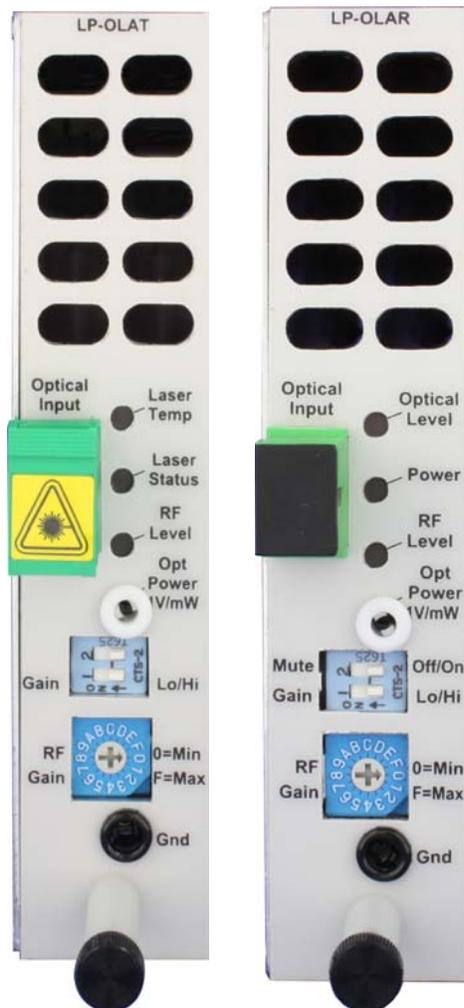




***LaserPlus* Model LP-OLAT/LP-OLAR**
Advanced L-Band Series
10-4,000 MHz
OPERATING MANUAL



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SAFETY

Safety Precautions

The optical emissions from the units are laser-based and may present eye hazards if improperly used. **NEVER USE ANY KIND OF OPTICAL INSTRUMENT TO VIEW THE OPTICAL OUTPUT OF THE UNIT.** Be careful when working with optical fibers. Fibers can cause painful injury if they penetrate the skin.

Laser Safety Procedures

ALWAYS read the product data sheet and the laser safety label before powering the product. Note the operation wavelength, optical output power and safety classifications.

If safety goggles or other eye protection are used, be certain that the protection is effective at the wavelength emitted by the device under test **BEFORE** applying power.

ALWAYS connect a fiber to the output of the device **BEFORE** power is applied. Power must never be applied without an attached fiber. If the device has a connector output, attach a connector that is connected to a fiber. This will ensure that all light is confined within the fiber waveguide, virtually eliminating all potential hazard.

NEVER look at the end of the fiber to see if light is coming out. **NEVER!** Most fiber optic laser wavelengths (1310 nm and 1550 nm) are totally invisible to the unaided eye and will cause permanent damage. Shorter wavelength lasers (e.g., 780 nm) may be visible and are very damaging. Always use instruments, such as an optical power meter, to verify light output.

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER look into the end of a fiber on a powered device with **ANY** sort of magnifying device. This includes microscopes, eye loupes and magnifying glasses. This **WILL** cause a permanent and irreversible burn on your retina. Always double check that power is disconnected before using such devices. If possible, completely disconnect the unit from any power source.

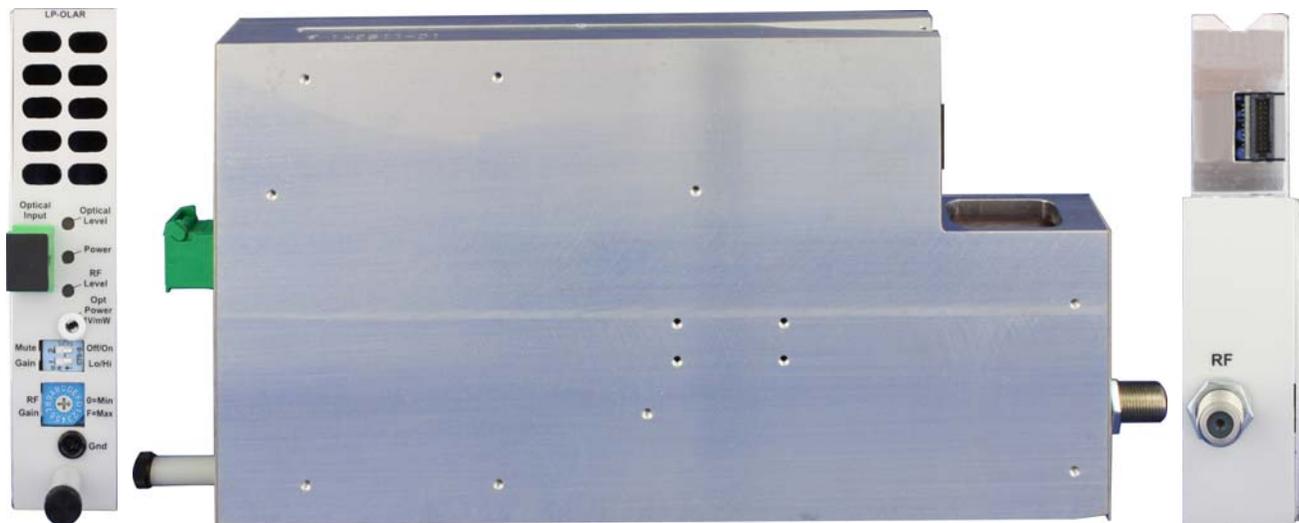
If you have questions about laser safety procedures, please call Olson Technology before powering your product.

GENERAL FEATURES

The *LaserPlus* LP-OLAT Advanced L-Band Transmitters and the *LaserPlus* LP-OLAR Advanced L-Band Receivers form a feature-rich L-Band Fiber Optic Distribution System in a very compact package. The wide bandwidth, as low as 10MHz and as high as 4,000MHz, allows for a wide variety of communications applications including L-Band satellite antenna remoting, trunking radio, telemetry tracking and time and frequency reference distribution. The extended frequency range to 4,000MHz and digital gain adjustment range of 25dB in the transmitter and a digital gain adjustment range of 25dB in the receiver allow these products to accommodate additional transponders including European and multiple satellite communications applications. The enhanced bandwidth also facilitates stacked LNB applications to accommodate additional transponders containing enhanced DBS services (HDTV, local channels, etc.) over single-mode fiber for DBS distribution.

CONFIGURATION

The transmitter and receiver are housed in rugged, compact, standalone enclosures that plug into the Olson Technology, Inc. *LaserPlus* platform. Up to fifteen modules can be plugged into a single *LaserPlus* chassis.



TRANSMITTER DESCRIPTION

The LP-OLAT Transmitter carries 10MHz to 4,000MHz RF signals over single-mode optical fiber. Model LP-OLAT includes an adjustable 25dB digital gain control. Laser power options include +4dBm/2.5mW (DFB, CWDM), +5dBm/3mW (DFB) or +10dBm/10mW (DFB, DWDM). Built-in test points, LED indicators and alarms allow the transmitter to be easily set up and maintained.



