



FEATURES

- High output voltage 12.5 V_{pp}
- High gain 29 dB
- Flat gain up to 20 GHz
- Single voltage power supply

APPLICATIONS

- LiNbO₃ & InP modulators
- 22 Gbps DPSK
- 2x20 Gbps (D)QPSK
- Research & Development

OPTIONS

- 13.5 V_{pp} output voltage
- Heat-sink
- Analog version
- Low output voltage version for EAM

RELATED EQUIPMENTS

- MXIQ-LN-40, MX-LN-20 modulators
- MBC-DG Automatic Bias Controllers

The Photline DR-DG-20-HO is a driver module optimized for digital applications requiring an upper operation voltage. It exhibits 12.5 V_{pp} output voltage and 29 dB gain up to 23 GHz.

The Photline DR-DG-20-HO module is especially useful for driving LiNbO₃ modulators with 22 Gbps DPSK and 2x20 Gbps (D)QPSK modulation formats. It is operated from a single power supply voltage for safety and ease of use and offers gain and cross-point control.

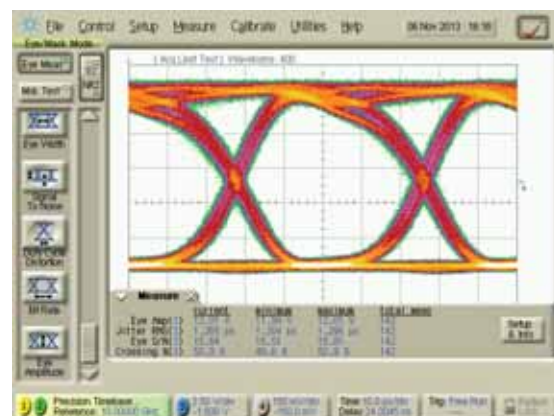
The Photline DR-DG-20-HO comes with K type RF connectors (female in, male out) and with an optional heat sink. It is a non-inverting and single ended amplifier.

Performance Highlights

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Cut-off Frequencies	80 k	23 G	25 G	Hz
Output Voltage	-	12.5	13.5	V _{pp}
Gain	-	29	-	dB
Saturated Power	26	-	-	dBm
Added Jitter	-	1.05	-	ps
Rise / Fall Times	-	12 / 16	-	ps

Measurements for V_{bias} = 12 V, V_{amp} = 1.2 V, V_{xp} = 0.7 V, I_{bias} = 650 mA

20 Gbps Output Response



DC Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply voltage (fixed)	V_{bias}	-	12	13	V
Current consumption	I_{bias}	-	0.53	0.56	mA
Gain control voltage	V_{amp}	0	1.5	2	V
Cross point control voltage	V_{xp}	0	0.7	1	V

Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Lower frequency	f_{3dB} lower	-3 dB point	-	-	80	kHz
Upper frequency	f_{3dB} upper	-3 dB point	-	23	25	GHz
Gain	S_{21}	Small signal	-	29	-	dB
Gain ripple	-	< 17 GHz	-	±1.5	-	dB
Input return loss	S_{11}	50 kHz < f < 18 GHz	-	-10	-	dB
Output return loss	S_{22}	50 kHz < f < 15 GHz	-	-10	-	dB
Saturated power	P_{sat}	$V_{in} = 0.65 V_{pp}$	26	-	-	dBm
Output voltage	V_{out}	$V_{in} = 0.65 V_{pp}$ @20 Gbps	-	12.5	13.5 ($V_{in}=1V_{pp}$)	V_{pp}
Rise time / Fall time	t_r / t_f	20 % - 80 %	-	12 / 16	-	ps
Added jitter	J_{RMS}	$J_{RMS} = \sqrt{J_{RMS-total}^2 - J_{RMS-source}^2}$	-	1.05	-	ps
Power dissipation	P	$V_{out} = 12.5 V_{pp}$	-	6.4	-	W

