

MEMS TUNABLE OPTICAL FILTER

With Control Board

OVERVIEW

rerealo's Tunable Optical Filter is based on MEMS technology and is designed for ITU C and L band with a FWHM bandwidth of 0.6 nm. It can be independently controlled by an UART interface or an I2C/SMBus serial bus and features a user-programmable channel grid.

The highly reliable tuning mechanism uses an integrated micro-mirror with switching time below 50 ms and insertion loss below 3 dB.

The component is designed to conform to Telcordia 1221 reliability standards.

FEATURES

- 37 x 20 x 10 mm³ size
- User-programmable channel grid
- UART and I²C/SMBus interface

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APPLICATIONS

- Reconfigurable Optical Add/Drop Multiplexers
- Optical power monitors
- Optical sensor interrogators
- Low cost spectrometer
- Low cost tunable laser

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DESCRIPTION

The tunable Filter is composed of an optical system and an electrical driver interface with a size of only 37x20x10 mm³. The device operating principle is depicted in Figure 2. Light from the input fiber is collimated onto a fused silica grating. The grating diffracts the incoming light into its spectrum with a distinct angle for each wavelength. A MEMS mirror reflects the light onto the output collimator, which only couples a small fraction of the spectrum into the output fiber. By modifying the mirror tilt angle user can chose the wavelength of the filter.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

| | Unit | Min | Тур | Max |
|------------------------------------|--------|------|-----------------|--------|
| Optical Filter | | | | |
| Tuning range (span) | nm | | 80 | |
| Central wavelength | | | 1575 | |
| Insertion loss | dB | | 2.0 | 3.0 |
| Bandwidth @ 0.5 dB | nm | | 0.20 | |
| Bandwidth @ 3 dB | nm | | 0.45 | |
| Bandwidth @ 20 dB | nm | | 1.2 | |
| Return loss | dB | 30 | | |
| Wavelength repeatability | nm | | 0.01 | |
| Wavelength temperature dependence | pm/K | | 1 | 5 |
| Switching time | ms | | 10 | 50 |
| PDL | dB | | 0.3 | |
| Durability | cycles | | No wear | |
| Side Mode Suppression Ratio (SMSR) | dB | | 25 | |
| Integrated Driver | | | | |
| Supply voltage (Vdd) | V | 4.75 | 5 | 5.25 |
| Power consumption (idle) | W | | 0.2 | |
| Power consumption (operating) | W | | 1 | |
| UART speed | baud | 9600 | | 115200 |
| SMBus/I ² C bus speed | kHz | | | 400 |
| Logic level low | V | | 0 | 0.3 |
| Logic level high | V | 3.0 | 5 | |
| Package | | | | |
| Operation temperature | °C | 0 | | 70 |
| Storage temperature | °C | -40 | | 70 |
| Size (including control board) | mm | | 37 x 20 x 10 | |
| Size (only optical engine) | mm | | 16 x 11.2 x 9.2 | |
| Weight | a | | 75 | |

ORDERING INFORMATION





CONNECTOR PINOUT

| Pin number | Description |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Ground (GND) |
| 2 | Supply voltage (V _{DD}) |
| 3 | Reserved ¹ |
| 4 | UART TX data |
| 5 | Reserved ¹ |
| 6 | UART RX data |
| 7 | System reset (/RST) |
| 8 | SMBus/I ² C SDA |
| 9 | SMBus/I ² C SCL |
| 10 | Ground (GND) |

¹Let reserved pins unconnected.



Figure 1 – Device layout (dimensions are in millimeters)





Figure 2 – Functional block diagram



Figure 3 – Tunable filter operating principle





Figure 4 – 100GHz spacing, 32 channels



Figure 5 – Typical filter shape

