

40 dB Gain Limiting Amplifier Operating From 6 GHz to 18 GHz with -20 to +15 dBm Pin, 19 dBm Psat and SMA

The SLA-180-40-40-SMA is a 6 to 18 GHz wideband limiting coaxial amplifier. The model operates with an input power range of -20 to +15 dBm and maintains a limited output of +19 dBm minimum. This connectorized amplifier offers a flat 40 dB gain and a gain flatness of ± 2.0 dB independent of the input. This excellent technical performance is achieved through the use of hybrid MIC design and advanced GaAs PHEMT devices, and supplied the power typically from a +12V DC power supply. The connectorized SMA module includes built-in voltage regulation, bias sequencing, and reverse bias protection for added reliability. The module is hermetically sealed for extreme environmental conditions.

Electrical Specifications (TA = +25°C, DC Voltage = 12Volts, DC Current = 300mA)

Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Frequency Range	6		18	GHz
Small Signal Gain	40			dB
Gain Flatness		± 2		dB
Input Power	-20		+15	dBm
Psat	+19			dBm
Psat Flatness			± 1	dB
Noise Figure			4	dB
Input VSWR		2:1		
Output VSWR		2:1		
Operating DC Voltage	11	12	13	Volts
Operating DC Current			300	mA
Operating Temperature Range	-30		+70	°C

Absolute Maximum Rating

Parameter	Rating	Units
Source Voltage	+16	Volts
RF input Power	+15	dBm
Operating Temperature (base-plate)	-30 to +70	°C
Storage Temperature	-55 to +85	°C



ESD Sensitive Material, Transport material in Approved ESD bags. Handle only in approved ESD Workstation.

Configuration

Connector 1 SMA Female
Connector 2 SMA Female



Features:

- 6 GHz to 18 GHz Frequency Range
- Wide Input Dynamic Range: -20 to +15 dBm
- Psat: 19dBm Min.
- High Small Signal Gain: 40 dB Min.
- Gain Flatness: ± 2 dB max
- Noise Figure: 4 dB maximum
- VSWR (In/Out) 2:1
- 50 Ohm Input and Output Matched
- -30 to 70°C Operating Temperature
- Unconditionally Stable
- Regulated Supply & Bias Sequencing
- Hermetically Sealed Module
- Overvoltage External Protection for Easy Repair

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Compliance Certifications (see [product page](#) for current document)

