



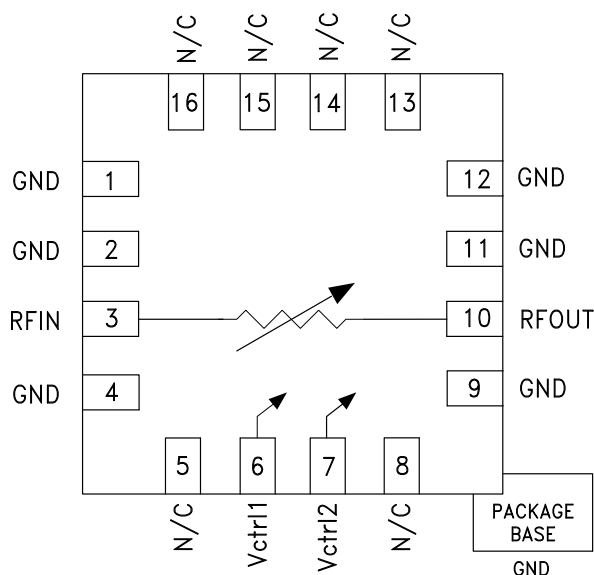
GaAs MMIC VOLTAGE-VARIABLE ATTENUATOR, 5 - 26.5 GHz

Typical Applications

The HMC712LP3CE is ideal for:

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

Functional Diagram



Features

- Wide Bandwidth: 5 - 26.5 GHz
- Excellent Linearity: +28 dBm Input P1dB
- Wide Attenuation Range: 28 dB
- Absorptive Topology
- Singe or Dual Control Operation
- 16 Lead 3x3mm SMT Package: 9mm²

General Description

The HMC712LP3CE is an absorptive Voltage Variable Attenuator (VVA) which operates from 5 - 26.5 GHz and is ideal in designs where an analog DC control signal must be used to control RF signal levels over a 28 dB amplitude range. It features two shunt-type attenuators which are controlled by two analog voltages, Vctrl1 and Vctrl2. Optimum linearity performance of the attenuator is achieved by first varying Vctrl1 of the 1st attenuation stage from -3V to 0V with Vctrl2 fixed at -3V. The control voltage of the 2nd attenuation stage, Vctrl2, should then be varied from -3V to 0V, with Vctrl1 fixed at 0V. The HMC712LP3CE is housed in a RoHS compliant 3x3 mm QFN leadless package

However, if the Vctrl1 and Vctrl2 pins are connected together it is possible to achieve the full analog attenuation range with only a small degradation in input IP3 performance. Applications include AGC circuits and temperature compensation of multiple gain stages in microwave point-to-point and VSAT radios.

Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, 50 Ohm system

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Insertion Loss		3.5		dB
		4.5		dB
		5.5		dB
Attenuation Range		28		dB
Input Return Loss		12		dB
Output Return Loss		10		dB
Input Power for 1 dB Compression (any attenuation)		28		dBm
Input Third Order Intercept (Two-tone Input Power = 10 dBm Each Tone)		32		dBm

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EVALUATION KITS

- HMC712LP3CE Evaluation Board

DOCUMENTATION

Data Sheet

- HMC712 Die Data Sheet
- HMC712LP3CE Data Sheet

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Quality Documentation

- Package/Assembly Qualification Test Report: 16L 3x3mm QFN Package (QTR: 11003 REV: 02)
- Package/Assembly Qualification Test Report: LP2, LP2C, LP3, LP3B, LP3C, LP3D, LP3F, LP3G (QTR: 2014-0364)
- Semiconductor Qualification Test Report: MESFET-F (QTR: 2013-00247)

DESIGN RESOURCES

- HMC712 Material Declaration
- PCN-PDN Information
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- Symbols and Footprints

