

Microwave Precision

# Fixed Attenuator

YAT-A-SERIES

50Ω Up to 2W DC to 18 GHz

## The Big Deal

- Exceptional Power Handling, Up to 2W
- Wide bandwidth, DC - 18 GHz
- Small Size, 2 mm x 2 mm



CASE STYLE: MC1630

## Product Overview

YAT-A attenuators (ROHS compliant) are fixed value, absorptive attenuators fabricated using highly repetitive MMIC processing including thin film resistors on GaAs substrates. YAT-A attenuators contain through-wafer metallization vias to realize low thermal resistance and wideband operation. YAT-As are available with nominal attenuation values of 0 to 10 dB (in 1 dB steps), and 12, 15, 20, and 30 dB. Packaged in tiny 2 mm x 2 mm MCLP™ package fits into tiny spaces.

## Key Features

Feature	Advantages
Wideband operation, DC to 18 GHz	Supports a wide array of applications including wireless cellular, microwave Communications, satellite, Defense and aerospace, medical broadband and optic applications.
Small Size and simple to use (2 mm x 2 mm)	As a single chip solution, the YAT-A series occupies less board space than a “T” or “Pi” pad configuration, and ensures repeatable performance over wide frequency ranges.
High Power, Up to 2W	High power handling in a small size package.
Wide range of nominal attenuation values 0 to 10 dB (in 1 dB steps), and 12, 15, 20, and 30 dB	Small increment offering enables circuit designer to change attenuation values without motherboard redesign making the YAT-A series ideal for select at test application.
MCLP™ Package	Low Inductance, repeatable transitions, excellent thermal path make the YAT-A series an ideal solution as an alternative to “do it yourself” resistor based attenuators.

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## YAT-1A+

50Ω 2W 1dB DC to 18 GHz

### Product Features

- Miniature package MCLP™ 2 x 2 mm
- Wide bandwidth, DC-18 GHz
- Excellent attenuation accuracy & flatness



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### +RoHS Compliant

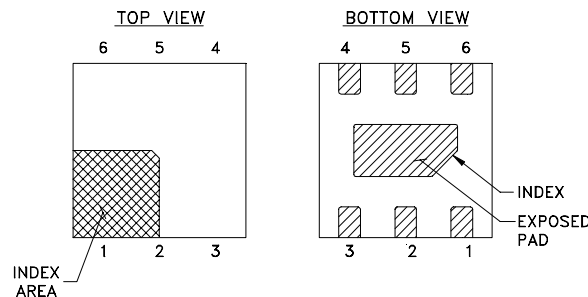
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### Typical Applications

- Cellular
- PCS
- Communications
- Radar
- Defense

### General Description

YAT-1A+ is a 1-dB absorptive attenuator fabricated using highly repetitive MMIC process including thin film resistors on GaAs substrate. YAT-1A+ attenuator contains through-wafer metallization vias to realize low thermal resistance and wideband operation. Packaged in tiny 2 mm x 2 mm MCLP™ package fits into tiny spaces.



### Pad Description

Function	Pad Number	Description
RF IN	2	RF input pad
RF-OUT	5	RF output pad
GND	1,3,4,6 Bottom Exposed pad	Connected to ground externally

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Electrical Specifications<sup>1</sup> at 25°C, 50Ω (CPW)

Parameter	Condition (GHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range		DC	—	18	GHz
Attenuation	0.01	—	1	—	dB
	DC - 5	0.8	0.93	1.25	
	5 - 15	0.7	0.92	1.4	
VSWR	DC - 5	—	1.08	1.30	:1
	5 - 15	—	1.18	1.60	
	15 - 18	—	1.36	1.70	
Input Power <sup>2</sup>	DC - 18	—	—	2.0	W

1. Tested on Mini-Circuits test board TB-YAT-1A+ using coplanar wave guide (CPW) input and output traces (see suggested PCB layout on page 4 of this data sheet)  
 2. RF Power at 25°C case temperature: 2.0 Watt. Derate linearly to 1.0 W at 85°C.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Operating Case Temperature <sup>3</sup>	-40°C to 85°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to 150°C
RF Input Power <sup>2</sup>	2W

