



# NEC's 870 MHz GaAs CATV POWER DOUBLER AMPLIFIER

**MC-7881**  
**MC-7882**  
**MC-7883**  
**MC-7884**

## FEATURES

- **GaAs ACTIVE DEVICES**
- **LOW DISTORTION**
- **HIGH LINEAR GAIN:**  
MC-7881 - GL = 18 dB MIN at f = 870 MHz  
MC-7882 - GL = 20 dB MIN at f = 870 MHz  
MC-7883 - GL = 22 dB MIN at f = 870 MHz  
MC-7884 - GL = 25 dB MIN at f = 870 MHz
- **LOW RETURN LOSS**
- **LOW GAIN CHANGE OVER TEMPERATURE**
- **SPECIFIED FOR 79, 110, and 132 CHANNELS PERFORMANCE**
- **HIGH RELIABILITY AND RUGGEDNESS:**  
Withstands environmental extremes as well as Silicon devices (Surge, ESD, Etc.)

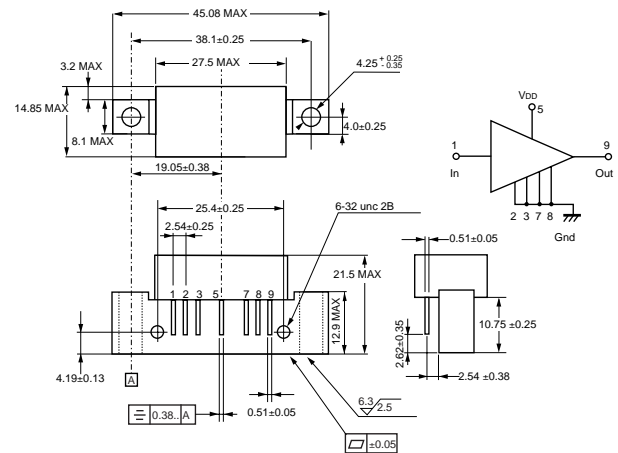
## DESCRIPTION

NEC's MC-7881, MC-7882, MC-7883, and MC-7884 are GaAs Multi-Chip Modules designed for use as output stages in CATV applications up to 870 MHz. The only difference between these devices is gain, which is 18 dB, 20 dB, 22 dB, and 25 dB respectively. Because these units are GaAs devices they have low distortion, low noise figure, and low return loss across the entire frequency band.

Like the previous generation of products, these devices survive such hazards as surge and ESD as well as their silicon competitors, but deliver superior performance with low DC current required. All devices are assembled and tested using fully automated equipment to maximize consistency in part to part performance, and reliability is assured by NEC's stringent quality and process control procedures. These parts come in industry compatible hybrid packages.

## OUTLINE DIMENSIONS (Units in mm)

### PACKAGE OUTLINE H02



## APPLICATIONS

- **CATV HEADEND SYSTEMS**
- **CATV OPTICAL NODES**
- **CATV DISTRIBUTION AMPS**

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (TA = 30±5 °C, VDD = 24 V, ZS = ZL = 75 Ω)

PART NUMBER			MC-7881			MC-7882			MC-7883			MC-7884			TEST CONDITIONS
SYMBOLS	CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
BW	Frequency Range	MHz	50	-	870	50	-	870	50	-	870	50	-	870	f = 870 MHz
GL	Linear Gain	dB	18.0	-	19.0	20.0	-	21.0	22.0	-	23.0	25.0	-	26.0	
S	Gain Slope	dB	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.6	1.0	1.4	f = 40 to 870 MHz
Gf	Gain Flatness	dB	-	-	0.6	-	-	0.6	-	-	0.6	-	-	0.6	40 to 870 MHz; Peak to Valley
NF	Noise Figure 1	dB	-	-	6.5	-	-	6.0	-	-	5.5	-	-	5.0	f = 50 MHz
	Noise Figure 2		-	-	7.0	-	-	6.5	-	-	6.0	-	-	5.5	f = 870 MHz
RLi	Input Return Loss	dB	20.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	40 to 160MHz
			19.0	-	-	19.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	160 to 320 MHz
			17.5	-	-	17.5	-	-	19.0	-	-	19.0	-	-	320 to 640 MHz
			16.0	-	-	16.0	-	-	17.0	-	-	17.0	-	-	640 to 870 MHz
RLo	Output Return Loss	dB	20.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	40 to 160MHz
			19.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	20.0	-	-	160 to 320 MHz
			17.5	-	-	19.0	-	-	19.0	-	-	19.0	-	-	320 to 640 MHz
			16.0	-	-	18.0	-	-	18.0	-	-	18.0	-	-	640 to 870 MHz

