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DATA SHEET

# AA109-310, AA109-310LF: GaAs IC 5-Bit Digital Attenuator With Serial-to-Parallel Driver 0.5–2.5 GHz

## Features

- Positive voltage operation (5 V)
- QFN 5 x 5 mm leadless package
- Integrated silicon serial-to-parallel driver
- Attenuation 1 dB steps to 31 dB
- Available lead (Pb)-free and RoHS-compliant MSL-1 @ 260 °C per JEDEC J-STD-020

## Description

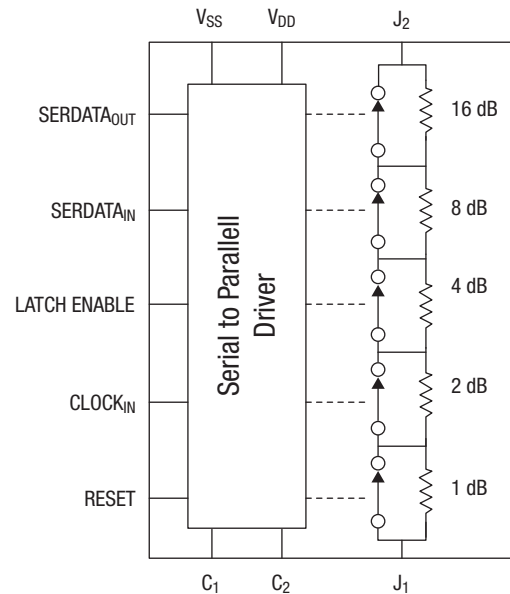
The AA109-310 is a GaAs FET IC 5-bit digital attenuator with a serial-to-parallel driver packaged in a 32-leadless exposed pad plastic package. It is particularly suited where high attenuation accuracy, low insertion loss, and low intermodulation products are required. Typical applications include base station, wireless and wireless local loop gain control circuits.

**NEW**

Skyworks offers lead (Pb)-free, RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances)-compliant packaging.



## Simplified Schematic



## Electrical Specifications at 25 °C

**V<sub>DD</sub> = 5 V, Z<sub>0</sub> = 50 Ω, unless otherwise specified**

Parameter	Condition	Frequency	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Insertion loss		0.5–1.0 GHz		2.0	2.4	dB
		1.0–2.0 GHz		2.7	3.1	dB
		2.0–2.5 GHz		3.1	3.6	dB
Attenuation range <sup>(1, 2)</sup>				31		dB
Attenuation accuracy <sup>(1, 2)</sup>		0.5–1.0 GHz	± (0.2 + 3% of attenuation setting in dB)			dB
		1.0–2.0 GHz	± (0.3 + 5% of attenuation setting in dB)			dB
		2.0–2.5 GHz	± (0.3 + 6% of attenuation setting in dB)			dB
VSWR (I/O)		0.5–2.5 GHz		1.5:1	2.2:1	
Switching characteristics						
Rise, fall	10/90% or 90/10% RF			100		µs
On, off	50% CTL to 90/10% RF			300		µs
Video feedthru	T <sub>RISE</sub> = 1 ns, BW = 500 MHz			70		mV
Input power for 1 dB compression	V <sub>S</sub> = 3 V	0.9–2.5 GHz		21		dBm
	V <sub>S</sub> = 5 V	0.9–2.5 GHz		27		dBm
Intermodulation intercept point (IP3)	For two-tone input power +5 dBm V <sub>S</sub> = 3 V V <sub>S</sub> = 5 V	0.9–2.5 GHz		41		dBm
		0.9–2.5 GHz		45		dBm

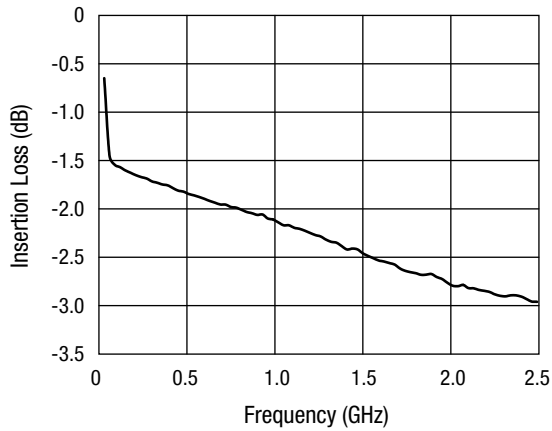
1. Attenuation value referenced above insertion loss.

