

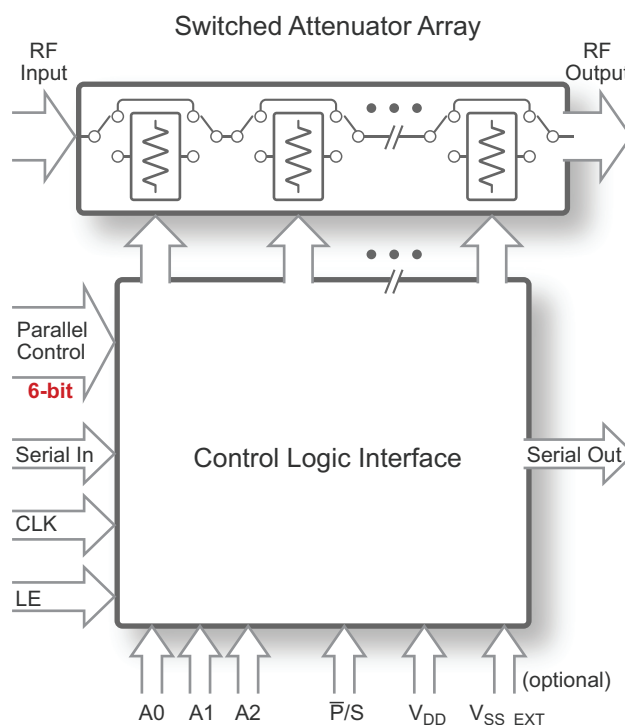
## Features

- Wideband support from 9 kHz to 45 GHz
- Glitch-safe attenuation state transitions
- Flexible attenuation steps of 0.5 dB and 1 dB up to 31.5 dB
- +105 °C operating temperature
- Parallel and serial programming interfaces with serial addressability
- High HBM ESD of 1 kV
- Packaging – 24-lead 4 × 4 mm LGA

## Applications

- Test and measurement (T&M)
- Point-to-point communication systems
- Very small aperture terminals (VSAT)

Figure 1 ■ PE43614 Functional Diagram



## Product Description

The PE43614 is a 50Ω, HaRP™ technology-enhanced, 6-bit RF digital step attenuator (DSA) that supports a wide frequency range from 9 kHz to 45 GHz. The PE43614 features glitch-safe attenuation state transitions, supports 1.8V control voltage and optional  $V_{SS\_EXT}$  bypass mode to improve spurious performance, making this device ideal for test and measurement, point-to-point communication systems, and very small aperture terminals (VSAT).

The PE43614 provides an integrated digital control interface that supports both serial addressable and parallel programming of the attenuation. The PE43614 covers a 31.5 dB attenuation range in 0.5 dB and 1 dB steps. It is capable of maintaining 0.5 dB and 1 dB monotonicity through 45 GHz. In addition, no external blocking capacitors are required if 0 VDC is present on the RF ports.

The PE43614 is manufactured on pSemi's UltraCMOS® process, a patented variation of silicon-on-insulator (SOI) technology. pSemi's HaRP technology enhancements deliver high linearity and excellent harmonics performance. It is an innovative feature of the UltraCMOS process.

Revision History

Table 1 ■ Revision History

Document Revision	Date	Change Description
DOC-93670-4	October 2024	Table 2, Absolute Maximum Ratings Table 3, Recommended Operating Conditions Figure 7, Power De-rating Curve

## Optional External $V_{SS}$ Control

For proper operation, the  $V_{SS\_EXT}$  control pin must be grounded or tied to the  $V_{SS}$  voltage specified in **Table 3**. When the  $V_{SS\_EXT}$  control pin is grounded, FETs in the switch are biased with an internal negative voltage generator. For applications that require the lowest possible spur performance,  $V_{SS\_EXT}$  can be applied externally to bypass the internal negative voltage generator.

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

Exceeding absolute maximum ratings listed in **Table 2** may cause permanent damage. Operation should be restricted to the limits in **Table 3**. Operation between operating range maximum and absolute maximum for extended periods may reduce reliability.

## ESD Precautions

When handling this UltraCMOS device, observe the same precautions as with any other ESD-sensitive devices. Although this device contains circuitry to protect it from damage due to ESD, precautions should be taken to avoid exceeding the rating specified in **Table 2**.

## Latch-up Immunity

Unlike conventional CMOS devices, UltraCMOS devices are immune to latch-up.

**Table 2 ■ Absolute Maximum Ratings for the PE43614**

Parameter/Condition	Min	Max	Unit
Positive supply voltage, $V_{DD}$	−0.3	5.5	V
Negative supply voltage, $V_{SS\_EXT}$	−3.6	0.3	V
Digital input voltage	−0.3	3.6	V
Peak RF input power, 50Ω		<b>Fig. 7</b>	dBm
Maximum junction temperature		+150	°C
Storage temperature range	−65	+150	°C
ESD voltage HBM, all pins <sup>(1)</sup>		1000	V
ESD voltage CDM, all pins <sup>(2)</sup>		500	V
<b>Notes:</b> 1) Human body model (MIL–STD 883 Method 3015) 2) Charged device model (JEDEC JESD22-C101).			

## Recommended Operating Conditions

**Table 3** lists the recommending operating condition for the PE43614. Devices should not be operated outside the recommended operating conditions listed below.

**Table 3 ■ Recommended Operating Condition for the PE43614**

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>Normal mode, <math>V_{SS\_EXT} = 0V^{(1)}</math></b>				
Positive supply voltage, $V_{DD}$	2.3	3.3	5.5	V
Positive supply current, $I_{DD}^{(3)}$		170	260	$\mu A$
<b>Bypass mode, <math>V_{SS\_EXT} = -3.0V^{(2)}</math></b>				
Positive supply voltage, $V_{DD}$ ( $V_{DD} \geq 3.4V$ . See <b>Table 4</b> for full spec compliance.)	3.1	3.4	5.5	V
Positive supply current, $I_{DD}^{(3)}$		125	170	$\mu A$
Negative supply voltage, $V_{SS\_EXT}$	-3.3	-3.0	-2.7	V
Negative supply current, $I_{SS}$	-40	-16		$\mu A$
<b>Normal or bypass mode</b>				
Digital input high	1.17		3.60	V
Digital input low	-0.3		0.6	V
Digital input current <sup>(4)</sup>		10	20	$\mu A$
(SDO) digital output high		1.8		V
RF input power, $CW^{(5)}$ (7)			28	dBm
RF input power, pulsed <sup>(6)</sup> (7)			31	dBm
Operating temperature range	-40	+25	+105	°C
<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Normal mode: Connect <math>V_{SS\_EXT}</math> (pin 2) to GND (<math>V_{SS\_EXT} = 0V</math>) to enable internal negative voltage generator.</li> <li>2) Bypass mode: Use <math>V_{SS\_EXT}</math> (pin 2) to bypass and disable internal negative voltage generator.</li> <li>3) Due to startup inrush current, a minimum current limit of 600 <math>\mu A</math> is allowed for normal operation of the DSA.</li> <li>4) Applies to all pins except pins 18, 22, 23 and 24. <math>\overline{P}/S</math> (pin 18), A0/D4 (pin 22), A1/D5 (pin 23), and A2/D6 (pin 24) have internal 1.5 M<math>\Omega</math> pull-up resistor to internal 1.8V <math>V_{DD}</math>.</li> <li>5) 100% duty cycle, all bands, 50<math>\Omega</math>.</li> <li>6) <math>\leq 5\%</math> duty cycle, 50<math>\Omega</math>.</li> <li>7) The maximum peak envelope of any OFDM complex waveform signal, such as CP-OFDM, should not exceed the maximum peak RF input power in <b>Table 2</b>. The maximum average power of any complex waveform should not exceed the operating maximum RF input power, CW.</li> </ol>				

## Electrical Specifications

**Table 4** provides the PE43614 key electrical specifications at 25 °C,  $Z_S = Z_L = 50\Omega$ , unless otherwise specified. Normal mode is at  $V_{DD} = 3.3V$  and  $V_{SS\_EXT} = 0V$ . Bypass mode is at  $V_{DD} = 3.4V$  and  $V_{SS\_EXT} = -3.0V$ .

