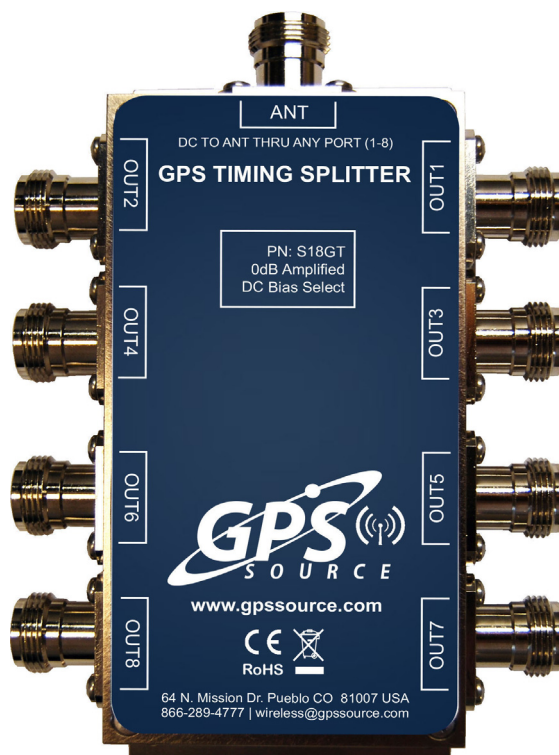# S18GT

8 Port GPS Timing Reference Splitter

DESCRIPTION

The S18GT has been specifically designed for the L band frequency. Built to eliminate the cost of multiple antennas and long cable runs in wireless installations, it makes it possible to use a single GPS referencing antenna and cable arrangement for multiple synchronized systems.

The S18GT features an antenna DC bias select circuit. This allows for the active antenna DC input to be applied to any or all RF outputs. With this feature, one DC voltage will be chosen to power the antenna while other inputs will be switched to DC loads. Designed for redundancy, if the selected DC bias input should fail, the DC bias will automatically switch to another DC input to ensure an uninterrupted supply to the active antenna.

The S18GT is an amplified device that is configured for 0dB gain.

FEATURES

- Amplified to Offset Splitter Losses
- Standard Antenna DC Bias Select

1   S18GT Electrical Specifications

Table 1-1.   Electrical Specifications

Operating Temperature -40°C to 85°C

Parameter		Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Frequency Range		Ant: Any Port; Unused Ports: 50Ω [1]	1.1		1.7	GHz
Gain		Ant: Any Port; Unused Ports: 50Ω (Gain can be 0dB or 10dB)	-3	0	3	dB
Input/Output SWR		All Ports 50Ω			2	—
Noise Figure	Amplified	Ant: Any Port; Unused Ports: 50Ω, Gain = 0dB			3	dB
Gain Compression Point (IP1dB)		Gain = 0dB	-32			dBm
3rd Order Intercept (IIP3) (Gain = 0dB)		f1 = 1600.42MHz f2 = 1625.42MHz 2f1 – f2 = fL1	-24			dBm
RF Input (Damage Threshold)		Maximum RF input without damage			0	dBm
Amp. Balance		[J1 – J2] Ant: Any Port: Unused Ports: 50Ω			1	dB
Phase Balance		Phase (J1 – J2) Ant: Any Port; Unused Ports: 50Ω			1	Degree
Delay		Ant: Any Port; Unused Ports: 50Ω, L1			5	ns
Isolation (Gain = 0dB)		Adjacent Ports: Ant – 50Ω	28			dB
		Opposite Ports: Ant – 50Ω	34			
DC IN		DC Input on Any RF Output	3		12	VDC
Device Current		Current Consumption of Active Device (excludes Ant. Cur.)		18	20	mA
Ant/Thru Current [2]		Max Source DC Current Through Device			250	mA

Notes: 1.   Frequency range includes GPS L1, GLONASS L1, and GALILEO E1.
2.   Maximum current allowed from the DC source through the S18GT when output of S18GT is short circuited.

