

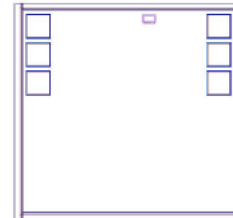
MMIC

REFLECTIONLESS FILTER DICE

50Ω DC to 21 GHz

The Big Deal

- Patented design eliminates in band spurs
- Pass band cut-off up to 21 GHz
- Stop band up to 35 GHz
- Excellent repeatability through IPD* process
- Unpackaged Die Form



X-Series

Available in Low Pass, High Pass and Band Pass designs

Product Overview

Mini-Circuits' X-Series reflectionless filters employ 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 which interact with neighboring components and often result in intermodulation 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 isolators, isolation amplifiers or attenuators.

Key Features

Easy integration with sensitive reflective components, e.g. mixers, multipliers

Enables stable integration of wideband amplifiers

Cascadable

Excellent power handling in a tiny surface mount device

Excellent repeatability of RF performance

Excellent stability over temperature

Operating Temperature up to 105°C

Unpackaged Die form

Advantages

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.

Because reflectionless filters maintain good impedance in the stop band; they can be integrated with high gain, wideband amplifiers without the risk of creating instabilities in these out of band regions.

Reflectionless filters can be cascaded in multiple sections to provide sharper and higher attenuation, while also preventing any standing waves that could affect pass band signals.

High power handling extends the usability of these filters to the transmit path for inter-stage filtering.

Through semiconductor IPD process, X-series filters are inherently repeatable for large volume production.

With ± 0.3 dB variation over temperature ideal for use in wide temperature range applications without the need for additional temperature compensation.

Suitable for operation close to high power components

Enables direct integration into customer hybrids

*IPD – Integrated Passive Device, is a GaAs semiconductor process



Reflectionless Low Pass Filter Die

XLF-252-D+

50Ω DC to 2500 MHz

Features

- Match to 50Ω in the stop band, eliminates undesired reflections
- Cascadable
- Excellent Power handling
- Protected by US Patent No. 8,392,495



Applications

- Harmonics Rejection
- Wideband Matching
- Transmitters / Receivers

+RoHS Compliant

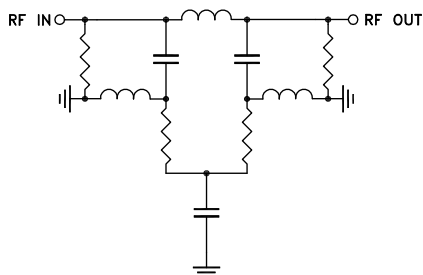
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General Description

Mini-Circuits' XLF-252-D+ reflectionless filter die 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.

Simplified Schematic



Pad	Description
RF-IN	RF Input Pad
RF-OUT	RF Output Pad
Ground	Ground Bonding Pad

Electrical Specifications¹ at 25°C

Parameter		F#	Frequency (MHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Pass Band	Insertion Loss	DC - F1	DC - 2500		1.3		dB
	Frequency Cut-off	F2	3220		3.0		dB
	VSWR	DC - F1	DC - 2500		1.3		:1
Stop Band	Rejection	F3 - F4	4550 - 16000		15		dB
		F4 - F5	16000 - 30000		18		dB
	VSWR	F3 - F4	4550 - 16000		1.2		:1
		F4 - F5	16000 - 30000		1.8		:1

¹ Measured on Mini-Circuits Characterization test board. Die packaged in 3mm x 3mm, 12-lead MCLP package and soldered on TB-844-252+

Absolute Maximum Ratings^{1,4}

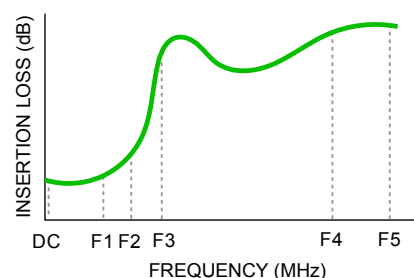
Parameter	Ratings
Operating Temperature	-55°C to +105°C
RF Power Input, Passband (DC-F1) ²	2W at 25°C
RF Power Input, Stopband (F2-F5) ³	0.5W at 25°C

