

Wideband, DC Pass Directional Coupler

ZCDC20-18263-S+

50Ω 20dB Up to 20W 18 to 26.5 GHz

The Big Deal

- Wideband, 18 to 26.5 GHz
- Excellent Coupling Flatness, ± 0.2 dB typ.
- Power Handling up to 20W



CASE STYLE: HT2536-1

Product Overview

The Mini-Circuits ZCDC20-18263-S+ wideband directional coupler offers exceptional performance operating over 18 to 26.5 GHz. This coupler has excellent coupling flatness, good directivity, and power handling. It is ideal for lab testing applications as well as for power monitoring over wide bands, among other applications.

Key Features

Feature	Advantages
Wide bandwidth	With a bandwidth spanning 18 to 26.5 GHz, ZCDC20-18263-S+ coupler is ideal for most lab testing applications, avoiding the need to switch components for different frequency bands.
Excellent Directivity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 21 dB typ. up to 26.5 GHz	High directivity allows sampling of input powers with minimal detrimental effects due to output mismatches.
Excellent coupling flatness, ± 0.2 dB typ	Excellent coupling flatness over the entire frequency range minimizes the need for compensation circuits in most cases.
Good Return Loss (In & Out) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 dB typ. up to 26.5 GHz	Good return loss over 18 to 26.5 GHz minimizes undesired reflections and resulting amplitude ripple.

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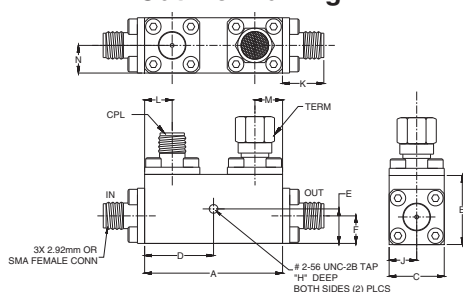
Maximum Ratings

Operating Temperature	-55°C to 100°C
Storage Temperature	-55°C to 100°C
Supplied Termination*	1 W
DC Current	0.6A
Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded	
* up to 25°C, derates linearly to 325mW at 100°C.	

Coaxial Connections

INPUT	IN
OUTPUT	OUT
COUPLED	CPL
TERMINATION (50Ω) INCLUDED	—

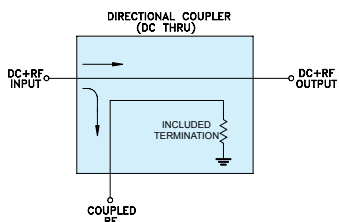
Outline Drawing



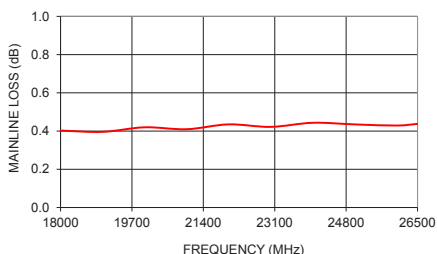
Outline Dimensions (inch/mm)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1.25	0.63	0.50	0.63	0.313	0.25	—
31.75	16.0	12.7	15.88	7.95	6.35	—
H	J	K	L	M	N	wt
0.120	0.25	0.43	0.25	0.25	0.25	grams
3.05	6.35	10.92	6.35	6.35	6.35	50

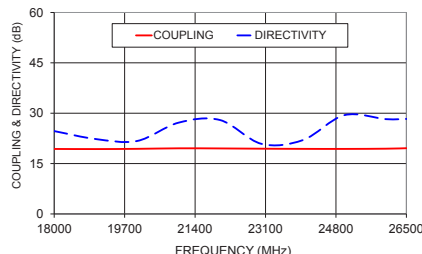
Electrical Schematic



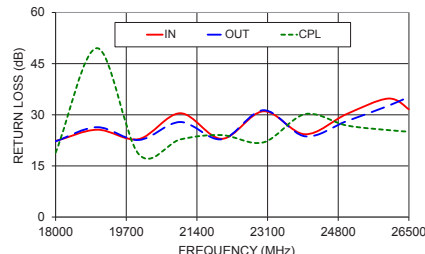
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MAINLINE LOSS



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RETURN LOSS



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Features

- Wide frequency range, 18 to 26.5 GHz
- Good coupling flatness, ± 0.2 dB typ.
- Good directivity, 21 dB typ. up to 26.5 GHz
- Good return loss 18 dB typ. up to 26.5 GHz
- DC current pass through input to output

Applications

- 5G
- Mobile
- Fixed satellite
- Lab use



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Connectors	Model
SMA-Female	ZCDC20-18263-S+

+RoHS Compliant

The +Suffix identifies RoHS Compliance. See our web site for RoHS Compliance methodologies and qualifications

Electrical Specifications at 25°C

Parameter	Frequency (GHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Operating Frequency		18		26.5	GHz
Nominal Coupling	18-26.5		20 \pm 1		dB
Coupling Flatness (\pm)	18-26.5		0.2	0.5	dB
Mainline Loss ¹	18-26.5		0.4	0.8	dB
Directivity	18-26.5	14.0	24		dB
Return Loss (In & Out)	18-26.5	15.5	29		dB
Return Loss (Coupling)	18-26.5	15.5	24		dB
Input Power**				20	W

1. Mainline loss includes coupling loss

** Up to 25°C, derates linearly to 14W at 100°C.

Typical Performance Data

Frequency (MHz)	Mainline Loss ¹ (dB) In-Out	Coupling (dB) In-Cpl	Directivity (dB)	Return Loss (dB) In	Return Loss (dB) Out	Cpl
18000	0.40	19.4	24.7	22.3	22.2	18.9
19000	0.40	19.3	22.3	25.6	26.4	49.5
20000	0.42	19.4	21.7	22.9	22.6	18.4
21000	0.41	19.5	27.2	30.4	27.9	22.8
22000	0.43	19.5	28.0	22.9	22.8	24.0
23000	0.42	19.4	20.9	31.0	31.3	21.9
24000	0.44	19.4	22.0	24.3	23.7	30.2
25000	0.43	19.4	29.4	30.2	28.1	26.9
26000	0.43	19.4	28.2	34.8	32.6	25.5
26500	0.44	19.6	28.3	31.6	35.3	25.0

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