



Doherty Combiner



Description:

The X3DC18E2S is a low profile, high performance Doherty Combiner in a new easy to use, manufacturing friendly surface mount package. The X3DC18E2S is designed particularly for Doherty Amplifier applications, where tightly controlled phase and amplitude imbalance as well as low insertion loss are required for maximum and low power condition. It can be used in high power applications up to 200 watts.

Parts have been subjected to rigorous qualification testing and they are manufactured using materials with coefficients of thermal expansion (CTE) compatible with common substrates such as FR4, G-10, RF-35, RO4350 and polyimide. Produced with 6 of 6 RoHS compliant tin immersion finish.

Electrical Specifications **

Features: • 1805 - 1880 MHz • High Power	Frequency	Return Loss ^[1]	Insertion Loss ^[1]	Amplitude Imbalance [1]	Phase Imbalance [1]
Low Amp Imbalance	MHz	dB Min	dB Max	dB Max	Degrees
Very Low Loss	1805 – 1880	20	0.15	±0.12	90 ± 3.0
Production Friendly					
Tape and Reel	Operating Temp.	Return Loss ^[2]	Insertion Loss ^[2]	Port Extension ^[3]	Power ^[4]
Lead Free		2000	2000	Extension	Avg. CW Watts
	°C	dB Min	dB Max	Degrees	@95 °C
	-55 to +150	20	0.20	3	200

**Specification based on performance of unit properly installed on TTM Test Board [1] At maximum power condition, Doherty combiner functions as an equal-split power combiner.

[2] At low power condition, Doherty combiner functions as a 100Ω to 50Ω impedance transformer. [3] There are short 50 ohm lines associated with input ports of 3° at 1842MHz. Details in page 2.

Mechanical Outline



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Doherty Amplifier Configuration



Doherty Combiner Pin Configuration



The X3DC18E2S has an orientation marker to denote Pin 1. Once port one has been identified the other ports are known automatically. Please see the chart below for clarification:

Pin 1	Pin 2	Pin 3	Pin 4
Combining Port	Not Used	Peak Amp Port	Main Amp Port

There are inevitably short lines associating with input ports in some high frequency band parts. The length of the short line is specified as electrical length at center frequency and noted as port extension in this datasheet. The designer should take this length into the consideration to optimize the offset line length.







Insertion Loss and Power Derating Curves



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Typical Performance (-55°C, 25°C, 95°C): 1805 – 1880MHz







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Definition of the Specifications

To guarantee the part performance in Doherty architecture, the part is specified in Doherty operation for maximum power condition and low power condition. The following specification definition assumes the extra port extension is already applied to the raw S parameter and the parts is measured with Pin n connected to Port n (where n=1, 2, 3, 4).

Maximum power condition

Under the maximum power condition, the symmetrical Doherty architecture requires main amplifier and peak amplifier to work at full capacity with the optimum termination (50 Ω). The two amplifiers should deliver RF power of equal magnitude and 90 degree phase difference. Doherty combiner functions as a coherent power combiner and supplies the 90 degree phase compensation. The following specification is defined with 50 Ω port impedance at three ports for this condition. The return loss and the insertion loss in max power mode are not affected by the 50 ohm lossless port rotation mentioned in electrical spec table in page 1. The phase imbalance and the amplitude imbalance are not affected either since port rotation are taken off equally from the main and the peak amp port.

Parameter	Definition	Mathematical Representation	
Return Loss	The impedance match at the combining port to a 50Ω system.	20log S ₁₁	
Insertion Loss	The combined power divided by the sum of input power under the perfect combining condition.	$10\log(S_{13} ^2 + S_{14} ^2)$	
Phase Imbalance	The phase difference between Peak-Combined path and Main- Combined path at ω_c = 1842MHz	Phase $(S_{14}(\omega_c))$ – Phase $(S_{13}(\omega_c))$	
Amplitude Imbalance	The magnitude difference between Peak-Combined path and Main-Combined path.	$\frac{1}{2}(20\log S_{14} - 20\log S_{13})$	

Low power condition

Under low power condition, the Doherty operation turns off peak amplifier and requires main amplifier to be terminated with double of the optimum impedance (100 Ω). In this configuration, Doherty combiner servers as an impedance transformer transforming 50 Ω at combining port to 100 Ω at main amplifier port. The following specification is defined under the port impedance condition of Port 1 (Combining Port) 50 Ω , Port 4 (Main Amp Port) 100 Ω and Port 3 (Peak Amp Port) open. With the peak amp left off, the extra line length in that port (see figure in page 2) acts as an open stub which shifts the low power mode return loss null and insertion loss. The offset line length needs to be adjusted taking the port rotation number into consideration so that the junction of 50 Ω and 35 Ω transmission line sees high impedance instead of the part edge. The return loss and the insertion loss defined below are after the offset line adjustments specified in the spec table.

Parameter	Definition	Mathematical Representation	
Return Loss	The impedance match of the 50 to 100 Ω transformer.	20log S ₁₁	
Insertion Loss	The output power divided by input power.	20log S ₄₁	
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Packaging and Ordering Information:

Parts are available in reel. Packaging follows EIA 481-2. Parts are oriented in tape and reel as shown below. Minimum order quantities are 2000 per reel.



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