MMIC REFLECTIONLESS

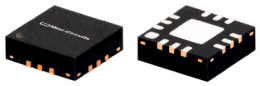
Low Pass Filter

XLF-421+

50Ω DC to 420 MHz

THE BIG DEAL

- Match to 50Ω in the stop band, eliminates undesired reflections
- Cascadable
- Excellent Power handling
- Temperature stable, up to +105°C
- Small size, 3 x 3 mm
- Protected by US Patent No. 8,392,495



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CASE STYLE: DQ1225

+RoHS Compliant
The +Suffix identifies RoHS Compliance.
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APPLICATIONS

- Harmonics Rejection
- Wideband Matching
- Transmitters / Receivers

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' XLF-421+ 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 SPECIFICATIONS[1] AT 25°C

Parameter		F#	Frequency (MHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Passband	Insertion Loss	DC - F1	DC - 420	—	1.4	1.8	dB
	Frequency Cut-off	F2	610	—	3.0	—	dB
	VSWR	DC - F1	DC - 420	—	1.2	—	:1
Stopband	Rejection	F3 - F4	900 - 5200	11	14	—	dB
		F4 - F5	5200 - 18000	—	24	—	dB
	VSWR	F3 - F4	900 - 5200	—	1.2	—	:1
		F4 - F5	5200 -18000	—	1.7	—	:1

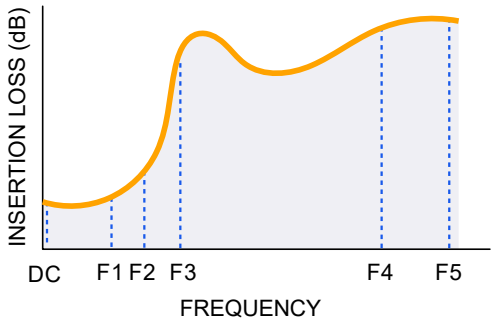
1. Measured on Mini-Circuits Characterization Test Board TB-844-421+

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS[2]

Parameter	Ratings
Operating Temperature	-55°C to +105°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +150°C
RF Power Input, Passband (DC-F1)[3]	2 W at 25°C
RF Power Input, Stopband (F2-F5)[4]	0.5 W at 25°C

2. Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.
3. Passband rating derates linearly to 1 W at 105°C ambient
4. Stopband rating derates linearly to 0.25 W at 105°C ambient

SPECIFICATION DEFINITION



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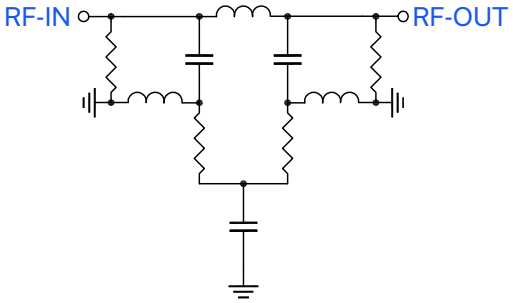
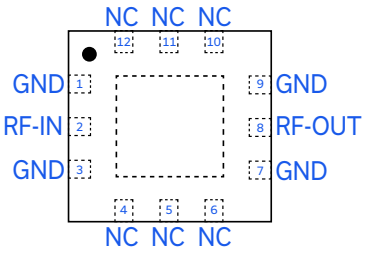
SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC AND PAD DESCRIPTION





Function	Pad Number	Description
RF-IN	2	RF Input Pad
RF-OUT	8	RF Output Pad
GND	1,3,7,9, Paddle	Connected to ground
NC (GND Externally)	4,5,6,10,11,12	No internal connection

PRODUCT MARKING

Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control

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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA AT 25°C