Plotted and Other Data

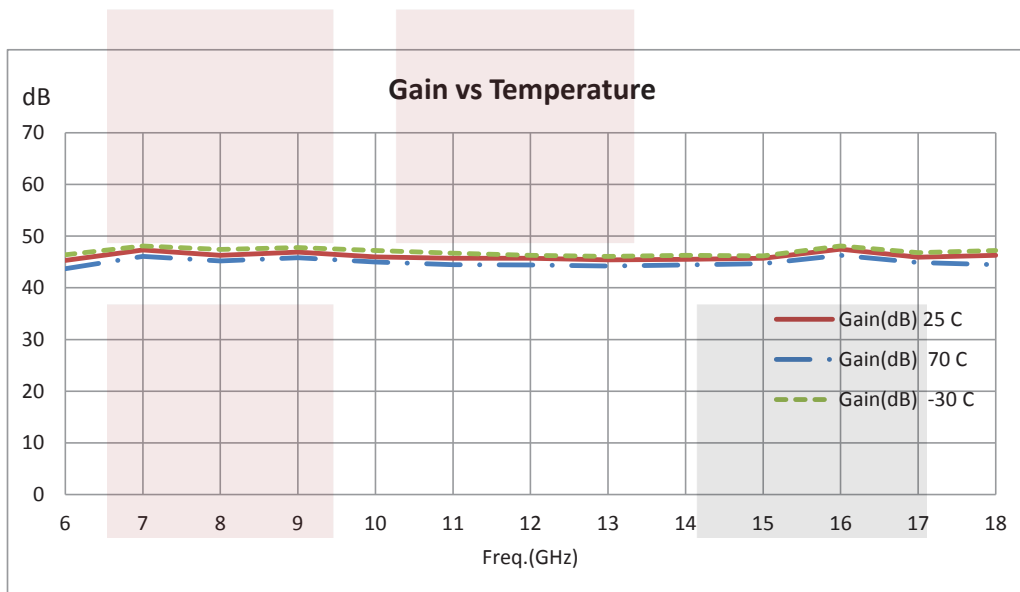
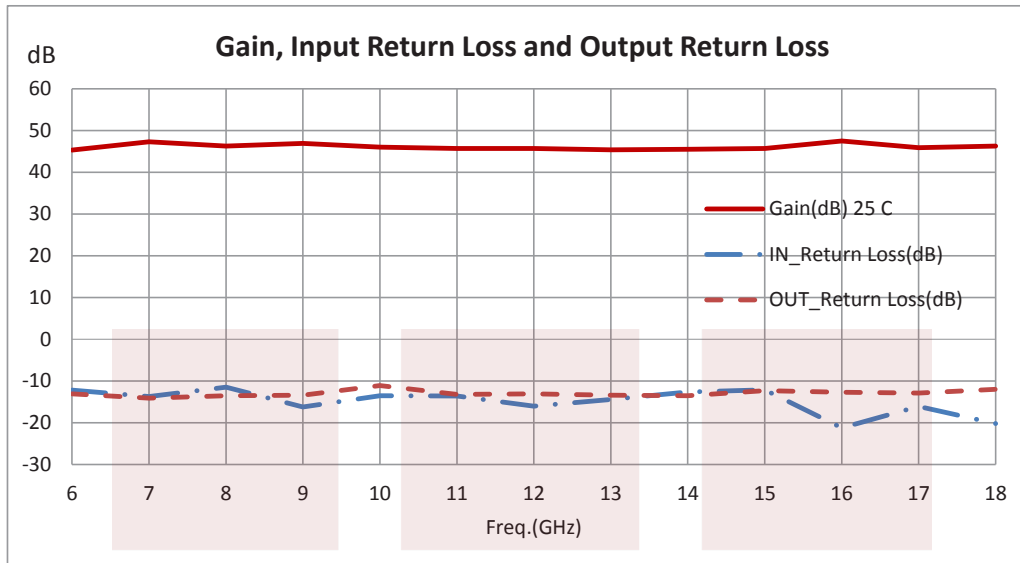
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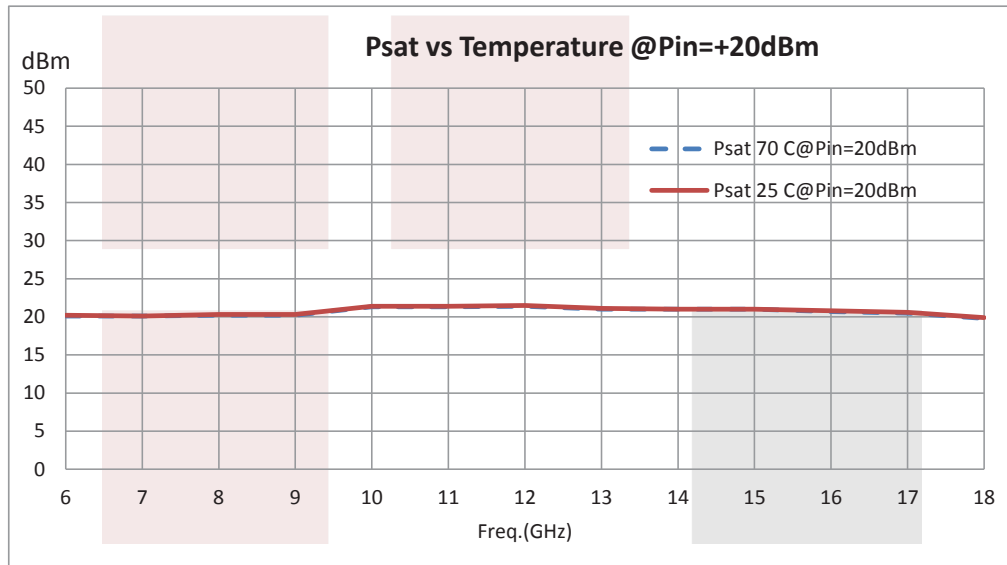
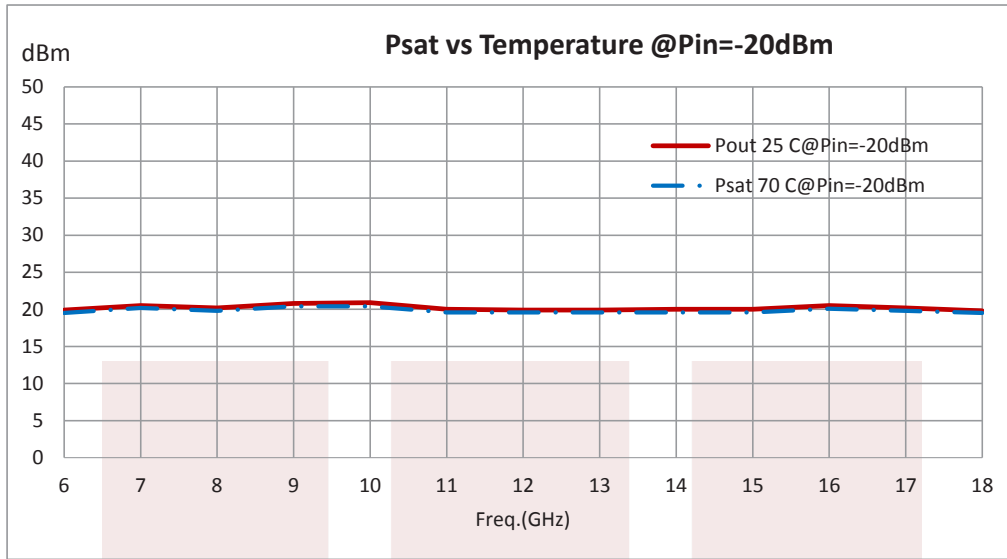
- Values at 25 °C, sea level
- ESD Sensitive Material, Transport material in Approved ESD bags. Handle only in approved ESD Workstation.
- Heat Sink Required for Proper Operation, Unit is cooled by conduction to heat sink.

