



SAW Components

SAW RF filter

Short range devices

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868.60 MHz

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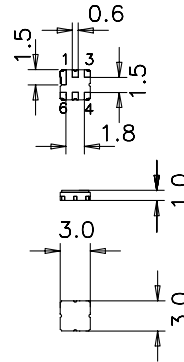
Application

- Low-loss RF filter for remote control receivers
- Balanced and unbalanced operation possible



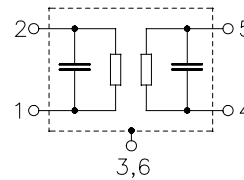
Features

- Package size 3.0 x 3.0 x 1.0 mm³
- Package code DCC6E
- RoHS compatible
- Approximate weight 0.037 g
- Package for **Surface Mount Technology (SMT)**
- Ni, gold-plated terminals
- Lead free soldering compatible with J - STD20C
- Passivation layer Elpas
- AEC-Q200 qualified component family
- **Electrostatic Sensitive Device (ESD)**



Pin configuration¹⁾

- 1 Input ground (recommended) or input
- 2 Input (recommended) or input ground
- 4 Output (recommended) or output ground
- 5 Output ground (recommended) or output
- 3,6 to be grounded



1) The recommended pin configuration usually offers best suppression of electrical crosstalk. The filter characteristics refer to this configuration.

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Characteristics

Temperature range for specification: $T = -40\text{ °C to }+95\text{ °C}$
 Terminating source impedance: $Z_S = 50\ \Omega$ and matching network
 Terminating load impedance: $Z_L = 50\ \Omega$ and matching network

	min.	typ. @ 25 °C	max.	
Center frequency f_C	—	868.60	—	MHz
Minimum insertion attenuation α_{min}				
incl. loss in matching elements ($Q_L = 66$)	—	2.6	3.4	dB
excl. loss in matching elements	—	2.0	2.8	dB
Pass band (relative to α_{min})				
868.00 ... 869.20 MHz	—	0.9	3.0	dB
Relative attenuation (relative to α_{min}) α_{rel}				
10.00 ... 820.00 MHz	50	55	—	dB
820.00 ... 859.00 MHz	32	36	—	dB
859.00 ... 866.60 MHz	21	25	—	dB
866.60 ... 867.20 MHz	10	25	—	dB
870.40 ... 871.40 MHz	10	15	—	dB
871.40 ... 875.00 MHz	20	24	—	dB
875.00 ... 890.00 MHz	25	30	—	dB
890.00 ... 950.00 MHz	40	45	—	dB
950.00 ... 1500.00 MHz	50	55	—	dB
1500.00 ... 2500.00 MHz	48	53	—	dB
Impedance for pass band matching¹⁾				
Input: $Z_{IN} = R_{IN} \parallel C_{IN}$	—	470 \parallel 1.2	—	$\Omega \parallel$ pF
Output: $Z_{OUT} = R_{OUT} \parallel C_{OUT}$	—	470 \parallel 1.2	—	$\Omega \parallel$ pF

¹⁾ Impedance for passband matching bases on an ideal, perfect matching of the SAW filter to source- and to load impedance (here 50 Ohm). After removal of the SAW filter the input impedance of the input and output matching network is calculated. The conjugate complex value of these characteristic impedances are the input and output impedances for flat passband. For more details we refer to EPCOS application note #4.

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Maximum ratings

Operable temperature range	T	-45/+125	°C	
Storage temperature range	T _{stg}	-45/+125	°C	
DC voltage	V _{DC}	6	V	
Source power	P _S	5	dBm	source impedance 50 Ω
Source power 880 MHz to 960 MHz	P _S	15	dBm	source impedance 50 Ω

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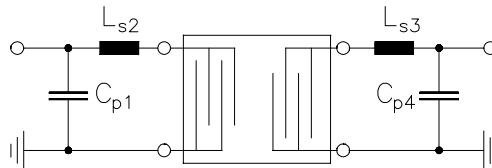
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Matching network to 50 Ω (element values depend on pcb layout and equivalent circuit)



$C_{p1} = 3.3 \text{ pF}$
 $L_{s2} = 18 \text{ nH}$
 $L_{s3} = 18 \text{ nH}$
 $C_{p4} = 3.3 \text{ pF}$

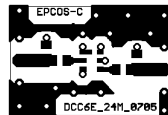
Minimising the crosstalk

For a good ultimate rejection a low crosstalk is necessary. Low crosstalk can be realised with a good RF layout. The major crosstalk mechanism is caused by the “ground-loop” problem.

