SC2215



26.5 GHz Programmable Gain Amplifier

Product Specification

Common Applications

- High Volume Production Test
- Benchtop Designer Verification Testing (DVT)
- RF/Microwave Design and Characterization
- Receiver Characterization

Summary

The SC2215 is a 2-Channel programmable gain amplifier that can operate from 10 MHz to 26.5 GHz. Each channel provides over 31.5 dB of programmable gain, controllable in 0.5 dB increments. Both channels have excellent low noise performance.

With the channels cascaded, the SC2215 can provide up to 70 dB of small signal gain and can achieve a maximum saturated output power of 28 dBm at 1 GHz and 20 dBm at 26.5 GHz.



Description

The SC2215 is a single-slot PXIe compliant module targeted at test and measurement applications requiring high output power and low noise performance. It is well suited for high volume production test applications.

Each SC2215 can be operated independently, or the two can be cascaded to provide a full 63 dB of programmable gain, controllable in 0.5 dB increments.

Channel 0 includes a direct path which bypasses the amplifier stages. This capability can be useful in high power applications requiring bi-directional signal measurement, like those present in devices sharing Tx and Rx paths on a common port. Channel 1 has higher drive capability and can generate 28 dBm of saturated output power at 1 GHz.

Use of solid-state switches minimizes reliability concerns associated with mechanical relays. On-board thermal measurement and in-circuit, high frequency power detectors are present on both channel outputs. These functions are accessible by the user and can be incorporated into systems requiring dynamic output power level monitoring and self-test functions, helping to minimize outages in production environments.

Figure 1 - SC2215 – High Performance in a Compact 1U PXIe Module

Definitions

The following definitions apply to these specifications:

- *Typical* values describe the expected performance for the majority of units. Typical values may not be verified on all units shipped from the factory.
- Minimum (Min) and Maximum (Max) values describe warranted product performance.
- *Calibration Temperature (T*_{cal}) is the device temperature at the time of calibration, with an ambient temperature of 23 °C ± 5 °C and chassis fan speed set to high.
- *Device Temperature (T*_{device}) is the current device temperature.

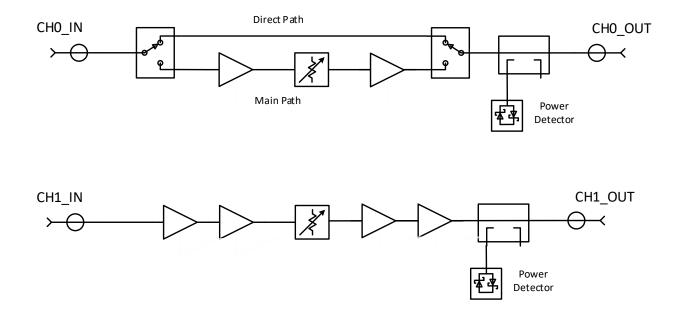
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Conditions

Unless specified otherwise, Typical and Warranted Specifications are valid under the following conditions.

- T_{device} within $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 5 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Calibration cycles are maintained.
- Minimum warm up time of 30 minutes.

Block Diagram



Channel 0 Specifications

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typical	Max	Comments
Frequency Range (MHz)		10	-	26500	
Power Detector Accuracy (dB)	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 5 ^{\circ}\text{C}$	-1.00	-	+1.00	For output power levels up to P1dB of the Main Path
Minimum Power Detector Level (dBm)	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 50 MHz	-	2.3	-	
	50 MHz < F ≤ 150 MHz	-	-2.9	-	Minimum output power for specified power detector accuracy
	150 MHz < F ≤ 10 GHz	-	0.0	-	
	10 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-	1.1	-	
	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	0.0	-	
Power Detector Signal Settling Time (μs)		20	-	-	Minimum time for level change to settle at power detector input
Path Switch Time (µs)		8.4	-	-	Minimum time for hardware to switch paths ¹
P _{In} Max Power (dBm)		-	-	+15	Input survival power
Pout Max Power (dBm)		-	-	+15	Maximum reverse output power
Vin Max (V)		-2.5	-	+2.5	Maximum DC Offset at input

