

Digital Attenuator, 4-Bit, Single Control 15 dB, 2.0 - 6.0 GHz

Features

- Integrated e/d Logic on chip
- Positive Single Control
- Insertion Loss 1.9 dB @ 6.0 GHz
- IP3: 42 dBm typical @ 2.0 GHz
- 1 dB Attenuation Steps to 15 dB
- Lead-Free 3 mm 16-Lead PQFN Package
- Halogen-Free "Green" Mold Compound
- RoHS* Compliant and 260°C Re-flow Compatible

Description

M/A-COM's MAADSS0019 is a 4-bit, 1-dB step GaAs MMIC digital attenuator in a lead-free 3mm 16 lead PQFN surface mount plastic package. The MAADSS0019 is ideally suited for use where high accuracy, very low power consumption and low intermodulation products are required. Typical applications include radio, cellular, wireless LANs, GPS equipment and other gain / level control circuits.

The MADSS0019 is part of a digital attenuator family. This family includes 4, 5 and 6 bit attenuators with 0.5, 1 or 2 dB steps and up to 31.5 range.

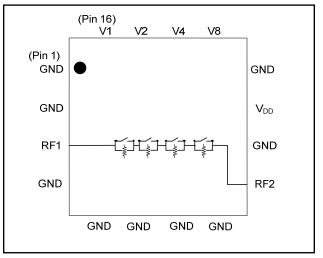
Ordering Information ^{1,2}

| Part Number | Package | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| MAADSS0019TR-3000 | 3000 piece reel | |
| MAADSS0019SMB | Sample Board 2.0 - 6.0 GHz Tuning | |

1. Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.

2. All sample boards include 5 loose parts.

Functional Schematic³



3. Blocking capacitors are required on all RF ports

Pin Configuration

| Pin No. | Function | Pin No. | Function |
|---------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| 1 | Ground | 9 | RF In/Out |
| 2 | Ground | 10 | Ground |
| 3 | RF In/Out | 11 | V _{DD} |
| 4 | Ground | 12 | Ground |
| 5 | Ground | 13 | V8 (8dB Bit) |
| 6 | Ground | 14 | V4 (4dB Bit) |
| 7 | Ground | 15 | V2 (2dB Bit) |
| 8 | Ground | 16 | V1 (1dB Bit) |

* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, European Union Directive 2002/95/EC.

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Electrical Specifications ⁴: $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, $V_{DD} = 5 V$, $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$

| Parameter | Test Conditions | Units | Min. | Тур. | Max. |
|--------------------------|--|-------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Reference Insertion Loss | 2.4 GHz 4.0 GHz 6.0 GHz | dB | | 1.3 1.8 1.9 | 1.8 3.0 3.0 |
| Attenuation Accuracy | 2.0 - 5.0 GHz 5.0 - 6.0 GHz | | \pm (0.3 dB + 3% of attenuation setting in dB) dB \pm (0.5 dB + 3% of attenuation setting in dB) dB | | |
| VSWR | 2.0 - 6.0 GHz | Ratio | — | 1.4:1 | — |
| Trise, Tfall | 10% to 90% RF, 90% to 10% RF | ns | | 50 | |
| Ton, Toff | 50% Control to 90% RF, 50% Control to 10% RF | ns | — | 50 | — |
| Transients | In Band | mV | — | 75 | — |
| 1 dB Compression | Input Power, 2 GHz | dBm | _ | 25 | _ |
| IP ₂ | 2.0 - 6.0 GHz Measured Relative to Input (for two-tone Input Power up to +5 dBm) | dBm | | 80 | _ |
| IP ₃ | 2.0 - 6.0 GHz Measured Relative to Input (for two-tone Input Power up to +5 dBm) | dBm | _ | 42 | _ |
| Ic | $V_{C} = 5 V$ | μA | _ | 15 | 25 |
| I _{DD} | $V_{DD} = 5V$ | μA | — | 170 | 300 |

4. External DC blocking capacitors are required on all RF ports. Loss varies at 0.003 dB/°C.

Truth Table ⁵

| VC1 | VC2 | VC4 | VC8 | Attenuation (dB) |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Reference IL |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 |

5. $0 = 0 \pm 0.2$ V, 1 = 2.8 to 5.0 V

Absolute Maximum Ratings ^{6,7}

| Parameter | Absolute Maximum | |
|---|---|--|
| Input Power 50 MHz 500 - 6000 MHz | +27 dBm +33 dBm | |
| Control Voltage | -0.5 V <u><</u> V _C <u><</u> 5.5 V | |
| Operating Temperature | -40°C to +85°C | |
| Storage Temperature | -65°C to +150°C | |

6. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.

 M/A-COM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.

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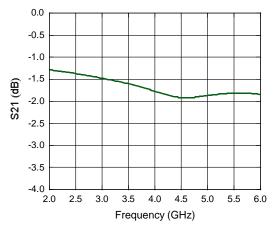
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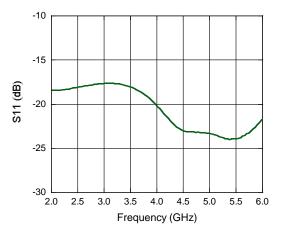
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Typical Performance Curves

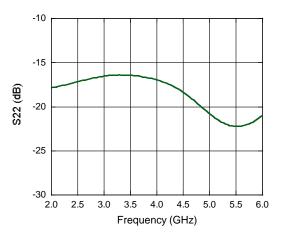
Insertion Loss



Input Return Loss, Insertion Loss State



Output Return Loss, Insertion Loss State



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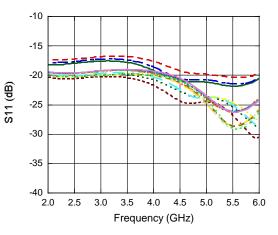
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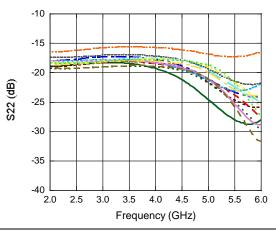
0 -5 S21 (dB) -10 -15 -20 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5 6.0 Frequency (GHz)

Relative Attenuation across all states

Input Return Loss, across all attenuation states



Output Return Loss, across all attenuation states



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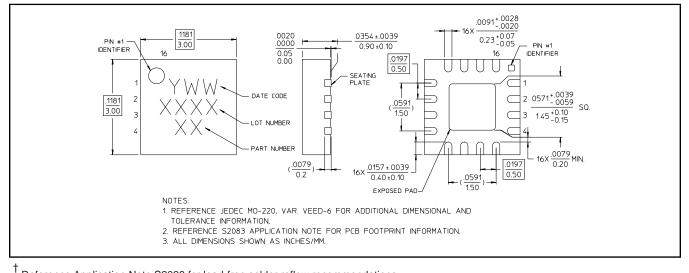
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Reference Application Note S2038 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations. Meets JEDEC moisture sensitivity level 1 requirements. Plating is 100% matte tin over copper.

Handling Procedures

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

Static Sensitivity

Gallium Arsenide Integrated Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

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