

## Unloaded Q-Factor of Stepped-Impedance Resonators

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The paper presents general expressions for the unloaded Q-factor of stepped-impedance resonators partially loaded with high-dielectric constant ceramics to realize miniaturized microwave bandpass filters. Some theoretical calculations for coaxial resonators are also presented in diagrams to show a correct design optimization of coaxial miniaturized filters. The formulas presented in this paper take into account the imaginary component of the characteristic impedance  $Z$  of the lines constituting the resonator; the results previously presented by other authors neglected such an imaginary component of  $Z$ . The relevant influence that this imaginary component has for the calculation of the correct unloaded Q of the resonator is pointed out by this paper through a comparison between correct calculations and calculations performed by neglecting the imaginary component of  $Z$ . Some experimental results are compared with theoretical calculations.

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