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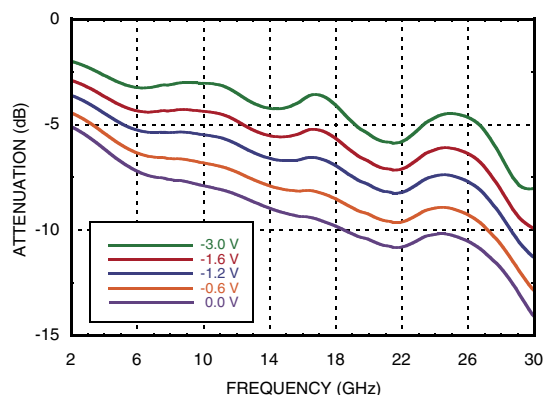
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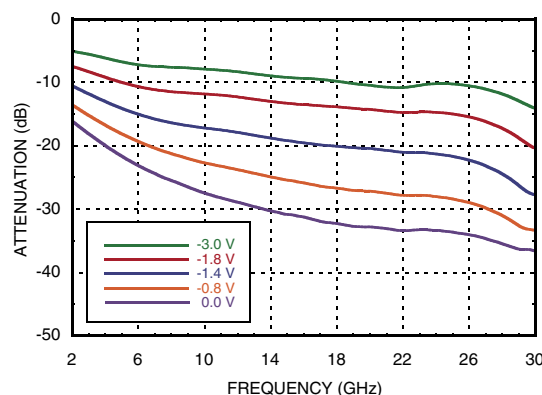


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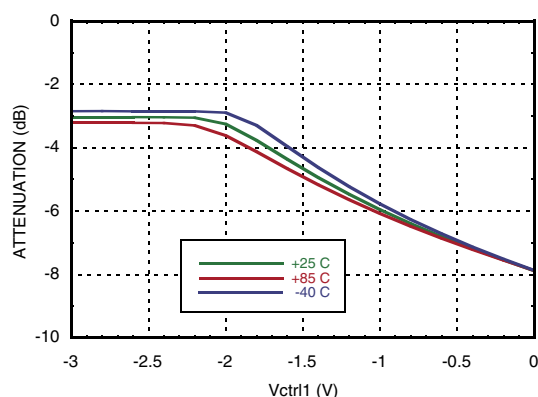
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Vctrl1 = Variable, Vctrl2 = -3V



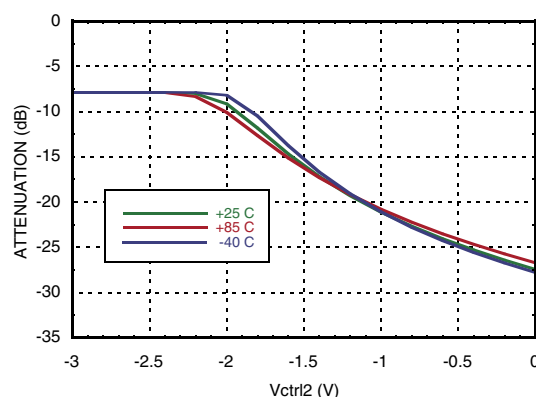
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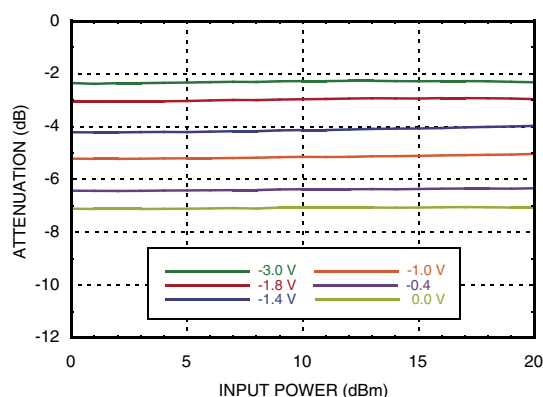
Attenuation vs. Vctrl1
Over Temperature @ 10 GHz, Vctrl2 = -3V



Attenuation vs. Vctrl2
Over Temperature @ 10 GHz, Vctrl1 = 0V



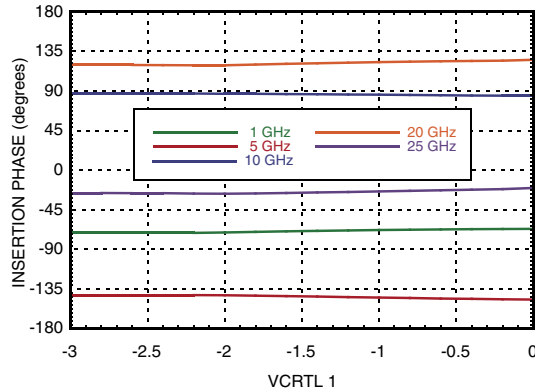
Attenuation vs. Pin @ 10 GHz
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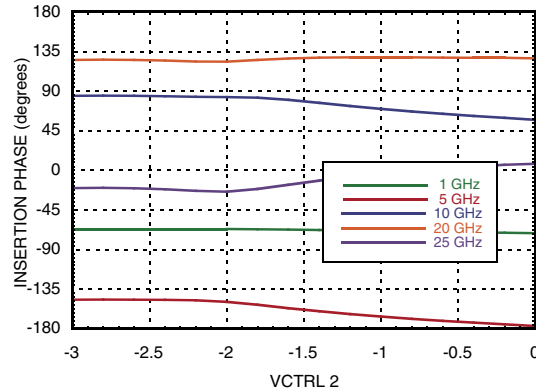


