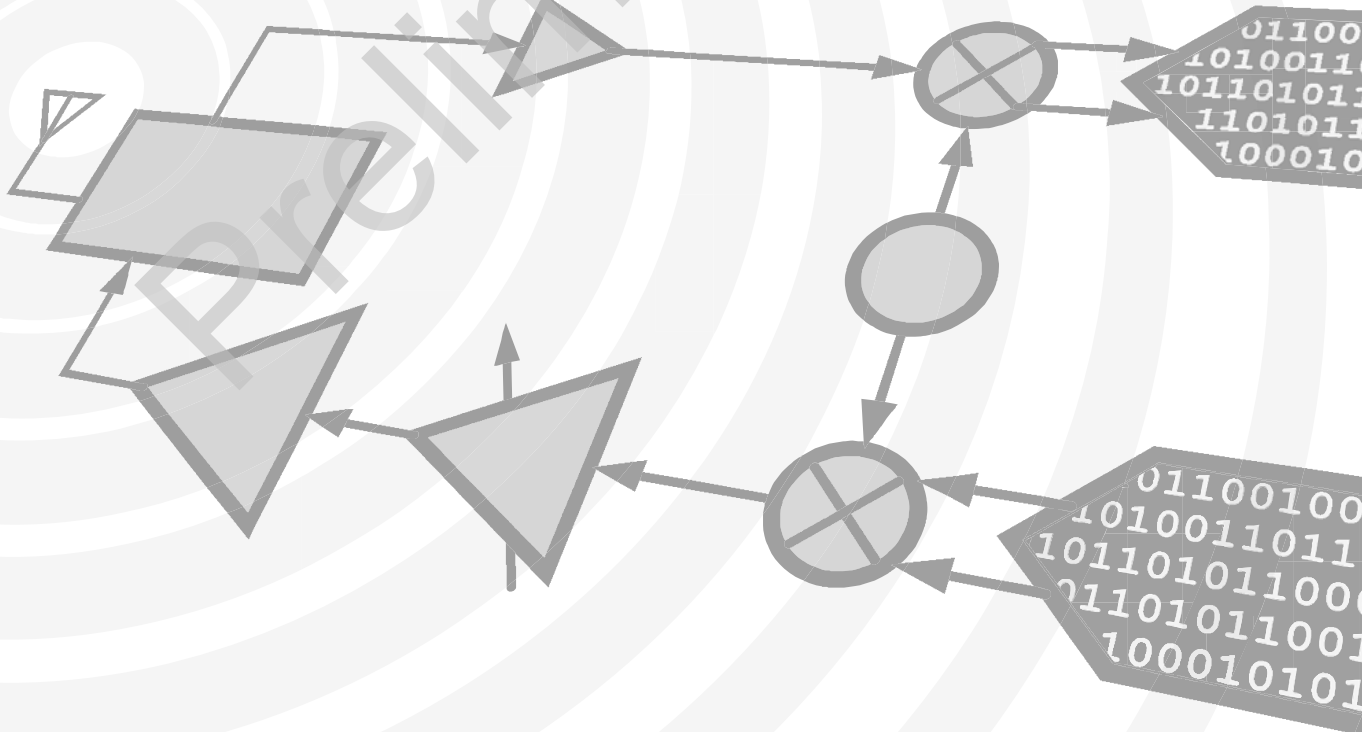


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Preliminary

GaAs MMIC VOLTAGE - VARIABLE ATTENUATOR, 10 - 40 GHz

Typical Applications

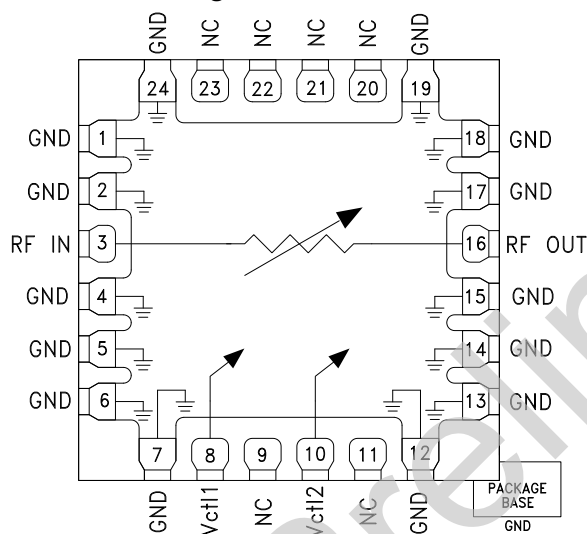
The HMC985ALP4KE is ideal for:

- Point-to-Point Radio
- VSAT Radio
- Test Instrumentation
- Microwave Sensors
- Military, ECM & Radar

Features

- Wide Bandwidth: 10 - 40 GHz
- Excellent Linearity: +32 dB Input IP3
- Wide Attenuation Range: 35 dB
- No External Matching
- 24 Lead 4x4 mm SMT Package: 16 mm²

Functional Diagram



General Description

The HMC985ALP4KE is an absorptive Voltage Variable Attenuator (VVA) which operates from 10 - 40 GHz and is ideal in designs where an analog DC control signal must be used to control RF signal levels over a 35 dB dynamic range. It features two shunt-type attenuators which are controlled by two analog voltages, Vctl1 and Vctl2. Optimum linearity performance of the attenuator is achieved by first varying Vctl1 of the first attenuation stage from -3V to 0V with Vctl2 fixed at -3V. The control voltage of the second attenuation stage, Vctl2, should then be varied from -3V to 0V with Vctl1 fixed at 0V.

If the Vctl1 and Vctl2 pins are connected together it is possible to achieve the full analog attenuation range with only a small degradation in input IP3 performance. Applications include AGC circuits and temperature compensation of multiple gain stages in microwave point-to-point and VSAT radios.

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, Test Condition $V_{ctl1} = V_{ctl2}$

Parameter	Frequency	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Insertion Loss [1]	10 - 20 GHz		3	3.5	dB
	20 - 30 GHz		3	4	dB
	30 - 40 GHz		3.5	4.5	dB
Attenuation Range	10 - 20 GHz	25	30		dB
	20 - 30 GHz	30	35		dB
	30 - 40 GHz	35	40		dB
Input Return Loss	10 - 40 GHz		13		dB
Output Return Loss	10 - 40 GHz		13		dB
Input Third Order Intercept (two-tone input Power = 10 dBm Each Tone) [2]			33		dBm

[1] Vctl1 = Vctl2 = -2.4V

[2] Vctl1 = Vctl2 = -2.0V worst case

