

Wide Band Solid State Power Amplifier 12GHz-17GHz



Note: The photo is for illustration purposes only.
Please refer to the outline drawing

Product Description

The RFLUPA12G17GB is a wideband power amplifier with a frequency range of 12 to 17GHz.

The power output of this amplifier is 45 dBm typical. The typical small signal gain is 55 dB with a flatness of ± 10 dB.

The power amplifier's input and output connectors are SMA-Female.

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

Features

- Wideband Solid State Power Amplifier
- Small Signal Gain 55dB Typical
- Output Saturation Power 45dBm Typical
- Supply Voltage +48VDC
- 50 Ohm Matched Input/Output

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		12 – 17		GHz
Small Signal Gain		55		dB
Gain Flatness		± 10		dB
Gain Variation Over Temperature (-40°C to +70°C)		± 3		dB
Input Return Loss		-10		dB
*Saturated Output Power (Psat)		45		dBm
Supply Current (Vcc = +48VDC)		1.3		A
Weight		-		lbs.
Impedance		50		Ohms
Input / Output Connectors	SMA-Female(Input) – SMA-Female(Output)			
Package	Epoxy Sealed (Standard)			
	Hermetically Sealed (Optional)			

* P1dB, P3dB and Psat power test signal: 200 μ s pulse width with 10% duty cycle.

* For average CW power testing or increased duty cycle, a 3dBm back off from Psat is required.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Rating
Supply Voltage Range	+50VDC
*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

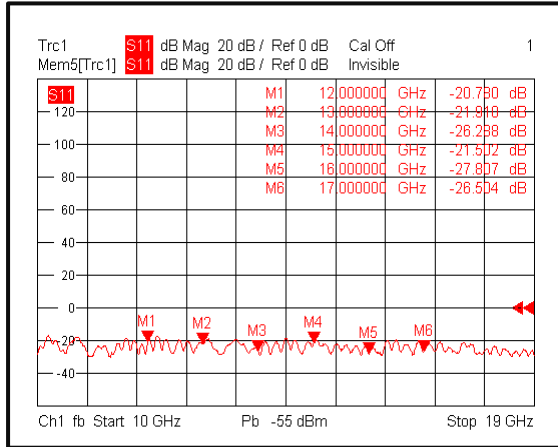
Parameter	Description
Operational Temperature	-40°C to +70°C (Case Temperature)
Storage Temperature	-55°C to +125°C
Thermal Shock	-40°C → +85°C (5 Cycles / 10 hours)
**Random Vibration	MIL-STD-202G Table 214-I, Test Condition Letter C 1.5 Hours Per Axis
High Temperature Burn In	Temperature +70°C for 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.

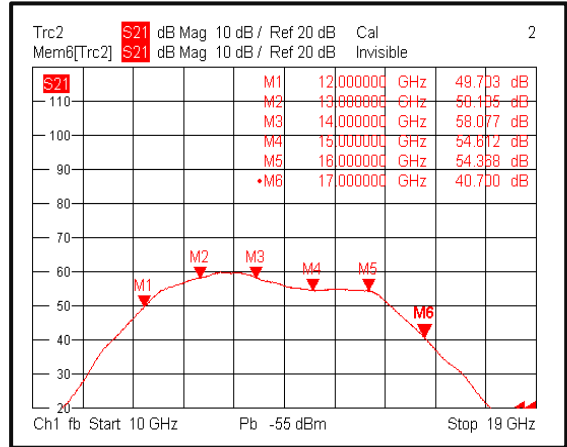
**For vibration testing details please see additional information section.

