

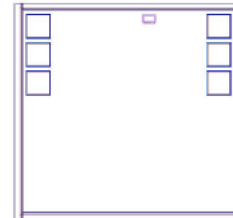
MMIC

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-421-D+

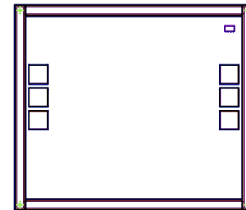
50Ω DC to 420 MHz

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

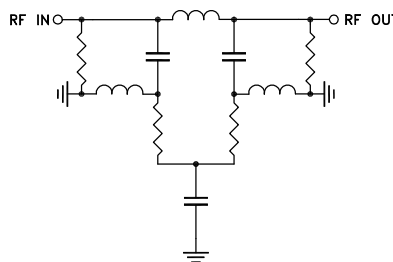
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General Description

Mini-Circuits' XLF-421-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 - 420		1.4		dB
	Frequency Cut-off	F2	610		3.0		dB
	VSWR	DC - F1	DC - 420		1.2		:1
Stop Band	Rejection	F3 - F4	900 - 5200		14		dB
		F4 - F5	5200 - 18000		24		dB
	VSWR	F3 - F4	900 - 5200		1.2		:1
		F4 - F5	5200 - 18000		1.7		:1

¹ Measured on Mini-Circuits Characterization test board. Die packaged in 3mm x 3mm, 12-lead MCLP package and soldered on TB-844-421+

Absolute Maximum Ratings^{1,4}

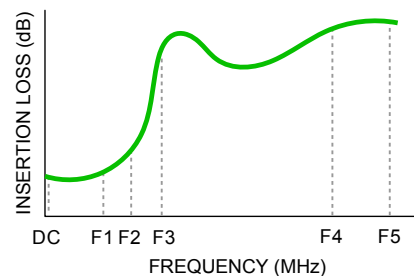
Parameter	Ratings
Operating Temperature	-55°C to +105°C
RF Power Input, Passband (DC-F1) ²	2W at 25°C
RF Power Input, Stopband (F2-F5) ³	0.5W at 25°C

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

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

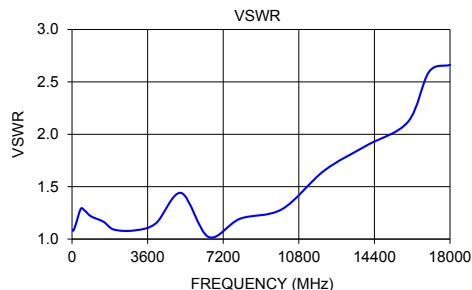
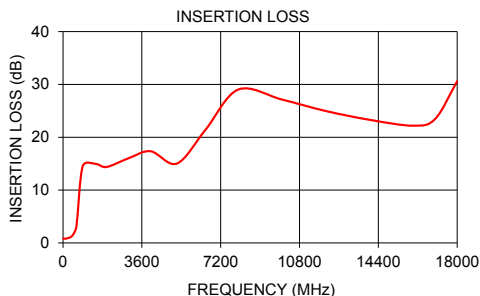
⁴ Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

Specification Definition



Typical Performance Data at 25°C¹

Frequency (MHz)	Insertion Loss (dB)	VSWR (:1)
10	0.85	1.09
50	0.80	1.08
100	0.81	1.10
200	0.89	1.15
420	1.35	1.29
610	3.06	1.27
900	14.53	1.22
1500	14.94	1.17
2000	14.38	1.09
3000	16.03	1.08
4000	17.35	1.15
5200	15.02	1.44
6500	21.38	1.02
8000	29.02	1.19
10000	27.13	1.29
12000	24.96	1.65
14000	23.30	1.89
16000	22.19	2.12
17000	23.50	2.60
18000	30.61	2.66



