

15W Ultra Wide Band Power Amplifier 18GHz-26.5GHz



Product Description

RFLUPA18G26GA is an ultra wide band power amplifier with a frequency range of 18 to 26.5GHz.

The power output of this amplifier is 42dBm typical. The typical small signal gain is 45dB with a flatness of ± 5 dB. This power amplifier works with a +28V power supply.

The power amplifier's input and output connectors are 2.92mm-female.

The operating temperature of this product is -40 to +70°C.

Features

- Solid State Power Amplifier
- Small Signal Gain 45dB Typical
- Output Saturation Power 42dBm Typical
- Supply Voltage +28 VDC
- 50 Ohm Matched Input/Output
- Overvoltage Protection
- Overcurrent Protection

Typical Applications

- Wireless Infrastructure
- Military and Aerospace Applications
- Test Instrumentation
- Radar Systems
- 5G Wireless Communications
- Microwave Radio Systems
- TR Modules
- Research and Development
- Cellular Base Stations

Electrical Specifications ($T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$)

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Frequency Range	18		26.5	GHz
Small Signal Gain	40	45		dB
Gain Flatness		± 5.0		dB
Gain Variation Over Temperature (-40°C to +70°C)		± 6.0		dB
Input Return Loss		10		dB
Output 1dB Compression Point (P1dB)		40		dBm
Saturated Output Power (Psat)	40	42		dBm
RF ON/OFF Speed (IDQ on)		100		ns
Isolation S12		-60		dB
Supply Current (Vcc=+28V)		2.5	4.5	A
Power Added Efficiency (PAE)		15		%
Time Division Duplexing (TDD) Blanking	ON	50		us
	OFF	10		us
Weight	Net	2.5 Max.		lbs.
	Including Heat Sink	8.9 Max.		
Impedance		50		Ohms
Input / Output Connectors	2.92mm-Female(Input) – 2.92mm-Female(Output)			
Package	Epoxy Sealed (Standard)			
	Hermetically Sealed (Optional)			

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Rating
Supply Voltage Range	+30VDC
*RF Input Power (RFIN)	Psat – Large Signal Gain

Bias Up Procedure

1. Connect ground
2. Connect input and output with 50 Ohm source/load.
(In band VSWR < 1.9:1 or >10dB return loss.)
3. Connect positive supply and make sure power supply can handle max current.

Bias Down Procedure

1. Turn off power supply
2. Remove positive supply Connection
3. Remove RF Connection
4. Remove ground

Environmental Specifications and Test Standards

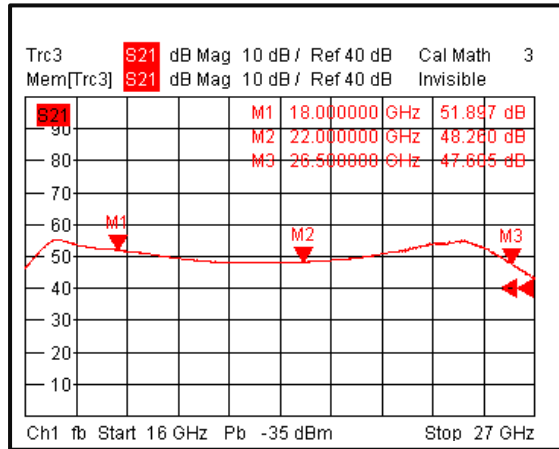
Parameter	Description
Operational Temperature	-40°C to +70°C (Case Temperature)
Storage Temperature	-50°C to +105°C
Thermal Shock	-40°C → +85°C (5 Cycles / 10 hours)
**Random Vibration	MIL-STD-202G Table 214-I, Test Condition Letter C 1.5 Hours Per Axis
High Temperature Burn In	Temperature +70°C for 72 Hours
Shock	1. Weight >20g, 50g half sine wave for 11ms, Speed variation 3.44m/s 2. Weight <=20g, 100g Half sine wave for 6ms, Speed variation 3.75m/s 3. Total 18 times (6 directions, 3 repetitions per direction).
Altitude	Standard: 30,000 Ft (Epoxy Sealed Controlled Environment) Optional: Hermetically Sealed (60,000 ft. 1.0 PSI min)
Hermetically Sealed (Optional)	MIL-STD-883 (For Hermetically Sealed Units)

*Maximum RF input power is set to assure safety of amplifier. Input power may be increased at own risk to achieve full power of amplifier. Please reference gain and power curves.

