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NuPower™ 12D05A L- & S-Band Solid State Power Amplifier

35 Watts CW @ 1.7 GHz to 2.1 GHz

20 Watts CW @ 2.1 GHz to 2.4 GHz

12 Watts Linear, 5% EVM @ 41dBm

P/N: NW-PA-12D05A

(Includes NW-PA-ACC-CB09MC interface cable)



The NuPower™ 12D05A is a small, highly efficient, solid state power amplifier that provides 20 watts (min) of RF power to boost performance of data links and transmitters.

The NuPower 12D05A accepts a nominal 0 dBm (1 mW) RF input and provides 45 dB of gain (typ) from 1,700 to 2,400 MHz for continuous wave (CW) and near-constant envelope waveforms.

Based on the latest gallium nitride (GaN) technology, the NuPower 12D05A's 40% to 50% power efficiency and <10 in³ form factor make it ideal for size, weight, and power-constrained broadband RF telemetry, tactical communication systems, and electronic warfare systems.

NuPower PAs feature over-voltage and protection and can operate over a wide temperature range of -40 °C to +85 °C (baseplate).

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

Features

- 35 Watts RF Output Power (typ)
- 1,700 to 2,400 MHz
- Small Form Factor (4.50" x 3.50" x 0.61")
- High-Efficiency GaN Technology
- 0 dBm Nominal RF Input
- Over-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

- Broadband RF Telemetry
- RF Communication Systems
- Electronic Warfare - Airborne Electronic Attack
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), Group 2 & 3
- Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGV)
- Software Defined Radios

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Specifications

Absolute Maximums

Parameter	Rating	Unit
Max Device Voltage	32	V
Max Device Current	3.75	A
Max RF Input Power, $Z_L = 50 \Omega$	12	dBm
Max Operating Temperature (ambient)	85	°C
Max Operating Temperature (baseplate)	85	°C
Max Storage Temperature	85	°C

Export Classification

ECCN 5A991.G

Electrical Specifications @ 28VDC, 25 °C, $Z_S=Z_L=50 \Omega$

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	Condition
Operating Frequency	BW	1700		2400	MHz	
RF Output Power	P_{SAT}	20	35		W	1700 MHz - 2400 MHz 0 dBm input
Output Power @ 1dB Compression	P_{1dB}		30		dBm	1700 MHz
			32			2100 MHz
			30			2400 MHz
Small Signal Gain	G		52		dB	1700 MHz, @ -40 dBm input
			50			2100 MHz, @ -40 dBm input
			49			2400 MHz, @ -40 dBm input
Small Signal Gain Flatness	ΔG		3		dB	$P_{in} = -40$ dBm
Input VSWR	VSWR		2.7			
Nominal Input Drive Level	P_{IN}		0		dBm	
Operating Voltage	VDC	27	28	30	V	
Quiescent Current (unbiased)	I_{DQ}		0.10		A	RF Enable Floating
Quiescent Current (biased)	I_{DQ}		0.65		A	RF Enable Low
Operating Current	I_{DD}		2.75		A	$P_{in} = 0$ dBm
Module Efficiency			45		%	$P_{in} = 0$ dBm, +28 V
Switching Speed	$TX_{ON/OFF}$		1	2	μS	10% to 90%
Third Order Intercept Point (Two tone test at 1 MHz spacing, $P_{out} = 20$ dBm / tone)	OIP3		44		dBm	
Harmonics	2nd		-25		dBc	
	3rd		-20			
Output Mismatch (No Damage)				10:1	Ψ	No Damage at All Phase Angles

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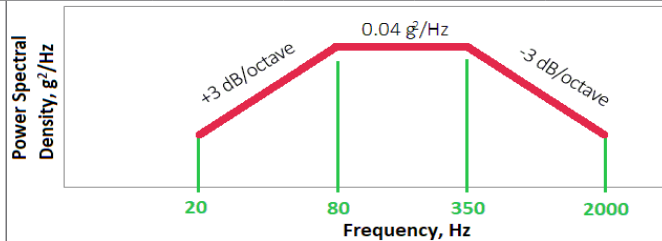
Specifications (cont.)

