

Product Description

ATEK346P3 is a wideband 1-bit Digital Step Attenuator with 9 dB attenuation range. Attenuator frequency of operation goes down to Low Frequency close to DC and goes up to 14 GHz. Usable bandwidth goes up to 20 GHz.

Bias and control voltages of the attenuator are positive, which eliminates the need for negative voltage rails.

Attenuator is housed in compact 3x3 mm low cost SMD package, input and output matched to 50 ohms internally.

Evaluation Board, bare die, custom package, and module options are available upon request.

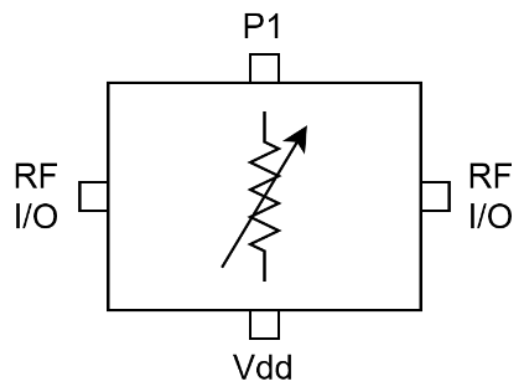
Product Features

- Frequency Range: LF - 14 GHz
- Insertion Loss: 1.5 dB
- Attenuation Range: 9 dB
- State Error: 0.4 dB
- Positive Supply
- Positive Control
- IIP3: 45 dBm
- 3x3 mm compact size

Applications

- Wideband Receivers
- Telecommunication
- Test Equipment
- Radar
- Electronic Warfare

Functional Block Diagram



Electrical Specifications

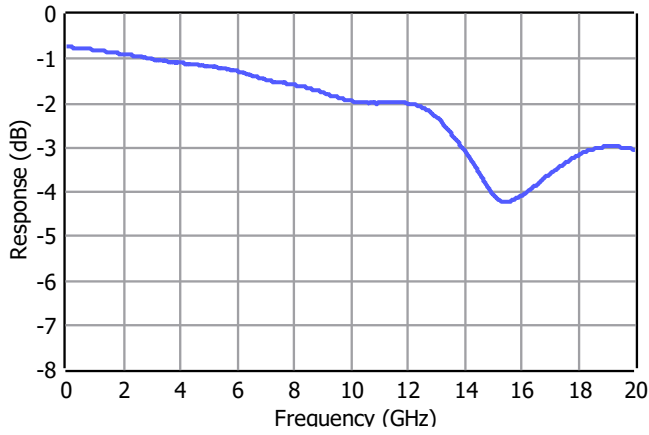
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Parameter		Min	Typ	Max	Units
Operational Frequency Range		LF		14	GHz
Insertion Loss	2 GHz		0.9		dB
	4 GHz		1.1		
	8 GHz		1.6		
	12 GHz		2		
	14 GHz		3		
Attenuation Range	2 GHz		9.2		dB
	4 GHz		9.2		
	8 GHz		9.3		
	12 GHz		9.4		
	14 GHz		9.1		
State Error			0.4		dB
Input Return Loss			-12		dB
Output Return Loss			-12		dB
Input IP3			45		dBm
DC Supply Voltage (Vdd)			5		V
DC Supply Current			1		mA
Control Voltage (P1)	Low	0		1	V
	High	2		5	
Operating Temperature		-40		85	°C

