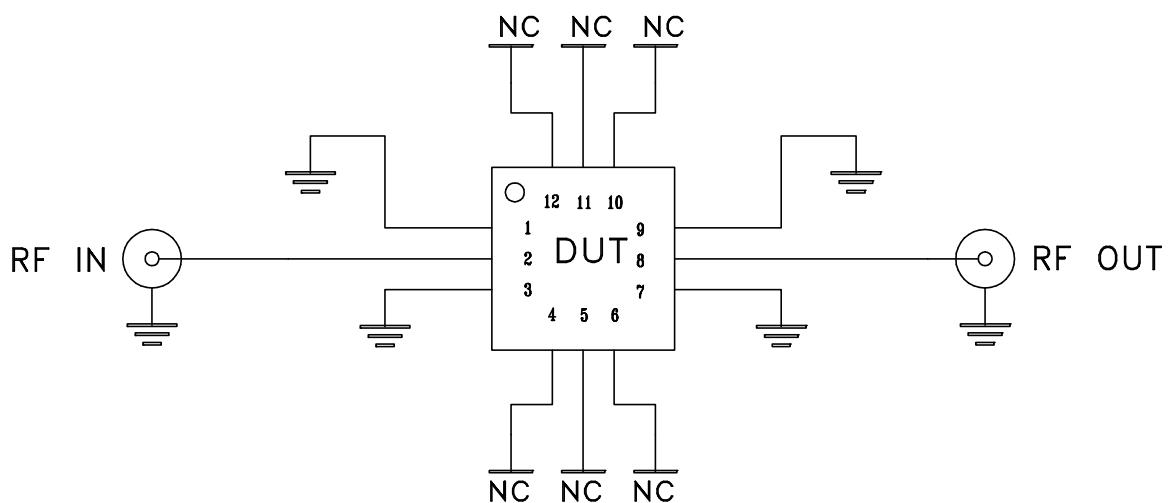
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Evaluation Board and Circuit

To be used with Mini-Circuits 50 Ohm 2.92 connectors B20-118-F1+.
Connectors are sold separately.



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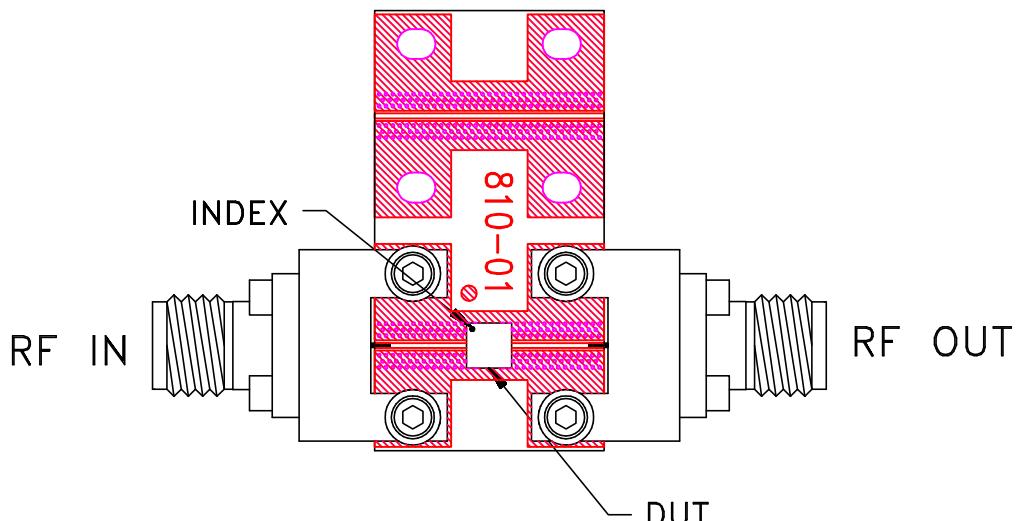
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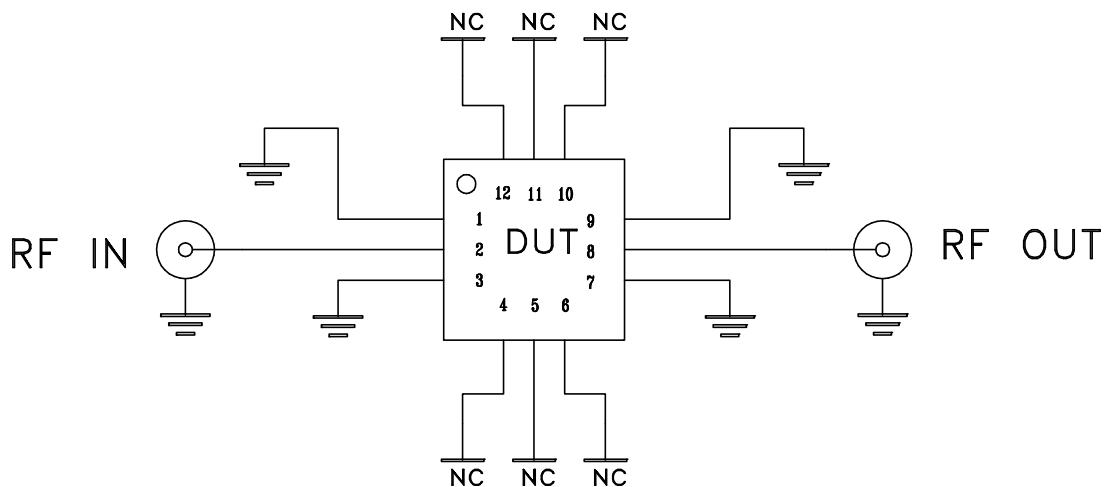
PCB Material: R04350 or equivalent,
Dielectric Constant=3.5, Thickness=.0066 inch.

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Schematic Diagram

Notes:

1. 50 Ohm 2.92 mm Female connectors.
2. PCB Material: RO4350 or equivalent,
Dielectric Constant=3.5, Thickness=.0066 inch.

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| Specification | Test/Inspection Condition | Reference/Spec |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Operating Temperature | -55° to 105°C Ambient Environment | Individual Model Data Sheet |
| Storage Temperature | -65° to 150° C Ambient Environment | Individual Model Data Sheet |
| Autoclave | 15 psig, 100% RH, 121°C, 96 hours | JESD22-A102-C, Condition C |
| Temperature Cycling | -65° to 150°C, 100 cycles | JESD22-A104 |
| Temperature Humidity | 85°C/ 85% RH, 168 hours | JESD22-113 |
| Solder Reflow Heat | Sn-Pb Eutetic Process: 240°C peak Pb-Free Process: 260°C peak | J-STD-020, Table 4-1, 4-2 and 5-2; Figure 5-1 |
| Moisture Sensitivity: Level 1 | Bake at 125°C for 24 hours Soak at 85°C/85% RH for 168 hours, Reflow 3 cycles at 240°C peak (Non-RoHS) or 260°C (RoHS) | J-STD-020C |
| Solderability | 10X magnification, 95% coverage | JESD22-B102, Method 1: Dip and Look Test |
| Marking Resistance to Solvents | Isopropyl alcohol + mineral spirits at 25°C; terpene defluxer at 25°C; distilled water + propylene glycol monomethyl ether + monoethanolamine at 63°C to 70°C | MIL-STD-202, Method 215 |