

**Thin Film Limiter Module  
5 to 3000 MHz**
**L1 / SML1**

V2

**Features**

- VOLTAGE VARIABLE LIMITING LEVEL: -10 TO 0 dBm
- LOW INSERTION LOSS AT LOW INPUT LEVELS: < 2.0 dB (TYP.)
- GOOD SUPPRESSION OF EVEN ORDER HARMONICS DUE TO BALANCED CIRCUIT DESIGN
- EXCELLENT PHASE RESPONSE 0.3 DEGREE / dB TO 160 MHz (TYP.)

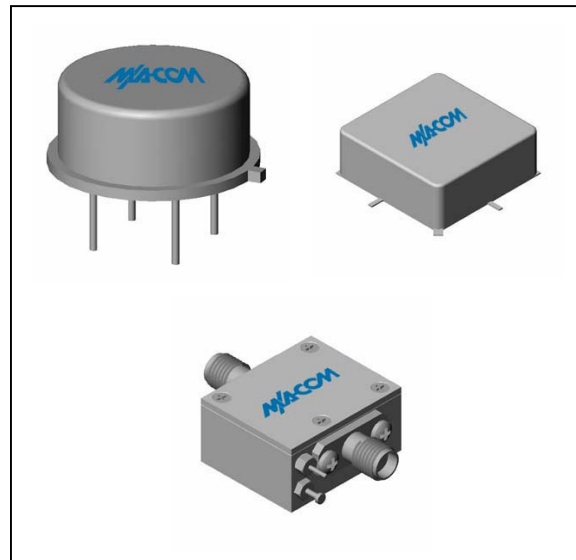
**Description**

The L1 signal limiter is a discrete hybrid design, which uses thin film manufacturing processes for accurate performance and high reliability. This design uses Schottky bridge quad and anti-parallel diodes, which provide consistent limiting levels over a broadband frequency range. Both TO-8 and SMT0-8 packages are hermetically sealed, and MIL-STD-883 environmental screening is available.

**Ordering Information**

| Part Number | Package           |
|-------------|-------------------|
| L1          | TO-8              |
| SML1        | Surface Mount     |
| CL1 **      | SMA Connectorized |

\*\* The connectorized version is not RoHs compliant.

**Product Image**

**Electrical Specifications:  $Z_0 = 50\Omega$ ,  $V_{CC} = +15 V_{DC}$** 

| Parameter                                                                           | Units         | Typical | Guaranteed |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|------------|----------------|
|                                                                                     |               | 25°C    | 0° to 50°C | -54° to +85°C* |
| Frequency                                                                           | MHz           | 5-3200  | 5-3000     | 5-3000         |
| Insertion Loss @ $P_{IN} \leq -20$ dBm (max.)                                       | 5-1000 MHz    | 2.0     | 3.0        | 3.5            |
|                                                                                     | 1000-3000 MHz | 3.0     | 4.5        | 4.5            |
| Input VSWR (max.)<br>$P_{IN} \leq -10$ dBm, $+10 \leq \text{Bias} \leq +20 V_{DC}$  |               | 1.7:1   | 1.9:1      | 2.1:1          |
| Output VSWR (max.)<br>$P_{IN} \leq -10$ dBm, $+10 \leq \text{Bias} \leq +20 V_{DC}$ | 5-1000 MHz    | 1.7:1   | 2.0:1      | 2.2:1          |
|                                                                                     | 1000-3000 MHz | 2.0:1   | 2.3:1      | 2.5:1          |
| Output Limiting Level @ $P_{IN} = +20$ dBm (max.)                                   | 5-2000 MHz    | 2.5     | 4.0        | 4.5            |
|                                                                                     | 2000-3000 MHz | 6.5     | 7.0        | 7.0            |
| Bias Current (max.)<br>@ 15 Vdc<br>@ 20 Vdc                                         | mA            | 7.0     | 9.0        | 10.0           |
|                                                                                     | mA            | 10.0    |            |                |

\* Over temperature performance limits for part number CL1, guaranteed from 0°C to +50°C only.