Mechanical Specifications

Parameter	Value	Unit	Limits
Dimensions	4.5 x 3.5 x 0.61	in	Max
Weight	9	oz	Max
RF Connectors, Input/Output	SMA Female		
Interface Connector	Micro-D, 9-pin Socket		
Cooling	Adequate Heatsink Required		

Environmental Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Operating Temperature (ambient)	T_A	-40		+55	°C
Operating Temperature (baseplate)	T_C	-40		+85	°C
Storage Temperature	T_{STG}	-55		+85	°C
Relative Humidity (non-condensing)	RH			95	%
Altitude MIL-STD-810F - Method 500.4	ALT			30,000	ft
Vibration / Shock Profile (Random profile in x,y, z axis, as per Figure for 15 minute duration in each axis)					

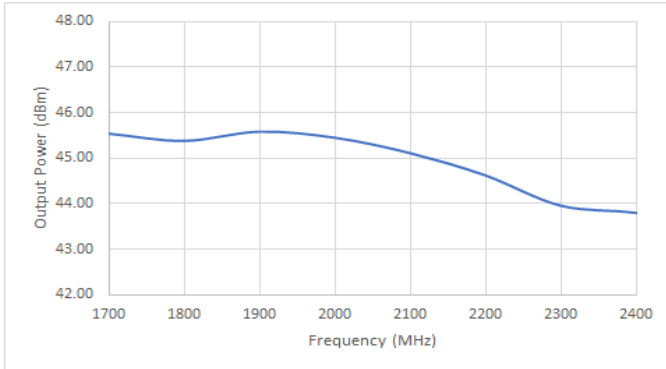


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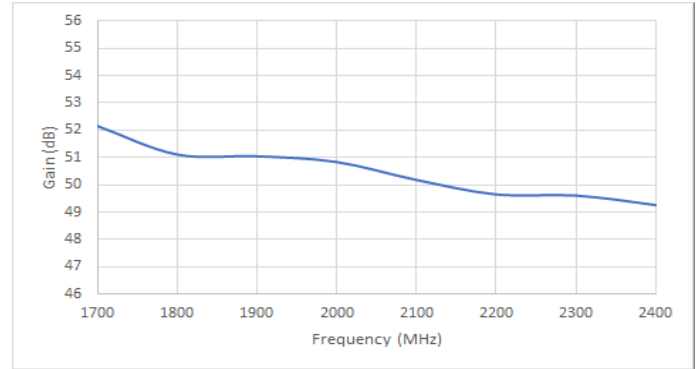
Performance Plots

Test Conditions: +28 VDC, +25 °C, $Z_S=Z_L=50 \Omega$

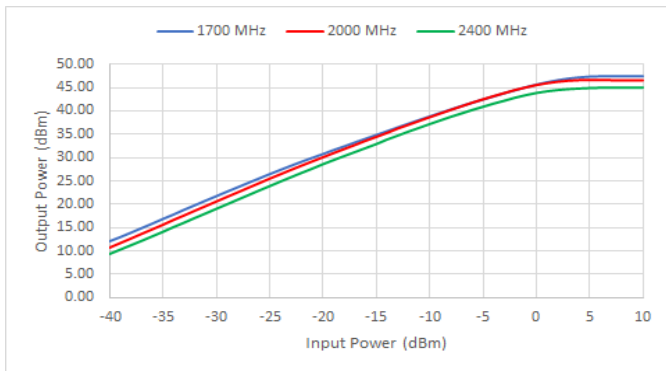
Output Power [0dBm Input Power]



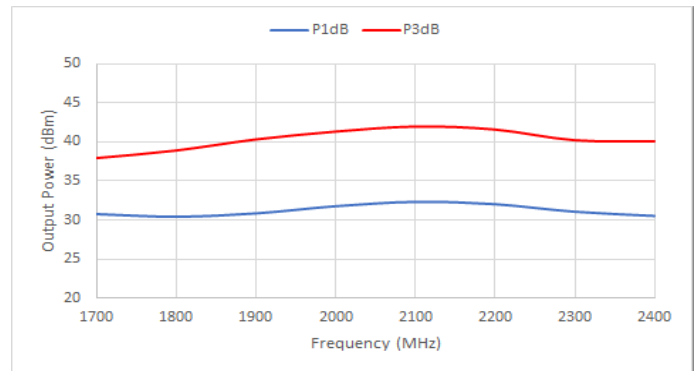
Small Signal Gain [-40dBm Input Power]



