

**Digital Attenuator, 5-Bit, 15.5 dB  
400 - 2500 MHz**

**MAATSS0017  
V2**

**Features**

- 5 Bits, 0.5 dB Steps
- Excellent Accuracy
- Single Positive Control (+3 V to +5 V)
- Lead-Free QSOP-16 (SSOP-16) Package
- 100% Matte Tin Plating over Copper
- Halogen-Free "Green" Mold Compound
- 260°C Reflow Compatible
- RoHS\* Compliant Version of MAATSS0001

**Description**

M/A-COM's MAATSS0017 is a 0.5 dB step GaAs MMIC digital attenuator with 15.5 dB attenuation range in a lead-free QSOP-16 (SSOP-16) package. It requires external DC blocking capacitors on the RF ports, positive supply voltage and five individual bit control voltages.

The MAATSS0017 is particularly suited where high attenuation accuracy, low insertion loss and low intermodulation products are required. Typical applications include base stations, wireless data, and wireless local loop gain level control circuits.

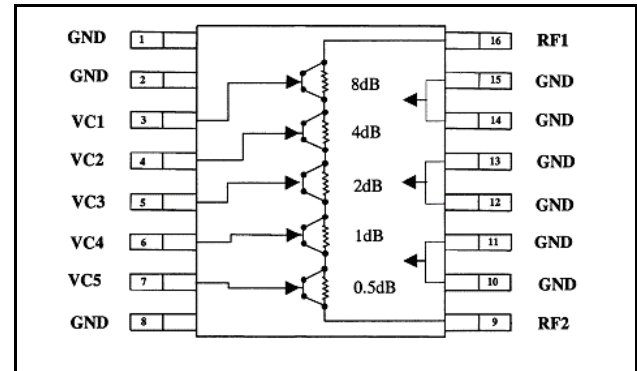
The MAATSS0017 is fabricated using M/A-COM's GaAs 1.0 micron process. The process features full chip passivation for increased performance and reliability.

**Ordering Information**

Part Number	Package
MAATSS0017	Bulk Packaging
MAATSS0017TR	1000 piece reel
MAATSS0017SMB	Sample Test Board

Note: Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.

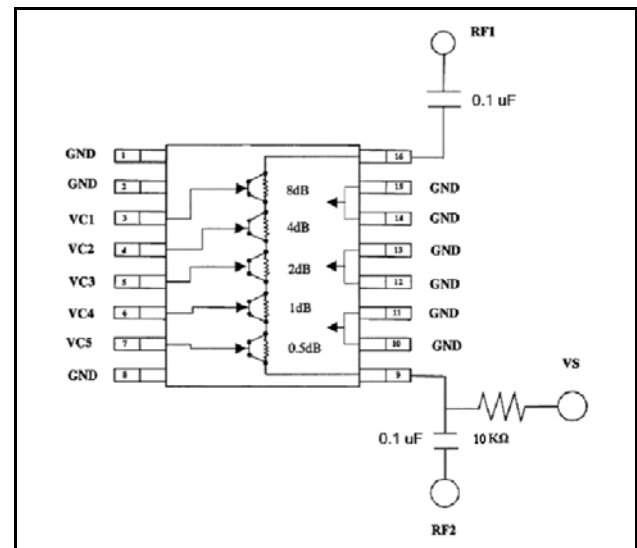
**Functional Schematic**



**Pin Configuration**

Pin No.	Function	Pin No.	Function
1	GND	9	RF2
2	GND	10	GND
3	VC1	11	GND
4	VC2	12	GND
5	VC3	13	GND
6	VC4	14	GND
7	VC5	15	GND
8	GND	16	RF1

**Recommended Configuration**



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

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**Electrical Specifications:  $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $Z_0 = 50\ \Omega$ ,  $V_s = +5\ \text{V}$ ,  $V_c = 0\ \text{V} / 5\ \text{V}$**

