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# High Power Amplifier

**ZHL-50W-GAN+**  
**ZHL-50W-GANX+**

50Ω 20 to 500 MHz Broadband 50W SMA-Female

## THE BIG DEAL

- High Output Power, 50W
- High Output IP2, +80dBm typ.
- High Output IP3, +55dBm typ.
- Reverse Polarity Protected
- Unconditionally stable
- Protected by US patent 7,348,854



With heatsink



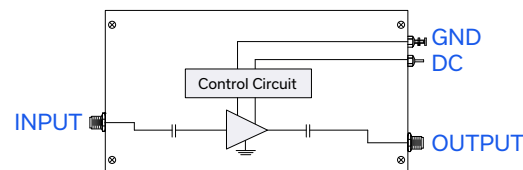
Without heatsink

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## APPLICATIONS

- Broad based test laboratory amplifier
- Test setup driver amplifier
- VHF test amplifier
- Amplifier for burn-in test setups

## FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The ZHL-50W-GAN+ and ZHL-50W-GANX+ are Class A, high power amplifiers that utilize a Gallium Nitride (GaN) push-pull output stage, which results in a higher efficiency (50% typ.) as compared to GaAs, LDMOS and VDMOS counterparts. These amplifiers provide 50 W (typical) of output power at 1dB Compression Point from 20 MHz to 500 MHz and are well suited for a variety of high-power test setups as well as communication applications. They are ruggedly designed and provide unconditional stability and built-in self-protection against over and reverse voltage and over temperature conditions. The GaN Transistors boast a maximum junction temperature up to +250 °C translating into the higher MTBF and improved reliability.

## KEY FEATURES

Features	Advantages
High Efficiency	Higher PAE results in significant cost savings over the operating life of the amplifier.
Rugged Design	Extreme load mismatch such as open/short at the RF output are tolerated without damaging the amplifier. At constant open/short and +28V nominal supply voltage.
Range of Protections	Over temperature, over voltage and reverse polarity protection add to the ruggedness of the amplifier.



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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT  $T_{\text{BASEPLATE}} = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{\text{DC}} = +28\text{V}$ 

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range		20		500	MHz
Small Signal Gain	$P_{\text{IN}} = -40 \text{ dBm}$	40	43.5	47	dB
Small Signal Gain Flatness	$P_{\text{IN}} = -40 \text{ dBm}$		$\pm 1.2$	$\pm 2.7$	dB
Output Power at 1dB compression, reference level $P_{\text{IN}} = -10 \text{ dBm}$	20-100 MHz	+46.2	+47		dBm
	100-500 MHz	+46.8	+48		dBm
Output Power at 3dB compression, reference level $P_{\text{IN}} = -10 \text{ dBm}$	20-100 MHz		+48		dBm
	100-500 MHz		+49		dBm
Noise Figure			7	12	dB
Output Third Order Intercept Point			+55		dBm
Output Second Order Intercept Point			+80		dBm
Input VSWR			1.7		:1
Output VSWR			2.6		:1
DC Supply Voltage			+28	+31	V
DC Supply Current for ZHL-50W-GAN+ (with heatsink/fan) <sup>1</sup>			7.2	7.4	A

1. DC Power Supply should be able to deliver 13A DC at startup.



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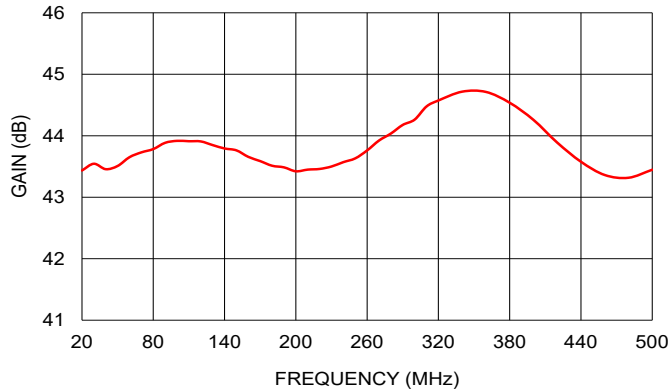
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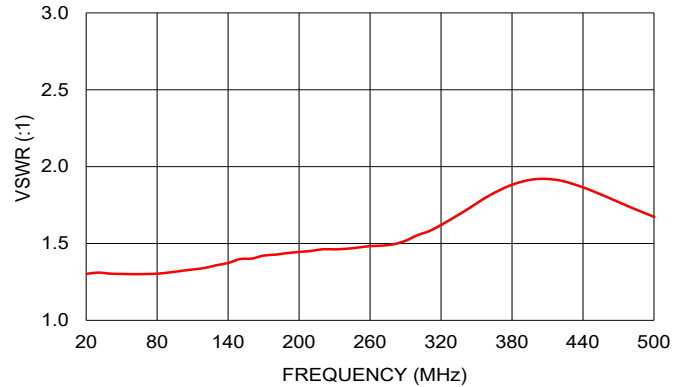
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## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS @+25C

