

## DATA SHEET

# SKY12348-350LF: 0.1-3.0 GHz Four-Bit Digital Attenuator (1 dB LSB)

## Applications

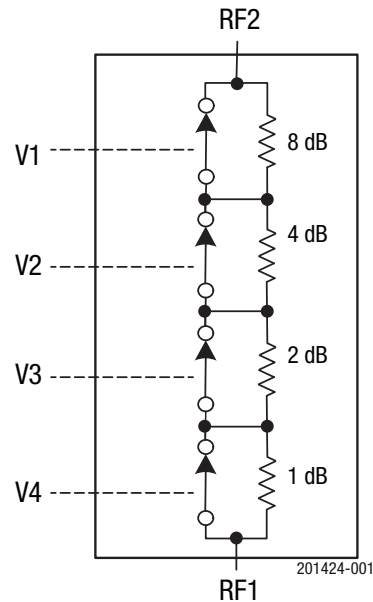
- Cellular, 3G/4G, WiMAX, and LTE Infrastructures
- RF and IF systems

## Features

- Broadband operation: 0.1 to 3.0 GHz
- Attenuation: 15 dB with 1 dB LSB
- +5 V supply voltage and +2.0 V control voltage
- Small, QFN (16-pin, 3 x 3 mm) package (MSL1, 260 °C per JEDEC J-STD-020)



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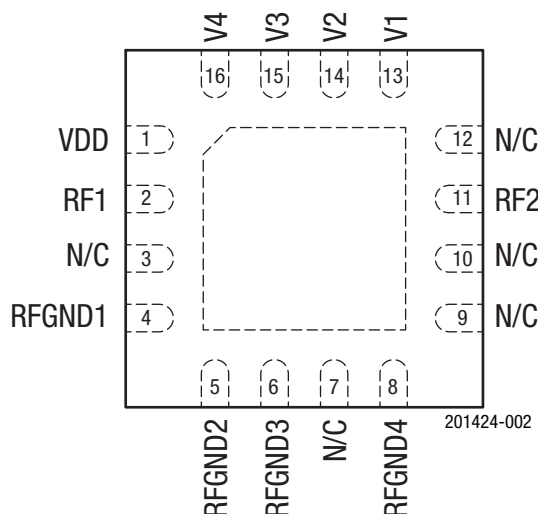
**Figure 1. SKY12348-350LF Block Diagram**

## Description

The SKY12348-350LF is a GaAs pHEMT four-bit broadband digital attenuator with a 1 dB Least Significant Bit (LSB). The attenuator features low insertion loss, excellent attenuation accuracy, a 15 dB attenuation range, and high linearity performance. The SKY12348-350LF is an ideal choice for a wide variety of cellular 3G and 4G infrastructure applications.

Attenuation is controlled by four DC control pins (V1, V2, V3, and V4). Depending on the control bias, the attenuation state between the RF1 and RF2 pins can vary between a low insertion loss state or up to 15 dB.

The device is provided in a 3 x 3 mm, 16-pin Quad Flat No-Lead (QFN) package. A functional block diagram is shown in Figure 1. The pin configuration and package are shown in Figure 2. Signal pin assignments and functional pin descriptions are provided in Table 1.



**Figure 2. SKY12348-350LF Pinout  
(Top View)**

**Table 1. SKY12348-350LF Signal Descriptions**

Pin	Name	Description	Pin	Name	Description
1	VDD	DC power supply	9	N/C	No connection. Can be grounded without affecting performance.
2	RF1	RF input/output to digital attenuator	10	N/C	No connection. Can be grounded without affecting performance.
3	N/C	No connection. Can be grounded without affecting performance.	11	RF2	RF input/output to digital attenuator
4	RFGND1	Connect through external capacitor to ground. Capacitor value determines lower frequency operation of attenuator.	12	N/C	No connection. Can be grounded without affecting performance.
5	RFGND2	Connect through external capacitor to ground. Capacitor value determines lower frequency operation of attenuator.	13	V1	DC control pin. See Table 4.
6	RFGND3	Connect through external capacitor to ground. Capacitor value determines lower frequency operation of attenuator.	14	V2	DC control pin. See Table 4.
7	N/C	No connection. Can be grounded without affecting performance.	15	V3	DC control pin. See Table 4.
8	RFGND4	Connect through external capacitor to ground. Capacitor value determines lower frequency operation of attenuator.	16	V4	DC control pin. See Table 4.

## Electrical and Mechanical Specifications

The absolute maximum ratings of the SKY12348-350LF are provided in Table 2. Electrical specifications are provided in Table 3.

Typical performance characteristics of the SKY12348-350LF are illustrated in Figures 3 through 7.

The state of the SKY12348-350LF is determined by the logic provided in Table 4.

**Table 2. SKY12348-350LF Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>1</sup>**

Parameter	Symbol	Minimum	Maximum	Units
Supply voltage	V <sub>DD</sub>	3.3	6.0	V
Control voltage	V <sub>CTL</sub>	0	V <sub>DD</sub>	V
RF input power	P <sub>IN</sub>		+30	dBm
Operating temperature	T <sub>OP</sub>	−40	+85	°C
Storage temperature	T <sub>STG</sub>	−40	+125	°C

<sup>1</sup> Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may reduce device reliability. There is no damage to device with only one parameter set at the limit and all other parameters set at or below their nominal value. Exceeding any of the limits listed here may result in permanent damage to the device.

**CAUTION:** Although this device is designed to be as robust as possible, electrostatic discharge (ESD) 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 should be used at all times.

**Table 3. SKY12348-350LF Electrical Specifications<sup>1</sup> (1 of 2)**

(V<sub>DD</sub> = 5 V, V<sub>CTL</sub> = 5 V, T<sub>OP</sub> = +25 °C, P<sub>IN</sub> = 0 dBm, Characteristic Impedance [Z<sub>0</sub>] = 50 Ω, , Unless Otherwise Noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
<b>RF Specifications</b>						
Insertion loss	IL	@ 0.7 GHz		0.8	1.0	dB
		@ 2.1 GHz		1.0	1.2	dB
		@ 2.7 GHz		1.2	1.4	dB
Attenuation range		0.1 to 3.0 GHz	1		15	dB
Return loss	RL	0.1 to 3.0 GHz		15		dB
Attenuation accuracy	Attn	1 dB bit:				
		0.7 GHz	0.8	1	1.2	dB
		2.1 GHz	0.8	1	1.2	dB
		2.7 GHz	0.8	1	1.3	dB
		2 dB bit:				
		0.7 GHz	1.8	2	2.2	dB
		2.1 GHz	1.8	2	2.3	dB
		2.7 GHz	1.8	2	2.4	dB
		4 dB bit:				
		0.7 GHz	3.8	4	4.3	dB
		2.1 GHz	3.8	4	4.4	dB
		2.7 GHz	3.8	4	4.4	dB
		8 dB bit:				
		0.7 GHz	7.8	8	8.4	dB
		2.1 GHz	7.8	8	8.2	dB
		2.7 GHz	7.5	8	8.2	dB
		Max. attenuation (15 dB):				
		0.7 GHz	14.8	15	15.5	dB
		2.1 GHz	14.4	15	15.5	dB
		2.7 GHz	13.8	15	15.3	dB
0.1 dB input compression point	IPO.1dB	V <sub>DD</sub> = 3 V @ 1.8 GHz		+30		dBm
Third order input intercept point	IIP3	P <sub>IN</sub> = +10 dBm/tone @ 1.8 GHz, V <sub>DD</sub> = 3 V, ΔF = 1 MHz, worst case in 16 states		+45		dBm