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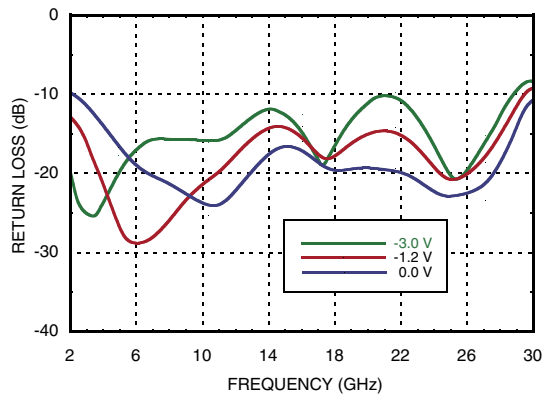
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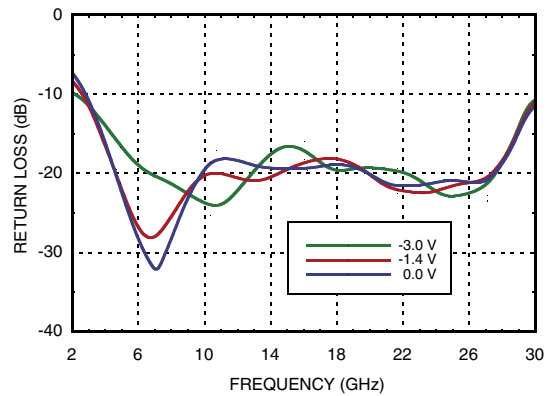
Insertion Phase vs. V_{ctrl2} , $V_{ctrl1} = 0V$



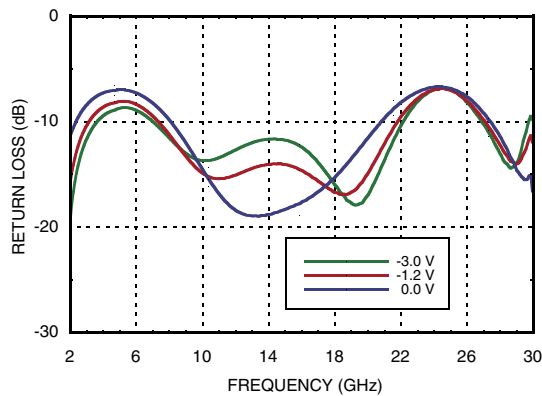
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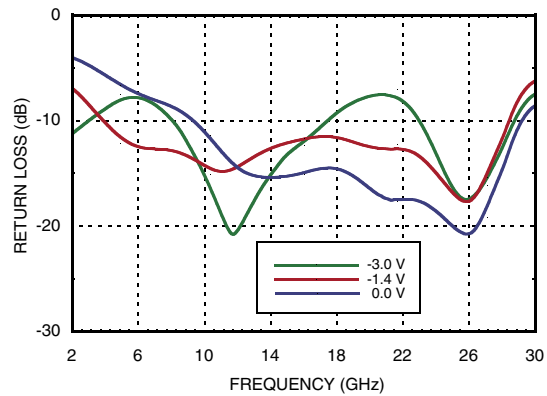
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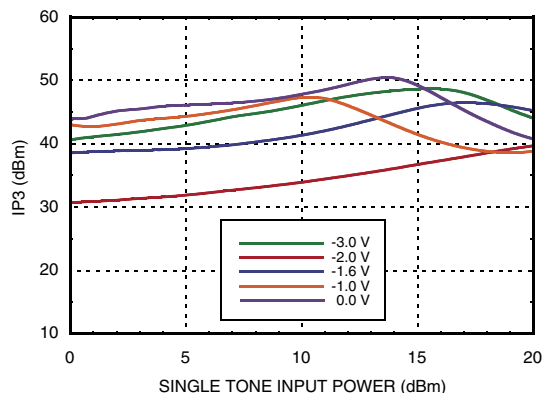
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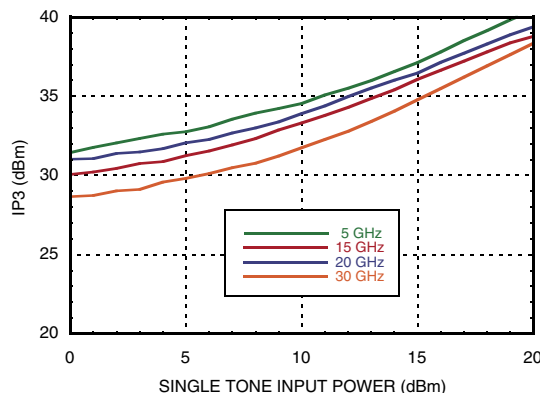