Conditions: $V_{in} = 0.65 V_{pp}$, $T_{amb} = 25$ °C, 50 Ω system

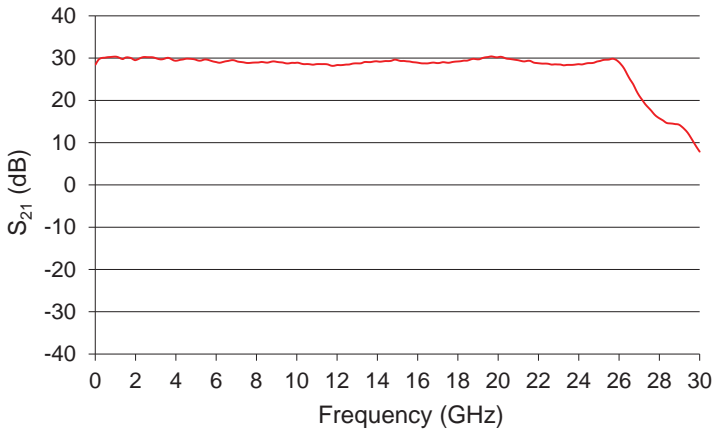
Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses in excess of the absolute maximum ratings can cause permanent damage to the device. These are absolute stress ratings only. Functional operation of the device is not implied at these or any other conditions in excess of those given in the operational sections of the data sheet. Exposure to absolute maximum ratings for extended periods can adversely affect device reliability.

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
RF input voltage	V_{in}	-	0.8	V_{pp}
Supply Voltage	V_{bias}	-	13	V
DC current	I_{bias}	-	0.56	A
Gain control voltage	V_{amp}	0	2	V
Cross point control voltage	V_{xp}	0	1	V
Power dissipation	P_{diss}	-	7.3	W
Temperature of operation	T_{op}	0	+40	°C
Storage temperature	T_{st}	-10	+70	°C

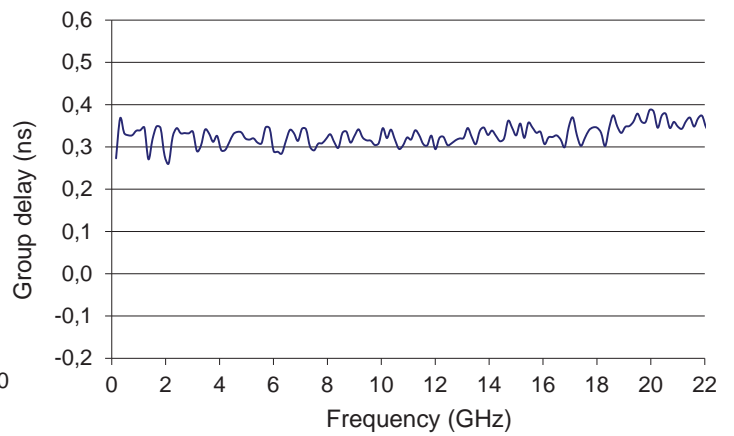
S₂₁ Parameter Curve

Conditions: $V_{bias} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{amp} = 1.2\text{ V}$, $V_{xp} = 0.7\text{ V}$, $I_{bias} = 650\text{ mA}$



