

Ku-Band Airborne BDC



Our airborne block downconverters (BDCs) for Ku-band are built to support reliable in-flight connectivity and meet the extreme environmental conditions on aircraft. They come in two versions: fixed local oscillator (for a single Ku region) and multiple local oscillator (for multiple Ku regions). Like all Orbital BDCs, they enable high data rate applications with very low bit error rates.

- External referenced for stability
- Low phase noise for maximum data throughput
- Preset signal gains from 20 to 45 dB
- Linearity for higher-order modulation schemes
- Options for temperatures up to 70°C

Applications

These BDCs are for military and commercial airborne SATCOM applications and can help customers provide reliable in-flight wifi, communication and entertainment. Built to AS9100 standards, they are designed for high altitude operation, high vibration environments and extreme thermal cycles – and can operate either in-cabin or externally with the antennas.

Unlike an LNB, BDCs are used after an external low noise amplifier (LNA). This means you can connect multiple BDCs to a single LNA without affecting the noise figure of the system. BDCs let you receive signals from the entire satellite spectrum – with IF outputs at appropriate frequencies for your demodulators.



Connections: J1: RF in SMA Femal 50 ohm J2: IF out+DC in+ 10M in

Finish: MIL-DTL-55412 Type II Class 3 and outside surfaces painted white





MODEL NUMBER: BDCKUAIR



| FREQUENCY RANGE | LOW BAND | HIGH BAND | WIDE BAND |
|--|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Input RF Freq GHz | 10.7 to 11.7 | 11.7 to 12.75 | 10.75 to 12.75 |
| Output RF Freq MHz | 950 to 1950 | 950 to 2000 | 950 to 3000 |
| Fixed and Multi-LO Options Available | | | |
| Local Oscillator(s) Preset as per User Requirements MHz | 9.75 | 10.75 | 9.75 |
| LO Stability Locked to External Reference | Y | Y | Y |
| Output Bandwidth GHz | 1.0 max | 1.05 max | 2.05 max |

NOISE FIGURE

10 dB typical @ 25°C

VSWR

Input 2.0:1 nominal

Output 1.5:1 nominal

GAIN

Gain 20 to 45 dB in 5 dB steps

Flatness +/- 0.75 dB over any 27 MHz

Ripple +/- 0.15 dB per 10 MHz

Stability +/- 0.25 dB max over 24 hours @ +25°C

ENVIRONMENTAL

Operating Temp -40°C to +60°C

Operating Altitude 50,000 ft. ASL

Operating Relative Humidity 100% Condensing

Standards RoHS & REACH

INTERFACES

Input SMA (S)

Output N (N) or SMA (S)

PHASE NOISE MIL-STD-188-164

| 10 Hz | -32 dBc/Hz max |
|---------|-----------------|
| 100 Hz | -62 dBc/Hz max |
| 1 KHz | -72 dBc/Hz max |
| 10 KHz | -82 dBc/Hz max |
| 100 KHz | -92 dBc/Hz max |
| 1 MHz | -102 dBc/Hz max |
| 10 MHz | -112 dBc/Hz max |

POWER¹

DC In +16 to +26 VDC

Current Draw 280 mA max

Interface via IF connector

OPTIONS

DC Level Band Switching (-DCS ordering option)

Push Button Band Switching (-PBS ordering option)

Open Collector Input Band Switching (-OCS ordering option)

Remote Data Connection for M&C via Micro DB9 (-RDC ordering option)

Extended Temp to +70°C (-ET ordering option)

Improved Gain Over Temp (-GT ordering option)

OTHER SPECS

LO Leakage - Output -45 dBm min

LO Leakage - Input -45 dBm max

Image Rejection -40 dBm min

P1 dB +10 dBm min, +15 optional

OIP3 +20 dBm min, +25 optional

Overdrive -20 dBm non-damaging

Weight 450 grams

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