



20 Watt GaN Power Amplifier, 1000 MHz to 2500 MHz,  
Class AB, L & S Bands, 50% Efficiency, 28V, SMA

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PE15A5085

The PE15A5085 is a Class AB high power amplifier that operates in L and S bands from 1000 MHz to 2500 MHz and generates 20 Watts (typ) of CW RF power. The module utilizes the latest Gallium Nitride (GaN) semiconductor technology with 50% power added efficiency. The amplifier package design features a small form factor of 3.9in<sup>3</sup> that's ideal for size, weight, and power (SWaP) constrained applications used in broadband RF telemetry, tactical communication, electronic warfare, and unmanned aircraft systems, as well as software defined radios. Impressive typical performance includes 13.5 dB of linear gain, 1.8:1 VSWR, +41 dBm third order intercept point, and low harmonic suppression of -24 dBc. Additionally with a nominal 1 Watt RF input level, the amplifier provides 10 dB of gain across the full frequency band. Operating voltage is +28 Vdc with 2.2A of DC current. Additional features include overvoltage protection, reverse voltage protection, and logic on/off control. The rugged Mil-Grade assembly supports female SMA RF input/output connectors and a micro-D 9 pin socket command control connector with an accessory cable assembly included. The operating baseplate temperature range is -40°C to +85°C and the unit is guaranteed to withstand up to 95% relative humidity, altitude levels up to 30,000 ft, and random vibration and shock profiles (see chart below). Pasternack also offers an accessory Harmonic filter option, model PEHFL0000 that can be used at the output of the PE15A5085 power amplifier. This lowpass RF filter has low insertion loss with power handling up to 50W and specifically designed to reduce harmonics at the output of transmitters operating at up through L & S Bands and offers rejection levels of greater than 25 dB from 3.25 GHz to 5 GHz. The filter is offered in a miniature SMA connectorized package.

### Features

- 20W GaN High Power Amplifier
- L & S Band Class AB Design
- Frequency Range: 1000 MHz to 2500 MHz
- 13.5 dB linear Gain
- VSWR: 1.8:1
- +41 dBm IP3
- PAE: 30% to 50%
- Extremely Small Form Factor Rugged Mil-Grade Package
- 50 Ohm Design
- Female SMA RF Connectors
- +28Vdc @2.2A DC current
- -40°C to +85°C Operating Baseplate Temperature
- Output Harmonic Filter Accessory Option

### Applications

- Broadband RF Telemetry
- RF Communications Systems
- Electronic Warfare - Airborne Electronic Attack
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
- Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGV), Software Defined Radios
- Data Links
- Transmitters
- Test & Measurement
- Telecom Infrastructure

### Electrical Specifications (TA = +25°C, DC Voltage = 28Volts, DC Current = 2.2A)

Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
Frequency Range	1		2.5	GHz
Small Signal Gain		13.6		dB
Gain Flatness		±3		dB
Input Power (CW)		+0		dBm
Pout at Sat.	12	20		Watts
Efficiency (PAE)		50		%
Output 3rd Order Intercept Point		+42		dBm
Output Mismatch			10:1	
2nd Harmonics		-21		dBc

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3rd Harmonics		-24		dBc
Impedance (Input)		50		Ohms
Impedance (Output)		50		Ohms
Input VSWR		1.8:1		
Switching Speed for On/Off Switch Gate			2	usec
Operating DC Voltage	11	28	32	Volts
Operating DC Current		2.2	2.8	A
Quiescent Current Biased ( )		0.35		mA
Operating Temperature Range	-40		+85	°C

### Performance by Frequency

Description	F1	F2	F3		Units
Frequency Condition	1000	1500	2000	2500	MHz
Small Signal Gain, Typ (@-30 dBm Input)	12.5	13.2	13.4	13.6	dB
Third Order Intercept Point	42	41	38	41	dBm

### Absolute Maximum Rating

Parameter	Rating	Unit
Max Device Voltage	32	V
Max Device Current	2.7	A
Max RF Input Power, $Z_L = 50 \Omega$	33	dBm
Max Operating Temperature (ambient)	60	°C
Max Operating Temperature (baseplate)	85	°C
Max Storage Temperature	85	°C



ESD Sensitive Material,  
Transport material in  
Approved ESD bags.  
Handle only in approved  
ESD Workstation.

