

Digital Attenuator, 15.5 dB, 5-Bit DC - 2 GHz

AT-280

Features

- Attenuation: 0.5-dB Steps to 15.5 dB
- Temperature Stability: ± 0.15 dB from -40°C to +85°C Typical
- Ultra Low DC Power Consumption
- Low Intermodulation Products, IP₃: 45 dBm
- Tape and Reel Packaging Available

Description

M/A-COM's AT-280 is a 5-bit, 0.5 dB-step GaAs MMIC digital attenuator in a low cost SOIC 16-lead surface mount plastic package. The AT-280 is ideally suited for use where high accuracy, fast switching, very low power consumption and low intermodulation products are required at a low cost. Typical applications include radio and cellular equipment, wireless LANS, GPS equipment and other Gain/Level Control circuits.

The AT-280 is fabricated with a monolithic GaAs MMIC using a mature 1-micron process. The process features full chip passivation for increased performance and reliability.



Ordering Information

Part Number	Package		
AT-280 PIN	SOIC 16-Lead		
AT-280TR	Forward Tape & Reel*		
AT-280RTR	Reverse Tape & Reel*		

* If specific reel size is required, consult factory for part number assignment.

Parameter	Test Conditions ²	Unit	Min.	Тур.	Max
Reference Insertion Loss	DC – 0.1 GHz DC – 0.5 GHz DC – 1.0 GHz DC – 2.0 GHz	dB dB dB dB		1.1 1.3 1.5 1.8	1.3 1.5 1.8 2.0
Attenuation Accuracy ²	DC – 1.0 GHz DC – 2.0 GHz	\pm (0.20 dB + 3% of Atten. Setting in dB) dB \pm (0.30 dB + 3% of Atten. Setting in dB) dB			
VSWR	(any state)		1.5:1	1.8:1	
Trise, Tfall Ton, Toff Transients	10% to 90% RF, 90% to 10% RF 50% Control to 90% RF, 50% Control to 10% RF In Band	nS nS mV		12 18 30	
One dB Compression	Input Power0.05 GHzInput Power0.5 - 2.0 GHz	dBm dBm		22 27	
IP ₂	Measured Relative0.05 GHzto Input Power0.5 - 2.0 GHz(for two-tone input power up to +5 dBm)	dBm dBm		53 68	
IP ₃	Measured Relative0.05 GHzto Input Power0.5 - 2.0 GHz(for two-tone input power up to +5 dBm)	dBm dBm		40 45	

1. All measurements at 1 GHz in a 50 system, unless otherwise specified.

2. Attenuation accuracy specifications apply with negative bias control and low inductance grounding.

Electrical Specifications, $T_{\Delta} = 25^{\circ}C$

Absolute Maximum Ratings¹

Absolute Maximum ¹
+27 dBm
+34 dBm
+5V, -8.5V
–40°C to +85°C
–65°C to +150°C

1.Operation of this device above any one of these parameters may cause permanent damage.

Truth Table

Control Inputs										
VC5	VC4	VC3	VC3	VC2	VC2	VC1	VC1	Attenuation (dB)		
1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	Reference		
0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0.5 dB		
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1 dB		
1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2 dB		
1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	4 dB		
1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	8 dB		
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	15.5 dB		

0 = VinLow = 0 V = 0 to -0.2 V @ 20 A maximum

Typical Performance

INSERTION LOSS vs. FREQUENCY 3.0 2.5 +85° 2.0 (BP) SSOT +25°C 15 1.0 40°C 0.5 0 0.5 1.5 0 1.0 2.0 FREQUENCY (GHz)



Functional Schematic



