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HMC346ALP3E

GaAs MMIC VOLTAGE-VARIABLE ATTENUATOR, DC - 14 GHz
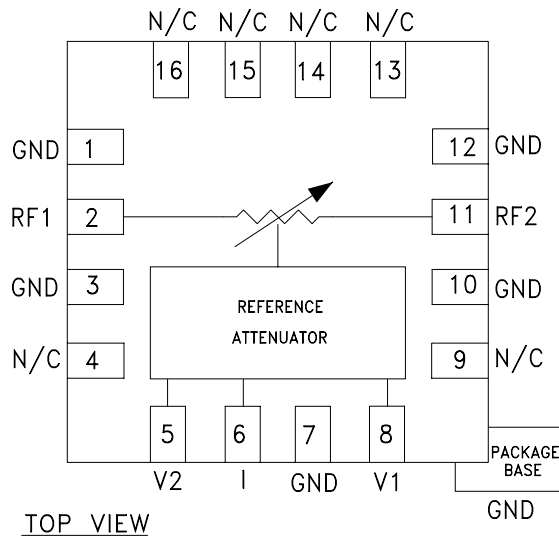
Typical Applications

The HMC346ALP3E is ideal for:

• Basestation Infrastructure

• Fiber Optics & Broadband Telecom

• Microwave Radio & VSAT

• Military Radios, Radar, & ECM

• Test Instrumentation

Features

Wide Bandwidth: DC - 14 GHz

Low Phase Shift vs. Attenuation

30 dB Attenuation Range

Simplified Voltage Control

3 x 3 x 1 mm SMT Package

Functional Diagram

TOP VIEW

General Description

The HMC346ALP3E is an absorptive Voltage Variable Attenuator (VVA) in low cost leadless surface mount plastic package operating from DC - 14 GHz. It features an on-chip reference attenuator for use with an external op-amp to provide simple single voltage attenuation control, 0 to -5V. The device is ideal in designs where an analog DC control signal must control RF signal levels over a 30 dB amplitude range.

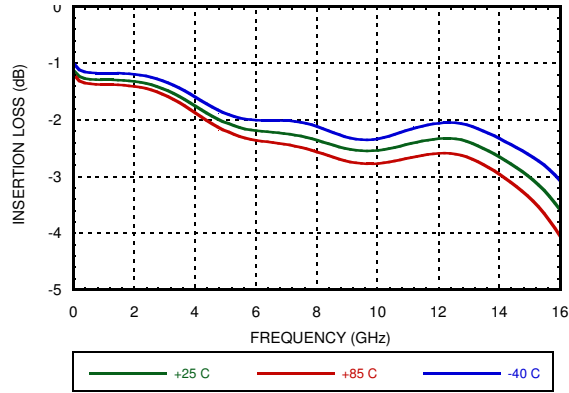## *Electrical Specifications, T_A = +25° C, 50 Ohm system*

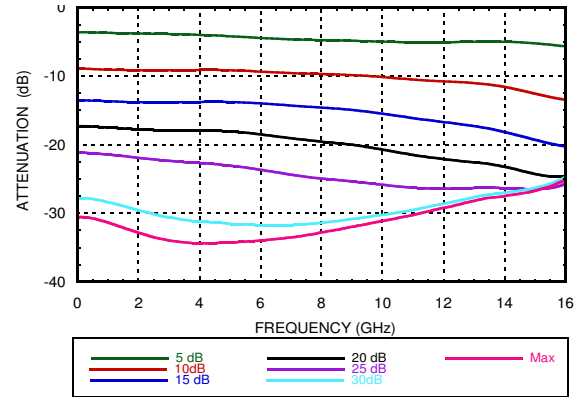| Parameter		Min	Typical	Max	Units
Insertion Loss	DC - 10GHz DC - 14 Ghz		2.6 2.7	3.1 3.2	dB dB
Attenuation Range	DC - 10 GHz DC - 14 GHz	27 23	30 28		dB dB
Return Loss	DC - 14 GHz	5	10		dB
Switching Characteristics	tRISE, tFALL (10/90% RF): tON, tOFF (50% CTL to 10/90% RF):		8 16		ns ns
Input Power for 0.25 dB Compression (0.5 -14GHz)	Min. Atten: Atten. >2 dB:		+10 +5		dBm dBm
Input Third Order Intercept (0.5 - 14 GHz) (Two-tone Input Power = -8 dBm Each Tone)	Min. Atten: Atten. >2 dB:		+30 +10		dBm dBm

