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# Fixed Attenuator

VAT-A-SERIES

Mini-Circuits

50Ω

Up to 2W

DC to 6000 MHz

## THE BIG DEAL

- Wideband coverage, DC to 6000 MHz
- Up to 2 watt rating
- Rugged unibody construction
- Excellent VSWR
- Excellent flatness

## APPLICATIONS

- Signal level adjustment
- Impedance matching



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|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| Model No.  | VAT-A-SERIES |
| Case Style | FF704        |
| Connectors | SMA          |

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' VAT-A series are fixed attenuators from DC to 6000 MHz frequency range with excellent flatness in attenuation. VAT-A series is available with nominal attenuation of 1 to 30 dB. This attenuator series support testing and measurement application. Precise performance, excellent VSWR and rugged unibody construction makes the model ideal solution for systems requiring precise attenuation across very wide frequency range.

## KEY FEATURES

| Feature             | Advantages                                      |
|---------------------|---|
| Rugged construction | Excellent durability for a long lifetime of use |
| Up to 2 Watt rating | Good power handling                             |
| Excellent VSWR      | Well-matched for 50 Ω systems                   |
| Flat attenuation    | Good performance over the band.                 |



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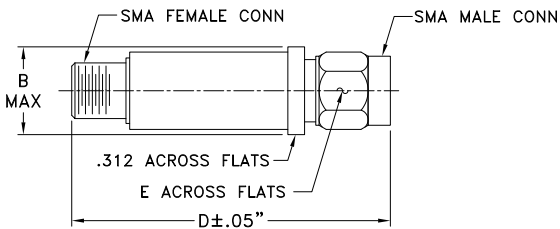
VAT-10A+

## MAXIMUM RATINGS

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Operating Temperature | -45°C to 100°C |
| Storage Temperature   | -55°C to 100°C |

Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

## OUTLINE DRAWING

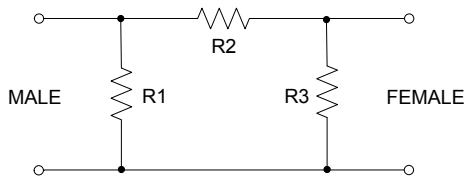


## OUTLINE DIMENSIONS (Inch/mm)

| B     | D     | E    | wt    |
|-------|-------|------|-------|
| .410  | 1.43  | .312 | grams |
| 10.41 | 36.32 | 7.92 | 10.0  |

Note: Please refer to case style drawing for details

## ELECTRICAL SCHEMATIC



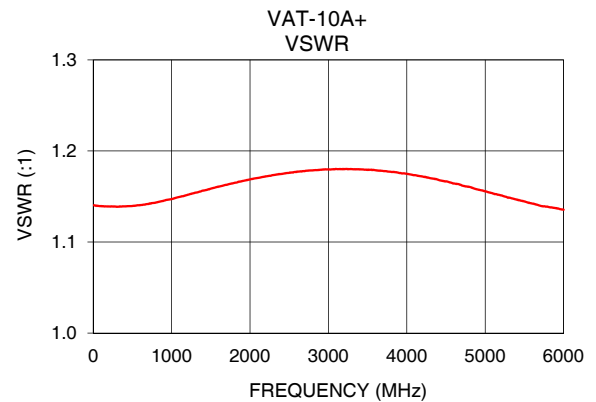
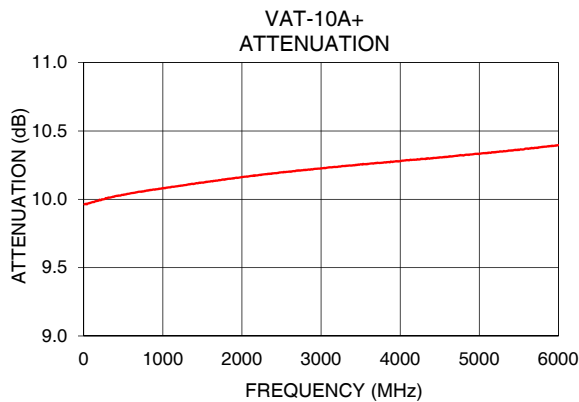
## ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT 25°C

| Parameter                                     | Condition (MHz) | Min. | Typ.     | Max. | Unit |
|---|-----------------|------|----------|------|------|
| Frequency Range                               |                 | DC   | -        | 6000 | MHz  |
| Attenuation <sup>1</sup> nominal <sup>3</sup> | 10              | -    | 10 ± 0.3 | -    | dB   |
| Attenuation Flatness <sup>2</sup>             | DC-3000         | -    | 0.25     | -    | dB   |
|   | 3000-5000       | -    | 0.20     | -    |      |
|   | 5000-6000       | -    | 0.15     | -    |      |
|   | DC-6000         | -    | 0.35     | -    |      |
| VSWR  | DC-3000         | -    | 1.2      | 1.5  | :1   |
|   | 3000-5000       | -    | 1.2      | 1.5  |      |
|   | 5000-6000       | -    | 1.4      | -    |      |
| Input Power <sup>4</sup>                      |                 | -    | -        | 1.7  | W    |