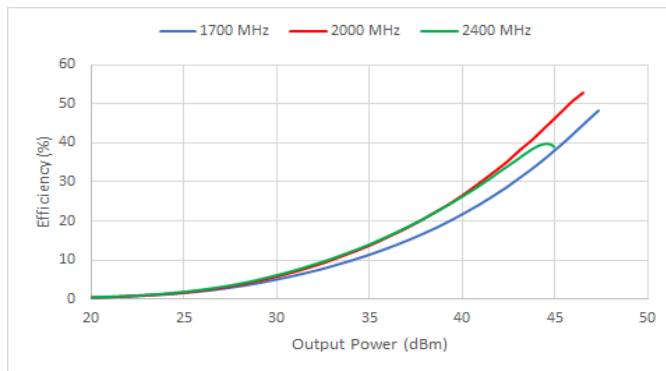
Output Power vs. Input Power



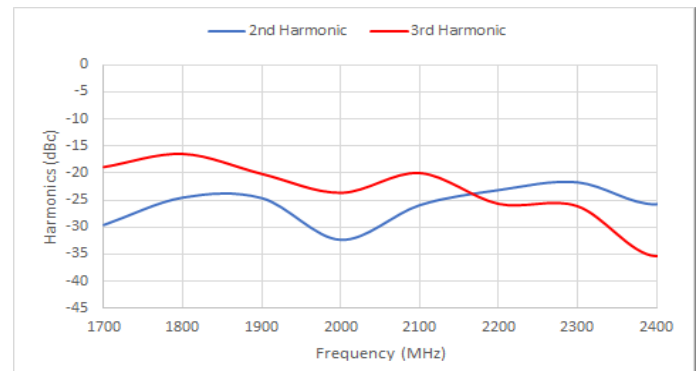
P1dB & P3dB



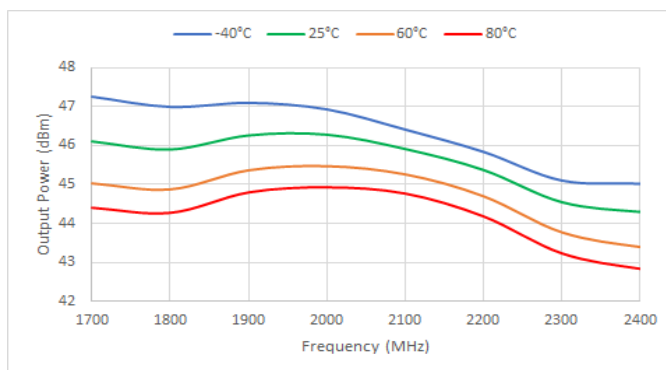
Efficiency vs. Output Power



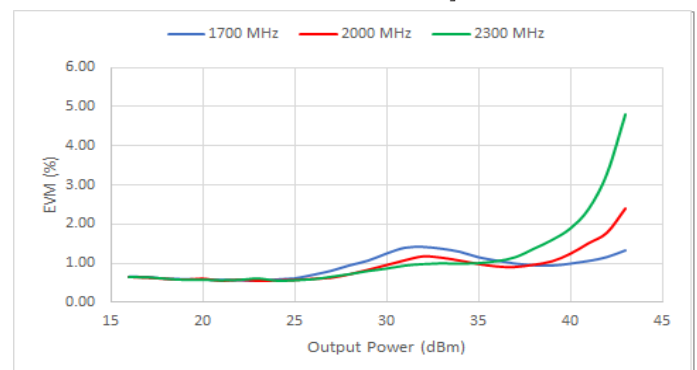
Harmonics [@P_{sat}]



Output Power vs. Temperature [Baseplate]



