

FEATURES

- Output voltage up to 9 V_{pp}
- Linear amplifier
- Flat gain up to 20 GHz
- Single voltage power supply
- Low group delay variation

APPLICATIONS

- LiNbO₃ modulators
- OFDM, RF over fiber
- Linear amplification
- Research & Development

OPTIONS

- Heat-sink

The Photline DR-AN-20-MO is a wideband RF amplifier module designed for analog applications at frequencies up to 20 GHz.

The Photline DR-AN-20-MO is characterized by a low Noise Figure and a linear transfer function whose 1 dB compression point is above 20 dBm. It exhibits flat Group Delay and Gain curves with reduced ripple over the entire bandwidth.

The Photline DR-AN-20-MO operates from a single power supply for safety and ease of use, and offers gain control over 3 dB. The amplifier comes in a compact 52 mm x 25.6 mm housing with K type RF connectors (compatible SMA) and with an optional heat sink.

This amplifier module is ideally suited to drive optical modulators for analog applications.

Performance Highlights

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Cut-off frequencies	50 k	20 G	-	Hz
Output voltage	0	-	9	V _{pp}
Gain	28	30	-	dB
Saturated output power	23	-	-	dBm
Output power 1dB comp	20	21	-	dB
Harmonics	-	-	-15	dBc
Noise Figure	5	-	7	dB

Measurements for V_{bias} = 12 V, V_{amp} = 1.2 V, I_{bias} = 305 mA

DC Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply voltage (fixed)	V_{bias}	-	12	-	V
Current consumption	I_{bias}	-	310	-	mA
Gain control voltage	V_{amp}	-	1.2	-	V

Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Lower frequency	f_{3dB} lower	-3 dB point	-	-	50	kHz
Upper frequency	f_{3dB} upper	-3 dB point	18	20	-	GHz
Gain	S_{21}	Small signal, $f < 15$ GHz	28	30	-	dB
Gain ripple	-	$f < 15$ GHz	-	-	± 1.5	dB
Input return loss	S_{11}	$f < 10$ GHz	-	-10	-	dB
Output return loss	S_{22}	$f < 20$ GHz	-	-10	-	dB
Isolation	S_{12}	$f < 20$ GHz	-	-60	-	dB
Output power 1dB	P_{1dB}	$2 \text{ GHz} < f < 16 \text{ GHz}$	20	21	-	dBm
Saturated output power	P_{sat}	$2 \text{ GHz} < f < 12 \text{ GHz}$	23	-	-	dBm
Output voltage	V_{out}	Linear	0	-	7	V_{pp}
		Maximum swing	0	-	9	
Noise Figure	NF	$f < 7 \text{ GHz} \& f > 18 \text{ GHz}$	5	-	7	dB
		$7 \text{ GHz} < f < 18 \text{ GHz}$	3	-	5	
Harmonics	Harm	@ P_{1dB} , $f < 5 \text{ GHz}$	-	-	-15	dBc
Power dissipation	P	Small signal	-	3.6	5.2	W

Conditions: S parameters -30 dBm, $T_{amb} = 25$ °C, 50 Ω system

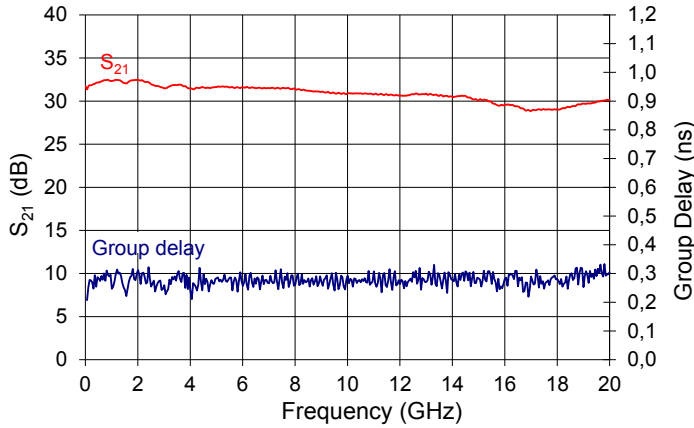
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Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
RF input voltage	V_{in}	-	0.6	V_{pp}
Supply voltage	V_{bias}	0	13	V
DC current	I_{bias}	0	400	mA
Gain control voltage	V_{amp}	0	1.3	V
Power dissipation	P_{diss}	-	5.2	W
Temperature of operation	T_{op}	0	+40	W
Storage temperature	T_{st}	-10	+70	°C

