

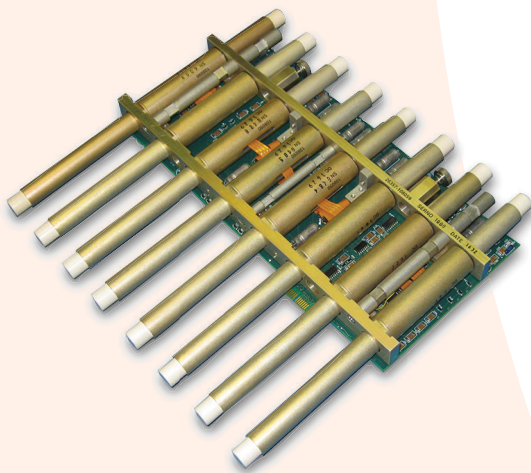
Dual-Mode Ferrite Phase Shifters

Ka to C-Band
Latching • Reciprocal
Economical • Efficient



MAG's Dual-Mode phase shifters are the only latching, reciprocal ferrite phase shifters successfully produced in large quantities, and are ideal for passive phased array antenna applications. These units, available in frequencies from C-Band to Ka-Band, allow Electronically Steerable Arrays (ESAs) to be deployed at reasonable cost with good power handling capabilities. One successful application is in the United States Air Force AN/APQ-164 B-1B offensive radar system (ORS). MAG designed and built more than 130,000 units for this program.

MAG Dual-Mode Phase Shifters are deployed in a variety of systems on land, on the sea, and in the air. Dual-Mode technology is reciprocal and latching; light in weight; and is economical in both cost and size. Its compact cross-section makes it a good choice for multi-element, two-dimensional ESAs.



MAG's Dual-Mode phase shifters use a quadrantly symmetric ferrite rod so that circularly polarized energy will propagate through it without change of field distribution. The name "Dual-Mode" comes from the fact that the structure supports opposite-sense circularly polarized modes in the transmit and receive directions so that phase changes resulting from command state changes will be reciprocal. External latching yokes fitted to the ferrite rod provide a closed magnetic path for latching operation. Resistive films, incorporated in dielectric sections both ends of the rod, absorb undesired cross-polarized fields. See the table on the reverse side for typical data at various frequency ranges.

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PARAMETER	FREQUENCY BAND				
	C	XL	X	Ku	Ka
Percent Bandwidth	9	6	8	5	4
Insertion Loss (dB)	1.0 avg.	1.0 avg.	1.0 avg.	1.0 avg.	1.25 max.
Insertion Loss Modulation (dB)	±0.2	±0.2	±0.2	±0.2	±0.2
Maximum Return Loss (dB)	-15.0	-17.0	-13.98	-17.69	-15.56
Peak RF Power (Watts)	250 min.	200 min.	1000 min.	28 min.	100 min.
Average RF Power (Watts)	10 min.	10 min.	6 min.	4 min.	4 min.
RMS Phase Error (Degrees)	6	5	6	10	4
Reciprocity (Degrees)	±3	±3	±3	±3	±4
Switching Time (Microseconds)	75	120	160	80	60
Switching Rate (Hz)	2000	526	2000	200	1000
Size (Inches)	4.3 x Ø .82	4.8 x Ø .64	3.8 x Ø .53	2.2 x Ø .35	2.2 x Ø .32
Weight (Ounces)	3.0	2.4	1.4	0.4	0.3
Operating Temperature Range (Degrees C)	-20 to 70	-10 to 65	-20 to 85	-20 to 49	-25 to 55

Sample of programs supported by MAG as OEM:

APQ-164 B-1B ORS
 APQ-181 B-2
 APS-143 CP-140 Imaging
 APY-1/2 E-3 AWACS
 AR320 3D Air Defense
 ARTS-V1 / CLPS
 ARTS-V2
 ASARS-2 Synthetic Aperture
 ARSR-4 FAA Long Range
 ASTOR
 DWSR-2501C Doppler Weather
 Global Hawk Synthetic Aperture
 I-15/23 Reflectarray
 I-30 Simulator
 MPN-14K Landing Control
 PAAS Test Range
 Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
 RAC 3D Air Defense
 Skyshield 35 Air Defense
 Smart-L 3D Air Defense
 SPN-35C Approach Control
 SPQ-9B Surveillance / Tracking
 TPAAS Test Range
 TRS-3D Multimode
 TRS22XX 3D Air Defense
 ZPQ-1 Predator TESAR

MAG DMSMS program support:

MPQ-64 Sentinel SHORAD
 APY-1/2 E-3 AWACS
 BMEWS / PAVE PAWS
 HAWK
 SPN-35C Approach Control
 MSQ-T43 MTE System

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This diagram depicts a reciprocal device realized using nonreciprocal ferrite components.