² Passband rating derates linearly to 1W at 105°C ambient

³ Stopband rating derates linearly to 0.25W at 105°C ambient

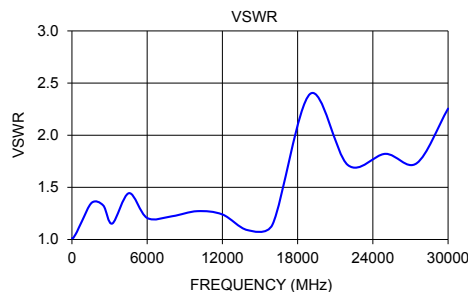
⁴ Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

Specification Definition



Typical Performance Data at 25°C¹

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



Die Layout



Fig 1. Die Layout

Bonding Pad Position
(Dimensions in μm , Typical)

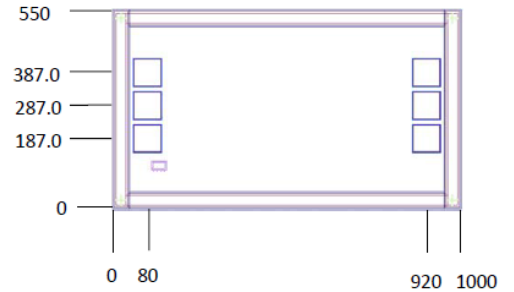


Fig 2. Bonding Pad Positions

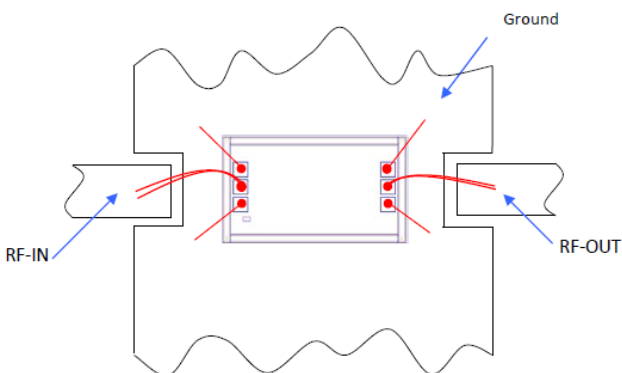
Critical Dimensions

Parameter	Values
Die Thickness, μm	100
Die Width, μm	1000
Die Length, μm	550
Bond Pad Size (Ground pad), μm	75 x 75

Assembly and Handling Procedure

1. Storage
Dice should be stored in a dry nitrogen purged desiccators or equivalent.
2. ESD
MMIC Gallium Arsenide (GaAs) filter dice are susceptible to electrostatic and mechanical damage. Die are supplied in antistatic protected material, which should be opened in clean room conditions at an appropriately grounded anti-static workstation. Devices need careful handling using correctly designed collets, vacuum pickup tips or sharp antistatic tweezers to deter ESD damage to dice.
3. Die Attach
The die mounting surface must be clean and flat. Using conductive silver filled epoxy, recommended epoxies are DieMat DM6030Hk-PT/H579/H579 or Ablestik 84-1LMISR4. Apply sufficient epoxy to meet required epoxy bond line thickness, epoxy fillet height and epoxy coverage around total die periphery. Parts shall be cured in a nitrogen filled atmosphere per manufacturer's cure condition. It is recommended to use antistatic die pick up tools only.
4. Wire Bonding
Bond pad openings in the surface passivation above the bond pads are provided to allow wire bonding to the dice gold bond pads. Thermosonic bonding is used with minimized ultrasonic content. Bond force, time, ultrasonic power and temperature are all critical parameters. Suggested wire is pure gold, 1 mil diameter. Bonds must be made from the bond pads on the die to the package or substrate. All bond wires should be kept as short as low as reasonable to minimize performance degradation due to undesirable series inductance.