Figure 1 - Annotated Front & Rear View of Transmitter

TRANSMITTER CONTROLS OVERVIEW

On the front of the transmitter, the user can change the gain of the transmitter over a 25dB range using S1 & S2. Higher gain allows the transmitter to be used with lower level RF signals and vice versa. S1 is a 16-position, hexadecimal, rotary switch. The “0” setting is minimum gain and the “F” setting is the maximum gain. Each position is equal to a 1dB gain change. So the gain of the “F” setting compared to the gain of the “0” setting will be 15dB higher. The bottom switch of S2 is a high/low gain setting. When it is in the “Lo” position, the incremental gain is 0dB. When it is “Hi” position, the gain increases by 10dB. To set the transmitter for minimum gain, set S1 to “0” and the bottom switch of S2 to the left. To set the transmitter for maximum gain, set S1 to “F” and the bottom switch of S2 to the right.

J1 & J3 allow easy measurement of the transmitter optical output power using a Digital Volt Meter (DVM). J1 is a ground. J3 gives an indication of the laser power. The scale factor is 0.1 V/mW. J2 is the optical output.

D1 indicates that the Laser Power is OK. It will be green if the laser control circuitry is behaving normally. If the laser or control circuitry fails, then D1 will turn red.

D2 indicates the input RF Level. Figure 2 indicates the thresholds at which D2 will switch. D2 will be yellow if the RF level is below the low threshold, red if the RF level is above the high threshold and green if the RF level is between the low and high thresholds. For most applications, if D2 is green, then the RF level is in the optimum range. J4 is the RF Input. It is a high-frequency F-Type Female (75Ω) Connector. Alternately a 50Ω SMA connector can be provided.

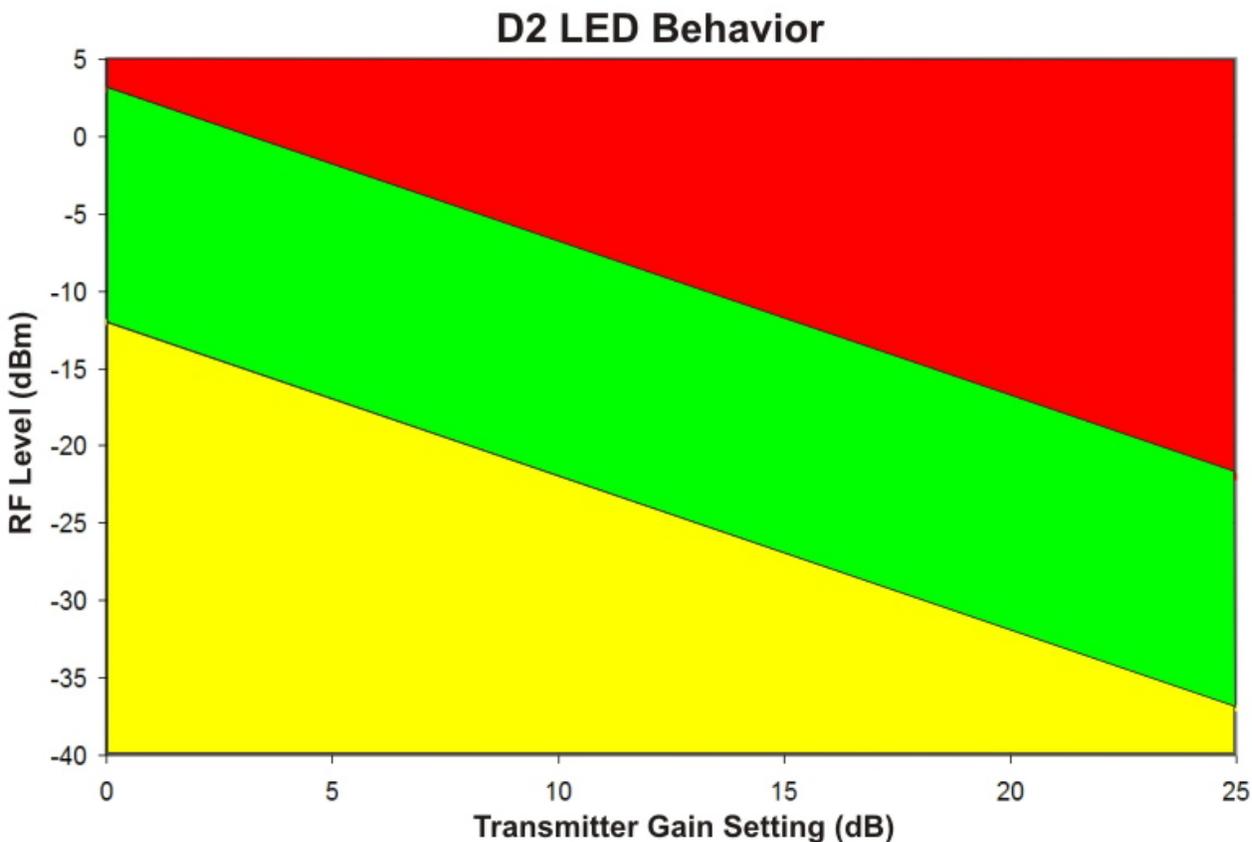


Figure 2 - RF Level (D2) Behavior

RECEIVER DESCRIPTION

The OLAR L-Band Receiver can handle 10MHz to 4,000MHz RF signals. The receiver includes a 25dB digital gain control. Optical input power ranges from -15 to +3dBm in the wavelength range of 1270-1610nm. The receiver offers high sensitivity for an expanded optical link budget from -22dBm to -3dBm. Built-in test points, LED indicators and alarms allow the receiver to be easily set up and maintained.

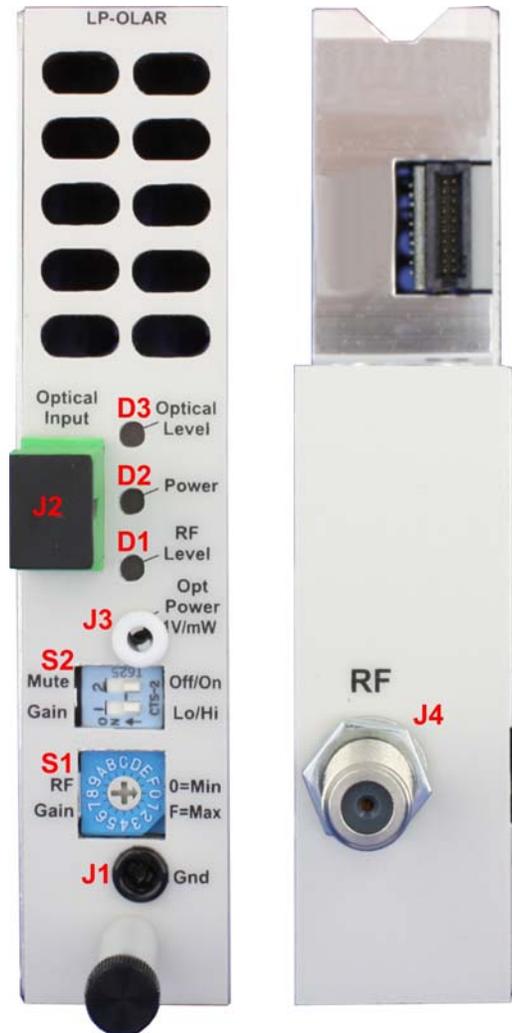


Figure 3 - Annotated Front & Rear View of Receiver

RECEIVER CONTROLS OVERVIEW

Figure 3 shows the front and rear panels of the receiver.

