Lab-Flex[®] S Series

High Performance Coaxial Cable Assemblies



Smiths Interconnect's Lab-Flex S product portfolio provides customers with a robust high performance solution for multiple applications and markets. The combination of repeatable, consistent performance and high reliability products translates to lower cost of ownership while improving system performance. The benefits enable customers to be more competitive with support of an established technology partner.

The Lab-Flex S series was developed for high dynamic flexure applications using precision grade low loss PTFE and stranded center conductors designed for Test & Measurement, Defense, Commercial and other markets which need the ultimate in performance requirements.

This cable series has a very long heritage in high shock and vibration applications such as missile technology as well as repeatable performance in the Test & Measurement environment. The Lab-Flex S cable has a low loss PTFE insulator for minimum attenuation and a stranded silver plated copper center conductor for maximum flexure capability. The 160S, 180SP, 235SP, 335SP and 490S products represent the most common sizes needed for today's applications. These Lab-Flex S cables are an excellent choice for use in SatCom, Radar, Missile Guidance and Test & Measurement applications. Test data is available on request.

Lab-Flex[®] S Series, precision cable for dynamic applications.

Features and Benefits

- Up to 40GHz
- Low Loss (30% less than solid PTFE dielectrics)
- Superior EMI Shielding >90dB
- Phased Matched Pairs and Sets Available (standard tolerance is +/- one degree per GHz or +/-2.8 picoseconds)

Applications

- Ground SatCom
- Missile Guidance
- Radar
- Test & Measurement
- Communication Systems
- Point to Point Radio

Technical Characteristics

Lab-Flex Series	160S	180SP	235SP	335SP	490S
Electrical					
Frequency, Max (GHz)	40	40	26.5	18	10
Impedance, nominal (Ω)	50	50	50	50	50
Velocity of Propagation (%)	77	78	78	78	80
Shielding Effectiveness, 18 GHz (dB/ft)	>100	>90	>90	>90	>90
Capacitance (pF/ft)	26.2	26.9	26.9	26.9	25.5
Delay (ns/ft), (ns/meter)	1.32 (4.33)	1.30 (4.27)	1.30 (4.27)	1.30 (4.27)	1.27 (4.16)
Attenuation k1 (db/100ft) @ 23°C	0.287	0.522	0.3440	0.154	0.116
Attenuation k2 (db/100ft) @ 23°C	0.00049	0.000594	0.000525	0.000743	0.000179
Attenuation (Typical) at any Frequency =	k1 x SqRt (FMHz)	+ k2 x (FMHz)			
Mechanical & Environmental					
Weight (lbs/100ft), (Kg/100m)	3.4 (5.00)	2.7 (4.06)	5.1 (7.67)	9.0 (13.39)	19.20 (28.57)
Temperature Range (°C)	-55/+135	-65/+85	-65/+85	-65/+85	-55/+200
Minimum Bend Radius (inch), (mm)	0.750 (19.05)	0.470 (11.94)	1.20 (30.48)	1.6 (40.64)	2.5 (63.50)
Construction					
Inner Conductor A	Stranded SPC	Stranded SPC	Stranded SPC	Stranded SPC	Stranded SPC
Dielectric B	ePTFE	ePTFE	ePTFE	ePTFE	PTFE Tape
First Outer Shield C	SPC Spiral	SPC Flat	SPC Flat	SPC Flat	SPC Flat
Second Outer Shield D	SPC Round	Metalized Foil	Metalized Foil	Metalized Foil	Metalized Foil
Third Outer Shield E	-	SPC Round	SPC Round	SPC Round	SPC Round
Jacket (inch O.D.) F	FEP (.160)	Polyurethane (.180)	Polyurethane (.235)	Polyurethane (.335)	FEP (.490)



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Attenuation (dB/100ft)						Attenuation vs Frequency			
GHz	160S	180SP	235SP	335SP	490S	- 150.0			
1 3 6 10 12 18 26 32 40	9.6 17.2 25.2 32.0 37.4 47.4 59.2 67.2 77.2	17.1 30.4 44.0 53.0 64.4 80.7 99.6 112.4 128.2	11.4 20.4 29.8 37.5 43.9 55.6 69.1	5.6 10.7 16.4 22.5 25.8 34.0	3.8 6.9 9.9 14.1	120.0 120.0 180SP 235SP 335SP 490S 90.0 30.0 0.0 1 3 6 10 12 18 26 32 40			
Typical	Cable Loss at +2	25° C & Sea Lev	el			- Frequency (GHz)			

Technical Characteristics

Average Power Rating (Watts)						Average Power Rating			
GHz	160S	180SP	235SP	235SP	490S	- 2000			
1 3 10 12 18 26 32 40	650 380 260 200 180 140 120 110 100	870 490 340 260 240 190 160 140 120	1240 840 580 460 400 330 260	3002 2160 1470 1200 990 590	2300 1300 800 650	2500 2500 2500 1500 1500 1000 500 0 1 3 6 10 12 18 26 32 40			
Cable P	ower handling	at +25° C & Sea				Frequency (GHz)			

