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- Problems Anticipated
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- Recommendations

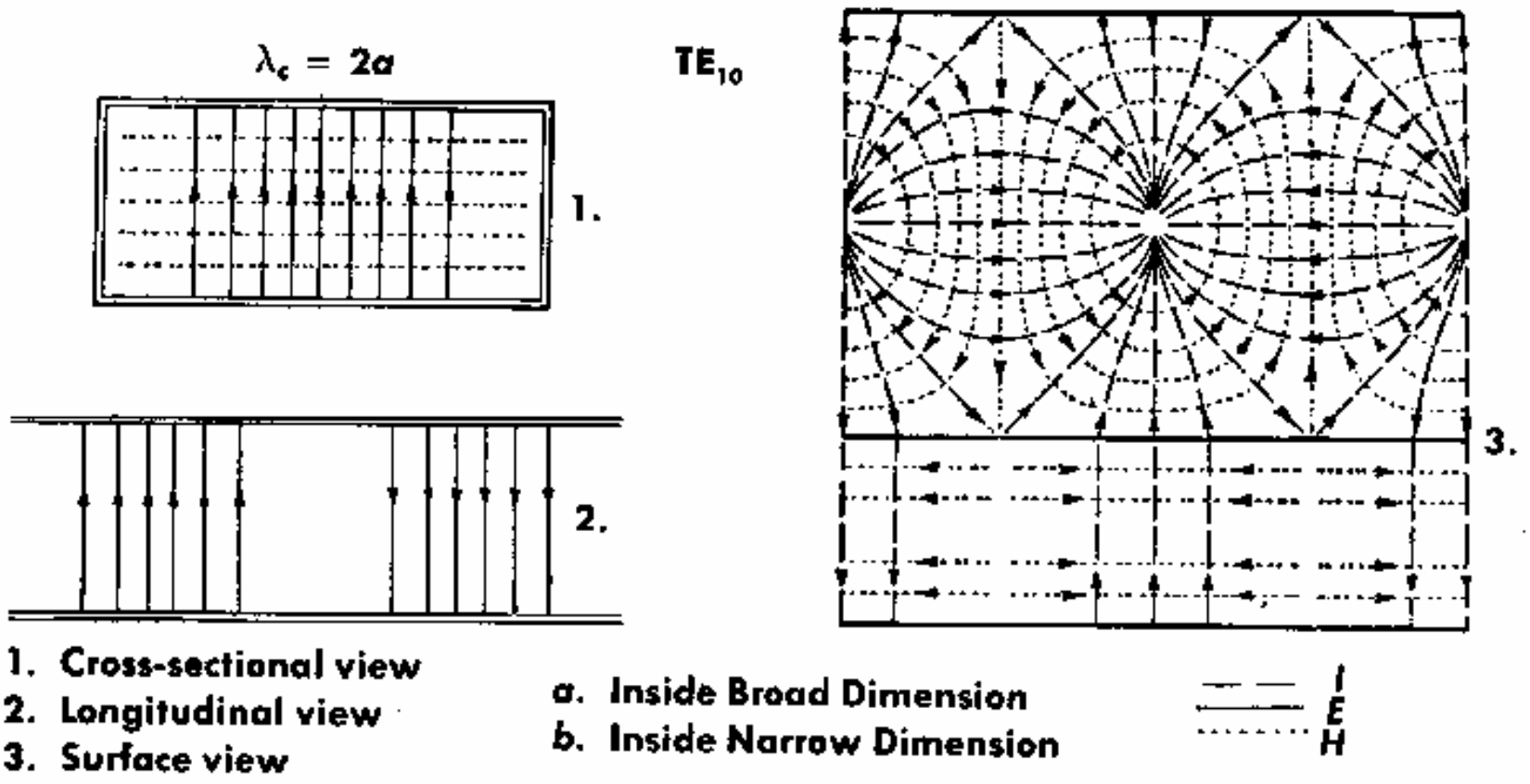
Significance of WR28 Use on 47 GHz?

- WR28 is Intended for 26-40 GHz Use
- Readily Available on Surplus Market at Good Prices
- WR22 and WR19 Pieces are Rare and Expensive
- Round & Square Flanges Interconnect with WR22 Waveguide Flanges

Problems Anticipated With WR28

- The dominant TE_{10} propagation mode is dependent on Width of Waveguide
- Tendency to Go Into Higher Modes (TE_{xx}, etc) with Higher Frequency & Discontinuities in Waveguide
- Expect problems With Bends, Twists, etc

Waveguide Propagation Modes



Cutoff Wavelength = 21.1 GHz

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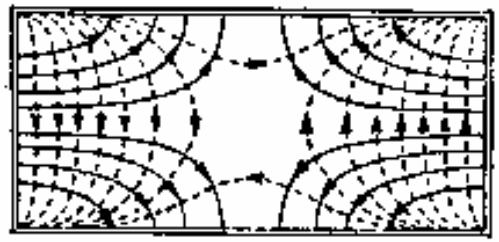
TE_{11}



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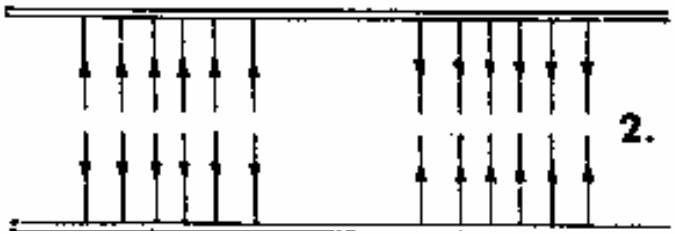

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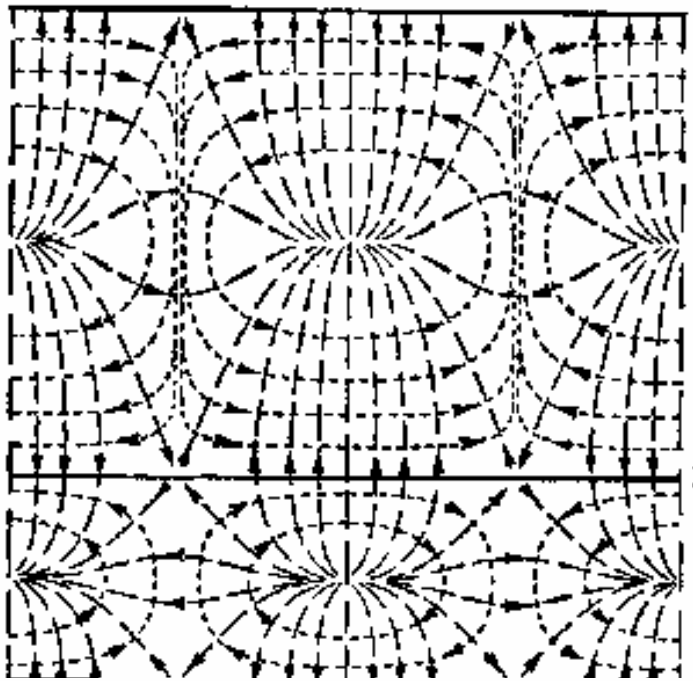

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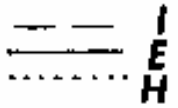

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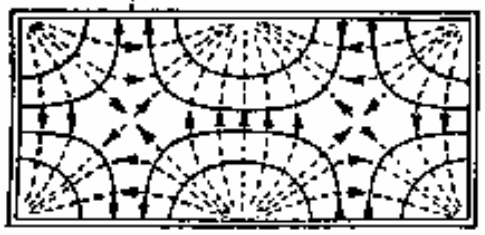

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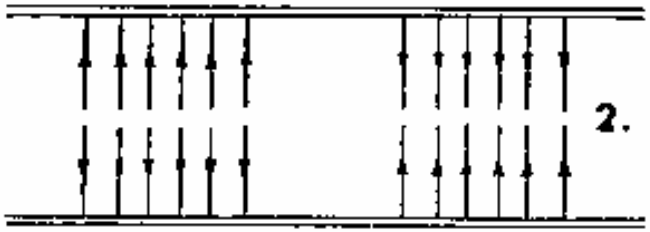

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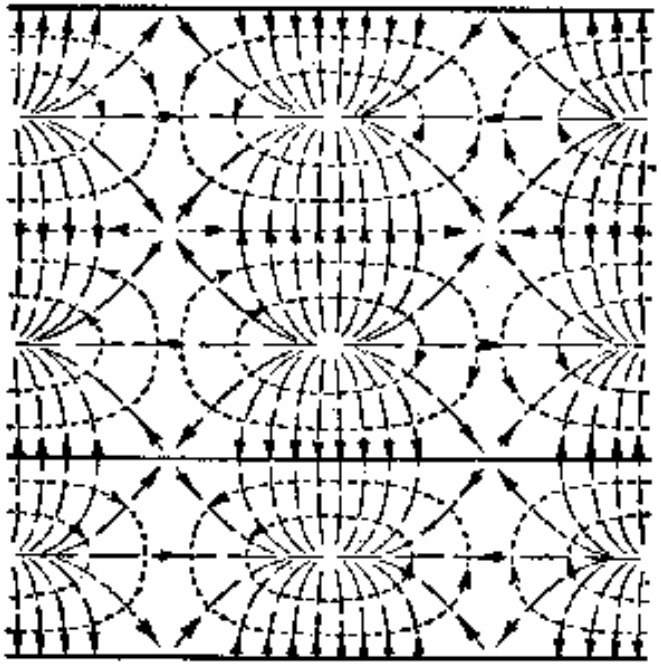

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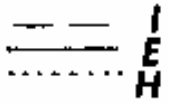

Cutoff Wavelength = 59.6 GHz

Measurement System & Tests

- Scalar Network Analyzer HP 8757A
- HP 82025 Q Band WG Detectors (WR22)
- HP 8697A-H50 Sweeper 33-50 GHz
- Baytron WR22 20 dB Broadwall Coupler
- Various Q Band Loads, Attenuators
- Test System in WR22 WG Round Flanges
- Commercial Round to Rectangular Adaptors
- Tests Conducted
  - Return Loss & Through Attenuation
  - 40 to 50 GHz

