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Low Phase Noise Amplifier **ZX60-123LPN+**

50Ω 0.05 to 10 GHz SMA Female

THE BIG DEAL

- Ultra Broadband Performance
- Gain, 16 dB typ.
- Excellent Gain Flatness, ± 0.9 dB, 0.05 to 6 GHz
- Excellent Return Loss, 20 dB typ., 2 GHz
- Low additive phase noise, typically -168 dBc/Hz @10 kHz
- Protected by US patent 6,790,049

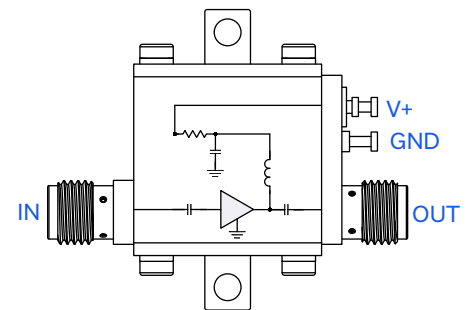


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APPLICATIONS

- Low phase noise applications
- Base Station Infrastructure
- Test Instruments
- MMDS & Wireless LAN
- Satellite Communication
- Avionic

FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' ZX60-123LPN+ is an advanced ultra-wideband amplifier fabricated using GaAs HBT technology that provides extremely low additive phase noise and offers excellent gain flatness over a broad frequency range. In addition, the ZX60-123LPN+ has good input and output return loss over this frequency range without the need for external matching components. Housed in a rugged, cost effective unibody chassis, this amplifier supports a wide variety of applications requiring moderate power output, low distortion and 50 ohm matched input/output ports.

KEY FEATURES

| Feature | Advantages |
|--|---|
| Ultra Broad Band, 0.05 to 10 GHz | Broadband covering primary wireless communications bands: Cellular, PCS, LTE, WiMAX in a single amplifier. |
| Ultra Flat Gain, ± 0.9 dB typ: 0.05 to 6 GHz | Ultra Flat Gain, eliminates need for compensation networks to achieve published results |
| Low Additive Phase Noise | Extremely low additive phase noise of -168 dBc/Hz typ. at 10 kHz offset from 2 GHz carrier, with +1 dBm of input power |
| Excellent Input and Output Return Loss | ZX60-123LPN+ provides good Input and Output Return Loss of 12-28 dB over 0.05 to 6 GHz without the need for any external matching components |
| Unconditionally Stable | Capable to operate to a wide range of source and load impedances. |
| Very Small Size, 0.75" x 0.75" | The unique unibody size and construction enable the ZX60-123LPN+ to be used in extremely compact connectorized applications. |
| Rugged, unibody construction | Mini-Circuits unibody construction integrates the RF connector into the case body, providing high reliability and excellent survivability in critical applications. |



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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT +25°C

| Parameter | Frequency (GHz) | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|---|-----------------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Frequency Range | | 0.05 | | 10 | GHz |
| Gain | 0.05 | – | 16.2 | – | dB |
| | 2.0 | 15.2 | 16.5 | – | |
| | 6.0 | – | 15.5 | – | |
| | 8.0 | – | 14.5 | – | |
| | 10.0 | – | 11.5 | – | |
| Input Return Loss | 0.05 | – | 13.0 | – | dB |
| | 2.0 | 15.0 | 20.2 | – | |
| | 6.0 | – | 18.4 | – | |
| | 8.0 | – | 10.5 | – | |
| | 10.0 | – | 7.2 | – | |
| Output Return Loss | 0.05 | – | 15.0 | – | dB |
| | 2.0 | – | 17.6 | – | |
| | 6.0 | – | 20.5 | – | |
| | 8.0 | – | 6.50 | – | |
| | 10.0 | – | 10.5 | – | |
| Output Power at 1 dB Compression (P1dB) | 0.05 | – | +16.9 | – | dBm |
| | 2.0 | – | +16.2 | – | |
| | 6.0 | – | +13.5 | – | |
| | 8.0 | – | +9.6 | – | |
| | 10.0 | – | +6.7 | – | |
| Output Third Order Intercept Point (OIP3) | 0.05 | – | +19.2 | – | dBm |
| | 2.0 | – | +29.9 | – | |
| | 6.0 | – | +23.3 | – | |
| | 8.0 | – | +21.0 | – | |
| | 10.0 | – | +16.8 | – | |
| Directivity (Isolation-Gain) | 0.05 | – | 4.7 | – | dB |
| | 6.0 | – | 6.2 | – | |
| | 10.0 | – | 11.9 | – | |
| Noise Figure | 0.05 | – | 5.8 | – | dB |
| | 2.0 | – | 3.9 | – | |
| | 6.0 | – | 4.3 | – | |
| | 8.0 | – | 4.5 | – | |
| | 10.0 | – | 5.4 | – | |
| Additive Phase Noise ¹ | 2.0 | – | -168.0 | – | dBc/Hz |
| DC Supply Voltage | – | +4.8 | +5.0 | +5.2 | V |
| DC Current | – | – | 48 | 65 | mA |