Direct Path

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typical	Max	Comments
	50 MHz ≤ F ≤ 6 GHz	-0.76	-	+0.76	
	6 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-0.83	-	+0.83	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 5 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
	14 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-0.87	-	+0.87	Across gain settings.
Level Calibration	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-1.11	-	+1.11	
Accuracy (dB) ²	$50 \text{ MHz} \le F \le 6 \text{ GHz}$	-0.68	-	+0.68	
	6 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-0.73	-	+0.73	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 2 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
	14 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-0.75	-	+0.75	Across gain settings.
	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-0.95	-	+0.95	
Input Return Loss (dB)	$10 \text{ MHz} \le F \le 17 \text{ GHz}$	-	14.7	-	
	17 GHz < F ≤ 25 GHz	-	9.2	-	
	25 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	8.1	-	
	$10 \text{ MHz} \le F \le 17 \text{ GHz}$	-	15.2	-	
Output Return Loss (dB)	17 GHz < F ≤ 25 GHz	-	11.2	-	
	25 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	13.2	-	
Gain (dB)	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 50 MHz	-	-2.3	-	
	50 MHz < F ≤ 150 MHz	-2.1	-1.6	-	
	150 MHz < F ≤ 6 GHz	-3.7	-3.2	-	
	6 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-6.0	-5.3	-	
	14 GHz < F ≤ 24 GHz	-9.1	-7.5	-	
	24 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-9.9	-8.4	-	

Table 1 – Channel 0 Direct Path Performance

¹ Total time to switch paths will depend on system performance.

² See *Gain Variation by Temperature* for details regarding compensation for temperature drift.

Main Path

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typical	Max	Comments
	50 MHz ≤ F ≤ 6 GHz	-0.96	-	+0.96	
	6 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-1.24	-	+1.24	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 5 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
	14 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-1.32	-	+1.32	Across gain settings.
Level Calibration	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-1.48	-	+1.48	
Accuracy (dB) ³	50 MHz ≤ F ≤ 6 GHz	-0.78	-	+0.78	
	6 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-0.93	-	+0.93	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 2 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
	14 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-0.93	-	+0.93	Across gain settings.
	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-1.13	-	+1.13	
Power Detector Accuracy (dB)	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 5 ^{\circ}\text{C}$	-1.00	-	+1.00	For output power levels up to P1dE
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 150 MHz	-	12.5	-	
	150 MHz < F ≤ 6 GHz	-	15.1	-	1
	6 GHz < F ≤ 12 GHz	-	12	-	
Input Return Loss (dB)	12 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-	13.8	-	_
	18 GHz < F ≤ 24 GHz	-	9.2	-	
	24 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	7.3	-	
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 100 MHz	-	6.8	-	
Output Return Loss	100 MHz < F ≤ 12 GHz	-	9.4	-	_
(dB)	12 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	8.1	-	
Gain Control Range (dB)		-	31.5	-	
Gain Step Size (dB)		-	0.5	-	
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 50 MHz	-	32.4	-	
	50 MHz < F ≤ 150 MHz	30.9	33.5	-	
	150 MHz < F ≤ 6 GHz	31.5	34.1	-	
Linear Gain (dB)	6 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	30.2	32.5	-	At maximum gain setting
	14 GHz < F ≤ 24 GHz	24.0	28.5	-	_
	24 GHz < F ≤ 26.6 GHz	22.2	27.0	-	_
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 100 MHz	-	11.9	-	
	100 MHz < F ≤ 1 GHz	-	7.7	-	_
	1 GHz < F ≤ 12 GHz	-	4.7	-	
Noise Figure (dB)	12 GHz < F ≤ 20 GHz	-	7.0	-	_
	20 GHz < F ≤ 24 GHz	-	8.5	-	
	24 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	10.7	-	
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 50 MHz	-	17.5	-	
	50 MHz < F ≤ 150 MHz	16.7	18.9	-	
Output P1dB (dBm)	150 MHz < F ≤ 10 GHz	15.9	18.0	-	At maximum gain setting
	10 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	13.5	15.5	-	
	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	10.7	13.4	-	_
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 150 MHz	-	19.3	-	
	150 MHz < F ≤ 10 GHz	-	18.7	-	
Output P3dB (dBm)	10 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-	17.0	-	At maximum gain setting
	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	14.7	_	

³ See *Gain Variation by Temperature* for details regarding compensation for temperature drift.

