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## GLITCH FREE 0.5 dB 5-BIT SERIAL CONTROL SILICON DIGITAL ATTENUATOR, 0.4 - 7.0 GHz

### Typical Applications

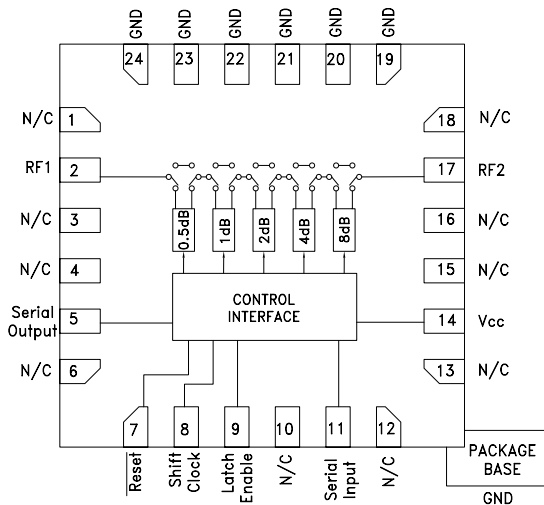
The HMC305SLP4E is ideal for both RF and IF applications:

- Cellular Infrastructure
- Wireless Infrastructure
- Microwave Radio & VSAT
- Test Instrumentation

### Features

- Glitch Free State Transitions
- 0.5 dB LSB Steps to 15.5 dB
- TTL/CMOS Compatible Serial Data Interface
- SPI Compatible Serial Output
- Excellent Attenuation Accuracy:  $\pm 0.25$  dB Typical Bit Error
- Single + 3.3V to 5V Supply
- ESD rating: Class 2 (2kV HBM)
- Drop-in Replacement for HMC305ALP4E

### Functional Diagram



### General Description

The HMC305SLP4E is a broadband 5-bit positive control Silicon IC digital attenuator with CMOS compatible serial-to-parallel driver package in a leadless QFN 4x4 mm SMT package. Covering 0.4 to 6 GHz, the insertion loss is typically less than 1.6 dB. The attenuator bit values are 0.5 (LSB), 1, 2, 4, and 8 dB for a total attenuation of 15.5 dB. Attenuation accuracy is excellent at  $\pm 0.25$  dB typical with an IIP3 of up to +52 dBm. Five bit serial control words are used to select each attenuation state. A single Vcc bias of +3.3V to +5V is required.

### Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_{CC} = +3.3\text{V to } +5\text{V}$

Parameter	Frequency	Min.	Typical	Max.	Units	
Insertion Loss	0.4 - 1.4 GHz		1.0	1.5	dB	
	1.4 - 2.3 GHz		1.1	2.0	dB	
	2.3 - 2.7 GHz		1.2	2.3	dB	
	2.7 - 3.8 GHz		1.3	2.5	dB	
	3.8 - 6.0 GHz		1.6	2.5	dB	
	6.0 - 7.0 GHz		1.8	2.5	dB	
Attenuation Range	0.4 - 7.0 GHz		15.5		dB	
Return Loss (RF1 & RF2, All Atten. States)	0.4 - 1.4 GHz		25		dB	
	1.4 - 2.3 GHz		25		dB	
	2.3 - 2.7 GHz		25		dB	
	2.7 - 3.8 GHz		25		dB	
	3.8 - 6.0 GHz		20		dB	
	6.0 - 7.0 GHz		15		dB	
Attenuation Accuracy: (Referenced to Insertion Loss) All Attenuation States	0.4 - 0.9 GHz	$\pm (0.5 + 5\% \text{ of Atten. Setting}) \text{ Max}$			dB	
	0.9 - 2.2 GHz	$\pm (0.3 + 4\% \text{ of Atten. Setting}) \text{ Max}$			dB	
	2.2 - 3.8 GHz	$\pm (0.5 + 5\% \text{ of Atten. Setting}) \text{ Max}$			dB	
	6.0 - 7.0 GHz	$\pm (0.5 + 5\% \text{ of Atten. Setting}) \text{ Max}$			dB	
Input Power for 0.1 dB Compression	0.4 - 6.0 GHz		28		dBm	
Input Third Order Intercept Point (Two-tone Input Power = 16 dBm Each Tone)	0.4 - 3.8 GHz		52		dBm	
	3.8 - 6.0 GHz		50		dBm	
	6.0 - 7.0 GHz		48		dBm	
Switching Characteristics	0.4 - 7.0 GHz		70		ns	
		tRISE, tFALL (10/90% RF)		160		ns
		tON, tOFF (Latch Enable to 10/90% RF)				