1. Input power +1dBm, 2GHz, 10KHz offset





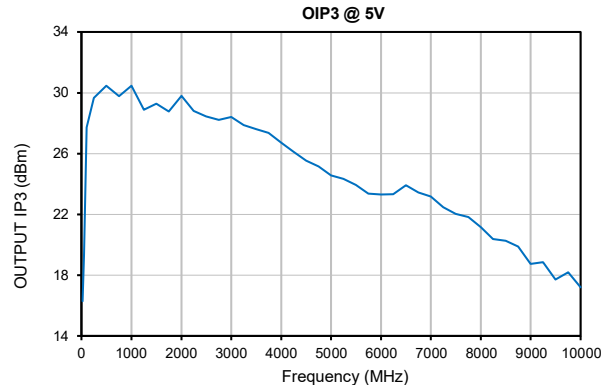
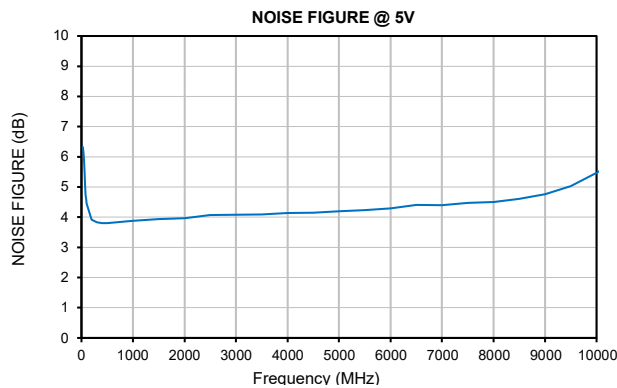
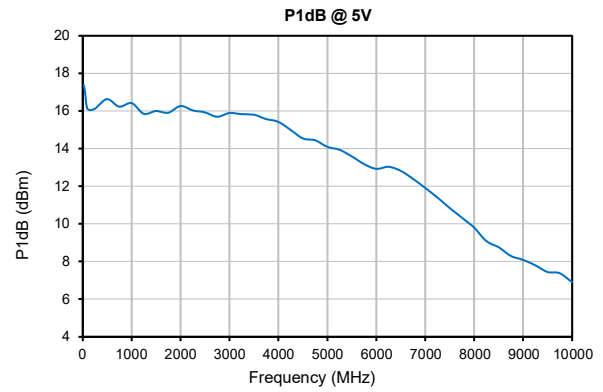
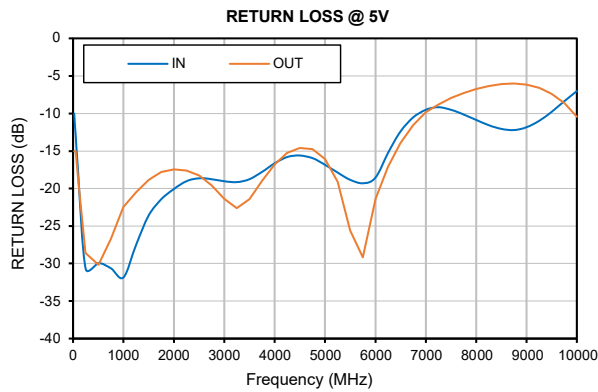
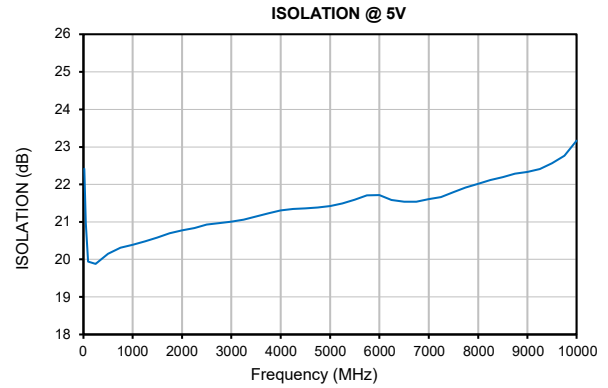
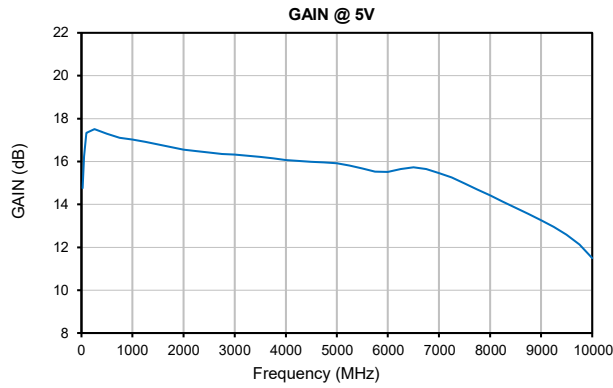
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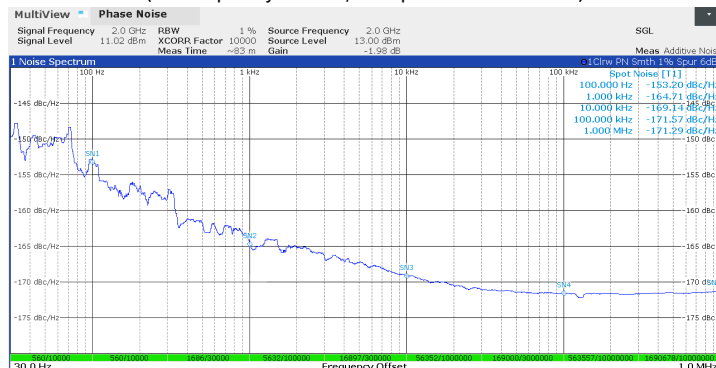
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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS



ADDITIVE PHASE NOISE vs. OFFSET FREQUENCY

(RF Frequency = 2GHz, RF Input Power = +1dBm)





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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

| Parameter | Ratings |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Operating Temperature (ground lead) | -40°C to +85°C |
| Storage Temperature | -65°C to +150°C |
| Total Power Dissipation | 0.34 W |
| RF Input Power (CW) | +28 dBm (5 minutes max.) +11 dBm (continuous) |
| DC Voltage | +6V ¹ |
| Operating Current at | +5.2V (V+) 65 mA |

Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.
1. No protection against application of reverse voltage.

DETERMINING MAXIMUM THERMAL RESISTANCE OF USERS' EXTERNAL HEAT SINK

| | |
|--|---|
| $\text{MAXIMUM THERMAL RESISTANCE} = \frac{\text{MAXIMUM OPERATING CASE TEMP} - \text{MAXIMUM USER AMBIENT TEMP}}{\text{POWER DISSIPATION}}$ | |
| Example: | MAXIMUM OPERATING CASE TEMP = +50 °C (CHECK MAXIMUM RATINGS TABLE FOR THIS VALUE) MAXIMUM USER AMBIENT TEMP = +30 °C (USER DEFINED) POWER DISSIPATION = 10 WATTS (CHECK MAXIMUM RATINGS TABLE FOR THIS VALUE) THEN MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE THERMAL RESISTANCE = 2 °C/W |



