

FEATURES

- Output voltage up to 20 V_{pp}
- Linear / Pulse / Digital amplifier
- Bandwidth from DC up to 200 MHz

APPLICATIONS

- Laser beam combining
- Low RAM phase modulation
- Spectrum broadening
- Laser frequency locking / PDH
- Low frequencies NRZ modulation

RELATED EQUIPMENTS

- NIR/NIR800/NIR950-MPX-LN-0.1 phase modulators
- MX-LN-10 amplitude modulators

The DR-VE-0.1-MO is a VErsatile RF amplifier module that can be used for analog, pulse and digital applications.

The DR-VE-0.1-MO is an amplifier generating ± 10 V with a fixed gain factor for both negative and positive voltages.

Simple and inexpensive, the DR-VE-0.1-MO is a DC-coupled voltage amplifier that operates over a DC to 200 MHz bandwidth. It draws very little current.

The DR-VE-0.1-MO is a useful driver for low frequency external modulation applications using LiNbO₃: phase modulators (MPX-LN-0.1, NIR-MPX-LN-0.1, NIR-MPX800-LN-0.1, NIR-MPX950-LN-0.1), amplitude modulators MX-LN-10 family.

Performance Highlights

| Parameter | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Low cut-off frequency | DC | - | - | - |
| High cut-off frequency | - | 200 | - | MHz |
| Output voltage (10 k Ω Z _{IN} modulator) | - | 20 | - | V _{pp} |
| Output voltage (50 Ω Z _{IN-Mod} modulator) | - | 10 | - | V _{pp} |
| Gain (10 k Ω Z _{IN-Mod} modulator) | 25 | 26 | - | dB |
| Gain (50 Ω Z _{IN-Mod} modulator) | 19 | 20 | - | dB |

Input Electrical Characteristics

| Parameter | Symbol | Condition | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|-----|------|-----------------|
| Input impedance matching | Z_{IN} | - | - | 50 | - | Ω |
| Input voltage | V_{IN} | - | - | 1 | - | V _{pp} |
| Supply voltage | V_{bias}^+ | - | 11.5 | 12 | 13 | V |
| Current consumption | I_{bias}^+ | - | 20 | - | 100 | mA |
| Supply voltage | V_{bias} | - | -11.5 | -12 | -13 | V |
| Current consumption | I_{bias} | - | -20 | - | -100 | mA |

Output Electrical Characteristics

| Parameter | Symbol | Condition | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|------------|-----|-----------------|
| Lower frequency | f_{lower} | - | DC | | | - |
| Upper frequency | f_{upper} | -3 dB point | - | 200 | - | MHz |
| Modulator Z_{IN} matching | Z_{IN-Mod} | Modulator input impedance | - | 10 k or 50 | - | Ω |
| Gain | G | @10 MHz, 10 k Ω Z_{IN-Mod} modulator | 25 | 26 | - | dB |
| | | @10 MHz, 50 Ω Z_{IN-Mod} modulator | 19 | 20 | - | dB |
| Output voltage | V_{OUT} | @10 MHz, 10 k Ω Z_{IN-Mod} modulator | - | 20 | - | V _{pp} |
| | | @10 MHz, 50 Ω Z_{IN-Mod} modulator | - | 10 | - | V _{pp} |
| Saturation output voltage | $V_{SAT-OUT}$ | @10 MHz, 10 k Ω Z_{IN-Mod} modulator | -10 | - | +10 | V |
| | | @10 MHz, 50 Ω Z_{IN-Mod} modulator | -5 | - | +5 | V |
| Pulse width | PW | Pulse mode | 8 | - | - | ns |
| Frequency repetition rate | FRR | Pulse mode | 0 | - | 50 | MHz |
| Rise and fall times | Rt / Ft | Pulse mode | - | 6 | 10 | ns |
| Data-rate | PRBS | Digital mode | - | - | 150 | Mb/s |
| Input return loss | S_{11} | $f < 200$ MHz | - | -10 | - | dB |
| Output return loss | S_{22} | $f < 200$ MHz | - | -10 | - | dB |

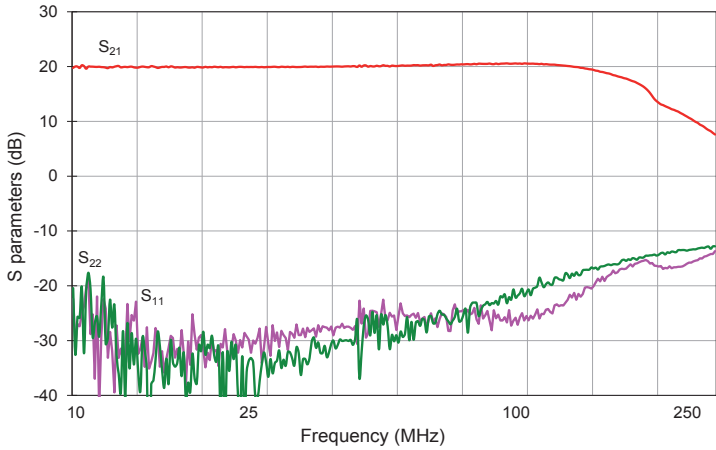
Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses in excess of the absolute maximum ratings can cause permanent damage to the device. These are absolute stress ratings only. Functional operation of the device is not implied at these or any other conditions in excess of those given in the operational sections of the data sheet. Exposure to absolute maximum ratings for extended periods can adversely affect device reliability.