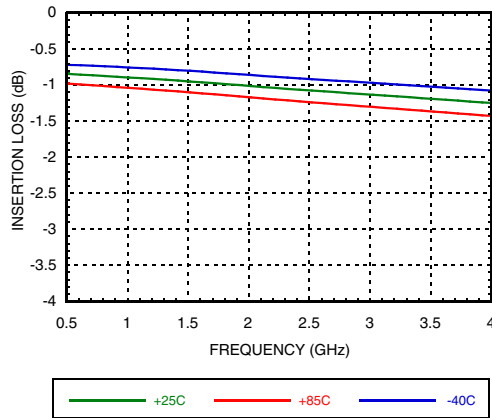
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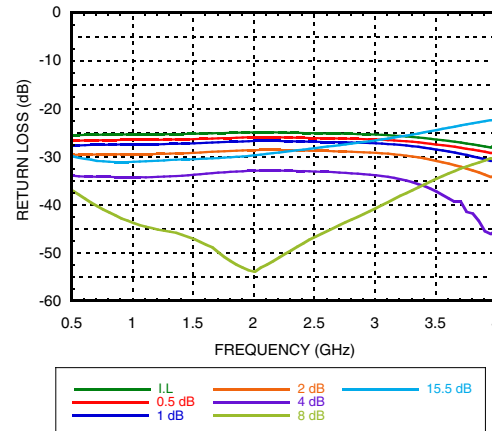
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**Insertion Loss**



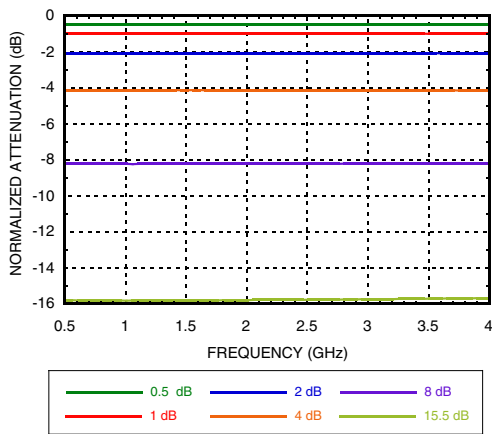
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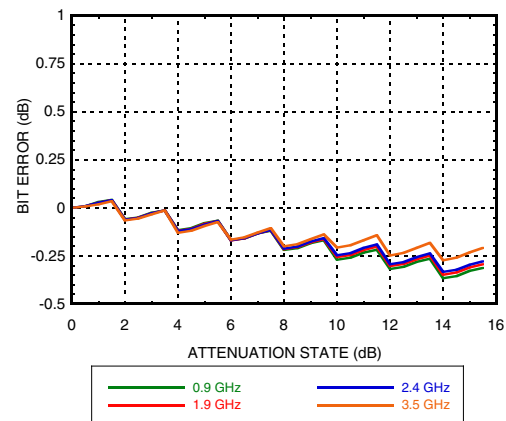


**Normalized Attenuation**

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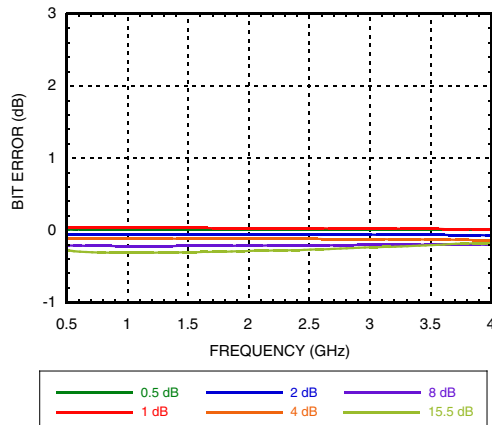


**Bit Error vs. Attenuation State**



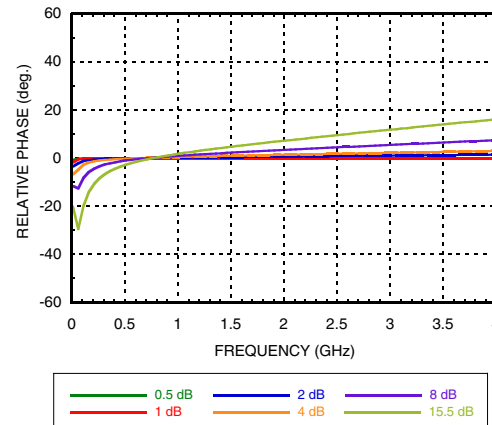
**Bit Error vs. Frequency**

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**Relative Phase vs. Frequency**

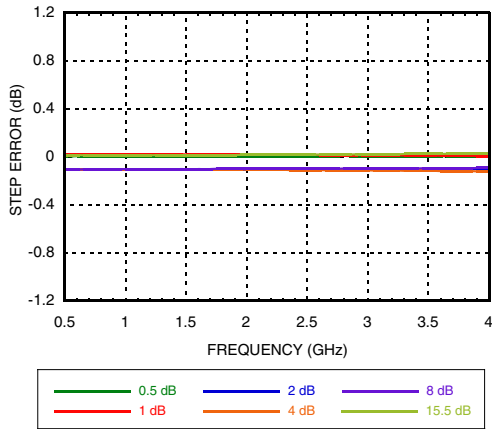
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Note: All Data Typical Over Voltage (+3V to +5V) & Temperature (-40°C to +85°C).

