

# Voltage Variable Attenuator

## 5.8 - 12 GHz



MAAT-010521-L2

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### Features

- 5.8 - 12 GHz Frequency Range
- 2 dB Insertion Loss @ 10 GHz
- >30 dB Attenuation Range
- High Linearity, 29 dBm IIP3
- Lead-Free 3 mm, 16-Lead QFN Package
- RoHS\* Compliant

### Applications

- Cellular

### Description

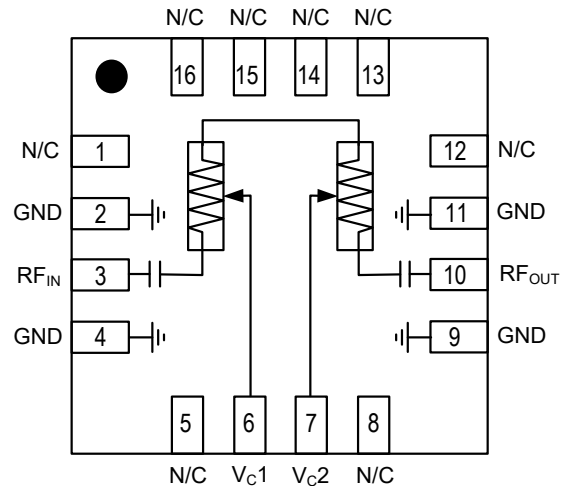
The MAAT-010521-L2 is a voltage variable attenuator with analog control and >30 dB of attenuation. Excellent linearity is maintained over the full attenuation range. The attenuation level is set by two control voltages of 0 to -2 V. This device is assembled in a lead free 3 mm 16 lead PQFN plastic package.

Applications include transceivers for cellular infrastructure.

### Ordering Information

Part Number	Package
MAAT-010521-L2TR05	500 Part Reel
MAAT-010521-L2TR1K	1000 Part Reel
MAAT-010521-L2BSMB	Sample Board

### Functional Block Diagram



### Pin Configuration<sup>1,2</sup>

Pin #	Function
1, 5, 8, 12 - 16	No Connection
2, 4, 9, 11	Ground
3	RF Input
6	V <sub>C1</sub>
7	V <sub>C2</sub>
10	RF Output

1. It is recommended to connect No Connection (N/C) pins to ground.
2. The exposed pad centered on the package bottom must be connected to RF, DC and thermal ground.

\* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, compliant to current RoHS EU directive.

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**Electrical Specifications:  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$ ,  $P_{IN} = -10 \text{ dBm}$**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Units	Min.	Typ.	Max.
Insertion Loss ( $V_{C1} = V_{C2} = -2 \text{ V}$ )	5.8 - 7.1 GHz 7.1 - 8.5 GHz 10.0 - 12.0 GHz	dB	—	2.5 1.8 2.5	4
Attenuation ( $V_{C1} = V_{C2} = 0 \text{ V}$ ) <sup>3</sup>	5.8 - 7.1 GHz 7.1 - 8.5 GHz 10.0 - 12.0 GHz	dB	—	30.5 33 37	—
Dynamic Range	5.8 - 7.1 GHz 7.1 - 8.5 GHz 10.0 - 12.0 GHz	dB	25 27.5 31	28 31 34	—
Input P1dB <sup>4</sup>	5.8 - 12 GHz	dBm	20	22	—
IIP3	$P_{IN} = 12 \text{ dBm/tone @ } 5.8 - 12 \text{ GHz}$  $V_{C1} \leq 0 \text{ V} \ \& \ V_{C2} \leq -0.8 \text{ V}$ $V_{C1} = 0 \text{ V} \ \& \ V_{C2} > -0.8 \text{ V}$ $V_{C1} = V_{C2} = -2 \text{ V}$	dBm	26 27.8 35	29 31 40	—
Input Return Loss	—	dB	—	10	—
Output Return Loss	—	dB	—	10	—

3. To increase attenuation from minimum attenuation state ( $V_{C1} = -2 \text{ V}$  and  $V_{C2} = -2 \text{ V}$ ) to maximum attenuation state ( $V_{C1} = 0 \text{ V}$  and  $V_{C2} = 0 \text{ V}$ ),  $V_{C1}$  increases to full range prior to adjusting  $V_{C2}$ .

4. Guaranteed on MACOM Sample Board only.

### Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>5,6</sup>

Parameter	Absolute Maximum
Input Power	30 dBm
Voltage (RF pins)	30 V
Voltage (control pins)	+1 V to -6 V
Storage Temperature	-55°C to +150°C
Case Temperature	-40°C to +85°C

5. Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.