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Insertion Loss vs. Temperature

Legend: +25 C, +85 C, -40 C

Relative Attenuation

Legend: 5 dB, 10dB, 15 dB, 20 dB, 25 dB, 30dB, Max

Return Loss vs. Attenuation

Legend: Min, 5 dB, Max
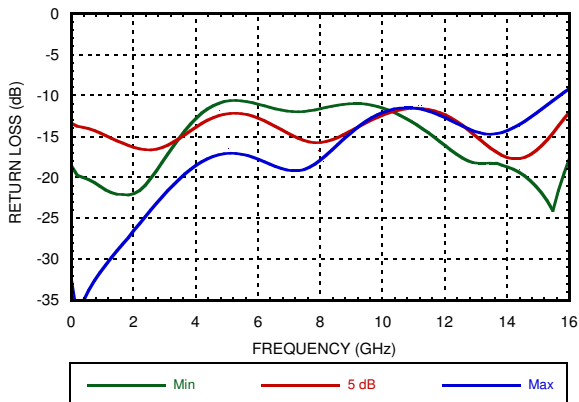
Relative Attenuation vs. Control Voltage @ 10 GHz

Legend: V1, V2

Relative Phase

Legend: 5 dB, 10dB, 15 dB, 20 dB, 25 dB, 30dB, Max
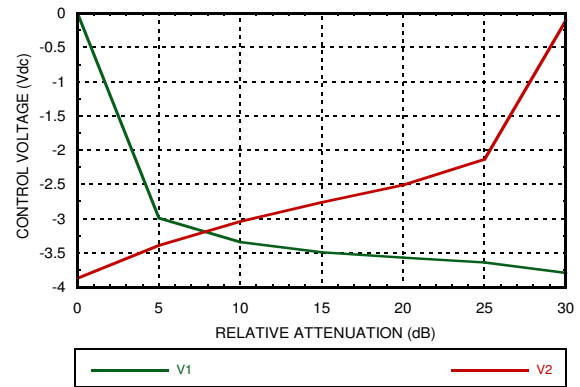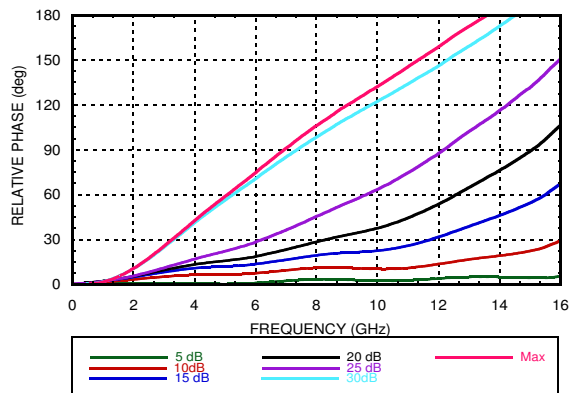
*Input IP3 vs. Attenuation**
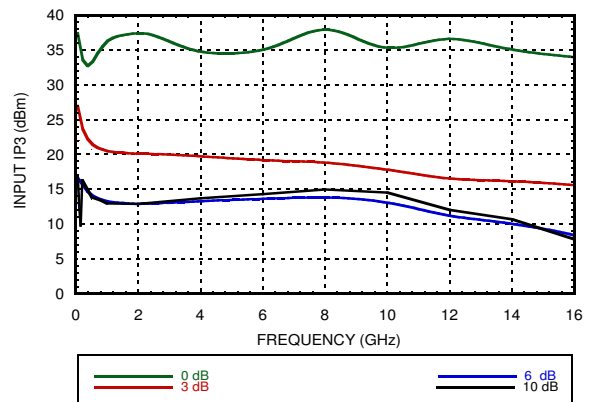
Legend: 0 dB, 3 dB, 6 dB, 10 dB

*Two-tone input power = -8 dBm each tone, 1 MHz spacing.