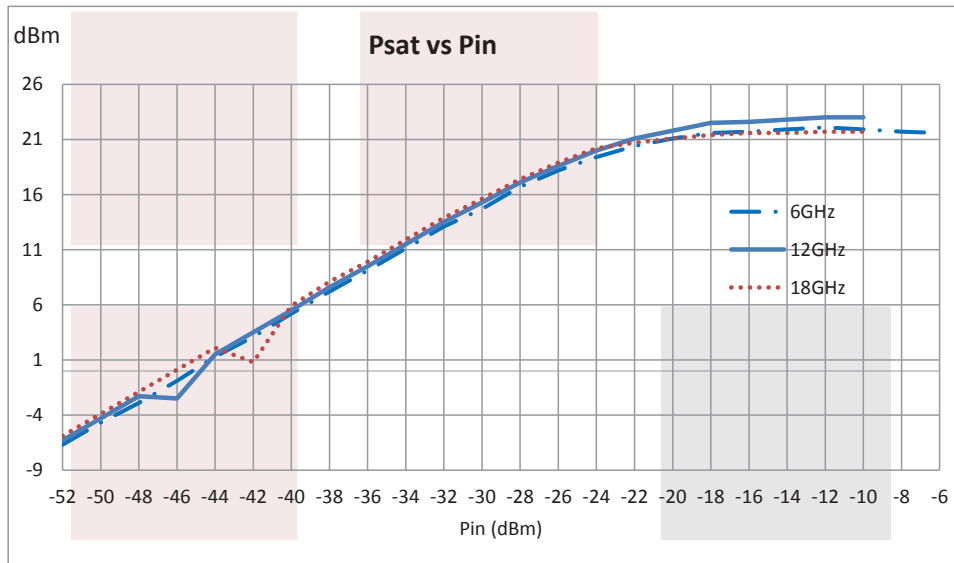
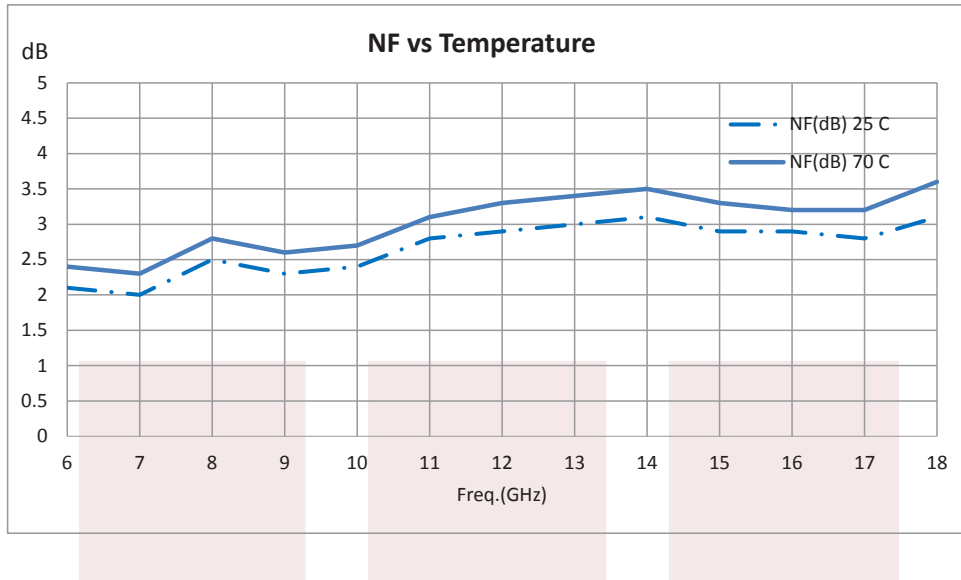
Amplifier Power-up Precautions