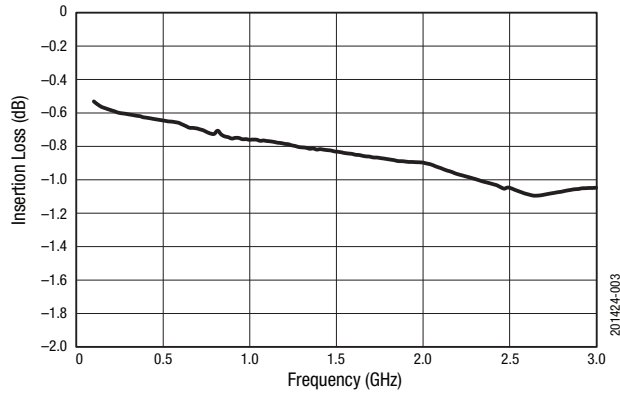
**Table 3. SKY12348-350LF Electrical Specifications<sup>1</sup> (2 of 2)****(V<sub>DD</sub> = 5 V, V<sub>CTL</sub> = 5 V, T<sub>OP</sub> = +25 °C, P<sub>IN</sub> = 0 dBm, Characteristic Impedance [Z<sub>0</sub>] = 50 Ω, , Unless Otherwise Noted)**

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
<b>DC Specifications</b>						
Control voltage: Low High	V <sub>CTL</sub>		0 2.0		0.8 V <sub>DD</sub>	V V
Supply voltage	V <sub>DD</sub>		3.3	5.0	5.5	V
Supply current	I <sub>DD</sub>	V <sub>DD</sub> = 5 V		75		μA
Control current	I <sub>CTL</sub>	V <sub>DD</sub> = 3.3 V		5		μA
<b>Switching Speed Specifications</b>						
On/rise		50% control or 90% RF to 10% RF		200		ns
Off/fall		50% control or 10% RF to 90% RF		180		ns

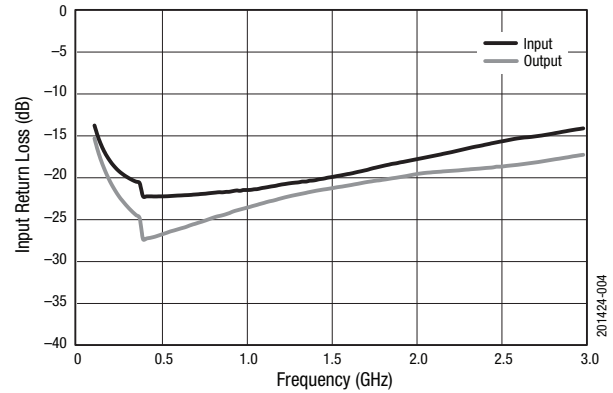
<sup>1</sup> Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table.

## Typical Performance Characteristics

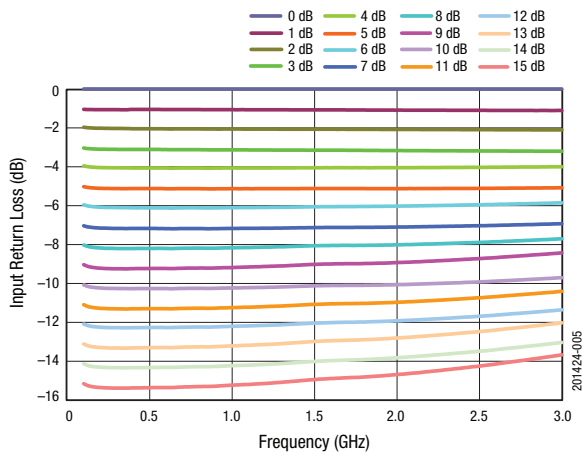
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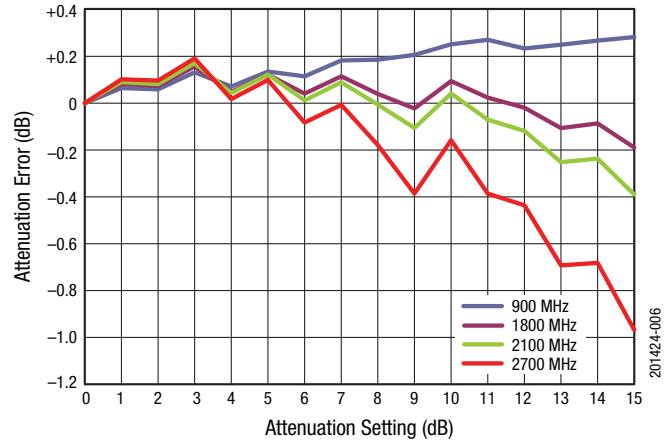
**Figure 3. Insertion Loss vs Frequency  
@ 0 dB**



