

High Power Amplifier at 5 Watt P1dB Operating From 500 MHz to 2.8 GHz with 37 dB Gain, 52 dBm IP3 and SMA

The SPA-028-37-05-SMA is a 5W wideband high gain power coaxial amplifier operating in the 0.5 to 2.8 GHz frequency range. The amplifier offers 5 Watts typ of P1dB and high 37 dB typical small signal gain with the gain flatness of ± 2 dB typical. This excellent technical performance is achieved through the use of hybrid MIC design and advanced GaAs PHEMT devices. The driver amplifier requires typically a +12V DC power supply. The connectorized SMA module is unconditionally stable and includes built-in voltage regulation, load VSWR protection, reverse bias protection, and thermal protection for added reliability. The amplifier operates over the temperature range of -10°C and +65°C.

Electrical Specifications

(TA = +25°C, DC Voltage = 12Volts, DC Current = 1.8A)

Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Frequency Range	0.5		2.8	GHz
Small Signal Gain	36	37		dB
Gain Flatness		± 2		dB
P1dB		+37		dBm
Output 3rd Order Intercept Point	+49	+52		dBm
Impedance (Input)		50		Ohms
Impedance (Output)		50		Ohms
Input Return Loss	-11	-14		dB
Operating DC Voltage		12		Volts
Operating DC Current			1.8	A
Operating Temperature Range	-10		+65	°C

Absolute Maximum Rating

Parameter	Rating	Units
Source Voltage	+15	Volts
RF input Power	+10	dBm
Operating Temperature (base-plate)	-10 to +65	°C
Storage Temperature	-55 to +100	°C



ESD Sensitive Material, Transport material in Approved ESD bags. Handle only in approved ESD Workstation.

Mechanical Specifications

Size	
Length	5 in [127 mm]
Width	2.5 in [63.5 mm]
Height	2.2 in [55.88 mm]
Weight	0.564 lbs [255.83 g]
Input Connector	SMA Female
Output Connector	SMA Female

Environmental Specifications



Features:

- 0.5 GHz to 2.8 GHz Frequency Range
- P1dB 37 dBm
- Small Signal Gain: 37 dB
- Gain Flatness: ± 2 typical
- 50 Ohms Input and Output Matched
- Unconditionally Stable
- Regulated Supply & Bias Sequencing
- Overvoltage Protection
- Thermal Protection

Applications:

- Military Radar
- Commercial Air Traffic Control
- Weather & Earth Observation Satellites
- Radar & Communication Systems
- High Gain Driver Power Amplifier
- High Gain Output Power Amplifier

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Temperature

Operating Range	-10 to +65 deg C
Storage Range	-55 to +100 deg C

Compliance Certifications (see [product page](#) for current document)