Parameter	Conditions	Frequency	Units	Min.	Typ.	Max.	
Insertion Loss (reference state)	—	0.5 - 1.8 GHz	dB	—	1.9	2.2	
		1.8 - 2.2 GHz	dB	—	2.2	2.5	
		2.2 - 2.5 GHz	dB	—	2.5	2.8	
VSWR	Any State	0.5 - 2.5 GHz	Ratio	—	1.6:1	—	
Accuracy	Any State	0.5 - 0.8 GHz	± (0.3 + 4% atten setting)	—	15.5	—	
Attenuation Range	—	0.8 - 1.8 GHz					± (0.3 + 3% atten setting)
		1.8 - 2.2 GHz					± (0.3 + 6% atten setting)
		2.2 - 2.5 GHz					± (0.3 + 8% atten setting)
		1 dB Compression Input Power	+3 V	0.5 - 2.5 GHz	dBm	—	25
IP3	Two tones, $P_{in} \leq +5\ \text{dBm/tone}$	+3 V	0.5 - 2.5 GHz	dBm	—	36	—
		+5 V	0.5 - 2.5 GHz	dBm	—	46	—
Trise, Tfall	10/90% or 90/10% RF	—	µS	—	2	—	
Ton, Toff	50% CNTL to 90/10% RF	—	µS	—	2	—	
Transients	In Band	—	mV	—	62	—	
Control Current	+3 V	—	µA	—	—	40	
		+5 V	—	µA	—	—	40

## Operating Instructions

The MAATSS0017 is designed to operate with 5 V logic levels. The difference between +3 V and +5 V operation is minimal for small signal performance. IIP3, however, is a strong function of voltage. +3 V is the minimum voltage at which the product will reliably operate.

The MAATSS0017 requires a parallel interface that allows the user to enter a 5 bit digital word. Each state increments the attenuation by 0.5 dB giving a total range of 15.5 dB.

The MAATSS0017 is not internally DC blocked. This means that the device requires DC blocking capacitors on the RF1 and RF2 ports. M/A-COM recommends 0.1 µF to allow for the entire frequency range to be utilized. Higher frequency applications can use smaller value capacitors as DC blocks.

For application information concerning this and other M/A-COM products, please visit our website at [www.macom.com](http://www.macom.com), where information including soldering profiles, reliability procedures, and S-parameter data can be found.

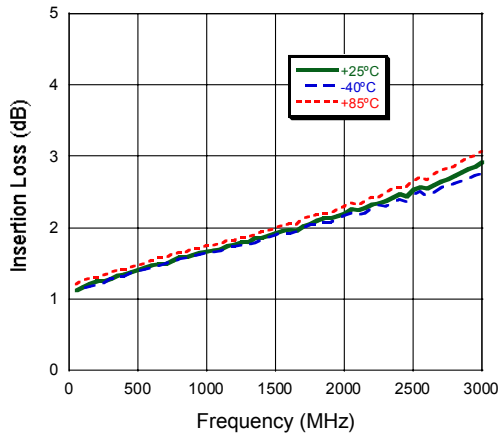
## Truth Table <sup>1</sup>

Control Inputs					
VC5	VC4	VC3	VC2	VC1	Attenuation (dB)
1	1	1	1	1	Reference
0	1	1	1	1	0.5 dB
1	0	1	1	1	1 dB
1	1	0	1	1	2 dB
1	1	1	0	1	4 dB
1	1	1	1	0	8 dB

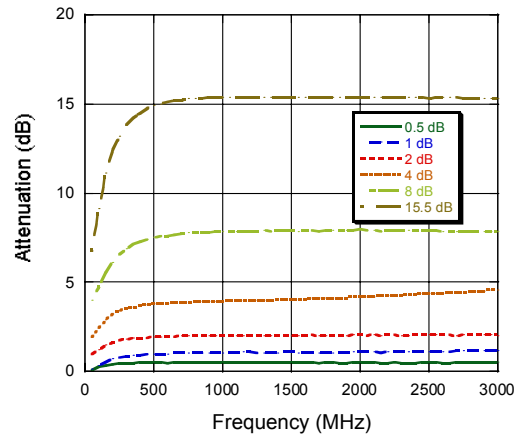
1. 0 = 0.0 V ± 0.2 V,  
1 =  $V_s = 5.0\ \text{V} \pm 0.2\ \text{V}$