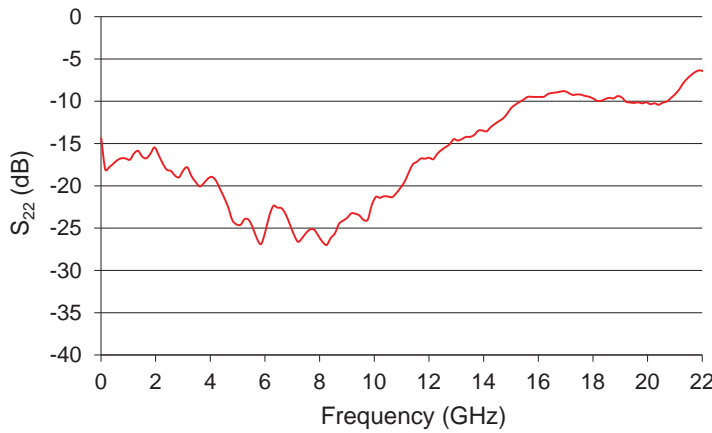
Group Delay Parameter Curve

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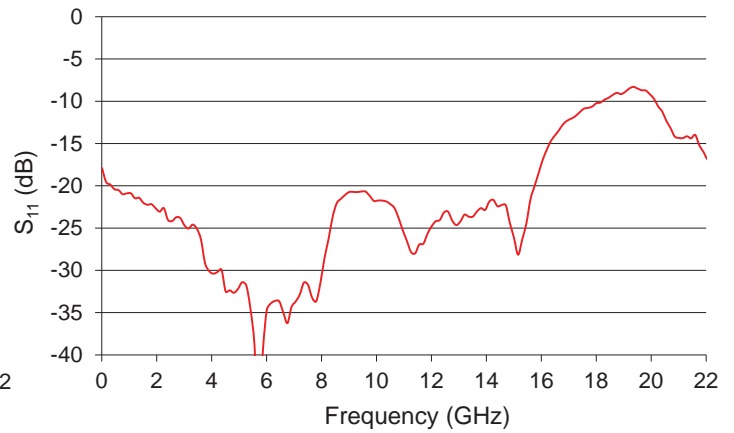
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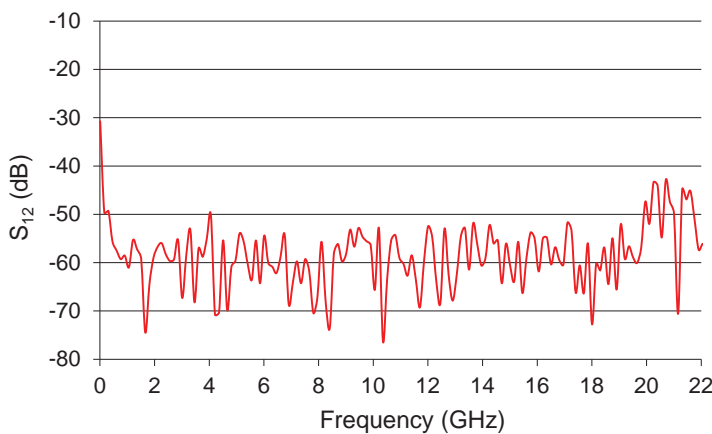
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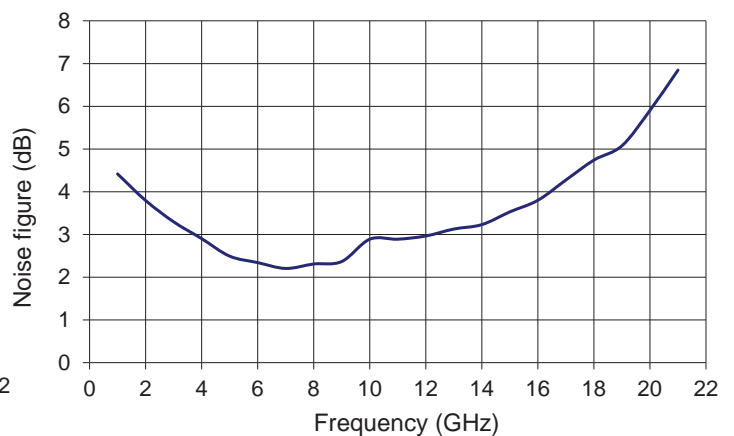
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Noise Factor Curve

Conditions: $V_{bias} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{amp} = 1.2\text{ V}$, $V_{xp} = 0.7\text{ V}$, $I_{bias} = 650\text{ mA}$

