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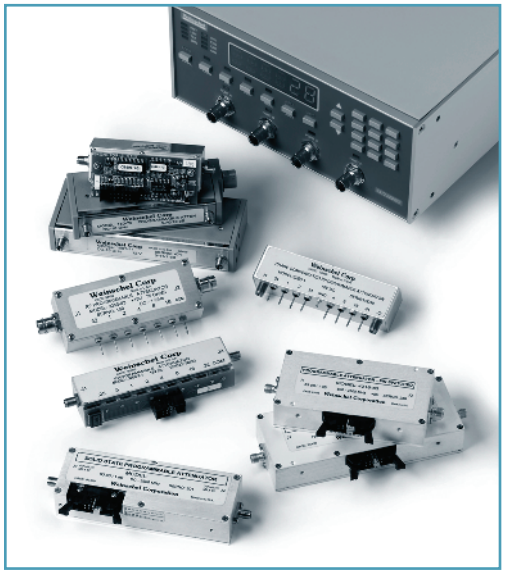

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General Information

In this section of the catalog, each Programmable Attenuator is outlined utilizing individual data sheets containing product features, specifications, and outline drawings. These data sheets are preceded by a quick reference guide to help you select the Programmable Attenuator(s) that fits your needs. The page number for each Programmable Attenuator data sheet is given in the quick reference guide.

This section includes all available accessories for the Aeroflex / Weinschel programmable attenuators such as our Model 8210A Attenuator / Switch Controller, product specific driver boards, and our programmable attenuators with our built-in microprocessor-based drivers. Also Included in this section are Aeroflex / Weinschel's wide variety of programmable attenuator units which includes the 8310, 8311 and 8312 series. Other subsystem solutions can be located in the Subsystem and Accessories section (pg 135).

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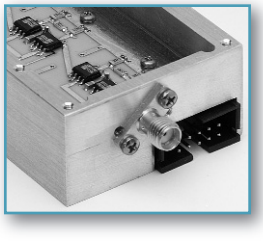

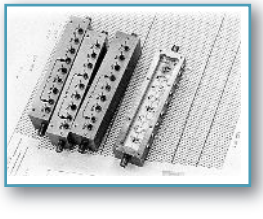

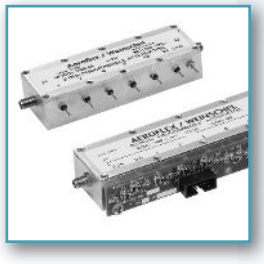

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Relay Switched Programmable Attenuators, Basic Models . . . DC-6 GHz

Model Number	Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Range (dB)	Step Size (dB)	Insertion Loss, Max. (dB)	Maximum SWR	Connector Type	Average Power (Watts)	Peak Power (Watts)	Page No.
♦ 3200-1E	dc-3.0	0-127	1	4.70	1.30-1.40*	SMA	1	50	209
♦ 3200-2E		0-63.75	0.25	4.70	1.30-1.40*				
3201-1E		0-31	1	3.25	1.25-1.40*				
3205-1E		0-70	10	2.60	1.25-1.40*				
3205-2E		0-55	5	2.60	1.25-1.40*				
3205-3E		0-1.5	0.1	2.60	1.25-1.40*				
3206-1E		0-63	1	3.70	1.25-1.35*				
3209-1E		0-64.5	0.1	5.50	1.35-1.45*				
3404-15	dc-6.0	0-15	1	2.60	1.30-1.45*	SMA	1	50	218
3404-55		0.55	5	2.60					
3404-70		0-70	10	2.60					
3406-55		0-55	1	3.80					
3408-55.75		0-55.75	0.25	5.00					
3408-103		0-103	1	5.00					

Relay Switched Programmable Attenuators, with built-in Microprocessor-Base Driver . . . DC-6 GHz (For use with Aeroflex / Weinschel 8210A Controller)

Model Number	Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Range (dB)	Step Size (dB)	Insertion Loss, Max. (dB)	Maximum SWR	Connector Type	Average Power (Watts)	Peak Power (Watts)	Page No.
3200T-1E	dc-3.0	0-127	1	4.70	1.30-1.40*	SMA	1	50	215
3200T-2E		0-63.75	0.25	4.70	1.30-1.40*				
3201T-1E		0-31	1	3.25	1.25-1.40*				
3205T-1E		0-70	10	2.60	1.25-1.40*				
3205T-2E		0-55	5	2.60	1.25-1.40*				
3205T-3E		0-1.5	0.1	2.60	1.25-1.40*				
3206T-1E		0-63	1	3.70	1.25-1.35*				
3209T-1E		0-64.5	0.1	5.50	1.35-1.45*				
3404T-15	dc-6.0	0-15	1	2.60	1.30-1.45*	SMA	1	50	222
3404T-55		0.55	5	2.60					
3404T-70		0-70	10	2.60					
3406T-55		0-55	1	3.80					
3408T-55.75		0-55.75	0.25	5.00					
3408T-103		0-103	1	5.00					

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Relay Switched Programmable Attenuators, with built-in Microprocessor-Based Driver . . . dc - 26.5 GHz (For use with Aeroflex / Weinschel 8210A Controller)

Model Number	Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Range (dB)	Step Size (dB)	Insertion Loss, Max. (dB)	Maximum SWR	Connector Type	Average Power (Watts)	Peak Power (Watts)	Page No.
150T-11	dc-18.0	0-11	1	2.2	1.50-1.90*	3.5mm	1	100	224
150T-15		0-15	1	2.2	1.50-1.90*				
150T-31		0-31	1	2.6	1.50-1.90*				
150T-62		0-62	2	2.6	1.50-1.90*				
150T-70		0-70	10	2.6	1.35-1.70*				
150T-75		0-75	5	2.2	1.50-1.90*				
150T-110		0-110	10	2.2	1.50-1.90*				
151T-11	dc-4.0	0-11	1	0.9	1.50	3.5mm	1	100	224
151T-15		0-15	1	0.9	1.50				
151T-31		0-31	1	0.9	1.50				
151T-62		0-62	2	1.1	1.50				
151T-70		0-70	10	0.7	1.35				
151T-75		0-75	5	0.9	1.50				
151T-110		0-110	10	0.9	1.50				
152T-55	dc-26.5	0-55	5	2.98	1.40-1.90*	3.5mm	1	100	224
152T-70		0-70	10	2.98	1.40-1.90*				
152AT-70		0-70	10	2.98	1.40-1.90*				
152T-75		0-75	5	2.98	1.40-1.90*				
152T-90		0-90	10	2.98	1.40-1.90*				

Relay Switched Programmable Attenuators, Basic Models . . . dc - 40.0 GHz

Model Number	Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Range (dB)	Step Size (dB)	Insertion Loss, Max. (dB)	Maximum SWR	Connector Type	Average Power (Watts)	Peak Power (Watts)	Page No.
150-11	dc-18.0	0-11	1	2.2	1.50-1.90*	3.5mm	1	100	228
150-15		0-15	1	2.2	1.50-1.90*				
150-31		0-31	1	2.6	1.50-1.90*				
150-62		0-62	2	2.6	1.50-1.90*				
150-70		0-70	10	2.6	1.35-1.70*				
150-75		0-75	5	2.2	1.50-1.90*				
150-110		0-110	10	2.2	1.50-1.90*				
151-11	dc-4.0	0-11	1	0.9	1.50	3.5mm	1	100	228
151-15		0-15	1	2.2	1.50				
151-31		0-31	1	2.6	1.50				
151-62		0-62	2	2.6	1.50				
151-70		0-70	10	2.6	1.35				
151-75		0-75	5	2.2	1.50				
151-110		0-110	10	2.2	1.50				
152-55	dc-26.5	0-55	5	2.98	1.40-1.90*	3.5mm	1	100	228
152-90	dc-26.5	0-90	10	2.98	1.40-1.90*				
152-110	dc-26.5	0-110	10	2.98	1.40-1.90*				
153-70	dc-40.0	0-70	10	3.00	1.30-2.10*	2.92mm	1	100	233
153-110 *(New)*		0-110	10	4.00					

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Model Number	Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Range (dB)	Step Size (dB)	Insertion Loss, Maximum (dB)	Maximum SWR	Average Power	Connector Type	Page No.	
4202-63 *(New)*	0.4-6.0	0-63	1	7.0	2.00	+20 dBm	SMA	235	
4203-31.75 4203-63 *(New)*	0.2- 3.0	0-31.75 0-63	0.25 1	4.5	1.40	+24 dBm	SMA	237	
4205-31.5 4205-63.5 4205-95.5 *(New)*	0.4-6.0	0-31.5 0-63.5 0-95.5	0.5 0.5 0.5	3.0 - 4.0* 4.5 - 6.0* 6.5 - 8.0*	1.50-1.70* 1.50-1.80* 1.60-2.00*	+23 dBm	SMA	239	
4226-63 4228-63.75 4228-103	0.8-3.0 0.8-2.5 0.8-3.0	0-63 0-63.75 0-103	1 0.25 1	3.75 4.50 5.50	1.50 1.50 1.50	+28 dBm	SMA	241	
4238-63.75 4238-103	10 MHz-2.5	0-63.75 103	0.25 1	6.75 - 9.25* 6.75 - 9.25*	1.60	+30 dBm	SMA	243	
4246-63 4248-63.75 4248-103	10 MHz-2.5	0-63 0-63.75 103/1	1 0.25	8.00 - 10.00* 10.50 - 13.00* 10.50 - 13.00*	2.00	+36 dBm	SMA	245	
4258-63.75 *(New)*	2.0 to 6.0	0-63.75	0.25	4.5	2.00	+20 dBm	SMA	247	

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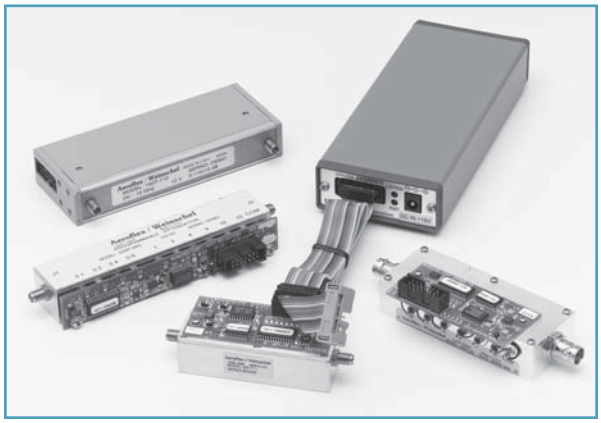

SmartStep® Programmable/Switch Controllers:

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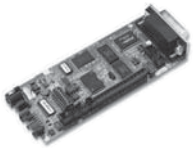
The Model 8210A Attenuator / Switch Controller provides a flexible, low cost solution for the control and operation of electromechanical switches and programmable step attenuators using standard communication interfaces. The 8210A represents a new concept in device control applications for bench test and subsystem designs.

- Designed to interface with Aeroflex / Weinschel's line of programmable attenuators (3200T & 150T) and other electromechanical devices.
- Simplifies your bench test setups and subsystem design.



- Available in two standard communication interfaces:
  - Model 8210A-1:GPIB/IEEE-488 (HS-488 ready)
  - Model 8210A-2:RS-232, RS-422, RS-485

Each model contains similar capabilities and provides switch-selectable parameters to tailor the interface's operation.

SmartStep® 100 W Hot-Switchable High Power Attenuator Unit:

(pages 255-257)

- Available in 0-15 dB or 0-31 dB Configurations
- DC to 13 GHz Operation
- Power Handling up to 100 Watts average
- High Accuracy & repeatability
- IEEE-488 & Standard Serial Interfaces
- Relative vs. Nominal attenuation step function.
- Bus Controlled Programmable Attenuator Units

SmartStep® Programmable Attenuator Units for Rack or Bench Use:

(Pages 248-254)

Aeroflex / Weinschel's 8310 & 8311 Series Programmable Attenuator Units represent Aeroflex / Weinschel's newest concept in programmable attenuation for bench test and subsystem applications.

Standard 8310 Series designs house and control various Aeroflex / Weinschel Programmable Attenuator Models (3200T, 150T, and 4200 Series via front panel controls or standard communications interfaces including GPIB (IEEE-488) and RS-232/RS-422/RS485. The standard units combine the features of the Aeroflex / Weinschel 8210A Device Controller with a front panel user interface to form a flexible, easy to use solution.

Most 8310 Series are single channel configurations where RF signal is routed through either the front or rear mounted Ports A & B but can be configured for up to four channels of attenuation, RF switching, or other functions and other features such as:

- New 8331 Series (pg 252)
- Multi-Channel attenuation paths (up to 4 input/ outputs).
- Relative vs. Nominal attenuation step function.
- Wide choice of Frequency & Attenuation Ranges.
  - dc to 1, 2, 3, 18 & 26.5 GHz
  - up to 127 dB
  - Solid-State (GaAs FET & PIN)
  - Relay Switched
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Frequently Asked Questions about Programmable Attenuators....

What are the applications of Aeroflex / Weinschel programmable attenuators?

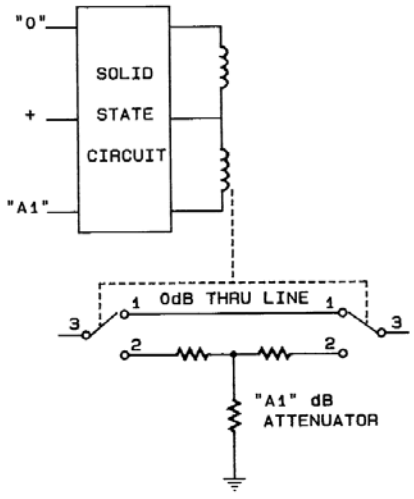
Aeroflex / Weinschel's programmable attenuators are used to control the power of radio frequency and microwave signals. Applications include control of input power to signal measuring systems, control of output power from signal generating systems, adjustment power for BIT error rate testing, controlling losses in a signal path and simulating the signal fading of a microwave communication system....to name just a few.

How do they work?

Aeroflex / Weinschel's programmable attenuators consist of a series of attenuation pads (cells) that are selectively inserted into the signal path via a control signal. An example is a series of cells such as 1, 2, 4, 8 and 16 dB arranged in a binary sequence. Such an attenuator is called a binary attenuator. Combinations of cells are switched "on" to provide attenuation steps from 0 dB to 31 dB. Another example is a unit having cell values of 10, 20 and 40 dB which will provide 10 dB steps between 0 dB and 70 dB.

How are the attenuators switched?

The basic structure of a programmable attenuator is shown below. There are several ways the attenuator pads are switched in and out of the RF path. Aeroflex / Weinschel's 3200 series uses TO-5 can relay switches. These are useful up to 2.0 GHz and higher. Aeroflex / Weinschel's 150 series operate up to 26.5 GHz and utilize reed switches housed within a precision machined cavity.



Aeroflex / Weinschel also manufactures programmable attenuators using solid state switching that offers faster switching speeds but their frequency range is more limited than mechanical step attenuators. Whereas mechanically switched attenuators operate from DC to their maximum frequency, solid state attenuators have a lower frequency limit. Solid state attenuators also have lower isolation between control and through path.

How fast do the attenuators switch?

Switching speed of mechanically switched attenuators is typically between 6 and 35 msec. This is the maximum time between the application of the switching command to the cell and the cessation of contact bounce. This time is a function of switch structure and size.

What is a latching and non-latching attenuator?

Non-latching is also called momentary or fail-safe. For the non-latching type, the attenuator is switched to the attenuation "on" position only so long as control power is applied to the switch. As soon as power is removed the switch reverts to it passive state or fail-safe state...usually the zero dB state. In latching attenuators each cell stays in the last setting even if power is removed. Latching attenuators have two control lines. One control line causes the attenuator to switch to the "attenuation on" setting while the other control line causes the attenuator to switch to the zero dB setting. There is normally a permanent magnet that holds the switch stable in either position.

Each version has its advantages and disadvantages. The non-latching switch requires constant power to the solenoid when in the "on" position. On the other hand the latching version requires greater switch current to overcome it's permanent magnet.

How are the attenuators controlled?

The Model 3200 and 3400 Series non-latching attenuators require only one 12 volt control line per cell. The direction of control current is not important.

The Model 150 Series is a latching version using one positive 5 volt or 24 volt common return line and two grounding control lines.

In order for switching to be guaranteed the voltage between common and control must be held within specified limits. Power supply regulation must be kept within range even while heavy switching current is being drawn. Any cable voltage drops must be added to the minimum control voltage to obtain the required power supply voltage at the attenuator.

Aeroflex / Weinschel's programmable attenuators, such as the Model 3200T, 3400T and 150T Series feature on-board TTL drivers. TTL driver boards are also available for most models.

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What is the switch life of these programmable attenuators?

Specified life for mechanical switches is normally in the range of 1 to 10 million switching. This specification is per switch, independent of the other switches in the attenuator. For the Model 150 series attenuators the specification is 5 million cycles, i.e. one cycle is the switch moving in both directions. These specifications are based on the mechanical life of the switch, however, other factors have an impact on attenuator life. High power operation can have an adverse effect on the switch contact surfaces. This can reduce the overall life of the switch by causing the attenuator performance to go outside it's specification.

What is monotonicity?

A programmable step attenuator is considered monotonic if it's attenuation always increases when it is commanded to increase. This applies on a per frequency basis. For instance the 20 dB setting at 1 GHz will always be less than the 21 dB setting at 1 GHz. This does not necessarily mean that the 20 dB setting at 1 GHz will always be less than the 21 dB setting 18 GHz. Monotonicity is influenced by the SWR of the individual attenuator cells as the cells are combined to form an attenuation value. It is also influenced by the summation of individual cell attenuation tolerances as the cells are combined.

What is the difference between insertion loss and incremental attenuation?

Programmable attenuators have insertion loss and also incremental attenuation. Insertion loss is the loss through the attenuator when all cells are switched to zero dB. It is the residual loss of the device itself. Insertion loss usually increases with frequency reaching several dB at the higher frequencies and generally has very flat frequency response. Incremental attenuation is the attenuation values of the attenuators cells relative to the insertion loss. Since insertion loss is always present, the performance of a programmable attenuator is always given as incremental attenuation relative to insertion loss. Insertion loss is considered part of the fixed performance of the system path in which the programmable attenuator is located.

What is the advantages of Attenuators with built-in driver circuitry?

These attenuators feature an internal microcontroller-based driver that provides a TTL-level digital interface for control of the attenuator relays (Figure 1). This card simplifies operation and interfacing requirements, while at the same time providing for greatly enhanced flexibility over past designs. User-selectable modes of operation include both parallel and serial bus. The parallel mode provides a simple, one-bit per relay on/off control with internal pullups for use primarily in single attenuator applications. This mode allows the attenuator to be controlled via a variety of methods, such as a TTL-level digital output port, or mechanical toggle switches. The serial mode provides a two-wire serial bus structure and protocol for connecting a number of devices to a single host control interface, suitable for use in larger system and sub-system applications. The built-in driver™ contains non-volatile configuration memory that is used to hold a wide variety of attenuator and driver-dependent parameters, including serial number, attenuator cell dB values, relay configurations, and switching requirements, which are all accessible via the digital interface. This frees the system designer from such low-level details, allowing faster integration. In either operational mode, the microcontroller enters an idle condition during periods of inactivity, turning off all on-board clocks, reducing EMI concerns, and lowering power consumption. On-board regulation for the digital circuitry allows the programmable attenuator to operate from a single input supply voltage.

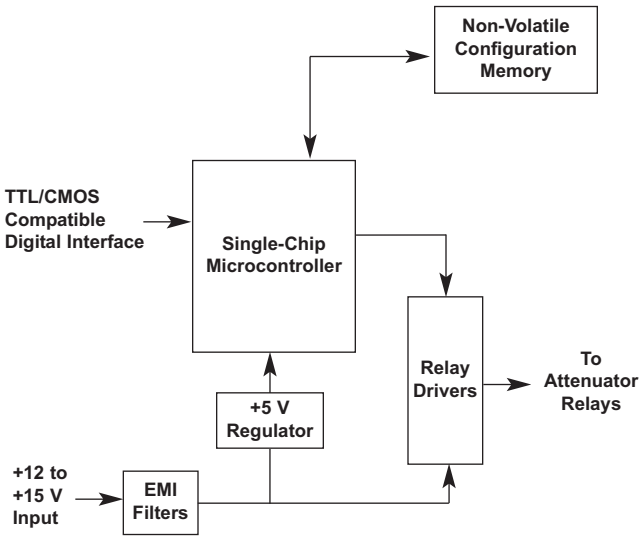

Figure 1. Digital Driver Circuitry

How can I control the Attenuators with built-in drivers?

The communications interface (Model 8210A) provides a flexible, low cost solution for the operation of programmable step attenuators and other electromechanical devices under computer control. Designed to interface to Aeroflex / Weinschel's line of programmable attenuators built-in intelligent drivers, the Model 8210A represents a new concept in device control applications for bench test and subsystem designs. The 8210A communications interface provides a high-level interface from various industry standard communications interfaces, including IEEE-488 and RS232 /RS422/RS485, to the programmable attenuators serial Driver Interface Bus.

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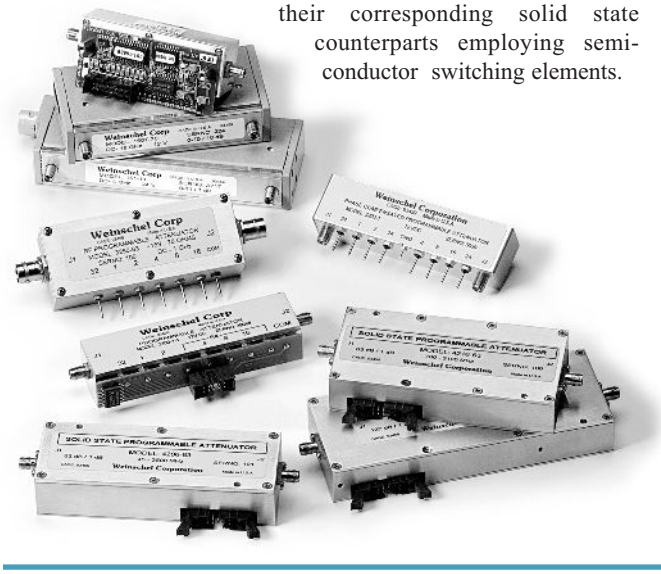
Intermodulation Distortion in Programmable Attenuators....

Weinschel has been a major supplier of programmable attenuators to the RF industry for over 30 years. Historically the most demanding specifications for these components have been low insertion loss and SWR, combined with a reasonable life expectancy of several million switching cycles. This was usually adequate for RF instruments like spectrum analyzers and signal generators, wherein the attenuator bandwidth rather than the switching speed was of prime concern. To achieve wide bandwidths the programmable attenuators were mostly of electromechanical design and the linearity of these passive components was not only assumed but never questioned by any customer. Intermodulation distortion discussions and problems were usually limited to components such as amplifiers, mixers and filters.

In recent years, however, wireless communication systems employing complex digital modulation schemes, increased channel capacity, high transmit power and extremely low receiver sensitivity have put into question the linearity of passive components. Even very low level multi-tone intermodulation products generated by attenuators can seriously degrade the efficiency of a system/ instrument if these products fall within the user passband. For two closely spaced tones at frequencies f1 and f2, the third order IM products at 2f1 - f2 and 2f2 - f1 , are the most harmful distortion products. They are harmful because they are located close to f1 and f2 and virtually impossible to filter out. In today's base stations the multicarrier power amplifier (MCPA) is replacing banks of single-channel amplifiers and their corresponding power combining network. MCPAs have the capability of carrying a number of modulation schemes simultaneously and can also employ schemes such as dynamic-channel-allocation (DCA) to use the allocated frequency spectrum more efficiently. The in-band intermodulation distortion (IMD) performance of these amplifiers is extremely critical and needs to be measured using low distortion programmable multi-tone generators whose IMD performance must be quite superior. This is discussed in the two case studies cited here.

Electromechanical programmable attenuators obviously provide a far superior IMD performance than their corresponding solid state counterparts employing semiconductor switching elements.



However, their slow switch speed, in the order of milliseconds, and short switch life in the order of 5-10 million cycles make them unattractive in some applications like cell phone testing and other ATE systems. Solid State programmable attenuators do overcome these two problems and are therefore included here for IMD performance comparison. It is not the intent of this brief article to go into the theory of intermodulation distortion. The goal here is to provide some good basic IMD test data for a variety of commercial programmable attenuators and let the end user select the most appropriate type for his application.

Measurement System and Parameters...

All test data presented here was generated using a commercially available Passive IM Analyzer, Summitek Model SI-800A which provides a fully integrated system for characterizing distortion produced by cables, attenuators and other passive devices. Although the system is capable of measuring both, through and reflected IM3, IM5, IM7 and IM9, the focus here is only on through IM for the most troublesome third order product, IM3. To carry out a meaningful comparison between different attenuators all measurements were carried out using two equal amplitude input tones at 869 MHz (f1) and 891 MHz(f2) , the IM3 frequency being 847 MHz (2f1-f2). Input carrier power was stepped in increments of 1 dB from -7dBm to +27dBm. All external adapters and cables were carefully selected to maintain the system's residual IM level of around -120 dBm. Although the system permitted receiver measurements between -70 to -120 dBm we restricted all measurements between -85 to -110 dBm by using a calibrated low IM coupler and attenuators at the output port of the DUT. One must be aware that the accuracy of such small signal measurements can easily be off by 2 to 3 dB so restricting the measurement dynamic range helps reduce the receiver non-linearity error. Measurements were done over several days to ensure stability and repeatability.

Distortion Comparison for Basic Types of Programmable Attenuators...

The programmable attenuators discussed here are the switched type with a discrete number of `cells'. Switching between the zero and attenuate state on each cell is achieved by a DPDT switch configuration. The cell values are usually in a binary sequence. For example a 6 cell/6 bit unit could have 1, 2, 4, 8, 16 and 32 dB sections providing a 63 dB dynamic range in 1dB increments. Four basic families of programmable attenuators are compared, each family being identified by the switch element used to achieve the transfer from zero to attenuate state.

For the purposes of distortion comparison it was deemed necessary to select units with similar electrical length and/or programmability. Both the electromechanical units, TO5 relay and edge-line type, had an electrical length of about 20 cms. The two solid state units had 6 cell programmability yielding 63 dB in 1 dB step size. All IM3 vs Pin measurements were done with the attenuators programmed to be in their characteristic zero insertion loss state. The zero state was selected because it generated the highest IM3 levels. The graph below shows the obvious compromise in IMD performance for the two solid state

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types. It is worth noting that the IM3 vs Pin slope is not exactly 3:1 as would be the case in a perfect third order device. The theoretical two tone third order intercept point, IP3, commonly used as a figure of merit for comparing linearity is shown in the following table at two different input power levels. The input IP3 is derived from the following relation:

$$\text{Input IP3} = \frac{3(\text{Pin}-\alpha)-\text{IM3}}{2} + \alpha$$

where α = zero insertion loss of each unit @ 847 MHz, the IM3 frequency. IM3 and Pin are selected from Table 1.

TABLE 1. SPECIFICATION COMPARISONS:

Parameter	Attenuator Type			
	PIN	FET	Relay	Edge-Line
IP3 @ 10 dBm	42.0 dBm	48.0 dBm	72 dBm	98 dBm*
IP3 @ 24dBm	39.0 dBm	53.5 dBm	75 dBm	98 dBm
I. Loss	2.0 dB	5.0 dB	1.5 dB	0 dB
Switching Time	2 µsec	2 µsec	5 msec	20 msec
Switch Life	∞	∞	10 million	5 million
Frequency (GHz)	0.8-2.3	0.01-2.5	dc-3	dc-26.5

* NOTE: Although the actual IM3 was not measurable the curve for the edge-line unit is linear and predictable unlike the two curves for the solid state attenuators. If we were to extrapolate this curve we would get the same IP3 figure of +98dBm as expected.

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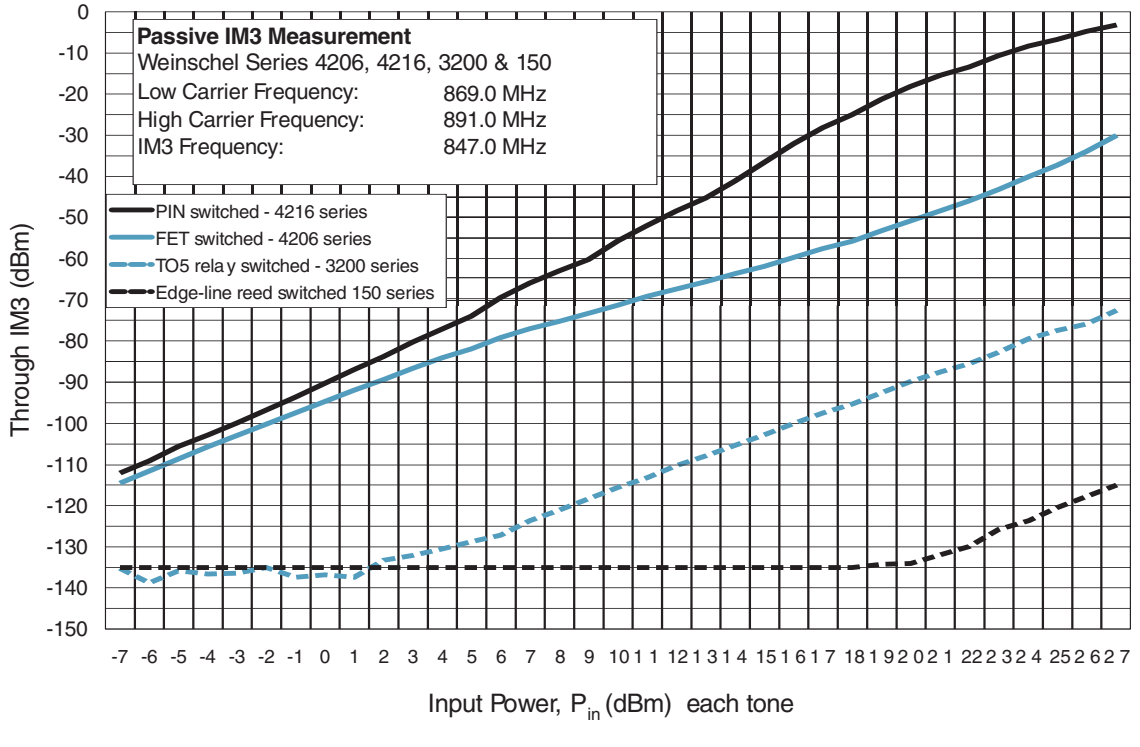

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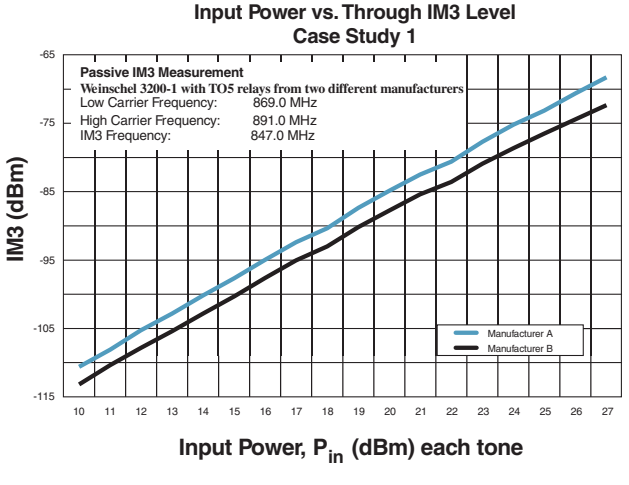
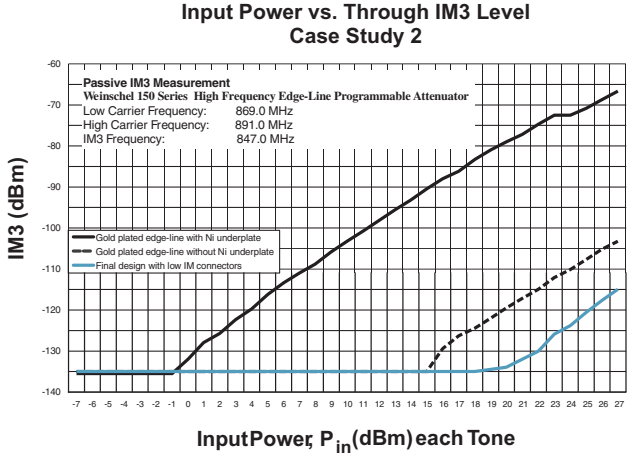
Case Study 1

Company A offers its IMD series Phase Aligned 8 tone generators to test intermodulation distortion in multi-carrier power amplifiers. The output level of these generators is accurately controlled using a Weinschel TO5 relay based programmable attenuator offering over 60 dB dynamic range. Eight +13 dBm carriers are input to the attenuator. In MCPAs with feedforward correction, in-band IMD levels could be as low as -75 dBc so Company A wanted at least -85 dBc at the output of their generator. The first problem was that Weinschel could not simulate the exact test conditions. This was readily resolved by establishing a good co-relation between our two tone IM3 measurement and Company A's 8 tone test. Having employed the best plating techniques and using good low IM connector design the attenuator was still short of the required IMD spec. The final improvement was achieved by extensive testing on relays from three different manufacturers. Figure 2 shows IM3 plots of the two best performers. Manufacturer B consistently provided a 4 to 5 dB improvement at the two tone level at Pin of +22 dBm and higher. This corresponded to an acceptable output distortion level for the Company A generator.