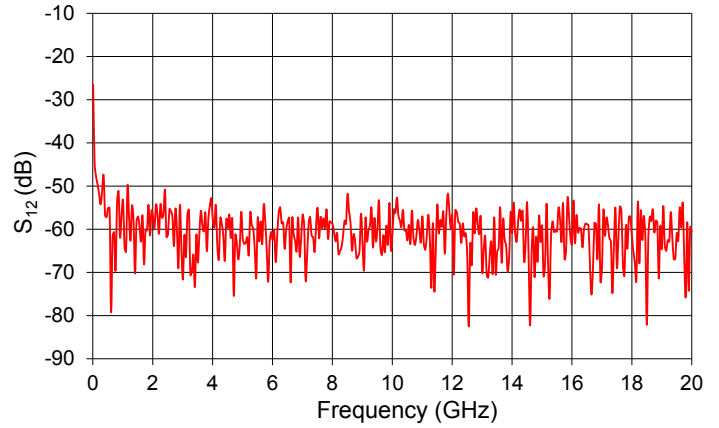
S_{21} and Group Delay Parameter Curves

Conditions: $V_{bias} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{amp} = 1.2\text{ V}$, $I_{bias} = 300\text{ mA}$



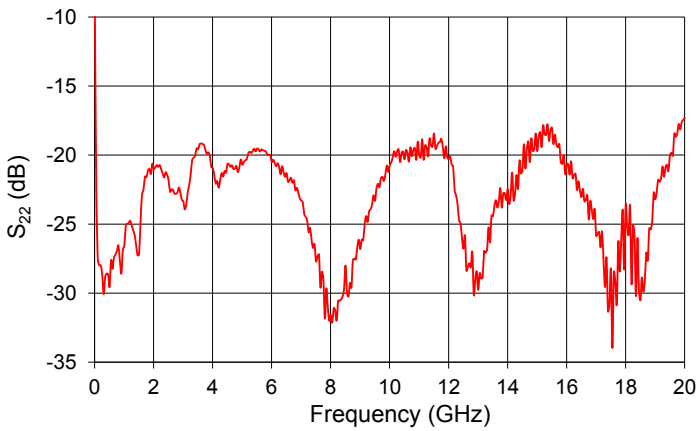
S_{12} Parameter Curve

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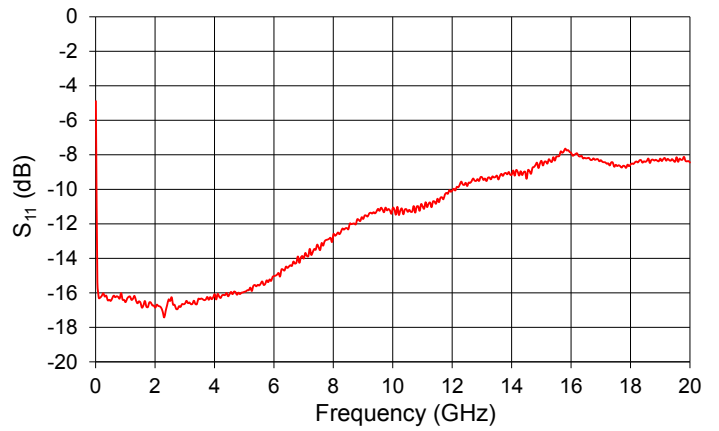
S_{22} Parameter Curve