Die Layout

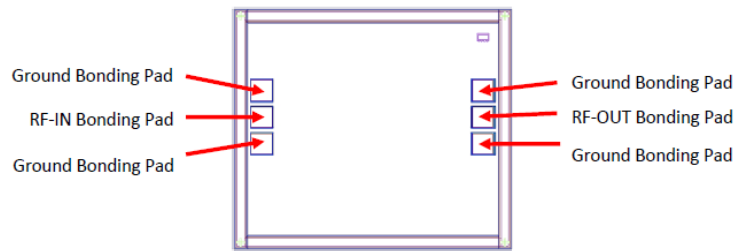


Fig 1. Die Layout

Bonding Pad Position
(Dimensions in μm , Typical)

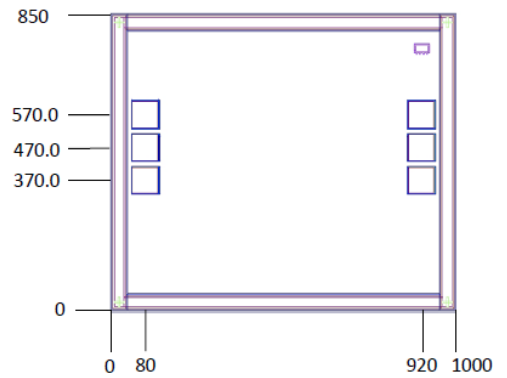


Fig 2. Bonding Pad Positions

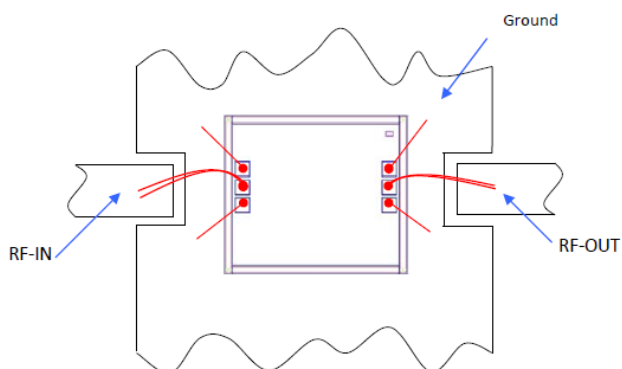
Critical Dimensions

Parameter	Values
Die Thickness, μm	100
Die Width, μm	1000
Die Length, μm	850
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	0.72	0.78	0.86	0.98	1.00	0.35	0.35	0.42	0.35	0.38
50	0.65	0.68	0.78	0.90	0.95	0.34	0.34	0.37	0.34	0.36
100	0.66	0.69	0.83	0.93	0.97	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.34	0.34
120	0.67	0.71	0.84	0.94	0.99	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.34	0.34
140	0.68	0.71	0.84	0.97	1.00	0.33	0.33	0.34	0.34	0.34
160	0.70	0.73	0.86	0.98	1.02	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
180	0.70	0.74	0.88	1.00	1.04	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.35	0.35
200	0.72	0.75	0.89	1.01	1.06	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
220	0.74	0.78	0.91	1.04	1.09	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.36
240	0.75	0.78	0.93	1.06	1.11	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.36
260	0.78	0.81	0.96	1.09	1.14	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.37
280	0.82	0.85	1.00	1.14	1.19	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37
300	0.83	0.88	1.03	1.18	1.22	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
320	0.87	0.90	1.07	1.21	1.26	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.39
340	0.90	0.94	1.10	1.25	1.31	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.40
360	0.94	0.98	1.15	1.31	1.37	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.41
380	0.98	1.03	1.21	1.37	1.43	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.42
400	1.05	1.09	1.28	1.45	1.50	0.43	0.43	0.42	0.43	0.43
420	1.11	1.15	1.36	1.53	1.59	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44
440	1.19	1.23	1.44	1.62	1.69	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
460	1.27	1.33	1.54	1.74	1.81	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.47	0.47
480	1.38	1.44	1.66	1.86	1.93	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48
500	1.50	1.55	1.80	2.01	2.09	0.50	0.50	0.49	0.49	0.49
520	1.64	1.69	1.95	2.17	2.25	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51
540	1.81	1.87	2.14	2.38	2.46	0.53	0.53	0.52	0.52	0.52
560	2.02	2.08	2.36	2.61	2.69	0.55	0.55	0.54	0.53	0.53
580	2.24	2.31	2.60	2.87	2.96	0.56	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.54
600	2.52	2.59	2.89	3.17	3.26	0.58	0.57	0.56	0.55	0.55
610	2.67	2.74	3.06	3.33	3.43	0.58	0.58	0.57	0.56	0.56
620	2.83	2.91	3.23	3.52	3.61	0.59	0.59	0.57	0.56	0.56
640	3.19	3.27	3.61	3.90	4.00	0.60	0.60	0.58	0.57	0.56
660	3.59	3.67	4.03	4.34	4.44	0.60	0.60	0.58	0.57	0.56
680	4.07	4.15	4.52	4.83	4.95	0.60	0.60	0.58	0.56	0.56
700	4.60	4.69	5.07	5.40	5.50	0.60	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.55
720	5.19	5.29	5.67	6.02	6.13	0.59	0.58	0.56	0.54	0.53
740	5.85	5.96	6.35	6.69	6.81	0.57	0.57	0.54	0.52	0.51
760	6.59	6.70	7.11	7.45	7.57	0.55	0.54	0.51	0.49	0.48
780	7.41	7.52	7.93	8.28	8.40	0.51	0.51	0.48	0.45	0.44