Case Study 2

Company B manufactures ultra low distortion multi-tone signal generators. Their units offer up to 160 channels from 5 MHz through 1 GHz. Each carrier can be leveled as high as +10 dBm. One of their most stringent requirements is a cross modulation test. The Company B generator specification is -100 dB below the sideband of a 100% amplitude modulated carrier, which is -110 dBc. The actual components used in the critical path had to measure -120 dBc or better. Their generator needed an ultra linear attenuator to provide a programmed output level in 0.5 dB increments. Relay based units were tested and found to be unacceptable. The high performance edge-line attenuators were expected to solve the problem but at first they too fell short, but mainly in their zero attenuation state, which generates maximum distortion. Prior to supplying these units to Company B no customer had asked for a distortion specification on these supposedly passive attenuators. Environmental performance had warranted the use of nickel underplate on the edge lines. This was disclosed to the customer and suspected to be the prime cause of high IMD levels. Since the unit was going to be mounted in a benign environment, elimination of the nickel underplate was not thought to be a problem. Figure 3 demonstrates the tremendous reduction in IM3 levels upon elimination of the nickel underplate-a significant 40 dB! A further 10-15 dB improvement was achieved by redesigning the connectors to reduce their passive IMD. The IM improvement in these connectors would have served no purpose prior to the elimination of nickel. This is because the main source of distortion lay behind the connector back plane, along the edge transmission line, which had a far greater electrical length than the two connectors.



Conclusion

Abundant intermodulation test data for four families of programmable attenuators has been presented in an easy format, together with their other key performance features. This should enable instrument and system designers to select the most suitable type for their application.

The two case studies have also demonstrated that an OEM component supplier cannot possibly simulate the different distortion test scenarios of every customer. Such tests would be extremely varied, complex and cost prohibitive. The IM analyzer used at Weinschel was indeed a narrow band instrument and one might be concerned about the unit's performance at other frequencies. This is a legitimate concern for the solid state types, in which the distortion mechanism is a strong function of the operating frequency. For the broadband electromechanical types this is not a major issue. However, with a meaningful two tone intermodulation measurement it is quite possible to get an excellent correlation with the customer's test conditions and thereby come up with a corresponding specification under the two tone test. It is helpful though, to be able to replicate the total power level that the unit would be subjected to in the field.

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with optional TTL Interface

dc to 3.0 GHz 1 Watt

Features

- **Widest Selection of Attenuation Ranges & Step Sizes**
- **Available *Express* Models:** 3200-1E, 3200-1E-2 3200-2E, 3201-1E, 3206-1E

  Other models may be available for Express delivery.
- **High Quality Construction & Connectors**
- **Special Configurations Available Upon Request**
  - Custom Cell/Step Size Configurations
  - Higher Frequencies

Description

The 3200 Series Programmable Step Attenuators are designed for use in automatic test equipment and OEM systems operating in the dc to 3 GHz frequency range. This series is available in many standard attenuation ranges and cell configurations. Custom designed configurations are available upon request. Each cell contains a double-pole, double-throw relay that provides a zero path or attenuated path for the RF signal.

Microstrip circuitry and special compensation techniques produce flat attenuation versus frequency characteristics. To minimize RF leakage, the 3200 Series Attenuators are provided with gold-plated contact areas and feedthrough filters at each control terminal.

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω
FREQUENCY RANGE: dc to 3.0 GHz

CELL CONFIGURATIONS:

Model Number	NO. Cells	Attenuation Range/Steps (dB)	Cell Increments (dB)
3200-1E	8	127/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64*
3200-2E	8	63.75/0.25	0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
3201-1E	5	31/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16
3205-1E	4	70/10	10, 20, 20, 20
3205-2E	4	55/5	5, 10, 20, 20
3205-3E	4	1.5/0.1	0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.8
3206-1E	6	63/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
3209-1E	10	64.5/0.1	0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.8, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

* 64 dB cell comprised of two 32 dB cells

MAXIMUM SWR:

Frequency Range (GHz)	3200-XE, 3201-1E 3205-XE, 3206-1E	3209-1E
dc - 2	1.25	1.35
2 - 3	1.40	1.45

INCREMENTAL ATTENUATION ACCURACY:

Frequency Range (GHz)	Accuracy
dc - 0.5	± 0.2 dB or 0.5%
0.5 - 1	± 0.2 dB or 1.0%
1 - 3	± 0.3 dB or 2.0%

MONOTONICITY: 10 MHz to 3.0 GHz (minimum 1dB change)

POWER COEFFICIENT: <0.002 dB/dB/watt

INCREMENTAL TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT:

32 dB cells: 0.0005 dB/dB/°C
All other cells: 0.0002 dB/dB/°C

POWER RATING: 1 watt average to 25°C ambient temperature, derated linearly to 0.25 watt @ 71°C. 50 watts peak (5 µsec pulse width; 1% duty cycle)

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MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

Frequency Range (GHz)	3200-1E 3200-2E	3201-1E	3205-1E, 3205-2E 3205-3E	3206-1E	3209-1E
dc - 0.5	2.50	1.70	1.50	2.20	3.00
0.5 - 1.0	3.20	2.20	1.75	2.40	3.60
1.0 - 1.5	3.50	2.50	2.00	2.80	4.20
1.5 - 2.0	4.00	2.80	2.25	3.10	4.60
2.0 - 3.0	4.70	3.25	2.60	3.70	5.50

RATED SWITCH LIFE: 5 million cycles operations per cell @ 0 dBm

SWITCHING TIME: 6 msec. maximum at nominal rated voltage

RELEASE TIME: 3 msec maximum

CYCLING RATE: 5 Hz maximum per relay

OPERATING VOLTAGE: +12 Vdc (+4 / -2 V)

OPERATING CURRENT: 30 mA typical per cell @ +12V

TEMPERATURE RANGE (Operating): -55°C to +71°C

TEST DATA: Test data is available at additional cost.

CONNECTORS: SMA female connectors per MIL-STD-348 interface dimensions - mate nondestructively with MIL-C-39012 connectors.

CONTROL TERMINALS: 0.040 inch. (1 mm) diameter solderable leads. May be used with PC board sockets/ receptacles.

CONSTRUCTION:

Housing:	Aluminum
Connectors:	Stainless steel body and beryllium copper contacts.
Control terminals:	Brass/Copper, Silver plated

WEIGHT (Typical):

3200-1E & 3200-2E:	117 g (4.1 oz)
3201-1E:	89 g (3.1 oz)
3205-1E, 3205-2E, 3205-3E:	77 g (2.7 oz)
3206-1E:	99 g (3.5 oz)
3209-1E:	159 g (5.6 oz)

MODEL NUMBER DESCRIPTION:

320X-YE	For a basic 3 GHz model*
320X-YE-1	Add -1 for a TTL driver board with a 10 pin ribbon cable connector
320X-YE-2	Add -2 for a TTL driver board with a 15 pin D connector

* Use the Cell Configuration table to determine X and Y for available attenuation ranges.

CONTROL CONFIGURATION:

Standard Unit: One terminal is connected to case ground and the remaining terminals are provided for activation of individual cells. Attenuation is fail-safe to "0" setting in the absence of a control voltage. Application of a voltage (+) to a particular cell causes it to switch to the attenuate position.

Units with TTL Option: Units with this option are supplied with a very low profile connectorized TTL interface board mounted directly to the control terminals. This TTL interface option is available with either a 10 pin ribbon cable connector or a 15 pin "D" connector (**limited models**), refer to list below. Each type is supplied with a mating connector. Refer to Physical Dimensions for mating connector pin/wiring details. Two wires are specified for supply voltage and ground. The remaining wires will accept TTL control signals to activate or de-activate a particular attenuation cell. A TTL high will energize a cell to the high attenuation state, whereas a TTL low will maintain a cell in its zero attenuation state.

To order 3200 Series Attenuators with this option add -1 to basic model number for ribbon cable connector and -2 for the "D" connector. Example: Model 3201-1E with a TTL interface board would be 3201-1E-1. Mating connector is provided. To order a TTL Driver board separately for an existing 3200 Series Attenuator, use the following:

Basic Model No.	TTL BD Kit Part No. 10 Pin Ribbon	TTL BD Part No. 15 Pin "D" CONN
3200-1E, 3200-2E	101-1781	101R-1798-000**
3201-1E	101-1780	101R-1798-001**
3205-1E, 3205-2E 3205-3E	101-1780	101R-1798-001**
3206-1E	101-1780	101R-1798-001**
3209-1E	101-1804-000*	N/A

* 14 pin ribbon connector.

** 3 FT TTL Interface Cable Part No. 101-1805 supplied with unit.

Note: Control is non-latching and requires a continuous control signal for the period of time in which attenuation is required.

INTERFACE CONNECTOR: Option -1(Models 3200, 3201, 3205 and 3206): 10 pin .025 square post header on .1 center, mates with Amp connector 746285-1 or equivalent. Option -1 (3209): 14 pin .025 square post header on .1 center, mates with Amp connector 746285-2 or equivalent. Option -2: 15 pin D Socket Connector, mates with Cannon connector DA-15S or equivalent.

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TTL DRIVER SPECIFICATIONS:

INPUT VOLTAGE: VIN High= +2.0V minimum
+5.0V typical
Vcc maximum
VIN Low = 0 minimum
0.8 maximum

INPUT CURRENT: IIN (V_{IN}=2.4 V) = 55 µA
IIN (V_{IN}=3.85 V) = 280 µA

SUPPLY CURRENT (Digital Section): ICC=25.0 mA maximum

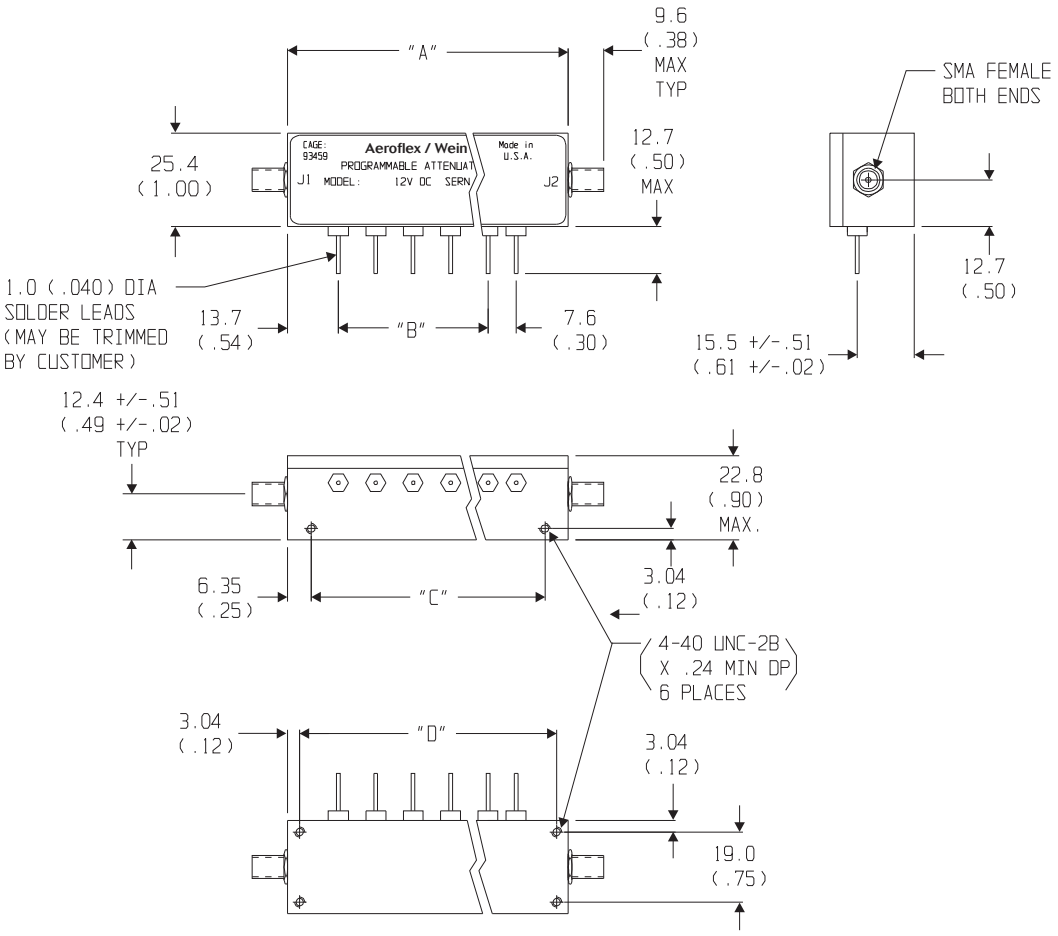
SUPPLY CURRENT (per cell continuos): 30 mA per cell

SUPPLY VOLTAGE: VCC=+12.0 to +15V

TEMPERATURE RANGE (Operating): -40°C to +70°C

MODELS WITH BUILT-IN DRIVERS: All 3200s are available with an intelligent interface\driver cards. These are designed to interface with our 8210A Series Controllers which greatly simplifies computer control applications. Refer to 3200T Series data sheet for more information.

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:



Model No.	No. Cells	A	B	C	D
3200-XE	8	101.6 (4.0	7 EQ SPCS @ 10.16 (.40) = 71.1 (2.80)	88.9 (3.50)	95.2 (3.75)
3201-XE	5/4	76.2 (3.00)	4 EQ SPCS @ 10.16 (.40) = 40.64 (1.60)	63.5 (2.50)	69.8 (2.75)
3205-XE	4	58.9 (2.32)	3 EQ SPCS @ 10.16 (.40) = 30.5 (1.20)	46.2 (1.82)	52.6 (2.07)
3206-XE	6	81. 3±0.5 (3.20±0.02	5 EQ SPCS @ 10.16 (.40) = 50.8 (2.00)	68.6 (2.70)	75.18 (2.96)

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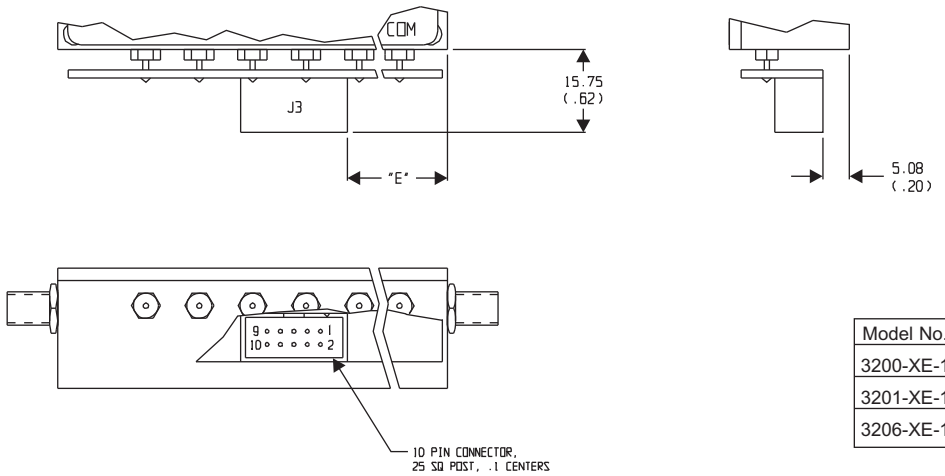
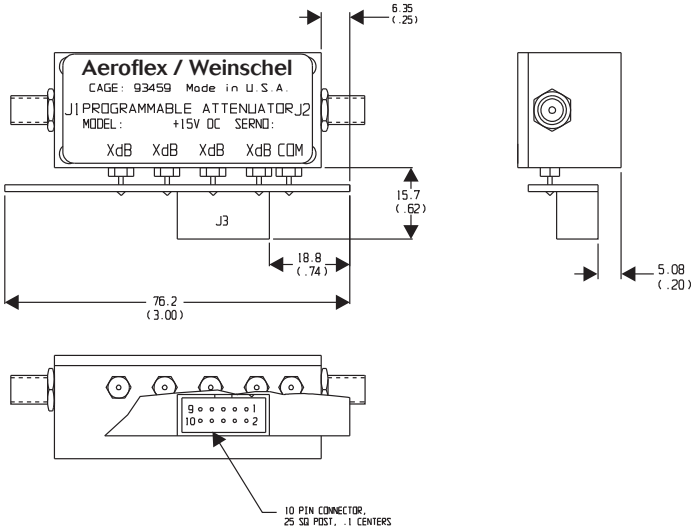


Model No.	E
3200-XE-1	37.8 (1.49)
3201-XE-1	18.8 (0.74)
3206-XE-1	18.8 (0.74)

TTL OPTION -1 (3205):



Control Connector J3 Pin Locations:

TTL Conn PIN No. (J3)	3200-1E-1 dB (Cell)	3200-2E-1 dB (Cell)	3201-1E-1 dB (Cell)	3205-1E-1 dB (Cell)	3205-2E-1 dB (Cell)	3205-3E-1 dB (Cell)	3206-1E-1 dB (Cell)
1	32	0.25	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
2	1	0.5	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
3	2	1	1	NC	NC	NC	1
4	32*	2	2	10	5	0.1	2
5	4	4	4	20	10	0.2	4
6	8	8	8	20	20	0.4	8
7	16	16	16	20	20	0.8	16
8	32*	32	NC	NC	NC	NC	32
9	COM	COM	COM	COM	COM	COM	COM
10	+Vcc	+Vcc	+Vcc	+ Vcc	+ Vcc	+Vcc	+ Vcc

*64 dB cell comprised of two 32 dB cells
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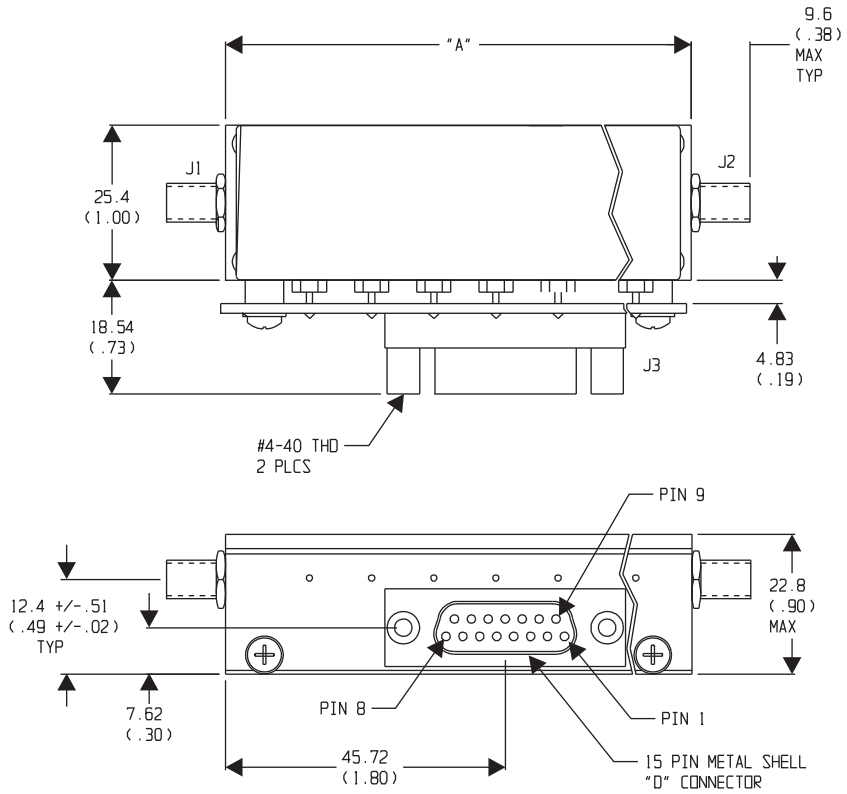
TTL Driver Option -2 (3200, 3201, 3205):



Model No.	A
3200-XE-2	101.6 (4.00)
3201-XE-2	76.2 (3.00)
3205-XE-2	76.2 (3.00)

Control Connector J3 Pin Locations:

"D" Conn PIN No. (J3)	3200-1E-2 dB (Cell)	3200-2E-2 dB (Cell)	3201-1E-2 dB (Cell)	3205-1E-2 dB (Cell)	3205-2E-2 dB (Cell)	3205-3E-2 dB (Cell)	Cable (P/N 101-1805) Color Code
1	32	32	NC	NC	NC	NC	BRN
2	16	16	NC	NC	NC	NC	YEL
3	8	8	NC	NC	NC	NC	GRN
4	4	4	16	20	20	0.8	LT BLU
5	32	0.25	1	NC	NC	NC	VIO
6	1	0.5	2	10	5	0.1	GRY
7	2	1	4	20	10	0.2	WHT
8	32*	2	8	20	20	0.4	WHT/BLK
9	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	RED
10	GND	GND	GND	GND	GND	GND	BLK
11	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	- - -
12	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	- - -
13	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	- - -
14	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	- - -
15	+Vcc	+Vcc	+Vcc	+Vcc	+Vcc	+Vcc	ORN

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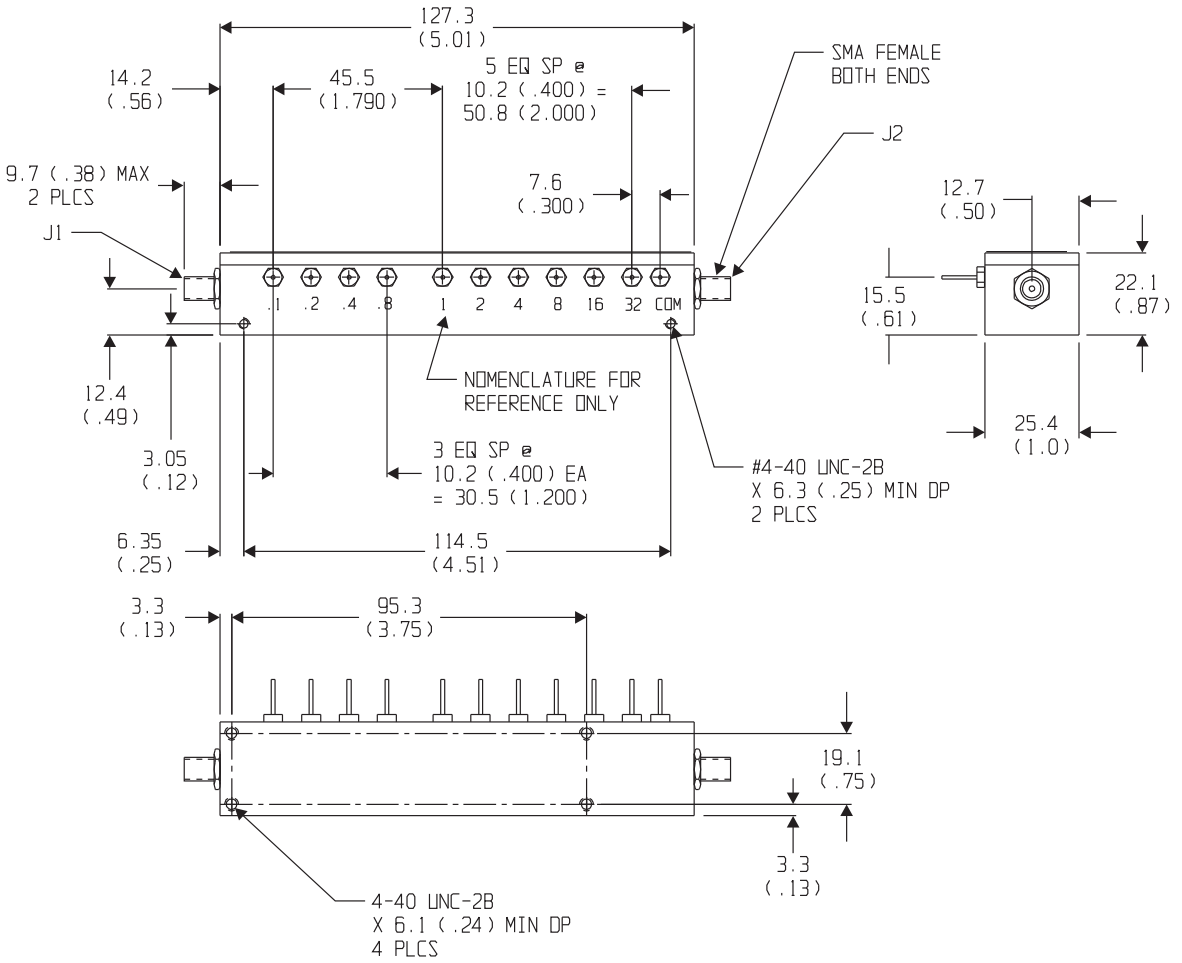
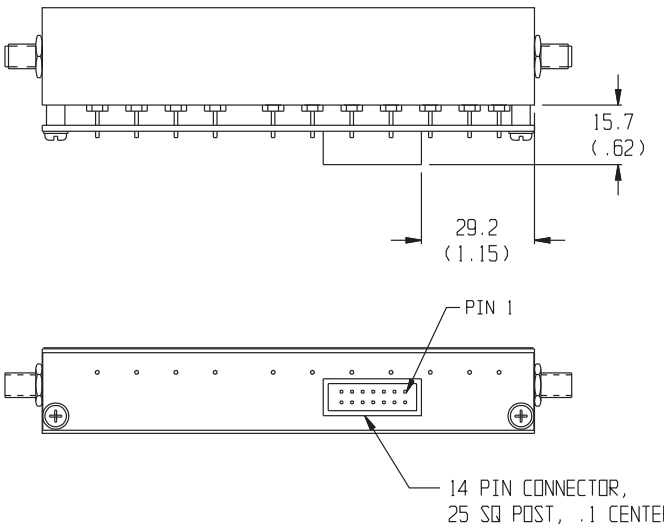


Model 3209-1E-1 (TTL Option -1):



CONN	SIGNAL DES
J3-14	GND
J3-13	+12V
J3-12	N/A
J3-11	N/A
J3-10	32dB
J3-9	16dB
J3-8	8dB
J3-7	4dB
J3-6	2dB
J3-5	1dB
J3-4	.8dB
J3-3	.4dB
J3-2	.2dB
J3-1	.1dB

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Description

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Specifications

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FREQUENCY RANGE: dc to 3.0 GHz

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3201T-1E	5	31/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16
3201T-2E	5	120/10	10, 20, 30, 60**
3205T-1E	4	70/10	10, 20, 20, 20
3205T-2E	4	55/5	5, 10, 20, 20
3205T-3E	4	1.5/0.1	0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.8
3206T-1E	6	63/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
3209T-1E	10	64.5/0.1	0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.8, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

*64 dB cell comprised of two 32 dB cells

MAXIMUM SWR:

Frequency Range (GHz)	3200T-XE, 3201T-1E 3205T-XE, 3206T-1E	3209T-1E
dc - 2	1.25	1.35
2 - 3	1.40	1.45

INCREMENTAL ATTENUATION ACCURACY:

Frequency Range (GHz)	Accuracy
dc - 0.5	± 0.2 dB or 0.5%
0.5 - 1	± 0.2 dB or 1.0%
1 -3	± 0.3 dB or 2.0%

MONOTONICITY: 10 MHz to 3.0 GHz (minimum 1 dB change)
POWER COEFFICIENT: <0.002 dB/dB/watt
INCREMENTAL TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT:
30 & 32 dB cells: 0.0005 dB/dB/°C
All other cells: 0.0002 dB/dB/°C

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MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

Frequency Range (GHz)	3200T-1E 3200T-2E	3201T-1E	3205T-1E, 3205T-2E 3205T-3E	3206T-1E	3209T-1E
dc - 0.5	2.50	1.70	1.50	2.20	3.00
0.5 - 1.0	3.20	2.20	1.75	2.40	3.60
1.0 - 1.5	3.50	2.50	2.00	2.80	4.20
1.5 - 2.0	4.00	2.80	2.25	3.10	4.60
2.0 - 3.0	4.70	3.25	2.60	3.70	5.50

POWER RATING: 1 watt average to 25°C ambient temperature, derated linearly to 0.25 watt @ 71°C. 50 watts peak (5 µsec pulse width; 1% duty cycle)

RATED SWITCH LIFE: 5 million cycles operations per cell @ 0 dBm

CYCLING RATE: 5 Hz maximum per relay

DRIVER INTERFACE:

Input Supply Voltage: +12.0 to +15 V
Control Signals: TTL/CMOS compatible
Interface Modes: parallel / serial
DC Characteristics (at 25 °C):

Parameter		Specification
V_{IL}	Low-level input V:	-0.5 V min, 0.8 V max
V_{IH}	High-level input V:	2.0 V min, 5.25 V max
I_{PU}	Pullup current	50 µA min, 400 µA max
V_{IN}	Supply Voltage:	+12.0 to +15.0 V
I_{IN}	Supply current: (digital section)	25 mA
I_{CELL}	Supply current:	30 mA (per cell) continuous

TEMPERATURE RANGE (Operating): -20°C to +70°C

TEST DATA: Test data is available at additional cost.

CONNECTORS: SMA female connectors per MIL-STD-348 interface dimensions - mate nondestructively with MIL-C-39012 connectors.

INTERFACE CONNECTOR: 14 pin .025 square post header on .1 center. Mates with Amp connector 746285-2 or equivalent.

CONSTRUCTION:

Housing: Aluminum
Connectors: Stainless steel body and beryllium copper contacts.

WEIGHT:

3200T-XE	165 g (8.4 oz)
3201T-XE	132 g (7.3 oz)
3205T-XE	132 g (7.3 oz)
3206T-XE	132 g (7.3 oz)
3209T-XE	218 g (9.7 oz)

ACCESSORIES

Programmable Attenuator/Switch Controller: The Model 8210A Programmable Attenuator/Switch Controller provides a flexible, low cost solution for the operation of programmable step attenuators and other electromechanical devices under computer control. Designed to interface to Aeroflex / Weinschel's intelligent programmable attenuators, the 8210A represents a new concept in device control applications for bench test and subsystem designs. The 8210A provides a high-level interface from various industry standard communications interfaces, including IEEE-488 and RS232/RS422/RS485, to the programmable attenuator's serial Driver Interface Bus.

CONTROL CONFIGURATION

These programmable attenuators feature an internal microcontroller-based driver that provides a TTL-level digital interface for control of the attenuator relays. This card simplifies operation and interfacing requirements, while at the same time providing for greatly enhanced flexibility over past designs. User-selectable modes of operation include both parallel and serial bus. The parallel mode provides a simple, one-bit per relay on/off control with internal pullups for use primarily in single attenuator applications. This mode allows the attenuator to be controlled via a variety of methods, such as a TTL-level digital output port, or mechanical toggle switches. The device bus provides a two-wire serial bus structure and protocol for connecting a number of devices to a single host control interface, suitable for use in larger system and sub-system applications. The digital interface contains non-volatile configuration memory that is used to hold a wide variety of attenuator and driver-dependent parameters, including serial number, attenuator cell dB values, relay configurations, and switching requirements, which are all accessible via the digital interface.

In either operational mode, the microcontroller enters an idle condition during periods of inactivity, turning off all on-board clocks, reducing EMI concerns, and lowering power consumption. On-board regulation for the digital circuitry allows the attenuator to operate from a single input supply voltage.

