NuPower™ 12B01A-10
S-Band Solid State Power Amplifier

10 Watt CW
2.5 Watts Linear, 5% EVM @ 34 dBm
2200 MHz - 2395 MHz

P/N: NW-PA-12B01A-10

The NuPower™ 12B01A-10 is a small, highly efficient solid state power amplifier that provides over 10 watts of RF power to boost performance of data links and transmitters.

Based on the latest gallium nitride (GaN) technology, NuPower’s 30% - 50% power efficiency and 3.9 in³ form factor make it ideal for size, weight, and power-constrained broadband RF telemetry and tactical communication systems.

The NuPower 12B01A-10 power amplifier accepts a nominal 0 dBm RF input and provides 40 dB of gain from 2200 MHz to 2395 MHz. The NuPower 12B01A-10 module comes standard with a NW-PA-ACC-CB09MA interface cable, for ease of integration. This model is also available with a 1 watt input drive level (P/N: NW-PA-12B01A-10-D30), making it ideal for use with L-3 Communications’ Bandit miniature S-band transceiver.

NuPower PAs feature over-voltage and reverse-voltage protection and can operate over a wide temperature range of -30 °C to +60 °C.

Extend your operational communication range with NuPower™ amplifiers from NuWaves Engineering.

Features
- 10 Watts RF Output Power
- 2200 MHz to 2395 MHz
- Miniature Package (3.00” x 2.00” x 0.65”)
- High-Efficiency GaN Technology
- 0 dBm Nominal RF Input
- Reverse-Voltage Protection
- Logic On/Off Control

Benefits
- Extended Range
- Improved Link Margin
- Reduced load on DC power budget due to high efficiency operation
- Requires less volume on space-constrained platforms

Applications
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), Group 2 & 3
- Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGV)
- Broadband RF Telemetry
- RF Communication Systems
- Software Defined Radios
# NuPower™ 12B01A-10 Power Amplifier

## Specifications

### Absolute Maximums

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Specifications (cont.)

Mechanical Specifications

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<td>Weight</td>
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<td>RF Connectors, Input/Output</td>
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Environmental Specifications

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<td>Storage Temperature</td>
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<td>Relative Humidity (non-condensing)</td>
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Vibration / Shock Profile
(Random profile in x,y, z axis, as per Figure for 15 minute duration in each axis)

Performance Plots
Test Conditions: +28 VDC, +25 °C, $Z_s=Z_l=50 \, \Omega$

Output Power vs. Input Power

Gain vs. Input Power
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Performance Plots (cont.)

**P1dB & P3dB**

![Graph showing P1dB and P3dB performance plots.](image)

**Efficiency**

![Graph showing efficiency performance plots.](image)

**Harmonics (@ Psat)**

![Graph showing harmonics performance plots.](image)

**Error Vector Magnitude (%) [w/ OFDM Waveform]**

![Graph showing error vector magnitude performance plots.](image)

**Error Vector Magnitude (dB) [w/ OFDM Waveform]**

![Graph showing error vector magnitude performance plots.](image)

**VSWR**

![Graph showing VSWR performance plots.](image)

**Power Out vs. Temperature (ambient)**

![Graph showing power output vs. temperature performance plots.](image)
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Mechanical Outline

Accessory Part Numbers

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<td>Harmonic Filter Module</td>
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<td>NW-PA-ACC-CB09MA</td>
<td>Standard Interface Cable Assembly - Flying Leads (included with module)</td>
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<td>NW-PA-ACC-CT09MA</td>
<td>Upgraded Interface Cable Assembly - Banana Plug Termination</td>
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<td>NW-PA-ACC-KT01</td>
<td>Accessory Kit, which includes Fan-Cooled Heatsink and Upgraded Interface Cable</td>
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<td>NW-PA-ACC-HS02</td>
<td>Heatsink with Integrated Fan</td>
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Pinout

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<td>Ground</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>3, 4</td>
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<td>RF Enable</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>0 V or GND = RF ON, +5V or NC = RF OFF</td>
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<td>No Connect</td>
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<td>6, 7, 9</td>
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<td>Over Temperature Flag</td>
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<td>+5V = no fault</td>
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For information on product disposal (end-of-life), please refer to this document: