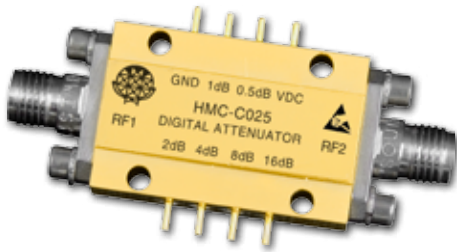




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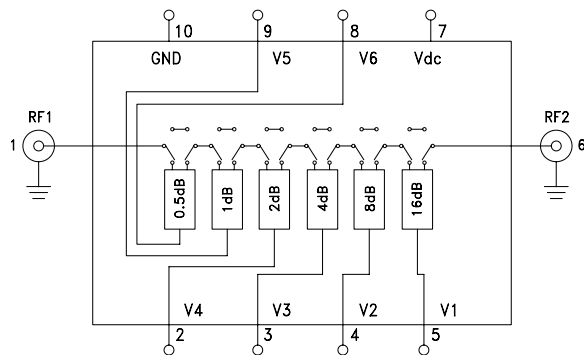
- 0.5 dB LSB Steps to 31.5 dB
- Single Control Line Per Bit
- ± 0.3 dB Typical Bit Error
- CMOS Compatible Control
- Hermetically Sealed Module
- Field Replaceable SMA Connectors
- 55 °C to +85 °C Operating Temperature

Typical Applications

The HMC-C025 is ideal for:

- Telecom Infrastructure
- Military Radio, Radar & ECM
- Space Systems
- Test Instrumentation

Functional Diagram



General Description

The HMC-C025 is a DC to 13 GHz 6-bit GaAs IC Digital Attenuator housed in a miniature hermetic module. This wideband attenuator features 4 dB typical insertion loss, +38 dBm input IP3, and bit values of 0.5 (LSB), 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16 dB for a total attenuation of 31.5 dB. Attenuation accuracy is excellent with ±0.3 dB typical step error. Six control voltage inputs, toggled between 0 and +5V, are used to select each attenuation state. A single Vdc bias of -5V allows operation at frequencies down to DC. Removable SMA connectors can be detached to allow direct connection of the module's I/O pins to a microstrip or coplanar circuit.

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, with $V_{dc} = -5V$ & $V_{CTL} = 0/+5V$

| Parameter | Frequency (GHz) | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------|------|-------|
| Insertion Loss | DC - 4 GHz | | 3.2 | 3.7 | dB |
| | 4 - 8 GHz | | 4.2 | 4.7 | dB |
| | 8 - 11 GHz | | 5.0 | 5.5 | dB |
| | 11 - 13 GHz | | 5.5 | 6.0 | dB |
| Attenuation Range | DC - 13 GHz | | 31.5 | | dB |
| Return Loss (RF1 & RF2, All Atten. States) | DC - 13 GHz | | 12 | | dB |
| Attenuation Accuracy: (Referenced to Insertion Loss) All States | DC - 3 GHz | ± (0.2 + 3% of Atten. Setting) Max | | | dB |
| | 3 - 10 GHz | ± (0.4 + 3% of Atten. Setting) Max | | | dB |
| | 3 - 10 GHz | ± (0.4 + 4% of Atten. Setting) Max | | | dB |
| | 10 - 13 GHz | ± (0.6 + 10% of Atten. Setting) Max | | | dB |
| Input Power for 0.1 dB Compression | 1 - 13 GHz | | 22 | | dBm |
| Input Third Order Intercept Point (Two-Tone Input Power= 0 dBm Each Tone) | 1 - 13 GHz | RF State | 46 | | dBm |
| | | All Other States | 38 | | dBm |
| Switching Characteristics | DC - 13 GHz | | | | |
| tRISE, tFALL (10/90% RF) | | | 22 | | ns |
| tON/OFF (50% CTL to 10/90% RF) | | | 45 | | ns |