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS, cont. (T<sub>A</sub> = 30±5 °C, V<sub>DD</sub> = 24 V, Z<sub>S</sub> = Z<sub>L</sub> = 75 Ω)

PART NUMBER			MC-7881			MC-7882			MC-7883			MC-7884			TEST CONDITIONS
SYMBOLS	CHARACTERISTICS	UNITS	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
I <sub>DD</sub>	Operating Current	mA	310	–	360	310	–	360	310	–	360	310	–	360	RF OFF
CTB	Composite Triple Beat	dBc	–	–	-60	–	–	-60	–	–	-60	–	–	-60	110 Channels, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 52 dBmV at 745.25 MHz, 10 dB tilted across the band
XMod	Cross Modulation <sup>1</sup>	dBc	–	–	-55	–	–	-55	–	–	-55	–	–	-55	
CSO	Composite Second Order	dBc	–	–	-63	–	–	-63	–	–	-63	–	–	-63	

Note:

1. Measured per US standard methods and procedures (using selective level meter).

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS<sup>1</sup> (T<sub>CASE</sub> = 25 °C)

SYMBOLS	PARAMETERS	UNITS	RATINGS
V <sub>DD</sub>	Supply Voltage	V	30
V <sub>i</sub>	Input Voltage (Single Tone) <sup>2</sup>	dBmV	65
T <sub>c</sub>	Operating Case Temperature	°C	-30 to +100
T <sub>STG</sub>	Storage Temperature	°C	-40 to +100

Note:

1. Operation in excess of any one of these parameters may result in permanent damage.
2. Maximum single channel power applied to the input for 1 minute with no measurable degradation in performance.

## RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS (Z<sub>S</sub> = Z<sub>L</sub> = 75Ω)

SYMBOLS	PARAMETERS	UNITS	MIN	TYP	MAX
V <sub>DD</sub>	Supply Voltage	V	23.5	24.0	24.5
V <sub>i</sub>	Input Voltage <sup>1</sup> , MC-7881 MC-7882 MC-7883 MC-7884	dBmV	–	36.0 34.0 32.0 29.0	39.0 37.0 35.0 32.0
T <sub>c</sub>	Operating Case Temperature	°C	-30	+25	+85

Note:

1. Test Conditions: 110 Channels, 10 dB tilted across the band.

## ORDERING INFORMATION

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	QUANTITY
MC-7881	7-pin special with heatsink	50pcs max/ Tray
MC-7882	7-pin special with heatsink	50pcs max/ Tray
MC-7883	7-pin special with heatsink	50pcs max/ Tray
MC-7884	7-pin special with heatsink	50pcs max/ Tray

## NOTES ON CORRECT USE

1. The space between PC board and root of the lead should be kept more than 1 mm to prevent undesired stress on the lead and also should be kept less than 4 mm to prevent undesired parasitic inductance.

Recommended space is 2.0 to 3.0 mm typical.

2. Recommended torque strength of the screw is 59 to 78 Ncm.
3. Form the ground pattern as wide as possible to minimize ground impedance. (to prevent undesired oscillation)

All the ground pins must be connected together with wide ground pattern to decrease impedance difference.

### Life Support Applications

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