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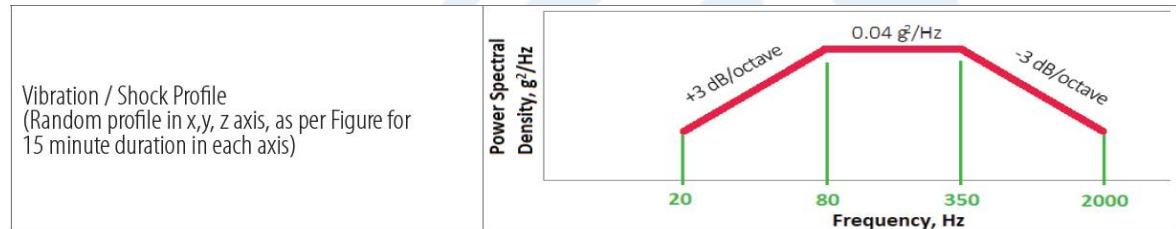
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**Mechanical Specifications**

**Size**

Length	3 in [76.2 mm]
Width	2 in [50.8 mm]
Height	0.65 in [16.51 mm]
Weight	0.2 lbs [90.72 g]
Input Connector	SMA Female
Output Connector	SMA Female
Bias Connector	9-Pin Micro-D Socket

**Environmental Specifications**



**Temperature**

Operating Range	-40 to +85 deg C
Storage Range	-55 to +85 deg C
Humidity	95% Non-Condensing
Altitude	MIL-STD-810F Method 5004

**Compliance Certifications** (see [product page](#) for current document)

**Plotted and Other Data**

Notes:

- Values at +25 °C, sea level

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**Amplifier Power-up Precautions**

- 1.) Confirm that proper ESD precautions and controls are always in place before handling any Amplifier module.
- 2.) Confirm adequate thermal management is in place to effectively dissipate heat away from the Amplifier package. The Amplifier operational baseplate temperature must be within the operational temperature range stated in the Amplifier datasheet. Depending on the design and thermal requirements, using a heatsink with cooling fan is always recommended for safe reliable operation. A heat sink without a cooling fan may also be used. Damage caused from overheating will void the warranty.
- 3.) Confirm adequate system grounding is established. The DC power supply and Amplifier must have a common ground in order to operate properly.
- 4.) Power Amplifiers may require additional DC Current when initially powered-up. Depending on the design, the input current draw could range from an additional 10% to 100% above the maximum rated DC current of the Amplifier. This varies based on product part number.
- 5.) Confirm the DC power supply, if limited, is set to allow for additional start-up current that's rated for the Power Amplifier.
- 6.) Confirm the system is designed and calibrated for 50 ohms. Any impedance mismatch may cause performance issues.
- 7.) Perform a CALIBRATION (if required) with the loads before connecting the Amplifier to the Network Analyzer to ensure proper performance.
- 8.) Use a fixed attenuator between the signal source and input port of the Amplifier to optimize the input VSWR match.
- 9.) Confirm the input power level at the input port of the amplifier does not exceed the maximum rated limit for input power (as stated in the Amplifier datasheet).  
 $P_{in}$  for Small Signal Gain = P1dB-SSG-10 dB  
 $P_{in}$  for P1dB = P1dB-SSG+1 dB
- 10.) Confirm the Network Analyzer is always connected to the Amplifier first before DC power is applied to the Amplifier.
- 11.) As long as the input and output ports of the amplifier are connected to a 50Ohm load and RF signal power is applied, the Amplifier can be powered up with DC voltage.
- 12.) Confirm the Amplifier output load is matched for a 50 Ohm impedance and will not exceed the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit for the Amplifier. Exceeding the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit will result in reflected signal power that could damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 13.) **Power Amplifier connected to an Antenna for signal transmission** - It's strongly recommended to use a high power fixed attenuator pad or an Isolator between the output port of the Amplifier and input port to the antenna. Any reflected signal power due to impedance mismatch will likely damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 14.) The attenuator or isolator used at the output port of the Amplifier must be rated to handle the output power level and operational frequency band of the amplifier.