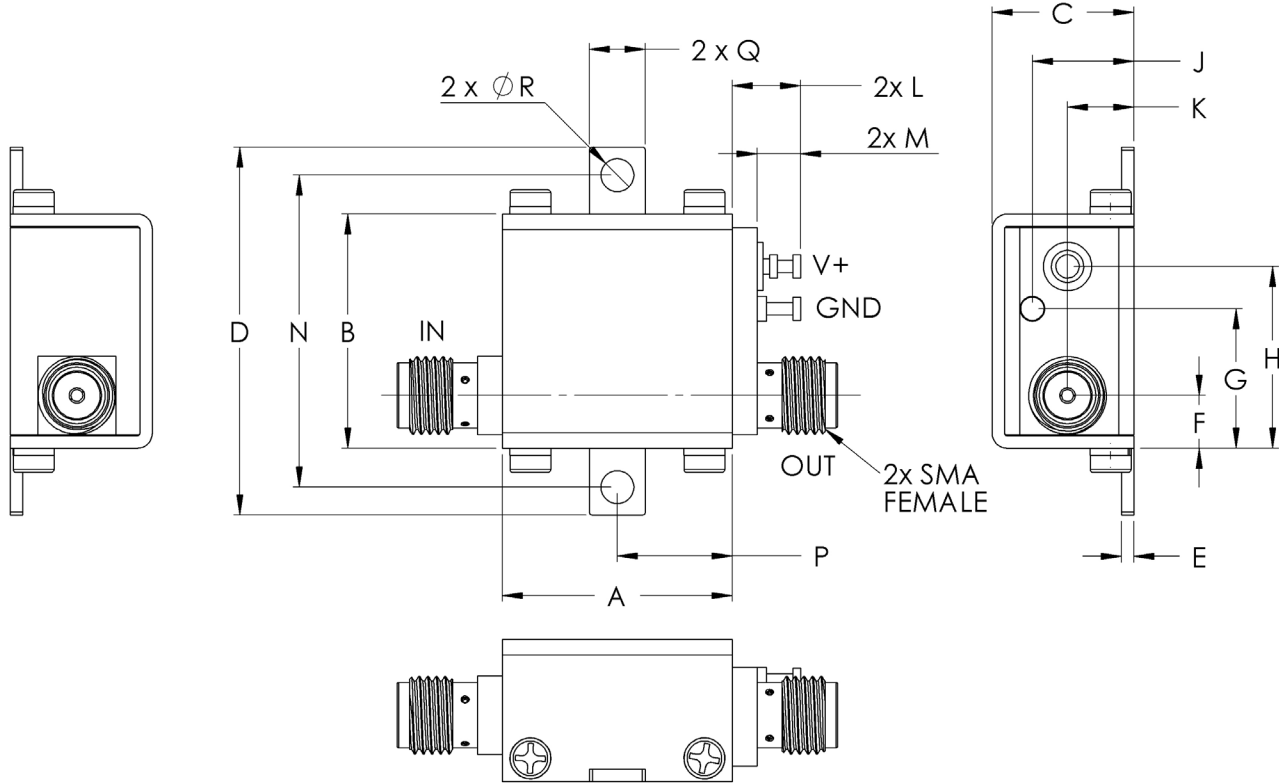
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OUTLINE DRAWING



⚠ NOTE: When soldering the DC connections, caution must be used to avoid overheating the DC terminal. See Application Note [AN-40-010](#)

OUTLINE DIMENSIONS (Inches) mm

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | J | K | L | M | N | P | Q | R | wt |
|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| .74 | .75 | .46 | 1.18 | .04 | .17 | .45 | .59 | .33 | .21 | .22 | .14 | 1.00 | .37 | .18 | .106 | grams |
| 18.80 | 19.1 | 11.68 | 30.0 | 1.02 | 4.32 | 11.4 | 14.99 | 8.38 | 5.33 | 5.59 | 3.56 | 25.40 | 9.40 | 4.57 | 2.69 | 23.0 |





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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR DASHBOARD.

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|---------------------------|--|
| Performance Data & Graphs | Data Graphs S-Parameter (S2P Files) Data Set (.zip file) |
| RoHS Status | Compliant |
| Environmental Ratings | ENV23T10 |