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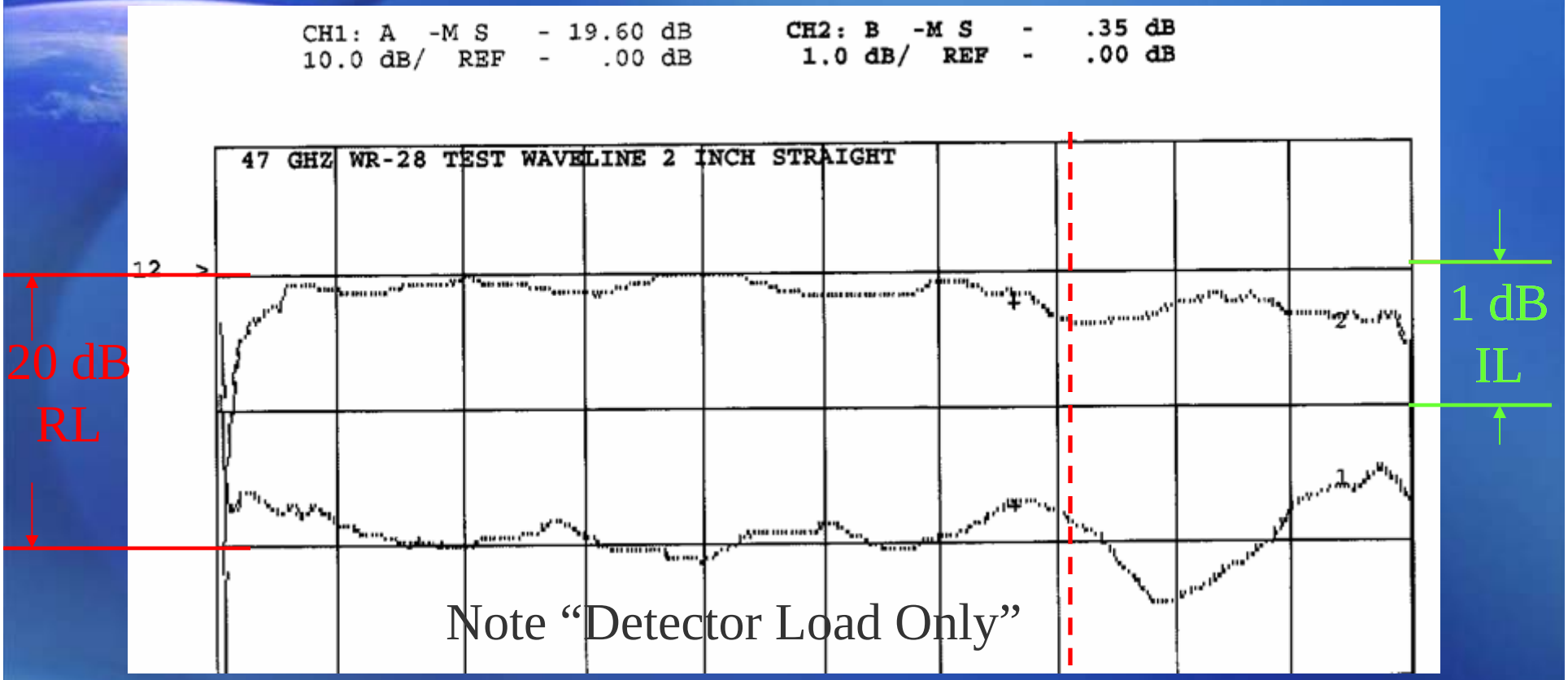

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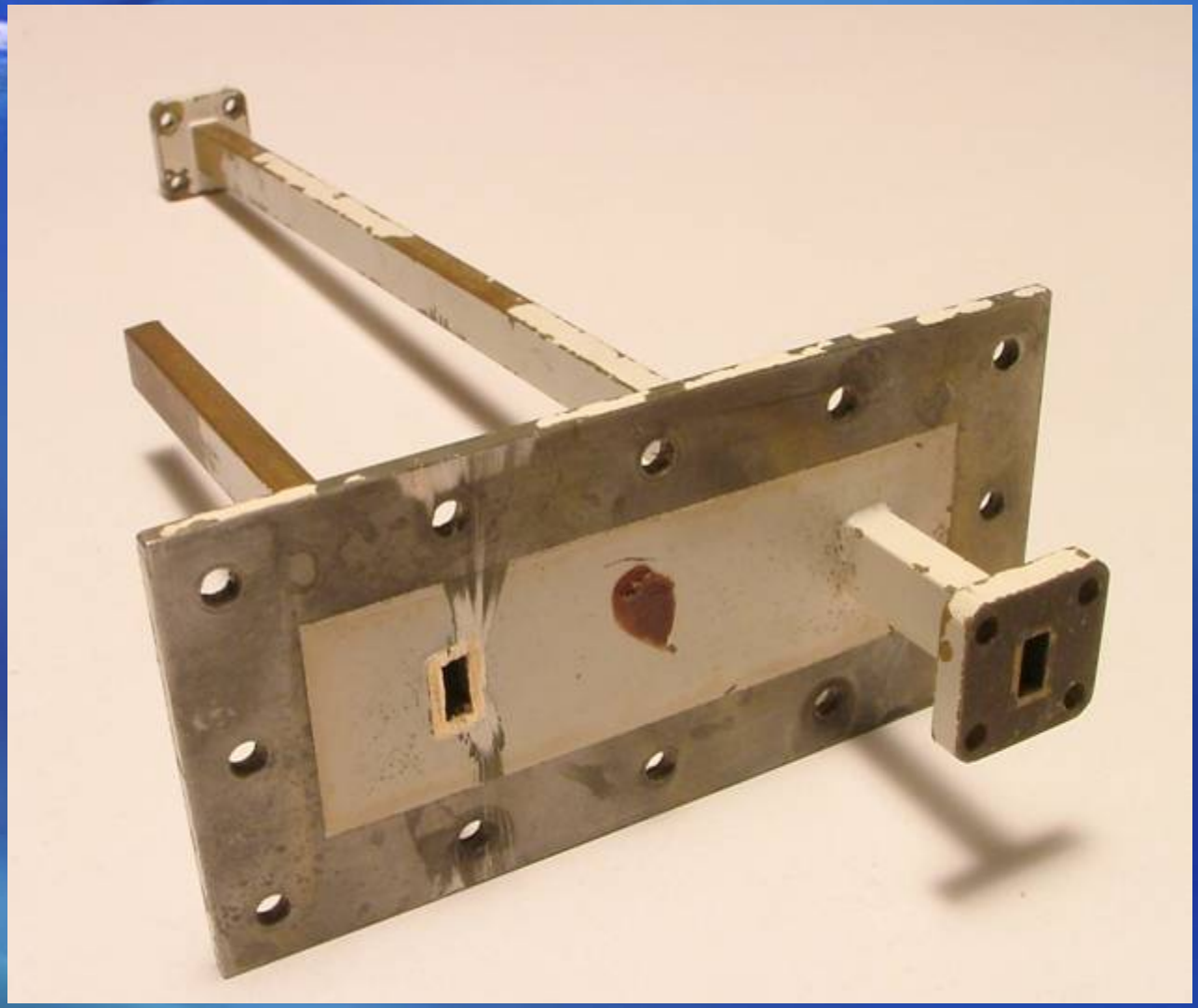

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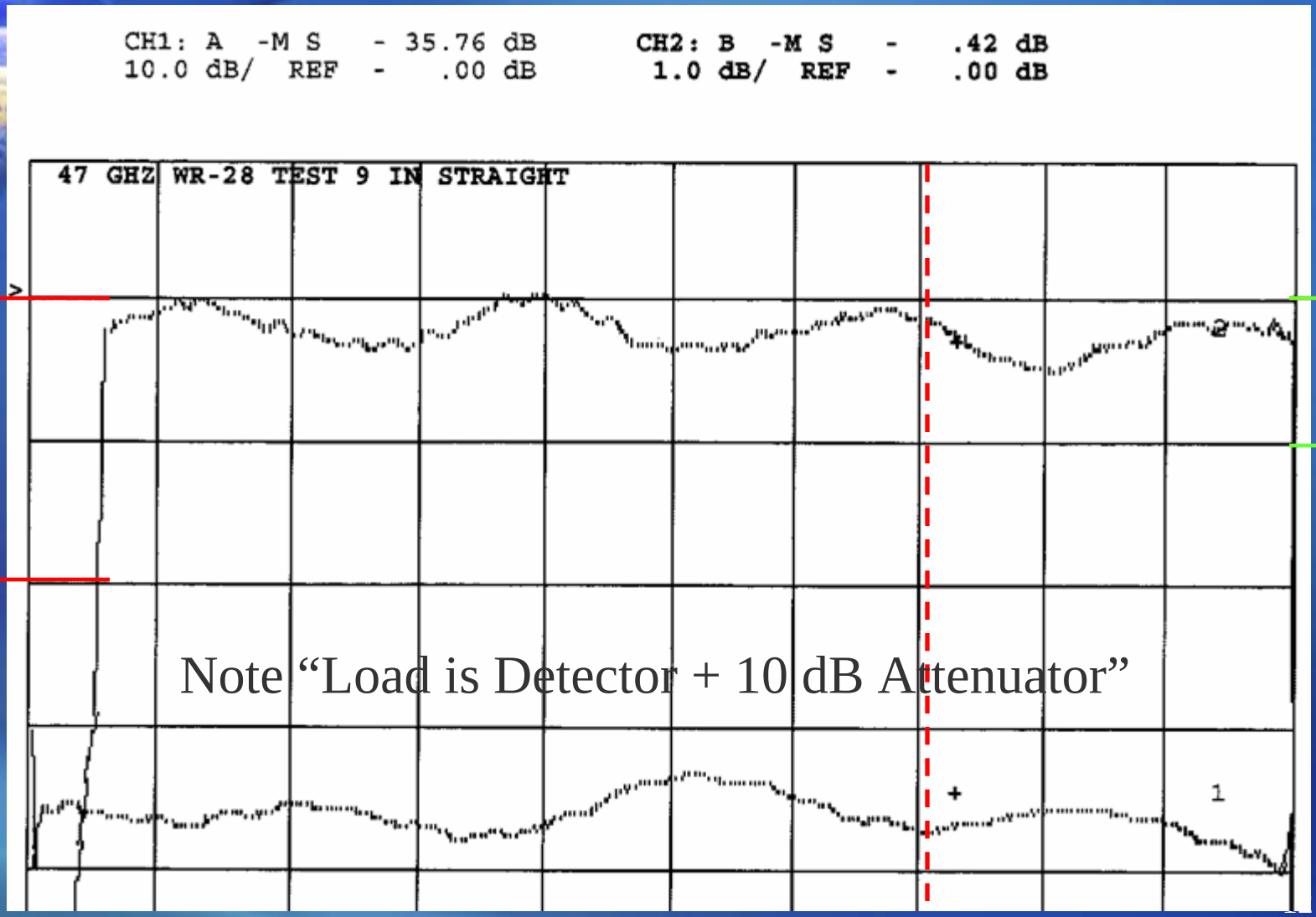

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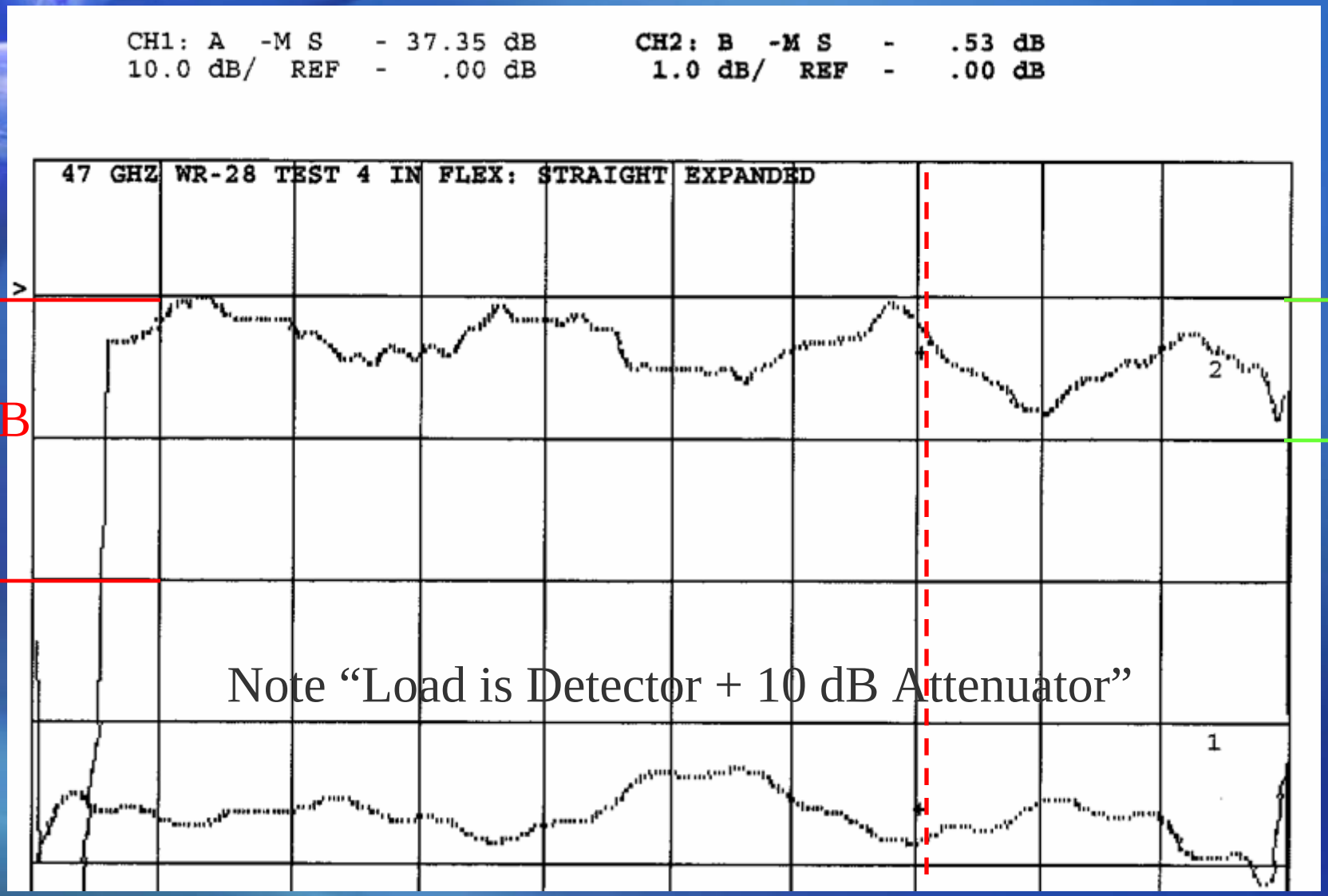