3. Case is defined as ground lead.  
 Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

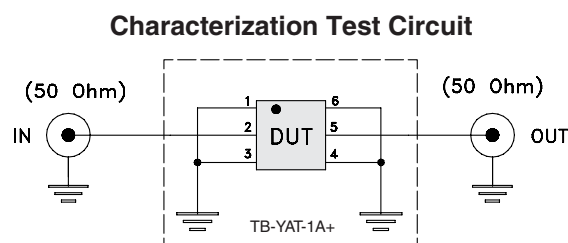
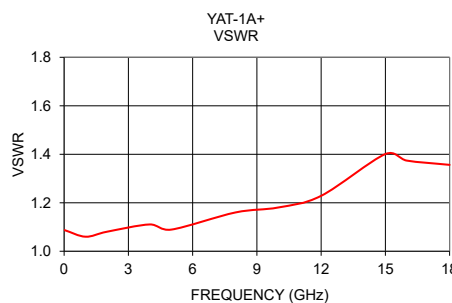
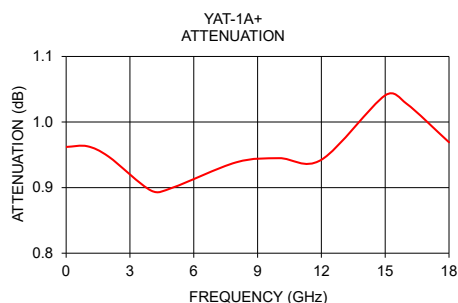


Fig 1. Block diagram of Test Circuit used for characterization, Test board TB-YAT-1A+ Conditions: Attenuation, VSWR: Pin=-10 dBm

Typical Performance Data at 25°C

Frequency (GHz)	Attenuation (dB)	VSWR (:1)
0.010	0.96	1.09
1.0	0.96	1.06
2.0	0.95	1.08
4.0	0.90	1.11
5.0	0.90	1.09
8.0	0.94	1.16
10.0	0.94	1.18
12.0	0.94	1.23
15.0	1.04	1.40
16.0	1.03	1.37
18.0	0.97	1.36

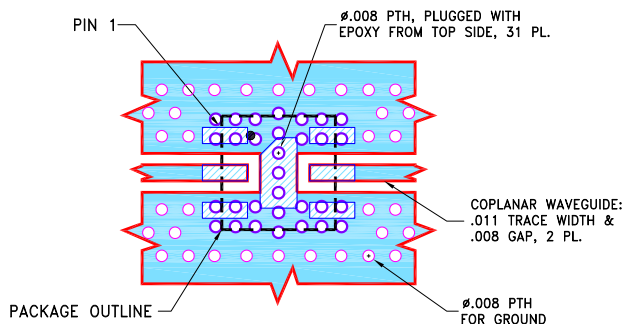


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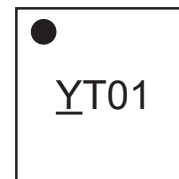
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Suggested PCB Layout (PL-586)



Product Marking



NOTES:

- TRACE WIDTH & GAP PARAMETERS ARE SHOWN FOR ROGERS R04350B WITH DIELECTRIC THICKNESS .0066±.0007, COPPER: 1/2 OZ. EACH SIDE. FOR OTHER MATERIALS TRACE WIDTH & GAP MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED.
- BOTTOM SIDE OF THE PCB IS CONTINUOUS GROUND PLANE.

- DENOTES PCB COPPER LAYOUT WITH SMOBC (SOLDER MASK OVER BARE COPPER).
- DENOTES COPPER LAND PATTERN FREE OF SOLDER MASK.

Additional Detailed Technical Information	
<i>additional information is available on our dash board. To access this information <a href="#">click here</a></i>	
<b>Performance Data</b>	Data Table
	Swept Graphs
<b>Case Style</b>	MC1630 <i>Plastic package, Terminal finish: Matte Tin Plate</i>
<b>Tape &amp; Reel</b> Standard quantities available on reel	F108 <i>7" reels with 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1K, 2K devices.</i>
<b>Suggested Layout for PCB Design</b>	PL-586
<b>Evaluation Board</b>	TB-YAT-1A+
<b>Environmental Ratings</b>	ENV08T1

ESD Rating

Human Body Model (HBM): Class 2 (Pass 2000 V) per ANSI/ESD STM 5.1-2001

MSL Rating

Moisture Sensitivity: MSL1 in accordance with IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020D

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