	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 10 GHz	-	27.7	-	
Output IP3 (dBm)	10 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-	23.4	-	
	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	16.5	-	
	50 MHz ≤ F ≤ 10 GHz	-	-33	-	Measured with Pout at +4 dBm.
Second Harmonic (dBc)	10 GHz < F ≤ 13 GHz	-	-27	-	Frequency listed is the fundamental at the input.
Third Harmonic (dBc)	50 MHz ≤ F ≤ 6 GHz	-	-57	-	Measured with Pout at +4 dBm.
	6 GHz < F ≤ 8 GHz	-	-53	-	Frequency listed is the fundamer at the input.
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 50 MHz	-	-105	-	
Non-Harmonic	50 MHz < F ≤ 1 GHz	-	-95	-	Spurious output unrelated to input
Spurious Output (dBm)	1 GHz < F ≤ 6 GHz	-	-95	-	signal.
	6 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	-98	-	
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 500 MHz	-	-47	-	
Isolation (dB)	500 MHz < F ≤ 10 GHz	-	-55	-	Channel 1 Input to Channel 0
	10 GHz < F ≤ 16 GHz	-	-42	-	Output
	16 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	-26	-	
Level Settling Time (ns)		500	-	-	Minimum time for signal to settle after gain setting change.

Table 2 – Channel O Main Path Performance

Channel 1 Specifications

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typical	Мах	Comments
Frequency Range (MHz)		10	-	26500	
· · ·	50 MHz < F ≤ 6 GHz	-0.90	-	+0.90	
	6 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-1.19	-	+1.19	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 5 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
	14 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-1.25	-	+1.25	Across gain settings.
Level Calibration	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-1.47	-	+1.47	
Accuracy (dB) ⁴	50 MHz < F ≤ 6 GHz	-0.74	-	+0.74	
	6 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-0.92	-	+0.92	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 2 ^{\circ}\text{C}$
	14 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-0.92	-	+0.92	Across gain settings.
	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-1.15	-	+1.15	
Power Detector Accuracy (dB)	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 5 \text{ °C}$	-1.00	-	+1.00	For output power levels up to P1dB
	$10 \text{ MHz} \le F \le 50 \text{ MHz}$	-	0.8	-	
	50 MHz < F ≤ 150 MHz	-	-2.9	-	
Minimum Power	150 MHz < F ≤ 8 GHz	-	-0.9	-	 Minimum output power for specified power detector accuracy
Detector Level (dBm)	8 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-	1.0	-	
	14 GHz < F ≤ 24 GHz	-	0.0	-	
	24 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	-3.0	-	
Input Return Loss (dB)	10 MHz < F ≤ 100 MHz	-	12.2	-	
	100 MHz < F ≤ 7 GHz	-	14.4	-	
	7 GHz < F ≤ 10 GHz	-	10.1	-	
	10 GHz < F ≤ 22 GHz	-	13.0	-	
	22 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	6.9	-	
	10 MHz < F ≤ 100 MHz	-	14.4	-	
	100 MHz < F ≤ 8 GHz	-	15.2	-	
Output Return Loss	8 GHz < F ≤ 13 GHz	-	10.1	-	
(dB)	13 GHz < F ≤ 18 GHz	-	8.3	-	
	18 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	10.1	-	
Gain Control Range (dB)		-	31.5	-	
Gain Step Size (dB)		-	0.5	-	
	$10 \text{ MHz} \le F \le 50 \text{ MHz}$	-	37.7	-	
	50 MHz < F ≤ 6 GHz	35.5	37.7	-	
Linear Gain (dB)	6 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	31.7	33.8	-	At maximum gain setting
	14 GHz < F ≤ 22 GHz	27.4	31.1	-	
	22 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	23.7	28.3	-	
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 100 MHz	-	13.3	-	
	100 MHz < F ≤ 1 GHz	-	10.2	-	
Noise Figure (dB)	1 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-	4.1	-	
	14 GHz < F ≤ 22 GHz	-	6.3	-	
	22 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	_	9.5	-	

⁴ See *Gain Variation by Temperature* for details regarding compensation for temperature drift.