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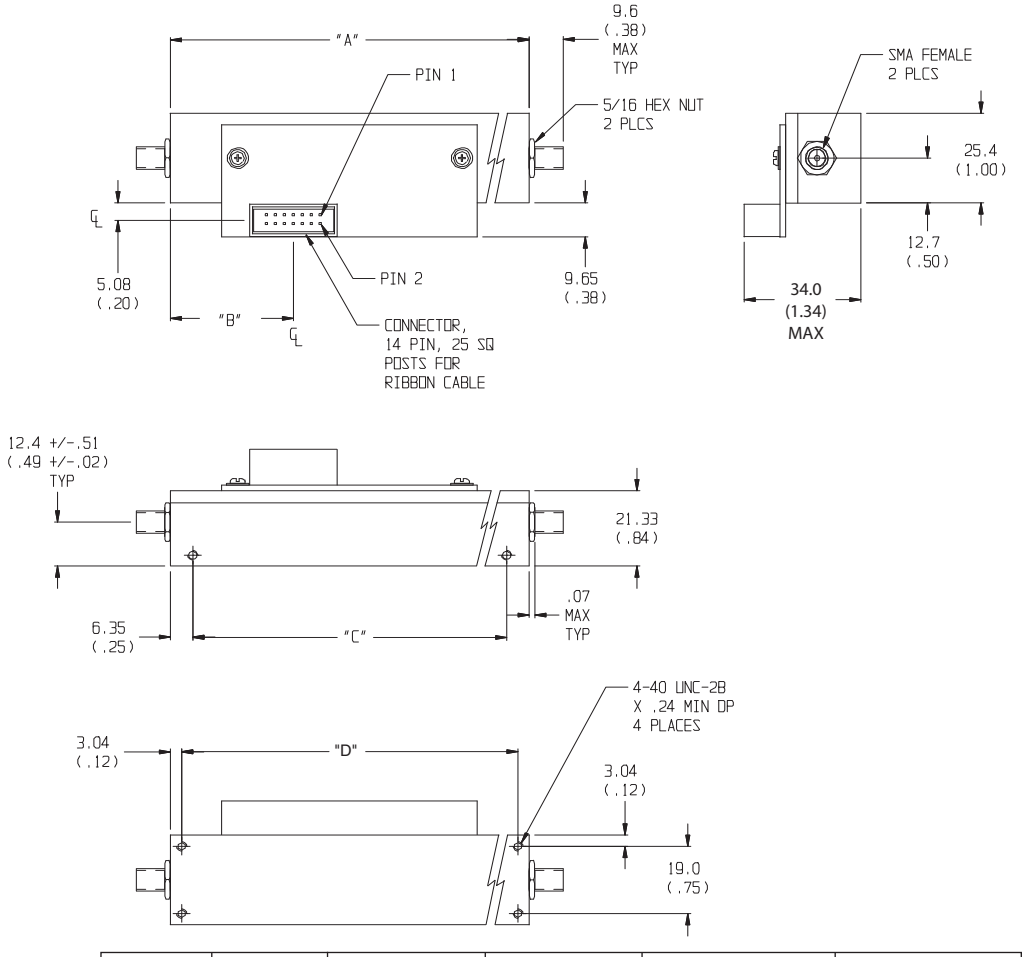
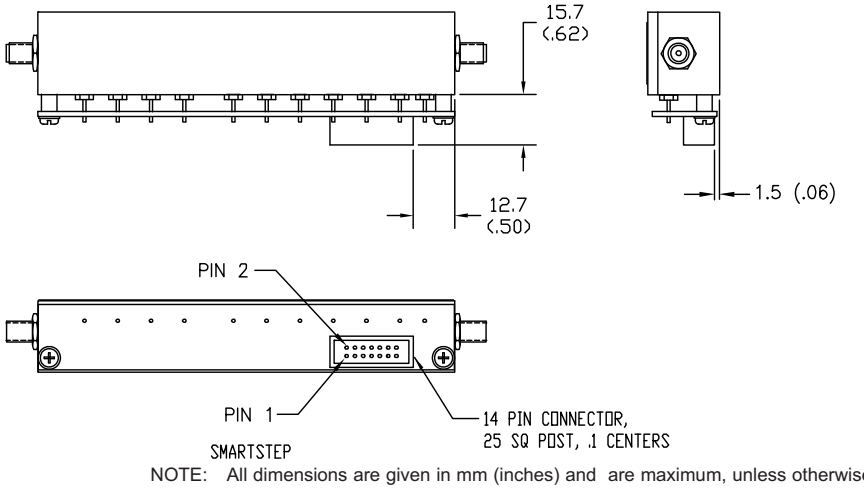
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:

Model 3200T, 3201T, 3205T, & 3206T:



Model No.	No. Cells	A	B	C	D
3200T-XE	8	101.6 (4.0)	31.8 (1.25)	88.9 (3.50)	95.2 (3.75)
3201T-XE	5/4	76.2 (3.00)	19.1 (0.75)	63.5 (2.50)	69.8 (2.75)
3205T-XE	4	72.4 (2.85)	19.1 (0.75)	46.2 (1.82)	52.6 (2.07)
3206T-XE	6	81. 3±0.5 (3.20±0.02	21.46 (0.85)	68.6 (2.70)	75.18 (2.96)

Model 3209T:



CONN	SIGNAL DES
J3-14	N/A
J3-13	N/A
J3-12	N/A
J3-11	N/A
J3-10	N/A
J3-9	N/A
J3-8	N/A
J3-7	N/A
J3-6	N/A
J3-5	N/A
J3-4	GND
J3-3	GND
J3-2	+V
J3-1	+V

SMARTSTEP SYSTEM ONLY
NO PARALLEL MODE OPERATION

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Models 3404, 3406 & 3408 Programmable Attenuators

with optional TTL Interface

dc to 6.0 GHz
1 Watt

Features

- **Higher Frequency range to 6 GHz.**
- **Wide Selection of Attenuation Ranges & Step Sizes**
  - 0 to 15 dB in 1 dB steps
  - 0 to 55 dB in 1 dB steps
  - 0 to 55.75 in 0.25 dB steps
  - 0 to 103 dB in 1 dB steps
  - 0 to 70 dB in 10 dB steps
- **High Quality Construction & Connectors**
- **Special Configurations Available Upon Request**

Description

The 3400 Series Programmable Step Attenuators are designed for use in automatic test equipment and OEM systems operating in the dc to 6 GHz frequency range. This series is available in many standard attenuation ranges and cell configurations. Custom designed configurations are available upon request. Each cell contains a double-pole, double-throw relay that provides a zero path or attenuated path for the RF signal.

Microstrip circuitry and special compensation techniques produce flat attenuation versus frequency characteristics. The microstrip construction, using thin-film circuit elements, ensures product uniformity. To minimize RF leakage, the 3400 Series Attenuators are provided with gold-plated contact areas and feedthrough filters at each control terminal.

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω
FREQUENCY RANGE: dc to 6.0 GHz

MAXIMUM SWR:

Frequency Range (GHz)	SWR
dc - 3	1.30
3 - 6	1.45

CELL CONFIGURATIONS:

Model Number	NO. Cells	Attenuation Range/Steps (dB)	Cell Increments (dB)
3404-15	4	15/1	1, 2, 4, 8
3404-55	4	55/5	5, 10, 20, 20
3404-70	4	70/10	10, 20, 20, 20
3406-55	6	55/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24
3408-55.75	8	55.75/0.25	0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24
3408-103	8	103/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24, 48*

*48 dB cell comprised of two 24 dB cells

INCREMENTAL ATTENUATION ACCURACY:

Frequency Range (GHz)	Accuracy
dc - 3	±0.3 dB or 2% whichever is greater
3 - 6	±0.4 dB or 3% whichever is greater

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

Frequency Range (GHz)	3404-15 3404-55 3404-70	3406-55	3408-55.75 3408-103
dc - 3	1.80	2.60	3.40
3 - 6	2.60	3.80	5.00

MONOTONICITY: dc to 6.0 GHz (minimum 1 dB change)
POWER RATING: 1 watt average to 25°C ambient temperature, derated linearly to 0.25 watt @ 70°C. 50 watts peak (5 µsec pulse width; 1% duty cycle)
POWER COEFFICIENT: <0.005 dB/dB/watt
RATED SWITCH LIFE: 5 million cycles operations per cell @ 0 dBm
SWITCHING TIME: 6 msec. maximum at nominal rated voltage
RELEASE TIME: 5 msec maximum
CYCLING RATE: 5 Hz maximum per relay
OPERATING VOLTAGE: +12 Vdc (+13 V maximum; +9 V minimum)
OPERATING CURRENT: 17 mA typical per cell @ +12 V
TEMPERATURE RANGE (Operating): -30°C to +70°C
TEST DATA: Test data is available at additional cost.

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SPECIFICATIONS - Con't

CONNECTORS: SMA female connectors per MIL-STD-348 interface dimensions - mate nondestructively with MIL-C-39012 connectors. eads. May be used with PC board sockets/ receptacles.

CONTROL TERMINALS: 0.040 inch. (1 mm) diameter solderable leads. May be used with PC board sockets/ receptacles.

CONSTRUCTION:

Housing:	Aluminum
Connectors:	Stainless steel body and beryllium copper contacts.
Control terminals:	Brass/Copper, Silver plated

WEIGHT (Typical):

3404-X:	99 g (3.5 oz)
3406-X:	99 g (3.5 oz)
3408-X:	135 g (4.8 oz)

CONTROL CONFIGURATION:

Standard Unit: One terminal is connected to case ground and the remaining terminals are provided for activation of individual cells. Attenuation is fail-safe to "0" setting in the absence of a control voltage. Application of a voltage (+) to a particular cell causes it to switch to the attenuate position.

Units with TTL Option: Units with this options are supplied with a very low profile connectorized TTL interface board mounted directly to the control terminals. This TTL interface option is available with a 10 pin ribbon cable connector and is supplied with a mating connector. Refer to Physical Dimensions for mating connector pin/wiring details. Two wires are specified for supply voltage and ground. The remaining wires will accept TTL control signals to activate or de-activate a particular attenuation cell. A TTL high will energize a cell to the high attenuation state, whereas a TTL low will maintain a cell in its zero attenuation state.

To order 3400 Series Attenuators with this option add -1 to basic model number for ribbon cable connector. Example: Model 3406-63 with a TTL interface would be 3406-63-1.

Note: Control is non-latching and requires a continuous control signal for the period of time in which attenuation is required.

TTL DRIVER SPECIFICATIONS:

INTERFACE CONNECTOR: Option -1: 10 pin .025 square post header on .1 center, mates with Amp connector 746285-1 or equivalent

INPUT VOLTAGE:	V_{IN} High=	+2.0V minimum
		+5.0V typical
		Vcc maximum
	V_{IN} Low =	0 minimum
		0.8 maximum
INPUT CURRENT:	I_{IN} (V_{IN}=2.4 V) = 55 µA	
	I_{IN} (V_{IN}=3.85 V) = 280 µA	
SUPPLY CURRENT:	I_{CC}=25 mA maximum per cell	
SUPPLY VOLTAGE:	V_{CC}=+12.0 to +15 V	

MODELS WITH BUILT-IN DRIVERS: Most 3400s are available with an intelligent interface\driver cards. These are designed to interface with our 8210A Series Controllers which greatly simplifies computer control applications. Refer to Model 3406T and 3408T data sheet for more information.

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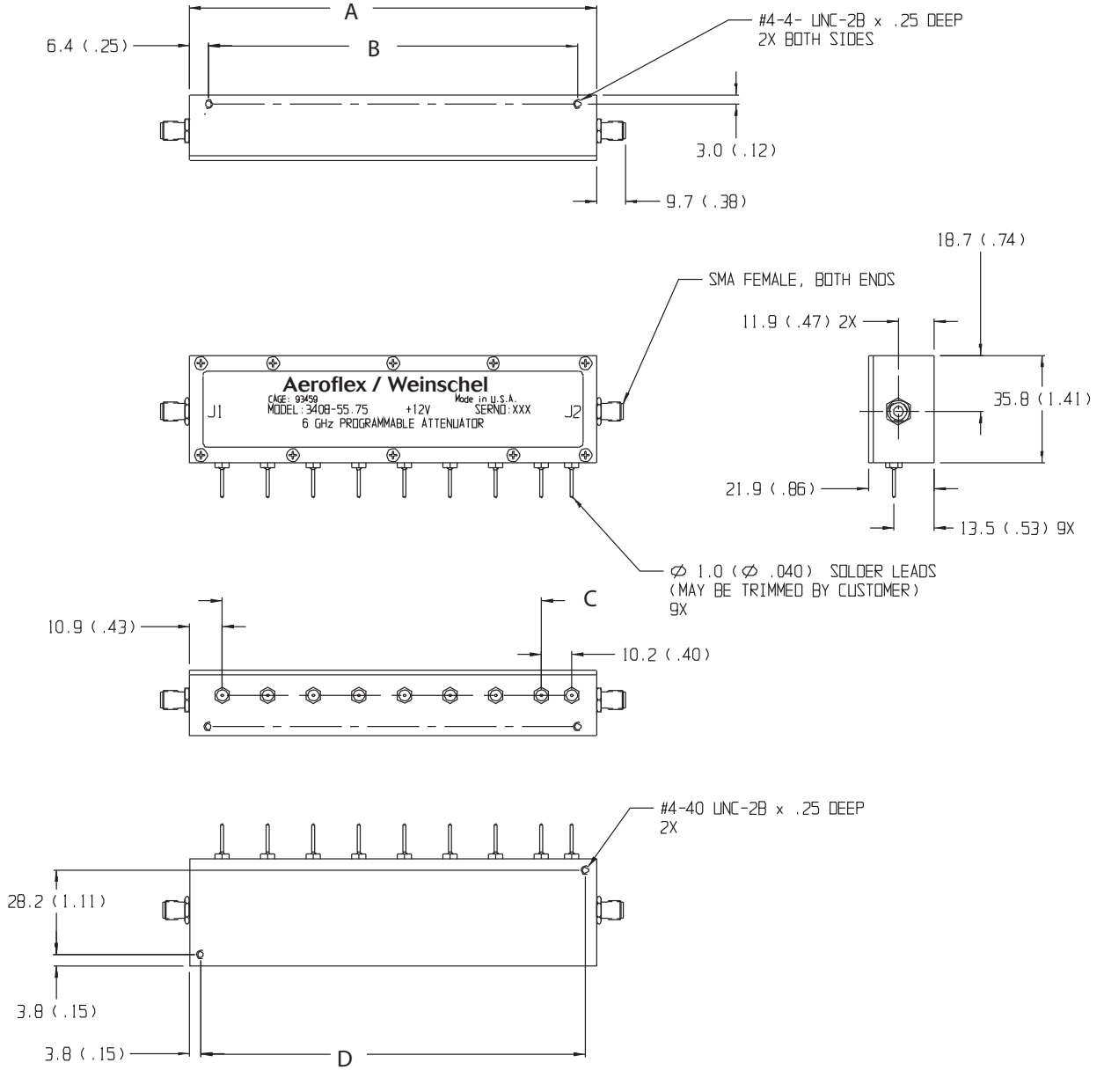
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:



Model No.	No. Cells	A	B	C	D
3408-X	8	136.1 (5.36)	123.4 (4.86)	7 EQ SPCS @ 15.20 (.60) = 106.7 (4.20)	128.5 (5.06)
3406-X	6	105.7 (3.66)	93.0 (3.66)	5 EQ SPCS @ 15.20 (.60) = 76.0 (3.00)	98.0 (3.86)
3404-X	4	75.18 (2.96)	62.48 (2.46	3 EQ SPCS @ 15.20 (.60) = 45.72 (1.80)	67.56 (2.66)

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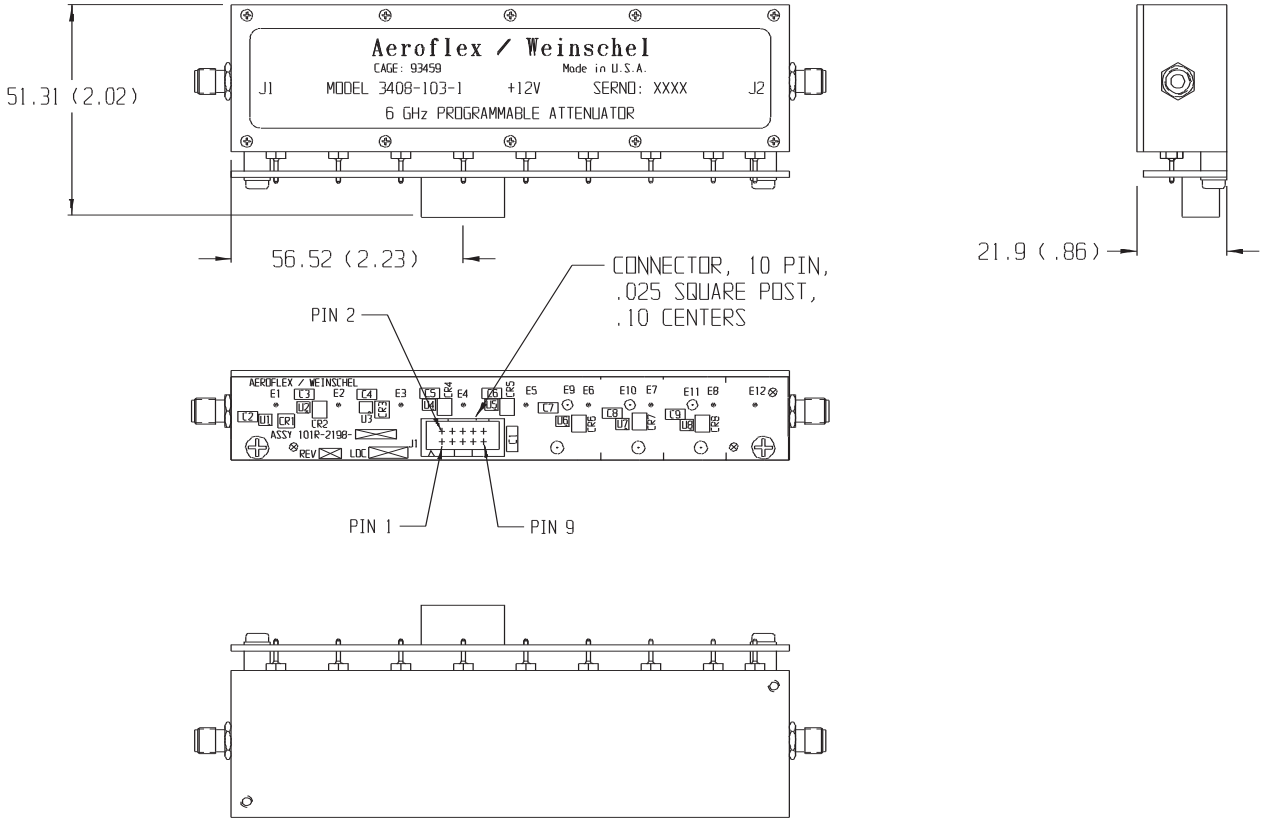
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:

TTL OPTION -1 (3406 & 3408)



Control Connector J3 Pin Locations:

TTL Conn PIN No. (J3)	3408-103-1 dB (Cell)	3408-55.75-1 dB (Cell)	3406-55-1 dB (Cell)	3404-15-1 dB (Cell)	3404-55-1 dB (Cell)	3404-70-1 dB (Cell)
1	24*	0.25	1	1	5	10
2	24	0.5	2	2	10	20
3	1	1	4	4	20	20
4	2	2	8	8	20	20
5	4	4	16	NC	NC	NC
6	8	8	24	NC	NC	NC
7	16	16	NC	NC	NC	NC
8	24*	24	NC	NC	NC	NC
9	+Vcc	+Vcc	+Vcc	+Vcc	+Vcc	+Vcc
10	COM	COM	COM	COM	COM	COM

* 48 dB cell comprised of two 24 dB cells
NC = Not Connected

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Models 3404T, 3406T & 3408T

SmartStep® Programmable Attenuators

with built-in Microprocessor-Based Driver

For Use with Weinschel 8210A Controller

dc to 6.0 GHz

1 Watt

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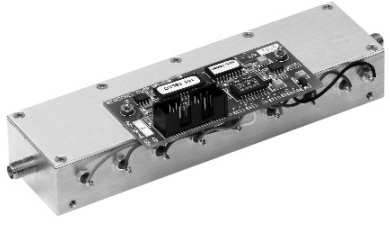

Features

- **Higher Frequency range to 6 GHz.**
- **Wide Selection of Attenuation Ranges & Step Sizes**
  - 0 to 15 dB in 1 dB steps
  - 0 to 55 dB in 1 dB steps
  - 0 to 55.75 in 0.25 dB steps
  - 0 to 103 dB in 1 dB steps
  - 0 to 70 dB in 10 dB steps
- **High Quality Construction & Connectors**
- **Built-In TTL\CMOS Interface Driver Circuitry**
- **Special Configurations Available Upon Request**

Description

This line of intelligent programmable step attenuators with a built-in digital interface are designed to simplify the control and integration of these devices into subsystem and bench applications. This series of Programmable Step Attenuators is designed for use in automatic test equipment and OEM systems operating in the dc to 6 GHz frequency range. These models are available in many standard attenuation ranges and cell configurations. Each cell contains a double-pole, double-throw relay that provides a minimum loss or attenuated path for the RF signal.

Microstrip circuitry and special compensation techniques produce flat attenuation versus frequency characteristics. The microstrip construction, using thick-film circuit elements, ensures product uniformity. To minimize RF leakage, the 3400T Series Attenuators are provided with gold-plated contact areas and feedthrough filters at each control terminal.

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω
FREQUENCY RANGE: dc to 6.0 GHz

MAXIMUM SWR:

Frequency Range (GHz)	SWR
dc - 3	1.30
3 - 6	1.45

CELL CONFIGURATIONS:

Model Number	NO. Cells	Attenuation Range/Steps (dB)	Cell Increments (dB)
3404T-15	4	15/1	1, 2, 4, 8
3404T-55	4	55/5	5, 10, 20, 20
3404T-70	4	70/10	10, 20, 20, 20
3406T-55	6	55/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24
3408T-55.75	8	55.75/0.25	0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24
3408T-103	8	103/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24, 48*

*48 dB cell comprised of two 24 dB cells

INCREMENTAL ATTENUATION ACCURACY:

Frequency Range (GHz)	Accuracy
dc - 3	±0.3 dB or 2% whichever is greater
3 - 6	±0.4 dB or 3% whichever is greater

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

Frequency Range (GHz)	3404T-15 3404T-55 3404T-70	3406T-55	3408T-55.75 3408T-103
dc - 3	1.80	2.60	3.40
3 - 6	2.60	3.80	5.00

MONOTONICITY: dc to 6.0 GHz (minimum 1 dB change)
POWER RATING: 1 watt average to 25°C ambient temperature, derated linearly to 0.25 watt @ 70°C. 50 watts peak (5 µsec pulse width; 1% duty cycle)
POWER COEFFICIENT: <0.005 dB/dB/watt

RATED SWITCH LIFE: 5 million cycles operations per cell @ 0 dBm
SWITCHING TIME: 6 msec. maximum at nominal rated voltage
RELEASE TIME: 5 msec maximum
SWITCHING SPEED: 5 Hz maximum per relay
OPERATING VOLTAGE: +12V (+13V maximum; +9V minimum)
OPERATING CURRENT: 17 mA typical per cell @ +12V
TEMPERATURE RANGE (Operating): -30°C to +70°C

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DRIVER INTERFACE:

Parameter		Specification
V_{IL}	Low-level input V:	-0.5V min, 0.8V max
V_{IH}	High-level input V:	2.0V min, 5.25V max
I_{PU}	Pullup current:	50 µA min, 400 µA max
V_{IN}	Supply Voltage:	+12.0 to +15.0V
I_{IN}	Supply current: (digital section)	25 mA
I_{CELL}	Supply current:	16.6 mA @ 12V

TEST DATA: Test data is available at additional cost.

CONNECTORS: SMA female connectors per MIL-STD-348 interface dimensions - mate nondestructively with MIL-C-39012 connectors.

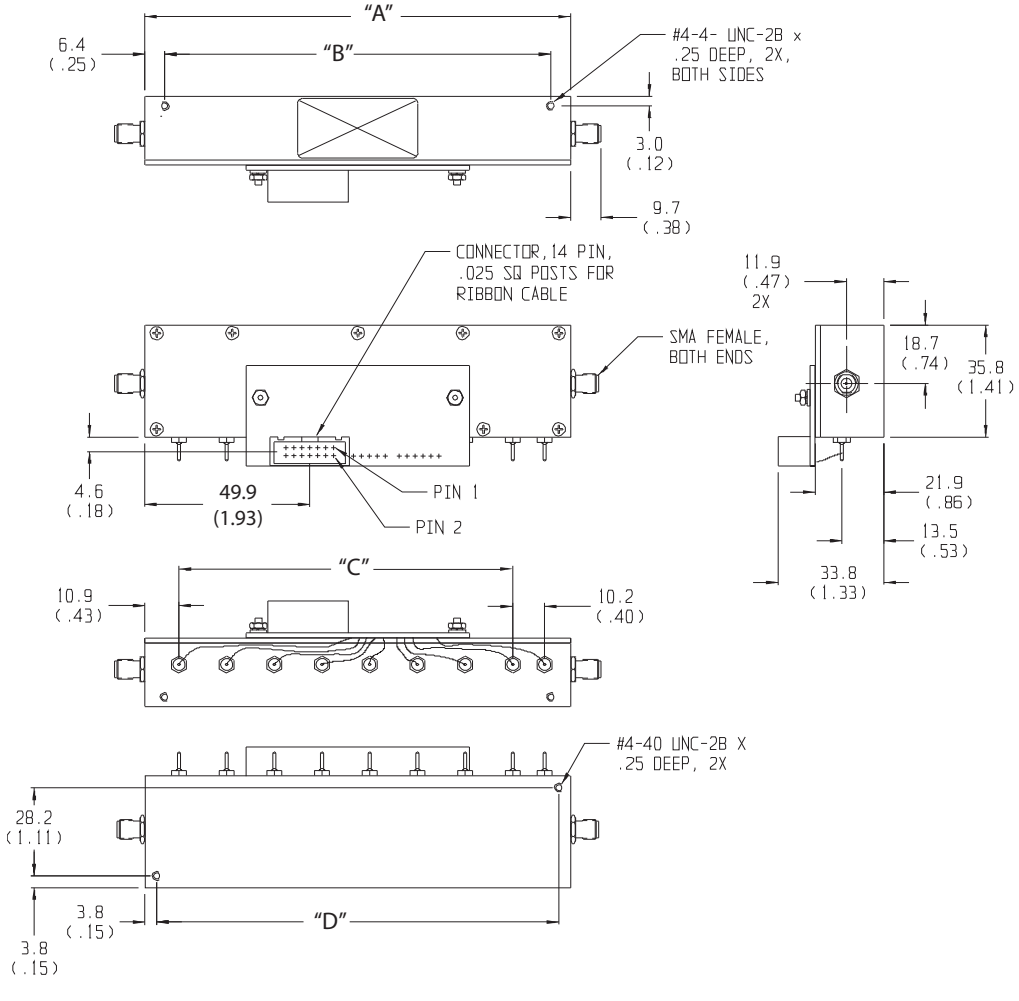
INTERFACE CONNECTOR: 14 pin .025 square post header on .1 center. Mates with Amp connector 746285-2 or equivalent.

CONSTRUCTION:

Housing:	Aluminum
Connectors:	Stainless steel body and beryllium copper contacts.
Control terminals:	Brass/Copper, Silver plated

WEIGHT (Typical): 3406T-X: 99 g (3.5 oz)
3408T-X: 135 g (4.8 oz)

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:



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Programmable Attenuators

Model 150 dc to 18.0 GHz
Model 151 dc to 4.0 GHz
Model 152 dc to 26.5 GHz
Relay Switched Programmable Attenuators

RoHS

Description

The Model 150, 151 and 152 Programmable Step Attenuators represent the widest variety of programmable attenuators available. This attenuator design is the result of an extensive development program and offers long reliable operation with exceptional accuracy and repeatability. These attenuators can provide programmable adjustments of RF signal levels in precise steps of 1 dB, 5 dB, 10 dB, or with custom steps available. Each attenuator consists of a cascaded assembly of switched attenuator cells (Figure 1). The attenuator elements located in the attenuator cell are created by a thin-film process which provides exceptional long-term stability, low power and temperature coefficients. This series uses a reed switching structure that provides rapid switching together with low insertion loss.

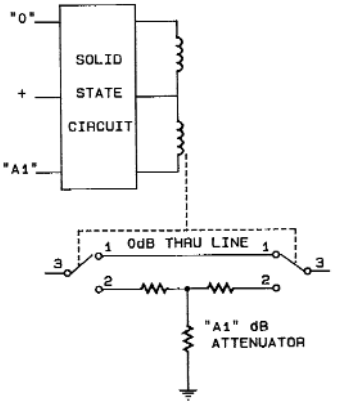

Figure 1. Cell Schematic

Other features include:

- Broadband Frequency Coverage
- High Accuracy and Repeatability
- Long Life, 5 Million Cycles Per Cell
- 3, 4, and 5 Cell Configurations

PROGRAMMABILITY: In each programmable step Attenuator, solenoids are used to switch the internal resistor card of each cell into and out of the circuit. Once the cell is switched, the solenoid is magnetically latched into position and is able to withstand extreme shock and vibration. Internal circuitry is included to interrupt the coil current after switching is complete. This reduces power dissipation even if power is continuously applied. The switching time for each cell is rated at 20 msec maximum which includes the contact settling time.

BROADBAND ACCURACY & LOW SWR: The use of Aeroflex / Weinschel's proprietary thin-film resistor process provides these programmable step attenuators with a high degree of accuracy and the lowest possible SWR uncertainty (refer to specifications for actual values). This thin film process permits the construction of circuits which are truly distributed and without stray reactances, even at the higher microwave frequencies.

RELIABILITY: Each programmable step attenuator is composed of 3 to 5 (4 in most models) cells. As with all mechanical designs, usable life becomes a primary concern to the user. With this in mind Aeroflex / Weinschel backs all these attenuators with a rated switch life of 5 million operations per cell. Standardized testing is also performed on each programmable step attenuator over its operating frequency range by a computer controlled Aeroflex / Weinschel Attenuation Measurement System which is traceable to NIST standards.

ENVIRONMENTAL: These Model 150 Programmable Step Attenuators have undergone an extensive environmental qualification program and have been subjected to temperature, shock, vibration, and humidity conditions per MIL-STD-202F. These programmable step attenuators operate within these specifications at an ambient temperature of -20° to +75°C. Operating beyond these limits will adversely affect the accuracy and could damage the internal circuitry.

For additional information on the 150 Series, visit our website @ www.aeroflex.com/AW/programmables.htm

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Programmable Attenuators

150 Series Cell Configurations...

ATTN Value	Cells No.	Cell 1		Cell 2		Cell 3		Cell 4		Cell 5		
		Bypass	ATTN Element	Bypass	ATTN Element	Bypass	ATTN Element	Bypass	ATTN Element	Bypass	ATTN Element	Power +Vdc
11 dB	4	0 dB	1 dB	0 dB	4 dB	0 dB	2 dB	0 dB	4 dB	- - -	- - -	
15 dB	4	0 dB	1 dB	0 dB	8 dB	0 dB	2 dB	0 dB	4 dB	- - -	- - -	
31 dB	5	0 dB	1 dB	0 dB	8 dB	0 dB	2 dB	0 dB	16 dB	0 dB	4 dB	
62 dB	5	0 dB	2 dB	0 dB	32 dB	0 dB	16 dB	0 dB	4 dB	0 dB	8 dB	
55 dB	4	0 dB	5 dB	0 dB	10 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	20 dB	- - -	- - -	
70 dB	4	0 dB	10 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	20 dB	- - -	- - -	
	3	0 dB	10 dB	0 dB	40 dB	0 dB	20 dB	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
75 dB	4	0 dB	5 dB	0 dB	40 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	10 dB	- - -	- - -	
90 dB	4	0 dB	10 dB	0 dB	30 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	30 dB	- - -	- - -	
110 dB	4	0 dB	10 dB	0 dB	40 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	40 dB	- - -	- - -	
Round Conn.	PIN #	5	6	9	10	7	8	11	12	3	4	1
3 & 4 Cell	Wire Color	Violet	Yellow	Orange	Blue	Black	Green	Brown	White	- - -	- - -	Red
5 Cell		Black	White	Green	Orange	Blue	WHT/BLK	RED/BLK	GRN/BLK	ORN/BLK	BLU/BLK	Red
Ribbon Cable Conn.	PIN#	13	2	3	9	11	5	4	10	8	7	6
	Wire Color	Orange	Yellow	Blue	Brown	Purple	Black	Gray	White	Orange	yellow	Red

Table provides standard attenuation ranges, increments, and cell configurations for all Aeroflex / Weinschel Programmable Step Attenuators (Models 150, 151, 152, & 152A)

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω

FREQUENCY RANGE: Model 151: dc to 4 GHz
Model 150: dc to 18 GHz
Model 152: dc to 26.5 GHz

OPERATIONAL VOLTAGE: + 24V Nominal (+20V minimum to +30V maximum) or +5V Nominal (+4V minimum* to +7V maximum)

*Minimum operating voltage derated to +4.25 V @ 55°C and further derated to +4.5 V @ 75°C

POWER RATING: 1 watt average, 100 watts peak (5 µsec pulse width; 0.5% duty cycle)

TEMPERATURE: -20° to +75°C operating

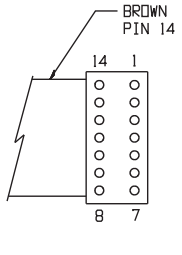
TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT: < 0.0001 dB/dB/°C

POWER SENSITIVITY: < 0.001 dB/dB/ Watt

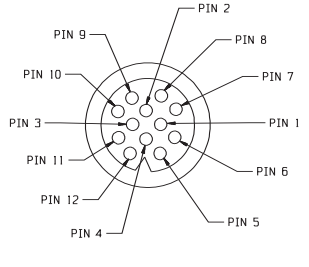
RATED SWITCH LIFE: 5 million cycles per cell

RF INPUT CONNECTORS: Rugged female 3.5 mm connectors which mate nondestructively with SMA male connectors per MIL-STD-39012.

CONTROL CONNECTOR: 12 pin Viking TNP12-101 connector with 5' cable or 14 conductor 16" ribbon cable with connector (shown below):



Ribbon Cable Models



Round (Viking)Cable Models

SWITCHING TIME: 20 msec (includes settling time)

CYCLING RATE: 4 Hz max per relay

CONTROL PULSE WIDTH: 20 msec (minimum)

SWITCHING CURRENT: 125 mA @ +24V per cell
300 mA @ +5V per cell

REPEATABILITY: ±0.1 dB typical per cell

VIBRATION: MIL-STD-202F, Method 204D Cond B

ALTITUDE: MIL-STD-202F, Method 105C Cond B, 50,000 Ft.

SHOCK: MIL-STD -202F, Method 213B Cond B, except 10G, 6 msec

HUMIDITY: MIL-STD-202F, Method 103B, Cond. B (96 Hrs. @ 95%, RH)

EMC: Radiated interference is within the requirements of MIL-STD-461 method RE02, VDE 0871 and CISPR Publication II.