ORDERING INFORMATION

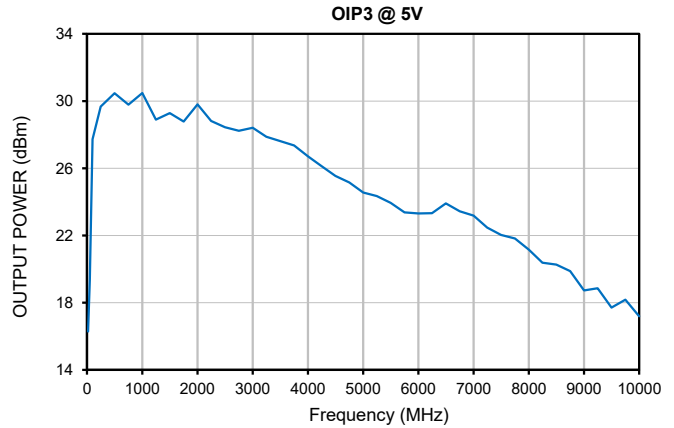
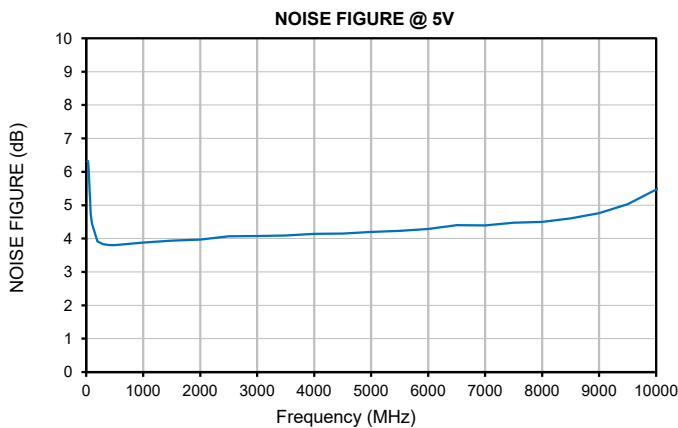
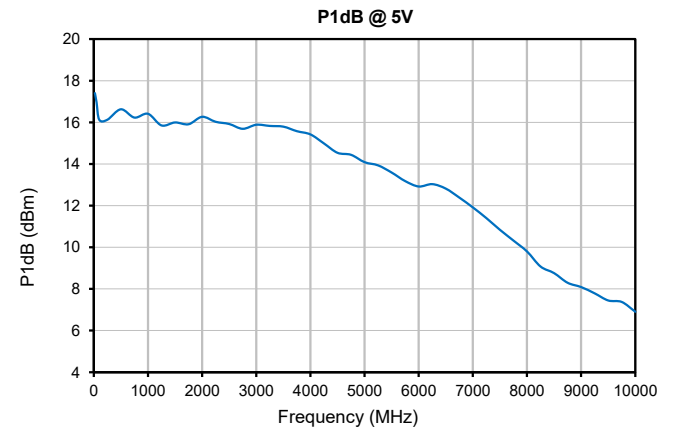
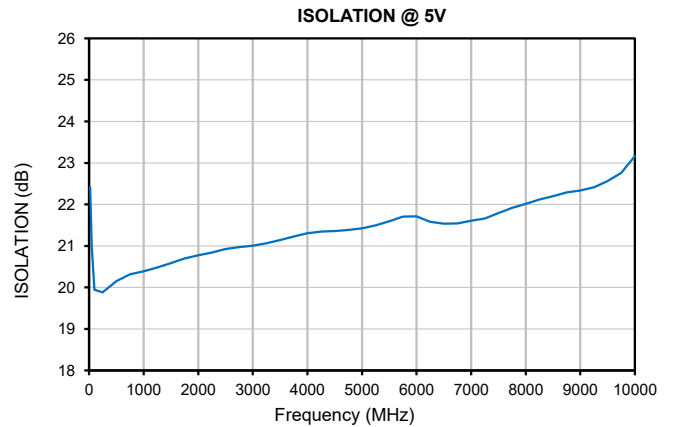
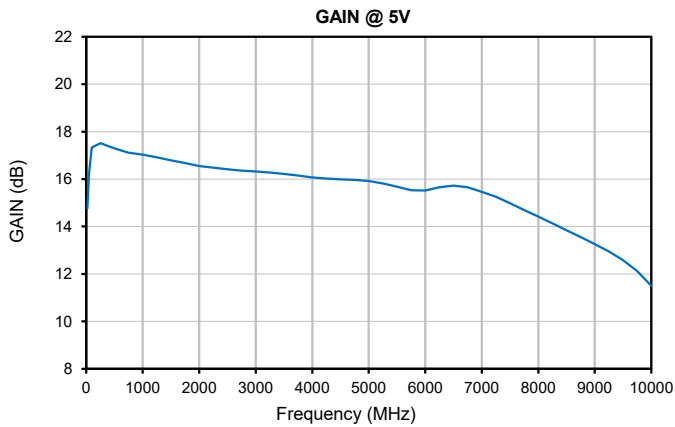
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| Model No. Links | ZX60-123LPN+ |
| Case Style | GC957 |
| Connector | IN SMA/Female / OUT SMA/Female |



