

Modulator



The NIR-MX800-LN series are 10 GHz and 20 GHz intensity modulators especially designed for operation in the 800 nm wavelength band.

Like all Photline Technologies Near InfraRed (NIR) modulators, the NIR-MX800 series use a proton exchanged based waveguide process that confers them an unparalleled stability and a high photo-refractive threshold.

FEATURES

- High Bandwidth
- X-cut for high stability
- Low drive voltage
- Low insertion loss

APPLICATIONS

- Pulse generation / picking
- Carrier suppression
- Quantum optics

OPTIONS

- 1060 nm band versions
- Hermetic sealing

RELATED EQUIPMENTS

- RF amplifiers
- MBC-DG Automatic Bias Controllers
- NIR-MPX800 phase modulators

NIR-MX800-LN-10 Performance Highlights

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| Operating wavelength | 780 | - | 850 | nm |
| Insertion loss | - | 3.5 | - | dB |
| Optical input power | - | - | 13 | dBm |
| Electro-optical bandwidth | - | 12 | - | GHz |
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10 GHz intensity modulator

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| Electro-optic bandwidth | S_{21} | RF electrodes, from 2 GHz | 10 | 12 | - | GHz |
| Ripple S21 | $\Delta S21$ | RF electrodes, $f < 10$ GHz | - | 0.5 | 1 | dB |
| Electrical return loss | ES_{11} | RF electrodes | - | -12 | -10 | dB |
| $V\pi$ RF @50 kHz | $V\pi RF_{50\text{ kHz}}$ | RF electrodes | - | 3.5 | 4.5 | V |
| $V\pi$ DC electrodes | $V\pi DC$ | DC electrodes | - | 3.5 | 4.5 | V |
| RF input impedance | Z_{in-RF} | - | - | 40 | - | Ω |
| DC input impedance | Z_{in-DC} | - | - | 1 | - | $M\Omega$ |

Optical Characteristics

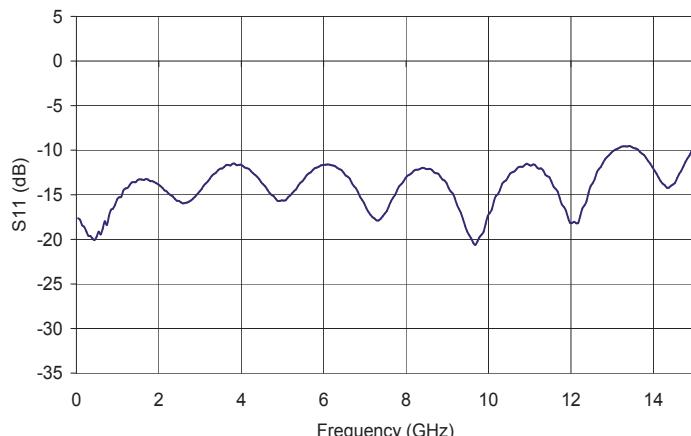
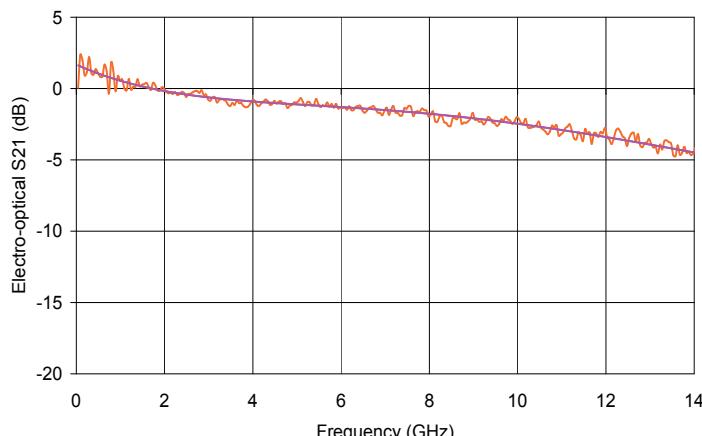
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| Crystal | - | - | | Lithium Niobate X-Cut Y-Prop | | |
| Operating wavelength | λ | - | 780 | 800 | 850 | nm |
| Insertion loss | IL | Without connectors | - | 4.5 | 5.5 | dB |
| DC extinction ratio | ER | Measured with narrow source linewidth < 200 MHz | 20 | 22 | - | dB |
| Optical return loss | ORL | - | -40 | -45 | - | dB |
| Chirp | α | - | -0.1 | 0 | 0.1 | - |

Absolute Maximum Ratings

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| RF input power | EP_{in} | - | 28 | dBm |
| Bias voltage | V_{bias} | -20 | +20 | V |
| Optical input power | OP_{in} | - | 13 | dBm |
| Operating temperature | OT | 0 | +70 | °C |
| Storage temperature | ST | -40 | +85 | °C |

S21 & S11 Parameter Curves at RF input port



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20 GHz intensity modulator

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| Ripple S21 | $\Delta S21$ | RF electrodes, $f < 20$ GHz | - | 0.5 | 1 | dB |
| Electrical return loss | ES_{11} | RF electrodes, $f < 20$ GHz | - | -13 | -10 | dB |
| $V\pi$ RF @50 kHz | $V\pi RF_{50\text{ kHz}}$ | RF electrodes | - | 3.5 | 4.5 | V |
| $V\pi$ DC electrodes | $V\pi DC$ | DC electrodes | - | 3.9 | 4.5 | V |
| RF input impedance | Z_{in-RF} | - | - | 50 | - | Ω |
| DC input impedance | Z_{in-DC} | - | - | 1 | - | $M\Omega$ |

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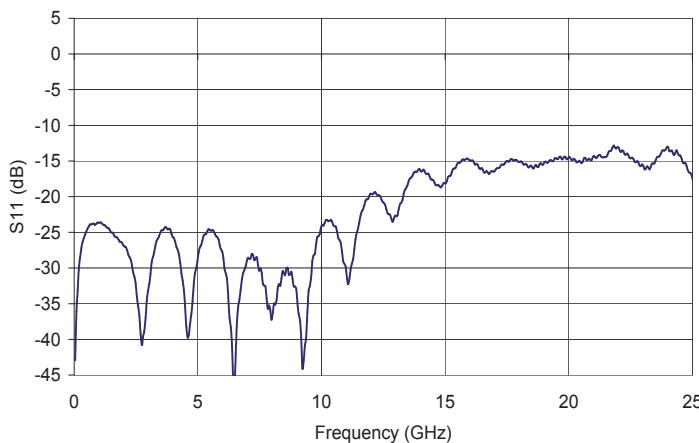
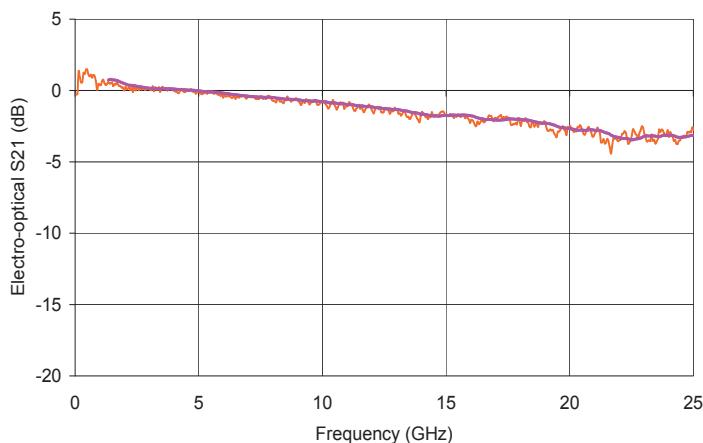
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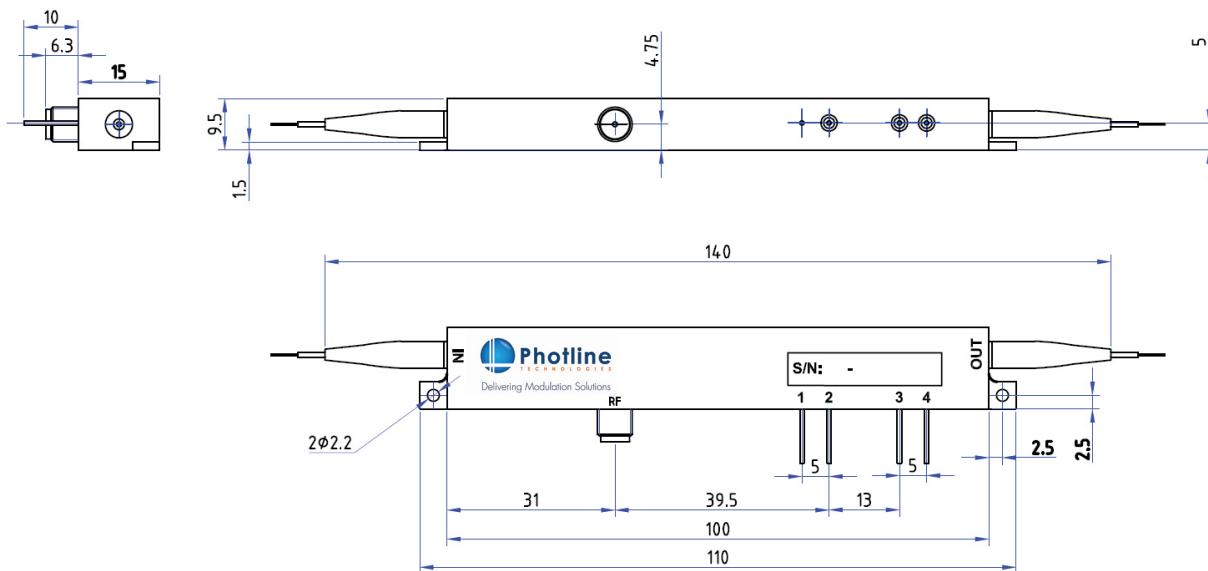
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Mechanical Diagram and pinout All measurements in mm



