

**3 Volt Voltage Variable Attenuator  
25 dB, DC-2.5 GHz**

**MAAVSS0006  
V1**

**Features**

- Single Voltage Control: 0 to -3 Volts
- 25 dB Attenuation Range at 0.9 GHz
- Low DC Power Consumption
- Lead-Free SOT-25 Package
- 100% Matte Tin Plating over Copper
- Halogen-Free “Green” Mold Compound
- 260°C Reflow Compatible
- RoHS\* Compliant Version of AT-255

**Description**

M/A-COM’s MAAVSS0006 is a GaAs MMIC voltage variable absorptive attenuator in a lead-free SOT-25 surface mount plastic package. The MAAVSS0005 is ideally suited for use where variable attenuation, fine tuning, and very low power consumption are required.

Typical applications include radio, cellular, GPS equipment and automatic gain/level control circuits.

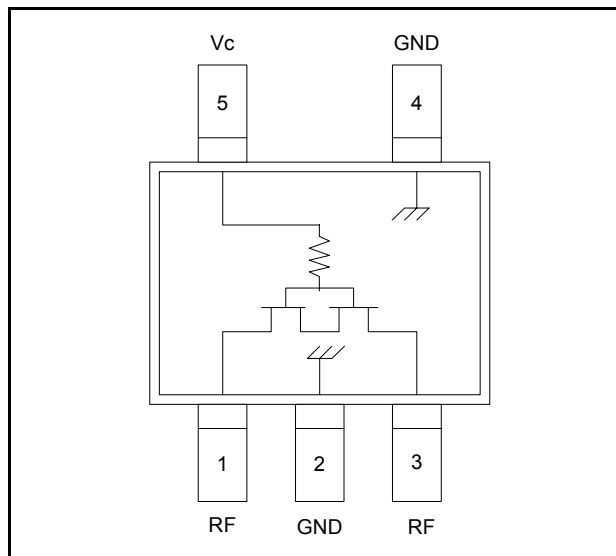
The MAAVSS0006 is fabricated using a mature 1-micron GaAs MESFET process. The process features full chip passivation for increased performance and reliability.

**Ordering Information**

Part Number	Package
MAAVSS0006	Bulk Packaging
MAAVSS0006TR-3000	3000 piece reel

Note: Reference Application Note M513 for reel size information.

**Functional Schematic <sup>1</sup>**



1.  $V_C = -3 \text{ V to } 0 \text{ V @ } 25 \mu\text{A maximum.}$

**Pin Configuration**

Pin No.	Function	Pin No.	Function
1	RF Port	4	Ground
2	Ground	5	$V_C$
3	RF Port		

**Absolute Maximum Ratings <sup>2,3</sup>**

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
Input Power	+21 dBm
Control Voltage $V_C$	$-8 \text{ V} \leq V_C \leq +0.5 \text{ V}$
Operating Temperature	$-40^\circ\text{C to } +85^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature	$-65^\circ\text{C to } +150^\circ\text{C}$

2. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
3. M/A-COM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.

\* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, European Directive 2002/95/EC.

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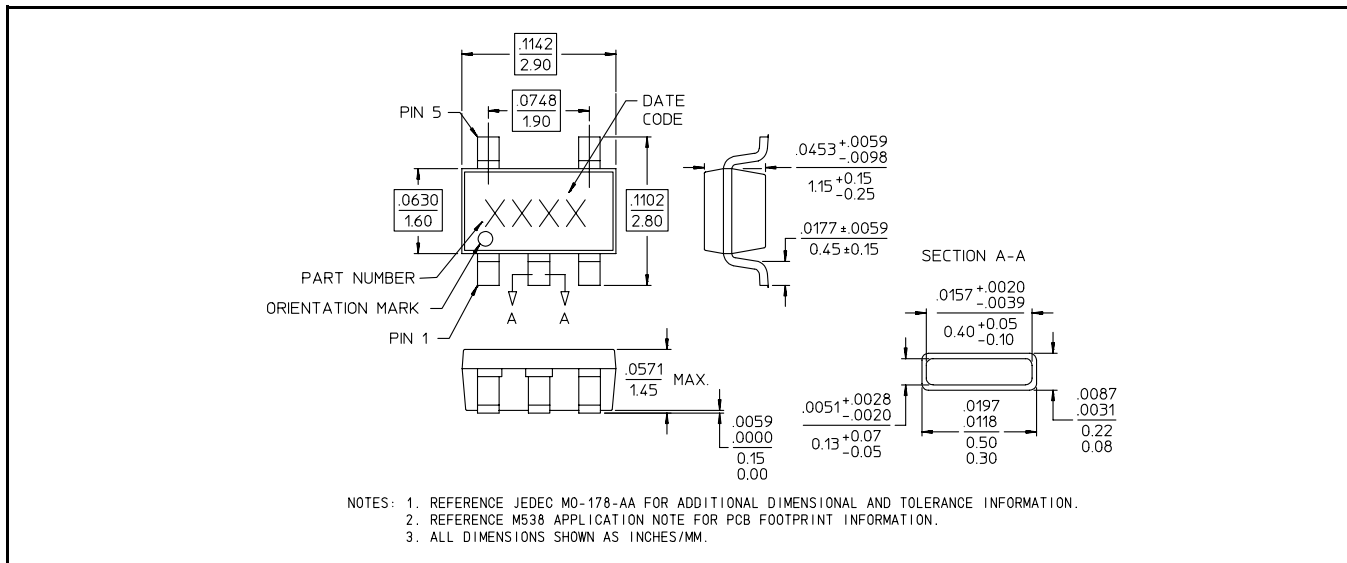
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**Electrical Specifications:  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Units	Min	Typ	Max
Insertion Loss <sup>4</sup>	DC - 2.0 GHz	dB	—	3.6	4.2
Attenuation	DC - 1.0 GHz	dB	23	25	—
	1.0 - 2.0 GHz	dB	18	20	—
Flatness (Peak-to-Peak)	0.5 - 1.0 GHz	dB	—	$\pm 7$	$\pm 10$
	1.0 - 2.0 GHz	dB	—	$\pm 5$	$\pm 8$
VSWR	DC - 2.0 GHz	Ratio	—	3:1	—
Trise, Tfall	10% to 90% RF, 90% to 10% RF	nS	—	10	—
Ton, Toff	50% Control to 90% RF, 50% Control to 10% RF	nS	—	20	—
Transients	In Band	mV	—	10	—