6. MACOM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.

### Handling Procedures

The following precautions should be observed to avoid damage:

### Static Sensitivity

Gallium Arsenide Integrated Circuits are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD) and can be damaged by static electricity. Proper ESD control techniques should be used when handling these HBM Class 1A devices.

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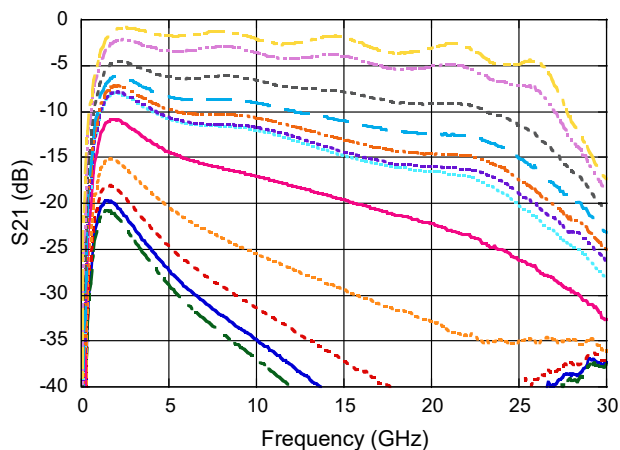


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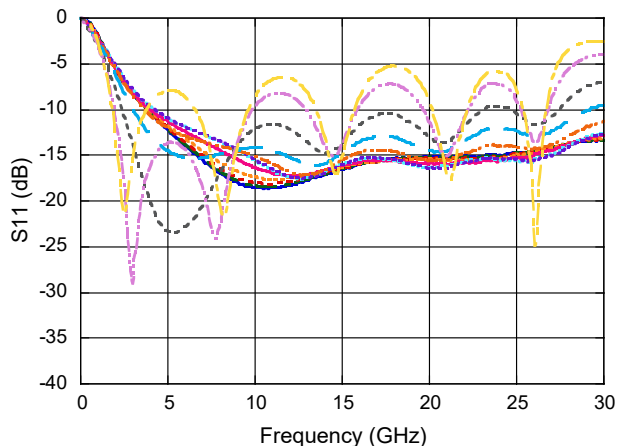
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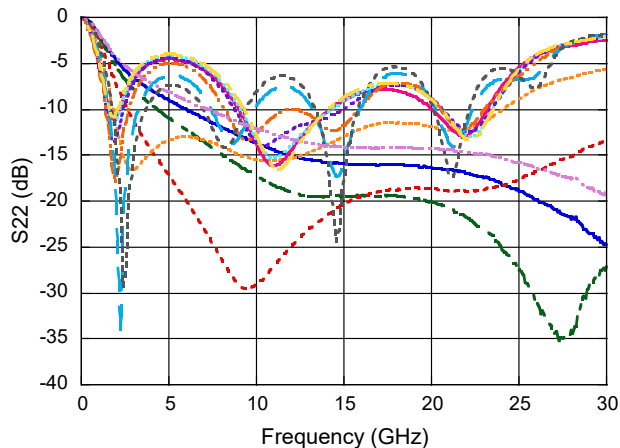
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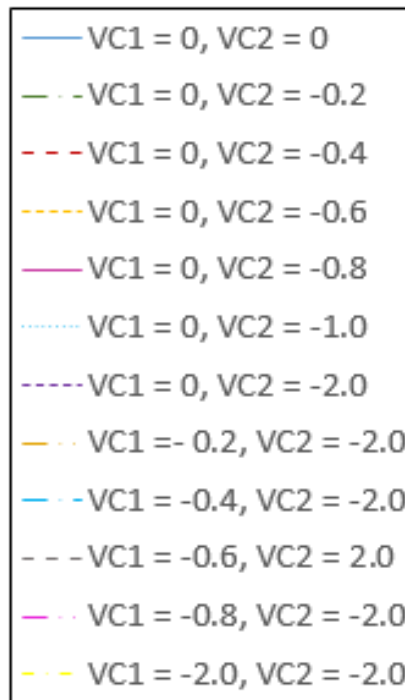
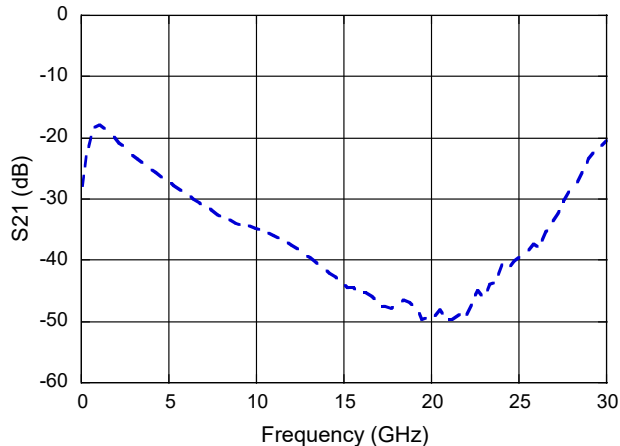
**Input Return Loss**