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
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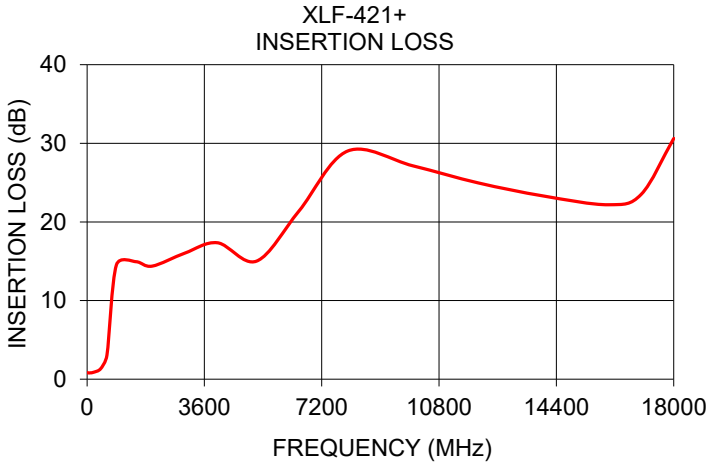
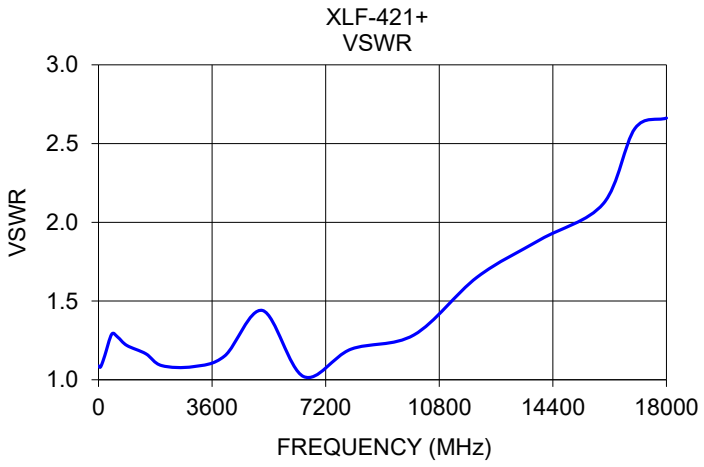
18000	30.61	2.66





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ADDITIONAL DETAILED TECHNICAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR DASH BOARD. TO ACCESS CLICK HERE

Performance Data and Graphs	Data Swept S-Parameter (S3P Files) Data Set (.zip file)
Case Style	DQ1225 Plastic package, exposed paddle lead finish: matte-tin
Tape & Reel **Standard quantities available on reel**	F66 7" reels with 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 ,1000, 2000, 3000 devices
Suggested Layout for PCB Design	PL-451
Evaluation Board	TB-844-421+ (without connectors) TB-844-421C+ (with connectors) B20-118-F1+ Connector sold separately
Environmental Ratings	ENV82

ESD RATING

Human body model (HBM): Class 1A (250 to <500V) in accordance with ANSI/ESD 5.1-2001

MSL RATING

Moisture Sensitivity: MSL1 in accordance with IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020D

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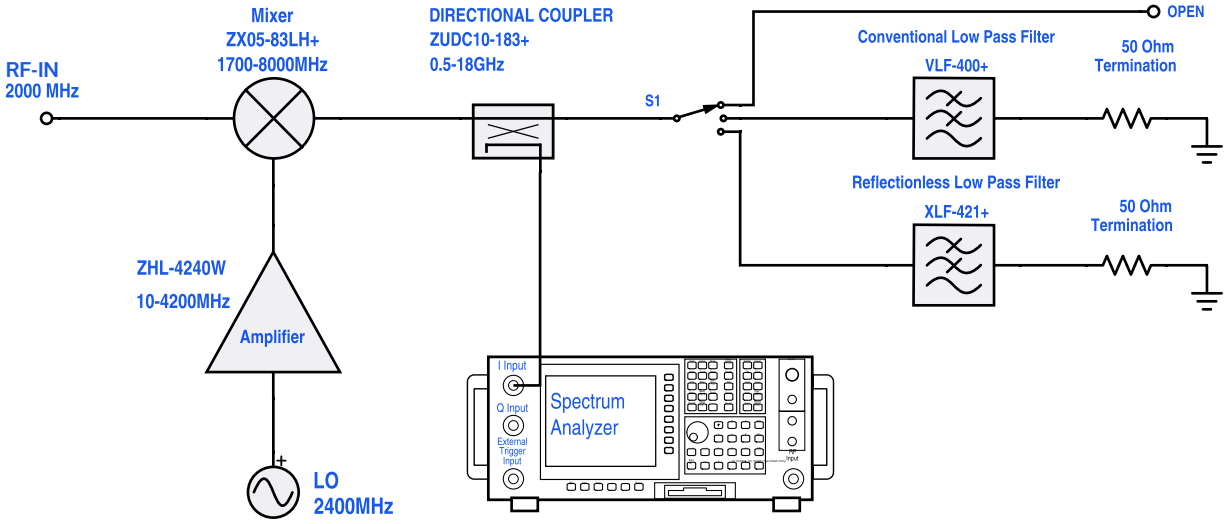
REFLECTIONLESS FILTER APPLICATION NOTE