800	8.30	8.41	8.83	9.19	9.30	0.48	0.47	0.43	0.41	0.40
820	9.27	9.36	9.79	10.15	10.26	0.43	0.42	0.38	0.35	0.34
840	10.32	10.43	10.86	11.21	11.31	0.38	0.37	0.32	0.29	0.27
860	11.45	11.56	11.98	12.33	12.44	0.31	0.30	0.24	0.20	0.19
880	12.69	12.78	13.21	13.55	13.66	0.22	0.21	0.14	0.10	0.08
900	14.01	14.12	14.53	14.86	14.95	0.12	0.10	0.02	-0.03	-0.04
1000	22.36	22.39	22.29	22.11	22.05	-1.24	-1.25	-1.26	-1.23	-1.22
1500	14.87	14.89	14.93	14.97	14.98	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.10
2000	14.24	14.27	14.38	14.47	14.48	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09
2500	14.95	14.98	15.13	15.20	15.24	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
3000	15.87	15.92	16.02	16.12	16.17	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
3500	16.68	16.71	16.85	16.92	16.97	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06
4000	17.20	17.22	17.35	17.43	17.47	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05
4500	17.17	17.20	17.30	17.35	17.37	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07
5000	16.04	16.06	16.09	16.06	16.07	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.11
5200	15.06	15.06	15.02	14.97	14.94	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16
5500	12.59	12.57	12.51	12.44	12.41	0.25	0.26	0.29	0.34	0.35
6000	11.73	12.01	13.26	14.37	14.72	0.49	0.48	0.42	0.37	0.36
6500	20.27	20.48	21.35	22.11	22.33	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.12
7000	25.31	25.44	26.05	26.49	26.66	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.09
7500	27.78	27.90	28.31	28.60	28.72	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07
8000	28.65	28.78	29.06	29.16	29.28	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07
8500	28.73	28.73	28.92	29.12	29.19	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.04
9000	28.27	28.30	28.45	28.59	28.64	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04
9500	27.67	27.74	27.81	28.00	27.96	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04
10000	27.04	26.93	27.12	27.27	27.36	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
11000	25.78	25.84	25.96	26.07	26.11	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04
12000	24.72	24.79	24.98	25.07	25.14	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04
13000	23.91	23.99	24.14	24.31	24.32	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04
14000	23.16	23.19	23.38	23.50	23.53	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04
16000	21.80	21.87	22.19	22.49	22.58	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09
18000	33.20	32.66	30.67	28.20	27.45	0.30	0.37	0.57	0.50	0.44
20000	15.81	15.90	16.01	16.50	16.73	0.06	0.06	0.11	0.11	0.11
22000	17.58	17.73	18.35	18.82	19.01	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
24000	20.04	20.21	20.62	20.90	20.97	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03
26000	22.28	22.40	23.08	23.59	23.77	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02
28000	26.19	26.24	26.60	26.22	26.08	-0.05	-0.04	-0.08	-0.06	-0.06
30000	16.68	16.65	16.46	16.38	16.44	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14