**Output Return Loss**



**Dynamic Range**



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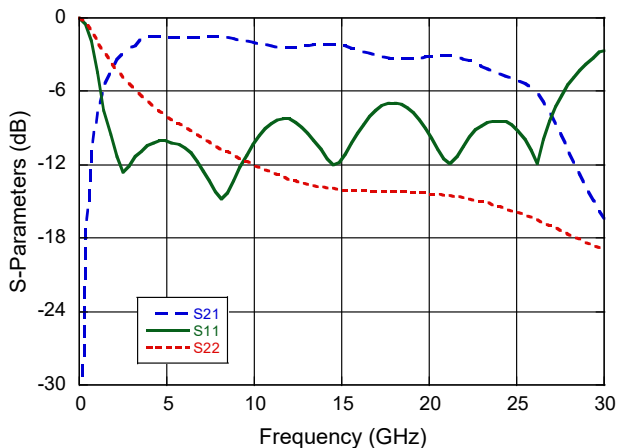


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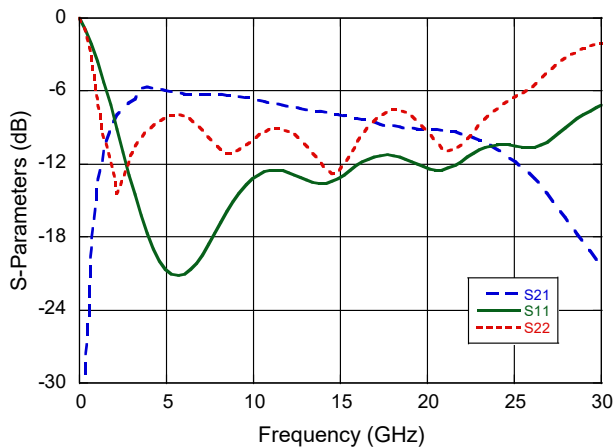
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### Typical Performance Curves: S-Parameters @ +25°C