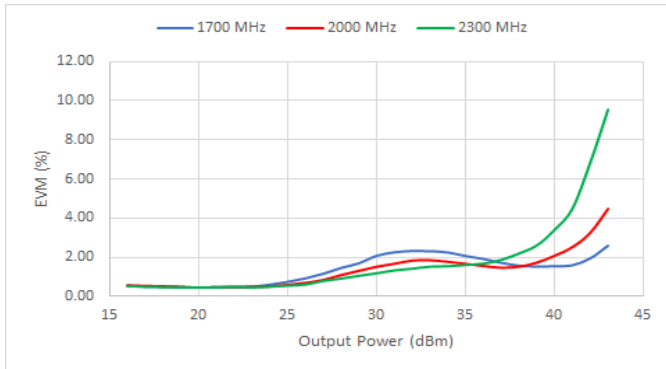
Error Vector Magnitude vs. Output Power [QPSK, 1Mps, 35% Roll Off Rate]



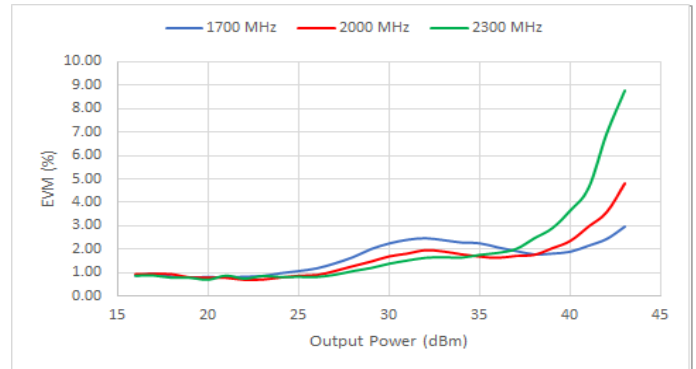
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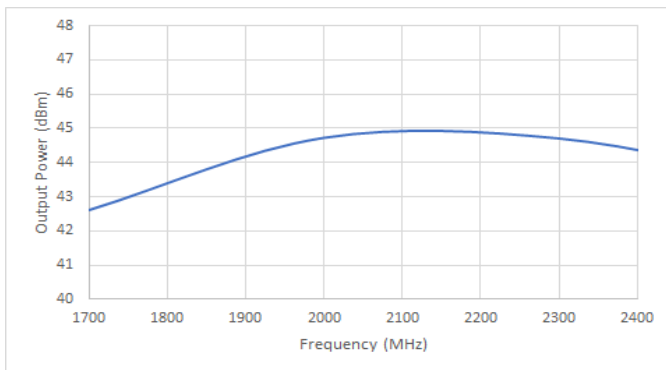
Error Vector Magnitude vs. Output Power [16QAM, 2Msps, 35% Roll Off Rate]



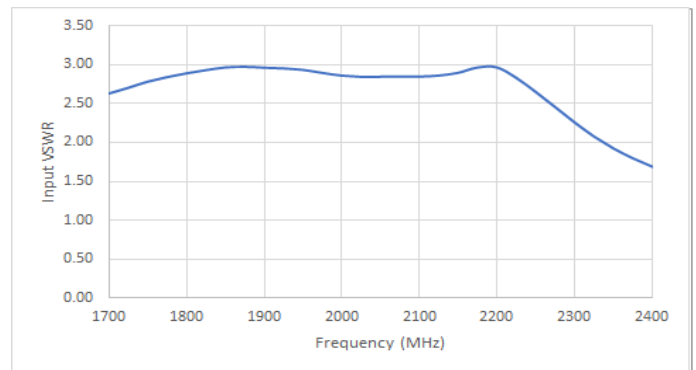
Error Vector Magnitude vs. Output Power [64QAM, 5Msps, 10% Roll Off Rate]



OIP3 [20dBm per tone, 1MHz spacing]

