

18GHz RF over Fiber Mini High SFDR



Key Features:

- Frequency Range: 0.1-18GHz
- Best Cost Performance
- High SFDR 113 dB/Hz
- Excellent Phase Noise

Configurations:

- Standard (stand-alone)
- 1U Generic enclosure (4 units)
- 1U Removable panel enclosure (2/4 units)
- Outdoor (2/4 units)

Applications:

- Distributed Antenna
- Satcom
- Radio telescopes
- Telecommunication:
 - Antenna Remoting
 - o Long RF links via fiber
- EW

Options:

- Extended Frequency range
- Customized RF Gain, P1dB, Noise Figure by adding Pre & Post amplifier(s)
- Extended low frequency bandwidth.

RFOptic's analog RFoF compact modules enable long distance transport of wideband RF signals. The Tx unit, uses an optical transmitter, converts wideband RF signals to an Optical signal and the Rx unit converts the Optical signal back to RF signal. The two units are connected by the customer's fiber.

In general, a wide range of spurious-free dynamic range (SFDR) is desirable when multiple signals of very different power levels are expected. High SFDR transmission RFoF simplifies signal conditioning requirements intended to avoid signal saturation and subsequent consequences such as power level adjustment, and ALC and power range switching by attenuators. During e.g., antenna testing, radar or communications system testing, high SFDR is essential due to the typical large amplitude ratios between main and side lobes or close and distant targets. The same applies to DF/ELINT systems which have to handle strong jammers concurrent with weak signals of interest.

RFOptic's high SFDR 18, 20, 30 and 40 GHz RFoF solutions provide high SFDR of minimum 112 dB/Hz. Due to their improved NF, an additional preamplifier may not be needed anymore. Among the current customers that are using our RFoF high frequency product line are civil and defense systems integrators, space program companies, communications companies and more.



RFoF-18GHz-Q0-Mini High SFDR specifications:

| Frequency Range RF Gain [1,2] at 10 GHz Gain Flatness 1dB Input compression point [2] Noise Figure [1,2] SFDR (calculated) [2,3] Maximum RF input level VSWR Input VSWR Output Spurious Phase Noise at 10KHz offset Input / Output impedance | GHz dB dB | 0.1-18 | |
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| Gain Flatness 1dB Input compression point [2] Noise Figure [1,2] SFDR (calculated) [2,3] Maximum RF input level VSWR Input VSWR Output Spurious Phase Noise at 10KHz offset | | | |
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| Noise Figure [1,2] SFDR (calculated) [2,3] Maximum RF input level VSWR Input VSWR Output Spurious Phase Noise at 10KHz offset | | ≤ ±2 | |
| SFDR (calculated) [2,3] Maximum RF input level VSWR Input VSWR Output Spurious Phase Noise at 10KHz offset | dBm | 18 | |
| Maximum RF input level VSWR Input VSWR Output Spurious Phase Noise at 10KHz offset | dB | 32 | |
| VSWR Input VSWR Output Spurious Phase Noise at 10KHz offset | dB/Hz ^{2/3} | 113 | |
| VSWR Output Spurious Phase Noise at 10KHz offset | dB | 23 | |
| Spurious Phase Noise at 10KHz offset | - | 2:1 | |
| Phase Noise at 10KHz offset | - | 2:1 | |
| | dBc | <u><</u> -80 | |
| Input / Output impedance | dBc/Hz | ≤-100 | |
| | Ohm | 50 | |
| Optical and Electrical and Environmental (Tx, Rx) | | | |
| Laser diode optical wavelength | μm | 1.55 | |
| Receiver photodiode optical wavelength | μm | 1.50-1.58 | |
| Operating temperature range | °C | 0 to +70 | |
| Storage temperature | °C | -40 to +85 | |
| LED status indicators (Tx/Rx) | - | Green/Red | |
| Input voltage | VDC | 5 | |
| Power consumption Tx module | Watt | 2.5 | |
| Power consumption Rx module | Watt | 0.5 | |
| Mechanical (Tx/Rx) | | | |
| Dimensions Tx/Rx unit | mm | 75*155*33 | |
| RF Input / Output connectors | mm | SMA | |
| Optical Connector | | 1 | |
| Power connector and Data connector | - | FC/APC | |

^[1] Excluding customer fiber loss.