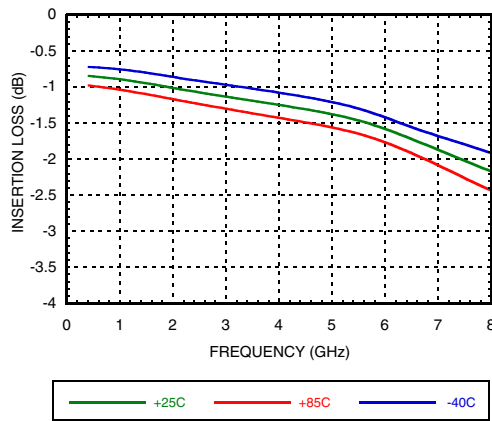
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**Step Error vs. Frequency**



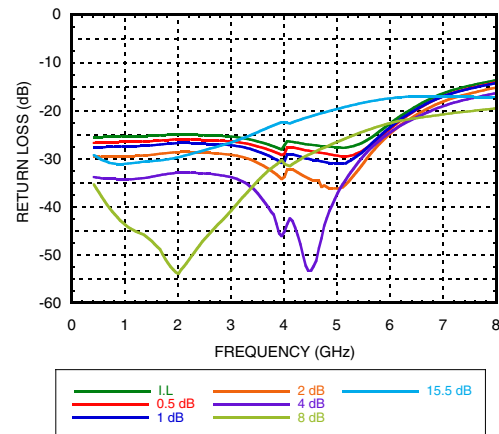
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**Insertion Loss**



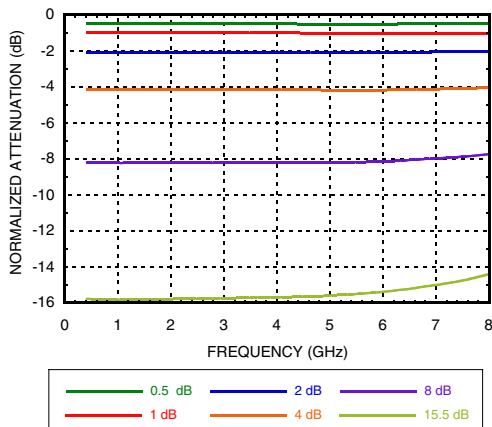
**Return Loss RF1, RF2**

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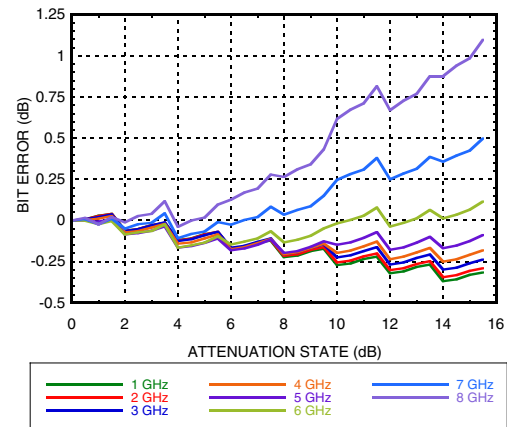


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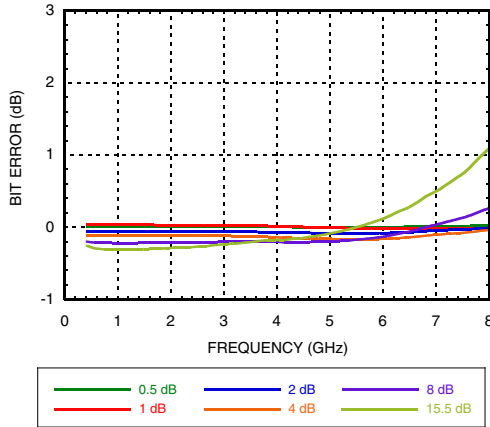


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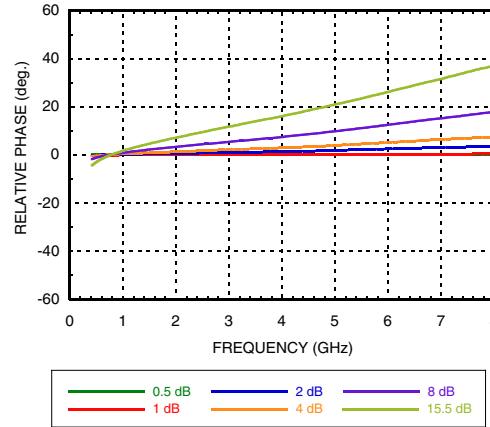