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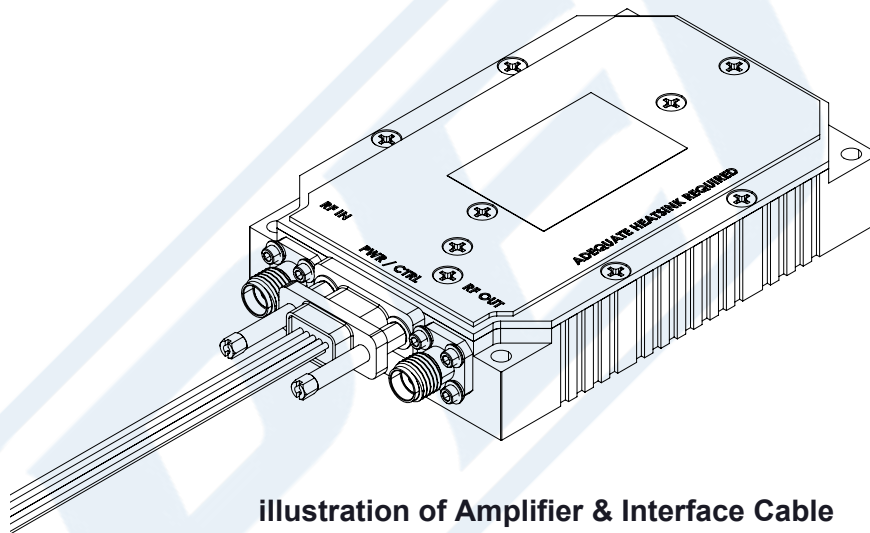