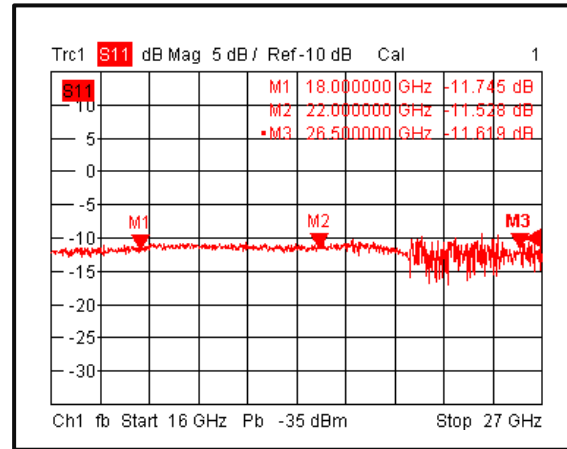
**For vibration testing details please see additional information section.

Typical Performance Plots

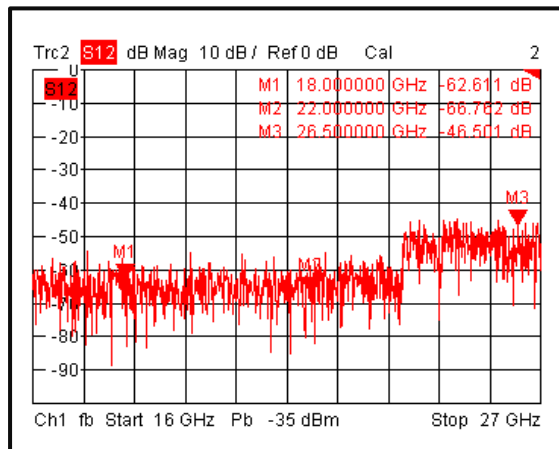
Gain @ +25°C



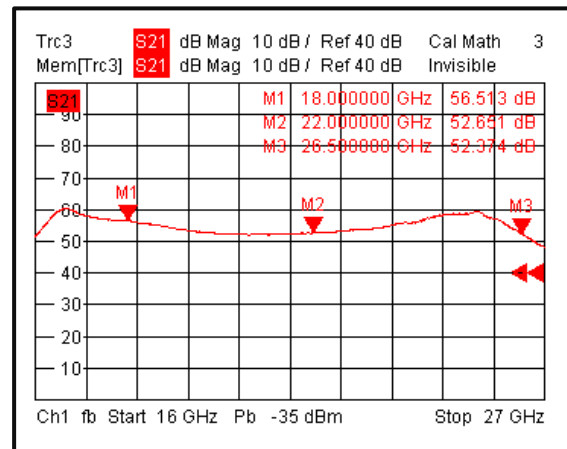
Input Return Loss @ +25°C



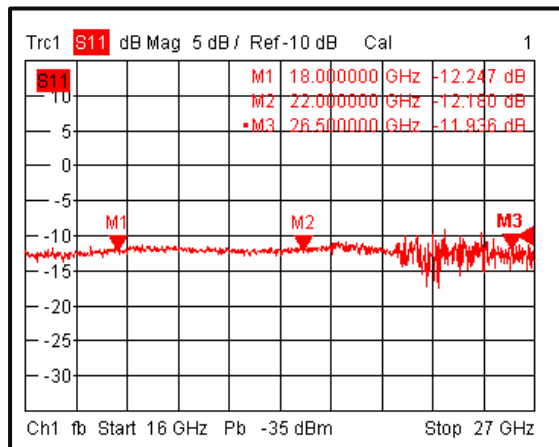
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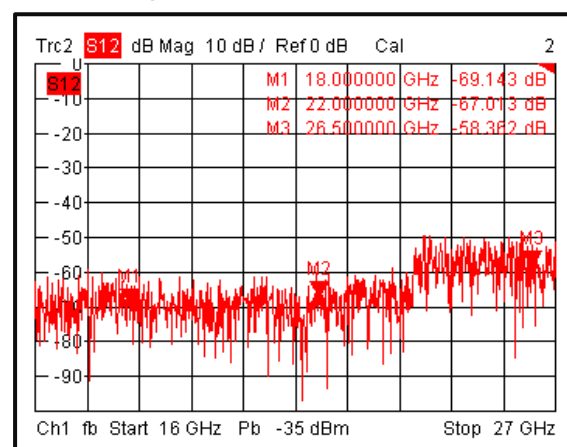
Gain @ -40°C



