



MMIC REFLECTIONLESS

Low Pass Filter

XLF-42M+

50Ω DC to 300 MHz

THE BIG DEAL

- Match to 50Ω in the stop band, eliminates undesired reflections
- Cascadable
- Excellent stopband rejection, 49 dB typ.
- Temperature stable, up to +105°C
- Small size, 5 x 5 mm
- Protected by US Patents 8,392,495; 9,705,467, additional patent pending
- Protected by China Patent 201080014266.1
- Protected by Taiwan Patent I581494



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CASE STYLE: DG1677-2

+RoHS Compliant

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

APPLICATIONS

- Aircraft / Military communications
- FM Radio
- Earth Exploration Satellite
- Radio Astronomy
- Mobile Satellite

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' XLF-42M+ two-section 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	—	2.3	3.1	dB
	Frequency Cut-off	F2	—	3.0	—	dB
	VSWR	DC - F1	—	1.3	—	:1
Stopband	Rejection	F3 - F4	17	34	—	dB
		F4 - F5	41	49	—	dB
	VSWR	F3 - F4	—	1.3	—	:1
		F4 - F5	—	2.2	—	:1

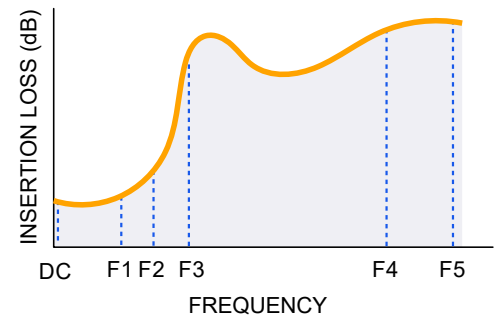
1. Measured on Mini-Circuits Characterization Test Board TB-944-42M+

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	5.0 W at +25°C
RF Power Input, Stopband (F2-F5) ⁴	1.6 W at +25°C

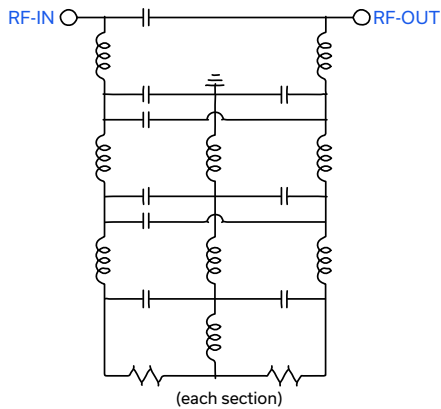
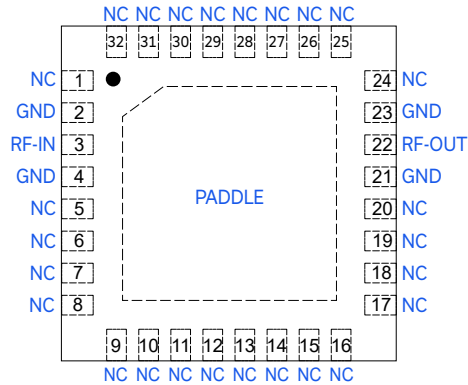
2. Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.
 3. Passband rating derates linearly to 2.5 W at 105°C ambient
 4. Stopband rating derates linearly to 0.8 W at 105°C ambient

TYPICAL FREQUENCY RESPONSE



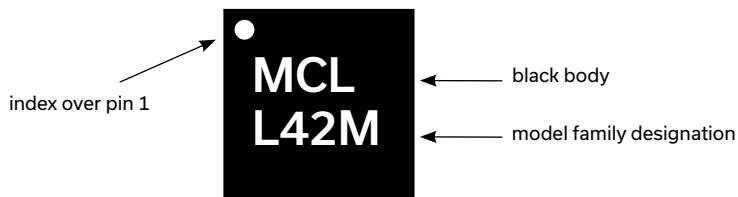


SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC AND PAD DESCRIPTION



Function	Pad Number	Description
RF-IN	3	RF Input Pad
RF-OUT	22	RF Output Pad
GND	2,4,21,23	Connected to ground
NC (GND Externally)	1,5-20,24-32 & paddle	No internal connection

PRODUCT MARKING



Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control



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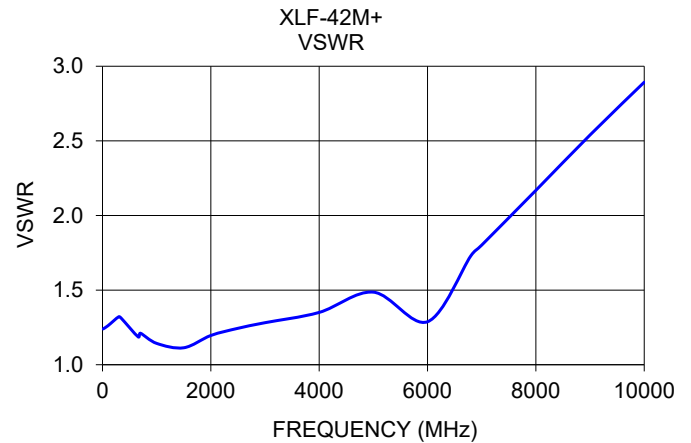
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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA AT +25°C

Frequency (MHz)	Insertion Loss (dB)	VSWR (:1)
10	2.00	1.24
100	2.08	1.26
300	2.79	1.32
350	3.11	1.31
660	20.36	1.19
700	27.07	1.21
1000	27.55	1.14
1500	41.89	1.11
2000	36.20	1.20
2500	27.96	1.24
3000	26.65	1.28
4000	28.44	1.35
5000	31.27	1.49
6000	59.02	1.29
6800	44.75	1.73
7000	45.39	1.80
8000	49.63	2.17
9000	49.94	2.54
10000	47.20	2.89





