AM3257 – Filter Bank

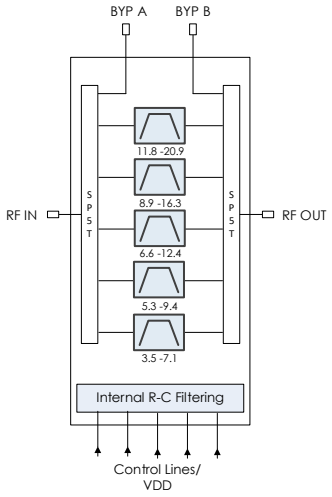
4 to 20 GHz Bandpass Filter Bank

AM3257 is a filter bank covering the 4 GHz to 20 GHz frequency range. The filter bank contains 5 bandpass filters with full 1 GHz overlap as well as an integrated, low-loss filter bypass path. The AM3257 is an excellent front-end filter bank for a broadband receiver or transmitter. AM3257 is packaged in a 5mm QFN package and operates over the -40C to +85C temperature range.

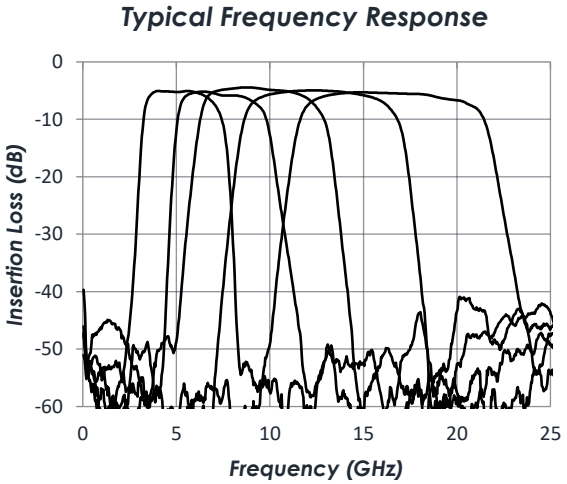
FEATURES

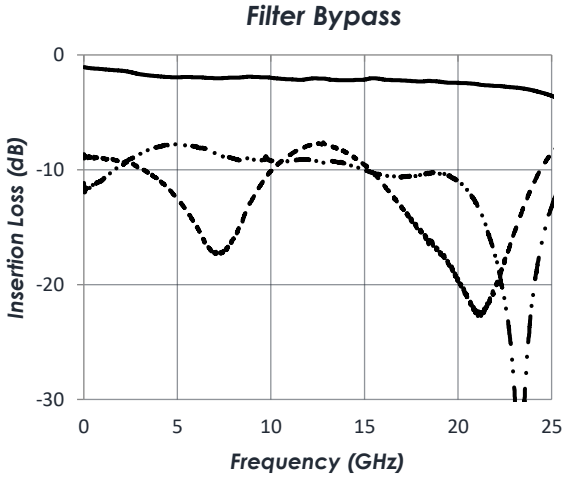
- 4-20 GHz Filter
- Integrated Switches
- Integrated Control Line Filtering
- 6 dB Insertion Loss
- 20 GHz Bypass Path
- +38 dBm IIP3
- +3.3 to +5.0 V Supply
- +3.3 to +5.0 V Control
- -40 °C to +85 °C Operation
- 5mm QFN Package

FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



CHARACTERISTIC PERFORMANCE





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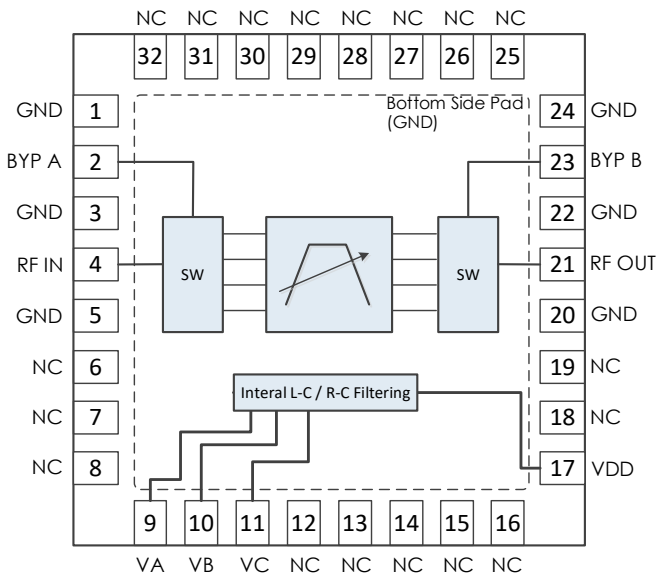
REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Notes
7/17/2025	1	Initial Release