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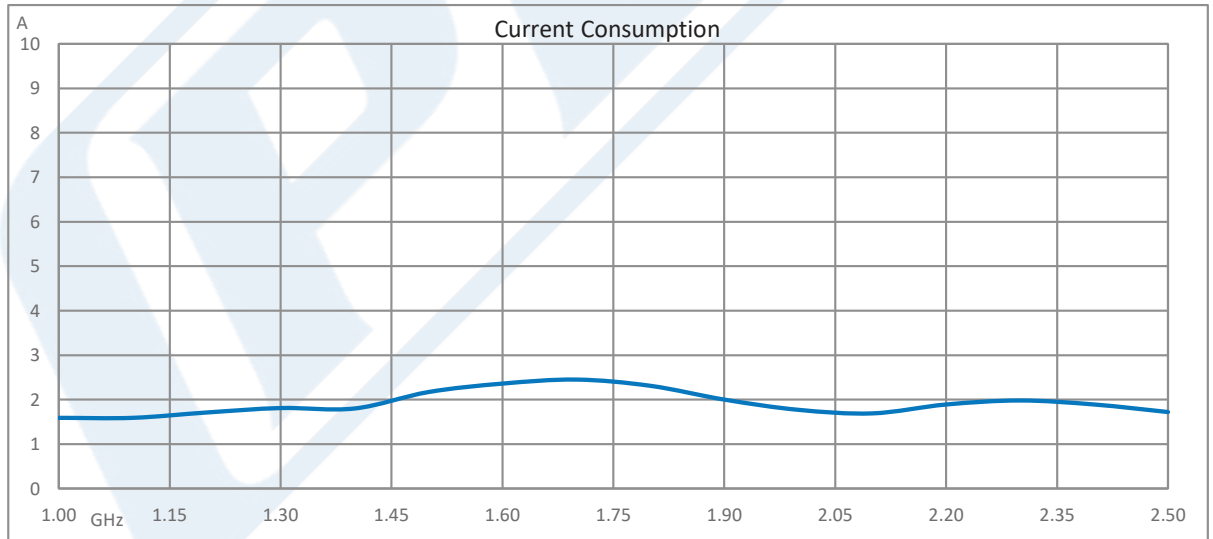
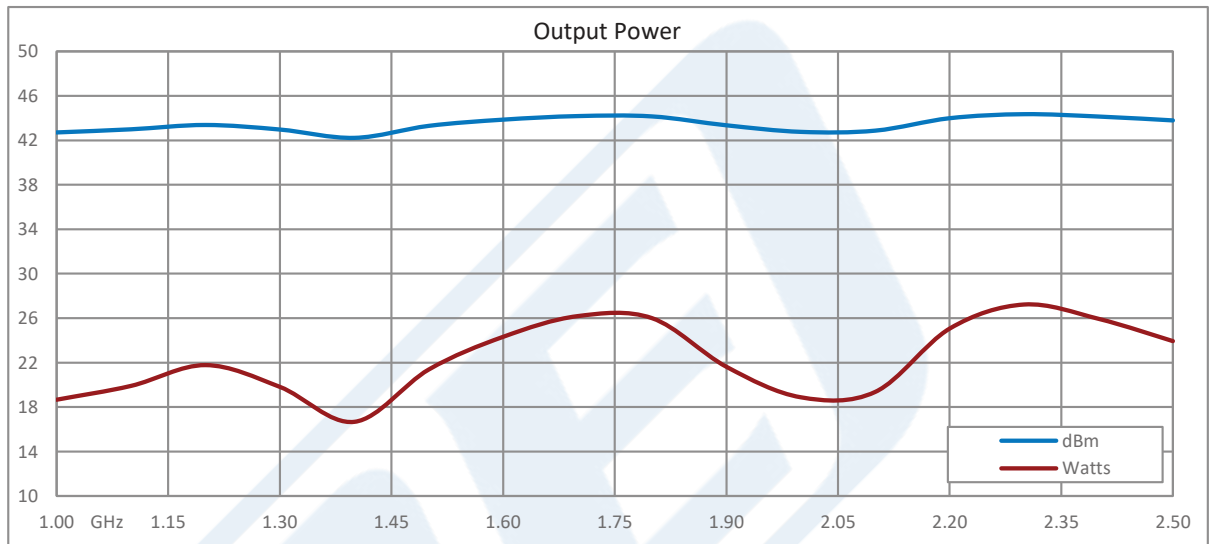


