

# **Product Description**

The PE43601 is a HaRP™-enhanced, high linearity, 6-bit RF Digital Step Attenuator (DSA). This highly versatile DSA covers a 15.75 dB attenuation range in 0.25 dB steps. The Peregrine 50Ω RF DSA provides a serial-addressable CMOS control interface. It maintains high attenuation accuracy over frequency and temperature and exhibits very low insertion loss and low power consumption. Performance does not change with  $V_{DD}$  due to on-board regulator. This next generation Peregrine DSA is available in a 5x5 mm 32-lead QFN footprint.

The PE43601 is manufactured on Peregrine's UltraCMOS™ process, a patented variation of silicon-on-insulator (SOI) technology on a sapphire substrate, offering the performance of GaAs with the economy and integration of conventional CMOS.

Figure 1. Package Type

32-lead 5x5x0.85 mm QFN Package

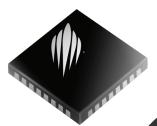
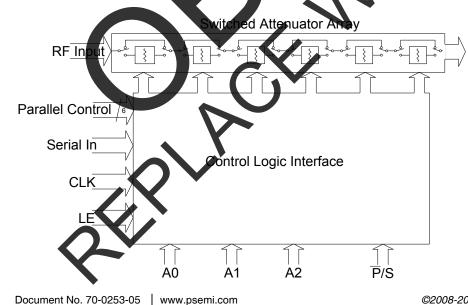


Figure 2. Functional Schematic Diagram



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**Product Specification** 

# PE43601

50 Ω RF Digital Attenuator 6-bit, 15.75 dB, 9 kHz - 6.0 GHz

#### **Features**

- HaRP™-enhanced UltraCMOS™ device
- Attenuation: 0.25 B steps to 15.75 dB
- High Linearity: Typical +58 dBm IIP3
  - Excellent low-frequency performance
- ower Supply Voltage
- switch settling
- Programming Modes
  - Direct Parallel
  - Latched Parallel
  - Serial-Addressable: Program up to eight addresses 000 - 111
  - erial Two-Byte Protocol: Address and
- High-attenuation state @ power-up (PUP)
- **CMOS** Compatible

RF Output

- DC blocking capacitors required
- ackaged in a 32-lead 5x5x0.85 mm QFN



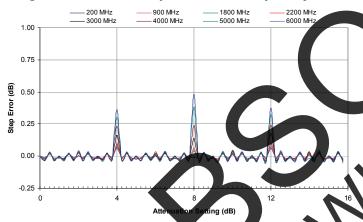
Table 1. Electrical Specifications @ +25°C, V<sub>DD</sub> = 3.3 V or 5.0 V

Parameter	Test Conditions	Frequency	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Frequency Range			9 kHz		6 GHz	
Attenuation Range	0.25 dB Step			0 – 15.75		dB
Insertion Loss		9 kHz ≤6 GHz		2.3	2.8	dB
Attenuation Error	0 dB - 15.75 dB Attenuation settings 0 dB - 15.75 dB Attenuation settings	9 kHz < 4 GHz 4 GHz ≤6 GHz			±(0.2 + 4%) ±(0.4 + 8%)	dB dB
Return Loss		9 kHz - 6 GHz		18		dB
Relative Phase	All States	9 kHz - 6 GHz		20		deg
P1dB (note 1)	Input	20 MHz - 6 GHz	30	32		dBm
IIP3	Two tones at +18 dBm, 20 MHz spacing	20 MHz - 6 GHz		57		dBm
Typical Spurious Value		1 MHz		-110		dBm
Video Feed Through				10		mVpp
Switching Time	50% CTRL to 10% / 90% RF			650		ns
RF Trise/Tfall	10% / 90% RF			400		ns
Settling Time	RF settled to within 0.05 dB of final value RBW = 5 MHz, Averaging ON.			4	NV	μs

Note 1. Please note Maximum Operating Pin ( $50\Omega$ ) of +23dBm as shown in Table 3.