On the front of the transmitter, the user can change the gain of the transmitter over a 25dB range using S1 & S2. Higher gain allows the transmitter to be used with lower level RF signals and vice versa. S1 is a 16-position, hexadecimal, rotary switch. The “0” setting is minimum gain and the “F” setting is the maximum gain. Each position is equal to a 1dB gain change. So the gain of the “F” setting compared to the gain of the “0” setting will be 15dB higher. The bottom switch of S2 is a high/low gain setting. When it is in the “Lo” position, the incremental gain is 0dB. When it is “Hi” position, the gain increases by 10dB. To set the

transmitter for minimum gain, set S1 to “0” and the bottom switch of S2 to the left. To set the transmitter for maximum gain, set S1 to “F” and the bottom switch of S2 to the right.

The top switch of S2 also allows the final RF amplifier to be switched on or off (Mute). When the receiver output is Muted, the RF output level typically drops by 30dB. Note that the RF Level detector (discussed later) still functions as though the receiver is not muted.

J1 & J3 allow easy measurement of the transmitter optical output power using a Digital Volt Meter (DVM). J1 is a ground. J3 gives an indication of the Optical Input Power. The scale factor is 1.0 V/mW. J2 is the optical input. D1 indicates the RF Output Power level. D2 indicates the input RF Level. Figure 2 indicates the thresholds at which D2 will switch. D2 will be yellow if the RF level is below the low threshold, red if the RF level is above the high threshold and green if the RF level is between the low and high thresholds. For most applications, if D2 is green, then the RF level is in the optimum range. Table 1 shows the behavior of the Receiver D2 LED. J4 is the RF Output. It is a high-frequency F-Type Female (75Ω) Connector. Alternately a 50Ω SMA connector can be provided.

Table 1 - Receiver D2 LED Behavior

RF Output Level	D2 LED Color
<-37dBm	Yellow
≥-37dBm and ≤ -22dBm	Green
>-22dBm	Red

Note: This holds true even if the Receiver output is Muted

Block Diagram - LP-OLAR L-Band Receiver

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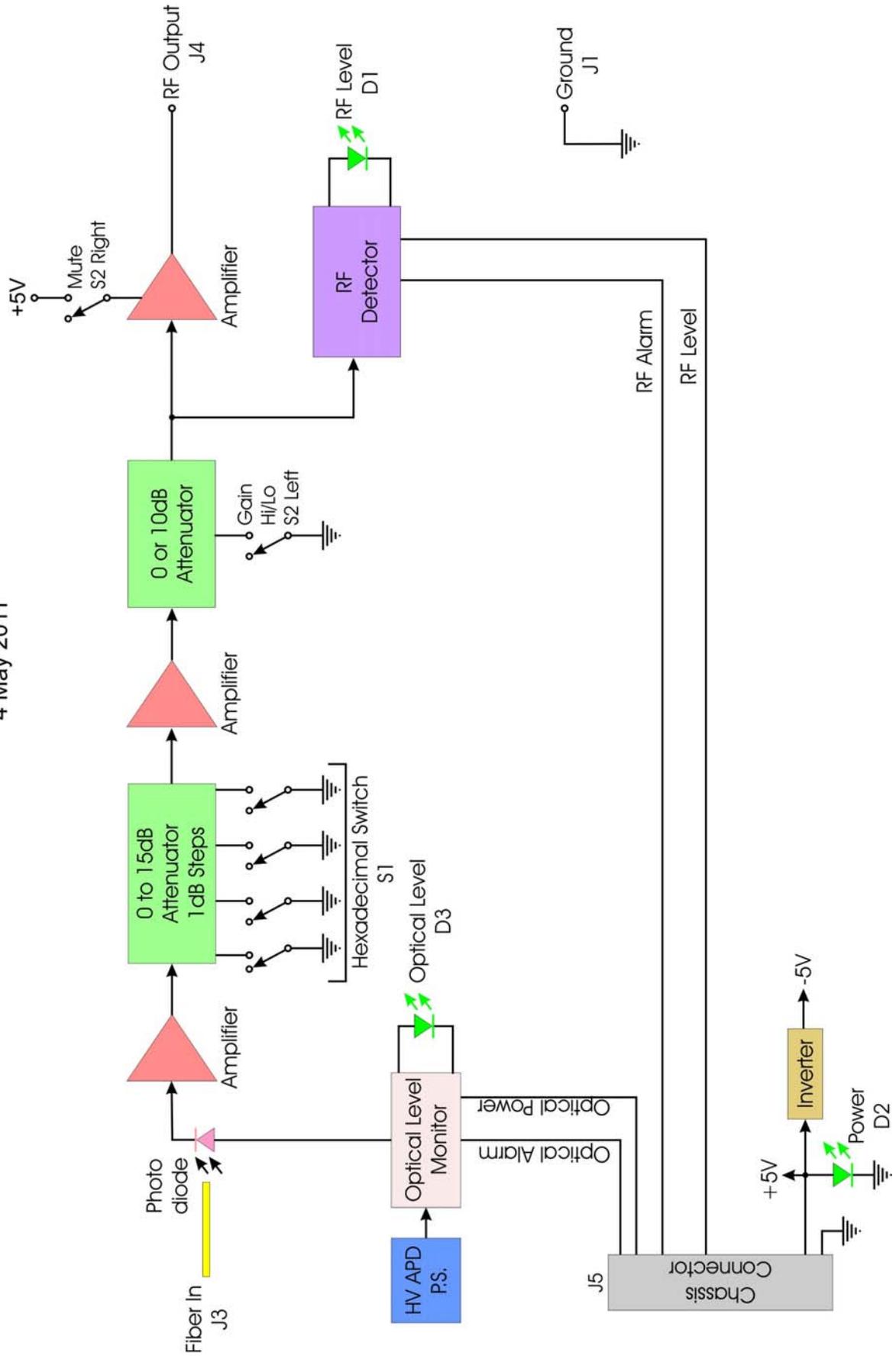


Figure 6 - Receiver Block Diagram

RF PERFORMANCE

The specifications are cited for >55dB optical return loss. Figures 8 and 9 show the typical frequency response of the Advanced L-Band link. The transmitter and receiver gain settings have little effect on the gain flatness.