2 Performance Data

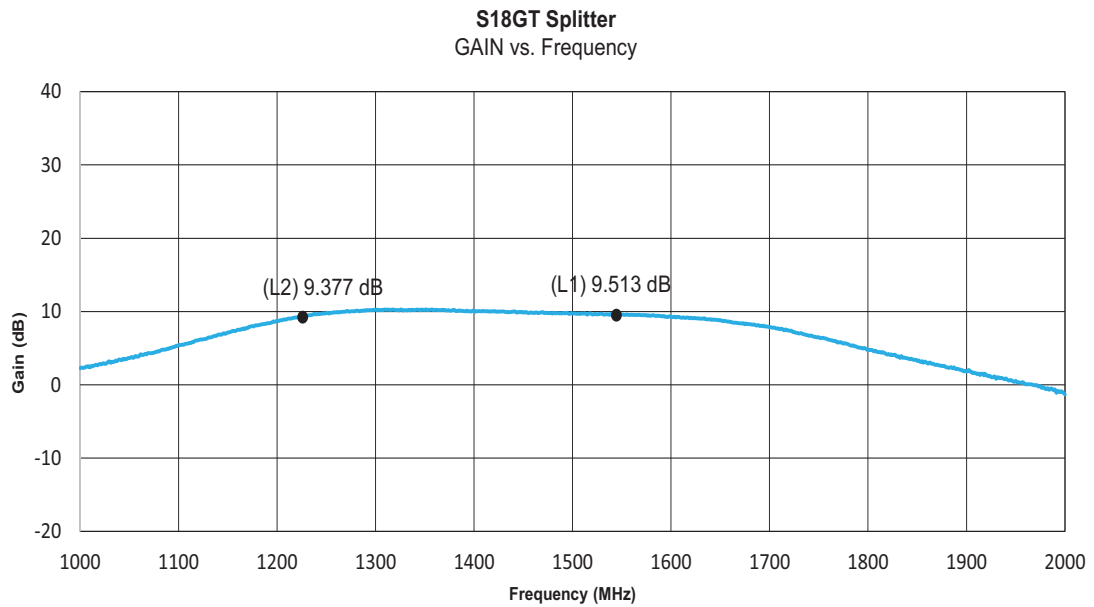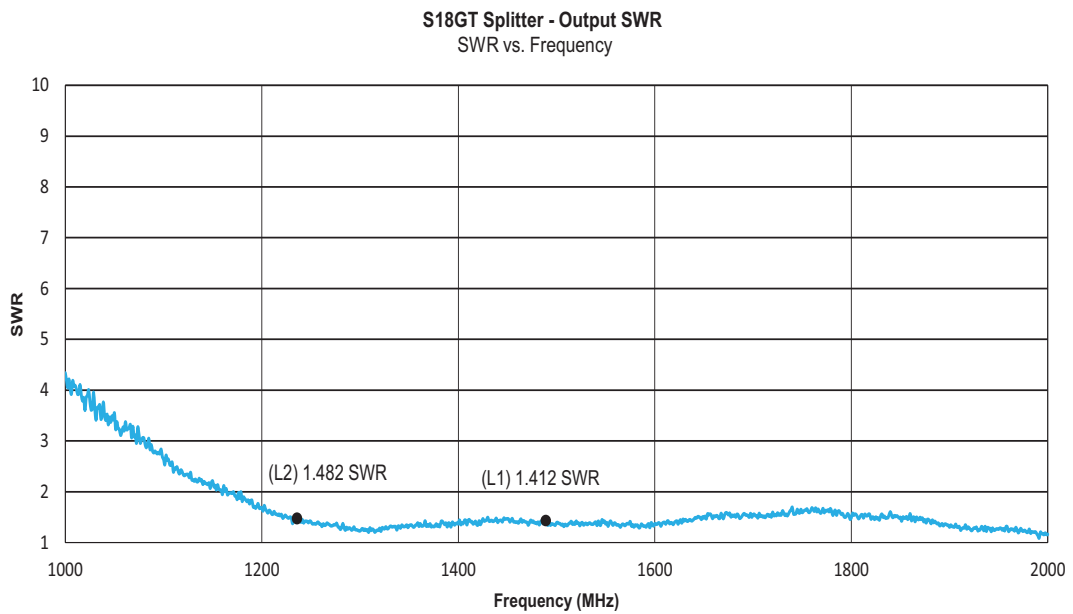## 2.1

Figure 2-1.   Frequency Response (10dB)

S18GT Splitter
GAIN vs. Frequency

(L2) 9.377 dB   (L1) 9.513 dB

Gain (dB) vs *Frequency (MHz)*

Figure 2-2.   Output SWR (10dB)

S18GT Splitter - Output SWR
SWR vs. Frequency

(L2) 1.482 SWR   (L1) 1.412 SWR

SWR vs *Frequency (MHz)*

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Figure 2-3.   Frequency Response (0dB)

S18GT Splitter
GAIN vs. Frequency

Figure 2-4.   Output SWR (0dB)

