Coaxial Couplers

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Smiths Interconnect's broad range of passive coaxial couplers include Wilkinson, Directional and Branchline devices designed specifically to provide optimal performance in assigned frequencies from UHF to Ku-Band.

Smiths Interconnect's coaxial couplers provide designers and system architects with reliable and robust products designed and qualified for extreme operating environments in the Space, Avionics and Defence markets.

Our stand-alone coaxial couplers leverage the company's internal design, manufacturing, and Environmental Stress Screening (ESS) capabilities to support spacecraft applications including launch vehicles and payloads in GEO/MEO and LEO orbits.

Beyond offering couplers as components Smiths Interconnect can provide couplers incorporated within more complex passive assemblies, including ferrite isolators and RF filters, to offer solutions that optimize performance, volume, and mass.

Broad range of coaxial couplers for proven reliability applications

Features & Benefits

- Robust and mass minimised range of couplers
- Optimized electrical performance
- Space qualified: vibration, thermal cycling, mechanical shock and where appropriate high power testing (including multipaction where required)
- Environmentally robust EMC shielding
- Connectors selected based on operating frequency and RF power
- Internal terminations and resistors analyzed to maintain reliability under fault conditions
- Couplers can be supplied as stand-alone components or integrated with Smiths Interconnect's ferrite isolators and RF filters

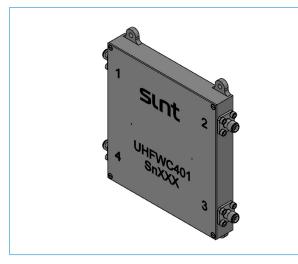
Applications

- GEO/MEO & LEO payloads
- Single and re-useable launch systems
- Ground, airborne, and naval systems

UHF Branchline (quadrature) Coupler

Designed for spacecraft and launch vehicle applications

Specifications

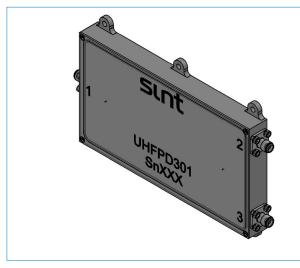


| UHF Power Divider | Performance |
|--|--------------------|
| Part Number | UHFWC301 |
| Function | Quadrature coupler |
| Operating Frequency | 375 to 450Mz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss (includes coupling loss) | 0.35dB max |
| Amplitude Balance | +/-0.2dB |
| Inter Channel isolation | 20 dB min |
| Return Loss | 20 dB min |

- Can be supplied with 4 ports accessible (illustrated) or with one port suitably terminated
- Supplied with SMA connectors as standard
- TNC interfaces may be appropriate for higher power applications

UHF Wilkinson Power Divider, 1:2

Designed for spacecraft and launch vehicle applications



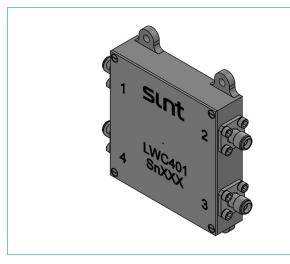
| UHF Branchline Coupler | Performance |
|--|----------------|
| Part Number | UHFPDx01 |
| Function | Power splitter |
| Operating Frequency | 375 to 450Mz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss (includes coupling loss) | 3.30dB max |
| Amplitude Balance | +/-0.2dB |
| Inter channel isolation | 20 dB min |
| Return Loss | 20 dB min |
| Power Handling | 10W CW |

- Supplied with SMA connectors as standard
- TNC interfaces may be appropriate for higher power applications

L-Band Branchline (quadrature) Coupler

Designed for spacecraft and launch vehicle applications

Specifications

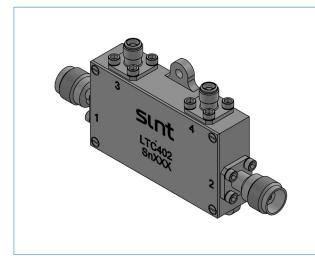


| L-Band Coupler | Performance |
|--|--------------------|
| Part Number | LWC401 |
| Function | Quadrature Coupler |
| Operating Frequency | 1540 to 1620MHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss (includes coupling loss) | 3.30dB max |
| Amplitude Balance | +/-0.2dB |
| Return Loss | 20 dB min |
| Power Handling | 3W CW |