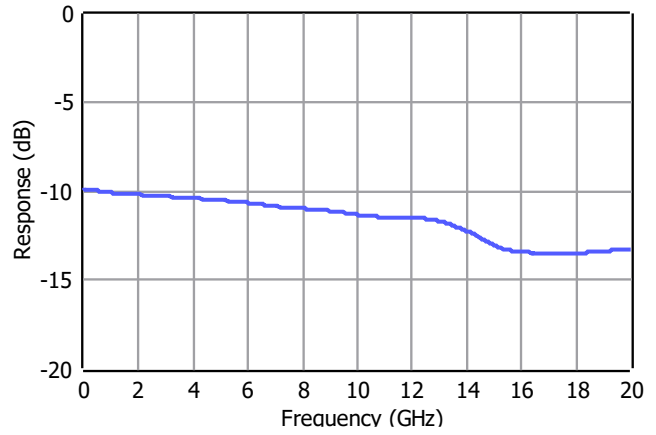
Typical Performance Plots

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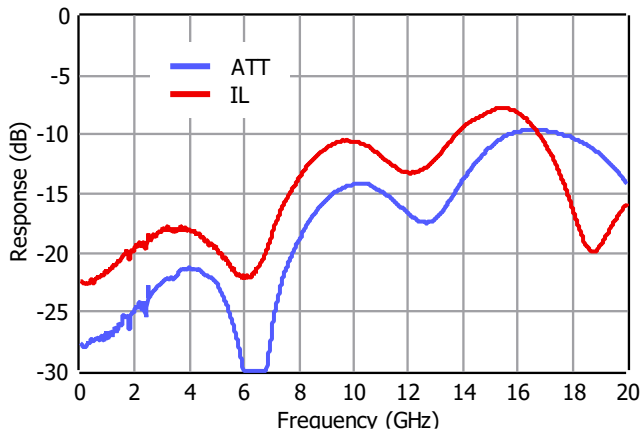
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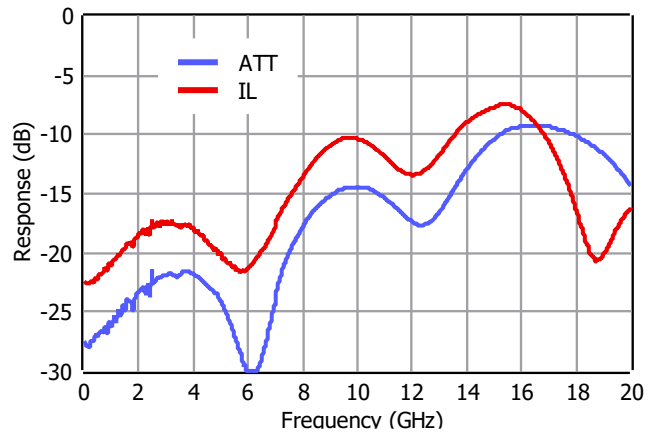
Insertion Loss at Attenuation State