WEIGHT: 5 Cell 350 g (12 oz)
4 Cell 290 g (9.0 oz)
3 Cell 230 g (8.0 oz)

VOLTAGE/CONNECTOR OPTIONS:

VOLTAGE	MODEL(S)
+ 24 V with Viking Connector	150-XX, 151-XX, 152-XX, 152A-XX
+ 24 V with Ribbon Cable	150-XX-1, 151-XX-1, 152-XX-1 152A-XX-1
+ 5 V with Viking Connector	150-XX-2, 151-XX-2, 152-XX-2 152A-XX-2
+ 5 V with Ribbon Cable	150-XX-3, 151-XX-3, 152-XX-3 152A-XX-3

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MAXIMUM SWR (50 Ω Characteristic Impedance):

APPLICABLE MODELS	Frequency (GHz) dc-4	4-18	18-26.5
151-11, 151-15, 151-31, 150-62, 151-75, 151-110	1.50	- - -	- - -
150-11, 150-15, 150-31, 151-62, 150-75, 150-110	1.50	1.90	- - -
151-70 (3 cell)	1.35	- - -	- - -
150-70 (3 cell)	1.35	1.70	- - -
152A-70 (3 cell)	1.40	1.70	1.80
152-55, 152-70, 152-90, 152-110	1.40	1.60	1.90

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

APPLICABLE MODELS	Frequency (GHz) dc-4	4-18	18-26.5
151-11, 151-15, 151-75, 151-110	0.90	- - -	- - -
150-11, 150-15, 150-75, 150-110	0.90	2.20	- - -
151-31, 150-62 (5 cell)	1.10	- - -	- - -
150-31, 151-62 (5 cell)	1.10	2.60*	- - -
151-70 (3 cell)	0.70	- - -	- - -
150-70 (3 cell)	0.70	1.60	- - -
152A-70 (3 cell)	0.90	2.00	2.98
152-55, 152-70, 152-90, 152-110	0.90	2.00	2.98

*4-12.4 is 1.80, 12.4-18 is 2.60

ATTENUATION ACCURACY (±dB with respect to 0 dB reference):

Model 150/151/152-11 & 150/151/152-15:

Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Setting (dB) 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
dc-4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
4-12.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
12.4-18	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
18-26.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1

Model 150/151-75:

Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Setting (dB) 5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75
dc-4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4
4-12.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1
12.4-18	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8

Model 150/151-31:

Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Setting (dB) 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
dc-4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
4-12.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
12.4-18	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

Frequency Rang (GHz)	Attenuation Setting (dB) 17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
dc-4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
4-12.4	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
12.4-18	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3

Model 150/151-62:

Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Setting (dB) 2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32
dc-4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
4-12.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
12.4-18	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2

Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Setting (dB) 34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	62
dc-4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2
4-12.4	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8
12.4-18	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4

Model 150/151-70, 150/151/152-110, 152A-70:

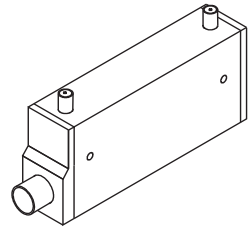
Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Setting (dB) 10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110
dc-4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.9
4-12.4	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.0
12.4-18	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.0
18-26.5	0.5	0.9	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.6	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.6

Model 152-55:

Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Setting (dB) 5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
dc-4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0
4-12.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3
12.4-18	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.6
18-26.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	2.0

Model 152-70 & 152-90:

Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation Setting (dB) 10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
dc-4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
4-12.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7
12.4-18	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.8	2.1
18-26.5	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.4	2.8



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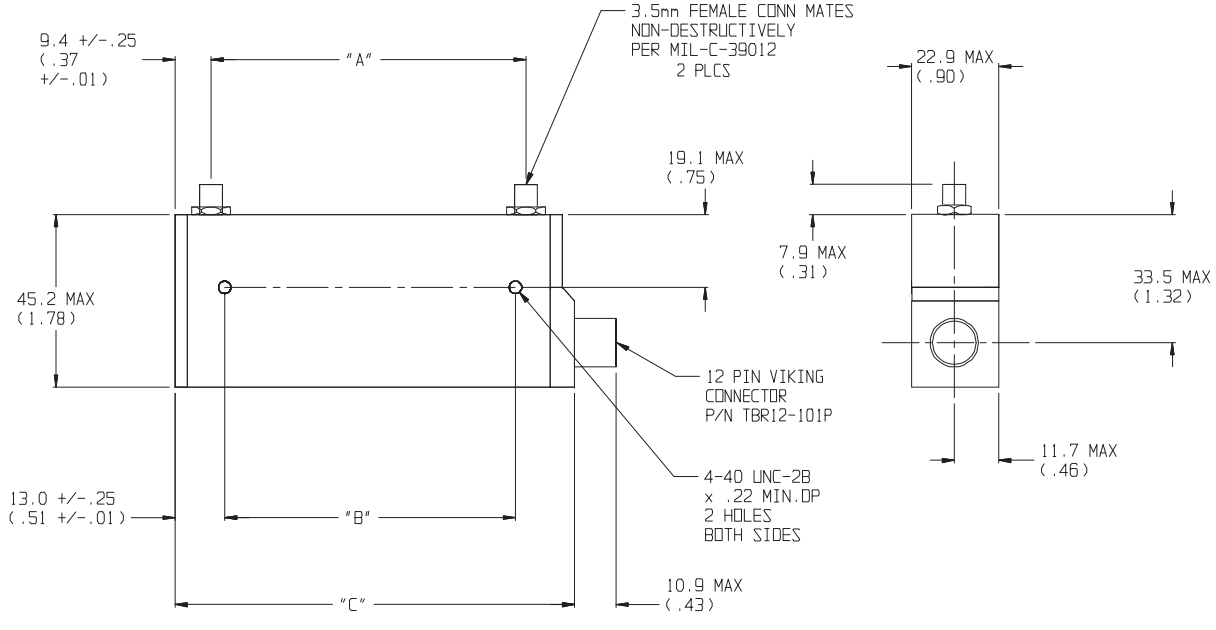
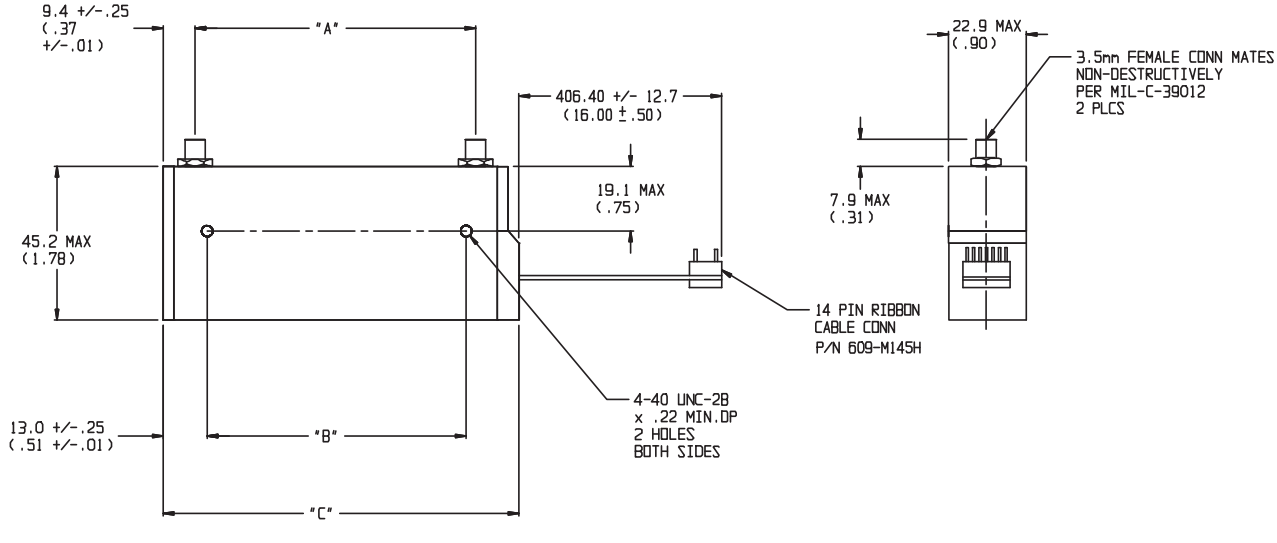
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:

Models 150, 151, & 152:





DIM	A	B	C
3 cell	82.3 (3.28)	76.2 (3.0)	104.6 (4.12)
4 cell	110.7 (4.36)	103.7 (4.08)	133.6 (5.25)
5 cell	136.1 (5.36)	129.1 (5.08)	159.5 (6.28)

NOTE:

1. All dimensions are given in mm (inches) and are maximum, unless otherwise specified.
2. Unit available with RoHS compliant materials, specify when ordering.

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Frequency Range/ Voltage/Connector	NO. Cells	Attenuator Range/Step Size								
		11/1 dB	15/1 dB	55/5 dB	31/1 dB	62/2 dB	70/10 dB	75/5 dB	90/10 dB	110/10 dB
dc-4 GHz/+24 V/ Viking Connector	4 3 5	151-11	NA	N/A	151-31	151-62	N/A	151-75	N/A	151-110
dc-18 GHz/+24 V/ Viking Connector	4 3 5	150-11	150-15	N/A	150-31	150-62	150-70	150-75	N/A	150-110
dc-26.5 GHz/+24 V/ Viking Connector	4 3	N/A	N/A	152-55	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	152-90	N/A
dc-4 GHz/+24 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3 5	151-11-1	NA	N/A	151-31-1	151-62-1	N/A	151-75-1	N/A	151-110-1
dc-18 GHz/+24 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3 5	150-11-1	150-15-1	N/A	150-31-1	150-62-1	150-70-1	N/A	N/A	150-110-1
dc-26.5 GHz/+24 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3	N/A	N/A	152-55-1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	152-90-1	152-110-1
dc-4 GHz/+5 V/ Viking Connector	4 3 5	151-11-2	151-15-2	N/A	151-31-2	151-62-2	N/A	151-75-2	N/A	151-110-2
dc-18 GHz/+5 V/ Viking Connector	4 3 5	150-11-2	150-15-2	N/A	150-31-2	150-62-2	150-70-2	150-75-2	N/A	150-110-2
dc-26.5 GHz/+5 V/ Viking Connector	4 3	N/A	N/A	152-55-2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	152-90-2	152-110-2
dc-4 GHz/+5 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3 5	151-11-3	N/A	N/A	151-31-3	151-62-3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
dc-18 GHz/+5 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3 5	150-11-3	150-15-3	N/A	150-31-3	150-62-3	150-70-3	150-75-3	N/A	150-110-3
dc-26.5 GHz/+5 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3	N/A	N/A	152-55-3	N/A		N/A	N/A	152-90-3	152-110-3

N/A = Not Available

ACCESSORIES

OPTIONAL TEST DATA: Test Data is available at an additional cost for all programmable step attenuators models. Sweep Data across the programmable attenuator's frequency band starting at 0.05 to 18.0/26.5 GHz for all primary cells with markers at 0.05, 4.0, 8.0, 12.4, 18.0 and 26.5 GHz. VSWR and Attenuation provided.

MODELS WITH BUILT-IN TTL/CMOS INTERFACE\ DRIVER CIRCUIT: Aeroflex / Weinschel offers versions of the 150 series with built-in TTL/CMOS interfaces. This generation of intelligent attenuators will greatly simplify as well as provide an economical solution to 150 series driver problems. Refer to Model 150T, 151T, and 152T data sheet for more information.

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Model 150T dc to 18.0 GHz
Model 151T dc to 4.0 GHz
Model 152T dc to 26.5 GHz

SmartStep® Relay Switched Programmable Attenuators, with built-in Microprocessor-Based Driver

For Use with Weinschel 8210A Controller

RoHS

Description

Aeroflex / Weinschel's line of intelligent programmable step attenuators with a built-in TTL interface (Figure 1). These models are designed to simplify the control and integration of these devices into subsystem and bench applications. These intelligent attenuators offer the same long reliable operation with exceptional accuracy and repeatability as with our other 150 Series Programmable Attenuators. They provide programmable adjustments of RF signal levels in precise steps of 1 dB, 5 dB, 10 dB, or with custom steps available. Each attenuator consists of a cascaded assembly of switched attenuator cells and a internal TTL interface.

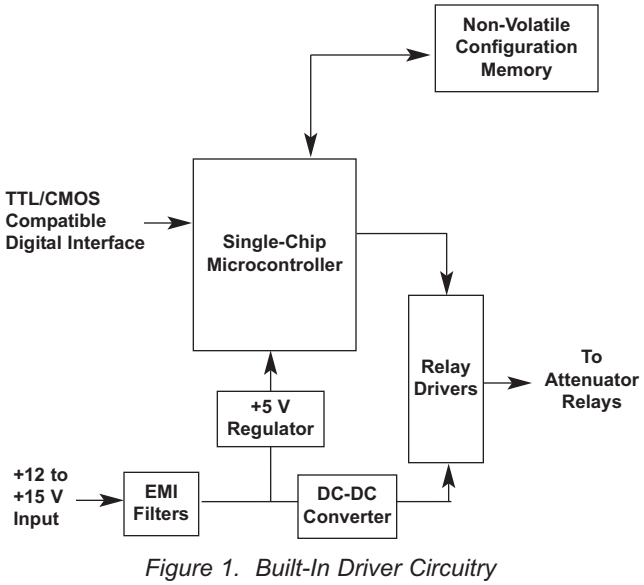

Figure 1. Built-In Driver Circuitry

The attenuator elements located in the attenuator cell are created by a thin-film process which provides exceptional long-term stability, low power and temperature coefficients. This series of step attenuators uses a reed switching structure that provides rapid switching together with low insertion loss.

BUILT-IN DRIVER CIRCUITRY: These programmable attenuators feature an internal microcontroller-based driver that provides a TTL-level digital interface for control of the attenuator relays. This card simplifies operation and interfacing requirements, while at the same time providing for greatly enhanced flexibility over past designs. User selectable modes of operation include both parallel and serial bus. The parallel mode provides a simple, one-bit per relay on/off control with internal pullups for use primarily in single attenuator applications. This mode allows the attenuator to be controlled via a variety of methods, such as a TTL-level digital output port, or mechanical toggle switches. The device bus provides a two-wire serial bus structure and protocol for connecting a number of devices to a single host control interface, suitable for use in larger system and sub-system applications. The driver interface contains non-volatile configuration memory that is used to hold a wide variety of attenuator and driver-dependent parameters, including serial number, attenuator cell dB values, relay configurations, and switching requirements, which are all accessible via the digital interface. This frees the system designer from such low-level details, allowing faster integration. In either operational mode, the microcontroller enters an idle condition during periods of inactivity, turning off all on-board clocks, reducing EMI concerns, and lowering power consumption. On-board regulation for the digital circuitry allows the programmable attenuator to operate from a single input supply voltage.

Other features include:

- Wide Variety of Frequency & Attenuation Ranges
- Broadband Frequency Coverage
- High Accuracy and Repeatability
- Long Life, 5 Million Cycles Per Cell
- Common 14 pin Interface Connector
- Custom Attenuation Ranges

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Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω

FREQUENCY RANGE: Model 151T: dc to 4 GHz
Model 150T: dc to 18 GHz
Model 152T: dc to 26.5 GHz

CELL CONFIGURATIONS:

Cell	11	15	31	55	62	70	70	75	90	110
1	1	1	1	5	2	10	10	5	10	10
2	4	8	16	10	32	20	40	40	30	40
3	2	2	2	20	16	20	20	20	20	20
4	4	4	8	20	4	20	--	10	30	40
5	--	--	4	--	8	--	--	--	--	--

DRIVER INTERFACE:

Input Supply Voltage: +12.0 to +15.0V

Control Signals: TTL/CMOS compatible

Interface Modes: parallel / serial

DC Characteristics (at 25 °C):

Digital Interface:

Parameter		Specification
V_{IL}	Low Level input:	-0.5 min, 0.8V max
V_{IH}	High Level input:	2.0 min, 5.25V max
I_{PU}	Pullup Current	50 µA min, 400 µA max

Power Supply:

V_{IN}	Supply Voltage:	+12.0 to +15.0V
I_{IN}	Supply current:	25 mA
I_{CELL}	Supply Current:	150 mA (per cell, switching)

POWER RATING: 1 watt average, 100 watts peak (5 µsec pulse width; 0.5% duty cycle)

TEMPERATURE: -20° to +70°C operating

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT: <0.0001 dB/dB/C

POWER SENSITIVITY: <0.001 dB/dB/ Watt

RATED SWITCH LIFE: 5 million cycles per cell

RF INPUT CONNECTORS: Rugged female 3.5 mm which mate nondestructively with SMA male connectors per MIL-STD-39012.

INTERFACE CONNECTOR: 14 pin .025 square post header on .1 center. Mates with Amp connector 746285-2 or equivalent (one mating connector included with each unit).

SWITCHING TIME: 20 msec (includes settling time)

CYCLING RATE: 4 Hz max per relay

CONTROL PULSE WIDTH: 20 msec (minimum)

REPEATABILITY: ±0.1 dB typical per cell

VIBRATION*: MIL-STD-202F, Method 204D Cond B

ALTITUDE*: MIL-STD-202F, Method 105C Cond B, 50,000 Ft.

SHOCK*: MIL-STD -202F, Method 213B Cond B, except 10G, 6 msec

HUMIDITY*: MIL-STD-202F, Method 103B, Cond. B (96 Hrs. @ 95%, RH).

MAXIMUM SWR (50 Ω Characteristic Impedance):

APPLICABLE MODELS	Frequency (GHz) dc-4	4-18	18-26.5
151T-11, 151T-15, 151T-31, 151-62T, 151T-75, 151T-110	1.50	- - -	- - -
150T-11, 150T-15, 150T-31 150T-62, 150T-75, 150T-110	1.50	1.90	- - -
151T-70 (3 cell)	1.40	- - -	- - -
150T-70 (3 cell)	1.40	1.60	- - -
152AT-70 (3 cell)	1.40	1.60	1.90
152T-55, 152T-70, 152-75, 152T-90	1.40	1.60	1.90

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

APPLICABLE MODELS	Frequency (GHz) dc-4	4-18	18-26.5
151T-11, 151T-15, 151T-75, 151T-110	0.90	- - -	- - -
150T-11, 150T-15, 150T-75, 150T-110	0.90	2.20	- - -
151T-31, 151T-62 (5 cell)	1.10	----	----
150T-31, 150T-62 (5 cell)	1.10	2.60*	----
151T-70 (3 cell)	0.70	- - -	- - -
150T-70 (3 cell)	0.70	1.60	- - -
152AT-70 (3 cell)	0.90	2.00	2.98
152T-55, 152T-70, 152T-75, 152T-90	0.90	2.00	2.98

*4-12.4 is 1.80, 12.4-18 is 2.60

WEIGHT: 5 Cell 350 g (12 oz)
4 Cell 290 g (9.0 oz)
3 Cell 230 g (8.0 oz)

ACCESSORIES

Programmable Attenuator/Switch Controller: The Model 8210A Programmable Attenuator/Switch Controller provides a flexible, low cost solution for the operation of programmable step attenuators and other electromechanical devices under computer control. Designed to interface to Aeroflex / Weinschel's intelligent programmable attenuators, the 8210A represents a new concept in device control applications for bench test and subsystem designs. The 8210A provides a high-level interface from various industry standard communications interfaces, including IEEE-488 and RS232/RS422/RS485, to the programmable attenuator's serial Driver Interface Bus.

OPTIONAL TEST DATA: Test Data is available at an additional cost for all programmable step attenuators models. Sweep Data across the programmable attenuator's frequency band starting at 0.05 to 18.0/26.5 GHz for all primary cells with markers at 0.05, 4.0, 8.0, 12.4, 18.0 and 26.5 GHz. VSWR and Attenuation provided.

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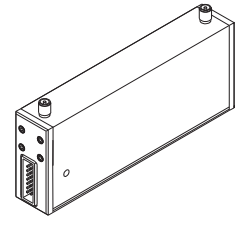
ATTENUATION ACCURACY (±dB with respect to 0 dB reference):



Model 150T/151T/152T-11 & 150T/151T/152T-15:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)														
Range (GHz)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
dc-4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
4-12.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
12.4-18	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
18-26.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1

Model 150T/151T-75:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)														
Range (GHz)	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75
dc-4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4
4-12.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1
12.4-18	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8

Model 150T/151T-31:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)															
Range (GHz)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
dc-4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
4-12.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
12.4-18	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)														
Range (GHz)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
dc-4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
4-12.4	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
12.4-18	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3

Model 150T/151T-62:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)															
Range (GHz)	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32
dc-4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
4-12.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
12.4-18	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)														
Range (GHz)	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	62
dc-4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2
4-12.4	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8
12.4-18	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4

Model 150T/151T/152T-75:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)														
Range (GHz)	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75
dc-4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4
4-12.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1
12.4-18	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8
18 - 26.5	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8

Model 150T/151T-70, 150T/151T-110, 152AT-70:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)										
Range (GHz)	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110
dc-4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.9
4-12.4	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.0
12.4-18	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.0
18-26.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.9	---	---	---	---

Model 152T-55:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)										
Range (GHz)	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
dc-4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0
4-12.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3
12.4-18	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.6
18-26.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	2.0

Model 152T-70, 152T-90:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)								
Range (GHz)	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
dc-4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
4-12.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7
12.4-18	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.8	2.1
18-26.5	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.4	2.8

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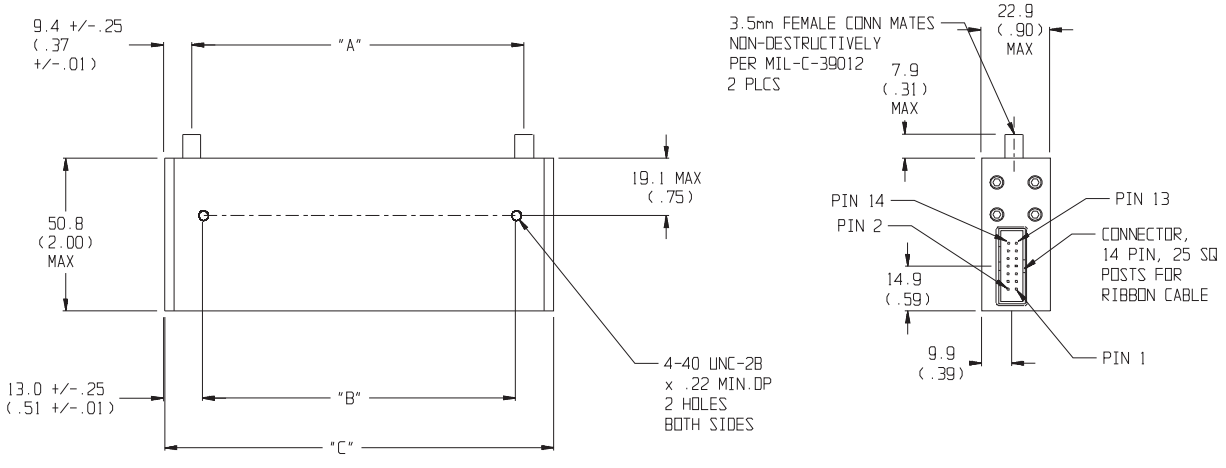
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:

Models 150T, 151T, & 152T:



DIM	A	B	C
3 cell	83.3 (3.28)	76.2 (3.0)	101.6 (4.00)
4 cell	110.7 (4.36)	103.6 (4.08)	129.2 (5.09)
5 cell	136.1 (5.36)	129.1 (5.08)	154.4 (6.08)

NOTE:

1. All dimensions are given in mm (inches) and are maximum, unless otherwise specified.
2. Unit available with RoHS compliant materials, specify when ordering.

150T Series Ordering Guide...

Frequency Range	NO. Cells	Attenuator Range/Step Size								
		11/1 dB	15/1 dB	31/1 dB	55/5 dB	62/2 dB	70/10 dB	75/5 dB	90/10 dB	110/10 dB
dc-4 GHz	4 3 5	151T-11	151T-15	 151T-31	N/A	 151T-62	 151T-70	151T-75	N/A	151T-110
dc-18 GHz	4 3 5	150T-11	150T-15	 150T-31	N/A	 150T-62	 150T-70	150T-75	N/A	150T-110
dc-26.5 GHz	4 3	N/A	NA	N/A	152T-55	NA	152T-70 152AT-70	152T-75	152T-90	N/A

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Model 150 dc to 18.0 GHz
Model 151 dc to 4.0 GHz
Model 152 dc to 26.5 GHz
Relay Switched Programmable Attenuators

RoHS

Description

The Model 150, 151 and 152 Programmable Step Attenuators represent the widest variety of programmable attenuators available. This attenuator design is the result of an extensive development program and offers long reliable operation with exceptional accuracy and repeatability. These attenuators can provide programmable adjustments of RF signal levels in precise steps of 1 dB, 5 dB, 10 dB, or with custom steps available. Each attenuator consists of a cascaded assembly of switched attenuator cells (Figure 1). The attenuator elements located in the attenuator cell are created by a thin-film process which provides exceptional long-term stability, low power and temperature coefficients. This series uses a reed switching structure that provides rapid switching together with low insertion loss.

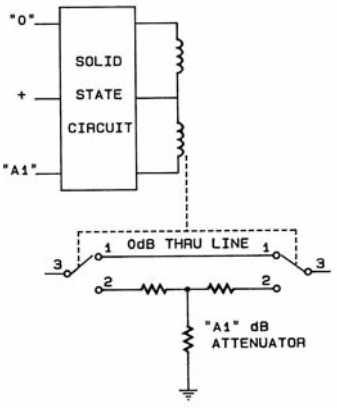

Figure 1. Cell Schematic

Other features include:

- Broadband Frequency Coverage
- High Accuracy and Repeatability
- Long Life, 5 Million Cycles Per Cell
- 3, 4, and 5 Cell Configurations

PROGRAMMABILITY: In each programmable step Attenuator, solenoids are used to switch the internal resistor card of each cell into and out of the circuit. Once the cell is switched, the solenoid is magnetically latched into position and is able to withstand extreme shock and vibration. Internal circuitry is included to interrupt the coil current after switching is complete. This reduces power dissipation even if power is continuously applied. The switching time for each cell is rated at 20 msec maximum which includes the contact settling time.

BROADBAND ACCURACY & LOW SWR: The use of Aeroflex / Weinschel's proprietary thin-film resistor process provides these programmable step attenuators with a high degree of accuracy and the lowest possible SWR uncertainty (refer to specifications for actual values). This thin film process permits the construction of circuits which are truly distributed and without stray reactances, even at the higher microwave frequencies.

RELIABILITY: Each programmable step attenuator is composed of 3 to 5 (4 in most models) cells. As with all mechanical designs, usable life becomes a primary concern to the user. With this in mind Aeroflex / Weinschel backs all these attenuators with a rated switch life of 5 million operations per cell. Standardized testing is also performed on each programmable step attenuator over its operating frequency range by a computer controlled Aeroflex / Weinschel Attenuation Measurement System which is traceable to NIST standards.

ENVIRONMENTAL: These Model 150 Programmable Step Attenuators have undergone an extensive environmental qualification program and have been subjected to temperature, shock, vibration, and humidity conditions per MIL-STD-202F. These programmable step attenuators operate within these specifications at an ambient temperature of -20° to +75°C. Operating beyond these limits will adversely affect the accuracy and could damage the internal circuitry.

For additional information on the 150 Series, visit our website @ www.aeroflex.com/AW/programmables.htm

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150 Series Cell Configurations...

ATTN Value	Cells No.	Cell 1 Bypass	Cell 1 ATTN Element	Cell 2 Bypass	Cell 2 ATTN Element	Cell 3 Bypass	Cell 3 ATTN Element	Cell 4 Bypass	Cell 4 ATTN Element	Cell 5 Bypass	Cell 5 ATTN Element	Power +Vdc
11 dB	4	0 dB	1 dB	0 dB	4 dB	0 dB	2 dB	0 dB	4 dB	- - -	- - -	
15 dB	4	0 dB	1 dB	0 dB	8 dB	0 dB	2 dB	0 dB	4 dB	- - -	- - -	
31 dB	5	0 dB	1 dB	0 dB	8 dB	0 dB	2 dB	0 dB	16 dB	0 dB	4 dB	
62 dB	5	0 dB	2 dB	0 dB	32 dB	0 dB	16 dB	0 dB	4 dB	0 dB	8 dB	
55 dB	4	0 dB	5 dB	0 dB	10 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	20 dB	- - -	- - -	
70 dB	4	0 dB	10 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	20 dB	- - -	- - -	
	3	0 dB	10 dB	0 dB	40 dB	0 dB	20 dB	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	
75 dB	4	0 dB	5 dB	0 dB	40 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	10 dB	- - -	- - -	
90 dB	4	0 dB	10 dB	0 dB	30 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	30 dB	- - -	- - -	
110 dB	4	0 dB	10 dB	0 dB	40 dB	0 dB	20 dB	0 dB	40 dB	- - -	- - -	
Round Conn.	PIN #	5	6	9	10	7	8	11	12	3	4	1
3 & 4 Cell	Wire	Violet	Yellow	Orange	Blue	Black	Green	Brown	White	- - -	- - -	Red
5 Cell	Color	Black	White	Green	Orange	Blue	WHT/BLK	RED/BLK	GRN/BLK	ORN/BLK	BLU/BLK	Red
Ribbon Cable Conn.	PIN#	13	2	3	9	11	5	4	10	8	7	6
	Wire Color	Orange	Yellow	Blue	Brown	Purple	Black	Gray	White	Orange	yellow	Red

Table provides standard attenuation ranges, increments, and cell configurations for all Aeroflex / Weinschel Programmable Step Attenuators (Models 150, 151, 152, & 152A)

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω

FREQUENCY RANGE: Model 151: dc to 4 GHz
Model 150: dc to 18 GHz
Model 152: dc to 26.5 GHz

OPERATIONAL VOLTAGE: + 24V Nominal (+20V minimum to +30V maximum) or +5V Nominal (+4V minimum* to +7V maximum)

*Minimum operating voltage derated to +4.25 V @ 55°C and further derated to +4.5 V @ 75°C

POWER RATING: 1 watt average, 100 watts peak (5 µsec pulse width; 0.5% duty cycle)

TEMPERATURE: -20° to +75°C operating

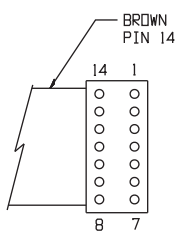
TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT: < 0.0001 dB/dB/°C

POWER SENSITIVITY: < 0.001 dB/dB/ Watt

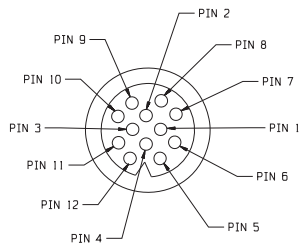
RATED SWITCH LIFE: 5 million cycles per cell

RF INPUT CONNECTORS: Rugged female 3.5 mm connectors which mate nondestructively with SMA male connectors per MIL-STD-39012.

CONTROL CONNECTOR: 12 pin Viking TNP12-101 connector with 5' cable or 14 conductor 16" ribbon cable with connector (shown below):



Ribbon Cable Models



Round (Viking)Cable Models

SWITCHING TIME: 20 msec (includes settling time)

CYCLING RATE: 4 Hz max per relay

CONTROL PULSE WIDTH: 20 msec (minimum)

SWITCHING CURRENT: 125 mA @ +24V per cell
300 mA @ +5V per cell

REPEATABILITY: ±0.1 dB typical per cell

VIBRATION: MIL-STD-202F, Method 204D Cond B

ALTITUDE: MIL-STD-202F, Method 105C Cond B, 50,000 Ft.

SHOCK: MIL-STD -202F, Method 213B Cond B, except 10G, 6 msec

HUMIDITY: MIL-STD-202F, Method 103B, Cond. B (96 Hrs. @ 95%, RH)

EMC: Radiated interference is within the requirements of MIL-STD-461 method RE02, VDE 0871 and CISPR Publication II.

