

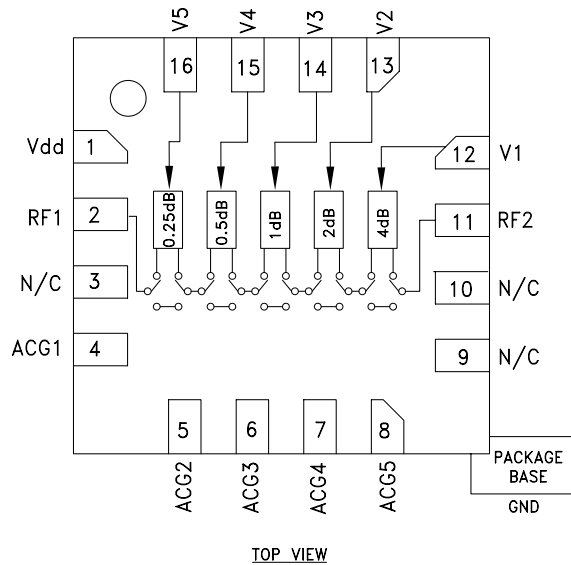
## 0.25 dB LSB GaAs MMIC 5-BIT DIGITAL POSITIVE CONTROL ATTENUATOR, DC - 4 GHz

### Typical Applications

The HMC539ALP3/539ALP3E 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: +62 dBm
- Single Control Line Per Bit
- TTL/CMOS Compatible Control
- Single +3V to +5V Supply
- 3x3 mm SMT Package

### General Description

The HMC539ALP3/539ALP3E is a broadband 5-bit GaAs IC digital attenuator in a low cost leadless surface mount package. 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 ± 0.05 dB typical step error. The attenuator also features a high IIP3 of +62 dBm. Five TTL/CMOS control inputs are used to select each attenuation state. A single Vdd bias of +3V to +5V is required.

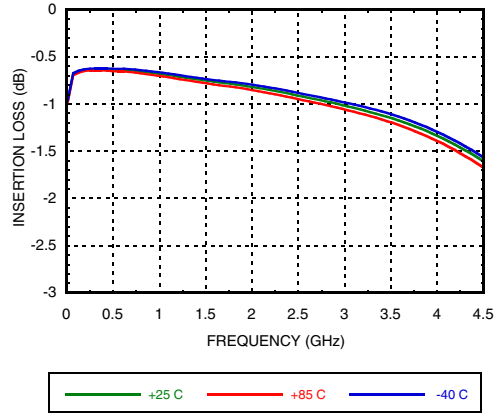
### Electrical Specifications,

$T_A = +25^\circ \text{C}$ , With  $V_{dd} = +5V$  &  $V_{ctl} = 0/+5V$  (Unless Otherwise Noted)

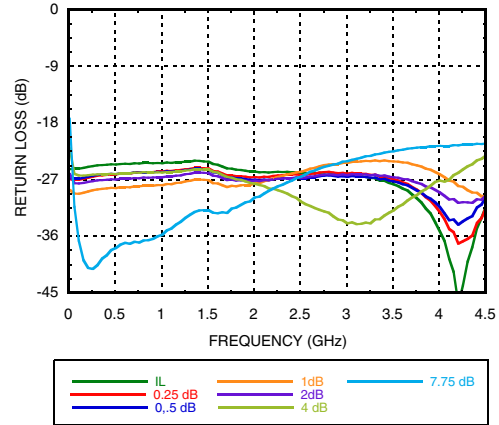
| Parameter   | Frequency (GHz)                           | Min.                                | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|------|------|-------|
| Insertion Loss  | DC - 1.5 GHz                              |                                     | 0.7  | 1.0  | dB    |
|   | 1.5 - 3.0 GHz                             |                                     | 1.0  | 1.3  | dB    |
|   | 3.0 - 4.0 GHz                             |                                     | 1.3  | 1.7  | dB    |
| Attenuation Range   | DC - 4 GHz                                |                                     | 7.75 |      | dB    |
| Return Loss (RF1 & RF2, All Atten. States)                                    | DC - 3 GHz                                |                                     | 27   |      | dB    |
|   | 3.0 - 4.0 GHz                             |                                     | 25   |      | dB    |
| Attenuation Accuracy:<br>(Referenced to Insertion Loss)                       | All States<br>DC - 3 GHz<br>3.0 - 4.0 GHz | ± (0.2 + 2% of Atten. Setting) Max. |      |      | dB    |
|   |   | ± (0.2 + 4% of Atten. Setting) Max. |      |      | dB    |
| Input Power for 0.1 dB Compression  | 0.1 - 4.0 GHz                             |                                     | 32   |      | dBm   |
| Input Third Order Intercept Point<br>(Two-Tone Input Power= 15 dBm Each Tone) | 0.1 - 4.0 GHz                             |                                     | 62   |      | dBm   |
| Switching Characteristics   | DC - 4 GHz                                |                                     |      |      |       |
|   |   | tRISE, tFALL (10/90% RF)            |      | 45   | ns    |
|   |   | tON, tOFF (50% CTL to 10/90% RF)    |      | 52   | ns    |

