



41 dB Gain, 5 Watt P1dB, 6 GHz to 18 GHz,
High Power Amplifier, SMA, 44 dBm IP3

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

PE15A5049

The PE15A5049 is a high power amplifier, operating from 6 to 18 GHz and designed for use in a wide range of general purpose applications. Typical performance includes 5 Watt of output P1dB min. and 41 dB small signal gain. This power amplifier requires a +12V DC supply, is unconditionally stable, and operates over the temperature range of 0°C to 50°C. The thin film assembly features rugged stripline construction with select GaAs FET devices. The package supports field replaceable SMA connectors and is designed for high reliability meeting MIL-STD-202 environmental test conditions for Humidity, Shock, Vibration, and altitude.

Features

- 6 to 18 GHz Frequency Range
- P1dB 5 Watt min.
- Small Signal Gain: 41 dB min.
- Gain Flatness: ± 5.0 dB max.
- 50 Ohm Input and Output Matched
- 0 to 50°C Operating Temperature
- Unconditionally Stable
- Single DC Positive Supply
- Built-in DC Voltage Regulator
- Field Replaceable SMA Female connectors
- Meets MIL-STD-202 Test Conditions

Applications

- Electronic Warfare
- Electronic Countermeasures
- Radar Systems
- Telecom Infrastructure
- Test Instrumentation
- Communication Systems
- Satellite Communications
- Microwave Radio Systems
- Driver Amplifier
- High Power Output Amplifier

Electrical Specifications (TA = +25°C, DC Voltage = 12Volts, DC Current = 7.5A)

Description	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
Frequency Range	6		18	GHz
Small Signal Gain	41			dB
Gain Flatness			± 5	dB
Output Power at 1 dB Compression Point	+37			dBm
Output 3rd Order Intercept Point		+44		dBm
Impedance (Input)		50		Ohms
Impedance (Output)		50		Ohms
Input VSWR			2:1	
Output VSWR			2:1	
Operating DC Voltage		12		Volts
Operating DC Current		7.5		A
Operating Temperature Range	0		+50	°C

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Mechanical Specifications

Size

Length	2.2 in [55.88 mm]
Width	2 in [50.8 mm]
Height	0.85 in [21.59 mm]
Input Connector	SMA Female
Output Connector	SMA Female
Bias Connector	Solder Pin

Environmental Specifications

Temperature

Operating Range	0 to +50 deg C
Storage Range	-40 to +100 deg C
Humidity	MIL-STD-202F, Method 103B, Condition B
Shock	MIL-STD-202F, Method 213B, Condition B
Vibration	MIL-STD-202F, Method 204D, Condition B
Altitude	MIL-STD-202F, Method 105C, Condition B

Compliance Certifications (see [product page](#) for current document)

Plotted and Other Data

Notes:

- Values at +25 °C, sea level
- Heat Sink Required for Proper Operation

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Amplifier Power-up Precautions

- 1.) Confirm that proper ESD precautions and controls are always in place before handling any Amplifier module.
- 2.) Confirm adequate thermal management is in place to effectively dissipate heat away from the Amplifier package. The Amplifier operational baseplate temperature must be within the operational temperature range stated in the Amplifier datasheet. Depending on the design and thermal requirements, using a heatsink with cooling fan is always recommended for safe reliable operation. A heat sink without a cooling fan may also be used. Damage caused from overheating will void the warranty.
- 3.) Confirm adequate system grounding is established. The DC power supply and Amplifier must have a common ground in order to operate properly.
- 4.) Power Amplifiers may require additional DC Current when initially powered-up. Depending on the design, the input current draw could range from an additional 10% to 100% above the maximum rated DC current of the Amplifier. This varies based on product part number.
- 5.) Confirm the DC power supply, if limited, is set to allow for additional start-up current that's rated for the Power Amplifier.
- 6.) Confirm the system is designed and calibrated for 50 ohms. Any impedance mismatch may cause performance issues.
- 7.) Perform a CALIBRATION (if required) with the loads before connecting the Amplifier to the Network Analyzer to ensure proper performance.
- 8.) Use a fixed attenuator between the signal source and input port of the Amplifier to optimize the input VSWR match.
- 9.) Confirm the input power level at the input port of the amplifier does not exceed the maximum rated limit for input power (as stated in the Amplifier datasheet).
 P_{in} for Small Signal Gain = P1dB-SSG-10 dB
 P_{in} for P1dB = P1dB-SSG+1 dB
- 10.) Confirm the Network Analyzer is always connected to the Amplifier first before DC power is applied to the Amplifier.
- 11.) As long as the input and output ports of the amplifier are connected to a 50Ohm load and RF signal power is applied, the Amplifier can be powered up with DC voltage.
- 12.) Confirm the Amplifier output load is matched for a 50 Ohm impedance and will not exceed the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit for the Amplifier. Exceeding the maximum rated VSWR or Return Loss limit will result in reflected signal power that could damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 13.) **Power Amplifier connected to an Antenna for signal transmission** - It's strongly recommended to use a high power fixed attenuator pad or an Isolator between the output port of the Amplifier and input port to the antenna. Any reflected signal power due to impedance mismatch will likely damage the Amplifier and void the warranty.
- 14.) The attenuator or isolator used at the output port of the Amplifier must be rated to handle the output power level and operational frequency band of the amplifier.