Cable Power handling at +25° C & Sea Level



Typical Values

		Phase	vs. Flexure	Phase vs Flexure		
Freq.	160S(+/-deg)	180SP(+/-deg)	235SP(+/-deg)	335SP(+/-deg)	490S(+/-deg)	22
0 10 20 30 40	0 0.5 1.5 3 5.5	0 3.5 8 16 23	0 3.1 7 10	0 3.4 7	0 4.2 8	23 19 160S 180SP 235SP 235SP 3 490S 490S 10 20 30 4
Typical	Values +25°C					Frequency (GHz)

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Technical Characteristics

Cable Code	Connector Code	Series	Gender	Туре	C-Nut Style ¹	Body Material ²	Body Finish ³	Loss per GHz	Frequency Max GHz
160S, 180SP, 235SP, 335SP 235SP 180SP, 235SP 235SP	SMS SFS SMR SFBS	SMA SMA SMA SMA	Male Female Male Female	Straight Straight R/A Straight	H N/A H N/A	SS SS SS	P P P P	0.01 0.015 0.02 0.015	18 18 18 18
160S, 180SP, 235SP 180SP 160S, 180SP 180SP	KMS KFS MMS MFS	2.92mm 2.92mm 2.4mm 2.4mm	Male Female Male Female	Straight Straight Straight Straight	H N/A H N/A	SS SS SS SS	P P P P	0.01 0.015 0.01 0.015	40 40 50 50
160S, 180SP, 235SP, 335SP, 490S 180SP, 235SP, 490S 180SP, 235SP 180SP, 235SP, 335SP, 490S 335SP	NMS NMR NFBS TMS 7/16MS	Type-N Type-N Type-N TNC 7/16	Male Male Female Male Male	Straight R/A Straight Straight Straight	H N/A N/A H H	SS SS SS B	P P P WB	0.01 0.02 0.015 0.01 0.01	18 18 18 18 6

¹ C-Nut Style: H=Hex, K-Knurled, HK=Hex Nut & Knurled

 $^{\rm 2}$ Body Materials: B=Brass, SS=Stainless, Be=Berylium Copper

³ Body Finish: N=Nickel, S=Silver, G=Gold, P=Passivated, WB=White Bronze

Connector gender is determined by center conductor

Cable Code	Option Code	Option Description	Option Details
160S, 180SP, 235SP, 335SP 160S, 180SP 160S, 180SP, 235SP, 335SP 160S, 180SP, 235SP, 335SP 160S, 180SP, 235SP, 335SP 160S, 180SP, 235SP, 335SP 160S, 180SP, 235SP, 335SP	A W AW Z D +/-2.8 ps ⁴ E RoHS ⁵	Armorized Protection Weatherized Armorized/Weatherized Covering Water Tight Dust Caps Phase Match Extended Boots RoHS Compliant	SS Interlock Armor Extruded PVC cover SS Interlock Armor with Extruded PVC Cover Cable to Connector junction "Sealed" Dust Cap with Tether Standard Tolerance of +/-2.8ps Layered Adhesive lined Shrink Tubing Per EU Directive 2002/95/EC

 4 for phase matched assemblies (+/-2.8ps) is required to be added to the end of standard part number example: NMS-235SP-120.0-NMS +/-2.8ps

 $^{\rm 5}$ for RoHS assemblies (RoHS) is required to be added to the end of standard part number example: NMS-235SP-120.0-NMS - RoHS

Custom Options:

The above connectors and options represent the most common types used. Smiths Interconnect offers a wide range of cables, connectors and options. If you do not see an option you require please consult the sales department.

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1 2		3	4	5
1 Connector #1				
SMS SMA Male Straight	KFS	2.92mm Female Straigh	nt NFBST	ype-N Female Bulkhead St
S F S SMA Female Straight	MMS	2.4 Male Straight	TMS	NC Male Straight
SMR SMA Male R/A	MFS	2.4 Female Straight	7 / 1 6 M S	7/16 Male Straight
S F B S SMA Female Bulkhead S	tr NMS	Type-N Male Straight		
KMS 2.92mm Male Straight	NMR	Type-N Male R/A		
2 Cable (fixed)				
1 6 0 S Lab-Flex 160S	2 3 5 S P	Lab-Flex 235SP	4 9 0 S	Lab-Flex 490S
1 8 0 S P Lab-Flex 180SP	190S	Lab-Flex 190S		
B Length (inches);				
3 6 . 0 Example: 36 in.				
Connector #2				
S M S SMA Male Straight	MMS	2.4mm Male Straight	TMS	NC Male Straight
S M R SMA Male R/A	N M S	Type-N Male Straight	7 / 1 6 M S	7/16 Male Straight
KMS 2.92mm Male Straight	NMR	Type-N Male R/A		

- +/-2.8 ps +/-2.8 ps Phase Matched Electrical Length

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