WEIGHT: 5 Cell 350 g (12 oz)
4 Cell 290 g (9.0 oz)
3 Cell 230 g (8.0 oz)

VOLTAGE/CONNECTOR OPTIONS:

VOLTAGE	MODEL(S)
+ 24 V with Viking Connector	150-XX, 151-XX, 152-XX, 152A-XX
+ 24 V with Ribbon Cable	150-XX-1, 151-XX-1, 152-XX-1 152A-XX-1
+ 5 V with Viking Connector	150-XX-2, 151-XX-2, 152-XX-2 152A-XX-2
+ 5 V with Ribbon Cable	150-XX-3, 151-XX-3, 152-XX-3 152A-XX-3

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MAXIMUM SWR (50 Ω Characteristic Impedance):

APPLICABLE MODELS	Frequency (GHz) dc-4	4-18	18-26.5
151-11, 151-15, 151-31, 150-62, 151-75, 151-110	1.50	- - -	- - -
150-11, 150-15, 150-31, 151-62, 150-75, 150-110	1.50	1.90	- - -
151-70 (3 cell)	1.35	- - -	- - -
150-70 (3 cell)	1.35	1.70	- - -
152A-70 (3 cell)	1.40	1.70	1.80
152-55, 152-70, 152-90, 152-110	1.40	1.60	1.90

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

APPLICABLE MODELS	Frequency (GHz) dc-4	4-18	18-26.5
151-11, 151-15, 151-75, 151-110	0.90	- - -	- - -
150-11, 150-15, 150-75, 150-110	0.90	2.20	- - -
151-31, 150-62 (5 cell)	1.10	- - -	- - -
150-31, 151-62 (5 cell)	1.10	2.60*	- - -
151-70 (3 cell)	0.70	- - -	- - -
150-70 (3 cell)	0.70	1.60	- - -
152A-70 (3 cell)	0.90	2.00	2.98
152-55, 152-70, 152-90, 152-110	0.90	2.00	2.98

*4-12.4 is 1.80, 12.4-18 is 2.60

ATTENUATION ACCURACY (±dB with respect to 0 dB reference):

Model 150/151/152-11 & 150/151/152-15:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)														
Range (GHz)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
dc-4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
4-12.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
12.4-18	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
18-26.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1

Model 150/151-75:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)													
Range (GHz)	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75
dc-4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4
4-12.4	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1
12.4-18	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8

Model 150/151-31:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)															
Range (GHz)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
dc-4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
4-12.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
12.4-18	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)														
Rang (GHz)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
dc-4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
4-12.4	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
12.4-18	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3

Model 150/151-62:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)														
Range (GHz)	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32
dc-4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
4-12.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
12.4-18	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)														
Range (GHz)	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	62
dc-4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2
4-12.4	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8
12.4-18	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4

Model 150/151-70, 150/151/152-110, 152A-70:

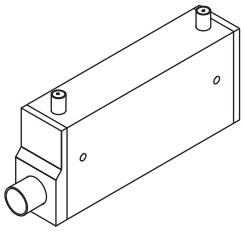
Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)										
Range (GHz)	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110
dc-4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.9
4-12.4	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.0
12.4-18	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.0
18-26.5	0.5	0.9	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.6	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.6

Model 152-55:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)										
Range (GHz)	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
dc-4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0
4-12.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3
12.4-18	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.6
18-26.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	2.0

Model 152-70 & 152-90:

Frequency	Attenuation Setting (dB)								
Range (GHz)	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
dc-4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
4-12.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7
12.4-18	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.8	2.1
18-26.5	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.4	2.8



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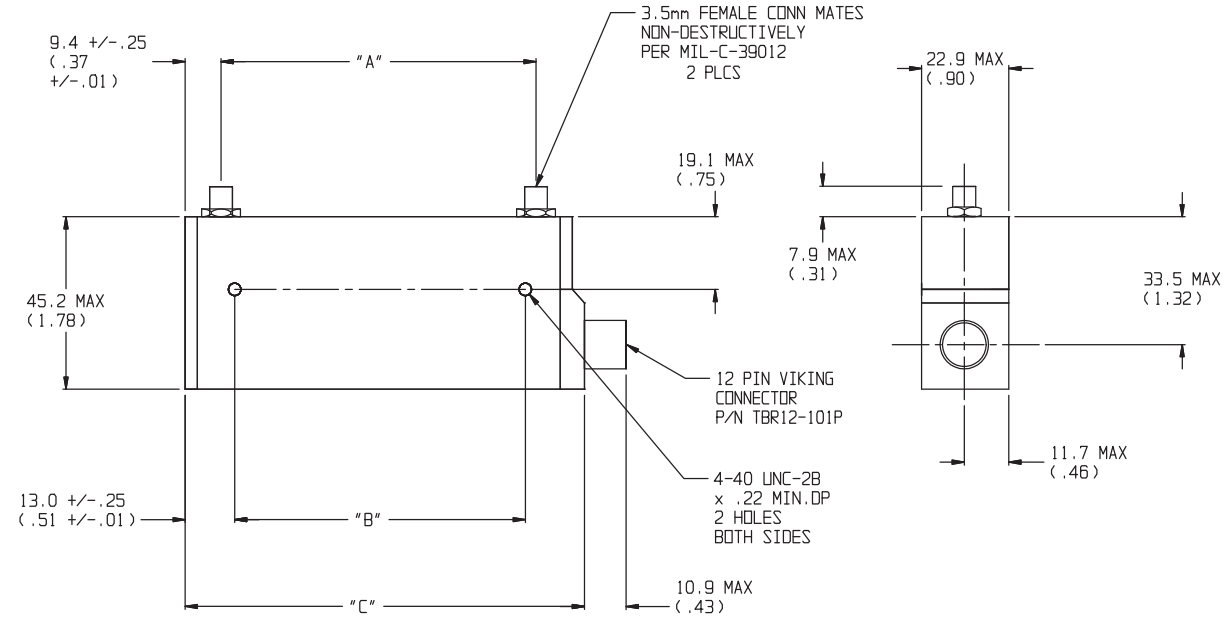
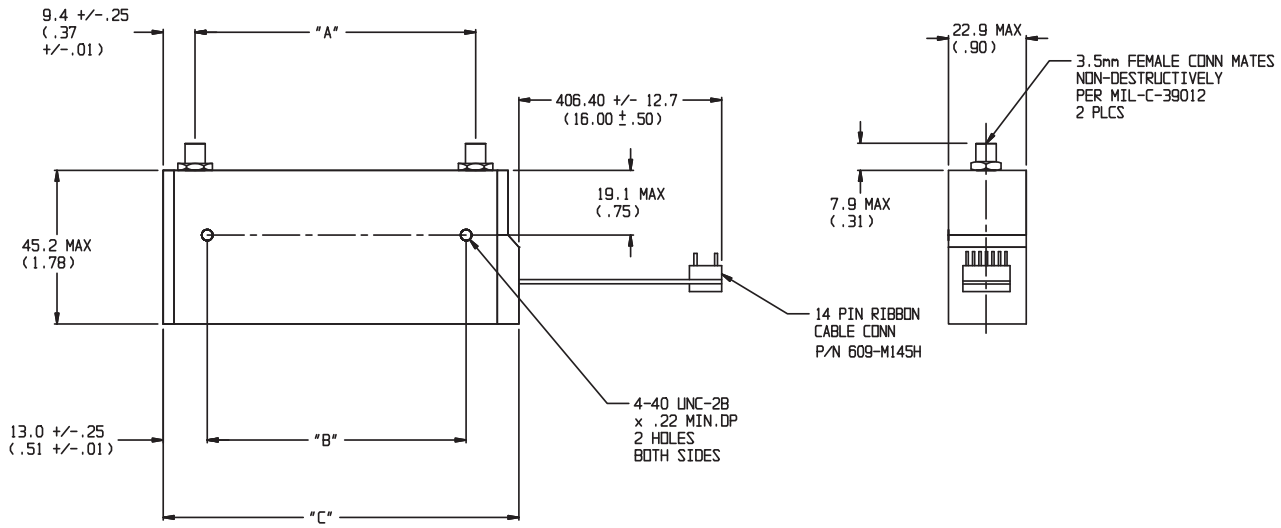
Models 150, 151, & 152:





DIM	A	B	C
3 cell	82.3 (3.28)	76.2 (3.0)	105.7 (4.16)
4 cell	110.7 (4.36)	103.7 (4.08)	133.6 (5.25)
5 cell	136.1 (5.36)	129.1 (5.08)	159.5 (6.28)

NOTE:

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2. Unit available with RoHS compliant materials, specify when ordering.

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Frequency Range/ Voltage/Connector	NO. Cells	Attenuator Range/Step Size								
		11/1 dB	15/1 dB	55/5 dB	31/1 dB	62/2 dB	70/10 dB	75/5 dB	90/10 dB	110/10 dB
dc-4 GHz/+24 V/ Viking Connector	4 3 5	151-11	NA	N/A	 151-31	 151-62	N/A	151-75	N/A	151-110
dc-18 GHz/+24 V/ Viking Connector	4 3 5	150-11	150-15	N/A	 150-31	 150-62	150-70	150-75	N/A	150-110
dc-26.5 GHz/+24 V/ Viking Connector	4 3	N/A	N/A	152-55	 N/A	 N/A	N/A	N/A	152-90	N/A
dc-4 GHz/+24 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3 5	151-11-1	NA	N/A	 151-31-1	 151-62-1	N/A	151-75-1	N/A	151-110-1
dc-18 GHz/+24 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3 5	150-11-1	150-15-1	N/A	 150-31-1	 150-62-1	150-70-1	N/A	N/A	150-110-1
dc-26.5 GHz/+24 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3	N/A	N/A	152-55-1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	152-90-1	152-110-1
dc-4 GHz/+5 V/ Viking Connector	4 3 5	151-11-2	151-15-2	N/A	 151-31-2	 151-62-2	N/A	151-75-2	N/A	151-110-2
dc-18 GHz/+5 V/ Viking Connector	4 3 5	150-11-2	150-15-2	N/A	 150-31-2	 150-62-2	150-70-2	150-75-2	N/A	150-110-2
dc-26.5 GHz/+5 V/ Viking Connector	4 3	N/A	N/A	152-55-2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	152-90-2	152-110-2
dc-4 GHz/+5 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3 5	151-11-3	N/A	N/A	 151-31-3	 151-62-3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
dc-18 GHz/+5 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3 5	150-11-3	150-15-3	N/A	 150-31-3	 150-62-3	150-70-3	150-75-3	N/A	150-110-3
dc-26.5 GHz/+5 V/ Ribbon Cable	4 3	N/A	N/A	152-55-3	N/A		N/A	N/A	152-90-3	152-110-3

N/A = Not Available

ACCESSORIES

OPTIONAL TEST DATA: Test Data is available at an additional cost for all programmable step attenuators models. Sweep Data across the programmable attenuator's frequency band starting at 0.05 to 18.0/26.5 GHz for all primary cells with markers at 0.05, 4.0, 8.0, 12.4, 18.0 and 26.5 GHz. VSWR and Attenuation provided.

MODELS WITH BUILT-IN TTL/CMOS INTERFACE\ DRIVER CIRCUIT: Aeroflex / Weinschel offers versions of the 150 series with built-in TTL/CMOS interfaces. This generation of intelligent attenuators will greatly simplify as well as provide an economical solution to 150 series driver problems. Refer to Model 150T, 151T, and 152T data sheet for more information.

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Model 153
Programmable Step Attenuator

dc to 40.0 GHz
1 Watt

Advanced Technology & Performance

NEW

Features

- **Higher Frequency range to 40 GHz.**
- **Choice of Attenuation Ranges**
  - 0 to 70 dB in 10 dB steps
  - 0 to 110 dB in 10 dB steps
- **Lowest insertion loss & Excellent Repeatability**
- **Life of 5 million operations**
- **Small rugged construction & light weight**

Description

This series of Programmable Step Attenuators provide attenuation from 0-70 dB or 0–110 dB in 10 dB steps. These attenuators provide programmable adjustments of RF signal levels in precise steps of 10 dB and consist of a cascaded assembly of switched attenuator cells (Figure 1). The attenuator elements located in the attenuator cell are created by a thin-film process which provides exceptional long-term stability, low power and temperature coefficients. This series uses a reed switching structure that provides rapid switching together with low insertion loss. The 153 series in available in three cell (153-70) and four cell (153-110) configurations.

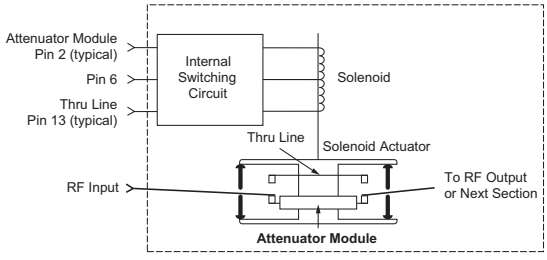

Figure 1. Cell Schematic

All models use in-line, female SMK (2.92mm) Connectors and contain a 14 pin Dip control connector that is plug-compatible with other competitive units.

PROGRAMMABILITY: In each programmable step attenuator, solenoid are used to switch the internal resistor card of each cell into and out of the circuit. With positive voltage applied to the common pin (#6) the state (attenuator card or thru line) of a particular section is determined by connecting it's attenuator card or thru pin to ground. Once the cell is switched, the solenoid is magnetically latched into position and is able to withstand extreme shock and vibration. Internal circuitry is included to interrupt the coil current after switching is complete. This reduces power dissipation even if power is continuously applied. The switching time for each cell is rated at 20 msec maximum which includes the contact settling time.

Also integrated in the design is solid state dc switching circuitry that avoids the relatively high failure rate of mechanical DC switches. Each attenuator section is controlled by its own driver circuit, which requires +24V nominal, 125 mA.

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω
FREQUENCY RANGE: dc to 40.0 GHz

MAXIMUM SWR (50 Ω Characteristic Impedance):

Frequency Range (GHz)	SWR
dc - 8	1.30
8 - 12	1.50
12 - 20	1.60
20 - 26.5	1.80
26.5 - 40	2.10

CELL CONFIGURATIONS:

Model Number	NO. Cells	Attenuation Range/Steps (dB)	Cell Increments (dB)
153-70	3	70/10	10, 20, 40
153-110	4	110/10	10, 20, 40, 40

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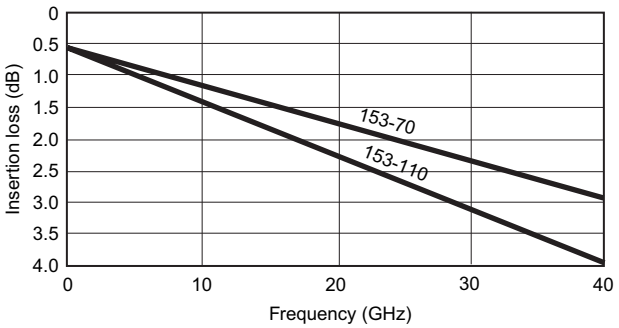
MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):



ATTENUATOR ACCURACY (± dB):

Frequency Range (GHz)	Attenuation (dB)							
	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80-110
DC - 8	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.4
8 - 12	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.5	2.0
12 - 20	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.2
20 - 26.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.8
26.5 - 40	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.6	3.2

SWITCHING SPEED: 20 msec. maximum

OPERATING VOLTAGE: +24V nominal, +20V minimum; +30V maximum

SWITCHING CONTROL CURRENT: 125 mA typical per cell @ +24V nominal, Model 153-70 (3 cells) and 153-110 (4 cells).

SOLENOID COIL IMPEDANCE: 190 Ω

SOLENOID COIL INDUCTANCE: 65 mH

POWER RATING: 1 watt average, 100 watts peak (5 µsec pulse width, 0.5% duty cycle)

RF POWER SENSITIVITY: 0.001 dB/dB/W

SWITCH LIFE: 5 million (minimum operations per cell)

REPEATABILITY:

±0.03 dB to 18 GHz
±0.05 dB to 26.5 GHz
±0.08 dB to 40 GHz

TEMPERATURE RANGE:

Operating: -0°C to +70°C
Non-Operating: -55°C to +85°C

ALTITUDE: Operating: 4.6 km (440 mm Hg)
Non-operating: 15 km

SHOCK: Operating: 10g, 6 ms, on 6 sides, 3 blows
Non-operating: 500 g, 1.8 ms, in 6 directions

HUMIDITY: 0 to 95% relative humidity

EMC: MIL-STD-461, Method RE02, VDE 0871, CISPR#2

TEST DATA: Test data is available at additional cost.

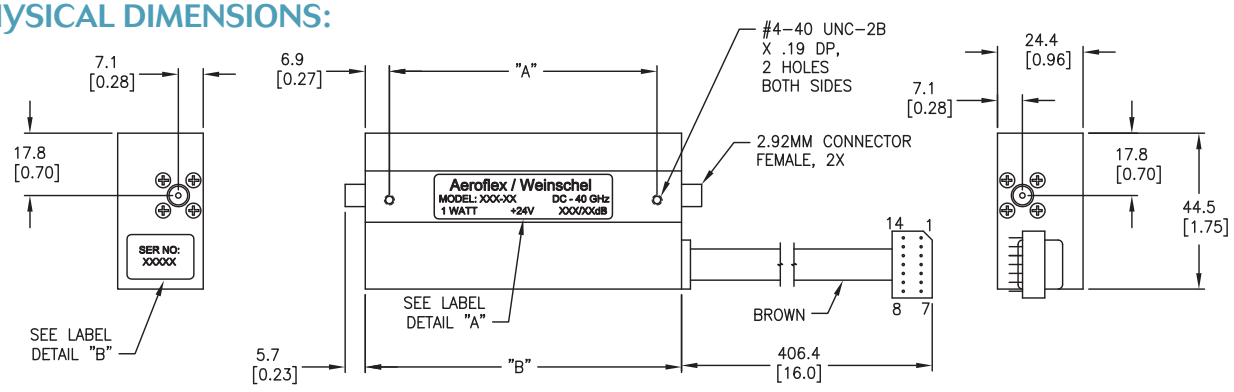
CONNECTORS: 2.92mm connectors - mate nondestructively with SMA connectors per MIL-C-39012, 3.5mm, SMK, and other 2.92mm connectors.

CONTROL CONNECTOR: 14 conductor 16" ribbon cable with connector (shown below):

Pin Number	Wire Color	153-70	153-110
1	- - -	- - -	- - -
2	White	10 dB Cell Attenuator	10 dB Cell Attenuator
3	Violet	40 dB Cell Thru Line	40 dB Cell 1 Thru Line
4	Green	- - -	40 dB Cell 2 Thru Line
5	Orange	20 dB Cell Attenuator	20 dB Cell Attenuator
6	Brown	+24Vdc	+24Vdc
7	- - -	- - -	- - -
8	- - -	- - -	- - -
9	Red	40 dB Cell Attenuator	40 dB Cell 1 Attenuator
10	Yellow	- - -	40 dB Cell 2 Attenuator
11	Blue	20 dB Cell Thru Line	20 dB Cell Thru Line
12	Grey	- - -	- - -
13	Black	10 dB Cell Thru Line	10 dB Cell Thru Line
14	- - -	- - -	- - -

WEIGHT (Typical): 153-70: 170 g (6 oz)
153-110: 213 g (7.5 oz)

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:



Model No.	No. Cells	A	B
153-70	3	76.2 (3.0)	90.2 (3.55)
153-110	4	102.9 (4.05)	115.8 (4.6)

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Model 4202
Digital Attenuator
with Built-in TTL Driver

0.4 to 6 GHz

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Features

- **Ideal for Automated Test Equipment (ATE), WiMAX, 3G Fading Simulators, Engineering/Production Test Lab environments**
- **Excellent Repeatability & Performance**
- **Custom Configurations Available Upon Request**
- **Ruggedized Construction**

Description

Aeroflex / Weinschel's new line of MMIC Digital Attenuator operates over the 0.4 to 6 GHz frequency range and provides an attenuation range from 0 to 63 in 1 dB increments.

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE:	50 Ω
FREQUENCY RANGE:	0.4 to 6.0 GHz
ATTENUATION RANGE/STEPS:	0-63 in 1 dB steps
ATTENUATION INCREMENTS:	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 dB
ATTENUATION ACCURACY:	± 1 dB or 4%
INSERTION LOSS:	7.0 dB maximum
MAXIMUM SWR:	2.0:1
POWER RATING:	20 dBm (100 mW) maximum
SWITCHING SPEED:	300 nsec maximum
CONTROL LOGIC:	TTL
OPERATING VOLTAGE:	+5 V @ 20 mA
TEMPERATURE RANGE:	0°C to + 70°C

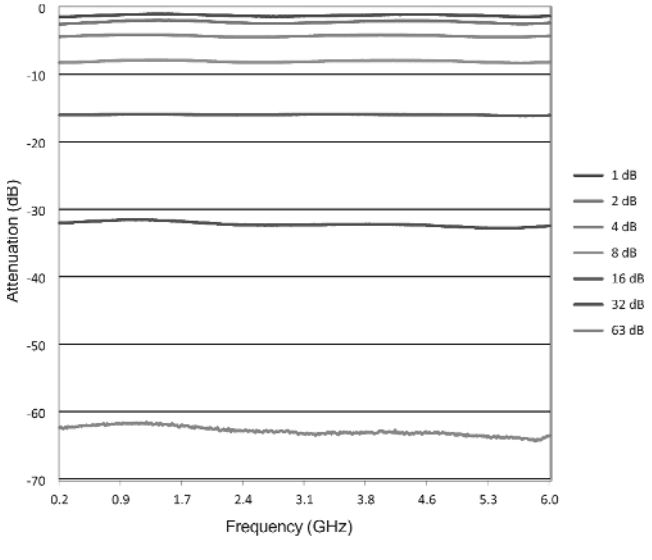
TEST DATA: Test data can be provided at additional cost.

CONNECTORS: SMA female connector - mates nondestructively with other SMA connector per MIL-C-39012, 3.5mm and other 2.92mm connector.

CONTROL CONNECTOR: AMP-Latch 10 pin ribbon cable connector mates with AMP P/N 746285-1 (supplied with each unit)

CONTROL CONFIGURATION: Units are supplied with a built-in TTL interface. Each unit is supplied with a mating 10 pin connector (Amp 746285-1). Refer to Physical Dimensions for mating connector pin/wiring details. Two wires are specified for supply voltage and ground. The remaining wires will accept TTL control signals to activate or de-activate a particular attenuation cell. A TTL high will energize a cell to the high attenuation state, whereas a TTL low will maintain a cell in its zero attenuation state.

WEIGHT: 83 g (2.92 oz)



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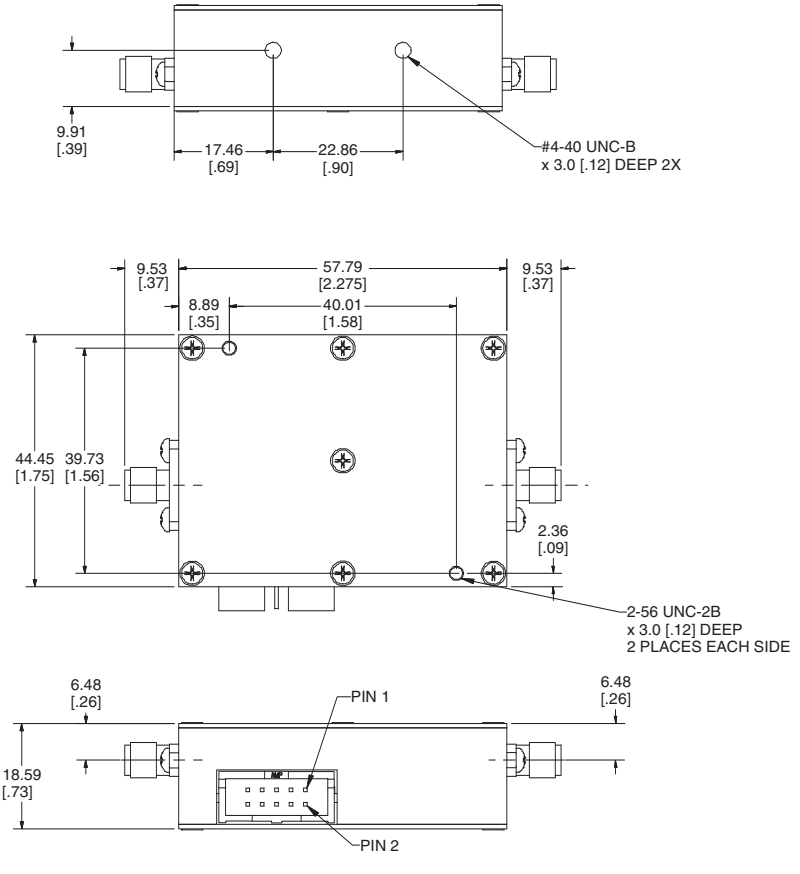

Control Connector
J3 Pin Locations:

TTL Conn PIN No. (J3)	Designation
1	1.0
2	2.0
3	4.0
4	8.0
5	16.0
6	32.0
7	NC
8	NC
9	+5V
10	COM

NC = Not Connected

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Model 4203
Digital Attenuator
with Built-in TTL Driver

0.2 to 3 GHz

NEW

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Features

- **Ideal for Automated Test Equipment (ATE), WiMAX, 3G Fading Simulators, Engineering/Production Test Lab environments**
- **Excellent Repeatability & Performance**
- **Custom Configurations Available Upon Request**
- **Ruggedized Construction**

Description

Aeroflex / Weinschel's new line of MMIC Digital Attenuator operates over the 0.2 to 3 GHz frequency range and is in a variety of attenuation ranges.

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω
FREQUENCY RANGE: 0.2 to 3.0 GHz

CELL CONFIGURATIONS:

Model Number	Attenuation Range/Steps (dB)	Attenuation Increments (dB)
4203-31.75	0 -31.75 / 0.25	0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16
4203-63	0-63 / 1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

ATTENUATION ACCURACY:

CELL	0.25	0.50	1	2	4	8	16	32
dB	±0.15	±0.15	±0.2	±0.2	±0.3	±0.4	±0.6	±1.2

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

Frequency (GHz)	4203-31.75	4203-63
0.2 - 3.0	4.5	4.0

MAXIMUM SWR: 1.4:1
POWER RATING: +24 dBm maximum
SWITCHING SPEED: 1 µSec maximum
CONTROL LOGIC: TTL
OPERATING VOLTAGE: +5 V @ 20 mA
TEMPERATURE RANGE: 0°C to + 70°C

TEST DATA: Test data can be provided at additional cost.

CONNECTORS: SMA female connector - mates nondestructively with other SMA connector per MIL-C-39012, 3.5mm and other 2.92mm connector.

CONTROL CONNECTOR: AMP-Latch 10 pin ribbon cable connector mates with AMP P/N 746285-1 (supplied with each unit)

CONTROL CONFIGURATION: Units are supplied with a built-in TTL interface. Each unit is supplied with a mating 10 pin connector (Amp 746285-1). Refer to Physical Dimensions for mating connector pin/wiring details. Two wires are specified for supply voltage and ground. The remaining wires will accept TTL control signals to activate or de-activate a particular attenuation cell. A TTL high will energize a cell to the high attenuation state, whereas a TTL low will maintain a cell in its zero attenuation state.

WEIGHT: 83 g (2.92 oz)

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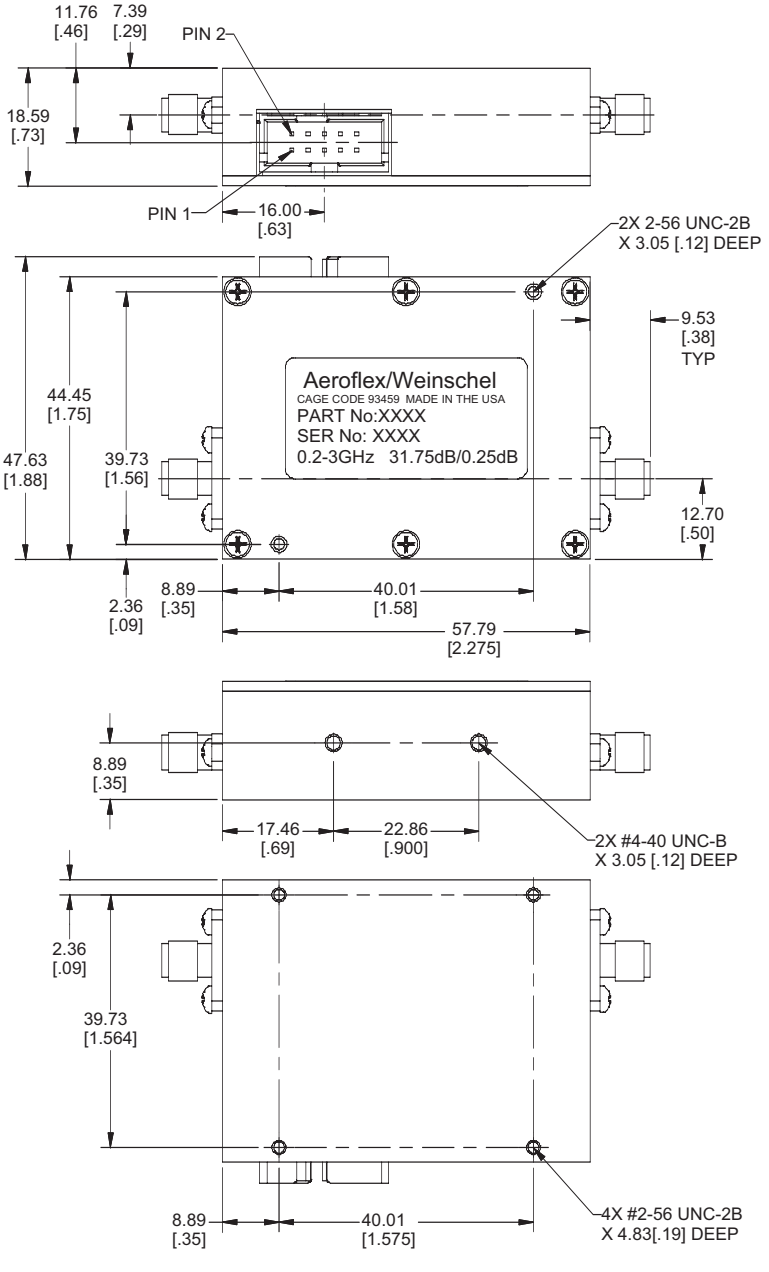

Control Connector J3 Pin Locations:

TTL Conn PIN No. (J3)	4203-31.75 dB (Cell)	4203-63 dB (Cell)
1	0.25	1.0
2	0.5	2.0
3	1.0	4.0
4	2.0	8.0
5	4.0	16.0
6	8.0	32.0
7	16.0	NC
8	NC	NC
9	+5V	+5V
10	GND	GND

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Digital Attenuator
TTL & USB Control, SMA Connectors

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Features

- **Ideal for Automated Test Equipment (ATE), WiMAX, LTE, WiFi, 3G/4G Fading Simulators, Engineering/ Production Test Lab environments**
- **Excellent Solid-state Repeatability & Performance**
- **Uninterrupted RF when changing attenuation values**
- **Ruggedized Construction**

Description

Aeroflex / Weinschel's New series of MMIC Digital Attenuators operates over the 0.2 to 6 GHz frequency range and is in a variety of attenuation ranges up to 95.5 dB in 0.5 dB steps. These units can be controlled using either parallel TTL or USB interfaces.

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω

FREQUENCY RANGE: 0.2 to 6.0 GHz

CELL CONFIGURATIONS:

Model Number	Attenuation Range/Steps (dB)	Attenuation Increments (dB)
4205-31.5	0 -31.5 / 0.5	0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16
4205-63.5	0-63.5 / 0.5	0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
4205-95.5	0-95.5 / 0.5	0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 32

ATTENUATION ACCURACY (dB):

dB range	4205-31.5	4205-63.5	4205-95.5
1 to 7.5 dB	± 0.5	± 0.5	± 0.5
8 to 11.5 dB	± 1.0	± 1.0	± 1.0
12 to 31.5	± 1.25	± 1.25	± 1.25 or 4%
32 to 63.5	- - -	± 1.25	± 1.25 or 4%
64 to 85 dB	- - -	- - -	± 1.25 or 4%
86 to 95 dB	- - -	- - -	± 5 %

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

Frequency (GHz)	4205-31.5	4205-63.5	4205-95.5
0.2 - 3.0	3.0	4.5	6.5
3.0 - 6.0	4.0	6.0	8.0

MAXIMUM SWR:

Frequency (GHz)	4205-31.5	4205-63.5	4205-95.5
0.2 - 0.8	1.50	1.80	2.00
0.8 - 5.0	1.50	1.50	1.60
5.0 - 6.0	1.70	1.50	1.90

POWER RATING: +23 dBm maximum

SWITCHING SPEED: 1 µsec maximum

CONTROL LOGIC: TTL or USB

OPERATING VOLTAGE: +5 V @ 50 mA

TEMPERATURE RANGE: 0°C to + 70°C

TEST DATA: Test data can be provided at additional cost.

CONNECTORS: SMA female connectors - mates nondestructively with other SMA connectors per MIL-C-39012, 3.5mm and other 2.92mm connectors.

CONTROL CONNECTOR: The TTL control connector is an AMP-Latch 10 pin ribbon cable connector that mates with AMP P/N 746285-1 (supplied with each unit). The USB is a 5-pin female series B mini socket and mates with most standard USB 5-pin male series B mini plug connectors.

WEIGHT: 83 g (2.92 oz)

Control Software Included

Aeroflex / Weinschel's Labview based USB Control Center Software (AUCS) can also be used in the operation of this series of digital attenuators. The AUCS will allow the user to setup, control and perform test and measurements using these digital attenuators over a standard USB 2.0 communication interface.

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CONTROL CONFIGURATION:

Units are supplied with both parallel-TTL and USB 2.0 interfaces. The mode of operation is determined by the source of DC power to the unit. NOTE: Do not simultaneously connect DC power to the J4 TTL connector while the USB is connected.

USING TTL CONTROL: Each unit is supplied with a mating 10 pin connector (Amp 746285-1). Refer to Physical Dimensions for mating connector pin/wiring details. Two pins are specified for supply voltage and ground. The remaining pins will accept TTL control signals to activate or de-activate a particular attenuation cell. A TTL high will energize a cell to the high attenuation state, whereas a TTL low will maintain a cell in its zero attenuation state.

USING USB CONFIGURATION: The USB interface is compatible with standard USB 2.0 interfaces. In USB mode, DC power to the attenuator is provided by the host USB connection. The attenuator operates as a USB CDC device and accepts simple ASCII text commands. This allows the unit to be controlled from any system capable of sending data via a standard COM port-style interface.

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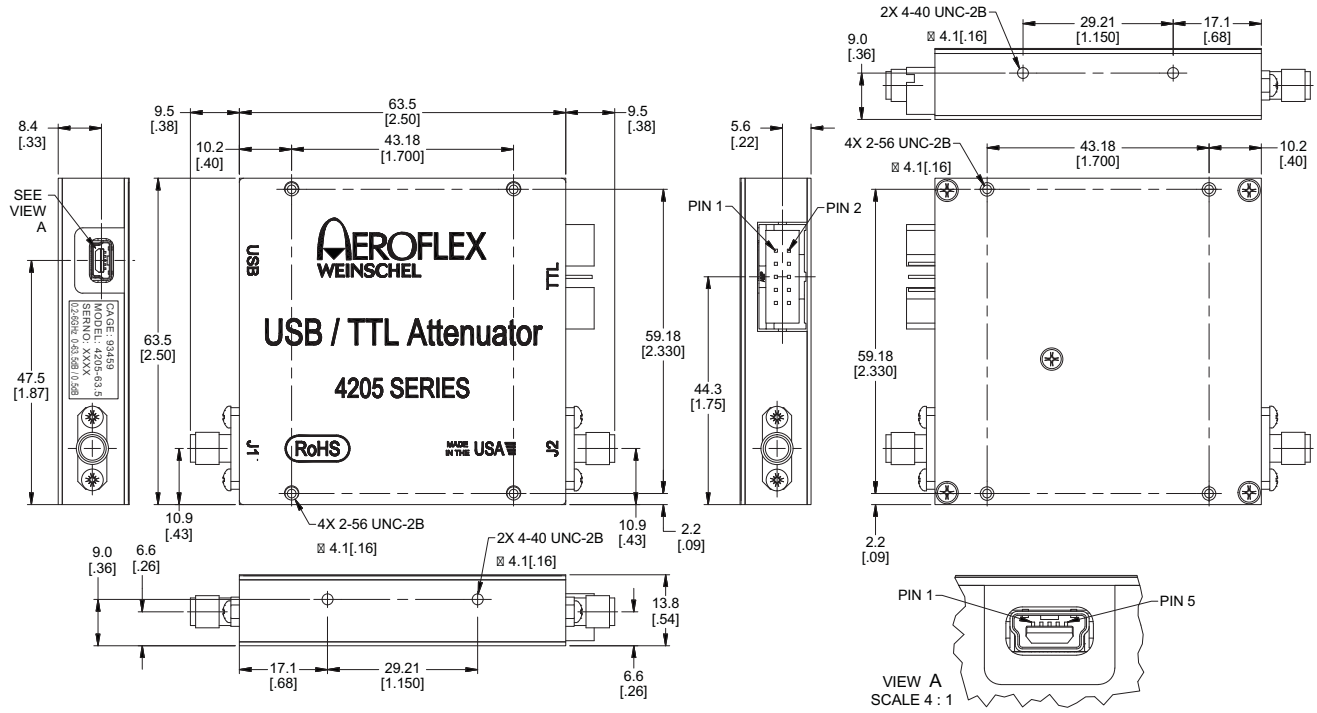

USB Control Connector J3 Pin Locations:

USB Conn PIN No. (J3)	Function
1	V BUS +5 V
2	Data-
3	Data+
4	ID (NC)
5	GND

TTL Control Connector J4 Pin Locations:

TTL Conn PIN No. (J3)	4205-31.5 dB (Cell)	4205-63.5 dB (Cell)	4205-95.5 dB (Cell)
1	0.5	0.5	0.5
2	1	1	1
3	2	2	2
4	4	4	4
5	8	8	8
6	16	16	16
7	NC	32	32
8	NC	NC	32
9	+5V	+5V	+5V
10	GND	GND	GND

NC = Not Connected.