2. Exposed pad must be connected to RF ground to obtain specified attenuation.

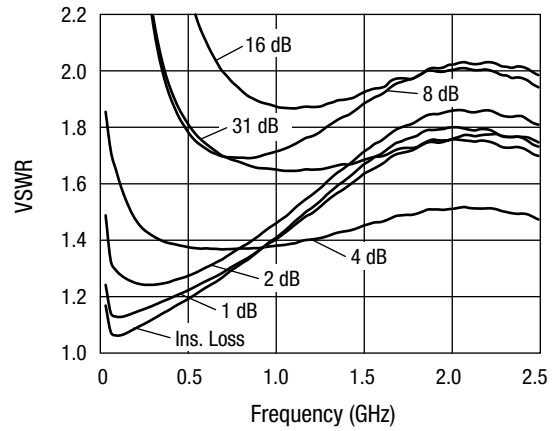
## DC Electrical Characteristics at 25 °C (V<sub>DD</sub> = 5 V)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Input voltage high	V <sub>IH</sub> (1)		3.5	5	V
Input voltage low	V <sub>IL</sub> (0)	0	0.5		V
Input leakage current	I <sub>L</sub>		±0.5		µA
Quiescent current	I <sub>DD</sub>		500		µA
Supply voltages	V <sub>DD</sub>		5		V

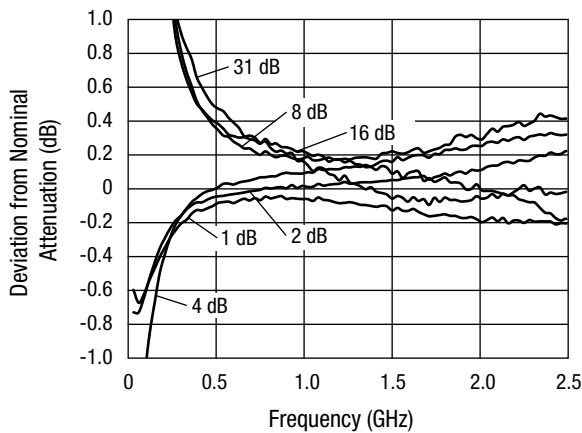
**Typical Performance Data ( $V_{DD} = 5\text{ V}$ ,  $Z_0 = 50\ \Omega$ )**



**Insertion Loss vs. Frequency**



**VSWR vs. Frequency**



**Attenuation Accuracy vs. Frequency**

**Absolute Maximum Ratings**

Characteristic	Value
Supply voltage ( $V_{DD}$ )	-0.5 to +6 V
Input voltage ( $V_i$ )	-0.5 - $V_{CC}$ + 0.5 V
Power dissipation ( $P_D$ )	500 mW
Storage temperature ( $T_{ST}$ )	-65 °C to +150 °C
Operating temperature ( $T_{OP}$ )	-40 °C to +85 °C

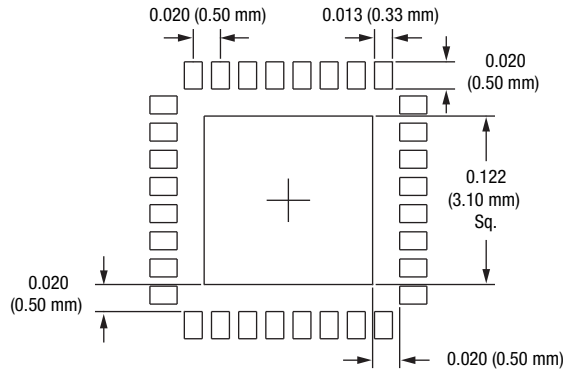
Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in the specifications table and is not guaranteed under the full range(s) described by the Absolute Maximum specifications. Exceeding any of the absolute maximum/minimum specifications may result in permanent damage to the device and will void the warranty.

**CAUTION:** Although this device is designed to be as robust as possible, ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) can damage this device. This device must be protected at all times from ESD. Static charges may easily produce potentials of several kilovolts on the human body or equipment, which can discharge without detection. Industry-standard ESD precautions must be employed at all times.



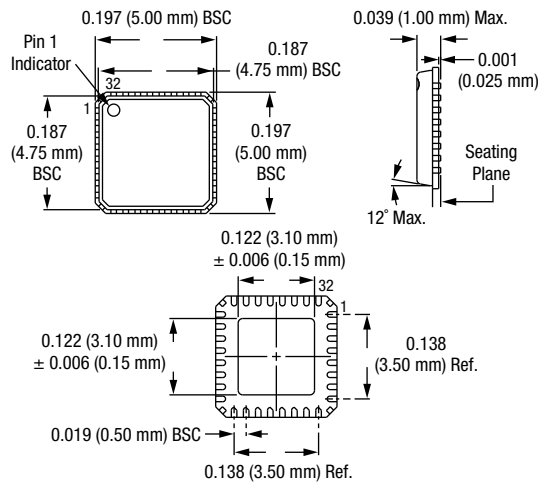
### Surface Mount Land Pattern

#### 5 x 5 mm QFN 32-Lead



Dimensions in inches (mm).