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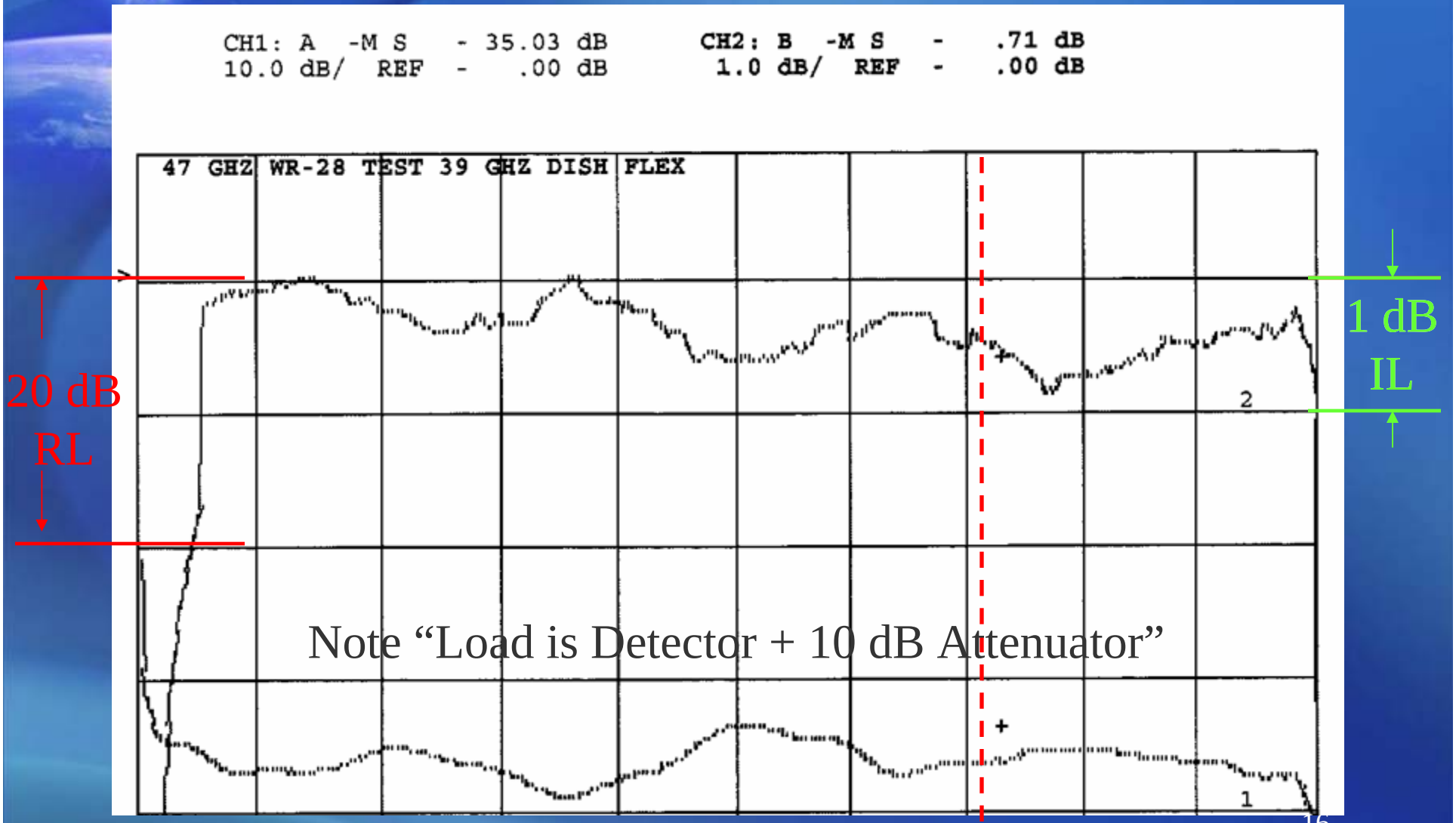

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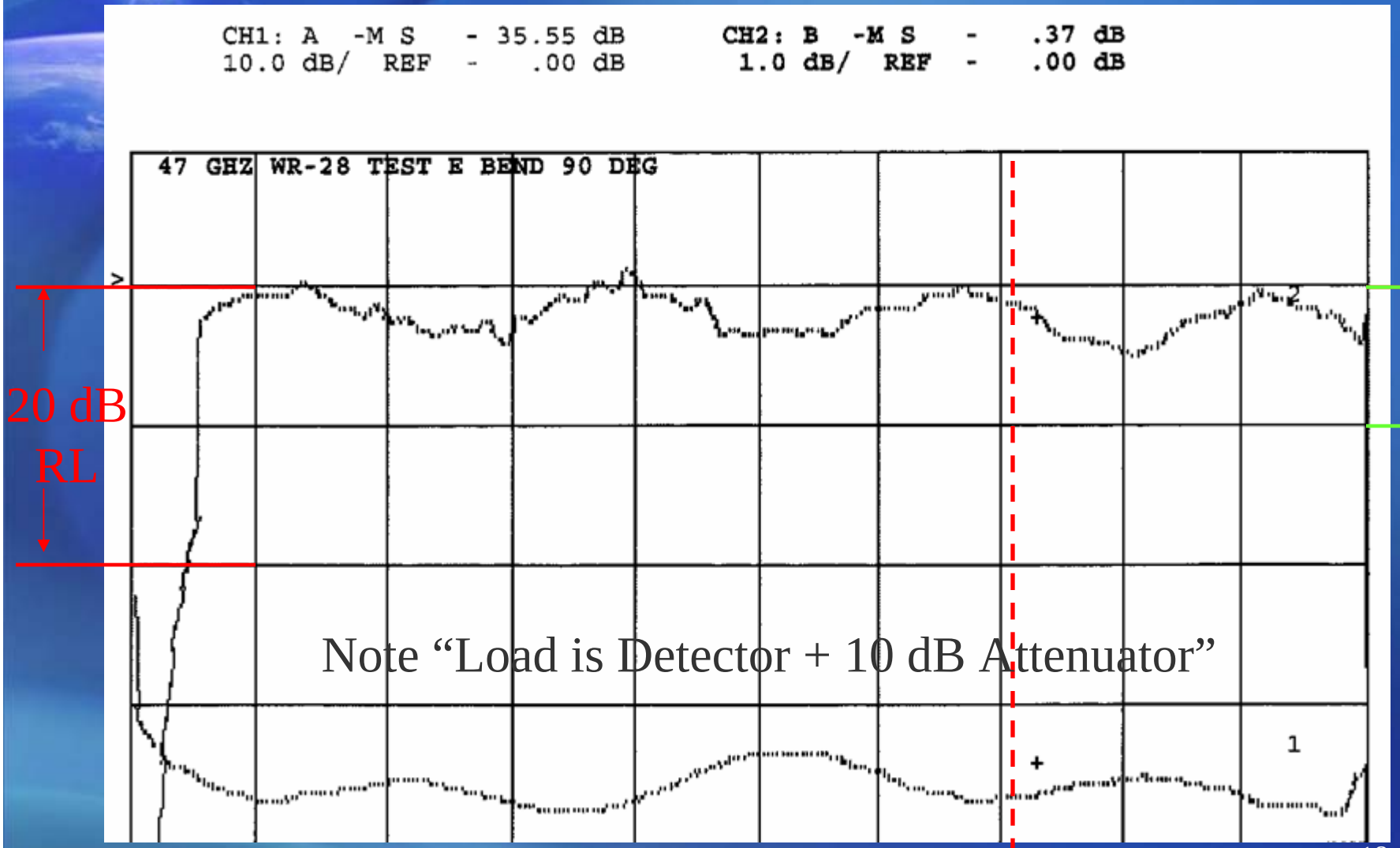

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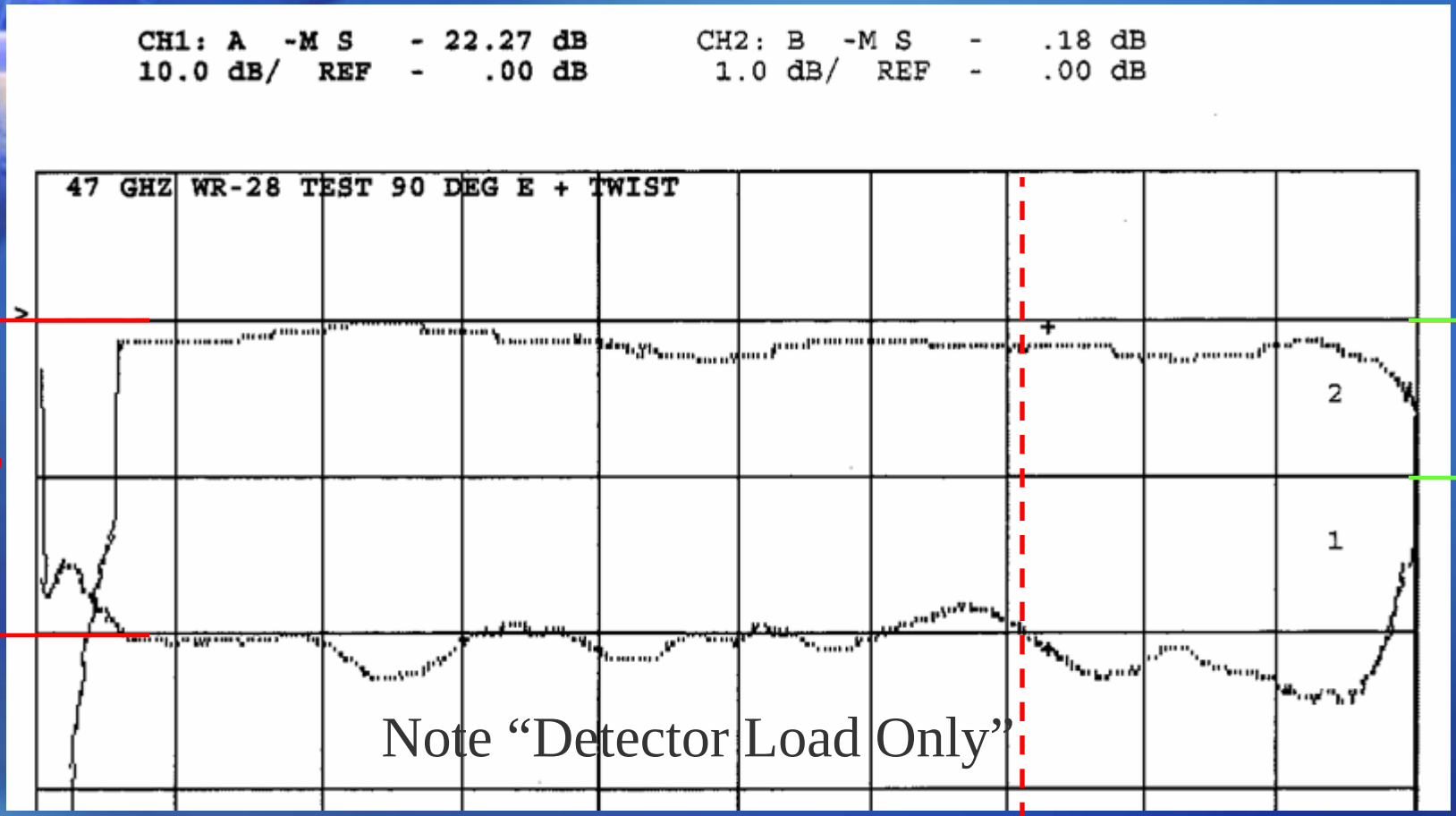

