

# Ku-Band Airborne Converter

25 WATT GaN SSPA BLOCK UP CONVERTER (BUC)



**Smith Interconnect's frequency converters provide frequency translation of the input signal to a desired output frequency. They support up and down frequency translations with either fixed local oscillators (block converters), or tunable local oscillators (agile converters).**

Ku SSPA design optimized for volume manufacturing and for compliance with phase noise requirements of both commercial and military satellite bands. The design is an ultra rugged design using sealed parts to withstand demanding airborne altitude and high moisture environments. SSPA supports drain voltage stepping for reduced thermal dissipation during lower Tx power operational needs or in high temperature operation on the ground.

All BIT, Temp Sens and Fwd/Rev detectors can be read through standard serial commands. An external waveguide filter and Isolator is available in WR-62 for additional LO rejection and reverse power detection. The optimized matched BUC has equalization and gain expansion to improve GaN device gain compression transfer function.

The airborne converter covers the frequency range of 13.75 to 14.50 GHz

## Features and Benefits

- Rugged Low Cost all SMT Construction – NO OPEN DIE
- Compact Mechanical Outline
- Programmable Gain Expansion
- External 10MHz Ref. input through Modem IF or External Coax
- Digital Bias Control and internal BIT
- Flexible Voltage Operation
- >16% eff. % Total DC-RF
- Built-In Fwd/Rev Power Detection with BIT and Fault Protection
- ITAR Free

## Applications

- In Flight Entertainment Systems
- FAA Material Safe for In Cabin Hardware
- UAV Worldwide Band Coverage

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# Technical Characteristics

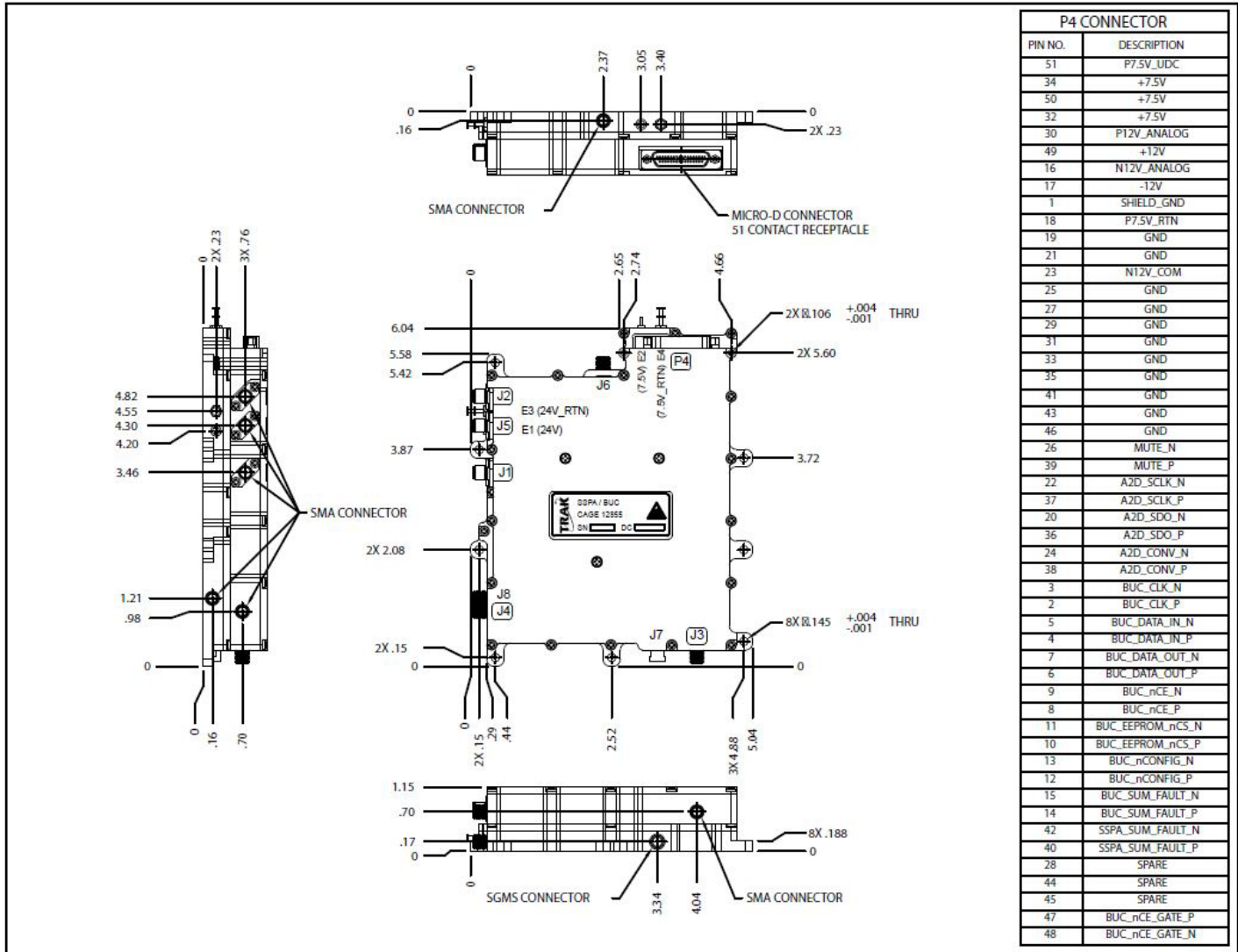
<b>Electrical</b>	
RF Freq. Output	13.75 to 14.5 GHz
BUC IF Input	950-1700 MHz
IF Power In	-9 to -30 dBm
BUC RF Power Out	+12 to +17 dBm (at Max Gain/Max Input)
<b>BUC Gain Control Characteristics</b>	
Gain Expansion	0 to +7 dB (Vs IF PIN)
Gain Vs Temp	+/-8 dB Selectable Pos or Neg slope
Total Digital Cont	30 dB nominal
Spurious	BUC 2xIF Control -60 dBc typical with digital I/Q nulling
LO Leakage	-20 dBc typ.
I/O VSW	1.5:1 Typical
<b>SSPA Characteristics</b>	
Noise Power Out	<-120 dBc/Hz (-140 dBc/Hz typ.)
Second Harmonic	<-40 dBc (-60 dBc Typ)
Small Sig. Gain	40 to 48 dB ( over 55 dB with BUC)
Power Output	25 Watt min at +10 dBm Input from BUC (Gain Comp <5 dB)
Power Flatness	+/- 1 dB over 1 GHz BW
Spectral Re-Growth	< -22 dBc [OQPSK] At Max Power Out and symbol rate