**Typical Performance Curves**

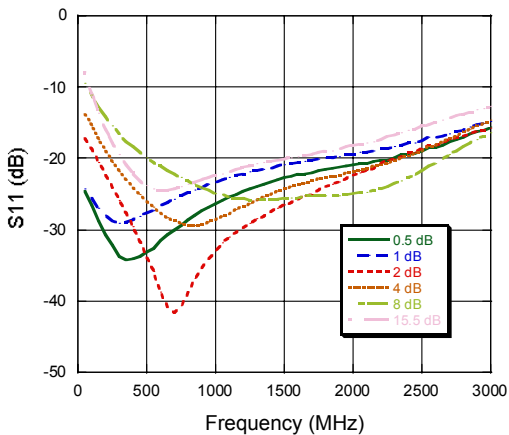
**Insertion Loss**



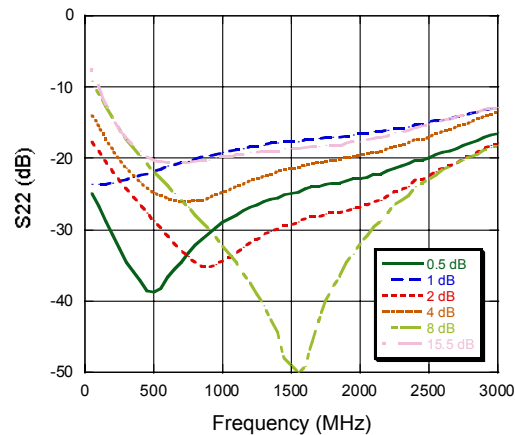
**Attenuation at Major Bits**



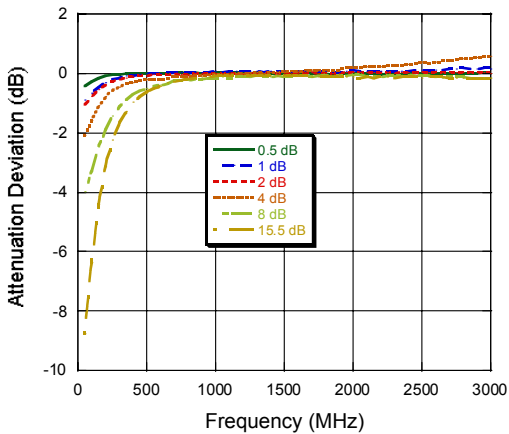
**Input Return Loss**



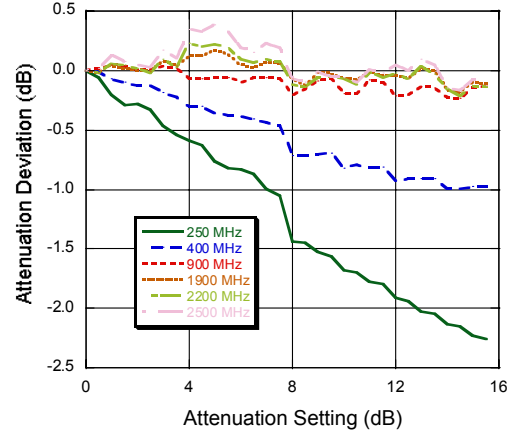
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**Attenuation Accuracy**

