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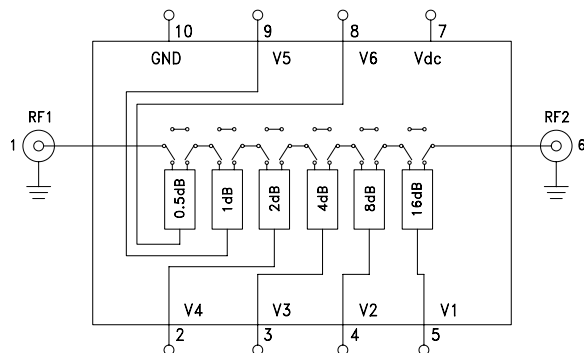### Typical Applications

The HMC-C025 is ideal for:

• Telecom Infrastructure

• Military Radio, Radar & ECM

• Space Systems

• Test Instrumentation

Functional Diagram

Features

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

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° C, with Vdc = -5V & VCTL = 0/+5V

Parameter	Frequency (GHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Insertion Loss	DC - 4 GHz 4 - 8 GHz 8 - 11 GHz 11 - 13 GHz		3.2 4.2 5.0 5.5	3.7 4.7 5.5 6.0	dB dB dB 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 0.5 - 27.5 dB 28.0 - 31.5 dB All States	DC - 3 GHz 3 - 10 GHz 3 - 10 GHz 10 - 13 GHz		± (0.2 + 3% of Atten. Setting) Max ± (0.4 + 3% of Atten. Setting) Max ± (0.4 + 4% of Atten. Setting) Max ± (0.6 + 10% of Atten. Setting) Max		dB dB dB dB
Input Power for 0.1 dB Compression	1 - 13 GHz		22		dBm
Input Third Order Intercept Point RF State (Two-Tone Input Power= 0 dBm Each Tone) All Other States	1 - 13 GHz		46 38		dBm dBm
Switching Characteristics tRISE, tFALL (10/90% RF) tON/tOFF (50% CTL to 10/90% RF)	DC - 13 GHz		 22 45		 ns ns

