GaAs IC 4 Bit Digital Attenuator
1 dB LSB Positive Control 0.5–2.5 GHz

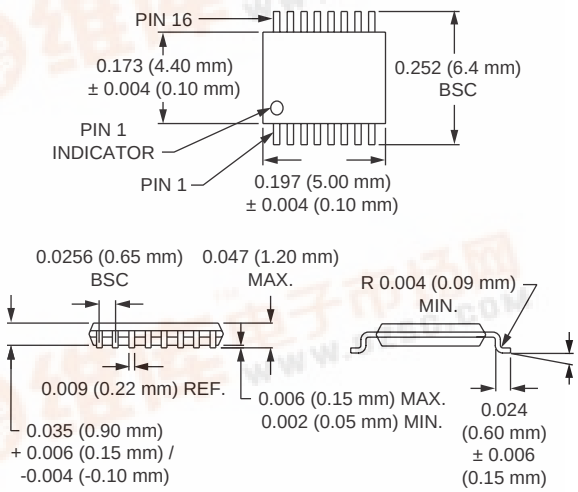
Alpha

AA226-87

Features

- Attenuation 1 dB Steps to 15 dB with High Accuracy
- Single Positive Control (+3 to +5 V) for Each Bit
- Low DC Power Consumption
- Small Low Cost TSSOP-16 Plastic Package

TSSOP-16



Description

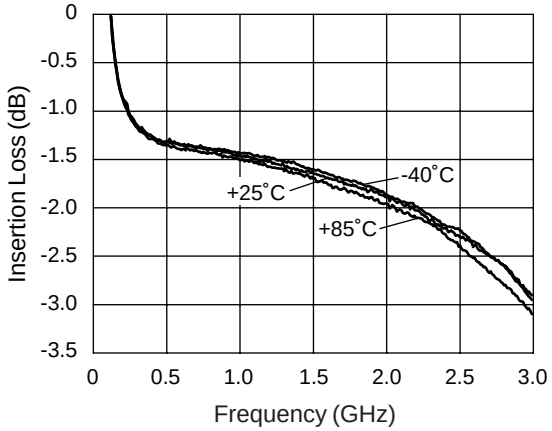
The AA226-87 is a 4 bit, single positive control GaAs IC FET digital attenuator. It requires DC blocking capacitors, positive supply voltage (V_S) and four individual positive bit control voltages (V_1–V_4). The AA226-87 is particularly suited where high attenuation accuracy, low insertion loss and low intermodulation products are required. Typical applications include base station, wireless data and wireless local loop gain control circuits.

Electrical Specifications at -40°C to +85°C (0, +5 V)

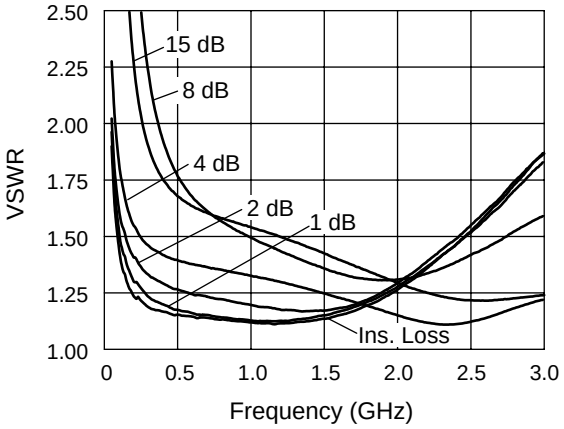
Parameter[1]	Condition	Frequency	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Insertion Loss		0.5–1.0 GHz 1.0–2.0 GHz 2.0–2.5 GHz		1.3 1.7 2.3	1.7 2.2 2.6	dB dB dB
Attenuation Range				15		dB
Attenuation Accuracy[2]		0.5–1.0 GHz 1.0–2.5 GHz		± (0.2 + 3% of Attenuation Setting in dB) ± (0.3 + 4% of Attenuation Setting in dB)		dB dB
VSWR (I/O)[3]		0.5–2.5 GHz		1.5:1	2.0:1	
Switching Characteristics[4]	Rise, Fall (10/90% or 90/10% RF) On, Off (50% CTL to 90/10% RF) Video Feedthru			150 300 70		ns ns mV
Input Power for 1 dB Compression	V_S = +3 V V_S = +5 V	0.5–2.5 GHz 0.5–2.5 GHz	+20 +24	+25 +30		dBm dBm
Intermodulation Intercept Point (IP3)	For Two-tone Input Power +5 dBm V_S = +3 V V_S = +5 V	 0.5–2.5 GHz 0.5–2.5 GHz	 +43 +44	 +49 +50		 dBm dBm
Control Voltages	V_{Low} = 0 to 0.2 V @ 20 µA Max. V_{High} = +3 V @ 100 µA Max. to +5 V @ 200 µA Max. V_S = V_{High} ± 0.2 V					