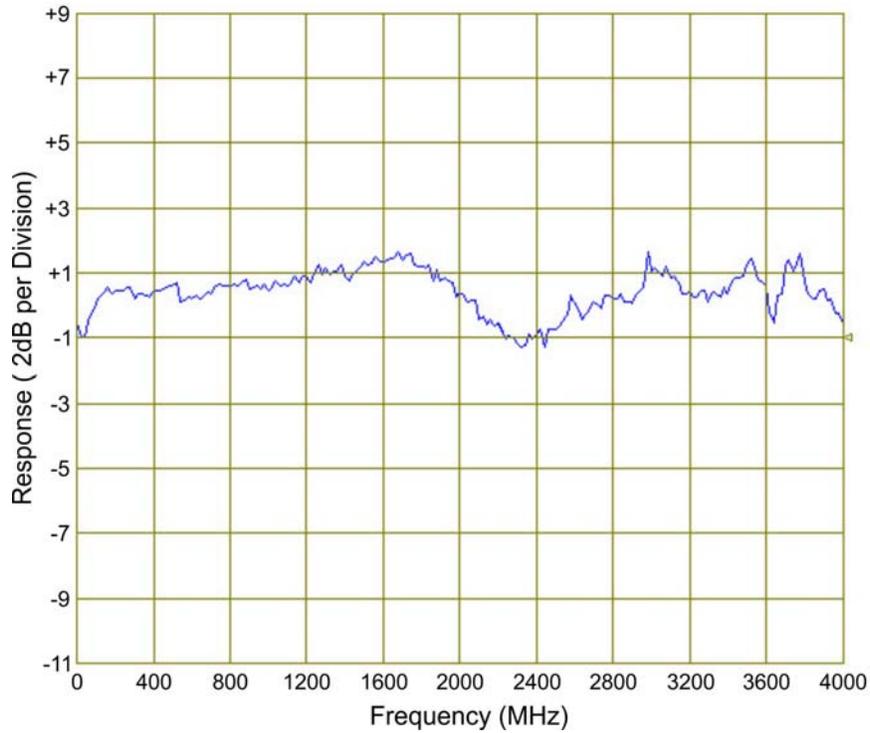


Figure 8 - Typical Link (Tx + Rx) Frequency Response

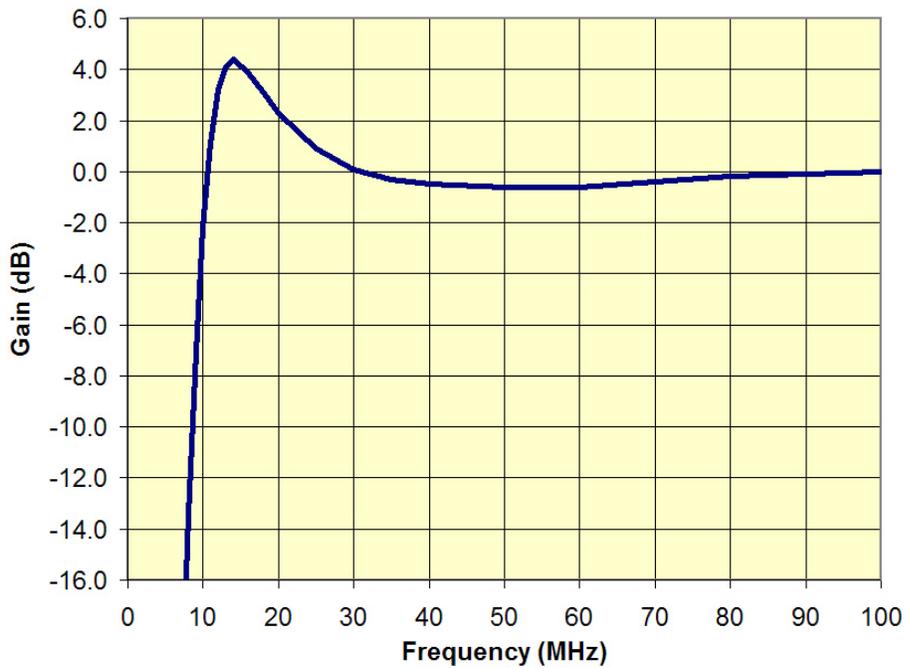


Figure 9 - Low-Frequency Response

LINK GAIN

The overall gain of the Advanced L-Band link is affected by the gain setting of the transmitter, the gain setting of the receiver and the optical loss. Table 2 shows how the gain of the transmitter and receiver can be set.

Table 2 - Transmitter and Receiver Gain Settings

S1 Setting	S2 Setting	Tx or Rx Gain	S1 Setting	S2 Setting	Tx or Rx Gain
0	Lo	0dB	0	Hi	10dB
1	Lo	1dB	1	Hi	11dB
2	Lo	2dB	2	Hi	12dB
3	Lo	3dB	3	Hi	13dB
4	Lo	4dB	4	Hi	14dB
5	Lo	5dB	5	Hi	15dB
6	Lo	6dB	6	Hi	16dB
7	Lo	7dB	7	Hi	17dB
8	Lo	8dB	8	Hi	18dB
9	Lo	9dB	9	Hi	19dB
A	Lo	10dB	A	Hi	20dB
B	Lo	11dB	B	Hi	21dB
C	Lo	12dB	C	Hi	22dB
D	Lo	13dB	D	Hi	23dB
E	Lo	14dB	E	Hi	24dB
F	Lo	15dB	F	Hi	25dB

Figure 10 shows how the overall gain of the Advanced L-Band link varies as the transmitter and receiver gain and optical loss vary. For simplification, the horizontal axis shows the total of the transmitter and receiver gain. The RF gain changes 2dB for each 1dB of optical loss.

The curves shown in Figure 10 are for a normal sensitivity, PIN-based receiver. The curves in Figure 10 will all shift upward about 7dB to 20dB when a high-sensitivity APD-based receiver is used. The variation depends on the receiver optical input level. See Figure 19 for more details.

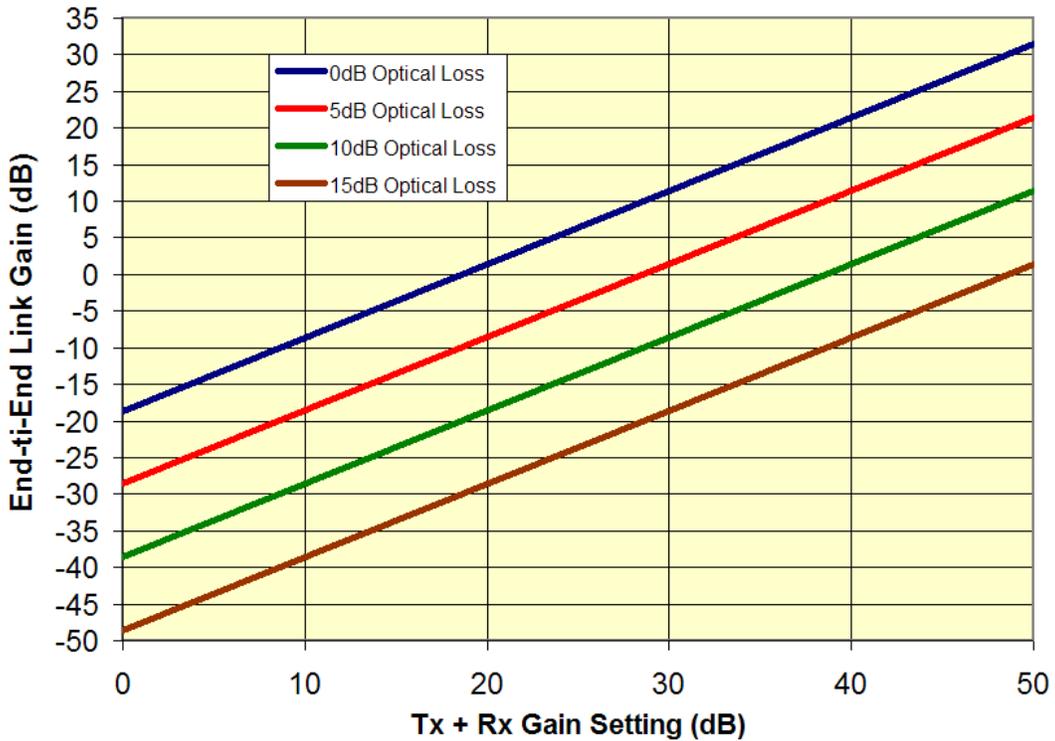


Figure 10 - Advanced L-Band Link Gain

NOISE FIGURE

Like link gain, noise figure is affected by the transmitter and receiver gain settings as well as the optical loss. The relationship is somewhat more complex however. Figures 11 and 12 show how the noise figure varies at 3dB optical loss and 15dB optical loss.

