

Programmable Attenuator

RUDAT-4000-120

50Ω 0 – 120 dB, 0.25 dB step 1 to 4000 MHz

The Big Deal

- Wide Attenuation range, 120 dB
- Fine attenuation resolution, 0.25 dB
- Compact size, 2.0 x 3.0 x 0.6"
- **USB and RS232** control



Case Style: MS1813



Installation CD



Product Overview

Mini-Circuits' RUDAT-4000-120 is a general purpose programmable RF attenuator supporting frequencies from 1 to 4000 MHz with attenuation from 0 to 120 dB in 0.25 dB steps. Its unique design maintains linear attenuation change per dB, even at the highest attenuation settings. The attenuator is controlled via USB or RS232 ports. It comes housed in a rugged, shielded metal case with input/output SMA(F) RF ports (input/output ports are interchangeable), a USB type Mini-B socket, and a 9-pin D-sub(F) RS232 port. Power can be supplied via either USB or the D-sub port.

The RUDAT-4000-120 is supplied with our easy-to-install, user-friendly GUI software, API objects for Windows® environments, and complete programming instructions for 32 and 64 bit Windows® and Linux® operating systems. See p. 8 for a complete list of included accessories.

Key Features

Feature	Advantages
USB control	The RUDAT-4000-120 can be controlled from any Windows® or Linux® computer with a USB connection. The device draws all power requirements through the USB port.
RS232 control	The user may also control the RUDAT-4000-120 via RS232 connection, allowing serial communication with the device.
Plug-and-Play – no additional device drivers required.	Fast and easy setup and installation. The RUDAT-4000-120 interfaces with various third-party software, making it easy to integrate into existing setups.
110 dB attenuation range.	The RUDAT-4000-120 provides high-accuracy attenuation up to 110 dB in 0.25 dB steps, allowing the user precise level control over a broad attenuation and frequency range.
High linearity	Typical input IP3 of +53 dBm up to 6000 MHz

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Features

- USB and RS232 control
- Very good attenuation accuracy, ± 0.5 dB typ.
- Extremely low leakage
- Interchangeable Input/Output ports
- Plug & Play device – no drivers required
- User-friendly Windows® Graphical User Interface
- Supports a wide range of programming environments (See application note [AN-49-001](#) for details)
- Optional mounting bracket, see page 5



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Included Accessories

Model No.	Description	Qty.
MUSB-CBL-3+	2.6 ft. USB cable	1
PC-DAT-CD	Software Installation CD	1

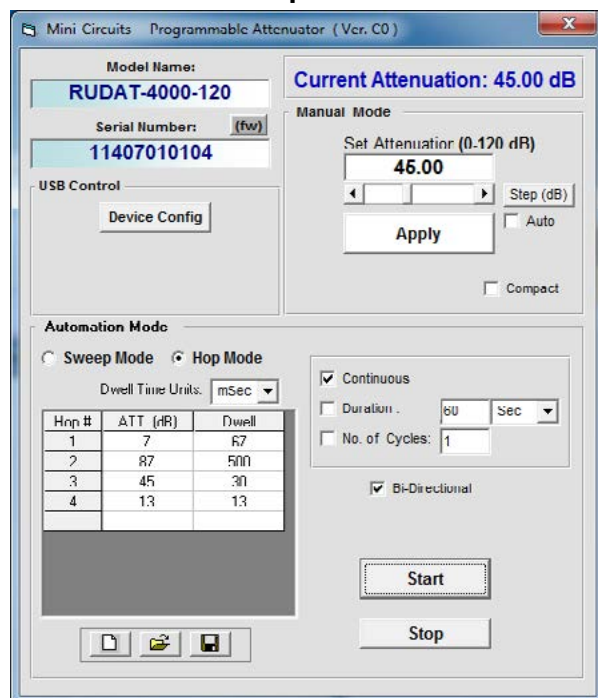
Applications

- Automated Test Equipment (ATE)
- WiMAX, 3G, 4G, LTE, DVB Fading Simulators
- Laboratory Instrumentation
- Production Test
- Handover system Evaluation
- Power level cycling