PIN LAYOUT AND DEFINITIONS



Pin	Name	Function
1	GND	Ground – Common
2	BYP A	Filter Bypass A – 50 Ohms – DC Coupled. External DC Blocking Capacitor Required.
3	GND	Ground – Common
4	RF IN	RF Input – 50 Ohms – DC Coupled. External DC Blocking Capacitor Required.
5	GND	Ground – Common
6-8	NC	Not Connected
9	VA	Switch Control A
10	VB	Switch Control B
11	VC	Switch Control C
12-16	NC	Not Connected
17	VDD	DC Power Input
18-19	NC	Not Connected
20	GND	Ground – Common
21	RF OUT	RF Output – 50 Ohms – DC Coupled. External DC Blocking Capacitor Required.
22	GND	Ground – Common
23	BYP B	Filter Bypass B – 50 Ohms – DC Coupled. External DC Blocking Capacitor Required.
24	GND	Ground – Common
25-32	NC	Not Connected

Note: NC pins may be left open or connected to GND. Mercury recommends connecting them to GND.

SPECIFICATIONS

Absolute Maximum Ratings

	Minimum	Maximum
Supply Voltage	-0.3V	+6.0V
RF Input Power		+27dBm
Storage Temperature Range	-55 C	+150 C

Note: Any device operation beyond the Absolute Maximum Ratings may result in permanent damage to the device. The values listed in this table are extremes and do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond what is listed under Recommended Operating Conditions. Any part subjected to conditions outside of what is recommended for an extended amount of time may suffer from reliability concerns.

Handling Information

	Minimum	Maximum
Moisture Sensitivity Level	MSL 3	

Mercury products are electrostatic sensitive.
Follow safe handling practices to avoid damage.

Recommended Operating Conditions

	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
Supply Voltage	+3.0 V	+3.3 V	+5.2 V
Operating Case Temperature	-40 °C		+85 °C

DC Electrical Characteristics

(T = 25 °C unless otherwise specified)

Param	Testing Conditions	Min	Typical	Max
DC Supply Voltage		+3.0 V	+3.3 V	+5.0 V
DC Supply Current	VDD = +3.3 V		10 mA	
Power Dissipated	VDD = +3.3 V		33 mW	

RF Performance

(T = 25 °C unless otherwise specified)

Param	Testing Conditions	Min	Typical	Max
Frequency Range		4 GHz		20 GHz
Insertion Loss	VDD = +3.3 V, Band 1		-5 dB	
	VDD = +3.3 V, Band 2		-5.5 dB	
	VDD = +3.3 V, Band 3		-5.1 dB	
	VDD = +3.3 V, Band 4		-5.8 dB	
	VDD = +3.3 V, Band 5		-4.7 dB	
Return Loss	VDD = +3.3 V		-15 dB	
Input IP3	VDD = +3.3 V		+38 dBm	

Timing Characteristics

	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
Band Switching Speed		40 ns	

Note: Timing characteristics measured from 50% control to 90% RF.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE

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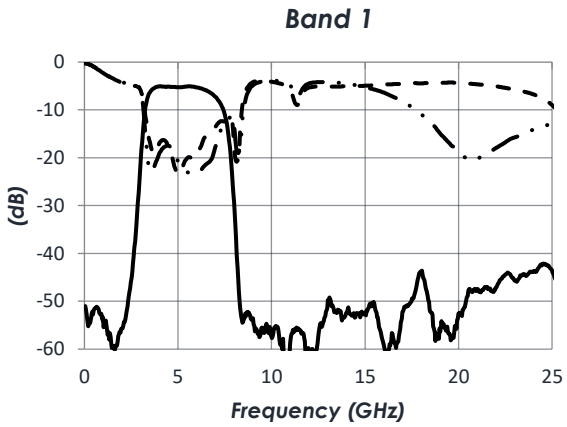

