

Coaxial Directional Coupler

50Ω

0.03 to 35 MHz

ZFDC-15-6+



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Maximum Ratings

Operating Temperature	-55°C to 100°C
Storage Temperature	-55°C to 100°C
Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.	

Coaxial Connections

INPUT	1
OUTPUT	2
COUPLED	3

Features

- excellent directivity, 35 dB typ.
- excellent mainline loss, 0.2 dB typ.
- excellent VSWR, 1.15:1 typ.
- rugged shielded case

Applications

- hf communications
- ham radio
- instrumentation

CASE STYLE: K18

Connectors	Model
BNC	ZFDC-15-6+
SMA	ZFDC-15-6-S+
N-TYPE	ZFDC-15-6-N+
BRACKET (OPTION "B")	

+RoHS Compliant

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Directional Coupler Electrical Specifications

FREQ. RANGE (MHz)	COUPLING (dB)		MAINLINE LOSS¹ (dB)						DIRECTIVITY (dB)						VSWR (:1)	POWER INPUT (W)	
			L		M		U		L		M		U			L	MU
	f _L -f _U	Nom.	Flatness	Typ.	Max.	Typ.	Max.	Typ.	Max.	Typ.	Min.	Typ.	Min.	Typ.		Min.	Typ.
.03-35	15±0.5	±0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	38	30	35	25	28	20	1.15	2.0	4.0

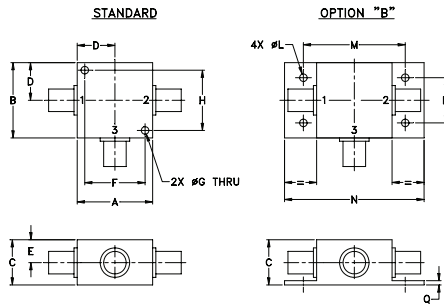
L = low range [f_L to 10 f_L] M = mid range [10 f_L to $f_U/2$] U = upper range [$f_U/2$ to f_U]

1. Mainline loss includes theoretical power loss at coupled port.

Typical Performance Data

Frequency (MHz)	Mainline Loss (dB) In-Out	Coupling (dB) In-Cpl	Directivity (dB)	Return Loss (dB)		Cpl
				In	Out	
0.03	0.21	15.35	56.83	31.97	32.85	32.50
0.30	0.16	14.96	55.85	34.78	36.00	35.85
3.00	0.16	14.97	50.17	34.09	36.81	34.28
7.00	0.18	14.98	43.63	33.51	37.39	29.46
11.00	0.18	15.00	39.48	33.10	37.65	25.87
16.00	0.19	15.01	35.75	32.66	37.71	22.70
21.00	0.19	15.03	32.87	32.29	37.59	20.33
26.00	0.20	15.07	30.17	31.89	37.40	18.46
31.00	0.21	15.11	27.85	31.50	37.07	16.91
35.00	0.22	15.15	26.10	31.11	36.76	15.83

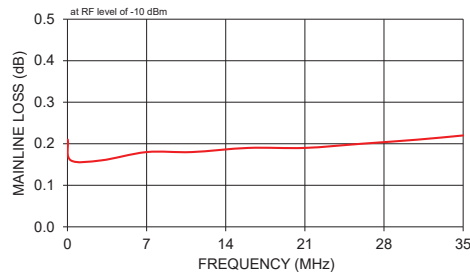
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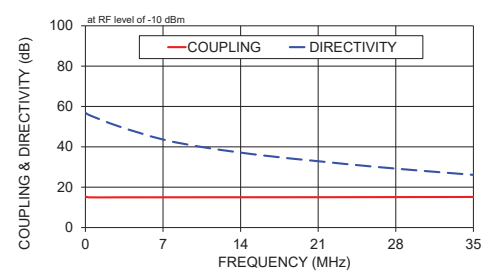
Outline Dimensions (inch)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1.25	1.25	.75	.63	.38	1.00	.125	1.000
31.75	31.75	19.05	16.00	9.65	25.40	3.18	25.40
J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	wt
--	--	.125	1.688	2.18	.75	.07	grams
--	--	3.18	42.88	55.37	19.05	1.78	70.0

