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0.25 dB LSB GaAs MMIC 5-BIT DIGITAL POSITIVE CONTROL ATTENUATOR, DC - 4 GHz

#### **Typical Applications**

The HMC539LP3 / HMC539LP3E is ideal for both RF and IF applications:

- Cellular Infrastructure
- ISM, MMDS, WLAN, WiMAX, WiBro
- Microwave Radio & VSAT
- Test Equipment and Sensors

#### **Functional Diagram**



#### Features

0.25 dB LSB Steps to 7.75 dB ± 0.05 dB Typical Step Error Low Insertion Loss: 0.7 dB High IP3: +50 dBm Single Control Line Per Bit TTL/CMOS Compatible Control Single +5V Supply 3x3 mm SMT Package

#### **General Discription**

The HMC539LP3 & HMC539LP3E are broadband 5-bit GaAs IC digital attenuators in low cost leadless surface mount packages. This single positive control line per bit digital attenuator utilizes an off chip AC ground capacitor for near DC operation, making it suitable for a wide variety of RF and IF applications. Covering DC to 4 GHz, the insertion loss is less than 0.7 dB typical. The attenuator bit values are 0.25 (LSB), 0.5, 1, 2, and 4 dB for a total attenuation of 7.75 dB. Attenuation accuracy is excellent at  $\pm$  0.05 dB typical step error. The attenuator also features a high IIP3 of +50 dBm. Five TTL/CMOS control inputs are used to select each attenuation state. A single Vdd bias of +5V is required.

#### Electrical Specifications, $T_{A} = +25^{\circ}$ C, With Vdd = +5V & Vctl = 0/+5V (Unless Otherwise Noted)

| Parameter  | Frequency (GHz)                                | Min.   | Тур.              | Max.              | Units          |
|--|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Insertion Loss   | DC - 1.5 GHz<br>1.5 - 3.0 GHz<br>3.0 - 4.0 GHz |  | 0.7<br>1.0<br>1.3 | 1.0<br>1.3<br>1.7 | dB<br>dB<br>dB |
| Attenuation Range  | DC - 4 GHz                                     |  | 7.75              |                   | dB             |
| Return Loss (RF1 & RF2, All Atten. States)   | DC - 3 GHz<br>3.0 - 4.0 GHz                    |  | 25<br>20          |                   | dB<br>dB       |
| Attenuation Accuracy:<br>(Referenced to Insertion Loss) All States                       | DC - 3 GHz<br>3.0 - 4.0 GHz                    | ± (0.2 + 2% of Atten. Setting) Max.<br>± (0.2 + 4% of Atten. Setting) Max. |                   | dB<br>dB          |                |
| Input Power for 0.1 dB Compression   | 0.1 - 4.0 GHz                                  |  | 28                |                   | dBm            |
| Input Third Order Intercept Point<br>(Two-Tone Input Power= 0 dBm Each Tone)             | 0.1 - 4.0 GHz                                  |  | 50                |                   | dBm            |
| Switching Characteristics<br>tRISE, tFALL (10/90% RF)<br>tON tOFE (50% CTL to 10/90% RE) | DC - 4 GHz                                     |  | 48                |                   | ns             |
|  |  |  | 52                |                   | 115            |

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#### **Insertion Loss**



#### Normalized Attenuation

(Only Major States are Shown)









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#### Bit Error vs. Attenuation State



#### Relative Phase vs. Frequency

(Only Major States are Shown)



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Worst Case Step Error **Between Successive Attenuation States** 



#### **Bias Voltage & Current**

| Vdd = +5.0 Vdc ± 10% |                    |  |
|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Vdd<br>(VDC)         | Idd (Typ.)<br>(mA) |  |
| +4.5                 | 3.3                |  |
| +5.0                 | 3.5                |  |
| +5.5                 | 3.7                |  |

#### **Control Voltage**

| State           | Bias Condition                 |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Low             | 0 to +0.8V @ -5 uA Typ.        |
| High            | +2.0 to + 5.0 Vdc @ 30 uA Typ. |
| Note: Vdd = +5V |                                |