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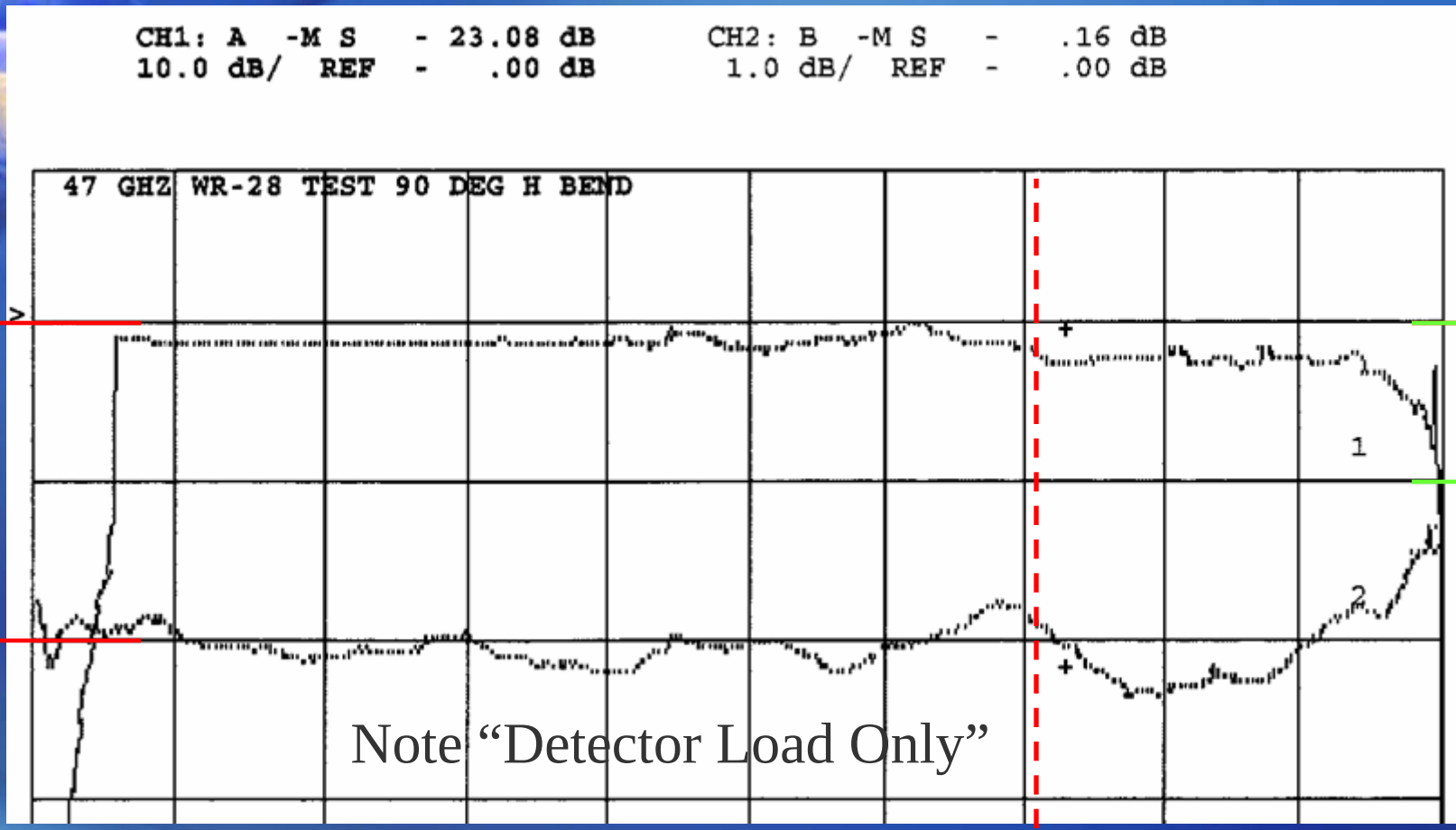

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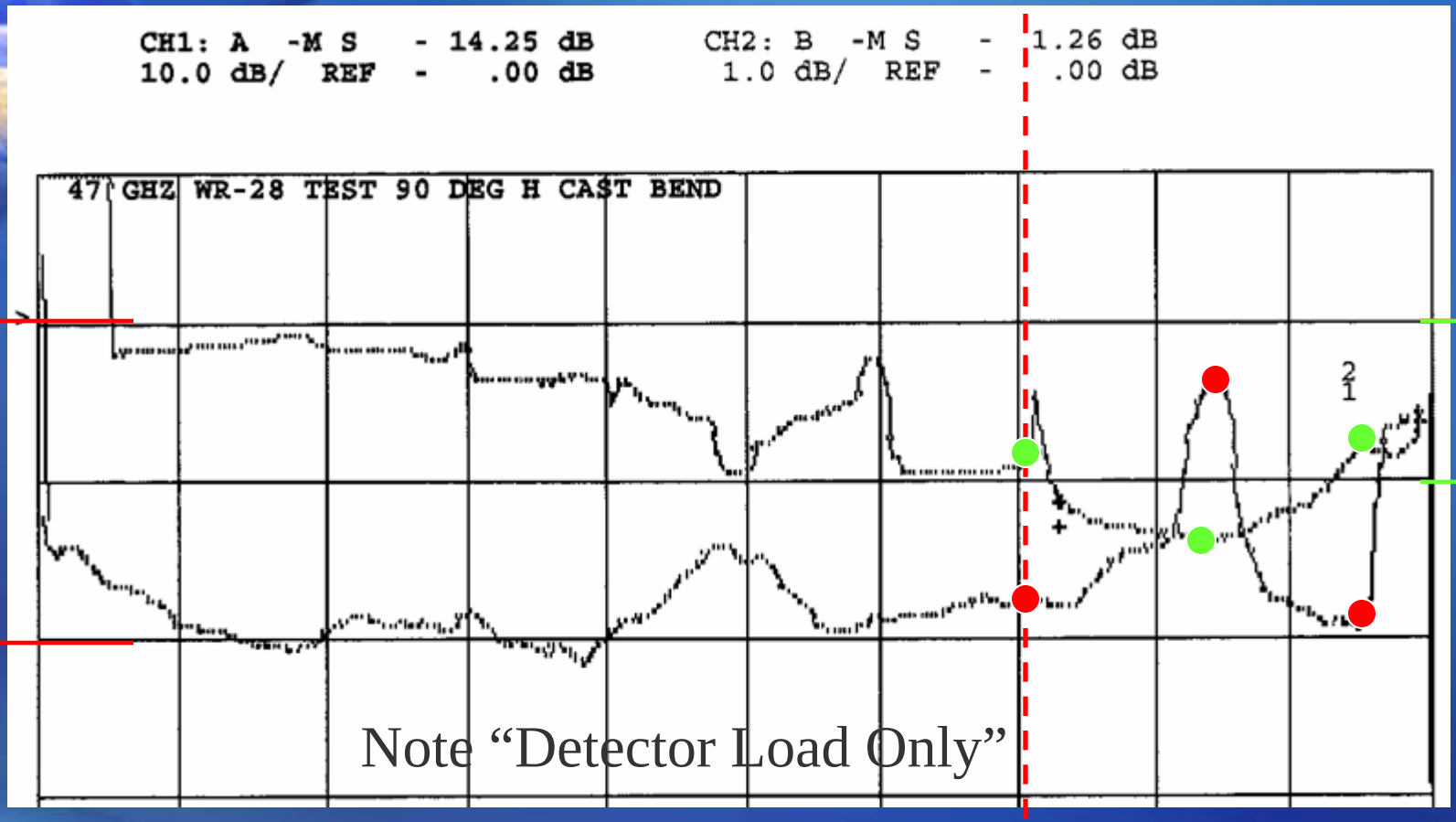

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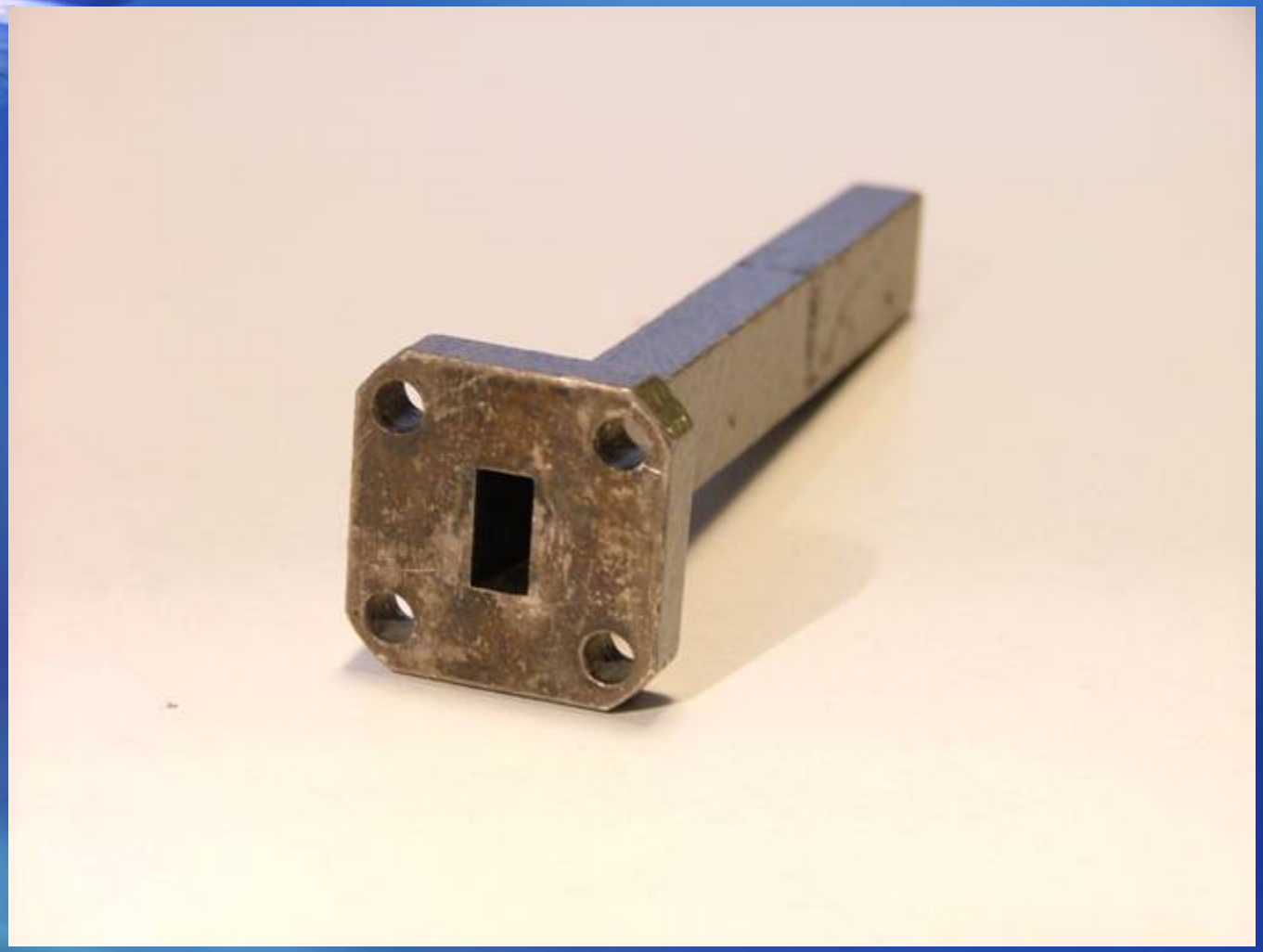