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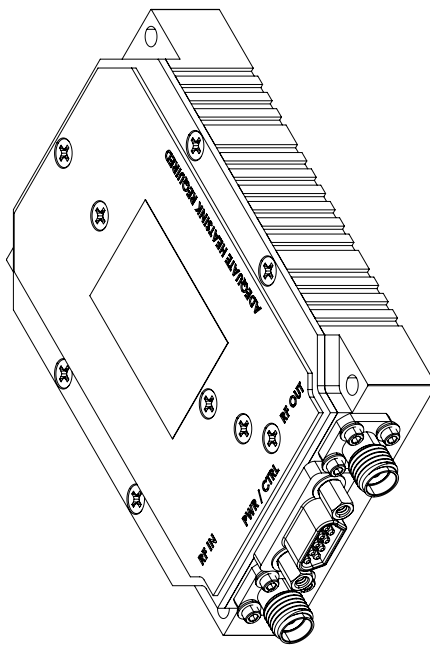
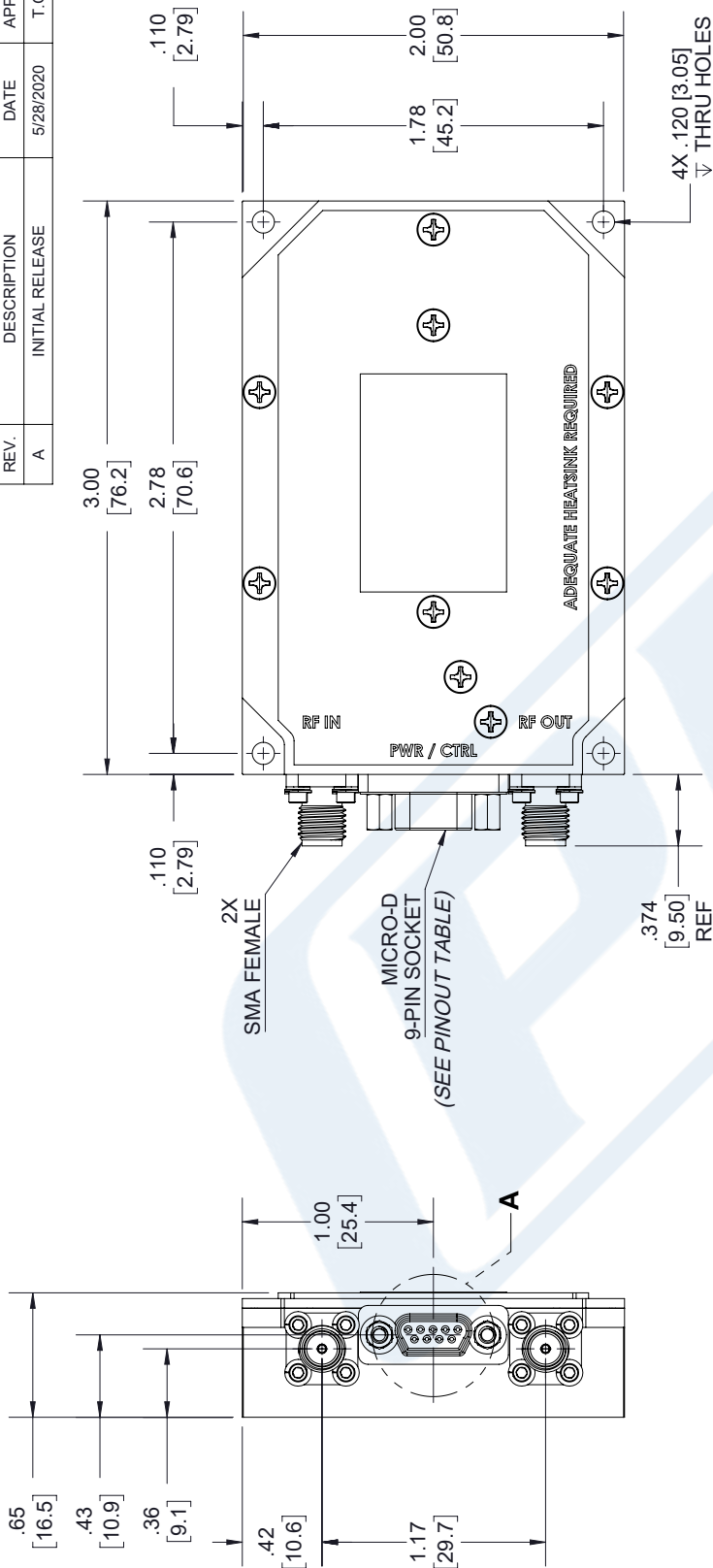
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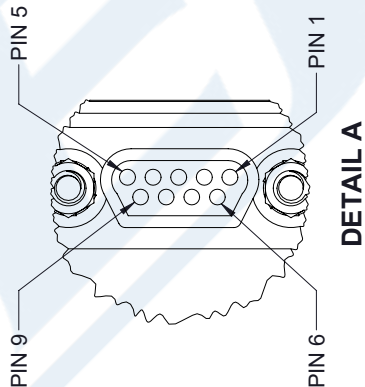
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Pin #	I/O	Function
1,2	I	DC Power (+11 TO +32 VDC)
3,4	I	GND
5	I	RF Enable 0V or GND = RF ON +5V or NC = RF OFF
6,7,9	-	No Connect
8	0	Over Temperature Flag 0V = Temperature Fault +5V = No Fault