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Models 4226 & 4228 0.8 to 2.5/3.0 GHz
Pin Switched Programmable Attenuators

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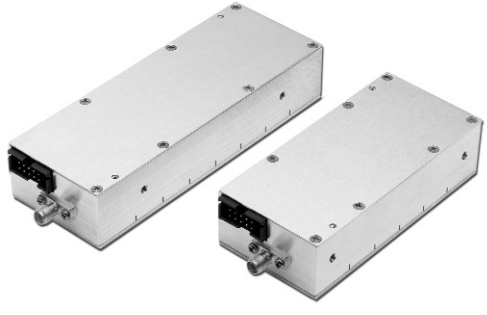
Low Insertion Loss, Fast Switching



Features

Ideal for use in Wireless/Cellular, RF Simulation/Emulation, & Communication Test Applications.

- **Available in 6 and 8 Cell Configurations -**
  103 dB/1 dB steps
  63 dB/1 dB steps
  63.75/0.25 dB steps
- **High accuracy & fast switching speed**
- **Built-in TTL Driver Circuitry**
- **Special Configurations Available Upon Request.**
  - Custom Cell/Step Size & Frequency Bands

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω
FREQUENCY RANGE: 4226-63: 0.8 to 3.0 GHz
4228-63.75: 0.8 to 2.5 GHz
4228-103: 0.8 to 3.0 GHz

MAXIMUM SWR:

Frequency Range (GHz)	SWR
0.8 - 3.0 (2.5)	1.50

CELL CONFIGURATIONS:

Model Number	NO. Cells	Attenuation Range/Steps (dB)	Cell Increments (dB)
4228-103	8	103/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24, 48
4228-63.75	8	63.75/0.25	0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
4226-63	6	63/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

INCREMENTAL ATTENUATION ACCURACY:

CELL	0.25	0.50	1	2	4	8	16	24	32	48
dB	±0.1	±0.15	±0.2	±0.2	±0.2	±0.2	±0.3	±0.4	±0.6	±0.8

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

Frequency (GHz)	4226-63	4228-63.75	4228-103
0.8 - 3.0 (2.5)	3.75	4.50	5.50

MONOTONICITY: 4226-63 & 4228-103: 0.8 to 3.0 GHz
4228-63.75: 0.8 to 2.5 GHz
(minimum 1 dB change)

3rd ORDER INTERMODULATION (IM3): -55 dBm typical, measured with two +10 dBm tones @ 869 MHz (f1) and 891 MHz (f2), the IM3 frequency being 847 MHz (2f1-f2).

IP3 (input) = +41 dBm

The input IP3 is derived from the following relationship:

$$IP3 = \frac{3(Pin-\alpha)-IM3}{2} + \alpha$$

where α = the insertion loss (dB) at the IM3 frequency;
Pin=single tone input power (dBm).

POWER RATING: +24 dBm operating
+30 dBm (1 dB compression point)
SWITCHING TIME: 2 µsec. maximum
OPERATING VOLTAGE: +5 V ± 5% @ 160 mA for 6 cell/ 200 mA for 8 cell typical
TEMPERATURE RANGE (Operating): 0°C to +70°C
TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT: < 0.002 dB/dB/°C
CONNECTORS: SMA female connectors - mate nondestructively with MIL-C-39012 connectors.

CONTROL CONNECTOR: AMP-Latch 10 pin ribbon cable connector mates with AMP P/N 746285-1 (supplied with each unit)

WEIGHT: 4226-X 160 g (5.7 oz)
4228-X 210 g (7.4 oz)

CONTROL CONFIGURATION: Units are supplied with a built-in TTL interface. Each unit is supplied with a mating 10 pin connector (Amp 746285-1). Refer to Physical Dimensions for mating connector pin/wiring details. Two wires are specified for supply voltage and ground. The remaining wires will accept TTL control signals to activate or de-activate a particular attenuation cell. A TTL high will energize a cell to the high attenuation state, whereas a TTL low will maintain a cell in its zero attenuation state.

DRIVER SPECIFICATIONS:

		minimum	maximum
V_{IH}	Input High Level	2.0 V	5.3 V
V_{IL}	Input Low Level	-0.3 V	0.8 V
I_{PU}	Input Pull-up Current	500 µA Typical	

Note: Inputs have 10K pull-up resistors.

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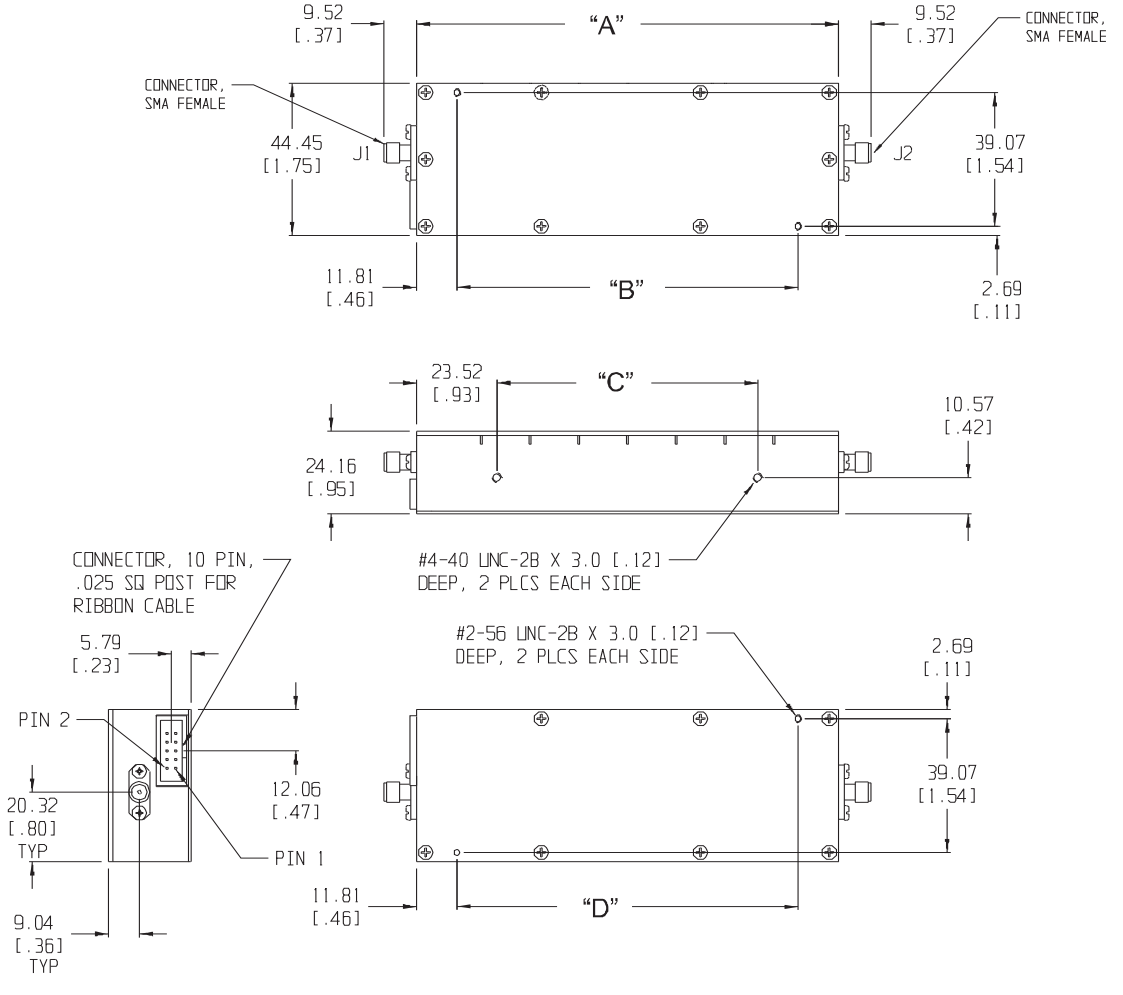
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:

Models 4226 & 4228:



Model No.	A	B	C	D
4226-X	94.79 (3.73)	71.15 (2.80)	76.20 (3.00)	71.15 (2.80)
4228-X	123.24 (4.85)	99.59 (4.85)	76.20 (3.00)	99.59 (4.85)

NOTE:

1. All dimensions are given in mm (inches) and are maximum, unless otherwise specified.
2. Unit available with RoHS compliant materials, specify when ordering.

Control Connector J3 Pin Locations:

TTL Conn PIN No. (J3)	4226-63 dB (Cell)	4228-63.75 dB (Cell)	4228-103 dB (Cell)
1	1	0.25	1
2	2	0.50	2
3	4	1	4
4	8	2	8
5	16	4	16
6	32	8	24
7	NC	16	48
8	NC	32	NC*
9	+5V	+5V	+5V
10	COM	COM	COM

NC = Not Connected

* For Factory use only.

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Model 4238
GaAs Switched Programmable Attenuator

10 MHz to 2.5 GHz
1 Watt

Low Insertion Loss, High IP3

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Features

Ideal for use in Wireless/Cellular, RF Simulation/Emulation, & Communication Test Applications.

- **Broadband Performance -** 10 MHz to 2.5 GHz usable dc to 10 MHz with reduced specifications
- **High IP3 and High Power Rating**
  - Utilizes MESFET Switching
- **Flexible DC Voltage (+5 to +15 V)**
- **Low DC Power Consumption** - Ideal for portable battery powered equipment.
- **Custom Configurations including bus controlled attenuator subsystems**

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω
FREQUENCY RANGE: 10 MHz to 2.5 GHz

MAXIMUM SWR:

Frequency Range (GHz)	SWR
0.01 - 0.25	1.75
0.25 - 2.5	1.40

CELL CONFIGURATIONS:

Model Number	NO. Cells	Attenuation Range/Steps (dB)	Cell Increments (dB)
4238-63.75	8	63.75/0.25	0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
4238-103	8	103/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24, 48

INCREMENTAL ATTENUATION ACCURACY:

CELL	0.25	0.50	1	2	4	8	16	24	32	48
dB	±0.15	±0.15	±0.2	±0.2	±0.2	±0.2	±0.3	±0.4	±0.6	±0.8

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

Frequency Range (GHz)	4238-X
0.01 - 1.0	6.75
1.0 - 2.0	8.25
2.0 - 2.5	9.75

MONOTONICITY: 10 MHz to 2.5 GHz (minimum 1 dB change)

3rd ORDER INTERMODULATION (IM3): -60 dBm typical, measured with two +27 dBm tones @ 869 MHz (f1) and 894 MHz (f2), the IM3 frequency being 847 MHz (2fl-f2).

IP3 (input) = +65 dBm

The input IP3 is derived from the following relationship:

$$IP3 = \frac{3(Pin-\alpha)-IM3}{2} + \alpha$$

where α = the insertion loss (dB) at the IM3 frequency;
Pin=single tone input power (dBm).

INPUT POWER RATING: +30 dBm

SWITCHING TIME: 5 µsec. maximum

OPERATING VOLTAGE: + 5 to +15 V

OPERATING CURRENT: 25 mA typical

TEMPERATURE RANGE (Operating): 0°C to +70°C

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT: <0.002/dB/dB/°C

CONNECTORS: SMA female connectors - mate nondestructively with MIL-C-39012 connectors.

CONTROL CONNECTOR: AMP-Latch 10 pin ribbon cable connector mates with AMP P/N 746285-1 (supplied with each unit)

WEIGHT: 4238-X 150 g (5.3 oz)

CONTROL CONFIGURATION: Units are supplied with a built-in TTL interface. Each unit is supplied with a mating 10 pin connector (Amp 746285-1). Refer to Physical Dimensions for mating connector pin/wiring details. Two wires are specified for supply voltage and ground. The remaining wires will accept TTL control signals to activate or de-activate a particular attenuation cell. A TTL high will energize a cell to the high attenuation state, whereas a TTL low will maintain a cell in its zero attenuation state.

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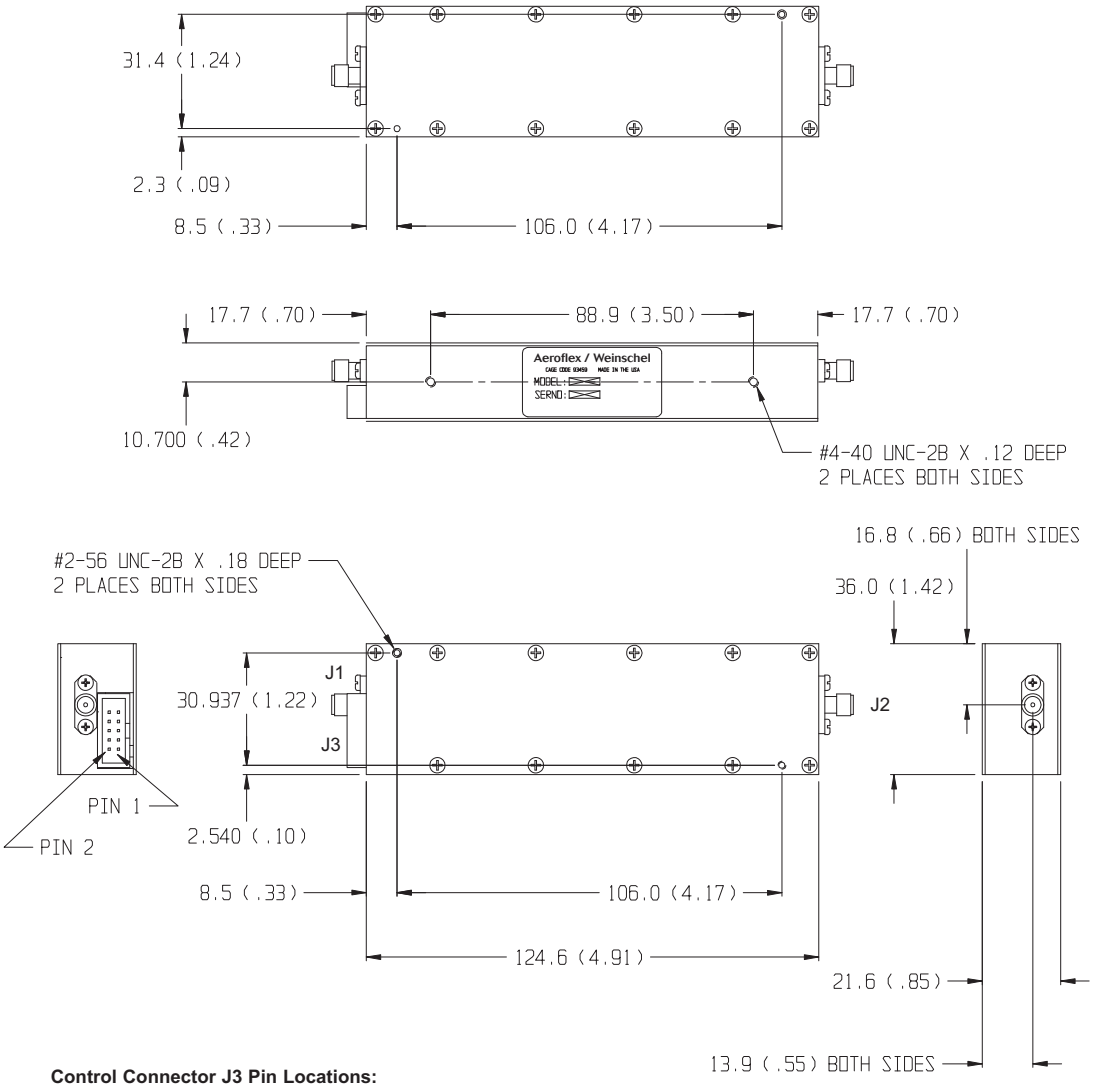
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:

Model 4238:



Control Connector J3 Pin Locations:

TTL Conn PIN No. (J3)	4238-103 dB (Cell)	4238-63.75 dB (Cell)
1	1	0.25
2	2	0.50
3	4	1
4	8	2
5	16	4
6	24	8
7	48	16
8	NC*	32
9	+5 to 15V	+5 to 15V
10	COM	COM

NC = Not Connected
* For Factory use only.

NOTE:

1. All dimensions are given in mm (inches) and are maximum, unless otherwise specified.
2. Unit available with RoHS compliant materials, specify when ordering.

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Models 4246 & 4248 Phase Compensated GaAs Switched Programmable Attenuator

10 MHz to 2.5 GHz 4 Watts

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Low Insertion Loss, High IP3

Features

Ideal for use in Wireless/Cellular, RF simulation/Emulation, & Communication Test Applications.

- **Broadband Performance -** 10 MHz to 2.5 GHz
- **High IP3 and High Power Rating**
  - Utilizes MESFET Switching
- **Flexible DC Voltage (+5 to +15 V)**
- **Low DC Power Consumption** - Ideal for portable battery powered equipment.
- **Custom Configurations including bus controlled attenuator subsystems**

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω
FREQUENCY RANGE: 10 MHz to 2.5 GHz

MAXIMUM SWR:

Frequency Range	SWR
10 - 100 MHz	2.00
100 MHz - 200 MHz	1.60
200 MHz - 2.5 GHz	1.40

CELL CONFIGURATIONS:

Model Number	NO. Cells	Attenuation Range/Steps (dB)	Cell Increments (dB)
4246-63	6	63/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
4248-63.75	8	63.75/0.25	0.25, 0.50, 1, 2, 4, 8 16, 32
4248-103	8	103/1	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24, 48*

*48 dB cell comprised of two 24 dB cells

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS (dB):

Frequency Range	4246	4248
10 MHz - 1 GHz	8.0	10.5
1 - 2 GHz	9.0	12.0
2 - 2.5 GHz	10.0	13.0

INCREMENTAL ATTENUATION ACCURACY:

CELL	0.25	0.50	1	2	4	8	16	24	32	48
dB	±0.15	±0.15	±0.2	±0.2	±0.2	±0.2	±0.3	±0.4	±0.6	±0.8

MONOTONICITY: 10 MHz to 2.5 GHz (minimum 1 dB change)

3rd ORDER INTERMODULATION (IM3): -43 dBm typical, measured with two +27 dBm tones @ 869 MHz (f1) and 894 MHz (f2), the IM3 frequency being 844 MHz (2fl-f2).

IP3 (input) = +58 dBm

The input IP3 is derived from the following relationship:

$$IP3 = \frac{3(Pin-\alpha)-IM3}{2} + \alpha$$

where α = the insertion loss (dB) at the IM3 frequency;
Pin=single tone input power (dBm).

POWER RATING: 4 Watts maximum

SWITCHING TIME: 5 µsec. maximum

OPERATING VOLTAGE: + 5 V to +15V

OPERATING CURRENT: 25 mA typical

INCREMENTAL RELATIVE PHASE:

±5° between 0 and.25, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16 dB
±10° between 0 and 32, 48 dB

TEMPERATURE RANGE (Operating): 0°C to +70°C

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT: <0.002/dB/dB/°C

CONNECTORS: SMA female connectors - mate nondestructively with MIL-C-39012 connectors.

CONTROL CONNECTOR: AMP-Latch 10 pin ribbon cable connector mates with AMP P/N 746285-1 (supplied with each unit)

CONSTRUCTION:

Housing: Aluminum
Connectors: Stainless steel body and beryllium copper contacts.

WEIGHT: Model 4246: 227 g (8.0 oz)
Model 4248: 300 g (10.6 oz)

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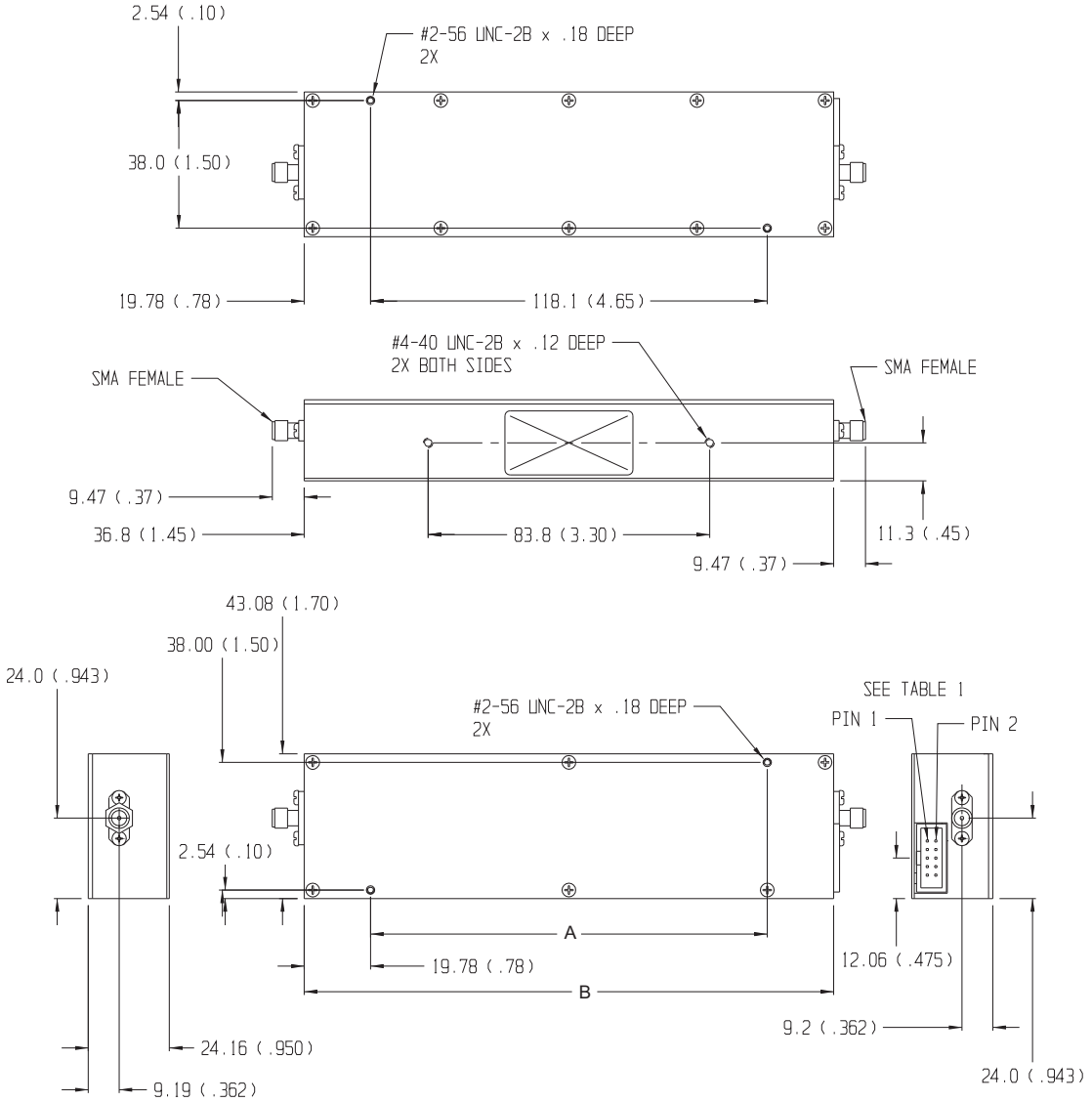

Control Connector J3 Pin Locations:

TTL Conn PIN No. (J3)	4238-63 dB (Cell)	4240-63.75 dB (Cell)	4240-103 dB (Cell)
1	1	0.25	1
2	2	0.50	2
3	4	1	4
4	16	2	8
5	32	4	16
6	8	8	24
7	NC	16	48
8	NC*	32	NC*
9	+5 Vdc	+5 Vdc	+5 Vdc
10	COM	COM	COM

NC = Not Connected
* For Factory use only.

Model No.	A	B
4246-X	82.50 (3.25)	122.50 (4.81)
4248-X	118.10 (4.65)	157.7 (6.21)

NOTE:

1. All dimensions are given in mm (inches) and are maximum, unless otherwise specified.
2. Unit available with RoHS compliant materials, specify when ordering.

CONTROL CONFIGURATION: Units are supplied with a built-in TTL interface. Each unit is supplied with a mating 10 pin connector (Amp 746285-1). Refer to Physical Dimensions for mating connector pin/wiring details. Two wires are specified for supply voltage and ground. The remaining wires will accept TTL control signals to activate or de-activate a particular attenuation cell. A TTL high will energize a cell to the high attenuation state, whereas a TTL low will maintain a cell in its zero attenuation state.

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Model 4258
Digitally Controlled Variable PIN Attenuator
with Built-in TTL Driver

2 to 6 GHz

NEW

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Features

- **Low Cost Design Solution**
- **Excellent Repeatability & Performance**
- **Custom Configurations Available Upon Request**
- **Highly Accurate Stepping**
- **Ruggedized Construction**

Description

This new digitally controlled PIN diode attenuator provides excellent performance in the frequency range of 2-6 GHz. Attenuation levels up to 63.75 dB are programmable in increments of 0.25 dB while maintaining continuous signal. Each unit has an integrated driver consisting of an EEPROM, D/A and V/I converter with stable attenuation from 0 to +70 °C.

Specifications

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ω
FREQUENCY RANGE: 2.0 to 6.0 GHz
ATTENUATION RANGE/STEPS: 0-63.75 in 0.25 dB steps
ATTENUATION FLATNESS: ±2 dB maximum
INSERTION LOSS: 4.5 dB maximum
MAXIMUM SWR: 2.0:1
POWER RATING: 20 dBm (100 mW) maximum
SWITCHING SPEED: 1 µsec maximum
OPERATING VOLTAGE: ±15 V @ 100 mA
TEMPERATURE RANGE: 0°C to + 70°C

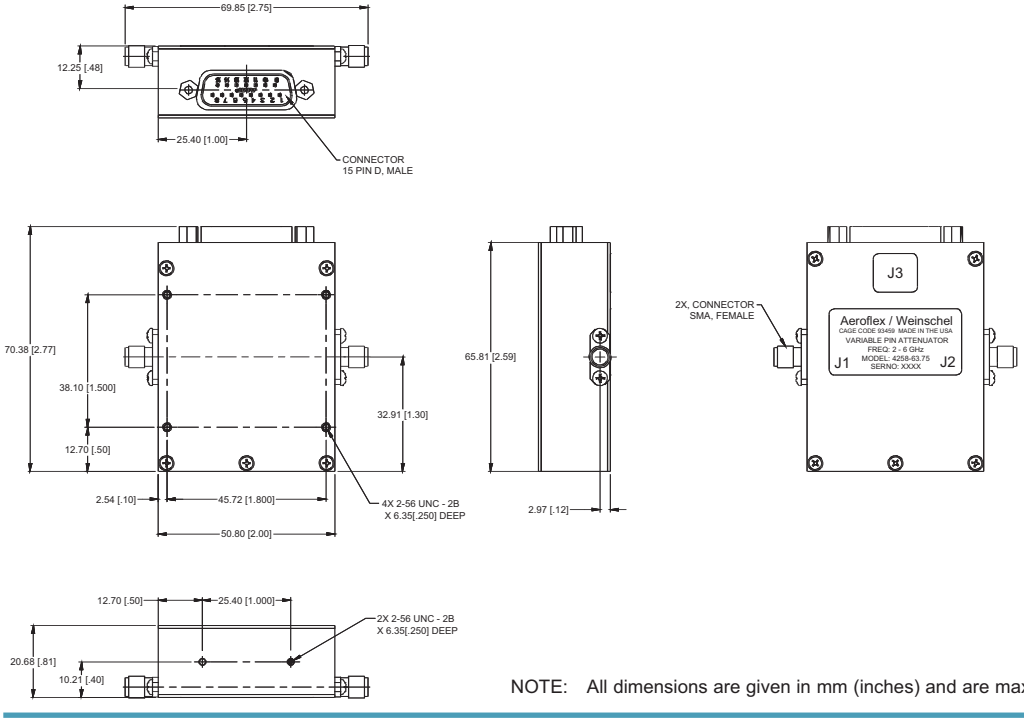
TEST DATA: Test data can be provided at additional cost.

CONNECTORS: SMA female connector - mates nondestructively with other SMA connector per MIL-C-39012, 3.5mm and other 2.92mm connector.

CONTROL CONNECTOR: 15 pin D-sub connector, mates with Cannon connector DA-15S or equivalent.

WEIGHT: 83 g (2.92 oz)

Physical Dimensions



Control Connector J3 Pin Locations:

TTL Conn PIN No. (J3)	Designation
1	0.25
2	0.50
3	1.0
4	2.0
5	4.0
6	8.0
7	16.0
8	32.0
9	NC
10	NC
11	NC
12	NC
13	+15V
14	-15V
15	GND

NC = Not Connected

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Models 8310 & 8311
Programmable Attenuator Units

IEEE-488

RS232\RS422/RS485

CE

Now Available with Ethernet Control!

Features

- Provides a flexible, easy to program, low cost solution for your bench test/calibration setups and subsystem applications.
- Multi-Channel attenuation paths (up to 4 input/outputs for 8310 & up to 6 input/outputs for 8311)
- Relative vs. Nominal attenuation step function.
- Wide choice of Frequency & Attenuation Ranges.
  - dc to 1, 2, 3, 6 & 18 GHz
  - NEW dc to 6 GHz Models
  - up to 127 dB
  - Solid-State (GaAs FET *& PIN)
  - Relay Switched
- Models with Ethernet Option - Specify when ordering.
- Accuracy & Repeatability.
- Designed to interface with Aeroflex / Weinschel's line of digitally controlled programmable attenuators and other electromechanical devices.
- Designed to interface with industry standard communication interfaces:
  - GPIB/IEEE-488 (HS-488 ready)
  - RS-232, RS-422, RS-485
  - New Models with Ethernet Control (10 BaseT)
- **Rack Configurable:** Model 8310 Series can be rack mounted either as a single unit using Rack Mounting Kit (P/N 193-8033-1) or two Model 8310's can be mounted together using Rack Mounting Kit (P/N 193-8033-2). These kits fit into any rack or cabinet that is designed per EIA RS-310 or MIL-STD-189. Rack ears are supplied with Model 8311 Series units.

Description

Aeroflex / Weinschel's 8310 and 8311Series Programmable Attenuator Units represent a new concept in programmable attenuation for bench test and subsystem applications. Standard 8310 Series designs house and control various Aeroflex / Weinschel Programmable Attenuator Models (3200T, 150T, and 4200 Series) via front panel controls or standard communications interfaces including GPIB (IEEE-488), Ethernet and RS-232/RS-422/RS485. This series combines the features of the Aeroflex / Weinschel 8210A Device Controller with a front panel user interface to form a flexible, easy to use solution.

Most 8310 Series are single channel configurations where RF signal is routed through either the front or rear mounted Ports A & B but can be configured for up to four channels of attenuation, RF switching, amplification or other functions. Multiple programmable attenuators can be used inconjuction with other coaxial devices such as switches, power combiners, directional couplers, and filters creating single or multichannel subsystems.

Multi-Channel 19" Rack Size Versions

Applications

Applications for the 8310 and 8311 Series range from providing control of a single Programmable Attenuator in a bench test/lab environment using a PC and a terminal emulator, to complex system applications where the 8310/8311 Series are employed to control many devices to create custom/ semi-custom subsystems to reduce overall design cost. Aeroflex / Weinschel can provide a variety of custom designed driver interfaces for various devices, such as RF switches, relays, pin attenuators, motorized step attenuators, displays, and other devices, as well as complete subsystem design and integration services. Contact us with your specialized needs.

For additional information on the Model 8310, visit our website @ www.aeroflex.com/AW/8310.htm

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Programmable Attenuators

Specifications

SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	
Input Power Requirements	ac	100 to 240 Vac, 50/60 Hz, 50 Watts
Environmental	Operating Temperature Storage Temperature: Humidity: Altitude:	0 to +50°C 67° to +167 °F (-55° to +75°C) 96% 40,000' (12,192M)
IEEE-488 Bus (1)	Connector: Protocols: Indicators:	24-pin per IEEE-488.1 per IEEE-488.2 Remote (RMT), Listen (LSN), Talk (TLK), SRQ (SRQ)
RS-232 Bus (2) **Serial I/O**	Connector: Signals: Baud Rates: Data Bits: Handshaking: Parity: Indicators:	9-pin male D TXD, RXD, RTS, CTS, DTR, GND 2400, 9600, 19200, and 38400 8 None, RTS/CTS, XON/XOFF None, Odd, Even Tx (Transmit) and Rx (Receive)
RS-422 BUS (3) **RS-485 Bus (4)**	Connector: Signals: Baud Rates: Data Bits: Handshaking: Parity: Indicators:	9-pin male D TXD+, TDX-, RXD+, RTX-, RTS+, RTS-, CTS+, CTS-, and signal GND 2400, 9600, 19200, and 38400 8 None, RTS/CTS, XON/XOFF None, Odd, Even Tx (Transmit) and Rx (Receive)
Ethernet TC/IP	10 Base T Connector: Console Connector:	Standard RJ45 9-pin male D
RF Characteristics(5)	See ordering guides (pg 128 through 130)	

1. GPIB/IEEE-488 model allows user-selectable addresses, Not included with Models with ethernet option.
2. RS-232 can be used with standard PC serial port for short and medium distances (up to approximately 50 ft).
3. RS-422, designed for very long distance communications (4000 ft) and & optimized as a single node protocol, typically with one device connected to a single port.
4. RS-485, designed for very long distance communications (4000 ft) & optimized for multi-drop connections that can used to create a low cost network.
5. Refer to Individual data sheet for detailed specifications on internal programmables.

