

Low frequencies to 40 GHz Phase Modulators

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The Photline MPX-LN and MPZ-LN series make up the most comprehensive range of electro-optic phase modulators available on the market for the 1550 nm wavelength band.

- The MPZ-LN series are ideally suited for high bandwidth operation at 10 GHz, 20 GHz and up to 40 GHz.
- The MPX-LN-0.1 has a high impedance input optimized for modulation frequencies below 150 MHz.

Designed using state-of-the-art and proven lithium niobate technology, $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MPX}\text{-}\mathsf{LN}}$ and $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MPZ}\text{-}\mathsf{LN}}$ phase modulators are easy to operate and to integrate. They offer the highest performance for a wide range of applications from laboratory experiments to demanding industrial systems.

FEATURES

- High Bandwidth
- C & L bands
- Low insertion loss
- Low Vπ

APPLICATIONS

- Side bands generation
- Interferometric sensing
- Frequency shifting / broadening
- Quantum key distribution
- High data rate telecommunications

OPTIONS

- 1310 nm versions
- 800 nm, 1000 nm, 2.0 µm versions
- Low residual intensity modulation

RELATED EQUIPMENTS

Matched RF amplifiers

MPX-LN-0.1 Performance Highlights

Parameter	MPX-LN-0.1
Operating wavelength	1530 nm -1625 nm
Electro-optical bandwidth	150 MHz
Vπ RF @50 kHz	3.5 V
Insertion loss	2.7 dB

Specifications given at 25 °C, 1550 nm.

MPZ-LN series Performance Highlights

Parameter	MPZ-LN-10	MPZ-LN-20	MPZ-LN-40			
Operating wavelength	1530 nm - 1625 nm					
Electro-optical bandwidth	12 GHz	25 GHz	33 GHz			
Vπ RF @50 kHz	4 V 6 V		6 V			
Insertion loss	2.5 dB	2.5 dB	2.5 dB			

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MPX-LN-0.1

150 MHz Phase Modulator

Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Electro-optic bandwidth	S ₂₁	RF electrodes	-	150	-	MHz
Vπ RF @50 kHz	Vπ RF _{50 kHz}	RF electrodes	-	3.5	4	V
RF input impedance	Z _{in-RF}	-	-	10 000	-	Ω

Optical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	
Crystal	-	-	Lithium Niobate X-Cut Y-Prop				
Waveguide process	-	-	Ti diffusion				
Operating wavelength	λ	-	1530	1550	1625	nm	
Insertion loss	IL	Without connectors	-	2.7	3.5	dB	
Polarization dependent loss	PDL	-	-	5	8	dB	
Optical return loss	ORL	-	-40	-45	-	dB	

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
Modulation voltage range	EV _{in}	-20	20	V
Optical input power	0P _{in}	-	20	dBm
Operating temperature	ОТ	0	+70	°C
Storage temperature	ST	-40	+85	°C



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MPZ-LN-10

10 GHz Phase Modulator

Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Electro-optic bandwidth	S ₂₁	RF electrodes, from 2 GHz	10	12	-	GHz
Ripple S ₂₁	ΔS ₂₁	RF electrodes	-	0.5	1	dB
Electrical return loss	S ₁₁	RF electrodes	-	-17	-13	dB
Vπ RF @50 kHz	VπRF _{50 kHz}	RF electrodes, @1550 nm	-	4	5	V
Vπ RF @10 GHz	VπRF _{10 GHz}	RF electrodes, @1550 nm	-	6	7	V
Impedance matching	Z _{in-RF}	-	-	50	-	Ω

Optical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	
Crystal	-	-	Lithium Niobate Z-Cut Y-Prop				
Waveguide process	-	-	Ti diffusion				
Operating wavelength	λ	-	1530	1550	1625	nm	
Insertion loss	IL	Without connectors	-	2.5	3.5	dB	
Optical return loss	ORL	-	-40	-45	-	dB	

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
RF input power	EP _{in}	-	28	dBm
Optical input power	OP _{in}	-	20	dBm
Operating temperature	ОТ	0	+70	°C
Storage temperature	ST	-40	+85	°C



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MPZ-LN-20

20 GHz Phase Modulator

Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Electro-optic bandwidth	S ₂₁	RF electrodes, from 2 GHz	20	25	-	GHz
Ripple S ₂₁	ΔS ₂₁	RF electrodes	-	0.5	1	dB
Electrical return loss	S ₁₁	RF electrodes	-	-12	-10	dB
Vπ RF @50 kHz	Vπ RF _{50 kHz}	RF electrodes, @1550 nm	-	6	7	V
Vπ RF @20 GHz	Vπ RF _{20 GHz}	RF electrodes, @1550 nm	-	8	9	V
Impedance matching	Z _{in-RF}	-	-	50	-	Ω