Typical Performance Data

| FREQUENCY (MHz) | GAIN (dB) 5V | ISOLATION (dB) 5V | RETURN LOSS (dB) | | STABILITY | | Pout @ 1 dB COMPRESSION (dBm) 5V | OIP3 (dBm) 5V | FREQUENCY (MHz) | NOISE FIGURE (dB) 5V |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | IN 5V | OUT 5V | K | MEASURE | | | | |
| 20 | 14.76 | 22.42 | 10.0 | 15.0 | 1.2 | 0.92 | 17.4 | 16.28 | 20 | 6.31 |
| 50 | 16.24 | 20.99 | 12.9 | 15.0 | 1.1 | 0.66 | 17.0 | 19.35 | 30 | 6.33 |
| 100 | 17.33 | 19.94 | 18.1 | 18.9 | 1.0 | 0.43 | 16.1 | 27.73 | 40 | 6.13 |
| 250 | 17.51 | 19.88 | 30.8 | 28.6 | 1.0 | 0.42 | 16.1 | 29.67 | 50 | 5.86 |
| 500 | 17.30 | 20.15 | 29.9 | 30.2 | 1.1 | 0.48 | 16.6 | 30.46 | 60 | 5.43 |
| 750 | 17.11 | 20.32 | 30.6 | 26.7 | 1.1 | 0.52 | 16.2 | 29.78 | 70 | 5.15 |
| 1000 | 17.03 | 20.39 | 31.9 | 22.5 | 1.1 | 0.53 | 16.4 | 30.47 | 80 | 4.75 |
| 1250 | 16.91 | 20.48 | 27.5 | 20.5 | 1.1 | 0.55 | 15.9 | 28.90 | 90 | 4.61 |
| 1500 | 16.79 | 20.59 | 23.6 | 18.9 | 1.1 | 0.56 | 16.0 | 29.28 | 100 | 4.44 |
| 1750 | 16.68 | 20.69 | 21.4 | 17.8 | 1.1 | 0.58 | 15.9 | 28.78 | 200 | 3.92 |
| 2000 | 16.55 | 20.77 | 20.1 | 17.4 | 1.1 | 0.60 | 16.3 | 29.80 | 300 | 3.83 |
| 2250 | 16.48 | 20.84 | 19.0 | 17.6 | 1.1 | 0.61 | 16.0 | 28.80 | 400 | 3.81 |
| 2500 | 16.42 | 20.93 | 18.6 | 18.3 | 1.1 | 0.63 | 15.9 | 28.45 | 500 | 3.80 |
| 2750 | 16.36 | 20.97 | 18.8 | 19.6 | 1.1 | 0.64 | 15.7 | 28.22 | 1000 | 3.88 |
| 3000 | 16.32 | 21.01 | 19.0 | 21.4 | 1.1 | 0.65 | 15.9 | 28.41 | 1500 | 3.94 |
| 3250 | 16.28 | 21.06 | 19.2 | 22.6 | 1.1 | 0.67 | 15.8 | 27.87 | 2000 | 3.97 |
| 3500 | 16.22 | 21.14 | 18.8 | 21.4 | 1.2 | 0.67 | 15.8 | 27.61 | 2500 | 4.07 |
| 3750 | 16.15 | 21.23 | 17.8 | 18.9 | 1.2 | 0.68 | 15.6 | 27.35 | 3000 | 4.08 |
| 4000 | 16.07 | 21.30 | 16.6 | 16.8 | 1.2 | 0.68 | 15.4 | 26.71 | 3500 | 4.09 |
| 4250 | 16.02 | 21.35 | 15.8 | 15.3 | 1.2 | 0.67 | 15.0 | 26.12 | 4000 | 4.14 |