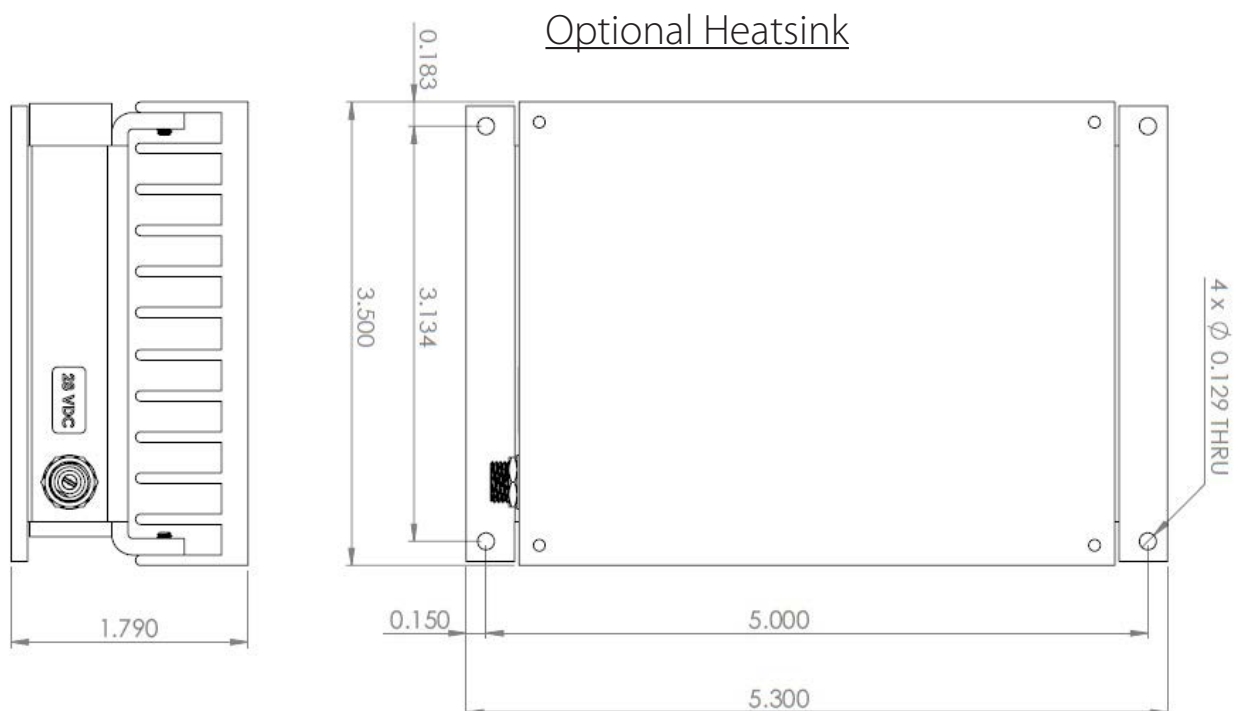
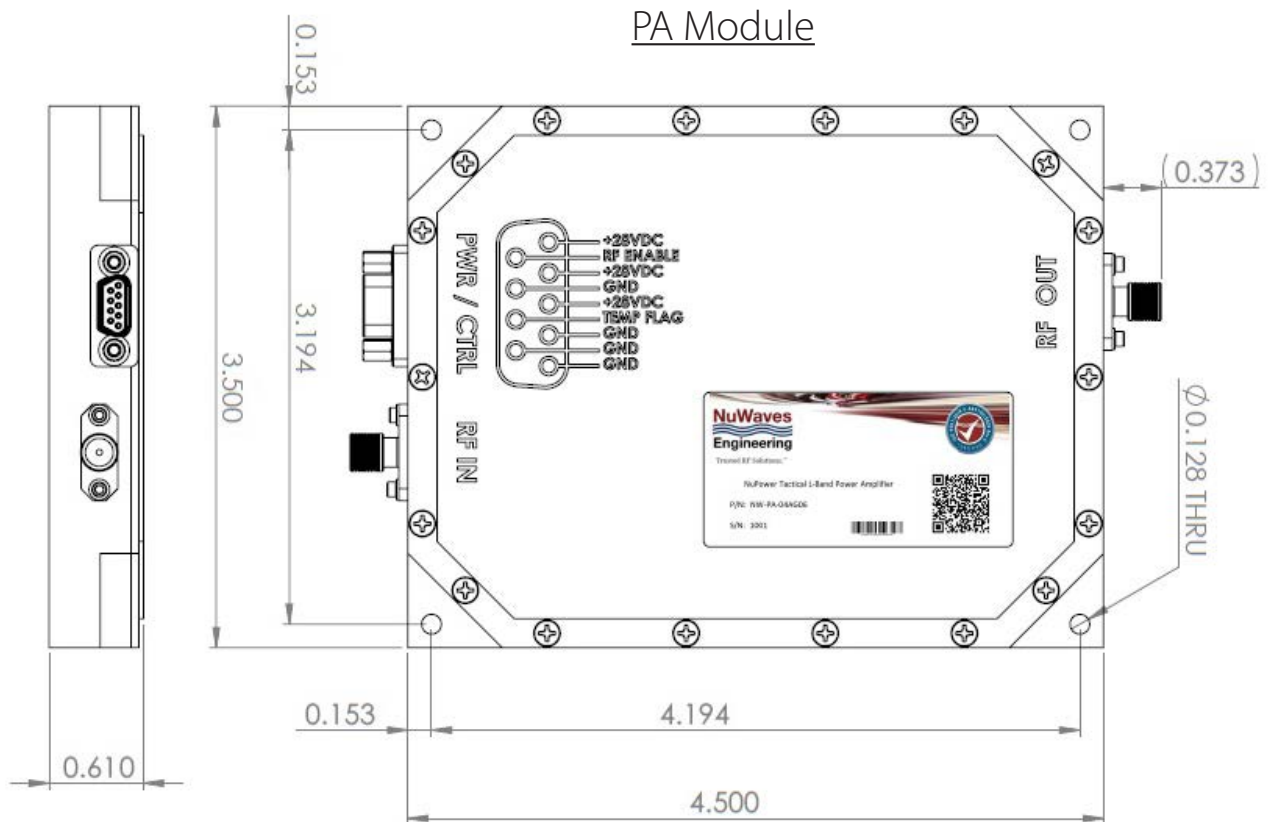


