



## THIN FILM SURFACE MOUNT

# Low Pass Filter

# ALF-12000+

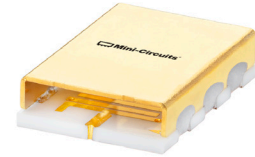
50Ω DC to 12 GHz

### KEY FEATURES

- Low Passband Insertion Loss of 0.5 dB Typ.
- High Rejection of 47 dB Typ.
- Good Return Loss of 17 dB Typ.
- Small Size, 5.59 x 8.13 x 2.03 mm

### APPLICATIONS

- Telecommunications and broad band wireless systems.
- Military applications.
- SATCOM modems.
- Test and measurements

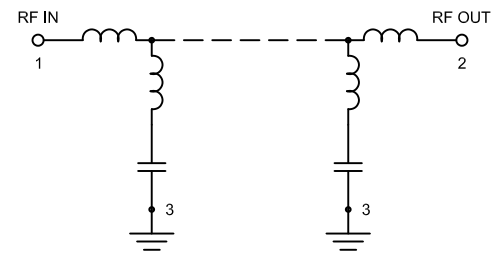


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### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' Surface Mount Thin-Film filters offer low insertion loss and high rejection realized via Thin-Film on Alumina substrate, using a sputtering process that can guarantee an enhanced Q and repeatable performance. Low pass, high pass, and bandpass surface mount thin-film designs can be realized with this technology up to 40GHz in a small form factor helping customers achieve their SWaP objectives. Using our high quality thin-film manufacturing process we can guarantee repeatability on large batches of filters.

### FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



### ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS<sup>1,2</sup> AT +25°C

Parameter		F#	Frequency (GHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Pass Band	Insertion Loss	DC-F1	DC - 12	—	0.5	1.2	dB
	Freq. Cut-Off <sup>3</sup>	Fc	13.95	—	3	—	dB
	Return Loss	DC-F1	DC - 12	—	17	—	dB
Stop Band	Rejection	F2-F3	15.6 - 17	25	38	—	dB
		F3-F4	17 - 20	35	47	—	
		F4-F5	20 - 25	—	30	—	

1. Tested in Evaluation Board P/N TB-ALF-12000+ with feedline losses removed by normalization of S12 and S21 traces to measurement of TB thru-line.

2. This component should not be used as a DC-block. In applications where DC voltage and/or current is present at either the input or output ports, external DC blocking capacitors are required

3. Typical variation ±3%

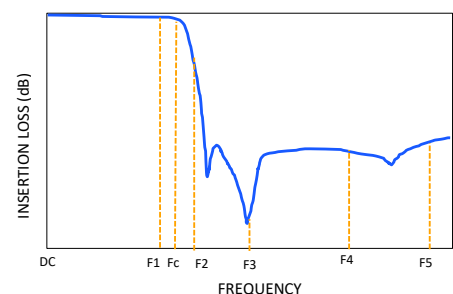
### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS<sup>4</sup>

Parameter	Ratings
Operating Temperature	-55°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature	-55°C to +125°C
Input Power <sup>5</sup>	12 W Max. at 25°C

4. Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

5. Power rating applies only to signals within the passband. Derated power at +125 degC is 4 W.

### TYPICAL FREQUENCY RESPONSE





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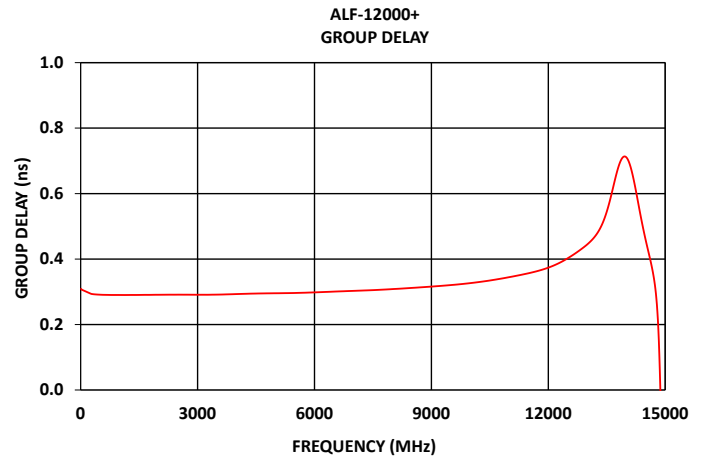
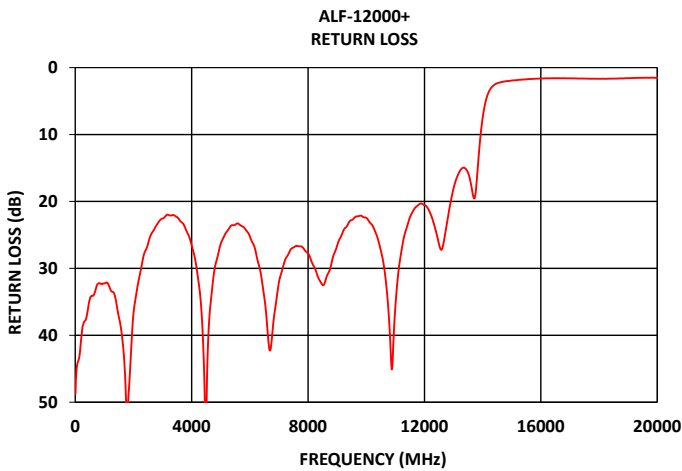
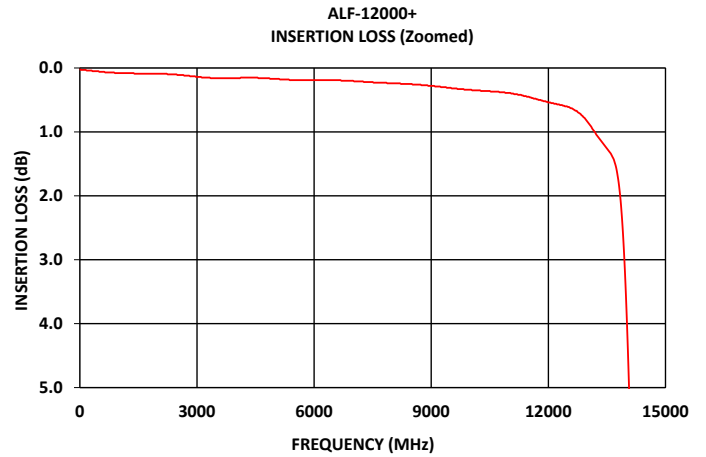
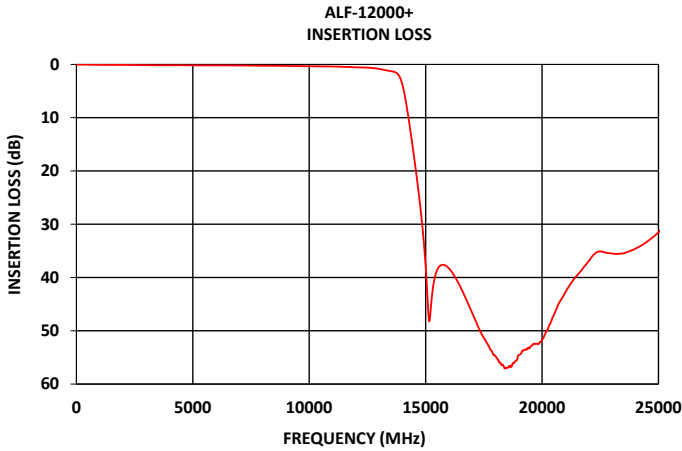
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### TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS AT +25°C