Assembly Diagram



Recommended Wire Length, Typical

Wire	Wire Length (mm)	Wire Loop Height (mm)
All wires	1.0	0.15

Note: Use double bond wire at RF IN & RF OUT

Typical Performance Data

FREQ. (MHz)	INSERTION LOSS					GROUP DELAY				
	(dB)					(nsec)				
	@-55°C	@-40°C	@+25°C	@+85°C	@+105°C	@-55°C	@-40°C	@+25°C	@+85°C	@+105°C
10	0.40	0.42	0.46	0.51	0.52	0.27	0.29	0.26	0.28	0.28
20	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.47	0.48	0.27	0.28	0.26	0.27	0.28
30	0.36	0.37	0.42	0.46	0.48	0.27	0.28	0.26	0.27	0.28
40	0.37	0.38	0.44	0.48	0.49	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.27
50	0.36	0.37	0.42	0.48	0.49	0.26	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.27
60	0.35	0.37	0.43	0.48	0.49	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26
70	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.48	0.50	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.26	0.26
80	0.36	0.38	0.43	0.48	0.49	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
90	0.36	0.38	0.43	0.48	0.50	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
100	0.36	0.37	0.44	0.48	0.50	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
200	0.37	0.39	0.45	0.51	0.53	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.25
300	0.39	0.40	0.48	0.54	0.56	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
400	0.40	0.42	0.50	0.56	0.59	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
500	0.42	0.44	0.53	0.59	0.62	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
600	0.44	0.46	0.56	0.63	0.65	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
700	0.46	0.49	0.59	0.66	0.68	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
800	0.49	0.51	0.62	0.69	0.72	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
900	0.51	0.54	0.65	0.73	0.76	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
1000	0.54	0.56	0.68	0.76	0.79	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
1100	0.57	0.60	0.72	0.80	0.83	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
1200	0.60	0.63	0.76	0.85	0.88	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	0.24
1300	0.64	0.67	0.80	0.89	0.92	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
1400	0.68	0.71	0.84	0.94	0.97	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
1500	0.71	0.75	0.89	0.98	1.01	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
1600	0.76	0.79	0.93	1.03	1.07	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
1700	0.81	0.84	0.99	1.09	1.12	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25
1800	0.85	0.89	1.03	1.14	1.18	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25
1900	0.90	0.94	1.09	1.20	1.24	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26
2000	0.95	0.99	1.15	1.26	1.30	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26
2100	1.01	1.05	1.22	1.33	1.37	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.26
2200	1.07	1.12	1.29	1.41	1.45	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.26
2300	1.14	1.19	1.37	1.50	1.54	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27
2400	1.22	1.27	1.46	1.60	1.64	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.27	0.27
2500	1.32	1.37	1.58	1.72	1.77	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28
2600	1.43	1.49	1.70	1.85	1.91	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.28
2700	1.57	1.63	1.86	2.02	2.08	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
2800	1.74	1.80	2.05	2.23	2.29	0.30	0.30	0.29	0.29	0.29
2900	1.95	2.01	2.28	2.46	2.53	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
3000	2.20	2.27	2.55	2.75	2.83	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.30
3200	2.87	2.95	3.27	3.50	3.58	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.31
3220	2.95	3.03	3.35	3.58	3.67	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.31
3500	4.38	4.47	4.84	5.12	5.21	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.31
4000	8.40	8.51	8.97	9.32	9.45	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.28
4500	14.48	14.62	15.22	15.70	15.86	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.22	0.22
4550	15.24	15.40	16.01	16.52	16.69	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.21	0.20
6000	20.44	20.42	20.37	20.24	20.24	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.19
6500	17.79	17.81	17.91	17.94	17.96	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20
7000	16.52	16.57	16.75	16.84	16.87	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20
7500	15.91	15.96	16.20	16.33	16.40	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20
8000	15.64	15.71	16.00	16.19	16.26	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.20
8500	15.63	15.68	16.03	16.30	16.38	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.19
9000	15.81	15.89	16.29	16.58	16.64	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.18
9500	16.29	16.38	16.58	16.61	16.65	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.19
10000	16.37	16.35	16.52	16.67	16.73	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19
10500	16.31	16.37	16.62	16.84	16.91	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.19
11000	16.44	16.51	16.84	17.08	17.17	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19
11500	16.64	16.73	17.09	17.36	17.44	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19
12000	16.86	16.96	17.35	17.62	17.73	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.18
12500	17.07	17.16	17.58	17.88	18.00	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.18
13000	17.25	17.35	17.81	18.12	18.25	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.19
13500	17.46	17.58	18.05	18.39	18.51	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18
14000	17.63	17.73	18.28	18.64	18.77	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.19
15000	17.93	18.01	18.50	18.71	18.84	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.18
16000	17.11	17.19	17.62	17.86	17.96	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
18000	12.89	12.97	13.38	13.66	13.81	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.29
20000	14.95	15.24	16.26	17.12	17.40	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26
22000	19.78	19.97	21.04	21.87	22.18	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22
24000	21.77	21.87	22.17	22.68	22.92	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.21
26000	21.21	21.37	21.98	22.33	22.47	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.20
28000	20.79	20.84	21.38	22.07	22.41	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.20
30000	21.40	21.63	22.52	22.81	22.92	0.21	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.21
31000	21.96	22.19	23.73	24.44	24.56	0.22	0.20	0.17	0.18	0.19
32000	24.30	24.26	25.14	26.37	27.05	0.24	0.22	0.19	0.15	0.10
33000	26.15	26.08	25.59	26.60	26.97	0.15	0.14	0.20	0.17	0.18
34000	26.97	26.85	26.32	26.59	26.99	0.10	0.08	0.18	0.18	0.21
35000	25.66	25.93	27.14	27.14	26.90	0.20	0.18	0.16	0.18	0.17