| 4500 | 15.99 | 21.36 | 15.61 | 14.59 | 1.17 | 0.67 | 14.54 | 25.55 | 4500 | 4.15 |
| 4750 | 15.96 | 21.39 | 15.95 | 14.74 | 1.18 | 0.67 | 14.44 | 25.15 | 5000 | 4.19 |
| 5000 | 15.92 | 21.42 | 16.85 | 16.07 | 1.19 | 0.69 | 14.09 | 24.56 | 5500 | 4.23 |
| 5250 | 15.82 | 21.50 | 17.88 | 19.10 | 1.21 | 0.72 | 13.93 | 24.34 | 6000 | 4.29 |
| 5500 | 15.68 | 21.60 | 18.84 | 25.59 | 1.23 | 0.75 | 13.59 | 23.93 | 6500 | 4.40 |
| 5750 | 15.53 | 21.70 | 19.32 | 29.18 | 1.25 | 0.77 | 13.18 | 23.37 | 7000 | 4.40 |
| 6000 | 15.51 | 21.71 | 18.58 | 21.36 | 1.25 | 0.76 | 12.92 | 23.32 | 7500 | 4.47 |
| 6250 | 15.65 | 21.58 | 15.26 | 17.11 | 1.22 | 0.73 | 13.03 | 23.32 | 8000 | 4.50 |
| 6500 | 15.72 | 21.54 | 12.37 | 13.95 | 1.19 | 0.71 | 12.82 | 23.91 | 8500 | 4.61 |
| 6750 | 15.66 | 21.54 | 10.53 | 11.56 | 1.16 | 0.68 | 12.39 | 23.44 | 9000 | 4.76 |
| 7000 | 15.46 | 21.61 | 9.52 | 9.85 | 1.14 | 0.67 | 11.91 | 23.18 | 9500 | 5.03 |
| 7250 | 15.25 | 21.66 | 9.18 | 8.81 | 1.13 | 0.66 | 11.40 | 22.47 | 10000 | 5.47 |
| 7500 | 14.98 | 21.79 | 9.51 | 7.94 | 1.13 | 0.65 | 10.84 | 22.04 | - | - |
| 7750 | 14.69 | 21.92 | 10.12 | 7.28 | 1.14 | 0.64 | 10.32 | 21.82 | - | - |
| 8000 | 14.41 | 22.01 | 10.87 | 6.76 | 1.14 | 0.63 | 9.80 | 21.15 | - | - |
| 8250 | 14.13 | 22.12 | 11.57 | 6.36 | 1.15 | 0.62 | 9.08 | 20.38 | - | - |
| 8500 | 13.85 | 22.20 | 12.07 | 6.10 | 1.17 | 0.62 | 8.76 | 20.26 | - | - |
| 8750 | 13.56 | 22.29 | 12.21 | 6.01 | 1.19 | 0.63 | 8.30 | 19.87 | - | - |
| 9000 | 13.26 | 22.34 | 11.84 | 6.15 | 1.21 | 0.67 | 8.09 | 18.73 | - | - |
| 9250 | 12.95 | 22.41 | 10.97 | 6.59 | 1.24 | 0.73 | 7.79 | 18.85 | - | - |
| 9500 | 12.58 | 22.56 | 9.78 | 7.37 | 1.29 | 0.82 | 7.45 | 17.71 | - | - |
| 9750 | 12.12 | 22.76 | 8.36 | 8.64 | 1.35 | 0.93 | 7.37 | 18.18 | - | - |
| 10000 | 11.50 | 23.17 | 7.01 | 10.42 | 1.45 | 1.06 | 6.90 | 17.19 | - | - |