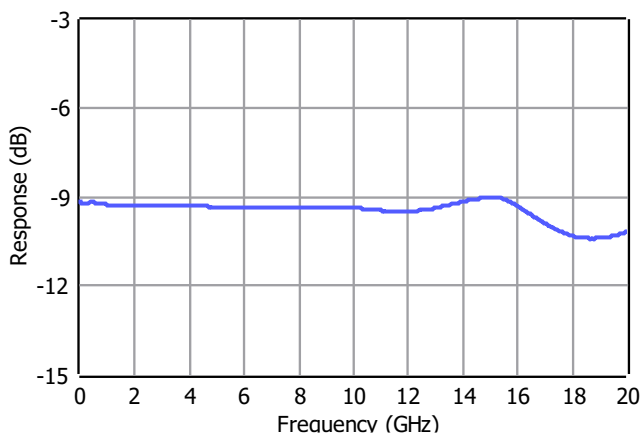
Input Return Loss



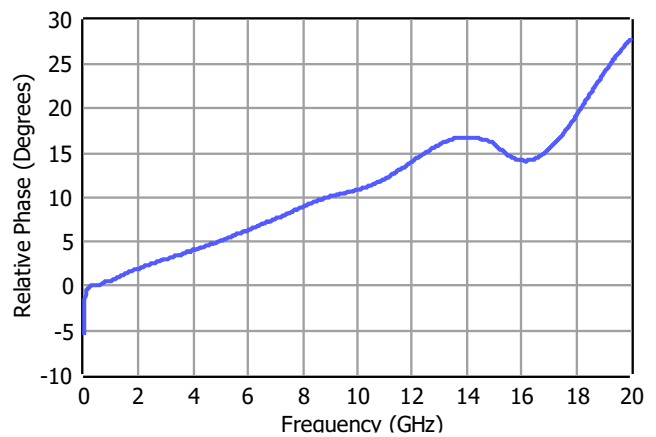
Output Return Loss



Relative Attenuation



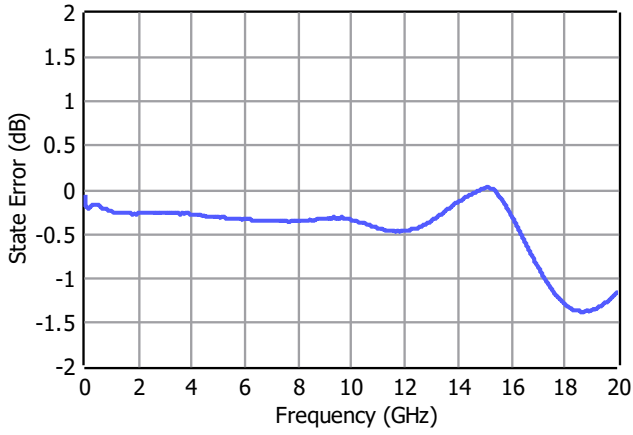
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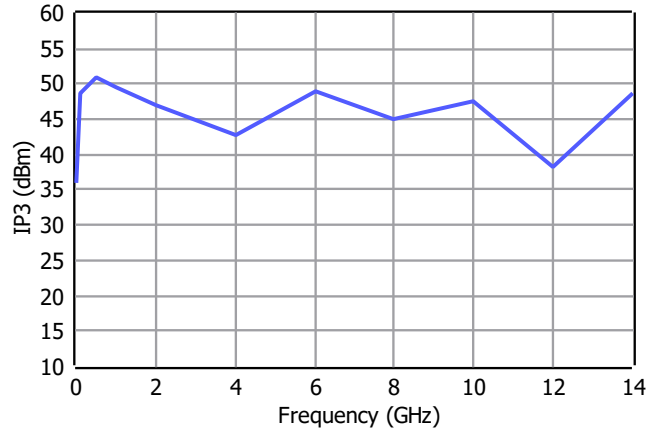
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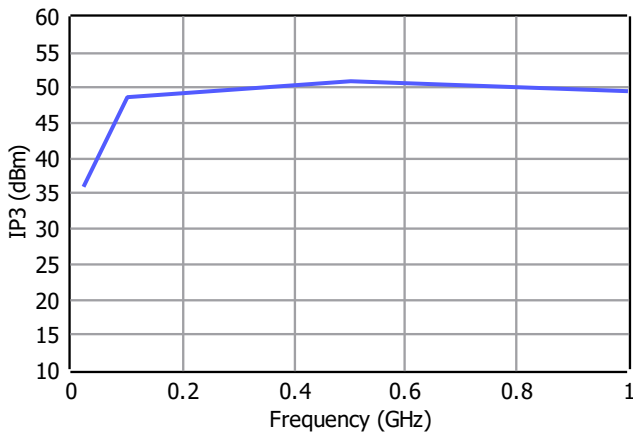
State Error