**Absolute Maximum Ratings**

| Parameter                                 | Absolute Maximum |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Storage Temperature                       | -62°C to +125°C  |
| Case Temperature                          | +125°C           |
| DC Voltage                                | +25 V            |
| Continuous Input Power                    | +20 dBm          |
| Short Term Input power<br>(1 minute max.) | 400 mW           |
| Peak Power (3 $\mu$ sec max.)             | 1 W              |
| "S" Series Burn-In<br>Temperature (case)  | +125°C           |

**Limiting and Insertion Loss Characteristics at +25°C**

| Bias Voltage | Output Level at Limiting Threshold (1 dB comp.) |                    |           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
|              | 50 MHz                                          | Typical<br>500 MHz | 1000 MHz  |
| +20 Volts    | -0.8 dBm                                        | -1.0 dBm           | -1.0 dBm  |
| +15 Volts    | -2.0 dBm                                        | -2.0 dBm           | -2.2 dBm  |
| +10 Volts    | -4.5 dBm                                        | -5.0 dBm           | -5.5 dBm  |
| +5 Volts     | -11.5 dBm                                       | -11.8 dBm          | -12.0 dBm |

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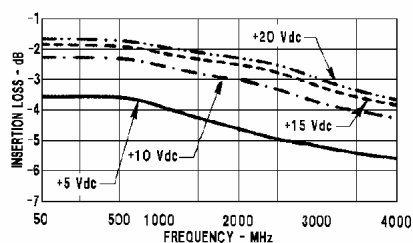
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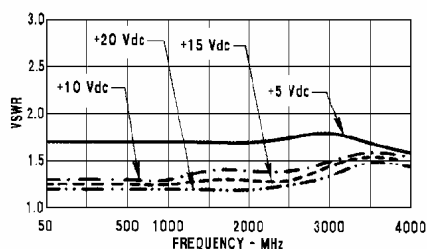
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**Typical Performance Curves at +25°C**

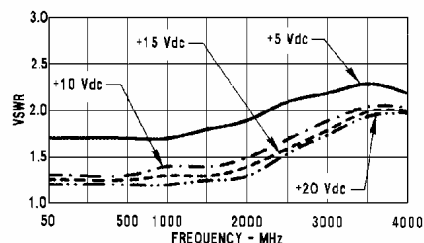
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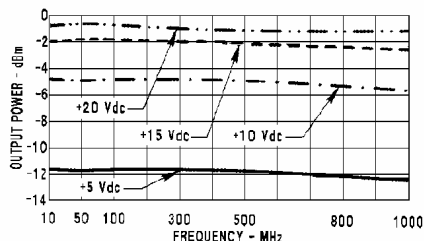
**Input VSWR vs. Frequency**



**Output VSWR vs. Frequency**

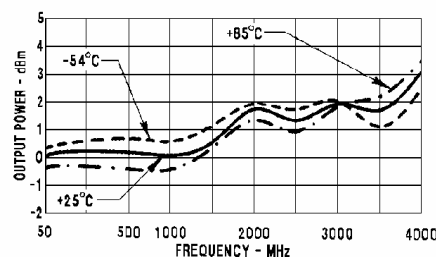
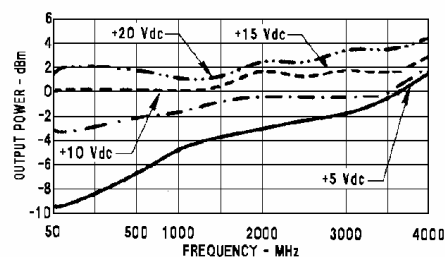


**Output Power\***

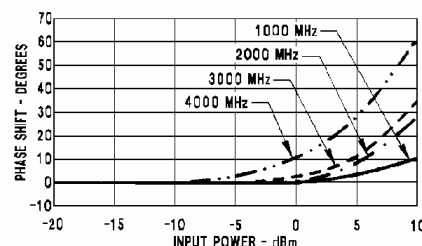
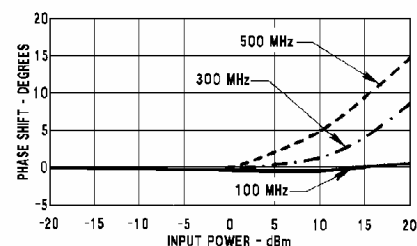


\*at 1 dB Compression

**Maximum Limiting Level**



**Phase Shift vs. Input Power**



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**RoHS  
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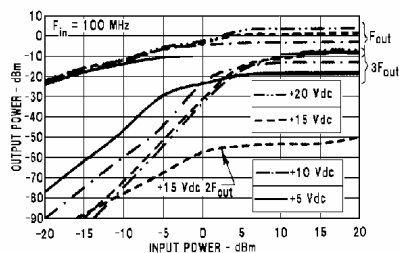
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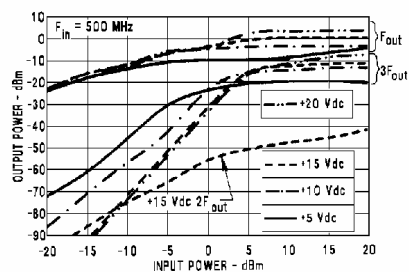
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## Outline Drawing: TO-8 \*