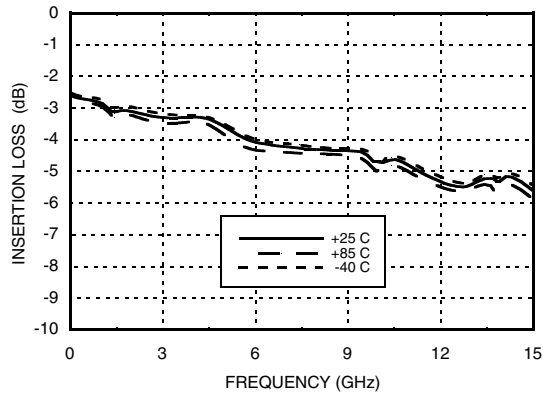
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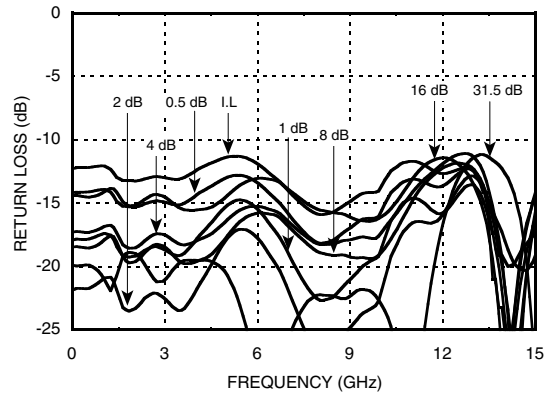


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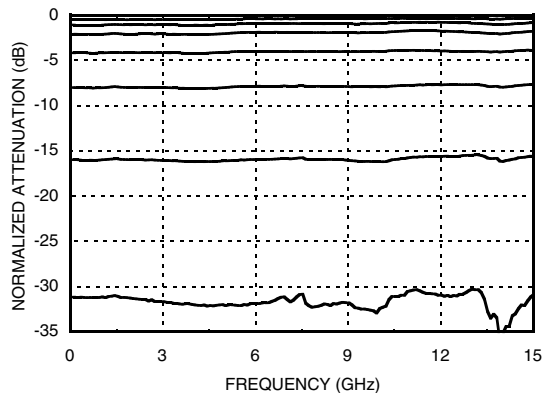
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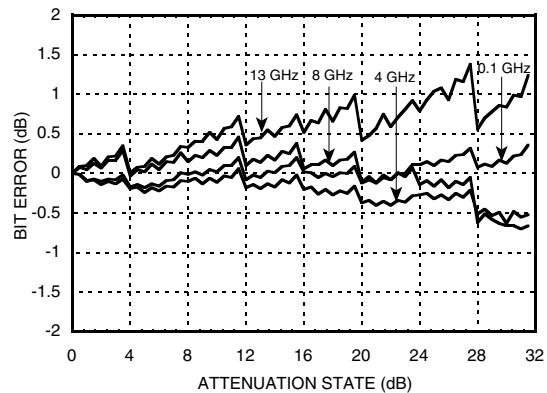
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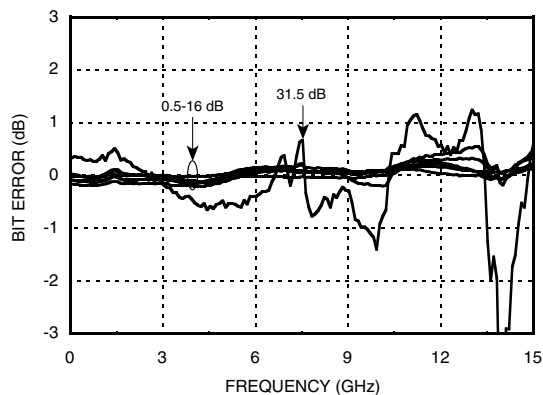
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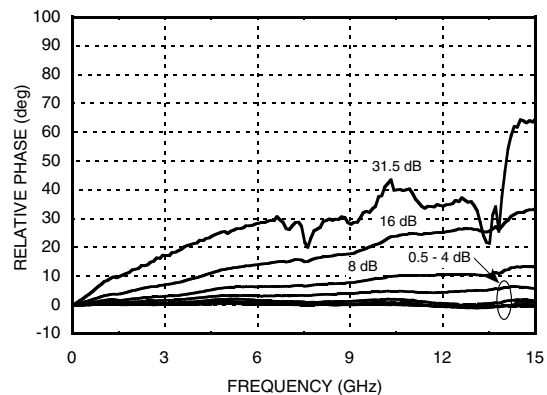
Bit Error vs. Attenuation State