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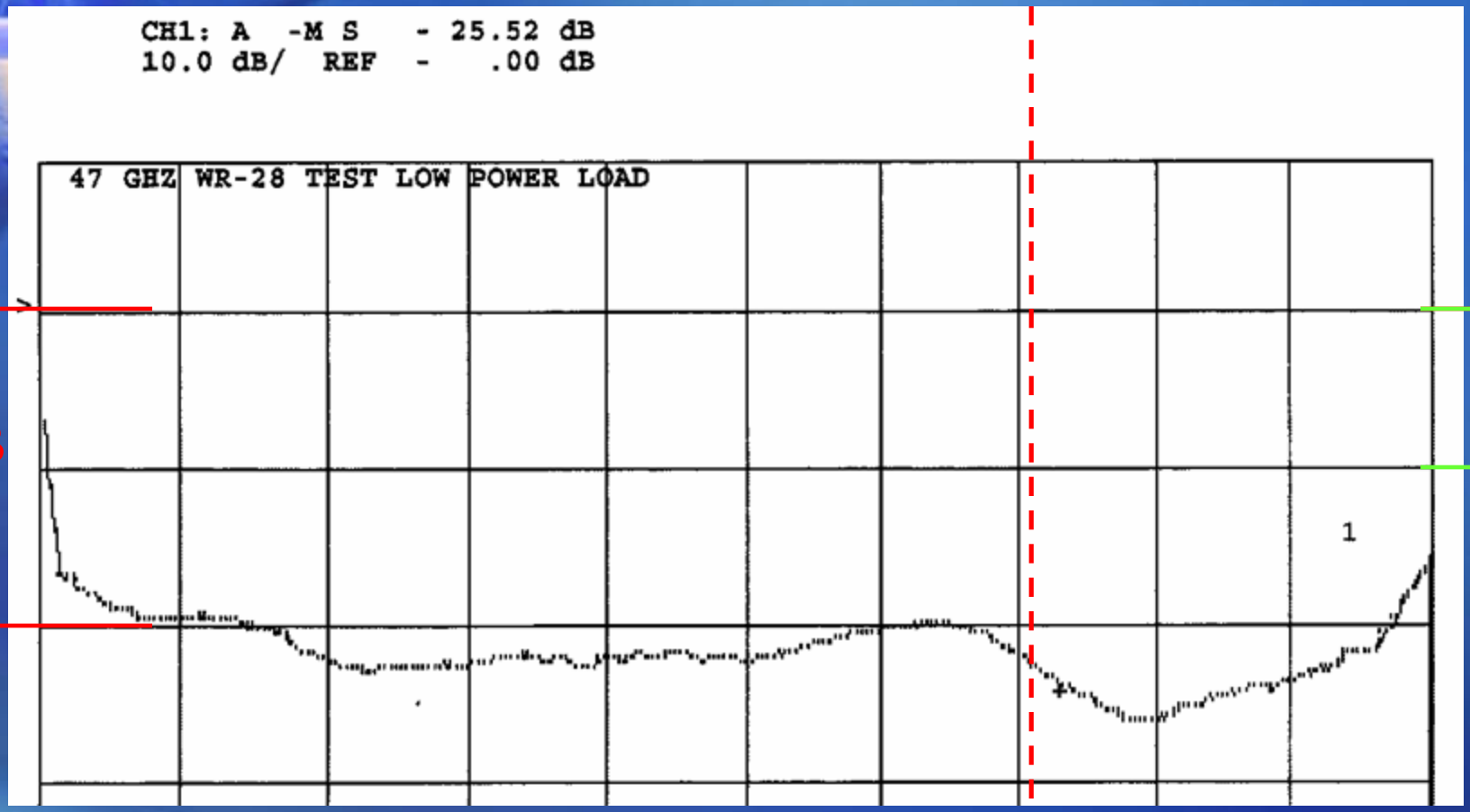

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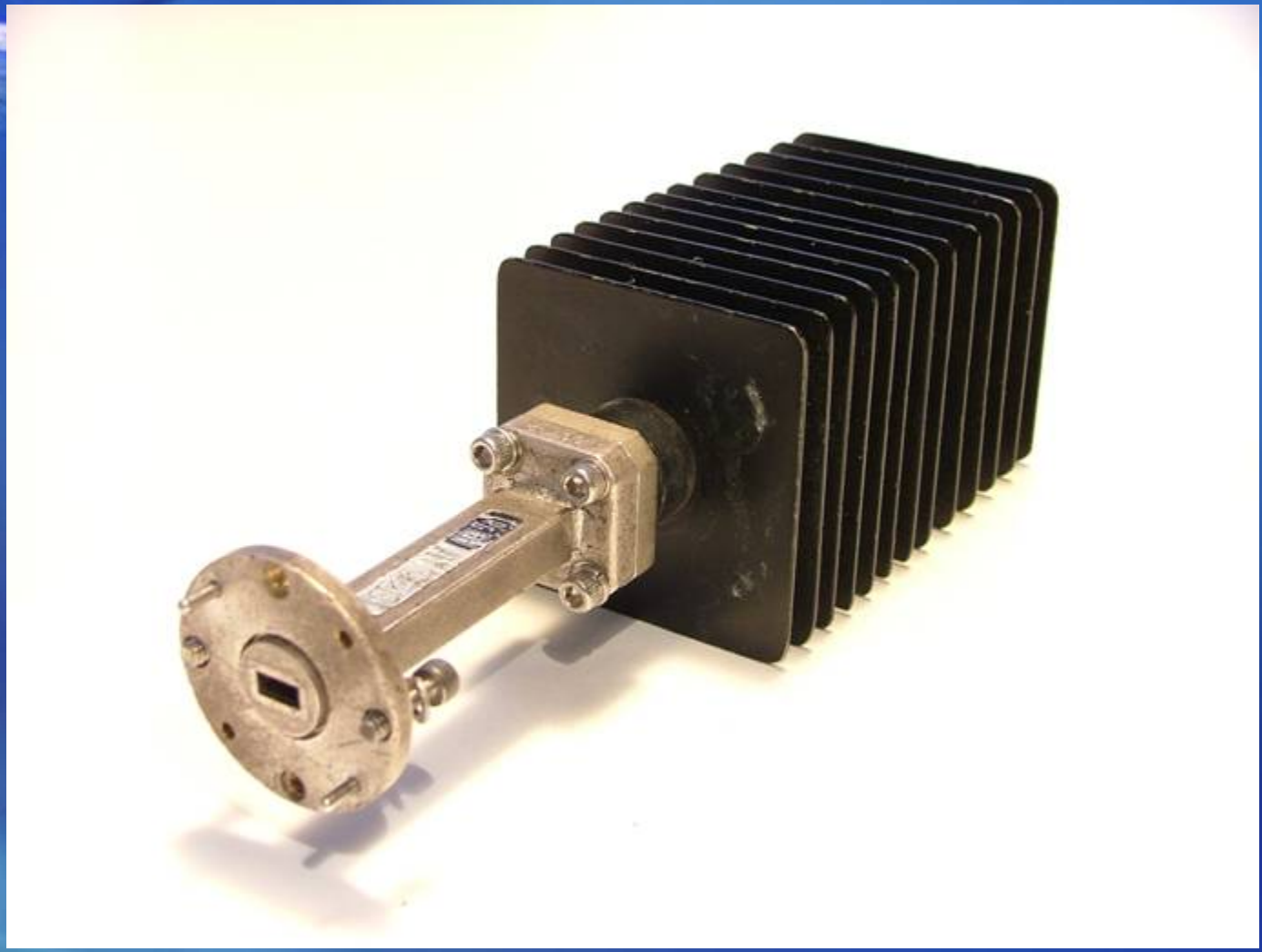

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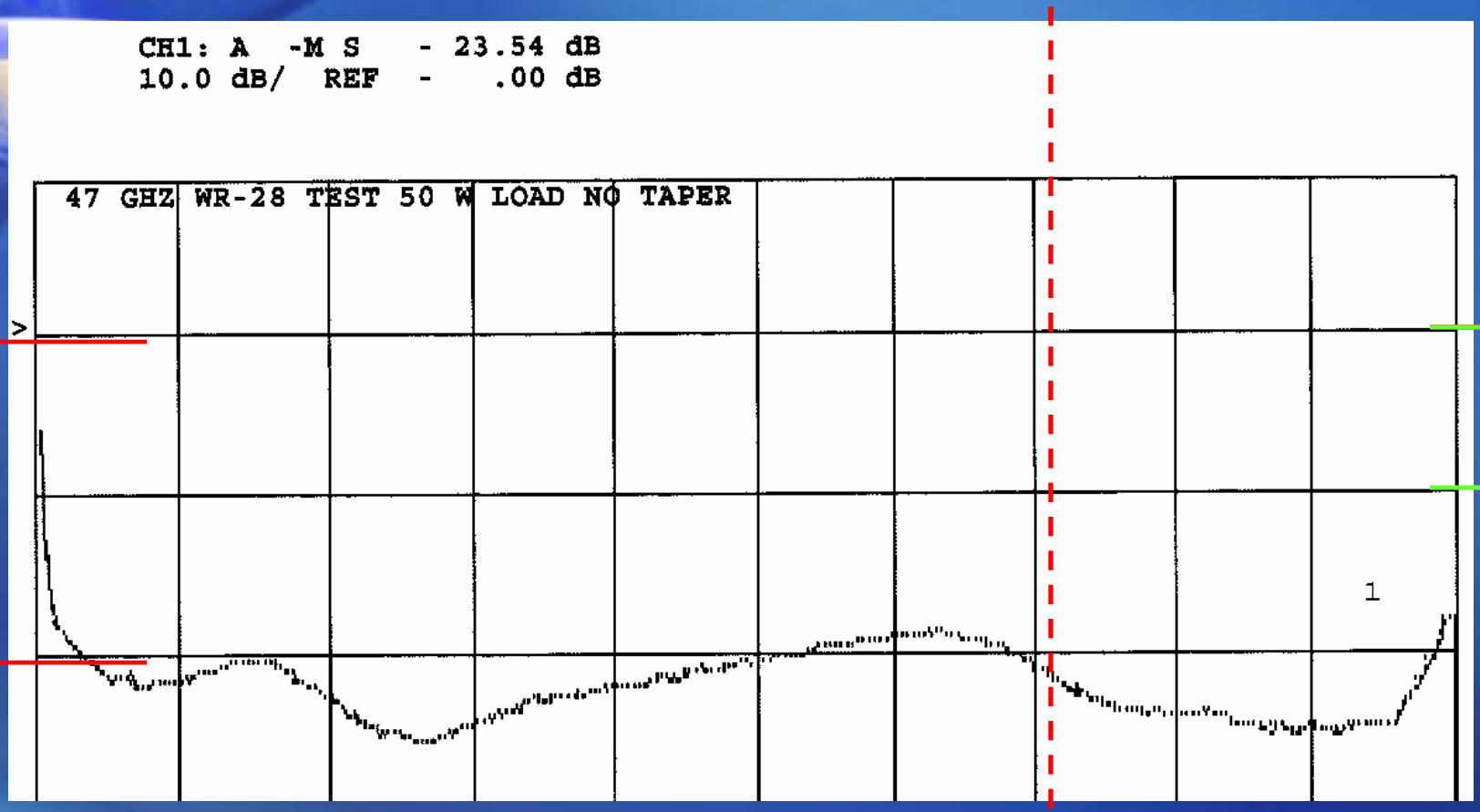