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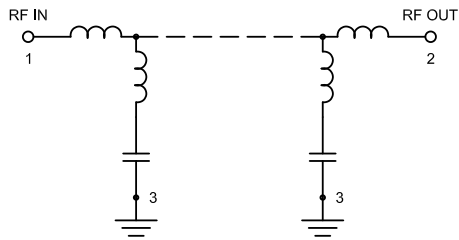
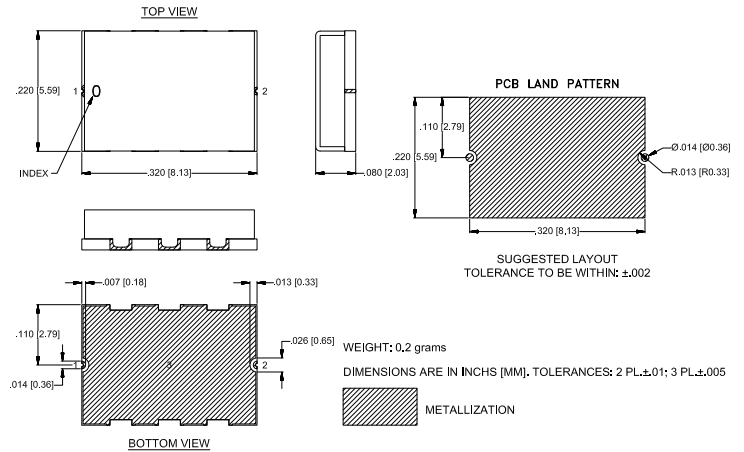


Figure 1. ALF-12000+ Functional Diagram

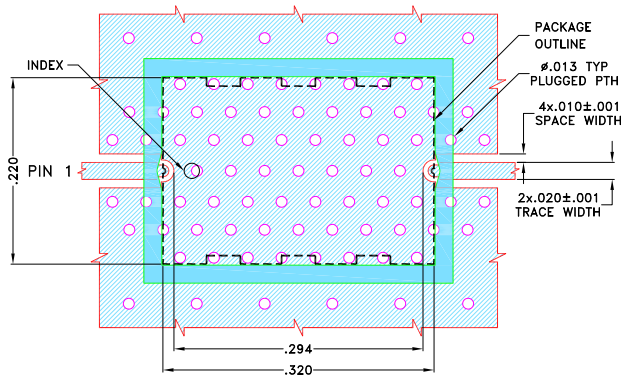
### PAD DESCRIPTION

Function	Pad Number	Description
RF1	1	Connects to RF Input Port
RF2	2	Connects to RF Output Port
GROUND	3	Connects to Ground on PCB, (See drawing PL-652)
NC	—	No connection, not used internally. See drawing PL-652 for connection to PCB

### CASE STYLE DRAWING



### SUGGESTED PCB LAYOUT (PL-652)



**NOTES:**

1. COPLANAR WAVEGUIDE PARAMETERS ARE SHOWN FOR ROGERS (R04350B) WITH DIELECTRIC THICKNESS .010±.0010. COPPER: 1/2 Oz. EACH SIDE. FOR OTHER MATERIALS TRACE WIDTH AND GAP MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED.
  2. BOTTOM SIDE OF THE PCB IS CONTINUOUS GROUND PLANE.
- DENOTES PCB COPPER PATTERN WITH SMOBC (SOLDER MASK OVER BARE COPPER)  
 DENOTES PCB COPPER PATTERN FREE OF SOLDERMASK