Input VSWR



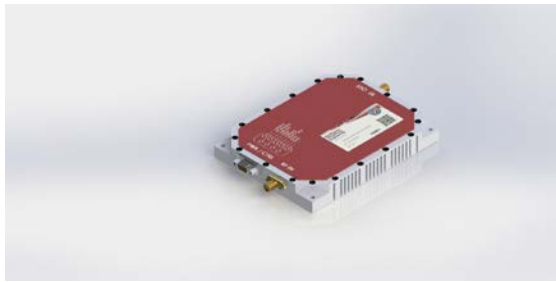
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Mechanical Outlines

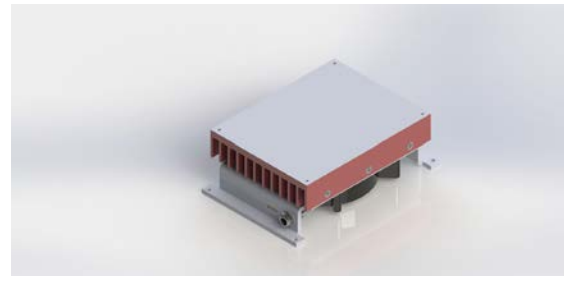


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PA Module and Accessory Images



PA Module



Optional Fan-Cooled Heatsink



PA Module w/ Fan-Cooled Heatsink

Accessory Part Numbers

Part Number	Description
NW-PA-ACC-CB09MC	Standard Interface Cable Assembly - Flying Leads (included with module)
NW-PA-ACC-CT09MC	Upgraded Interface Cable Assembly - Banana Plug Termination
NW-PA-ACC-KT03	Accessory Kit, which includes Fan-Cooled Heatsink and Upgraded Interface Cable
NW-PA-ACC-HS05	Heatsink with Integrated Fan

Pinout

Function	I/O	Pin
DC Power (+28 Volts)	I	3, 4, 5
Ground	I	1, 2, 6, 8
Over Temperature Flag 0V = temperature fault +5V = no fault	O	7
RF Enable 0V or GND = RF ON +5V or NC = RF OFF	I	9

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