**Table 4 ■ PE43614 Electrical Specifications**

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Operation Frequency	9 kHz min frequency	9 kHz		45.00	GHz
Attenuation Range	5-bit, 1.0 dB step programming	0.00		31.00	dB
	6-bit, 0.5 dB step programming	0.00		31.50	dB
Attenuation Error	0.5 dB step, 0–31.5 dB, 9 kHz–13.0 GHz			+(1.00+4.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	0.5 dB step, 0–31.5 dB, 13.0–26.5 GHz			+(1.15+4.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	0.5 dB step, 0–15.5 dB, 26.5–40.0 GHz			+(1.00+4.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	0.5 dB step, 16–31.5 dB, 26.5–40.0 GHz			+(1.60+8.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	0.5 dB step, 0–15.5 dB, 40–43.5 GHz			+(1.00+4.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	0.5 dB step, 16–31.5 dB, 40–43.5 GHz			+(1.60+12.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	0.5 dB step, 0–15.5 dB, 43.5–45.0 GHz			+(1.00+4.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	0.5 dB step, 16–31.5 dB, 43.5–45.0 GHz			+(1.80+15% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB

Table 4 ■ PE43614 Electrical Specifications (Cont.)

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Attenuation Error	1 dB step, 0–31 dB, 9 kHz–13.0 GHz			+(1.0+4.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	1 dB step, 0–31 dB, 13.0–26.5 GHz			+(1.15+4.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	1dB step, 0–15 dB, 26.5–40.0 GHz			+(1.0+4.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	1dB step, 16–31 dB, 26.5–40.0 GHz			+(1.60+8.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	1dB step, 0–15 dB, 40–43.5 GHz			+(1.0+4.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	1dB step, 16–31 dB, 40–43.5 GHz			+(1.6+12.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	1dB step, 0–15 dB, 43.5–45.0 GHz			+(1.0+4.5% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
	1dB step, 16–31 dB, 43.5–45.0 GHz			+(1.80+15% of attenuation setting) / -1	dB
Insertion Loss	9 kHz–13.0 GHz		2.50	3.00	dB
	13.0–26.5 GHz		4.30	4.60	dB
	26.5–40.0 GHz		4.90	5.25	dB
	40.0–43.5 GHz		4.50	5.00	dB
	43.5–45.0 GHz		5.40	5.80	dB
Return Loss	All States, 9 kHz–13.0 GHz		13.00		dB
	All States, 13.0–26.5 GHz		13.00		dB
	All States, 26.5–40.0 GHz		13.00		dB
	All States, 40.0–43.5 GHz		13.00		dB
	All States, 43.5–45.0 GHz		13.00		dB
Relative Phase	All States, 9 kHz–13.0 GHz		20.00		deg
	All States, 13.0–26.5 GHz		43.00		deg
	All States, 26.5–40.0 GHz		70.00		deg
	All States, 40.0–43.5 GHz		63.00		deg
	All States, 43.5–45.0 GHz		83.00		deg

**Table 4 ■ PE43614 Electrical Specifications (Cont.)**

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input IP2	18 dBm tone @ 13 GHz	95.00			dBm
Input IP3	18 dBm per tone, 20 MHz spacing @ 13 GHz	50.00			dBm
Input 1dB Compression Pt.	Bi-directional	32.00	34.00		dBm
Input 0.1dB Compression Pt.	Bi-directional	25.00	28.00		dBm
RF Rise and Fall Time	10%/90% RF		250.00		ns
Settling Time	RF settled to within 0.05 dB of final value		500.00		ns
Switching Time	50% CTRL to 90% or 10% RF		330.00	430.00	ns
Attenuation Transient	Any state change		-7.50		dB

## Switching Frequency

The PE43614 has a maximum 400 kHz switching rate in normal mode (pin 2 tied to ground). A faster switching rate is available in bypass mode (pin 2 tied to  $V_{SS\_EXT}$ ). The rate at which the PE43614 can be switched is then limited to the switching time as specified in **Table 4**.

Switching frequency is defined to be the speed at which the DSA can be toggled across attenuation states. Switching time is the time duration between the point the control signal reaches 50% of the final value and the point the output signal reaches within 10% or 90% of its target value.

## Spur-free Performance

The PE43614 spur fundamental occurs around 4 MHz. Typical spurious performance in normal mode is  $-168$  dBm/Hz (pin 2 tied to ground), with 30 kHz bandwidth. If spur-free performance is desired, the internal negative voltage generator can be disabled by applying a negative voltage to  $V_{SS\_EXT}$  (pin 2).

## Glitch-safe Attenuation State

The PE43614 features a novel architecture to provide safe transition behavior when changing attenuation states. When RF input power is applied, positive output power spikes are prevented during attenuation state changes by optimized internal timing control.

## Truth Tables

**Table 5–Table 7** provide the truth tables for the PE43614.

**Table 5 ■ Parallel Truth Table**

Parallel Control Setting						Attenuation Setting RF1–RF2
D6 (MSB)	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1 (LSB)	
L	L	L	L	L	L	Reference IL
L	L	L	L	L	H	0.5 dB
L	L	L	L	H	L	1 dB
L	L	L	H	L	L	2 dB
L	L	H	L	L	L	4 dB

**Table 5 ■ Parallel Truth Table (Cont.)**

Parallel Control Setting						Attenuation Setting RF1–RF2
D6 (MSB)	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1 (LSB)	
L	H	L	L	L	L	8 dB
H	L	L	L	L	L	16 dB
H	H	H	H	H	H	31.5 dB

**Table 6 ■ Serial Address Word Truth Table**

Address Word								Address Setting
A7 (MSB)	A6	A5	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0 (LSB)	
L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	000
L	L	L	L	L	L	L	H	001
L	L	L	L	L	L	H	L	010
L	L	L	L	L	L	H	H	011
L	L	L	L	L	H	L	L	100
L	L	L	L	L	H	L	H	101
L	L	L	L	L	H	H	L	110
L	L	L	L	L	H	H	H	111

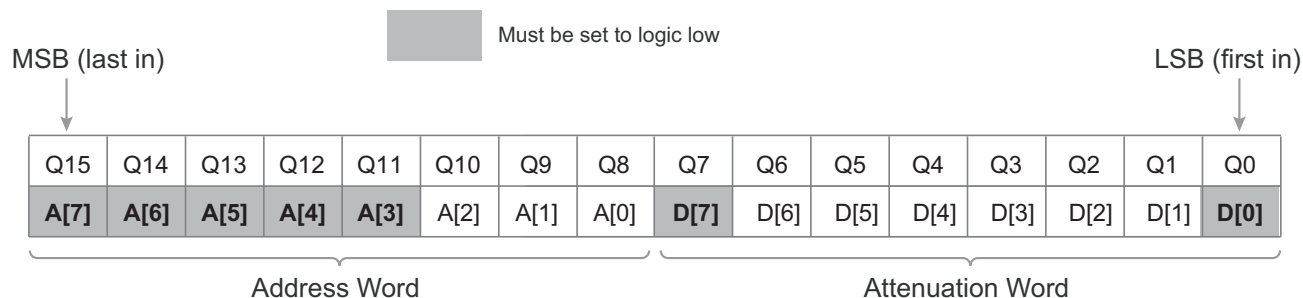
**Table 7 ■ Serial Attenuation Word Truth Table**

Attenuation Word								Attenuation Setting RF1–RF2
D7 (MSB)	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0 (LSB)	
L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	Reference IL
L	L	L	L	L	L	H	L	0.5 dB
L	L	L	L	L	H	L	L	1 dB
L	L	L	L	H	L	L	L	2 dB
L	L	L	H	L	L	L	L	4 dB
L	L	H	L	L	L	L	L	8 dB
L	H	L	L	L	L	L	L	16 dB
L	H	H	H	H	H	H	L	31.5 dB

## Serial Addressable Register Map

Figure 2 provides the serial addressable register map for the PE43614.

Figure 2 ■ Serial Addressable Register Map



The attenuation word is derived directly from the value of the attenuation state. To find the attenuation word, multiply the value of the state by four, then convert to binary.

For example, to program the 18.5 dB state at address 3:

$$4 \times 18.5 = 74$$

$$74 \rightarrow 01001010$$

Address Word: 00000011

Attenuation Word: **01001010**

Serial Input: 00000011**01001010**

## Programming Options

### Parallel/Serial Selection

Either a parallel or serial addressable interface can be used to control the PE43614. The  $\overline{P}/S$  bit provides this selection, with  $\overline{P}/S = \text{LOW}$  selecting the parallel interface and  $\overline{P}/S = \text{HIGH}$  selecting the serial interface. The  $\overline{P}/S$  pin has an internal tie HIGH (namely, the pin is internally tied to the  $1.8\text{V } V_{DD}$ ), so if this is left floating, the part defaults to serial mode. If there is a need to put this part in parallel mode, a LOW logic should be applied to this pin.

### Parallel Mode Interface

The parallel interface consists of six CMOS-compatible control lines that select the desired attenuation state, as shown in **Table 5**.

The parallel interface timing requirements are defined by **Figure 4** (Latched-Parallel/Direct-Parallel Timing Diagram), **Table 11** (Parallel and Direct Interface AC Characteristics) and switching time (**Table 4**).

For latched parallel programming, the latch enable (LE) should be held LOW while changing attenuation state control values then pulse LE HIGH to LOW (per **Figure 4**) to latch new attenuation state into the device.

For direct parallel programming, the LE line should be pulled HIGH. Changing attenuation state control values changes the device state to new attenuation. Direct mode is ideal for manual control of the device (using hardware, switches, or jumpers).

### Serial-Addressable Interface

The serial-addressable interface is a 16-bit serial-in, parallel-out shift register buffered by a transparent latch. The 16-bits make up two words comprised of 8-bits each. The first word is the attenuation word, which controls the state of the DSA. The second word is the address word, which is compared to the static (or programmed) logical states of the A0, A1 and A2 digital inputs. If there is an address match, the DSA changes state; otherwise its current state remains unchanged. **Figure 3** illustrates an example timing diagram for programming a state.

The serial-addressable interface is controlled using three CMOS-compatible signals: SDI, CLK, and LE. The SDI and CLK inputs allow data to be serially

entered into the shift register. Serial data is clocked in LSB first. The serial interface data output, SDO, outputs serial input data delayed by 16 clock cycles to control the cascaded attenuator using a single serial peripheral interface (SPI) bus.

The shift register must be loaded while LE is held LOW to prevent the attenuator value from changing as data is entered. The LE input should then be toggled HIGH and brought LOW again, latching the new data into the DSA. The Address Word truth table is listed in **Table 6**. The address pins A0 (pin 22), A1 (pin 23), and A2 (pin 24) can either be grounded logic LOW or left floating (logic HIGH due to internal pull-up to  $1.8\text{V } V_{DD}$ ) depending upon what fixed address the user wants the DSA to be set at. The Attenuation Word truth table is listed in **Table 7**. A programming example of the serial register is illustrated in **Figure 2**. The serial timing diagram is illustrated in **Figure 3**.

### Power-up Control Settings

The PE43614 always initializes to the maximum attenuation setting (31.5 dB) on power-up for both the serial addressable and latched parallel modes of operation (as long as the LE pin is logic LOW during start up) and it remains in this setting until the user latches in the next programming word.

**In direct parallel mode** ( $\overline{P}/S = \text{LOW}$  and logic HIGH present on the LE pin during the power-up), the DSA can be preset to any state within the 31.5 dB range by pre-setting the parallel control pins D[6:1] prior to power-up. In this mode, there is a 4  $\mu\text{s}$  delay between the time the DSA is powered-up to the time the desired state is set. If the control pins are left floating in this mode during power-up, the device defaults to the 28dB attenuation setting.

**In latched parallel mode** ( $\overline{P}/S = \text{LOW}$ ), if the LE pin is kept LOW during power-up, the part should default to maximum attenuation state (31.5 dB). Logic LOW should be present on the LE pin during power-up and then logic HIGH should be written on the LE pin when the user wants to program the part. If the LE is kept floating during power-up, the part should default to maximum attenuation state (31.5 dB).

**In serial mode** ( $\overline{P}/S = \text{HIGH}$  or left floating) logic HIGH on the LE pin during the power up: The part should default to minimum attenuation state

(reference state). But a logic LOW on the LE pin during the power up, the part should default to maximum attenuation state.

Dynamic operation between serial and parallel programming modes is not supported.

If the DSA powers up in serial mode ( $\overline{P}/S = \text{HIGH}$ ), prior to toggling to parallel mode, the user must

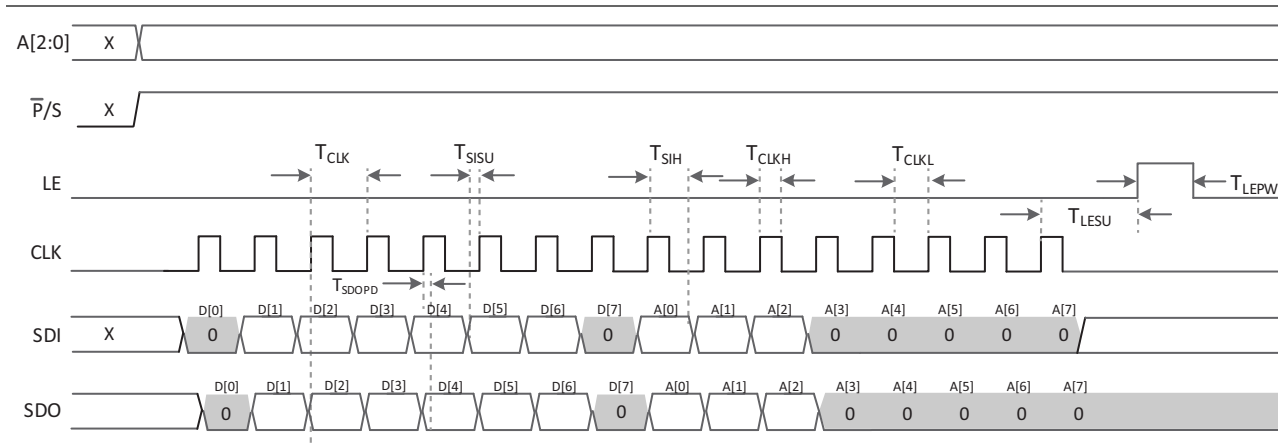
ensure that the pins LE, SDI/D1, CLK/D2, A0/D4, A1/D5, and A2/D6 are set to logic LOW.

If the DSA powers up in either latched or direct parallel mode, the pins LE, SDI/D1, CLK/D2, A0/D4, A1/D5, and A2/D6 must be set to logic LOW and the pin SDO/D3 set to high impedance prior to toggling to serial addressable mode ( $\overline{P}/S = \text{HIGH}$ ).

**Table 8 ■ Summary of Power-up Functionality of the PE43614**

Mode	$\overline{P}/S$	LE During Power-up	D[6:1] Pin Status	DSA State at Power-up
Serial mode	1	0		Maximum attenuation
	1	1		Reference state
	1	Floating		Maximum attenuation
Latch parallel mode	0	0	Don't care	Maximum attenuation
	0	Floating	Don't care	Maximum attenuation
Direct parallel mode	0	1	Data present on the D[6:1] lines	Attenuation state depends upon the logic present on the pins D[6:1]
			D[6:1] lines floating	28 dB attenuation state

**Figure 3 ■ Serial Addressable Timing Diagram**



**Notes:**

- SPI mode 0:
  - SDI data is captured on the CLK's rising edge
  - SDO data is valid on CLK falling edge
- CLK shared pin with 1 dB parallel control bit D2
- SDI shared pin with 0.5 dB parallel control bit D1
- SDO shared pin with 2 dB parallel control bit D3
- A0 shared pin with 4 dB parallel control bit D4
- A1 shared pin with 8 dB parallel control bit D5
- A2 shared pin with 16 dB parallel control bit D6
- Serial data bits D[7], D[0], and A[7:3] must be set to logic low
- X = Undefined

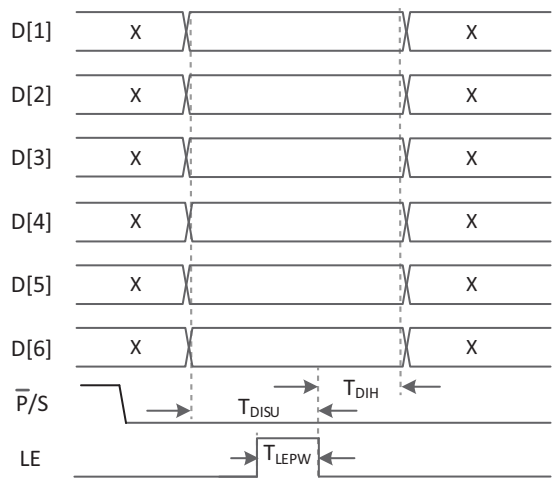
**Table 9 ■ Serial Interface AC Characteristics<sup>(1)</sup>**

Parameter/Condition	Min	Max	Unit
Serial clock frequency, $F_{CLK}$		10	MHz
Serial clock time period, $T_{CLK}$	100		ns
Serial clock HIGH time, $T_{CLKH}$	30		ns
Serial clock LOW time, $T_{CLKL}$	30		ns
Last serial clock rising edge setup time to latch enable rising edge, $T_{LESU}$	10		ns
Latch enable minimum pulse width, $T_{LEPW}$	30		ns
Serial data setup time, $T_{SISU}$	10		ns
Serial data hold time, $T_{SIH}$	10		ns
Serial interface data output (SDO) propagation delay, $T_{SDOPD}$		30 <sup>(2)</sup>	ns
1) $V_{DD} = 3.3V$ or $5.5V$ , $-40^{\circ}C$ , $< T_A < +105^{\circ}C$ , unless otherwise specified.			
2) Measured with 10 pF SDO load capacitance.			

