

**Digital Attenuator**  
**15 dB, 4-Bit, TTL Driver, DC-4.0 GHz**

**AT90-1413**  
**V7**

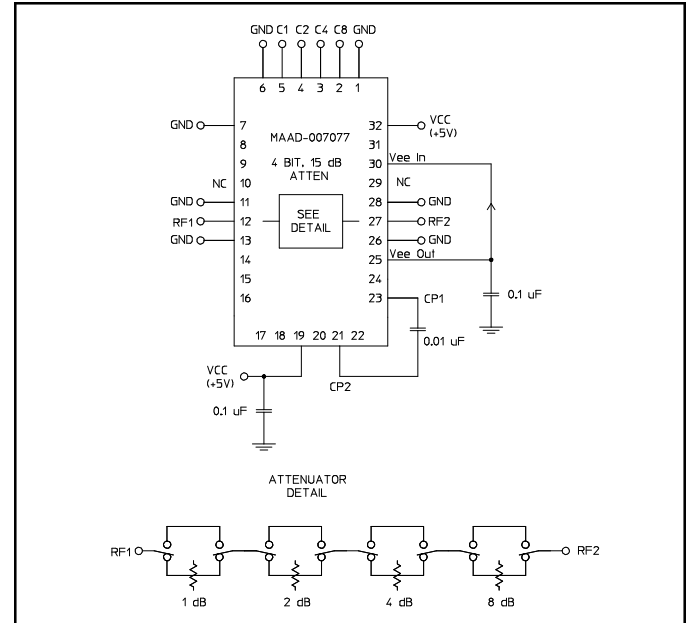
**Features**

- Attenuation: 1 dB Steps to 15 dB
- Single Positive Supply
- Contains Internal DC to DC Converter
- Integral TTL Driver
- 50 Ohm Impedance
- Test Boards Available
- Tape and Reel Packaging Available
- CSP-1 Package

**Description**

M/A-COM's AT90-1413 is a GaAs FET 4-Bit digital attenuator with integral driver. Step size is 1 dB providing a 15 dB attenuation range. This device is in an PQFN plastic surface mount package. The AT90-1413 is suited for single supply applications where accuracy, fast speed, low power consumption and low costs are required. For dual supply designs without switching noise, use AT90-0413.

**Functional Schematic**



**Pin Configuration**

Pin No.	Function	Pin No.	Function
1	GND	17	NC
2	C8	18	NC
3	C4	19	Vcc
4	C2	20	N/C
5	C1	21	Cp
6	GND	22	NC
7	GND	23	Cp
8	NC	24	NC
9	NC	25	Vee <sup>2</sup>
10	NC <sup>1</sup>	26	GND
11	GND	27	RF2
12	RF1	28	GND
13	GND	29	NC <sup>1</sup>
14	NC	30	Vee <sup>2</sup>
15	NC	31	NC
16	NC	32	Vcc

1. Pins 10 & 29 must be isolated.
2. Vee is produced internally and requires a .1 μF cap to GND. Generated noise is typical of switching DC-DC Converters.
3. The exposed pad centered on the package bottom must be connected to RF and DC ground. (For PQFN Packages)

**Ordering Information**

Part Number	Package
AT90-1413	Bulk Packaging
AT90-1413TR	1000 piece reel
AT90-1413-TB	Sample Test Board

Note: Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.  
Note: Die quantity varies.