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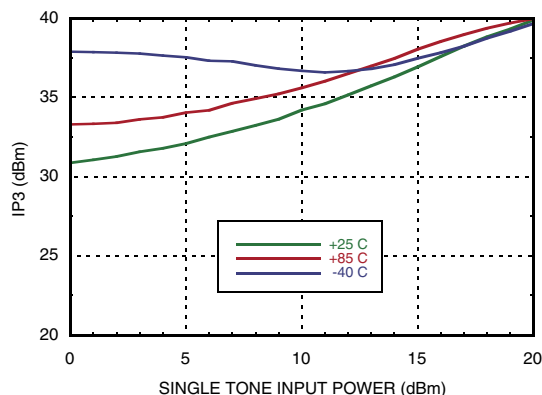
Input IP3 vs Input Power @ 10 GHz
Vctrl1 = Variable, Vctrl2 = -3V



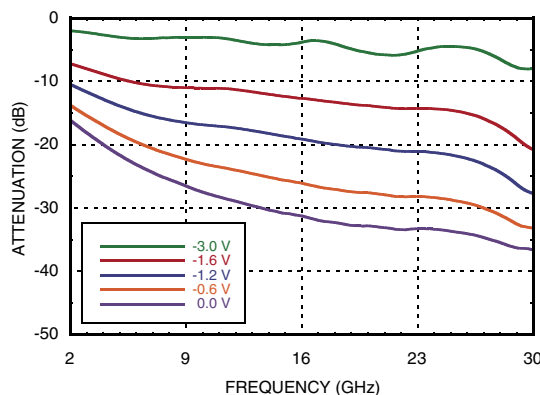
Input IP3 vs. Input Power Over Frequency
Vctrl1 = -2.0V, Vctrl2 = -3V (Worst Case IP3)



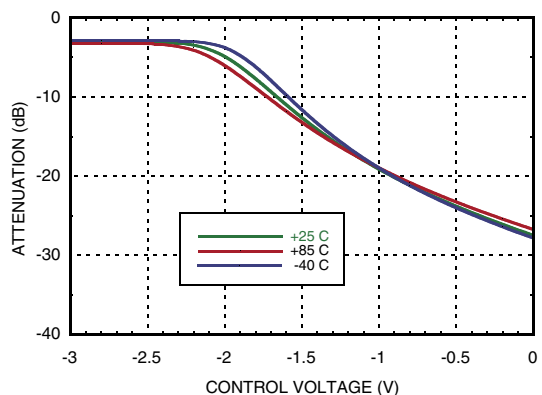
Input IP3 vs. Input Power Over Temperature
@ 10 GHz, Vctrl1 = -2.0V, Vctrl2 = -3V



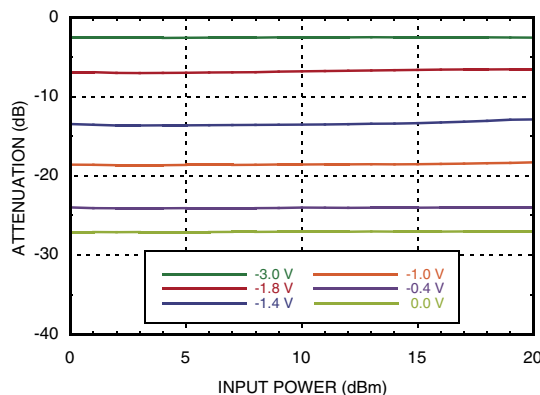
Attenuation vs. Frequency over Vctrl
Vctrl1 = Vctrl2