**Table 10 ■ Latch and Clock Specifications**

Latch Enable (LE)	Clock (CLK)	Function
0	↑	Shift register clocked
↑ (rising edge)	X	Contents of shift register transferred to attenuator core

Figure 4 ■ Latched-Parallel/Direct-Parallel Timing Diagram



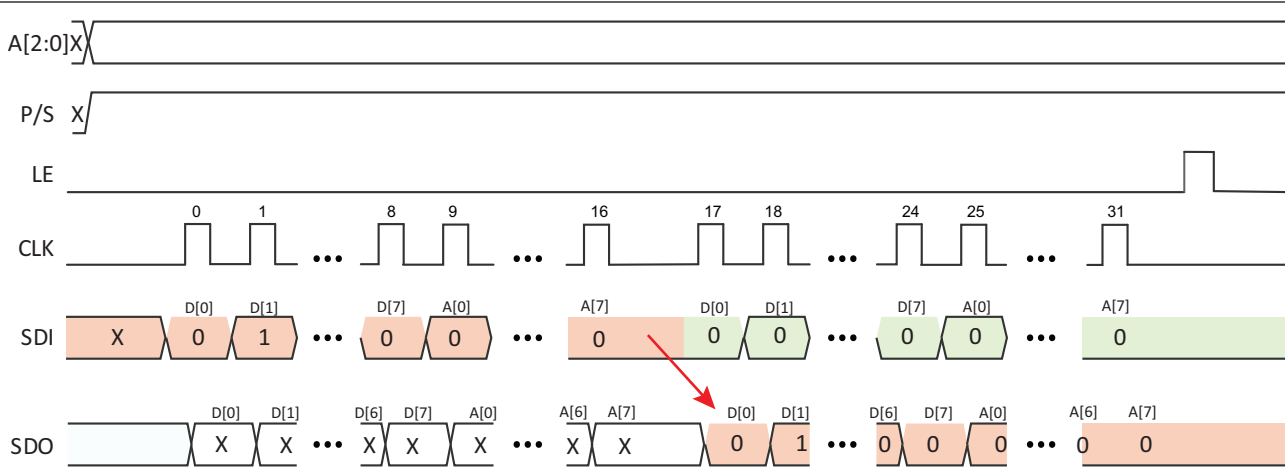
- Notes:
1. D1 is shared with serial interface data input SDI
  2. D2 is shared with serial interface clock input CLK
  3. D3 is shared with serial interface data output SDO
  4. D4 is shared with serial address bit A0
  5. D5 is shared with serial address bit A1
  6. D6 is shared with serial address bit A2
  7. X = Undefined

Table 11 ■ Parallel and Direct Interface AC Characteristics<sup>(\*)</sup>

Parameter/Condition	Min	Max	Unit
Latch enable minimum pulse width, $T_{LEPW}$	30		ns
Parallel data setup time, $T_{DISU}$	100		ns
Parallel data hold time, $T_{DIH}$	100		ns
<b>Note:</b> * $V_{DD} = 3.3V$ or $5.5V$ , $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} < T_A < +105\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.			

The following example shows a scenario where two DSAs are connected in series.

Figure 5 ■ Serial Addressable Cascaded Devices Example



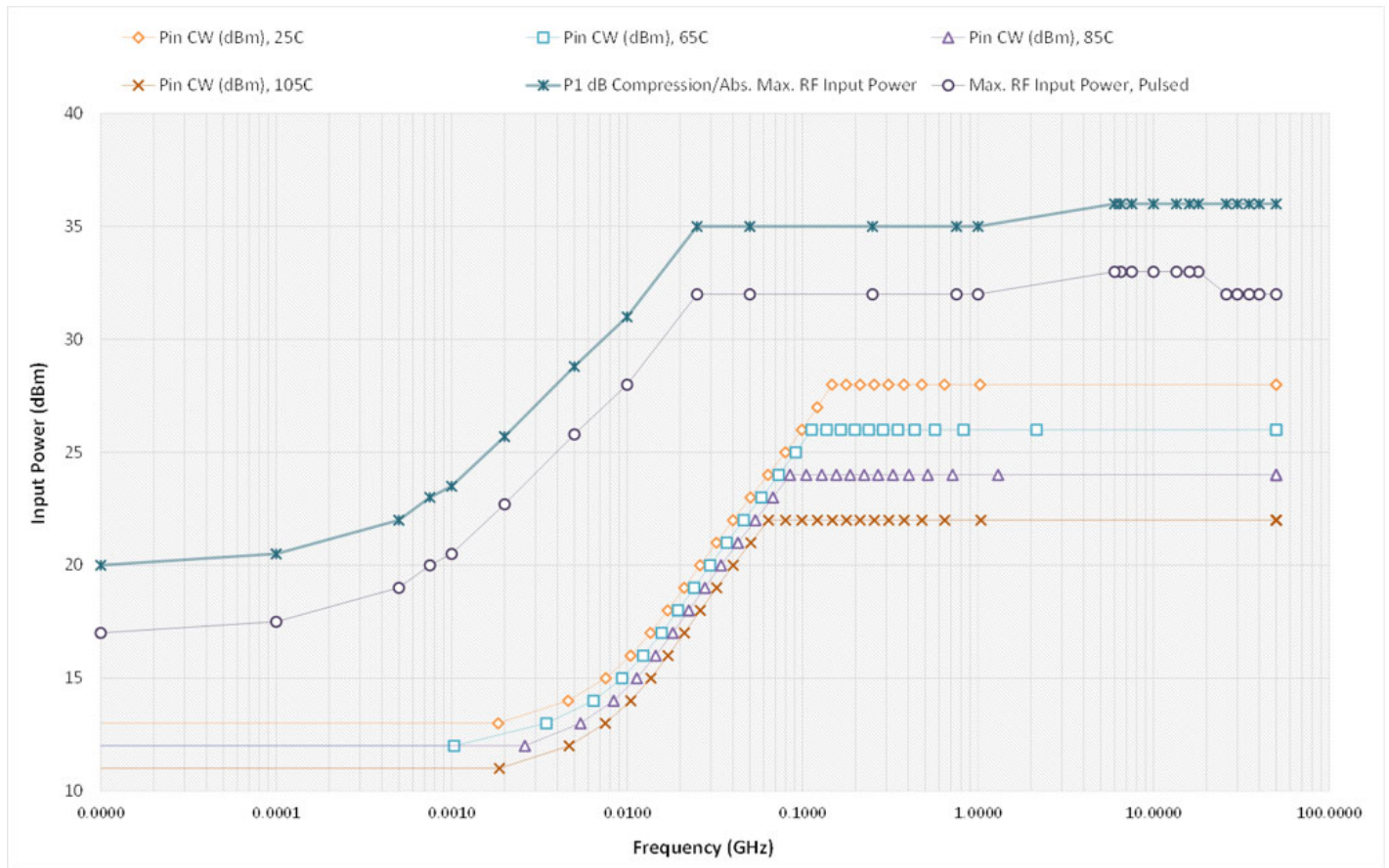
The following table provides the complete SDI and SDO content for the example shown in Figure 5.

Figure 6 ■ Serial Addressable Cascaded Devices Table

	D[0]	D[1]	D[2]	D[3]	D[4]	D[5]	D[6]	D[7]	A[0]	A[1]	A[2]	A[3]	A[4]	A[5]	A[6]	A[7]	D[0]	D[1]	D[2]	D[3]	D[4]	D[5]	D[6]	D[7]	A[0]	A[1]	A[2]	A[3]	A[4]	A[5]	A[6]	A[7]
CLK	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SDI	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SDO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 7 shows the power de-rating curve for the PE43614.

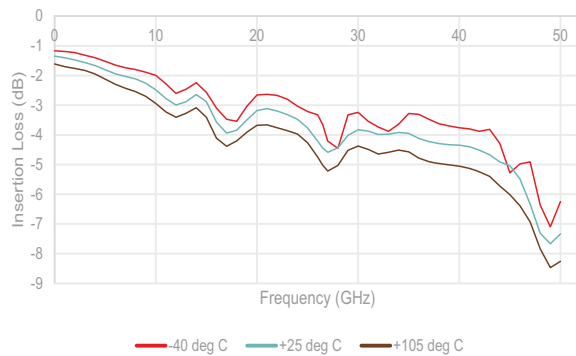
Figure 7 ■ Power De-rating Curve, 9 kHz–55 GHz, 50 Ohm



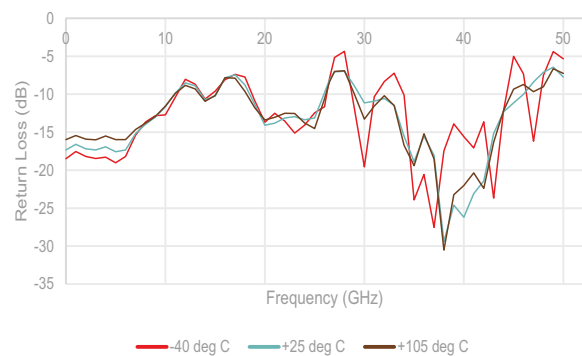
## Typical Performance Data

Figure 8–Figure 37 show the typical performance data at 25 °C,  $Z_S = Z_L = 50\Omega$ , unless otherwise specified.

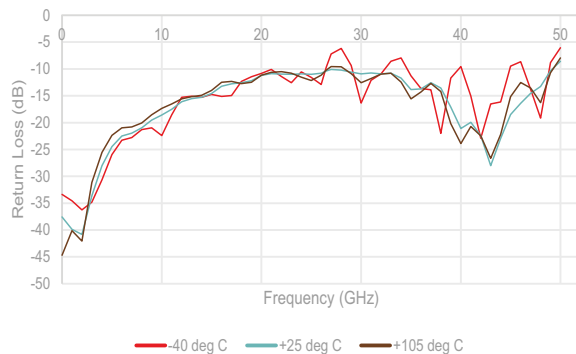
**Figure 8 ■ Insertion Loss vs. Temperature @VDD 3.3 V**



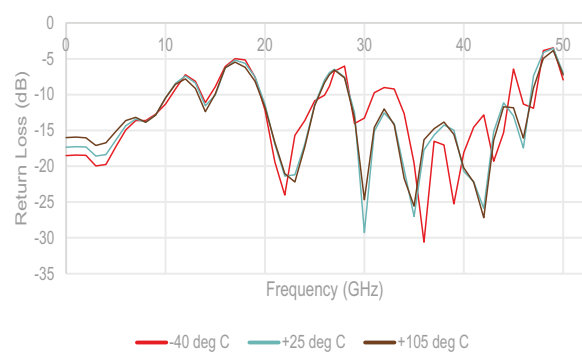
**Figure 9 ■ Input Return Loss (Ref State) vs. Temperature**



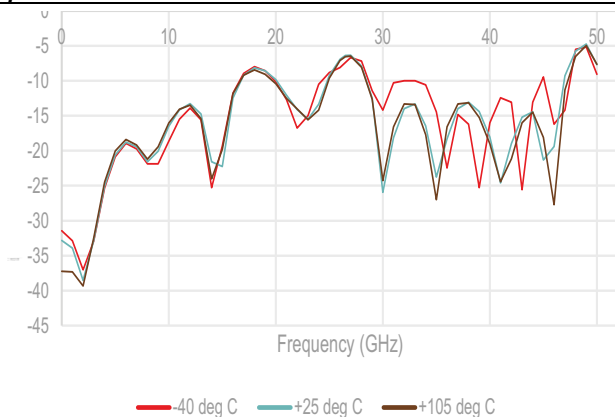
**Figure 10 ■ Input Return Loss (31.5dB Attn) vs. Temperature**



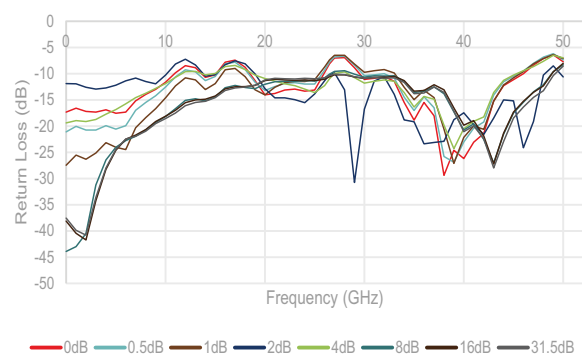
**Figure 11 ■ Output Return Loss (Ref State) vs. Temperature**



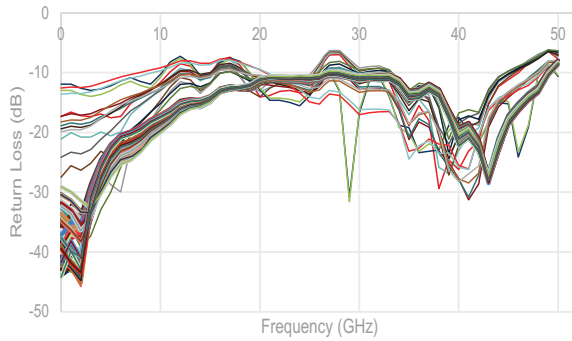
**Figure 12 ■ Output Return Loss (Ref State) vs. Temperature**



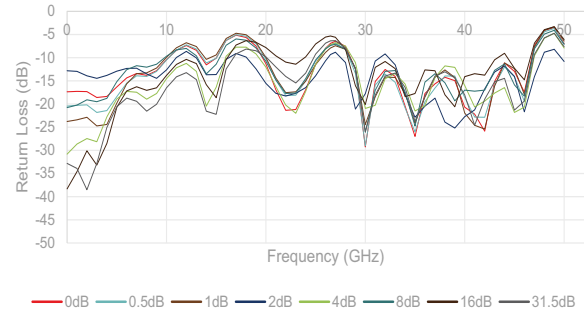
**Figure 13 ■ Input Return Loss (Major Attenuation States)**



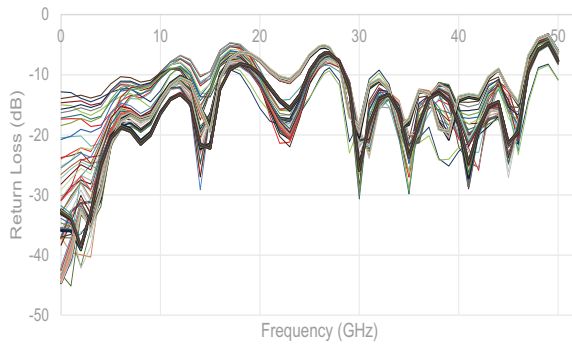
**Figure 14 ■ Input Return Loss (All Attenuation States)**



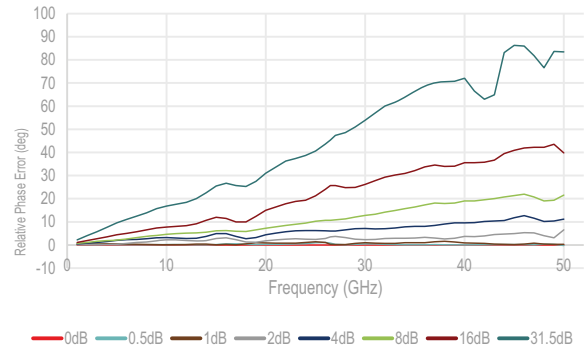
**Figure 15 ■ Output Return Loss (Major Attenuation States)**



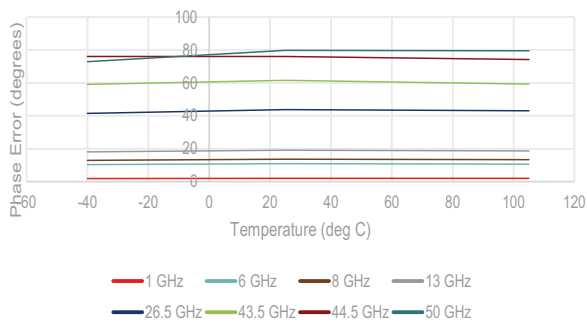
**Figure 16 ■ Output Return Loss (All Attenuation States)**



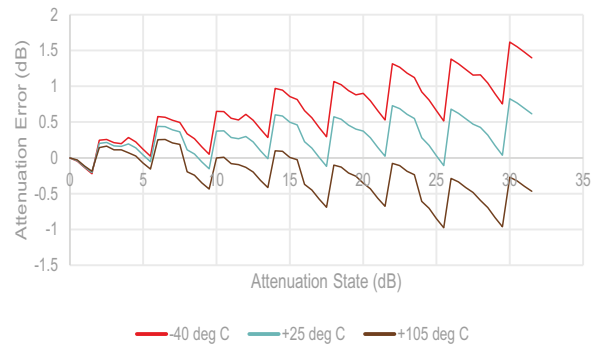
**Figure 17 ■ Relative Phase Error vs. Frequency [GHz]**



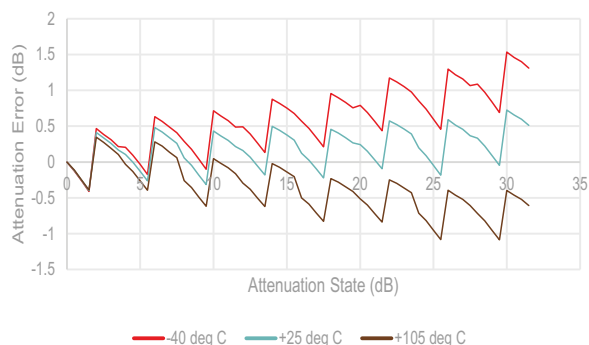
**Figure 18 ■ Relative Phase Error (31.5 dB Attn State) vs Temperature**



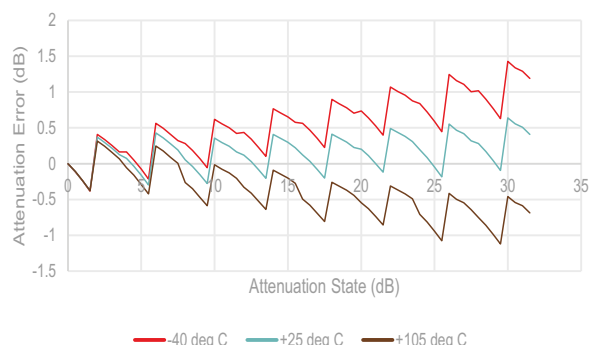
**Figure 19 ■ Attenuation Error @ 1 GHz vs. Temperature**



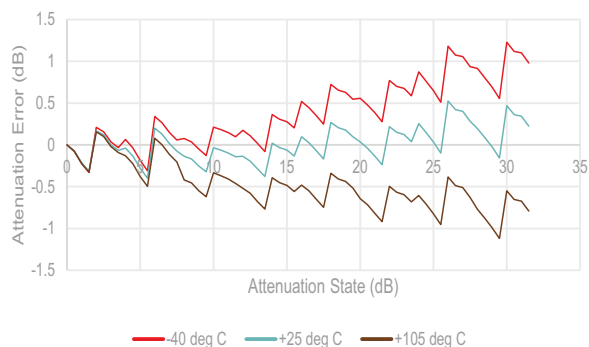
**Figure 20 ■ Attenuation Error @ 6 GHz vs. Temperature**



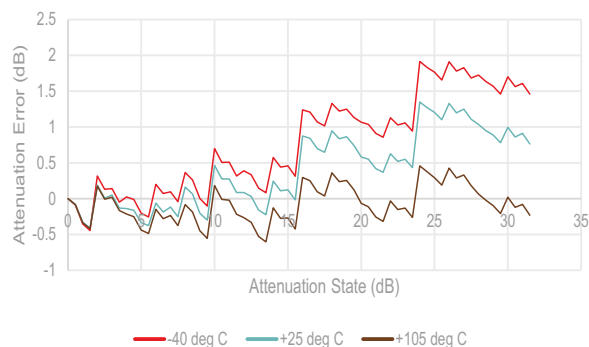
**Figure 21 ■ Attenuation Error @ 8 GHz vs. Temperature**



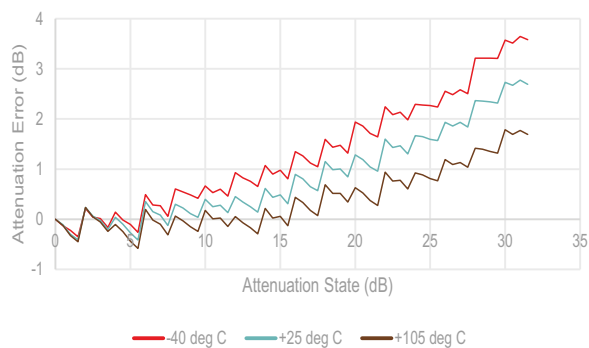
**Figure 22 ■ Attenuation Error @ 13 GHz vs. Temperature**



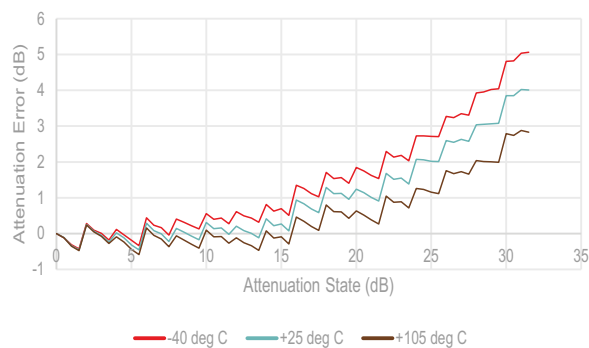
**Figure 23 ■ Attenuation Error @ 26.5 GHz vs. Temperature**



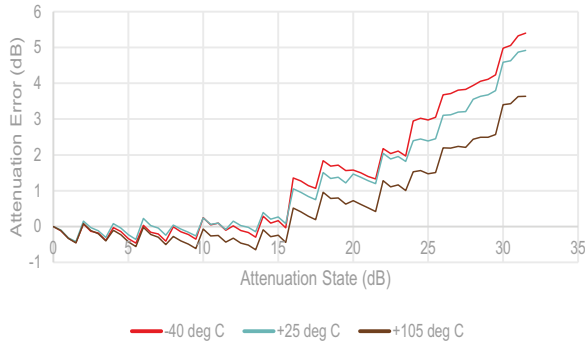
**Figure 24 ■ Attenuation Error @ 40 GHz vs. Temperature**



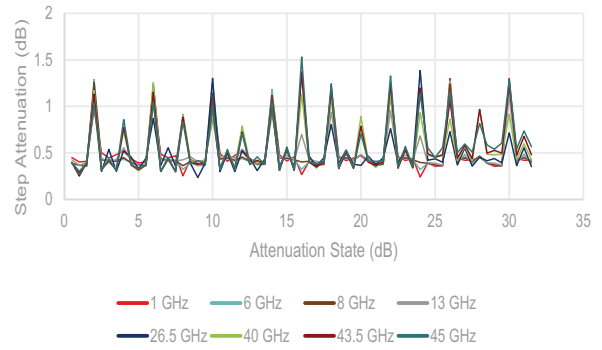
**Figure 25 ■ Attenuation Error @ 43.5 GHz vs. Temperature**



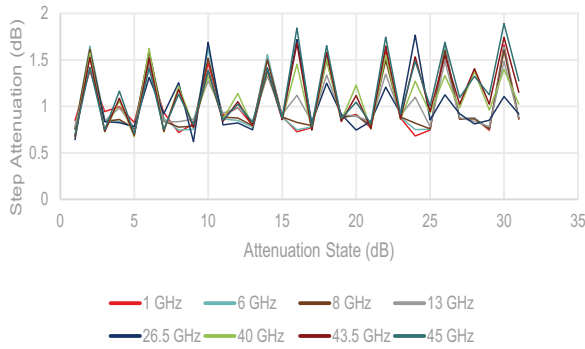
**Figure 26 ■ Attenuation Error @ 45 GHz vs. Temperature**



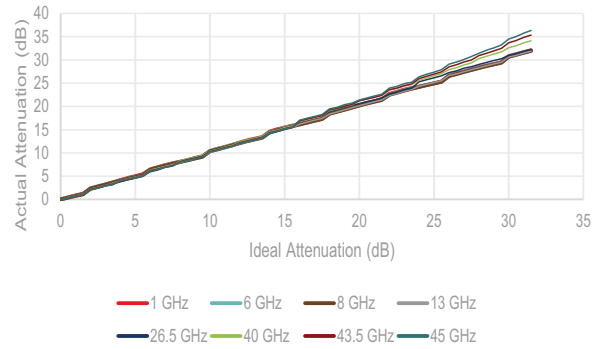
**Figure 27 ■ 0.5 dB Setup Attenuation vs. Frequency**



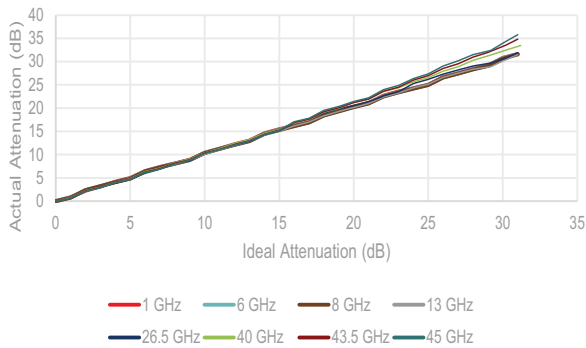
**Figure 28 ■ 1 dB Step Attenuation vs. Frequency**



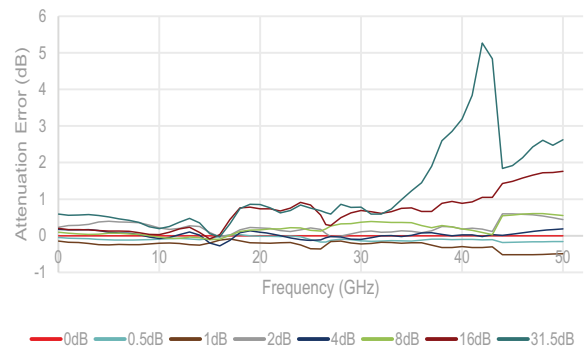
**Figure 29 ■ 0.5 dB Step Actual vs. Frequency**



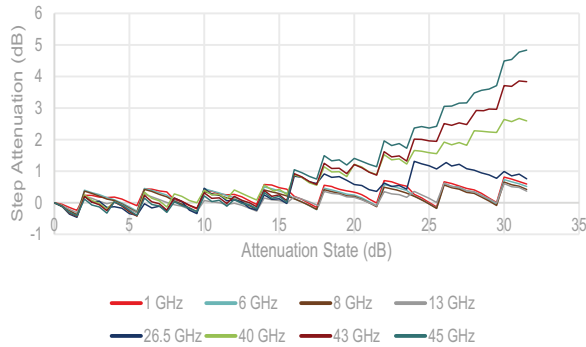
**Figure 30 ■ 0.5 dB Step Actual vs. Frequency**



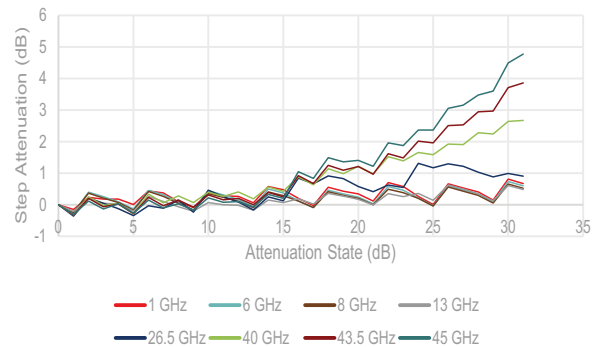
**Figure 31 ■ 0.5 dB Major State Bit Error vs. Attenuation State**



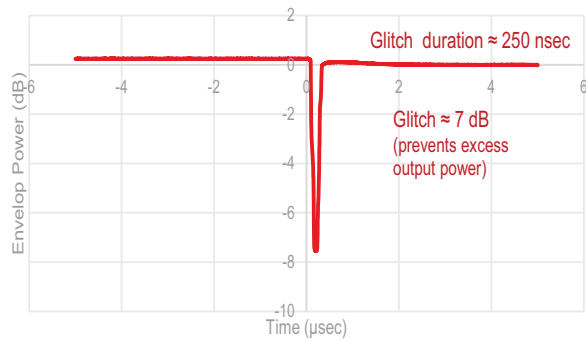
**Figure 32 ■ 0.5 dB Attenuation Error vs. Frequency**



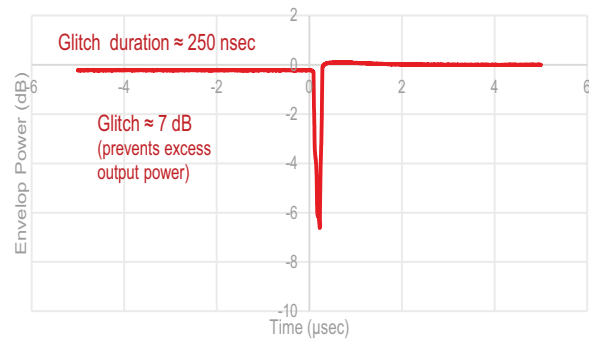
**Figure 33 ■ 1 dB Attenuation Error vs. Frequency**



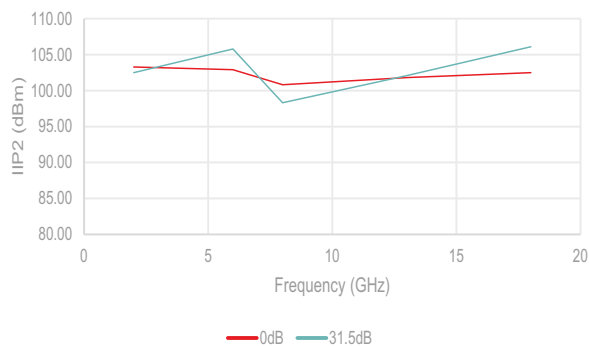
**Figure 34 ■ Attenuation Transient (23.5 dB to 24 dB)**



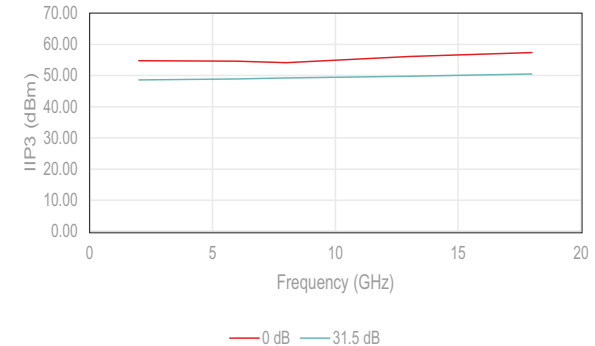
**Figure 35 ■ Attenuation Transient (24 dB to 23.5 dB)**



**Figure 36 ■ IIP2**



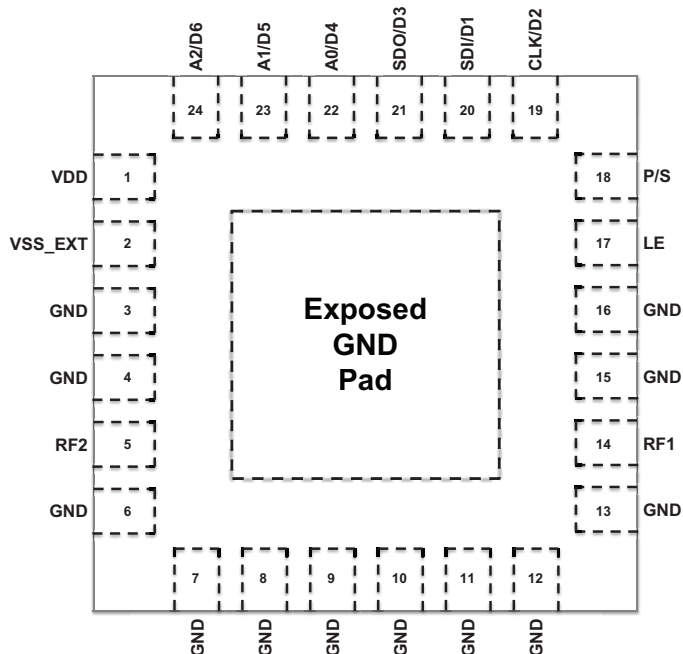
**Figure 37 ■ IIP3**



## Pin Configuration

This section provides pin information for the PE43614. **Figure 38** shows the pin configuration of this device. **Table 12** provides a description for each pin.

**Figure 38 ■ Pin Configuration (Top View) for the PE43614**



**Table 12 ■ Pin Descriptions for the PE43614**

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description
3–4, 6–13, 15–16	GND	Ground
1	V <sub>DD</sub>	Supply voltage
2	V <sub>SS_EXT</sub> <sup>(3)</sup>	External V <sub>SS</sub> negative voltage control
5	RF2 <sup>(1)</sup>	RF2 port
14	RF1 <sup>(1)</sup>	RF1 port
17	LE	Serial/parallel interface latch enable input
18	$\overline{P/S}$ <sup>(2)</sup>	Serial/parallel mode select
19	CLK/D2	Serial interface clock input/parallel control bit, 1 dB
20	SDI/D1	Serial interface data input/parallel control bit, 0.5 dB
21	SDO/D3	Serial interface data output/parallel control bit, 2 dB
22	A0/D4 <sup>(2)</sup>	Address bit A0 connection/parallel control bit, 4 dB
23	A1/D5 <sup>(2)</sup>	Address bit A1 connection/parallel control bit, 8 dB
24	A2/D6 <sup>(2)</sup>	Address bit A2 connection/parallel control bit, 16 dB

**Notes:**

- 1) RF pins 14 and 5 must be at 0 VDC. The RF pins do not require DC blocking capacitors for proper operation if the 0 VDC requirement is met.
- 2)  $\overline{P/S}$  (pin 18), A0/D4 (pin 22), A1/D5 (pin 23) and A2/D6 (pin 24) have internal 1.5 MΩ pull-up resistor to internal 1.8V V<sub>DD</sub>. These pins will have an internal logic HIGH on them if they are left floating by the user. In serial mode, the user can leave the  $\overline{P/S}$  pin floating and the part will default to serial mode.
- 3) Use V<sub>SS\_EXT</sub> (pin 2) to bypass and disable internal negative voltage generator. Connect V<sub>SS\_EXT</sub> (pin 2) to GND (V<sub>SS\_EXT</sub> = 0V) to enable internal negative voltage generator.