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

Performance Data and Graphs	Data
	Graphs
	S-Parameter (S2P Files) Data Set (.zip file)
Case Style	DG1677-2 Plastic package, exposed paddle lead finish: matte-tin
Tape & Reel Standard quantities available on reel	F68 7" reels with 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 ,1000 devices 13" reels with 2000, 3000, 4000 devices
Suggested Layout for PCB Design	PL-518
Evaluation Board	TB-944-42M+
Environmental Ratings	ENV82

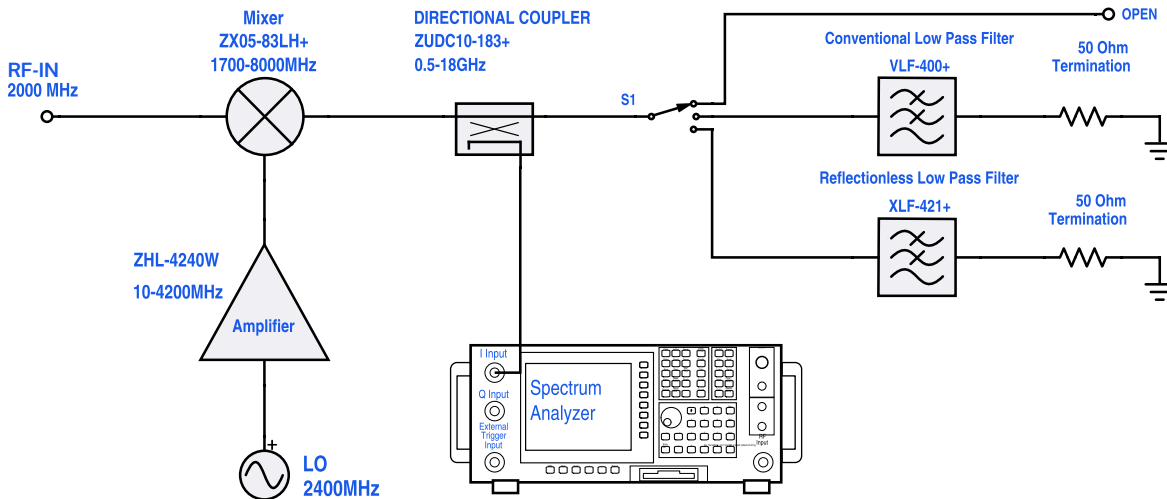
ESD RATING

Human body model (HBM): Class 1B (pass 500V) in accordance with ANSI/ESD 5.1-2001



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

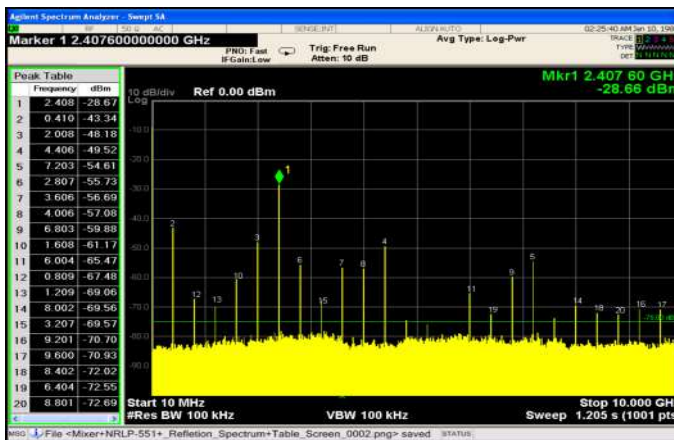


Figure 1. IF output reflection spectrum without filter

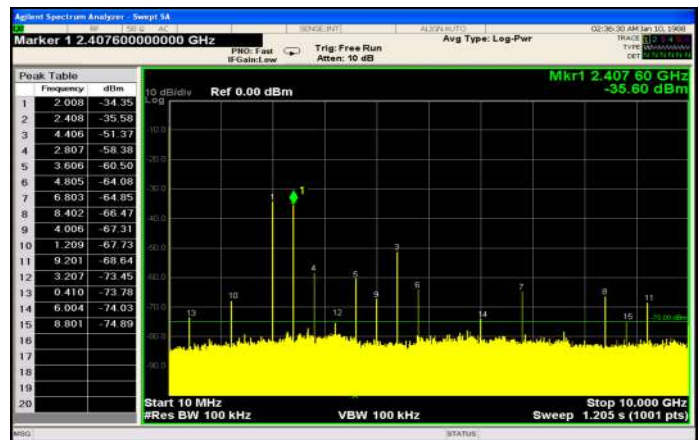


Figure 2. IF output reflection spectrum with conventional filter

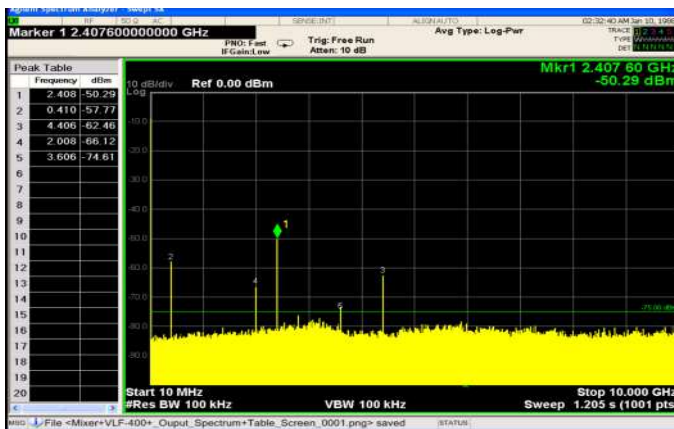


Figure 3. IF output reflection spectrum with reflectionless filter

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](#)

NOTES

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