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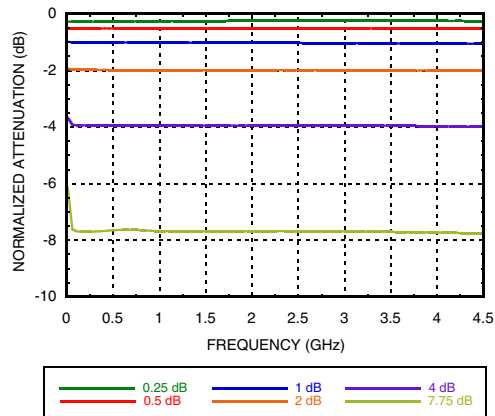
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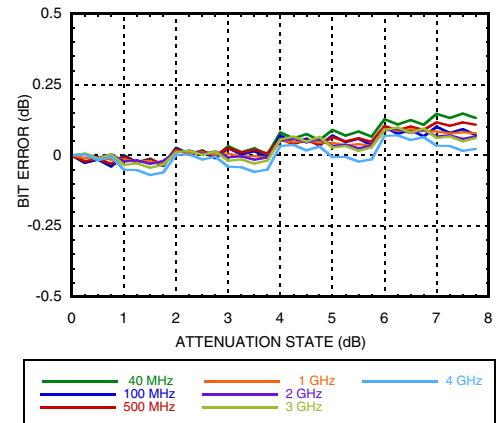
**Return Loss RF1, RF2**  
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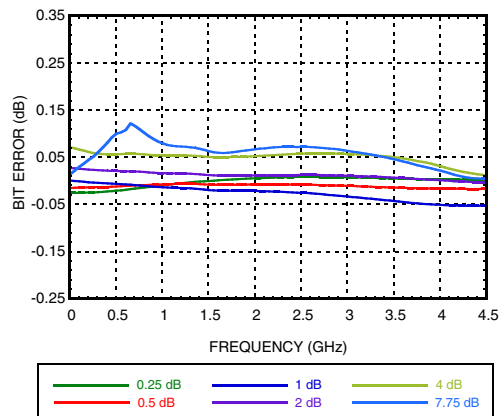
**Normalized Attenuation**  
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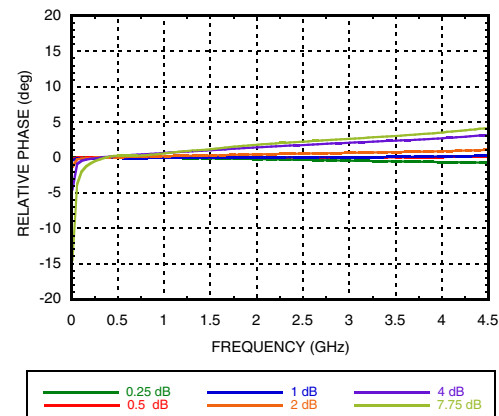
**Bit Error vs. Attenuation State**



**Bit Error vs. Frequency**  
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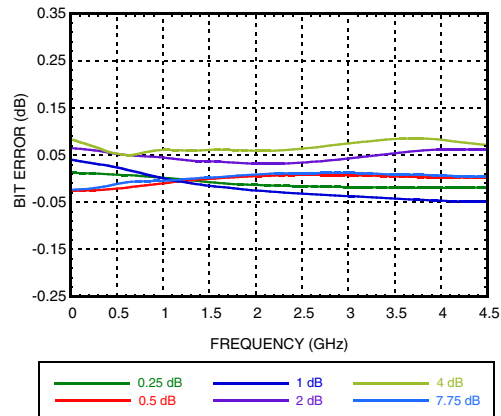