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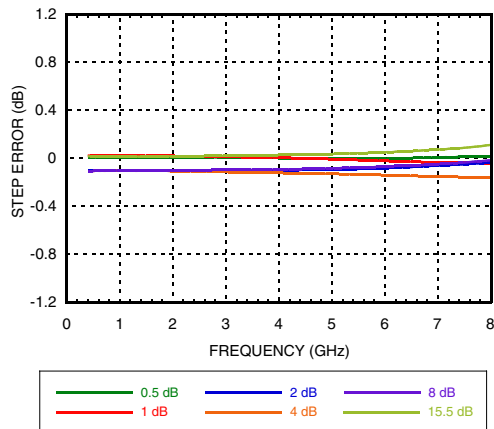
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**Relative Phase vs. Frequency**  
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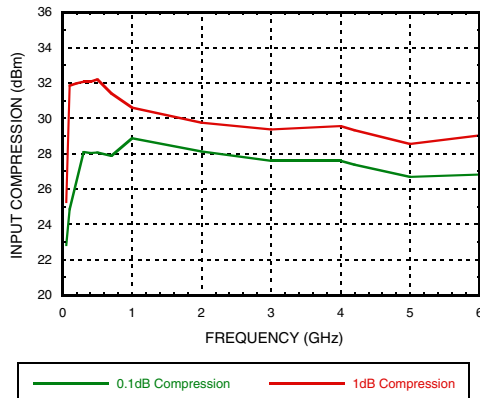
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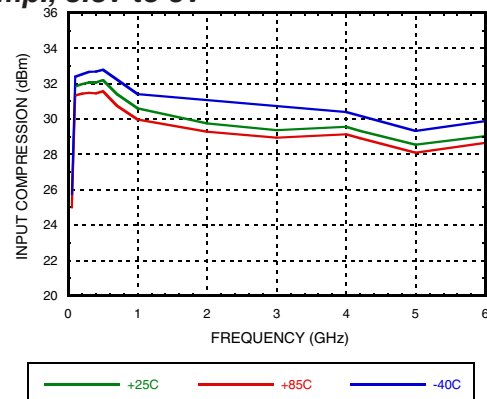
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**Power Handling Plots 0.1 to 6 GHz**

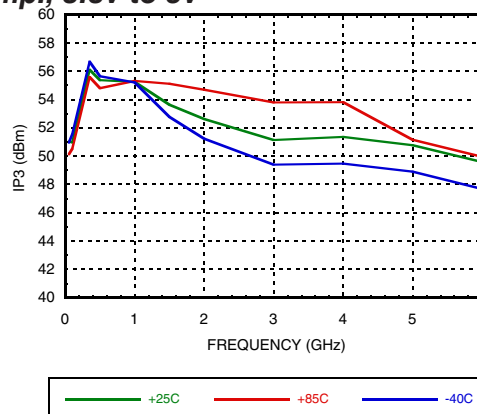
**0.1 dB and 1 dB Input Compression Point,  
3.3V to 5V**



**1 dB Input Compression Point, Over  
Temp., 3.3V to 5V**



**Input Third Order Intercept Point over  
Temp., 3.3V to 5V**



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**Timing**

Parameter	Symbol	Vcc = +5V		Vcc = +3V		Units
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
Serial Input Setup Time	ts	20	-	100	-	ns
Hold time from Serial Input to Shift Clock	th	0	-	5	-	ns
Setup time from Shift Clock to Latch Enable	tlsup	40	-	100	-	ns
Propagation delay, Latch Enable to C0.5 through C8	tpd	-	30	-	70	ns
Setup time from Reset to Shift Clock	-	20	-	50	-	ns
Clock Frequency (1/tclk)	fclk	-	30	-	10	MHz

**Digital Control Voltages**

State	Vcc = +5V	Vcc = +3V
Low	0 to 1.3V	0 to 0.7V
High	3.5 to 5V	2.3 to 3V

**Serial Input Truth Table**

Latch Enable	Shift Clock	Reset	Function
X	X	L	Shift register cleared
X	↑	H	Shift register clocked
↑	X	H	Contents of shift register transferred to Digital Attenuator

