MEMS Optical Attenuator

Description

The VOA series optical attenuator is an electronically variable optical attenuator based on an electrostatic rotating mirror. The device offers high repeatability, low power consumption, fast response time, Telcordia standards GR1221 compliant. The MEMS optical attenuator is hermetically sealed. The VOA series come with complete customization ability.

Features

- 45 dB attenuation
- Low voltage (0-8)
- High repeatability
- Fast response
- Low initial insertion loss
- Attenuation is stable across temperature changes
- Continuous Attenuation

Applications

- Test and Measurement
- Field measurements
- Data Centers

Electro-Optical Characteristics (T$_{op}$ 23 ± 3°c, unless otherwise specified)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max	Unit	Notes
Wavelength	λ	1250		1650	nm	Others available
Insertion Loss	OIL		0.3	1	dB	
Optical Return Loss	ORL		50		dB	Taken at 1310 & 1550
Repeatability	R		0.05		dB	Attenuation < 20 dB
Vias Voltage	V	0		7	V	
Cycles			10		10^9	
Polarization Depend Loss	P$_{DL}$		0.2		dB	Attenuation < 10 dB
			0.5			Attenuation < 20 dB
Switching Time	Ts		0.5	3	ms	Off to On
Optical Power handling	Po			500	mW	
Wavelength Dependent Loss			0.5		dB	
Temperature Attenuation Change				1	dB	25 – 80°c at 20 dB Attenuation
Ripple			0.05		dB	20 dB Attenuation
PMD			0.1		ps	

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min.	Max.	Unit
Bias Voltage	V			8	V
Power Consumption	P			0.25	mW
Reverse Voltage	Vr			8	V
Optical Input power	P$_{in}$			600	mW
Storage Temperature	T$_{stg}$		-40	90	^{o}C
Storage Humidity	H$_{stg}$			85	% r.H.
Operating Temperature	T$_{op}$		-15	80	^{o}C
Soldering Temperature	T$_{st}$	60 sec		200	^{o}C
ESD Susceptibility		HBM		700	V

Operating at maximum ratings for a prolonged period will cause damage to the device.

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Typical Performance Graph
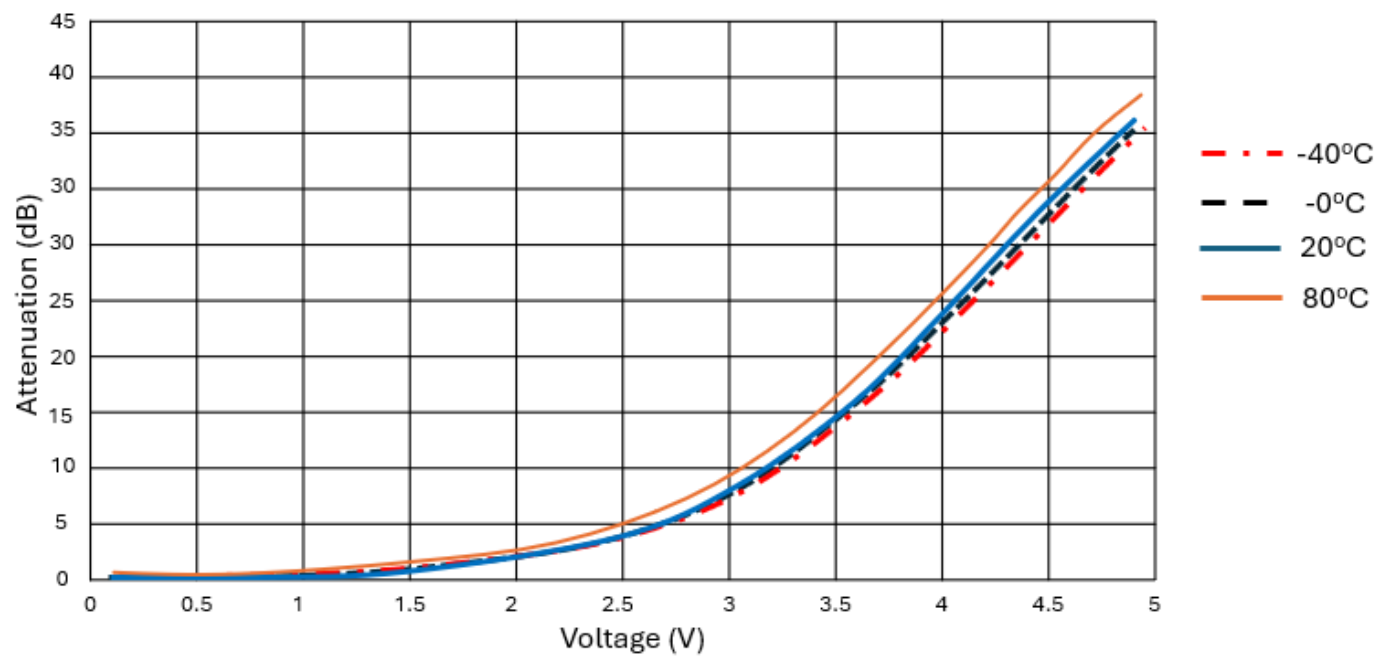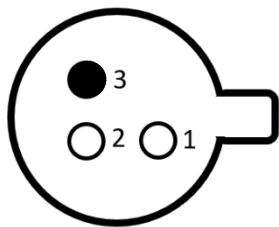