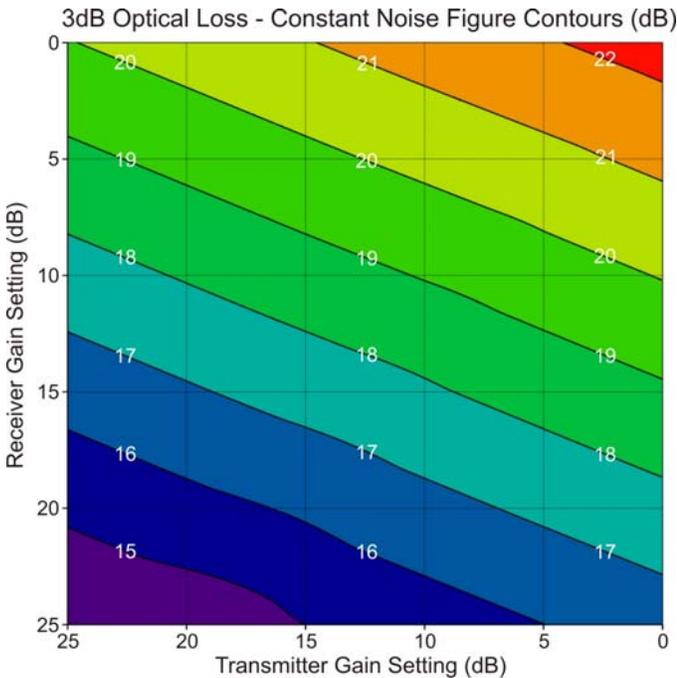


Figure 11 - Noise Figure at 3dB Loss

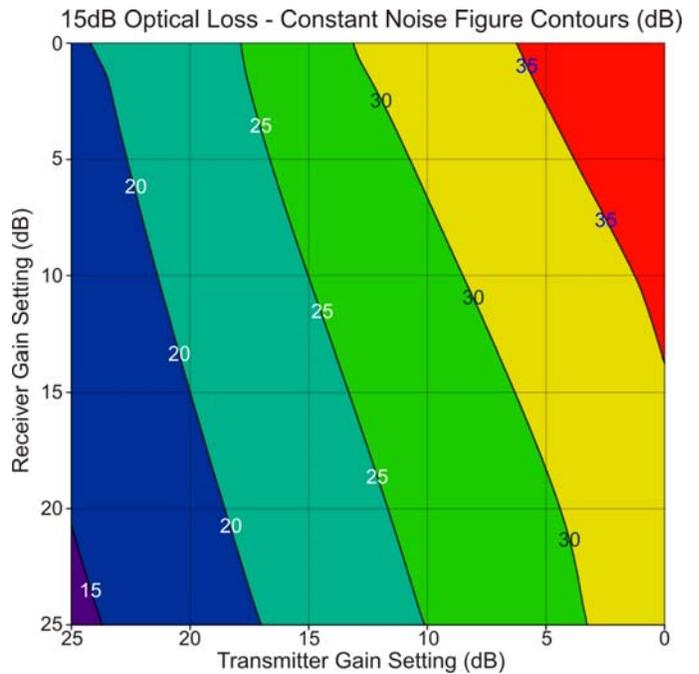


Figure 12 - Noise Figure at 15dB Loss

TRANSMITTER & RECEIVER 1dB COMPRESSION PERFORMANCE

Figures 13 and 14 show the 1dB compression behavior of the transmitter and receiver.

In Figure 13, it can be seen that the 1dB compression behavior of the transmitter is highly dependent on the gain setting of the transmitter. The Figure shows the behavior at Maximum Gain (25dB), Maximum-10 Gain (15dB) and Minimum Gain (0dB). The corresponding 1dB compression points are -12.5dBm, -2dBm and +12.5dBm varying almost exactly dB per dB as the gain changes.

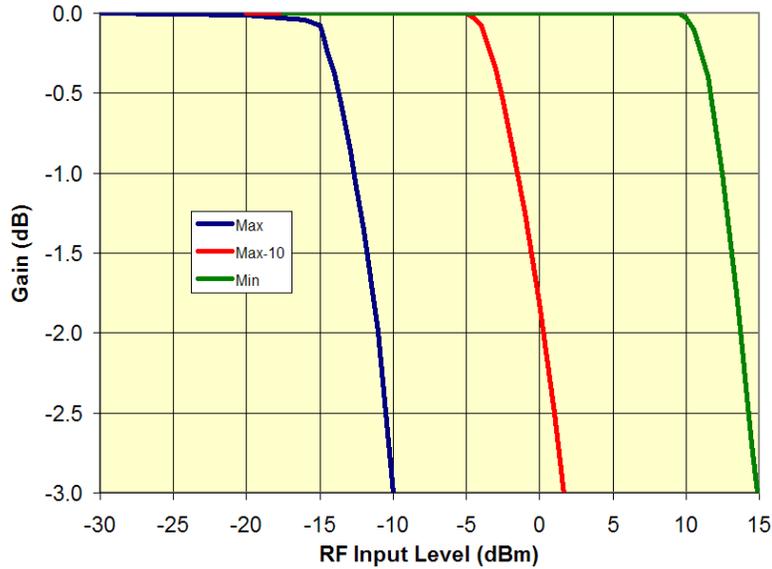


Figure 13 - Transmitter 1dB Compression Behavior

Figure 14 shows the 1dB compression behavior of the receiver output. The test conditions are minimum transmitter gain, maximum receiver gain and +3.5dBm optical input. The 1dB compression point is +11.7dBm.

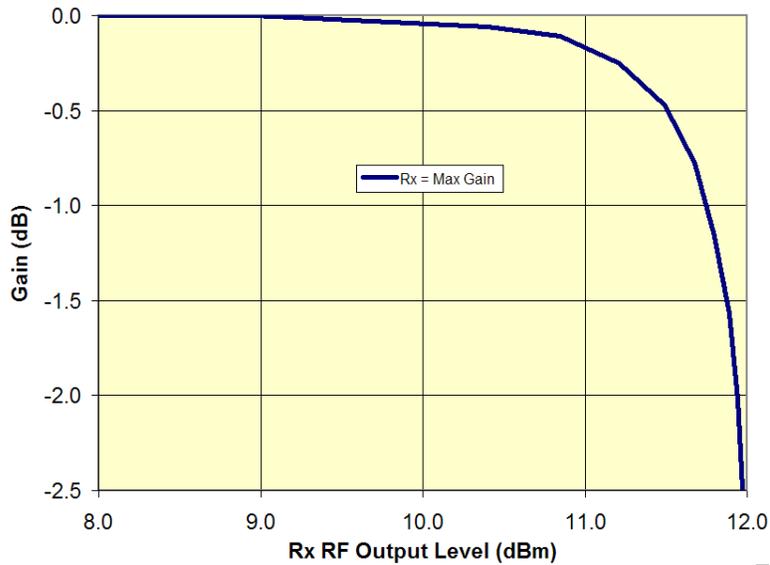


Figure 14 - Receiver 1dB Compression Behavior

TRANSMITTER & RECEIVER IP2 & IP3 PERFORMANCE

Figure 15 shows the IP2 and IP3 performance of the transmitter. The test conditions were with maximum transmitter gain, minimum Rx gain and 0dBm receiver optical input. The dark blue, dark green and red lines are actual data. The light blue, light green and yellow lines are extrapolated. Under these conditions, the IP2 is -6.5dBm and the IP3 is -9.5dBm. Note that these will increase dB per dB as the transmitter gain is lowered.

