

MHC38X03

3dB 90° Directional Coupler



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Applications

- 1, Low Insertion Loss For Power Combining
- 2, Doherty Power Amplifier
- 3, Small Cell & Pico



Features

- 1, Low Insertion Loss
- 2, High Isolation, 24 dB typ.
- 3, Excellent high-power capacity up to 30W
- 4, RoHS compliance (Pb-Free)
- 5, AEC-Q200 qualified

Description

The MHC38X03 is a low cost, high performance 3 dB hybrid coupler in an easy used surface mount package. The MHC38X03 is ideal for doherty power amplifier, circular polarized antenna and other applications where low insertion loss and tight amplitude and phase balance are required. MHC38X03 is constructed from ceramic filled PTFE composites which possess excellent electrical and mechanical stability. All components are 100% RF tested.

Characteristics

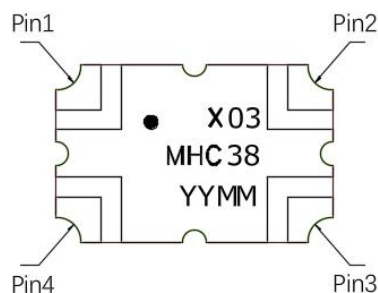
Table 1. MHC38X03 Characteristics

Item	Min.	Type	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range	3300		4200	MHz
Isolation	22	24		dB
Insertion Loss		0.2	0.3	dB
Phase Unbalance	-3.5		+3.5	degrees
Directivity		21		dB
Return Loss		-24		dB
Operating Temp.	-55		+125	°C
Power			30	W

All the above data are based on specified demo board and tested in 25° environment.

Port Configuration

Figure 1. MHC38X03 (Top View)



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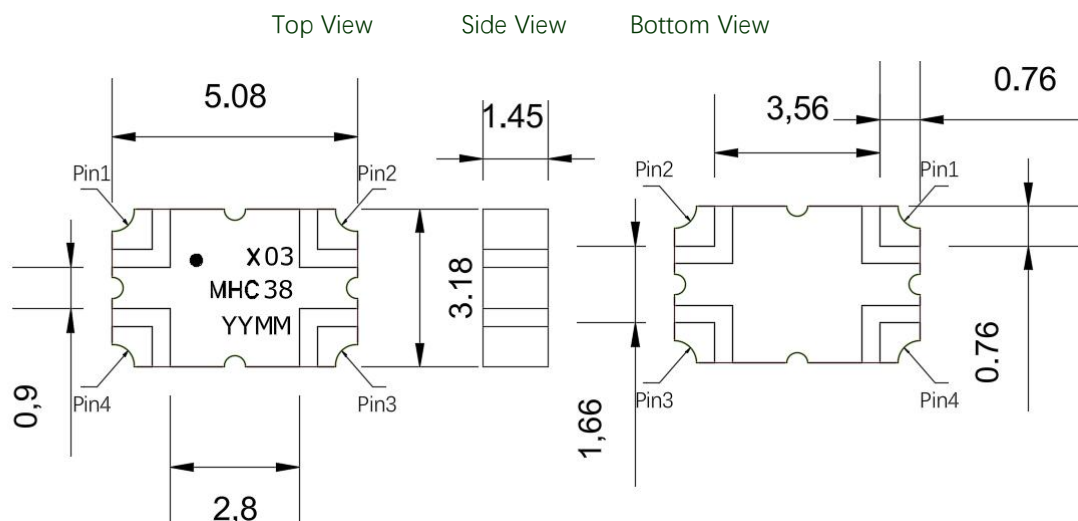
The MHC38X03 port configurations depending on how input signals are split. The Case 1, Case 2, Case 3, and Case 4, configurations mean that one input signal is split into two output signals. When port 1 is defined, the other ports are defined automatically

Table 2. MHC38X03 Port Configurations

Configuration	Port 1	Port 2	Port 3	Port 4
Case1.	Input	Isolated	Direct -3dB, -90°	Coupling -3dB, 0°
Case2.	Isolated	Input	Coupling -3dB, 0°	Direct -3dB, -90°
Case3.	Direct -3dB, -90°	Coupling -3dB, 0°	Input	Isolated
Case4.	Coupling -3dB, 0°	Direct -3dB, -90°	Isolated	Input