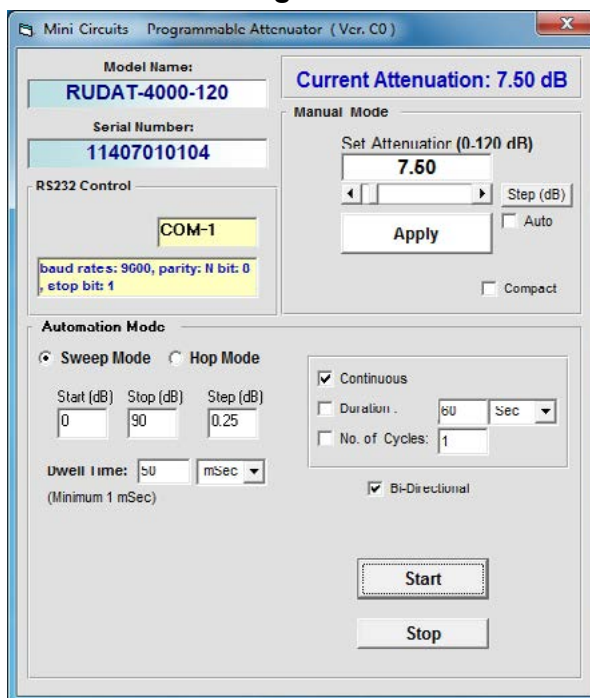
RoHS Compliant

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Mini-Circuits Graphical User Interface for RUDAT-Series Programmable Attenuator



RUDAT GUI screen (USB control, Hop mode)



RUDAT GUI screen (RS232 control, Sweep mode)

For programming instructions, see [programming guide](#) on Mini-Circuits' website.



Electrical Specifications ¹ at 0°C to 50°C

Parameter	Frequency range	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Attenuation range	1 - 4000 MHz	0.25 dB step	0	–	120	dB
Attenuation accuracy ²	1 - 2000 MHz	@ 0.25 - 10 dB	–	±0.15	±(0.25+8% of nominal value)	dB
		@ 10.25 - 40 dB	–	±0.55	±(0.4+5% of nominal value)	
		@ 40.25 - 90 dB	–	±0.50	±(0.8+2% of nominal value)	
		@ 90.25 - 120 dB	–	±0.70	±(-2.6+5.5% of nominal value)	
	2000 - 4000 MHz	@ 0.25 - 10 dB	–	±0.15	±(0.2+6% of nominal value)	
		@ 10.25 - 40 dB		±0.50	±(0.8+3% of nominal value)	
		@ 40.25 - 90 dB	–	±0.25	±(1.1+1% of nominal value)	
		@ 90.25 - 120 dB	–	±0.35	±(-7.0+10% of nominal value)	
Insertion Loss	1 - 2000 MHz	@ 0 dB	–	6.5	8.5	dB
	2000 - 4000 MHz		–	9.0	10.5	
Isolation In-Out	1 - 4000 MHz	Note 3	–	134	–	dB
Input operating power ⁴ (RF In and RF Out out ports)	1 - 10 MHz	@ 0 - 120 dB	–	–	+10	dBm
	10 - 4000 MHz		–	–	+20	
IP3 Input ⁵	1 - 4000 MHz	@ 0 dB setting (P _{IN} =+10 dBm)	–	+53	–	dBm
VSWR	1 - 500 MHz	@ 0 - 40 dB	–	1.30	–	:1
		@ 40.25 - 120 dB	–	1.05	–	
	500 - 4000 MHz	@ 0 - 20 dB	–	1.10	–	
		@ 20.25 - 120 dB	–	1.05	–	
Supply Voltage ⁶	–	via USB port or D-Sub Pin#1	4.75	5	5.25	V
DC current draw	–		–	60	80	mA
RS232 logic levels	Meets RS232 standard at all voltages with RS232 communications set to 9600 bps; 8 bit word; no parity; stop bit = ‘1’.					

¹ Attenuator RF ports are interchangeable, and support simultaneous, bidirectional signal transmission, however the specifications are guaranteed for the RF in and RF out as noted on the label. There may be minor changes in performance when injecting signals to the RF Out port.

