LTCC SURFACE MOUNT

Power Splitter/Combiner

QCU-55+

50Ω (2 Way-90°) 45 to 55 MHz

THE BIG DEAL

- Insertion Loss, Typ. 1.5 dB
- Pass Band Return Loss, Typ. 14 dB
- Small Size, 1812 Case Style
- Power Handling: 6.25 W



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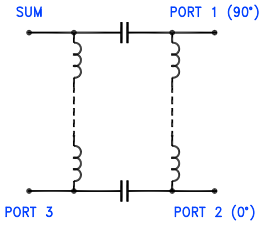
APPLICATIONS

- Military Applications
- I&Q Modulators
- Image Reject Mixers

FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' QCU-55+ is a miniature low temperature co-fired ceramic (LTCC) 2-way 90° power splitter with a 45-55 MHz passband that supports a variety of applications. This model provides 1.5 dB typical average insertion loss above the theoretical 3dB loss over a mainline, due to its rugged monolithic construction. Housed in an 1812 ceramic form factor, it is ideal for dense signal chain PCB layouts where it complements MMIC size and performance. The LTCC fabrication process assures minimal RF performance variation while delivering a product that is well suited for environmental extremes of high humidity and temperature.

KEY FEATURES

Features	Advantages
LTCC Construction	The use of LTCC technology allows for repeatable performance in a rugged ceramic package, well suited for tough environments such as high humidity and temperature extremes. See Mini-Circuits Environmental Rating ENV06T10 for more information.
Small Size, 1812 (4.5mm x 3.2mm)	1812 package allows for space to be saved in dense circuit board layouts, while also minimizing the effects of parasitics.
High Power Handling, 6.25 W	Handles up to 6.25 Watts in an 1812 package.

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QCU-55+
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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS[1,2] AT +25°C

Parameter	Frequency (MHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range		45		55	MHz
Insertion Loss (Avg. of coupled outputs above 3 dB)	45 - 55	—	1.5	2.2	dB
Isolation	45 - 55	10	15	—	dB
Phase Unbalance (±) (Relative to 90°)	45 - 55	—	10	15	Degree
Amplitude Unbalance (±)	45 - 55	—	0.9	1.5	dB
Return Loss (Port S)	45 - 55	10	14	—	dB
Return Loss (Port 1 to Port 2)	45 - 55 45 - 55	10 10	14 15	— —	dB

1. Tested on Evaluation Board P/N TB-QCU-55+ with port extension option in the network analyzer.
2. This component should not be used as a DC-block. In applications where DC voltage and/or current is present at either the input or output ports, external DC blocking capacitors are required.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS[3]

Parameter		Ratings
Operating Temperature		-55°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature		-55°C to +125°C
Input Power	as splitter[4]	6.25 W
	as combiner per port	—

3. Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.
4. At +25°C. Derate linearly to 2.7 W at +125°C

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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS

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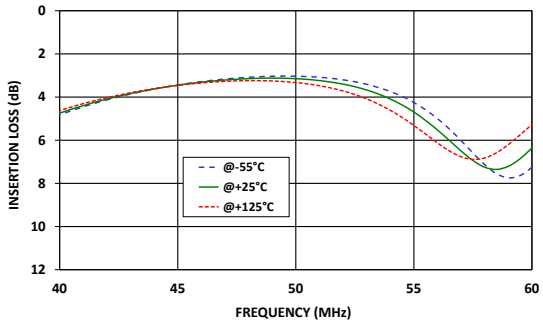

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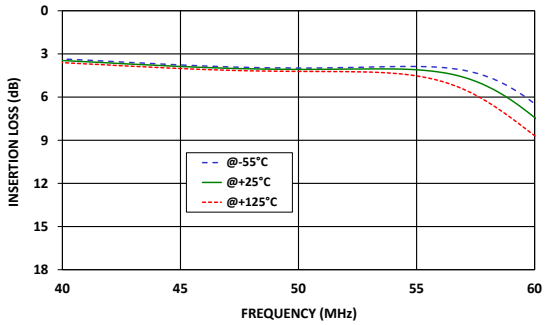
INSERTION LOSS (S, 2)



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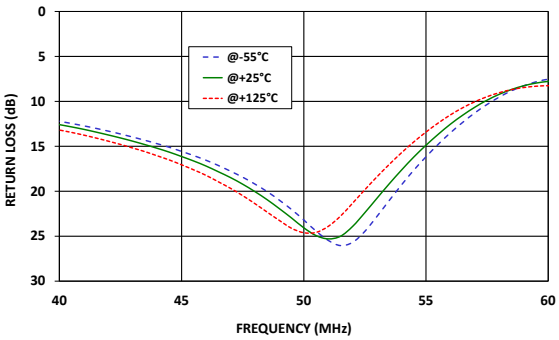
RETURN LOSS (Output 1)



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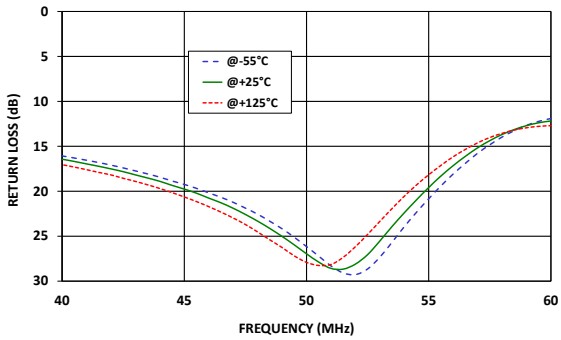