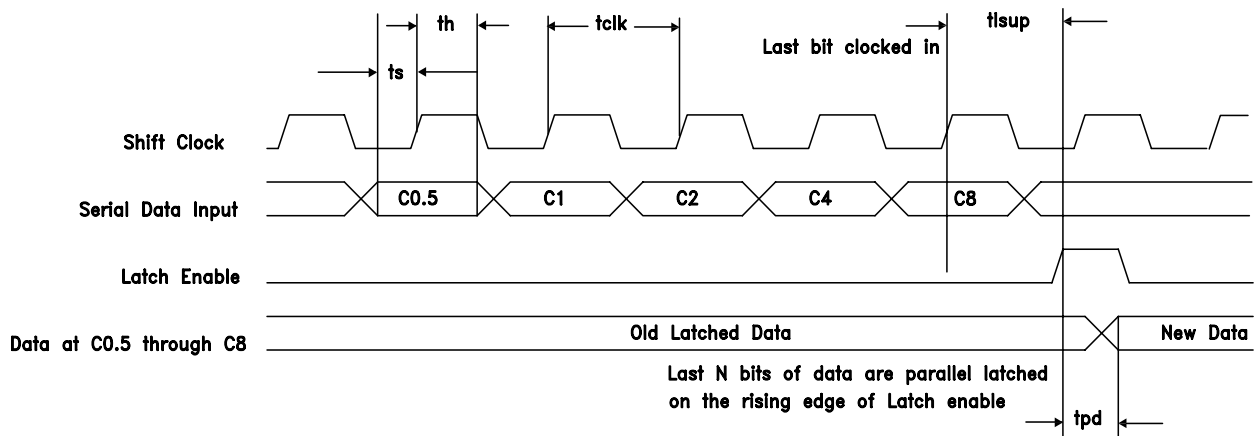
**Truth Table**

Serial Control Input					Attenuation Setting RF1 - RF2
C 0.5	C 1	C 2	C 4	C 8	
High	High	High	High	High	Reference I.L.
Low	High	High	High	High	0.5 dB
High	Low	High	High	High	1 dB
High	High	Low	High	High	2 dB
High	High	High	Low	High	4 dB
High	High	High	High	Low	8 dB
Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	15.5 dB Max. Atten.

Any combination of the above states will provide an attenuation approximately equal to the sum of the bits selected.

**Timing Diagram**

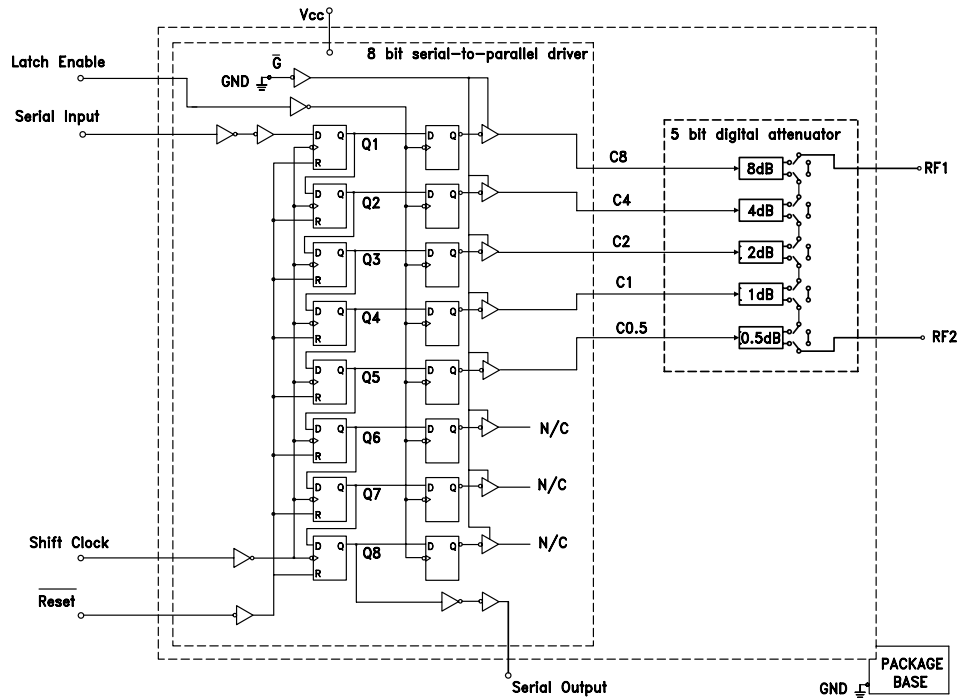
Serial data is shifted in on the rising edge of the Shift Clock, LSB first, and is latched on the rising edge of Latch Enable.