Optical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	
Crystal	-	-	Lithium Niobate Z-Cut Y-Prop				
Waveguide process	-	-	Ti diffusion				
Operating wavelength	λ	-	1530	1550	1625	nm	
Insertion loss	IL	Without connectors	2	2.5	3	dB	
Optical return loss	ORL	-	-40	-45	-	dB	

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

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Optical input power	OP _{in}	-	20	dBm
Operating temperature	ОТ	0	+70	°C
Storage temperature	ST	-40	+85	°C



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MPZ-LN-40

40 GHz Phase Modulator

Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Electro-optic bandwidth	S ₂₁	RF electrodes, from 2 GHz	30	33	-	GHz
Ripple S ₂₁	ΔS ₂₁	RF electrodes	-	0.5	1	dB
Electrical return loss	S ₁₁	RF electrodes, 0 - 30 GHz	-	-12	-10	dB
Vπ RF @50 kHz	Vπ RF _{50 kHz}	RF electrodes, @1550 nm	-	6	7	V
Vπ RF @30 GHz	Vπ RF _{30 GHz}	RF electrodes, @1550 nm	-	8.5	10	V
Impedance matching	Z _{in-RF}	-	-	50	-	Ω

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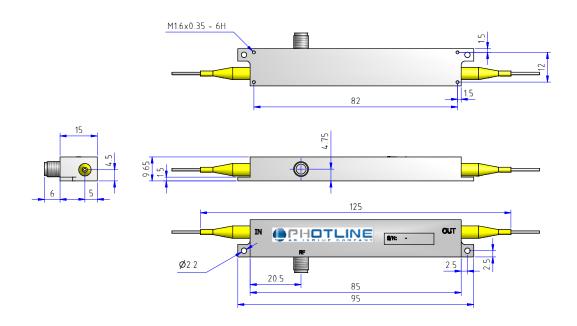


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Mechanical Diagram and Pinout

All measurements in mm



Port	Function	Note		
IN	Optical input port	Polarization maintaining 1550 nm Corning PM 15-U25D length : 1.5 meter, buffer diameter : 900 um		
OUT	Optical output port	Polarization maintaining 1550 nm Corning PM 15-U25D length : 1.5 meter, buffer diameter : 900 um		
RF	RF input port	Wiltron female K (V type for MPZ-LN-40)		

Ordering information

MPX-LN-0.1-Y-Z-AB-CD / MPZ-LN-WW-Y-Z-AB-CD

XX = X-cut Bandwidth: 0.1 150 MHz

WW = Z-cut Bandwidth: **10** 10 GHz **20** 20 GHz **40** 40 GHz

Y = Input fiber : P Polarization maintaining S Standard single mode
Z = Output fiber : P Polarization maintaining S Standard single mode

AB = Input 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 Senko with narrow key or equivalent



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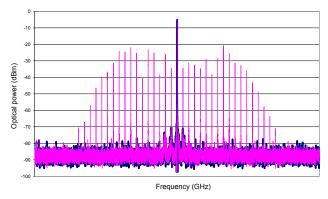
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Related equipments: Spectral Broadening ModBoxes

The spectral broadening of optical signals is a solution to suppress the Stimulated Brillouin Scattering (SBS) caused in optical fibers by high fluxes of highly coherent light.

The SBS degrades the signal integrity and prevents the proper transmission through the fiber. Under certain conditions, when amplification occurs for instance, the SBS can lead to the destruction of the fiber and the optical components along or forward the fiber. When the temporal coherence of the signal is destroyed, the SBS power threshold is significantly increased and thus its effects can be eliminated.

The Spectral Broadening ModBoxes achieve the spectral broadening of the optical signal by modulating its phase via the mean of a very efficient $LiNbO_3$ phase modulator and creating a number of lines over a spectral width that can reach several hundreds GHz.



The spectrally broadened optical signal



The spectral broadening ModBox

About us

iXBlue Photonics includes iXBlue iXFiber brand that produces specialty optical fibers and Bragg gratings based fiber optics components and iXBlue Photline brand that provides optical modulation solutions based on the company lithium niobate (LiNbO₂) modulators and RF electronic modules.

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