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- HMC-C025 Data Sheet

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- HMC-C025 S-Parameter

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Technical Articles

- Hittite Launches HMC-T2100 10 MHz to 20 GHz Synthesized Signal Generator

DESIGN RESOURCES

- HMC-C025 Material Declaration
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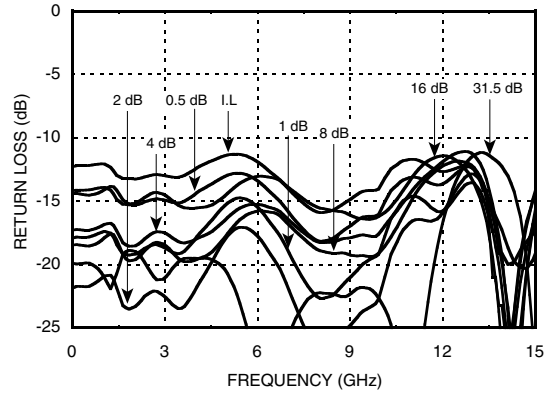
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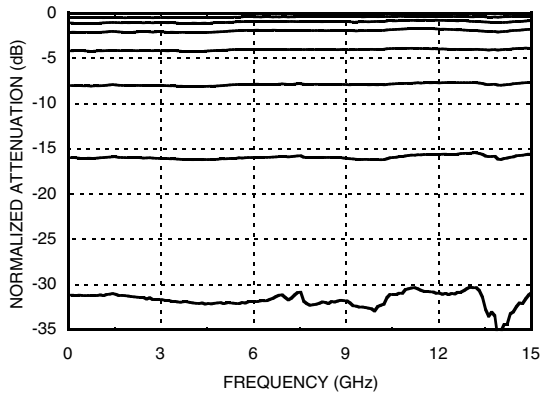
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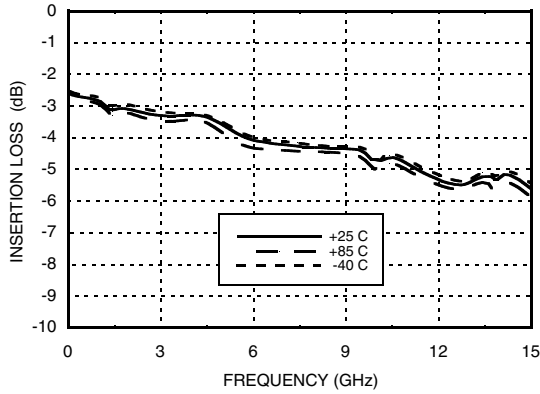
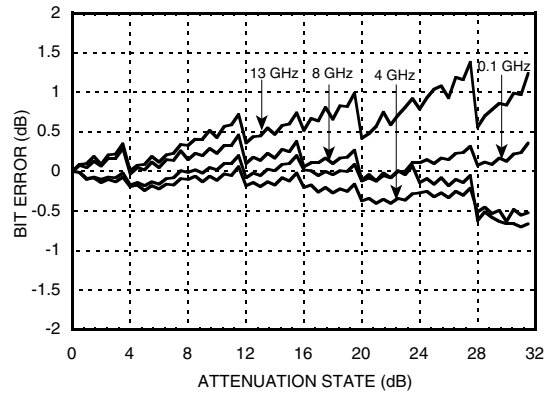### Return Loss RF1, RF2
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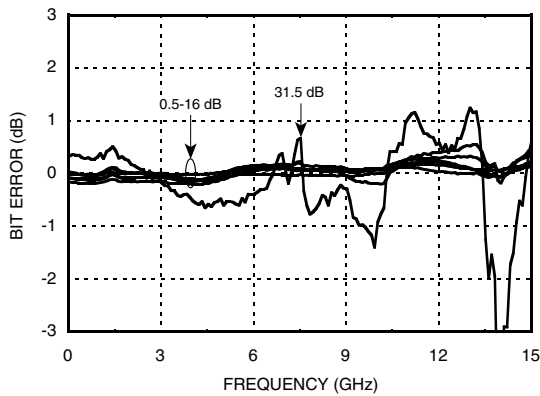### Normalized Attenuation
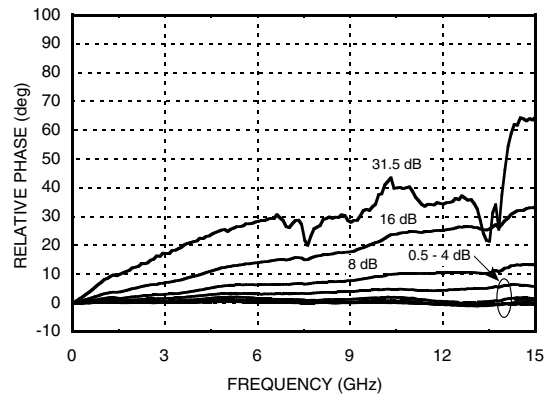*(Only Major States are Shown)*

Bit Error vs. Attenuation State

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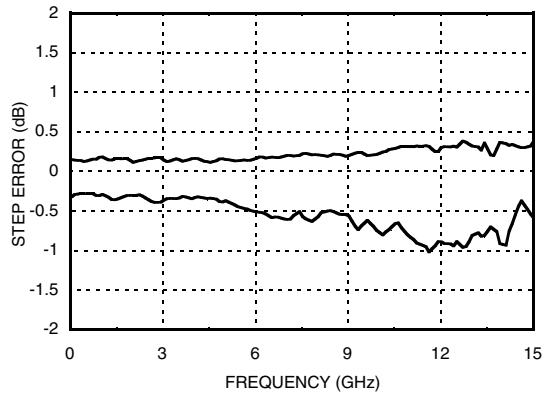### Relative Phase vs. Frequency
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Worst Case Step Error
Between Successive Attenuation States

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.