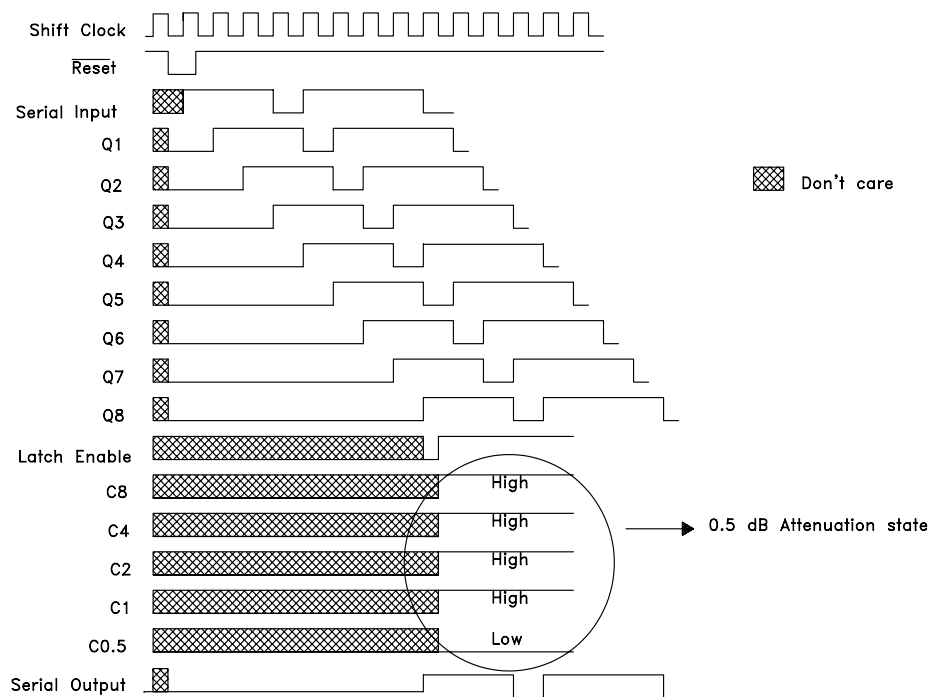


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**Logic / Functional Diagram**

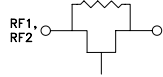
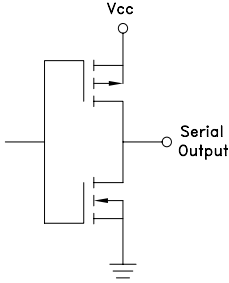
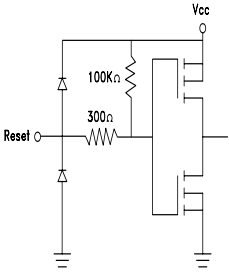
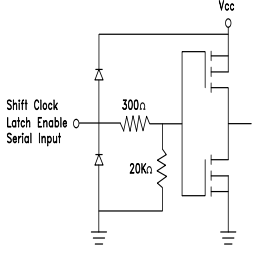



**Programming Example to Select 0.5 dB Attenuation State**



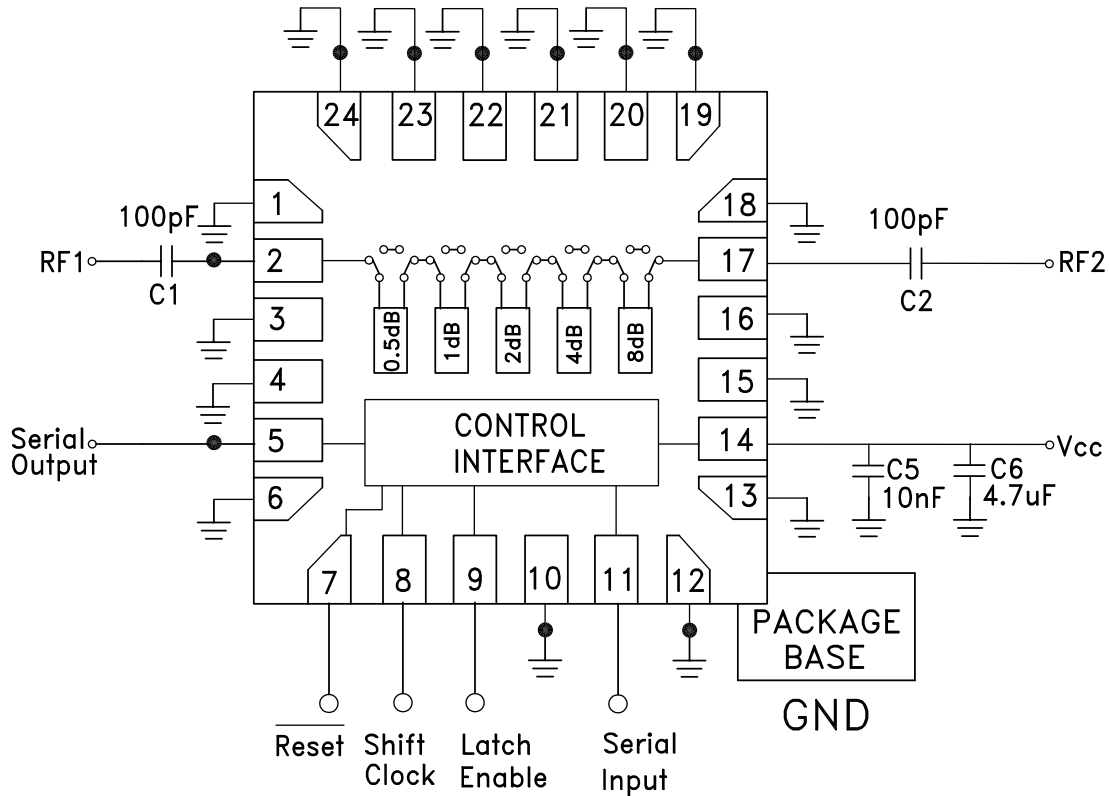
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**Pin Descriptions**

