

DATA SHEET

SKY12329-350LF: GaAs Digital Attenuator

5-Bit, 1 dB LSB 400 MHz–4 GHz

Applications

- Transceiver transmit automatic level control or receive automatic gain control in WiMAX, GSM, CDMA, WCDMA, WLAN, Bluetooth®, Zigbee®, Land Mobile Radio Base stations or Terminal Equipment
- General purpose signal attenuation in telecommunications and instrumentation applications

Features

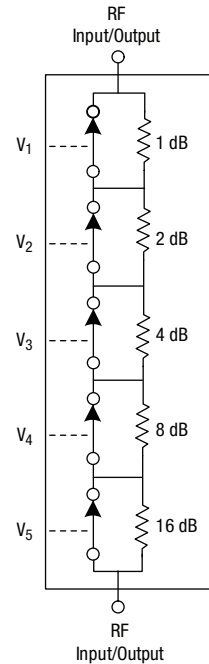
- Broadband: 400 MHz–4 GHz
- Attenuation range: 31 dB
- Least significant bit attenuation: 1 dB
- Low insertion loss: 1.2 dB @ 900 MHz
- Single positive control voltage: 2.7–5.5 V
- Low current consumption: <100 μ A @ 5 V
- Small QFN-16 3 x 3 mm package with exposed paddle
- Lead (Pb)-free and RoHS-compliant MSL-1 @ 260 °C per JEDEC J-STD-020

Description

The SKY12329-350LF is a monolithic GaAs, binary-weighted, 5-bit, single positive control voltage digital attenuator which operates from 400 MHz–4 GHz. The attenuator has a least significant bit (LSB) of 1 dB and total attenuation of 31 dB. The two RF ports are bilateral; each can be used as the RF input or the RF output. This attenuator requires an external supply voltage of 2.7–5.5 V.

The SKY12329-350LF is comprised of 5 fixed attenuators in cascade, each of which having a shunt bypass switch. Beginning at the LSB, which is 1 dB, each succeeding fixed attenuator produces twice the attenuation of the preceding stage. The state of each bypass switch is controlled by the logic level voltage applied to the associated control voltage input; a logic high voltage closes the associated switch, thereby

Functional Block Diagram



bypassing that fixed attenuator stage, and a logic low opens the switch to force the input signal to that stage through the associated attenuator.

DC power consumption is very low, 100 μ A maximum with control voltage and supply voltage of 5 V. The switch can operate over the temperature range of -40 °C to +85 °C.

An evaluation board is available upon request.

NEW Skyworks offers lead (Pb)-free, RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances)-compliant packaging.



Electrical Specifications

$V_{CTL} = 0\text{ V/5 V}$, $T = 25\text{ °C}$, $P_{INPUT} = 0\text{ dBm}$, $Z_0 = 50\text{ }\Omega$, unless otherwise noted

Parameter	Condition	Frequency	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Insertion loss		0.4–1.0 GHz		1.2	1.6	dB
		1.0–2.0 GHz		1.5	1.9	dB
		2.0–3.0 GHz		1.8	2.2	dB
		3.0–4.0 GHz		2.7	3.1	dB
Attenuation range				31		dB
Attenuation accuracy	Attenuation referred to insertion loss. All attenuation states	0.4–1.0 GHz	$\pm (0.35 + 3\%$ of attenuation setting in dB)			dB
	All attenuation states	1.0–3.0 GHz	$\pm (0.3 + 3\%$ of attenuation setting in dB)			dB
	1–15 dB attenuation states	3.0–4.0 GHz	$\pm (0.5 + 5\%$ of attenuation setting in dB)			dB
	16–31 dB attenuation states	3.0–4.0 GHz	$\pm (0.6 + 6\%$ of attenuation setting in dB)			dB
Return loss		0.4–1.0 GHz		7		dB
		1.0–4.0 GHz		10		dB

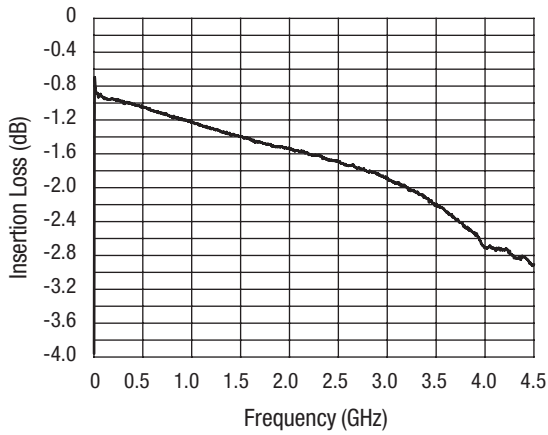
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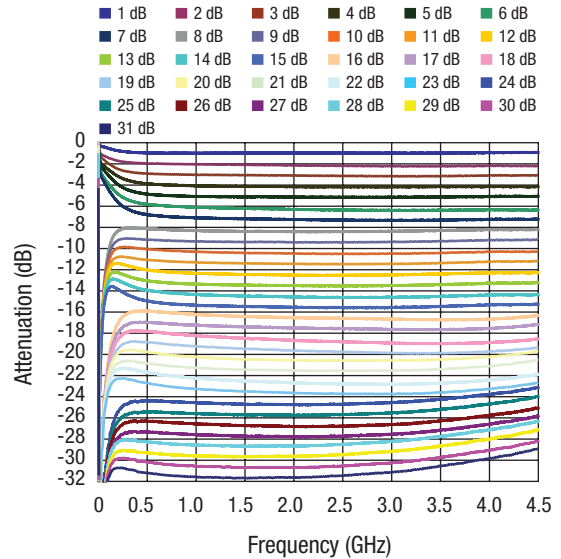
Parameter	Condition	Frequency	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Switching characteristics						
On/rise time	50/90% or 10/90% RF			150		ns
Off/fall time	50/10% or 90/10% RF			500		ns
Input power for 1 dB compression	$V_{LOW} = 0\text{ V}$, $V_{HIGH} = 3\text{ V}$ $V_{LOW} = 0\text{ V}$, $V_{HIGH} = 5\text{ V}$	900 MHz		29		dBm
		900 MHz		31		dBm
Input third order intermodulation intercept	For two input tones. +5 dBm each tone $V_{LOW} = 0\text{ V}$, $V_{HIGH} = 3\text{ V}$ $V_{LOW} = 0\text{ V}$, $V_{HIGH} = 5\text{ V}$	1–4 GHz		39		dBm
		1–4 GHz		41		dBm
Thermal resistance	Junction to package terminal			45		°C/W
Supply voltage			$V_{HIGH} - 0.2$		$V_{HIGH} + 0.2$	V
Control voltage	High		2.7		5.5	V
	Low		-0.2		0.2	V
Control port current	$V_{CTL} = V_{HIGH}$			15	100	μA
	$V_{CTL} = V_{LOW}$			5	20	μA

Typical Performance Data

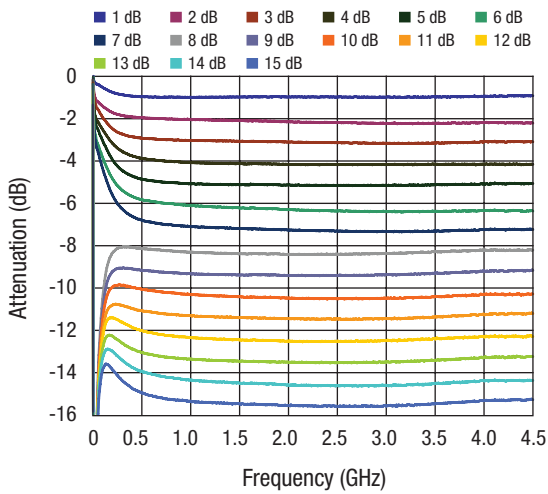
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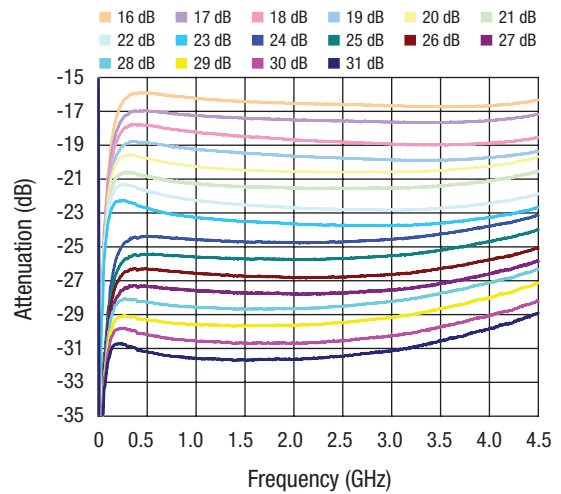
Insertion Loss vs. Frequency



Attenuation vs. Frequency¹

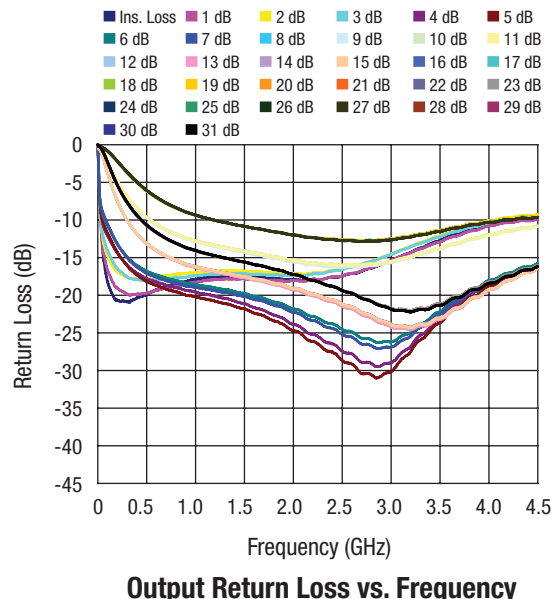
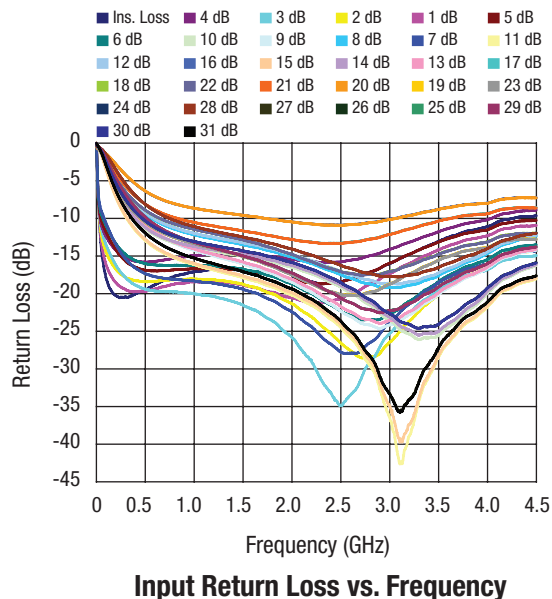


**Attenuation vs. Frequency¹
1–15 dB**



**Attenuation vs. Frequency¹
16–31 dB**

1. Attenuation normalized to insertion loss

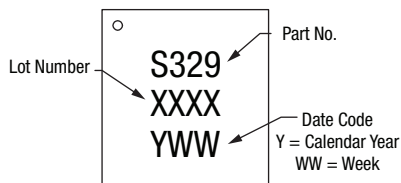


Truth Table

V ₁	V ₂	V ₃	V ₄	V ₅	Attenuation
V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	Reference insertion loss
V _{LOW}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	1 dB
V _{HIGH}	V _{LOW}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	2 dB
V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{LOW}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	4 dB
V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{LOW}	V _{HIGH}	8 dB
V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{HIGH}	V _{LOW}	16 dB
V _{LOW}	V _{LOW}	V _{LOW}	V _{LOW}	V _{LOW}	31 dB

2.7 V ≤ V_{HIGH} ≤ 5.5 V, V_S = V_{HIGH} ± 0.2 V, 0 ≤ V_{LOW} ≤ 0.2 V.

Part Marking



Absolute Maximum Ratings

Characteristic	Value
RF input power	33 dBm for f > 400 MHz, V _{CTL} = 0/8 V
Control voltage range	-0.2 ≤ V _C ≤ 8 V
Operating temperature range	-40 °C to +85 °C
Storage temperature range	-65 °C to +150 °C

Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in the specifications table and is not guaranteed under the full range(s) described by the Absolute Maximum specifications. Exceeding any of the absolute maximum/minimum specifications may result in permanent damage to the device and will void the warranty.

CAUTION: Although this device is designed to be as robust as possible, ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) can damage this device. This device must be protected at all times from ESD. Static charges may easily produce potentials of several kilovolts on the human body or equipment, which can discharge without detection. Industry-standard ESD precautions must be employed at all times.

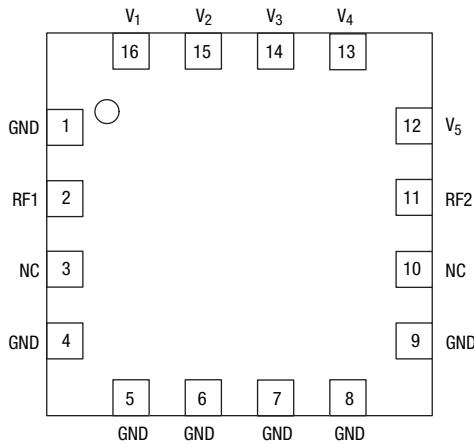
Recommended Solder Reflow Profiles

Refer to the [“Recommended Solder Reflow Profile”](#) Application Note.

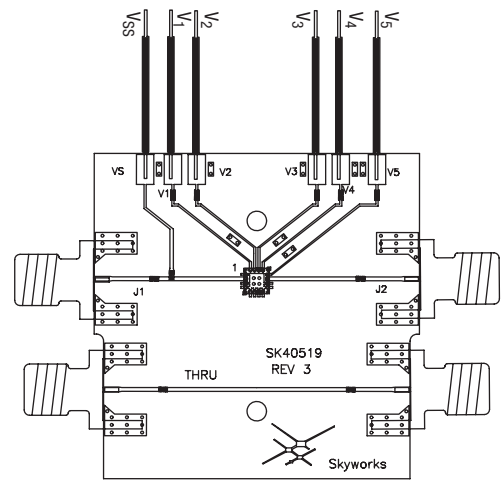
Tape and Reel Information

Refer to the [“Discrete Devices and IC Switch/Attenuators Tape and Reel Package Orientation”](#) Application Note.