#### **Truth Table**

| Control Voltage Input   |            |            |              | Attenuation   |                    |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| V1<br>4 dB  | V2<br>2 dB | V3<br>1 dB | V4<br>0.5 dB | V5<br>0.25 dB | State<br>RF1 - RF2 |
| High  | High       | High       | High         | High          | Reference<br>I.L.  |
| High  | High       | High       | High         | Low           | 0.25 dB            |
| High  | High       | High       | Low          | High          | 0.5 dB             |
| High  | High       | Low        | High         | High          | 1 dB               |
| High  | Low        | High       | High         | High          | 2 dB               |
| Low   | High       | High       | High         | High          | 4 dB               |
| Low   | Low        | Low        | Low          | Low           | 7.75 dB            |
| Any combination of the above states will provide an attenuation |            |            |              |               |                    |

approximately equal to the sum of the bits selected.



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#### Absolute Maximum Ratings

| RF Input Power (DC - 4 GHz)                                     | +29 dBm (T = +85 °C) |
|---|----------------------|
| Control Voltage Range (V1 to V5)                                | -1V to Vdd +1V       |
| Bias Voltage (Vdd)  | +7.0 Vdc             |
| Channel Temperature   | 150 °C               |
| Continuous Pdiss (T = 85 °C)<br>(derate 12.0 mW/°C above 85 °C) | 0.781 W              |
| Thermal Resistance  | 83 °C/W              |
| Storage Temperature   | -65 to +150 °C       |
| Operating Temperature   | -40 to +85 °C        |
| ESD Sensitivity (HBM)   | Class 1A             |



ELECTROSTATIC SENSITIVE DEVICE OBSERVE HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

#### **Outline Drawing**



- PAD BURR LENGTH SHALL BE 0.15mm MAXIMUM.
- PAD BURR HEIGHT SHALL BE 0.05mm MAXIMUM. 5. PACKAGE WARP SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.05mm.
- 6. ALL GROUND LEADS AND GROUND PADDLE MUST BE
- SOLDERED TO PCB RF GROUND. 7. REFER TO HITTITE APPLICATION NOTE FOR SUGGESTED

LAND PATTERN.

#### **Package Information**

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SEATING PLANE

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| Part Number | Package Body Material                              | Lead Finish   | MSL Rating          | Package Marking <sup>[3]</sup> |
|-------------|--|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| HMC539LP3   | Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic                | Sn/Pb Solder  | MSL1 <sup>[1]</sup> | 539<br>XXXX                    |
| HMC539LP3E  | RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | 100% matte Sn | MSL1 <sup>[2]</sup> | <u>539</u><br>XXXX             |

[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 235  $^\circ\text{C}$ 

[2] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C

[3] 4-Digit lot number XXXX



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#### **Pin Descriptions**

| Pin Number | Function    | Description  | Interface Schematic        |
|------------|-------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1          | Vdd         | Supply Voltage.  |                            |
| 2, 11      | RF1, RF2    | This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohm.<br>Blocking capacitors are required.<br>Select value based on lowest frequency of operation. | RF1<br>RF2                 |
| 3, 9, 10   | N/C         | These pins should be connected to PCB RF ground to maximize performance.   |                            |
| 4 - 8      | ACG1 - ACG5 | External capacitor to ground is required. Select value for lowest frequency of operation. Place capacitor as close to pins as possible.    |                            |
| 12 - 16    | V1 - V5     | See truth table and control voltage table.   | 0 Vdd<br>0 142K<br>(V1−V5) |
|            | GND         | Package bottom has an exposed metal paddle that must be connected to RF Ground.  | ⊖ GND<br>                  |



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#### **Evaluation PCB**



#### List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 110078 [1]

| Item               | Description                                  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|
| J1 - J2            | PCB Mount SMA Connector                      |  |
| J3 - J9            | DC Pin                                       |  |
| C1, C2             | 100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.                  |  |
| C3                 | 1000 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.                 |  |
| C4                 | 330 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.                  |  |
| R1 - R5            | 100 Ohm Resistor 0402                        |  |
| U1                 | HMC539LP3 / HMC539LP3E<br>Digital Attenuator |  |
| PCB <sup>[2]</sup> | 110076 Evaluation PCB                        |  |

Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB
Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350

The circuit board used in the final application should use RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines should have 50 ohm impedance while the package ground leads and exposed paddle should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown. A sufficient number of via holes should be used to connect the top and bottom ground planes. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.