



LTCC SURFACE MOUNT

# Thru-Line

# TPCG-183+

50Ω DC to 18 GHz

## THE BIG DEAL

- Low Insertion Loss, 0.5dB Typ.
- Return Loss, 10dB Typ.
- 0805 Surface Mount Footprint
- Power Handling: 7.5 Watts
- Versatile "Place Holder" for Mini-Circuits LTCC Filters

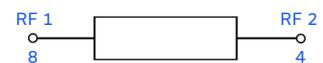


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## APPLICATIONS

- Test and Measurement Equipment
- Communication, EW, Radar and ECM Defense Systems
- 5G MIMO and Back Haul Radio Systems
- Satellite Communications

## FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

TPCG-183+ is a miniature low temperature co-fired ceramic (LTCC) 50 Ohm transmission line with low insertion loss through 18 GHz acting as a place holder for Mini-Circuits LPF and HPF filters, on customer PCB. This model provides 0.5 dB typical insertion loss over a wide band due to its rugged monolithic construction. Housed in a tiny 0805 ceramic form factor with inspectable wrap-around terminations, the transmission line 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
Footprint Compatible "Thru-Line" for Mini-Circuits, Low Pass (LPGE, LFCE series) and High Pass (HFCE series) filters with same Case Style and pad connections as TPCG-183+	Enables system designers the flexibility to plan to add LTCC filters to the PCB layout at a later stage in the design process, after system test results are available.
Good Power Handling, 7.5W	This enables the device to be used in high power applications
LTCC Construction	Provides repeatable performance in a rugged, ceramic package well suited for tough environments such as high humidity and temperature extremes.
Small Size, 0805	Saves space in dense circuit board layouts and minimizes the effects of parasitics.
Wrap-around Terminations	Provides excellent solderability and easy visual inspection.





### ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS<sup>1,2,3</sup> AT +25°C

Parameter		F#	Frequency (GHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Pass Band	Insertion Loss	DC-F1	DC - 10	—	0.5	0.9	dB
		F1-F2	10 - 15	—	0.5	1.1	
		F2-F3	15 - 18	—	0.6	—	
	Return Loss	DC-F1	DC - 10	—	12	—	dB
		F1-F2	10 - 15	—	10	—	
		F2-F3	15 - 18	—	9	—	
	Group Delay	DC-F3	DC - 18	—	25	—	psec

1. DC blocking capacitors are required in applications where DC voltage and/or current is present at either input or output ports. Please contact Mini-Circuits for alternatives if DC pass from IN-OUT is required.

2. Measured on Mini-Circuits Evaluation Board TB-TPCG-183+

2. Bi Directional, RF1 and RF2 ports can be interchanged, see S-parameters for actual performance

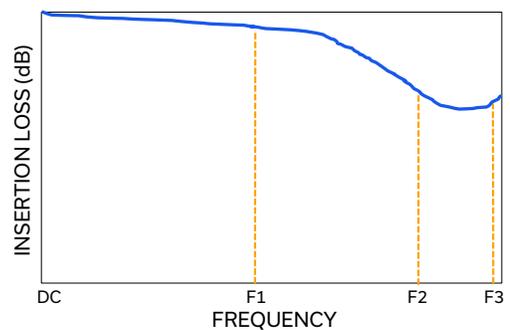
### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS<sup>3</sup>

Parameter	Ratings
Operating Temperature	-55 °C to +125 °C
Storage Temperature	-55 °C to +125 °C
Input Power <sup>4</sup>	7.5W @25°C

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

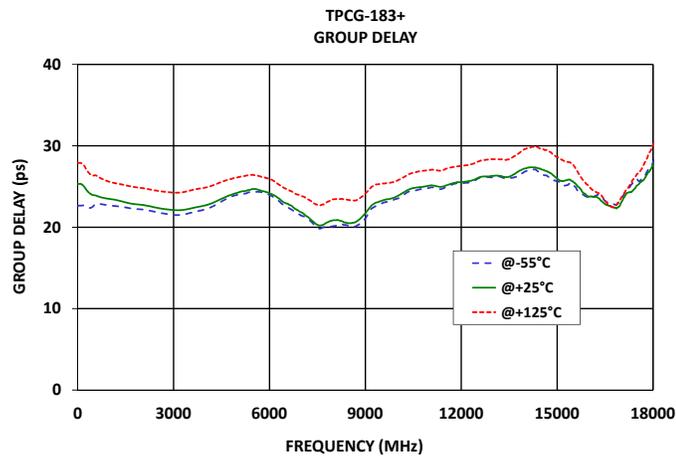
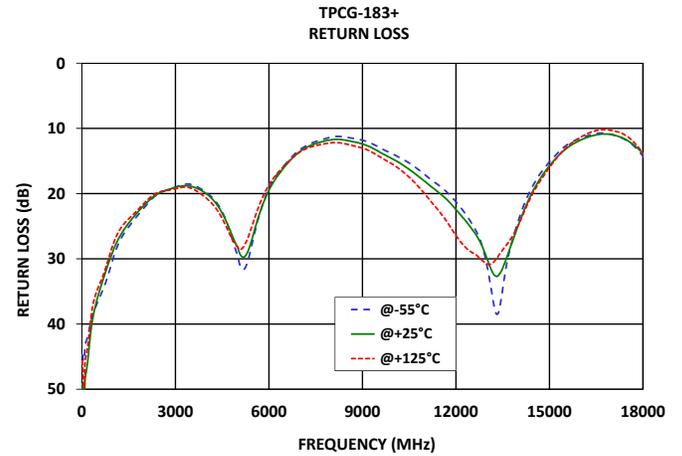
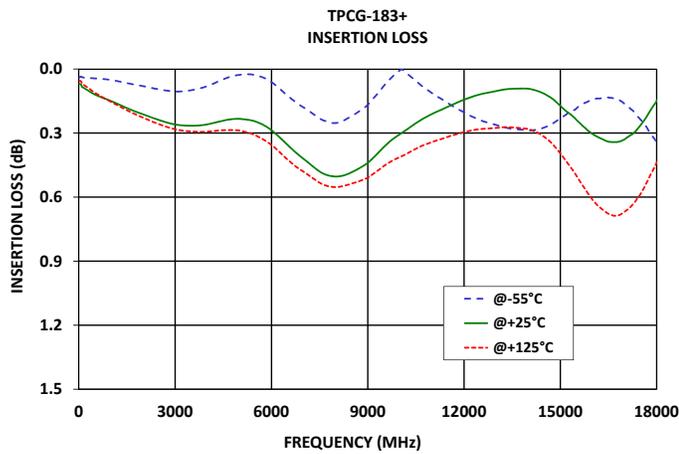
4. Power rating applies only to signals within the passband. Power rating above +25°C operating temperature decreases linearly to 1.9W at +125°C.