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.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

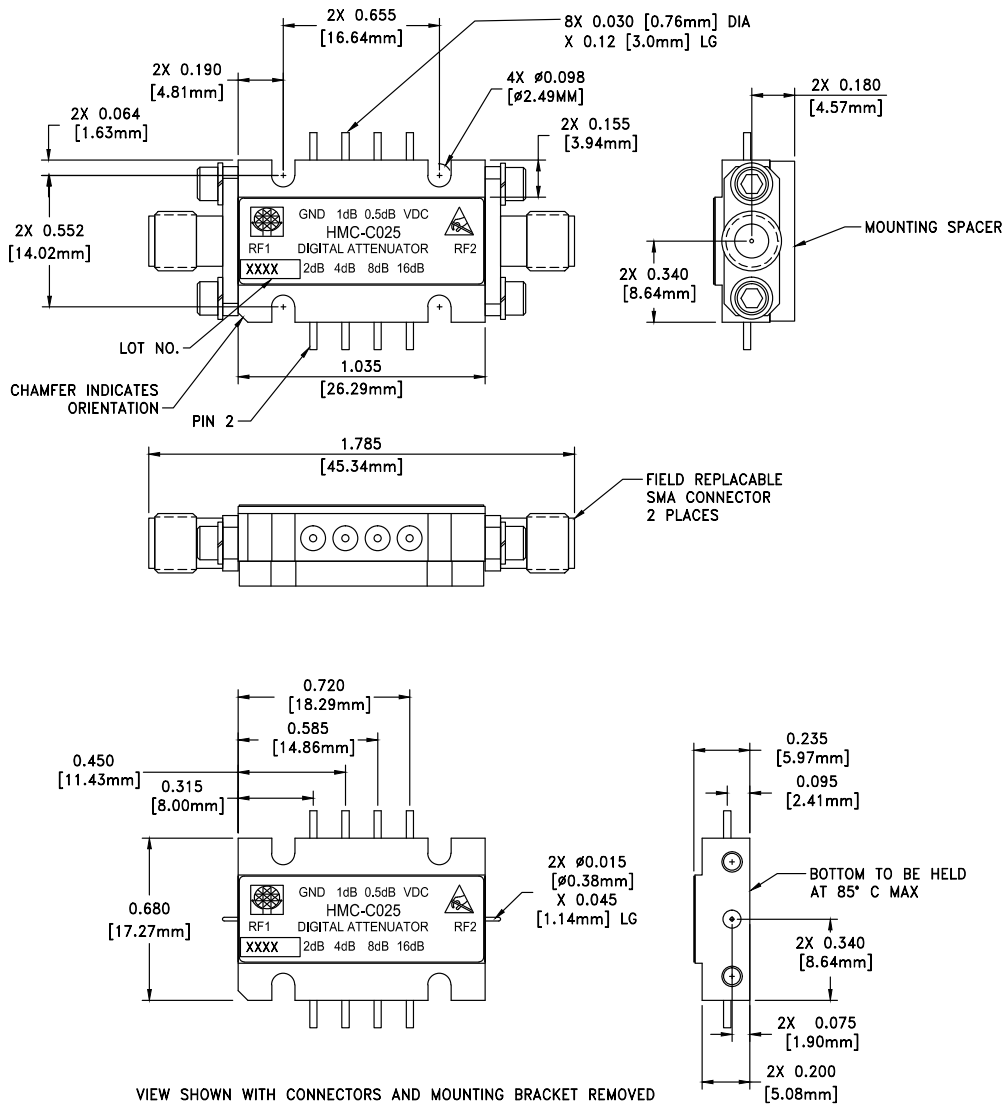|	
RF Input Power (0.5 - 13 GHz)	+25 dBm
Control Voltage (V1 to V6)	-0.5V to +5.5V
Bias Voltage (Vdc)	-7V
Thermal Resistance	346 °C/W
Maximum Junction Temperature	150 °C
Storage Temperature	-65 to + 150 °C
Operating Temperature	-55 to +85 °C

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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] ±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 ±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.	RF1 (schematic)
5, 4, 3, 2, 9, 8	V1 - V6	See truth table and control voltage table.	V1–V6, 5V Zener, 4700Ω, –5V(Internal)
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.	RF2, 27kΩ
7	Vdc	Supply voltage: -5 Vdc ±10%.	
10	GND	Power Supply Ground	GND

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