RFoF 18GHz module options:

| Parameter | P/N Unit | RFoF 18GHz High SFDR | RFoF 18GHz High SFDR w/ 17dB Pre Amp. | Amplifier RFoF 18GHz High SFDR w/17dB Post Amp & Pre Amp. | RFoF 18GHz High SFDR w/ 30dB Post Amplifier |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|
| P/N | - | RFoF-18GHz- Q0-Mini | RFoF-18GHz-Q1-Mini | RFoF-18GHz-Q2-Mini | RFoF-18GHz-Q0-Mini-P |
| Gain [1] | dB | -22 | -5 | 12 | 7 |
| InP1dB [1] | dB | 18 | 1 | 1 | 18 |
| Noise Figure [1] | dB | 32 | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| SFDR [1] | dBc/Hz | 113 | 113 | 113 | 113 |

^{*} Standard Frequency range with pre/post amplifiers is 1-18GHz

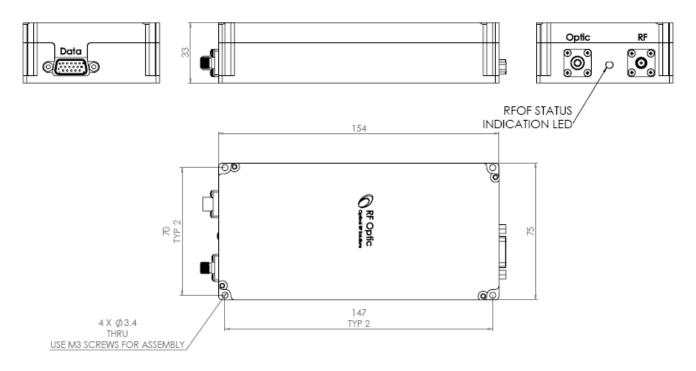
^[2] Measured at 18 GHz.

^[3] Calculated. Excluding in-band harmonics. SFDR=2/3(IP3+174-NF) dB/Hz^{2/3}.



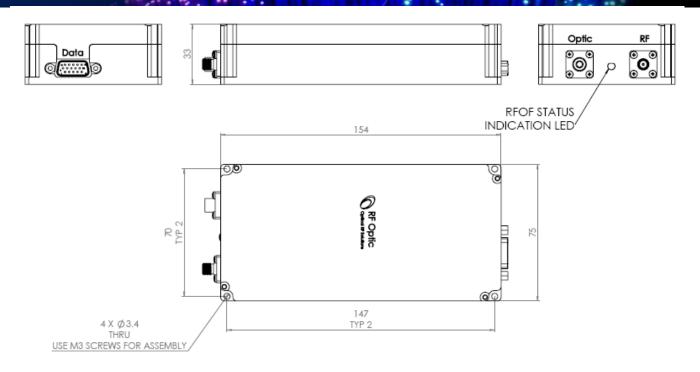
Mechanical Outline Drawing: 18GHz RFoF Tx & Rx units

Tx unit



Rx unit





Ordering Information

| RFoF-18G-Q0-Mini | Transceiver 18GHz, Tx/Rx 154X74X33 mm |
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| RFoF-18G-Q1-Mini | Transceiver 18GHz, Tx/Rx 154X74X33 mm, with 17dB Pre-Amp. |
| RFoF-18G-Q2-Mini | Transceiver 18GHz, Tx/Rx 154X74X33 mm, with 17dB Pre-Amp. & 17 dB Post-Amp. |
| RFoF-18G-Q0-Mini-P | Transceiver 18GHz, Tx/Rx 154X74X33 mm, with 7dB Gain, 30dB Post-Amp. |