



11-54-0000

25-Watt VHF Power Amplifier



PRODUCT MANUAL

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Salcom Product Documentation

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Product Overview

The 11-54 power amplifier operates over the frequency range 138-162MHz and with 4-5 watts input it will deliver 25 Watts. It has a switching bandwidth of ± 5 MHz with 20 Watts minimum output.

The power sense operates with a minimum of 3 watts input and switches both the power and aerial relays. The 11-54 will operate satisfactorily with down to 400mW drive but the PTT connection must be grounded to operate the receive to transmit changeover.

A 2dB 50 Ω input matching pad allows for connection to a wide range of driving devices and mis-tuning without the risk of instability.

In the receive mode it will pass a receive signal with less than 1dB attenuation.

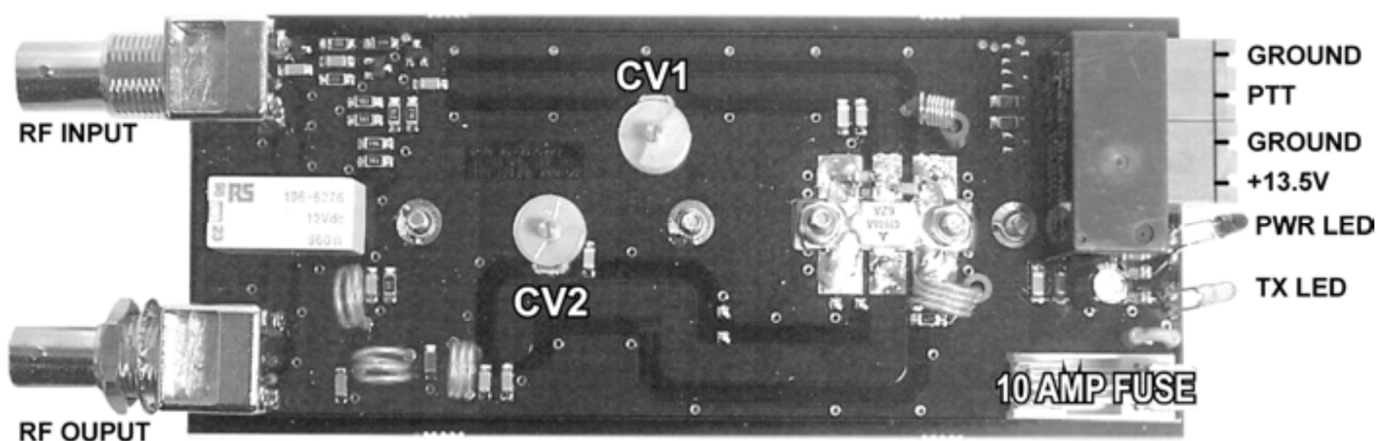
The 3-stage aerial filter attenuates all spurious emissions to less than -30dBm.

The 11-54 is protected against accidental power connection reversal.


The green Power LED operates at all times with power connected and the red Transmit LED operates only when the 11-54 is switched to the transmit mode (PTT activated).

Tuning, Installation and Connections

1. Connect +13.5V supply to the 11-54 but leave the PTT connection unconnected.
2. Connect the 11-54 input to a 4W driving device and the output to a power meter or aerial.
3. With 4 Watts input drive, tune CV1 and CV2 for maximum output using a plastic, metal tipped flat bladed screwdriver.
4. Alternatively, with 400mW minimum input drive, ground the PTT connection and tune CV1 & CV2 for maximum output to give 10 Watts typical output. The PTT connection can sometimes be connected straight to the driving device PTT but a steering diode may be needed in series with the driver PTT if it returns to a voltage lower than +13.5V.
5. Tuning can be effected through the two holes in the top of the case by removing the plastic plugs.



Technical Specification

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Frequency Range	138-162MHz - VHF	
Frequency Selection	Factory preset	
Power Supply	+13.8V typical (11 to 15 VDC range)	
Power Consumption	Standby: 4mA Normal Operation: 4A Maximum: 5A @ 25W output	
Transmit Power	25W @ 5W input	
Transmit Duty Cycle	50% at 25 Watts	
Power Input	PA Receiver Switching = 3W min PA Only = 0.4W min for 10W output typical	
Switching Bandwidth	PA Receiver Switching = ± 5 MHz, 20W min with 4W input PA Only = ± 5 MHz, 20W min with 4W input	
Transmit Enable	PA Receiver Switching = Power sense circuit operates relay PA Only = Ground PTT, 3mA source	
Connectors	PTT - 2 way plug & socket, screw connections (supplied)	
Power Connector	2-way plug & socket, screw connections (supplied)	
RF Connector	50 Ω BNC (both Input and Output)	
Environmental Protection	Not suitable for outdoor use and should be protected from adverse environmental conditions	
Operating Temperature	-10°C to +60°C (+14°F to +140°F)	
Indicators	Power LED (Green) - Solid On = Normal Operation Status LED (Red) - Solid On = Active Signal Present	
Weight	400g	
Enclosure Dimensions	100mm x 130mm x 30mm (WxDxH)	
Enclosure Material	Extruded aluminium	
Colour	Matt black	
Type Approvals	AS 4295: 1995 (RF)	

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