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# Low Noise Amplifier ZX60-06203ALN+

50Ω 6 to 20 GHz SMA Female

## THE BIG DEAL

- Low noise figure, 2.8 dB typ, 6 to 18 GHz
- Excellent gain flatness,  $\pm 1.3$ dB over 8 to 18 GHz
- High gain, 20dB typ. 8 to 18 GHz
- Voltage regulated internally and reverse voltage protected
- Excellent directivity, 20 dB typ
- Medium power with good linearity, 15 dBm typ. P1 dB, 26 dBm typ. OIP3
- Protected by US patent 6,790,049



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| Model No.  | ZX60-06203ALN+ |
| Case Style | GC957          |
| Connectors | SMA            |

## APPLICATIONS

- Microwave point to point radios
- Military EW and radar
- Satellite Systems

**+RoHS Compliant**  
 The +Suffix identifies RoHS Compliance.  
 See our website for methodologies and qualifications

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' ZX60-06203ALN+ is a wideband low noise connectorized amplifier providing a unique combination of low noise figure, high IP3 and flat gain over a very wide frequency range, supporting a wide range of sensitive, high-dynamic range receiver applications and many systems where high performance over wideband is needed. This design operates on a single 5 V supply and comes in a rugged, compact unibody case (0.74 x 0.75 x 0.46") with SMA connectors, making it an excellent candidate for tough operating conditions and crowded system layouts.

## KEY FEATURES

| Feature   | Advantages   |
|---|--|
| Ultra-wideband with excellent gain flatness, $\pm 1.3$ dB for 8 - 18 GHz  | Enables a single amplifier to be used in a wide range of applications including EW and communication systems instrumentation and more.   |
| Low noise over the whole band   | Enables lower system noise figure performance.   |
| High gain, 18 dB typ.   | Reduces the number of gain stages, lowering component count and overall system cost.   |
| High IP3<br>+25 dBm typ over 6 to 12 GHz<br>+26 dBm typ over 12 to 20 GHz | The combination of low noise and high IP3 makes the ZX60-06203ALN+ ideal for use in low noise receiver front end (RFE) as it gives the user the advantages of sensitivity and two-tone IM performance at both ends of the dynamic range. |
| Excellent Directivity (Isolation-Gain), 20 dB typ.                        | Buffer amplifier reduces need for adjacent circuits  |
| Low operating voltage, +5V  | The amplifier features low operating voltage   |
| Rugged, unibody construction  | Mini-Circuits unibody construction integrates the RF connector into the case body, providing high reliability and excellent survivability in critical applications.  |

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## ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT 25°C AND +5V, UNLESS NOTED

| Parameter                                    | Condition (GHz) | V <sub>DD</sub> =+5.0 |      |      | Units |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|------|------|-------|
|  |                 | Min.                  | Typ. | Max. |       |
| Frequency Range                              |                 | 6                     |      | 20   | GHz   |
| Noise Figure                                 | 6 - 8           |                       | 2.2  |      | dB    |
|  | 8 - 12          |                       | 2.2  |      |       |
|  | 12 - 16         |                       | 2.9  |      |       |
|  | 16 - 18         |                       | 3.1  |      |       |
|  | 18 - 20         |                       | 3.3  |      |       |
| Gain   | 6 - 8           |                       | 21   |      | dB    |
|  | 8 - 12          | 16                    | 20   | —    |       |
|  | 12 - 16         | 16                    | 20   | —    |       |
|  | 16 - 18         | 15                    | 19   | —    |       |
|  | 18 - 20         |                       | 17   |      |       |
| Input Return Loss                            | 6 - 8           |                       | 12   |      | dB    |
|  | 8 - 12          |                       | 11   |      |       |
|  | 12 - 16         |                       | 8    |      |       |
|  | 16 - 18         |                       | 12   |      |       |
|  | 18 - 20         |                       | 14   |      |       |
| Output Return Loss                           | 6 - 8           |                       | 9    |      | dB    |
|  | 8 - 12          |                       | 12   |      |       |
|  | 12 - 16         |                       | 14   |      |       |
|  | 16 - 18         |                       | 15   |      |       |
|  | 18 - 20         |                       | 10   |      |       |
| Output Power at 1dB Compression <sup>1</sup> | 6 - 8           |                       | 14   |      | dBm   |
|  | 8 - 12          |                       | 15   |      |       |
|  | 12 - 16         |                       | 15   |      |       |
|  | 16 - 18         |                       | 15   |      |       |
|  | 18 - 20         |                       | 15   |      |       |
| Output IP3 <sup>2</sup>                      | 6 - 8           |                       | 25   |      | dBm   |
|  | 8 - 12          |                       | 26   |      |       |
|  | 12 - 16         |                       | 26   |      |       |
|  | 16 - 18         |                       | 26   |      |       |
|  | 18 - 20         |                       | 27   |      |       |
| Device Operating Voltage (V <sub>DD</sub> )  | —               | 4.9                   | 5.0  | 6.0  | V     |
| Device Operating Current (I <sub>DD</sub> )  |                 | —                     | 110  | 150  | mA    |

1. Current increases at P1dB

2. OIP3 measured with 0 dBm tones and 1 MHz spacing.

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS<sup>3</sup>

| Parameter                            | Ratings        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operating Temperature (ground lead)  | -40°C to 85°C  |
| Storage Temperature                  | -55°C to 100°C |
| Total Power Dissipation              | 0.7 W          |
| Input Power (CW), V <sub>d</sub> =5V | 17 dBm         |
| DC Voltage                           | 9V             |

3. Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded. Electrical maximum ratings are not intended for continuous normal operation.