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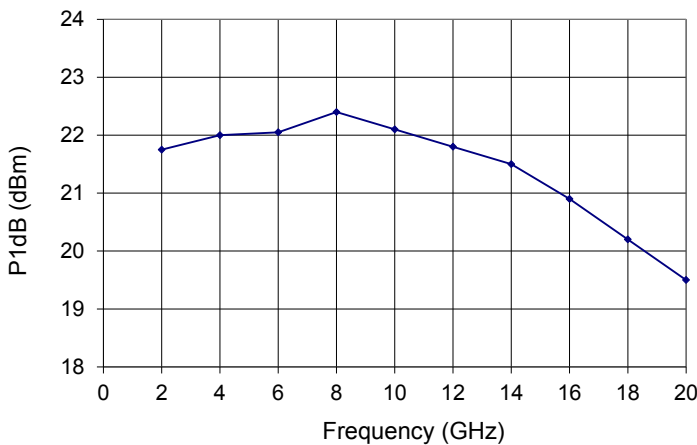
S_{11} Parameter Curve

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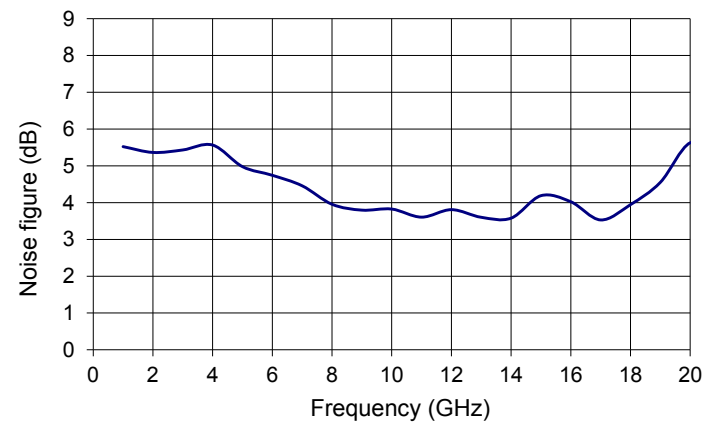
Saturated Output Power Curve

Conditions: $V_{bias} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{amp} = 1.2\text{ V}$, $I_{bias} = 300\text{ mA}$

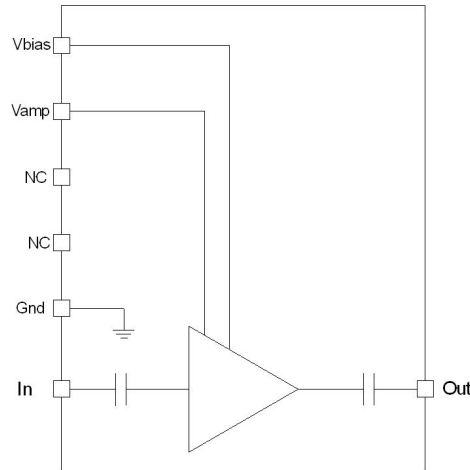


Noise Figure Curve

Conditions: $V_{bias} = 12\text{ V}$, $V_{amp} = 1.2\text{ V}$, $I_{bias} = 300\text{ mA}$