Grounding loops are created if input-and output transducer GND are connected on the top-side of the PCB and fed to the system grounding plane by a common via hole. To avoid the common ground path, the ground pin of the input- and output transducer are fed to the system ground plane (bottom PCB plane) by their own via hole. The transducers’ grounding pins should be isolated from the upper grounding plane.

A common GND inductivity of 0.5nH degrades the ultimate rejection (crosstalk) by 20dB.

The optimised PCB layout, including matching network for transformation to 50 Ohm, is shown here. In this PCB layout the grounding loops are minimised to realise good ultimate rejection



Optimised PCB layout for SAW filters in DCC6E package, pinning 2,4 (top side, scale 1:1)

The bottom side is a copper plane (system ground area). The input and output grounding pins are isolated and connected to the common ground by separated via holes.

For good contact of the upper grounding area with the lower side it is necessary to place enough via holes.

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ESD protection of SAW filters

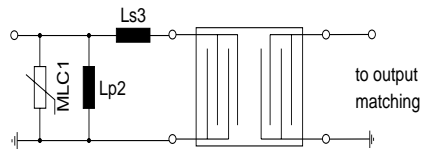
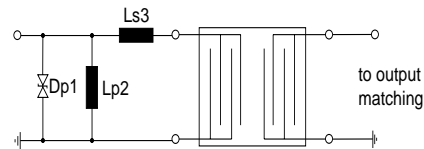
SAW filters are **E**lectro **S**tatic **D**ischarge sensitive devices. To reduce the probability of damages caused by ESD, special matching topologies have to be applied.

In general, "ESD matching" has to be ensured at that filter port, where electrostatic discharge is expected.

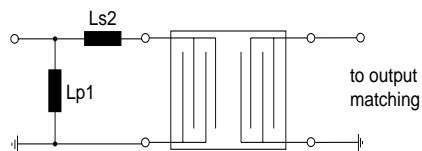
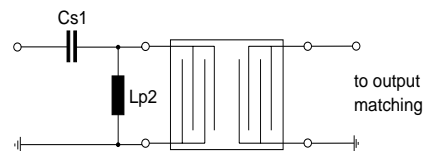
Electrostatic discharges predominantly appear at the antenna input of RF receivers. Therefore only the input matching of the SAW filter has to be designed to short circuit or to block the ESD pulse.

Below two figures show recommended "ESD matching" topologies.

Depending on the input impedance of the SAW filter and the source impedance, the needed component values have to be determined from case to case.


Fig. 1 MLC varistor plus ESD matching

Fig. 2 Suppressor diode plus ESD matching

In cases where minor ESD occur, following simplified "ESD matching" topologies can be used alternatively.


Fig. 3 shunt L – series L matching

Fig. 4 series C – shunt L matching

Effectiveness of the applied ESD protection has to be checked according to relevant industry standards or customer specific requirements.

For further information, please refer to EPCOS Application report:

"**ESD protection for SAW filters**". This report can be found under www.epcos.com/rke. Click on "data sheets" and then "Applications" under category "Further information".