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.X = ±.2 [5.08] FRACTIONS  
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 .XXX = ±.005 [.13] ANGLES ± 1°

CABLE LENGTH (L) TOLERANCES:

L ≤ 12 [305] = +1 [25] / -0  
 12 [305] < L ≤ 60 [1524] = +2 [51] / -0  
 60 [1524] < L ≤ 120 [3048] = +4 [102] / -0  
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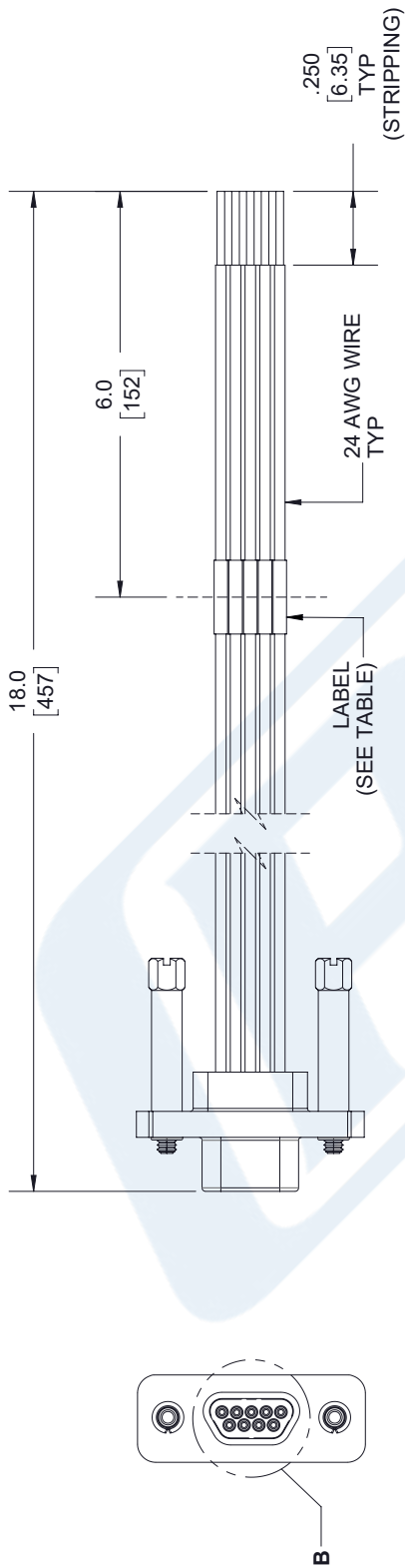
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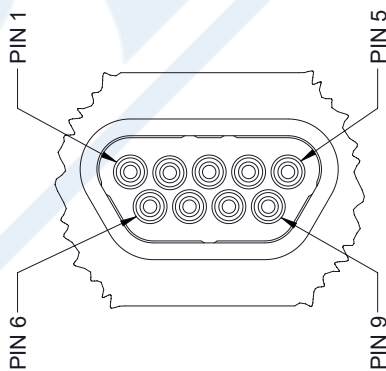
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## INTERFACE CABLE



Pin #	Wire Color	Pinout Label
1	Black	+ 28V
2	Brown	+ 28V
3	Red	GND
4	Orange	GND
5	Yellow	RF Enable
6	Green	No Connect
7	Blue	No Connect
8	Purple	Temp Flag
9	Gray	No Connect



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