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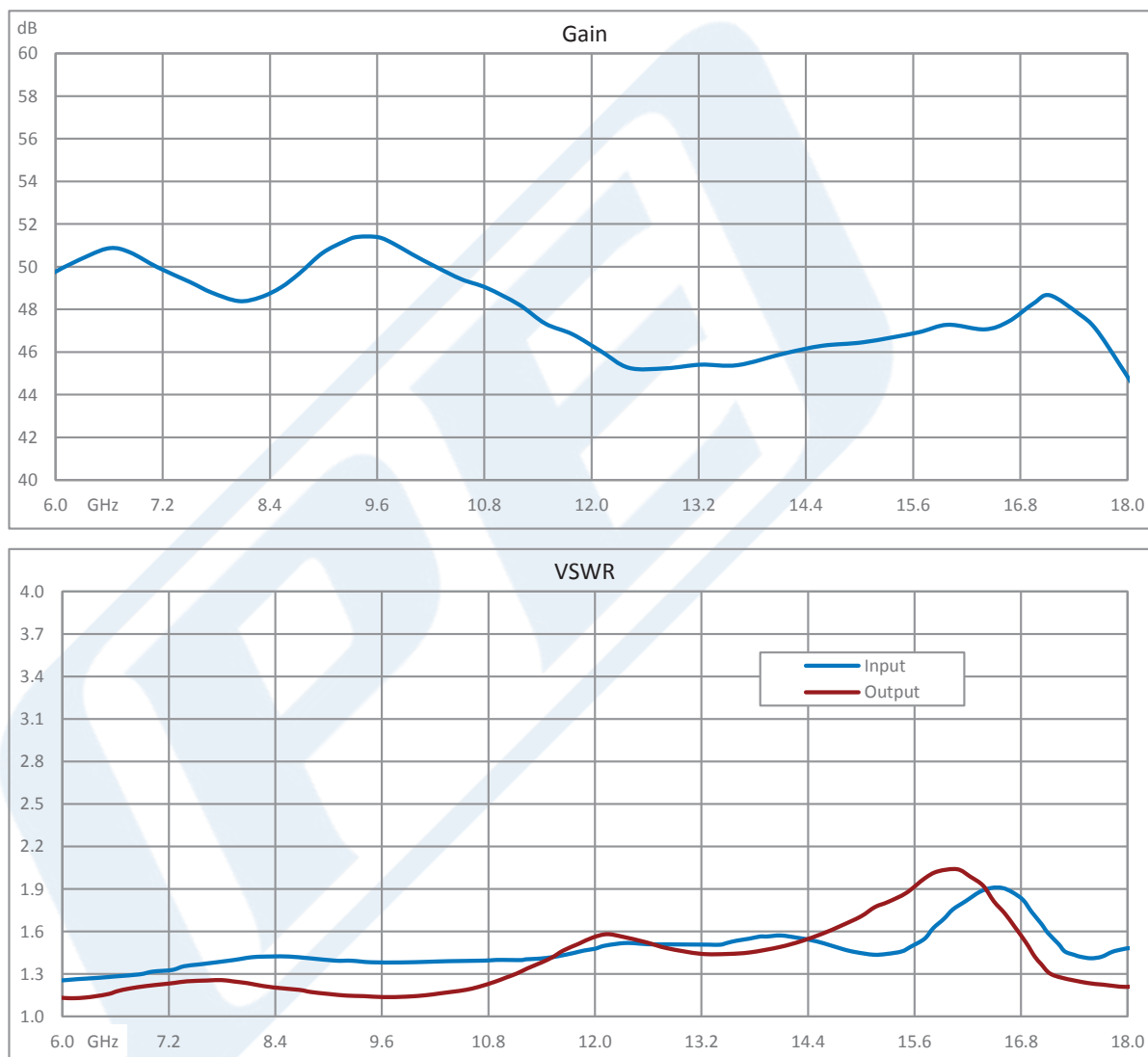


