## Microwave Precision **Fixed Attenuator**

## **RCAT-SERIES**

2W DC to 20 GHz **50**Ω

### The Big Deal

- · Exceptional power handling of 2W
- Wide band width DC to 20 GHz
- Miniature size 2.25 mm x 2.25 mm x 1.1 mm Ceramic package
- Highly reliable and repeatable performance

#### Product Overview

RCAT attenuators are fixed value absorptive attenuators. The highly precision and repeatable monolithic attenuator chip is processed using the most advanced semiconductor processing techniques. The Cu filled through-die via's and Cu metallization on the backside provides a very low thermal resistance path to dissipate the attenuated power. The attenuator chip is packaged in an LTCC hermetic package utilizing fully automated and highly reliable manufacturing processes. These attenuators are capable of meeting MIL requirements for gross leak, fine leak, thermal shock, vibration, acceleration, mechanical shock, and HTOL. The testing can be done if requested.

### **Key Features**

Feature	Advantages
Max power input 2W	Thermally optimized design can operate reliably at much higher input power as com- pared to similar devices
Band width DC to 20 GHz	Supports a broad band of applications with predictable and repeatable performance, excellent choice to buffer cascaded reflective components.
Ceramic Hermetic package	Highly reliable hermetic package provides predictable and repeatable performance in military applications including ground, air, and ship requirements
Very Small Size	Miniature 2.25 mm x 2.25 mm and very low profile of 1.1 mm.



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CASE STYLE: LZ1737

## Microwave Precision Fixed Attenuator

#### **50**Ω 1.5W 20dB DC to 20 GHz

#### **Product Features**

- fixed value, absorptive device
- wide bandwidth, DC-20 GHz
- excellent attenuation accuracy & flatness
- miniature size 2.25 mm x 2.25 mm x 1.1 mm
- ceramic, hermetic, nitrogen filled
- aqueous washable

#### **Typical Applications**

- cellular
- PCS
- communications
- radar
- wideband military
- test and measurement equipment

## **RCAT-20+**



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MIL Screening Available Please consult Applications Dept.

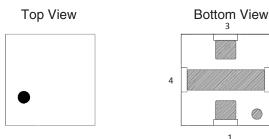
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#### **General Description**

RCAT-20+ (RoHS compliant) is a wideband fixed attenuator with excellent attenuation accuracy and flatness. It can handle up to 1.5W. The integrated circuits comprising of thin film resistors is bonded in an optimized multi layer integrated LTCC substrate, and then hermetically sealed under a controlled nitrogen atmosphere with gold-plated covers and eutectic AuSn solder. These attenuators are capable of meeting MIL requirements for gross leak, fine leak, thermal shock, vibration, acceleration, mechanical shock, and HTOL. The testing can be done if requested.





Function	Pad Number	Description
RF IN / RF-OUT	1	RF input / output pad
RF-OUT / RF IN	3	RF output / input pad
GND	2,4	Connected to circuit ground

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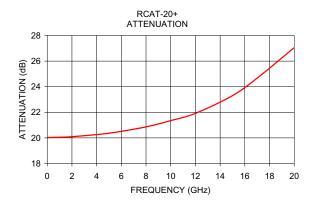
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#### Electrical Specifications<sup>1</sup> at 25°C, 50 $\Omega$

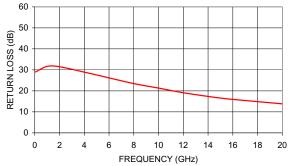
Parameter	Condition (GHz)	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range		DC	_	20	GHz
	1	19.1	20.05	21.1	
Attenuation	10	20.4	21.35	22.4	dB
	20	25.7	27.05	28.3	
	1	—	30	—	
Return Loss	10	—	21.3	—	dB
	20	—	13.8	—	

#### Typical Performance Data at 25°C

Frequency (GHz)	Attenuation (dB)	Return Loss (dB)
0.05	20.03	29.01
1.00	20.05	31.67
2.00	20.10	31.48
5.00	20.37	27.58
8.00	20.86	23.47
10.00	21.35	21.33
12.00	21.92	19.12
15.00	23.30	16.57
17.00	24.67	15.42
20.00	27.05	13.83







#### Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>2</sup>

Operating Case Temperature <sup>3</sup>	-55°C to 125°C
Storage Temperature	-65°C to 150°C
RF Input Power <sup>4</sup>	1.5W at 25°C

1. Tested using characterization test circuit as defined in Figure 1. See graphs and data above for performances at all other frequencies.