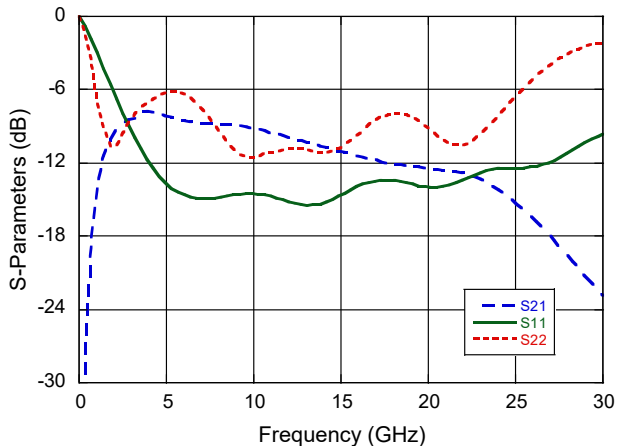
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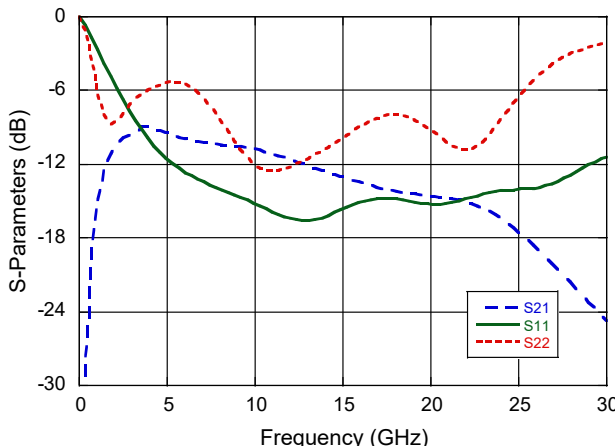
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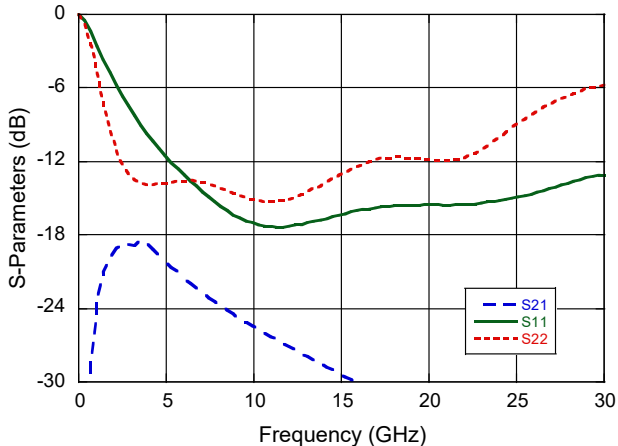
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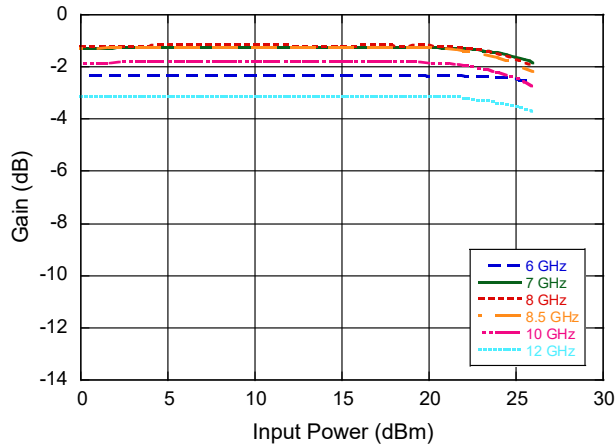


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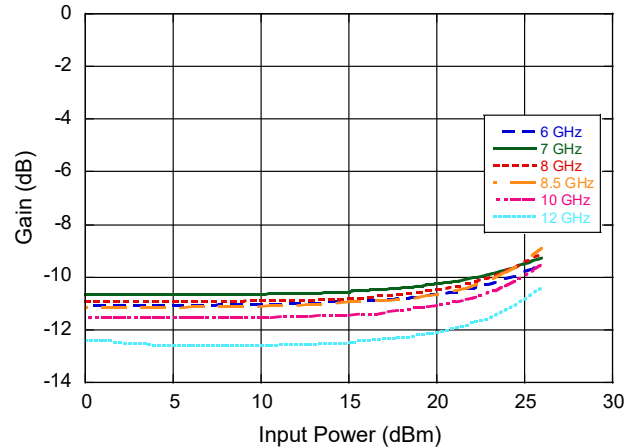
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### Typical Performance Curves: Power Gain @ +25°C

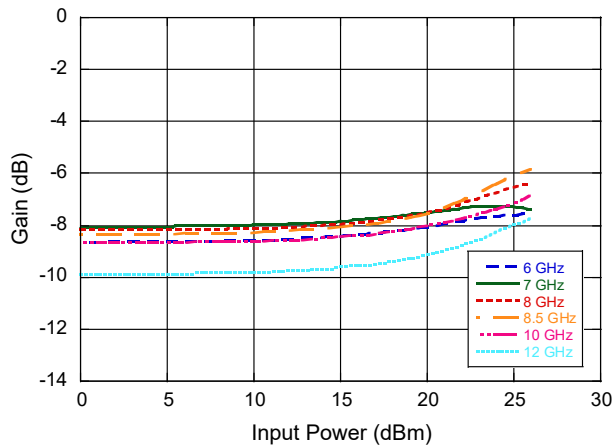
Power Gain @  $V_{C1} = -2.0\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{C2} = -2.0\text{ V}$