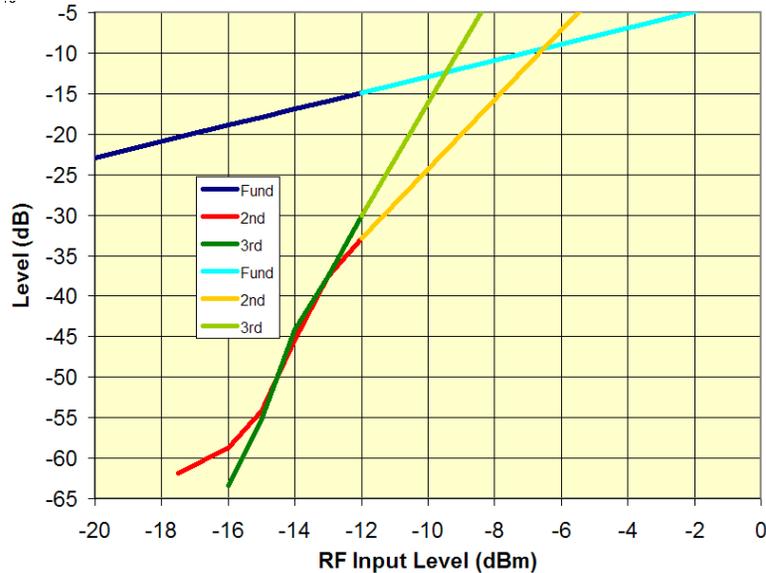


Figure 15 - Transmitter IP2 & IP3 Behavior

Figure 16 shows the IP2 and IP3 performance of the receiver. The test conditions were with minimum transmitter gain, maximum Rx gain and +3.5dBm receiver optical input. The dark blue, dark green and red lines are actual data. The light blue, light green and yellow lines are extrapolated. Under these conditions, the IP2 is +20dBm and the IP3 is +12dBm. (Note: These values are read off of the vertical axis.) These will not change significantly as the receiver gain changes.

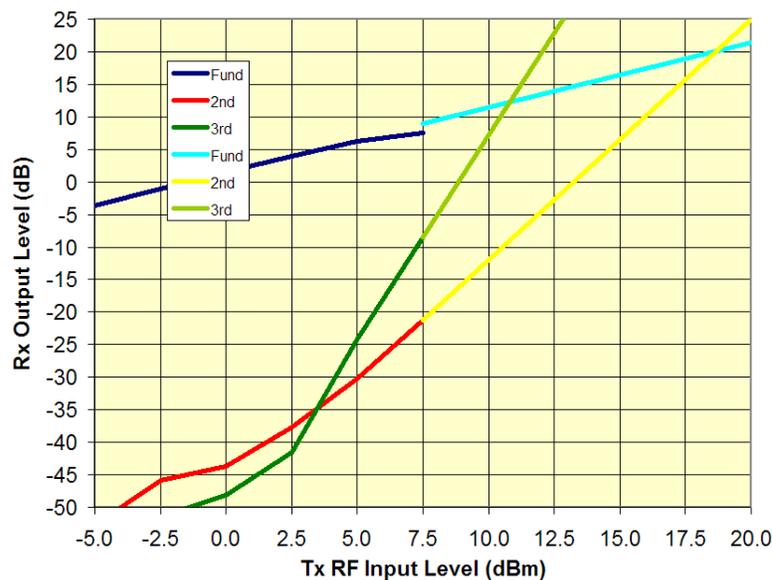


Figure 16 - Receiver IP2 & IP3 Behavior

TRANSMITTER & RECEIVER RF LEVEL DETECTOR PERFORMANCE

Figures 17 and 18 show behavior of the transmitter and receiver RF Level Detectors.

Figure 17 shows the behavior of the transmitter RF Level Detector at Maximum Gain (25dB), Maximum-10 Gain (15dB) and Minimum Gain (0dB). To use the chart, first determine the transmitter gain and measure the voltage out of the RF Level Detector. Then use the chart to estimate the total RF Level in to the transmitter.

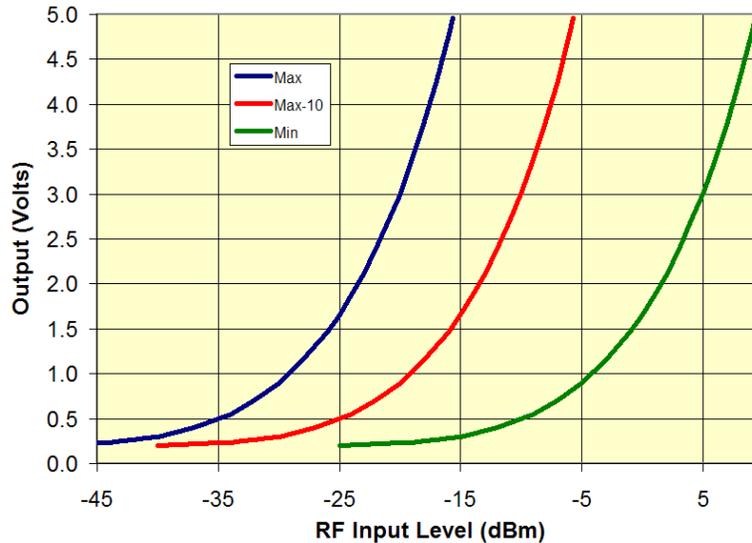


Figure 17 - Transmitter RF Level Detector Behavior

Figure 18 shows the behavior of the receiver RF Level Detector for a normal sensitivity PIN-based receiver. To use the chart, measure the voltage out of the RF Level Detector, then use the chart to estimate the total RF Level out of the receiver. Contact the factory for the response of a high-sensitivity APD-based receiver.