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

Case is defined as ground lead.
 RF Power at 25°C case temperature: 1.5W. Derate linearly to 0.33W at 125°C.

#### **Characterization Test Circuit**

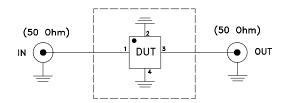


Fig 1. Block diagram of Test Circuit used for characterization. Characterization was performed by Modelithics®, conditions test board details are available at: www.modelithics.com/mvp/minicircuits

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#### **Product Marking**



Additional Detailed Technical Information additional information is available on our dash board.				
Performance Data				
Performance Data	Swept Graphs			
Case Style	LZ1737 Ceramic package, Terminal finish: Ni-Pd-Au			
Tape & Reel	F108			
Standard quantities available on reel	7" reels with 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1K or 2K devices.			
Suggested Layout for PCB Design	<u>click here</u>			
Evaluation Board	TB-668-20+			
Environmental Ratings	ENV-71			

#### **ESD** Rating

Human Body Model (HBM): 250V, Class 1A (JESD22-A114)

Machine Model (MM): 200V, Class B (JESD22-A115)

#### **MSL** Rating

Moisture Sensitivity: MSL1 in accordance with IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020D

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(GHz)	(dB)	(dB)
0.05	20.03	29.01
0.50	20.04	31.15
1.00	20.05	31.67
1.50	20.07	31.75
2.00	20.10	31.48
2.50	20.12	30.96
3.00	20.16	30.35
3.50	20.20	29.76
4.00	20.25	29.06
4.50	20.31	28.29
5.00	20.37	27.58
5.50	20.44	26.89
6.00	20.51	26.22
6.50	20.58	25.56
7.00	20.67	24.83
7.50	20.75	24.13
8.00	20.86	23.47
8.50	20.97	22.87
9.00	21.07	22.45
9.50	21.18	21.82
10.00	21.35	21.33
10.50	21.45	20.60
11.00	21.60	20.05
11.5	21.77	19.60
12.0	21.92	19.12
12.5	22.08	18.70
13.0	22.22	18.29
13.5	22.43	17.84
14.0	22.70	17.40
14.5	22.86	17.06
15.0	23.30	16.57
15.5	23.57	16.22
16.0	24.06	15.88
16.5	24.37	15.67
17.0	24.67	15.42
17.5	24.85	15.15
18.0	24.92	14.84
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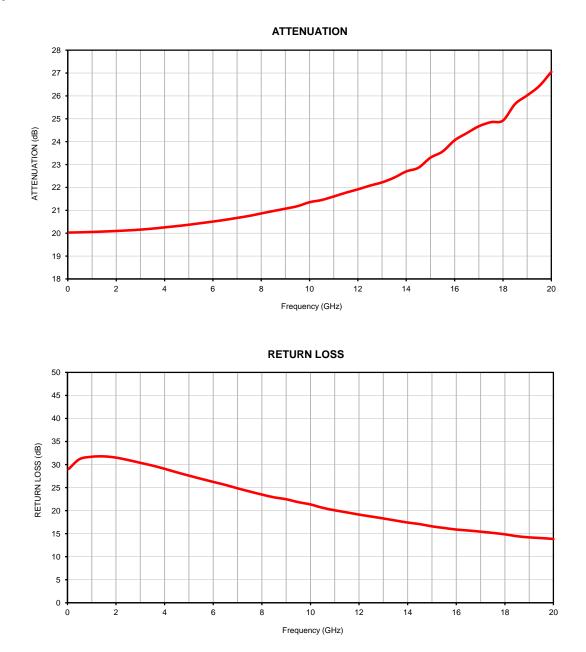




