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An X-band 2 kW CW GaAs FET power amplifier for continuous wave illuminator application

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The development of a solid state power amplifier (SSPA) for a continuous wave illuminator (CWI) application at X-band is described. The amplifier produces 2 kW of CW output power at 1 dB gain compression over a 2.5 percent bandwidth with a DC-RF efficiency better than 15 percent. Low-loss power combining is implemented using a hybrid serial and corporate combiner structure in waveguide medium. The SSPA has been designed to operate in environmental conditions specified for naval military vessels.

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