

# Open Carrier Double-Balanced Mixer For Microwave Telecommunications

**MC4520**  
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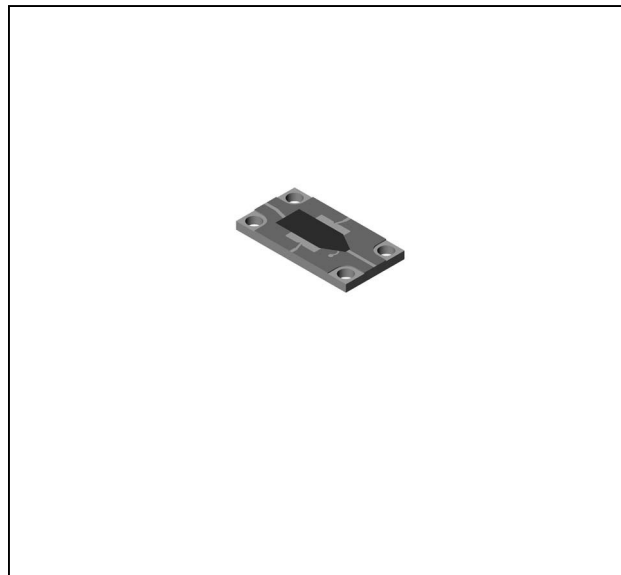
## Features

- LO 4.0 to 20.0 GHz
- RF 4.0 to 20.0 GHz
- IF DC to 4.0 GHz
- LO Drive +20 dBm (nominal)
- Microstrip Interface

## Description

The MC4520 is a double balanced mixer, designed for military, commercial and test equipment applications. The design utilizes Schottky ring quad diodes and broadband soft dielectric baluns to attain excellent performance. This mixer can also be used as a phase detector and/or bi-phase modulator since the IF port is DC coupled to the diodes. Environmental screening is available to MIL-STD-883, MIL-STD-202 or MIL-M-28837, consult factory.

## Product Image



## Ordering Information

| Part Number | Package      |
|-------------|--------------|
| MC4520      | Open Carrier |
| MC4520-2    | Open Carrier |

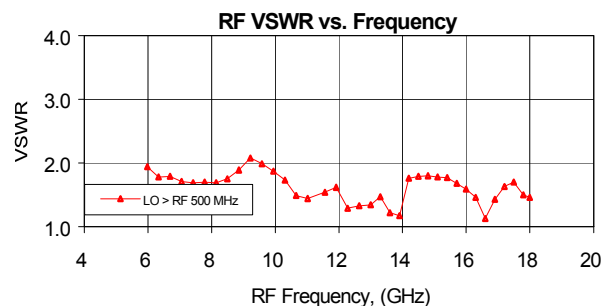
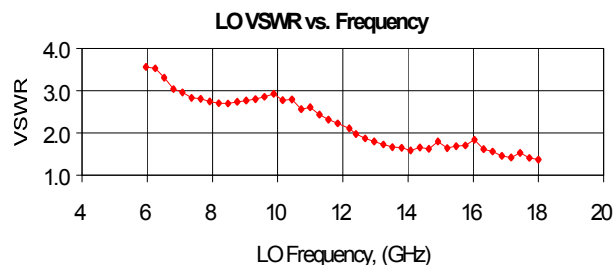
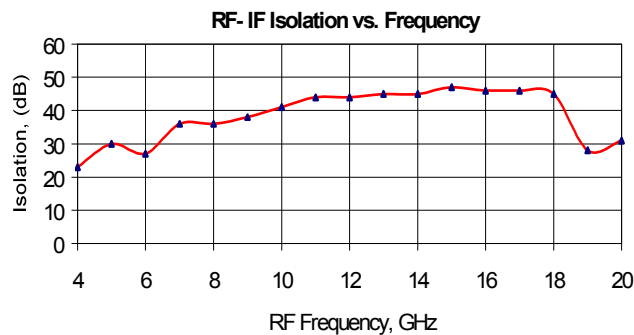
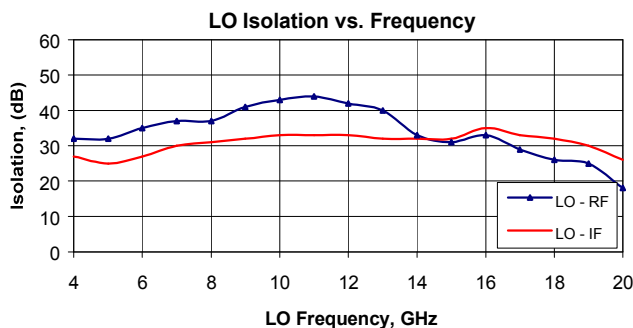
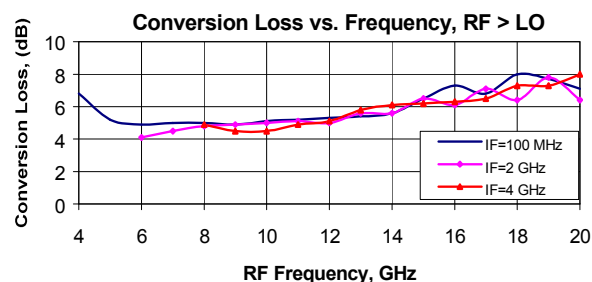
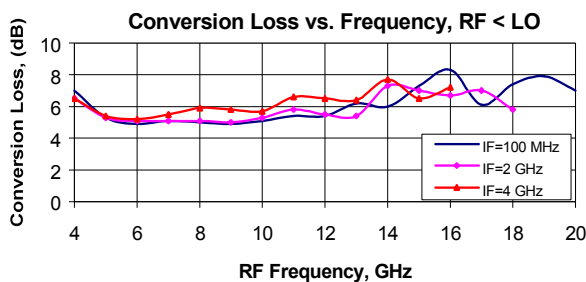
## Electrical Specifications: $Z_0 = 50\Omega$ $L_o = +20$ dBm (Downconverter application only)