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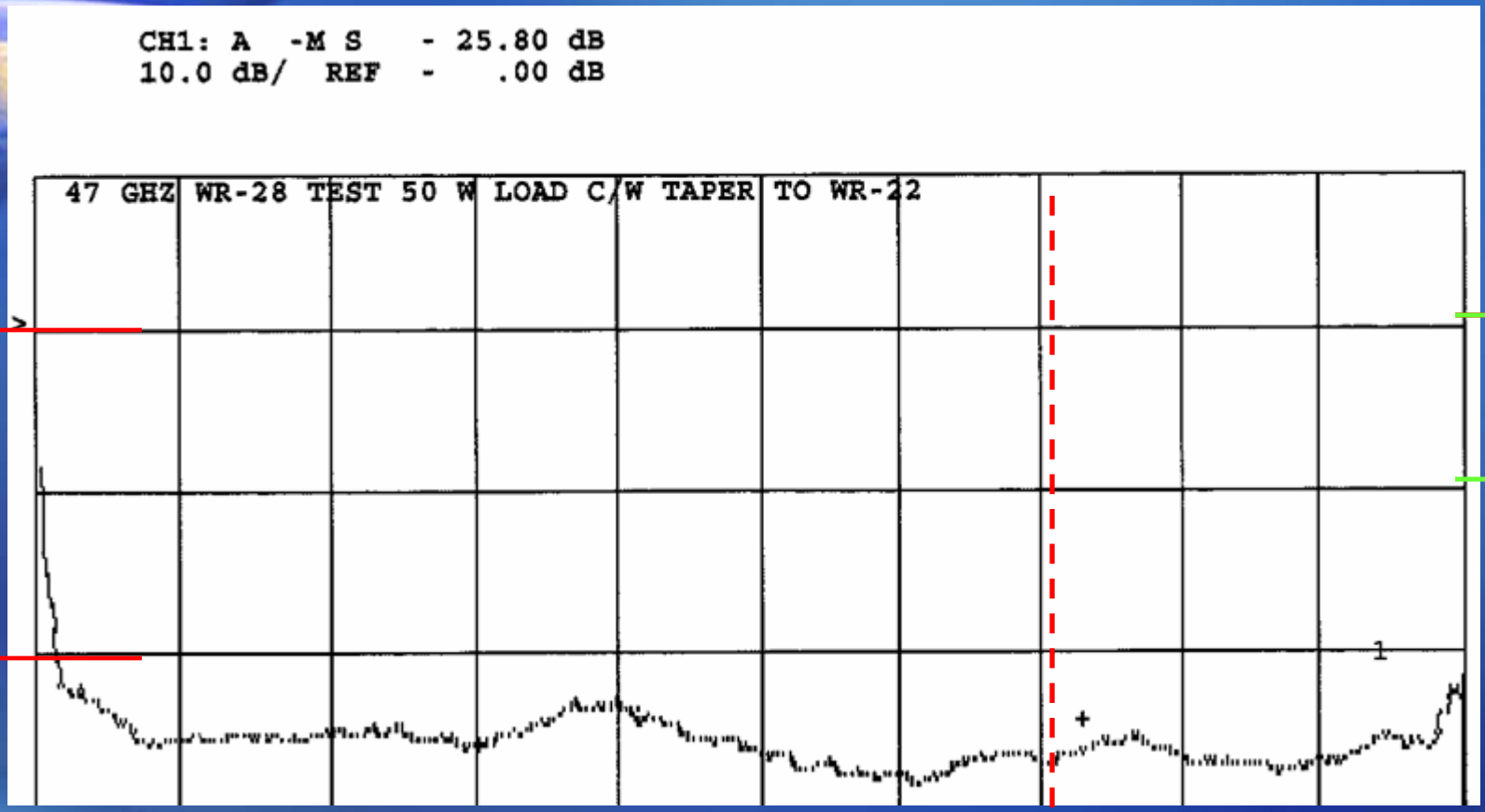
High Power Load With Taper to WR22



Impedance Matching to WR19/22

- Can Use Bolted Step Transition
- Smooth Taper Gives Better Broadband Results
- ¼ Wavelength Transformer OK for Narrower Bandwidth

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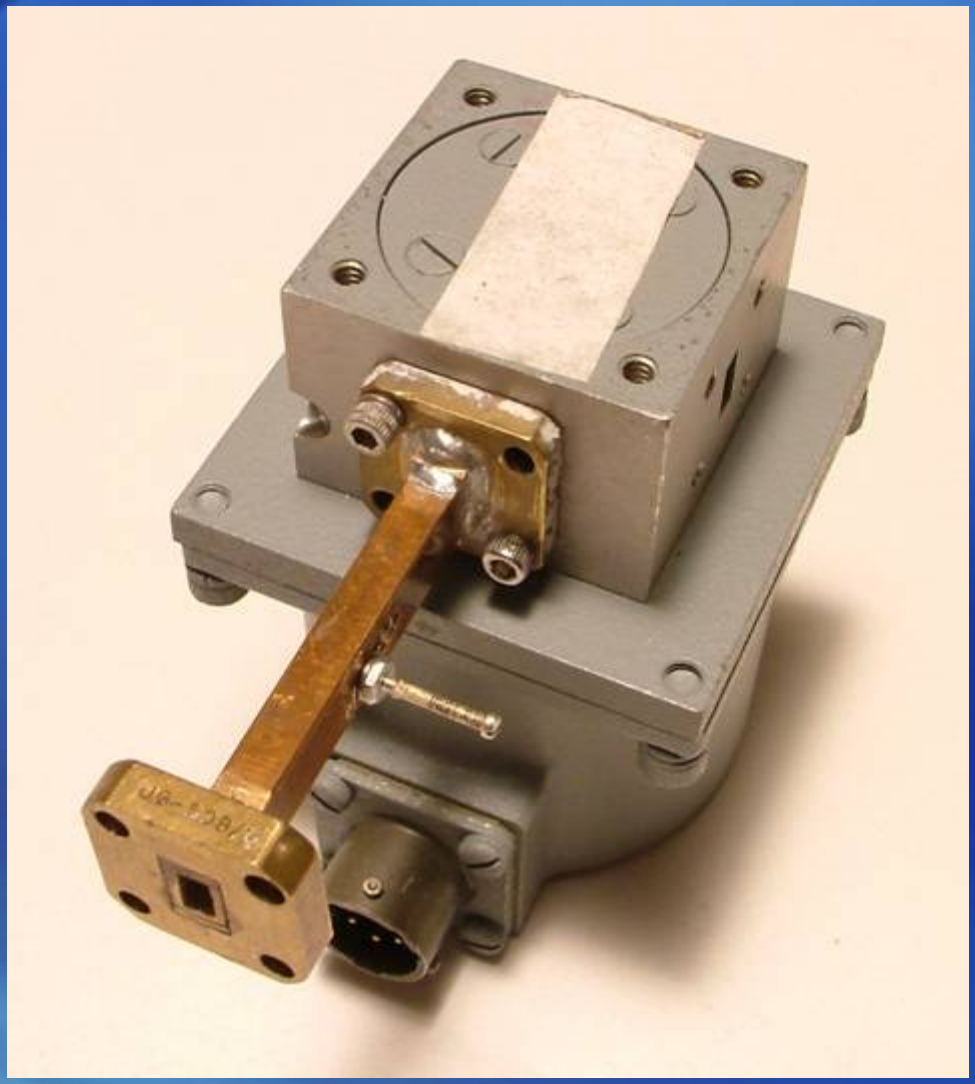

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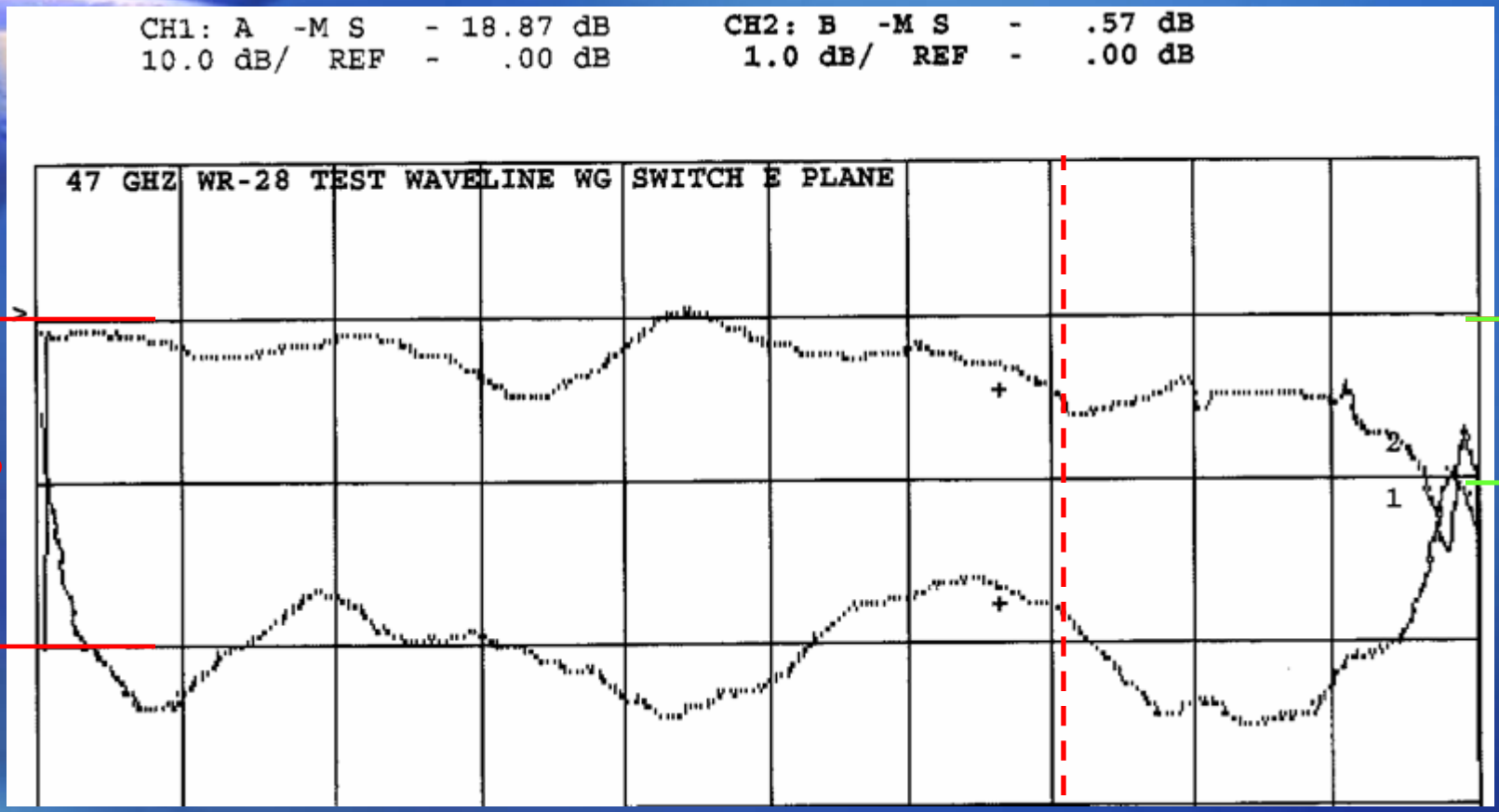