Pin Out



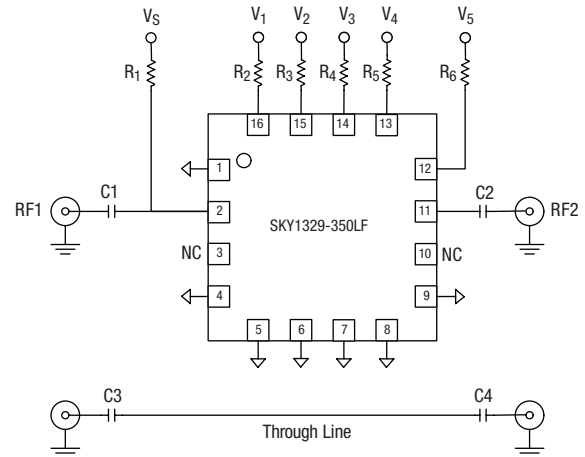
SKY12329-350LF Evaluation Circuit PCB



Pin Descriptions

Pin Number	Pin Name	Description
1, 4-9	GND	Equipotential Point—Equipotential points for control voltages and RF circuits. Must be connected to PCB ground via lowest possible
2	RF1	RF Input/Output—RF input or output port. A DC block is required for this port.
3, 10	N/C	No connection
11	RF2	RF Input/Output—RF input or output port. A DC block is required for this port.
12	V ₅	Control Voltage—Control voltage input for 16 dB weighted bit (MSB)
13	V ₄	Control Voltage—Control voltage input for 8 dB weighted bit
14	V ₃	Control Voltage—Control voltage input for 4 dB weighted bit
15	V ₂	Control Voltage—Control voltage input for 2 dB weighted bit
16	V ₁	Control Voltage—Control voltage input for 1 dB weighted bit (LSB)

SKY12329-350LF Evaluation Circuit



Evaluation Board

The evaluation board for SKY12329-350LF allows the part to be fully exercised. The insertion loss of the transmission lines between J₁–U₁ and U₁–J₂ can be determined by measuring the performance of the calibration through line, which contains two DC block capacitors (560 pF) in identical positions to the DC blocks present in the main circuit.

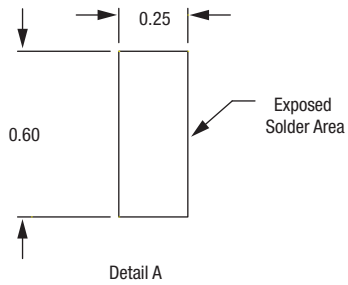
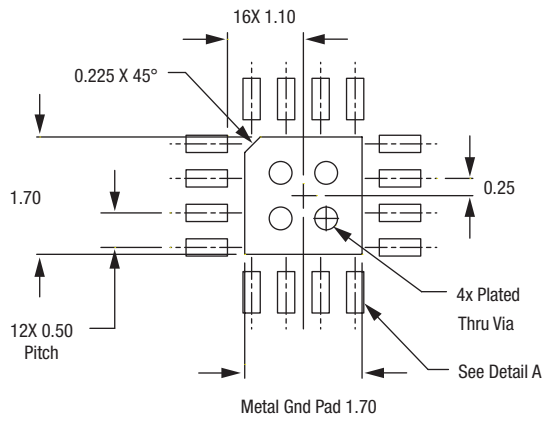
The state of the SKY12329-350LF is controlled by applying the appropriate logic level voltages to ports V₁ through V₅, per the Truth Table

Evaluation Board Components

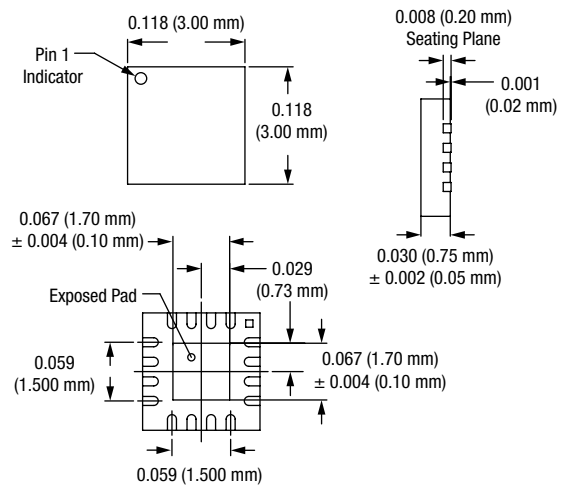
Component	Description	Default
C ₁ –C ₄	DC blocking capacitor	560 pF, size 0402
R ₁	RF block	10k Ω, size 0402
R ₂ –R ₆	Current limiting	100 Ω
U ₁	SKY12329-350LF GaAs digital attenuator	
J ₁ , J ₂	SMA connectors	

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Land Pattern



-350 (QFN 3 x 3)



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