Ordering Guide...8310 Series with 4200 Programmables

Model No	Attenuation Value (dB)	Frequency Range (GHz)	Insertion Loss (maximum)	SWR (Maximum)	No of Channels	Attenuator Model No.*	Connector Type**	Conn Location
8310-136-F	63.75/0.25	0.8-2.5	6.0	1.6	1	4228-63.75	N/F	Front
8310-136-R	63.75/0.25	0.8-2.5	6.0	1.6	1	4228-63.75	N/F	Rear
8310-136-2-F	63.75/0.25	0.8-2.5	6.0	1.6	2	4228-63.75	N/F	Front
8310-136-2-R	63.75/0.25	0.8-2.5	6.0	1.6	2	4228-63.75	N/F	Rear
8310-137-F	63/1	0.8-3.0	4.7	1.6	1	4226-63	N/F	Front
8310-137-R	63/1	0.8-3.0	4.7	1.6	1	4226-63	N/F	Rear
8310-137-2-F	63/1	0.8-3.0	4.7	1.6	2	4226-63	N/F	Front
8310-137-2-R	63/1	0.8-3.0	4.7	1.6	2	4226-63	N/F	Rear
8310-138-F	103/1	0.8-3.0	6.0	1.6	1	4228-103	N/F	Front
8310-138-R	103/1	0.8-3.0	6.0	1.6	1	4228-103	N/F	Rear
8310-138-2-F	103/1	0.8-3.0	6.0	1.6	2	4228-103	N/F	Front
8310-138-2-R	103/1	0.8-3.0	6.0	1.6	2	4228-103	N/F	Rear
8310-138-3-T	103/1	0.8-3.0	6.0	1.6	3	4228-103	N/F	Front/Rear
8310-138-4-T	103/1	0.8-3.0	6.0	1.6	4	4228-103	N/F	Front/Rear

* Refer to Individual data sheet for detailed specifications on internal programmables.
** Add Suffix S to end of Model number for SMA connectors. Add N to the end of the Model number for ethernet option, IEEE-488 bus not included.

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Ordering Guide...8310 Series with 3200 Programmables

Model No	Attenuation Value (dB)	Frequency Range (GHz)	Insertion Loss (maximum)	SWR (Maximum)	No of Channels	Attenuator Model No.*	Connector Type **	Conn Location
8310-35-F-E	127/1	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	1	3200T-1E	N/F	Front
8310-35-R-E	127/1	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	1	3200T-1E	N/F	Rear
8310-35-2-F-E	127/1	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	2	3200T-1E	N/F	Front
8310-35-2-R-E	127/1	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	2	3200T-1E	N/F	Rear
8310-35-3-T-E	127/1	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	3	3200T-1E	N/F	Front to Rear
8310-35-4-T-E	127/1	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	4	3200T-1E	N/F	Front to Rear
8310-36-F-E	64.5/0.1	dc-3.0	8.0 dB	1.4	1	3209T-1E	N/F	Front
8310-36-R-E	64.5/0.1	dc-3.0	8.0 dB	1.4	1	3209T-1E	N/F	Rear
8310-36-2-F-E	64.5/0.1	dc-3.0	8.0 dB	1.4	2	3209T-1E	N/F	Front
8310-36-2-R-E	64.5/0.1	dc-3.0	8.0 dB	1.4	2	3209T-1E	N/F	Rear
8310-36-3-T-E	64.5/0.1	dc-3.0	8.0 dB	1.4	3	3209T-1E	N/F	Front to Rear
8310-37-F_E	63.75/0.25	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	1	3200T-2E	N/F	Front
8310-37-R-E	63.75/0.25	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	1	3200T-2E	N/F	Rear
8310-37-2-F-E	63.75/0.25	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	2	3200T-2E	N/F	Front
8310-37-2-R-E	63.75/0.25	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	2	3200T-2E	N/F	Rear
8310-37-3-T-E	63.75/0.25	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	3	3200T-2E	N/F	Front to Rear
8310-37-4-T-E	63.75/0.25	dc-3.0	6.0 dB	1.4	4	3200T-2E	N/F	Front to Rear
8310-38-F-E	63/1	dc-3.0	5.25 dB	1.4	1	3206T-1E	N/F	Front
8310-38-R-E	63/1	dc-3.0	5.25 dB	1.4	1	3206T-1E	N/F	Rear
8310-38-2-F-E	63/1	dc-3.0	5.25 dB	1.4	2	3206T-1E	N/F	Front
8310-38-2-R-E	63/1	dc-3.0	5.25 dB	1.4	2	3206T-1E	N/F	Rear
8310-38-3-T-E	63/1	dc-3.0	5.25 dB	1.4	3	3206T-1E	N/F	Front to Rear
8310-38-4-T-E	63/1	dc-3.0	5.25 dB	1.4	4	3206T-1E	N/F	Front to Rear
8310-352-F	103/1	dc-6.0	6.00 dB	1.55	1	3408T-103	N/F	Front
8310-352-R	103/1	dc-6.0	6.00 dB	1.55	1	3408T-103	N/F	Rear
8310-352-2-F	103/1	dc-6.0	6.00 dB	1.55	2	3408T-103	N/F	Front
8310-352-2-R	103/1	dc-6.0	6.00 dB	1.55	2	3408T-103	N/F	Rear
8310-352-3-T	103/1	dc-6.0	6.00 dB	1.55	3	3408T-103	N/F	Front to Rear
8310-352-4-T	103/1	dc-6.0	6.00 dB	1.55	4	3408T-103	N/F	Front to Rear

Ordering Guide...8310 Series with 150 Programmables

Model No	Attenuation Value (dB)	Frequency Range (GHz)	Insertion Loss (maximum)	SWR (Maximum)	No of Channels	Attenuator Model No.*	Connector Type	Conn Location
8310-201-F	70/10	dc-18.0	3.25 dB	1.75	1	150T-70	SMA/F	Front
8310-201-R	70/10	dc-18.0	3.25 dB	1.75	1	150T-70	SMA/F	Rear
8310-201-2-F	70/10	dc-18.0	3.25 dB	1.75	2	150T-70	SMA/F	Front
8310-201-2-R	70/10	dc-18.0	3.25 dB	1.75	2	150T-70	SMA/F	Rear
8310-202-F	121/1	dc-18.0	5.25 dB	1.95	1	150T-11+150T-110	SMA/F	Front
8310-202-R	121/1	dc-18.0	5.25 dB	1.95	1	150T-11+150T-110	SMA/F	Rear
8310-204-F	62/2	dc-18.0	3.70 dB	1.95	1	150T-62	SMA/F	Front
8310-204-R	62/2	dc-18.0	3.70 dB	1.95	1	150T-62	SMA/F	Rear
8310-204-2-F	62/2	dc-18.0	3.70 dB	1.95	2	150T-62	SMA/F	Front
8310-204-2-R	62/2	dc-18.0	3.70 dB	1.95	2	150T-62	SMA/F	Rear

* Refer to Individual data sheet for detailed specifications on internal programmables.
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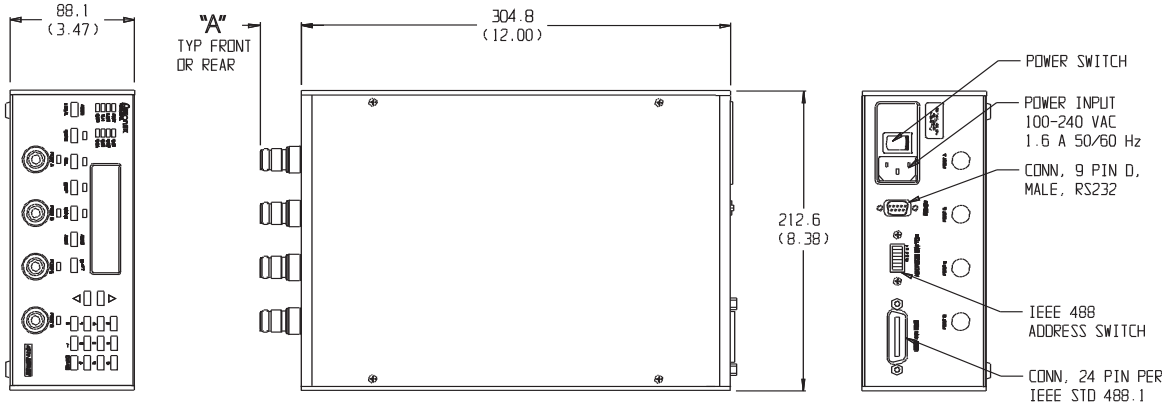
Ordering Guide...8311 Series!

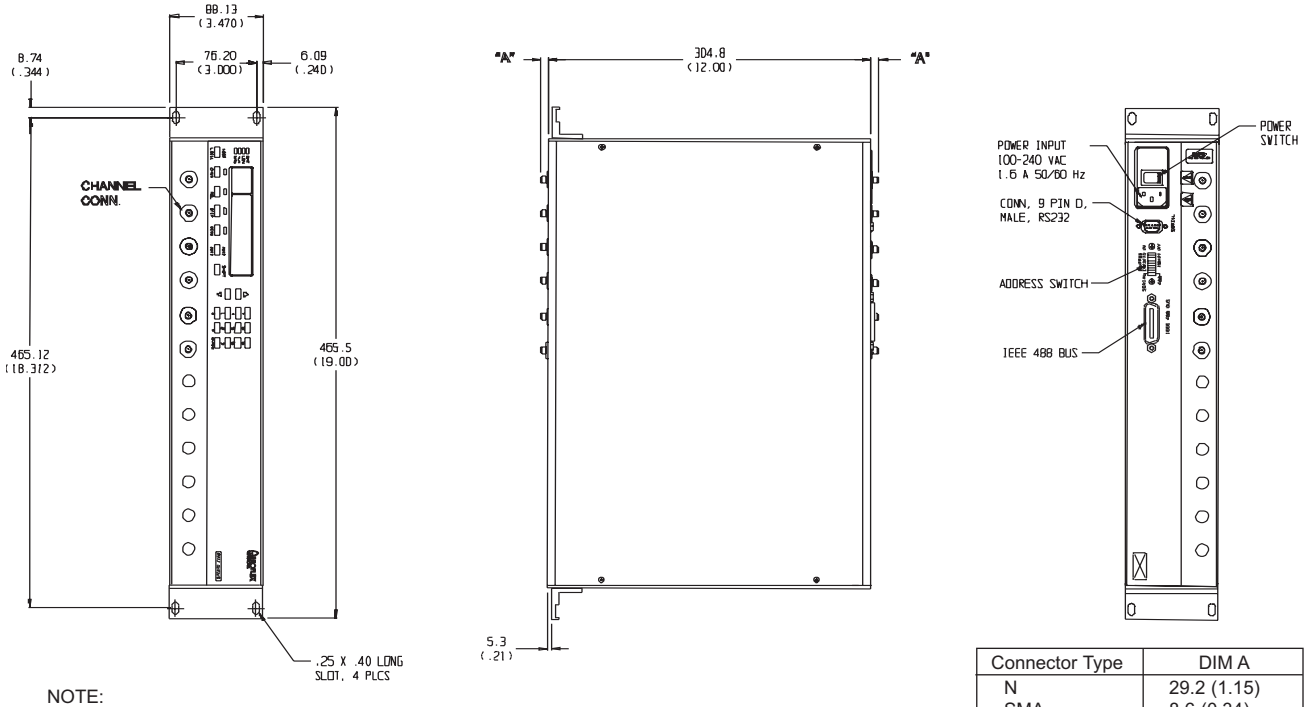
Model No	Attenuation Value (dB)	Frequency Range (GHz)	Insertion Loss (maximum)	SWR (Maximum)	No of Channels	Attenuator Model No.*	Connector Type	Conn Location
8311-38-6-F-E	63/1	dc-2.0	5.25 dB	1.40	6	3206T-1E	N/F	Front
8311-38-12-T-E	63/1	dc-2.0	5.25 dB	1.40	12	3206T-1E	N/F	Front-Rear
8311-137-6-F	63/1	0.8-3.0	4.70 dB	1.60	6	4226-63	N/F	Front
8311-202-2-F	121/1	dc-18.0	5.25 dB	1.95	2	150T-11+150T-110	SMA/F	Front
8311-202-3-F	121/1	dc-18.0	5.25 dB	1.95	3	150T-11+150T-110	SMA/F	Front
8311-204-6-F	62/2	dc-18.0	3.70 dB	1.95	6	150T-62	SMA/F	Front
8311-352-6-F	103/1	dc-6.0	6.00 dB	1.55	6	3408T-103	SMA/F	Front
8311-352-9-T	103/1	dc-6.0	6.00 dB	1.55	9	3408T-103	SMA/F	Front-Rear

Physical Dimensions

8310 Series:



8311 Series:



Connector Type	DIM A
N	29.2 (1.15)
SMA	8.6 (0.34)
BNC	18.8 (0.74)
F	9.65 (0.38)

NOTE:

1. All dimensions are given in mm (inches) and are maximum, unless otherwise specified.
2. Connector location (Front/Rear) may vary depending on Model ordered.

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Models 8320 & 8321 Programmable Attenuator Units

Local, Ethernet, USB & RS-232 Control

up to 26.5 GHz

NEW

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Model 8321

Model 8320

Features

- Provides a flexible, easy to program, low cost solution for your bench test/calibration setups and subsystem applications.
- Front panel local control and display make it ideal for lab and manual test environments.
- Relative vs. Nominal attenuation step function.
- Multi-Channel attenuation paths (up to 2 channels for 8320 & up to 12 channels for 8321)
- Relative vs. Nominal attenuation step function.
- Various Configurations, up to 26.5 GHz:
  - dc to 3, 6, 18 & 26.5 GHz
  - Attenuation ranges up to 127 dB
  - Solid-State (GaAs FET & PIN)
  - New MMIC switched digital attenuators
  - Relay Switched
- Accuracy & Repeatability.
- Designed to incorporate Aeroflex / Weinschel's line of digitally controlled programmable attenuators.
- Supplied with standard communication interfaces:
  - Ethernet (10/100 BaseT)
  - USB 2.0
  - RS-232 (Serial)
  - GPIB/IEEE-488 (HS-488 ready) optional
- Rack Configurable: Rack ears are supplied with Model 8321 Series units only.

Applications

Applications for the 8320 and 8321 Series range from providing control of a single Programmable Attenuator in a bench test/lab environment, to complex system applications where the 8320/8321 Series are employed inconjuction with many devices to create custom subsystems to reduce overall design cost. Multiple programmable attenuators can be used in conjuction with other coaxial devices such as switches, power combiners, directional couplers, and filters to create various multi-channel test configurations.

Control Software Included

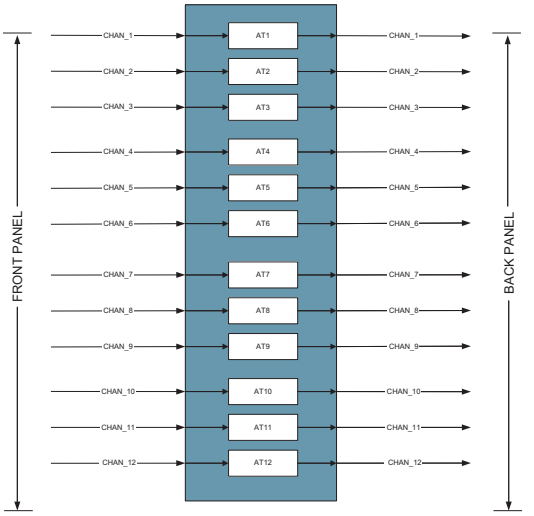
Aeroflex / Weinschel's Labview based Attenuator Control Center Software (ACCS) can be used in conjunction with the operation of the this series of programmable attenuator units and allows the user to setup, control and perform test and measurements over standard communication interfaces such as RS-232, USB, Ethernet or optional IEEE-488.

Description

Aeroflex / Weinschel's Model 8320 and 8321 Series Programmable Attenuator Units represent a new streamlined approach in programmable attenuation for bench test and subsystem applications. Standard 8320 and 8321 Series designs house and control various Aeroflex / Weinschel Programmable Attenuator Models (3200-XE, 3400, 150T, and 4200 Series) via front panel controls, ethernet, USB and Serial communications interfaces. A GPIB (IEEE-488) interface is also available as an option.

The 8320 series are single or dual channel configurations housed in half rack enclosures. The 8321 series are multi-channel configurations housed in 19 inch enclosures and can be configured for up to 12 attenuation channels. Both series can be configured for front or rear and through (front to rear) is only available for 8321 Series.

Aeroflex / Weinschel also provides custom subsystems where a variety of test configurations can be incorporated within a single unit. Contact us with your specialized needs.



Simplified 12 Channel Block Diagram

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Programmable Attenuators

Specifications

SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
Input Power Requirements	ac 100 to 240 Vac, 50/60 Hz, 180 Watts
Environmental	Operating Temperature 0° to +50°C Storage Temperature: -67° to +167 °F (-55° to +75°C) Humidity: 96% (non-condensing) Altitude: 40,000' (12,192M)
RS-232 Bus (1) **Serial I/O**	Connector: 9-pin male D Signals: TXD, RXD, RTS, CTS, GND Baud Rates: 9600 to 230400 Data Bits: 8 Handshaking: None, RTS/CTS Parity: None
USB 2.0	Connector: Mini B
Ethernet	10/100 Base T Connector: Standard RJ45
IEEE-488 Bus (2) (GPIB option)	Connector: 24-pin per IEEE-488.1 Protocols: per IEEE-488.2
RF Characteristics(3)	Refer to Configuration Matrix (pg 3)

1. RS-232 can be used with standard PC serial port for short and medium distances (up to approximately 50 ft.
2. GPIB/IEEE-488 model allows user-selectable addresses, (Not included on standard models, must be ordered as an option).
3. Refer to Individual data sheet for detailed specifications on internal programmables.

Model Number Configuration Matrix

8320 - XX - XX - X X G

- **8320** — Basic Model Number
- **XX** — Attenuator Designator (see page 3)
- **XX** — Number of Channels (01 to 02)**
- **X** — Connector Location**
  - F = Front
  - R = Rear
- **X** — Connector Type
  - S = SMA Female
  - N = N Female*
- **G** — GPIB (IEEE-488) Option
  - Blank = Not Installed
  - G = Installed

Example: 8320-M3-02-TS

* Not available for option DXX (152T Series)

** 1 Channel only for option C7 & D5

8321 - XX - XX - X X G

- **8321** — Basic Model Number
- **XX** — Attenuator Designator (see page 3)
- **XX** — Number of Channels (01 to 12)**
- **X** — Connector Location**
  - F = Front
  - R = Rear
  - T = Front - Rear
- **X** — Connector Type
  - S = SMA Female
  - N = N Female*
- **G** — GPIB (IEEE-488) Option
  - Blank = Not Installed
  - G = Installed

Example: 8321-B6-09-TS-G

* Not available for option DXX (152T Series)

** Up to 6 Channels for option F & R (Front or Rear)
Up to 10 Channels for option C & D (150T & 152T Series)
Up to 5 Channels for option C7 & D5

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Frequency Range	Attenuator Designation		Attenuator Model	Range (dB)	Step Size (dB)	Insertion Loss (maximum)	VSWR (maximum)	☑ RoHs
Electro-mechanical								
DC-3 GHz	A	1	3205-1E	70	10	3.75 dB	1.4	
		2	3205-2E	55	5	3.75 dB	1.4	
		3	3205-3E	1.5	0.1	3.75 dB	1.4	
		4	3201-1E	31	1	4.00 dB	1.4	
		5	3206-1E	63	1	4.25 dB	1.4	
		6	3200-1E	127	1	5.25 dB	1.4	
		7	3200-2E	63.75	0.25	5.25 dB	1.4	
		8	3209-1E	64.5	0.1	6.00 dB	1.4	
DC-6 GHz	B	1	3404-15	15	1	3.50 dB	1.55	
		2	3404-55	55	5	3.50 dB	1.55	
		3	3404-70	70	10	3.50 dB	1.55	
		4	3406-55	55	1	4.50 dB	1.55	
		5	3408-55.75	55.75	0.25	6.00 dB	1.55	
		6	3408-103	103	1	6.00 dB	1.55	
DC-18 GHz	C	1	150T-70	70	10	3.25 dB	1.75	✓
		2	150T-15	15	1	3.50 dB	1.95	✓
		3	150T-75	75	5	3.50 dB	1.95	✓
		4	150T-110	110	10	3.50 dB	1.95	✓
		5	150T-31	31	1	3.75 dB	1.95	✓
		6	150T-62	62	2	3.75 dB	1.95	✓
		7	150T-15 & 150T-110	125	1	5.25 dB	1.95	✓
DC-26.5 GHz	D	1	152AT-70	70	10	4.75 dB	1.95	✓
		2	152T-15	15	1	5.00 dB	1.95	✓
		3	152T-75	75	5	5.00 dB	1.95	✓
		4	152T-90	90	10	5.00 dB	1.95	✓
		5	152T-90 & 152T-15	105	1	6.50 dB	1.95	✓
Solid State								
0.8 to 2.5/3 GHz	J	1	4226-63	63	1	4.75 dB	1.6	
		2	4228-63.75	63.75	0.25	6.00 dB	1.6	
		3	4228-103	103	1	6.00 dB	1.6	
0.01 to 2.5 GHz	K	1	4238-63.75	63.75	0.25	10.00 dB	1.75	
		2	4238-103	103	1	10.00 dB	1.75	
0.01 to 2.5 GHz	L	1	4246-63	63	1	11.00 dB	2.0	
		2	4248-63.75	63.75	0.25	14.00 dB	2.0	
		3	4248-103	103	1	14.00 dB	2.0	
0.2 to 6 GHz	M	1	4205-31.5	31.5	0.5	4.00 dB	1.8	✓
		2	4205-63.5	63.5	0.5	6.00 dB	1.8	✓
		3	4205-95.5	95.5	0.5	8.50 dB	2.0	✓

☑ **RoHs** compliance dependent on attenuator installed. Some attenuators are NOT compliant.

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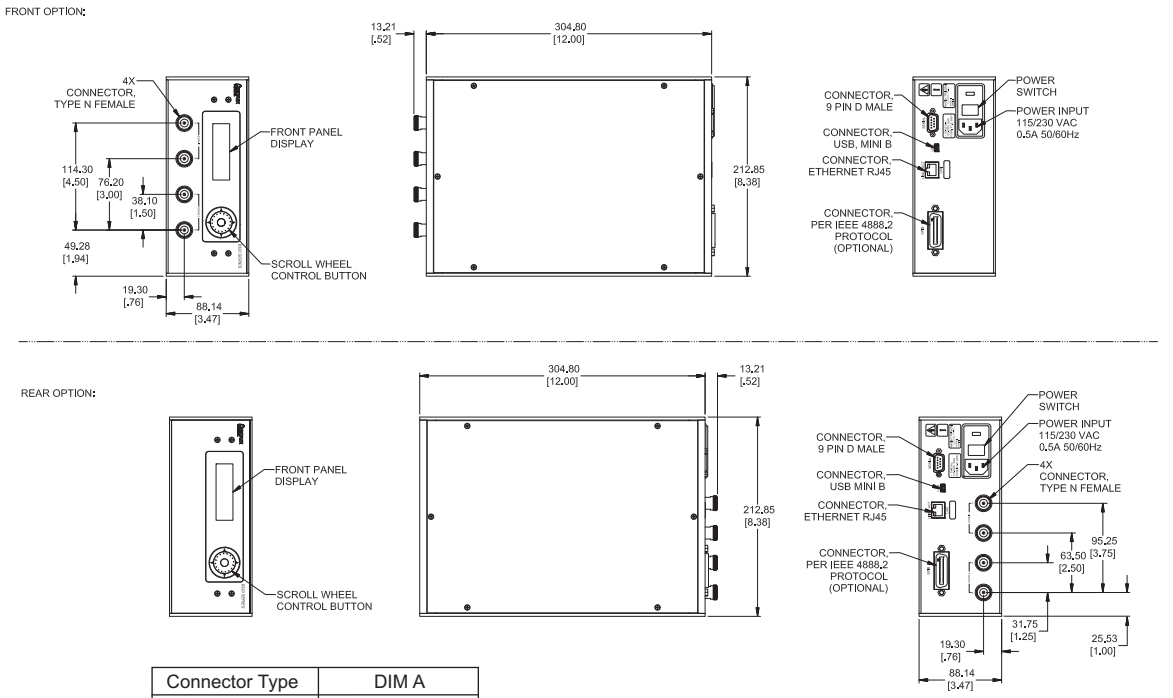
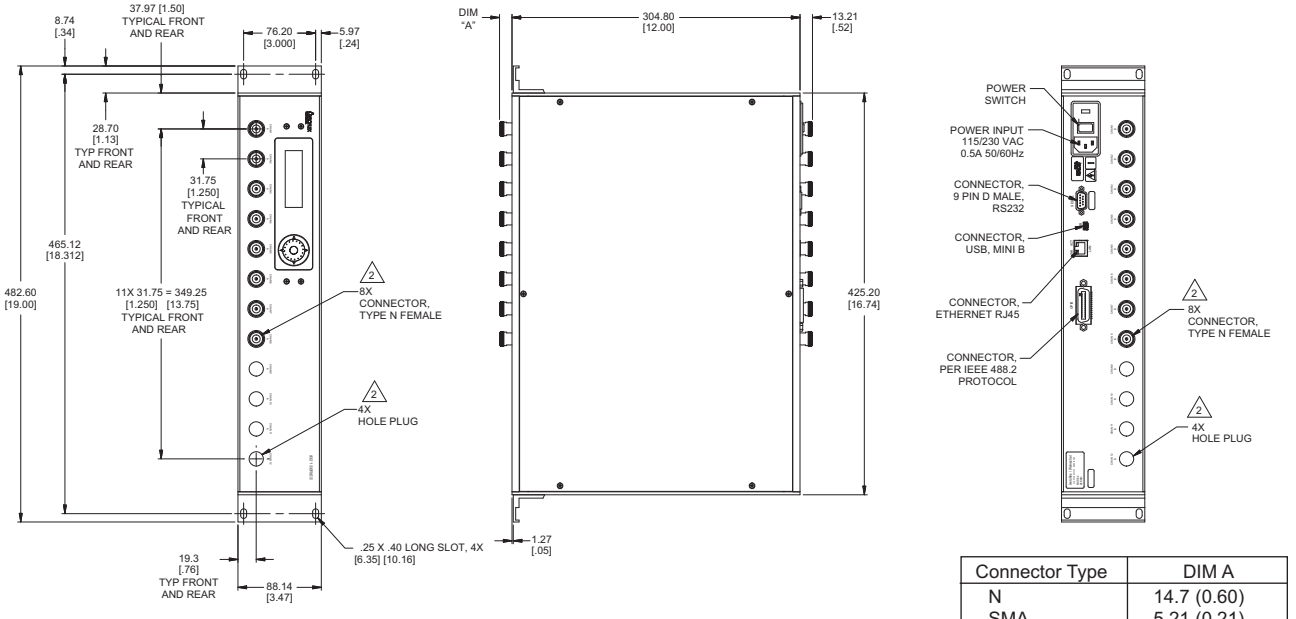
Physical Dimensions

Model 8320, Half Rack Unit, 1 or 2 channels:



Connector Type	DIM A
N	14.7 (0.60)
SMA	5.21 (0.21)

Model 8321, Standard 19 in Rack Unit up to 12 channels:



Connector Type	DIM A
N	14.7 (0.60)
SMA	5.21 (0.21)

NOTE:

1. All dimensions are given in mm (inches).
2. Connectors and hole plugs are installed as required and determined by number of channel in unit. 2 channel shown for Model 8320 and 8 channel unit shown for 8321.
3. Connector location (Front/Rear) may vary depending on Model ordered.

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Models 8331
Programmable Attenuator Unit
Ethernet, USB & RS-232 Control

up to 26.5 GHz

NEW

☑ RoHS

Features

- Provides a flexible, easy to program, low cost solution for your bench test/calibration setups and subsystem applications.
- Multi-Channel attenuation paths (up to 12 channels)
- Relative vs. Nominal attenuation step function.
- Various Configurations, up to 26.5 GHz:
  - dc to 3, 6, 18 & 26.5 GHz
  - up to 127 dB
  - Solid-State (GaAs FET & PIN)
  - New MMIC switched digital attenuators
  - Relay Switched
- Accuracy & Repeatability.
- Designed to incorporate Aeroflex / Weinschel's line of digitally controlled programmable attenuators.
- Designed to interface with industry standard communication interfaces:
  - RS-232 (Serial)
  - Ethernet (10/100 BaseT)
  - USB 2.0
- **Rack Configurable:** Rack ears are supplied with Model 8331 Series units.
- Ideal for Automated Test Equipment (ATE), WiMAX, 3G Fading Simulators, Engineering/Production Test Lab environments.

Applications

Designed with budget and performance concerns in mind, these devices offer superior RF characteristics suitable for automated bench testing in wireless backhaul, fading simulation, and other high performance wireless applications.

Control Software Included

Aeroflex / Weinschel's Labview based Attenuator Control Center Software (ACCS) can be used in conjunction with the operation of the this series of programmable attenuator units and allows the user to setup, control and perform test and measurements over standard communication interfaces such as RS-232, USB 2.0 or Ethernet.

Description

Aeroflex / Weinschel's New 8331 Series Programmable Attenuator Units offer a lower cost solution for automated bench test and subsystem applications. Standard 8331 Series designs house and control various Aeroflex / Weinschel Programmable Attenuator Models (3200-XE, 3400, 150T, and 4200 Series) via ethernet, USB 2.0 and Serial communications interfaces.

Most 8331 Series are multi-channel configurations where RF signal is routed through either the front or rear mounted Ports. This series can be configured for up to 12 independent channels of attenuation. Multiple programmable attenuators can be used in conjuction with other coaxial devices such as switches, power combiners, directional couplers, and filters creating various multichannel test configurations.

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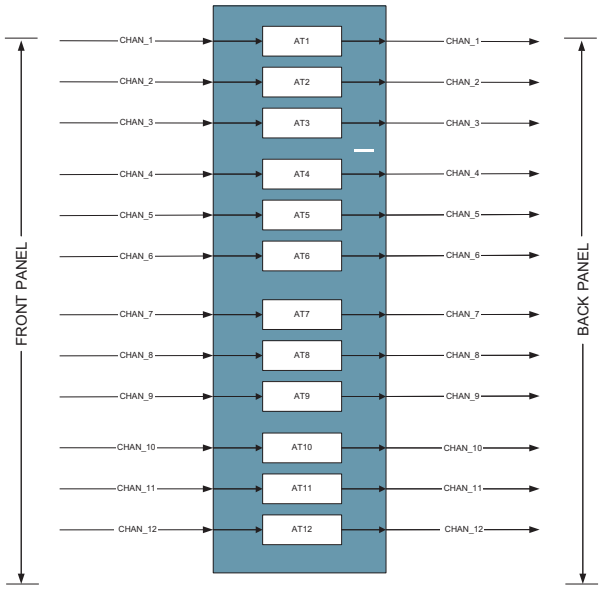

Simplified 12 Channel Block Diagram

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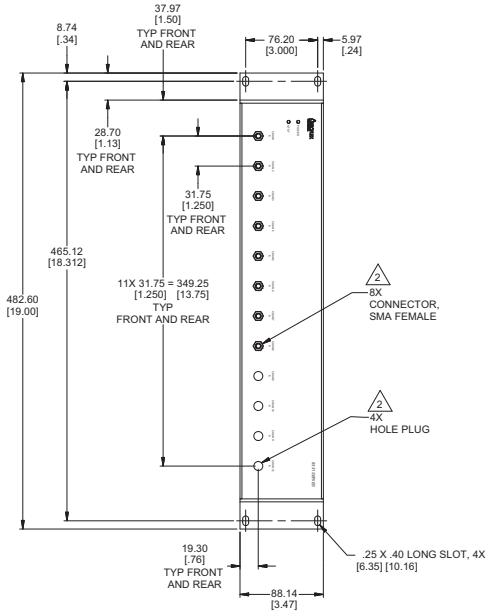
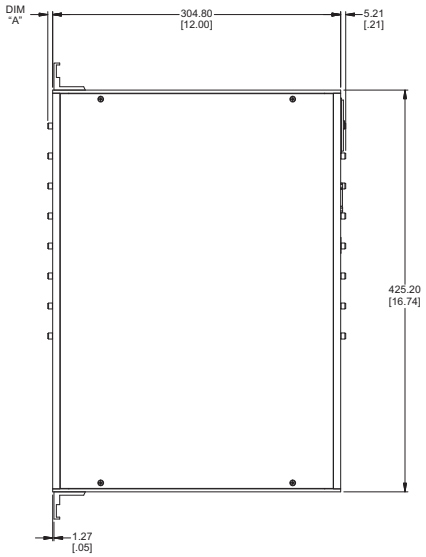
Specifications

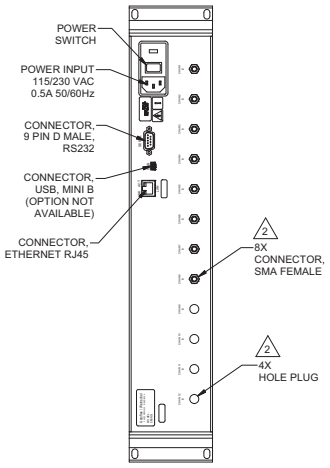
SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
Input Power Requirements	ac 100 to 240 Vac, 50/60 Hz, 180 Watts
Environmental	Operating Temperature 0° to +50°C Storage Temperature: -67° to +167 °F (-55° to +75°C) Humidity: 96% (non-condensing) Altitude: 40,000' (12,192M)
RS-232 Bus (1) **Serial I/O**	Connector: 9-pin male D Signals: TXD, RXD, RTS, CTS, GND Baud Rates: 9600 to 230400 Data Bits: 8 Handshaking: None, RTS/CTS Parity: None
USB 2.0	Connector: Mini B
Ethernet	10/100 Base T Connector: Standard RJ45
RF Characteristics(2)	Refer to Configuration Matrix (pg 254)

1. RS-232 can be used with standard PC serial port for short and medium distances (up to approximately 50 ft).
2. Refer to Individual data sheet for detailed specifications on internal programmables.