² Max accuracy defined as ±[absolute error+% of attenuation setting] for example when setting the attenuator to 110 dB attenuation the maximum error at 3500 MHz will be: ±(-7.0+0.1x110)= ±(-7.0+11)= ± 4.0 dB

³ Isolation is defined as max attenuation plus insertion loss; this is the path loss through the attenuator when initially powered up. After a brief delay (~0.5 sec typically) the attenuator will revert to a user defined "power-up" state (either max attenuation or a pre-set value).

⁴ Total operating input power from both RF In and RF Out out ports. Compression level not noted as it exceeds max safe operating power level.

⁵ Tested with 1 MHz span between signals.

⁶ Power on sequence for RS232 control: Connect 5V power followed by the control lines.

⁷ Switching speed 650 nsec typ without communication delays, 3.5 msec with USB communication delays (Communication delays vary by computer).

Absolute Maximum Ratings

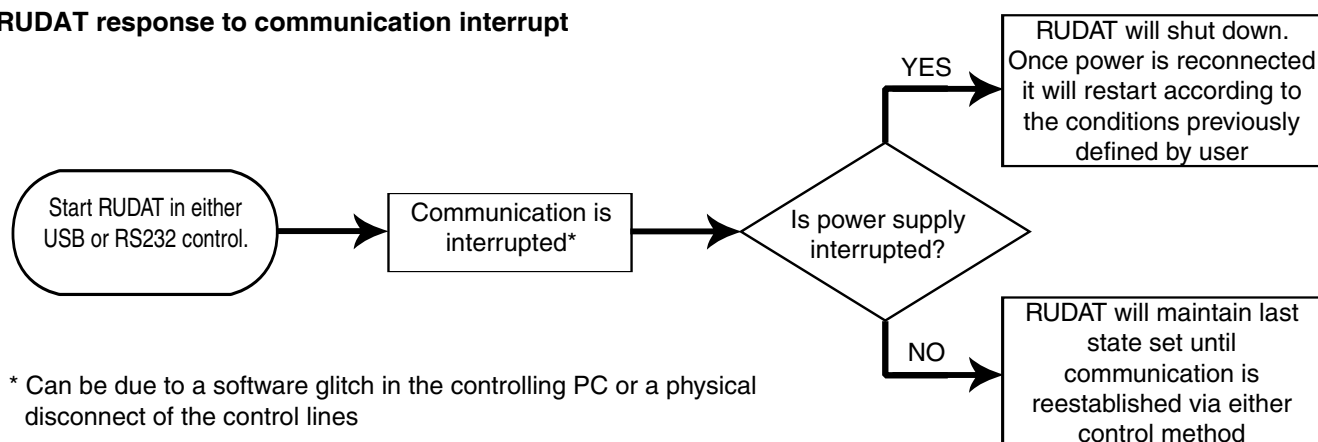
Operating Temperature	0°C to 50°C
Storage Temperature	-20°C to 85°C
Voltage input at RS232 receive pin	-30V to +30V
Voltage input at RS232 transmit pin	0V to +4V
Voltage input at RS232 Pin#1	-1V to +6V
V _{USB} Max.	6V
Total RF power for RF In & RF Out	@ 10 to 6000 MHz +23 dBm
	@ 1 to 10 MHz +13 dBm

Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded. Operation in the range between the max operating power and the absolute maximum rating for extended periods of time may result in reduced life and reliability.