- Can be supplied with 4 ports accessible (illustrated) or with one port suitably terminated
- Supplied with SMA connectors as standard
- TNC interfaces may be appropriate for higher power applications

L-Band Bi-Directional Coupler

Designed for terrestrial and airborne applications



| L-Band Coupler | Performance |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Part Number | LTCx01 |
| Function | Directional Coupler |
| Operating Frequency | 1020 to 1100MHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss | 0.35dB max |
| Coupling | 30+/-1dB |
| Directivity | 20 dB min |
| Isolation | 50 dB+/-1dB |
| Return Loss (all ports) | 20 dB min |

- Can be supplied with 4 ports accessible (illustrated) or with one coupled port suitably terminated
- Supplied with SMA (LTC401), TNC (LTC402) or N-Type interfaces (LTC403) depending on RF power

S-Band Wilkinson Power Divider, 1:2

Designed for spacecraft applications

Specifications



| S-Band Power Divider | Performance |
|--|-----------------|
| Part Number | SPD301 |
| Function | Power Splitter |
| Operating Frequency | 2000 to 2500MHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -55 to +125C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -50 to +85C |
| Amplitude Balance | +/-0.1dB |
| Insertion Loss (includes coupling loss) | 3.40dB max |
| Inter Channel Isolation | 23 dB min |
| Return Loss | 19 dB min |
| Power Handling | 2W CW |

- Supplied with spark plug hermetic SMA connectors as standard
- Phase matched outputs

S-Band Wilkinson Power Divider, 1:2

Designed for spacecraft applications



| S-Band Power Divider | Performance |
|---------------------------|--|
| Part Number | SPD302, SPD303 |
| Function | Power Splitter |
| Operating Frequency | 2300 to 2400MHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -20 to +75C |
| Insertion Loss | 3.50dB max |
| Amplitude Balance | +/-0.2dB |
| Inter Channel Isolation: | 20 dB min (SPD302) 40 dB min (SPD303) |
| Return Loss (all ports) | 20 dB min |
| Power Handling | 3W CW |

- Supplied with SMA connectors as standard
- Can be integrated with our substantial range of TT&C qualified ferrite isolators or circulators. Internal ferrite isolators included in the SPD303

S-Band isolator 6-Channel Power Divider

Designed for spacecraft applications

Specifications

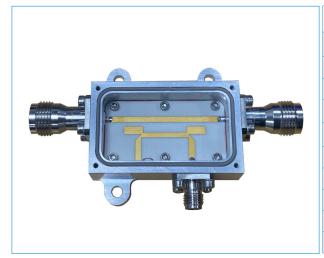


| S-Band Power Divider | Performance |
|--|----------------|
| Part Number | SPD701 |
| Function | Power Splitter |
| Operating Frequency | 2300 to 2400Mz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -20 to +75C |
| Insertion Loss (includes coupling loss) | 9.0dB max |
| Amplitude Balance | +/-0.7dB |
| Return Loss (all ports) | 23 dB min |
| Power Handling | 6W CW |

- 6-way isolated power divider. Each channel includes a ferrite isolator on the output
- Channels are phase and group delay matched
- Supplied with SMA connectors as standard

S-Band Directional Coupler

Designed and qualified for space applications



| S-Band Coupler | Performance |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Part Number | STC401 |
| Function | Test Coupler |
| Operating Frequency | 2000 to 2200MHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss | 0.30dB max |
| Coupling | 30+/-1dB |
| Directivity | 18 dB min |
| Return Loss (all ports) | 20 dB min |
| Power Handling | 150W CW |