S18GT Splitter - Output SWR
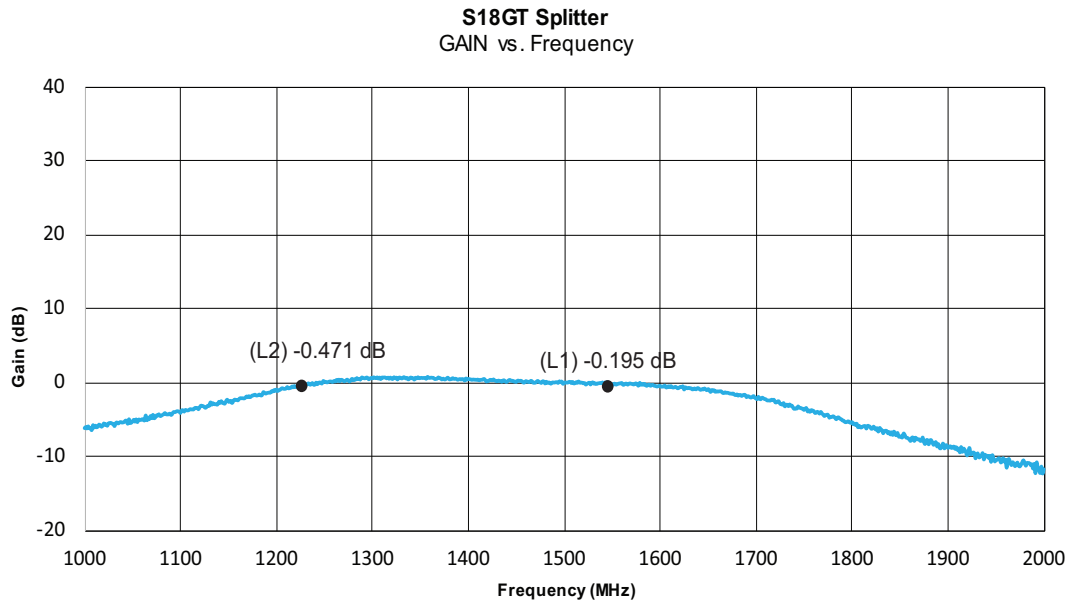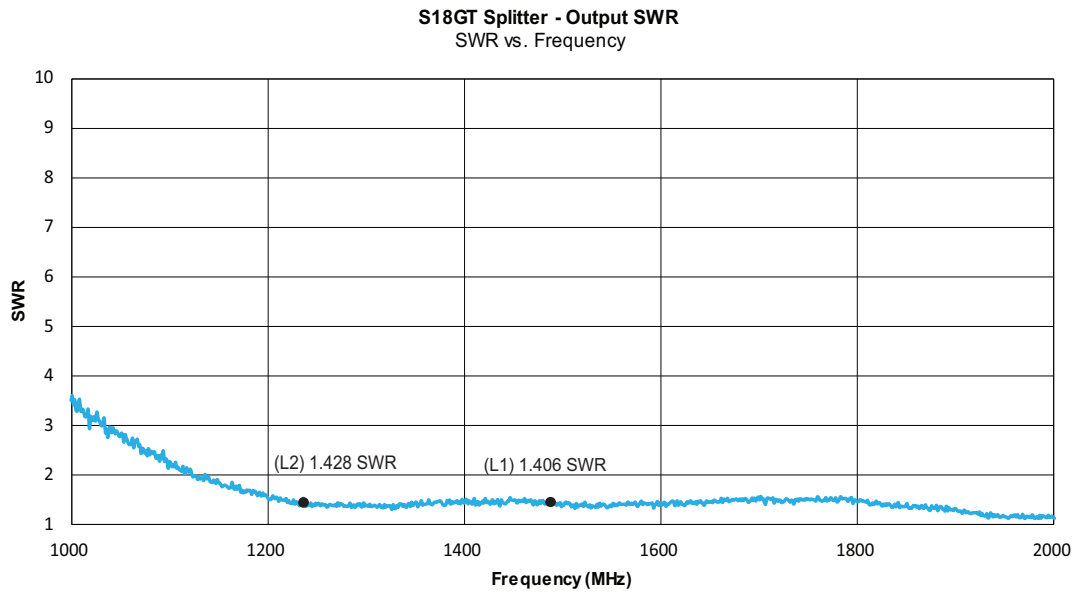SWR vs. Frequency

3 Operational Description

3.1 RF Signal Processing System

The RF signal processing system consists fundamentally of amplification stages and classical Wilkinson Splitter elements which divide the RF signal from the antenna input evenly between eight RF output ports. The standard gain is 0dB.

