



## Ka-Band (29-31GHz) Long SSPA (TSA-214145)



### Summary

This is a GaN based Hermetically Sealed SSPA which produces **41dBm minimum Linear Power<sup>1</sup> (42dBm typical)** over the entire **29-31GHz** bandwidth and operating temperature range. When coupled with Teledyne's Dual Band BUC with Integrated IF Linearizer it can produce **42dBm minimum Linear Power (43dBm typical – see Figure 1)**.

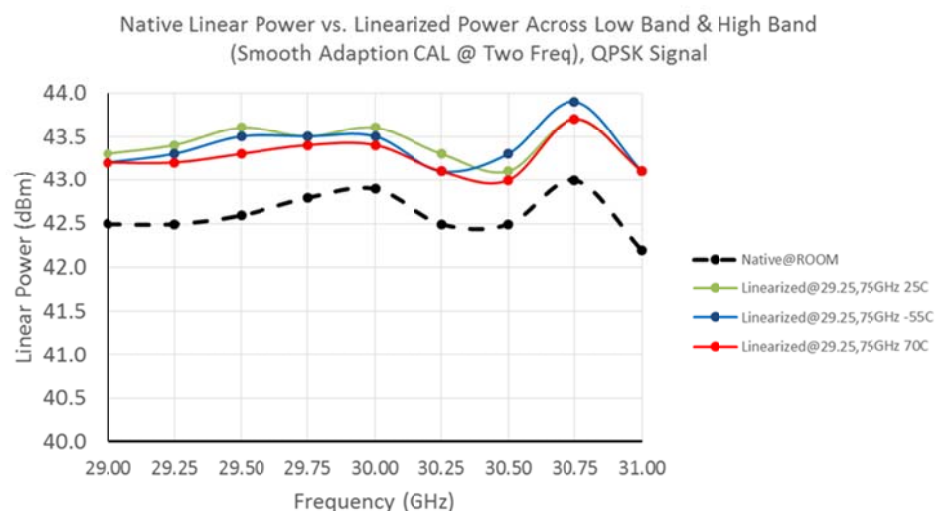


Figure 1. Performance enhancement gained through the use of the adaptive IF linearizer function in the TSA-214145 BUC with If linearizer (modulation parameters as described in note <sup>1</sup>).

<sup>1</sup> When a QPSK signal with a data rate of 10Msps and a root raised cosine filter with a roll-off factor ( $\alpha$ ) of 0.2 is injected into the SSPA, the power level at which the spectral regrowth 1 symbol rate offset from the carrier (10MHz in this case) is 30dBc relative to the carrier is defined as the **Linear Power**. **Note:** The input modulated signal should have a spectral regrowth of at least 55dBc.



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The unit has an integrated waveguide dual directional coupler at the output enabling both the detection and reporting of the output power, as well as providing an RF feedback signal to the adaptive IF linearizer when used with the Teledyne Dual Band BUC (TSA-214144). If the linearizer is not used, the feedback port should be terminated in 50  $\Omega$ , or it can be used to monitor the RF output of the amplifier. The reverse coupler senses reflected power from a short and self protects the unit by disabling it.

Included features are 20dB gain control, true output power monitoring, high reflected power shutdown capability, internal temperature monitoring, enable/disable control, and fault indication. Most of this is done through the RS-422 interface. The unit also includes a hard wired, TTL controlled pin for disabling the unit should the RS-422 communications link fail.

The total weight is 2.0 lbs max and the size is 6.6" L x 3.7" W x 1" H. See the outline drawing attached. The unit has a wide operating voltage of +20.5V to +32.5V.