Bit Error vs. Frequency
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Relative Phase vs. Frequency
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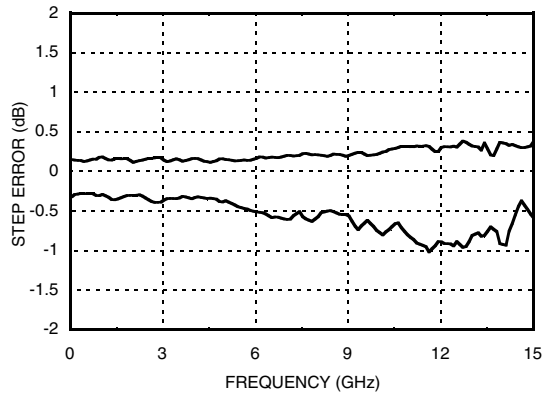
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Worst Case Step Error Between Successive Attenuation States



Bias Voltage & Current

| Vdc Range = -5V ± 10% | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| V | I (Typ.) (mA) | I (Max.) (mA) |
| -5.0 | 5 | 9 |

(Bias current increases with switching rate to 15 - 20 mA)

Control Voltage (CMOS Compatible)

| State | Bias Condition |
|-------|---------------------------|
| Low | 0 to +1.5V @ 5 µA Typ. |
| High | +3.5 to +5V @ 800 µA Typ. |

Truth Table

| Control Voltage Input | | | | | | Attenuation State RF1 - RF2 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| V1 16 dB | V2 8 dB | V3 4 dB | V4 2 dB | V5 1 dB | V6 0.5 dB | |
| Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Reference I.L. |
| Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | High | 0.5 dB |
| Low | Low | Low | Low | High | Low | 1 dB |
| Low | Low | Low | High | Low | Low | 2 dB |
| Low | Low | High | Low | Low | Low | 4 dB |
| Low | High | Low | Low | Low | Low | 8 dB |
| High | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | 16 dB |
| High | High | High | High | High | High | 31.5 dB |

Any combination of the above states will provide an attenuation approximately equal to the sum of the bits selected.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| RF Input Power (0.5 - 13 GHz) | +25 dBm |
| Control Voltage (V1 to V6) | -0.5V to +5.5V |
| Bias Voltage (Vdc) | -7V |
| Thermal Resistance | 346 °C/W |
| Maximum Junction Temperature | 150 °C |
| Storage Temperature | -65 to + 150 °C |
| Operating Temperature | -55 to +85 °C |