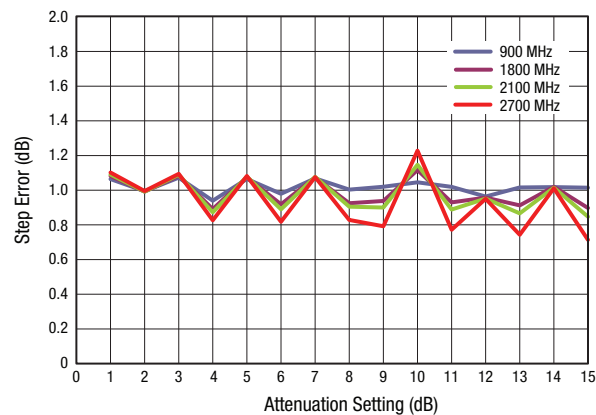
**Figure 4. Input Return Loss vs Frequency**



**Figure 5. Normalized Attenuation vs Frequency**



**Figure 6. Attenuation Error vs Attenuation Setting**



**Figure 7. Step Error vs Attenuation Setting**

**Table 4. SKY12348-350LF Truth Table**

RF1/RF2 (Pins 2 and 11) Attenuation	V4 (Pin 16)	V3 (Pin15)	V2 (Pin 14)	V1 (Pin 13)
Insertion loss	1	1	1	1
1 dB	0	1	1	1
2 dB	1	0	1	1
4 dB	1	1	0	1
8 dB	1	1	1	0
15 dB	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> "1" = high control voltage: +3.3 to Vdd.

"0" = low control voltage: 0 to +0.8 V.

This table shows the logic required for the major bits and full attenuation. Bit states need to be used in combination to set the sum of the bits selected.

## Evaluation Board Description

The SKY12348-350LF Evaluation Board is used to test the performance of the SKY12348-350LF digital attenuator. An assembly drawing for the Evaluation Board is shown in Figure 8 and an Evaluation Board schematic diagram is shown in Figure 9.

## Package Dimensions

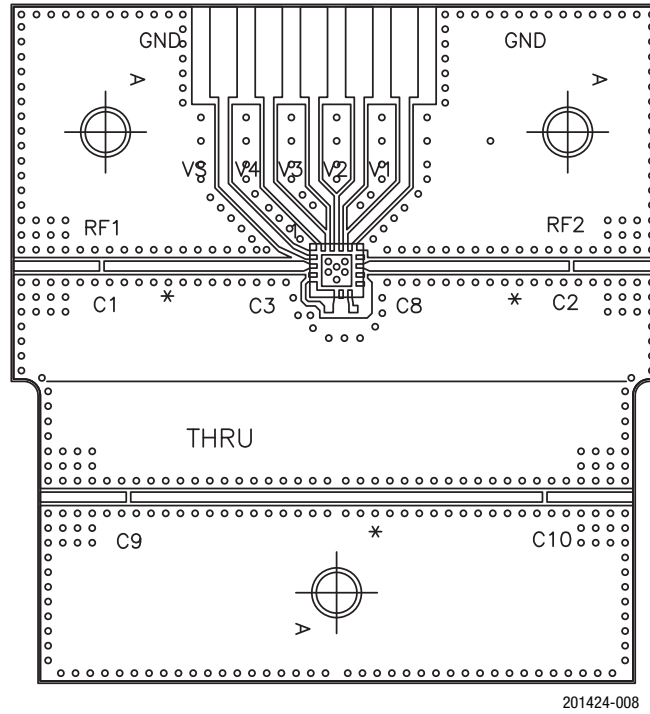
The PCB layout footprint for the SKY12348-350LF is shown in Figure 10. Typical part markings are noted in Figure 11. Package dimensions are shown in Figure 12, and tape and reel dimensions are provided in Figure 13.