Outline Drawing

Figure 2. MHC38X03 Outline Drawing



Unit: mm

Typical Performance (N=25°C, 3300-4200 MHz)

Figure 3. MHC38X03 Coupling

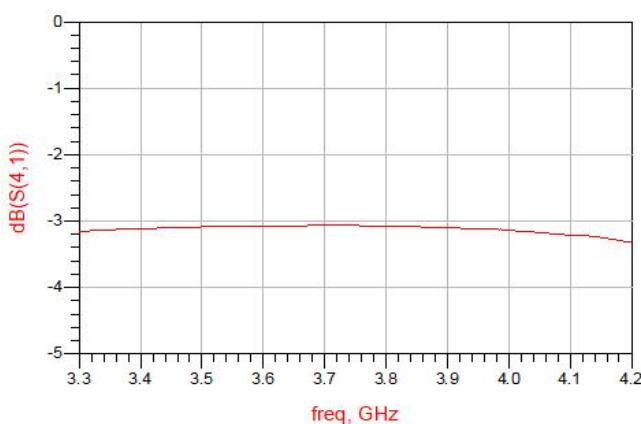
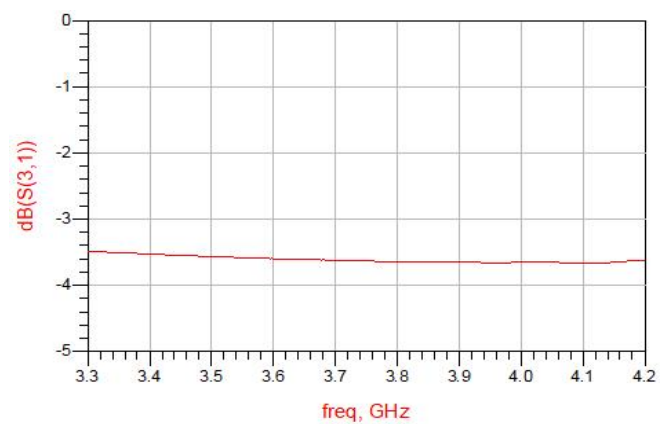


Figure 4. MHC38X03 Transmission



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Figure 5. MHC38X03 Return Loss (S11)

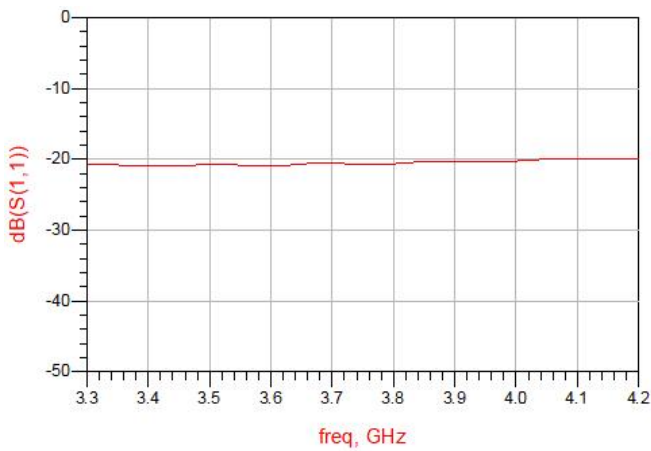


Figure 6. MHC38X03 Return Loss (S22)

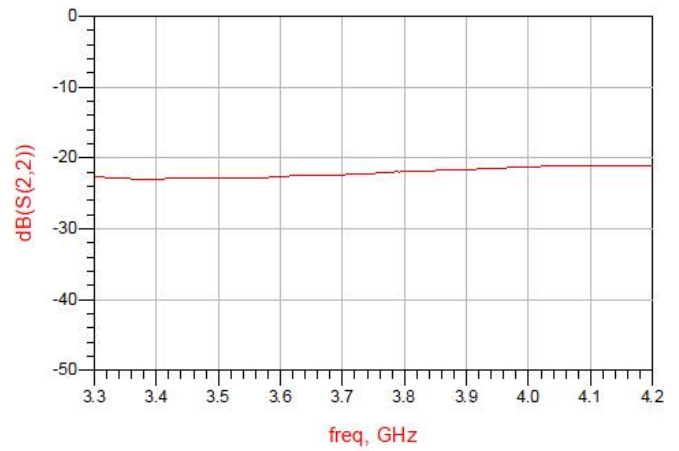


Figure 7. MHC38X03 Return Loss (S33)

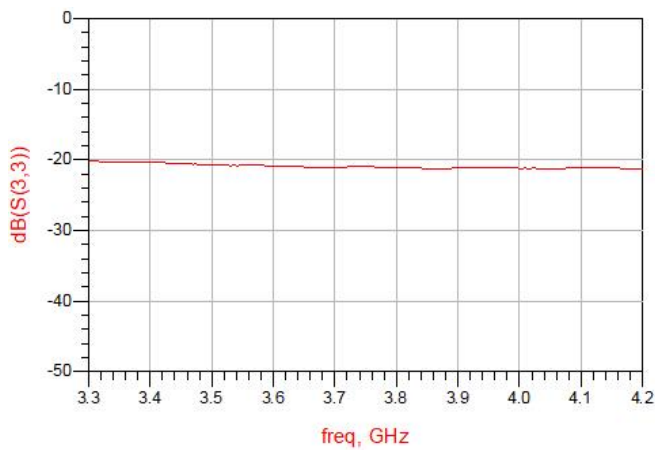


Figure 8. MHC38X03 Return Loss (S44)

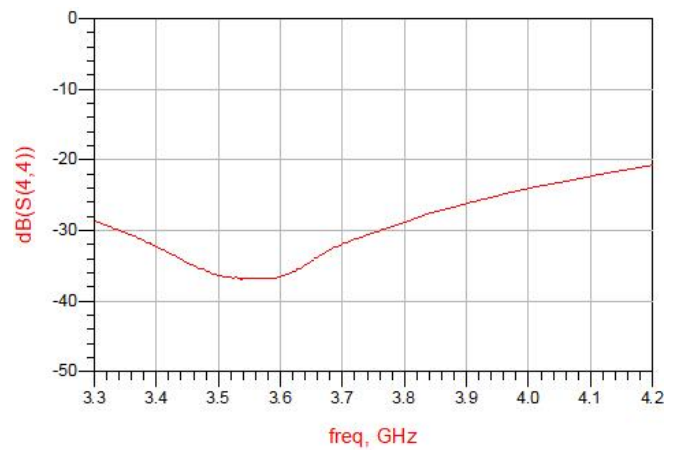


Figure 9. MHC38X03 Isolation

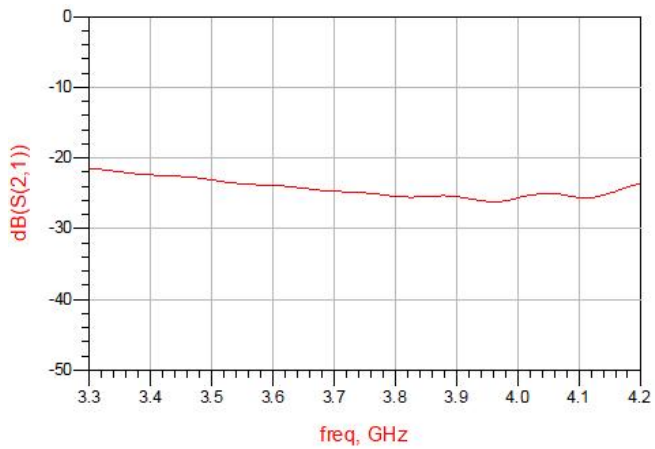
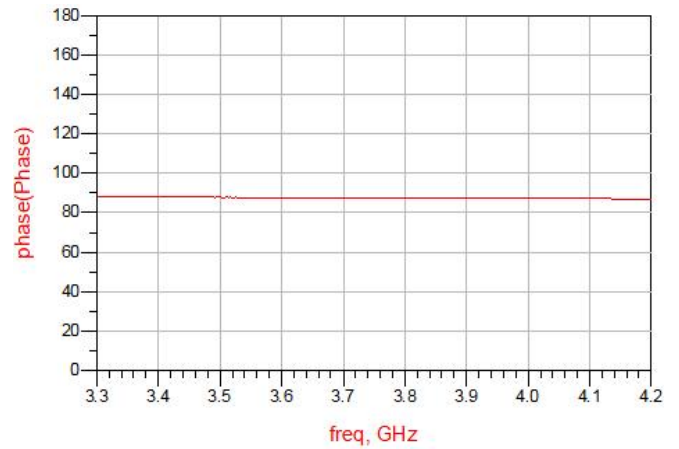