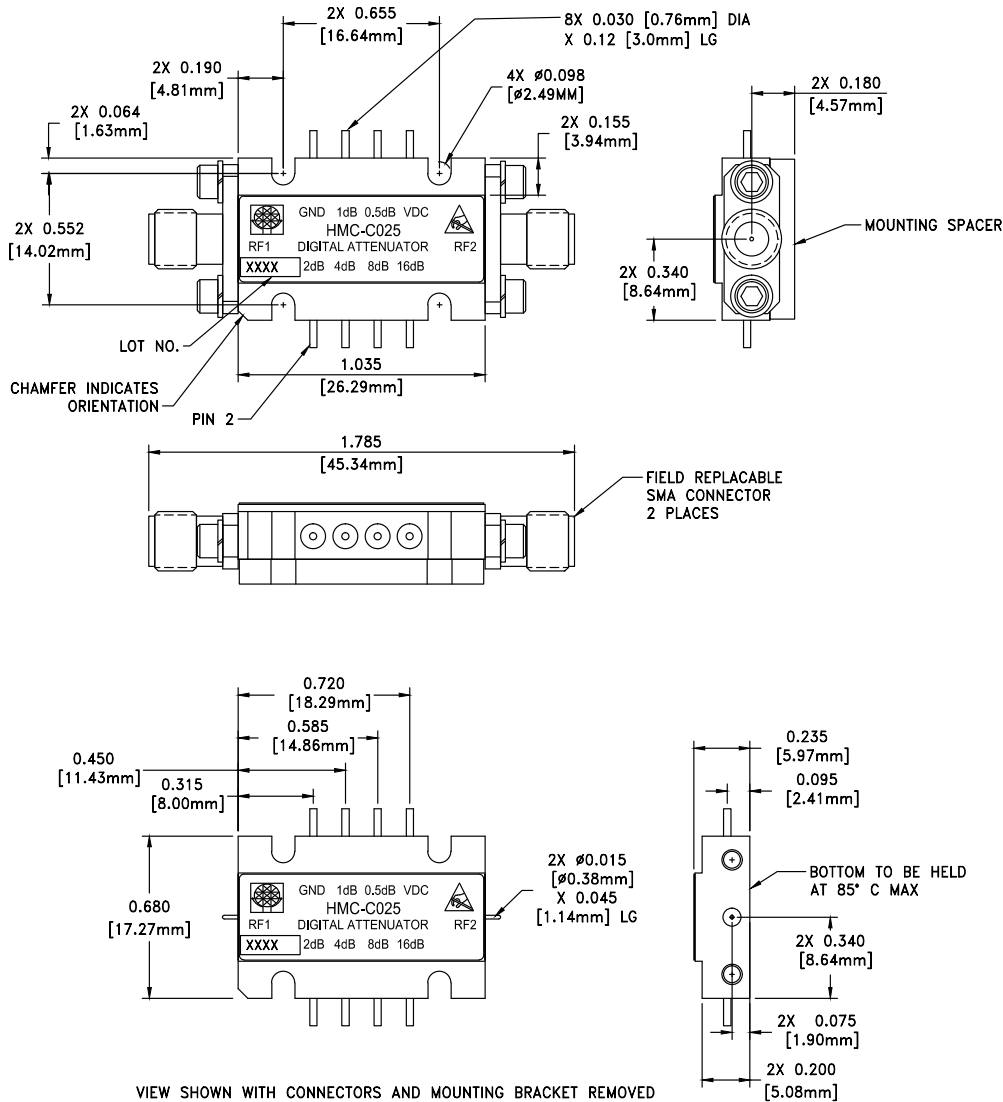


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Outline Drawing



Package Information

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Package Type | C-6 |
| Package Weight [1] | 17.4 gms [2] |
| Spacer Weight | 3 gms [2] |

[1] Includes the connectors

[2] \pm 1 gms Tolerance

NOTES:

1. PACKAGE, LEADS, COVER MATERIAL: KOVAR™
2. PLATING: ELECTROLYTIC GOLD 50 MICROINCHES MIN., OVER ELECTROLYTIC NICKEL 75 MICROINCHES MIN
3. MOUNTING SPACER: NICKEL PLATED ALUMINUM
4. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MILLIMETERS]
5. TOLERANCES \pm 0.010 [0.25] UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
6. FIELD REPLACEABLE SMA CONNECTORS TENSOLITE 5602 - 5CCSF OR EQUIVALENT
7. TO MOUNT MODULE TO SYSTEM PLATFORM REPLACE 0 -80 HARDWARE WITH DESIRED MOUNTING SCREWS

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Pin Description

| Pin Number | Function | Description | Interface Schematic |
|------------------|----------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | RF1 | This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms. Blocking capacitors are required if RF line potential is not equal to 0 Vdc. | |
| 5, 4, 3, 2, 9, 8 | V1 - V6 | See truth table and control voltage table. | |
| 6 | RF2 | This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms. Blocking capacitors are required if RF line potential is not equal to 0 Vdc. | |
| 7 | Vdc | Supply voltage: -5 Vdc \pm 10%. | |
| 10 | GND | Power Supply Ground | |



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