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**Electrical Specifications:  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $Z_0 = 50\Omega$**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Frequency	Units	Min	Typ	Max
Insertion Loss	—	DC-2.5 GHz	dB	—	2.0	2.5
		DC-4.0 GHz	dB	—	2.5	3.0
Attenuation Accuracy	Individual Bits or Combination of Bits	DC-2.5 GHz	dB	—	—	$\pm(0.3+4\%$ of atten setting)
		DC-4.0 GHz	dB	—	—	$\pm(0.3+6\%$ of atten setting)
VSWR	Full Attenuation Range	DC-2.5 GHz	Ratio	—	1.5:1	1.8:1
		DC-4.0 GHz	Ratio	—	1.8:1	2.0:1
Switching Speed	50% Cntl to 90%/10% RF 10% to 90% or 90% to 10%	—	ns	—	75	150
		—	ns	—	20	50
1 dB Compression	—	50 MHz	dBm	—	+21	—
		0.5-4.0 GHz	dBm	—	+29	—
Input $IP_3$	Two-tone Inputs up to +5 dBm	50 MHz	dBm	—	+35	—
		0.5-4.0 GHz	dBm	—	+48	—
$V_{CC}$	—	—	V	4.75	5.0	5.25
$V_{IL}$ $V_{IH}$	LOW-level input voltage HIGH-level input voltage	—	V	0.0	—	0.8
		—	V	2.0	—	5.0
Iin (Input Leakage Current)	$V_{in} = V_{CC}$ or GND	—	$\mu\text{A}$	-1.0	—	1.0
$I_{CC}^4$	$V_{CC}$ min to max, Logic "0" or "1"	—	mA	—	6	10
Turn-on Current <sup>5</sup>	For guaranteed start-up	—	mA	—	—	125
$\Delta I_{CC}$ (Additional Supply Current Per TTL Input Pin)	$V_{CC} = \text{Max}$ , $V_{cntrl} = V_{CC} - 2.1\text{ V}$	—	mA	—	—	1.0
Switching Noise	Generated from DC-DC Converter with recommended capacitors	3.5 MHz	dBm	—	-93	—
Thermal Resistance $\theta_{jc}$	—	—	$^\circ\text{C/W}$	—	15	—

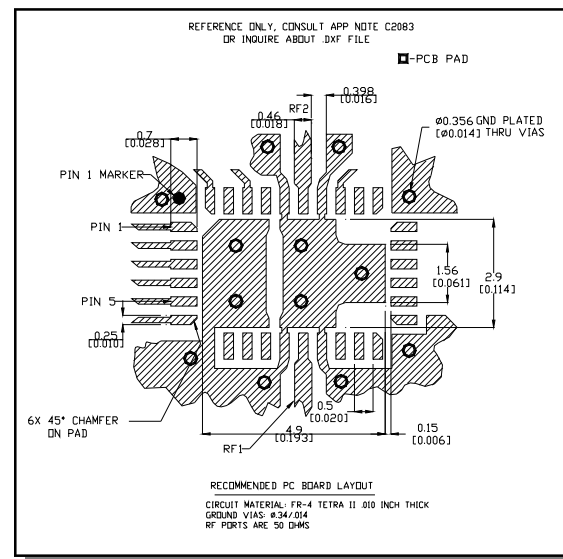
- During turn-on, the device requires an initial start up current ( $I_{CC}$ ) specified as "Turn-on Current". Once operational,  $I_{CC}$  will drop to the specified levels.
- The DC-DC converter is guaranteed to start in 100  $\mu\text{s}$  as long as the power supplies have the maximum turn-on current available for start-up.

**Absolute Maximum Ratings** <sup>6,7</sup>

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
Max. Input Power 0.05 GHz 0.5 - 4.0 GHz	+27 dBm +34 dBm
$V_{CC}$	$-0.5\text{V} \leq V_{CC} \leq +6.0\text{V}$
$V_{in}^8$	$-0.5\text{V} \leq V_{in} \leq V_{CC} + 0.5\text{V}$
Operating Temperature	$-40^\circ\text{C}$ to $+85^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature	$-65^\circ\text{C}$ to $+125^\circ\text{C}$

- Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
- M/A-COM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
- Standard CMOS TTL interface, latch-up will occur if logic signal is applied prior to power supply.