#### **Performance Plots**

Figure 3. 0.25 dB Step Error vs. Frequency\*



<sup>\*</sup>Monotonicity is held so long as step-error does not cross below

Figure 5. 0.25 dB Major State Bit Error

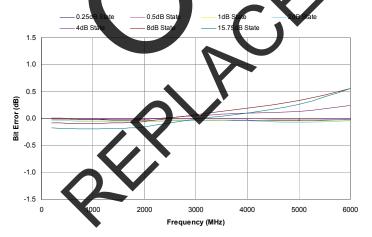


Figure 4. 0.25dB Attenuation vs. Attenuation

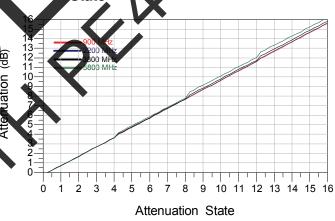


Figure 6. 0.25 dB Attenuation Error vs. Frequency

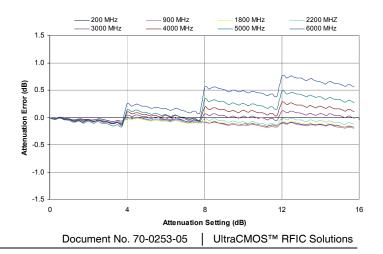




Figure 7. Insertion Loss vs. Temperature

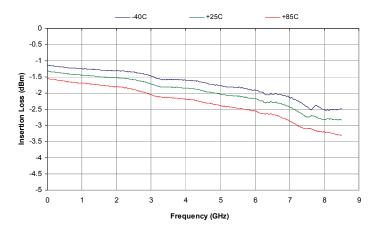


Figure 8. Input Return Loss vs. Attenuation:

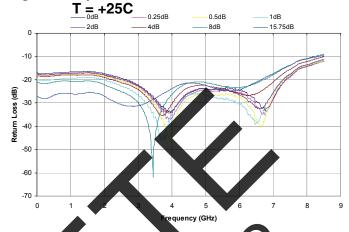


Figure 9. Output Return Loss vs. Attenuation:

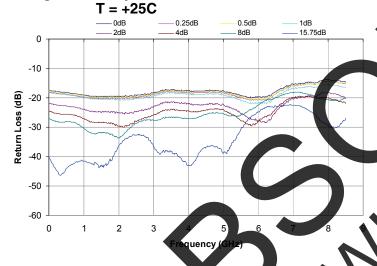


Figure 10. Input Return Loss vs. Temperature: 15.75 dB State

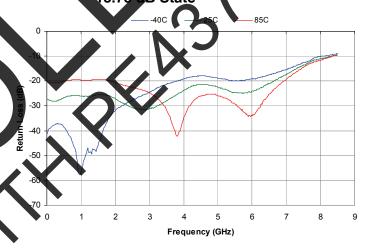


Figure 11. Output Return Loss vs. Temperature: 15.75 dB State

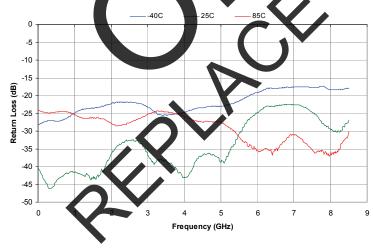
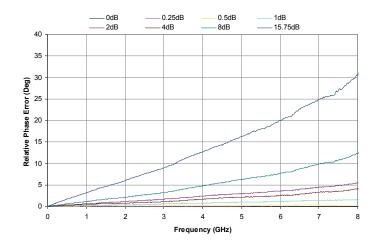


Figure 12. Relative Phase vs. Frequency



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Figure 13. Relative Phase vs. Temperature: 15.75 dB State