## Specifications

**Table 1: SSPA Specifications**

Parameter	Value
<b>Operating Frequency Range</b>	29 to 31 GHz
<b>Operating Temperature Range</b>	-55 to +70 °C
<b>Small-Signal Gain Range</b> (Controlled Via RS-422)	35 dB to 55 dB
<b>Forward Gain Flatness (29-31GHz)</b>	2 dB <sub>pk-pk</sub> max
<b>Feedback Gain Flatness (29-31GHz)</b>	2 dB <sub>pk-pk</sub> max
<b>Gain Variation Over Temperature</b>	3 dB <sub>pk-pk</sub> max
<b>Gain Step</b>	0.1dB steps
<b>Input Return Loss</b>	14dB min
<b>Feedback Return Loss</b>	12dB min
<b>Output Return Loss</b>	12dB min
<b>Spurious @ Pout = 42dBm</b> (29-31GHz) In Band	-60dBc
<b>Spurious @ Pout = 42dBm</b> (18.3-21.2GHz) Receive Band	-60dBc
<b>Noise Power Density</b> (29-31GHz) In Band @ Maximum Gain	-90dBm/Hz max
<b>Linear Power (see def. on pg. 1)</b>	41dBm min (42dBm min w/ Adaptive IF Linearizer)
<b>Power at Feedback Port @ P<sub>OUT</sub>=42dBm</b>	-15dBm typ. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Detected Power Accuracy</b> (Read Via RS-422)	±0.75dB typ
<b>Max RF Input Power</b>	+13dBm
<b>Reflected Power when Unit Shuts Down</b>	36 to 37dBm typ.
<b>RF Enable/Disable Time</b> Via RS422 Via Pin 10	1ms typ. 100µs max
<b>DC Power</b> (RF disabled)	3W max
<b>DC Power</b> (RF enabled, P <sub>OUT</sub> =42dBm))	125W max
<b>DC Voltage Range</b>	+20.5 to +32.5V
<b>RF Input Connector</b>	2.92mm (female)
<b>RF Feedback Connector</b>	2.92mm (female)
<b>RF Output Interface</b>	WR-28 Cover Flange with O-Ring Groove
<b>DC Supply/Command/Monitor Interface</b>	25 pin Micro-D Connector (MIL-DTL-83513/2)
<b>Size</b>	6.6" L x 3.7" W x 1" H
<b>Weight</b>	2 lbs max

## Micro D Connector Pinout Descriptions

<sup>2</sup> Can be specified differently depending upon length of cable used from SSPA to BUC.



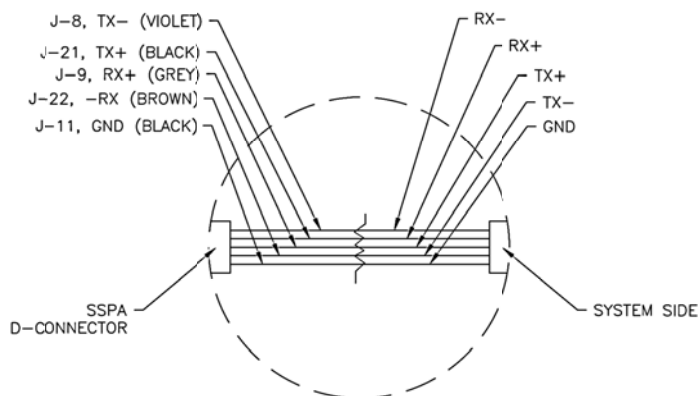
The Micro D Connector on the SSPA consists of 25 pins with the pinouts as described by Table 2. Tie all +VDC pins together. Similarly tie all GND (ground) pins together. The RS-422 GND is internally connected to the GND pins but is provided as a separate output to connect with the source RS-422 connection. Please see Figure 2 on how to interface the SSPA RS-422 with the system or source RS-422.