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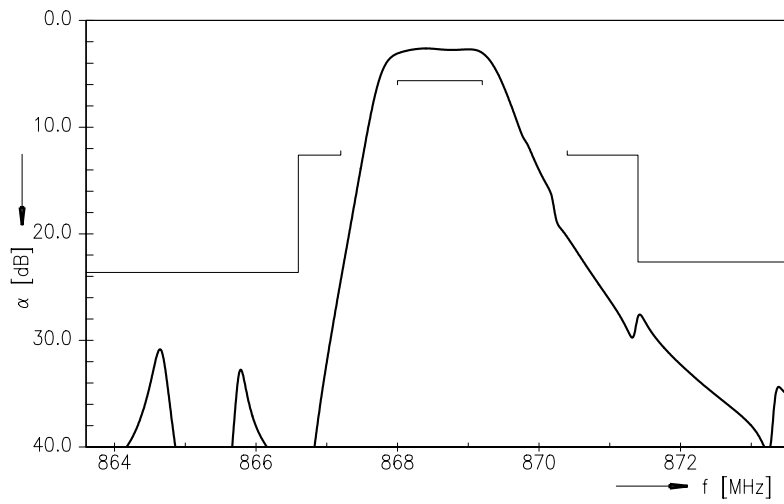
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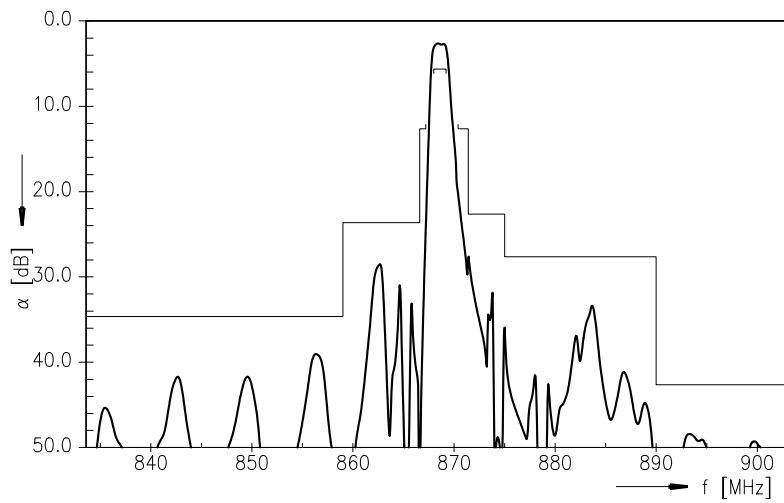
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Transfer function



Transfer function (wideband)



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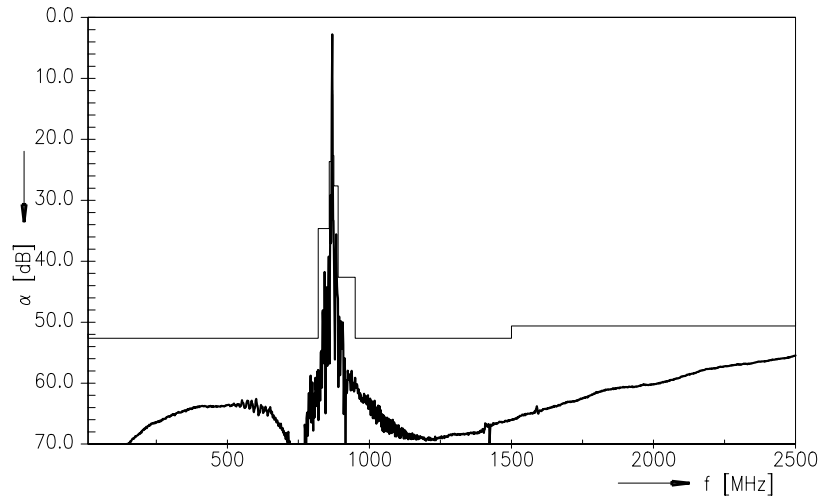
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Transfer function (ultimate rejection)



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Soldering profile	S_6001
RoHS compatible	defined as compatible with the following documents: "DIRECTIVE 2002/95/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 27 January 2003 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment. 2005/618/EC from April 18th, 2005, amending Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council for the purposes of establishing the maximum concentration values for certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment."

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