#### QFN 5 x 5 (-310)



### Recommended Solder Reflow Profiles

Refer to the [“Recommended Solder Reflow Profile”](#) Application Note.

### Tape and Reel Information

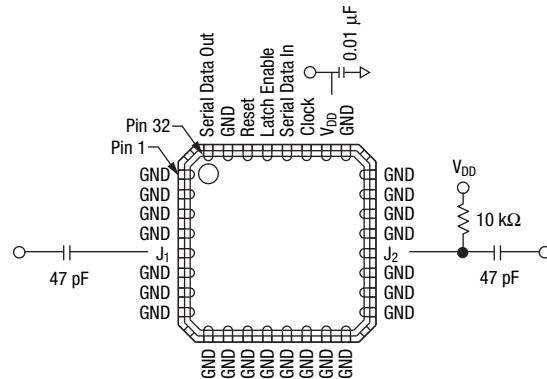
Refer to the [“Discrete Devices and IC Switch/Attenuators Tape and Reel Package Orientation”](#) Application Note.

### Truth Table

Reset	Serial Data Input					J <sub>1</sub> -J <sub>2</sub> Attenuation
	1 dB	2 dB	4 dB	8 dB	16 dB	
1	1	1	1	1	1	Insertion Loss
1	0	1	1	1	1	1 dB
1	1	0	1	1	1	2 dB
1	1	1	0	1	1	4 dB
1	1	1	1	0	1	8 dB
1	1	1	1	1	0	16 dB
1	0	0	0	0	0	31 dB
0	X	X	X	X	X	31 dB

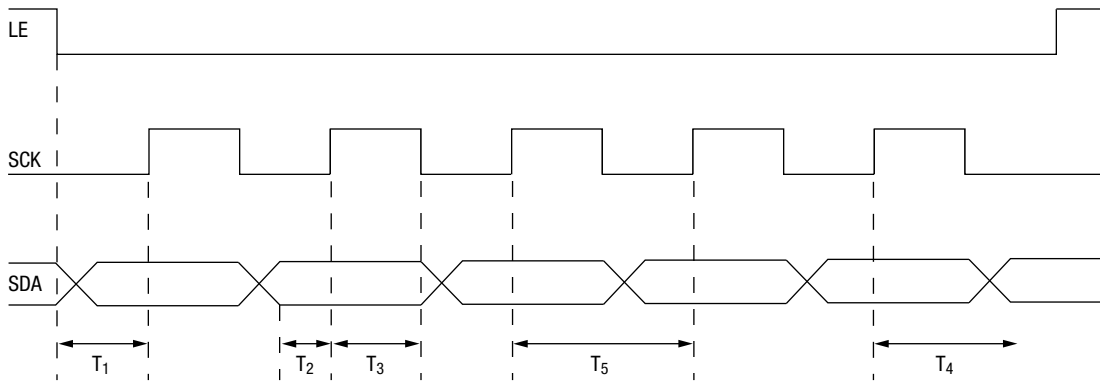
V<sub>IL</sub> (0) = 0 to 0.5 V.  
 V<sub>IH</sub> (1) = 3.5 to 5 V.  
 X = Don't Care.

### Pin Out



Pin	Symbol	Function
1-4	GND	Ground
5	J <sub>1</sub>	RF input/output
6-19	GND	Ground
20	J <sub>2</sub>	RF input/output
21-25	GND	Ground
26	V <sub>DD</sub>	Supply voltage
27	Clock In	Serial clock input
28	Serial data in	Serial data input
29	LE	Latch enable
30	Reset	Reset
31	GND	Ground
32	Serial data out	Serial data output

### Timing Diagram



Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
LE setup time	$T_1$	5	15		ns
SDA setup time	$T_2$	5	15		ns
SDA hold time	$T_3$	5	10		ns
LE hold time	$T_4$	5	10		ns
Clock frequency	$f_{CLK}$		16	100	MHz
Clock period	$T_5$		$1/f_{CLK}$		

Serial data (SDA) is shifted into the register on the rising edge of the clock (SCK), most significant bit (MSB) first. The attenuator will change states on the rising edge of the latch enable (LE) signal, according to the most recent 5 bits of shifted data accepted since the previous falling edge of the LE signal.

Power-up sequence:

0. Connect ground
1. Apply VDD
2. Set all inputs (SCK, SDA, LE)

Power-down sequence should be the reverse of above.

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