3.2 Gain Option

In the Amplified High Isolation Configuration (standard), 50Ω signal attenuators are in the RF output paths to provide additional isolation between each RF port. The S18GT does not require 50Ω terminations on unused ports in order for the splitter to operate correctly. This standard configuration is chosen if it is possible for spurious emissions from one GPS receiver on one port of the splitter to cause interference with GPS receivers connected to other output ports.

To some extent, the port-to-port isolation performance is a function of the input-to-output gain. The port-to-port isolation is maximized when the gain is 0dB.

3.3 Antenna DC Bias Select

GPS Source RF signal splitters are unique relative to other generic RF signal splitters as they typically operate in conjunction with an active GPS antenna (a GPS antenna that includes an integrated Low Noise Amplifier). Consequently, a GPS RF signal splitter must have provisions for managing the DC voltage to the active GPS antenna.

The S18GT splitter requires a DC voltage be applied to one or more of the RF output ports by way of the RF connector center conductor. If DC voltages are applied to more than one of the RF output ports, the S18GT DC bias select circuit will choose one of these DC inputs to power the active circuitry of the S18GT and will also pass this DC voltage through the splitter to the center conductor of the RF input port. Ports without an external DC voltage applied, or from which an external DC voltage is removed, are internally pulled-down to ensure that the false input voltage indications do not occur. The DC voltage available on the RF input port can be used to power the application's active antenna.

The DC voltages applied to the RF outputs that are not chosen by the DC bias select circuitry will automatically switch through an RF choke to 200Ω DC loads. The DC bias select circuit will always select the DC voltage on the lowest numbered RF port that has a DC voltage applied to power the S18GT and the application's antenna. If the chosen DC input is removed or fails, the DC bias select circuit will automatically switch to the next higher numbered RF port to which a DC voltage is applied.

Example 1: Assume DC voltages are applied to RF outputs 1, 3, and 4. In this scenario, the DC voltage on port 1 will be used to power the S18GT and the application antenna. Ports 3 and 4 will be switched to 200Ω DC loads.

Example 2: Now assume the DC voltage on port 1 is removed. The S18GT will automatically terminate the input internally with a pull-down resistor and switch the operation of the splitter and antenna to the DC voltage applied to the next high numbered port with a DC voltage applied, port 3. Port 4 will remain switched to a 200Ω load.

4   S18GT Connection

To install the S18GT, connect the coaxial cable feeding the active GPS antenna prior to connecting the RF outputs. Once the antenna coaxial cable is attached, coaxial cables with or without DC voltages can be connected to the outputs.
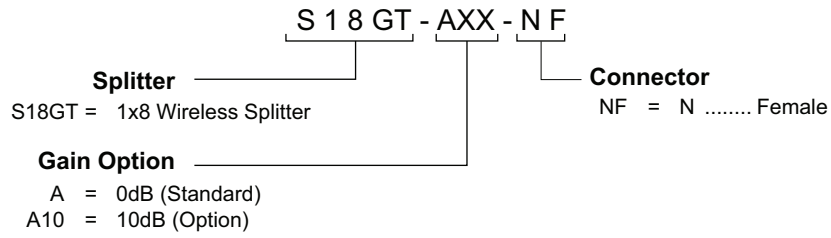
At least one coaxial cable connected to any output of the device must provide a DC voltage suitable for operating the active GPS antenna and the S18GT.

5   Certifications and Approvals

Certifications and Approvals	
EMC/Emissions	FCC part 15B and R&TTE equivalent
Safety/Low Voltage	EN60950-1
Environmental	IEC 60529, IP55

6   Product Code Decoder

S 1 8 GT - AXX - N F

Splitter
S18GT =   1x8 Wireless Splitter

Gain Option
A   =   0dB (Standard)
A10   =   10dB (Option)

