6-WAY POWER DIVIDER/COMBINER 0.7-2.7 GHz, 40 Watts, N & SMA-Jack Connectors



6-Way, N-Jack Connectors



precision microstrip circuit



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Application Note

STOCK 6-Way Power Divider, Power Combiners are available with two connector styles, N-Jack and SMA-Jack. Both models are optimized for broadband operation covering the frequency range from 0.7– 2.7 GHz with outstanding electrical performance. These Wilkinson-type, 6-way, power divider, power combiners are reciprocal units that can be used to divide or combine signals with equal facility.

In power divider applications, the input signal is equally split into six output signals, each

down 7.78 dB from the incident due to the 6 x 1/6th power division. No power

is actually lost from this power split; it is just allocated into six amplitude and phase matched signals, thus a so-called 7.78 dB insertion loss. True insertion loss of less than 1.1 dB max @ 2.7 GHz will be found at the output ports resulting from dissipation of small amounts of RF & microwave energy within the connectors and microstrip circuit. The output signals are isolated from each other by 18 dB minimum through the use of resis-tors that dissipate any power reflected back to the circuit caused by unequal or unbalanced output loads. The 40 watt maximum power rating of these power dividers is applicable when connected to

matched output load VSWR's of 1.2:1 or better. This maximum power rating must be reduced when load VSWR's increase or are unbalanced or out-of-phase with respect to one another. See **Power Di**vider Input Rating Tables for additional guidelines.

The situation with power combining is a bit more complex. While it is possible to sum six input signals with no loss, this can only be accomplished if the input signals are coherent and identical in phase and amplitude. Such a

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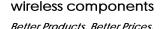
case would be the 6-way splitting of a signal which is then recombined after amplification, provided the amplified signals are

phase-locked together. But outside this case, or cases of pure sine signals, or CW signals without any transmitted info, the combining of six non-coherent signals will result in a minimum 7.78 dB loss (1/6th power ratio) plus the true insertion loss of the power combiner (1.1 dB max @ 2.7 GHz). Worst-case combining loss occurs with coherent signals 180° out-of-phase, where all power is dissipated. Because the combining loss is dissipated through the isolation resistors, it is the power handling capability of these resistors that ultimately determines the combiner power rating. See Power Combiner Input Rating Tables for more information.



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