## Package and Handling Information

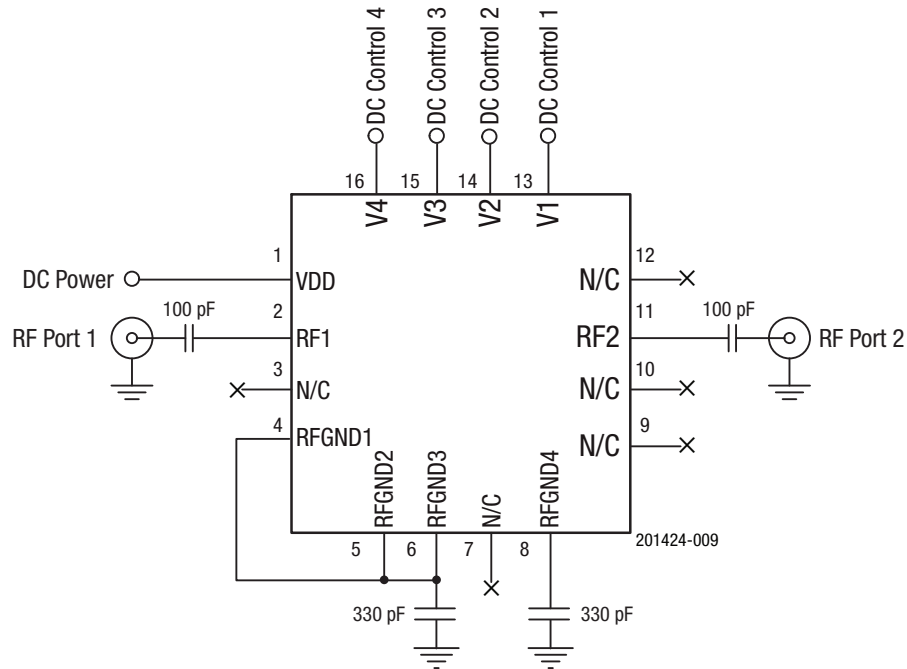
Instructions on the shipping container label regarding exposure to moisture after the container seal is broken must be followed. Otherwise, problems related to moisture absorption may occur when the part is subjected to high temperature during solder assembly.

The SKY12348-350LF is rated to Moisture Sensitivity Level 1 (MSL1) at 260 °C. It can be used for lead or lead-free soldering. For additional information, refer to the Skyworks Application Note, *Solder Reflow Information*, document number 200164.

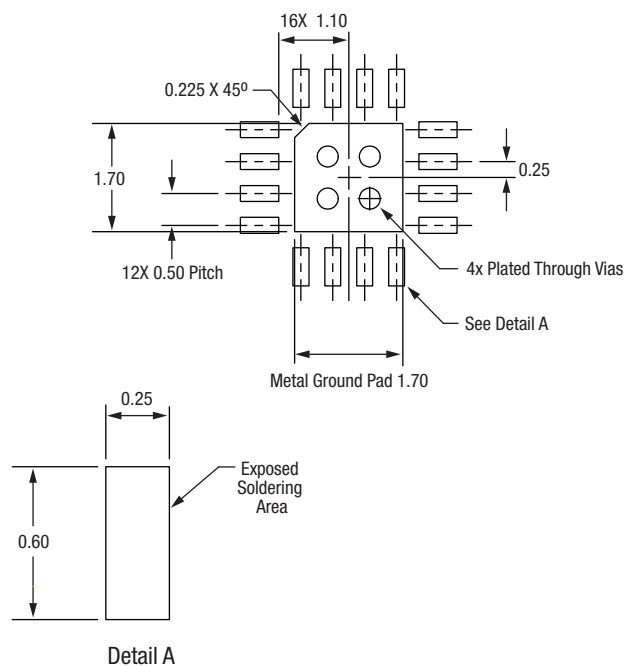
Care must be taken when attaching this product, whether it is done manually or in a production solder reflow environment. Production quantities of this product are shipped in a standard tape and reel format.