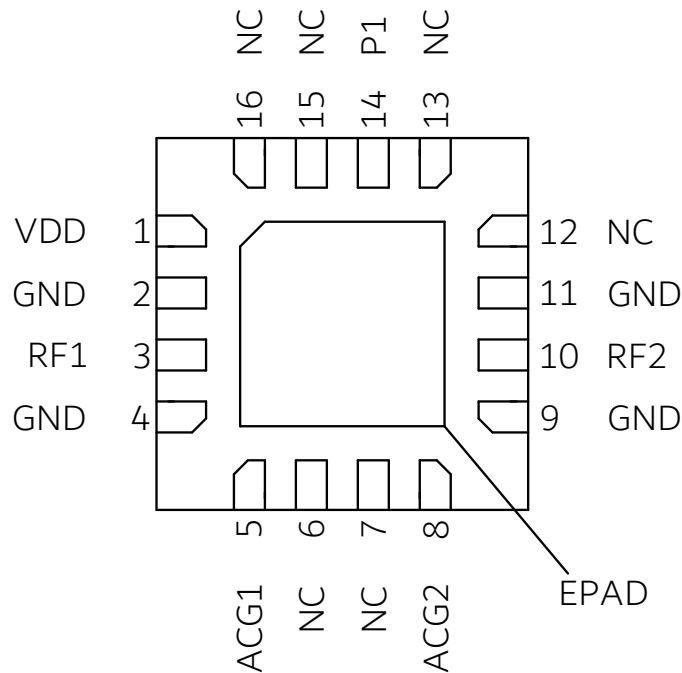
Input IP3 Wideband



Input IP3 Low Frequency



Pin Description



Pin Number	Pin Name	Description
3	RF1	RF input/output pin. If the DC voltage level on RF lines is not equal to 0 V, an external DC block capacitor is required.
10	RF2	RF input/output pin. If the DC voltage level on RF lines is not equal to 0 V, an external DC block capacitor is required.
1	VDD	Vdd bias pin.
5	ACG1	AC ground pin. External shunt capacitor is required.
8	ACG2	AC ground pin. External shunt capacitor is required.
14	P1	Control voltage pin for parallel control interface.
6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16	NC	These pins are not internally connected. Can be grounded on the PCB.
2, 4, 9, 11	GND	Ground.
17	EPAD	Exposed Pad on the bottom of the package should be connected to ground with multiple number of vias to reduce the inductance to the GND.

Control Interface

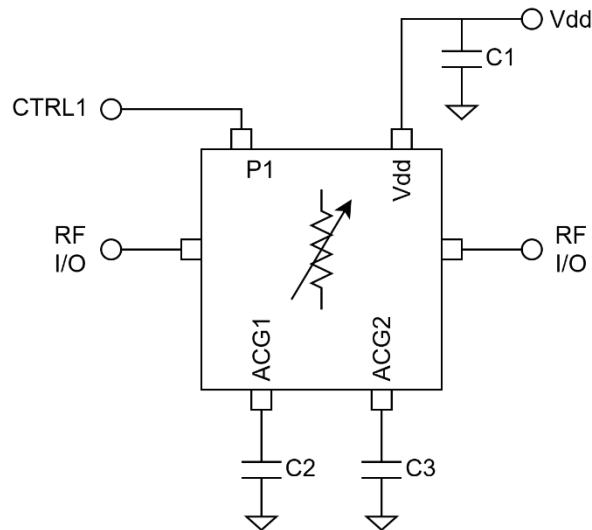
CTRLA	Attenuation State
HIGH	0 dB
LOW	9 dB

Applications Information

Signal entering from RF IN goes to RF OUT with an attenuation level set by control pins.

Vdd bias is 5 V and control voltages are CMOS compatible. Attenuation level can be set by switching control voltages between 0 V to 5 V. Operating the attenuator is done with positive voltage rails without the need for negative voltage levels.

Typical application schematic to operate the attenuator is given below.



C1 is used to filter out the ripples and unwanted signals coming from the Vdd supply. Using additional capacitors in parallel to C1 will improve this filtering. If this filtering is of no concern, then attenuator can be operated without C1.

If needed, to filter out the ripples and unwanted signals on the external CTRL1 signal, a low pass filter in series R, shunt C configuration can be implemented on the CTRL1 line. Note that external RC filtering limits the attenuation switching speed of the attenuator.

C2 and C3 are AC ground capacitors. Values of these capacitors should be chosen considering the lowest operation frequency of the application. 1 nF is used for C2 and C3 to generate the measurement results in this document.