1. Attenuation varies by 0.3 dB max. over temperature.
2. Flatness = variation over band divided by 2.
3. Nominal attenuation at 10 MHz
4. RF power at 25°C is 1.7W; Derate linearly to 1.0W at 85°C

## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA

| Frequency (MHz) | Attenuation (dB) | VSWR (:1) |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 10              | 9.96             | 1.14      |
| 100             | 9.98             | 1.14      |
| 500             | 10.03            | 1.14      |
| 900             | 10.07            | 1.15      |
| 1000            | 10.08            | 1.15      |
| 1400            | 10.11            | 1.16      |
| 1500            | 10.12            | 1.16      |
| 2000            | 10.16            | 1.17      |
| 2500            | 10.20            | 1.18      |
| 2800            | 10.21            | 1.18      |
| 3000            | 10.23            | 1.18      |
| 4000            | 10.28            | 1.17      |
| 4500            | 10.31            | 1.17      |
| 5000            | 10.33            | 1.16      |
| 6000            | 10.40            | 1.14      |



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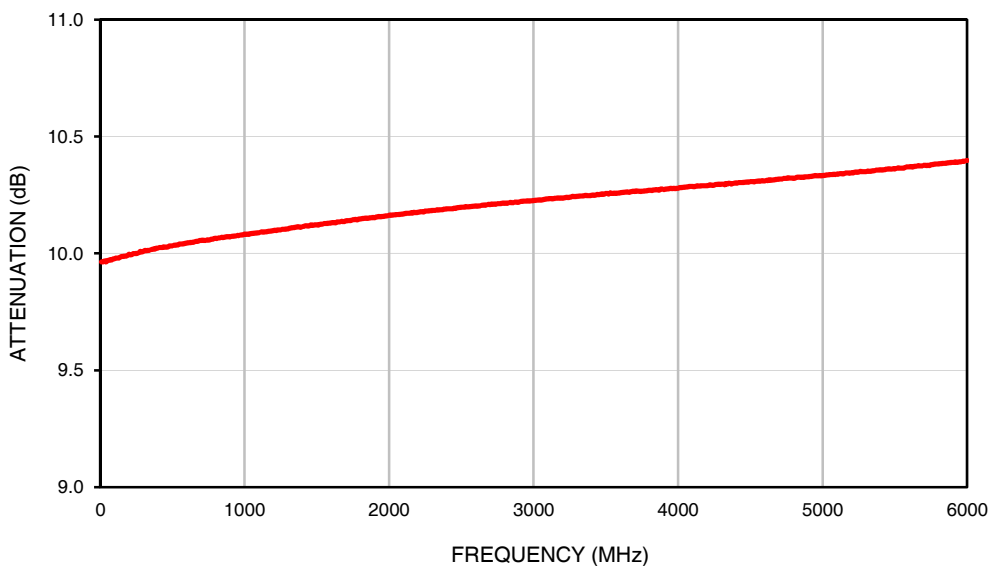