4. Insertion loss varies 0.003 dB/°C.

**Lead-Free SOT-25<sup>†</sup>**



<sup>†</sup> Reference Application Note M538 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.

**Handling Procedures**

Please observe the following precautions to avoid damage:

**Static Sensitivity**

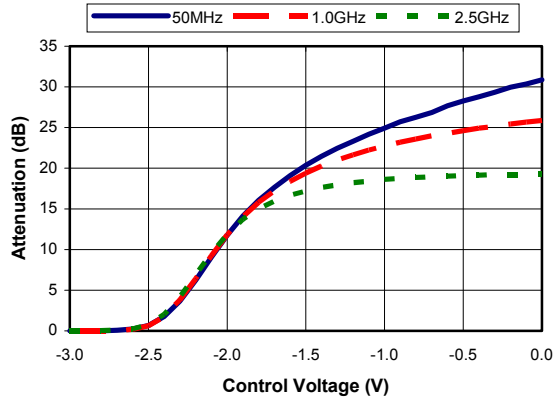
Gallium Arsenide Integrated Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these devices.

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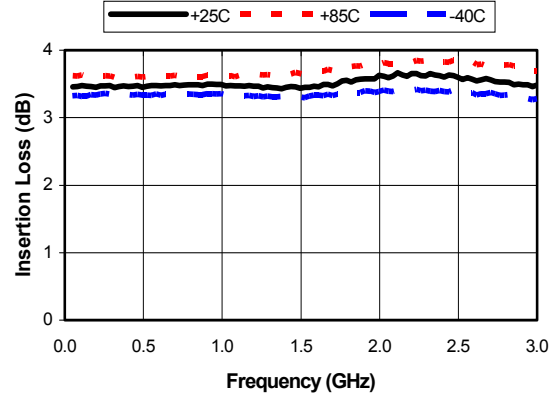
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**Typical Performance Curves**

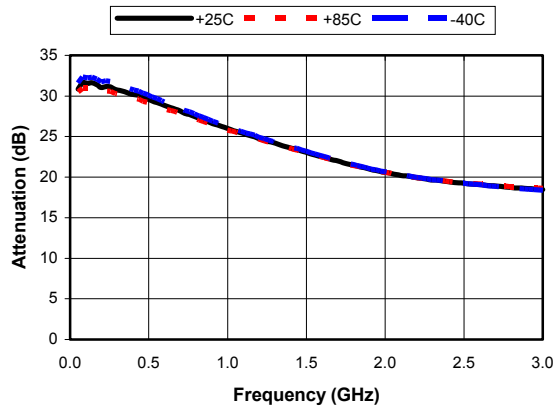
*Relative Attenuation vs. Control Voltage*



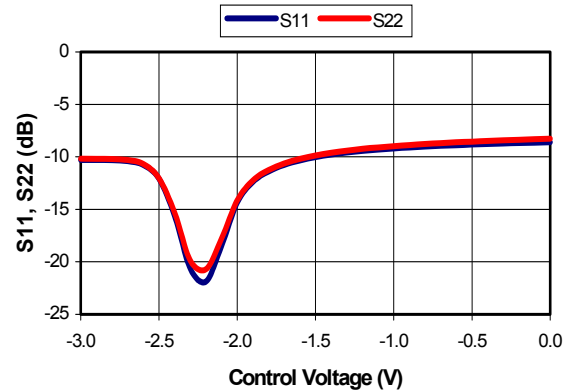
*Insertion Loss vs. Frequency*



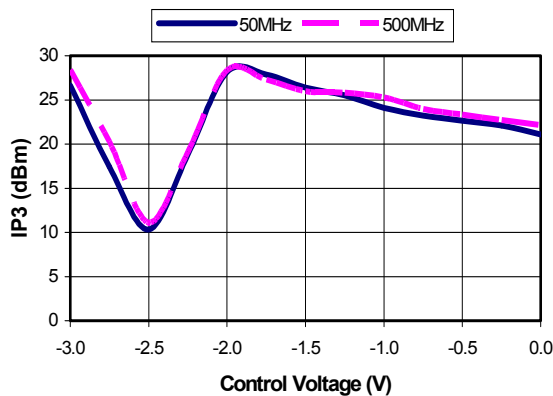
*Maximum Relative Attenuation vs. Frequency*



*Return Loss vs. Control Voltage @ 900 MHz*



*Input IP3 vs. Control Voltage*



*Input P1dB vs. Control Voltage*