| Parameter | Symbol | Min | Max | Unit |
|--------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| RF input voltage | V_{in} | - | 10 | V _{pp} |
| Supply Voltage | V_{bias} | -16 | 16 | V |
| Temperature of operation | T_{op} | 0 | +55 | $^{\circ}$ C |
| Storage temperature | T_{st} | -40 | +85 | $^{\circ}$ C |

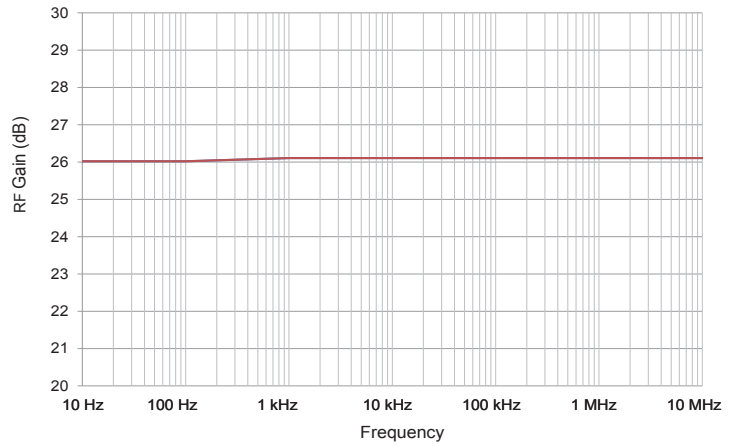
S Parameters curve

Conditions: $V_{bias} = 12\text{ V} \ \& \ -12\text{ V}, 50\ \Omega$



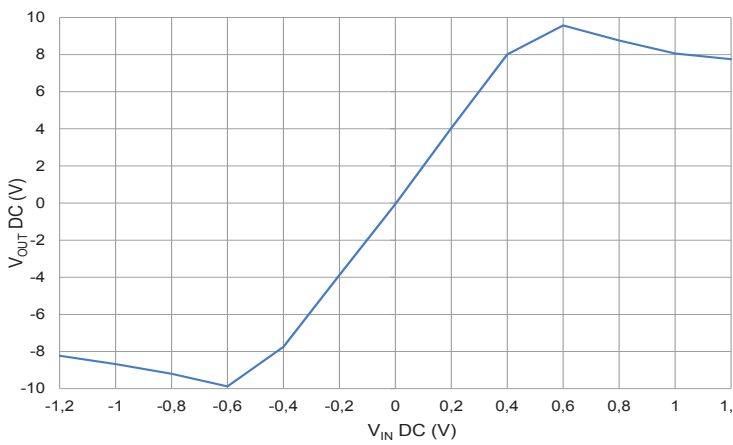
Low frequencies small signal gain

Conditions: $V_{bias} = 12\text{ V} \ \& \ -12\text{ V}, V_{IN} = 50\text{ mV}, 10\text{ k}\Omega$



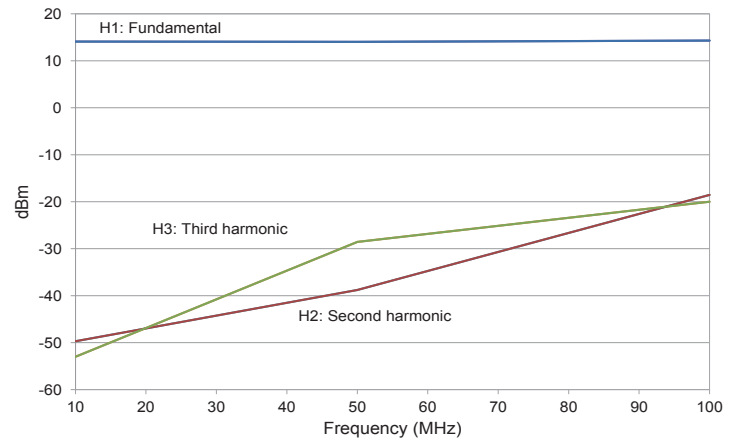
DC signal gain

Conditions: $V_{bias} = 12\text{ V} \ \& \ -12\text{ V}, V_{IN} = 50\text{ mV}, 10\text{ k}\Omega$