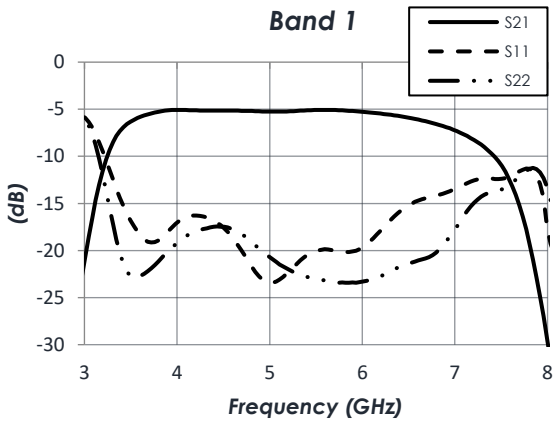

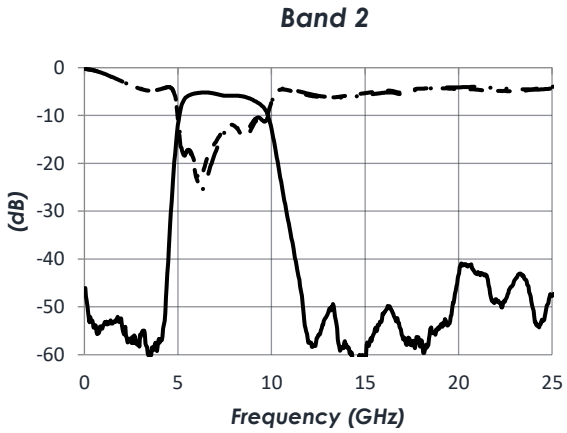

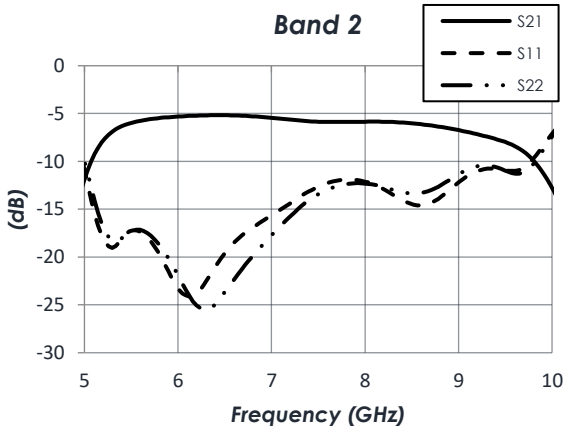

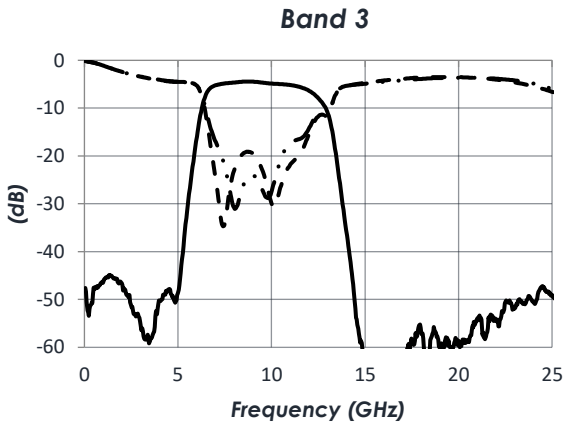

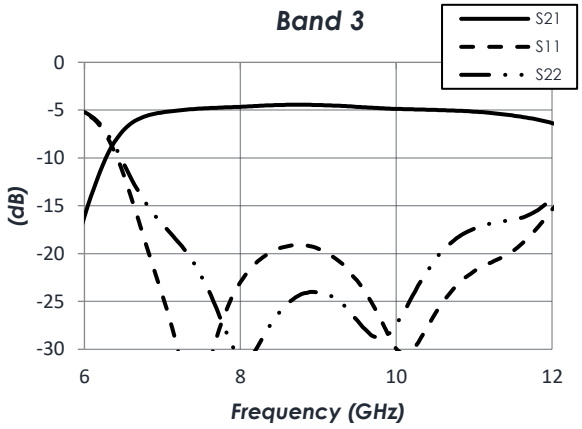