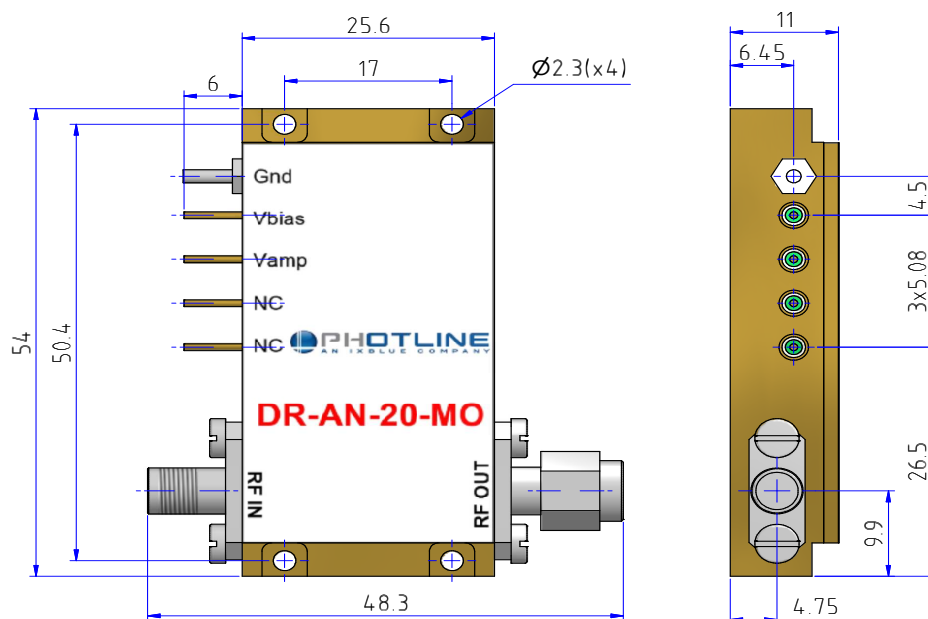


Electrical Schematic Diagram



Mechanical Diagram and Pinout

All measurements in mm

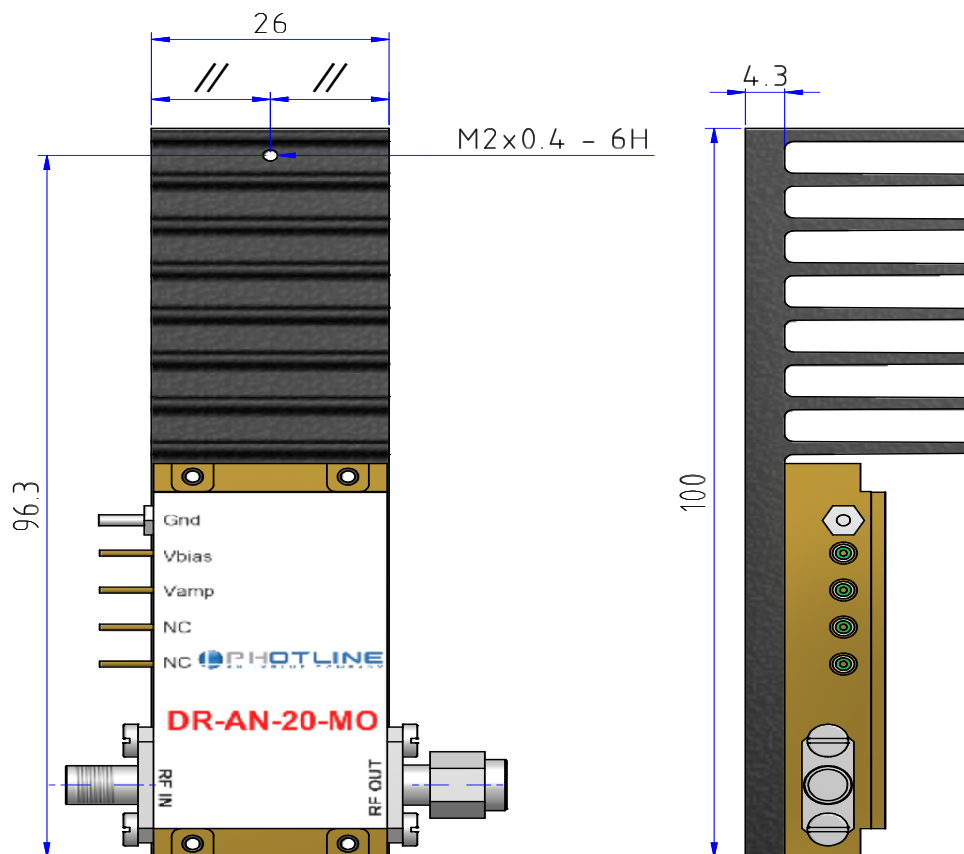


The heatsinking of the module is necessary. It's user responsibility to use an adequate heatsink. Refer to page 5 for ixBlue recommended heatsink.

PIN	Function	Operational Notes
IN	RF In	K-connector female
OUT	RF Out	K-connector male
V_{bias}	Power supply voltage	Set at typical operating specification
V_{amp}	Output voltage amplitude adjustment	Adjust for gain control tuning

Mechanical Diagram and Pinout with HS-MO2 Heatsink

All measurements in mm



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