Attenuation vs. Vctrl over Temperature
@ 10 GHz, Vctrl1 = Vctrl2



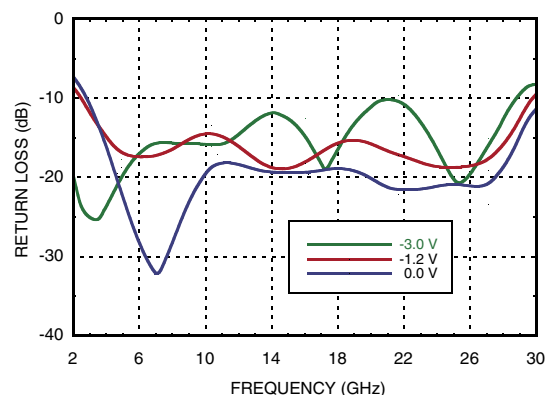
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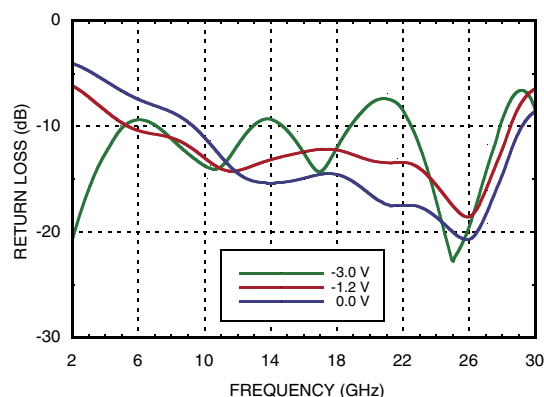


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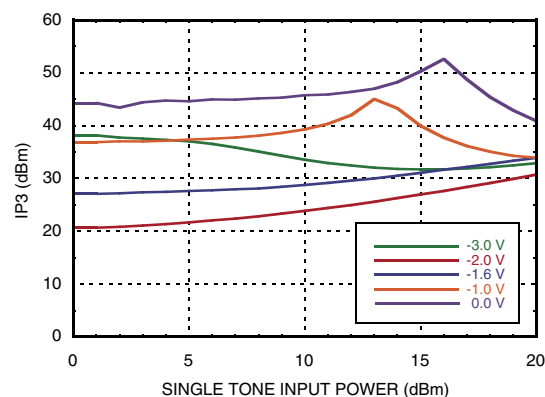
Input Return Loss, $V_{ctrl1} = V_{ctrl2}$



Output Return Loss, $V_{ctrl1} = V_{ctrl2}$



Input IP3 vs. Input Power Over V_{ctrl} @ 10 GHz, $V_{ctrl1} = V_{ctrl2}$



Absolute Maximum Ratings

RF Input Power	+30 dBm
Control Voltage Range	+1 to -5V
Channel Temperature	150 °C
Continuous P _{diss} (T = 85 °C)	1W
Thermal Resistance (Channel to ground paddle)	66 °C/W
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C
Operating Temperature	-40 to +85 °C
ESD Sensitivity (HBM)	Class 1A

Control Voltages

V_{ctrl1}	-3 to 0V @ 10 μ A
V_{ctrl2}	-3 to 0V @ 10 μ A




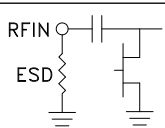
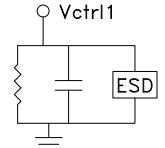
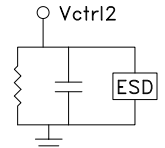
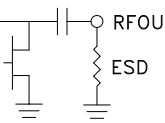
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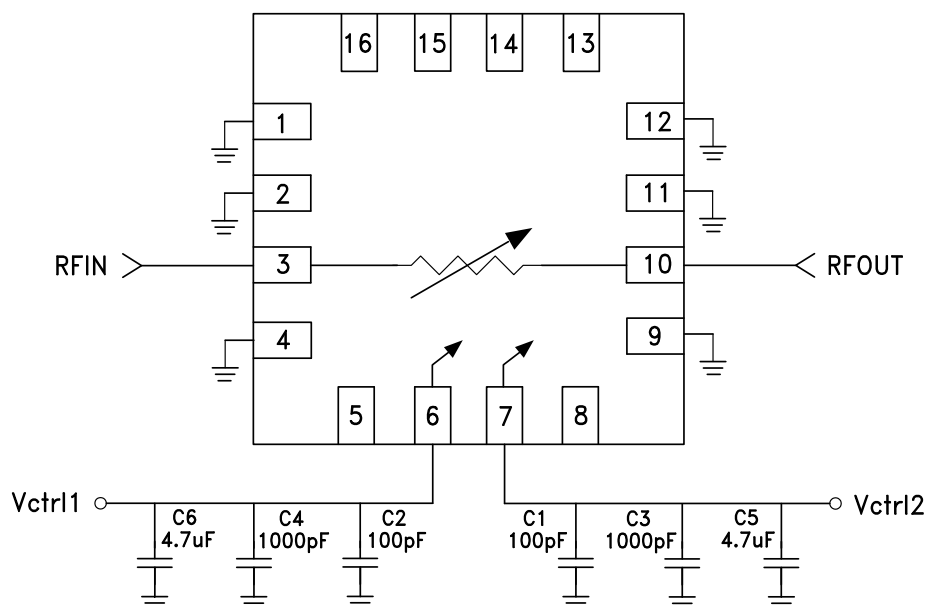


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Pin Descriptions

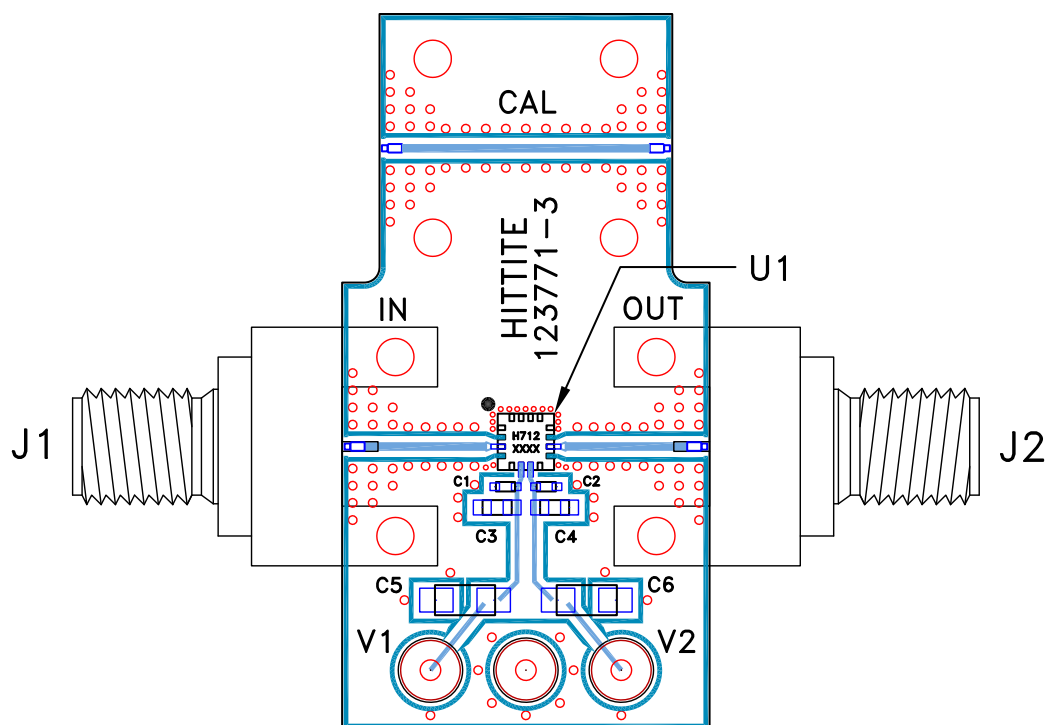
Pin Number	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1, 2, 4, 9, 11, 12 Ground Paddle	GND	Ground paddle must be connected to RF/DC ground.	
3	RFIN	This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms. A blocking capacitor is required if RF line potential is not equal to 0V.	
5, 8, 13 - 16	N/C	These pins should be connected to PCB RF ground to maximize performance.	
6	Vctrl1	Control Voltage 1	
7	Vctrl2	Control Voltage 2	
10	RFOUT	This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms. A blocking capacitor is required if RF line potential is not equal to 0V.	

Application Circuit



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Evaluation PCB

List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 123773 [1]

Item	Description
J1, J2	PCB Mount SMA RF Connector
C1, C2	100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C3, C4	1000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
C5, C6	4.7 μ F Capacitor, Tantalum
V1, V2	DC Pin
U1	HMC712LP3CE Voltage Variable Attenuator
PCB [2]	123771 Evaluation PCB

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Arlon 25FR or Rogers 4350

The circuit board used in the final application should use RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines should have 50 Ohm impedance while the package ground leads and exposed paddle should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown. A sufficient number of via holes should be used to connect the top and bottom ground planes. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.