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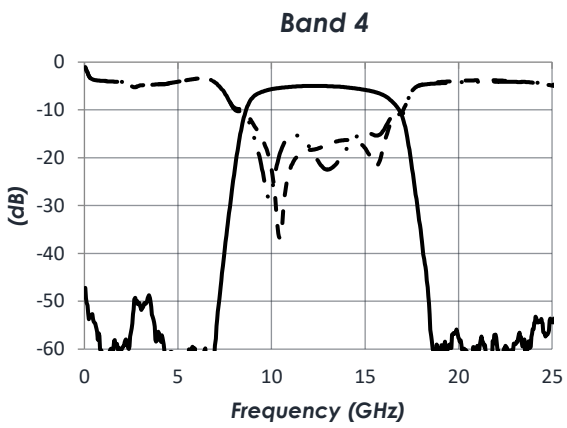
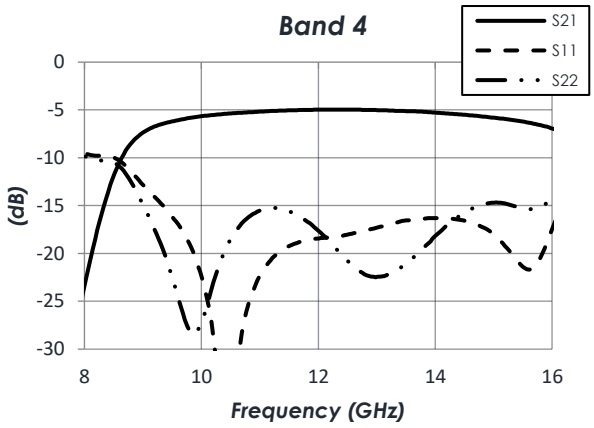
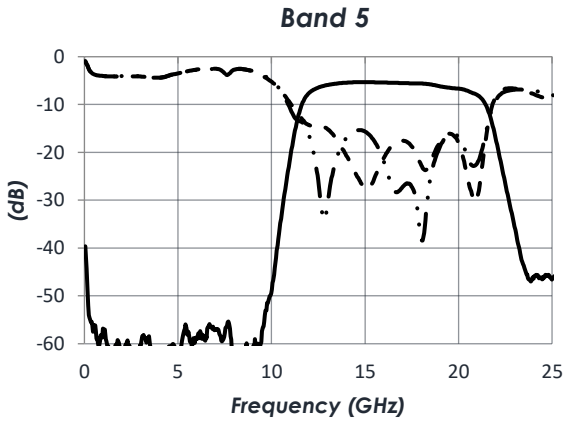
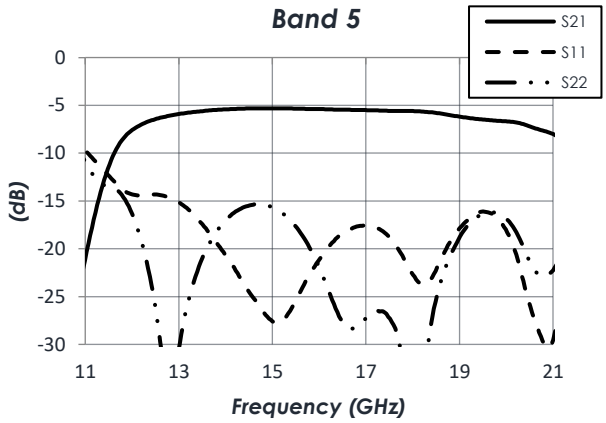
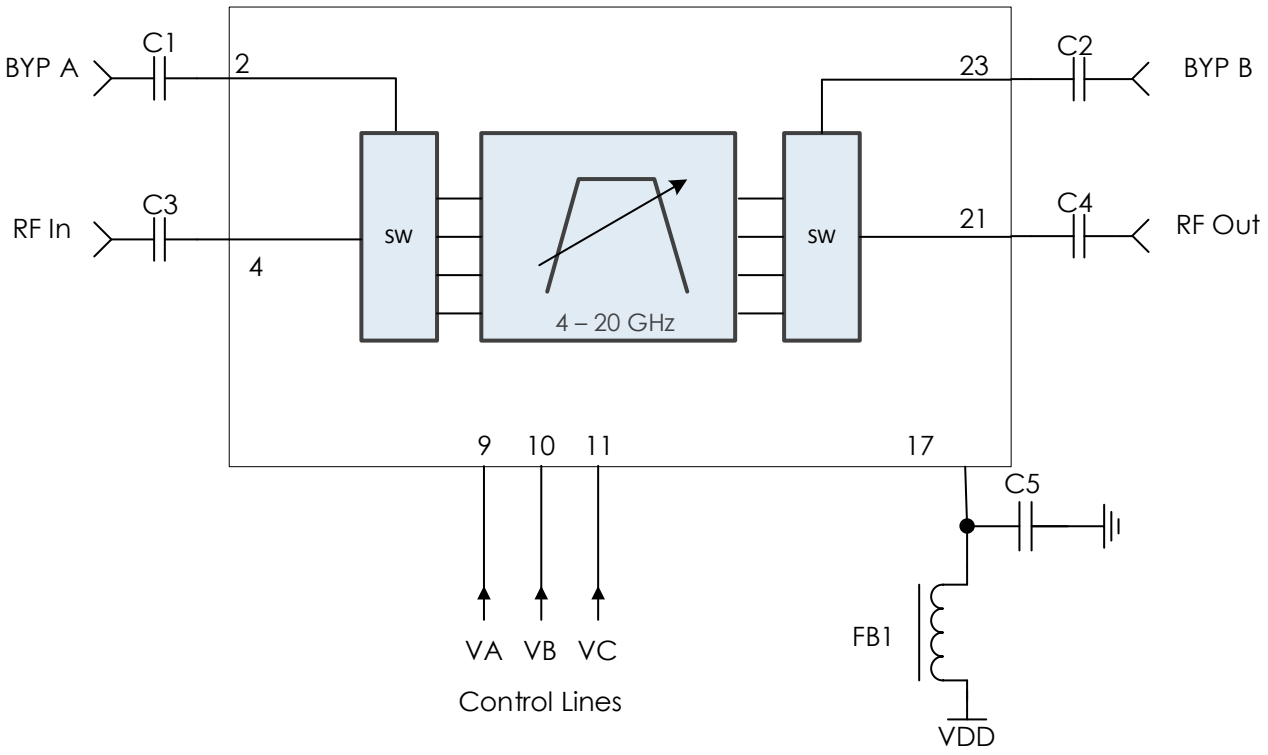