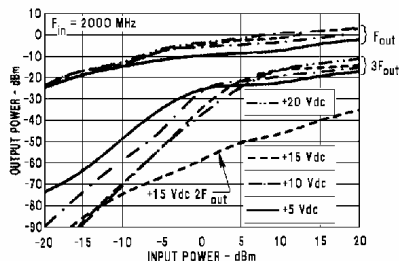
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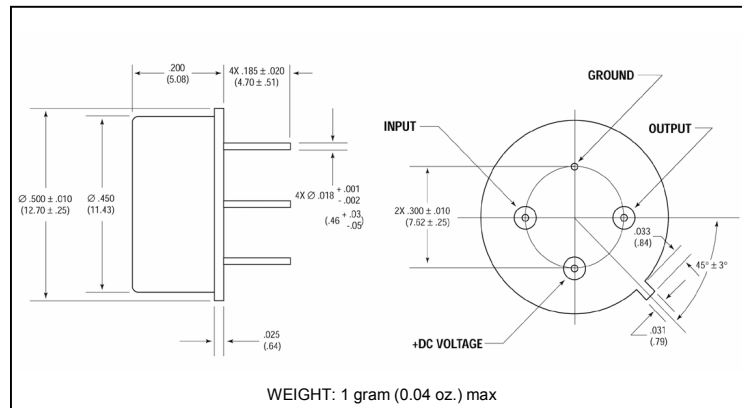
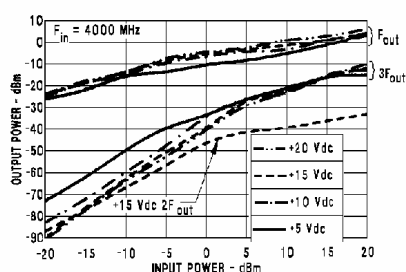
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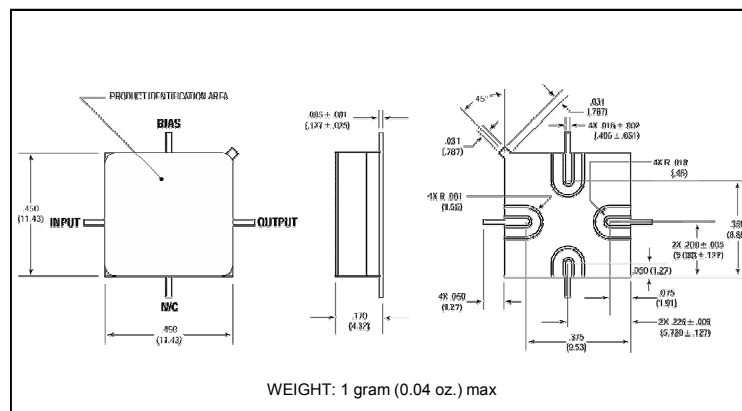
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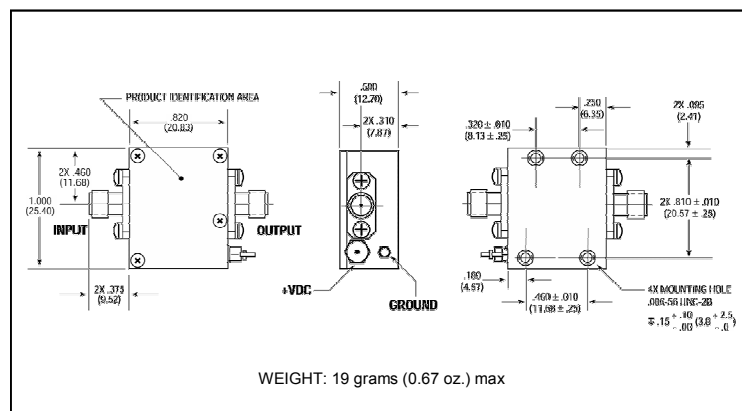
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## Outline Drawing: Surface Mount \*



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\* Dimensions are inches (millimeters)  $\pm 0.015$  (0.38) unless otherwise specified.