**Figure 8. SKY12348-350LF Evaluation Board Assembly Diagram**



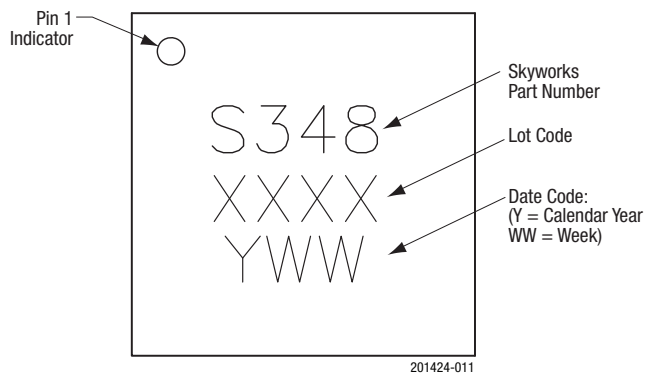
**Figure 9. SKY12348-350LF Evaluation Board Schematic Diagram**



All dimensions are in millimeters

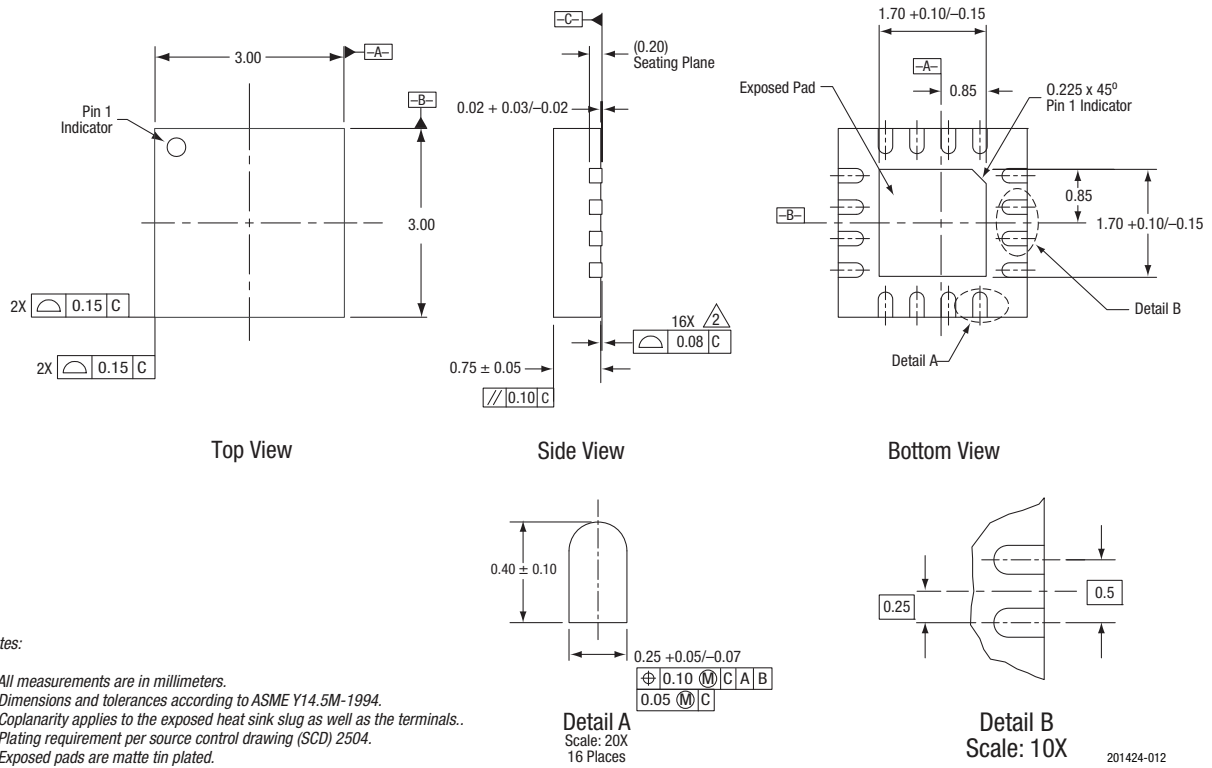
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**Figure 10. SKY12348-350LF PCB Layout Footprint**