- 1.) Confirm that proper ESD precautions and controls are always in place before handling any Amplifier module.
- 2.) Confirm adequate thermal management is in place to effectively dissipate heat away from the Amplifier package. The Amplifier operational baseplate temperature must be within the operational temperature range stated in the Amplifier datasheet. Depending on the design and thermal requirements, using a heatsink with cooling fan is always recommended for safe reliable operation. A heat sink without a cooling fan may also be used. Damage caused from overheating will void the warranty.
- 3.) Confirm adequate system grounding is established. The DC power supply and Amplifier must have a common ground in order to operate properly.
- 4.) Power Amplifiers may require additional DC Current when initially powered-up. Depending on the design, the input current draw could range from an additional 10% to 100% above the maximum rated DC current of the Amplifier. This varies based on product part number.
- 5.) Confirm the DC power supply, if limited, is set to allow for additional start-up current that's rated for the Power Amplifier.
- 6.) Confirm the system is designed and calibrated for 50 ohms. Any impedance mismatch may cause performance issues.
- 7.) Perform a CALIBRATION (if required) with the loads before connecting the Amplifier to the Network Analyzer to ensure proper performance.
- 8.) Use a fixed attenuator between the signal source and input port of the Amplifier to optimize the input VSWR match.
- 9.) Confirm the input power level at the input port of the amplifier does not exceed the maximum rated limit for input power (as stated in the Amplifier datasheet).
 P_{in} for Small Signal Gain = P1dB-SSG-10 dB
 P_{in} for P1dB = P1dB-SSG+1 dB
- 10.) Confirm the Network Analyzer is always connected to the Amplifier first before DC power is applied to the Amplifier.
- 11.) As long as the input and output ports of the amplifier are connected to a 50Ohm load and RF signal power is applied, the Amplifier can be powered up with DC voltage.
- 12.) Confirm the Amplifier output load is matched for a 50 Ohm impedance and will not exceed the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit for the Amplifier. Exceeding the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit will result in reflected signal power that could damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 13.) **Power Amplifier connected to an Antenna for signal transmission** - It's strongly recommended to use a high power fixed attenuator pad or an Isolator between the output port of the Amplifier and input port to the antenna. Any reflected signal power due to impedance mismatch will likely damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 14.) The attenuator or isolator used at the output port of the Amplifier must be rated to handle the output power level and operational frequency band of the amplifier.

