Product Overview

The Big Deal

Mini-Circuits EP2K-D+ is a MMIC splitter/combiner die designed for wideband operation from 2 to 26.5 MHz. This model provides excellent power ratings up to 2.5W power handling (as a splitter) and up to 1.2A DC current handling. Manufactured using GaAs IPD technology, it provides a high level of ESD protection and excellent reliability.

Key Features

Feature	Advantages
Wideband, 1.8 to 28 GHz	One power splitter can be used in many applications, saving component count. Also ideal for wideband applications such as military and instrumentation.
Excellent power handling 2.5W as a splitter 1.7W internal dissipation as a combiner	In power combiner applications, half the power is dissipated internally. EP2K-D+ is designed to handle 1.7W internal dissipation as a combiner allowing reliable operation without excessive temperature rise. Similar splitters implemented as Wilkinson splitters on PCB require big resistors and additional heat sinking. As a splitter, EP2K-D+ can handle up to 2.5W in a very small package.
DC Passing up to 1.2A	DC current passing is helpful in applications where both RF & DC need to pass through the DUT, such as antenna mounted hardware.
Unpackaged die	Enables user to integrate it directly into hybrids.

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Power Splitter/Combiner Die

• Ultra-Wide Bandwidth, usable over 1.8 to 28 GHz

2 Way-0° 50 Ω 2 to 26.5 GHz

• High Power Handling, 2.5W as a Splitter

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2 Way-0° 50Ω

2 to 26.5 GHz

Features

- Wide bandwidth, 2 to 26.5 GHz, usable over 1.8 to 28 GHz
- Excellent amplitude unbalance, 0.1 dB typ.
- Good phase unbalance, 1.5 to 8.5 deg. typ.
 High ESD level*
- High ESD lev
 DC passing

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Applications

- WIMAX
- ISM
- Instrumentation
- Radar
- WLAN
- Satellite communications
- LTE

Electrical Specifications at 25°C¹

Parameter	Frequency (GHz)	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range		2		26.5	GHz
Insertion Loss, above 3.0 dB ²	2 - 5		0.8		dB
	5 - 10		0.9		
Insention Loss, above 5.0 dB	10 - 18		1.6		
	18 - 26.5		2.1		
	2 - 5		9.5		
Isolation	5 - 10		18.0		dD
Isolation	10 - 18		18.9		dB
	18 - 26.5		15.9		
	2 - 5		1.5		Degree
	5 - 10		2.9		
Phase Unbalance	10 - 18		6.0		
	18 - 26.5		8.5		
	2 - 5		0.1		dB
Amplitude Linkelence	5 - 10		0.1		
Amplitude Unbalance	10 - 18		0.2		
	18 - 26.5		0.3		
	2 - 5		1.6		:1
VSWR (Port S)	5 - 10		1.2		
	10 - 18		1.3		
	18 - 26.5		1.5		
VSWR (Port 1-2)	2 - 5		1.7		:1
	5 - 10		1.2		
	10 - 18		1.4		
	18 - 26.5		1.6		

1. Tested on Mini-Circuits die characterization test board.

Maximum Ratings^{2,3}

Parameter	Ratings	
Operating Temperature	-40°C to 85°C	
Power Input (as a splitter)	2.5W max. at 25°C. Derate linearly to 1.25W at 85°C	
Internal Dissipation	1.7W max. at 25°C. Derate linearly to 1.1W at 85°C	
DC Current	1.2A max. at 25°C. Derate linearly to 0.6A at 85°C	

2. Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

3. Die performance is measured in industry standard 4x4mm 24-lead MCLP package.

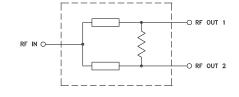
* ESD rating

Human body model (HBM): Class 2(1800 to <4000 V) in accordance with ANSI/ESD 5.1-2007 Machine model (MM): Class M3 (200 to <400 V) in accordance with ANSI/ESD 5.2-2009

Pad Connections

Pad	Description	
RF IN	RF-IN as splitter / RF-OUT as combiner	
RF OUT1	RF-OUT1 as splitter / RF-IN1 as combiner	
RF OUT2	RF-OUT1 as splitter / RF-IN1 as combiner	

Simplified Electrical Schematic



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

Ordering Information: Refer to Last Page

MMIC Power Splitter/Combiner Die

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Die Layout



Fig 2. Die Layout

Critical Dimensions

Parameter	Values
Die Thickness, µm	200
Die Width, μm	2650
Die Length, µm	1880
Bond Pad Size, µm	150 X 150

Assembly and Handling Procedure

- 1. Storage
- Dice should be stored in a dry nitrogen purged desiccators or equivalent.
- 2. ESD

MMIC amplifier dice are susceptible to electrostatic and mechanical damage. Die are supplied in antistatic protected material, which should be opened in clean room conditions at an appropriately grounded anti-static worksta tion. Devices need careful handling using correctly designed collets, vacuum pickup tips or sharp antistatic tweezers to deter ESD damage to dice.

3. Die Attach

The die mounting surface must be clean and flat. Using conductive silver filled epoxy, recommended epoxies are DieMat DM6030HK-PT/H579 or Ablestik 84-1LMISR4. Apply sufficient epoxy to meet required epoxy bond line thickness, epoxy fillet height and epoxy coverage around total die periphery. Parts shall be cured in a nitrogen filled atmosphere per manufacturer's cure condition. It is recommended to use antistatic die pick up tools only.

4. Wire Bonding

Bond pad openings in the surface passivation above the bond pads are provided to allow wire bonding to the dice gold bond pads. Thermosonic bonding is used with minimized ultrasonic content. Bond force, time, ultrasonic power and temperature are all critical parameters. Suggested wire is pure gold, 1 mil diameter. Bonds must be made from the bond pads on the die to the package or substrate. All bond wires should be kept as short as low as reasonable to minimize performance degradation due to undesirable series inductance.

Assembly Diagram



Four 1 mil bond wires should be used for RF input and RF output.

Recommended Wire Length, Typical

Wire	Wire Length (mm)	Wire Loop Height (mm)
RF IN, RF OUT1, RF OUT2	0.40	0.15

Bonding Pad Position

(Dimensions in µm, Typical)

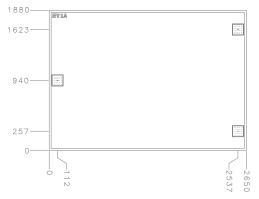


Fig 3. Bonding Pad Positions

Additional Detailed Technical Information additional information is available on our dash board.			
	Data Table		
Performance Data	Swept Graphs		
	S-Parameter (S3P Files) Data Set with and without port extension(.zip file)		
Case Style	Die		
	Quantity, Package	Model No.	
	Small, Gel - Pak: 5,10,50	EP2K-DG+	
Die Ordering and packaging information (Note 3)	Medium [†] , Partial Wafer: 350 Large [†] , Full Wafer	EP2K-DP+ EP2K-DF+	
	[†] Available upon request contact sales representative		
	Refer to AN-60-067		
Environmental Ratings	ENV-80		

3. Dice taken from PCM good wafer. No RF or DC test performed.

ESD Rating**

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** Tested in industry standard 4X4mm, 24-Lead MCLP package.

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