MMIC REFLECTIONLESS FILTERS

 $50\Omega$  DC to 21 GHz

# The Big Deal

- Patented design eliminates in band spurs
- Pass band cut-off up to 21 GHz
- Stop band up to 35 GHz
- Excellent repeatability through IPD\* process



Available in Low Pass, High Pass and Band Pass designs

## **Product Overview**

Mini-Circuits' X-Series reflectionless filters employs a novel filter topology which absorbs and terminates stop band signals internally rather than reflecting them back to the source. This new capability enables unique applications for filter circuits beyond those suited to traditional approaches. Traditional filters are reflective in the stop band, sending signals back to the source at 100% of the power level which interact with neighboring components and often result in intermodulation and other interferences. Reflectionless filters eliminate stop band reflections, allowing them to be paired with sensitive devices and used in applications that otherwise require circuits such as isolation amplifiers or attenuators.

Key Features	Advantages
Easy integration with sensitive reflective components, e.g. mixers, multipliers	Reflectionless filters absorb unwanted signals, preventing reflections back to the source. This reduces generation of additional unwanted signals without the need for extra components like attenuators, improving system dynamic range and saving board space.
Enables stable integration of wideband amplifiers	Because reflectionless filters maintain good impedance in the stop band; they can be integrated with high gain, wideband amplifiers without the risk of creating instabilities in these out of band regions.
Cascadable	Reflectionless filters can be cascaded in multiple sections to provide sharper and higher attenuation, while also preventing any standing waves that could affect pass band signals.
Excellent power handling in a tiny surface mount device	High power handling extends the usability of these filters to the transmit path for inter-stage filtering.
Small size, 3x3mm QFN	Allows replacement of filter/attenuator pairs with a single reflectionless filter, saving board space.
Excellent repeatability of RF performance	Through semiconductor IPD process, X-series filters are inherently repeatable for large volume production.
Excellent stability over temperature	With ±0.3 dB variation over temperature ideal for use in wide temperature range applications without the need for additional temperature compensation.
Operating temperature up to 105°C	Suitable for operation close to high power components.

<sup>\*</sup>IPD - Integrated Passive Device, is a GaAs semiconductor process

# Reflectionless High Pass Filter

# XHF-652M+

## 50Ω 6600 to 16200 MHz

#### **Features**

- Match to 50Ω in the stop band, eliminates undesired reflections
- Cascadable
- Excellent Power handling
- Temperature stable, up to 105°C
- Small size, 3 x 3 mm
- Protected by US Patents 8,392,495; 9,705,467, additional patent pending
- Protected by China Patent 201080014266.1
- Protected by Taiwan Patent I581494

## **Applications**

- Wi-Fi
- WiMax
- Microwave Radio
- Military & Space



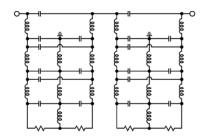
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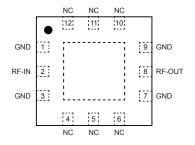


## **General Description**

Mini-Circuits' XHF-652M+ two-section reflectionless filter employs a patented filter topology which absorbs and terminates stop band signals internally rather than reflecting them back to the source. This new capability enables unique applications for filter circuits beyond those suited to traditional approaches. Traditional filters are reflective in the stop band, sending signals back to the source at 100% of the power level. These reflections interact with neighboring components and often result in inter-modulation and other interferences. Reflectionless filters eliminate stop band reflections, allowing them to be paired with sensitive devices and used in applications that otherwise require circuits such as isolation amplifiers or attenuators.

### simplified schematic and pad description





Function	Pad Number	Description
RF-IN	2	RF Input Pad
RF-OUT	8	RF Output Pad
GND	1,3,7,9, Paddle	Connected to ground
NC (GND Externally)	4,5,6,10,11,12	No internal connection

# Electrical Specifications<sup>1</sup> at 25°C

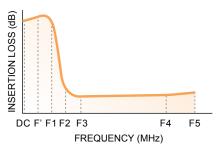
F	Parameter	F#	Frequency (MHz)	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
	Rejection	DC-F1	DC-4000	22	38	_	dB
		F¹-F1	4000-5000	20	30	_	dB
Stop Band	Frequency Cut-Off	F2	6230	_	3.0	_	dB
	VSWR	DC-F1	DC-4000	_	1.2	_	:1
		F¹-F1	4000-5000	_	1.1	_	
Pass Band	Insertion Loss	F3-F5	6600-16200	_	1.5	3.0	dB
	VSWR	F3-F5	6600-16200	_	1.1	_	:1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Measured on Mini-Circuits Characterization Test Board TB-844-652MC+