Typical Performance Data





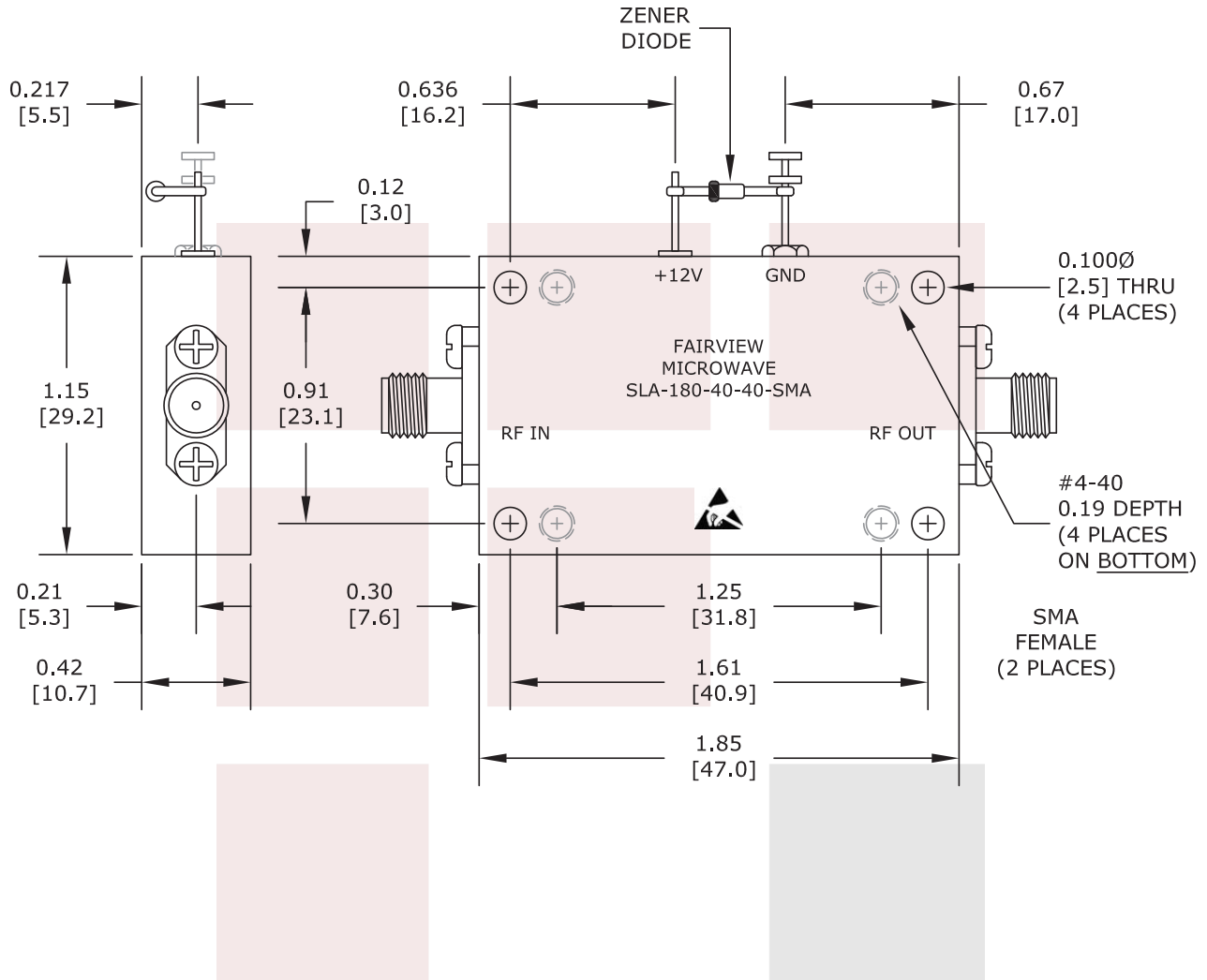


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NOTE:
HEAT SINK REQUIRED FOR PROPER OPERATION,
UNIT IS COOLED BY CONDUCTING TO HEAT SINK.

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