TYPICAL APPLICATION



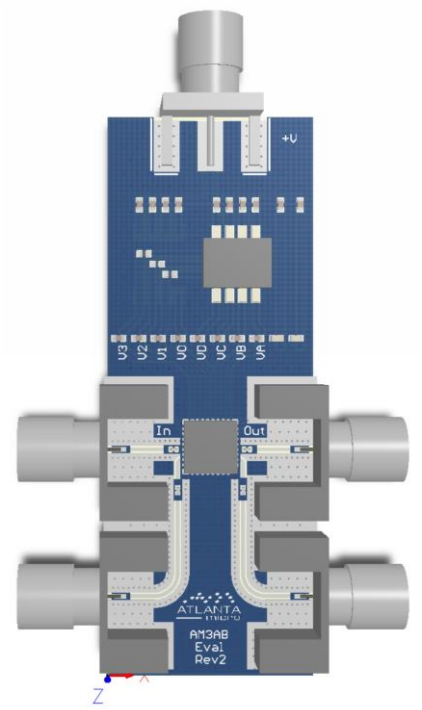
RECOMMENDED COMPONENT LIST (OR EQUIVALENT)

Part	Value	Part Number	Manufacturer
C1-C4	0.1 µF	0201BB104KW160	Passive Plus
C5	0.1 µF	C1005X7R1H104K050BB	TDK
FB1	-	MMZ1005A222E	TDK

Note:

1. Control lines filtered internally providing high frequency isolation.
    a. Additional R-C Filtering may be added to control lines for additional isolation.
2. DC blocking capacitors should be low-loss, broadband capacitors for optimum performance.
3. Timing measurements were performed without any external R-C components on VA-VC and configured as shown here.

EVALUATION PC BOARD



RELATED PARTS

Part Number				Description
AM3163	2 GHz	to	18 GHz	Digitally Tunable Bandpass Filter Bank
AM3186	6 GHz	to	26.5 GHz	Sub-Octave Bandpass Filter Bank
AM3227	5 GHz	to	20 GHz	Tunable Bandpass Filter Bank
AM3275	6 GHz	to	18 GHz	Tunable Bandpass Filter Bank

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Lead (Pb)	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
Mercury (Hg)	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
Cadmium (Cd)	<75 PPM (0.0075% by weight)
Hexavalent Chromium (CrVl)	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
Polybrominated Diphenyl ethers (PBDE)	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
Decabromodiphenyl Deca BDE	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
Bis (2-ethylheyl) Phthalate (DEHP)	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
Butyl Benzyl Phthalate (BBP)	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
Dibutyl Phthalate (DBP)	<1000 PPM (0.1% by weight)
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