Plotted and Other Data

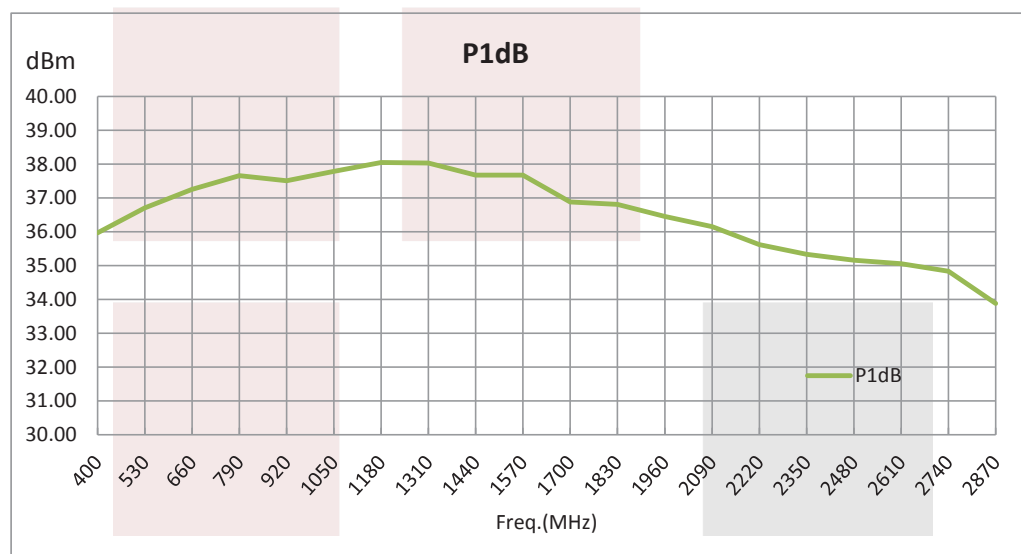
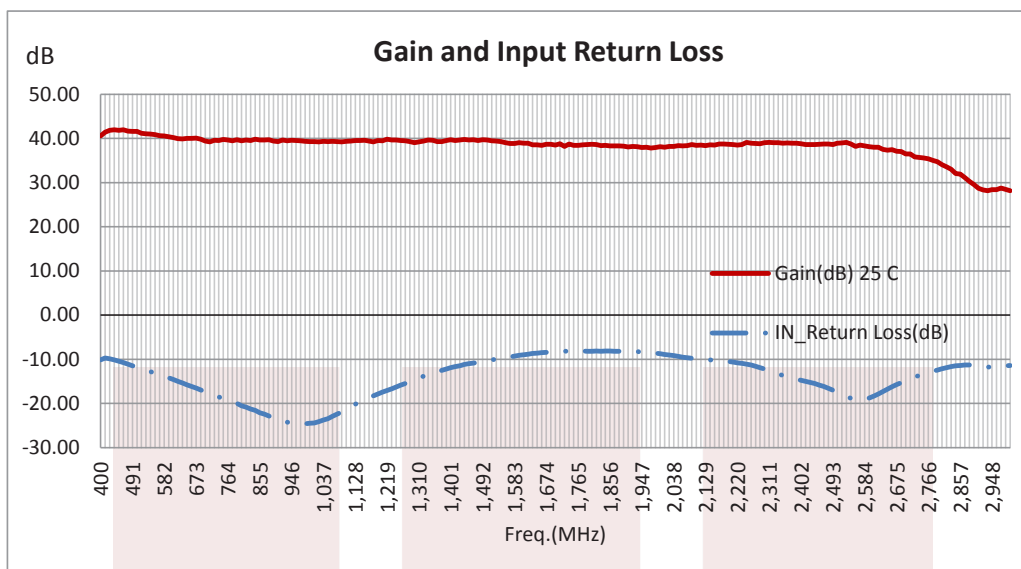
- Notes:
- Values at 25 °C, sea level
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 - Heat Sink Required for Proper Operation, Unit is cooled by conduction to heat sink.



Amplifier Power-up Precautions

- 1.) Confirm that proper ESD precautions and controls are always in place before handling any Amplifier module.
- 2.) Confirm adequate thermal management is in place to effectively dissipate heat away from the Amplifier package. The Amplifier operational baseplate temperature must be within the operational temperature range stated in the Amplifier datasheet. Depending on the design and thermal requirements, using a heatsink with cooling fan is always recommended for safe reliable operation. A heat sink without a cooling fan may also be used. Damage caused from overheating will void the warranty.
- 3.) Confirm adequate system grounding is established. The DC power supply and Amplifier must have a common ground in order to operate properly.
- 4.) Power Amplifiers may require additional DC Current when initially powered-up. Depending on the design, the input current draw could range from an additional 10% to 100% above the maximum rated DC current of the Amplifier. This varies based on product part number.
- 5.) Confirm the DC power supply, if limited, is set to allow for additional start-up current that's rated for the Power Amplifier.
- 6.) Confirm the system is designed and calibrated for 50 ohms. Any impedance mismatch may cause performance issues.
- 7.) Perform a CALIBRATION (if required) with the loads before connecting the Amplifier to the Network Analyzer to ensure proper performance.
- 8.) Use a fixed attenuator between the signal source and input port of the Amplifier to optimize the input VSWR match.
- 9.) Confirm the input power level at the input port of the amplifier does not exceed the maximum rated limit for input power (as stated in the Amplifier datasheet).
 P_{in} for Small Signal Gain = P1dB-SSG-10 dB
 P_{in} for P1dB = P1dB-SSG+1 dB
- 10.) Confirm the Network Analyzer is always connected to the Amplifier first before DC power is applied to the Amplifier.
- 11.) As long as the input and output ports of the amplifier are connected to a 50Ohm load and RF signal power is applied, the Amplifier can be powered up with DC voltage.
- 12.) Confirm the Amplifier output load is matched for a 50 Ohm impedance and will not exceed the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit for the Amplifier. Exceeding the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit will result in reflected signal power that could damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 13.) **Power Amplifier connected to an Antenna for signal transmission** - It's strongly recommended to use a high power fixed attenuator pad or an Isolator between the output port of the Amplifier and input port to the antenna. Any reflected signal power due to impedance mismatch will likely damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 14.) The attenuator or isolator used at the output port of the Amplifier must be rated to handle the output power level and operational frequency band of the amplifier.