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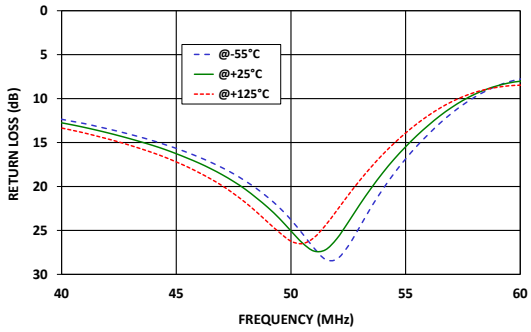
RETURN LOSS (SUM PORT)



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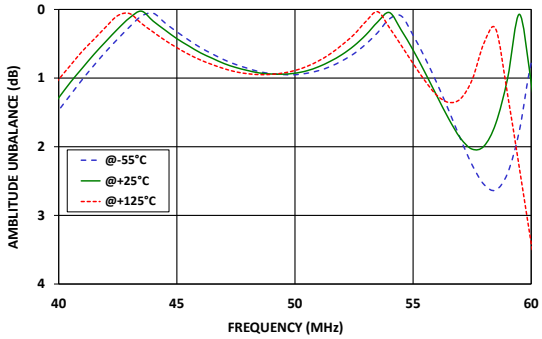
AMPLITUDE UNBALANCE



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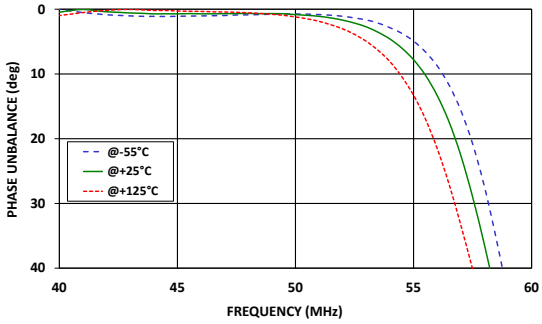
PHASE UNBALANCE



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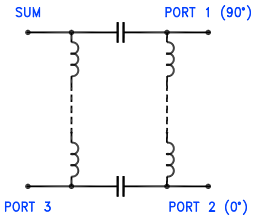
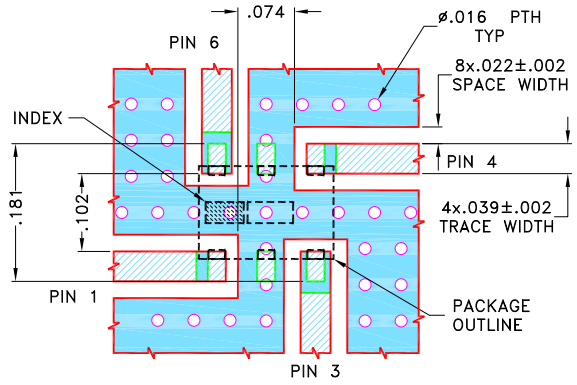


Figure 1. QCU-55+ Functional Diagram

PAD DESCRIPTION

Function	Pad Number	Description
Sum Port	6	Connects to RF Input Port
Port 1 (90°)	4	Connects to RF Output 1 Port
Port 2 (0°)	3	Connects to RF Output 2 Port
Port 3	1	50 Ohms Term External
Ground	2,5	Connects to Ground

SUGGESTED PCB LAYOUT (PL-779)

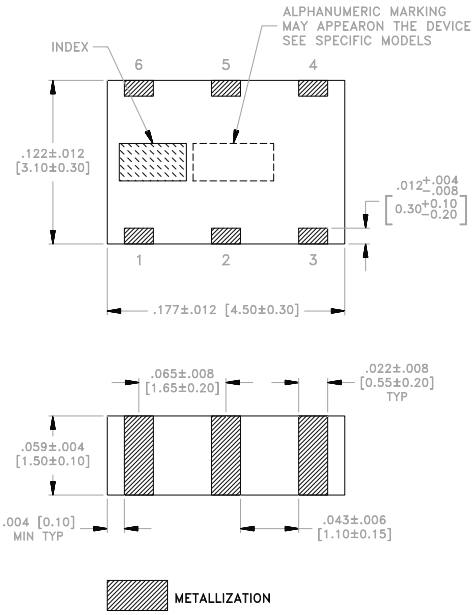


NOTES:
1. COPLANAR WAVEGUIDE PARAMETERS ARE SHOWN FOR ROGERS (RO4350B) WITH DIELECTRIC THICKNESS .020±.0015; COPPER: 1/2 Oz. EACH SIDE. FOR OTHER MATERIALS TRACE WIDTH AND GAP MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED.
2. BOTTOM SIDE OF THE PCB IS CONTINUOUS GROUND PLANE.

DENOTES PCB COPPER PATTERN WITH SMOBC (SOLDER MASK OVER BARE COPPER)
DENOTES PCB COPPER PATTERN FREE OF SOLDERMASK

Figure 2. Suggested PCB Layout PL-779

CASE STYLE DRAWING



Weight: .070 grams.
Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2Pl. ± .01; 3Pl. ± .005

PRODUCT MARKING*: S102

*Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control.

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ADDITIONAL DETAILED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR DASHBOARD. CLICK HERE

Performance Data & Graphs	Data Graphs S-Parameter (S4P Files) Data Set (.zip file) De-embedded to device pads
Case Style	NM1812C-6 Lead Finish: Nickel-Tin
RoHS Status	Compliant
Tape and Reel	F77
Suggested Layout for PCB Design	PL-779
Evaluation Board	TB-QCU-55+ Gerber File
Environmental Rating	ENV06T10

NOTES

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