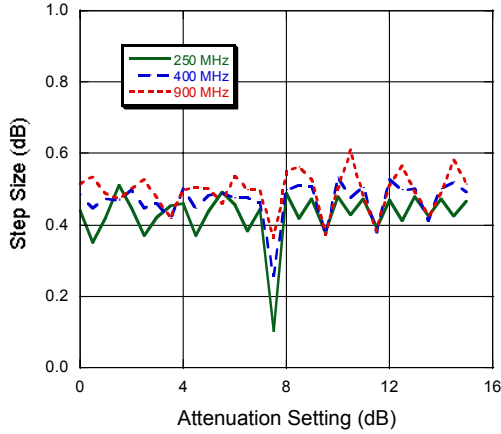


**Attenuation Accuracy vs. Setting**

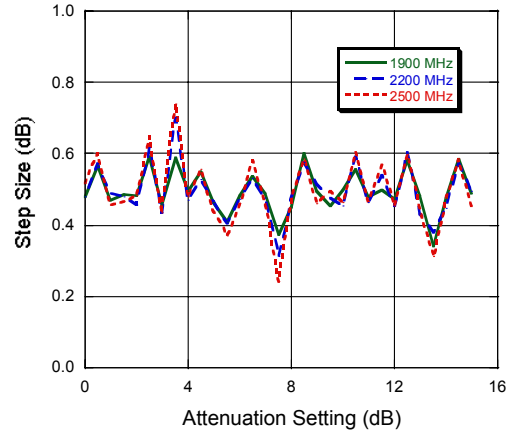


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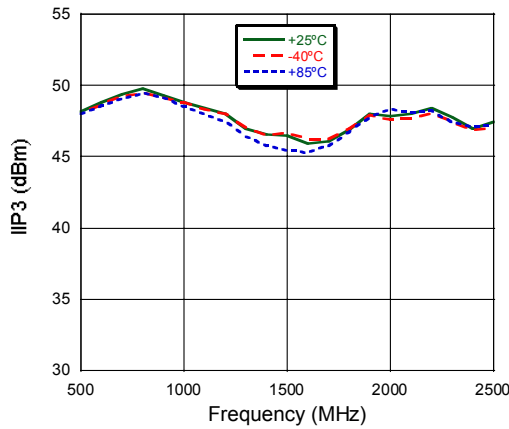
**Step size (low frequency)**



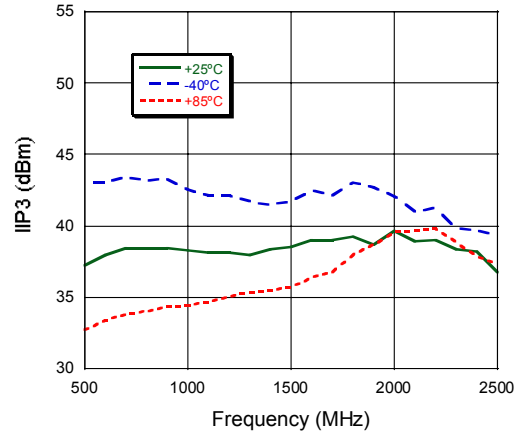
**Step size (high frequency)**



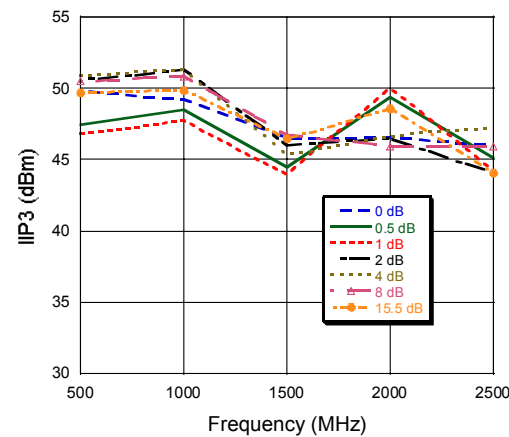
**IIP3, +5 V, at 0 dB Attenuation Setting**



