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A Wideband Stripline Hybrid Ring (Correspondence)

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Although usually considered a narrow-band device, the "rat-race" hybrid can be broadbanded for good performance over an octave by incorporating several design changes. The limiting factor in the hybrid-ring coupler of Fig. 1 is the three-quarter wavelength section, which restricts the useful frequency range for the 180° hybrid to $f_{0/} \pm 0.23f_{0/}$, where $f_{0/}$ is the center frequency in the band of interest. The conventional ring configuration exhibits -3.0 dB of coupling when the impedance of each of the ring segments, $Z_{r/}$, is $\sqrt{2} Z_{0/}$, where $Z_{0/}$ is the characteristic impedance of both the input and output lines.

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