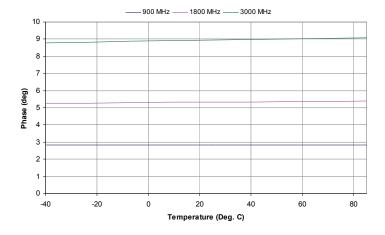


Figure 14. Attenuation Error vs. Attenuation Setting: 900 MHz

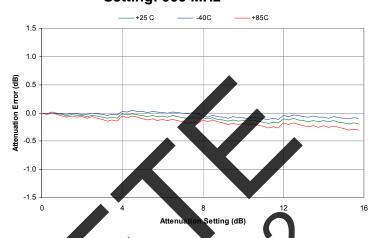


Figure 15. Attenuation Error vs. Attenuation Setting: 1800 MHz

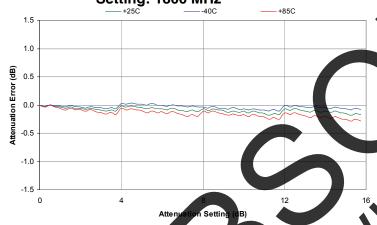


Figure 16. Attenuation Error vs. Attenuation Setting: 3000 MHz

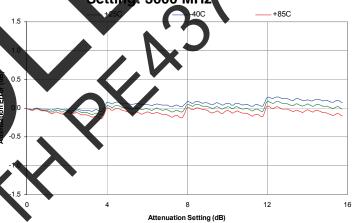
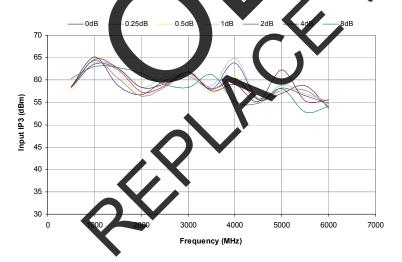


Figure 17. Input IP3 vs. Frequency



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Figure 18. Pin Configuration (Top View)

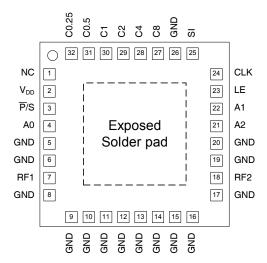


Table 2. Pin Descriptions

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description
1	N/C	No Connect
2	$V_{DD}$	Power supply pin
3	₹P/S	Serial/Parallel mode select
4	A0	Address bit A0 connection
5, 6, 8 - 17, 19, 20, 26	GND	Ground
7	RF1	RF1 port
18	RF2	RF2 port
21	A2	Address bit A2 connection
22	A1	Address bit A1 connection
23	IE	Serial interface Latch Enable input
24	CLK	Serial interface Clock input
25	SI	Serial interface Data input
27	C8 (D5)	Parallel control bit, 8 1B
28	C4 (D4)	Parallet control bit. 4 dB
29	C2 (D3)	Parallel control bit, 2 dB
30	C1 (D2)	Parallel control bit, 1 dB
31	C0.5 (D1)	Parallel control bit, 0.5 dB
32	C0.25 (D0)	Parallel control bit, 0.25 dB
Paddle	GND	Ground for proper operation

20.5, C1 C2, C4, C8 if not in use. Note: Gra

# **Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Precautions**

When handling this UltraCMOS™ device, observe the same precautions that you would use with other ESDsensitive devices. Although this device contains circuitry to protect it from damage due to ESD, precautions should be taken to avoid exceeding the specified rating.

## Latch-Up Avoidance

JltraCMOS™ Unlike conventional CMOS device devices are immune to latch-

## Moisture Sensitivity Level

The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating for the PE43601 in the 32-lead 5x5 QFN package is MSL1

# **Switching Frequency**

43601 has a maximum 25 kHz switching rate. Switching rate is defined to be the speed at which the DSA can be to led across attenuation states.

# xposed Solder Pad Connection

pad on the bottom of the package d for proper device operation. nust be ground



**Table 3. Operating Ranges** 

Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Units
V <sub>DD</sub> Power Supply Voltage	3.0	3.3		٧
V <sub>DD</sub> Power Supply Voltage		5.0	5.5	V
I <sub>DD</sub> Power Supply Current		70	350	μΑ
Digital Input High	2.6		5.5	V
P <sub>IN</sub> Input power (50Ω): 9 kHz ≤20 MHz 20 MHz ≤6 GHz			See fig. 19 +23	dBm dBm
T <sub>OP</sub> Operating temperature range	-40	25	85	°C
Digital Input Low	0		1	٧
Digital Input Leakage <sup>1</sup>			15	μΑ