- Can be supplied with all ports accessible of with one coupled port suitably terminated (illustrated)
- Supplied with TNC connectors as standard
- SMA interfaces may be appropriate for lower power applications
- Can be integrated with our substantial range of ferrite isolators or band defining RF filters

S-Band Bi-Directional Coupler

Designed and qualified for spacecraft applications

Specifications



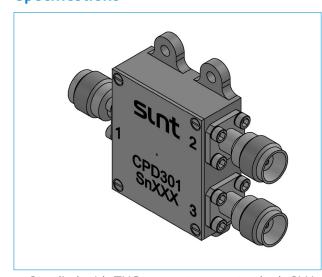
| S-Band Directoinal Coupler | Performance |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Part Number | STC402 |
| Function | Test Coupler |
| Operating Frequency | 2000 to 2200MHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -20 to +75C |
| Insertion Loss | 0.30dB max |
| Coupling | 30+/-1dB |
| Directivity | 18 dB min |
| Isolation | 48dB+/-1 dB min |
| Return Loss (all ports) | 20 dB min |
| Power Handling | 150W CW |

- Can be supplied with 4 ports accessible (illustrated) or with one coupled port suitably terminated
- Supplied with TNC connectors as standard. SMA interfaces may be appropriate for lower power applications
- Can be integrated with our substantial range of ferrite isolators or band defining RF filters

C-Band Wilkinson Power Divider 1:2

Designed for spacecraft and terrestrial radar applications

Specifications



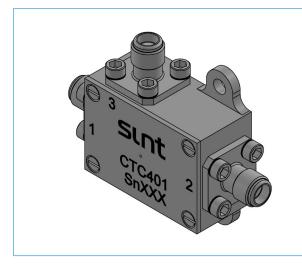
| C-Band Divider | Performance |
|--|-----------------|
| Part Number | CPD301 |
| Function | Power Splitter |
| Operating Frequency | 5200 to 5900MHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss (includes coupling loss) | 0.40dB max |
| Amplitude balance | +/-0.2dB |
| Inter Channel Isolation | 18 dB min |
| Return Loss | 18 dB min |
| Power Handling | 50W CW |

- Supplied with TNC connectors as standard. SMA interfaces may be appropriate for lower power applications
- Can be integrated with our substantial range of ferrite isolators or band defining RF filters

C-Band Directional Coupler

Designed and qualified for spacecraft applications

Specifications



| C-Band Directoinal Coupler | Performance |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Part Number | CTC401 |
| Function | Test Coupler |
| Operating Frequency | 3400 to 4200MHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss | 3.50dB max |
| Coupling | 20+/-1dB |
| Directivity | 20 dB min |
| Return Loss (all ports) | 18 dB min |
| Power Handling | 3W CW |

- Can be supplied with all ports accessible of with one coupled port suitably terminated (illustrated)
- Supplied with SMA as standard. TNC connectors employed for higher power versions
- Can be integrated with our substantial range of ferrite isolators or band defining RF filters

C-Band Branchline (quadrature) Coupler

Designed and qualified for spacecraft applications



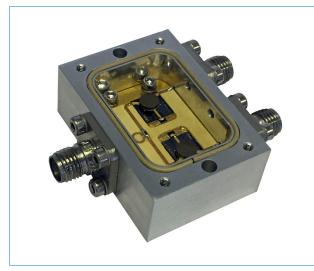
| C-Band Coupler | Performance |
|--|-----------------|
| Part Number | CWC402 |
| Function | Coupler |
| Operating Frequency | 3400 to 4200MHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss (includes coupling loss) | 3.50dB max |
| Amplitude balance | +/-0.3dB |
| Return Loss | 18 dB min |
| Power Handling | 3W CW |

- Can be supplied with all ports accessible of with one coupled port suitably terminated (illustrated)
- Supplied with SMA as standard. TNC connectors employed for higher power versions
- Can be integrated with our substantial range of ferrite isolators or band defining RF filters