**Relative Phase vs. Frequency**  
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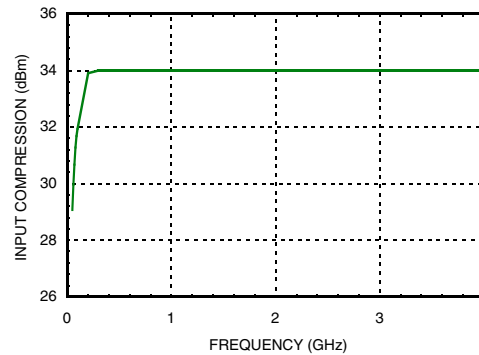


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### Step Error vs. Frequency (Only Major States are Shown)



### 1dB Input Compression Point



### Bias Voltage & Current

| Vdd = +5.0 Vdc ± 10% |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Vdd (VDC)            | Idd (Typ.) (mA) |
| +3.0                 | 1.6             |
| +5.0                 | 1.7             |

### Truth Table

| Control Voltage Input |            |            |              |               | Attenuation State<br>RF1 - RF2 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| V1<br>4 dB            | V2<br>2 dB | V3<br>1 dB | V4<br>0.5 dB | V5<br>0.25 dB |                                |
| High                  | High       | High       | High         | High          | Reference 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.

### Control Voltage

| State | Vdd = +3V           | Vdd = +5V                 |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Low   | 0 to 0.8V @ <1 uA   | 0 to +1.1V @ 33uA Typ.    |
| High  | 1.2 to 3.3V @ <1 uA | 1.8V to +5.0V @ 33uA Typ. |

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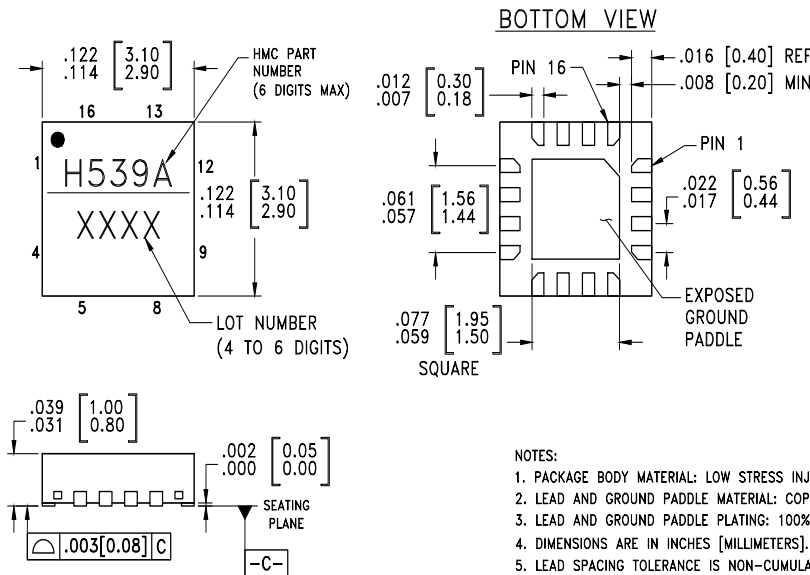
### Absolute Maximum Ratings

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| 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) | 0.551 W              |
| Thermal Resistance  | 118 °C/W             |
| Storage Temperature   | -65 to +150 °C       |
| Operating Temperature   | -40 to +85 °C        |



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### Outline Drawing



### Package Information

| Part Number | Package Body Material                              | Lead Finish   | MSL Rating          | Package Marking <sup>[3]</sup> |
|-------------|--|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| HMC539ALP3  | Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic                | Sn/Pb solder  | MSL3 <sup>[1]</sup> | H539A<br>XXXX                  |
| HMC539ALP3E | RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic | 100% matte Sn | MSL3 <sup>[2]</sup> | H539A<br>XXXX                  |

[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 235 °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. Blocking capacitors are required. Select value based on lowest frequency of operation.    |                     |
| 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.  |                     |
|            | GND         | Package bottom has an exposed metal paddle that must be connected to RF Ground.   |                     |

### Application Circuit