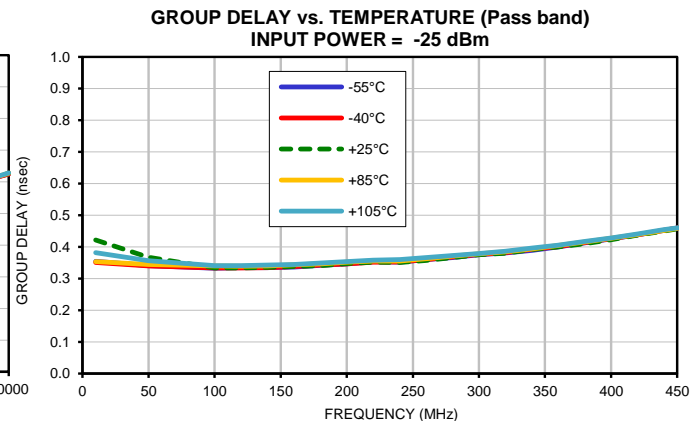
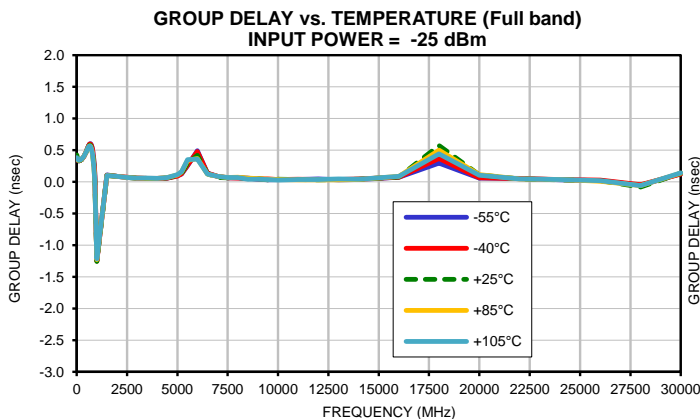
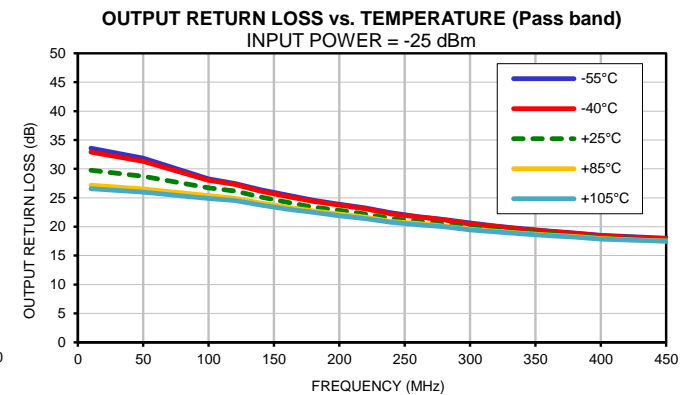
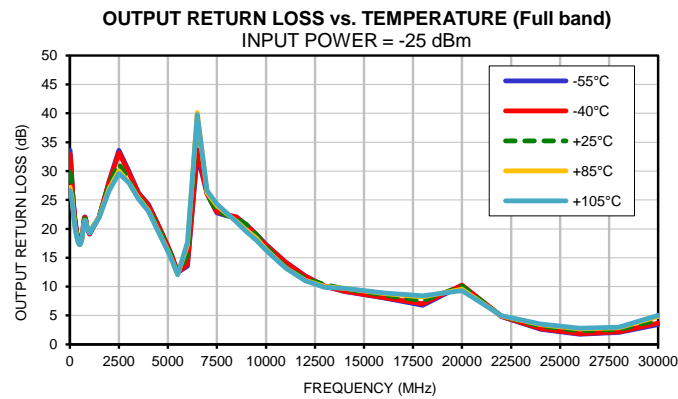
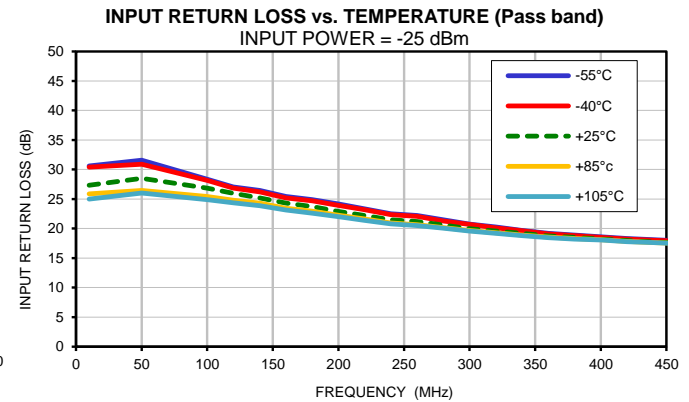
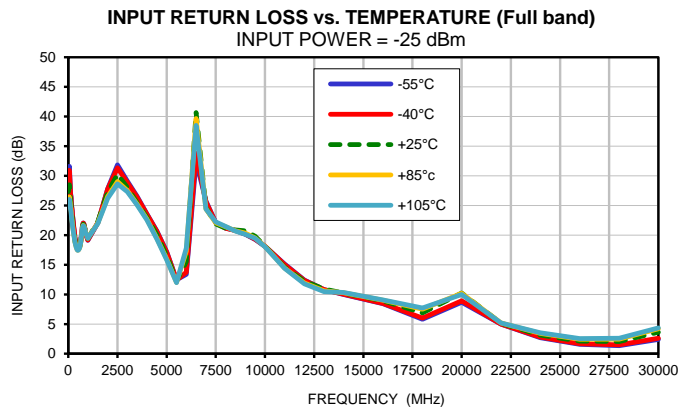
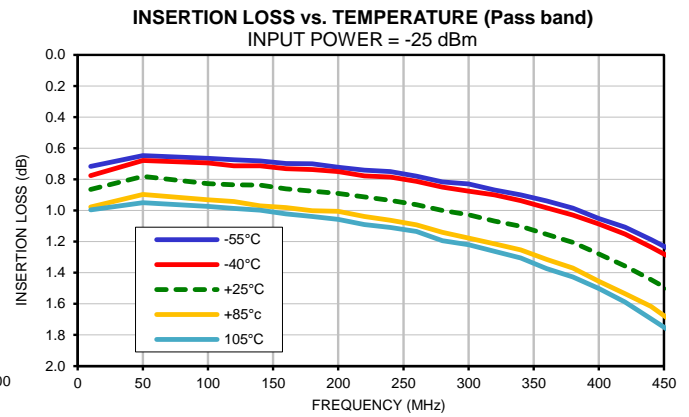
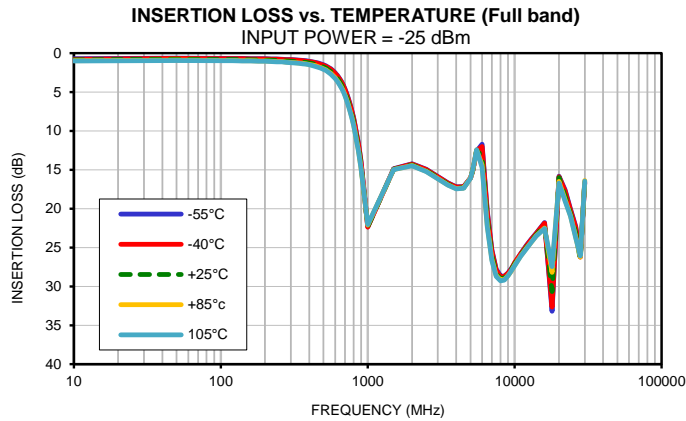