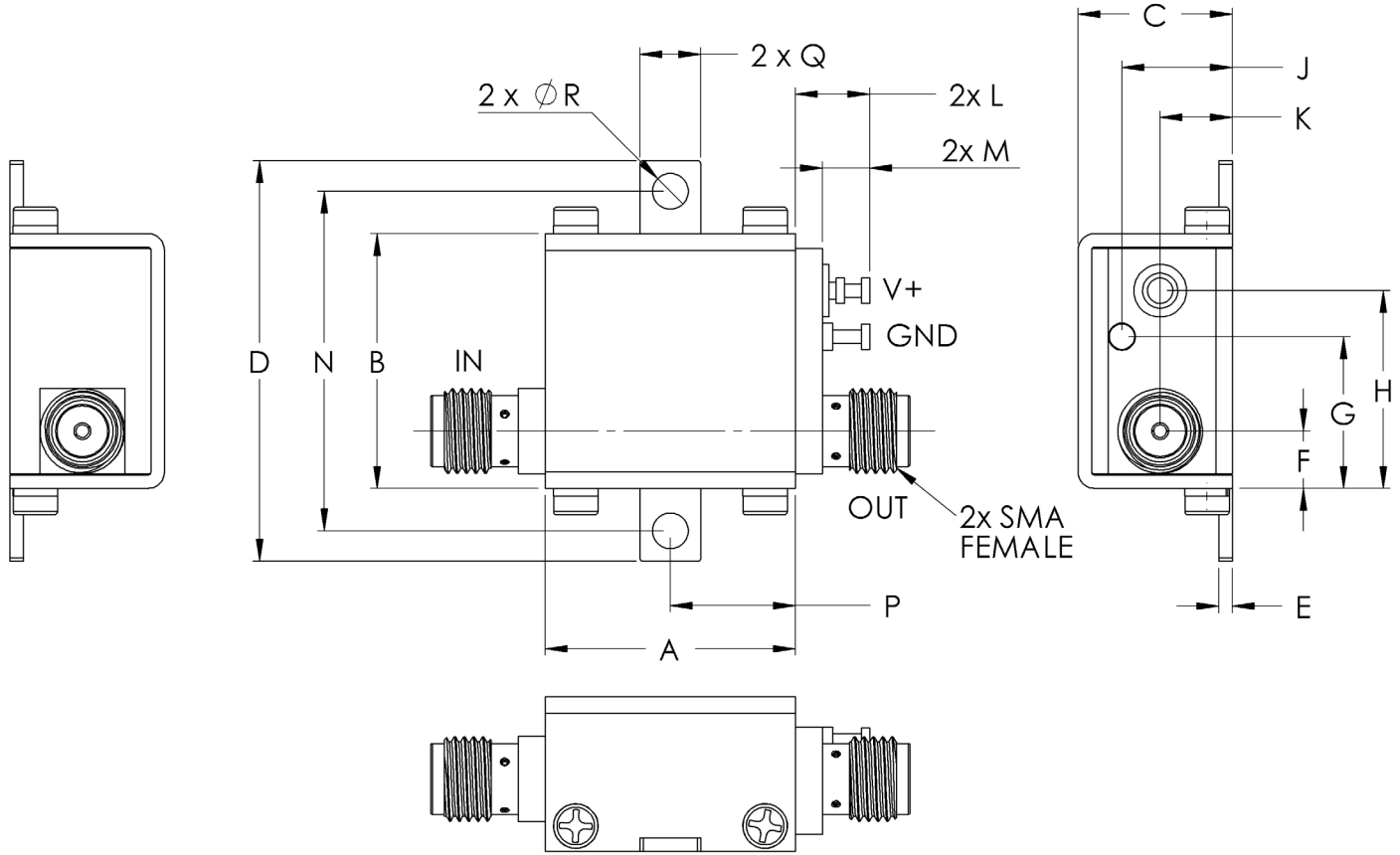
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## OUTLINE DRAWING



**!** NOTE: When soldering the DC connections, caution must be used to avoid overheating the DC terminal. See Application Note. [AN-40-010](#).