| Parameter                 | Test Conditions                                                                                                                                                                                    | Units | Typical           | Guaranteed        |                   |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |       |                   | +25°C             | -40° to +85°C     |
| SSB Conversion Loss (max) | fR = 6.0 to 18.0 GHz, fL = 6.0 to 18.0 GHz, fI = DC to 2.0 GHz<br>fR = 6.0 to 18.0 GHz, fL = 6.0 to 18.0 GHz, fI = DC to 4.0 GHz<br>fR = 4.0 to 20.0 GHz, fL = 4.0 to 20.0 GHz, fI = DC to 4.0 GHz | dB    | 6.5<br>7.0<br>7.5 | 8.0<br>8.5<br>9.0 | 8.5<br>9.0<br>9.5 |
| SSB Noise Figure (max)    | Within 1 dB of conversion loss                                                                                                                                                                     | dB    | —                 | —                 | —                 |
| Isolation, L to R (min)   | fL = 8.0 to 16.0 GHz<br>fL = 6.0 to 18.0 GHz<br>fL = 4.0 to 20.0 GHz                                                                                                                               | dB    | 35<br>30<br>25    | 25<br>20<br>12    | 23<br>18<br>10    |
| Isolation, L to I (min)   | fL = 8.0 to 16.0 GHz<br>fL = 6.0 to 18.0 GHz<br>fL = 4.0 to 20.0 GHz                                                                                                                               | dB    | 32<br>30<br>28    | 25<br>20<br>12    | 23<br>18<br>10    |
| Isolation, R to I (min)   | fR = 4.0 to 20.0 GHz                                                                                                                                                                               | dB    | 35                |                   |                   |
| 1 dB Conversion Comp.     | fL = +20 dBm                                                                                                                                                                                       | dBm   | +13               |                   |                   |
| Input IP3                 | fR1 = 8.4 GHz at -5 dBm, fR2 = 8.42 GHz at -5 dBm, fL = 8.6 GHz at +20 dBm<br>fR1 = 14.4 GHz at -5 dBm, fR2 = 14.42 GHz at -5 dBm, fL = 15.4 GHz at +20 dBm                                        | dBm   | +20<br>+18        |                   |                   |

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## Typical Performance Curves



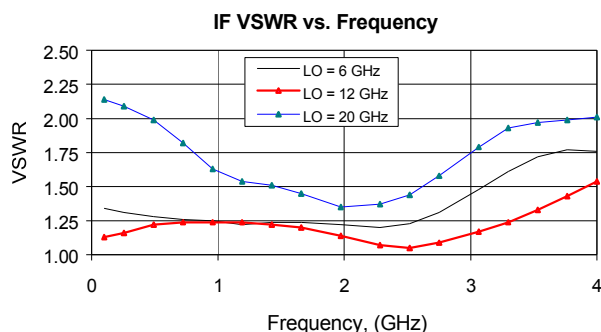
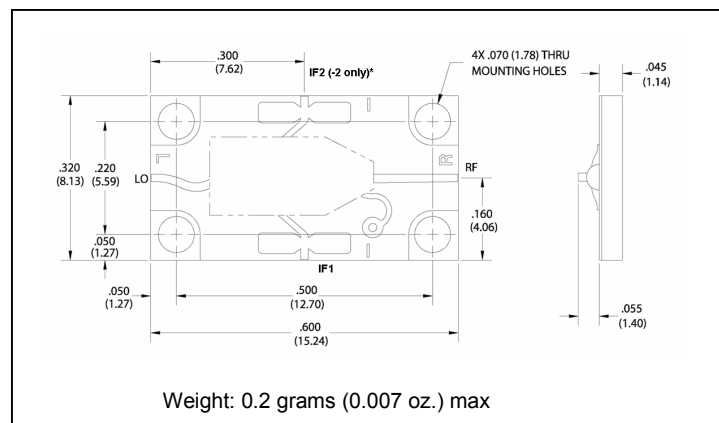
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## Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Parameter             | Absolute Maximum                           |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Operating Temperature | -40°C to +85°C                             |
| Storage Temperature   | -65°C to +100°C                            |
| Peak Input Power      | +20 dBm max @ +25°C<br>+17 dBm max @ +85°C |
| Peak Input Current    | 50 mA DC                                   |

## Outline Drawing: Open Carrier \* MC4520



\*For the base model, only IF1 port is connected.  
For the “-2” model, only IF2 port is connected.

\* Dimensions are inches (millimeters)  $\pm 0.015$  (0.38) unless otherwise specified.