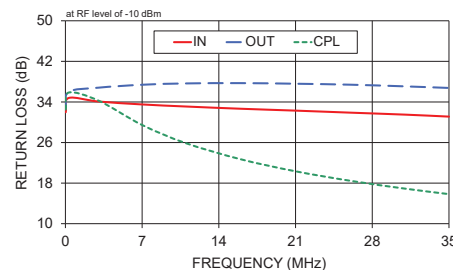
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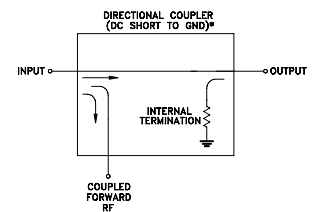
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RETURN LOSS



Electrical Schematic



* ELECTRICAL SCHEMATIC IS FOR DIRECTIONAL COUPLER WITH INTERNAL TRANSFORMERS THAT ROUTES DC FROM RF PORTS TO GROUND.

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Typical Performance Data

FREQUENCY (MHz)	INSERTION LOSS (dB)	COUPLING (dB)	DIRECTIVITY (dB)	RETURN LOSS		
				IN	OUT	CPL
0.03	0.21	15.35	56.83	31.97	32.85	32.50
0.06	0.15	14.99	55.96	33.73	35.20	34.99
0.08	0.16	14.96	55.99	34.12	35.67	35.48
0.10	0.16	14.96	55.43	34.34	35.83	35.69
0.30	0.16	14.96	55.85	34.78	36.00	35.85
0.60	0.16	14.96	54.91	34.71	36.10	35.89
1.00	0.16	14.96	54.69	34.57	36.26	35.88
2.00	0.16	14.96	52.41	34.31	36.58	35.33
3.00	0.16	14.97	50.17	34.09	36.81	34.28
4.00	0.17	14.97	48.01	33.90	37.01	33.04
5.00	0.17	14.97	46.34	33.75	37.16	31.78
6.00	0.17	14.98	44.83	33.63	37.30	30.58
7.00	0.18	14.98	43.63	33.51	37.39	29.46
8.00	0.18	14.99	42.52	33.40	37.47	28.45
9.00	0.18	14.99	41.33	33.28	37.55	27.52
10.00	0.18	14.99	40.38	33.19	37.60	26.66
11.00	0.18	15.00	39.48	33.10	37.65	25.87
12.00	0.19	15.00	38.62	33.01	37.68	25.14
13.00	0.18	15.00	37.92	32.91	37.71	24.47
14.00	0.19	15.01	37.12	32.83	37.71	23.84
15.00	0.19	15.01	36.43	32.74	37.70	23.25
16.00	0.19	15.01	35.75	32.66	37.71	22.70
17.00	0.19	15.01	35.14	32.58	37.71	22.17
18.00	0.19	15.02	34.51	32.52	37.69	21.67
19.00	0.19	15.02	33.95	32.41	37.66	21.21
20.00	0.20	15.03	33.33	32.35	37.62	20.76
21.00	0.19	15.03	32.87	32.29	37.59	20.33
22.00	0.20	15.03	32.25	32.19	37.59	19.93
23.00	0.20	15.04	31.76	32.12	37.53	19.54
24.00	0.20	15.05	31.24	32.04	37.49	19.17
25.00	0.20	15.06	30.71	31.97	37.43	18.80
26.00	0.20	15.07	30.17	31.89	37.40	18.46
27.00	0.20	15.07	29.74	31.83	37.30	18.13
28.00	0.21	15.08	29.26	31.74	37.25	17.81
29.00	0.21	15.09	28.75	31.66	37.20	17.50
30.00	0.21	15.10	28.32	31.57	37.15	17.20
31.00	0.21	15.11	27.85	31.50	37.07	16.91
32.00	0.21	15.12	27.43	31.39	37.04	16.62
33.00	0.21	15.13	26.95	31.30	36.96	16.36
34.00	0.21	15.14	26.54	31.20	36.88	16.09
35.00	0.22	15.15	26.10	31.11	36.76	15.83