Physical Dimensions







Connector Type	DIM A
N	14.7 (0.60)
SMA	5.21 (0.21)

NOTE:

1. All dimensions are given in mm (inches).
2. Connectors and hole plugs are installed as required and determined by number of channel in unit. 8 channel unit shown
3. Connector location (Front/Rear) may vary depending on Model ordered.

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Model Number Configuration Matrix

8331 - XX - XX - X X

- 8331 — Basic Model Number
- XX — Attenuator Designator (see below)
- XX — Number of Channels (01 to 12)**
- X — Connector Location**
  - F = Front
  - R = Rear
  - T = Front - Rear
- X — Connector Type
  - S = SMA Female
  - N = N Female*

Example: 8331-M3-09-TS

* Not available for option DXX (152T Series)

** Up to 6 Channels for option F & R (Front or Rear)
Up to 10 Channels for option C & D (150T & 152T Series)
Up to 5 Channels for option C7 & D5

Frequency Range	Attenuator Designation		Attenuator Model	Range (dB)	Step Size (dB)	Insertion Loss (maximum)	VSWR (maximum)	☑ RoHs
Electro-mechanical								
DC-3 GHz	A	1	3205-1E	70	10	3.75 dB	1.4	
		2	3205-2E	55	5	3.75 dB	1.4	
		3	3205-3E	1.5	0.1	3.75 dB	1.4	
		4	3201-1E	31	1	4.00 dB	1.4	
		5	3206-1E	63	1	4.25 dB	1.4	
		6	3200-1E	127	1	5.25 dB	1.4	
		7	3200-2E	63.75	0.25	5.25 dB	1.4	
		8	3209-1E	64.5	0.1	6.00 dB	1.4	
DC-6 GHz	B	1	3404-15	15	1	3.50 dB	1.55	
		2	3404-55	55	5	3.50 dB	1.55	
		3	3404-70	70	10	3.50 dB	1.55	
		4	3406-55	55	1	4.50 dB	1.55	
		5	3408-55.75	55.75	0.25	6.00 dB	1.55	
		6	3408-103	103	1	6.00 dB	1.55	
DC-18 GHz	C	1	150T-70	70	10	3.25 dB	1.75	✓
		2	150T-15	15	1	3.50 dB	1.95	✓
		3	150T-75	75	5	3.50 dB	1.95	✓
		4	150T-110	110	10	3.50 dB	1.95	✓
		5	150T-31	31	1	3.75 dB	1.95	✓
		6	150T-62	62	2	3.75 dB	1.95	✓
		7	150T-15 & 150T-110	125	1	5.25 dB	1.95	✓
DC-26.5 GHz	D	1	152AT-70	70	10	4.75 dB	1.95	✓
		2	152T-15	15	1	5.00 dB	1.95	✓
		3	152T-75	75	5	5.00 dB	1.95	✓
		4	152T-90	90	10	5.00 dB	1.95	✓
		5	152T-90 & 152T-15	105	1	6.50 dB	1.95	✓
Solid State								
0.8 to 2.5/3 GHz	J	1	4226-63	63	1	4.75 dB	1.6	
		2	4228-63.75	63.75	0.25	6.00 dB	1.6	
		3	4228-103	103	1	6.00 dB	1.6	
0.01 to 2.5 GHz	K	1	4238-63.75	63.75	0.25	10.00 dB	1.75	
		2	4238-103	103	1	10.00 dB	1.75	
0.01 to 2.5 GHz	L	1	4246-63	63	1	11.00 dB	2.0	
		2	4248-63.75	63.75	0.25	14.00 dB	2.0	
		3	4248-103	103	1	14.00 dB	2.0	
0.2 to 6 GHz	M	1	4205-31.5	31.5	0.5	4.00 dB	1.8	✓
		2	4205-63.5	63.5	0.5	6.00 dB	1.8	✓
		3	4205-95.5	95.5	0.5	8.50 dB	2.0	✓

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Model 8334
Attenuator Profile Simulator Unit
Ethernet, USB & RS232 Control

up to 6.0 GHz

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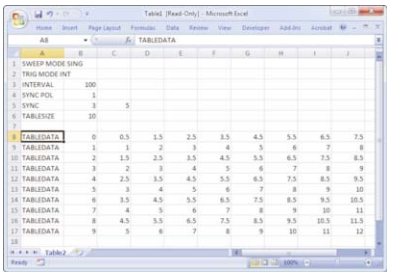


Features

- Programmable attenuation update rates from 100 µsec per point to 1 sec per point in 100 µsec intervals
- External TTL trigger (with programmable polarity) allows for synchronization with other external hardware
- Various TTL status outputs (Running, Programmable Sync, and Interval Update) for monitoring a profile
- Supplied with industry standard communication interfaces:
  - RS-232 (Serial)
  - Ethernet Control (10/100 BaseT)
  - USB 2.0
- Rack Configurable: Rack ears are supplied.

Description

Aeroflex / Weinschel's 8334 Series of Attenuation Profile Simulators provide multi-channel high-speed attenuation control with synchronous output update capability. The unit allows for programming of up to 128K (131072) attenuation data points per attenuator and sweeping through those data points at user-programmable intervals from 100us to 1sec per point. The system provides for non-volatile storage of up to four data point tables which may be later recalled under user control. Status and control TTL signals are available for external monitoring and sweep control via a rear-panel DE9 connector.

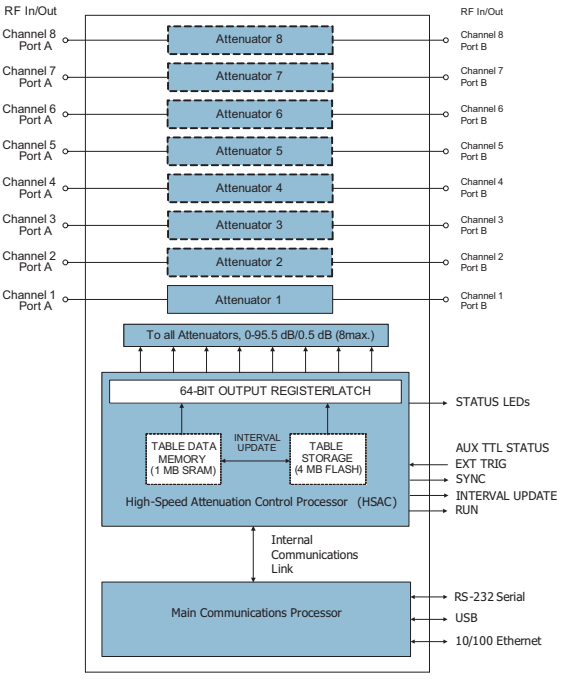
The 8334 Series are multi-channel configurations housed in 19 inch enclosures and can be configured for up to 8 attenuation channels. This series can be configured for front, rear or through (front to rear) RF signal routing.

Aeroflex / Weinschel also provides custom subsystems where a variety of test configurations can be incorporated within a single unit. Contact us with your specialized needs.

Applications

Applications for the 8334 Series include:

- Simulate path loss on each channel or mobility scenarios between a handset and multiple base stations
- Create arbitrary, synchronous attenuation profiles with timing skews of <10 nsec between channels to replicate precision fading and handover scenarios
- Generate coherent, multi-channel pulsed RF outputs for a given attenuation level



Simplified 8 Channel Block Diagram

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Specifications

SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
Input Power Requirements	ac 100 to 240 Vac, 50/60 Hz, 180 Watts
Environmental	Operating Temperature 0° to +50°C Storage Temperature: -40° to +167 °F (-40° to +75°C) Humidity: 96% (non-condensing) Altitude: 40,000' (12,192M)
RS-232 Bus (1) **Serial I/O**	Connector: 9-pin male D Signals: TXD, RXD, RTS, CTS, GND Baud Rates: 9600 to 230400 Data Bits: 8 Handshaking: None, RTS/CTS
AUX	Connector: 9-pin male D Signals: SYNC, EXT TRIG, INTERVAL UPDATE, RUN, GND
USB 2.0	Connector: Mini B
Ethernet	10/100 Base T Connector: Standard RJ45
RF Characteristics(3)	Refer to Configuration Matrix (below)

1. RS-232 can be used with standard PC serial port for short and medium distances (up to approximately 50 ft.
2. Refer to Individual data sheet for detailed specifications on internal programmables.

Model Number Configuration Matrix

8334 - M3 - XX - X N

- 8334 — Basic Model Number
- M3 — Attenuator Designator
- XX — Number of Channels (01 to 08)
- X — Connector Location
  - F = Front *
  - R = Rear *
  - T = Thru
- N — Connector Type
  - N = N Female

* up to 6 Channel units only available for option F & R

Example: 8334-M3-08-TN

Solid State (Only)								
Frequency Range	**Attenuator Designation**		**Attenuator Model**	**Range (dB)**	**Step Size (dB)**	**Insertion Loss (maximum)**	**VSWR (maximum)**	**☑ RoHs**
0.2 to 6 GHz	M	3	4205-95.5	95.5	0.5	8.50 dB	2.0	✓

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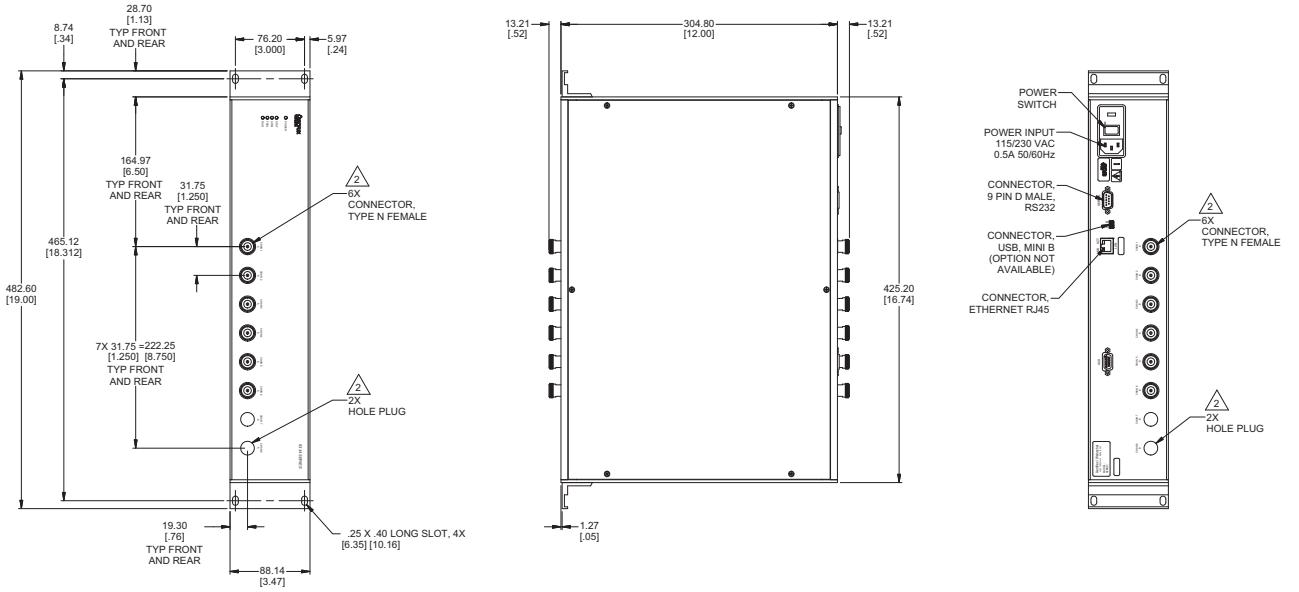
Physical Dimensions

Standard 19 in Rack Unit up to 8 channels:



NOTE:

1. All dimensions are given in mm (inches).
2. Connectors and hole plugs are installed as required and determined by number of channel in unit. Six channel unit shown.
3. Connector location (Front/Rear) may vary depending on Model ordered.

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Model 8312
High Power Programmable Attenuator

IEEE-488

RS232\RS422

100 Watt Hot Switching Capability

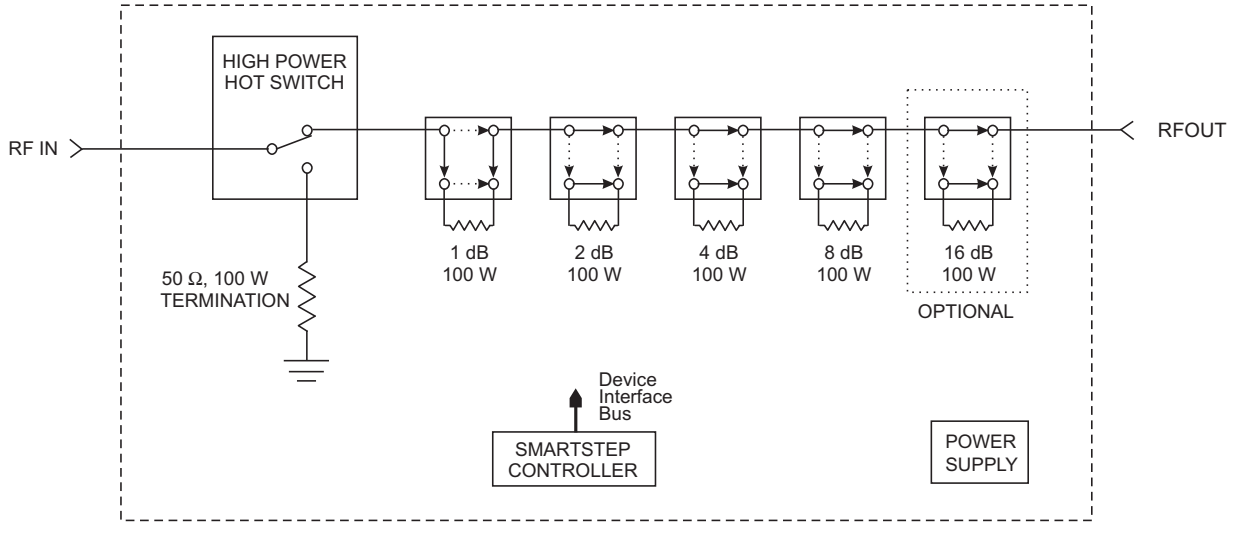
Description

Aeroflex / Weinschel's design approach uses a highly adaptable platform that allows configuration of the step attenuator to the customers requirements. When the controller requests a new attenuation level the input switch terminates the input signal into a 50 Ohm load. (See Figure 1) This input switch is **hot switchable at 100 Watts** of input power. This will remove the high power signal from the main signal path. With no signal connected to the attenuator path the controller then commands the series of relays to configure the attenuator for the requested attenuation value. Then the input switch re-connects the input signal to the attenuator path. The system can be operated with either a remote controller (IEEE-488 or RS-232) or through front panel control.

Features

- Available in 0-15 dB or 0-31 dB Configurations.
- Provides a flexible, easy to program, low cost solution for your bench test/calibration setups and subsystem applications.
- Relative vs. Nominal attenuation step function.
- DC to 13.0 GHz Operation.
- High Accuracy & Repeatability.
- Power Handling up to 100 Watts average
- Designed to interface with industry standard communication interfaces:

  - GPIB/IEEE-488 (HS-488 ready)
  - RS-232, RS-422
- Built-in monitoring for switching input power into the load in case of fan failure.
- **Rack Configurable:** A Rack Mounting Kit is included for easily mounting the Model 8312 into any rack or cabinet that is designed per EIA RS-310 or MIL-STD-189.



Note: If power failure should occur, the unit will remain in the last selected attenuation state.

Figure 1. Model 8312 Block Diagram

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Specifications

SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
Input Power Requirements	AC 100 to 240 Vac, 50/60 Hz, 50 Watts
Environmental	Operating Temperature 0 to +50°C Storage Temperature: 67° to +167 °F (-55° to +75°C) Humidity: 96% Altitude: 40,000' (12,192M)
IEEE-488 Bus	Connector: 24-pin per IEEE-488.1 Protocols: per IEEE-488.2 Indicators: Remote (RMT), Listen (LSN), Talk (TLK), SRQ (SRQ)
RS-232 Bus	Connector: 9-pin male D Signals: TXD, RXD, RTS, CTS, DTR, GND Baud Rates: 2400, 9600, 19200, and 38400 Data Bits: 8 Handshaking: None, RTS/CTS, XON/XOFF Parity: None, Odd, Even Indicators: Tx (Transmit) and Rx (Receive)
RS-422 BUS(3)	Connector: 9-pin male D Signals: TXD+, TDX-, RXD+, RTX-, RTS+, RTS-, CTS+, CTS- and signal GND Baud Rates: 2400, 9600, 19200, and 38400 Data Bits: 8 Handshaking: None, RTS/CTS, XON/XOFF Parity: None, Odd, Even Indicators: Tx (Transmit) and Rx (Receive)
RF Characteristics(4)	Connectors: Type N, Female Frequency Range: dc - 13 GHz Impedance: 50 Ω SWR: 50 MHz - 5 GHz: 1.60 (Maximum) 5 GHz - 13 GHz: 2.30 (Maximun) Attenuation Range: 15 dB/1 dB steps (8312-15-F) 31 dB/1 dB steps (8312-31-F) RF Power Rating: 50 MHz - 5 GHz: 100 Watts (Maximum) 5 GHz - 13 GHz: 50 Watts (Maximum) Attenuation Settings: 100, 000 selections (minimum) Attenuation Update Rate: 1 second (Typical) Incremental Accuracy: Frequency / 1-15 dB / 16-31 dB 50 MHz - 3 GHz: ±0.6 dB / ±0.8 dB 3 GHz - 5 GHz: ±0.6 dB / ±0.8 dB 5 GHz - 13 GHz: ±2.5 dB / ±3.0 dB Insertion Loss (dB): Frequency Range / 8312-15-X / 8312-31-X 50 MHz - 3 GHz: 3.0 / 3.5 3 GHz - 5 GHz: 4.0 / 4.5 5 GHz - 13 GHz: 7.0 / 8.0

1. GPIB/IEEE-488 model allows user-selectable addresses.
2. RS-232 can be used with standard PC serial port for short and medium distances (up to approximately 50 ft).
3. RS-422, designed for very long distance communications (4000 ft) and & optimized as a single node protocol, typically with one device connected to a single port.
4. Refer to Individual data sheet for detailed specifications on internal programmables.

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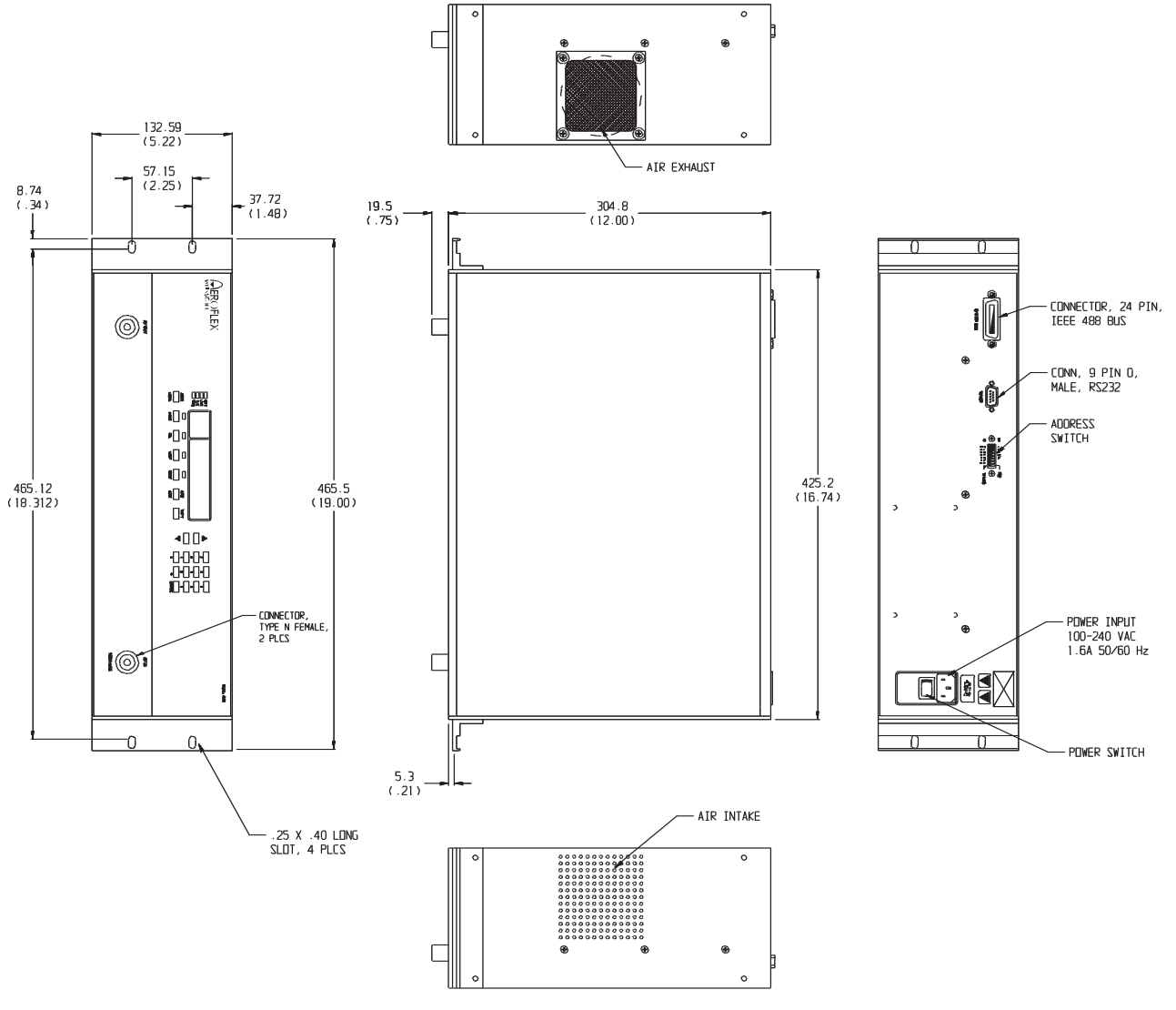

NOTE: All dimensions are given in mm (inches) and are maximum, unless otherwise specified.

MODEL NUMBER DESCRIPTION:

Example:

8312 - XX - X

Basic Model Number	Attenuation Value (dB)*	Connector Location F = Front R = Rear

* Available in 0-15 dB and 0-31 dB configurations only!

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Model 8210A
SmartStep® Programmable Attenuator/ Switch Controller

IEEE-488

RS232\RS422/RS485

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A Logical Interface for Switchable Devices!

Features

- Provides a flexible, powerful, low cost solution for bus control of programmable step attenuators and other switchable devices under computer control.
- Designed to interface with Aeroflex / Weinschel's line of intelligent programmable attenuators and other electromechanical devices.
- Simplifies your bench test setups and subsystem design.
- Available in two standard communication interfaces:
  - Model 8210A-1: GPIB/IEEE-488 (HS-488 ready)
  - Model 8210A-2: RS-232, RS-422, RS-485

Description

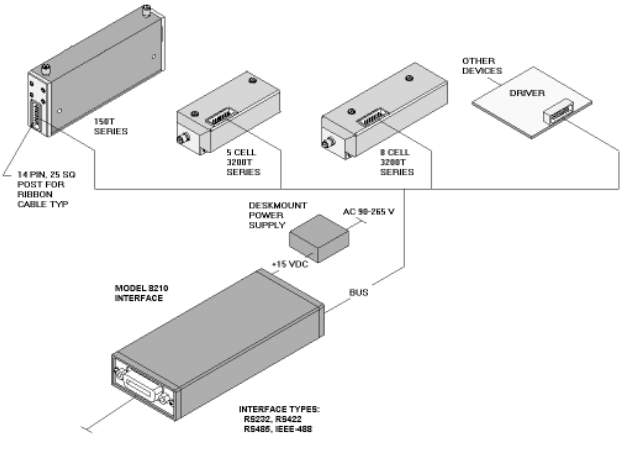
Model 8210A represents a new concept in device control applications and provides a high level interface from various industry standard communications interfaces to the serial Driver Interface Bus.

The Device Interface Bus (DIB) is a system for connecting a number of relatively low-speed I/O devices to a host, providing a simple, uniform and inexpensive way to control a variety of devices via a single port. The DIB is based on the two-wire serial bus and several software protocol layers that allow the Model 8210A to address up to 125 peripheral devices with serial data rates of up to 100 KHz. The DIB may also be used to supply DC power to the devices, resulting in a simple, low-cost interconnection system.

This Programmable attenuator/switch controller is available in two models, each providing a different type of communications interface to suit user configuration requirements. Each model contains similar capabilities, and provides switch-selectable parameters to the interfaces' operation.

Applications

Applications for the 8210A range from providing control of a single Programmable Attenuator in a bench test/lab environment using a PC and a terminal emulator, to complex system applications where the 8210A is employed to control many devices to create custom/semi-custom subsystems to reduce overall design cost. Aeroflex / Weinschel can provide a variety of custom designed driver interfaces for various devices, such as RF switches, relays, PIN attenuators, displays and other devices, as well as complete subsystem design and integration services. Contact us with your specialized needs.



Typical Capacity: Control a subsystem consisting of 32 individual 8-cell programmable attenuators plus 16 DPDT switches.

Accessories:

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
001-378	Deskmount Power Supply, +15 V 95-250 Vac, 47-63 Hz ac input
193-8013	Interconnect Cable
193-8012	Attenuator Mounting Kit: This kit includes all hardware to allow the user to mount one attenuator onto the Model 8210A

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Specifications

SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	
DC Input	Connector:	2.5mm barrel style
	Requirements:	+12 to +15 Vdc @ 250 mA
Driver Interface	Connector:	14-pin 0.025" square post header @ 0.1" centers. Mates with AMP 746285-2 or equivalent.
	Signals :	SDA serial data SDC serial clock VDC DC supply voltage GND ground
	VDC Output Current:	2 A maximum
	Maximum Cable Length:	10 Meters (1000 pF maximum capacitance)
	Data Transfer Rate:	100 KHz
Environmental	Operating Temperature:	0 to +50°C
	Storage Temperature:	-55° to +75°C (67° to +167°F)
	Humidity:	95%
	Altitude:	40,000' (12,192M)
IEEE-488 Bus(1)	Connector:	24-pin per IEEE-488.1
	Protocols:	per IEEE-488.2
	Indicators:	Remote, Listen
RS-232 Bus(2)	Connector:	9-pin male D
	Signals:	TXD, RXD, RTS, CTS, DTR, GND
	Baud Rates:	2400, 9600, and 19200, 38400
	Data Bits:	8
	Handshaking:	None, RTS/CTS, XON/XOFF
	Parity:	None, Odd, Even
	Indicators:	Tx (Transmit) and Rx (Receive Active)
RS-422 Bus(3) & RS-485 Bus(4)	Connector:	9-pin male D(Model 8210-2)
	Signals:	TXD+, TDX-, RXD+, RTX-, RTS+, RTS-, CTS+, CTS-, & signal GND
	Baud Rates:	2400, 9600, and 19200, 38400
	Data Bits:	8
	Handshaking:	None, RTS/CTS, XON/XOFF
	Parity:	None, Odd, Even
	Indicators:	Tx (Transmit) and Rx (Receive Active)

Notes:
1. GPIB/IEEE-488 model allows user-selectable addresses.
2. RS-232 can be used with standard PC serial port for short and medium distances (up to approximately 50 ft).
3. RS-422, designed for very long distance communications (4000 ft) & optimized as a single node protocol, typically with one device connected to a single port.
4. RS-485, designed for very long distance communications (4000 ft) & optimized for multi-drop connections that can used to create a low cost network.

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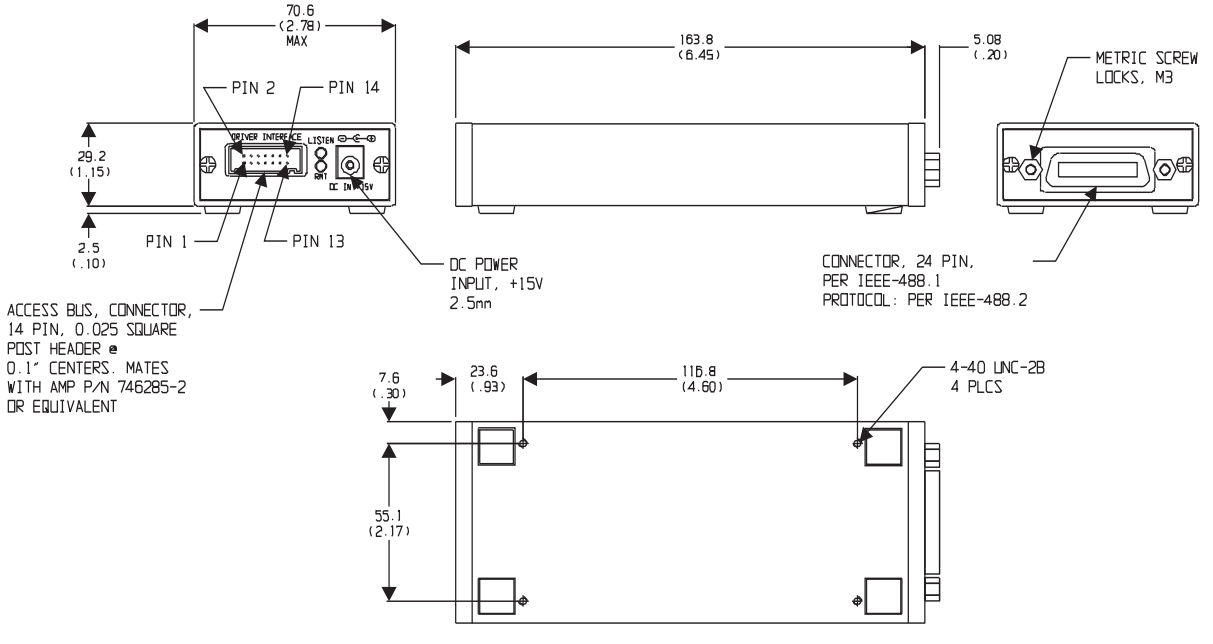
Physical Dimensions

Model 8210A-1 (IEEE-488):



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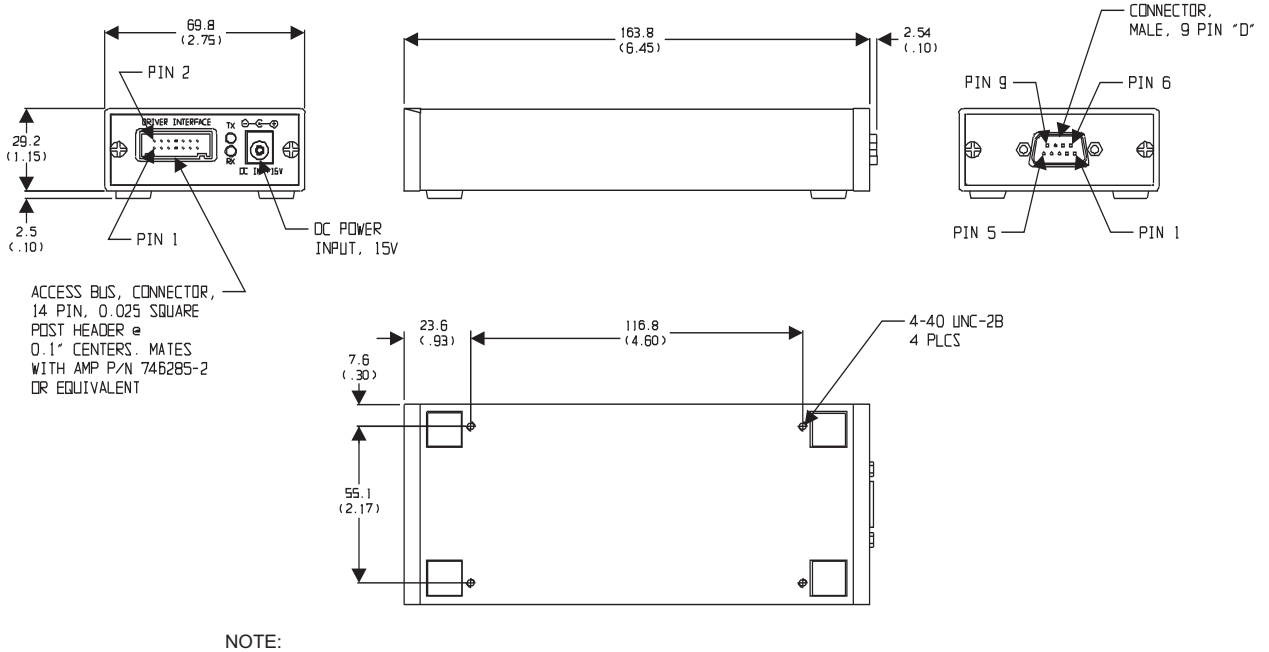

NOTE:

1. All dimensions are given in mm (inches) and are maximum, unless otherwise specified.
2. Unit weight: 318 g (11.2 oz)

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