

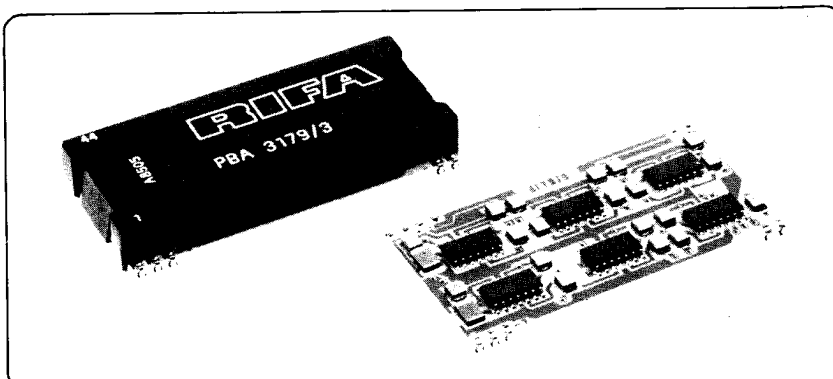
15 kHz Low-pass Filter

Introduction

The RIFA hybrid circuit PBA 3179/3 is a low-pass filter with a cut-off frequency of 15 kHz. Excellent characteristics are achieved at low cost by means of thick-film realisation of the active filter network.

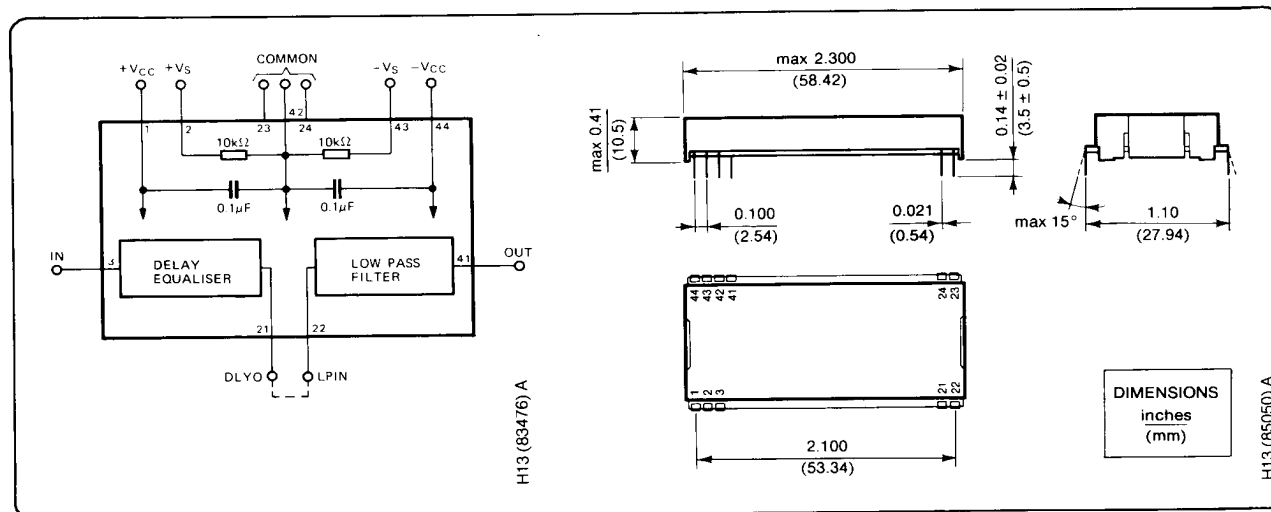
The unit features flat frequency response typ within ± 0.15 dB from DC to 15 kHz. Extremely good group-delay response is accomplished with a built-in delay equalisation network. The group-delay is typ within ± 10 μ s for all frequencies up to 13 kHz.

The PBA 3179/3 is intended for use as an anti-aliasing, band-limiting and reconstruction filter in professional, digital audio broadcasting systems, such as multiplexors, mixers, fiber optic transmission systems, etc.



Key features

- Low-cost, thick-film hybrid technology.
- Small dimensions, 28 x 58 x 10.5 mm.
- Flat frequency response within 0.15 dB.
- Excellent group-delay characteristics, typ ± 10 μ s delay variation for all frequencies up to 13 kHz.
- Dynamic range 108 dB
- Low distortion
- Low noise



Electrical specifications

At + 25°C and ± 15 V power supply

Parameters	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Pass band			0 to 15		kHz
Absolute gain	@ 4 kHz,	-0.5	0 \pm 0.05	+0.5	dB
Pass band ripple	0–14.95 kHz, *		\pm 0.15	\pm 0.3	dB
	0–15 kHz, *			+0.3	dB
				-0.5	dB
Stop-band attenuation	25–100 kHz, *	58	60		dB
Absolute group delay	@ 5 kHz		282		μ s
Group-delay variation	0.5–13 kHz		20	30	μ s
	0.5–11 kHz		8	20	μ s
Input, output					
Input impedance			10		k Ω
Output impedance			1		Ω
Max input level	0–15 kHz, **		+8		dB
Output noise voltage, unweighted	20–20,000 Hz, **		-90		dB
THD	@ 1 kHz, 0 dB in, **, *		0.005		%
THD 1–13 kHz see fig. 4					
Output DC offset voltage			\pm 20	\pm 70	mV
Output DC offset voltage drift	0–60°C		< \pm 0.15		mV/°C
Power Supply					
Supply voltage				\pm 18	V
Supply drain	+/- 15 V ($V_{in} = 0$ V)		50	60	mA
Temperature range					
Operating			0 to +60		°C
Storage			-40 to +125		°C