Input Return Loss @ -40°C



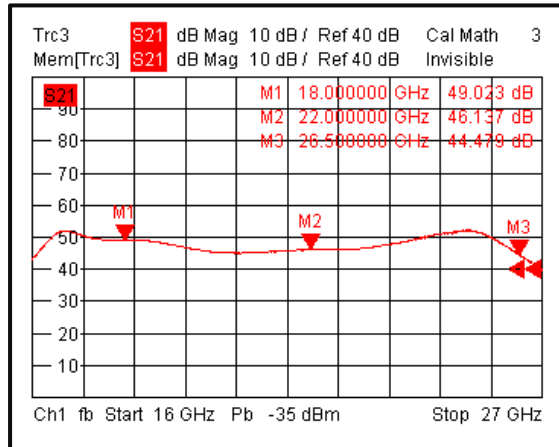
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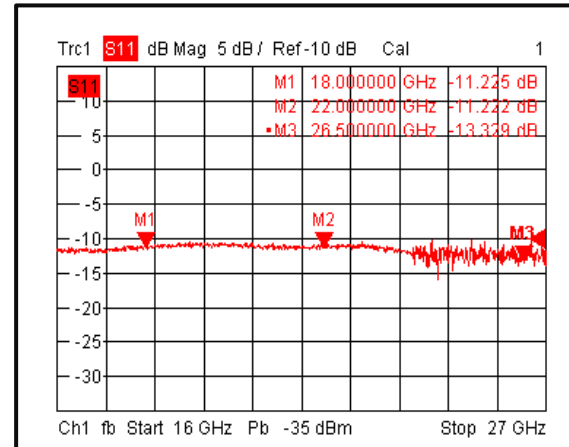
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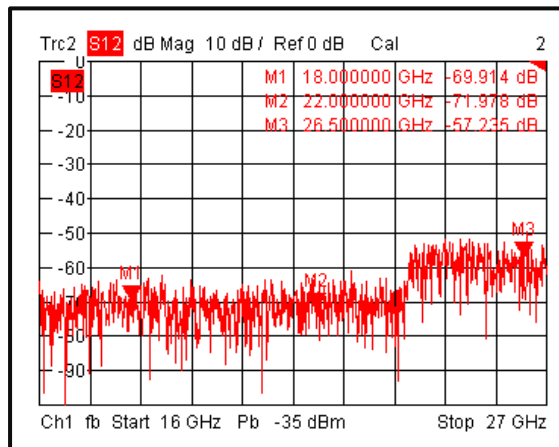
Gain @ +70°C



