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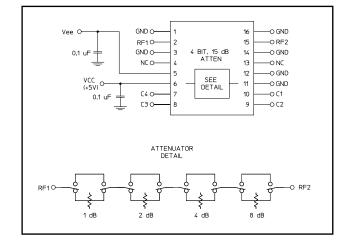
Features

- Attenuation: 1.0 dB steps to 15 dB
- Low DC Power Consumption
- Integral TTL Driver
- 50 Ohm Impedance
- Temperature Stability: ± 0.18 dB from -40°C to +85°C Typ.
- SO-16 Package

Description

M/A-COM's AT65-0413 is a GaAs FET 4-bit digital attenuator with a 1.0 dB minimum step size and a 15 dB total attenuation range. This device is in a SOIC-16 plastic surface mount package. AT65-0413 is ideally suited for use where accuracy, fast speed, very low power consumption and low costs are required. Typical applications include dynamic range setting in precision receiver circuits and other gain/ leveling control circuits.

Schematic with Off-Chip Components or Functional Block



Ordering Information

| Part Number | Package |
|--------------|-------------------|
| AT65-0413 | Bulk Packaging |
| AT65-0413TR | 1000 piece reel |
| AT65-0413-TB | Sample Test Board |

Note: Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.

Pin Configuration

| Pin No. | Function | Pin No. | Function |
|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| 1 | GND | 9 | C2 |
| 2 | RF1 | 10 | C1 |
| 3 | GND | 11 | GND |
| 4 | NC ¹ | 12 | GND |
| 5 | Vee | 13 | NC ¹ |
| 6 | Vcc | 14 | GND |
| 7 | C4 | 15 | RF2 |
| 8 | C3 | 16 | GND |

1. NC = No Connection

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

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Electrical Specifications: T_A = 25°C

| Parameter | Test Conditions | Frequency | Units | Min | Тур | Max |
|---|---|---|----------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Insertion Loss | - | DC - 0.5 GHz DC - 2.0 GHz DC - 3.0 GHz | dB dB dB | | 1.5 1.8 2.1 | 1.9 2.2 2.6 |
| Attenuation Accuracy | Any Bit or Combination of Bits | DC - 3.0 GHz | dB | ± (.25 + 3% of attenuation) or ± .55 dB, Whichever is greater | | |
| VSWR | Full Range | DC - 3.0 GHz | Ratio | _ | _ | 1.6:1 |
| Trise, Tfall Ton, Toff Transients | 10% to 90% 50% Cntl to 90%/10% RF In-Band | 10% to 90% 50% Cntl to 90%/10% RF In-Band | nS nS mV | | 10 30 35 | 50 150 — |
| Switching Speed | 50% Cntl to 90%/10% RF 10% to 90% or 90% to 10% | | ns ns | _ | 25 4 | |
| 1 dB Compression | _ | 50 MHz 0.5 - 3.0 GHz | dBm dBm | _ | +21 +27 | |
| Input IP3 | Two-tone Inputs up to +5 dBm | 50 MHz 0.5 - 3.0 GHz | dBm dBm | _ | +35 +48 | |
| Input IP2 | Two-tone inputs up to +5 dBm | 0.05 GHz 0.5 - 3.0 GHz | dBm dBm | _ | +43 +73 | |
| Vcc VEE | — | | V V | 4.5 -8.0 | 5.0 -5.0 | 5.5 -4.75 |
| V _{IL} V _{IH} | LOW-level input voltage HIGH-level input voltage | | V V | 0.0 2.0 | _ | 0.8 5.0 |
| lin (Input Leakage Current) | Vin = V_{CC} or GND | — | uA | -1.0 | — | 1.0 |
| Icc (Quiescent Supply Current) | Vcntrl = V_{CC} or GND | _ | uA | _ | 250 | 400 |
| ∆Icc Additional Supply Current Per TTL Input Pin) | V_{CC} = Max, Vcntrl = V_{CC} - 2.1 V | | mA | _ | _ | 1.0 |
| IEE | VEE min to max, Vin = V_{IL} or V_{IH} | — | mA | -1.0 | -0.2 | — |

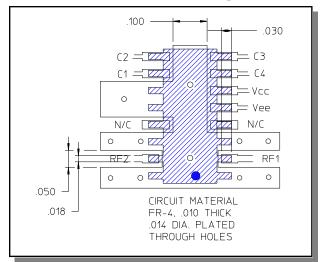
Absolute Maximum Ratings ^{2,3}

| Parameter | Absolute Maximum | |
|---|--|--|
| Max. Input Power 0.05 GHz 0.5 - 3.0 GHz | +27 dBm +34 dBm | |
| V _{cc} | $-0.5V \le V_{CC} \le +7.0V$ | |
| V _{EE} | $-8.5 \text{V} \le \text{V}_{\text{EE}} \le +0.5 \text{V}$ | |
| V _{CC} - V _{EE} | $-0.5V \le V_{CC} - V_{EE} \le 14.5V$ | |
| Vin ⁴ | $-0.5V \le Vin \le V_{CC} + 0.5V$ | |
| Operating Temperature | -40°C to +85°C | |
| Storage Temperature | -65°C to +125°C | |

- 2. 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.
- Standard CMOS TTL interface, latch-up will occur if logic signal is applied prior to power supply.