Ku-Band Isolated Wilkinson Power Divider

Designed and qualified for spacecraft applications

Specifications



| Ku-Band Power Divider | Performance |
|--|-----------------|
| Part Number | XPD301 |
| Function | Divider |
| Operating Frequency | 12.7 to 14.8GHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss (includes coupling loss) | 3.40dB max |
| Amplitude Balance | +/-0.2dB |
| Inter Channel Isolation | 40 dB min |
| Return Loss | 18 dB min |
| Power Handling | 3W CW |

- Supplied with SMA connectors as standard
- Isolators included on output ports

Ku-Band Branchline (quadrature) Coupler

Designed and qualified for spacecraft applications



| Ku-Band Coupler | Performance |
|--|--------------------|
| Part Number | XTC401 |
| Function | Quadrature Coupler |
| Operating Frequency | 10.7 to 11.7GHz |
| Qualification Temperature | -45 to +95C |
| Acceptance Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss (includes coupling loss) | 3.80dB max |
| Directivity | 18dB min |
| Directivity | 18dB min |
| Return Loss (all ports) | 18dB min |
| Power Handling | 3W CW |

- Can be supplied with 4 ports accessible (illustrated) or with one coupled port suitably terminated
- Supplied with SMA as standard. TNC connectors employed for higher power versions
- Can be integrated with our substantial range of ferrite isolators or band defining RF filters

Related Products

Smiths Interconnect can provide a wide array of passive products which, in combination, can improve microwave and RF coaxial system performance. The following are examples of products that are being supplied with the couplers featured within.

High Power Circulator, C2022/A

Designed for TT&C applications



| High Power Circulator | Performance |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Function | Circulator |
| Operating Frequency | 2.00 to 2.20 GHz |
| Storage Temperature | -55 to +125C |
| Acceptance Temeprature | -15 to +55C |
| Insertion Loss | 0.20dB max |
| Return Loss | 20 dB min |
| Power Handling | 150 CW |

- Multipactor free / Corona Discharge free Circulator used in launch applications under full fault conditions;
 full reflection any phase
- Used as a duplexer or available as an isolator in conjunction with an integrated or remote TNC remote termination

High Power Circulator, C03743/A

Designed and qualified for UHF proximity transceiver



| High Power Circulator | Performance |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Function | Circulator |
| Operating Frequency | 375 to 450 MHz |
| Storage Temperature | -55 to +125C |
| Operating Temperature | -35 to +85C |
| Insertion Loss | 0.5dB max |
| Return Loss | 20dB min |
| Power Handling | 10W CW |

- Multipactor free / Corona Discharge free Circulator used in launch applications under full fault conditions;
 full reflection any phase
- Used as a duplexer or available as an isolator in conjunction with an integrated or remote TNC remote termination

Additional Test Capabilities

Smiths Interconnect can provide a wide array of add-on test services to suit market and program needs. Below is a list of standard available test options. Please consult factory for individual program needs.



Qualification and Test Laboratory in Dundee, Scotland





Features

- 300 square metres of modern and purpose built lab space
- All rooms with independent air conditioning and temperature control
- Dedicated ISO8 clean room for Seeded Multipaction, Corona & High-power thermal vacuum test from 200 MHz to 22GHz
- SRS mechanical shock test (Q= 10)

Per MIL, ESA or Custom Test and Inspection Standards

| SRS Mechanical Shock Test to 5000g | Thermal Cycle and Shock Testing |
|---|---|
| Optical Inspection to 200x | RF Power Withstanding (Facility Ranges from 200MHz to 22.2GHz) |
| 3D X-Ray Tomography and Inspection | Radio Active Seeded Multipaction Testing |
| Random and Sine Vibration Testing | Corona Discharge (Critical power) Testing |
| Gross Leak Testing | VNA Testing to 110GHz |
| Voltage Withstanding and Insulation Testing | Automated Bondpull Testing |
| Continuous Insertion Phase and Amplitude Monitoring | Barometric Pressure (Altitude) Testing |

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