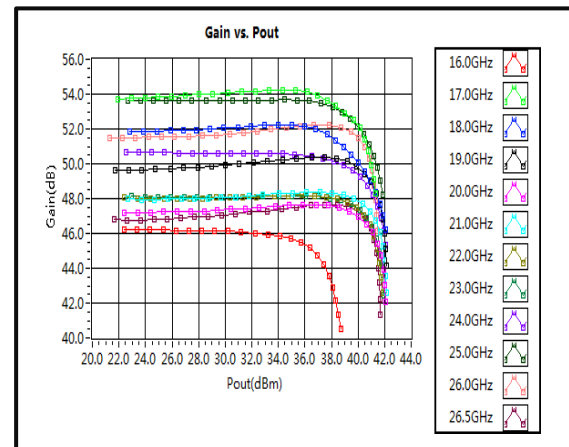
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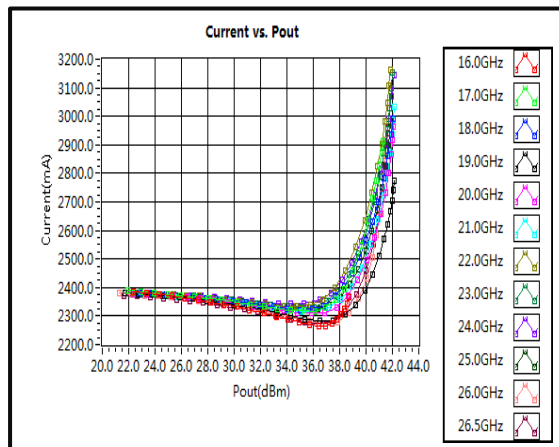
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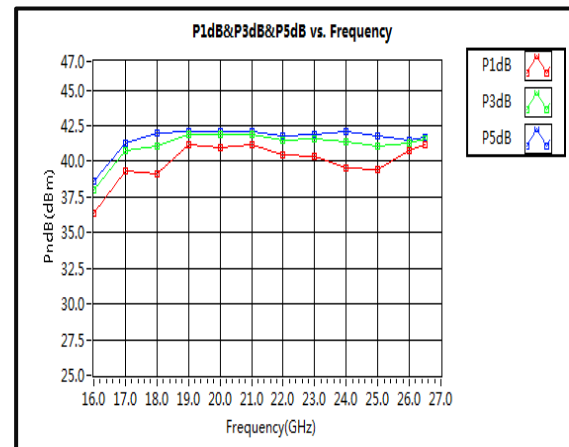
Gain vs. Output Power



Current



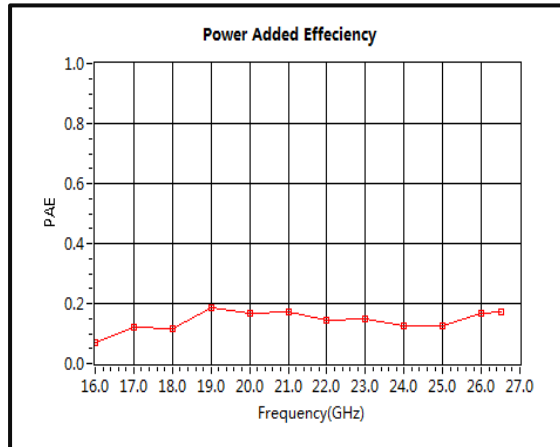
P1dB – P5dB vs. Frequency



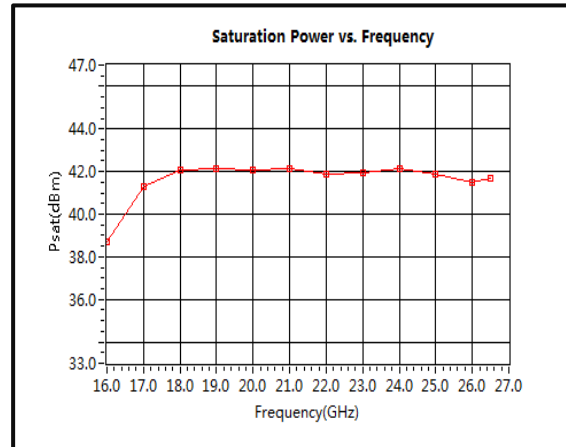
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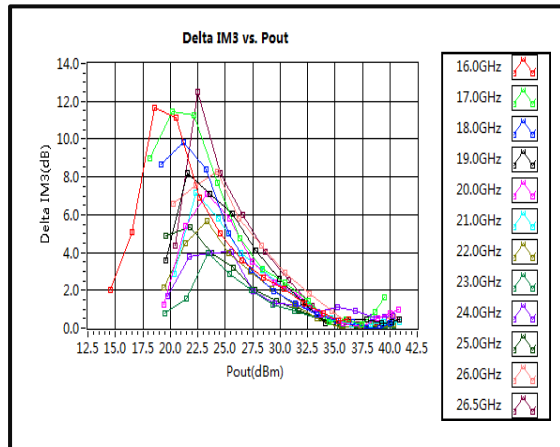
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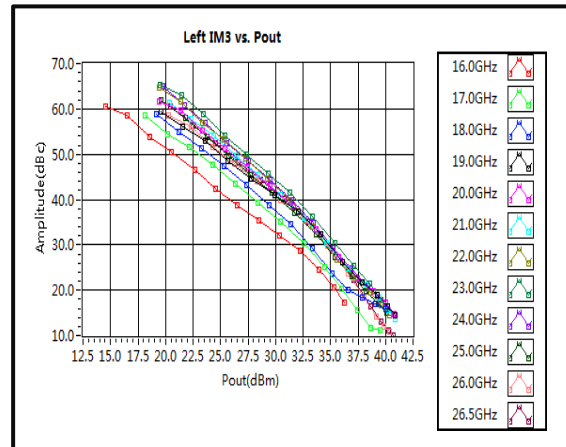
Saturation Power vs. Frequency