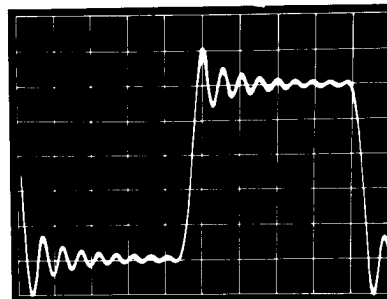
* relative to gain 4 kHz

** relative to 0.775 V_{rms}

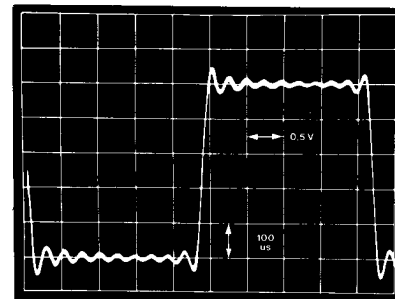
Discussion of specifications

Phase response and group delay

The phase response of a low-pass filter in general is a non-linear function of frequency. Since the derivative of the phase function is a measure of the delay through the filter, a non-linear phase response means that the delay (or group delay) will vary with the frequency. The PBA 3179/3 however, incorporates a very efficient group delay equaliser, which gives the filter a group delay response which is constant within ± 10 μ s for all frequencies up to 13 kHz. The result of this is best demonstrated with a 1 kHz square-wave as the input signal. The square-wave will be reproduced with considerably less overshoot and much better symmetry than in the case where there is no equaliser.



Ordinary low-pass filter with non-linear phase-response.



RIFA LP-filter with built-in phase-correcting delay-equaliser gives a symmetrical square-wave response with minimum ringing.

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Fig 3. LP-filter squarewave response

Frequency response

The PBA 3179/3 is a 10:th order elliptic low-pass filter with a cut off frequency of 15 kHz. It is designed to give a nearly flat amplitude response with a typical passband ripple of ± 0.15 dB (max ± 0.3 dB, -0.5 dB at 15 kHz). The stopband attenuation is better than 58 dB (60 dB typ.) from 16 to 100 kHz. The PBA 3179/3 is intended for use as an anti-aliasing filter in digital audio equipment for FM radio and TV sound systems, using a sampling frequency of 32 kHz.

Noise and dynamic range

The dynamic range of the filter is limited by two parameters:

- the maximum output level and
- the noise level.

The maximum output level is limited by internal clipping in the filter network and will vary with the frequency. In the lower part of the passband, below 10 kHz, the maximum level is limited only by the supply voltage and the OP-amps to approx. $8.7 V_p$ or $+18$ dB (ref. $0 \text{ dB} = 0.775 V_{rms}$) at ± 15 V supply voltage. In the upper part of the pass-band, internal nodes in the filter may be driven to clipping levels, although the output signal level is low.

The maximum output level at 15 kHz is therefore limited to approx. $2.75 V_p$ or $+8$ dB (ref. $0 \text{ dB} = 0.775 V_{rms}$) before internal clipping will occur.

The noise level of the PBA 3179/3 is very low, approx -90 dB down from $0.775 V_{rms}$, measured unweighted, 20 to 20,000 Hz (-94 dB A-weighted).

This means that the available dynamic range equals 108 dB at frequencies below 10 kHz and 98 dB at 15 kHz. To achieve the maximum dynamic range, the max input voltage should be scaled as close as possible to the maximum output level of the filter.