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Typical Performance Curves







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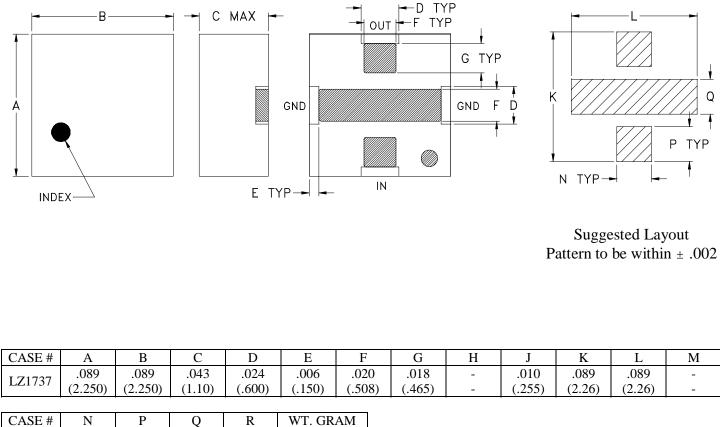
## Case Style

## **Outline Dimensions**

**PCB Land Pattern** 

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CASE #	N	Р	Q	R	WT. GRAM
LZ1737	.022	.026	.017	-	015
LZ1/3/	(.550)	(.66)	(.432)	-	.015

Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2 Pl.  $\pm$  .01; 3 Pl.  $\pm$  .005

#### Notes:

- 1. Case material: Ceramic.
- 2. Base material: 36 mil thk laminate.
- 3. Termination finish: Electroless Nickel-Palladium-Gold Plate.



## Tape & Reel Packaging TR-F66

DEVICE ORIENTATION IN T&R

DIRECTION OF FEED

Tape Width, mm	Device Cavity Pitch, mm	Reel Size, inches		es per Reel ee note		
8	4	7	Small quantity standard	20 50 100 200 500		
		7	Standard	1000, 2000, 3000		

Note: Please consult individual model data sheet to determine device per reel availability.

