



Signal Conditioning Kits for Custom Couplings, Filters, & Terminations up to 3 GHz

Applications

- DC Blocks
- Feed-through 50 Ω Termination
- Custom Attenuators
- Multi-Pole Filters
- Series Resistor, Inductor or R-L Network
- Feed-through Decoupling Capacitor
- Schottky Diode Line Terminator
- Diode Detector
- Transistor Switching Test Fixture*
- In-Line Amplifier*
- Diode Recovery Test Fixture*

*(w/optional Bias Tee)

Features

- π -Network, T-Network, or Multi-Pole Filter Footprint on Both Sides of PCB
- Ground Plane and 50 Ω Transmission Line For Up To 3 GHz Bandwidth, Depending On Configuration
- Accepts #1206 and #0805 size SMT Components
- Populate With 1 to 28 Series or Shunt Components
- Accepts Mini-Circuits™ HFCN-2700 Series Filters (π and T models only)
- BNC Male/Female or Female/Female connectors
- Cylindrical Metal Enclosure Included for Shielding
- 16.3 mm OD x 67.5 mm or 78 mm Length

Product Description:

PRL's new Signal Conditioning Kits enable quick and easy fabrication of custom signal-conditioning circuits, such as attenuators, filters, DC blocks, feed-thru 50 Ω terminations, etc. They can be used to build commonly-used circuits, such as a 50 Ω shunt termination, or to build one-of-a-kind fixtures not commercially available. Three PCB designs (π , T and multi-pole) enable easy construction of nearly any series and/or parallel network. The double-sided footprints (identical on both sides of the PCB) enable non-standard resistor, inductor, and capacitor values to be fabricated easily and economically from standard-value components. With the addition of a Bias Tee, active device test fixtures can be built as well.

In one example, we easily fabricated a 24 dB attenuator with non-standard impedance for the interface between a vacuum tube output and a TTL input circuit, using a two-stage design with discrete SMT resistors. In another example, we level-shifted a -6 V to +10 V pulse to 0 V to +16 V for driving a high impedance circuit. In this case, we constructed a simple DC Restorer using a coupling capacitor and a shunt Schottky diode to ground.

Other examples include a feed-through decoupling capacitor, using one shunt capacitor, to make an ideal low pass filter for noise reduction at I/O ports. The kits can be populated with as few as one series component, or as many as 28 series and shunt components, enabling a wide range of applications.

Two available BNC connector styles (M/F or F/F) and a low-profile design enable inline insertion into your transmission line, with or without cables. A gender changer may be used to create a BNC M/M style. Combine any PCB with either connector style to suit your application. A metal tube enclosure provides protection and shielding.



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Sample Applications:

Application	Schematic	Kit Type		
		Pi	Tee	Multi
DC Block/ Coupling Cap		Y	Y	Y
AC Block/ RF Choke		Y	Y	Y
Series Termination		Y	Y	Y
Shunt Termination		Y	Y	Y
Precision Shunt Termination		Y	Y	Y
Feed-through Decoupling Cap		Y	Y	Y

Application	Schematic	Kit Type		
		Pi	Tee	Multi
Diode Detector		Y	Y	Y
Attenuator		Y	Y	Y
Low-pass Filter		N	N	Y
High-Pass Filter		N	N	Y

Multiple units can be used in series to provide additional stages for Bandpass filters, etc. Front and back sides of PCBs provide parallel paths for Notch/Bandstop filters, etc.

PCB Configurations:

(Diagrams show all possible component positions on both sides of PCB. Unpopulated series positions may require 0 Ω jumpers.)

π Network PCB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 2 series components Up to 8 shunt components Highest bandwidth Accepts Mini-Circuits™ HFCN-2700 Series Filters 67.5 mm module length 		T Network PCB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 4 series components Up to 12 shunt components For most applications Accepts Mini-Circuits™ HFCN-2700 Series Filters 67.5 mm module length 	
Multi-Pole Network PCB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 8 series components Up to 20 shunt components Greatest flexibility for multi-pole networks 78 mm module length 		 80 dB Attenuator on Multi-Pole PCB Multi-Pole model with cover installed	

Ordering Information:

(All models include matching tube enclosure.)

Connector Style	PCB Configuration (vias are plated through to identical pattern on reverse side)		
	π Network	T Network	Multi-Pole Network
Male/Female	 P/N: PRL-PINET-BMF	 P/N: PRL-TNET-BMF	 P/N: PRL-MNET-BMF
Female/Female	 P/N: PRL-PINET-BFF	 P/N: PRL-TNET-BFF	 P/N: PRL-MNET-BFF

More information available at <http://www.pulseresearchlab.com/BNCKits>, including additional application notes, component value worksheets, links to filter calculators, attenuator calculators, etc.