**Table 2:** 25 Pin Micro D Connector Pinout Description

J1: 25 PIN MICRO D CONNECTOR		
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PIN	FUNCTION	COLOR
J1-1	+VDC	BLACK
J1-2	+VDC	BROWN
J1-3	+VDC	RED
J1-4	+VDC	ORANGE
J1-5	GND	YELLOW
J1-6	GND	GREEN
J1-7	GND	BLUE
J1-8	-TX (RS422)	VIOLET
J1-9	+RX (RS422)	GREY
J1-10	RFTXEN (OPTIONAL, +3.3V=ON, 0V=OFF)	WHITE
J1-11	GND (RS422)	BLACK
J1-12	RESERVED (DO NOT CONNECT)	BROWN
J1-13	RESERVED (DO NOT CONNECT)	RED
J1-14	+VDC	ORANGE
J1-15	+VDC	YELLOW
J1-16	+VDC	GREEN
J1-17	GND	BLUE
J1-18	GND	VIOLET
J1-19	GND	GREY
J1-20	GND	WHITE
J1-21	+TX (RS422)	BLACK
J1-22	-RX (RS422)	BROWN
J1-23	SUMFLT (OPTIONAL, +3.3V=FAULT)	RED
J1-24	RESERVED (DO NOT CONNECT)	ORANGE
J1-25	RESERVED (DO NOT CONNECT)	YELLOW

- +VDC VOLTAGE RANGES FROM +20.5V TO +32.5V APPLY SAME VOLTAGE TO ALL +VDC PINS

\* DO NOT GROUND OPTIONAL PINS IF NOT USED, FLOAT IF NOT USED



**Figure 1:** RS-422 connection with system

Communication with the SSPA is done through RS-422. However, there are two discrete pins: RFTXEN and SUMFLT. RFTXEN is a hardwired TTL controlled pin for disabling RF power in case of emergency. This pin is high through an internal pull-up. To disable the unit, simply ground this pin. SUMFLT is a hardwired TTL level (+3.3V high) signal that indicates a fault when HIGH and no fault when LOW. The fault status can be read through the RS-422.

The serial format is shown in Table 3. As standard, a high-to-low transition indicates the start of the data. A newline (“\n”) following the command indicates the end of the command.

In terms of defaults, at power the gain is set to the minimum gain of 35dB. In order to adjust this, use the gain control command from Table 4. See Example 5, for a sample command to set the gain control to +10.7dB.

See command examples on the following page. The command part is bolded and the response is un-bolded.

**Table 3:** Serial Format

<b>Baud Rate</b>	<i>115200 bps</i>
<b>Data Bits</b>	<i>8</i>
<b>Parity</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Stop Bits</b>	<i>1</i>
<b>Flow Control</b>	<i>None</i>

**Table 4:** RS-422 Command List

<b>“VER”</b>	Indicates Firmware Version
<b>“SN”</b>	Indicates Unit Serial Number
<b>“ECHO 0”</b>	Turns Command Echo OFF (command sent is not repeated back)
<b>“ECHO 1”</b>	Turns Command Echo ON (command send is repeated back)
<b>“RF0”</b>	Turns RF Power OFF
<b>“RF1”</b>	Turns RF Power ON
<b>“STA”</b>	Reports Fault Status
<b>“POUTF”</b>	Reports Forward Output Power (dBm)
<b>“POUTR”</b>	Reports Approx. Reverse Output Power (dBm)
<b>“GC WORD HHHH”</b>	Gain Control (+0dB to +20dB), 4 digit HEX value (HHHH) represents the gain control value 0 to 200 where the right most digit represents the tenths decimal place.
<b>“TEMP”</b>	Reports PA Temperature (°C)

**Example 1:** Turn on RF Power, Echo disabled

**RF1\n**



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PA ON

**Example 2:** Turn on RF Power, Echo enabled

**RF1\n**

RF1

PA ON

**Example 3:** Fault Status (No Fault), Echo disabled

**STA\n**

FAULT = 0

**Example 4:** Temperature, Echo disabled

**TEMP\n**

TEMPERATURE = 25.1

**Example 5:** Set Gain control to +10.7dB, Echo disabled

**GC WORD 006B\n**

DAC VALUE = XXXX

The response from this command will be changed in future revisions. This was used for DEBUG purposes.

**Example 6:** Read Power

**POUTF\n**

FWD POUT = 40.5

**Example 7:** Turn off RF Power, Echo disabled

**RF0\n**

PA OFF