Typical Performance Data

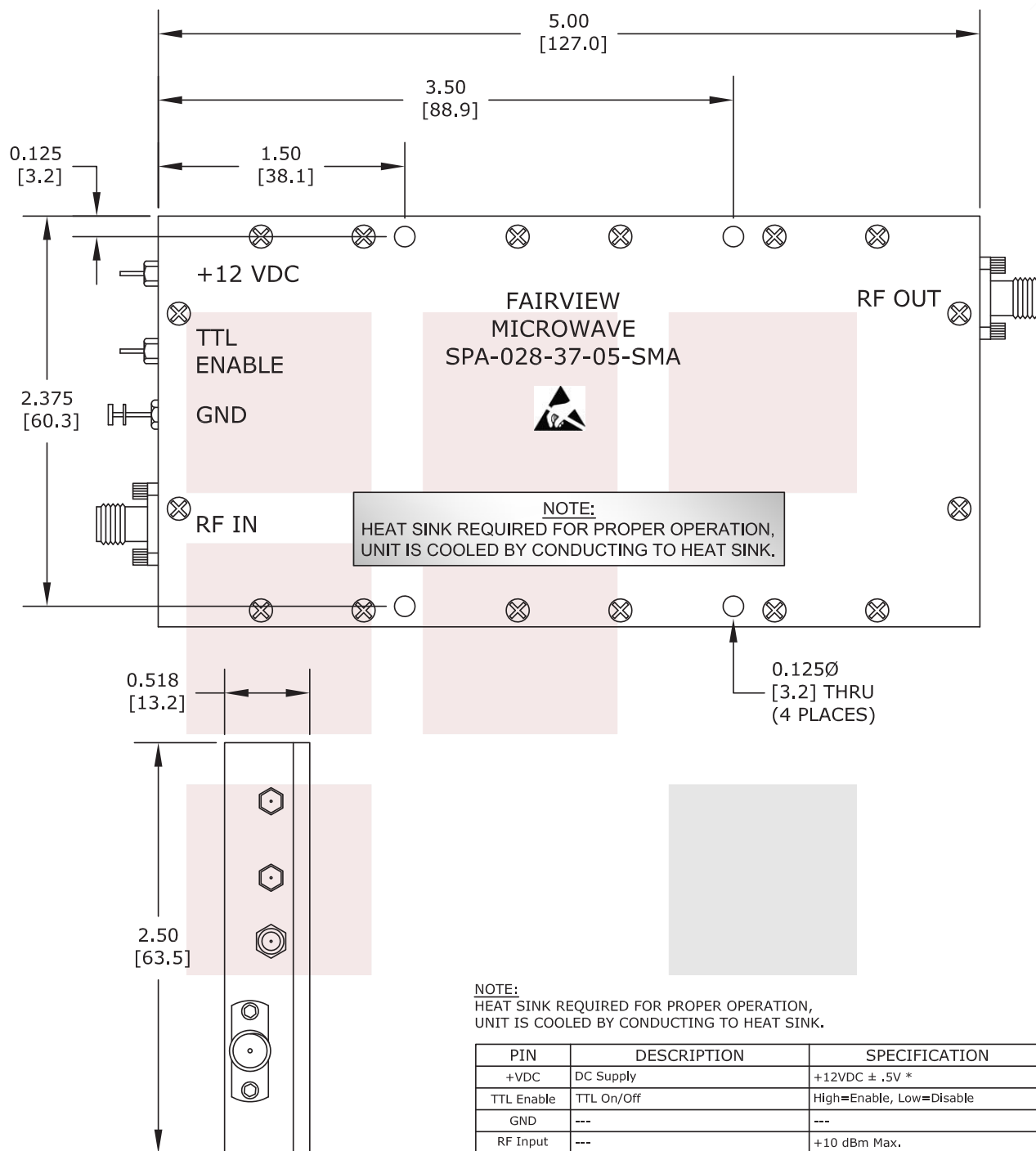


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