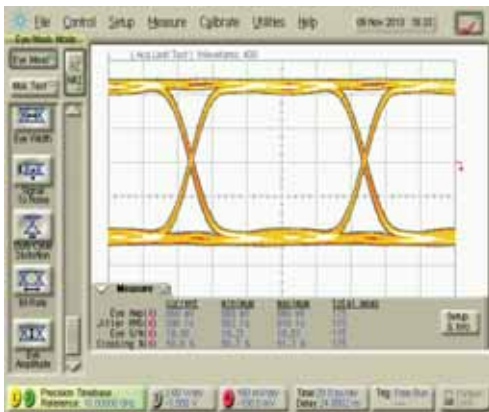


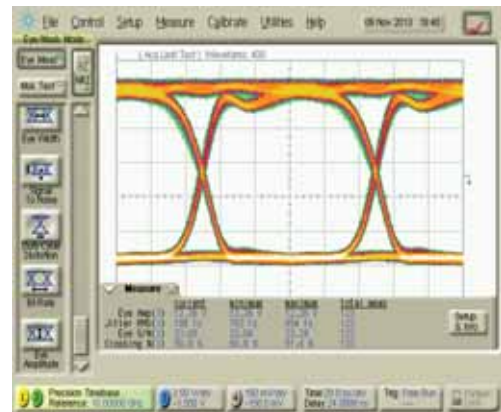
Eye Diagrams

10 Gbps data rate

 Conditions: Ratio y, Pattern 2³¹-1

$$V_{\text{bias}} = 12 \text{ V}, V_{\text{amp}} = 1.4 \text{ V}, V_{\text{xp}} = 0.7 \text{ V}, I_{\text{bias}} = 501 \text{ mA}$$


Input signal

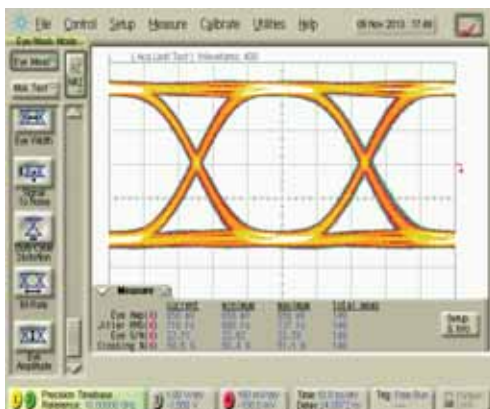
 Eye amplitude = 660 mV, Rise time = 15.11 ps
 Jitter RMS = 598 fs, SNR = 19.5

Output response

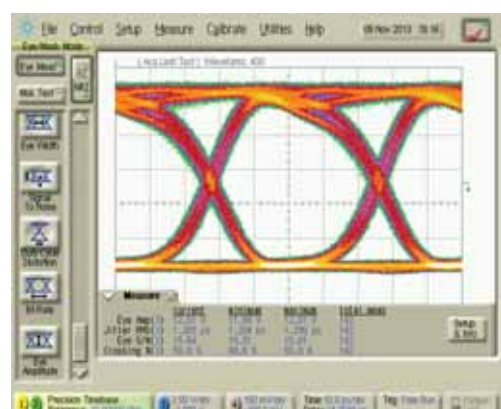
 Eye amplitude = 12.26 V, Rise time = 12.89 ps
 Jitter RMS = 786 fs, SNR = 23.05

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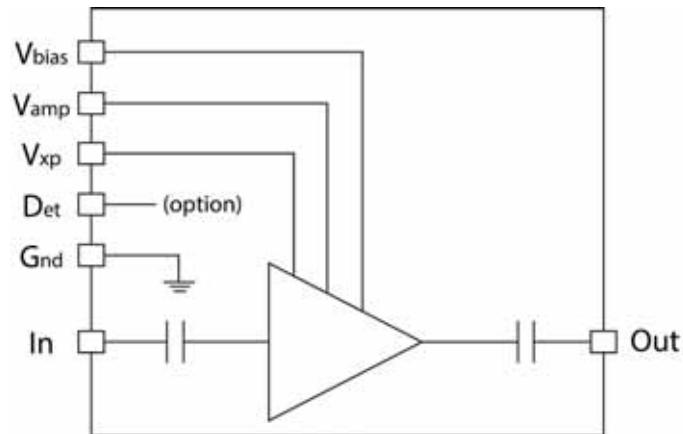
$$V_{\text{bias}} = 12 \text{ V}, V_{\text{amp}} = 1.5 \text{ V}, V_{\text{xp}} = 0.8 \text{ V}, I_{\text{bias}} = 575 \text{ mA}$$