<b>DC Power</b>	
SSPA +7.5 Vdc	<2.4 amps (typ 2.1 amps)
BUC +7.5 Vdc	<1.7 amps (typ 1.5 amps)
SSPA+BUC +12 Vdc	< -300 ma (Typ <200 ma)
SSPA External Solder Terminal	+24 to +26 Vdc <7.2 amps
<b>Digital Control</b>	
Serial SPI	
LO Power and Lock Bits	
Forward/Reverse SSPA Power Detect	
Multiple Temp Sensors	
External Mute and Self Mute to prevent damage	
Gain Vs Temp Control, Expansion, Range	
I/Q Bias Control for 2X IF nulling	
Voltage and Current fault and level measurement	
<b>Environmental Specifications</b>	
Temperature	-20 to +70C
Vibration	Airborne
<b>Mechanical Specifications</b>	
RF Connectors I/O	SMA
DC Control	Micro-D

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# Mechanical - Test Data Plots

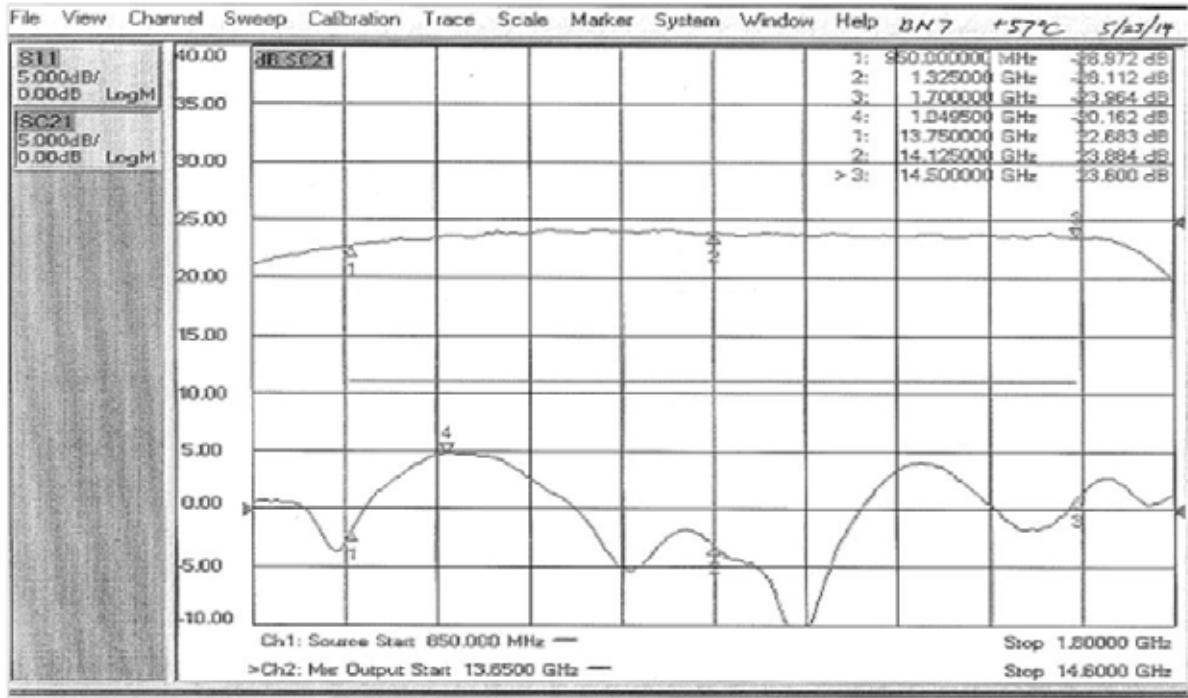
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