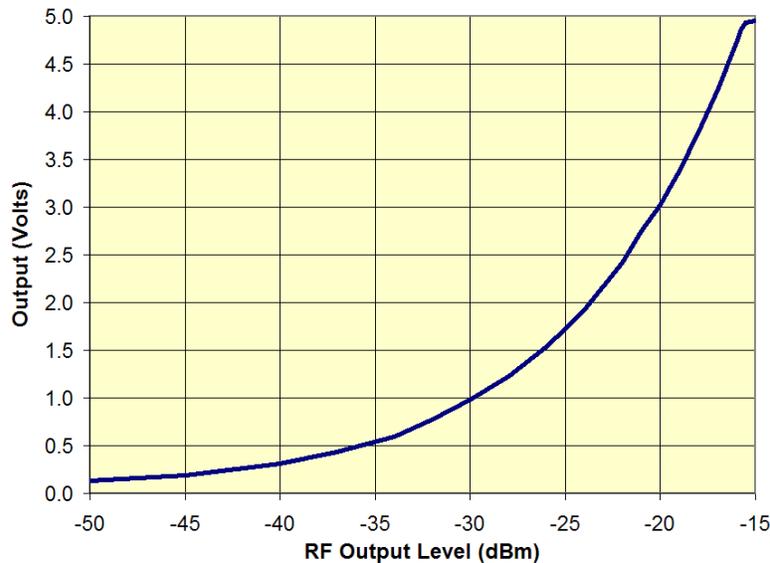


Figure 18 - Receiver RF Level Detector Behavior

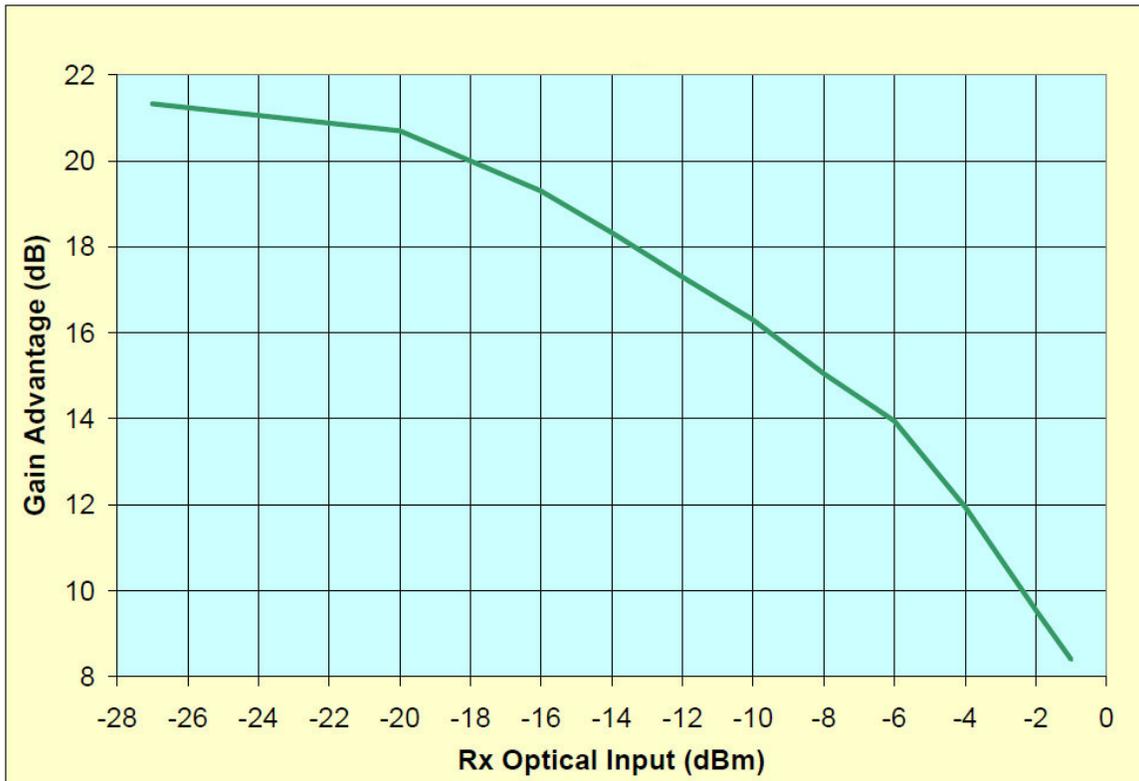


Figure 19 - Gain Advantage - APD vs. PIN Receivers

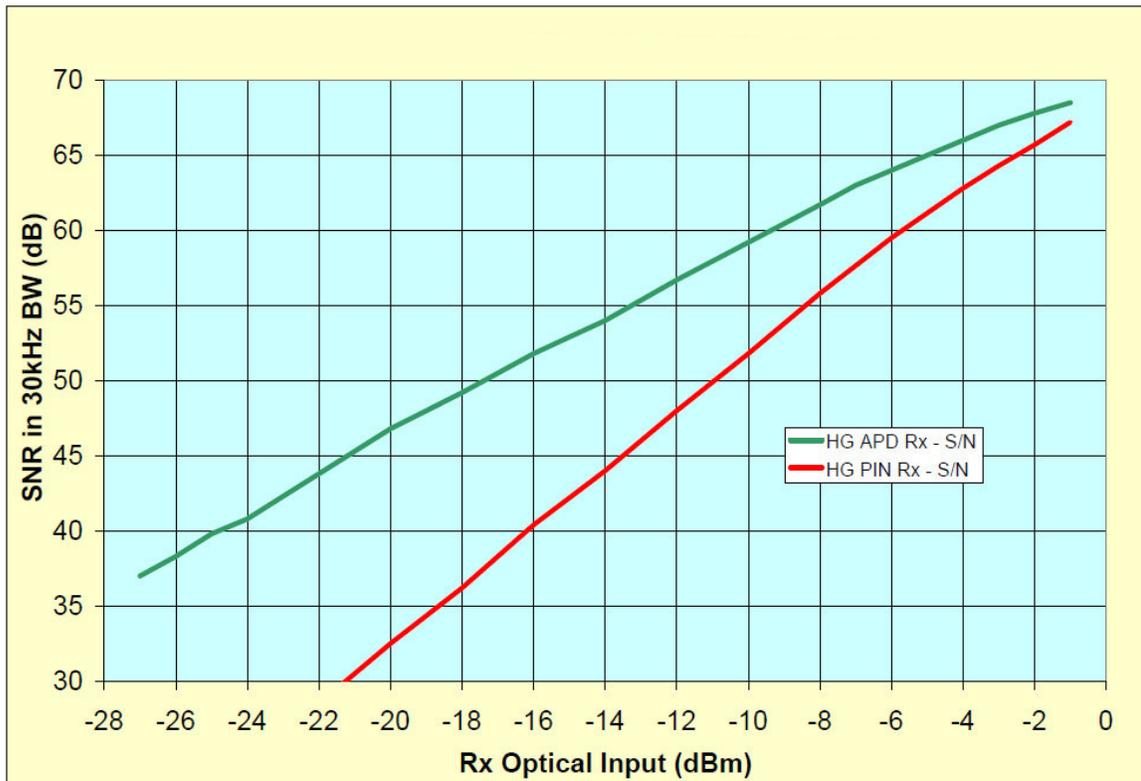


Figure 20 - SNR Advantage - APD vs. PIN Receivers

TABLE 3 - OPTICAL PERFORMANCE

Item	Specification			
Optical Fiber	Single Mode 9/125 μ m (Corning SMF-28 or Equiv.)			
Tx/ Rx Optical Return Loss	>55dB			
Tx/ Rx Optical Connector	SC/APC (Standard) FC/APC (Optional)			
Rx Wavelength	1270-1610nm			
Normal Sensitivity PIN-based Rx Optical Input Power	-15 to +3dBm			
High Sensitivity APD-based Rx Optical Input Power	-22 to -3dBm			
Tx Model #	D4	D5	C4	EX
Tx Laser Type	DFB	DFB	DFB/CWDM	DFB/DWDM
Tx Output Power	+4dBm	+5dBm	+4dBm	+10dBm
Tx Wavelength	1550nm	1310nm	zz	yy
Tx/ Normal Sensitivity Rx Link Optical Budget	1dB to 19dB	2dB to 20dB	1dB to 20dB	7dB to 25dB
Tx/ High Sensitivity Rx Link Optical Budget	7dB to 26dB	8dB to 27dB	7dB to 26dB	13dB to 32dB

zz = 47, 49, 51, 53, 57, 59, 61 for each of the available ITU-grid CWDM wavelengths.

yy = 22, 23, ...45, 46 for each of the available ITU-grid DWDM wavelengths. (Availability of some DWDM channels is limited at times.)