| Port | Function | Note |
|------|---------------------|--|
| IN | Optical input port | Polarization maintaining fiber, Corning PM 98-U25A, Length 1.5 meter. Buffer diameter 900 µm |
| OUT | Optical output port | Polarization maintaining fiber, Corning PM 98-U25A, Length 1.5 meter. Buffer diameter 900 µm |
| RF | RF input port | Wiltron female K |
| 1 | Ground | Pin feed through diameter 1.0 mm |
| 2 | DC | Pin feed through diameter 1.0 mm |
| 3 | Photodiode cathode | Pin feed through diameter 1.0 mm |
| 4 | Photodiode anode | Pin feed through diameter 1.0 mm |

Ordering information

NIR-MX800-LN-BW-Y-Z-AB-CD

BW = Bandwidth : 10 10 GHz 20 20 GHz

Y = Input fiber : P Polarisation maintaining S Standard single mode

Z = Input fiber : P Polarisation maintaining S Standard single mode

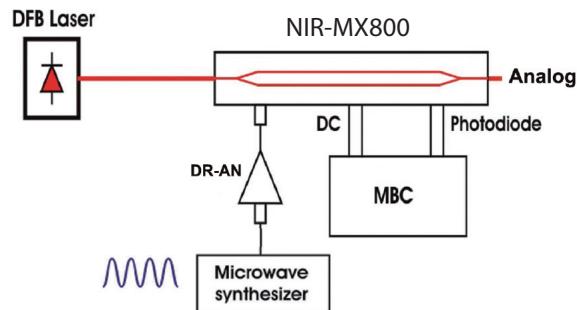
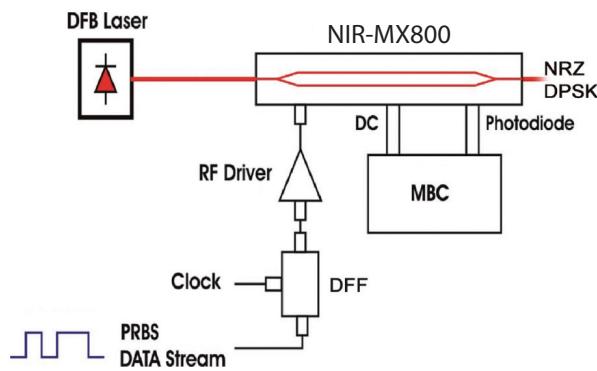
AB = Output connector : 00 bare fiber FA FC/APC FC FC/SPC

CD = Output connector : 00 bare fiber FA FC/APC FC FC/SPC

Note : optical connectors are Seikoh-Giken with narrow key or equivalent

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Related equipments



OOK-NRZ, DPSK transmission

DR-DG series amplifiers are designed to drive NIR-MX800-LN at one and two times $V\pi$ for NRZ and DPSK modulation scheme.

MBC-DG-BT is an automatic bias controller that locks the operating point of the NIR-MX800-LN modulators.

DFF-DG-30 is a D-type Flip Flop module intended for NRZ retiming and reshaping PRBS data-stream.



Carrier suppressed / Analog modulation

DR-AN amplifiers series are a wideband amplifiers modules designed for analog applications at frequencies up to 40 GHz.

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Modboxes are a family of turnkey optical transmitters and external benchtop units for telecommunication applications.

ModBoxes for 10 Gb/s up to 28 Gb/s NRZ, RZ, DPSK, Stressed Eyes, Multi-channel, Analogue Optical Modulation Units are designed to generate high performances transmission and reception system.

About us

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