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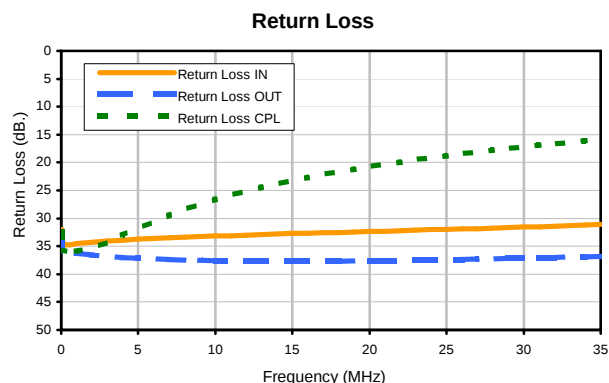
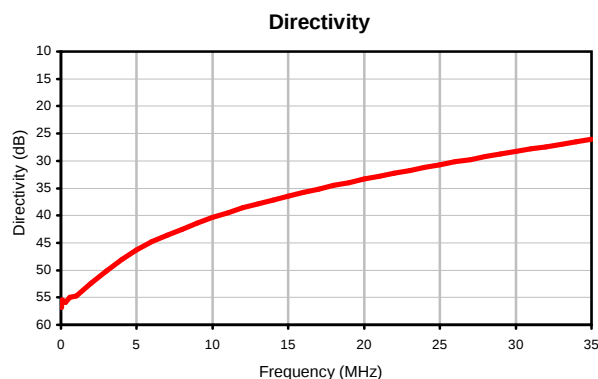
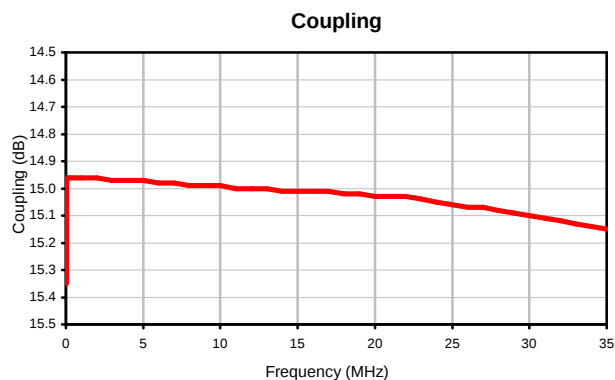
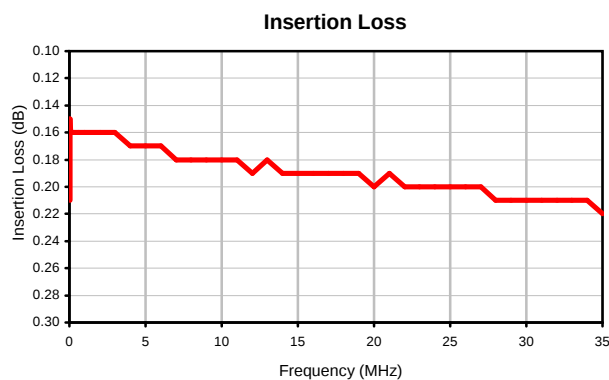
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Typical Performance Curves

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Outline Dimensions



CASE#	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N
K18	1.25 (31.75)	1.25 (31.75)	.75 (19.05)	.63 (16.00)	.38 (9.65)	1.000 (25.40)	.125 (3.18)	1.000 (25.40)	--	--	.125 (3.18)	1.688 (42.88)	2.18 (55.37)

CASE#	P	Q	WT. GRAMS
K18	.75 (19.05)	.07 (1.78)	70.0

Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2 Pl. $\pm .03$; 3 Pl. $\pm .015$

Notes:

- Case material: Aluminum alloy.
- Case finish:
For RoHS Case Styles: Clear chemical conversion coating, non-chrome or trivalent chrome based.
- Mounting bracket available on request. Add suffix B to part number.
- For port marking 1, 2, and 3 see specifications data sheet.
- For bracket version, option B, dimension "C" changes from .75 to .94 inches when connectors are type N.
- Refer to the individual model data sheet for the type of connectors available.



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Specification	Test/Inspection Condition	Reference/Spec
Operating Temperature	-55° to 100°C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Storage Temperature	-55° to 100° C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Barometric Pressure	100,000 Feet	MIL-STD-202, Method 105, Condition D
Humidity	90% RH, 65°C Units may require bake-out after humidity to restore full performance.	MIL-STD-202, Method 103
Thermal Shock	-65° to 125°C, 5 cycles	MIL-STD-202, Method 107, Condition B
Vibration (High Frequency)	20g peak, 10-2000 Hz, 12 times in each of three perpendicular directions (total 36)	MIL-STD-202, Method 204, Condition D
Mechanical Shock	100g, 6ms sawtooth, 3 shocks each direction 3 axes (total 18)	MIL-STD-202, Method 213, Condition I