Note 1. Input leakage current per Control pin

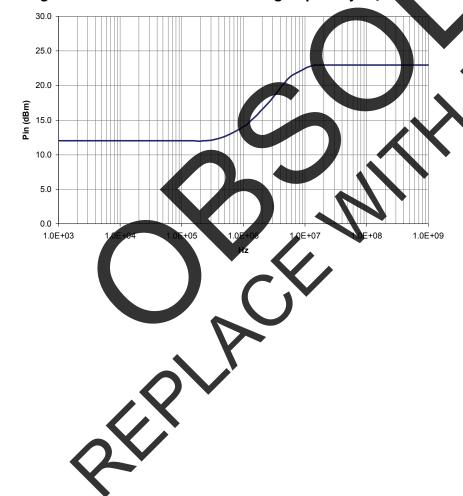
**Table 4. Absolute Maximum Ratings** 

Symbol	Parameter/Conditions	Min	Max	Units
$V_{DD}$	Power supply voltage	-0.3	6.0	٧
Vı	Voltage on any Digital input	-0.3	5.8	٧
P <sub>IN</sub>	Input power (50Ω) 9 kHz ≤20 MHz 20 MHz ≤6 5Hz		See fig. 19 +23	dBm dBm
T <sub>ST</sub>	Storage temperature ange	-65	150	°C
V <sub>ESD</sub>	ESD voltage (HBM) <sup>1</sup> ESD voltage (Machine Model)		500 100	V V

Note: 1. Human Body Model (HBM, MIL\_STQ 883 Method 3015.7)

Exceeding absolute maximum ratings may ause permanent damage. Operation should be restricted to the limits in the Operating Ranges table. Operation between operating range maximum and absolute maximum for extended periods may reduce reliability.

Figure 19. Maximum Power Handling Capability:  $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$ 





**Table 5. Control Voltage** 

State	Bias Condition
Low	0 to +1.0 Vdc at 2 μA (typ)
High	+2.6 to +5 Vdc at 10 μA (typ)

**Table 6. Latch and Clock Specifications** 

Latch Enable	Shift Clock	Function
X	1	Shift Register Clocked
1	Х	Contents of shift register transferred to attenuator core

**Table 7. Parallel Truth Table** 

	Para	Attenuation Setting				
D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	RF1-RF2
L	L	L	L	L	L	Reference I.L.
L	L	L	L	L	Н	0.25 dB
L	L	L	L	Н	L	0.5 dB
L	L	L	Н	L	L	1 dB
L	L	Н	L	L	L	2 dB
L	Н	L	L	L	L	4 dB
Н	L	L	L	L	L	8-dB
Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н	15.75 dB

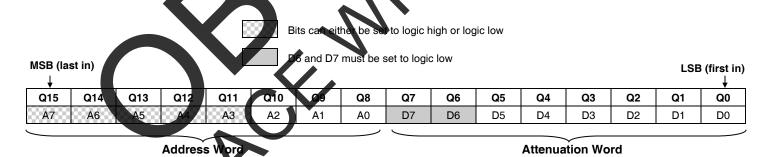
**Table 8. Address Word Truth Table** 

	Address Word										
A7 (MSB)	A6	<b>A</b> 5	A4	А3	A2	<b>A</b> 1	A0	Address Setting			
Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	L	L	L	000			
Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	L	L	Н	001			
Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	L	Н	L	010			
Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	V	Н	Н	011			
Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	H	L	L	100			
Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Н	L	Н	101			
Х	Χ	Х	Х	X	Н	H	L	110			
Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	H	Н	H	111			

Table 9. Serial Attenuation Word Truth Table

	Attenuation							
D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	P1	D0 (LSE)	Setting RF1-RF2
L	L	F	l	L	) [		L	Reference I.L.
L	L		_	L		L	Н	0.25 dB
L	L	<b> </b>	L	7		Н	L	0.5 dB
1		L			Ξ	L	L	1 dB
L	1	7	L	Τ	L	L	L	2 dB
L	L		N	٦	L	L	L	4 dB
L	L	>	L	L	L	L	L	8 dB
L	L	Н	Н	Η	Н	Н	Н	15.75 dB

Table 10. Serial-Addressable Register May



Attenuation Word derived directly from the attenuation value. For example, to program the 12.75 dB state at address 3:

Word: XXXXX011

uation Word: Multiply by 4 and convert to binary  $\rightarrow$  4 \* 12.75 dB  $\rightarrow$  51  $\rightarrow$  00110011

al Input: XXXXX01100110011



## **Programming Options**

#### Parallel/Serial Selection

Either a parallel or serial-addressable interface can be used to control the PE43601. The P/S bit provides this selection, with  $\overline{P}/S=LOW$  selecting the parallel interface and P/S=HIGH selecting the serialaddressable interface.

#### Parallel Mode Interface

The parallel interface consists of six CMOScompatible control lines that select the desired attenuation state, as shown in Table 7.

The parallel interface timing requirements are defined by Fig. 21 (Parallel Interface Timing Diagram), Table 12 (Parallel Interface AC Characteristics), and switching speed (*Table 1*).

