

Dissipative Parameters in Ferrites and Insertion Losses in Waveguide Y-Circulators Below Resonance

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Extensive microwave loss measurements have been performed at frequencies from 1.3 to 11 GHz on below-resonance waveguide Y circulators loaded with a wide variety of ferrite and garnet compositions. Dissipative internal and external magnetic parameters have been measured on the same compositions. Also, dielectric loss measurements have been carried out. Two classes have been distinguished, defined by the following conditions: $\omega/\omega_M \leq 0.8$ and $0.85 \leq \omega/\omega_M \leq 1.05$. It is inferred that the (insertion loss) IL of such devices is independent of ΔH and mainly depends on the internal dissipative susceptibility χ'' and on the dielectric loss $\tan \delta$. The relation of the IL versus χ'' and $\tan \delta$ in the case $\omega/\omega_M \leq 0.8$ is independent of frequency and given by the semiempirical equation $IL = 10 \log_{10} [1 - 2.85 \chi'' - 1.60 \tan \delta - 0.017]^{-1}$.

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