Input signal

 Eye amplitude = 658 mV, Rise time = 14 ps
 Jitter RMS = 716 fs, SNR = 22.71

Output response

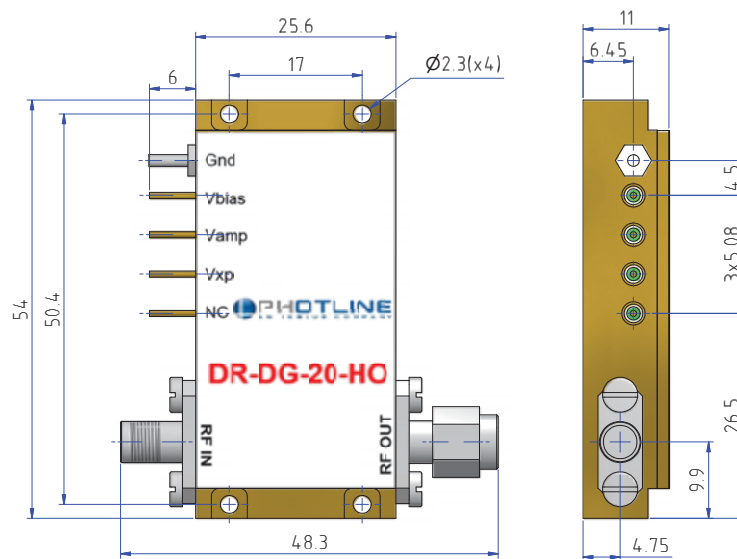
 Eye amplitude = 13.01 V, Rise time = 13.11 ps
 Jitter RMS = 1.277 ps, SNR = 17.60

Electrical Schematic Diagram



Mechanical Diagram and Pinout

All measurements in mm

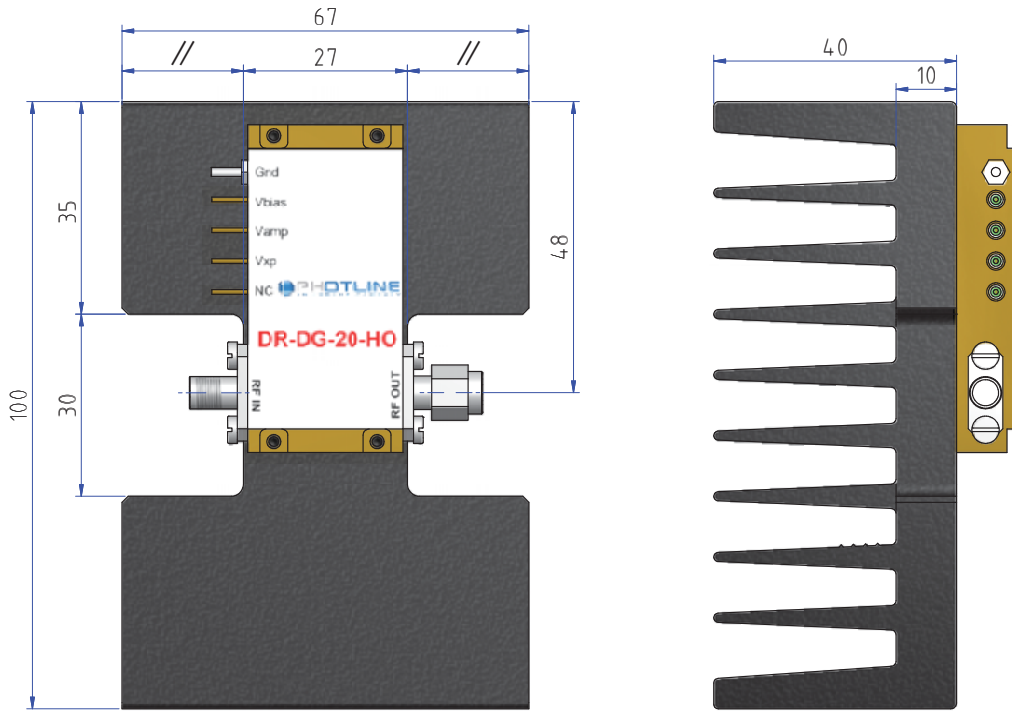


The heatsinking of the module is necessary. It's user responsibility to use an adequate heatsink. Refer to page 6 for ixBlue recommended heatsink.

PIN	Function	Unit
IN	RF In	K connector female
OUT	RF Out	K connector male
V_{bias}	Power supply voltage	Set a typical operating specification
V_{amp}	Output voltage amplitude adjustment	Adjust for gain control tuning
V_{xp}	Output voltage cross point adjustment	Adjust for cross point control tuning
Det	RF power detector	Option

Mechanical Diagram And Pinout With HS-HO1 Heatsink

All measurements in mm



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