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Recommended PCB Configuration



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Handling Procedures

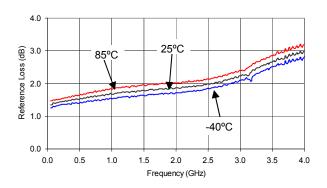
Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

Static Sensitivity

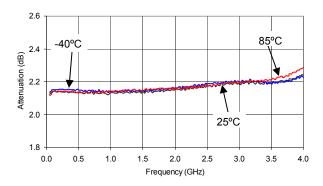
Gallium Arsenide Integrated Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

Typical Performance Curves

Reference Loss vs. Frequency



Attenuation - 2 dB Bit vs. Frequency

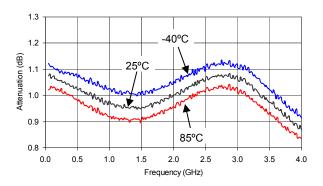


Truth Table (Digital Attenuator)

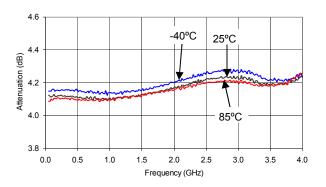
| C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | Attenuation |
|----|----|----|----|-----------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Loss, Reference |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 dB |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 dB |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4.0 dB |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8.0 dB |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15.0 dB |

0 = TTL Low; 1 = TTL High

Attenuation - 1 dB Bit vs. Frequency



Attenuation - 4 dB Bit vs. Frequency



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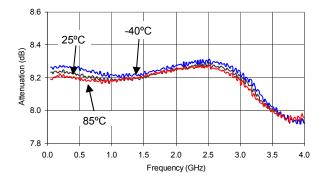
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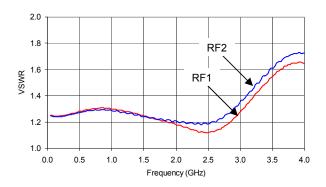
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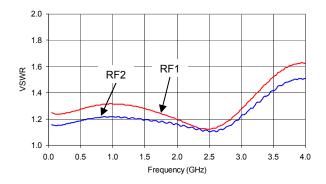
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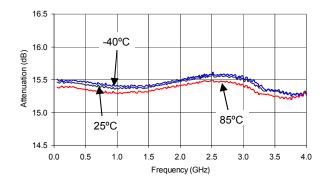
VSWR vs. Frequency Reference Loss State



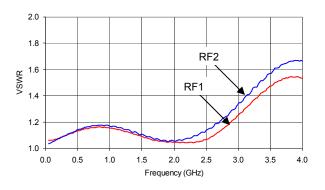
VSWR - 2 dB Bit vs. Frequency



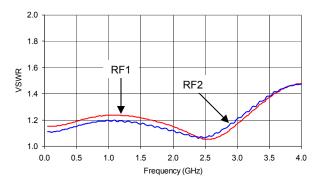
Attenuation - 15 dB Attenuation vs. Frequency



VSWR - 1 dB Bit vs. Frequency



VSWR - 4 dB Bit vs. Frequency



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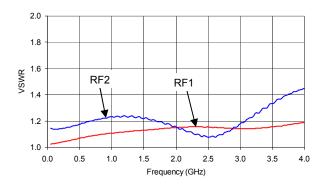


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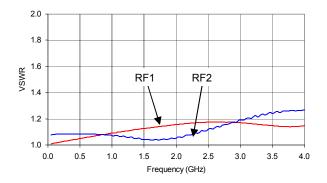
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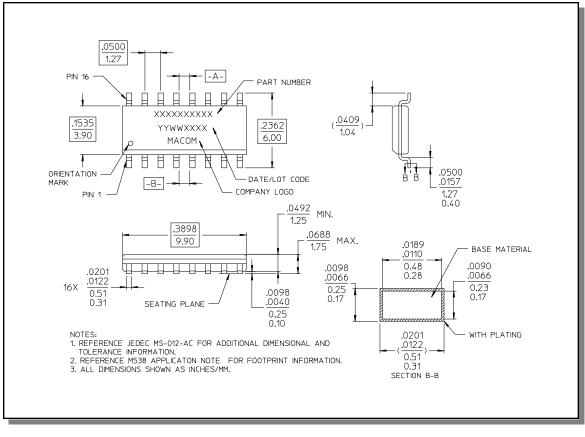
VSWR - 8 dB Bit vs. Frequency



VSWR - 15 dB Attenuation vs. Frequency



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[†] Reference Application Note M538 for solder reflow recommendations.

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