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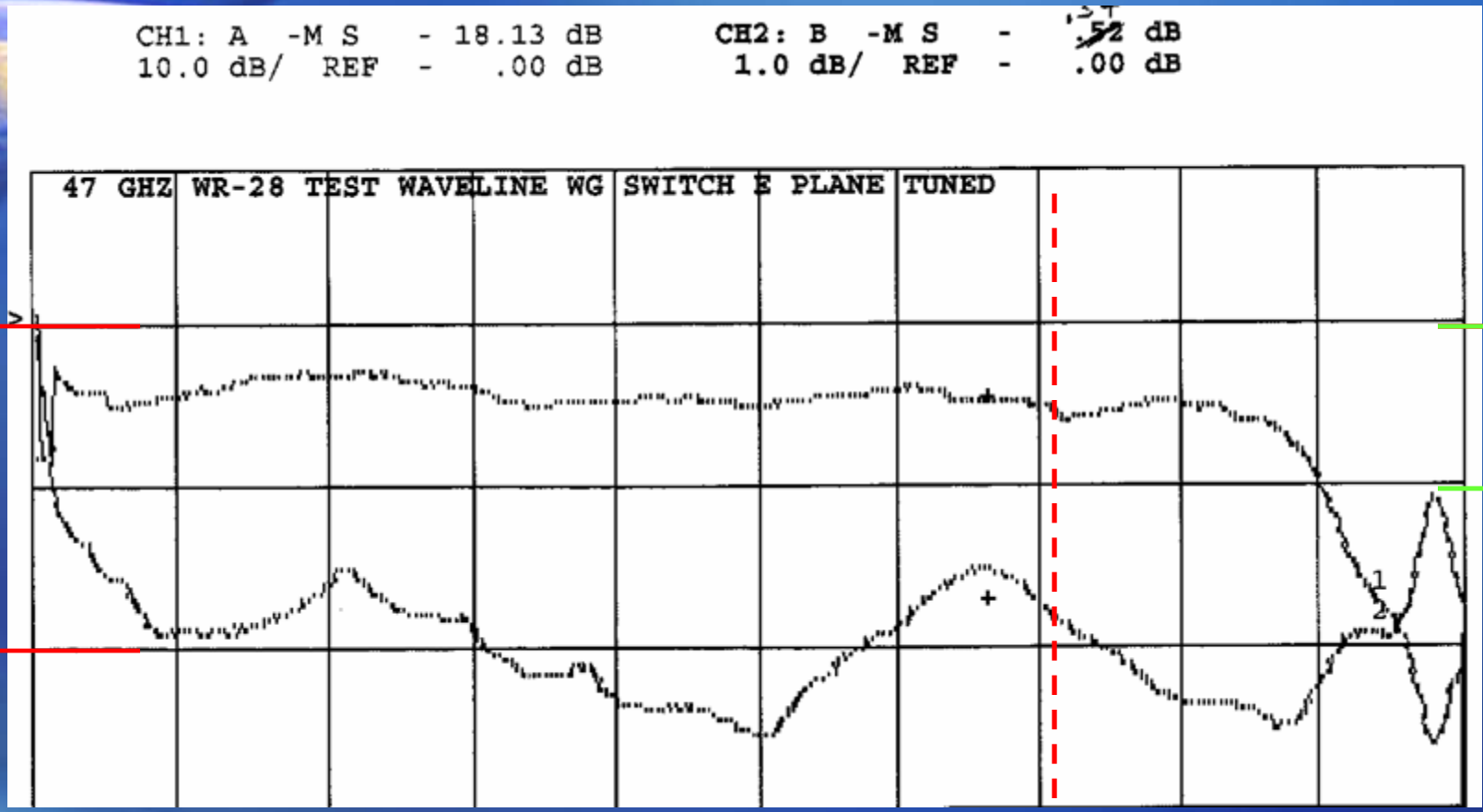

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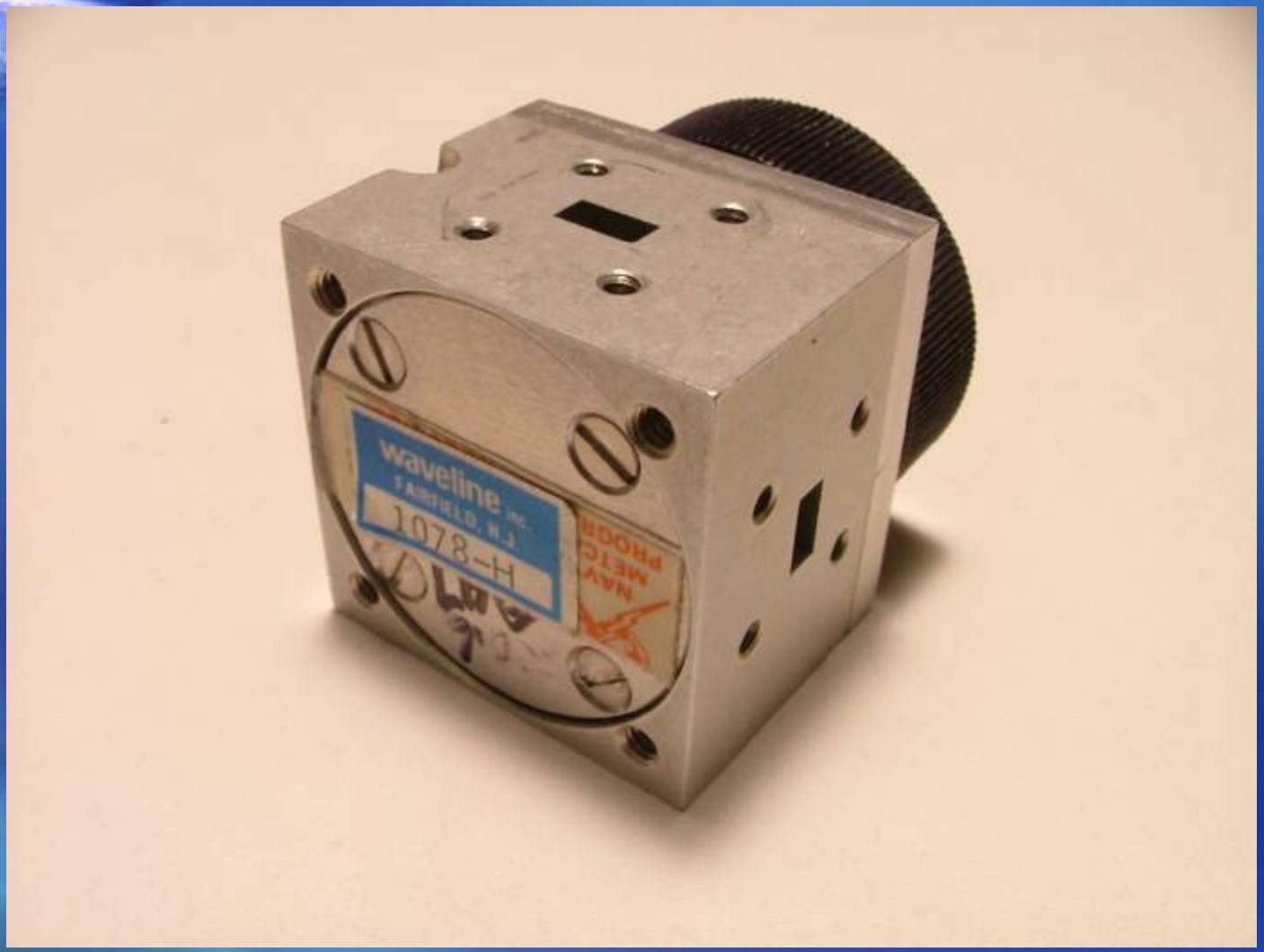

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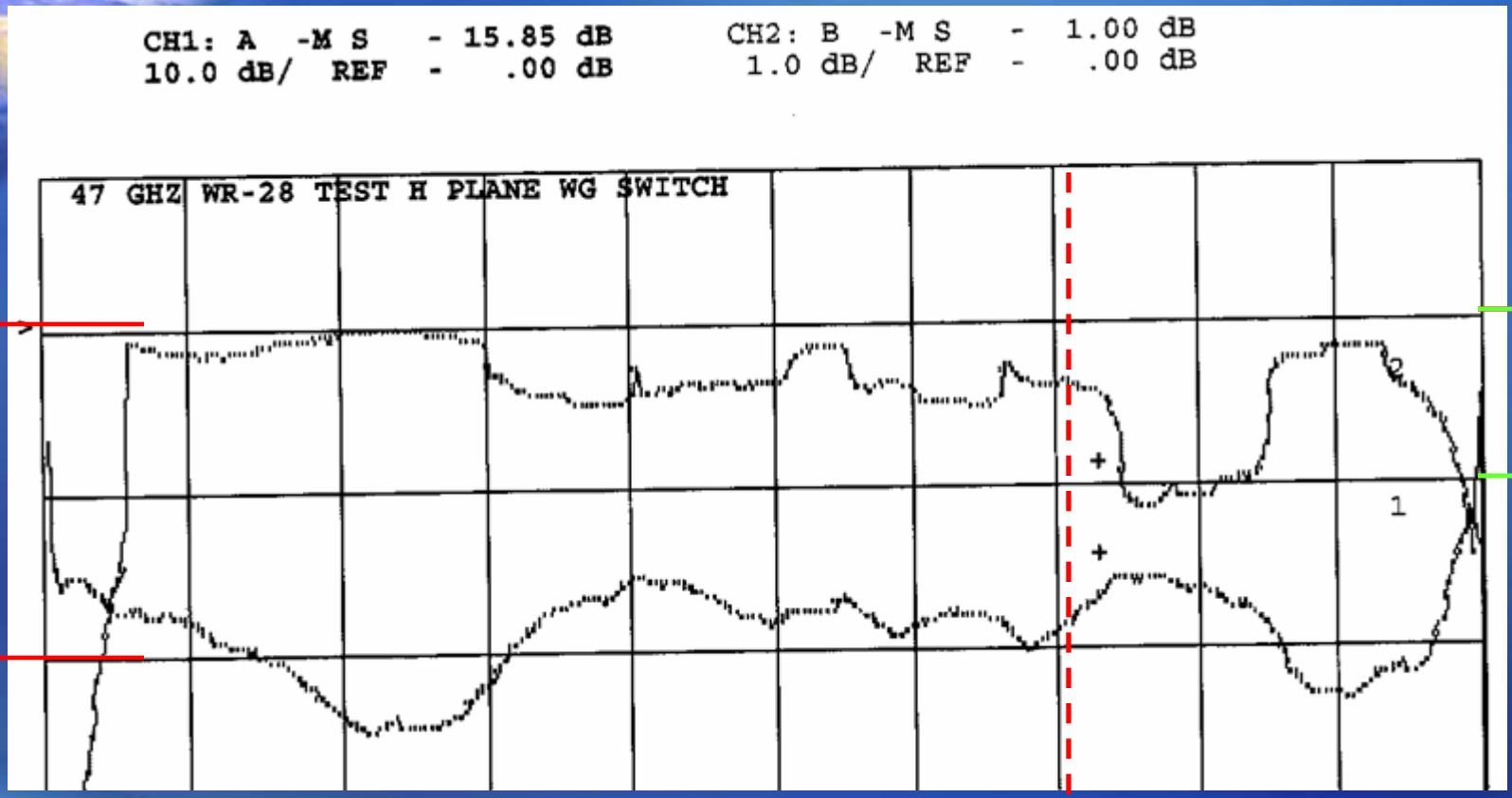