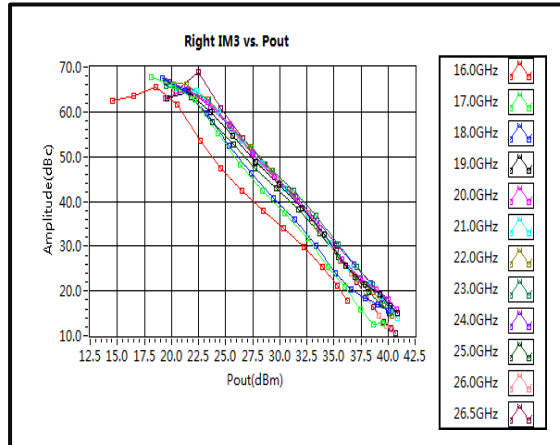
Delta IM3 vs. Pout



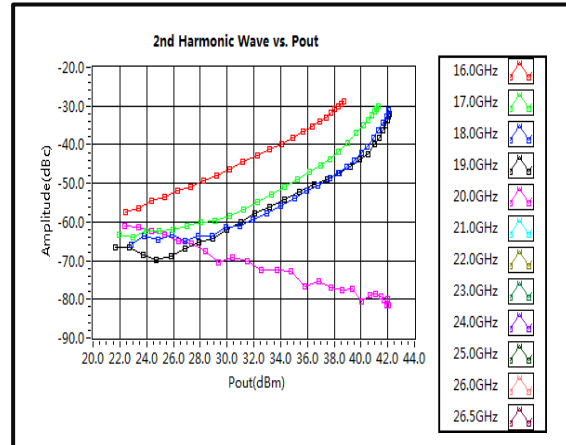
Left IM3 vs. Pout



Right IM3 vs. Pout



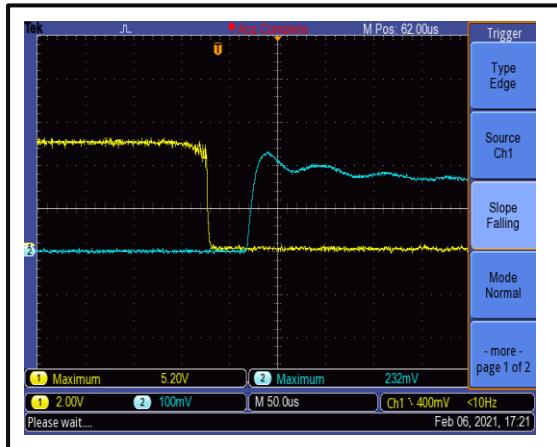
2nd Harmonic Wave Output Power



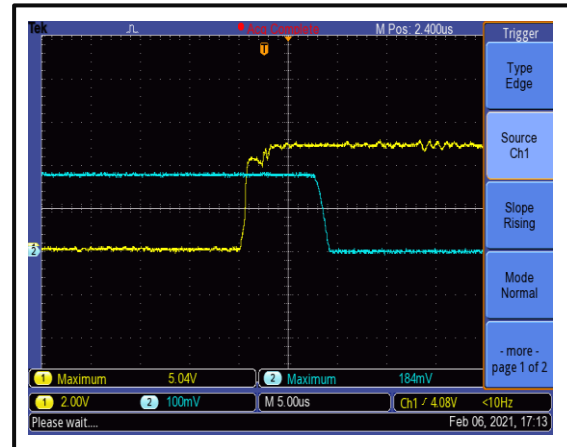
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Typical Performance Plots

The TDD Enable Time is 50 us @+25°C



The TDD Disable Time is 10 us @+25°C



TDD control port: D-sub 15 PIN #6 (GATE_OFF).