## OUTLINE DIMENSIONS (Inches) mm

| A     | B    | C     | D    | E    | F    | G    | H     | J    | K    | L    | M    | N     | P    | Q    | R    | wt    |
|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| .74   | .75  | .46   | 1.18 | .04  | .17  | .45  | .59   | .33  | .21  | .22  | .14  | 1.00  | .37  | .18  | .106 | grams |
| 18.80 | 19.1 | 11.68 | 30.0 | 1.02 | 4.32 | 11.4 | 14.99 | 8.38 | 5.33 | 5.59 | 3.56 | 25.40 | 9.40 | 4.57 | 2.69 | 23.0  |



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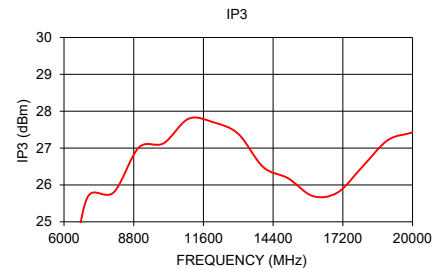
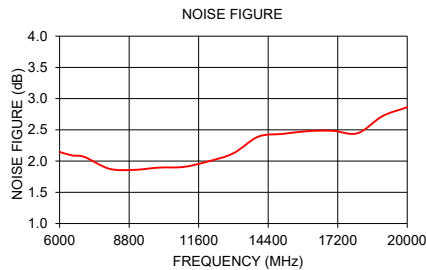
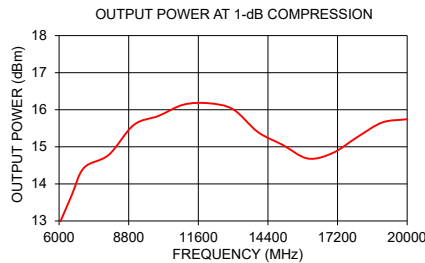
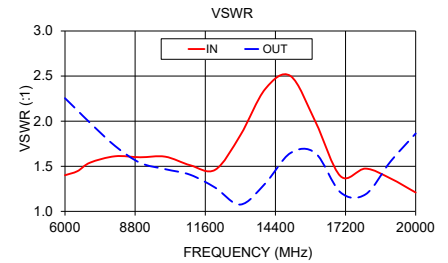
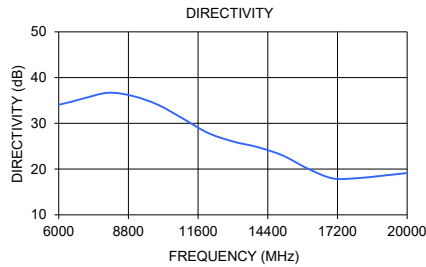
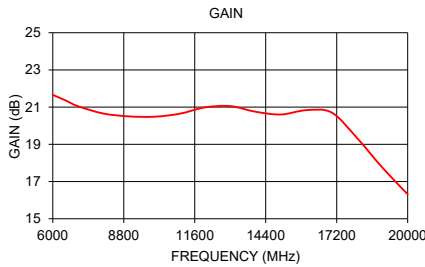
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## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA/CURVES

| Frequency (MHz) | Gain (dB) | Directivity (dB) | VSWR (:1)<br>5V |      | Power Out @1 dB COMPR. (dBm) | Noise Figure (dB) | IP3 (dBm) |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
|                 | 5V        | 5V               | IN              | OUT  | 5V                           | 5V                | 5V        |
| 6000            | 21.66     | 34.07            | 1.40            | 2.25 | 12.90                        | 2.15              | 23.60     |
| 6500            | 21.36     | 34.71            | 1.45            | 2.12 | 13.68                        | 2.09              | 24.48     |
| 7000            | 21.05     | 35.45            | 1.54            | 1.98 | 14.43                        | 2.07              | 25.72     |
| 8000            | 20.65     | 36.69            | 1.61            | 1.72 | 14.78                        | 1.88              | 25.80     |
| 9000            | 20.50     | 35.94            | 1.60            | 1.54 | 15.59                        | 1.86              | 27.01     |
| 10000           | 20.48     | 34.02            | 1.61            | 1.47 | 15.83                        | 1.90              | 27.13     |
| 11000           | 20.64     | 31.00            | 1.51            | 1.41 | 16.14                        | 1.91              | 27.80     |
| 12000           | 20.98     | 27.90            | 1.46            | 1.26 | 16.18                        | 2.00              | 27.70     |
| 13000           | 21.05     | 26.04            | 1.84            | 1.08 | 16.01                        | 2.13              | 27.39     |
| 14000           | 20.75     | 24.79            | 2.36            | 1.31 | 15.40                        | 2.39              | 26.49     |
| 15000           | 20.60     | 22.97            | 2.50            | 1.65 | 15.05                        | 2.44              | 26.18     |
| 16000           | 20.84     | 20.12            | 1.99            | 1.65 | 14.68                        | 2.48              | 25.70     |
| 17000           | 20.71     | 17.98            | 1.39            | 1.21 | 14.83                        | 2.48              | 25.80     |
| 18000           | 19.35     | 18.02            | 1.47            | 1.19 | 15.26                        | 2.45              | 26.51     |
| 19000           | 17.75     | 18.55            | 1.36            | 1.55 | 15.66                        | 2.72              | 27.21     |
| 20000           | 16.32     | 19.13            | 1.21            | 1.86 | 15.74                        | 2.86              | 27.42     |



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