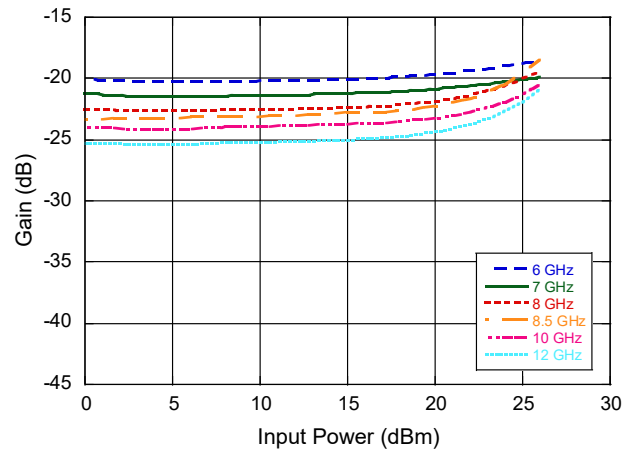
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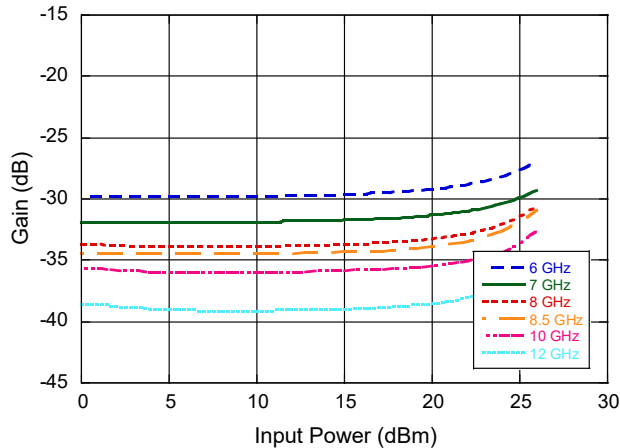
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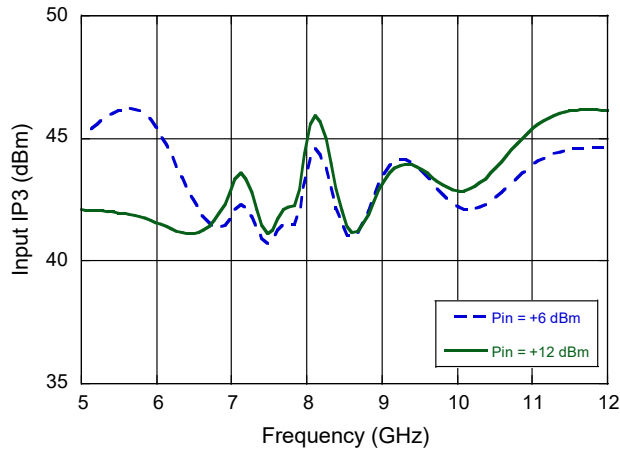


Power Gain @  $V_{C1} = 0\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{C2} = 0\text{ V}$

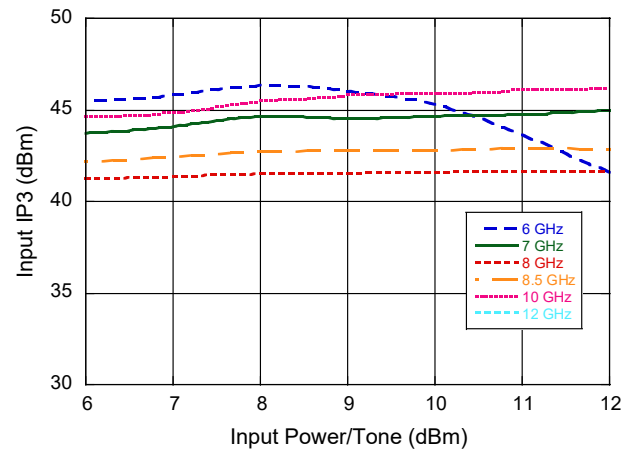


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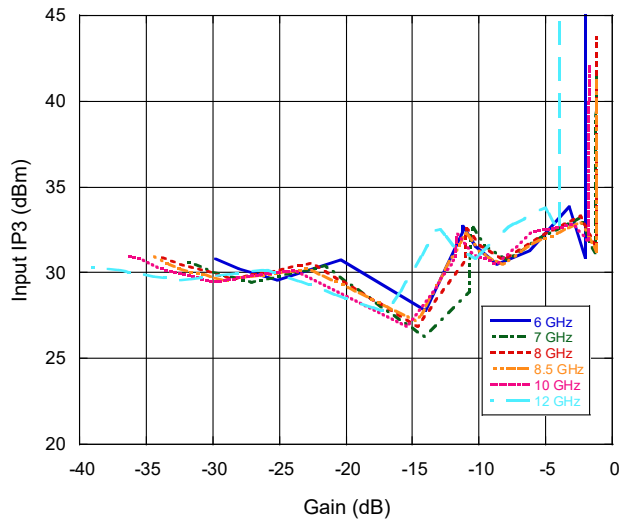
**Input IP3 vs. Frequency**  
@  $V_{C1} = -2.0$  V,  $V_{C2} = -2.0$  V