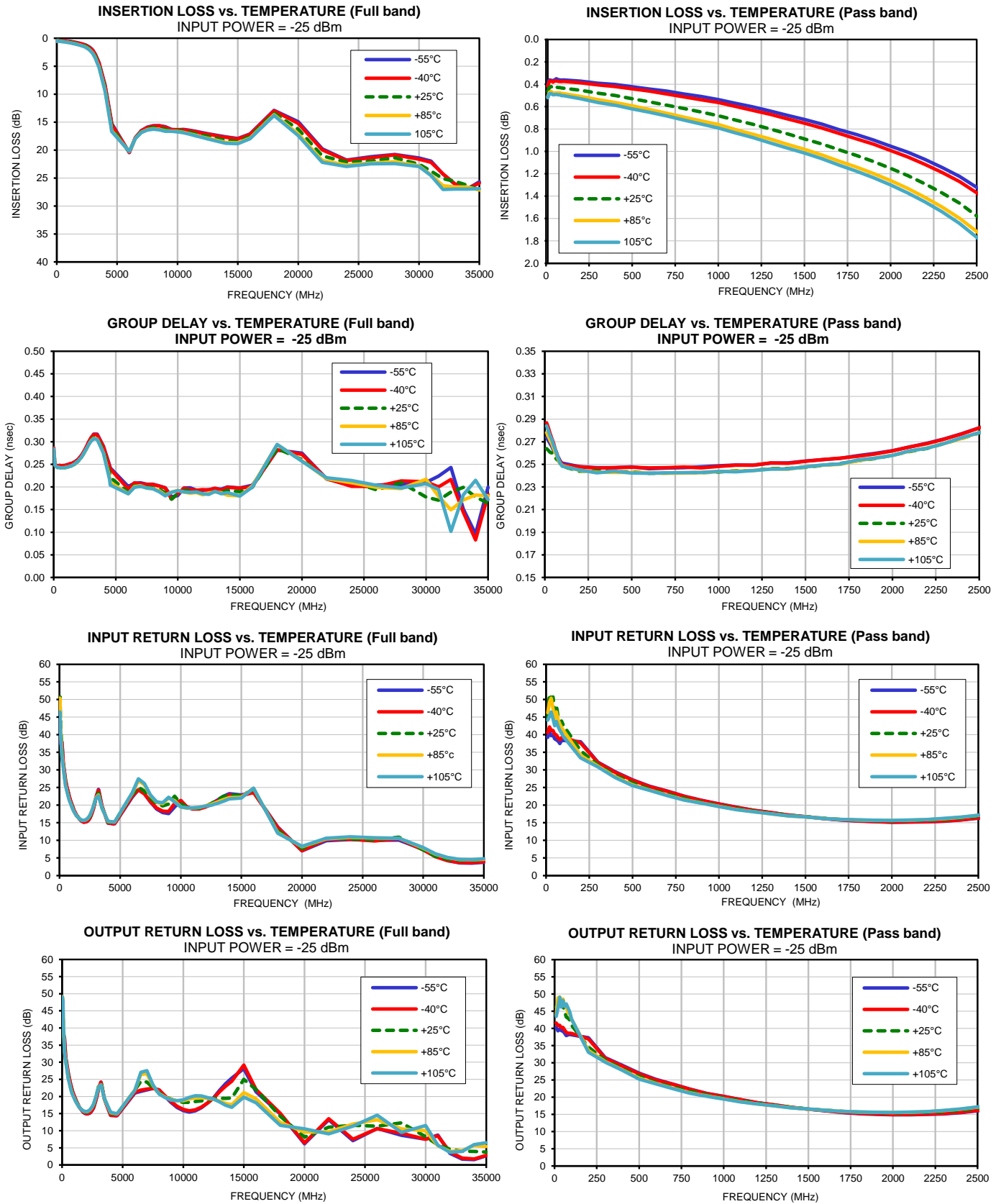


Typical Performance Data

FREQ. (MHz)	INPUT RETURN LOSS					OUTPUT RETURN LOSS				
	(dB)					(dB)				
	@-55°C	@-40°C	@+25°C	@+85°C	@+105°C	@-55°C	@-40°C	@+25°C	@+85°C	@+105°C
10	39.24	40.54	44.62	46.28	44.14	40.28	41.58	46.13	43.92	43.51
20	41.04	42.24	51.54	49.26	45.32	39.30	40.85	47.91	48.87	45.91
30	39.74	41.25	50.45	50.40	46.45	39.90	40.94	48.67	49.15	49.07
40	39.92	41.19	50.71	47.49	44.56	39.35	40.16	46.65	48.13	46.18
50	38.84	40.16	46.60	44.60	42.55	39.30	40.32	46.66	48.57	48.15
60	38.58	40.00	48.45	46.53	43.79	38.63	39.52	44.89	46.81	46.41
70	38.19	39.08	44.87	44.14	42.25	37.90	38.87	43.33	46.20	47.12
80	37.51	38.56	43.47	43.01	41.26	38.14	38.58	42.98	44.59	45.94
90	38.36	39.19	43.93	42.07	40.48	38.26	38.65	42.40	44.13	44.75
100	38.36	39.25	42.65	41.25	39.50	38.15	38.54	40.96	42.70	42.76
200	38.01	37.66	35.52	34.13	33.46	37.29	36.95	34.57	33.54	33.09
300	32.20	32.07	31.43	31.08	30.87	31.50	31.35	30.72	30.34	30.19
400	29.51	29.33	28.45	28.11	27.83	29.29	29.02	28.19	27.96	27.86
500	27.23	27.11	26.32	25.80	25.56	27.01	26.84	25.55	25.25	25.26
600	25.40	25.28	24.52	24.25	24.18	25.17	25.00	24.25	23.96	23.86
700	24.04	23.94	23.15	22.83	22.74	23.83	23.72	22.88	22.60	22.50
800	22.56	22.48	21.90	21.53	21.43	22.37	22.30	21.69	21.30	21.14
900	21.35	21.31	20.81	20.61	20.57	21.11	21.06	20.59	20.35	20.27
1000	20.38	20.32	19.84	19.66	19.63	20.22	20.18	19.72	19.54	19.48
1100	19.43	19.40	19.02	18.78	18.73	19.32	19.30	18.94	18.69	18.62
1200	18.57	18.54	18.30	18.14	18.13	18.41	18.41	18.22	18.05	18.04
1300	17.91	17.91	17.69	17.55	17.53	17.75	17.76	17.62	17.49	17.46
1400	17.22	17.22	17.12	16.99	16.97	17.05	17.08	17.06	16.93	16.90
1500	16.73	16.74	16.72	16.65	16.69	16.51	16.54	16.54	16.55	16.56
1600	16.22	16.26	16.32	16.28	16.28	16.04	16.10	16.24	16.22	16.24
1700	15.80	15.84	16.00	15.97	15.97	15.55	15.60	15.89	15.88	15.88