CTRL1 voltage is used for setting the attenuation level.

All measurement results presented on this document are taken with a set-up, where RF1 is an input and RF2 is an output.

Insertion Loss, Attenuation and IP3 performance is measured with connectorized evaluation PCB. Then the loss of the PCB is de-embedded to generate the data presented in this document.

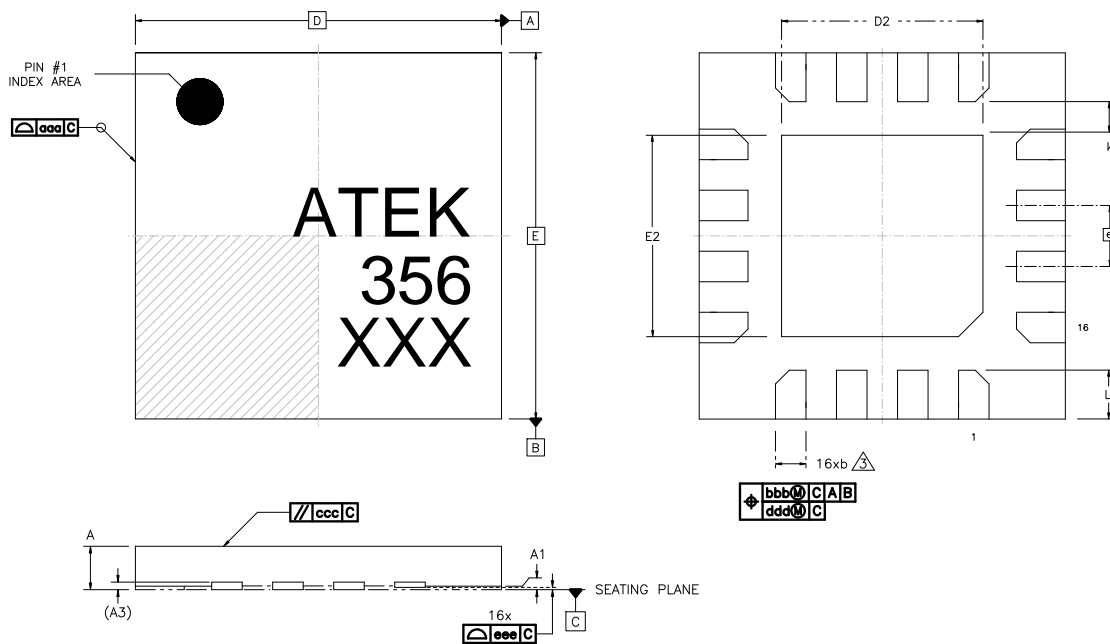
The NC pins of the attenuator are connected to the GND on the PCB used to generate the plots shown in this document.

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Value/Range
Supply Voltage (Vdd)	TBD
Control Voltage (P1)	TBD
RF Input Power	TBD
Storage Temperature	-55 to +125°C

Operation of this device outside the parameter ranges given above may cause damage. These parameters should not be applied simultaneously.

Mechanical and Marking Information



NOTES:
 1) ALL DIMENSIONS IN MM
 2) DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ASME Y14.5-2009
 3) DIMENSION b APPLIES TO METALLIZED TERMINAL AND IS MEASURED BETWEEN 0.15 AND 0.30 MM FROM TERMINAL TIP

SYMBOL	MIN	MAX	SYMBOL	MIN	MAX
A, V	0.80	1.00	E2	1.55	1.75
A, W	0.70	0.80	e	0.50	BSC
A, L	1.40	1.70	k	0.20	-
A1	0.00	0.05	L	0.35	0.45
A3	0.20	REF	aaa	0.10	
b	0.18	0.30	bbb	0.10	
D	3.00	BSC	ccc	0.10	
D2	1.55	1.75	ddd	0.05	
E	3.00	BSC	eee	0.08	

Handling Precautions



Caution!
ESD-Sensitive Device
Handle Accordingly

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