The yellow curve is the TDD control signal, the blue curve is RF output envelope.

The Switching Rise Time is 100 ns @+25°C



The Switching Fall Time is 50 ns @+25°C

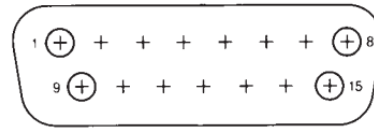


Switch control port: D-sub 15 PIN #12(RF_Switch_Off).

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Protection Connector Table

Male D-Sub is on the housing
The mating Female part number: 172-E15-203R001

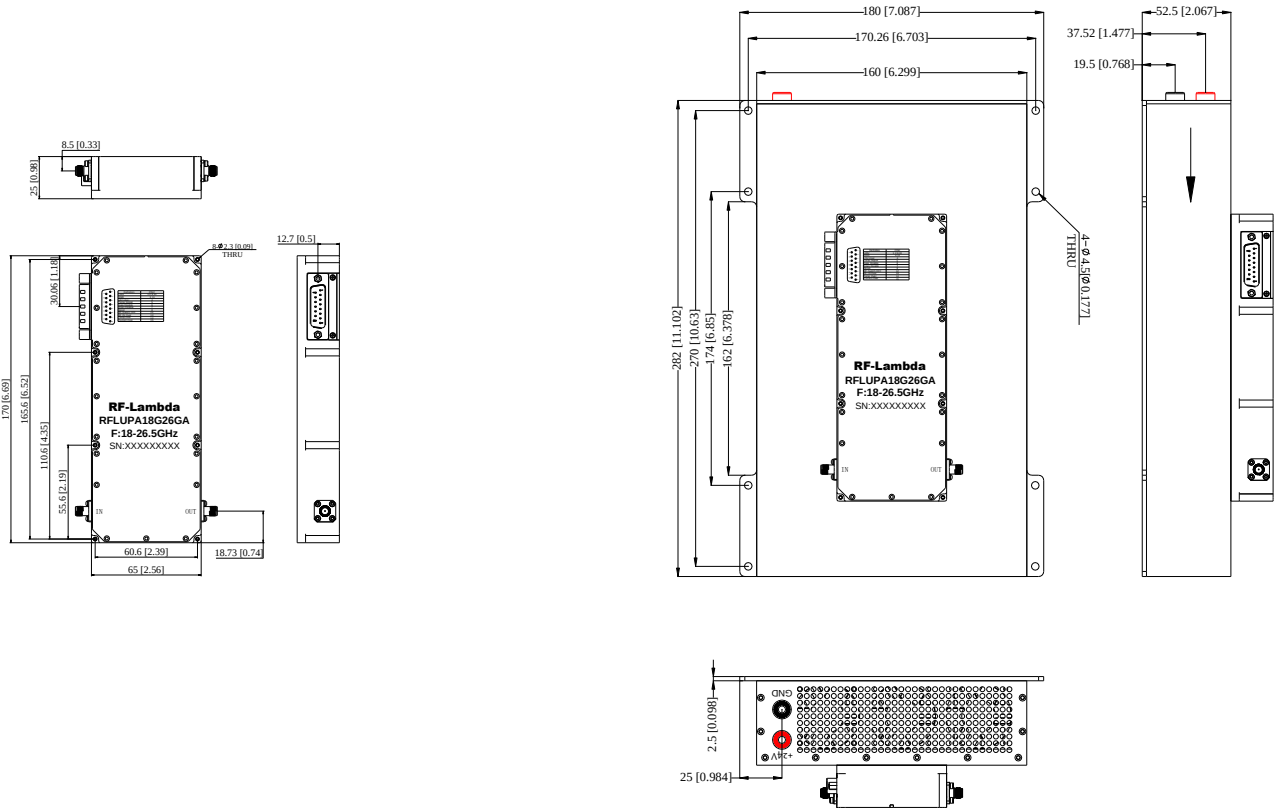


Pin #	Name	Function	Initial State	Description	Applied
1,2,9,10	VDD	Power Supply	+28V	+28V DC is supply Voltage	Yes
3,11	GND	Ground	GND	Ground	Yes
4	+5V_USER	Power Supply	+5V	+5V DC is supplied for reference(200mA)	Yes
5	TEMP_SIGNAL	Indicator	Voltage	Display temperature signal	Yes
6	Gate Disable	Control	LOW	Applying logic HIGH disables gates of amplifiers	Yes
7	Drain Disable	Control	LOW	Applying logic HIGH disables Positive Supply Voltage of amplifiers	Yes
8	RESET	Control	HIGH	Resets PA when logic LOW is applied and released (Internally Pulled-High +5V)	Yes
12	RF_Switch_OFF	Control	HIGH	Applying logic LOW disconnect RF signal of amplifiers	Yes
13	RF IN Over	Indicator	LOW	Pin will be latched to logic HIGH when input signal is over limit	Yes
14	Temp Over	Indicator	LOW	Pin will be latched to logic HIGH when driven over Temperature	Yes
15	Current Over	Indicator	LOW	Pin will be latched to logic HIGH when Current Limit is reached	Yes

Notes:

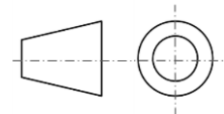
- HIGH/LOW voltages are standard TTL signals 0V to 0.8V = LOW. 2.8V to 5V = HIGH. Input current is 10uA.
- Matching connector and cable will be shipped with the product.
- Applied=Yes means the feature is included. Applied=No means the feature is not included with this model.
- 5V reference supply can source 200mA.
- Indicator output signals can source 24mA.

Outline Drawing



Notes:

1. Package Material: Copper
2. Finish: Nickel Plated
3. All dimensions are in millimeters [inches].
4. Tolerances ± 0.1 [0.004] unless otherwise specified (Excl Heat Sink).
5. Heat sink required during operation (sold separately). Matching heatsink is listed on our website. If customer would like to use their own cooling method, please make sure the amplifier will operate under the specs that listed in page 2 of this datasheet.
6. DB15 cable is configured for power connection port by default (RFCBLADB15)
