



# Alto series C-band Amplifier

## Local control only, with 0-30 dB variable gain

The Alto series of amplifiers provide excellent RF performance with a wide range of functionality, in a compact chassis. They are designed with hot swap amplifier modules to enhance resilience and flexibility.

**Other options in the Alto range:** The Alto amplifier range is also available with additional features such as AGC (automatic gain control), LNB powering, 10MHz and DC pass and redundancy configurations up to 4+2.

**Typical applications:**

- Compensation for passive splitters/combiners and cable loss
- General satcoms – teleports, video head-ends, TVRO

### Amplifier Module



**3000 - 4200 MHz**  
operating C-Band frequency range



**0 - 30 dB Variable gain** to balance input signals

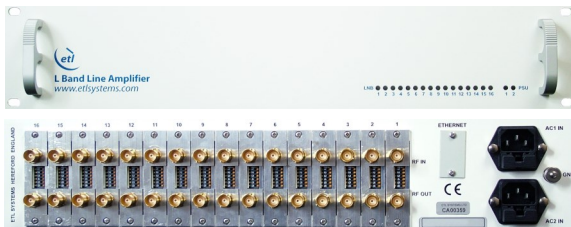
### Chassis Options



Chassis Model ALT-C100-1U



**Compact** chassis options, which can house 8 to 16 amplifier modules



Chassis Model ALT-C101-2U



**Local control & monitoring** via module DIP switches & front panel LEDs



**Resilience** from dual redundant power supplies & hot swap amplifier modules





## Amplifier Module Specifications

| RF Parameters                 |   |             |             |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| Frequency Range               | 3000 to 4200MHz (C-band)  |             |             |
| RF Connectors                 | 50Ω SMA   | 50Ω N-type  |             |
| Gain                          | Maximum   | 30 ± 1.5 dB | 30 ± 1.5 dB |
|                               | Minimum   | 0 ± 1.5 dB  | 0 ± 1.5 dB  |
| Flatness                      | Full band   | ±0.80 dB    | ±0.80 dB    |
|                               | Any 36MHz   | ±0.25 dB    | ±0.25 dB    |
| Gain Steps                    | 1 ± 0.2 dB  |             |             |
| Input Return Loss             | Typical   | 15 dB       | 15 dB       |
|                               | Minimum   | 12 dB       | 12 dB       |
| Output Return Loss            | Typical   | 15 dB       | 15 dB       |
|                               | Minimum   | 12 dB       | 12 dB       |
| 1dB Gain Compression          | 11 dBm  |             |             |
| OIP3                          | > 22 dBm Max gain, 3rd order interception point, output power   |             |             |
| OIP2                          | 40 dBm, Max gain, 2nd order interception point, output power  |             |             |
| Isolation                     | > 60 dB (With amplifiers sat at the same gain level. Worst case isolation is between adjacent amps, isolation degrades dB-to-dB for different gain levels ) |             |             |
| Reverse Gain                  | < - 40 dB Typical   |             |             |
| Noise Figure                  | Typical   | 6.5 dB      |             |
|                               | Maximum   | 8 dB        |             |
| In band, signal related spuri | -85 dBm max (Very low level spuri from CPU clock, switch mode PSU and other electronics inside the chassis)   |             |             |
| MTBF                          | > 250,000 hours (MTBF of each amplifier module)   |             |             |
| Maximum input level           | +20dBm Absolute maximum   |             |             |

| Environmental         |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Operating temperature | 0 to 45° C               |
| Location              | Indoor use only          |
| Storage temperature   | -20° C to +75° C         |
| Humidity              | 20 to 90% non-condensing |

| System Control |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Local Control  | Via DIL switches on the module |

| Power     |      |
|-----------|------|
| LNB Power | None |

| RF connector & impedance options  |
|---|
| Please add the relevant suffix to the model number to indicate your required connectors:<br>BNC 50 Ω - B5B5<br>BNC 75 Ω - B7B7<br>F-type 75 Ω - F7F7<br>SMA 50 Ω - S5S5 |

Note 1: The specification is subject to regular reviews and will be updated from time to time as part of our continuing product development and improved spec accuracy.

Note 2: Operation beyond the quoted limits stated above may cause instantaneous and permanent damage.

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| Chassis Specifications |   |  |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Model Numbers          | ALT-C100-1U   | ALT-C101-2U  |
| Dimensions             | 1U high x 350mm deep x 19" wide                             | 2U high x 450mm deep x 19" wide                              |
| Capacity               | Up to 8 modules<br>(up to 4 modules with N-type connectors) | Up to 16 modules<br>(up to 8 modules with N-type connectors) |
| Weight                 | 6 kg Fully populated  | 8 kg Fully populated   |
| Colour                 | White 00-E-55 semi-gloss                                    |  |
| AC Power               | 85-264Vac 50/60 Hz, Fused 2A                                |  |
| PSU                    | Dual redundant, Diode OR. Monitored via front panel LEDs    |  |
| Hot-swap PSU           | No  |  |
| Power Consumption      | < 100W all channels   |  |
| LNB Power              | N/A   | N/A  |
| Monitoring             | Via front panel LEDs for power supplies & amplifier modules |  |