Figure 10. MHC38X03 Phase



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Figure 11. MHC38X03 IL

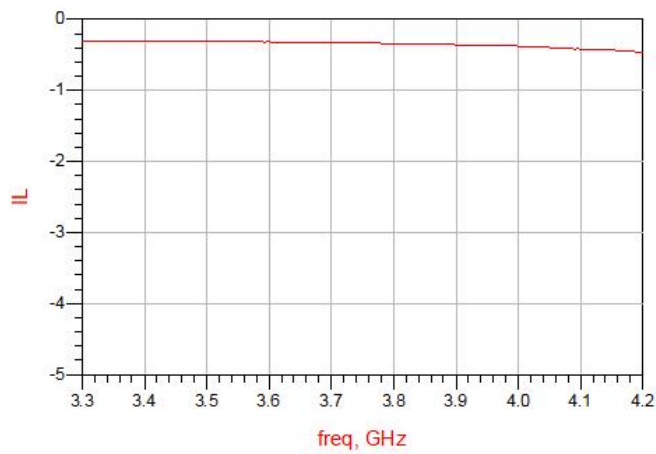
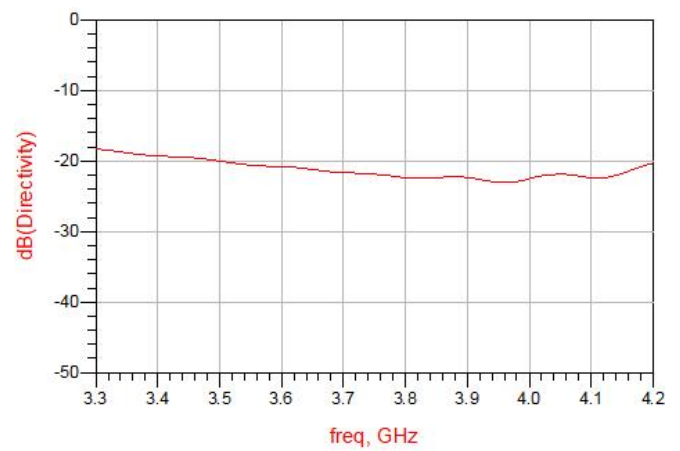


Figure 12. MHC38X03 Directivity



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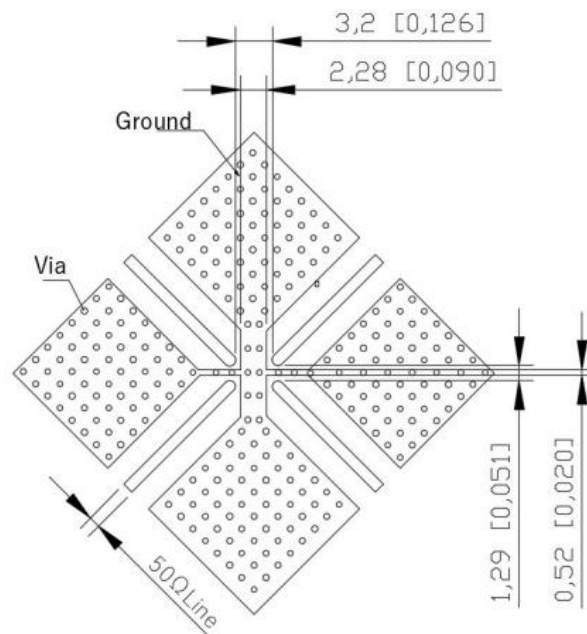
Definition of Measured Specifications