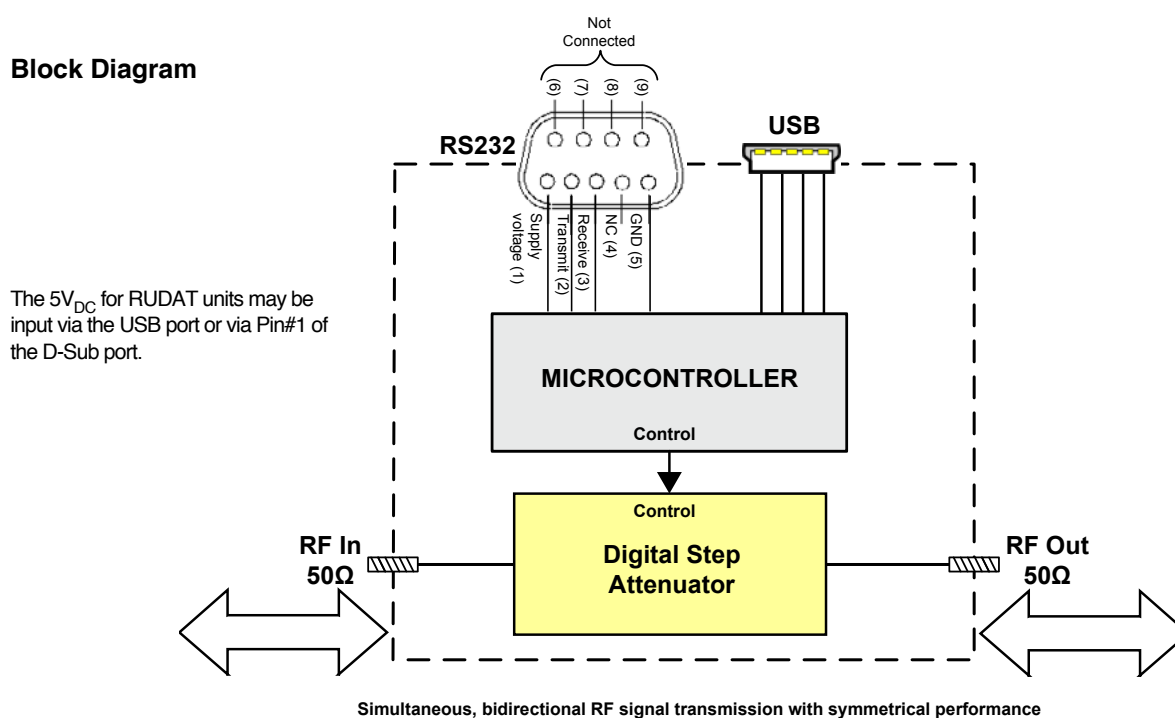
Minimum System Requirements

Interface	USB HID or RS232 protocols
Host operating system - USB Control	Windows 32/64 Bit operating system: Windows 98®, Windows XP®, Windows Vista®, Windows 7®, Windows 8® Linux® support: 32/64 Bit operating system
Host operating system - RS232 Control	Any computer with a serial port and RS232 support
Hardware	Pentium® II or better

RUDAT response to communication interrupt



Block Diagram



Connections

RF IN	(SMA female)
RF OUT	(SMA female)
USB	(USB type Mini-B female)
RS232*	(9 Pin D-Sub female)