Typical Performance Data

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	30.61	30.42	27.34	25.87	24.98	33.58	32.90	29.79	27.19	26.59
50	31.61	30.92	28.50	26.44	26.03	31.86	31.32	28.70	26.51	26.00
100	28.39	28.18	26.86	25.43	24.93	28.30	28.00	26.72	25.40	24.88
120	27.06	26.87	25.99	24.80	24.39	27.47	27.32	26.20	24.92	24.55
140	26.45	26.23	25.19	24.31	23.89	26.37	26.15	25.14	24.09	23.75
160	25.45	25.20	24.31	23.44	23.13	25.47	25.26	24.22	23.41	23.05
180	24.92	24.71	23.74	22.97	22.60	24.58	24.39	23.42	22.73	22.48
200	24.15	23.92	22.92	22.24	22.01	23.91	23.74	22.83	22.17	21.91
220	23.36	23.19	22.20	21.65	21.40	23.25	23.10	22.17	21.67	21.40
240	22.53	22.37	21.48	20.97	20.82	22.40	22.17	21.42	20.92	20.74
260	22.20	22.07	21.22	20.67	20.54	21.77	21.72	20.92	20.54	20.35
280	21.47	21.30	20.59	20.15	20.07	21.25	21.18	20.47	20.10	19.98
300	20.76	20.72	20.00	19.69	19.56	20.65	20.47	19.89	19.57	19.44
320	20.26	20.13	19.60	19.31	19.19	20.11	20.03	19.49	19.20	19.09
340	19.69	19.64	19.19	18.88	18.83	19.65	19.57	19.10	18.87	18.76
360	19.21	19.11	18.74	18.56	18.46	19.26	19.21	18.79	18.55	18.48
380	18.90	18.83	18.50	18.32	18.23	18.92	18.86	18.44	18.30	18.21
400	18.61	18.54	18.24	18.10	18.05	18.51	18.46	18.17	17.97	17.89
420	18.31	18.23	17.96	17.84	17.77	18.31	18.24	17.92	17.79	17.71
440	18.12	18.04	17.72	17.64	17.63	18.10	18.01	17.72	17.60	17.55
460	17.93	17.87	17.56	17.49	17.45	17.93	17.86	17.54	17.46	17.41
480	17.88	17.82	17.51	17.44	17.41	17.86	17.78	17.49	17.42	17.37
500	17.84	17.77	17.50	17.44	17.43	17.67	17.61	17.33	17.26	17.22
520	17.88	17.84	17.56	17.52	17.50	17.77	17.74	17.45	17.39	17.34
540	17.92	17.87	17.63	17.60	17.60	17.76	17.76	17.50	17.43	17.39
560	17.93	17.92	17.70	17.69	17.66	17.92	17.89	17.66	17.58	17.56
580	18.14	18.12	17.97	17.92	17.92	18.12	18.10	17.85	17.81	17.80
600	18.42	18.41	18.30	18.27	18.25	18.41	18.38	18.18	18.12	18.10
610	18.57	18.55	18.46	18.44	18.43	18.58	18.58	18.40	18.30	18.28
620	18.73	18.72	18.66	18.61	18.61	18.77	18.79	18.59	18.51	18.51
640	19.21	19.20	19.14	19.05	19.09	19.26	19.24	19.06	18.94	18.94
660	19.72	19.72	19.65	19.56	19.53	19.81	19.79	19.61	19.49	19.46
680	20.28	20.24	20.20	20.06	20.07	20.36	20.34	20.17	19.99	19.92
700	20.89	20.84	20.78	20.61	20.57	20.98	20.94	20.74	20.55	20.47
720	21.44	21.45	21.30	21.08	21.06	21.54	21.48	21.26	21.00	20.93
740	21.89	21.85	21.67	21.46	21.41	21.92	21.90	21.58	21.33	21.26
760	22.05	22.04	21.84	21.62	21.57	22.07	22.03	21.78	21.49	21.43
780	22.02	22.00	21.77	21.59	21.55	21.97	21.93	21.69	21.43	21.40