**Recommended PCB Configuration** <sup>9</sup>



9. Application Note C2083 is available on line at [www.macom.com](http://www.macom.com)

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**Handling Procedures**

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

**Static Sensitivity**

Gallium Arsenide Integrated Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

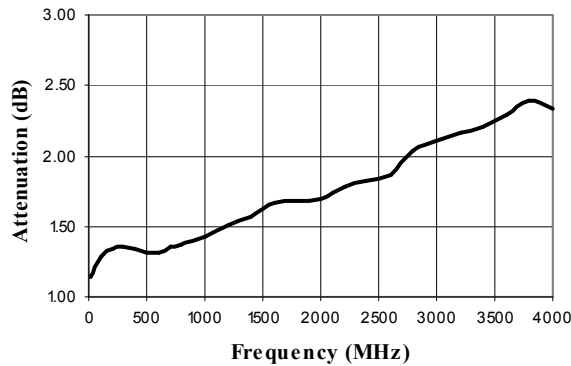
**Truth Table (Digital Attenuator)**

C8	C4	C2	C1	Attenuation
0	0	0	0	Loss, Reference
0	0	0	1	1.0 dB
0	0	1	0	2.0 dB
0	1	0	0	4.0 dB
1	0	0	0	8.0 dB
1	1	1	1	15.0 dB

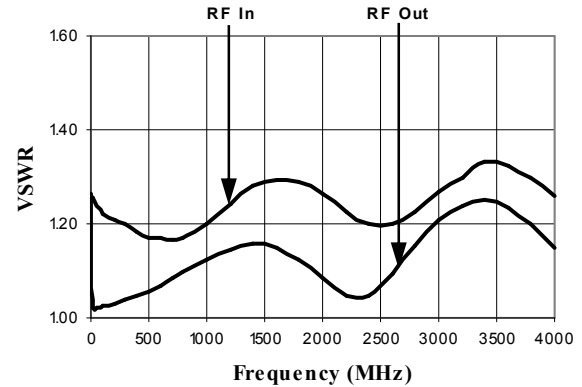
0 = TTL Low; 1 = TTL High

**Typical Performance Curves**

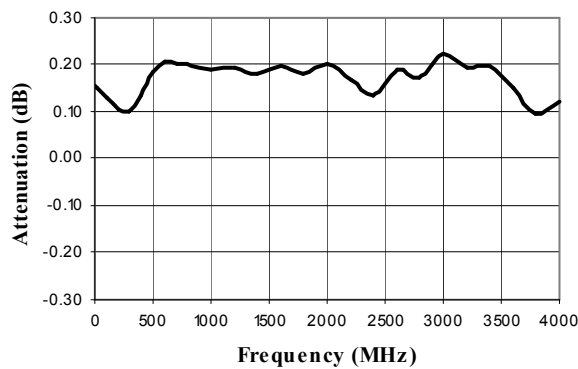
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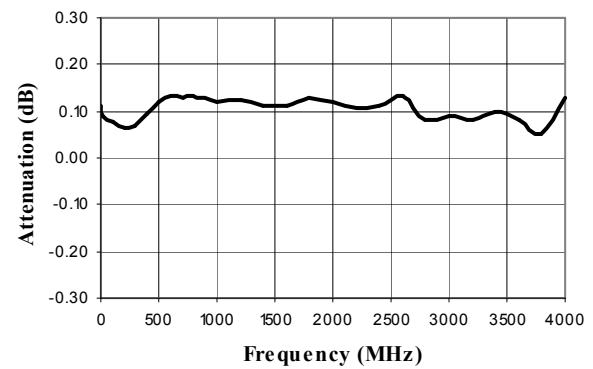
**VSWR @ Insertion Loss**



**Attenuation Error, 1 dB Bit**



**Attenuation Error, 2 dB Bit**

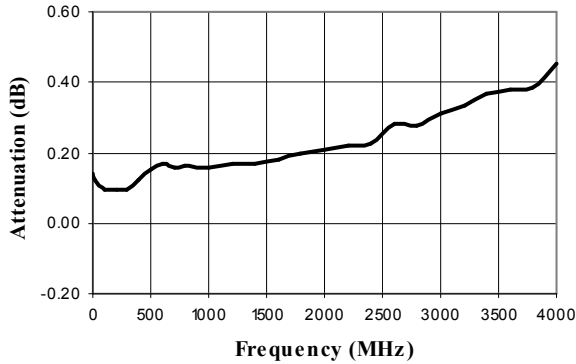


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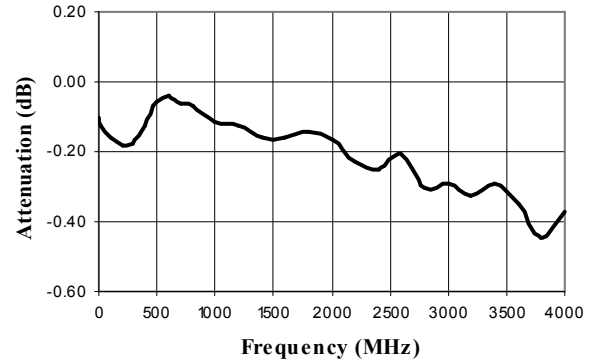
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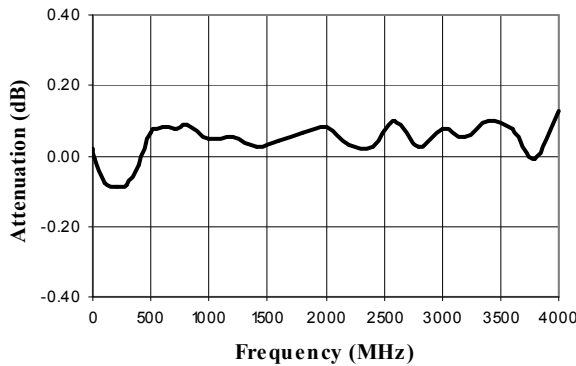
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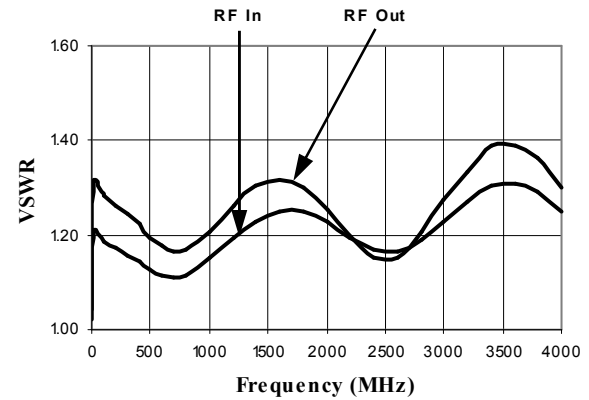
*Attenuation Error, 8 dB Bit*



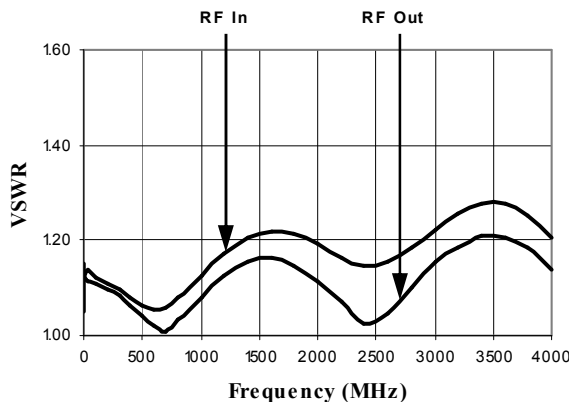
*Attenuation Error, Max. Attenuation*



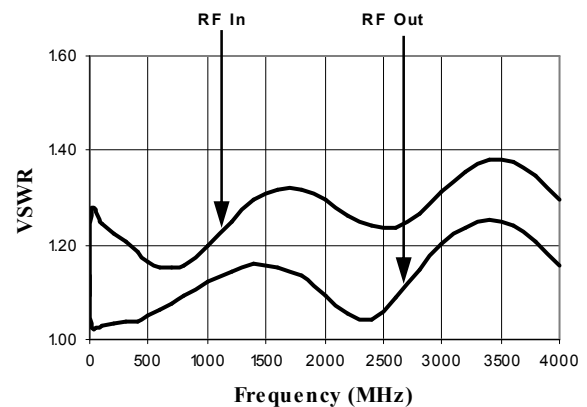
*VSWR, 1 dB Bit*



*VSWR, 2 dB Bit*



*VSWR, 4 dB Bit*

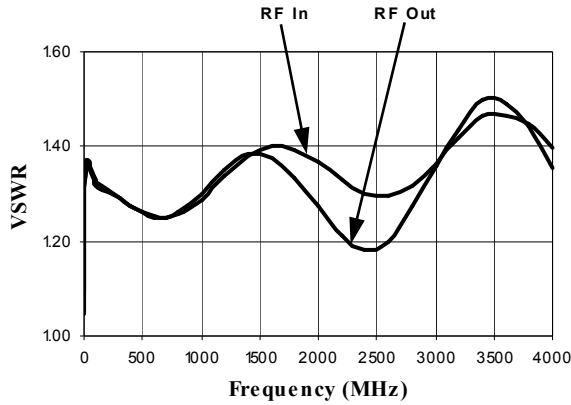


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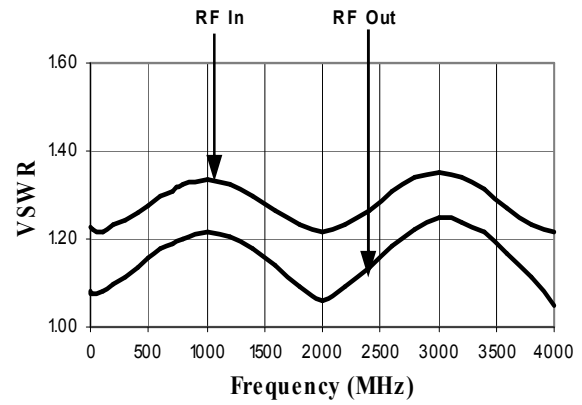
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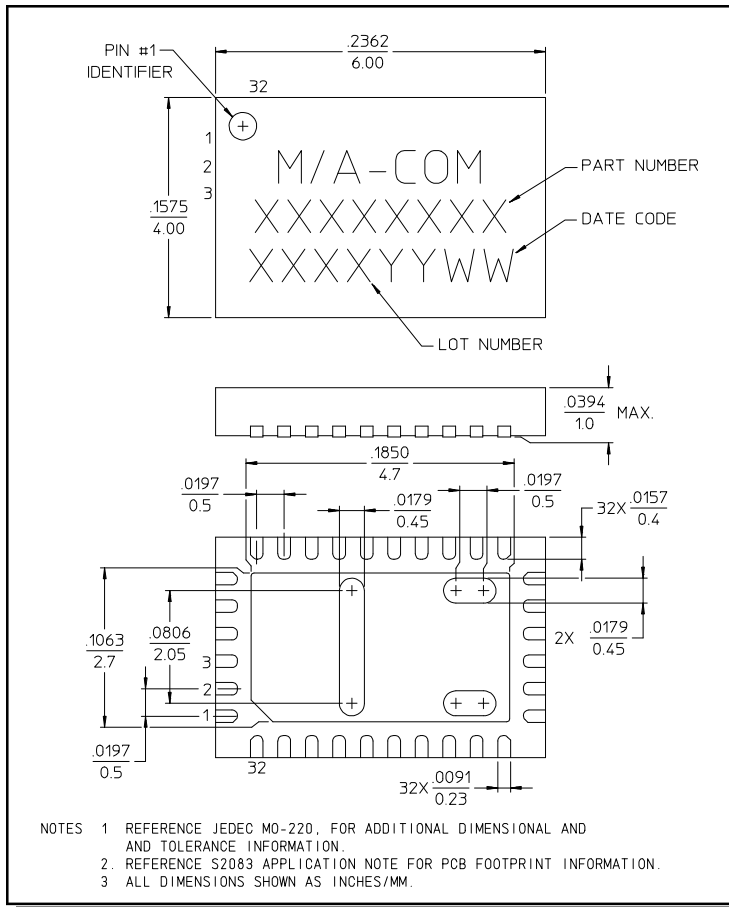
**VSWR, 8 dB Bit**



**VSWR, Maximum Attenuation**



**CSP-1, 4 x 6 mm, 32-lead PQFN†**



† Reference Application Note M538 for solder reflow recommendations.