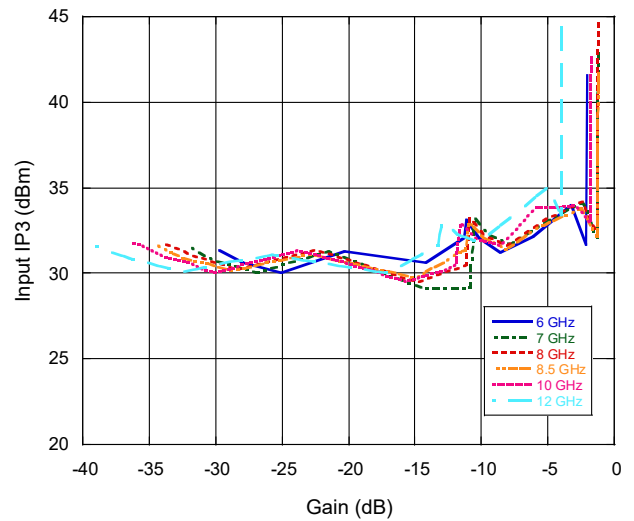
**Input IP3 vs. SCL Input Power**  
@  $V_{C1} = -2.0$  V,  $V_{C2} = -2.0$  V



**Input IP3 vs. Attenuation, SCL  $P_{IN} = 6$  dBm**



**Input IP3 vs. Attenuation, SCL  $P_{IN} = 12$  dBm**



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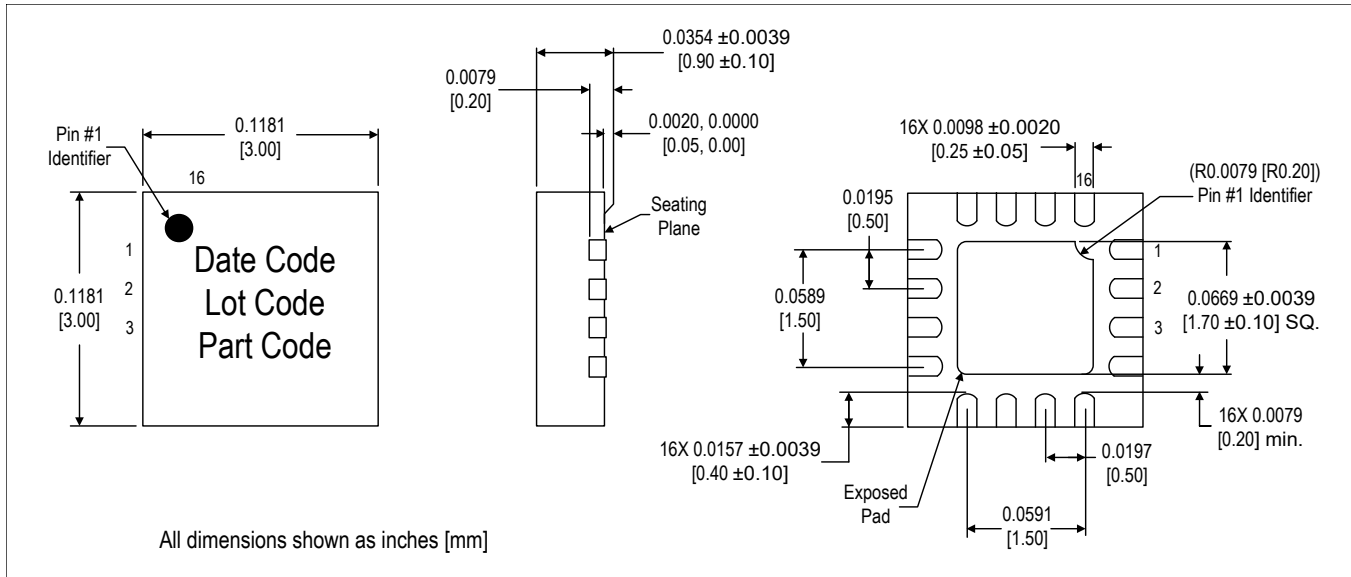
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### Lead-Free 3 mm 16-Lead PQFN<sup>†</sup>



<sup>†</sup> Reference Application Note S2083 for lead-free solder reflow recommendations.  
 Meets JEDEC moisture sensitivity level 1 requirements.  
 Plating is NiPdAuAg.

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