For *latched*-parallel programming the Latch Enable (LE) should be held LOW while changing attenuation state control values, then pulse LE HIGH to LOW (per Fig. 21) to latch new attenuation state into device.

For direct parallel programming, the Latch Ena (LE) line should be pulled HIGH. Changing attenuation state control values will change dev state to new attenuation. Direct Mode is ideal for manual control of the device (using hardwire switches, or jumpers).

#### Serial-Addressable Interface

The serial-addressable interface is 16-bit serial-in, parallel-out shift register buffered by a transparent latch. The 16-bits make up two words comprised of 8-bits each. The first word is the Attenuation Word which controls the state of the . The second word is the Address Word, which is compared to the static (or programmed) logical states of the A0 A1 and A2 digital inputs. If there is an address match, the DSA changes state; otherwise its current state will remain unchanged. Fig. 20 illustrates an example timing diagram for programming a state. It is required that all parallel control inputs be grounded when the DSA is used in serialaddressable mode

The serial-addressable interface is controlled using three CMOS-compatible signals: Serial-In (SI), Clock (CLK), and Latch Enable (LE). The SI and CLK inputs allow data to be serially entered into the shift register. Serial data is clocked in LSB first, beginning with the Attenuation Word.

The shift register must be loaded while LE is held LOW to prevent the attenuator value from changing as data is entered. The LE input should then be toggled HIGH and brought LOW again, latching the new data into the DSA. Address word and attenuation word truth tables are listed in *Table 8 & Table 9*, respectively. A programming example of the Serial-Addressable register is illustrated in *Table 10*. The serial-addressable timing diagram is illustrated in *Fig. 20.* 

## **Power-up Control Settings**

The PE43701 will always initialize to the n attenuation setting (15.75 dB) on power-up for both the serial-addressable and latered-parallel modes of operation and will remain in his setting until the user latches in the next programming word. In directparallel mode, the DSA can be preset to any state within the 15.75 dB range by pre-setting the parallel ntrol pins prior to power-up. In this mode, there is a 400-us delay between the time the DSA is powered-up to the time the desired state is set. During this power-up delay, the device attenuates to the maximum attenuation setting (15.75 dB) before defaulting to the user defined state If the control pins are left floating in this mode during power-up, the device will default to the minimum attenuation setting (insertion loss state).

Dynamic operation between serial-addressable and parallel programming modes is possible.

If the DSA powers up in serial-addressable mode (P/ S = HIGH), all the parallel control inputs DI[6:0] must be set to logic low. Prior to toggling to parallel mode, the DSA *must* be programmed serially to ensure D[7] is set to logic low.

If the DSA powers up in either latched or directparallel mode, all parallel pins DI[6:0] must be set to logic low prior to toggling to serial-addressable mode  $(\overline{P}/S = HIGH)$ , and *held* low until the DSA has been programmed serially to ensure bit D[7] is set to logic low.

The sequencing is only required once on powerup. Once completed, the DSA may be toggled between serial-addressable and parallel programming modes at will.

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Figure 20. Serial-Addressable Timing Diagram