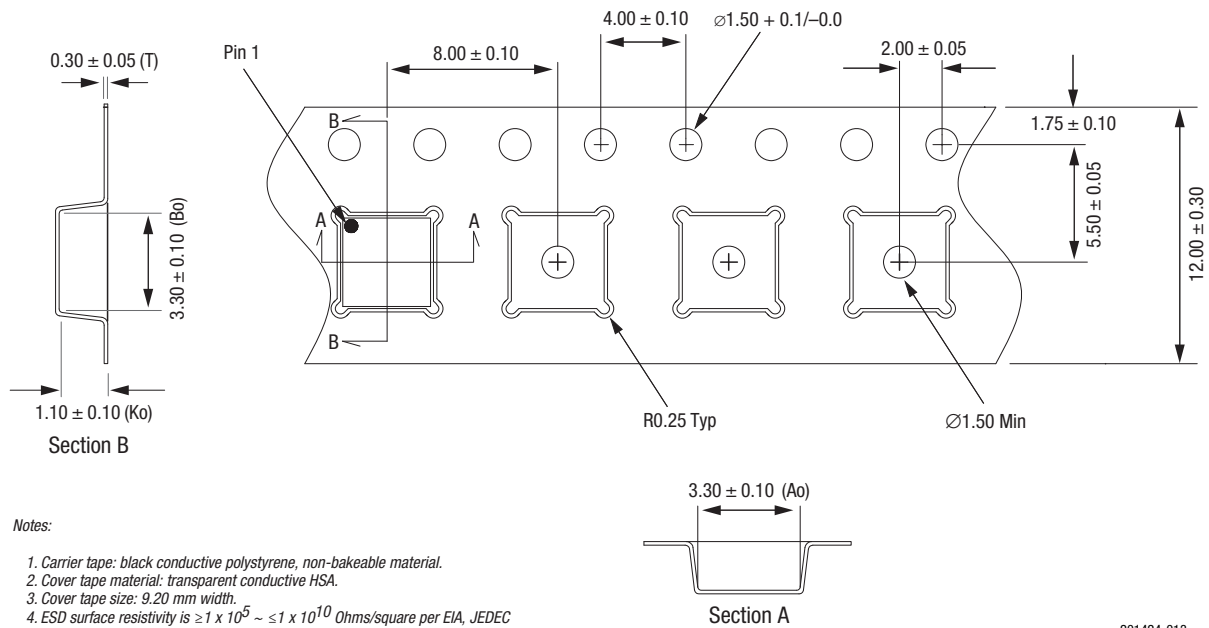


**Figure 11. Typical Part Markings**





**Figure 12. SKY12348-350LF Package Dimensions**



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**Figure 13. SKY12348-350LF Tape and Reel Dimensions**

## Ordering Information

Model Name	Manufacturing Part Number	Evaluation Board Part Numbers
SKY12348-350LF Digital Attenuator	SKY12348-350LF	SKY12348-350LF-EVB

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