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Typical Performance Data



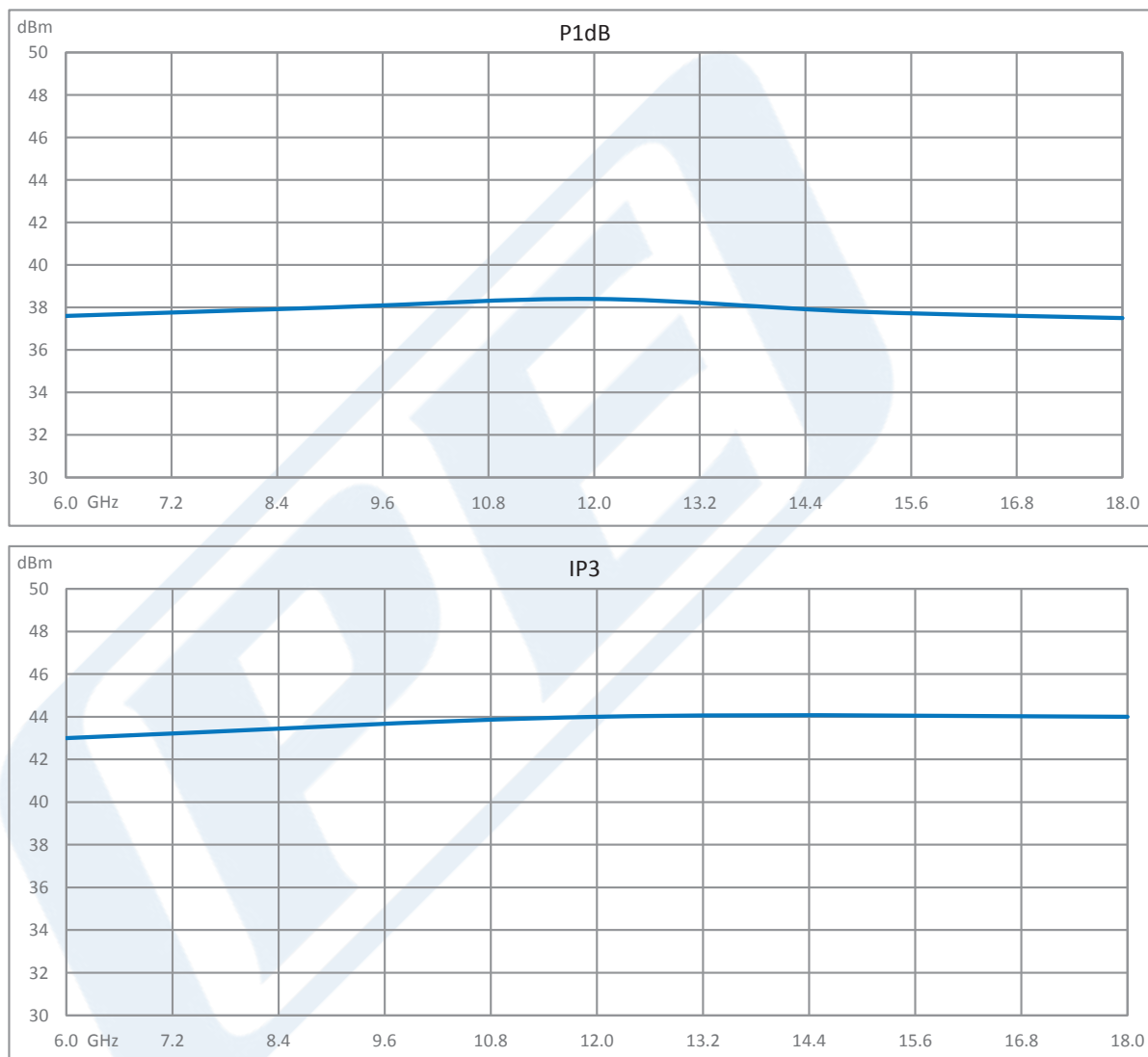
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