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*Input IP2 vs. Attenuation**

Legend:
- 0 dB
- 3 dB
- 6 dB
- 10 dB
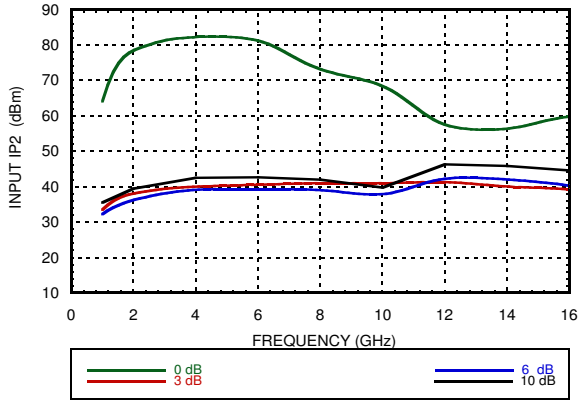
Second Harmonic vs. Attenuation, Pin = -8 dBm
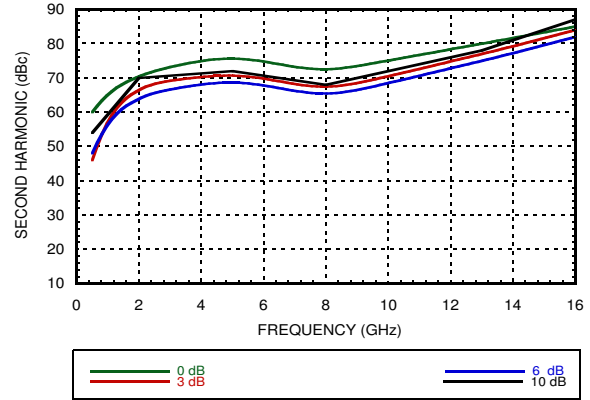
Legend:
- 0 dB
- 3 dB
- 6 dB
- 10 dB

0.25 dB Compression vs. Attenuation
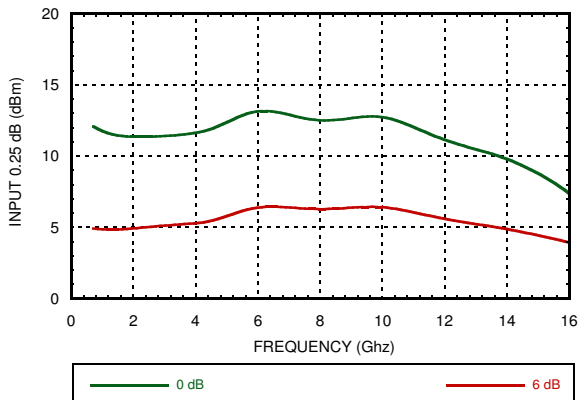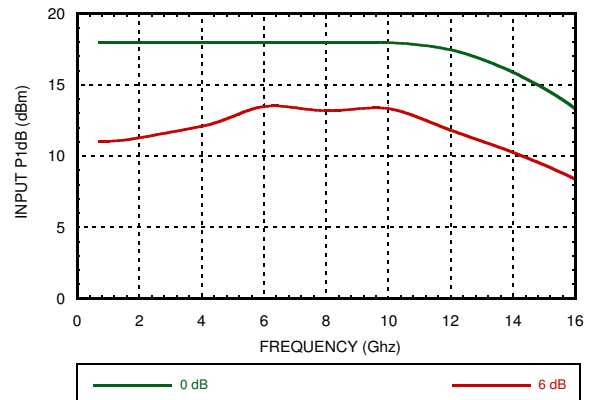
Legend:
- 0 dB
- 6 dB