1800	15.50	15.55	15.78	15.81	15.83	15.22	15.30	15.64	15.69	15.72
1900	15.30	15.35	15.64	15.70	15.71	15.04	15.12	15.51	15.61	15.62
2000	15.17	15.23	15.58	15.65	15.67	14.89	14.98	15.43	15.54	15.56
2100	15.18	15.25	15.62	15.74	15.77	14.88	14.98	15.47	15.62	15.66
2200	15.27	15.33	15.74	15.89	15.92	14.99	15.08	15.60	15.79	15.81
2300	15.44	15.52	16.00	16.17	16.23	15.15	15.26	15.84	16.07	16.13
2400	15.78	15.87	16.37	16.58	16.63	15.51	15.62	16.24	16.50	16.58
2500	16.29	16.37	16.89	17.12	17.16	16.05	16.16	16.81	17.09	17.16
2600	16.94	17.03	17.57	17.79	17.84	16.71	16.83	17.51	17.78	17.86
2700	17.88	17.96	18.47	18.66	18.67	17.72	17.84	18.51	18.76	18.81
2800	19.05	19.10	19.56	19.71	19.72	18.96	19.07	19.72	19.92	19.94
2900	20.45	20.50	20.90	20.95	20.91	20.36	20.48	21.20	21.26	21.31
3000	22.18	22.17	22.30	22.12	21.97	22.09	22.20	22.82	22.64	22.60
3200	24.47	24.24	23.46	22.93	22.67	24.20	24.16	24.08	23.44	23.37
3220	24.42	24.16	23.32	22.80	22.55	24.06	24.03	23.92	23.31	23.23
3500	19.77	19.66	19.32	19.27	19.22	19.17	19.18	19.36	19.28	19.34
4000	14.93	14.96	15.23	15.40	15.45	14.45	14.54	15.07	15.26	15.36
4500	14.67	14.76	15.12	15.19	15.23	14.32	14.40	14.80	14.89	14.95
4550	14.78	14.87	15.23	15.27	15.30	14.45	14.54	14.90	14.96	15.00
6000	22.25	22.54	23.08	23.36	23.48	21.00	21.23	21.85	21.93	21.78
6500	24.39	24.36	25.07	26.98	27.51	21.48	21.84	24.47	26.46	27.08
7000	23.29	23.18	24.03	25.80	26.12	21.90	22.18	24.22	26.61	27.55
7500	20.91	21.02	21.96	22.75	22.89	22.32	22.39	22.56	23.21	23.40
8000	18.89	19.20	20.52	20.88	20.97	21.89	21.91	21.03	20.83	20.68
8500	17.88	18.30	19.76	20.47	20.69	20.00	20.18	19.99	19.82	19.67
9000	17.63	18.20	20.30	22.01	22.28	18.22	18.52	19.21	19.08	18.93
9500	19.49	20.52	22.57	21.24	20.93	16.77	17.14	18.62	18.76	18.75
10000	21.31	21.33	20.42	19.52	19.52	15.87	16.22	18.26	18.78	19.02
10500	19.39	19.55	19.38	19.16	19.25	15.45	15.82	18.27	19.24	19.73
11000	18.91	18.95	19.14	19.20	19.27	15.81	16.12	18.52	19.59	20.21