Pin Number	Function	Description	Interface Schematic
1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18	N/C	These pins are not connected internally. However, all data shown herein was measured with these pins connected to RF/DC Ground.	
2, 17	RF1, RF2	This pin is DC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms. Blocking capacitors are required. Select value based on lowest frequency of operation.	
5	Serial Output	Serial data output. Serial input data delayed by 8 clock cycles	
7	Reset	See truth table, control voltage table and timing diagram.	
8	Shift Clock		
9	Latch Enable		
11	Serial Input		
14	Vcc	Supply Voltage.	
19 - 24	GND	Package bottom has an exposed metal paddle that must also be connected to RF/DC Ground.	

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**Application Circuit**



DC blocking capacitors C1 & C2 are required on RF1 & RF2. Choose C1 = C2 = 100 ~ 300 pF to allow lowest customer specific frequency to pass with minimal loss.



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### Absolute Maximum Ratings

Digital Inputs ( $\overline{\text{Reset}}$ , Shift Clock, Latch Enable & Serial Input)	-0.3 to Vcc + 0.5 V
Bias Voltage (Vcc)	-0.3 to 5.5 V
RF Input Power at 85 °C	+27 dBm
RF Input Power at 105 °C	+26 dBm
Storage Temperature	-65 to +150 °C
Thermal Resistance (at maximum power dissipation)	82 °C/W
ESD Sensitivity (HBM)	Class 2 (2kV)

### Operating Range

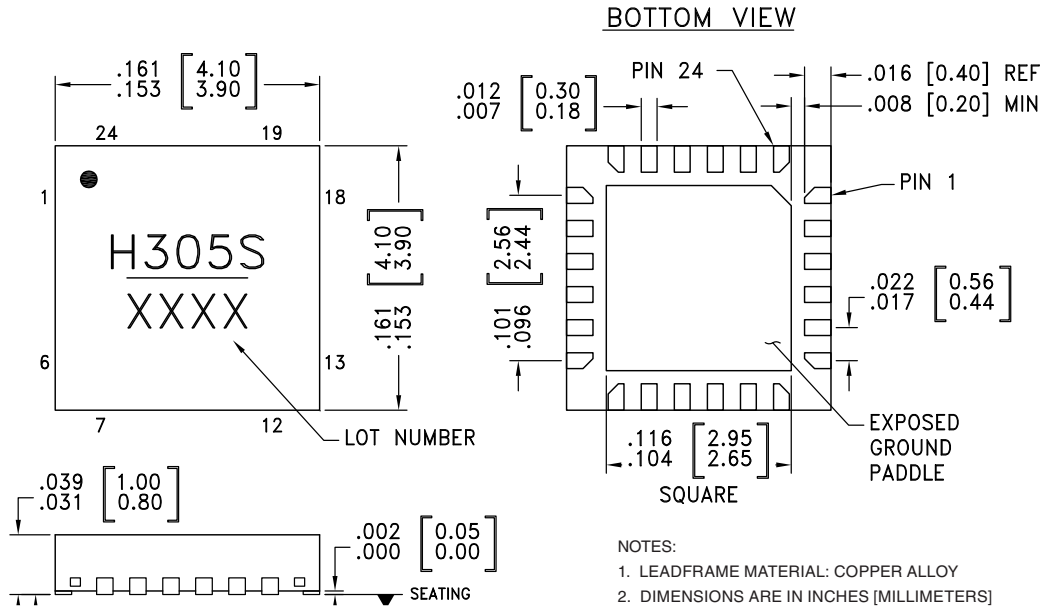
Digital Inputs ( $\overline{\text{Reset}}$ , Shift Clock, Latch Enable & Serial Input)	0 to Vcc V
Bias Voltage (Vcc)	+3.0 to 5.4 V
RF Input Power at 85 °C	+24 dBm
RF Input Power at 105 °C	+22.5 dBm
Operating Temperature	-40 to +105 °C



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**Outline Drawing**



- NOTES:
1. LEADFRAME MATERIAL: COPPER ALLOY
  2. DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MILLIMETERS]
  3. LEAD SPACING TOLERANCE IS NON-CUMULATIVE
  4. PAD BURR LENGTH SHALL BE 0.15mm MAXIMUM. PAD BURR HEIGHT SHALL BE 0.05mm MAXIMUM.
  5. PACKAGE WARP SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.05mm.
  6. ALL GROUND LEADS AND GROUND PADDLE MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB RF GROUND.
  7. REFER TO HITTITE APPLICATION NOTE FOR SUGGESTED LAND PATTERN.