Application Circuit Example: Pairing mixers with reflectionless filters to improve system dynamic range



Test block diagram: IF output reflection spectrum with single input frequency

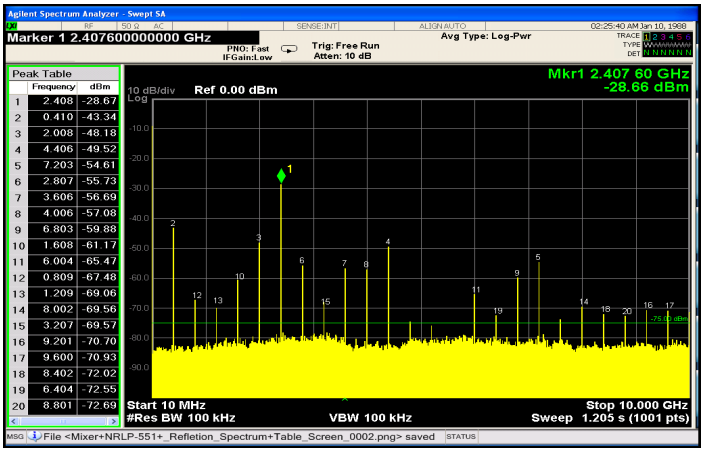


Figure 1. IF output reflection spectrum without filter

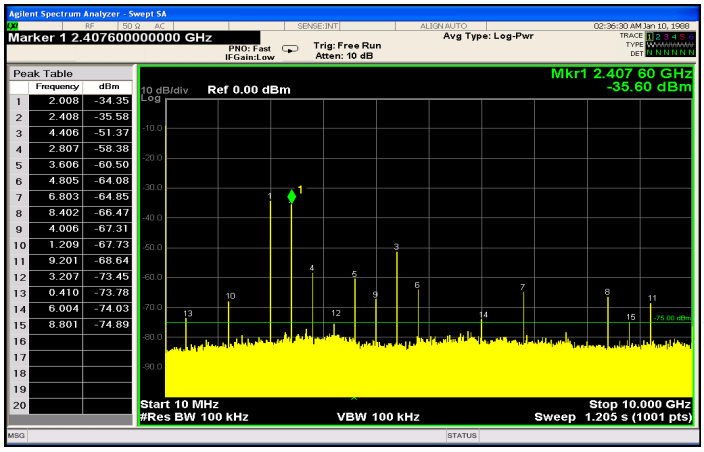
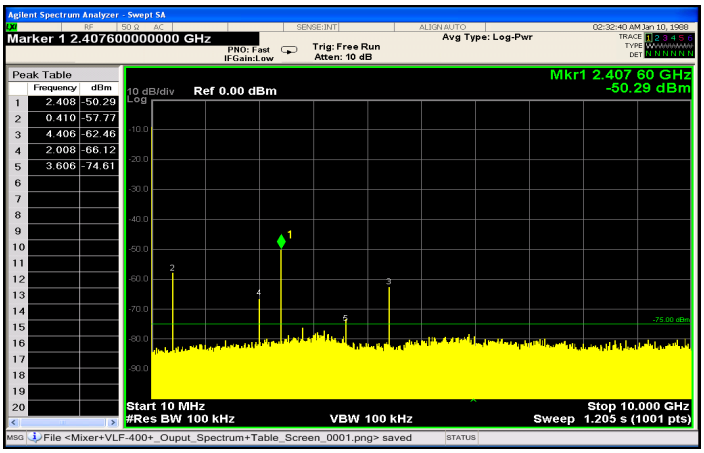


Figure 2. IF output reflection spectrum with conventional filter



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 improvingsystem dynamic range.

For more information, refer to application note AN-75-007

NOTES

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