7. Standard torque wrench must be used to secure RF connectors



Additional Information

Documentation

Webpage

ESD Policy

https://rflambda.com/pdf/rflambda_esd_control.pdf

Heatsink Lookup Specifications

https://rflambda.com/search_heatsink.jsp

Connector Torque Specifications

https://www.rflambda.com/pdf/Torque_Specifications.pdf

Random Vibration Test Standard

https://www.rflambda.com/pdf/rflambda_random_vibration_MIL-STD-202G.pdf

Ordering Information

Part Number	Modification	Description
RFLUPA18G26GA	Input Connector 2.92mm-Female and Output Connector 2.92mm-Female	18GHz-26.5GHz Power Amplifier

Amplifier Use

Ensure that the amplifier input and output ports are safely terminated into a proper 50 ohm load before turning on the power. Never operate the amplifier without a load. A proper 50 ohm load is defined as a load with impedance less than 1.9:1 or return loss larger than 10dB relative to 50 Ohm within the specified operating band width.

Power Supply Requirements

Power supply must be able to provide adequate current for the amplifier. Power supply should be able to provide 1.5 times the typical current or 1.2 times the maximum current (whichever is greater).

In most cases, RF - Lambda amplifiers will withstand severe mismatches without damage. However, operation with poor loads is discouraged. If prolonged operation with poor or unknown loads is expected, an external device such as an isolator or circulator should be used to protect the amplifier.

Ensure that the power is off when connecting or disconnecting the input or output of the amp.

Prevent overdriving the amplifier. Do not exceed the recommended input power level.

Adequate heat-sinking required for RF amplifier modules. Please inquire.

Amplifiers do not contain Thermal protection, Reverse DC polarity or Over voltage protection with the exception of a few models. Please inquire.

Proper electrostatic discharge (ESD) precautions are recommended to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

What is not covered with warranty?

Each RF - Lambda amplifier will go through power and temperature stress testing.

Since the die, ICs or MMICs are fragile, these are not covered by warranty. Any damage to these will NOT be free to repair.

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