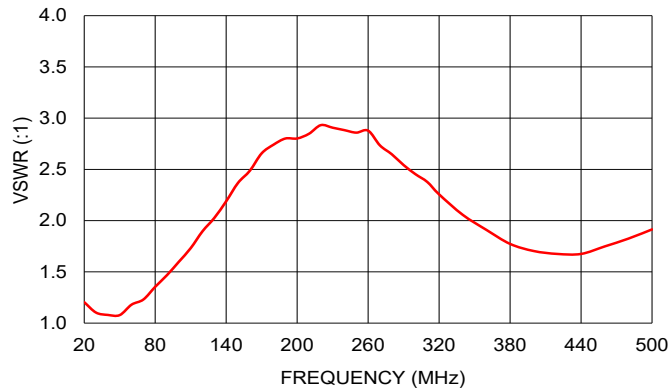
SMALL SIGNAL GAIN AT +28V



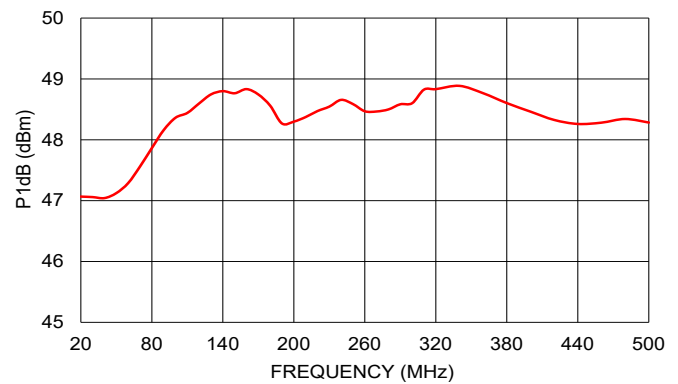
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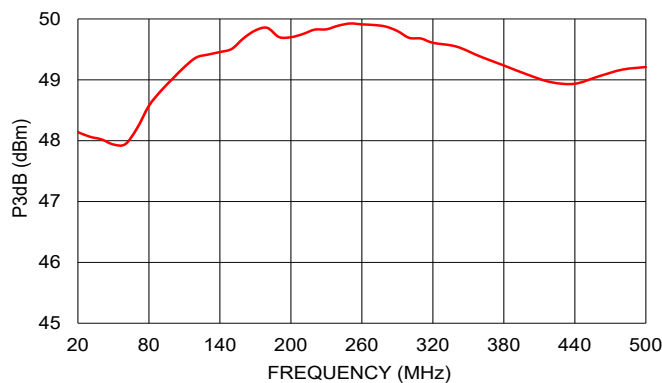
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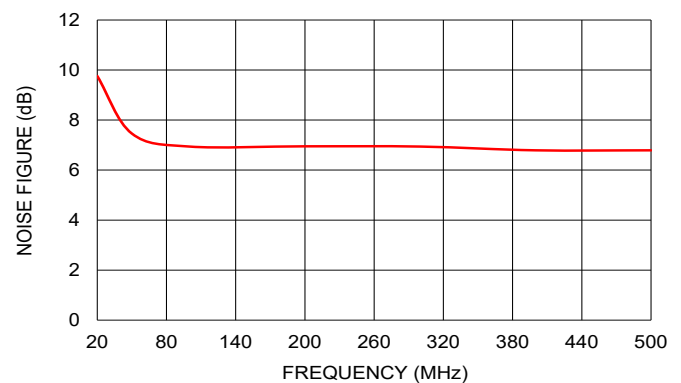
P1dB AT +28V



P3dB AT +28V



NOISE FIGURE AT +28V





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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS<sup>2</sup>