1 dB Compression vs. Attenuation

Legend:
- 0 dB
- 6 dB

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

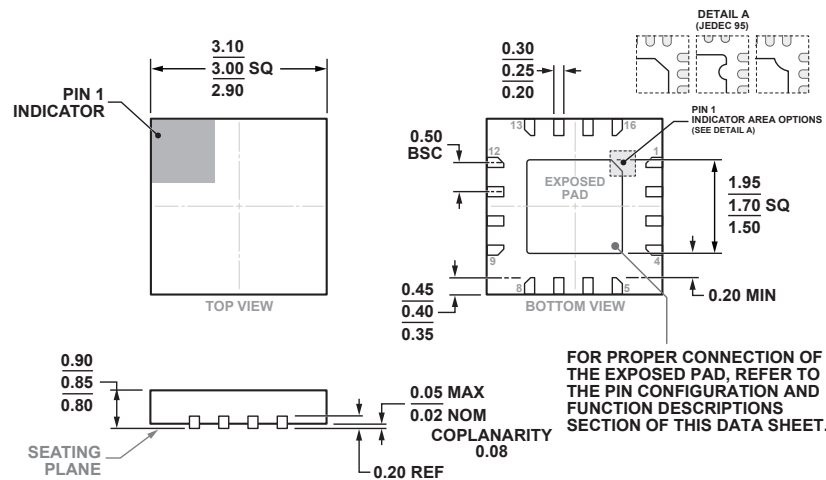|	
RF Input Power	+18 dBm
DC Voltage on I Pin	+/- 0.8V
Control Voltage Range	+0.3 to -6V
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85 °C
Junction Temperature	+175 °C
Junction to CaseThermal Resistance	10 °C/W
ESD Sensitivity	Class 1A

State	Bias Condition
V1	-5 to 0V @ 9 mA typical.
V2	-5 to 0V @ 9 mA typical.

ELECTROSTATIC SENSITIVE DEVICE
OBSERVE HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

Outline Drawing

DETAIL A
(JEDEC 95)

PIN 1
INDICATOR AREA OPTIONS
(SEE DETAIL A)

3.10
3.00 SQ
2.90

PIN 1
INDICATOR

TOP VIEW

0.30
0.25
0.20

0.50
BSC

EXPOSED
PAD

1.95
1.70 SQ
1.50

0.45
0.40
0.35

BOTTOM VIEW

0.20 MIN

FOR PROPER CONNECTION OF
THE EXPOSED PAD, REFER TO
THE PIN CONFIGURATION AND
FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS
SECTION OF THIS DATA SHEET.

0.90
0.85
0.80

SEATING
PLANE

0.05 MAX
0.02 NOM
COPLANARITY
0.08

0.20 REF

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COMPLIANT WITH JEDEC STANDARDS MO-220-VEED-4.

16-Lead Lead Frame Chip Scale Package [LFCSP]
3 mm × 3 mm Body and 0.85 mm Package Height
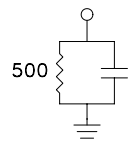(HCP-16-1)
Dimensions shown in millimeters

Package Information

Part Number	Package Body Material	Lead Finish	MSL Rating	Package Marking [2]
HMC346ALP3E	RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic	100% matte Sn	MSL3 [1]	H346A XXXX

[[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C
[2] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

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Pin Descriptions

| Pin Number	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1, 3, 7, 10, 12	GND	Package bottom has exposed metal paddle that must also be connected to PCB RF ground.	◦ GND
2, 11	RF1 RF2	This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohm. Blocking capacitors are required if the RF line potential is not equal to 0V.	
4, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16	N/C	This pin should be connected to PCB RF ground.	
5, 8	V2, V1	Control input (master).	500
6	I	Control input (slave).	600