	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 50 MHz	-	22.9	-	
	50 MHz < F ≤ 150 MHz	22.6	24.5		
	150 MHz < F ≤ 8 GHz	23.2	24.8	-	At maximum gain setting
Output P1dB (dBm)	8 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	21.3	22.9	-	
	14 GHz < F ≤ 24 GHz	17.9	20.4	-	
	24 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	16.8	19.5	-	
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 150 MHz	-	26.8	-	
	150 MHz < F ≤ 8 GHz	-	25.8	-	
Output P3dB (dBm)	8 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-	23.8	-	At maximum gain setting
	14 GHz < F ≤ 24 GHz	-	21.5	-	
	24 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	20.5	-	_
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 12 GHz	-	33.0	-	
Output IP3 (dBm)	12 GHz < F ≤ 20 GHz	-	28.1	-	At maximum gain setting
	20 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	23.7	-	
	50 MHz ≤ F ≤ 4 GHz	-	-48	-	Measured with Pout at +4 dBm. Frequency listed is the fundament at the input.
Second Harmonic (dBc)	4 GHz < F ≤ 12 GHz	-	-40	-	
	12 GHz < F ≤ 13 GHz	-	-36	-	
Third Harmonic (dBc)	50 MHz ≤ F ≤ 8 GHz	-	-66	-	Measured with Pout at +4 dBm. Frequency listed is the fundamenta at the input.
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 50 MHz	-	-105	-	
Non-Harmonic	50 MHz < F ≤ 1 GHz	-	-95	-	Spurious output unrelated to input
Spurious Output (dBm)	1 GHz < F ≤ 6 GHz	-	-95	-	signal.
	6 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	-98	-	_
	10 MHz ≤ F ≤ 500 MHz	-	-47	-	
	500 MHz < F ≤ 8 GHz	-	-60	-	Channel 0 Input to Channel 1
Isolation (dB)	8 GHz < F ≤ 14 GHz	-	-41	-	Output
	14 GHz < F ≤ 26.5 GHz	-	-36	-	_
Level Settling Time (ns)		500	-	-	Minimum time for signal to settle after gain setting change.
P _{In} Max Power (dBm)		-	-	+15	Maximum Input survival power
Pout Max Power (dBm)		-	-	+25	Maximum reverse output power
Vin Max (V)		-2.5	-	+2.5	Maximum DC Offset at input

Table 2 – Channel 1 Path Performance

Gain Variation by Temperature⁵

Channel	Conditions	Gain Variation by Temperature	Comments
Channel 0 Direct (dB/°C)	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 20 \ ^{\circ}\text{C}$	$(4.105 \times 10^{-11} \times F^2) - (1.253 \times 10^{-6} \times F) - 2.543 \times 10^{-3}$	A average all
Channel 0 Main (dB/°C)	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 20 \ ^{\circ}\text{C}$	$(1.708 \times 10^{-10} \times F^2) - (7.204 \times 10^{-6} \times F) - 2.681 \times 10^{-2}$	Across all frequencies and
Channel 1 (dB/°C)	$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{cal}} \pm 20 \ ^{\circ}\text{C}$	$(1.021 \times 10^{-10} \times F^2) - (4.946 \times 10^{-6} \times F) - 2.886 \times 10^{-2}$	gain settings

Calculate the gain correction factor using the following equation:

 $\Delta Gain = (Gain Variation by Temperature) \times \Delta T$, where

- $\Delta T = T_{device} T_{cal}$
- T_{device} = the current device temperature obtained by reading the onboard temperature sensor in degree Celsius
- T_{cal} = the device temperature at the time of calibration in degree Celsius, which can be queried through the SI2215 instrument driver
- F =frequency, in MHz