Connector
NF   =   N .... Female
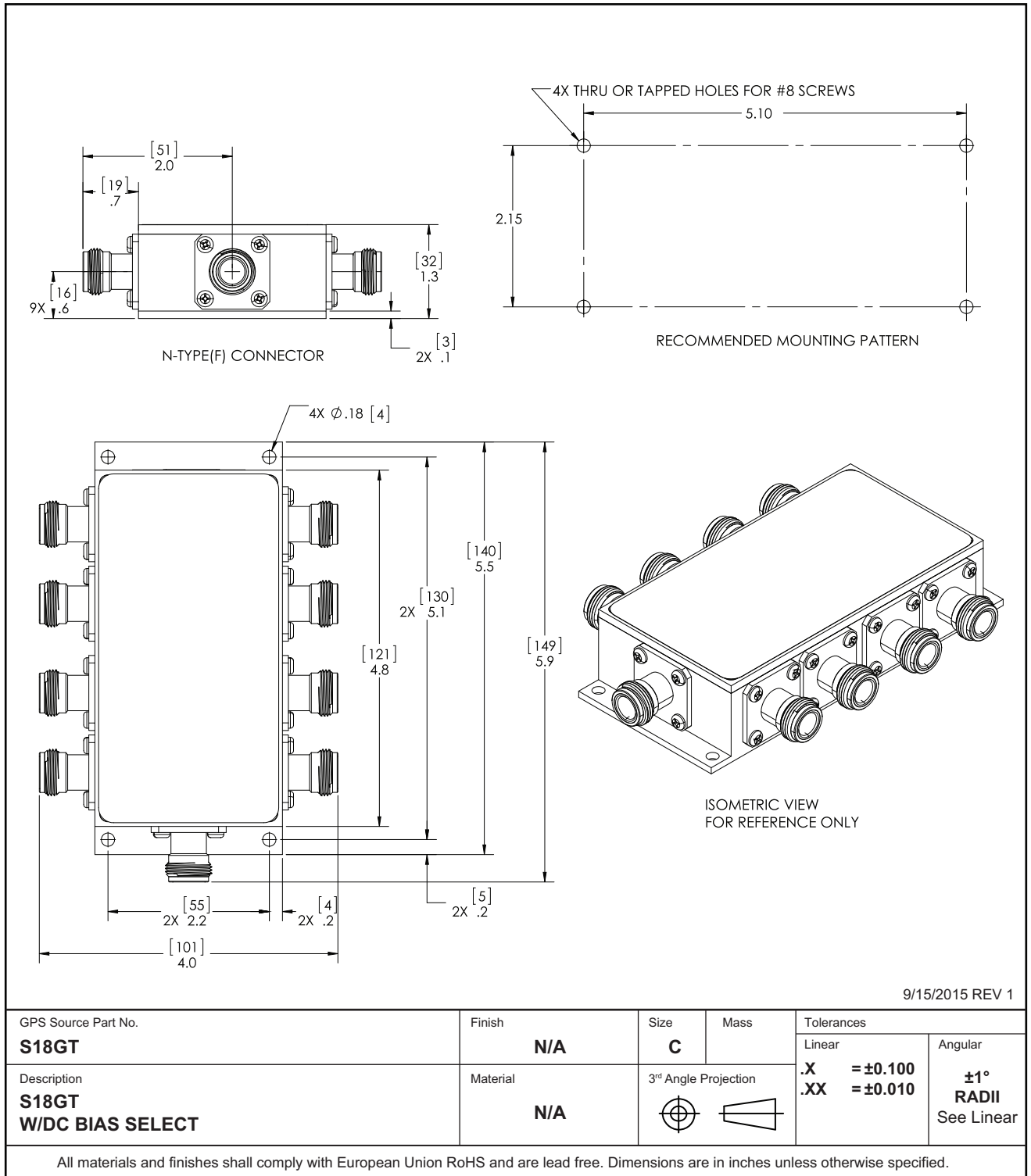
Note: To have product/part codes customized to meet exact needs, contact GPS Source at wireless@gpssource.com or visit the website at www.gpssource.com.

7   Mechanical Drawing

S18GT — L Band Signal Splitter

4X THRU OR TAPPED HOLES FOR #8 SCREWS

5.10

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RECOMMENDED MOUNTING PATTERN

[51] 2.0

[19] .7

[32] 1.3

[16] .6

9X

2X [3] .1

N-TYPE(F) CONNECTOR

4X ⌀.18 [4]

[140] 5.5

2X [130] 5.1

[121] 4.8

[149] 5.9

2X [55] 2.2

2X [4] .2

2X [5] .2

[101] 4.0

ISOMETRIC VIEW
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GPS Source Part No.	Finish	Size	Mass	Tolerances	
S18GT	**N/A**	**C**		Linear	Angular
Description	Material	3rd Angle Projection		**.X** = ±0.100 **.XX** = ±0.010	**±1°** **RADII** See Linear
S18GT **W/DC BIAS SELECT**	**N/A**				

All materials and finishes shall comply with European Union RoHS and are lead free. Dimensions are in inches unless otherwise specified.