Single-Line Control Driver
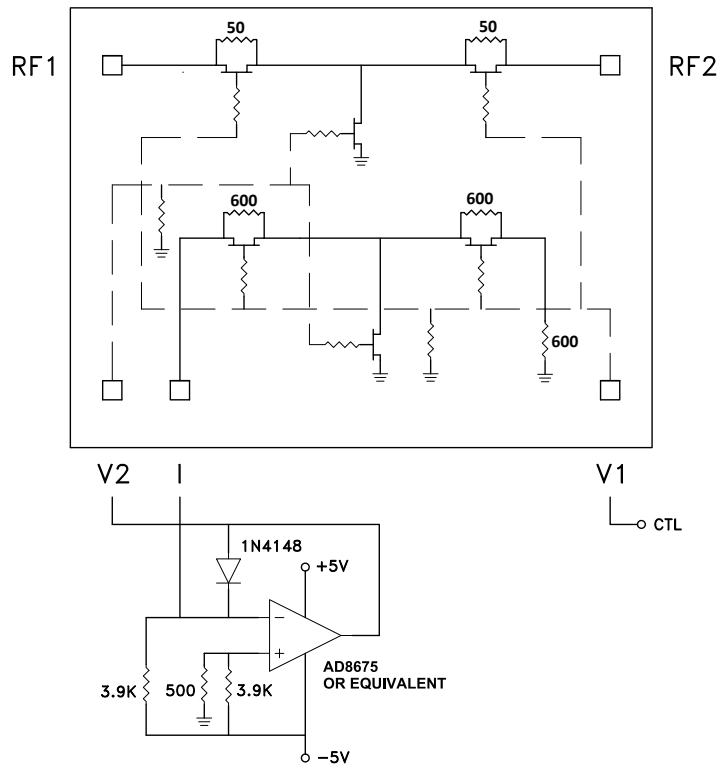
External op-amp control circuit maintains impedance match while attenuation is varied. Input control ranges from 0 Volts (min. attenuation) to -5.0 Volts (max. attenuation.)

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Evaluation PCB
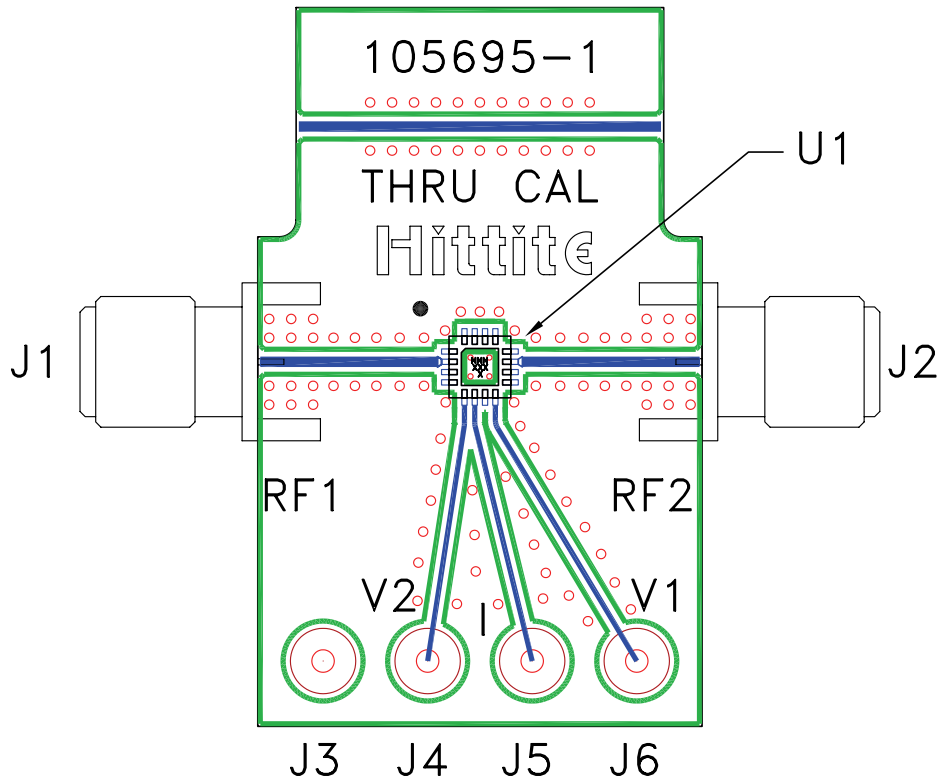
List of Materials for Evaluation EV1HMC346ALP3 [1]

Item	Description
J1 - J2	PCB Mount SMA RF Connector
J3 - J6	DC Pin
U1	HMC346ALP3E VVA
PCB [2]	105695 Evaluation PCB

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350

The circuit board used in the application should be generated with proper RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines at the RF ports should be 50 Ohm impedance and the package ground leads and package bottom should be connected directly to the PCB RF ground plane, similar to that shown above. The evaluation circuit board shown above is available from Analog Devices Inc. upon request.

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