800	21.80	21.77	21.58	21.45	21.41	21.69	21.67	21.50	21.31	21.25
820	21.44	21.47	21.34	21.25	21.21	21.35	21.35	21.22	21.06	21.03
840	21.10	21.12	21.06	21.00	20.95	21.00	21.00	20.95	20.83	20.79
860	20.73	20.77	20.76	20.75	20.72	20.57	20.59	20.61	20.51	20.46
880	20.35	20.38	20.44	20.44	20.43	20.22	20.25	20.30	20.25	20.22
900	20.04	20.09	20.18	20.22	20.22	19.88	19.94	20.01	19.97	19.97
1000	19.10	19.16	19.40	19.45	19.45	19.09	19.15	19.31	19.32	19.30
1500	22.08	22.12	22.31	22.09	21.98	22.11	22.15	22.31	22.11	22.03
2000	27.81	27.78	27.24	26.50	26.20	28.24	28.10	27.76	26.99	26.61
2500	31.82	31.36	30.26	29.01	28.61	33.57	33.17	31.26	30.07	29.60
3000	29.11	28.89	28.04	27.54	27.33	30.06	29.74	28.42	28.04	28.01
3500	26.57	26.38	25.48	25.22	25.09	26.20	26.18	25.56	25.34	25.14
4000	23.60	23.54	23.03	22.71	22.58	24.29	24.14	23.43	23.23	23.07
4500	20.67	20.59	20.04	19.45	19.31	20.72	20.65	20.28	19.70	19.58
5000	17.17	17.07	16.47	15.95	15.82	17.00	16.92	16.73	16.52	16.08
5200	15.40	15.32	14.92	14.45	14.34	15.34	15.28	15.09	14.61	14.51
5500	12.44	12.42	12.21	12.02	11.98	12.44	12.40	12.26	12.09	12.08
6000	13.36	13.75	15.54	17.26	17.81	13.54	13.91	15.49	17.19	17.70
6500	32.47	33.80	40.66	39.66	38.51	32.81	33.67	39.29	40.13	39.77
7000	25.76	25.63	24.63	24.40	24.43	26.13	26.13	25.92	26.26	26.61
7500	22.11	22.09	21.90	22.10	22.22	22.76	22.91	23.18	24.01	24.33
8000	21.15	21.16	21.13	21.41	21.46	22.29	22.47	22.31	22.61	22.78
8500	20.79	20.78	20.87	20.73	20.65	21.96	22.09	21.80	21.30	21.16
9000	20.12	20.18	20.69	20.31	20.13	20.73	20.70	20.79	19.84	19.51
9500	19.25	19.32	19.77	19.52	19.44	19.03	19.01	19.03	18.36	18.02
10000	18.11	18.15	18.15	18.07	18.05	17.27	17.20	16.82	16.44	16.28
11000	15.12	15.05	14.57	14.44	14.42	14.27	14.19	13.41	13.24	13.21
12000	12.41	12.35	12.21	11.91	11.76	11.85	11.78	11.40	11.10	10.99
13000	10.81	10.82	10.92	10.61	10.48	10.04	10.06	10.35	10.02	9.86
14000	9.99	10.04	10.21	10.26	10.31	9.18	9.23	9.62	9.69	9.73
16000	8.42	8.49	8.90	9.02	9.07	8.04	8.12	8.58	8.83	8.90
18000	5.80	6.02	6.86	7.50	7.71	6.77	7.03	7.59	8.21	8.42
20000	8.68	8.90	10.24	10.17	9.97	10.23	10.24	10.10	9.54	9.30
22000	4.96	4.99	5.12	5.15	5.19	4.82	4.86	4.91	4.92	4.95
24000	2.70	2.78	3.13	3.41	3.53	2.64	2.74	3.16	3.42	3.52
26000	1.59	1.70	2.13	2.43	2.54	1.76	1.86	2.36	2.68	2.80
28000	1.35	1.49	2.04	2.46	2.61	2.07	2.21	2.60	2.89	3.00
30000	2.40	2.61	3.60	4.18	4.33	3.45	3.67	4.22	4.83	5.04



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)	