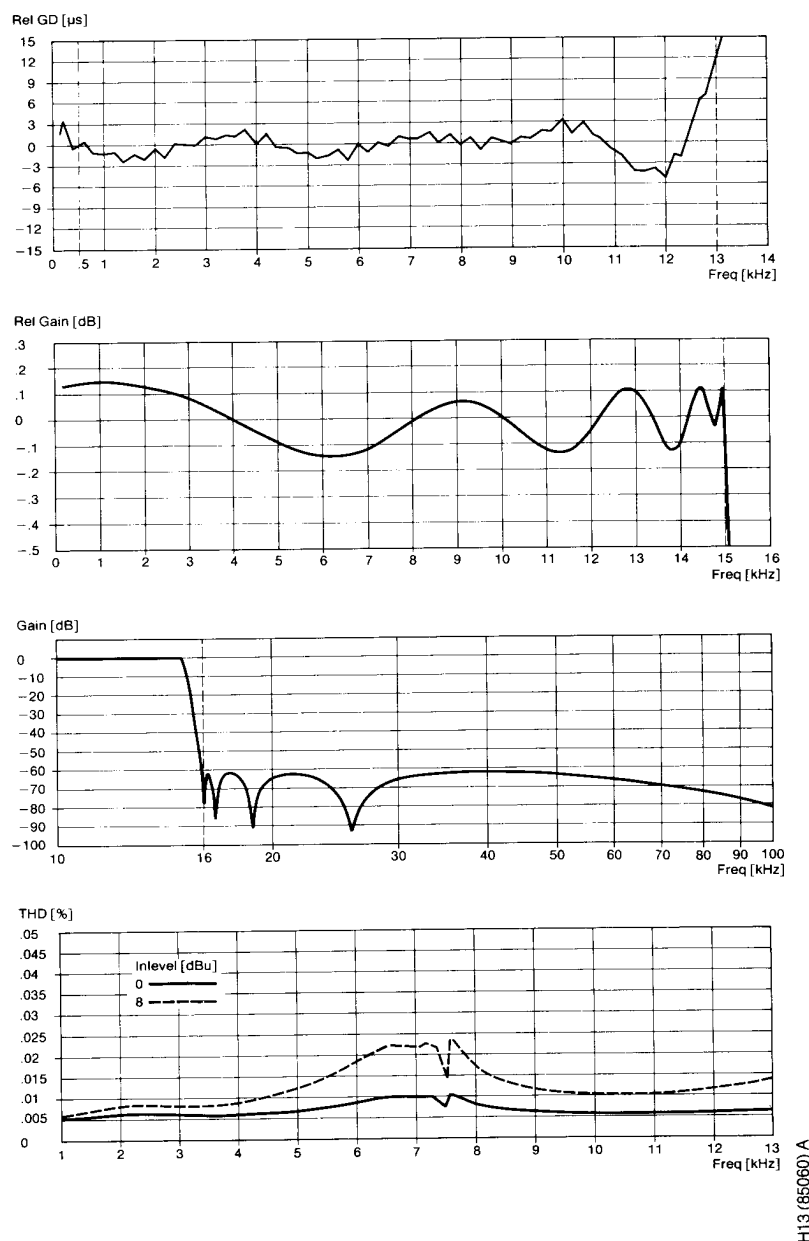


Fig 4. Typical performance curves

Applications information

Power supply

The PBA 3179/3 normally requires a dual ± 15 V power supply, but an internal voltage divider is provided for use with single supply systems with a maximum voltage of 36 V. In the case of single supply operation, the input and output must be connected via capacitors to allow for a DC-offset of half the supply voltage at these pins, see fig. 6. The power supply should be bypassed with electrolytic capacitors as shown in fig. 5 and 6. There is no need for high frequency decoupling outside the PBA 3179/3, since 0.1 μ F ceramic capacitors are connected to the supply rails internally.

Shielding practice

To achieve the maximum dynamic range it is important to minimise AC noise pickup from external sources. It is recommended to shield the filter by a ground plane on the printed circuit board. In situations where excessive

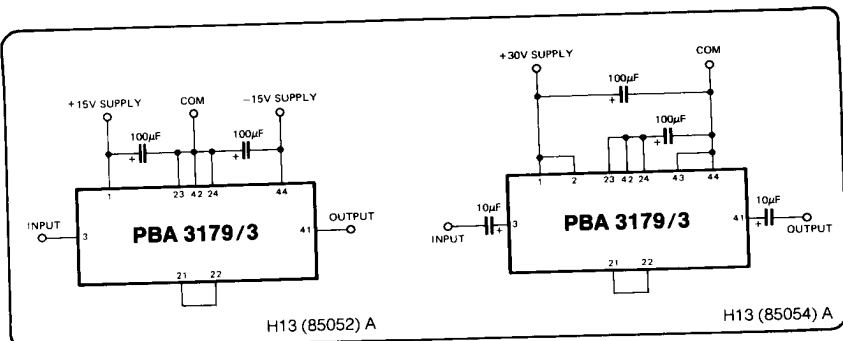


Fig. 5 Connection for dual supply operation

Fig. 6 Connections for single supply operation

pickup due to strong electrical fields can be expected, an additional grounded metal enclosure will provide improved shielding. A suitable enclosure is available for this purpose.

Input and output connections

The PBA 3179/3 is separated into a low-pass filter and a delay equaliser section. To minimise high-frequency

noise above 15 kHz, the two sections shall be interconnected as shown in fig. 1. If the filter is used without the delay equaliser, it is possible to connect the signal directly to pin 22. Input impedance is 10 kohms. The outputs on pins 21 and 41 are both fully buffered, but to keep the high performance of the filter, the load resistance should be greater than 3 kohm. It is also essential to keep the capacitive load small to ensure full stability of the output stage.

Ordering instructions

RIFA type No.	Description
PBA 3179/3	15 kHz low-pass filter
PYC 8097	Metal filter enclosure

Additional Technical Information

Additional technical and reliability information about this product is available through our local representatives.

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