## **Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>4</sup>**

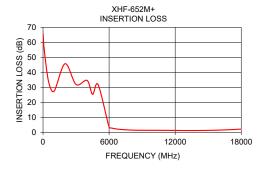
Parameter	Ratings
Operating Temperature	-55°C to +105°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +150°C
RF Power Input, Passband (F3-F5) <sup>2</sup>	1.3W at 25°C
RF Power Input, Stopband (DC-F3) <sup>3</sup>	1.6W at 25°C

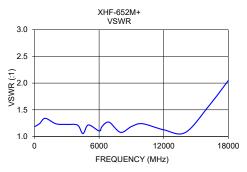
#### SPECIFICATION DEFINITION



## Typical Performance Data at 25°C

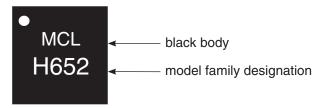
Frequency (MHz)	Insertion Loss (dB)	VSWR (:1)
10	65.56	1.19
100	55.77	1.19
500	33.99	1.25
1000	27.46	1.34
2000	45.80	1.24
3000	31.96	1.23
4000	34.69	1.21
4500	25.40	1.05
5000	31.92	1.22
6000	3.61	1.10
6230	3.01	1.17
6600	2.46	1.25
7000	2.11	1.26
8000	1.64	1.08
9000	1.49	1.19
10000	1.50	1.24
12000	1.40	1.13
14000	1.34	1.07
16200	1.67	1.57
18000	2.28	2.05





Passband rating derates linearly to 0.6W at 105°C ambient
 Stopband rating derates linearly to 0.8W at 105°C ambient
 Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

## **Product Marking**

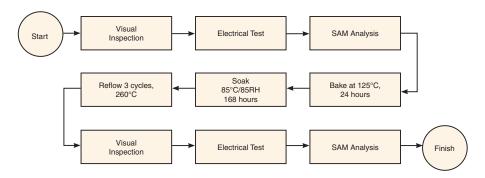


## **Additional Detailed Technical Information** additional information is available on our dash board. To access this information click here Data Table **Performance Data** Swept Graphs S-Parameter (S2P Files) Data Set (.zip file) DQ1225 Plastic package, exposed paddle **Case Style** lead finish: matte-tin F66 Tape & Reel Standard quantities available on reel 7" reels with 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 or 1K devices Suggested Layout for PCB Design PL-451 **Evaluation Board** TB-844-652M+ (without connectors), TB-844-652MC+ (with connectors) **Environmental Ratings** ENV82

## **ESD Rating**

Human Body Model (HBM): Class 2 (Pass 2000V) in accordance with ANSI/ESD STM 5.1 - 2001

#### **MSL Test Flow Chart**



#### **Additional Notes**

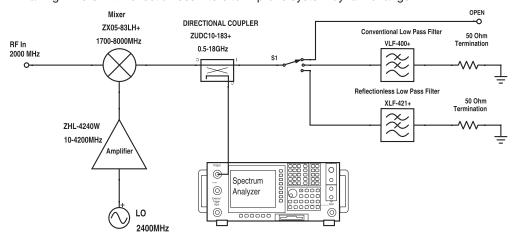
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## **Application Circuit Example**

Pairing mixers with reflectionless filters to improve system dynamic range



Test block diagram: IF output reflection spectrum with single input frequency

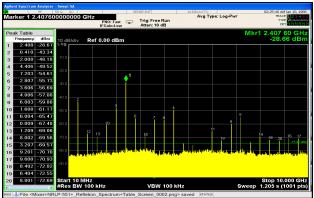


Figure 1. IF output reflection spectrum without filter

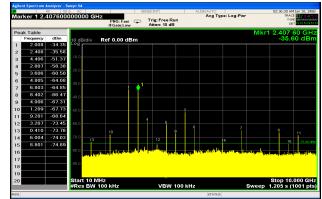


Figure 2. IF output reflection spectrum with conventional filter

An application circuit was assembled to measure the IF reflection spectrum at the output of a mixer when the mixer was paired with a conventional filter versus a reflectionless filter.

While the conventional filter reduces the reflections present when the mixer is used alone (no filter), the reflectionless filter virtually eliminates those reflections altogether.

The reflected signal at marker 1 in the figures above exhibits a reduction of more than 20 dB from -28.7 dBm to -50.3 dBm when the reflectionless filter is used as compared to the conventional filter, thus eliminating unwanted spurious mixing products and improving-system dynamic range.

For more information, refer to application note AN-75-007

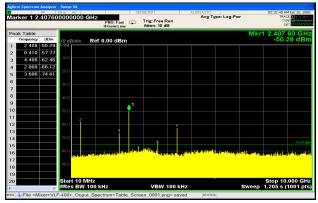


Figure 3. IF output reflection spectrum with reflectionless filter

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