

Coilcraft S-Parameter Data for RF Surface Mount Inductors 0603AF Series Chip Inductors

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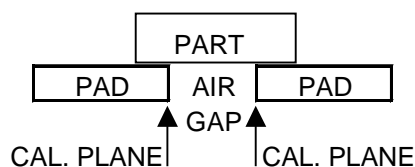
Coilcraft two-port S-parameter data files are based on empirical measurements of Coilcraft RF Surface Mount Inductors. The data files are used as "black box" descriptions, thus reducing complexity in circuit modeling. For one-port applications, simply connect one terminal of the component to ground in your circuit simulator software.

The data files represent de-embedded measurements. Effects due to customer circuit board traces, board materials, ground planes, or interactions with other components are not included and can have a significant effect when comparing the S-parameters to measurements of the inductors using typical production verification instruments and fixtures.

Typically, the Self Resonant Frequency (SRF) of the component model will be higher than the measurement of the component mounted on a circuit board. The parasitic reactive elements of a circuit board or fixture will effectively lower the circuit resonant frequency, especially for very small inductance values. Since data sheet specifications are based on typical production measurements, and the S-parameter models are based on de-embedded measurements as described below, the S-parameter model results may be different from the data sheet specifications.

S-parameter modeling method

The measurements for this series were made with each component centered over a 0.026" wide air gap, as illustrated below. The test pads were (50 Ohm) 30 mil wide traces of tinned gold over 25 mil thick alumina. The TRL* calibration plane is also illustrated below.



The S-parameters were generated by matching a simulation model as closely as possible to an average of the original measurements. The model was then used to create the final S-parameters. This method results in a model that represents as closely as possible the typical frequency-dependent behavior of the component up to 1 GHz.

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Valid Frequency Range of S-parameters

Since the 0603AF series of chip inductors contain a large amount of magnetic material, the models are only valid from 1 MHz to 1 GHz. The models can not be verified to lower frequencies as the impedance analyzer used to verify phase and real impedance has a lower limit of 1 MHz. The upper frequency limit of 1 GHz is a limitation of the model used to generate these S-Parameters.

S-parameter file description.

All of the S-parameter data files are in the TouchStone format. The following is a typical data segment of a two-port file:

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# MHZ  S  MA  R  50
!Freq  MagS11  AngS11  MagS21  AngS21  MagS12  AngS12  MagS22  AngS22
1      0.001   59.879   1.000   -0.036   1.000   -0.036   0.001   59.879
22.19  0.014   83.698   0.999   -0.798   0.999   -0.798   0.014   83.698
43.38  0.027   84.582   0.998   -1.558   0.998   -1.558   0.027   84.582
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The first line (header) describes the frequency units, parameter, measurement format and characteristic impedance of the measurement (50 Ohms).

The first column is the frequency in MHz. The next columns are the S-parameters as described in the column headings.

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