Example Calculation

Channel 0 Main

 $T_{cal} = 40 \ ^{\circ}C$

 $T_{device} = 50 \ ^{\circ}C$

F = 5.8 GHz

 $\Delta Gain = [(1.708 \times 10^{-10} \times 5800^2) - (7.204 \times 10^{-6} \times 5800) - 2.681 \times 10^{-2}] \frac{dB}{°C} \times (50 - 40) °C$

$$\Delta Gain = -0.0628 \frac{dB}{\circ C} \times 10 \circ C$$

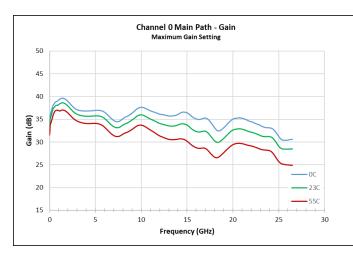
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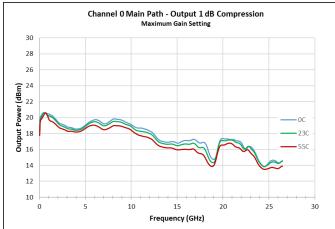
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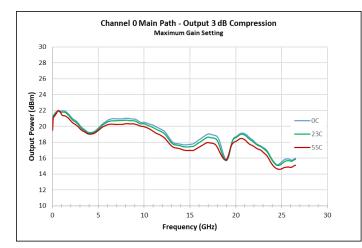
⁵ By default, temperature compensation for gain is enabled in the SI2215 driver. No additional compensation is required by the user unless it is explicitly disabled.

Typical Performance

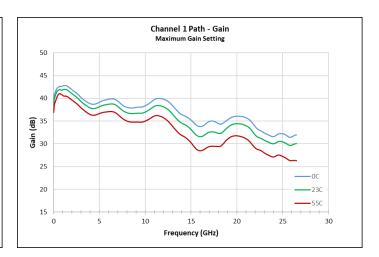
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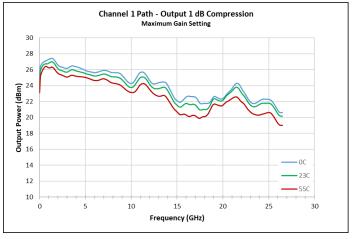


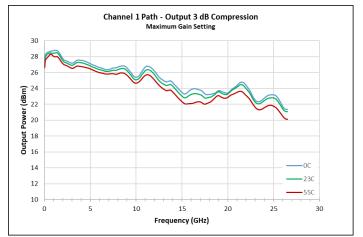


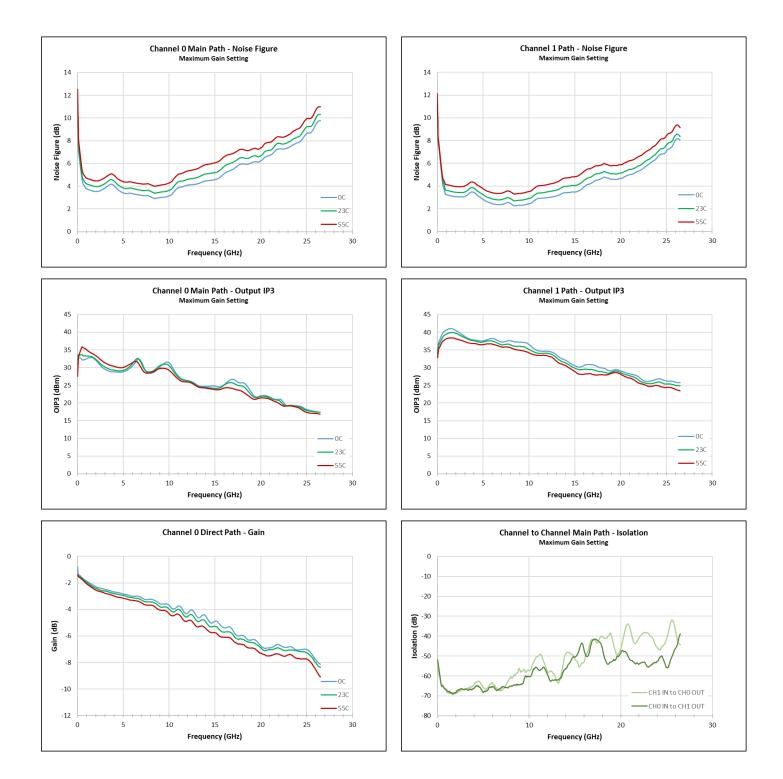


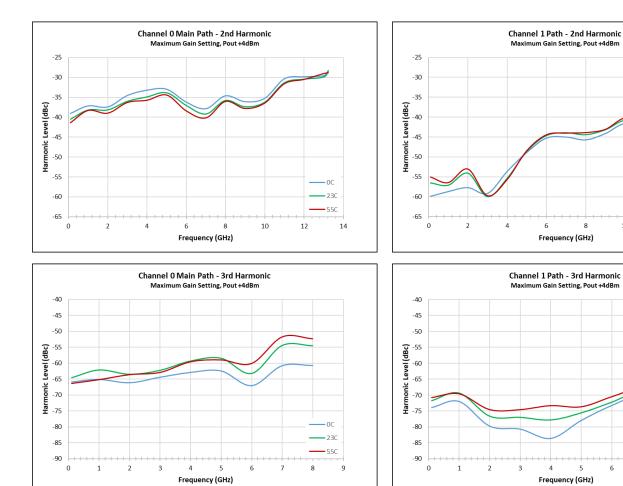
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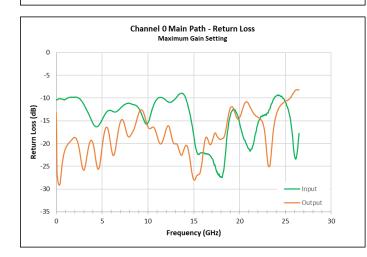


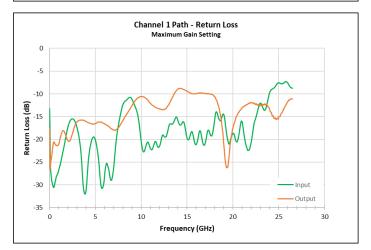












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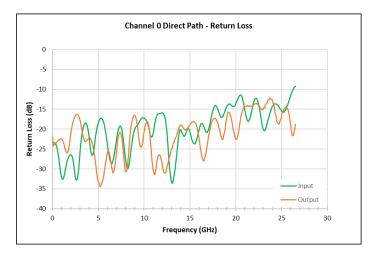
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Hardware Front Panel



Figure 2 – SC2215 Front Panel

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RF IN	
Connector	2.92 mm Female
Impedance	50 Ω
Coupling	AC
Maximum Input Power	+15 dBm
DC voltage at input	±2.5 V DC Maximum
RF OUT	
Connector	2.92 mm Female
Impedance	50 Ω
Coupling	AC
Maximum Output Power	+30 dBm
Maximum Reverse Input	+15 dBm

CH1

RF IN	
Connector	2.92 mm Female
Impedance	50 Ω
Coupling	AC
Maximum Input Power	+15 dBm
DC voltage at input	±2.5 V DC Maximum
RF OUT	
Connector	2.92 mm Female
Impedance	50 Ω
Coupling	AC
Maximum Output Power	+33 dBm
Maximum Reverse Input	+25 dBm

Power Requirements

PXIe Power Rail (V DC)	Typical Current (mA)	Typical Power (W)
+3.3	1388	4.6
+12	1100	13.2

Table 2 – DC Power Requirements

Calibration

Interval	1 Year
Shelf Life	6 Months

Physical Characteristics

Dimensions	3U, Single Slot, PXIe Module (21.6 × 2.0 × 13.0) cm
Weight	700 g

Environmental

Operating

Ambient Temperature Range	0 °C to 55 °C
Relative Humidity Range	10% to 90%, noncondensing

Storage

Ambient Temperature Range	-40 °C to 70 °C
Relative Humidity Range	5% to 95%, noncondensing

Compliance and Certifications

Refer to the Declaration of Conformance (DoC) for additional regulatory compliance information. The DoC for this product can be obtained from the support section of our website, located at <u>www.signalcraft.com/support</u>

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326-1:2013: Class A emissions; Basic Immunity
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A
- FCC Part 15/B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Group 1, Class A
- KN11: Group 1, Class A

Environmental Management

SCT is committed to designing and manufacturing products in an environmentally responsible manner. We believe that eliminating hazardous substances from our products is beneficial to the environment and our customers.

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