### TYPICAL FREQUENCY RESPONSE





### TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS





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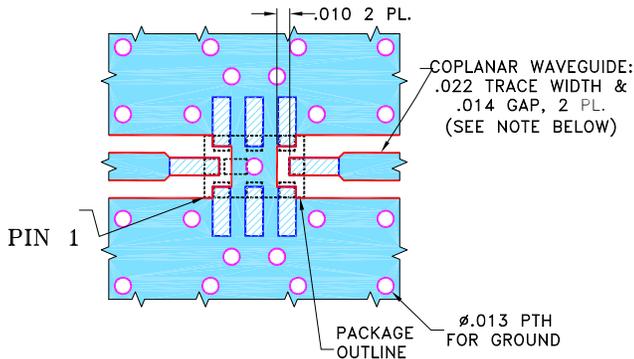


Figure 1. TPCG-183+ Functional Diagram

### PAD DESCRIPTION

Function	Pad Number	Description
RF1 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	8	Connects to RF Input Port
RF2 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	4	Connects to RF Output Port
GROUND	1,2,3,5,6,7	Connects to Ground on PCB, (See drawing PL-429)
NC	-	No connection, not used internally. See drawing PL-429 for connection to PCB

### SUGGESTED PCB LAYOUT (PL-429)



**NOTES:**

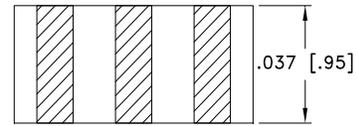
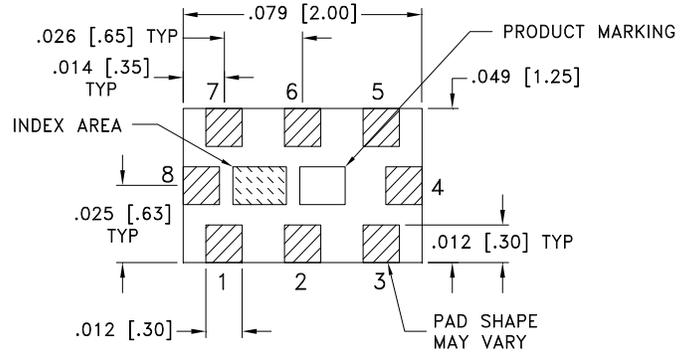
1. COPLANAR WAVEGUIDE IS SHOWN FOR ROGERS RO4350B WITH DIELECTRIC THICKNESS  $.010" \pm .001"$ . COPPER: 1/2 OZ. EACH SIDE. FOR OTHER MATERIALS TRACE WIDTH AND GAP MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED.
2. BOTTOM SIDE OF THE PCB IS CONTINUOUS GROUND PLANE.

DENOTES PCB COPPER LAYOUT WITH SMOBC (SOLDER MASK OVER BARE COPPER).

DENOTES COPPER LAND PATTERN FREE OF SOLDER MASK.

Figure 2. Suggested PCB Layout PL-429

### CASE STYLE DRAWING



METALLIZATION

Weight: .008 grams.

Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2Pl.  $\pm .01$ ; 3 Pl.  $\pm .005$

### PRODUCT MARKING\*: VS

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



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Performance Data and Graphs	Data
	Graphs
	S-Parameter (S2P Files) Data Set (.zip file) De-embedded to device pads
Case Style	GE0805C-2    Lead Finish: Nickel-Tin
RoHS Status	Compliant
Tape and Reel	TR-F114
Suggested Layout for PCB Design	98-PL-429
Evaluation Board	TB-TPCG-183+
	Gerber File
Environmental Rating	ENV126

### NOTES

- A. Performance and quality attributes and conditions not expressly stated in this specification document are intended to be excluded and do not form a part of this specification document.
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