**Features**
- 21 dB Step Attenuator
- Positive Control: 2.5 V typical
- Insertion Loss: 0.75 dB typical @ 2.0 GHz
- Current Consumption: 40 µA typical
- IP3: >42 dBm typical @ 2.0 GHz
- Lead-Free 2mm 8-Lead PDFN Package
- Halogen-Free “Green” Mold Compound
- RoHS* Compliant and 260°C Re-flow Compatible

**Description**
M/A-COM’s MAADSS0012 is a 1-bit, 21 dB step attenuator. This GaAs MMIC digital attenuator is packaged in an ultra small lead free 2 mm 8-Lead PDFN surface mount package.

The MAADSS0012 digital attenuator will work with any power source operating between 2.8 and 5.0 volts. This single bit attenuator is ideally suited for use in wide band systems, up to 8.0 GHz where good linearity and low insertion loss are required.

Typical applications for the MAADSS0012 attenuator include WiMAX (802.16), Mesh Networks, Multi-band repeaters and other linear systems.

**Ordering Information**

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<td>MAADSS0012SMB</td>
<td>Sample Test Board</td>
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1. Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.
2. All sample boards include 5 loose parts.

**Functional Schematic**

3. Blocking capacitors are required on all RF ports.

**Pin Configuration**

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<td>RF In/Out</td>
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**Absolute Maximum Ratings**

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<td>+33 dBm</td>
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<tr>
<td>V_DD = 2.8 - 5.0 V</td>
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<tr>
<td>Control Voltage -0.5 V ≤ V_C ≤ 5.0 V</td>
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<td>Operating Temperature -40°C to +85°C</td>
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<td>Storage Temperature -65°C to +150°C</td>
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4. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
5. M/A-COM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.

Digital Attenuator, 1-Bit, Single Control
21 dB, 0.8 - 8.0 GHz

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Electrical Specifications 6: TA = 25°C, Z0 = 50 Ω, VC = 2.5 V, VDD = 2.8 V

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<td>dB</td>
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<td>µA</td>
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6. External DC blocking capacitors are required on all RF ports. Loss varies at 0.003 dB/°C.

Recommended Configuration

Parts List

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<th>VC</th>
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<td>0</td>
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7. 0 = 0 ± 0.2 V, 1 = +2.5 to 5 V, minimum 2.5 V delta.
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Typical Performance Curves

**Insertion Loss**

```
+25°C   0.0
-40°C   -0.5
+85°C   -1.0
```

**Relative Attenuation**

```
+25°C   -21.0
-40°C   -21.5
+85°C   -22.0
```

**Input Return Loss, Insertion Loss State**

```
+25°C   -2.0
-40°C   -1.5
+85°C   -1.0
```

**Output Return Loss, Insertion Loss State**

```
+25°C   -22.0
-40°C   -21.5
+85°C   -21.0
```

**Input Return Loss, Attenuation State**

```
+25°C   -30
-40°C   -25
+85°C   -20
```

**Output Return Loss, Attenuation State**

```
+25°C   -30
-40°C   -25
+85°C   -20
```

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**IP3**

![IP3 Graph]

**IP2**

![IP2 Graph]

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.

**Lead-Free 2 mm 8-Lead PDFN†**

![Package Diagram]

† Reference Application Note S2083 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.

Meets JEDEC moisture sensitivity level 1 requirements.

Plating is 100% matte tin over copper.
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Applications Section—Low Frequency Measurement

Insertion Loss

Relative Attenuation

Input Return Loss—Insertion Loss State

Input Return Loss—Attenuation State

Output Return Loss—Insertion Loss State

Output Return Loss—Attenuation State

This data shows the MAADSS0012 with the board and connector loss removed.

M/A-COM recommends using DC-Blocking capacitors large enough that their \( X_c \) is insignificant at the frequency of use. At 800 MHz a capacitor value greater than 1000 pF is recommended.