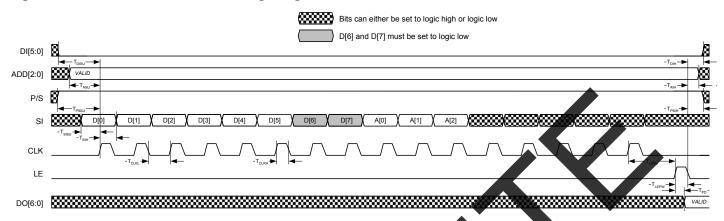


Figure 21. Latched-Parallel/Direct-Parallel Timing Diagram

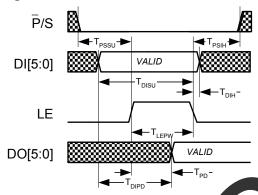


Table 11. Serial-Addressable In AC Characteristi

 $V_{DD}$  = 3.3 or 5.0 V, -40° C

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
F <sub>CLK</sub>	Serial clock frequency		10	MHz
T <sub>CLKH</sub>	Serial clock HIGH time	30		ns
T <sub>CLKL</sub>	Serial clock LOW time	30		ns
$T_{LESU}$	Last serial clock rising edge setup time to Latch Enable rising edge	10	X	ns
T <sub>LEPW</sub>	Latch Enable min. pulse width	30	-	ns
T <sub>SISU</sub>	Serial data setup time	10	-	ns
T <sub>SIH</sub>	Serial data hold time	10	-	ns
T <sub>DISU</sub>	Parallel data setup time	100	-	ns
$T_DIH$	Parallel data hold time	100	-	ns
T <sub>ASU</sub>	Address setup time	100	-	ns
$T_AH$	Address hald time	100	-	ns
T <sub>PSSU</sub>	Paralle Serial setup time	100	-	ns
T <sub>PSH</sub>	Parallel/Serial hold time	100	-	ns
T <sub>PD</sub>	Digital register delay (internal)	-	10	ns

Table 12. Parallel and Direct Interface **AC Characteristics** 

= 3.3 or 5.0 V, -40° C <  $T_A$  < 85° C, unless otherwise specified

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
$T_{LEPW}$	Latch Enable minimum pulse width	30	-	ns
$T_{DISU}$	Parallel data setup time	100	-	ns
$T_DIH$	Parallel data hold time	100	-	ns
T <sub>PSSU</sub>	Parallel/Serial setup time	100	-	ns
T <sub>PSIH</sub>	Parallel/Serial hold time	100	-	ns
T <sub>PD</sub>	Digital register delay (internal)	-	10	ns
$T_{DIPD}$	Digital register delay (internal, direct mode only)	-	5	ns



#### **Evaluation Kit**

The Digital Attenuator Evaluation Kit board was designed to ease customer evaluation of the PE43601 Digital Step Attenuator.

Direct-Parallel Programming Procedure
For automated direct-parallel programming, connect the test harness provided with the EVK from the parallel port of the PC to the J1 & Serial header pin and set the D0-D5 SP3T switches to the 'MIDDLE' toggle position. Position the Parallel/Serial (P/S) select switch to the Parallel (or left) position. The evaluation software is written to operate the DSA in either Parallel or Serial-Addressable Mode. Ensure that the software is set to program in Direct-Parallel mode. Using the software, enable or disable each setting to the desired attenuation state. The software automatically programs the DSA each time an attenuation state is enabled or disabled.

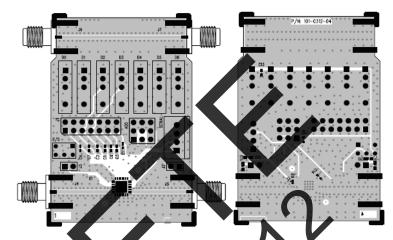
For manual direct-parallel programming, disconnect the test harness provided with the EVK from the J1 and Serial header pins. Position the Parallel/Serial (P/S) select switch to the Parallel (or left) position. The LE pin on the Serial header must be tied to logic high. Switches D0-D5 are SP3T switches which enable the user to manually program the parallel bits. When any input DOis toggled 'UP', logic high is presented to the parallel input. When toggled DOWN', logic low is presented to the parallel input. Setting D0-D5 to the 'MIDDLE' toggle position presents an OPEN which forces an on-chip logic low. Table 7 depict the parallel programming truth table and Fig. 21 illustrates the parallel programming timing diagram.

Latched-Parallel Programming Plocedure
For automated latched-parallel programming, the procedure is identical to the direct parallel method. The user only must ensure that Latched-Parallel is selected in the software.



# Figure 22. Evaluation Board Layout

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Note: Reference Fig. 23 for Evaluation Board Schematic

For manual latched-parallel programming, the procedure is identical to direct-parallel except now the LE pin on the Senal header must be logic low as the parallel bits are applied. The user must then pulse LE from oV to  $V_{DD}$  and back to 0V to latch the programming word into the DSA. LE must be logic low prior to programming the next word

Senal-Addressable Programming Procedure Position the Parallel/Serial ( $\overline{P}/S$ ) select switch to the Serial (or right) position. Prior to programming, the user must define an address setting using the ADD header pin. Jump the middle pins on the ADD header A0-A2 (or lower) row of pins to set logic high, or jump the middle pins to the upper row of pins to set logic low. If the ADD pins are left open, then 000 become the default address. The evaluation software is written to operate the DSA in either Parallel or Serial-Addressable Mode. Ensure that the software is set to program in Serial-Addressable mode. Using the software, enable or disable each setting to the desired attenuation state. The software automatically programs the DSA each time an attenuation state is enabled or disabled.



