ATC AT Series 0603
RF/Microwave Attenuator

- Thin Film Design
- Power Rating Up to 1 watt
- Frequency Response +/- 0.5 dB
- Characterized to 20 GHz
- CPW and Microstrip Applications

ATC’s new RF/Microwave SMT Attenuator Series (AT) is manufactured with the highest quality materials for reliable and repeatable performance. These devices are constructed with Aluminum Nitride (AlN) and are available in a standard EIA 0603 case size. The AT Series exhibits excellent performance characteristics for the most demanding RF/Microwave applications.

The AT provides virtually flat loss over a broad frequency spectrum. Thin film metallization provides for very stable characteristics over temperature and time. Its balanced Pi design provides even current distribution and accurate attenuation characteristics from DC to 20 GHz. It is designed to meet a wide range of RF and microwave large and small signal level applications. The AT is ideal for impedance matching, input padding, signal level tuning, and many other critical RF/Microwave applications. The AT is rated highest power in class and is suitable for microstrip and CPW applications.

The non-magnetic termination is available providing a range of attachment options such as eutectic die-bonding, conductive epoxies, and soldering. The AT is fully compatible with high speed automated pick-and-place processing.

Typical applications: Telecommunications, Satellite Communications, Cellular Base Stations, Microwave Radio, ISM, RF/Microwave Power, Military/Aerospace, Test and Measurement.

Functional applications: Impedance Matching, Input Padding, Signal Level Tuning, Signal Conditioning.

Note: Consult Factory for other attenuation values, termination styles and case sizes.

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS

OPERATING TEMPERATURE: -55°C to +150°C
100% inspection Per MIL-STD-883

ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

NOMINAL IMPEDANCE: 50 Ohms
FREQUENCY RANGE: DC to 20 GHz
VALUES AVAILABLE: 0 to 10 dB (1 dB increments)

INPUT POWER CW:
1W: 0 to 6 dB
0.75W: 7 to 10 dB
VSWR: 1.25:1 typical

FREQUENCY RESPONSE (dB):
D.C. to 10 GHz: ±0.50 dB
>10 GHz: ±1 dB

SUBSTRATE MATERIALS: AlN (1 to 10 dB)
Al₂O₃ (0 dB)

RESISTORS: Tantalum Nitride
TERMINAL: Thin Film metal stack, Au
**Mechanical Configurations**

- Dimensions are in inches
- Part Thickness: .020 ± .001 (all values)

**ATC PART NUMBER CODE**

- Product Designation: ATC AT 0603 T 03 E CA
- Case Size: 0.063
- Power Rating:
  - T = 1 W (0 to 6 dB)
  - C = 3/4 W (7 to 10 dB)
- Attenuation: 0 to 10 dB
- Configuration: E = All Terminations wrapped and patterned ground plane

The above part number refers to an ATC AT 0603 Case Size with an attenuation of 3dB, 1W Power Rating, wrapped and patterned ground plane configuration with Non-Mag Gold Termination and tape and reel packaging, 1000 pcs.

**NOTE:** The Ground pad is also used to remove heat from the component. Provisions must be made to connect to heat sink.

ATC accepts orders for our parts using designations with or without the “ATC” prefix. Both methods of defining the part number are equivalent, i.e., part numbers referenced with the “ATC” prefix are interchangeable to parts referenced without the “ATC” prefix. Customers are free to use either in specifying or procuring parts from American Technical Ceramics.

For additional information and catalogs contact your ATC representative or call direct at (+1-631) 622-4700.

Consult factory for additional performance data.
ATC AT Series 0603 RF/Microwave Attenuator Performance Data

RF/Microwave Attenuator Series Measured Data

RF / Microwave Attenuator Test Condition Description
All testing performed on 13.3-mil-thick Rogers RO4350 microstrip board, with the UUT subtending a 44 mil gap in a 30 mil-wide center trace (nominal 50-ohm characteristic impedance). Measurements were made using a four-receiver architecture. Measurements have been de-embedded to the edges of the UUT using a standard TRL calibration procedure.

RF/Microwave Attenuator Series Modeled Data

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Models were simulated using Ansoft HFSS version 14 in a perfect 50 ohm environment with ideal ports placed at the edge of the pads to ground. The boundary condition was set to be a radiating boundary in air.