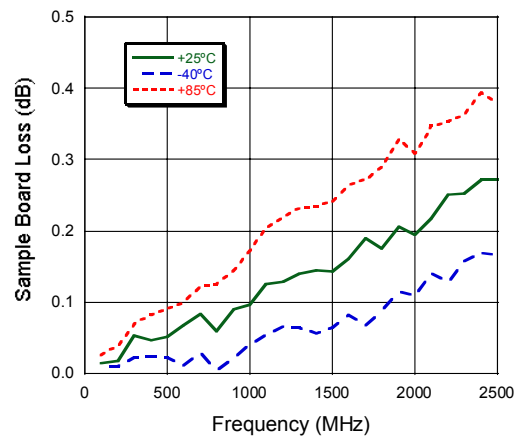
**IIP3, +3 V, at 0 dB Attenuation Setting**



**IIP3, +5 V, vs. Attenuation Setting**



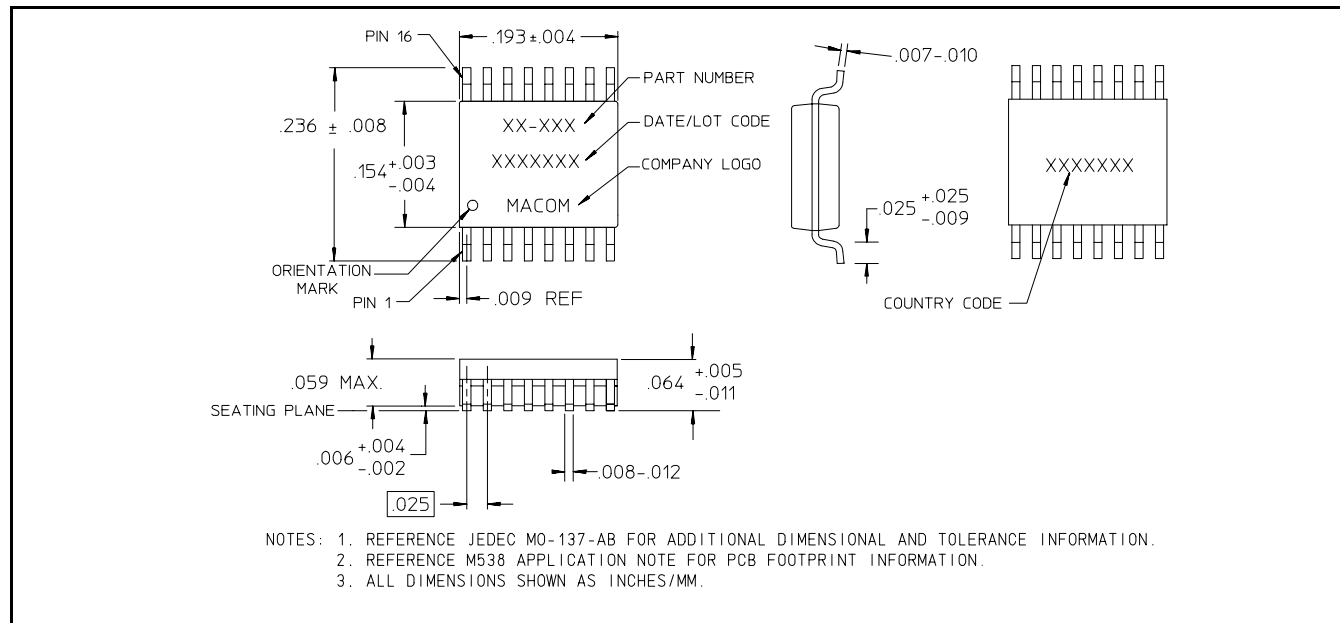
**Sample Board Loss**



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**Lead-Free QSOP-16 (SSOP-16)<sup>†</sup>**



<sup>†</sup> Reference Application Note M538 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.

**Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>2,3</sup>**

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
Input Power	+34 dBm
Voltage	+7 V
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +125°C

- 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.