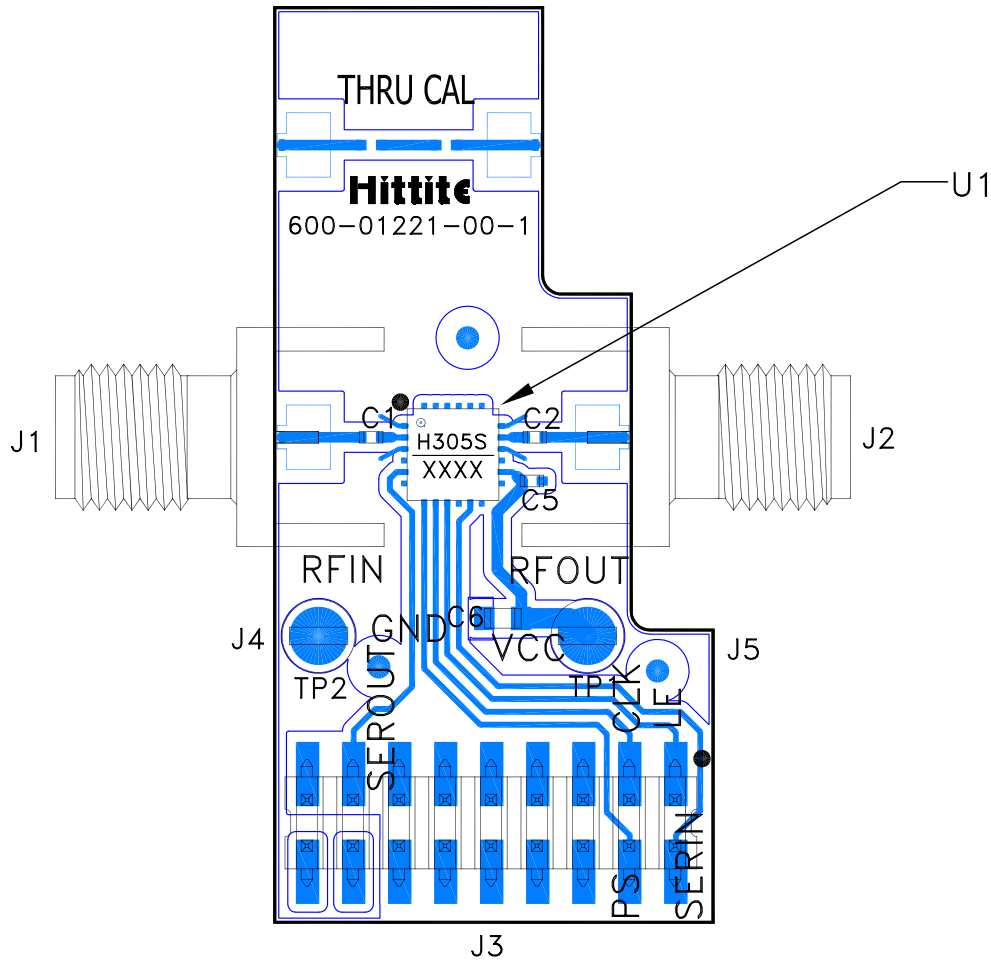
**Package Information**

Part Number	Package Body Material	Lead Finish	MSL Rating	Package Marking <sup>[2]</sup>
HMC305SLP4E	RoHS-compliant Low Stress Injection Molded Plastic	100% matte Sn	MSL3 <sup>[1]</sup>	H305S XXXX

[1] Max peak reflow temperature of 260 °C  
[2] 4-Digit lot number XXXX

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**Evaluation Circuit Board**



**List of Materials for Evaluation PCB EV1HMC305SLP4 [1]**

Item	Description
J1 - J2	PCB Mount SMA Connector
J3	18 Pin DC Connector
J4, J5	Thru Hole Mount Test Point
C1, C2	100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C5	10000 $\mu$ F Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.
C6	4.7 $\mu$ F Capacitor, 0603 Pkg.
U1	HMC305SLP4E Digital Attenuator
PCB [2]	600-01221-00 Evaluation PCB

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350

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