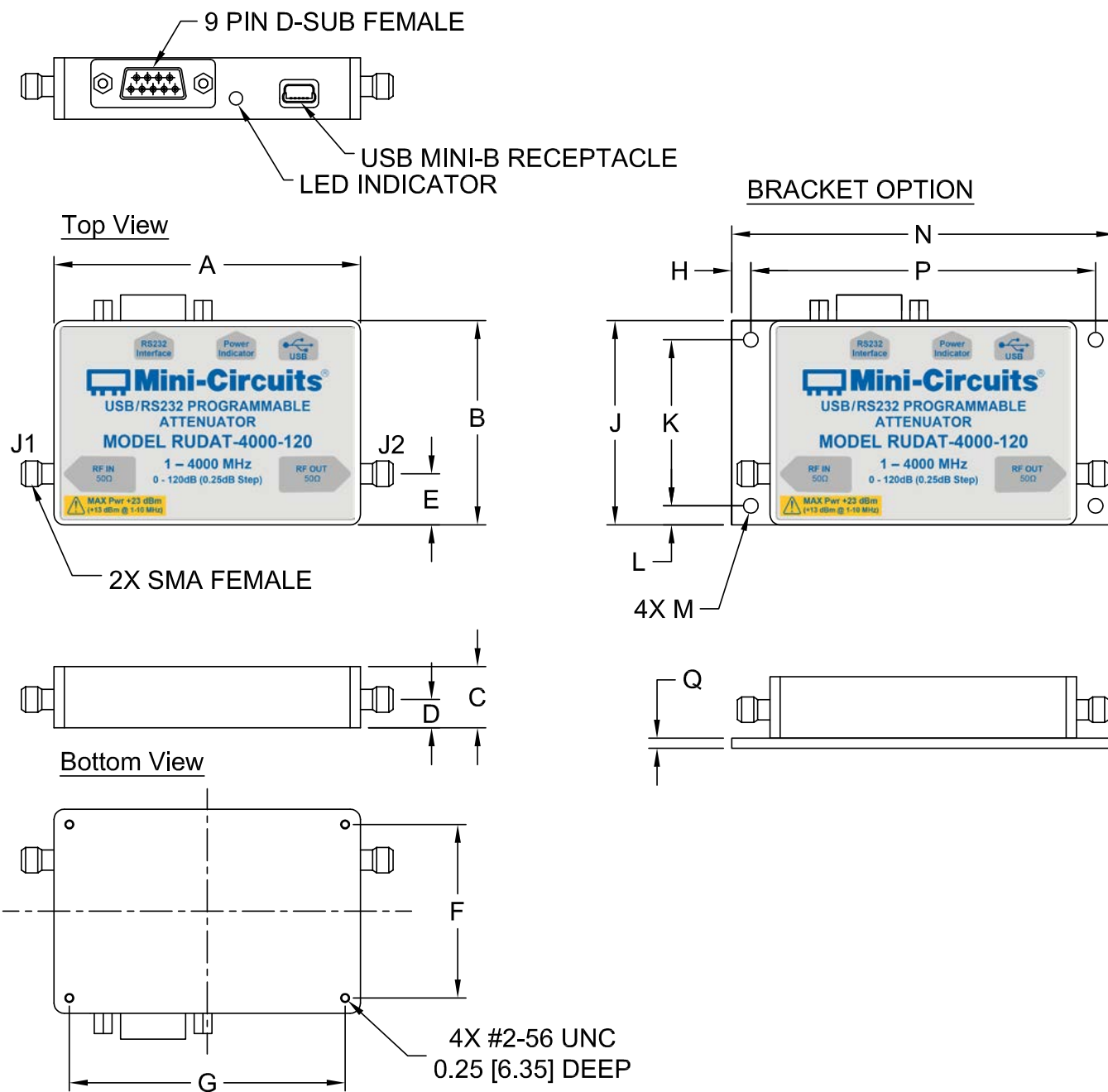
*9 Pin D-Sub Pin Connections

PIN Number	Function
2	Transmit
3	Receive
5	GND
1	+5 V _{DC} ^{8,9}
4,6-9	Not Connected

⁸ Pin#1 can be used as supply voltage (+) pin instead of USB connection. When USB power is connected, Pin#1 may be connected to GND or supply voltage (+) or remain disconnected.

⁹ Power on sequence for RS232 control: Connect 5V power followed by the control lines.

Outline Drawing (MS1813)

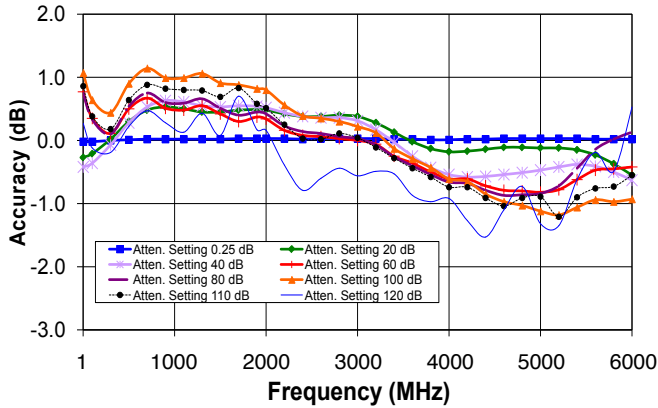


Outline Dimensions (inch mm)