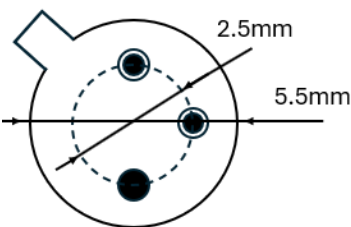**Pin Configuration:** Device is not sensitive to polarity.

Fig 1A: Bottom View

Fig 1B: Pin Dimensions

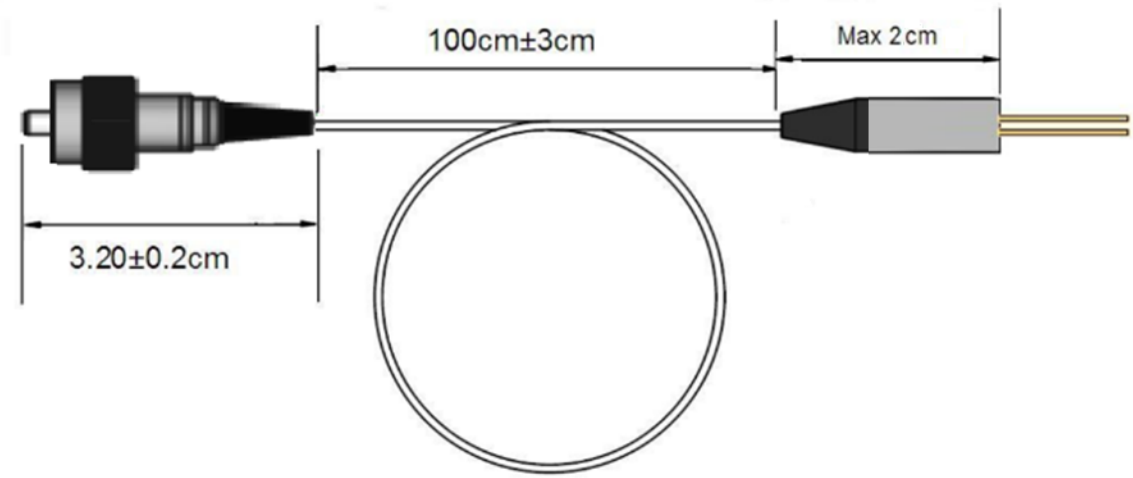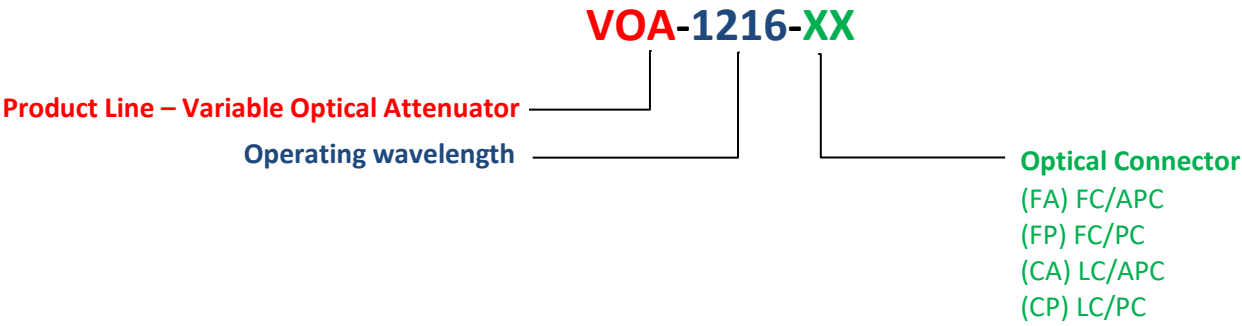| Pin Number	Function
1	V+
2	V-
3	Case Ground

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Device Dimensions

Fig 2: Device mechanical drawing. (All units in mm). Fiber and connector size differs based on build configuration.

Table 1: Device Pin out

Device Nomenclature

VOA-1216-XX

Product Line – Variable Optical Attenuator

Operating wavelength

Optical Connector
(FA) FC/APC
(FP) FC/PC
(CA) LC/APC
(CP) LC/PC

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Definitions: Product State

Alpha Build: Devices in Alpha build are in internal engineering build and testing stages. Major changes may happen for production build.

Beta Build: Devices in Beta build are for external customer and engineering sample testing stages. Minor changes may happen for production build.

Production Build: Customer ready devices. Small appearance changes may occur between devices.

Obsolete: Currently not supported.