# Figure 23. Evaluation Board Schematic

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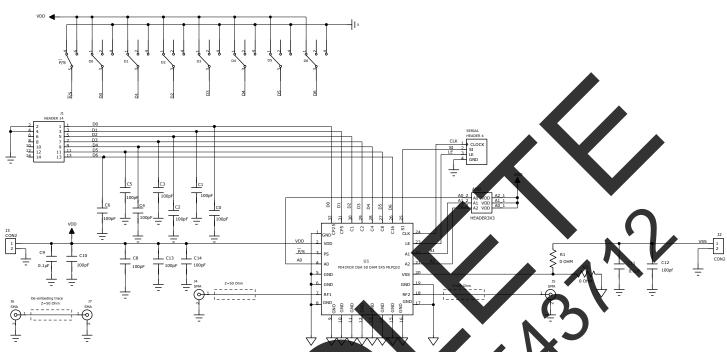


Figure 24. Package Drawing

Note: Pin 26 is grounded. On the PE43601 pin 20 (shown as  $w_{\rm SS}$ ) must also be grounded.

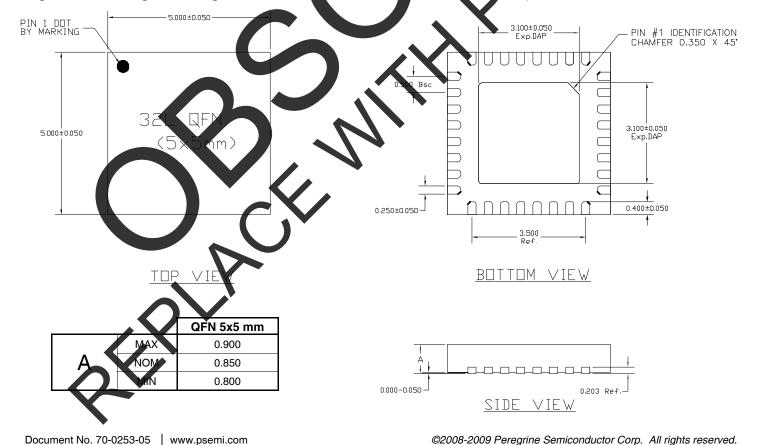
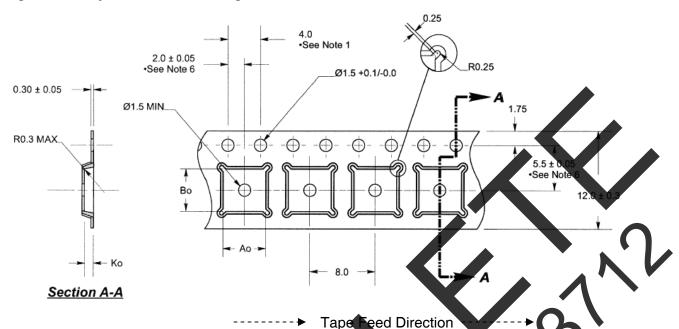




Figure 25. Tape and Reel Drawing



Notes:

- 1. 10 sprocket hole pitch cumulative tolerance ±.02.
- 2. Camber not to exceed 1mm in 100mm.
- 3. Material: PS + C.
- 4. Ao and Bo measured as indicated.
- 5. Ko measured from a plane on the inside bottom of the pocket to the top surface of the carrier
- 6. Pocket position relative to sprocket hole measured as true position of pocket, not pocket hole

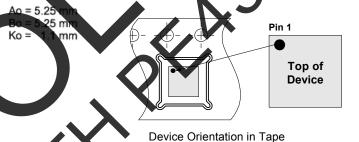


Figure 26. Marking Specifications



Table 13. Ordering Information

Order Code Part Marking	Description	Package	Shipping Method
PE43601MLI 43601	PE43601 G - 32QFN 5x5mm-75A	Green 32-lead 5x5mm QFN	Bulk or tape cut from reel
PE43601MLI-Z 43601	PE43601 G - 32QFN 5x5mm-3000C	Green 32-lead 5x5mm QFN	3000 units / T&R
EK43601-01 43601	PE43601 – 32QFN 5x5mm-EK	Evaluation Kit	1 / Box

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#### Data Sheet Identification

#### Advance Information

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