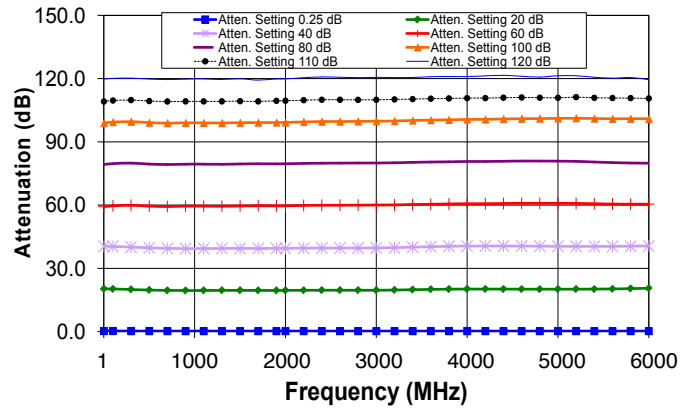
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	WT. GRAMS
3.00	2.00	0.60	0.28	0.50	1.700	2.700	0.188	2.00	1.625	0.188	0.144	3.75	3.375	0.100	130
76.2	50.8	15.24	7.1	12.7	43.18	68.58	4.76	50.80	41.28	4.76	3.66	95.25	85.72	2.54	

Typical Performance Curves

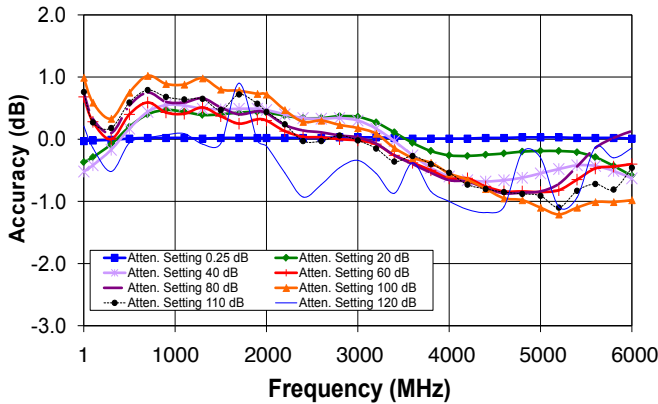
**Attenuation Accuracy @ +25°C
vs. Frequency over Attenuation settings**



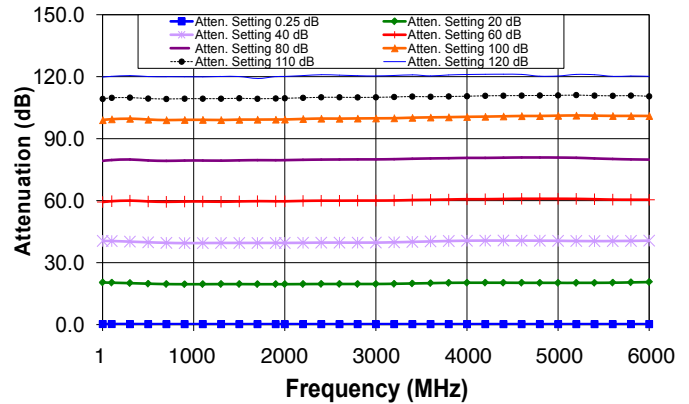
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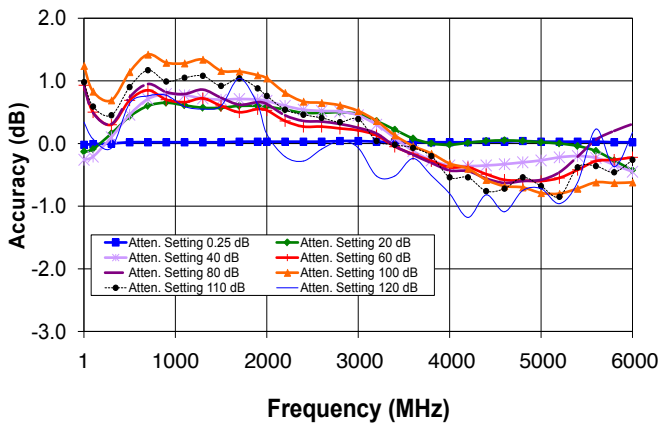
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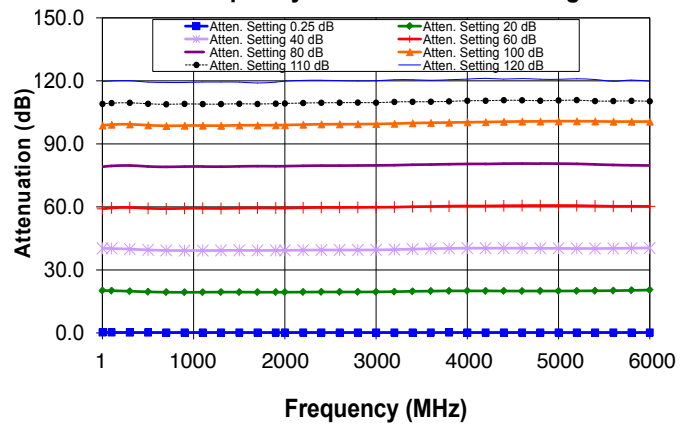
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**Attenuation Accuracy @ +50°C
vs. Frequency over Attenuation settings**