11500	18.98	18.92	19.14	19.34	19.36	16.68	16.89	18.73	19.63	20.15
12000	19.60	19.44	19.67	19.80	19.71	18.07	18.13	18.99	19.40	19.68
12500	20.37	20.15	20.45	20.22	19.99	19.60	19.49	19.36	19.17	19.22
13000	21.41	21.14	21.43	20.84	20.48	21.79	21.34	19.51	18.63	18.39
13500	22.48	22.17	22.41	21.55	21.09	23.71	22.99	19.44	17.95	17.45
14000	23.27	22.92	22.92	22.17	21.82	25.35	24.47	19.56	17.55	16.85
15000	22.89	22.67	22.77	22.28	22.04	28.16	29.20	25.00	21.12	19.77
16000	23.69	23.62	24.38	24.82	24.85	21.34	22.04	22.06	19.32	18.19
18000	13.78	13.60	12.78	12.19	12.03	14.88	15.06	14.20	12.40	11.58
20000	7.00	7.11	7.74	8.20	8.33	6.21	6.41	8.11	9.65	10.52
22000	9.93	10.33	10.55	10.47	10.60	13.21	13.53	11.01	9.65	9.11
24000	10.28	10.32	10.46	10.86	11.04	7.08	7.51	11.58	11.94	11.30
26000	10.01	9.85	10.22	10.68	10.74	10.63	10.59	11.31	13.19	14.56
28000	10.07	10.47	10.88	10.62	10.60	8.70	9.30	12.30	10.52	9.48
30000	7.46	7.29	7.31	7.79	7.95	7.52	7.49	8.22	10.00	11.48
31000	5.49	5.39	5.51	6.06	6.20	8.70	8.47	5.88	5.63	5.79
32000	4.25	4.27	4.68	5.06	5.16	3.41	3.82	4.61	3.96	3.70
33000	3.64	3.74	4.35	4.53	4.59	1.74	1.99	4.04	4.17	3.92
34000	3.54	3.70	4.38	4.52	4.54	1.56	1.75	3.95	5.68	5.97
35000	3.77	3.94	4.40	4.60	4.77	2.70	2.81	3.76	5.41	6.51



Typical Performance Curves



All Mini-Circuits products are manufactured under exacting quality assurance and control standards, and are capable of meeting published specifications after being subjected to any or all of the following physical and environmental test.

Specification	Test/Inspection Condition	Reference/Spec
Operating Temperature	-40° to 85° C or -40° to 105° C or -55° to 105° C or -45° to 105° C Ambient Environment	Refer to Individual Model Data Sheet
Storage Environment (Die)	-65° to 150°C	Individual Model Data Sheet
Storage Environment(Packaging)	-40° to 70°C and 40 to 60% humidity (In Factory Shipped Package)	