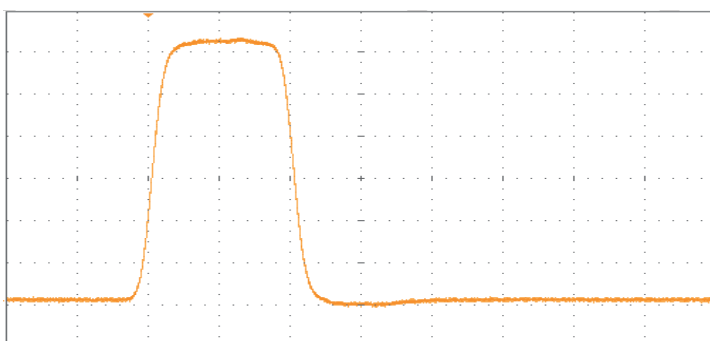


Harmonics vs frequency - Linearity driver response

Conditions: $V_{bias} = 12\text{ V} \ \& \ -12\text{ V}, P_{IN} = 10\text{ dBm}, 10\text{ k}\Omega$

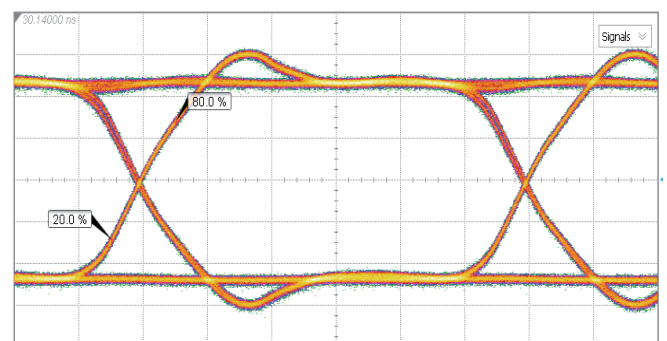


Electrical pulse - Pulse driver response



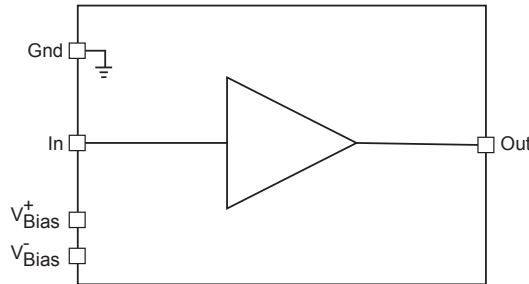
Pulse Width: 20 ns
Output voltage: 8 Vpp

100 Mb/s NRZ Eye Diagram - Digital driver response



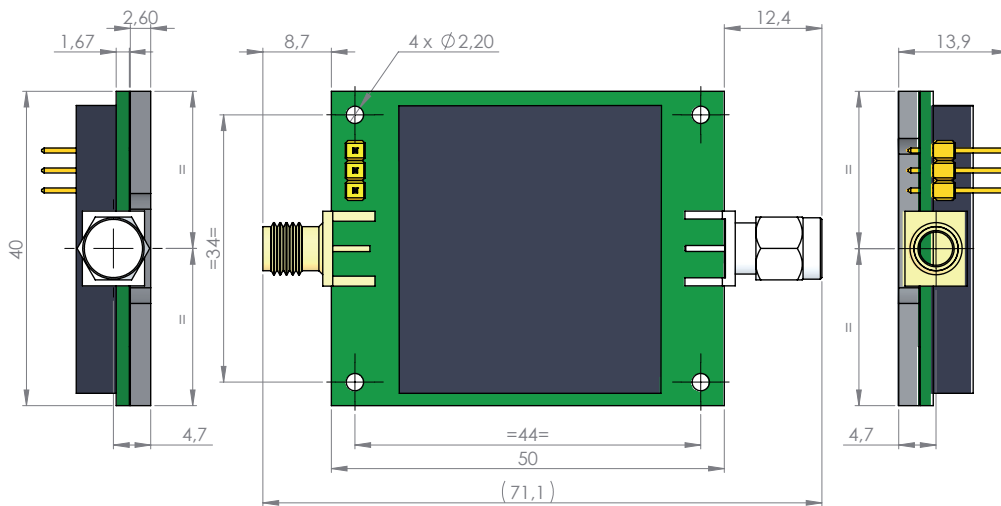
Rise Time: 1.6 ns
RMS jitter: 42 ps - Peak-peak jitter: 265 ps
SNR: 30

Electrical Schematic Diagram



Mechanical Diagram and Pinout

All measurements in mm



The heatsinking of the module is necessary. It's user responsibility to use an adequate heatsink.

| PIN | Function | Unit |
|------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| IN | RF In | SMA connector female |
| OUT | RF Out | SMA connector male |
| V_{bias} | Power supply voltage | 3 PINS - Cables are supplied |

About us

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