1. All measurements made in a 50 Ω system, unless otherwise specified.
2. Attenuation referenced to insertion loss.
3. Input/output.
4. Video feedthru measured with 1 ns risetime pulse and 500 MHz bandwidth.

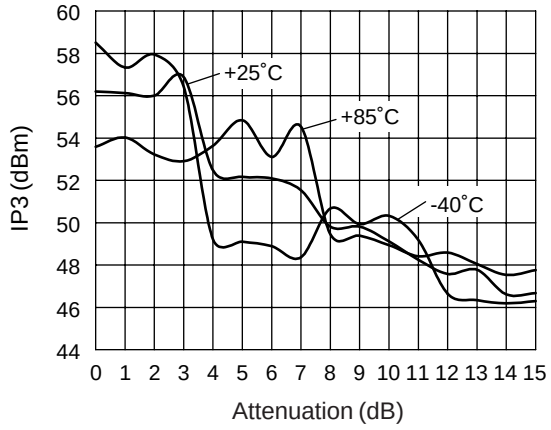
Typical Performance Data (0, +5 V)



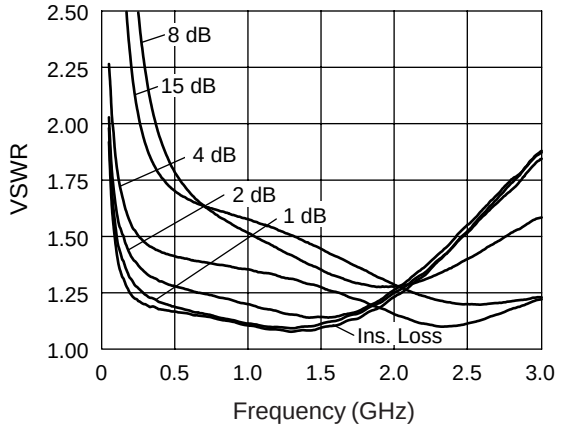
Insertion Loss vs. Frequency



VSWR vs. Frequency (25˚C)



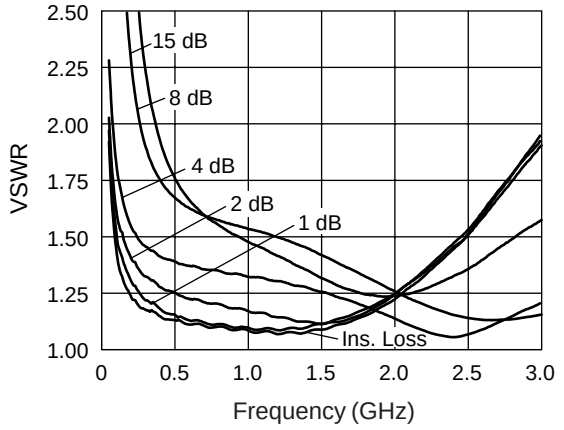
IP3 vs. Attenuation and Temperature (500 MHz)



VSWR vs. Frequency (85˚C)

Compression Point vs. Attenuation, Voltage, and Temperature

Attenuation State	Control Voltage (V)	Input Power @ 1 dB Compression		
		+25°C (dBm)	+85°C (dBm)	-40°C (dBm)
Ins. Loss	5	31.6	31.0	30.8
1 dB	5	31.9	31.5	31.2
2 dB	5	31.4	31.1	30.9
4 dB	5	32.7	31.5	34.8
8 dB	5	33.0	32.8	33.5
15 dB	5	30.7	28.5	31.7



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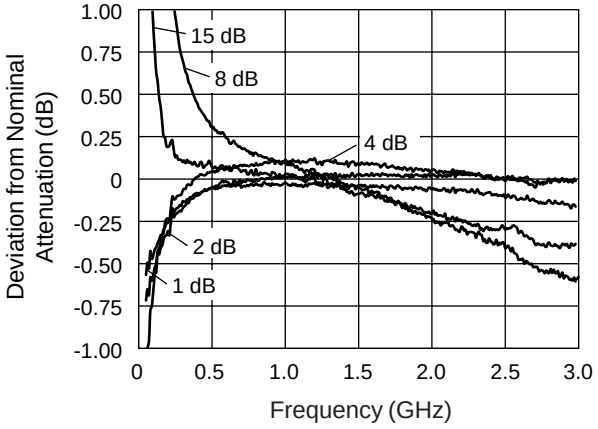

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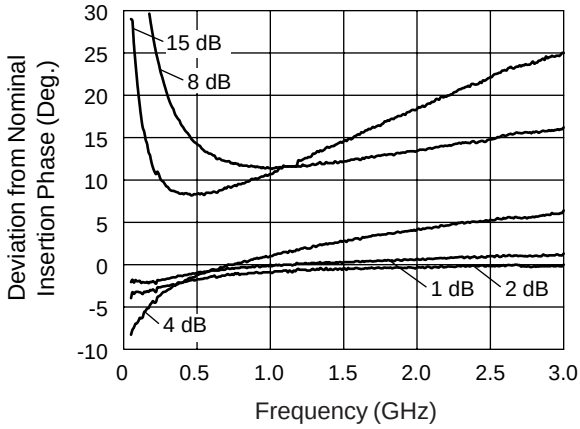

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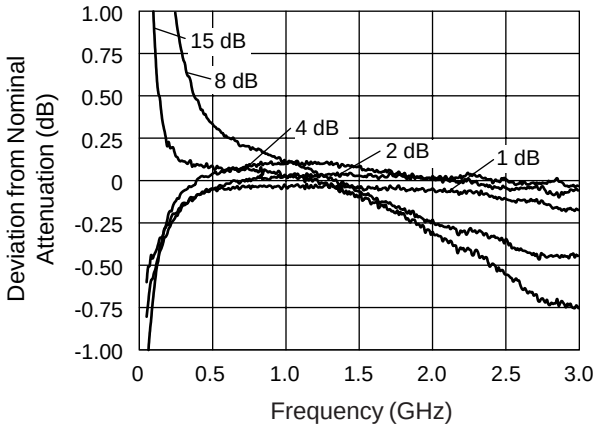

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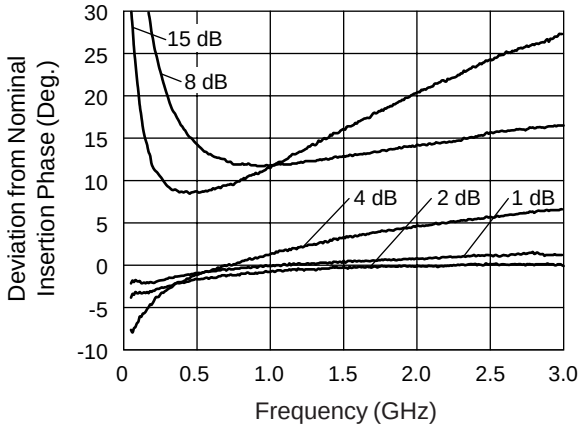

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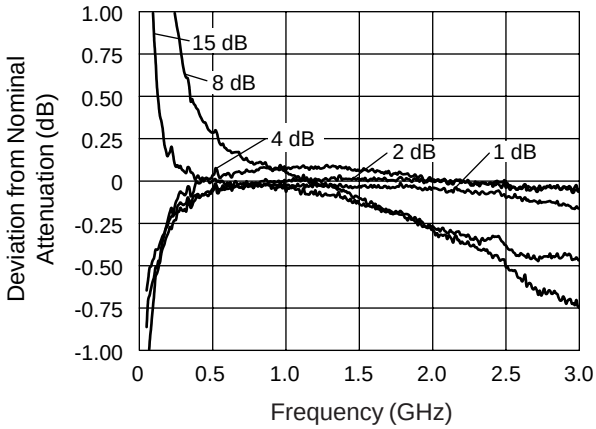

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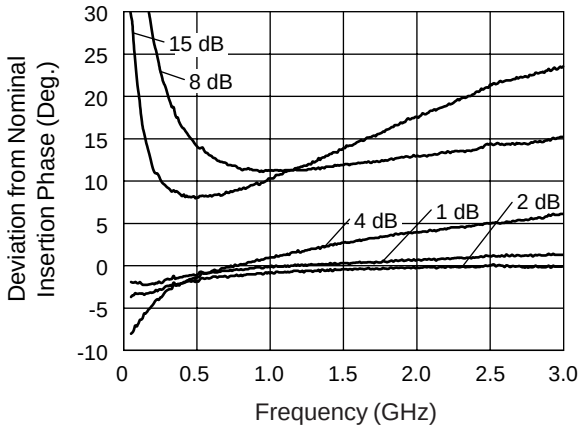

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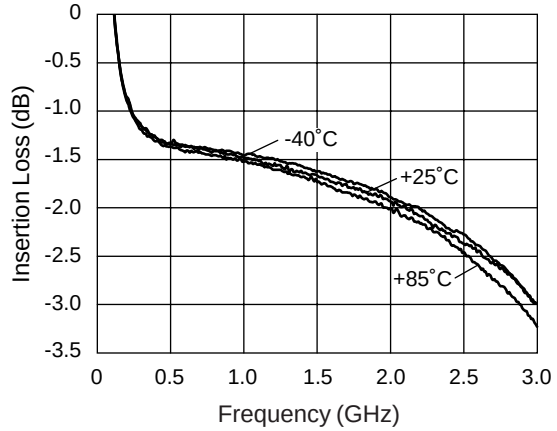
Typical Performance Data (0, +3 V)



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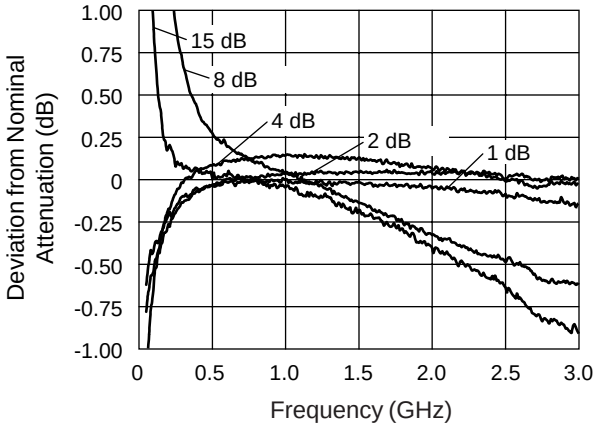

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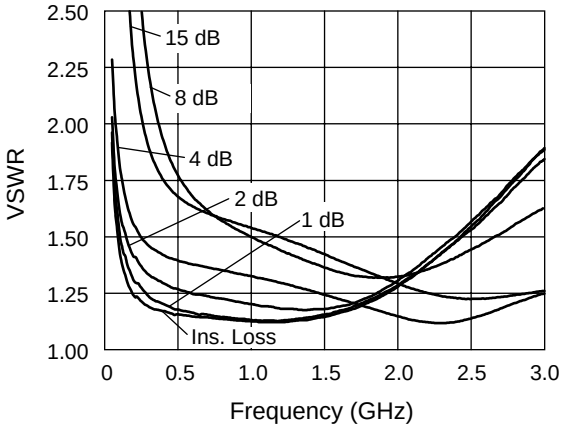

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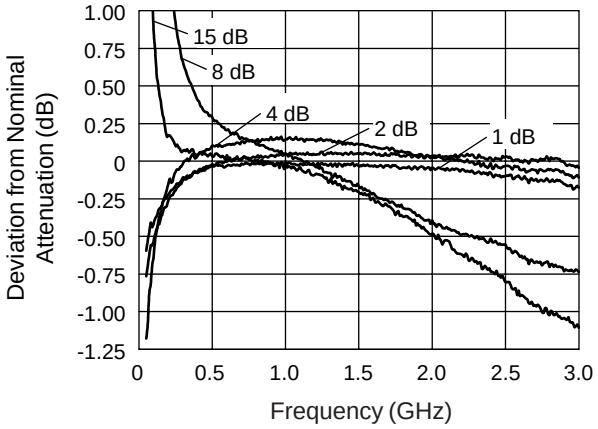

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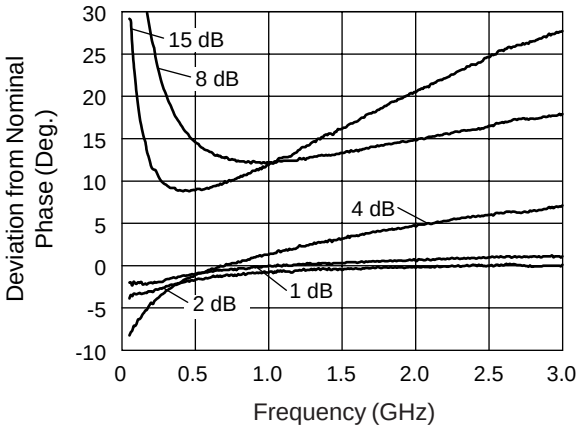