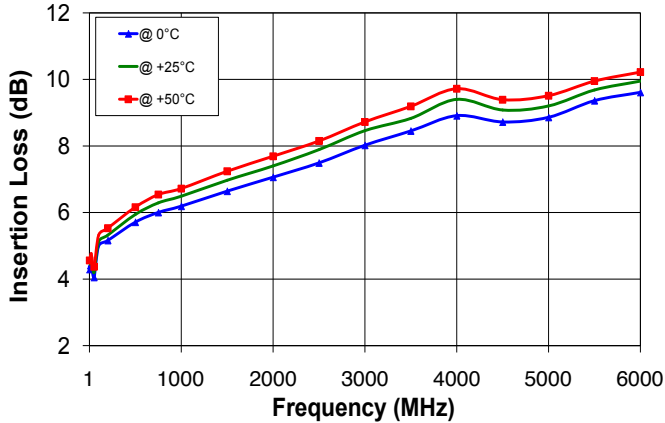


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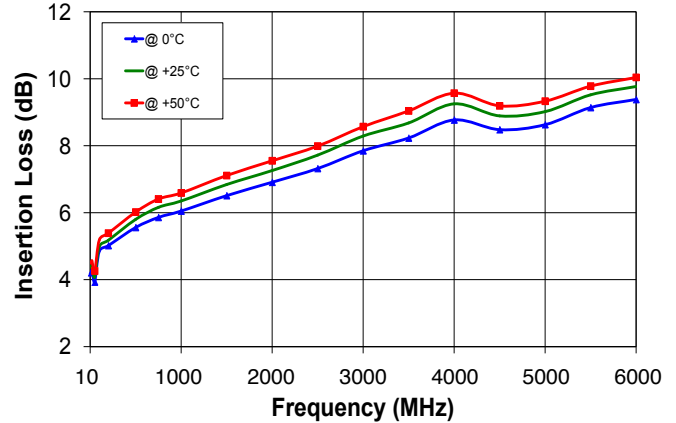


Typical Performance Curves (Continued)

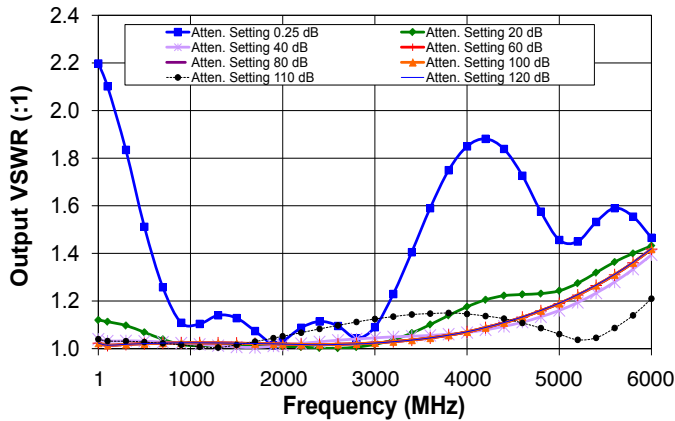
**Insertion Loss @ Input Power 0dBm
vs. Frequency over Temperatures**