Parameter	Ratings	
Operating Temperature	ZHL-50W-GAN+	T <sub>AIR AMBIENT</sub> : -25 °C to +65 °C
	ZHL-50W-GANX+	T <sub>BASEPLATE</sub> : -25 °C to +85 °C
Storage Temperature	-55 °C to +100 °C	
RF Input Power (no damage)	+13 dBm	
DC Operating Voltage	+31 V	

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

## DETERMINING MAXIMUM THERMAL RESISTANCE OF USERS' EXTERNAL HEAT SINK

$\text{MAXIMUM THERMAL RESISTANCE} = \frac{\text{MAXIMUM OPERATING CASE TEMP} - \text{MAXIMUM USER AMBIENT TEMP}}{\text{POWER DISSIPATION}}$	
<b>Example:</b>	MAXIMUM MOUNTING BASE TEMP = +85 °C (CHECK MAXIMUM RATINGS TABLE FOR THIS VALUE) MAXIMUM USER AMBIENT TEMP = +65 °C (USER DEFINED) POWER DISSIPATION = 7.1A*28V=199 WATTS THEN MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE THERMAL RESISTANCE = (85 °C - 65 °C)/199W = 0.1 °C/W



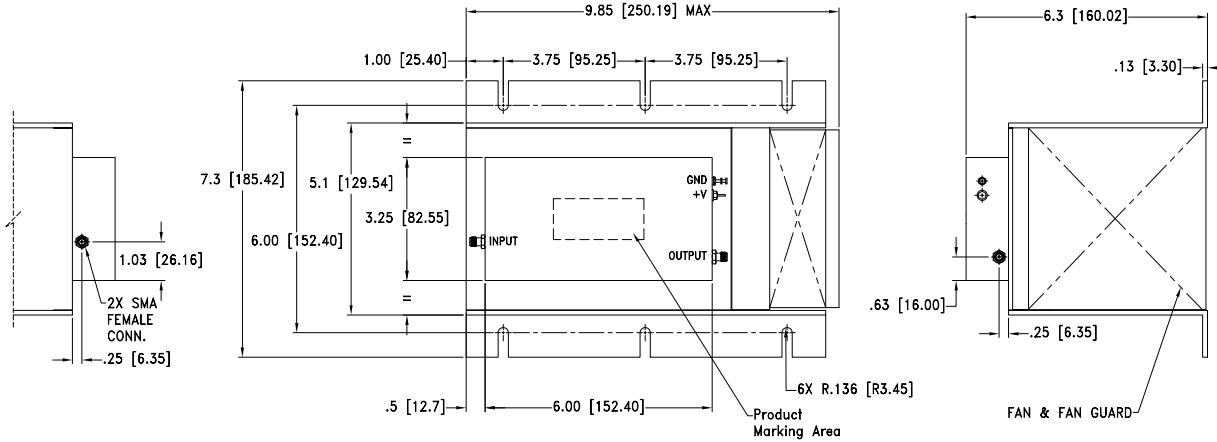
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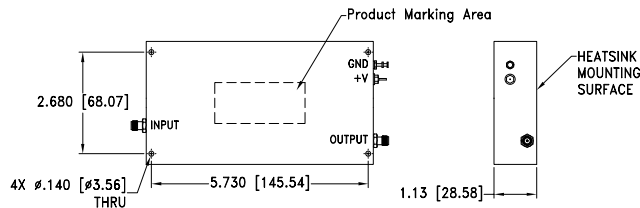
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## CASE STYLE DRAWING WITH HEATSINK AND FAN (ZHL-50W-GAN+)



**PRODUCT MARKING\*:** ZHL-50W-GAN+

## CASE STYLE DRAWING WITHOUT HEATSINK AND FAN (ZHL-50W-GANX+)



Weight With Heatsink: 4185 grams; Without Heatsink: 500 grams  
Dimensions are in inches [mm]. Tolerances: 1 Pl.±0.1; 2 Pl.±0.03; 3Pl.±0.015 Inch

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR DASHBOARD.

Performance Data	Electrical Specifications
	Graphs
	S-Parameters (S2P Files)
RoHs Status	Compliant
Environmental Ratings	ENV23T3

## ORDERING INFORMATION

Model No. Links	<a href="#">ZHL-50W-GAN+</a>	<a href="#">ZHL-50W-GANX+</a>
Option	With heatsink & fan	Without heatsink & fan
Case Style	BT1165	
Connector	IN (SMA-Female) / OUT (SMA-Female)	

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