Typical Performance Plots

Input Return Loss



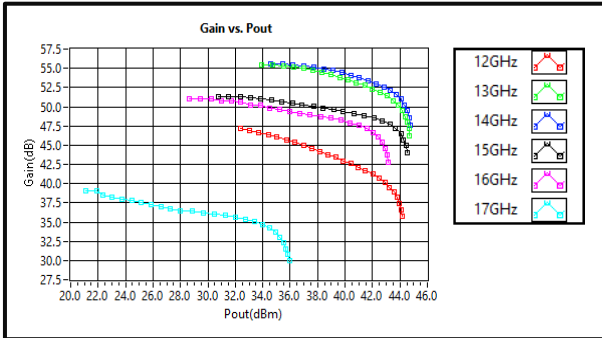
Gain vs. Frequency



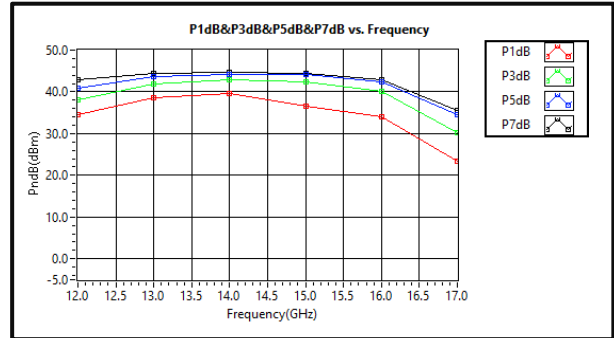
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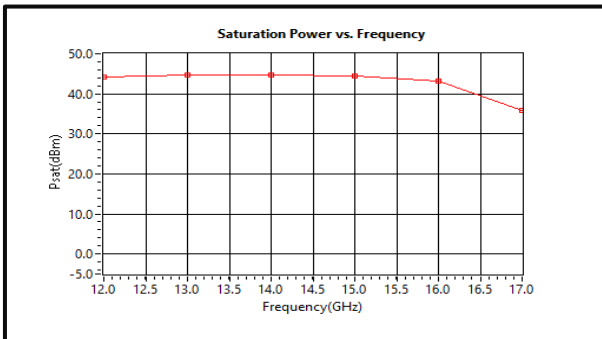
Gain vs. Output Power (Pulsed)



PxdB vs. Frequency (Pulsed)

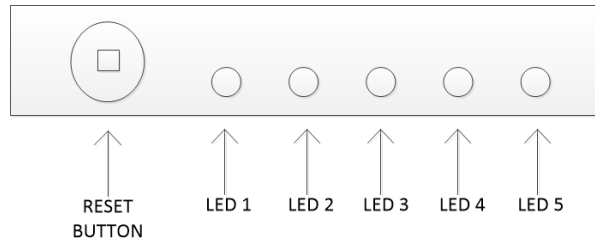


PSat vs. Frequency (Pulsed)



Note: Input/Output return loss measurements include attenuators to protect equipment

Alarm Status Panel



LED #	Name	Function	Initial State	Description	Applied
	RESET	Control		Manual reset button to reset PA	Yes
LED 1	POWER	Indicator	RED Color	LED will light to <u>RED</u> color when supply power is applied	Yes
LED 2	RF IN	Indicator	GREEN Color	PA will shut down and latch this LED to a <u>RED</u> color when input signal is over limit *	No
LED 3	VSWR	Indicator	GREEN Color	PA will shut down and latch this LED to a <u>RED</u> color when output reflection is over limit *	No
LED 4	ID	Indicator	GREEN Color	PA will shut down and latch this LED to a <u>RED</u> color when an imbalance in the drain current of the combining branches occurs OR if a drain current limit is reached *	Yes
LED 5	TEMP	Indicator	GREEN Color	PA will shut down and latch this LED to a <u>RED</u> color when driven over temperature *	Yes