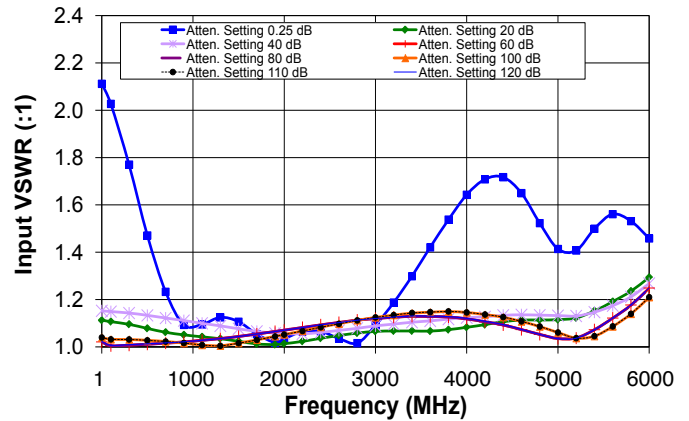
**Insertion Loss @ Input Power +20 dBm
vs. Frequency over Temperatures**



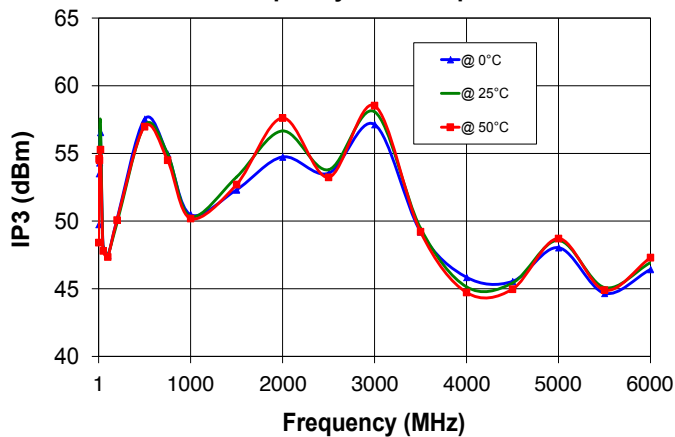
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vs. Frequency over Attenuation settings**



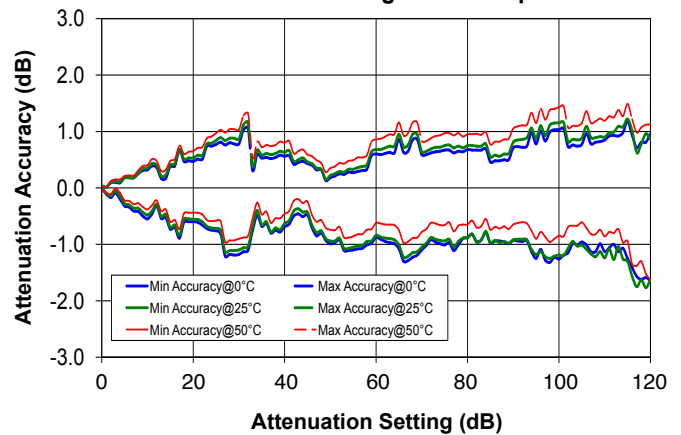
**Input VSWR @ +25°C
vs. Frequency over Attenuation settings**



**Input IP3 @ 0dB Attenuation
vs. Frequency over Temperatures**



**Typical Attenuation Accuracy
vs. Attenuation settings over Temperature**



Ordering Information

Model	Description
RUDAT-4000-120	USB/RS232 Programmable Attenuator

Included Accessories	Part No.	Description
	PC-DAT-CD	Software CD
	MUSB-CBL-3+	2.6 ft (0.8 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type Mini-B(Male)

Optional Accessories	Description
MUSB-CBL-3+ (spare)	2.6 ft (0.8 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type Mini-B(Male)
MUSB-CBL-7+	6.6 ft (2.0 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type Mini-B(Male)
D-SUB9-MF-6+	6 ft RS232 Cable: 9 pin D-sub(Male) to 9 pin D-sub(Female)
USB-AC/DC-5 ^{9, 10}	AC/DC 5V _{DC} Power Adapter with US, EU, IL, UK, AUS, and China power plugs
BKT-3901+	Bracket kit including 3.75" x 2.00" bracket, mounting screws and washers

⁹ The USB-AC/DC-5 may be used to provide the 5V_{DC} power input via USB port if operating the RUDAT with RS232. Not required if using USB control.

¹⁰ Power plugs for other countries are also available, if you need a power plug for a country not listed in the table please contact apps@minicircuits.com or check <http://www.minicircuits.com/contact/offices.html> for regional offices e-mail and phone numbers.

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