Table 3. Mathematical Formula for the MHC38X03 Parameters

Parameter	Definition	Mathematical Representation
VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio)	The impedance match of the coupler to a 50W system. A VSWR of 1:1 is optimal.	$VSWR = \frac{V_{max}}{V_{min}}$ Vmax = voltage maxima of a standing wave Vmin = voltage minima of a standing wave
Return Loss	The impedance match of the coupler to a 50W system. Return Loss is an alternate means to express VSWR.	Return Loss (dB) = $20\log \frac{VSWR+1}{VSWR-1}$
Insertion Loss	The input power divided by the sum of the power at the two output ports.	Insertion Loss(dB) = $10\log \frac{P_{in}}{P_{cp1}+P_{transmission}}$
Isolation	The input power divided by the power at the isolated port.	Isolation(dB) = $10\log \frac{P_{in}}{P_{iso}}$
Phase Balance	The difference in phase angle between the two output ports.	Phase at coupled port – Phase at transmission port
Amplitude Balance	The power at each output divided by the average power of the two outputs.	$10\log \frac{P_{cp1}}{\frac{P_{cp1}+P_{transmission}}{2}}$ and $10\log \frac{P_{transmission}}{\frac{P_{cp1}+P_{transmission}}{2}}$

Recommended PCB Layout

Figure 13. Recommended PCB Layout



50Ω Line mm/inch

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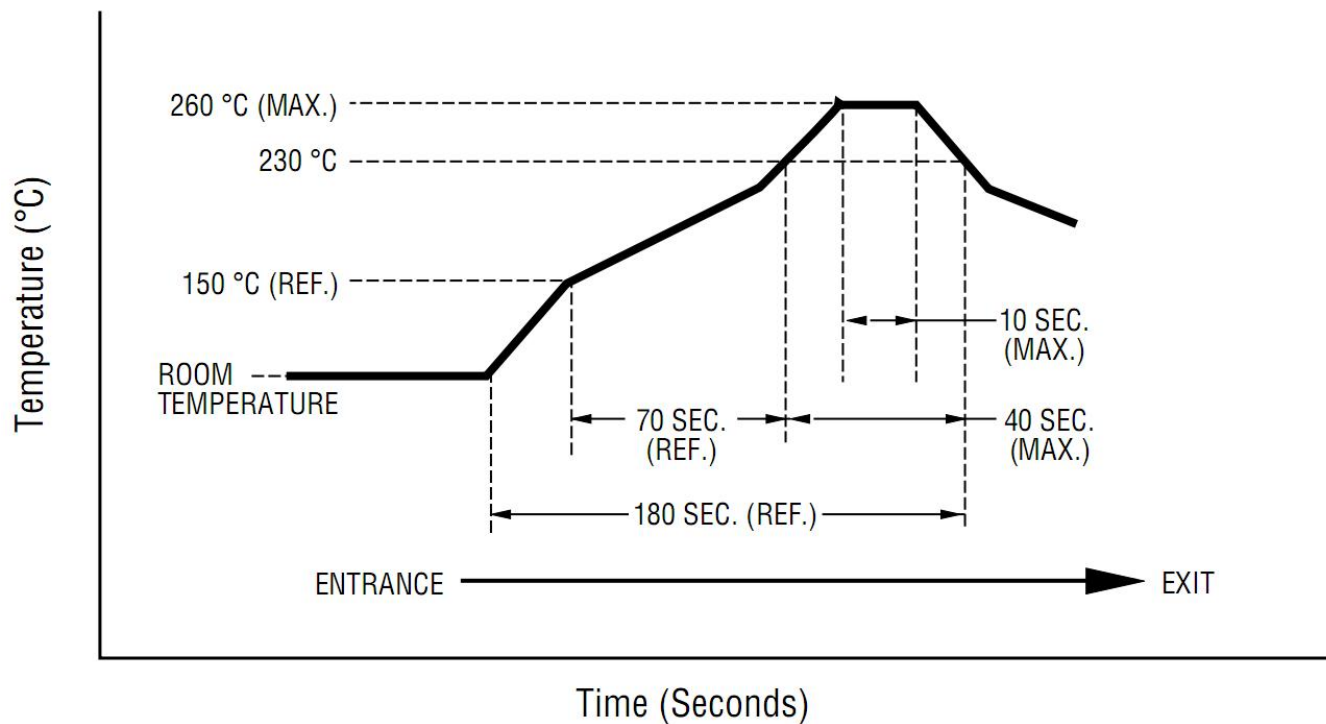
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Reflow Profile

Figure 14. MHC38X03 Thermal Reflow Profile



Packaging and Ordering Information

Table 4. MHC38X03 Ordering Information

Device	Package	Reel	Shipping
MHC38X03	5.08*3.18mm	7"	1000 Reel

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Revision	Description	Date
Rev0	Preliminary	2023/5/29
Rev1	Update	2026/3/11

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