CONNECTIONS & CONTROLS

TRANSMITTER

Refer to Figure 1 for clarification of terminology

- S1 Hexadecimal rotary switch. Changes the gain in 1dB steps from 0 dB to 15dB. The “0” setting corresponds to 0dB gain. The “F” setting corresponds to 15dB gain. See Table 2 for more details.
- S2 The bottom position switches the gain from HI to LO by switching in 0dB or 10dB attenuation. See Table 2 for more details.
- J1 A ground point for a Digital Volt Meter (DVM) probe
- J2 Optical Output
- J3 Laser Power test point for a DVM probe. Output is 1 Volt/mW
- J4 RF Input, 50 Ohms or 75 Ohms (Located on back of the unit.)
- D1 Laser Power. Green when laser output is OK. Dark when laser fails.
- D2 RF Level. Red if RF level is too high, Yellow if RF level is too low and Green if RF level is within normal limits.
- D3 Laser Temperature (DWDM Laser Models Only). Green indicates good, red bad.

CONNECTIONS & CONTROLS

RECEIVER

Refer to Figure 3 for clarification of terminology

- S1 Hexadecimal rotary switch. Changes the gain in 1dB steps from 0 dB to 15dB
- S2 The top position is used to MUTE the RF output by removing power from the final amplifier stage. The bottom position switches the gain from HI to LO by switching in 0dB or 10dB attenuation.
- J1 A ground point for a Digital Volt Meter (DVM) probe
- J2 Optical Input
- J3 Optical Input Power test point for a DVM probe. Output is 1 Volt/mW
- J4 RF Input, 50 Ohms or 75 Ohms (Located on back of the unit.)
- D1 RF Level. Red if RF level is too high, Yellow if RF level is too low and Green if RF level is within normal limits.
- D2 Power indicator. Green when normal.
- D3 Optical Input Level. Red if RF level is too high, Yellow if RF level is too low and Green if level is within normal limits.

INSTALLATION

Optical Connectors

There are many optical connectors on the market. There are also different ways the end of the optical connector is polished, typically “Flat” and “Angle”. The L-Band link is only offered with SC/APC and FC/APC types of connectors (Angle Polish Connector). One of the most common errors encountered in the field is the use of the wrong type of connectors. The most common is using SC/PC or SC/UPC (Flat) with SC/APC (Angled). The connectors will fit together but the optical loss will be high, performance is totally unpredictable and both connectors may be permanently damaged.

Cleaning Optical Connectors

Fiber optic connectors should be clean and capped, so one can usually remove the cap and make the connection without cleaning the connector. If there is any doubt, it is good practice to clean the optical connectors before making the connection. ALWAYS be certain that the fiber optic connectors have no light before cleaning or inspecting. Once the connection is made, there should be no need clean the connector as long as the connector remains connected.

Use caution when handling the connectors. Any grease from your finger, scratches or small pieces of dust or dirt can strongly affect performance. To clean a connector, use a lint-free wipe such as Kimwipes or cotton swab, moisten with alcohol and gently wipe the tip of the connector. Let the connector air dry completely or use dry compressed air to dry.

When making the connection, be sure the key is aligned with the bulkhead connector. With SC connectors, gently press in until the connector “clicks” in to place.

Mounting

It is suggested that the modules be mounted with the RF and Optical connectors mounted down to prevent moisture from entering the connectors. For outdoor or high humidity environments, always use a watertight enclosure.

Connect the optical fiber to both the transmitter and receiver. Insure the optical loss to the receiver is less than the maximum allowed.

Verify the proper RF level out of the LNB and connect the LNB output to the RF input of the transmitter. Adjust the transmitter and receiver gain as required.

Connect the RF out of the receiver to the distribution amplifier or TV set top receiver.

Apply power to both modules, the system should now be operational.

ORDERING INFORMATION

TRANSMITTER PART NUMBERS

LP-OLAT-X4013-D5-xx-SA	Transmitter, 4GHz, 1310nm, +5dBm/3mW DFB Laser, SC/APC
LP-OLAT-X4013-D5-xx-FA	Transmitter, 4GHz, 1310nm, +5dBm/3mW DFB Laser, FC/APC
LP-OLAT-X4015-D4-xx-SA	Transmitter, 4GHz, 1550nm, +4dBm/2.5mW DFB Laser, SC/APC
LP-OLAT-X4015-D4-xx-FA	Transmitter, 4GHz, 1550nm, +4dBm/2.5mW DFB Laser, FC/APC
LP-OLAT-X40zz-C4-xx-SA	Transmitter, 4GHz, CWDM Wavelengths, +4dBm/2.5mW DFB Laser, SC/APC
LP-OLAT-X40zz-C4-xx-FA	Transmitter, 4GHz, CWDM Wavelengths, +4dBm/2.5mW DFB Laser, FC/APC
LP-OLAT-X40yy-E10-xx-SA	Transmitter, 4GHz, DWDM Wavelengths, +10dBm/10mW DFB Laser, SC/APC
LP-OLAT-X40yy-E10-xx-FA	Transmitter, 4GHz, DWDM Wavelengths, +10dBm/10mW DFB Laser, FC/APC

NOTES:

- 1) The "zz" in the CWDM number may be 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, for each of the eight available ITU-grid CWDM wavelengths.
- 2) The "yy" in the DWDM number may be 22, 23, ...45, 46 for each of the available ITU-grid DWDM wavelengths (Note: Availability of some DWDM channels is limited at times).
- 3) The "xx" in the part number is the impedance. "xx" = 50 for 50 Ohm, SMA connector. "xx" = 75 for 75 Ohm, F connector.

RECEIVER PART NUMBERS

LP-OLAR-X4000-75-FA	LaserPlus Advanced L-Band Receiver, 4GHz, PIN Detector, 75 Ohm F Connector, FC/APC
LP-OLAR-X4000-75-SA	LaserPlus Advanced L-Band Receiver, 4GHz, PIN Detector, 75 Ohm F Connector, SC/APC
LP-OLAR-X4000-50-FA	LaserPlus Advanced L-Band Receiver, 4GHz, PIN Detector, 50 Ohm SMA Connector, FC/APC
LP-OLAR-X4000-50-SA	LaserPlus Advanced L-Band Receiver, 4GHz, PIN Detector, 50 Ohm SMA Connector, SC/APC
LP-OLAR-X4000S-75-FA	LaserPlus Advanced L-Band Receiver, 4GHz, APD Detector, 75 Ohm F Connector, FC/APC
LP-OLAR-X4000S-75-SA	LaserPlus Advanced L-Band Receiver, 4GHz, APD Detector, 75 Ohm F Connector, SC/APC
LP-OLAR-X4000S-50-FA	LaserPlus Advanced L-Band Receiver, 4GHz, APD Detector, 50 Ohm SMA Connector, FC/APC
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