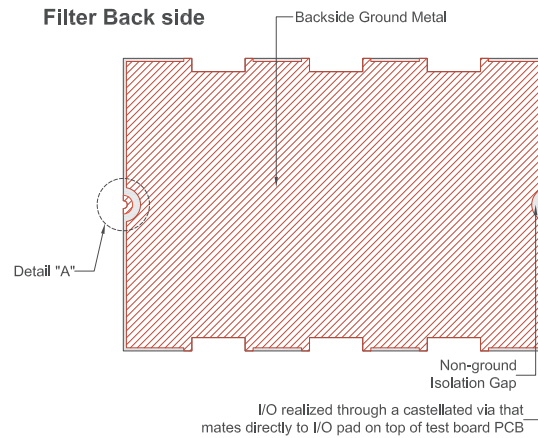
Figure 2. Suggested PCB Layout PL-652

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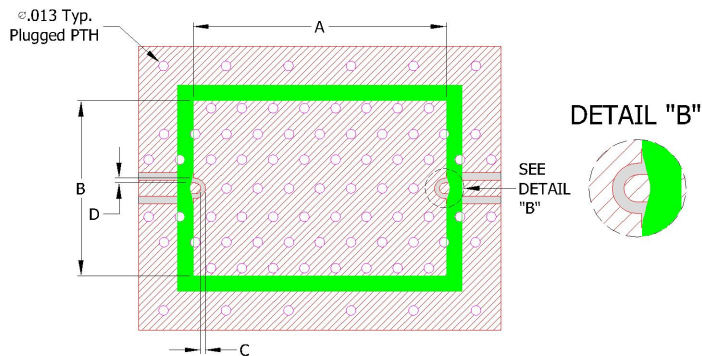
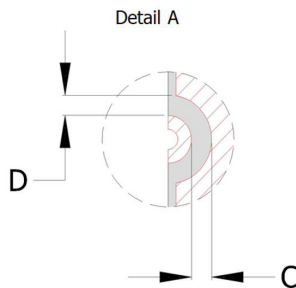


### RECOMMENDED PCB LAYOUT PATTERN FOR FILTER



### PCB Pattern Recommendations

Filter RF I/O Detail (Filter Back Side)



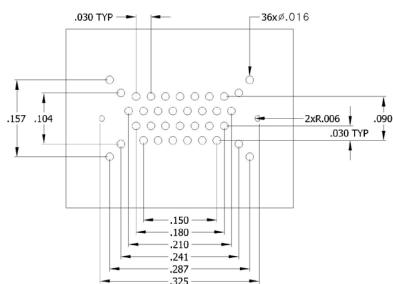
- 1) Customer PCB's ground pattern length (dimension A) can be similar to filter length.
- 2) Customer PCB's ground pattern width (dimension B) can be similar filter width.
- 3) Dimensions C and D on Filter RF I/O detail and Customer PCB pattern can be closely match. The dimensions of C and D on the Customer PCB pattern can be slightly larger to account for component alignment tolerance (ground metal can be pulled back from RF I/O trace).
- 4) Recommend to use Solder mask at Customer PCB at outer area of filter pattern/ footprint with a clearance of about 1.25mil at each side. (Tighter registration tolerance required for solder mask)
- 5) Recommended to use Solder mask at I/O of Customer PCB as per above diagram (refer detail B).



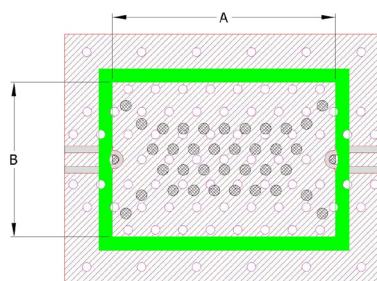
### COMMENTS ON COMPONENT HANDLING AND SOLDER ATTACH

- 1) Avoid using soldering iron directly to the ceramic filter. This would lead to development of crack in the component due to thermal shock.
- 2) Vacuum pick-up tool or plastic tweezers are recommended for handling the components. Extra care should be taken not to scratch the filter or metal area.
- 3) Use 2-3 mil thickness stencil plate and screen print the solder. Refer below picture for recommended stencil pattern to get the best solder attachment.

Stencil opening drawing



Solder location after screen print



- 4) Plugged ground vias in the PWB will improve attachment consistency.
- 5) Recommended to have a similar or closer test board material and thickness (refer Mini-Circuits evaluation board for details) to minimize the CTE over the temperature range.



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ADDITIONAL DETAILED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR DASH BOARD.

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Performance Data and Graphs	Data
	Graphs
	S-Parameter (S2P Files) Data Set (.zip file) De-embedded to device pads
Case Style	UC2731 Lead Finish: Gold over Nickel plate.
RoHS Status	Compliant
Tape and Reel	TR-F003
Suggested Layout for PCB Design	PL-652
Evaluation Board	TB-ALF-12000+
	Gerber File
Environmental Rating	ENV120

### NOTES

- A. Performance and quality attributes and conditions not expressly stated in this specification document are intended to be excluded and do not form a part of this specification document.
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