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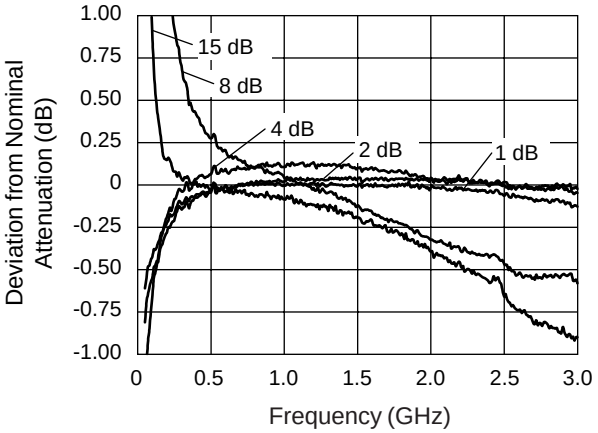

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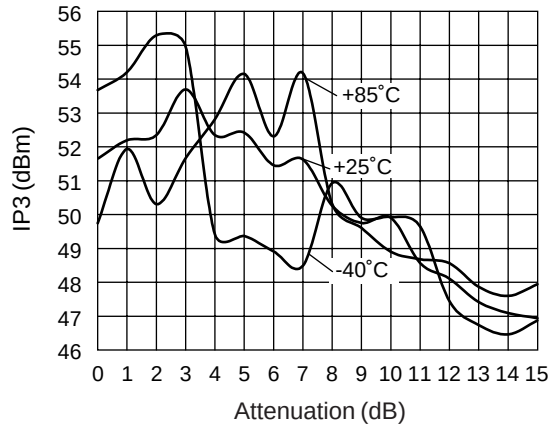


IP3 vs. Attenuation and Temperature (500 MHz)

Truth Table

V_1	V_2	V_3	V_4	Attenuation
8 dB	4 dB	2 dB	1 dB	J_1–J_2
V_{High}	V_{High}	V_{High}	V_{High}	Reference I.L.
V_{High}	V_{High}	V_{High}	0	1 dB
V_{High}	V_{High}	0	V_{High}	2 dB
V_{High}	0	V_{High}	V_{High}	4 dB
0	V_{High}	V_{High}	V_{High}	8 dB
0	0	0	0	15 dB Max. Atten.

V_{High} = +3 to +5 V (V_S = V_{High} ± 0.2 V).

Absolute Maximum Ratings

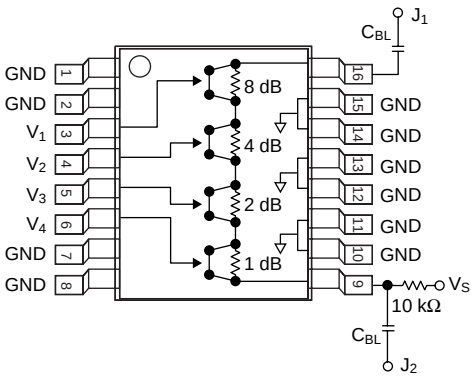
Characteristic	Value
RF Input Power	1 W > 500 MHz 0/8 V 0.5 W @ 50 MHz 0/8 V
Supply Voltage	+8 V
Control Voltage	-0.2 V, +8 V
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to +150°C

Note: Exceeding these parameters may cause irreversible damage.

Compression Point vs. Attenuation, Voltage, and Temperature

Attenuation State	Control Voltage (V)	Input Power @ 1 dB Compression		
		+25°C (dBm)	+85°C (dBm)	-40°C (dBm)
Ins. Loss	3	24.5	24.1	24.6
1 dB	3	25.2	24.8	25.2
2 dB	3	25.0	24.3	24.9
4 dB	3	31.2	30.4	32.8
8 dB	3	28.3	26.3	29.2
15 dB	3	26.6	24.8	27.5

Pin Out



DC blocking capacitors (C_{BL}) and biasing resistor must be supplied externally for positive voltage operation.
C_{BL} = 47 pF for operation >500 MHz.