## Packaging Information

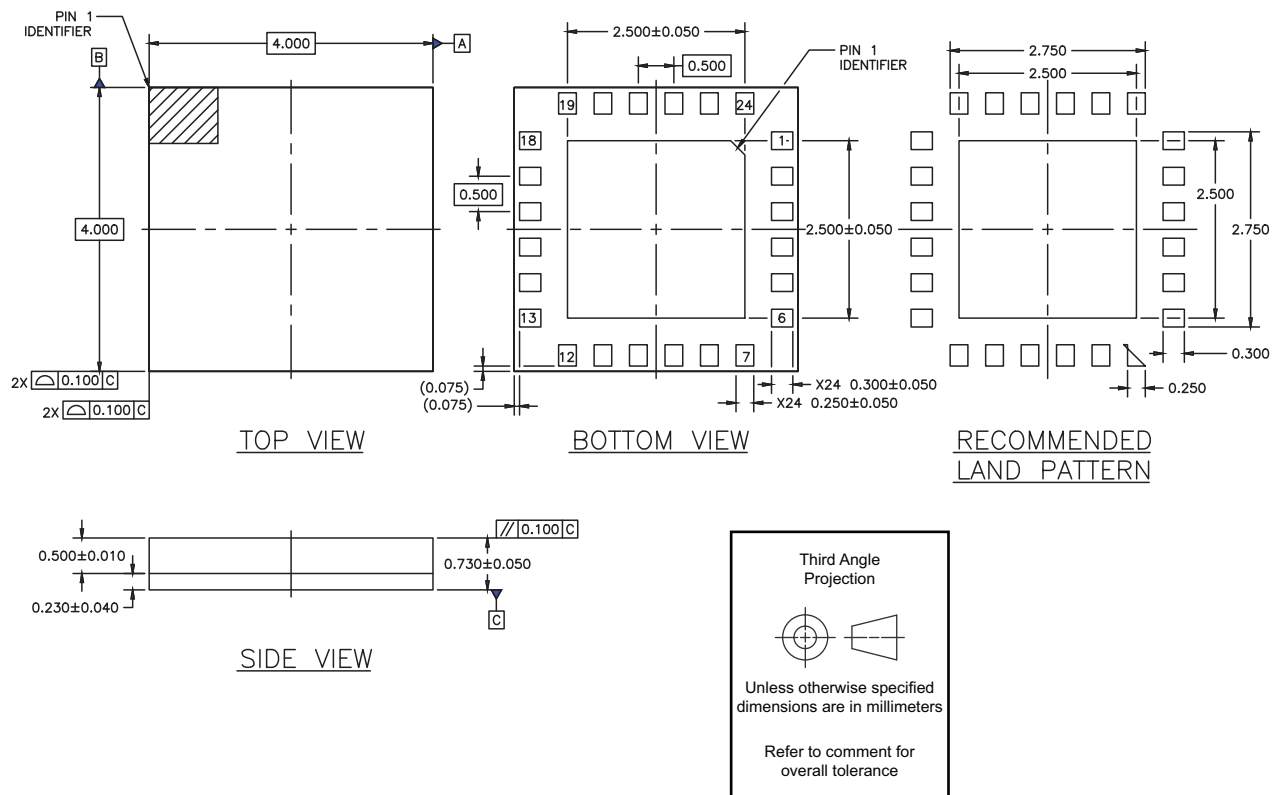
This section provides packaging data including the moisture sensitivity level, package drawing, package marking and tape-and-reel information.

### Moisture Sensitivity Level

The moisture sensitivity level rating for the PE43614 in the 24-lead 4 × 4 mm LGA package is MSL 3.

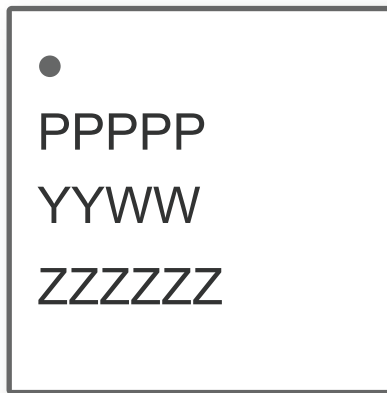
### Package Drawing

**Figure 39 ■ Package Mechanical Drawing for 24-lead 4 × 4 mm LGA**



## Top-Marking Specification

Figure 40 ■ Package Marking Specifications for PE43614

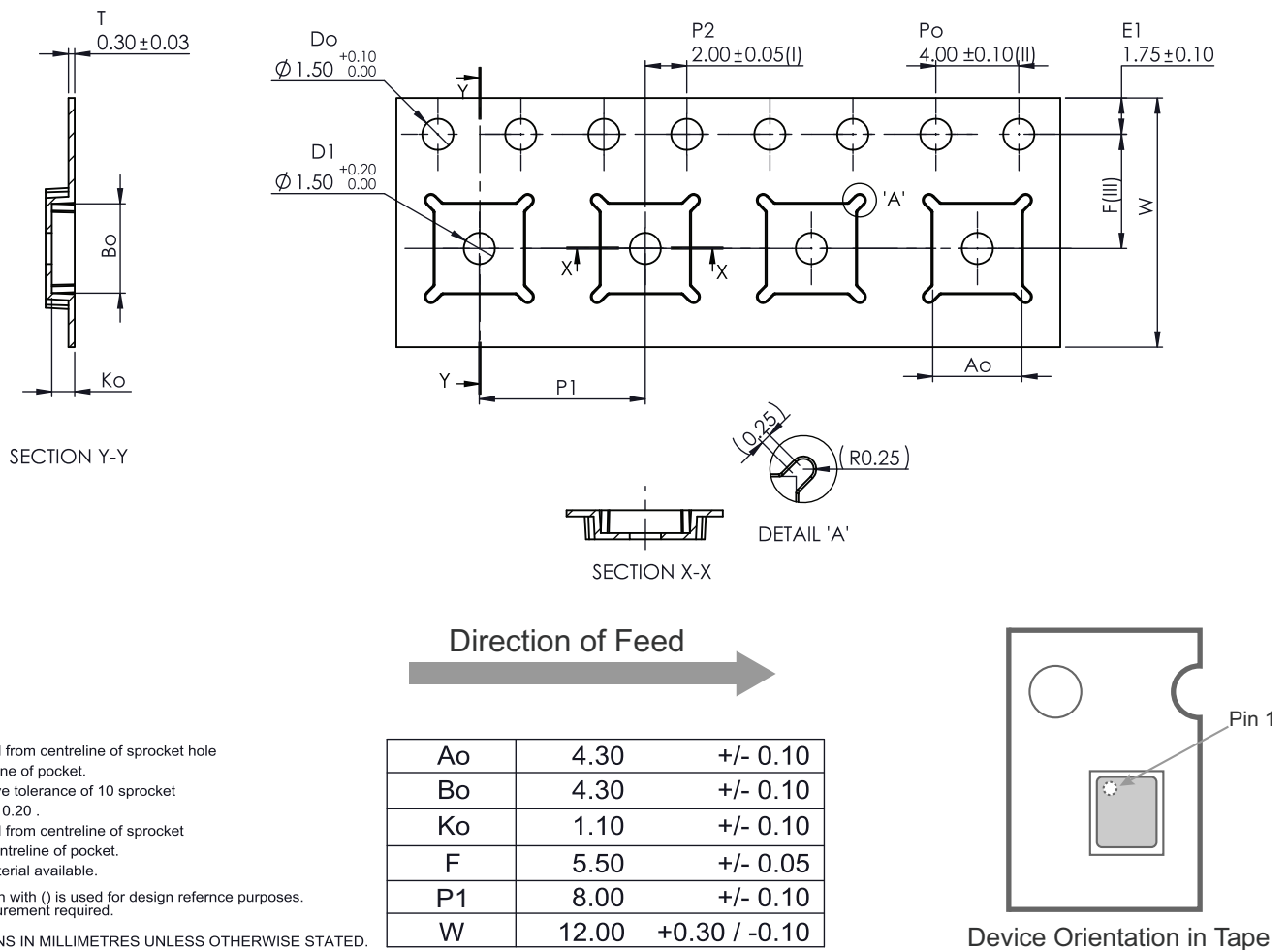


- = Pin 1 indicator
- PPPPP = Product part number
- YY = Last two digits of assembly year (2020 = 20)
- WW = Work week of assembly lot start date (01, ..., 52)
- ZZZZZZ = Assembly lot code (max six characters)

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## Tape and Reel Specification

Figure 41 ■ Tape and Reel Specifications for 24-lead 4 × 4 mm LGA



Ordering Information

Table 13 lists the available ordering code for the PE43614 as well as the available shipping method.

Table 13 ■ Order Code for the PE43614

Order Codes	Description	Packaging	Shipping Method
PE43614A–X	PE43614 Digital step attenuator	24-lead 4 × 4 mm LGA	500/T&R
EK43614-01	PE43614 Evaluation Kit	Evaluation kit	1/box

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