

GaAs MMIC VOLTAGE-VARIABLE ATTENUATOR, DC - 14 GHz

Typical Applications

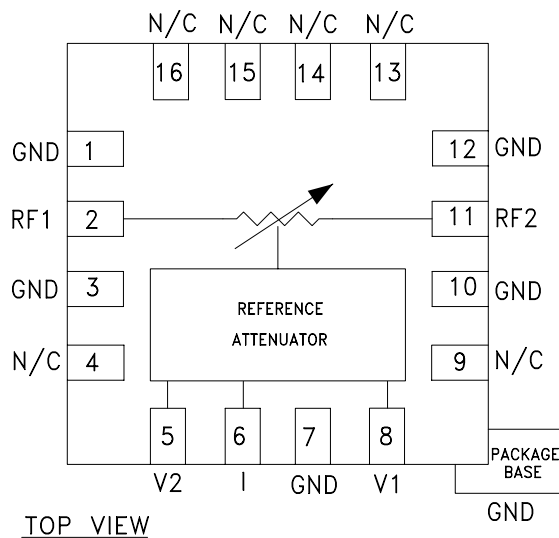
The HMC346ALP3E is ideal for:

- 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



General Description

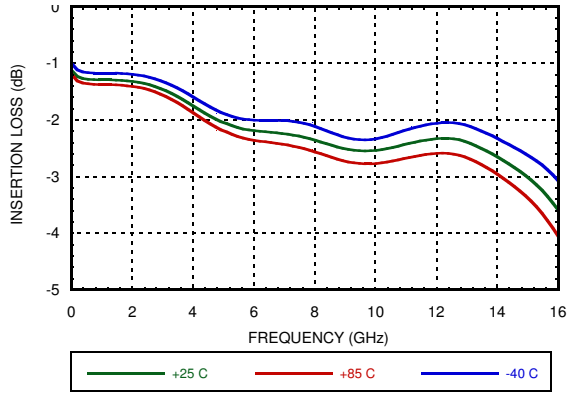
The HMC346ALP3E is an absorptive Voltage Variable Attenuator (VVA) in low cost leadless surface mount plastic package operating from DC - 14 GHz. It features an on-chip reference attenuator for use with an external op-amp to provide simple single voltage attenuation control, 0 to -5V. The device is ideal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

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, 50 Ohm system

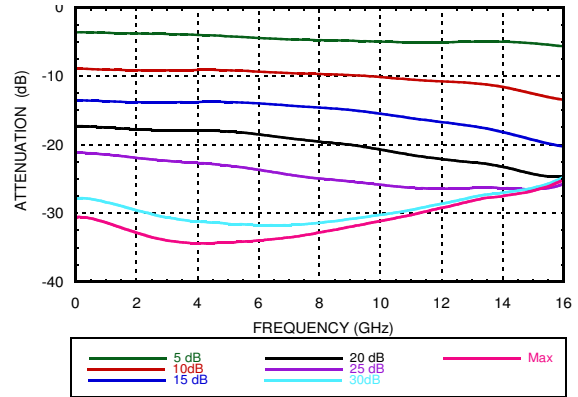
| Parameter | Min | Typical | Max | Units |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------|-----|-------|
| Insertion Loss | DC - 10GHz | 2.6 | 3.1 | dB |
| | DC - 14 GHz | 2.7 | 3.2 | dB |
| Attenuation Range | DC - 10 GHz | 27 | 30 | dB |
| | DC - 14 GHz | 23 | 28 | dB |
| Return Loss | DC - 14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

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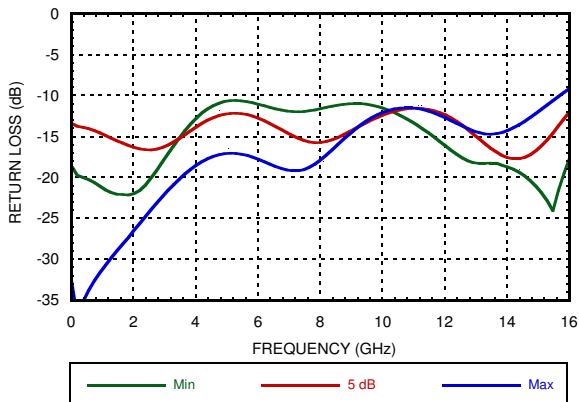
Insertion Loss vs. Temperature



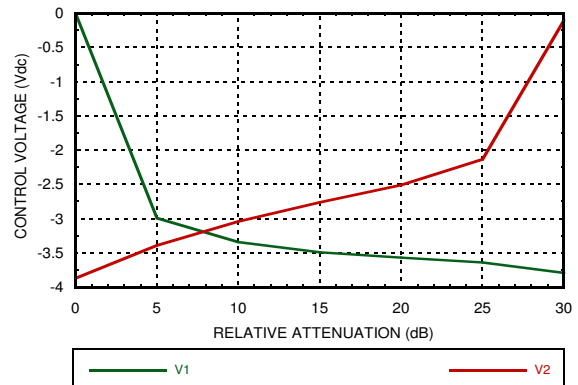
Relative Attenuation



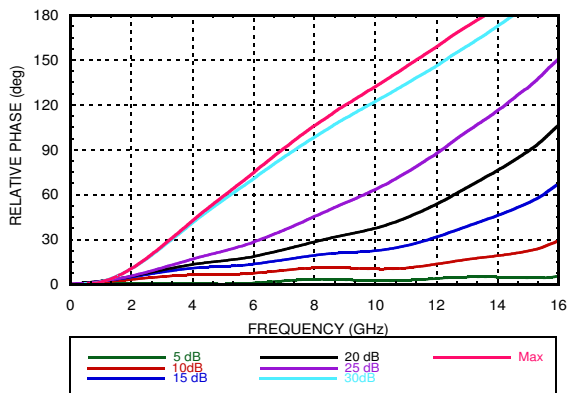
Return Loss vs. Attenuation



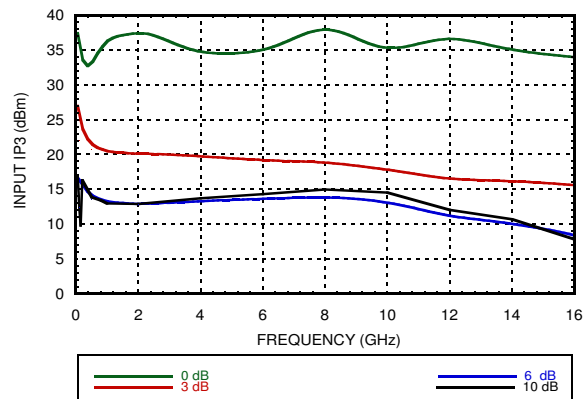
Relative Attenuation vs. Control Voltage @ 10 GHz



Relative Phase



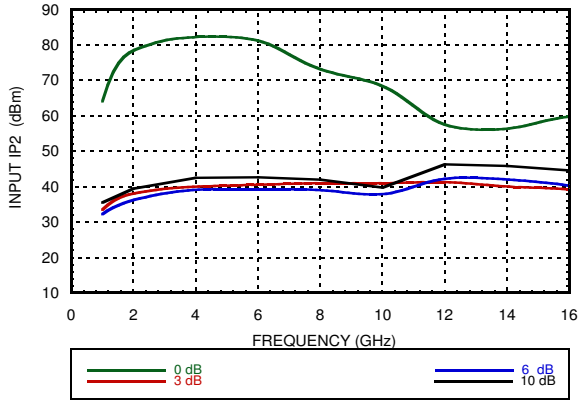
Input IP3 vs. Attenuation*



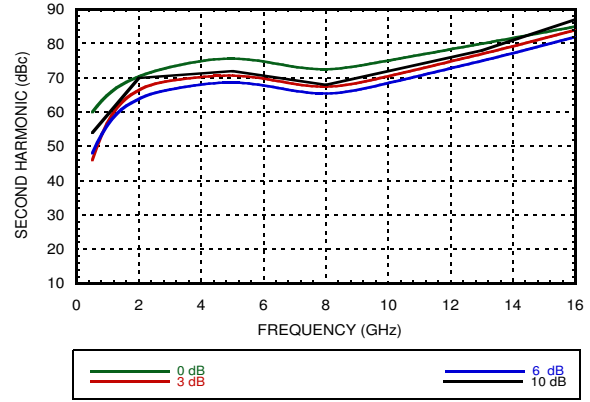
*Two-tone input power = -8 dBm each tone, 1 MHz spacing.

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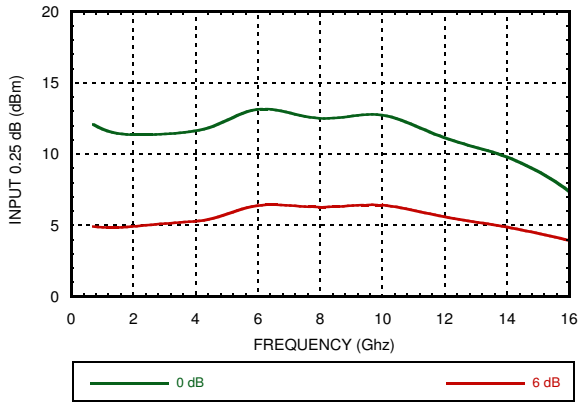
Input IP2 vs. Attenuation*



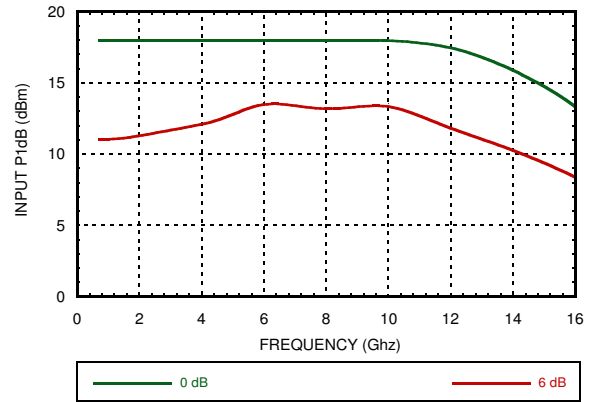
Second Harmonic vs. Attenuation, Pin = -8 dBm



0.25 dB Compression vs. Attenuation



1 dB Compression vs. Attenuation



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Absolute Maximum Ratings

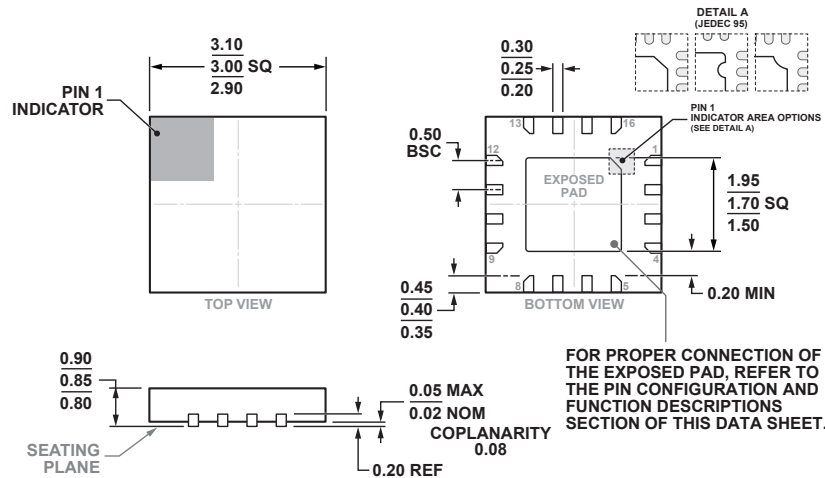
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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| RF Input Power | +18 dBm |
| DC Voltage on I Pin | +/- 0.8V |
| Control Voltage Range | +0.3 to -6V |
| Storage Temperature | -65 to +150 °C |
| Operating Temperature | -40 to +85 °C |
| Junction Temperature | +175 °C |
| Junction to Case Thermal 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. |



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Outline Drawing



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

16-Lead Lead Frame Chip Scale Package [LFCSP]
3 mm x 3 mm Body and 0.85 mm Package Height
(HCP-16-1)

Dimensions shown in millimeters

Package Information

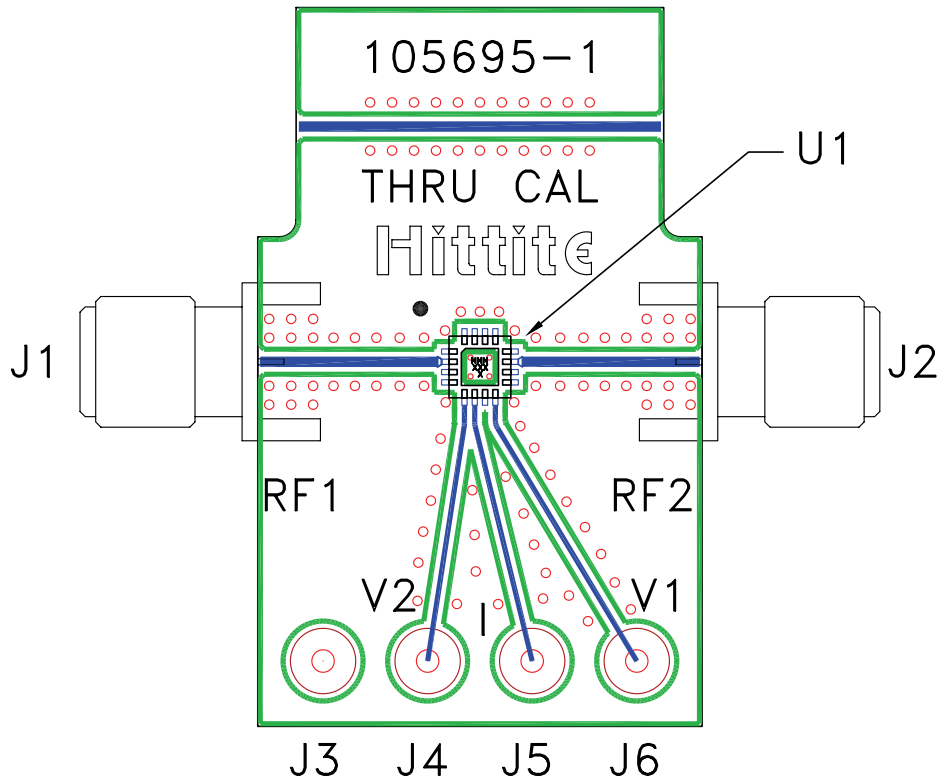
| Part Number | Package Body Material | Lead Finish | MSL Rating | Package Marking ^[2] |
|-------------|--|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| HMC346ALP3E | RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | 100% matte Sn | MSL3 ^[1] | H346A XXXX |

[[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C

[2] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

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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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