

US009093731B2

# (12) United States Patent

### Correa et al.

### (54) COMBINER FOR AN RF POWER AMPLIFIER

- (71) Applicant: Empower RF Systems, Inc., Inglewood, CA (US)
- (72) Inventors: **Paulo Correa**, Dana Point, CA (US); **Gerhard Peter**, Redondo Beach, CA (US)
- (73) Assignee: EMPOWER RF SYSTEMS, INC., Inglewood, CA (US)
- (\*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 177 days.
- (21) Appl. No.: 13/773,315
- (22) Filed: Feb. 21, 2013

### (65) **Prior Publication Data**

US 2014/0232483 A1 Aug. 21, 2014

(51) Int. Cl.

11100 C10	
H01P 5/12	(2006.01)
H01P 11/00	(2006.01)
H01P 3/06	(2006.01)
H01P 3/08	(2006.01)
G06F 13/00	(2006.01)
H03F 3/189	(2006.01)
H03F 3/21	(2006.01)
H03F 3/24	(2006.01)
H03F 3/60	(2006.01)

- (52) U.S. Cl.
  - CPC H01P 5/12 (2013.01); G06F 13/00 (2013.01); H01P 3/06 (2013.01); H01P 3/08 (2013.01); H01P 11/003 (2013.01); H03F 3/189 (2013.01); H03F 3/211 (2013.01); H03F 3/245

## (10) Patent No.: US 9,093,731 B2

### (45) **Date of Patent:** Jul. 28, 2015

- (2013.01); **H03F 3/602** (2013.01); H01L 2924/0002 (2013.01); H03F 2200/102 (2013.01); H03F 2200/405 (2013.01); H03F 2203/21106 (2013.01); H03F 2203/21142 (2013.01); Y10T 29/49018 (2015.01)
- (58) Field of Classification Search CPC ....... H01P 5/12; H01P 11/003; H01P 39/126 USPC ........ 333/127, 128, 136, 137; 330/65, 66, 68, 330/295

See application file for complete search history.

### (56) References Cited

### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

6,246,299 B1*	6/2001	Werlau 333/127
8,482,362 B1*	7/2013	Podell 333/131
2011/0012691 A1*	1/2011	Schoessow 333/26

\* cited by examiner

Primary Examiner — John Poos

(74) Attorney, Agent, or Firm — Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

### (57) ABSTRACT

Embodiments of the invention include a combiner for an RF amplifier comprising wiring and a transmission line transformer. The transmission line transformer may include a ferrite core having a hole defined therein; a coaxial cable having a first dielectric constant and routed through the hole of the ferrite core; and a stripline having a second dielectric constant and routed around the ferrite core. In some embodiments, an electrical length of the stripline is matched to an electrical length of the coaxial cable. The electrical length of the coaxial cable may be defined by the first dielectric constant and the electrical length of the stripline may be defined by the second dielectric constant.

#### 16 Claims, 13 Drawing Sheets