*Typical Performance Data*

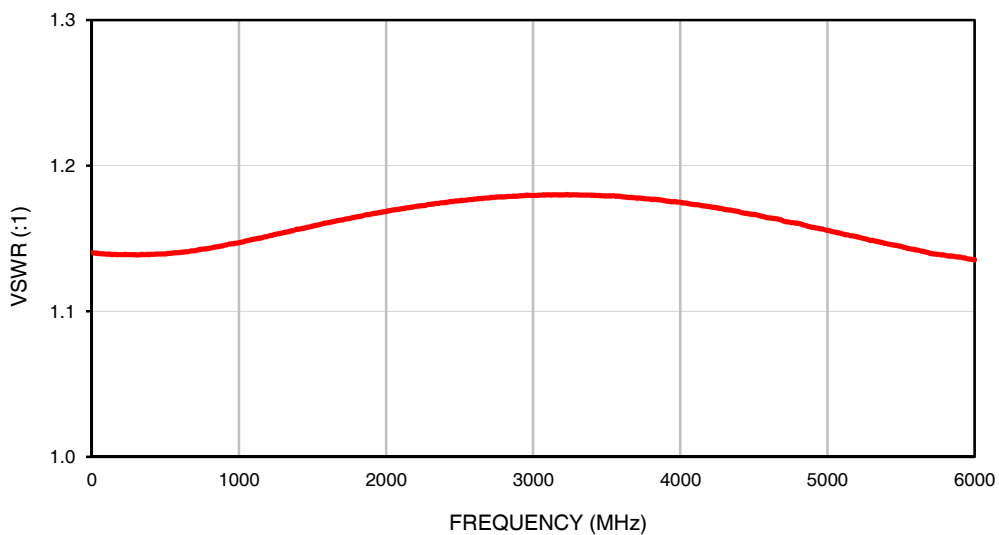
| FREQ. | ATTENUATION | VSWR |
|-------|-------------|------|
| (MHz) | (dB)        | (:1) |
| 10    | 9.96        | 1.14 |
| 20    | 9.96        | 1.14 |
| 50    | 9.97        | 1.14 |
| 100   | 9.98        | 1.14 |
| 200   | 10.00       | 1.14 |
| 300   | 10.01       | 1.14 |
| 400   | 10.02       | 1.14 |
| 500   | 10.03       | 1.14 |
| 600   | 10.04       | 1.14 |
| 700   | 10.06       | 1.14 |
| 800   | 10.06       | 1.14 |
| 900   | 10.07       | 1.15 |
| 1000  | 10.08       | 1.15 |
| 1100  | 10.09       | 1.15 |
| 1200  | 10.10       | 1.15 |
| 1300  | 10.10       | 1.15 |
| 1400  | 10.11       | 1.16 |
| 1500  | 10.12       | 1.16 |
| 1600  | 10.13       | 1.16 |
| 1700  | 10.14       | 1.16 |
| 1800  | 10.15       | 1.16 |
| 1900  | 10.15       | 1.17 |
| 2000  | 10.16       | 1.17 |
| 2100  | 10.17       | 1.17 |
| 2200  | 10.18       | 1.17 |
| 2300  | 10.18       | 1.17 |
| 2400  | 10.19       | 1.17 |
| 2500  | 10.20       | 1.18 |
| 2600  | 10.20       | 1.18 |
| 2700  | 10.21       | 1.18 |
| 2800  | 10.21       | 1.18 |
| 2900  | 10.22       | 1.18 |
| 3000  | 10.23       | 1.18 |
| 3100  | 10.23       | 1.18 |
| 3200  | 10.24       | 1.18 |
| 3300  | 10.24       | 1.18 |
| 3400  | 10.25       | 1.18 |
| 3500  | 10.26       | 1.18 |
| 3600  | 10.26       | 1.18 |
| 3700  | 10.26       | 1.18 |
| 3800  | 10.27       | 1.18 |
| 3900  | 10.27       | 1.18 |
| 4000  | 10.28       | 1.17 |
| 4100  | 10.29       | 1.17 |
| 4200  | 10.29       | 1.17 |
| 4300  | 10.30       | 1.17 |
| 4400  | 10.30       | 1.17 |
| 4500  | 10.31       | 1.17 |
| 4600  | 10.31       | 1.16 |
| 4700  | 10.32       | 1.16 |
| 4800  | 10.32       | 1.16 |
| 4900  | 10.33       | 1.16 |
| 5000  | 10.33       | 1.16 |
| 5100  | 10.34       | 1.15 |
| 5200  | 10.35       | 1.15 |
| 5300  | 10.35       | 1.15 |
| 5400  | 10.36       | 1.15 |
| 5500  | 10.36       | 1.14 |
| 5800  | 10.38       | 1.14 |
| 6000  | 10.40       | 1.14 |

## Typical Performance Curves

### ATTENUATION



### VSWR



# Case Style

# FF

## FF704

### Outline Dimensions



| CASE #. | A  | B               | C  | D               | E              | WT GRAMS |
|---------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| FF704   | -- | .410<br>(10.41) | -- | 1.43<br>(36.32) | .312<br>(7.92) | 10.0     |

Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2Pl. ± .04; 3Pl. ± .030

#### Notes:

1. Case material: Stainless steel.
2. Case finish: Gold plated.
3. Round Flange may have .312 Across Flats in some models.

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| Specification              | Test/Inspection Condition  | Reference/Spec                       |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Operating Temperature      | -45° to 100° C<br>Ambient Environment  | Individual Model Data Sheet          |
| Storage Temperature        | -55° to 100° C<br>Ambient Environment  | Individual Model Data Sheet          |
| Barometric Pressure        | 100,000 Feet   | MIL-STD-202, Method 105, Condition D |
| Humidity                   | 90% RH, 65°C<br>Units may require bake-out after humidity to restore full performance. | MIL-STD-202, Method 103              |
| Thermal Shock              | -65° to 125°C, 5 cycles  | MIL-STD-202, Method 107, Condition B |
| Vibration (High Frequency) | 20g peak, 10-2000 Hz, 12 times in each of three perpendicular directions (total 36)    | MIL-STD-202, Method 204, Condition D |
| Mechanical Shock           | 100g, 6ms sawtooth, 3 shocks each direction 3 axes (total 18)                          | MIL-STD-202, Method 213, Condition I |