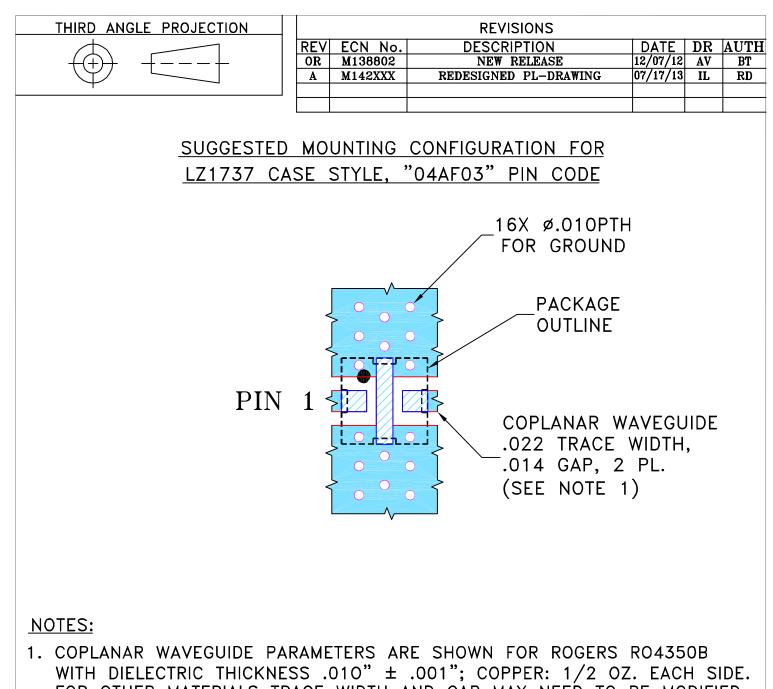
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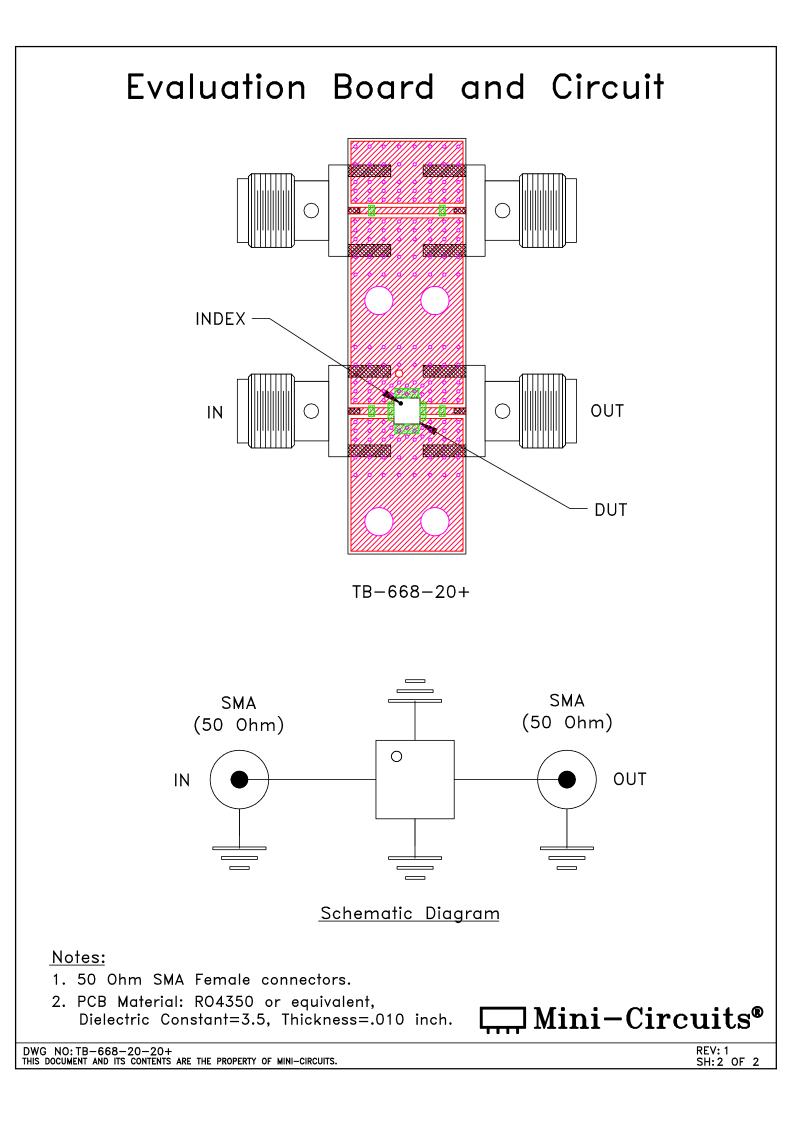


- FOR OTHER MATERIALS TRACE WIDTH AND GAP MAY NEED TO BE MODIFIED. 2. BOTTOM SIDE OF THE PCB IS CONTINUOUS GROUND PLANE.
- 3. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE PERFORMANCE AT HIGHER FREQUENCIES, THICKNESS OF SOLDER MASK SHALL BE MINIMAL.

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Specification	Test/Inspection Condition	Reference/Spec
Operating Temperature	-55° to 125° C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Storage Temperature	-65° to 150° C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Thermal Shock (device level)	-55° to 125°C, 100 cycles	MIL-STD-202, Method 107
Thermal Shock (board level)	-55° to 150°C, 1000 cycles	MIL-STD-202, Method 107
HTOL	1000 hours, 25°C, @ rated power	MIL-STD-202, Method 108, cond D.
Constant Acceleration	Y1 plane only, 30 Kg	MIL-STD-883, Method 2001, Cond. E
Vibration	10-2000MHz sine, 20g, 3 axis	MIL-STD-202, Method 204, Cond. D
Mechanical Shock	50g, 11 ms, 1/2-sine, 18 shocks: 3 each direction, each of 3 axes	MIL-STD-202, Method 213, Condition A
PIND	20G's @130 Hz	MIL-STD-750, Method 2052.2
Resistance to Soldering Heat	3X Reflow, Peak Temperature 260°C	JESD22-B102
Moisture Sensitivity Level	Hermetic device, MSL-1 by construction	JESD22-A113, MSL1/260
Hermeticity	Fine Leak, Gross Leak	MIL-STD-202, Method 112, Cond. C&D

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