*LED needs to be manually reset to initial state by pressing RESET button

Protection Connector Table

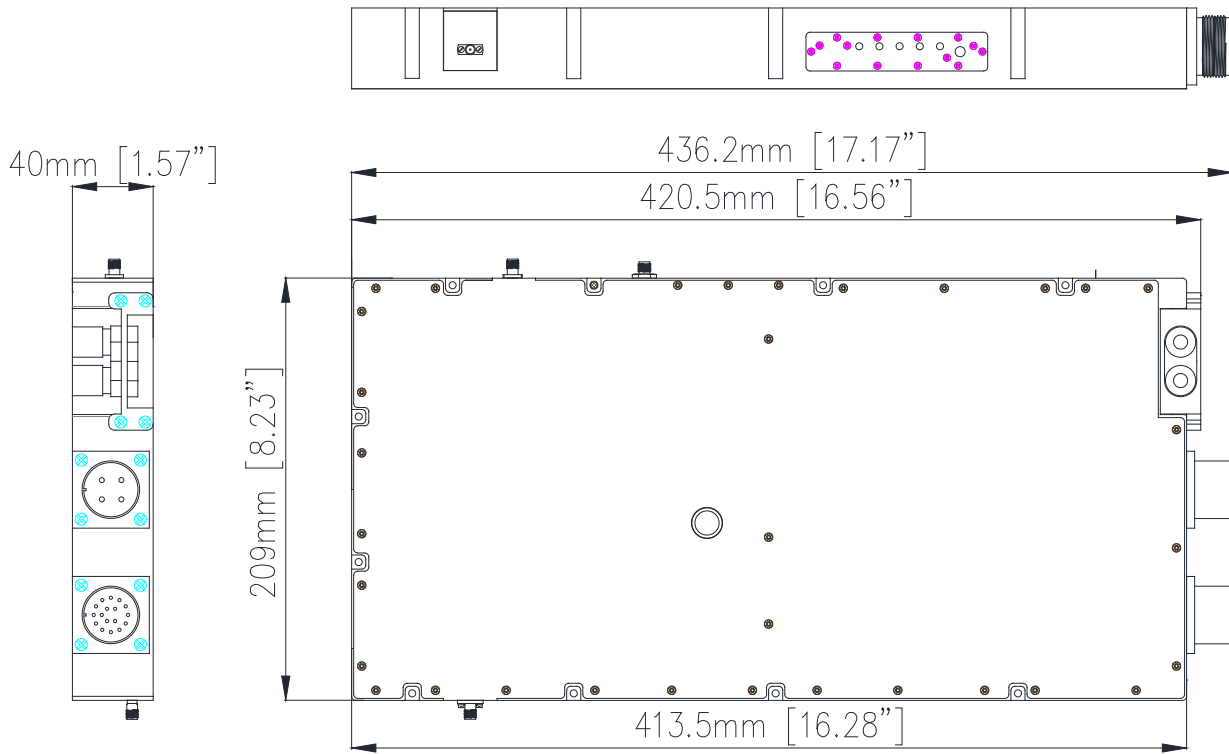


Pin #	Name	Function	Initial State	Description	Applied
A	Reset	Control		Resets PA when logic <u>LOW</u> is applied and released	No
B	Drain Disable	Control	LOW	Applying logic <u>HIGH</u> disables drains of amplifiers	Yes
C	Gate Disable	Control	LOW	Applying logic <u>HIGH</u> disables gates of amplifiers	No
D	RF IN Over	Indicator	LOW	Pin will be latched to logic <u>HIGH</u> when input signal is over limit	No
E	Temp Over	Indicator	LOW	Pin will be latched to logic <u>HIGH</u> when amplifier is driven over temperature	No
F	Current Over	Indicator	LOW	Pin will be latched to logic <u>HIGH</u> when drain current limit is reached	No
G	ID Imbalance	Indicator	LOW	Pin will be latched to logic <u>HIGH</u> when an imbalance in the drain current of the combining branches occurs	No
H	PA input power	Indicator		PA input power is represented by voltage	No
J	PA output power	Indicator		PA output power is represented by voltage	No
K	PA output reflection power	Indicator		PA output reflection power is represented by voltage	No
L	VSWR	Indicator	LOW	Pin will be latched to logic <u>HIGH</u> when output reflection is over limit	No
M	Temp Signal	Indicator		PA carrier case temperature is represented by voltage	Yes
N	+5V	Power Supply	+5V	+5V DC is supplied for reference	No
P	GND	Ground	GND	Ground	Yes
R	NA	NA	NA	NA	No
S	NA	NA	NA	NA	No
T	NA	NA	NA	NA	No

Notes:

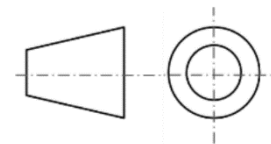
- HIGH/LOW voltages are standard TTL signals 0.0V-0.8V = LOW. 2V-5V = HIGH. Input current is 10uA.
- Matching connector and cable will be shipped with the product.
- Applied=Yes means the feature is included. Applied=No means the feature is not included with this model.
- 5V reference supply can source 700mA.
- Indicator output signals can source 24mA.

Outline Drawing



Notes:

1. Package Material: Aluminum and Copper
2. Plating: Nickel
3. All dimensions are in millimeters [inches].
4. Tolerances ± 0.25 [0.010] unless otherwise specified.
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. 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
RFLUPA12G17GB	Input connector SMA-Female and Output connector SMA-Female	12GHz-17GHz 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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