Typical Performance Curves

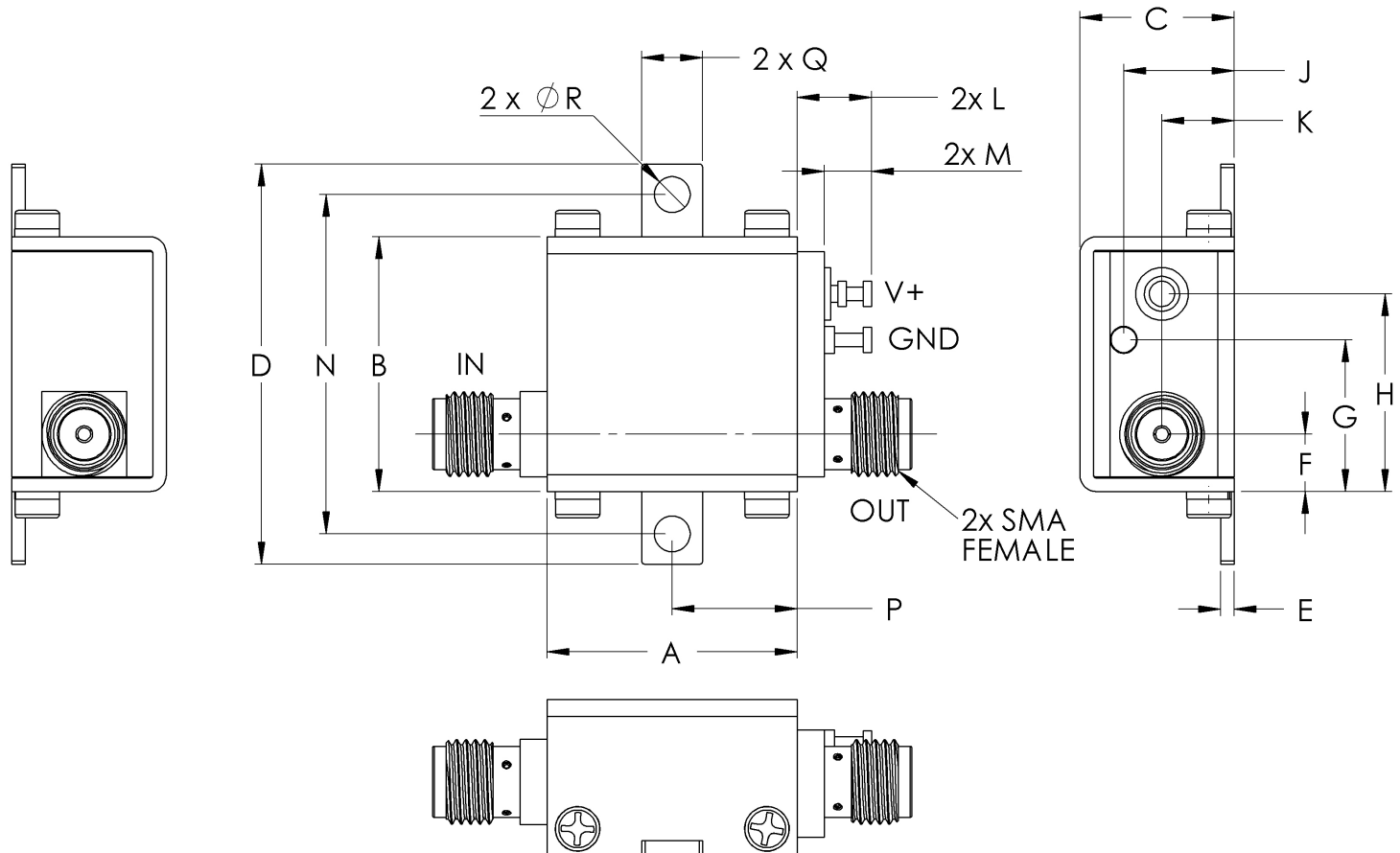


Case Style

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Outline Dimensions

GC957



| CASE #. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | J | K | L | M | N |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| GC957 | .74 (18.80) | .75 (19.15) | .46 (11.61) | 1.18 (30.07) | .04 (1.02) | .17 (4.32) | .45 (11.40) | .59 (14.86) | .33 (8.31) | .21 (5.44) | .22 (5.59) | .14 (3.56) | 1.00 (25.4) |

| CASE #. | P | Q | R | WT GRAMS |
|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| GC957 | .37 (9.40) | .18 (4.57) | .106 (2.69) | 23.0 |

Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2Pl. $\pm .03$; 3Pl. $\pm .015$
Tolerance on hole size and interaxes dimensions to be $\pm .005$.

Note:

1. Case material: Brass
2. Case finish: Nickel plate

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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 Case Temperature | Individual Model Data Sheet |
| Storage Temperature | -55° to 100° C Ambient Environment | Individual Model Data Sheet |
| Stabilization Bake | (non-operating) 125°C, 24 hours | - - - |
| Burn-in at Elevated Temp. | (DC on) 160 hours at 85° C | MIL-STD-202, Method 108 |
| Thermal Shock | -55° to 100°C, 5 cycles | MIL-STD-202, Method 107, Condition A, except 100°C |