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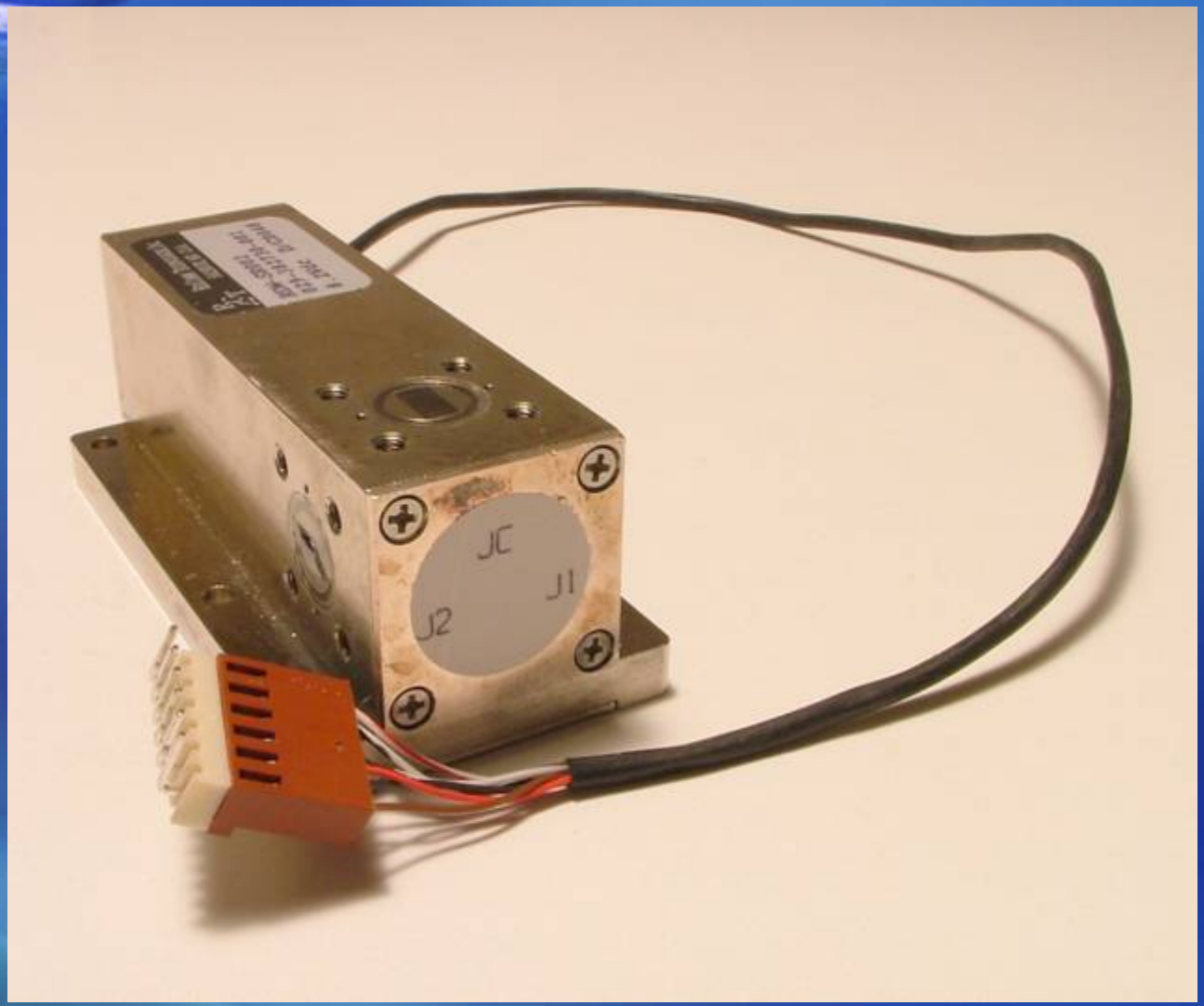

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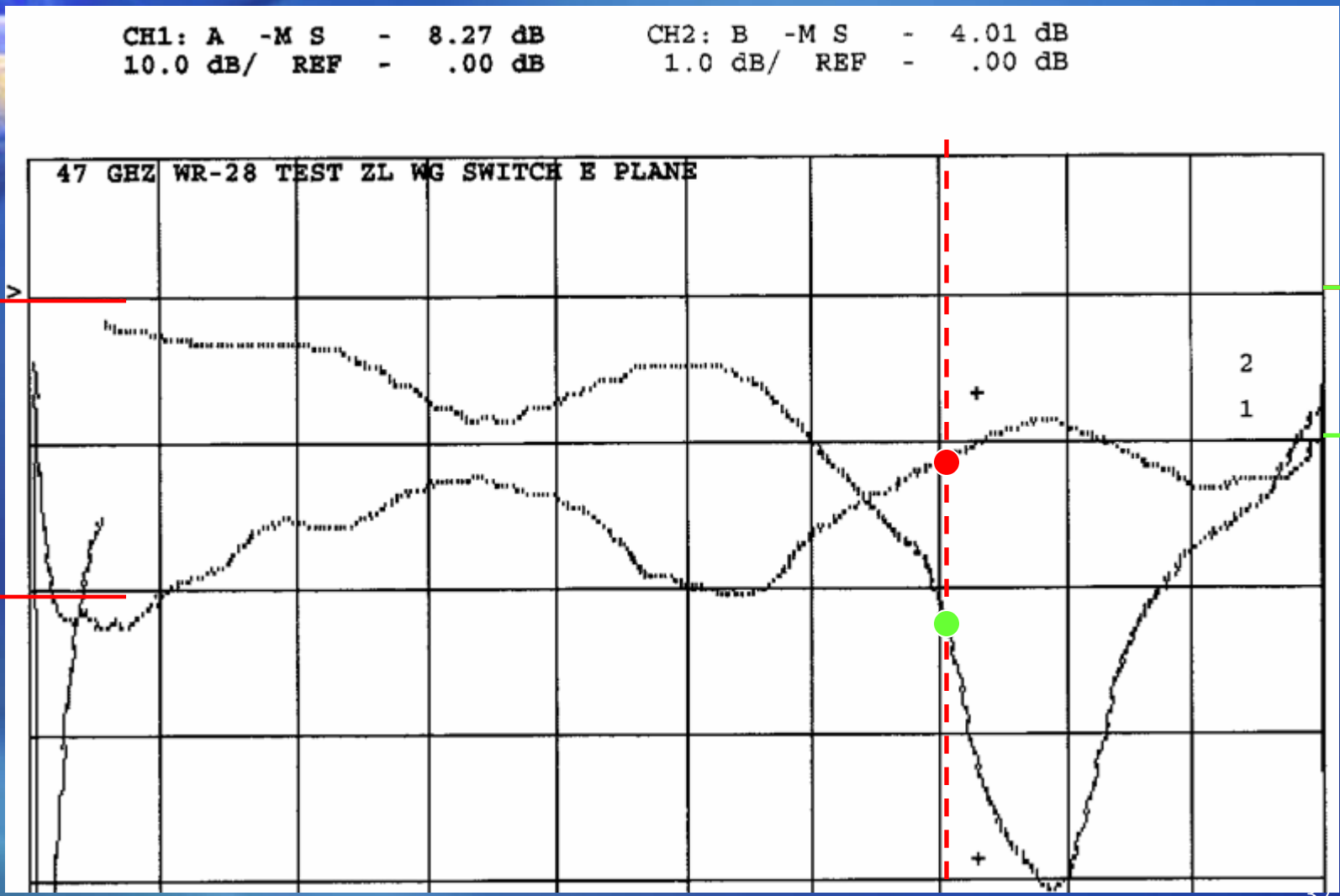

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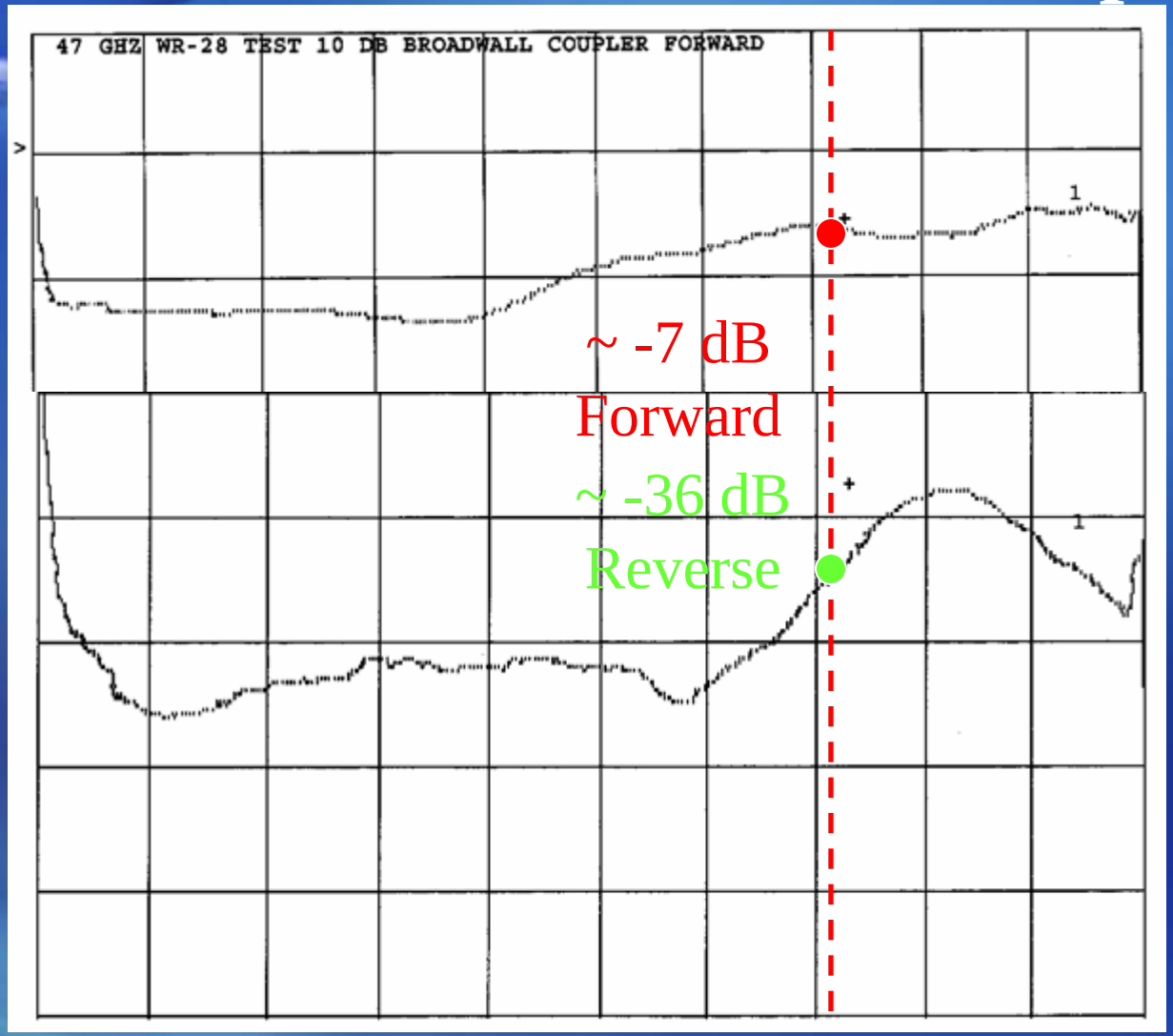

40 GHz 47 GHz 50 GHz

47 GHz WR28 Waveguide Recommendations

- OK to Use WR28 If Lowest Loss Not Req'd
- Use Only Short Straight Sections If Possible
- "E" Bend Best, but Large Radius Preferred
- "H" Plane Bends May Be OK….Test !
- "Cast" 90 Deg Bends VERY BAD
- High Power Loads "OK", Better With Taper
- Waveline Switches OK, E Plane Best, "ZL" Bad

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